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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"to all the world" — Mark 16:15

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## Ministerial Courtesies At Ark-Tech At Russellville

ON the Christian Education page in this issue will be found a statement by J. W. Hull, President of Ark-Tech College at Russellville, regarding scholarships which have been provided at the College for ministers serving within commuting distance of Russellville. These scholarships are open, of course, to ministers of all denominations.

With this scholarship the minister is relieved of the necessity of paying any of the fees that would regularly be required of students. This courtesy is extended only to ministers regularly serving a charge near enough to Russellville to enable them to carry on their studies while serving as a pastor. This courtesy makes it possible for both ministerial students and churches to be helped, as the arrangement provides leadership for the churches these students serve.

It is not possible for all of our undergraduate ministers, serving charges, to attend Hendrix College. The Methodist Church appreciates this special courtesy shown ministers at Ark-Tech College. It is thankful, also, for the opportunities our state schools offer our undergraduate ministers serving in other parts of the state near these state schools.

## Conservative England Asserts Itself

THE old expression "As strong as the Bank of England" is not very impressive in today's world. Two world wars have so dissipated the powers of the British Empire that only a bare skeleton of its former self remains. The difficulties England has faced since the close of World War II have tested the character of its people as few people have been tested without collapse. The inherent strength of Britishers and the feeling they have that "there will always be an England" has enabled them to continue the fight against tremendous odds.

There are many who have felt that the six years the Socialist Labor Government has been in power have added to the difficulties and delayed recovery. The historian of the future will be better able to dogmatize on that subject than news commentators of today. Without question, the form of government England has had for the last six years has been different from the traditional government England has been accustomed to over the past years. It is evident from the vote of last week, that the Britishers are ready to return to a more conservative form of government.

It is true, nevertheless, that England's troubles over the past few years cannot be charged to any government. The British Empire exhausted itself in carrying a heavy load in two World Wars. Also, any change in world economy that would affect the import and export business of England would touch its life at a vital spot. At no time in modern history has there been such a radical change in England's trade relations with other countries as has happened in the last decade. Leaders of the Socialist Labor Party apparently made an honest, sincere effort to make their theory of government work. By a vote of the people, however, they now surrender the leadership of government to the Conservative Party of which Mr. Churchill is the honored leader.

Mr. Churchill is quite aware that this change in government leadership does not automatically

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## "Our Mission" To The Community

IN the Preaching and Teaching Mission, in the Advance program, we are to emphasize through November "Our Mission in the Community." The subject is well worded. Our Mission is not TO the community but IN the community. The church is an integral part of the community life in which it is located. The service it renders in its community is not something it is doing for the rest of the community; it is a service for the community as a whole, including the church.

In its mission in the community the church must recognize that it will not make progress if its message and attitude are purely negative. It is true that the church must speak out boldly against the evils that may exist in a community life. Nevertheless, it is dangerous for the



church to assume the role of the critic of the things being done in its community unless, at the same time, it is able to suggest and promote a positive program better than the things criticized. To simply say "don't" is quite like a parent telling the child not to eat certain things without providing wholesome food in the place of the unwholesome food the child is about to eat. A hungry child will eat something. Unless wholesome food is provided we should not be surprised if it eats whatever appears to it to have food value. So with the life of a community.

The Church's Mission in the community is not only to act in a positive, aggressive way in promoting the public welfare, it has also the quieter Mission of acting as the leavening influence in the community to raise the level of life in all activities. Any church that limits its community activities to an effort to increase its own membership and increase the attendance in its services will not only lose contact with the community life as a whole, it will almost certainly fail in its major emphasis of increasing membership and attendance.

If the church wholesomely and religiously shows an interest in the total life of the community, to just that extent will the total community show an interest in the church. The result, in the life of such a church is that, almost automatically, the church membership will grow and the attendance in its services increase. The Church is not an end in itself but a means to an end. Thus, certainly it has a mission in the community to be a means of developing the abundant life for all concerned.

## Continue Contact With Servicemen

ACCORDING to recent information reaching our office, the general interdenominational Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains reported that local churches are not at the present time doing the same fine piece of work keeping in contact with the servicemen from their churches which they did during World War II. Chaplains on duty with the various branches of the armed services at home and abroad indicate that in repeated instances servicemen are having little or no contact with their home local church.

Only those who have been in the distant places of the world under similar circumstances can fully appreciate the value to the servicemen of an occasional communication from his local church and from members of the church who have written him in the name of the church.

The situation is somewhat different than it was during the recent war when greater numbers of men and women were involved and the national economy, material and spiritual and governmental, was geared into the war effort. But the same sense of loneliness is there in the experience of the servicemen whether he is in Korea in actual hostilities or in one of the occupational forces elsewhere, or in training in the states. Make sure that your church is following him wherever he may be.

## Clerical Leadership Not Enough

THE United Evangelistic Mission program now under way in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area is an endeavor which challenges the whole of Methodism in the Area. The program as projected envisions the cooperation of every pastoral charge and its very success is dependent upon the support of everyone concerned. As in practically every program of this magnitude, a great deal depends upon the response of the leadership involved.

Nothing is being spared to provide ministerial leadership for the program. From the districts of the North Arkansas Conference together with the ministers of the Arkadelphia, Little Rock, Monticello and Pine Bluff Districts (Mission B) ministers will assist the various pastoral charges of the Louisiana Conference and the Hope and Camden District of the Little Rock Conference (Mission A) in directing visitation programs and in the preaching services of the evangelistic program, November 30-December 9. Later in January ministers of Mission A will assist those of Mission B in a similar program. The General Board of Evangelism has assigned one of its ablest staff members, Rev. Leroy Walker, to give general direction to the program. Bishop Martin is, of course, giving Episcopal leadership to the program. The various agencies of the church within the area are cooperating in this great program, to reach many persons For Christ and His Church. However, ministerial leadership is not enough to insure a great ingathering of people for unless the lay leadership of the local churches get a vision of the possibilities of this program and of its part in the promotion, the endeavor will in no sense be what it could be otherwise.

The program by its very nature is dependent upon the support of the laymen and laywomen. The local church visitation of the prospects is done for the most part by the laymen of that

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# The Nature Of The Rural Community

By PROFESSOR CHARLES M. McCONNELL

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This article is run in connection with the Preaching and Teaching Mission of the Advance. The emphasis in November is "Our Mission in the Community."



THERE are few more confusing or baffling words now being used by the sons and daughters of men than the word *community*. It may mean anything from a kind of silverware to a Russian communal group. When you try to define it in general you get caught in some sociological word trap or jargon of confusing words adding up to some kind of concept. Shorn of its verbal plumage the word as we use it in this discussion means a group of people who know each other fairly well and live in a geographical allocation or home place, neighborhood, village or town. Qualify this place by the word rural and you have what we call a town-country community. It is within this local area that the church chiefly operates. We aim to handle the why and how of Christianizing the rural community as we proceed.

In the order of creation nature appeared on the earthly scene before man. The land and the animals and the vegetation came along early and as far as we know man had something in the way of nature to begin with. Ever since the dawn of creation's process man has been a willing or a reluctant worker with God in the creative process. The land under man's feet and the things which grow naturally or under cultivation form the physical basis of the rural community. And we may add that it is the basis of all human life. It is the viewpoint of the Christian church that all of nature is God's gift to man as a steward.

It is now possible through scientific methods to save the soil and its covering of forest and vegetation. We have the skill but not the will. The church has to raise up taboos and create a conscience on the part of man as he handles God's resources. We must now include the abuse of the land and its resources as a sin and observe Lowdermilk's eleventh commandment touching the proper use of land. We need forgiveness for the gullies we have made and the erosion we have caused.

Because some former generation versed in theology but with no will to conserve the soil skinned the timber, tore the hide off the land and quickened the run off of rainfall we get dust bowls and a billion dollar flood today.

There is a human community made up of folks living in a rural geographical area. The fact that they live under more or less enforced intimacy does not make a group of people a community. It does not even mean they are good. They have

the possibility of becoming good or bad.

We must pause and mention the power and possibility of this local, face to face, primary contact community. It is the oldest and most creative group ever formed by the sons of men. We are now discovering the value of this group and a new day is dawning for the small unit of people. The rise and growth of cities has all but wiped out the small group and minimized its value almost zero. It is our firm belief and deep conviction that in this small rural group the Christian church and the human race will find its richest returns for efforts made along sociological and theological lines.

If we are to save our society and make a world fit for man's dwelling place we will have to use the scant margin for error left for us. Man is now obsolete in his own world scientifically geared to his own salvation or extinction. The game is well along toward its close, the bases are loaded, the score tied, and a hit, a wild pitch or an error will decide the game in many aspects of our living.

This is the great hour for the Christian church in the rural community. As Edna St. Vincent Millay writes in the darkest hours of 1944, "Let us thank God that it is we who in this vast hour, most ardent and most grave in all man's history, the great occasion calls." Calls us to do what is the real question we are here to answer. We have come a long way and we have come at a great cost to ourselves and to others. We must find the answer why and how?

First of all, we must raise the estimate that the church and the world places upon the church in the rural community. We have dallied with the idea that rural church is a poor country relative living in the sticks long enough. The stigma of the rural ministry, and the church will have to repent in sack-cloth and ashes for this sin—will be taken off just as soon as rural people take it off. We have accepted our low rating and we alone can raise the rate. You cannot get ministers to serve any place that people regard as hopeless and of no value.

We must quickly learn the lesson that man's personal salvation here and hereafter is not achieved in a vacuum or alone. Jesus told us to love the Lord with all our hearts, minds and souls and added—and your neighbor as thyself. He also made human love as a sign of discipleship. It is the role of the church to preach and practice this

kind of community life. "The gates of heaven are closed to him who comes alone, Save one soul and it shall save your own."

The church can become the beloved community. "Behold how these Christians love one another" was the verdict of the bystanders who observed the behavior of the early Christians.

There is a little country church somewhere in which rows have been almost continuous. Now one faction sits on one side of the church and takes communion in such a floor design that you may take the sacraments without having to contact or speak to your hated neighbors. What a travesty on any communion. The most common sin in a rural church or community is feuding. I have seen rural churches which look like a flock of chickens whose feathers have been picked off. Something lacking in the diet is the cause. The local church may become a Christian community if it so desires and will get close enough together, in purpose and membership that the members can disagree without a row.

The church must learn to serve an area instead of a select group. The community-minded church will not need much of a membership list. The ministry of a church to an area has long been practiced by many rural churches. Everything within a community lies within the church's ministry. This means that the local churches of one denomination or many, in village and open country will have to cooperate for the creation of a Christian community.

This brings us to that baffling question of interdenominational efforts. On the local rural field this problem is being worked out under many patterns. Only on the local field can we have real church cooperation. If we do not go as crusaders for the total gospel applied to all of the community's problems we will fail. Let us measure the total task of community building and then take our share and more and escape the charge of faction of ministry, exclusiveness or divisive force. There is no distinctive Methodist gospel unless we add some unchristian elements to it. And the same applies to every church.

What are we going to do about cooperating with churches which will not cooperate? There are communities in which churches have learned to cooperate either through necessity or of their own free will.

"And the life everlasting." We come to a phase of community which is strangely absent from the church's program except on Easter and at funerals. There is in the towns and villages which go to make up rural

America a burial ground. It has been called the churchyard or cemetery. There is a community which is ever present to remind people that it is appointed to a person once to die; or as a great philosopher once said, "The death rate is still one apiece for us all."

In the intimacy of rural community life a funeral is more than a service. It is an event of great human significance, that one whose life has been known and read by everyone has passed on and has left a lonesome place against the sky. Then we have to learn how to adjust our lives to the abiding and continual subtractions of death. Have we a message to a community other than one for this local time and space? The language and liturgy of the church as well as its hymns are crowded with what we lightly call other wordliness. It is the Christian hope that we may join for the local community which Jesus set for the community on earth—"thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." This is the community which gives purpose and meaning to the blessed community here. "And they went on together." Catholic.

The one final word that must be spoken about community is *power*. We stand weak and powerless before the divided local communities bent on selfishness and sin, prejudiced, at war with one another, wrangling over the garments of Jesus Christ like Roman soldiers at the foot of the Cross. We face a grim fight for survival. We know what to do. We have enough know-how and we can get people willing to attempt the job. What is lacking? We have nine million Methodists in our bag of marbles. We have a way of holding them together in a great organization down to the last tiny unit of a dozen members somewhere in a rural church at the end of a road which runs out and stops. It is the power to create a redemptive community that we so sorely lack at this hour. And strangely enough it comes through a creative, give and take, cooperative group dedicated to Jesus Christ and to the total welfare of the group.

You will find it described in the closing verses of the second chapter of the Book of Acts. It was the community Jesus Christ gave his gospel to take to the ends of the earth. But they did not get the power to take it until they had become a unified, creative, dedicated group willing to live and die for their little band. To them he handed the torch of Christian fellowship. Are we fit to take it from that long line of Christian communicants who have kept the faith until now?

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Christianity from the beginning had powerful enemies, shrewd and powerful, who sought every available weapon of attack. Had there been factual basis for the supposition that the Christ the Christians worshipped was an invented fable, would they not have used it? Yet, so far as is known, no one thought of such a possibility until close to the beginning of the nineteenth century...

One thing which the Jewish enemies of Jesus never thought of saying was that he had not existed...

The very contrasts and contradictions within the Gospels, which were at first used to discredit their reliability now turn out to be a boom-rang for the mythologists...

Our Gospels were not written for the purpose of satisfying historic curiosity; they are in no sense the fruit of academic biographical research; they were called into being by the pressing needs of the church.

Our Gospels spring from a bonafide historical background, not to be mythologically interpreted...

Here we may confidently start; whatever else his contemporaries saw in Jesus, they saw *him*; he was a real man and not a myth...

—from *THE MAN FROM NAZARETH*, by Harry Emerson Fosdick

## PRAYER IN THE VISITATION PROGRAM

By James W. Marlin,  
Pastor, First Methodist Church,  
Mount Pleasant, Iowa

God does prepare the way for visitors when we have done our part through prayer. In preparing for the Evangelistic Advance in our Conference we faithfully followed the suggestions for undergirding the movement with prayer. Prayer Covenant cards were handed out to all church attendants and through the circles of the W. S. C. S. No accurate check on the total number signed was kept, although 140 were signed and returned to the church. We are confident, however, that there were a goodly number in addition who were faithful in prayer.

Two morning prayer groups have met each week in our church for the past three years. These prayer groups subdivide as soon as a certain number have attended.

