

Hendrix Chapel-Auditorium To Be Opened

METHODISTS in Arkansas are especially happy this month in the completion and formal opening of the new chapel-auditorium on the Hendrix College campus in Conway. Methodists outside Arkansas can very well share the pride of Methodist Arkansans in this second new building to be opened on the campus within the last two years, for the building is indeed one that will invoke praise and commendation from all who are interested.

Hulen Hall, the student center building which was opened almost two years ago, and the chapel-auditorium were built for the most part with funds raised by Arkansas Methodists in the successful million dollar campaign of 1947. Half of the funds were set aside for endowment purposes while the balance has been used in the construction of these badly needed buildings. The chapel-auditorium is the answer to the dreams of many friends of Hendrix who through the years have wished for such a building.

On Saturday, November 17, Hendrix alumni and friends from over the state will gather on the Hendrix Campus for the Homecoming festivities and the formal opening exercises of the new building. We think they will be proud when they see what their gifts have made possible for the further spiritual and cultural development of Hendrix students, the Methodist churchmen of tomorrow.

District Conferences In The Louisiana Conference

LAST week all of the District Conferences of The Louisiana Conference held their annual sessions. The conferences met, two on Monday, one Tuesday, two Wednesday and two Thursday.

While each of the conferences conducted the regular business of a District Conference and reviewed the interests of the District program, the major emphasis in each of the meetings was on the United Evangelistic Mission.

The schedule for the conferences was arranged so that Bishop Martin could be present in each to deliver the principal address emphasizing the United Evangelistic Mission. In order that the Bishop might be in each of the conferences Mr. Floyd B. James, a great layman of Ruston, Louisiana, volunteered the use of his best pilot and a four passenger plane to fly the Bishop from conference to conference. Rev. C. B. White, Superintendent of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage, and the senior Editor are also indebted to Mr. James for the generous courtesy of being permitted to accompany the Bishop in the plane. A sudden change of weather created flying conditions which made it necessary to miss the Lake Charles District Conference. All of the other conferences were made on schedule. All who heard Bishop Martin's message were grateful to Mr. James for making this rapid schedule possible.

Louisiana Methodism is thoroughly alive and in the hands of a capable leadership as was evident to every conference. The attendance everywhere was on a high level. Mid-year reports indicated vigorous, aggressive District programs.

We are deeply grateful to the District Superintendents for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown us as we presented the interests of The Louisiana Methodist. The response of our people in Louisiana to this new publication overreaches our highest hopes. It is a challenge we hope to meet.

Mission To Underprivileged In Our Community

IN the beginning of the Methodist movement its work was largely with the underprivileged of England. When The Church of England would no longer allow Wesley to preach in its pulpits, he turned to the streets and the open country. There he preached to the masses of the common people, who seldom attended the services in the established church.

Following this example of its founder, Methodism has, from its beginning, felt a responsibility for the rank and file of people. Its appeal across the years has been to the masses rather than the classes. Growing in wealth, power and prestige, as we have in recent years, there is a danger that we may lose something of our contact with the common people and



thereby lose one of our greatest opportunities and lose also one of the distinctive features of the Methodist movement.

It is our feeling that Methodism has a mission to the underprivileged of the community today that is just as real and binding now as at any time since there has been a Methodist Church. Its message is especially adapted to the needs and understanding of these people. Wherever we fail to give them that message we have to that degree failed in our mission to the community. Methodism must not fail to carry its message.

The custom of sending Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas baskets of food and gifts to the less fortunate in our midst is a commendable practice. Our danger is that we may feel that our responsibility ends there. If, however, we are indifferent to the needs of the unfortunate people about us for the rest of the year, our special attention and special gifts on these great holidays may raise questions in the minds of those to whom we minister regarding the real motives that prompt our periodic benevolences.

The church, which is Christ at work in the world, cannot afford to surrender to welfare agencies and civic charities the total right and opportunity to minister to people who need help. Too often, as the welfare state grows stronger, the church grows correspondingly weaker. We are in the midst of a world revolution in which the less privileged of earth are seeking a share of the better things of life. Methodism, wherever possible, should seek to give proper balance and direction to that worthy desire.