During a recent evangelistic effort, three general prayer meetings were held. One was for men only, and about 40 men came. Cottage prayer meetings were held each morning for three weeks in eight different homes, with an average attendance of over 50. The result in deepening the spiritual lives of our members, and in the number of decisions—both first decisions and renewals—was heartening.

This past year, with a regular program of evangelism at the morning worship services, visitation evangelism, and two periods of preaching evangelism, has added 143 to the church roll, including those coming on Palm Sunday. This is a ratio of one for every eight active members.

We have found that decisions for

## LIGHT SHINING OUT OF DARKNESS

By William Cowper

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never-failing skill  
He treasures up His bright designs,  
And works His sovereign will.

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

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste  
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter,  
And he will make it plain.

## DIVINE GUIDANCE

TEXT: *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.* (Proverbs 3:5,6)

THE scripture above sounds very much as if the Wisdom Writer is giving us the benefit of his personal experience. He is not philosophizing nor taking an imaginary case. He has found through experience that if he would trust in the Lord he would receive guidance from Him.

Perhaps some of the experiences through which he has passed have been bitter. He thinks of the times when he has not trusted in the Lord. He knew the frustrations and the heartache that had been his in his unwise action. He is keenly aware that in following such a course of action something was radically wrong.

Then, it may have been in a time of great perplexity that he had leaned heavily upon the Lord and found that God had "made straight his path". How much wasted motion about us when in our confusion we fail to turn to Him who is able to guide us.

Perhaps it was during a period of great sorrow that he had turned his tear-stained face toward God and a new light had burst upon his eyes. He had found a solace that he desired everyone to share in. In his comfort he had trusted God and had found Him dependable.

In the hour of some grueling temptation he had cried in his desperation and had found a "way of escape". No longer could he trust his own understanding in such a crucial hour as when he was tempted. Whatever the experience, or ex-

Christ are not hard to get when the visitors have spent much time in prayer.—Selected

periences, through which he had passed there was one thing that he was certain of and that was his inability to manage his life by himself. In this discovery he had reached out and had discovered the Helper beyond himself.

A half-way trust was not enough. Perhaps he had tried a partial trust in God and had found it unsatisfactory. He urges complete trust, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart". All too frequently we fool ourselves into believing that we seek God's guidance, but then keep injecting our own wills. It may be that we are directed to do something that stings our pride. It might be an apology, it might be the admission of a wrong attitude, or the confession of a secret sin; regardless, we are stung and feel that we know best. It is then that our deeper trouble sets in. If we are to find His guiding hand we must follow His leading.

Our understanding is on a horizontal level. We become so involved in the situation until we cannot see a path leading us to a solution. Our understanding is limited by our own prejudices. Our partial knowledge of a total situation places us at a distinct disadvantage when we seek a solution of our problem. This does not mean we are to toss our understanding out the window. But we must recognize that our understanding is subject to the white light of Divine Counsel.

Is God really concerned about ALL my ways? Can we partition life off into little compartments and just use each compartment as the occasion seems to arise? This idea has been exploded in our greater understanding of human nature. Ex-

## THIS WEEK'S MEDITATION

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."—Psalm 1:3.

In a certain dry region of this state where cypress trees are uncommon, grows a stately specimen of this variety. The secret of its growth lies in the fact that it is planted at the site of an old well. From this water the tree is nurtured—just as we are nurtured and grow if we stay close to God as this cypress tree is to water.

We are God's trees and He is our water of life. Not until our souls thirst for Him, and the roots of our heart reach out to drink of His loving-kindness can we prosper in life. From God we are given the water of life, that ceases all thirst.

Gracious God, help us to realize that from Thee we gain refreshment of body and spirit. Teach us to know that the water of life flows freely and all who wish to drink of it are welcome. Amen.

—By Dee Haley (Copy of a devotional given in Southern State College, Magnolia, Arkansas).

periences have a way of spilling over into all of life and have a total effect upon us. We need to acknowledge God in our business. If the business engaged in violates the souls or prostitutes the bodies of men it is the wrong business. The same Christian morality and ethics must control us in our business as in any other area of life. There is not a different set of rules that governs in business than in religious life. It is not until our religion becomes more than just a "Sunday religion", that it will have much impression on the world.

Acknowledge God in your loyalty to the church. People read our faith not so much by our words but by our actions. Our children evaluate the importance of the church by the basic attitudes that their parents take. Worship, meditation, prayer, praise, and Bible study are essential in the life of any person desiring to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and find peace in their own souls. No able-bodied person can be the kind of Christian he ought to be without attending the services of the church and working in the church.

God is concerned about all of our ways because our attitude must be Christian toward every situation. An unchristian attitude in one instance will effect our lives in other relationships. So, the wise man's urging is fundamental to the deepest joy of Christian living.

We are too painfully conscious of what happens when a people bows to the dictates of some new self-appointed messiah. The chaos, suffering, prejudices, suspicions, and fears add fuel to the flame of a personal passionate desire for power. This kind of power has etched its diabolical and indelible picture in our minds. It has poured its poison into our world and we are reeling from the impact. Will our nation go the same way as greed, jealousy, and suspicion govern men's

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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

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November 20, Little Rock District, Highland  
Church, Little Rock  
November 21, Camden District, Jackson Street,  
Magnolia  
November 27, Pine Bluff District, Altheimer  
December 12, Arkadelphia, Arkadelphia First  
Church  
December 10, Monticello District, Warren  
December 13, Hope District, De Queen

## DEATH OF CHARLES D. METCALF

Charles David Metcalf, age 72, of Batesville, passed away at a Batesville hospital on Tuesday, October 23, after suffering a stroke the week before. He was very active in the work of The Methodist Church, having served as treasurer of the North Arkansas Conference and in various capacities in his church, the First Methodist Church of Batesville.

Mr. Metcalf was secretary-treasurer of the Batesville Federal Savings and Loan Association, head of the Metcalf Insurance Agency and past president of the Arkansas Savings and Loan League.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Clyde Patton of Memphis and Mrs. Hugh Baty Proctor of Little Rock; three sons, J. Glenn Metcalf of Ft. Worth, Texas, David Metcalf of Rome, Ga., and Edgar Metcalf of Batesville; three sisters, Mrs. E. M. Gray and Miss Lula Metcalf, both of Mountain Home and Mrs. Elsie Ball of Little Rock and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist Church on Thursday by Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, pastor.

## MEETING OF BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

The Board of Conference Claimants of the North Arkansas Conference is asked to meet in special session at Hendrix College on November 17, at 10:30 o'clock. Every Board member is urged to be present as there are several items which need special attention at this time.—W. J. Spicer, Chairman; H. D. Womack, Secretary.

MRS. FRED ST. AMANT, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist Church of Zwolle, will preside at the state convention of the Louisiana W. C. T. U. Convention which will be held in Baton Rouge, November 6, 7 and 8. Mrs. St. Amant, state president, will present an over-all report on the year's work in the state. The convention will be built around the theme, "Safe-guarding Our Louisiana Youth."

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. MIDYETT, wife of Rev. J. H. Midyett, pastor at Bastrop, continues critically ill.

THE Men of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, held their monthly get-together in the new educational building on Friday, October 26.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN dedicated the youth building at the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, on Sunday, October 28.

REV. KENNETH L. SPORE, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, who suffered a slight heart attack a few weeks ago, is reported to be considerably improved.

DR. UMPHREY LEE, president of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, will be speaker at a District Rally at the City Auditorium in New Orleans on December 9.

REV. JIM WOODWARD, pastor of the Boyce Methodist Church, Alexandria, did the preaching in a series of services in his church from October 22 through October 29.

CHAPLAIN GERRY DEAN, who is stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri, called at the Methodist office on Wednesday of last week. Chaplain Dean is a member of the Little Rock Conference.

REV. S. B. WILFORD, district superintendent of the Batesville District, announces that Rev. W. W. Allbright has been assigned as pastor at Moorefield-Asbury.

REV. GARNER MARTIN, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Atkins, was the guest preacher at The Methodist Church of Atkins on Sunday evening, October 28.

REV. T. T. McNEAL, director of the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock, will be the speaker at the Sunday evening hour at the Bay Church on November 11.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN was the speaker at the meeting of the First Methodist Church Men's Club, Baton Rouge, on Thursday, October 31. The meeting was held at the Wesley Foundation at L.S.U.

A TRAINING SCHOOL for a part of the Fayetteville District was held at Berryville. October 29, 30 and 31. Courses were taught by Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Mrs. E. H. Hook and Rev. W. F. Cooley.

DR. W. E. BROWN, district superintendent of the Monticello District, was the speaker at the meeting of the Men's Fellowship of the First Methodist Church, Warren, on Wednesday, October 24.

JOHN McDONALD LYON, organ virtuoso, of Seattle, Washington, will be presented at the First Methodist Church in Lake Providence on November 15 at 8:00 p. m. Mr. Lyon's appearance is being sponsored by the church choir.

REV. J. M. HAMILTON, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, was the guest speaker at the Methodist Men's Club meeting at Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Monday, October 29, at 6 o'clock.

REV. ROBERT CRICHLAW, pastor at Jennings, who was in charge of the Rotary Club program at Jennings on Saturday, October 13, presented Rev. Ernest Miller, pastor of the Christian Church, as guest speaker.

THE METHODIST MEN of Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, have elected the following officers: President, Tom Fulton; Vice-president, Dick Ballew; Secretary-treasurer, Dixon Toland.

MISS MATTIE CRAIG HOLLOWAY of Morrilton writes that she has for sale Christmas cards, personalized stationery, Bible games, all occasion greeting cards, children's books, personalized cards, baby announcements, etc. Miss Holloway's address is 802 N. Morrill St.

BISHOP DANA DAWSON, Kansas-Nebraska Area, is recovering rapidly from a heart at-

tack suffered several weeks ago. Bishop Dawson will be removed from the Salina, Kansas, hospital to Shreveport where he will be until his recovery permits his return to his episcopal duties.

DR. W. EARL HOTALEN, state director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Baton Rouge, was the speaker at the 11:00 o'clock service of the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, on Sunday, October 21. Rev. R. R. Branton is pastor.

THE women of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Ark., will furnish the program for the annual observance of World Community Day, sponsored by the United Council of Church Women on Friday, November 2 in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church.

WORD comes of the death of Mrs. Ben F. Musser at the Warren A. Candler Hospital in Savannah, Georgia, on October 15. Mrs. Musser was the widow of Rev. Ben F. Musser, member of the Little Rock Conference, who served a number of charges in the Conference.

MISS BETTY MASHBURN, daughter of Rev. M. and Mrs. C. V. Mashburn, was married to Huey P. Holcomb of Amity on October 20, the father of the bride performing the ceremony in the Glenwood parsonage. Brother Mashburn is pastor of the Methodist Church of Glenwood.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID BATEMAN of Ft. Smith reported on the Christian Home and Family Conference which was held in Chicago, at the Family Night service at the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, on Wednesday, October 31.

THE SENIOR DEPARTMENT of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, is planning their fall retreat at Camp Aldersgate, November 3 and 4. The committee in charge of arrangements is comprised of George Lewis, Lila Bess Keith, Martha McOsker, Betsy Benson and Sandra Owen.

MRS. W. L. OLIVER, Jonesboro, writes that Brother Oliver is still confined to his bed but able to sit up some of the time. He suffered a stroke on August 22. Mrs. Oliver writes that he has enjoyed and appreciated the letters and cards sent by friends and desires to thank them for their thoughtfulness.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN spoke at the 83rd annual convocation of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, at Wesley Chapel Church on Tuesday, October 23. After the convocation, Bishop Martin and Bishop E. W. Kelly, resident bishop of the St. Louis Area and chairman of the Board of Trustees, dedicated the Area Manse and laid the cornerstone of the Science Hall.

REV. SAM NADER, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Houma, was the speaker at a dinner meeting of a group of Methodist laymen who met at the First Methodist Church in Franklin in preparation for the coming Evangelistic Mission. Brother Nader spoke on his recent trip to Syria and Jerusalem where he visited his father.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of Franklin sponsored a community survey on Sunday, October 21, to determine the religious beliefs of the many new people who have moved into the area recently. The survey, under the direction of Tom Hudgins, chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of the church, is the beginning of the fall program of Evangelism.

THE MIZPAH BIBLE CLASS of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, had a potluck supper on Wednesday, October 17, in the dining room of the church. Mrs. T. M. Mixon, class president, presided at the business meeting. Dr. R. L. Mayhew showed colored films. Guests were Dr. R. L. Mayhew and Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Lipscomb.

J. H. HEARNE, of Haynesville, Louisiana, a prominent layman in the Methodist Church, (Continued on page 5)

## CLOTHING NEEDED FOR KOREA

For a limited period a way has been found to meet the cost of packing and shipping used clothing for Korean relief. If shipments are sent to Church World Service Centers by January 1, 1952, it will not be necessary for churches to send the usual eight cents per pound for this processing.

Americans are asked to contribute warm clothing to save the lives of thousands of persons in war-torn Korea this winter. Methodists are urged by the Methodist Committee Overseas Relief to send their contributions at once to the nearest of the following centers:

Church World Service Center  
New Windsor, Maryland

Church World Service Center  
3146 Lucas Avenue  
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Church World Service  
c/o Pacific Ports Industries, Inc.  
10901 Russett Street  
Oakland, California

Do not send clothing to M. C. O. R.

The following items are particularly needed in Korea: men's warm suits, especially trousers, underwear, sweaters, socks, overcoats; women's and children's warm clothing of all kinds, including low-heeled shoes.

## METHODIST INTERBOARD COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Cincinnati — Christian missionaries, not Communism, should be credited largely for the fact that "great masses of discontented people have dared to rise up in many countries to stamp out social evils and establish democratic freedom," according to Methodist Bishop J. Wesley Lord, Boston, Mass.

He is chairman of the Methodist Interboard Committee on Missionary Education which held its annual meeting here October 15-17.

"However, the Christian Church—including the Methodists—have not done enough missionary work," he told the committee, "and as a result Communists have seized the initiative in several instances."

Stating that "Methodism needs a new sense of mission," Bishop Lord warned that "what is essentially a Christian-inspired revolution may well end up as godless Communism or some form of totalitarianism if we fail to redouble our missionary

Thread will be needed to alter clothes.

It has been suggested that individuals sending items should place in the pockets or inside the garments a tag giving the name and address of the donor and the name of his church, so that the recipient will know it is a gift from Christians.

efforts and awaken our people at home to the needs of a fast-changing world."

He added that "we must not give up in China, and we dare not relax our efforts in India, Africa, Japan and other parts of Asia."

The committee is the joint agency of two national Methodist boards—the Board of Missions and Church Extension, with headquarters in New York City, and the Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.

The Rev. Horace W. Williams, Nashville, executive secretary, said the committee's chief responsibility is to provide a program of missionary education for all age groups in the 40,000 Methodist churches, and the denomination's colleges and seminaries.

He called for "a critical appraisal of our churchwide educational program in the light of present world conditions," and stated that many church people are asking: "Have missions been a failure? Have we bungled the job?"

In his annual report the Rev. Mr. Williams told the committee that "the time has come when we should re-examine our basic purposes and determine what changes, if any, are needed if we are to have missionary education commensurate with world conditions today."

At its plenary session the committee recommended that the Board of Missions prepare study materials "defining the basic aims, purposes and philosophy underlying the total

missionary program in this present time of seething, accelerating ferment, marked by general unrest, armed hostility and conflicts in ideologies." The materials are to be designed for use by all age groups in local churches.

A sub-committee on educational institutions urged that more attention be given to "the college campus as a strategic mission field," in view of the 30,000 students of other countries now enrolled in American schools.

It was also recommended that the church "encourage missionary-minded Christians to enter government service, particularly the international field as exemplified by the United Nations, the Point Four Program, and the UNESCO."

A special committee, named a year ago, reported that Methodist plans to establish a Christian training center at Washington, D. C., had been tabled pending action on the proposed Protestant School of International Affairs by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

It was announced that two travel seminars will be held next summer for young adults interested in missionary activities.

One group will tour Texas to inspect Methodist missions for Spanish-speaking people. The second will visit Washington and the U. N. Assembly, New York City, to question representatives of foreign countries about the outlook for missions.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

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passed away on September 1. Mr. Hearne was a delegate to the General Conference of the former Methodist Protestant Church several times, and although in failing health for many years, he was active in church work and was chairman of the Board of Stewards at the time of his passing.

BISHOP W. C. MARTIN of Dallas and Mrs. W. W. Fondren of Houston were named on the committee of 100 clergymen and laymen formed to guide the business and financial affairs of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. All were named as official representatives on the Business and Finance Committee by the Council's 29 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions.

DR. IRA A. BRUMLEY, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference, will speak in the evening during November 18-25 at the Fourth Street Methodist Church, Rector. Dr. Brumley will bring messages dealing with beliefs of Methodists and subjects pertaining to the Ecumenical Conference at Oxford, England, to which he was a delegate. Rev. H. M. Sanford is pastor at Fourth Street Church.

METHODIST women meeting recently as a "clinic on social relations" at Mount Sequoyah declared that there is pressing need for more stringent federal and state laws to protect children from the use of narcotics. In a resolution to be presented to various legislatures they asked for: "life imprisonment or a penalty comparable to the crime for any person selling or distributing narcotics to any minors, as well as any person giving narcotics to any minor without a prescription from a licensed doctor of medicine."

DR. CLYDE E. WILDMAN, who retired in June as president of DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, will be a visiting professor of religion at Southern Methodist University during the spring semester of the coming academic year. During the following summer session, Dr. Wildman will teach at Garrett Biblical Institute. Before becoming president of DePauw, a position he held for fifteen years and from which he retired because of ill health, Dr. Wildman served on the faculties of Cornell College, Syracuse University and Boston University School of Theology.

A GARDNER MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE signed recently a contract with the Well Organization, Dallas, Texas, for it to direct a \$100,000 campaign for funds for the construction of an Educational Building. The North Little Rock church suffered the loss of its building by fire in 1946. Since that time a new sanctuary has been built and part of the Educational Building rebuilt. The new structure will be located on the south side of the present building and will be joined to present educational facilities.

AFTER receiving their commission as missionaries of the Methodist Church at a special service at First Methodist Church, Terrell, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Wofford received two additional honors. They were made honorary citizens of Texas, and were appointed official goodwill ambassadors to Brazil by the City of Terrell. Mr. and Mrs. Wofford, from Inman, S. C., were the fifth couple to be commissioned as missionaries in the Dallas Area during a twelve-month period by Bishop William Martin. The Area has chosen Brazil as its "mission field" in the denomination's "Advance for Christ and His Church" program; and it is providing new missionaries and their support as a major project.

WHEN mother and father sleep late on Sunday morning, do not attend church, and do not get the children up and ready for church school, "they are teaching the children something about religion," insists the Rev. W. Wesley Williams, of Norwalk Conn. And he tells this incident: "My friend was leading a mother's club of churchwomen in discussion, and the question was asked, 'Does the Sunday-morning-late-sleeping parent teach the children anything about religion?' Their reply was, 'No.' My friend repeated the question. Again every mother in the group said, 'No.' But my friend insisted that they were teaching that in their opinion religion and the church school weren't worth getting out of bed for."

TWO new churches have been built and one has been repaired recently in the City of Nagasaki, Japan—the city laid low by the second atomic bomb. The repaired one was in the center of the city, and had been built some years ago by the Rev. and Mrs. F. N. Scott, Methodist missionaries, as a memorial to their children. Between the war and the atomic blast, most of the people had been killed or had moved from

the neighborhood. But Mr. and Mrs. Yamaguchi were left, and Mrs. Yamaguchi had been head teacher in the church's kindergarten. So this family helped repair the remains of the old parsonage, and now there is a Sunday school of 120 children there, the teachers being Mr. and Mrs. Yamaguchi and their son. The group grew so that the United Church of Christ in Japan allotted to the congregation one of two chapels which it secured for Nagasaki. More recently, another Methodist congregation has been started in the heart of the atomic-bombed section. The temporary pastor here is the Rev. Ernest E. Best, Methodist missionary. Still more recently a social service center has been begun in what was vacant property beside this church: it is housing a day nursery, library, clinic and other activities.

## CONSERVATIVE ENGLAND ASSERTS ITSELF

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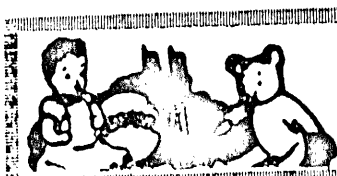
solve England's problems. The following statement is characteristic of the man, "There lies before us a difficult time, a hard time. I have no hesitation in saying that I have seen worse, and had to face worse. I do not doubt that we shall come through." Under his leadership England did "come through" a worse situation than faces it today. We believe it has an excellent chance to "come through" again.

## CLERICAL LEADERSHIP NOT ENOUGH

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church under the direction and schooling of the pastor and visiting ministers assigned for that purpose. Further, the evangelistic services in each local church will need the visible support of the local church membership if the services are to mean to the church what they ought to mean. Also, various local church committees to further the details of the program will need the active participation of lay leadership.

We are confident that laymen in every local church of Mission A (and Mission B in January 1952) will respond in a marvelous way to every opportunity to assist in the promotion of the Evangelistic Mission. The pastors of Mission A are even now completing the teams of visitors, the various committees and other such details in arrangements as are necessary. Every laymen can further the cause and gladden the heart of his pastor by simply asking, "Pastor, what may I do to help the United Evangelistic Mission?"



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### A BUSY DAY

By L. L. Wightman

It was a beautiful day in early autumn, just the kind when boys like to be in the woods or walking in the fields. The leaves of the trees were red and gold and yellow. Oh, how pretty they were!

"Dick! D-i-c-k!" But mother's calls for her boy were not answered. Hiding behind the barn, Dick heard all right, but knowing what they meant, he did not answer. He had heard mother say something about raking leaves off the lawn. That would interfere with his plans to go to the woods.

When he was sure his mother was not looking, Dick ran off in the direction of the woods. Now he would have lots of fun and would find such beautiful leaves.

"Just look at that ant-hill," he cried to himself, seeing a number of ants running back and forth. He stopped to look at them, but they kept right on with their work. How busy they were.

B-u-z-z-z! Dick ducked his head as this noise sounded in his ear. He did not like bees when they came too close, and he thought this one was trying to sting him. But the bee did not notice the boy. This bee had gone forth after honey and was on her way to the hive, so she had no time for Dick.

A rather scolding bark sounded on the ground near Dick. Turning around, he saw a squirrel digging in the leaves. Finding the nuts for which he looked, he filled his cheeks with them and ran up a tree. He went inside the tree through a small hole. In a minute he came out again and ran down to the ground to find more nuts.

What was that striped animal that ran under the pile of stones? A chipmunk! He, too, was carrying nuts into his nest, so he might have something to eat during the long winter which was coming. He chattered away as he worked.

How busy they all were! Dick thought of those leaves on the lawn. He should be at home working. He began to feel uneasy, for he knew he had done wrong in running away when there was work he could do. Maybe his mother was raking those leaves.

B-u-z-z! The bee flew past Dick again on her way for more honey. To Dick it sounded as though the bee said something as she flew by. That buzz sounded like "l-a-z-y."

And when he looked at the busy ants, it seemed as though some of them motioned to him as much as to say, "Come on, get busy. Don't stand there doing nothing."

The squirrel and chipmunk began to chatter. Of course, they didn't say it, but Dick thought they were calling to him, "Lazy boy! Lazy boy! Ran away so he wouldn't have to work. Left the work for his mother to do. Shame on you! Shame on you!"

Yes, sir; the bees and ants and squirrels and chipmunks were as busy as could be, and here was a strong, healthy boy running away



## A WELL-SPENT DAY

*I like my school so very much  
With all the things we do,  
And there's nothing that's any nicer  
Than meeting old friends and new.*

*We have a happy, busy time,  
We work and then we play,  
We laugh and shout when school is out  
At the end of a well-spent day.*

—A.E.W.

## GOD'S GIFTS

*For life and health and strength  
I thank the Father kind;  
I cannot count His mercies o'er,  
So many gifts I find.*

*The wee bird has its nest,  
Safe in the trees so tall,  
For birdlings' nests, for children's  
homes,  
I thank the Lord for all!*

—Anonymous

from work. Dick could not stand that. He ran home in just a few minutes, and got busy with his rake. When mother looked out of the window she saw him working hard.

Pretty soon he came in for something to eat. My, he was hungry!

"And look what I have for you, mother," he said, holding up a handful of pretty leaves. "I found them on our front lawn."

When Dick went to bed that night, he thought of the folk in the woods. Well, they could not call him lazy now, for the lawn was raked clean. "I feel much better," he said to himself as he was about to fall asleep.

And why shouldn't he, for he had not wasted a beautiful day. He had done a task worth-while.—Junior World

In a small southern town a young voice called the telephone office repeatedly one day to ask, "What time is it now, please?" Finally recognizing the voice, the operator asked, "Jerry, are you going somewhere?" "Nope," he replied. "Just boiling eggs."—Indiana Telephone News, Indiana Bell Telephone Co.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### TEDDY BEARS

Almost every little child in Canada and the United States has at some time owned and loved a toy teddy bear. It has been loved and hugged and kissed, particularly if it has been a koala teddy.

The real, living koala comes from Australia, and although our zoos have animals from Australia, Alaska, Africa and other far-away places, they just don't have koalas. One reason is that the koalas live on eucalyptus trees. Eucalyptus trees grow in California and British Columbia, but it is almost impossible to bring a growing tree all the way from Australia to Canada or the United States. So the little koalas must stay at home in Australia.

They look just like any other teddy bear except their fur is always greyish-brown. It never grows big like the black, brown or polar bear, but is just about as big as a roly-poly little dog, and his large, roundish ears are covered with thick fur. His fuzzy ears, little bare nose, and big bright eyes give him a cute expression and a lovable look.

Like the larger bears, the koala has no tail. On the ground, he is clumsy and awkward, but when it comes to tree-climbing, well that is something quite different, and he can get up in a hurry. He sleeps during the daytime and wanders about at night.

Australian children love the koalas, and they often see a mother sleeping in a tree holding her baby in her arms. The babies get rides in their mothers' pouch just as a baby kangaroo gets rides. As the baby grows stronger and can get out of the pouch, he climbs on his mother's back, holds on to the thick fur with his claws and goes pick-a-back all up and down eucalyptus trees, hunting for juicy, tender leaves.

Australian children are lucky! They have real live, cunning koalas to love, while we only have toy ones. But then I guess we are lucky to have fuzzy, wuzzy toy ones to love, because there are many children in China, Japan, Greece, Italy, and even in Canada and the United States who don't have even toy ones.—The United Church Observer

more strikin' than lookin'."

The manager discovered one morning that he had left his pen-knife at home. He tried vainly to borrow one from the clerks.

Finally, the office boy put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a rather battered knife.

"How is it," said the manager, looking at the boy with admiration, "that you alone of my staff have a pocket knife with you?"

"Don't know, sir," replied the boy, "unless it's that my wages are so low that I can't afford more than one pair of trousers."

## JUST FOR FUN

Smith had been scolding his wife and ended up by saying, "And I believe you fib a little at times."

"But I mean well," his wife returned meekly. "I think it's a wife's duty to speak well of her husband occasionally."—Atlas News, Atlas Finance Co.

A worried mother complained to TV's "Juvenile Jury" that each time her young son was sent on an errand, he always got lost. "What can I do?" she asked.

"Let him get lost," said the one little panelist. "Look what happened to Christopher Columbus when he got lost!"

Little Richard ate all of the raisins out of his rice pudding, and then promptly lost interest in it.

Regarding the rejected portion, he asked, "Mother, why do you put rice in your raisin pudding?"

"That Louis XIVth bed my wife bought is too short for me."

"Why don't you trade it in on a Louie XV?"

A man was tuning in on the radio when he got a sudden twinge of pain in his back. "I believe I'm getting lumbago!" he exclaimed. "What's the use," answered his wife. "You won't understand a word they say."—Omaha World-Herald

"Sure, Mike, yer wife is a strikin'-lookin' leddy."

Mike rubbed the back of his head. "To tell ye the truth, Pat, she's



# CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Articles

## Church Council Asks Prayers By UN Delegates

A resolution calling for elimination of the bar in the new United Nations building and establishment of a special room for meditation and prayer by UN delegates was adopted by the executive committee of the Greater Paterson Council of Churches. In the same resolution, the church council deplored the absence of prayer — audible or silent — in opening UN sessions and urged that immediate provisions be made for such prayer.

## Laymen Get Call For Moral Re-awakening

The United States must put its own house in order to meet the challenge of Communism, Sen. James H. Duff of Pennsylvania told 3,000 North Carolina and Virginia Presbyterians at a regional laymen's conference at Greensboro, N. C., sponsored by the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern). Similar regional laymen's conferences were scheduled on successive week ends at Jacksonville, Fla., Nashville, Tenn., and Dallas, Texas. Sen. Duff said that while Communism assaults "the very rock upon which our religious and patriotic beliefs are found," we are being threatened from within by a loss of confidence in the government by the people which is "more dangerous than anything the Communists can possibly do." Calling for a moral re-awakening, he said that Americans must "go back to the old standards which made our country great."

## Historic Parsonage To Be Restored

Historic Flounder House, one of the oldest parsonages in America, is to be restored at Alexandria, Va. A drive has been launched to collect \$60,000 for renovation of the structure which for many years served as the Manse of the Old Meeting House (Presbyterian). It was at the Old Meeting House that George Washington's funeral was conducted, and in its churchyard lies the grave of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolutionary War. Old Meeting House closed from 1886 to 1949, has been reopened as a house of worship and now will be used for Sunday school classrooms and offices when renovated.

## Finds Too Many Churches In Nebraska

A pioneer Omaha clergyman believes there are too many churches in Nebraska. The Rev. C. C. Wilson, 89-year-old retired superintendent of the Omaha and Holdrege, Neb., Districts of The Methodist Church, says members of his first congregations traveled 12 miles in wagons to attend services in sod school houses. That was in 1884 when he came to Nebraska from Pennsylvania as a Methodist missionary. In those days, Dr. Wilson was responsible for four churches scattered over a 75-mile area and covered the region on horseback. Now, he says, the automobile has cut down the distance problem and "there should be a consolidation of the many struggling, weak churches."

## Record Stadium Crowd Hears Templeton

Protestants, 6,000 strong, went to

## THE ILLUSION

By Charles A. Wells



There is sometimes more crime, vice, intemperance and disintegration of family life in some of our so-called Christian nations today than among people living under pagan faiths. The great wars of this century, which have been more savage and cruel than any wars in human history have been waged chiefly by Christian nations. Moreover millions of people try to cover themselves with a canopy of virtue simply because they have been told they live in a Christian country. But that canopy does not protect them from the consequences of their blind selfishness and evil doing nor does a nation calling itself Christian escape penalty when selfish commercialism erodes the national character or devotion to militarism and scientific violence replaces devotion to truth, good will and justice. The wreckage of modern Europe should warn us that nations are not Christian, —only individuals can be Christians—and nations cannot become Christian except as individuals become Christian.

"church" at Youngston, O. The largest crowd to occupy Stambaugh Auditorium since it was built in 1927 heard the Rev. Charles B. Templeton declare that the "hinge of history is attached to the door of a stable in Bethlehem." It was the ninth evening service of the Evangelistic Preaching Mission in Youngston, "pilot city" for the National Council of Churches' new 15-month national evangelistic crusade. The auditorium normally holds 2,765 seated. Scores stood and hundreds were turned away. The mission ends Oct. 31.

## Protestants Continue Protests On Vatican Ambassador

An emergency meeting of the general board of the National Council of Churches will be held in New York on Oct. 31 to formulate a policy statement regarding President Truman's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. In announcing the emergency meeting Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, Council president, said: "The action of the President raises so grave a question that I feel it necessary to issue an immediate call for a special meeting of the general board." The board, comprising 125 representatives of the 29 Protestant and Orthodox communions which are associated in the Council, is the agency's policy-making group. The Council also released

for the first time a brief it submitted to the President nearly a year ago expressing strong opposition to the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Holy See. The brief said that the abrogation of the American principle of Church-State separation would be a national disaster."

## Propose Presbyterians Meet On Ship In Alaska

A proposal that the 1952 meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Washington be held aboard a chartered vessel in Alaskan waters has been sent to the 172 Presbyterian churches of the state. The proposal, presented by a committee at last year's synod session, seeks approval for changing the meeting place from Spokane to Alaska. Under the plan, synod sessions would be held aboard the chartered vessel during a seven-day cruise. Alaskan delegates would board the ship at one of the ports enroute. Stops at Wrangell, Ketchikan, Sitka and other ports would give delegates the opportunity to visit and study Presbyterian missions and churches as well as the general religious situation.

## Dutch Church Sets Up Marriage Counselling Bureau

A marriage counselling bureau has been set up by the Council for Church and Family of the Netherlands Reformed Church. The

bureau aims to offer members of the Church an opportunity to broaden their personal contacts, in the hope of fostering marriages, and give advice to matters of courtship and marriage. Establishment of the bureau is the latest step in the Church's post-war program of participating more and more directly in the life of its members and of the community.

## Churches To Sponsor 'Unselfish Beggars' On Halloween

The piping voices of pint-sized goblins and whisk-broom witches will add a new note to the Halloween cry of "tricks or treats" in Minneapolis this year. Hundreds of youngsters will ask, at every second or third door, for donations of soap, buttons or thread for American Relief for Korea. On their Halloween costumes, bright-colored cards will announce the small bearers as "unselfish beggars."

## Christian Business Men Discuss Evangelism Methods

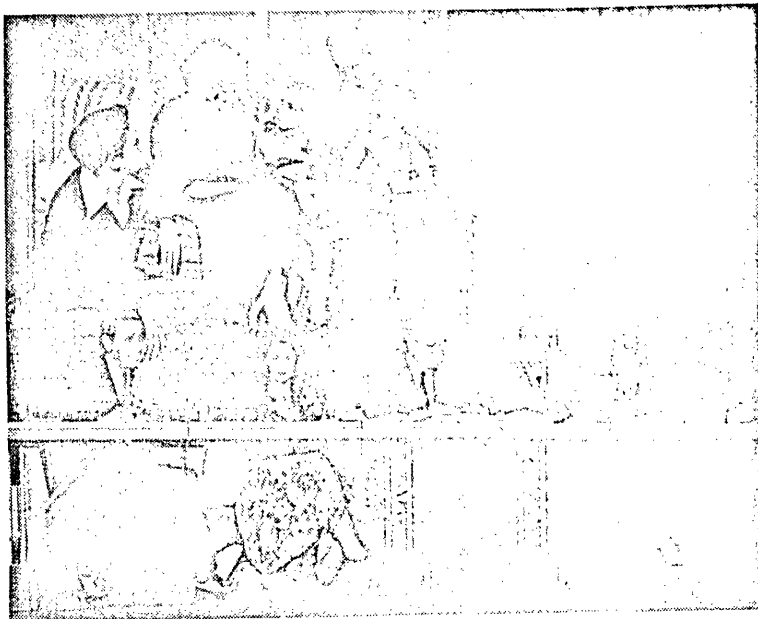
Christian businessmen must direct their evangelism toward "the up-and-up" as well as "the down-and-out," Arthur C. Johnson, Chicago, an automobile distributor's executive, said. Mr. Johnson, speaking at the 14th annual convention of the Christian Men's Committee International, suggested the use of high-class dinners in reaching these wealthier backsliders. Arnold Grunigen, Jr., San Francisco investment banker and chairman of the CBMCI, said there is a place in God's economy for aggressive business men who "have cut clean from the world. God is looking for men who will not only cross the bridge into God's territory," Mr. Grunigen added, "but will burn the bridges behind them."

## Letourneau Stresses Roll of Laymen

A layman owes just as much to God as does a preacher, R. G. Letourneau, widely-known Longview, Tex., industrialist, told the annual convention of the Christian Business Men's Committee International. Mr. Letourneau, president of R. G. Letourneau, Inc., builder of tractor-drawn earth-moving-equipment, declared that the layman often has a better chance to save the workman beside him than a clergyman does. "We get enthusiastic about our business—why shouldn't we get enthusiastic about a bigger business—Christianity," Mr. Letourneau said. "It is more important and lasts a lot longer." Mr. Letourneau, who has attended every annual convention of the CBMCI, averages 300 religious talks a year. He also frequently speaks at the weekly religious meetings he sponsors in his factory.

## Israeli Pilgrims Recite Peace Prayer

A prayer for world peace composed by the Israeli Rabbinate was recited during a special service on Mount Zion in Palestine, marking Sukkoth, the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. The service, which was attended by thousands of pilgrims, was climaxed by the lighting of seventy candles representing the seventy nations of the world mentioned in an ancient Talmudic commentary. More than 10,000 pilgrims in all visited Mount Zion during the festival period.



Panel discussion of "Modern Mass Media and Their Effects Upon Child and Family Life." Seated on the stage before a life-size picture of a Christian family group, the panel dealt with problems of radio, television, and newspaper comic strips. Left to right, members of the panel are: Dr. W. Clark Ellzey, Stephens college, Columbia, Mo.; Dr. Evelyn M. Duvall, Chicago, lecturer on family life; Dr. Edgar Dale, professor of education, Ohio State University, chairman; Dr. Loyd W. Rowland, director of Louisiana Society for Mental Health and lecturer in clinical psychology at Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans; Dr. Josette Frank, educational associate, Child Study Association; and Prof. Robert E. G. Harris, University of California.

**H**OME life in America ought to be a brighter picture in the future.

With nearly 2,500 delegates to the National Methodist Conference on Family Life in Chicago Oct. 12-14 pledging themselves "to work with other families in the church and community to build a more Christian way of life," the influence of the meeting promises to be far-reaching.

Supplementing the delegates' commitment to take the spirit of the sessions back into their own homes and communities is the plan of follow-up conferences in districts and sub-districts and study meetings in local churches across the church within the next few months.

The Family Life Conference was sponsored by the Advance for Christ and His Church, of which Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago is executive director.

In a summary statement concluding the meeting, the first of its kind in the nation, Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Ohio, conference chairman, commended the delegates for "making this not just another meeting and for seeking definite ways through which the average parents can do a better job of family living."

"If as a nation we should be defeated by a godless people, Christianity would be driven underground," he warned. "In that case the family experience of religion would provide the one chance of survival of our faith."

Bishop Werner's concern that family life be revitalized through wholesome religious influence was shared by other outstanding speakers and resource persons on the program. It was written into resolutions the group adopted and was brought into sharp focus in the study and discussion periods of various phases of the conference theme, "Christian Family Living in Today's World."

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York's Christ Church and the National Radio Pulpit told the delegates that "the family is the spiritual atom of the atomic age" and declared that the modern home, with

its radio and television, can be a greater force than the old-fashioned home.

"We are spending billions to make a free Europe and sending thousands of our sons to make a free Korea," he said, calling attention to what he termed "the tragic irony of neglecting our moral foundations in America and squandering at home the liberties we are sacrificing to give others."

Dr. Sockman's address was followed by a mass dedication as delegates pledged themselves

—to have daily family worship in their homes and to worship regularly in church.

—to practice Christian living in the home and community.

—to recognize their responsibility for the Christian nurture of their children, pledging their support of the church school.

—to seek to understand what it means to be a Christian in the world today.

—to win other families to the Christian way of life.

U. S. Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois told the conference that the one thing he would criticize Christian people for is "their relative inertia in the face of evil all about them." People seem to feel, he said, that "they can create their own 'kingdom of heaven' and that their duties stop at their front gate."

"We cannot bring about the good life," he insisted, "by merely fleeing ugly conditions of the city to dwell in the country. Wherever we live, we must work to improve conditions and assume citizenship responsibilities."

Dr. Alexander J. Stoddard, superintendent of schools in Los Angeles, predicted that "our generation will find a way to bring religion back into education."

"We become a free people or we individually become free," he pointed out, "as we give ourselves to help others gain their own freedom, and only that way."

Dr. John W. Rustin of Belmont Church, Nashville, Tenn., declared that "the church's concern about divorce must not be confined to pulpit

## FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE AND THE AMERICAN HOME

By ARTHUR WEST, Methodist Information

preaching. The church must concentrate on doing something about this problem and the answer is largely a matter of Christian living in the home."

Many specific recommendations for better family living grew out of the work groups. Submitted to the assembly by Dr. Edward D. Staples of the Board of Education, Nashville, the resolutions included the following suggestions:

—that parents invite their minister to participate in the dedication of their home, using the ritual provided in the Discipline.

—that ministers preach frequently upon the importance of the Christian home and the responsibilities of Christian parenthood.

—that more emphasis be placed in the church and home upon social action in the community.

—that the conference support the principle of uniform marriage and divorce laws throughout the United States.

that the conference call upon all Methodist families to recognize the evils of the so-called "harmless drinking and gambling" and eliminate these practices from their homes.

One of the groups reported that "the home must be bound together by powerful inner sanctions since outer restraints are largely disappearing."

"The Christian family has faults like other families," another group concluded, "but the Christian family has faith in the redeeming power of God—which power can reclaim that which human effort may spoil or lose."

Still another study group came to the conclusion that "the church must, in all it does for the betterment of family life, maintain the spiritual purpose and point of view — an awareness of the infinite worth of every person."

Establishment of marriage clinics in local churches and directing church influence toward wholesome programming in television were also commended.

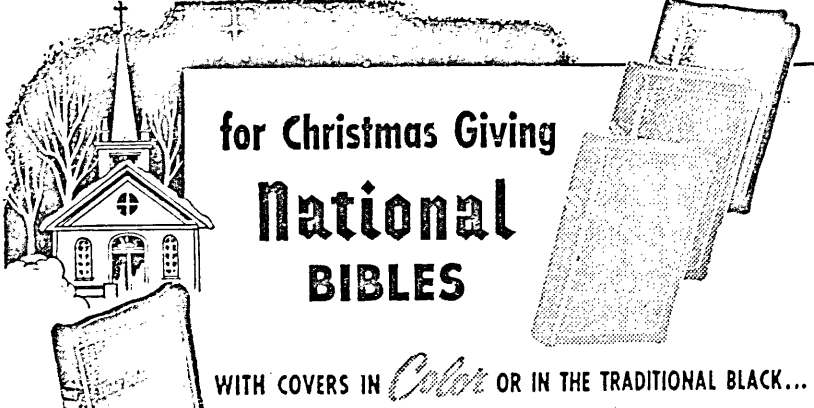
An impressive human interest sidelight at the conference was the presentation of "The Methodist Family of the Year," chosen in a nation-wide poll conducted by The Christian Advocate. The family—Dr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Burton and their five children of Tifton, Ga.—was introduced to the assembly and each member of the family received a copy of the scriptures from Dr. T. Otto Nall, editor of the Advocate.

Disappointment struck the conference when illness of two major speakers forced cancellation of their addresses. No substitution was made for Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York City, but Bishop James C. Baker of Los Angeles gave the Sunday morning sermon in place of President Harold C. Case of Boston University.

A new sound film, "The Family Next Door," produced by the Methodist Radio and Film Commission, was premiered at the conference. The Rev. Howard Tower of Nashville introduced the picture with appropriate comments.

Chicago's Mayor Martin H. Kennelly welcomed the delegates at the opening session, and Bishop J. Ralph

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Magee of the Chicago Area gave the devotional address and led a directed meditation period. Dr. W. J. Faulkner, dean of Fisk University chapel, Nashville, was the Saturday morning devotional speaker. Dr. James R. Houghton of Boston University had charge of music at the conference.

Resource leaders for the major work groups were: Dr. Richard E. Lentz, Chicago, joint department of family life, National Council of Churches; Dr. Donald M. Maynard, director of religious education department, Boston University; Dr. Frank Slutz, author and lecturer, Dayton, Ohio; Dr. Evelyn M. Duvall, lecturer on family life, Chicago; Dr. Samuel L. Hamilton, professor of education, New York University.

A panel discussion dealing with "Modern Mass Media and Their Effects Upon the Child and Family Life," decided that children must be taught discrimination to help them develop new standards of values. Heading the panel was Dr. Edgar Dale, professor of education, Ohio State University. Others included: Prof. Robert E. G. Harris of the University of California; Dr. Loyd W. Rowland, director of the Louisiana Society for Mental Health and lecturer in clinical psychology at Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans; Dr. W. Clark Ellzey, Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.; Dr. Josette Frank, educational associate, Child Study association.

Presiding officers included: Bishop W. C. Martin, Dallas Texas, chairman of the Advance program; Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville; Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, Atlantic Coast Area, Atlanta; President Arthur S. Fleming of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O.; and Bishop Baker and Bishop Werner.

### Recommendations From Work Groups

I. Recognizing the important place of parents in the Christian nurture of children, we recommend:

1. That parents make every effort to grow in understanding their children through reading, and through fellowship with other parents in the church groups.

2. That they endeavor to teach religion in the home by example as well as by the use of available helps, and by instituting in each home such expressions of family religion as grace at mealtime, family prayers and the religious observance of special occasions.

3. That parents invite their minister to participate in the dedication of their home using the ritual provided in the Discipline of the church.

II. Since the church has a concern in improvement of family life we recommend:

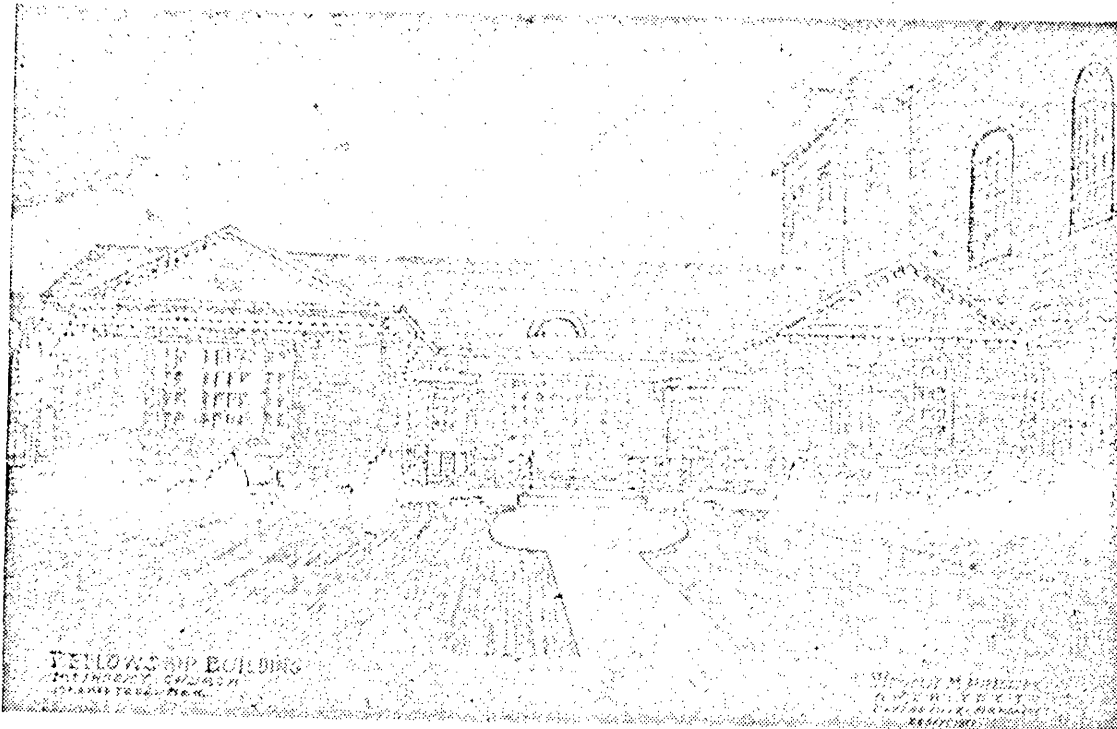
1. That ministers preach frequently upon the importance of the Christian home and the responsibilities of Christian parenthood.

2. That local churches observe National Family Week the first full week in May.

3. That the church encourage family worship by distributing *The Christian Home, The Upper Room* and other materials which will stimulate worship in the home.

4. That each church provide meetings or classes for parents for fellowship, sharing and study and meetings of parents and teachers for the purpose of bringing about closer cooperation between home and church.

## ADDITION TO MARKED TREE CHURCH



Pictured above is the architect's drawing of the addition planned for the Marked Tree Methodist Church. It will include a large fellowship hall, a kitchen, and the two projecting wings will be a lounge and a pastor's study. The project also includes remodeling of the present church basement and the addition of a central heating and air conditioning plant, at a cost of \$45,000.

THE spacious wing to be added to the south side of the Church is highlighted by a large Fellowship Hall 62 by 32. This hall will accommodate 210 people at banquets, dinners and social gatherings of the Church and the community of Marked Tree and its surrounding area. It will seat 250 for plays and similar large group meetings, and will be equipped with a portable stage. It will provide ample space for suitable recreation of youth organizations. The west wall will be solid except for three large glass block windows and its east wall will have a picture window. The floor will be concrete covered with tile and the walls will be of pine wainscoting and plaster with a ceiling of acoustile.

The modern, well equipped kitchen just off the hall and lounge

is to be 18 by 25. It will be scientifically arranged to provide ease and efficiency in serving large groups and will include every detail necessary to provide the utmost in sanitation and cleanliness in the preparation and serving of food.

Two smaller wings of the new building will be the lounge and a pastor's study. The 20 by 25 lounge will be used for all meetings of small groups and for receptions and social gatherings of that nature. It will be furnished with leather upholstered furniture, reading lamps and occasional tables.

The pastor's study is 15 by 19. It will serve both in that capacity and as a Church office.

The wings and building which face the Highway are to be connected with a concrete terrace bordered by wrought iron.

When the new building is completed the present Church basement will be remodeled. It will then provide four new large departmental rooms, which will be used for the Church School work of children from infancy through 11 years.

This remodeling calls for the present floors and walls to be reconditioned and for built-ins to be added. Each room will be equipped to fit the needs of the age groups occupying it.

The present kitchen will be reworked to provide an additional ladies' classroom.

Also to be added are two new modern rest rooms.

Rev. Paul M. Bumpers is pastor at Marked Tree.

5. That in each church, beginning in January, 1952, there be held a series of four or more study meetings for parents on the report of the National Conference on Family Life.

6. That local churches be urged to make use of the new family audio-visual materials provided by the Methodist Radio and Film Commission and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States.

### III. We further recommend:

1. That each district and sub-district plan for a continuation meeting following the National conference on Family Life. It is suggested that all of the district representation of the boards of the church assist the District Superintendent in planning and promoting these meetings.

2. That the commitment cards in the service on Sunday afternoon be made available by the Advance for Christ for use in district and local church meetings.

3. That greater publicity be given to what churches are now doing to improve family living and to the many resources now available in this field. We suggest that stronger emphasis be placed upon the use of "Source Book for the Sunday Evening Fellowship" and that more suggestions be given there for family fellowship and activities for each

age group.

4. That more materials be provided by the curriculum committee of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church in the following areas:

A. Helping teen-agers understand the meaning of love, friendship and marriage.

B. Guidance for youth in preparation for marriage and parenthood.

C. Young Adult courses and elective materials and achieving maturity in their relationship with the home.

D. A manual for the use of parents which will help them protect themselves from exploitation by undesirable propaganda coming into the home through the press, radio and television.

E. Quarterly devotional material for use in families with young children.

5. That more emphasis be placed on the church and home upon social action in the community.

6. That the conference support the principle of uniform marriage and divorce laws throughout the United States.

7. That the conference recommend the study of land tenure including the idea of the family farm.

8. That the conference express a need for a program of study for teachers and leaders in the field of preparation for marriage and family life education.

ily life education.

9. That local churches' groups be urged to try to understand the community influence upon family life and to initiate a study of the community or make use of available studies and that community councils be formed to work on family problems.

10. That the conference call upon all Methodist families to recognize the evils of the so-called "harmless" drinking and gambling and eliminate these practices from their homes.

We fret and stew about our overcrowded days, but if, at night, all our projects were completed there would be no tomorrow. It is that everlasting looking toward the future which gives life its zest.—Correctionville (Ia.) News.

Possibly my hatred of war blinds me so that I cannot comprehend the arguments (the advocates of a preventive war) adduce. But, in my opinion, there is no such thing as a preventive war. Although this suggestion is repeatedly made, none has yet explained how war prevents war. Nor has anyone been able to explain away the fact that war begets conditions that beget further war.—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander, North Atlantic Pact Nations.

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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Jonesboro School Successful

The Jonesboro Area of the Jonesboro District completed last week the best training school held in that area in a number of years. There were more than a hundred and fifty people who attended one or more sessions of the school, with 91 taking credit in the school. The following churches were represented in the school: Monette; Lake City; Truman; Weiner; Mt. Carmel; Bono; Nettleton; Jonesboro, First Church; Fisher St., Jonesboro; and Huntington Ave., Jonesboro. The school was held at Huntington Avenue Church.

The following courses were offered:

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

Friendship and Marriage (Youth course), Rev. Lee Cate.

Teaching Youth, Miss Willie Frances Coleman.

The Acts of the Apostles, Ira A. Brumley.

This is the second large school in the Jonesboro District during October, the Marked Tree School being held the first of October.

Two other large schools are being planned for Jonesboro District: Blytheville in February and Leachville in March.

### Paragould District Stewardship Schools

A series of training schools is being planned for the Paragould District in which the course on Stewardship is to be offered, these to be held largely the period of Dec. 30, 1951-January 4, 1952. The following is the schedule:

Dec. 30-Jan. 1, Biggers, Ira A. Brumley

Dec. 30-Jan. 1, Rector, J. Albert Gatlin

Jan. 2-4, Paragould, J. Albert Gatlin

Jan. 2-4, Hoxie, Ira A. Brumley

Jan. 2-4, Piggott, A. W. Harris

Jan. 2-4, Imboden, John Bayliss

Brother Bayliss will teach at Maynard at date to be set.

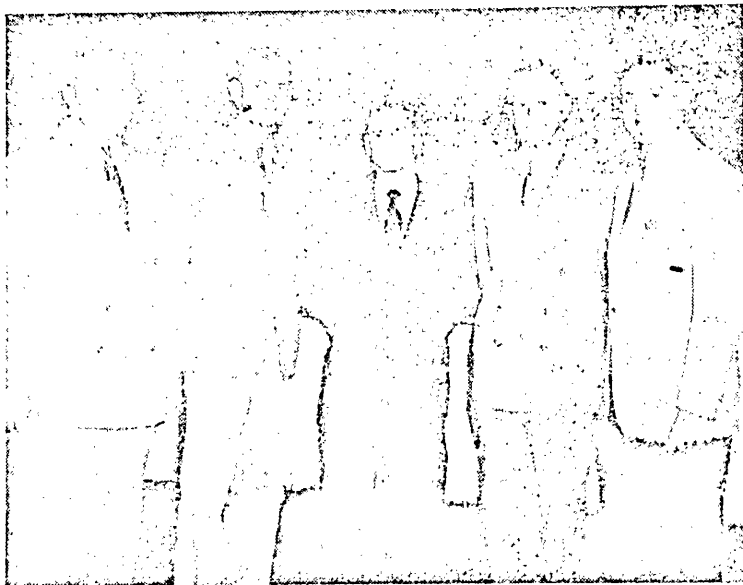
### Enrolling Church School Members

Recent contacts with local churches have brought the Executive Secretary to realize that after all the effort we have made to help church school leaders understand the standards of church school membership many of our people do not yet understand.

It is hoped that when a new person comes into your church school sessions that such person will be enrolled the first time he or she is there. Certainly it would be wise to find out if the person plans to be a member of your school. You would not enroll a visitor. Do not require a person to come three weeks before he is enrolled.

When you come to the end of the old church school year transfer all the names of the old record to the new, except such as should be dropped. There are five groups of names not to be transferred: those who have died, those who have moved away permanently, those who have joined another church school (Sunday school), those who have

## MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AT TECH



Left to right: Rev. William C. Hightower, Pottsville; Rev. Kenneth Hatfield, Ola; Rev. Roy E. Blakeburn, Dover; Rev. Frank C. Weatherford, Dardanelle; and George Crosby, Russellville.

By President J. W. Hull

**D**URING a meeting in late August, 1948, the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Polytechnic College at Russellville, made a decision that was to be of much benefit to ministers in this area, particularly those who had not completed their training.

"Recognizing the importance of an adequate religious program in the rural sections of Arkansas and the difficulty experienced by various churches in securing trained personnel," as the motion read in part, the Board of Trustees established ministerial scholarships for pastors serving churches in the area around Russellville. The scholarships release eligible ministers who attend Arkansas Tech from the payment of their fees.

Since the establishment of the scholarships a number of ministers and ministerial students have accepted them from the college. During the school year 1950-51, three scholarships were granted. Five young ministers in the Russellville area have enrolled for the fall semester, 1951, and accepted scholarships. Active in campus affairs and

the recipient of a scholarship for the last three years, is George Crosby of Russellville. George, the son of Reverend O. Glen Crosby of the First Christian Church, Russellville, is a ministerial student and in his senior year at Tech. Another ministerial scholarship is held by Frank C. Weatherford. Brother Weatherford, a senior, is the pastor of the Dardanelle Circuit of The Methodist Church, near Dardanelle. William C. Hightower, of the Pottsville Methodist Church, is another senior holding a scholarship. A freshman enrolled at Tech this year is Roy E. Blakeburn, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Dover. The minister who lives the farthest from Russellville is Reverend Kenneth Hatfield of the Ola Methodist Church, who entered Tech this fall.

These young men have been particularly fortunate for they have been able to serve their charges and further their formal education at the same time. This was the intent of the Arkansas Tech Board of Trustees when they created the scholarships. And Tech can well be proud of these men too, for they have all made commendable records in college.

### EXPANSION OF CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM AT SYLVAN HILLS

Several new groups are meeting on Sunday evening at the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church. Mrs. James W. Workman is teaching a Couples Class on a course in Christian Home Making, for which they will receive training school credits. A nursery has been established for the smaller children. Mrs. Dennis Duran and Mrs. Wesley Herren are the co-

the Methodist Publishing House to act as special resource leader. Rev. Bentley Sloane and the Conference staff members assisted in these institutes.

The Monroe District led in the number attending these institutes. Rev. W. H. Gilcs is district superintendent and gave fine leadership in this enterprise.

### LITERATURE INSTITUTES IN LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

About eight hundred church school workers were reached in five Literature Institutes in three districts the week of September 24.

Miss Sara Bagley was sent from

### RESOLUTION COMMENDING U. N. PRAYER ROOM

The following is a letter which was signed by fifty members of the Pathfinder Class of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville and sent to Secretary Trygve Lie. In a letter to *The Arkansas Methodist*, Mrs. Jack C. Drake, secretary of the Pathfinder Class says: "Our class is interested in other adult classes in Arkansas and Louisiana sending copies of this letter, with their signature, to the Secretary General. Let us cooperate with the United Nations, and work and pray for United Nations."

October 24, 1951

Secretary General Trygve Lie  
United Nations Headquarters  
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

We believe:

That United Nations can be a working solution toward a peaceful world.

That United Nations needs and receives prayer power from the world's people.

That the representatives of the people need prayer and can accomplish more by prayer.

That, most certainly, a room for prayer and meditation should be provided in the United Nations Building.

Therefore, we, as parents and as Christians, would be failing our obligations if we did not write and encourage you to include a room for prayer in the United Nations Building. We urge that the spiritual power of prayer be made available to all United Nations representatives by providing a room for their prayers and devotion.

Sincerely,

The Pathfinder Sunday School  
Class of First Methodist Church,  
Blytheville, Arkansas.

counselors for a Junior M. Y. F., ages 8-11. The Senior M. Y. F., ages 12-17, has as its new counselor, Mrs. Gladys Rusher, and the Young People are meeting at the parsonage under the direction of Mrs. Lucile Buckland.

This program has averaged slightly over 40 in attendance each Sunday since its beginning on October 7. It has also helped to double the attendance at the Sunday Evening hour of worship.—Reporter

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# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## ANNUAL MEETING OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

In a well-planned program, the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference, led by its President, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, reported many achievements during the past year in its home and foreign work. Forty-one officers, 123 delegates and 166 alternates and guests registered for the Annual Meeting at the First Methodist Church, Monroe, October 23-25.

Representing 11,494 members, the secretaries of various phases of the work presented the activities at various times on the program. Four special meals were held: the Sacrificial Meal, on Tuesday noon, was given with a tableau of The Last Supper, with each guest partaking of a typical meal of that time. On Tuesday evening the Dinner with the Districts, Mrs. D. M. Campbell presiding, featured "Building The King's Highway" with each of the district secretaries telling what the 236 Societies and 84 Guilds were doing to help in this project. Mrs. Sam Dunbar, at the Missionary Education Luncheon on Wednesday, featured the four studies for the year in the decorations, with messages from each of the Louisiana girls who are in full-time work under the Division. Miss Julia Vissotto closed the program with a brief message. As Wednesday was United Nations Day, it was appropriate that the dinner that evening, presided over by Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, should be a United Nations Dinner. A play, "The Flags Speak," was presented by students from Northeast Louisiana State College.

Many inspiring messages were given by guest speakers: Mrs. C. A. Barr, Jurisdiction President; Miss Julia Vissotto, Crusade Scholar from Brazil; and Dr. Joe J. Mickle, President of Centenary College.

The Daily devotions were presented in the form of Quiet Directed Time by Miss Sadie Maude Moore, former missionary to Korea. Miss Moore used her experiences with the Korean people to direct the thoughts of the delegates.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, in delivering her President's Message, which will be published in THE LOUISIANA METHODIST next week, opened a series of splendid messages given by members of the Conference. Mrs. J. C. Whitaker presented the Children's Work, with the assistance of Mrs. F. Harold Riggs, who told of the Scarritt Seminar, and Mrs. George Pomeroy, who spoke on "Our Responsibility for Youth in A Changing World." Junior Choirs from the First Methodist Church and St. James Methodist Church assisted in this portion of the program. Miss Elizabeth Thompson directed the reporting of the workers of the conference, with introduction of the new workers at the Dulac Indian Mission, Mr. and Mrs. William Turner, a special event. Children from McDonnell Methodist Center sang at the close of this program. Mrs. G. R. Weaver and Mrs. W. E. Trice spoke on Youth and Student Work, respectively, and were assisted in this by Mrs. Mary E. Freeman and Miss Julia Vissotto.

Two announcements were of special interest to all Methodist women.

## JULIA VISSOTTO IN NORTH ARKANSAS

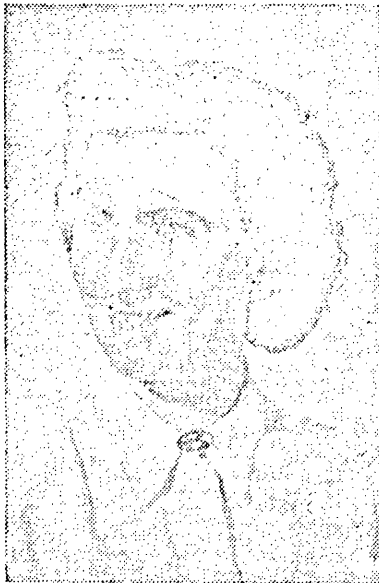
The North Arkansas Conference will have a special privilege during the week of November 11th to 17th when Miss Julia Vissotto, Crusade Scholar from Brazil, will be itinerating the eight districts.

Miss Vissotto has recently completed her graduate work at Nashville, having come as a graduate of Methodist Institute, in Sao Paulo, and Bennett Colleges in Brazil. She has worked as Secretary of Children's work in the Confederation of Evangelical Churches, helping to prepare Sunday school materials and helps for teachers in cooperation with other denominations.

An enthusiastic speaker, her personality appeals to all age groups.

Her itinerary in the conference is as follows:

- Nov. 11—Sunday evening at Paris, Arkansas.
- Nov. 12—Monday evening at Bentonville, Arkansas.
- Nov. 13—Tuesday afternoon at Conway First church.
- Nov. 13—Tuesday evening at Searcy First Church.
- Nov. 14—Wednesday afternoon at Newport First Church.
- Nov. 14—Wednesday evening at Forrest City First Church.
- Nov. 15—Thursday afternoon at Paragould Griffin Memorial.



MISS JULIA VISSOTTO

- Nov. 15—Thursday evening at Blytheville M. Y. F. sub-district.
- Nov. 16—Friday afternoon at Wilson, Arkansas.
- Nov. 16—Friday evening at Jonesboro M. Y. F. sub-district.
- Nov. 17—Saturday afternoon, tea at Jonesboro arranged by girls of district M. Y. F.

## DISTRICT MEETING AT DARDANELLE

The Wesleyan Service Guilds of Conway District, North Arkansas Conference, will be guests of the Dardanelle Wesleyan Guild at an all-day meeting, November 4, 1951.

Registration will begin around 10:30 A. M., and all will attend the 11:00 o'clock Church Service at which time Mrs. Lloyd McClure, North Arkansas Woman's Society President will be the guest speaker. Mrs. McClure has just returned from the Ecumenical Conference in England, and a tour of Europe.

Mrs. Vida Fry, Associate Conway District Secretary, will preside over the afternoon session, which will consist of information, instruction and business. Miss Gertie Stiles, North Arkansas Wesleyan Guild Secretary, Mrs. Rife Hughey, Conway District President, W. S. C. S., and Mrs. John Page, Secretary of Supplies, will present the latest information and instruction in regard to Guild work.

Reservations should be made immediately for the luncheon with Mrs. Virginia Moore, Dardanelle, Arkansas.—Irene Taylor

A medley of Christmas hymns was played by Mrs. Arthur Anderson. Mrs. Maurice Rickard gave a beautiful devotion followed by a poem, "A Loaf of Bread"—stressing our economical situation in the world. She also presented "Contrasts in Navajo Land". Interesting items on the Navajos were given by the society members. Mrs. Walter Fieback told of recent happenings in the Indian Reservation and especially the crop failure during the recent drought. She told of her experiences while she was visiting

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## WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MARKS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The silver anniversary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, New Iberia, was celebrated October 19 at the Educational Center with a party in which members of the present guild, members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and members of the old Oma Circle, from which the present Guild grew, gathered to honor the present organization.

Twenty-five years of service to the church, to the community and to far-off countries, as well as in other states in our own country, is the record of this Guild, and the occasion of this celebration was one of solemnity and rejoicing, too.

As the guests arrived they were requested to register. Mrs. John R. Love presided at the guest book, a gift of Mrs. P. C. Bradley. On the table besides the guest book was a three-tiered birthday cake of white styrofoam decorated with silver leaves and containing twenty-five silver dollars, flanked on each side with two white candles banked with silvered loquat leaves. Symbolic of the meaning of the occasion, the short burned-out candle represented the Oma Circle whose duty was finished with the forming of the Wesleyan Service Guild, represented by the tall brightly burning taper.

The large reception table carried out the silver and white decor of the twenty-fifth anniversary in the large square white and silver birthday cake, made by Mrs. J. E. Carter, at one end, and at the other, the gleaming silver coffee service. The damask covered table was centered with an unusual three-tiered simulated birthday cake banked with the silvered loquat leaves and topped with a world globe, the whole slowly revolving by electricity. Encircling the first tier below the globe were tiny maps of the states and countries where the mission work of the Guild is now being carried on. On the bottom tier were dolls in native dress representative of the missionaries and schools receiving cash supplies.

The festivities opened with a welcome by Mrs. Leslie G. Morris, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, who then introduced Mrs. Earl W. Hall, a charter member of the original Oma Circle. Mrs. Hall gave a brief but illuminating history of that circle and stressed particularly the fine work done through the years by Mrs. John Abdalla, first president of the Oma Circle and then presented Mrs. Abdalla with a life membership pin.

Mrs. Abdalla presented the Wesleyan Service Guild with a beautiful silver spray of twenty-five silver dollars and a leather loose leaf minute book embossed with the Guild emblem and containing names of some of the former members of the Oma Circle and some of the past members of the first Guild of the Methodist Church of New Iberia, who made possible the gift of the book, the spray, and also the membership pin for Mrs. Abdalla. Mrs. Bessie V. Fairley, president of the Wesleyan Service Guild, accepted the gifts for the Guild.

Mrs. John B. Anderson at the

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## "CHRISTMAS IN SUMMER"

"Christmas In Summer" was planned in August by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Central Methodist Church of Rogers, Ark. Invitations to the party in little net stockings were given to over a hundred members. These stockings were to be filled with articles to be used as Christmas gifts for the children at the Navajo Methodist Mission School at Farmington, New Mexico.

The party was held on the regular meeting day of the Society, September 27. Members and guests presented their well filled stockings at a table where a tree and lighted candles were arranged. The serving table was centered by another frosted tree and plates of Christmas cookies and coffee to be served to the group.



## CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

### METHODIST MEN'S CLUB SPONSORS EVANGELISTIC PROGRAM

The Methodist Men's Club of Mena has recently completed a project which they feel might be an inspiration to other churches to try the same. Briefly, here is the project:

The Methodist Men's Club, Greer Bell, president, and Leon Hall, chairman of the project committee, has sponsored lay speaking services in the rural churches of the county every Sunday for the past several months. About fifteen men have agreed to make these addresses and from one to three of them speak each Sunday.

Desiring to expand this program, the group voted in August to sponsor an evangelistic program in a rural church of the county if they found a place that would like to have them. The Methodist Church of Cove was the first to extend an invitation. The week of October 15 was designated as the time. On the first night, twelve men from the Club joined with persons of Cove for an evening of visitation evangelism. Tuesday and Wednesday nights, a preaching service was held with the men forming the choir, providing the song leader, Whit Spires, rendering special music, and the pastor, Rev. J. E. Dunlap, doing the preaching. Thursday night, a fellowship supper was held with the Methodist Men and their families joining with the people at Cove. This was followed by a preaching service. From the first night, the work of the Holy Spirit was manifested in the program. Thirteen persons were received into the church on Thursday night as a result of the meeting. Five of them came on profession of faith. The pastor of the Methodist Church at Cove was, until recently, a layman in the First Methodist Church of Mena, but is now a local preacher serving his first work. He is Rev. Ray Shade.

We feel that this was a wonderful experience of church cooperation and demonstrates one possible technique that might be developed to help the small churches of our conference. But regardless of the benefits for the small church, The Methodist Men's Club of Mena had a thrilling and inspiring experience in a week of serving for the advancement of the Kingdom.—Reporter

### CONWAY DISTRICT DAMES

A meeting of the Conway District Dames was held Tuesday, October 16, at First Methodist Church, Conway, while the pastors of the Conway District met to discuss plans for the United Evangelistic Mission. Dr. Leroy Walker was the devotional leader.

A potluck luncheon was served, with coffee and dessert furnished by the district superintendent and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Reves.

Mrs. Herschelle Couchman of Morrilton was elected President of the Conway District Dames, and Mrs. William Wilder of Sylvan Hills was elected Secretary.—Reporter

### FELLOWSHIP TEAM AT DANVILLE

Danville Methodist Church was greatly pleased with the friendship team from Hendrix College, which came to us on Sunday, October 21. Howard Childs preached a good sermon at the morning hour.

In the afternoon the team met with our Youth group for recreation, instruction and worship. At the evening hour, Bill Elliot preached for us. His message was of the highest order. Danville Church was helped by the challenge and inspiration of these fine youth from Hendrix.

Coming to us were: Mrs. H. J. Engstrom, sponsor; Pat Couch, Bo Brewer, Helen Hamilton, Mary Arnold, Carolyn Tull, Howard Childs, Bill Elliot and Bobbie Masters.

This Friendship team has done more to sell our people on the value of our College than anything I know about in many years. Our people are high in the praise for the fine work done by this team.—H. C. Minnis, Pastor

ceived by baptism and two by vows. A new Men's Bible Class was organized on the next Sunday after the revival. The class now has twenty members. The Sunday School has had a large increase in attendance.—J. W. Carnell, Pastor

### REVIVAL AT HARMON

We began our revival at Harmon on Wednesday evening, October 17, and continued through Thursday evening, October 25. Rev. Olin Findley, pastor of the Decatur Methodist Church was the evangelist. Brother Findley brought stirring gospel messages each evening. He also drew a picture each evening, illustrating a hymn. This was especially interesting to the young people.

As a result of the meeting nine people were added to the church, eight by vows and one by transfer. We feel the entire membership has been helped.

Twenty members have been added to the church since we have been pastor here. The ladies of the church have recently built a new kitchen cabinet, fixed up the church basement and a new church door has been put in the sanctuary. There will be other improvements on the church property within the next few weeks.

Our new sanctuary at Elm Springs is nearing completion, and we expect to have it ready for use sometime next month. It is a beautiful building of Hedite blocks and brick veneer. A five-room educational building will be added later.

We have reorganized the church at Robinson since we have been here. This church was once a part of this charge but had been inactive

### HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

#### Nine Named To Student "Who's Who"

National recognition has been accorded nine outstanding Hendrix seniors this week with the announcement of their inclusion in this year's volume of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," national publication listing student leaders in more than 600 American colleges.

In announcing their selection, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix president, said the nine were chosen by the faculty on the basis of their scholarship, leadership, participation in class and campus activities, citizenship, and promise of future service.

Student leaders representing Hendrix in this year's "Who's Who" are Clint Burleson, Gurdon; Dick Farr, Wynne; Walter Hodges, Conway; Frank Jones, Flat River, Mo.; Nita Lane, Conway; George Mitchell, Sheridan; James Mosley, Con-

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for about eight years. Since the reorganization, 25 members have been added and interest is good. The pastor gives two Sundays each month to this church at 10 o'clock and every part of the church program is being carried out.

We are expecting greater things to be accomplished in the near future.—Woodrow Woods, Pastor

### SEEN AT THE OAK FOREST OPENING DAY SERVICE



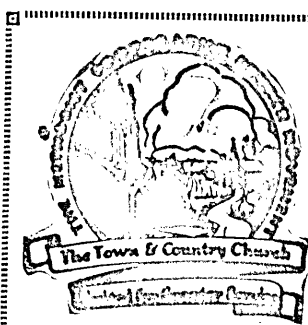
Top, left, Rev. Mouzon Mann, pastor of the Oak Forest Methodist Church, Little Rock, which formally opened its new sanctuary for worship on October 21. Brother Mann led the congregation in the first service of worship and gave recognition to many persons in the congregation who have been instrumental in building the new structure.

Top, center, view of new sanctuary from balcony following the opening worship service.

Top, right, Bishop Martin in the act of formally declaring the sanctuary opened for public worship. Bishop Martin later delivered the first sermon in the new sanctuary.

Bottom, left, part of the overflowing crowd attending the first service. The crowd was estimated at over five hundred.

Bottom, right, Rev. and Mrs. D. Mouzon Mann, Bishop and Mrs. Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. John P. Almand. Mr. Almand was the architect for the building program. The new plant located in the heart of the Oak Forest residential section was erected and furnished at an approximate cost of \$125,000, and is located on Fair Park Blvd.



### "Along A Country Road" The Town and Country Commission

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### LAYMEN DOING GREAT WORK IN WORSHIP SERVICES

At the meeting of the Town and Country Commission October 9-10, at Hendrix College the service rendered by laymen in our Conference was revealed in a greater way. Directed by Dr. Matt L. Ellis the discussion brought forth reports from Joe Pierce, District Lay Leader of the Searcy District, Charles Stuck, District Lay Leader of the Jonesboro District, Lester Hutchins, Associate Lay Leader of the Searcy District, and Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Conference Promotion Secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

This program of lay speaking is also given emphasis in other districts over the Conference. In the Batesville District there has been an interest in this type of work for a number of years. In the Conway District it is organized in splendid fashion and being carried on throughout the District. In the Fayetteville District there is a growing interest in the program. In the Forrest City District, in the Cross County area there is a fine interest manifested with regular use of laymen in extension churches out of Wynne. In the Fort Smith District out of Waldron and Scott County there is a fine program going on. In the Paragould District in Clay County and in Greene County and in other areas there is great interest shown in this program.

Through the Woman's Society of Christian Service Miss Betty Letzig and Miss Mary Chafin, Deaconesses, have rendered fine service in this field.

### HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

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way; Ann Tennyson, Smackover; and Peggy Thomasson, Rison.

Hodges was listed in last year's "Wo's Who" also.

#### Dr. Brumley Tells of England Today

A visitor to present-day England is constantly reminded of the contrast between England's great days and her present decline. Dr. Ira A. Brumley said to Hendrix students recently in an address in chapel.

Dr. Brumley, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference's board of education, was a delegate last summer to the Ecumenical Conference in England.

A discouraging state in the British economic and religious life was reported by Dr. Brumley, who thought it might be due in a large part to the Labor government policies. He also said there is a deep appreciation among the English people for the help America has been giving England and other European nations.

#### Vesper Services Planned

The new Hendrix College chapel will be open to the public for the first time Sunday evening when the Hendrix music department presents the first of three vesper services.

Sunday's program will begin at 4:30, with V. Earle Copes of the music faculty at the console of the

### Carrying Forward The Spirit of The National Town and Country Church Conference

The National Methodist Town and Country Conference held at Sioux City in July was well reported on at the Town and Country Commission meeting at Hendrix College. Rev. Floyd Villines, Charles Stuck, and Mrs. H. H. Fulbright reported for the group while others who attended added their own emphasis to the discussion. The big challenge confronting all of us is to see that the good in the National Conference is continued on throughout the Annual Conference. One way this may be done is for each district to have those who attended the meeting to present a report at some meeting.

#### Sunday Night, October 21, At Gardner Memorial

It is the writer's high privilege to be the guest speaker at the Gardner Memorial Church Sunday evening, October 21. It was a great privilege to again be associated with the Bridenthals in their home and in their church. A large congregation was present for the service.

The Bridenthals have been given a splendid reception by this fine group of people and are now moving out into what will be a great pastorate. This church is cooperating in the lay speaking program of the district. Under the leadership of the minister's family this church will continue on the road of great service to the Master and His Kingdom.—J. Albert Gatlin.

chapel organ.

Mr. Copes will be assisted by Miss Betty Rae Thomas, mezzo-soprano, also of the music faculty.

The second organ vesper program will be Sunday, November 18. Appearing with Mr. Copes will be an organ quintet with Dr. Ashley Coffman of the music faculty, trumpet; Tom Murry of Malvern, trumpet; Charles Moose of Morrilton, euphonium, and Marvin Lawson of Conway, trombone.

The last program, composed of organ music for the Christmas season, will be presented December 9.

Formal opening of the Chapel and Auditorium is scheduled for November 17.

#### Student-Faculty Groups Begin Work

Hendrix College's recently organized student-faculty interest groups are swinging into action with the election of officers and the starting of activities.

The groups, organized by the Student-Faculty Relations committee, are formed to promote the informal exchange of ideas between the groups. The committee is also sponsoring weekly parties for selected groups of students and staff members picked by formula so each member of the Hendrix family will be invited to the informal get-togethers during the year.

Presidents of the interest groups

include Richard Nelson, Damascus, fishing; Martin Rex, Fort Smith, chess; Hugh Mixon, Marianna, old movies; John Hays, Little Rock, photography; Richard Byrd, Newport, woodworking, and Tommy Smith, North Little Rock, hiking.

Student leaders in the picnic and drama groups are Sudie Woodford of Little Rock and Kay McCord of Camden. The music and general reading interest groups have not yet elected officers.—Guy Shannon.

### Call For Million Youths In Religious Program

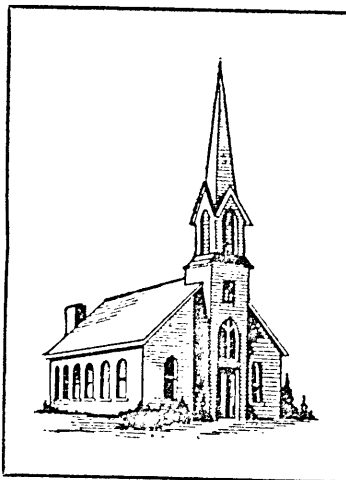
A call for a million American youths of 15 to 25 to "deepen their commitment to Jesus Christ, contribute \$1,000,000 for Christian youth work, and take part in a united religious program," was issued at a special meeting in Cincinnati of representatives of the United Christian Youth Movement. "This is the most significant venture in cooperative Christian youth work in the history of American Protestantism," said A. Wilson Cheek, director. He said youth of participating denominations in the National Council of Churches would be asked to unite in Christian service and social welfare projects, first in their own communities and later in aiding youth work in other lands.

### BEACON CHURCH REVIVAL



REV. W. B. HOLMAN

The Beacon Methodist Church is holding its first revival since its recent organization. The church is located on highway 67, near North Little Rock. A special invitation is extended to all to come and hear the messages brought by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Holman. Services are being held each evening.



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## MEETING OF MONROE SUB-DISTRICT

The Monroe Sub-District met on October 14, at the Oak Grove Methodist Church with sixty-seven present.

After a short worship program, the following officers were elected and installed: President, Jeanie Mosley; Vice President, Shirley Drane; Secretary, Robin Chambless; Treasurer, Adele White; Publicity Chairman, Billy Abernathy. — Robin Chambless, Secretary

## MORE YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN CHURCH WORK CAREER

Cincinnati — More young people are interested in church work as a career than ever before, but there is still a critical shortage in several vocations.

This trend was reported at the annual meeting here October 19 of the Methodist Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations. Bishop Charles W. Brashares, Des Moines, Iowa, is chairman of the committee and the Rev. Richard G. Belcher, Nashville, Tenn., is executive secretary.

More than 5,348 Methodist high school and college students are committed to full-time work in the field of religion, the committee learned through a questionnaire.

The figure is believed to be even higher, Bishop Brashares said, since returns were received from less than half of the church's 106 annual conferences. Commissions on Christian vocations are organized in all but one of the conferences.

The committee sponsored 123 conferences on church vocations and 95 campus career clinics during the last year.

Young people considering Christian vocations prefer the ministry, missionary work, religious education and nursing, in that order, the Rev. Mr. Belcher reported.

He pointed out, however, that the church is understaffed in such fields as youth work, music, secretarial and administrative.

The committee has a four-year recruitment goal of 22,000 professionally trained workers. Major personnel needs for 1952 include 1,500 ministers, 3,000 nurses for Methodism's 71 hospitals, 60 homes for the aged and 59 children's homes, 400 missionaries and 400 directors of Christian education.

In addition to specialized education, "a recognized Christian character, a pronounced desire to serve Christ, an attractive personality and leadership ability," were listed by Bishop Brashares as necessary requirements for church workers. He said, too, that physical and emotional fitness were essential.

In addition to personnel recruitment, the committee adopted a three-point program for major emphasis:

(1) Volunteer service, starting at local church level, and including short-term missionary duty and special summer projects for youth.

(2) Stewardship of vocation pointing up the opportunities for

## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Nashville, Tennessee — *Christmas Around the World* is the name of a new sound filmstrip in color released by the Editorial Division and The Methodist Publishing House as a curriculum resource for use in church schools. The production is one authorized by the Curriculum Committee and is planned for use by older Primaries and Juniors, although it will also be acceptable in many cases with intermediates and in family groups. It would be especially appropriate for the Sunday Evening Fellowship.

It is designed to help children realize that Christmas is observed in many lands as the birthday of Jesus Christ, even though the local customs vary from place to place. Interesting customs in many lands are shown. It is not aimed so much to teach the facts about such customs as to give children the definite impression that the significance of Christianity is recognized around the world. The filmstrip was supervised editorially by Miss Mary Edna Lloyd, editor of children's publications; script was written by Miss Emma Jane Kramer, of Montgomery, Alabama; and the pictures were drawn by Miss Janet Smalley, of Pennsylvania. The narration is, on two 78 rpm records (four sides). Filmstrip, records, and guide sell for \$10. This resource will have value across many years.

every layman, regardless of occupation, to make his job a Christian vocation.

(3) Career counseling — aiding pastors and adult workers with youth to properly guide and channel young people interested in church vocations.

The committee will hold a special meeting January 9 at Washington, D. C., to consider establishing local church committees on Christian vocations, and to map further program plans for the next four years.

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## "CHRISTMAS IN SUMMER"

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Special guests, Mrs. Grace Rickard and Mrs. Lonnie Hendrick, and new members, Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Mrs. S. Kissler, Mrs. Robert Callahan, and Mrs. Carl Brown, were introduced. During the business meeting plans were completed to send several boxes of clothing, toys, and candy to children in Germany and money for "Care" packages for overseas relief was presented by the Joyzelle Girls Camp.

## WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MARKS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

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piano played "Happy Birthday" and the group joined in the song as Mrs. Fairley cut the first slice of birthday cake, while Mrs. Edwin Bradley at the coffee service provided both coffee and tea for the guests. Mrs. Leslie Morris completed cutting the birthday cake.

After refreshments were enjoyed Mrs. D. M. Campbell presented Misses Velma Lea Hair and Marian Harper of the MacDonell Methodist Center of Houma, La., who showed a number of interesting slides prepared by Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Rural Conference Worker.

The committee in charge of the birthday party were Mrs. Edwin Bradley, chairman of Christian so-

## A FIVE-DAY REVIVAL AT GALLIHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A five-day revival is in progress at the B. T. Gallihar Memorial Methodist Church in Gonzales. The meeting began on October 23 and will continue through November 2. Rev. Roy Mouser is the guest preacher. Rev. L. A. Taylor is pastor.

Services are held each evening at 7 o'clock.

cial relations of the Methodist church, Mesdames J. E. Carter, W. D. Clift, J. R. Love, George B. Key, Dalton Rice and B. E. Fox.—Mrs. Edwin Bradley

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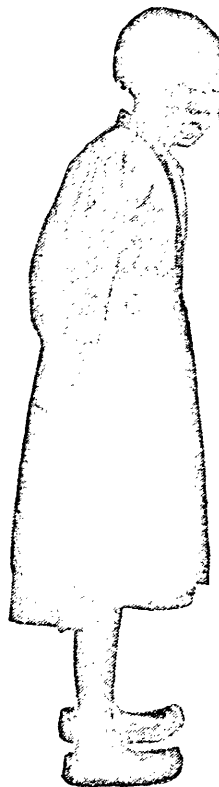
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Chan-Hi waited for the rest of the night and all the next day for her mother to come back. But the second night some soldiers came prowling and she sneaked out. Then she walked for three weeks. One day, an American gave her half a chocolate bar to eat and she tried to eat grass as the other refugees were doing. But she had given up hope and had decided to just sit and wait to die when a GI picked her up. Now she is in a Christian Children's Fund orphanage.

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## A RESOLUTION

To Members of the Board of Stewards, Malvern Church:

Your committee appointed by this Board at its regular meeting held on August 2, 1951, relative to the death of D. G. Allen, begs to submit the following resolution:

Shortly after the turn of the century, that is in the year 1902, D. G. Allen as a young man of 27 years, came to this vicinity to engage in carpenter work in connection with construction work of the big lumber plant known as Wisconsin and Arkansas Lumber Company, now known as A. B. Cook Company.

When he first came he knew no one, but one of his first acts in his new home was to attach himself to this church, and throughout the years until his death on July 7, 1951, this loyalty was steadfast and enduring.

He was a carpenter like his Christ, and in his business life he was a synonym of fair square dealing, without noise or ostentation. No short cuts or flimsy workmanship is connected with his long business career.

By unanimous consent of all, he was during most of his life here the one to whom was entrusted the care of the church property. And in practically all cases his decisions as to the care of church property were accepted.

He was a person of strong convictions, which convictions he at all-times was prepared to defend to the uttermost—regardless of your agreement with him, you always had respect for his position. The Psalmist could have said of him—"He putteth not out his money to usury nor taketh reward against the innocent."

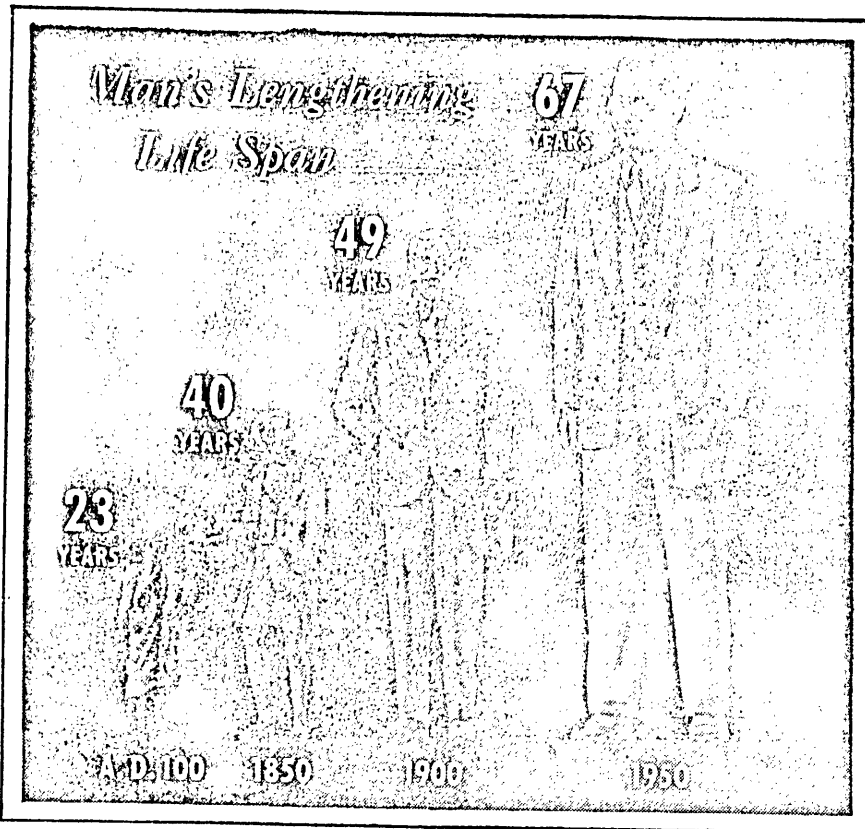
He was an honorary member of the Board of Stewards at the time of his death, and had been for a long period, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. While he was a rugged individualist in church and in business life, he was progressive in his thinking.

He had no children of his own, but no one in the city was more interested in young life than he; one of his last acts was to assist in buying skates for the young folks of this church. One of his virtues was loyalty to his pastor, and as evidence of this loyalty two of his former pastors, Rev. John L. Hoover and Rev. Fred R. Harrison, assisted his pastor, Rev. Van Harrell, in conducting his last rites in the church auditorium on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, July 8.

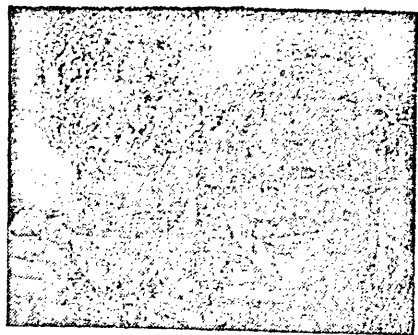
To permit his many friends to pay a farewell tribute, his body lay in state at the church from 3:00 to 4:00 o'clock. As a further evidence of the respect and esteem in which he was held by all classes of citizens, a large number of colored folks attended his funeral, previous provision having been made for them.

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This August 21, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,  
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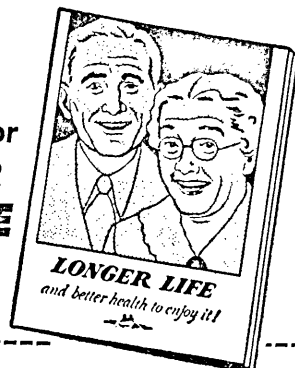
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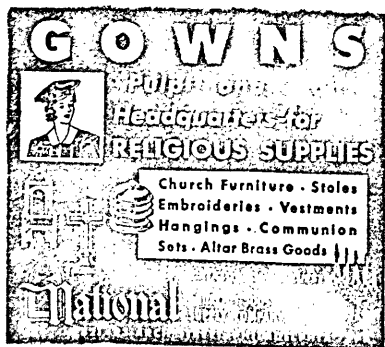
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actions rather than the earnest desire to let God's will be done? Is there Balm in Gilead to heal the hurt of the world? The answer is an emphatic "yes", because Christians can turn for Divine Guidance and find His direction for their pathways.

What an incentive to trust in the Lord and acknowledge Him in all our ways! To avoid a catastrophe is plenty of ground for men turning and seeking Divine Guidance. Then to find the highest happiness that life has to offer compels us to seek

His guiding hand. His direction may not be an easy way, but it will inevitably lead to victory. The wise man out of his own experience had found an answer to his question both for himself and for his nation. He urges upon us and ages unborn to completely trust in God that He may direct us to His glorious destination. This is our privilege to seek His Divine Guidance and lean upon Him with our whole heart.—R.I.B.

The reason so many people refuse to face facts is that in order to do so they would have to turn their backs on their prejudices.—Grit.



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### HOW DOES GOD HELP?

LESSON FOR, NOVEMBER 11, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Exodus, chapters 5 through 15.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The Lord is my strength and song,  
And he shall become my salvation." (Exodus 15:2)

We are dealing with Unit II. The unit consists of seven sessions. We will do well to keep the general aim of the unit always before our minds as we study each lesson. The aim: "To lead men and women, through a study of the ancient Hebrews, to see that life demands certain disciplines in various situations in order to make it conform to the purpose of God."

God had a purpose for the ancient Hebrews—the settlement of them in the land of Canaan and welding them into a nation through which Christ would come to the world. Through their free moral agency, they slowed God down and made it hard for him to attain the end he had in mind. But in spite of all their rebellion against his will, he finally reached his goal. God has a purpose for the people of our day—the building of a world brotherhood; the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. Through their free moral agency literally millions of people are hindering God today. But we fully believe that God will finally reach his goal. It took severe discipline to lead the Hebrews to conform to God's purpose for them. It will take the same in our world today. Let it be remembered that this discipline is not and will not be for the mere sake of punishing individuals and nations who are in rebellion against God. Neither will it be for vengeance on the part of the Lord. It will rather be for the sake of finally attaining God's purpose for our sin-sick, troubled, fearful, confused world. The knowledge of and love of God will finally cover the earth. God does not directly rule in the affairs of men. He leaves room for free moral agency. But he overrules, and is able to make all things work together for good to those who love and trust him.

#### A Look At The Scriptures

The lesson of last week closed with Moses and Aaron calling the elders of Israel together. They convinced these leaders that God had really sent them.

The lesson today begins with their going there before Pharaoh and delivering to him a message from the Lord. In the place of this helping the Israelites immediately, it had a bad effect. Pharaoh only increased their burdens. They loudly complained to Moses and Aaron and they in turn took the matter up in prayer before the Lord. God assured them that everything would work out all right, and instructed them to take this message to the Israelites.

The Lord instructed Moses and Aaron to go again to Pharaoh. He told them ahead of time, however, that they would not succeed in getting Pharaoh's consent to let the Israelites go. In this connection the Bible tells us that God hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he would not let the Israelites go. We cannot be-

lieve that the type of God Jesus revealed could deliberately harden the heart of any man and then punish him for having a hard heart. The better idea is that God is here expressing his fore-knowledge rather than his fore-ordination, determination, or will. Like all other people, Pharaoh possessed free moral agency; within certain limits he could do as he pleased about the matter, and God simply knew ahead of time what Pharaoh would choose to do, and therefore, warned Moses that Pharaoh would not at that time grant his request.

We next have the account of nine plagues coming in rapid succession on the land of Egypt. These plagues caused quite a bit of discomfort. To get them removed Pharaoh would pretend to repent. He would promise that as soon as the plague was removed the Israelites could go, but as soon as the discomfort was gone he refused to carry out his promise.

Finally the time came for the tenth and last plague, which was the death of the firstborn among the Egyptians. Again, God in his fore-knowledge told Moses what Pharaoh would do. This time he would let the Israelites go.

At this juncture we have the establishment of the feast of the Passover. It will be remembered that the Jewish Church, like the Christian, has two sacraments—the passover and circumcision. The blood of the passover lamb was to be sprinkled upon the door posts of the Israelite homes. The death angel in the dead of the night would pass-over homes thus marked.

We now come to the printed portion of the text.

#### The Departure of The Israelites

The last plague so stunned the Egyptians that they were not only willing to let the Israelites go, they thrust them out. But before they could get entirely out of the country Pharaoh again changed his mind and sent his army to bring them back. The Israelites had reached the bank of the Red Sea. They were in great agitation. They cried to Moses and he in turn took their cry to God. He was commanded to have the Israelites march forward. They crossed the sea through a path made by a strong east wind. The Egyptians attempted to follow them and were drowned in the midst of the sea.

#### A Great Story

The account of the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage is one of the greatest stories in all literature. It will take eternity to reveal just how much influence this event has had on the history of the world. It made possible the establishment of the Israelites as a nation. They in turn laid firmly the foundations of faith in the one and only true God. Through this nation

Christ came into the world.

Paul was so intrigued by the beauty of this story and the exhibition of the protecting care of God for his people through it that he insisted that what happened to them in a more or less natural way happens to other generations in a spiritual way. The Israelites had their bondage—the galling chains of slavery. They had their liberator—Moses. They had their obstacles—the Red Sea, the wilderness, etc. They had their river to cross—the Jordan. They had their Promised Land—the Land of Canaan. We have our bondage—bondage of sin, to fear, to confusion, to ignorance, to hatred, to selfishness and greed. We have our Liberator from all these evils if we will only trust him—Christ. We have our obstacles—misunderstandings, prejudices, etc. We have our river to cross—death. We have our Promised Land—heaven; the beautiful place Christ has gone to prepare.

The most wonderful thing about this event is the fact that the Israelites or Jewish people never got over it. At the time it was happening they saw the hand of God in the whole affair. Time has not changed that attitude on their part. It is said that when you are too close to a great man you cannot fully appreciate him. This was true even with Christ in the town of Nazareth where he had grown up. It is also true with great events. When we are too close to them we cannot fully appreciate them. The further the Jews get away from this great event in their national history the more they are convinced that the hand of God was in it. This is also obvious to other people. The man was wise indeed who said, "There is a power not ourselves that makes for righteousness", and the other who remarked, "Yet I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs."

#### Hindering God

The Israelites did not completely defeat God's purpose but they greatly hindered him. They prevented him from doing what he otherwise would have done. They kept his victory from being as complete as otherwise it might have been. The Prophet Jeremiah expresses the thought beautifully in his idea of the marred vessel. The vessel was marred in the potter's hand but he did not cast it away. He simply made of it another vessel; not as fine as the original would have been, but nonetheless as good as God himself could do, having to work as he did over and above the free moral agency of the people.

We, of this age, are hindering God. This has also been true of generations that have gone before us. The coming of the Kingdom of God in its fullness has been retarded at least a thousand years. Some have been in open rebellion against the will of God. But for every one who falls into that category there are ten thousand who have hindered God by merely being indifferent to the higher values of life. The material side of life is so much with us that in getting and spending we lay waste our powers. Civilization itself has become lopsided and top-heavy through the fact that material comforts, discoveries, and inventions have so far outrun our spiritual progress.

Not only are people hindering God through open rebellion against his will, carelessness, and indifference toward the spiritual side of life, but they are hindering him through rabid nationalism, racial prejudice, misunderstanding between capital

and labor, and corruption in politics.

More and more people are coming to depend upon science. This is perfectly natural since science has done so much for the world. Stop for a moment and consider what science has done for our health, our comforts, and our general prosperity. There is one thing, however, that science cannot do. It cannot take care of all the spiritual needs of life. It cannot bring peace of mind to the sin-sick soul. It cannot make one love his enemies. It cannot eliminate selfishness from the human heart. It cannot bring peace to the world. It can create implements of destruction that will cause nations to hesitate in attacking each other. This is peace built on fear. This can never produce permanent peace. It has been tried over and over again and has always failed in the end. Down through the years this idea of peace through fear has been back of the old idea of the balance of power. If experience teaches the world anything, it teaches that this method leads finally to war rather than peace. There can be no permanent peace other than that which is built on faith, mutual helpfulness, goodwill, and love. These can never come through science. They belong primarily to the field of religion. Christ is the Prince of Peace and it is only in the practice of his way of life that peace can come between individuals and nations.

#### Help From God

God called Moses to do that which was humanly possible. Think for a moment of the odds he had against him. He was going up against the strongest nation of the world at that time. This nation had the greatest standing army of the time; hundreds of men armed to the teeth; equipped with the best weapons of the day. These people whom he sought to liberate had been in slavery for many years. They were ignorant and poor and had no weapons whatever. Yet, in spite of all this, Moses won. This victory can be accounted for in but one way—God was with Moses.

God helps those who have faith. Moses never doubted God. The same was true with the majority of the Israelites. At God's command they were willing and ready to march into the sea. Through our lack of faith we keep ourselves back from many blessings today.

God helps those who obey him. When Moses cried to God he said, "Speak to the Children of Israel that they go forward." They went forward though it seemed impossible for them to do so.

God is calling on the people of this age to go forward. There is a great task ahead, one that can never be accomplished through human strength alone, but he promises to go with us. He will furnish the power and if we will furnish the instrumentality the work will be done. We are workers together with God in the building of a better world.

A knife in the hands of a surgeon is an instrument of mercy; in the hands of a butcher it becomes an instrument of slaughter.—Maj. Alexander P. De Seversky, "Strength & Security with the Air Power," American Engineer, 9-'51.

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