The Governor Speaks His Mind On Gambling

WITHOUT question, organized gambling has become a menace to the well-being of the people of our nation and a threat to orderly government wherever it attempts to take root. In Arkansas, last week, Governor McMath, in a prepared statement spoke his mind in regard to open gambling at Hot Springs. The Governor said, "If the local officials are not able to immediately close the town and keep it closed, I am going to assign the State Police to that duty."

In this statement the Governor said another thing that can be said of organized gambling in any town or city. He said that gambling in Hot Springs "cannot be considered just a local problem." Deliberate lawlessness in any part of any state is the concern of the whole state because, directly or indirectly, the entire state is affected by any concerted disregard of the law.

The law-abiding citizenship of Arkansas will welcome and heartily approve the declared purpose of Governor McMath to stop illegal gambling. No section or city of any state, regardless of the results of local elections, has the right to become a law unto itself and attempt to bypass or disregard or defy state laws.

In the recent national tax measure, which became effective November 1st, Congress included a feature which marks a new low in national legislation. That feature requires all operators of illegal gambling establishments to pay an occupational tax of fifty dollars to national government and display the stamp or permit in their places of business or to carry it with them if they operate "on the hoof." In addition to this occupational tax the illegal gambler is required to pay to the government ten cents out of every dollar wagered through him or his establishment.

This willingness of our national government, for revenue, to place a tax on lawlessness and profit on activities that are in deliberate violation of law makes one tremble for the future of our national life. That is what the Governor was talking about when he said that federal permits do not legalize gambling in Arkansas. This is a vicious, disgraceful law and we are glad that the Governor has called attention to the fact that it does not exempt the gambler from prosecution by the law.

Great Results In Texas

IT oftentimes happens that the activities of others are a source of encouragement to us, especially when those activities result in great accomplishments. Those results become an inspiration when we ourselves are engaged in a similar undertaking. Thus, we are very much impressed with the results obtained in the recent United Evangelistic Mission conducted in the Houston Episcopal Area, October 5-October 14.

That Area is composed of the Texas, Southwest Texas and Rio Grande Mission Annual Conferences. The Central Jurisdiction Texas Conference also cooperated in the program. The results of the Evangelistic Mission as tabulated to date are as follows:

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Annual Conferences	4
Districts	23
Churches	580
Host Pastors	563
Guest Pastors	580
Prospects	51,373
Interviews	40,635
Confession and Vows	4,846
Transfers	6,008
Total Commitments	10,854

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God's Dreams

By MRS. GLEN LASKEY

Editors' Note: The following article is the address delivered by Mrs. Glen Laskey, Louisiana Conference W. S. C. S. President, to the Conference session, October 23.

LAST year as I brought my message I attempted to give you a survey of the ten years of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Guild, telling something of our growth, progress, achievements, gain in membership, and finances. We are embarking on our second decade—and you may be sure it will be quite different from our first—because we are living in a changing world. The Woman's Society is now a potent factor in the life of the church, and we have every expectation of growing stronger through the years. What these next ten years will be no one can visualize, but you can be sure they will not be sterile years. They will be great, if we choose to make them so. We have it within our power to accomplish this.

I have chosen as the title of my address "God's Dreams", a title that is not original, but that came from a devotional in the student publication POWER. The idea was so challenging that I continued to think about it, and began wondering what are God's dreams for the world, in its present condition, and how we as members of the Woman's Society could carry them out. Surely, I believe, God desires for his world:

1. Peace
2. That we put into practice our Christian ideals
3. A spiritual awakening.

What are we doing about these dreams? Are we helping or hindering?

(1) God most certainly intended peace for his world. War, disaster, and suffering is not part of his plan or design. He intended his people and nations to live together harmoniously and cooperatively.

Somehow, world peace has become a marginal or segmented task of the church. We have assigned it in program interest and in money appropriations at the very bottom of the church's concern. It should be our primary concern.

In addition to entering the second decade, we are in the last year of our Advance program—with only nine months to finish in a glorious manner. It happened that I was a visitor at Buck Hill Falls at the annual meeting of the Woman's Division when these Advance plans were first made. In almost dramatic fashion each secretary came forward and presented her requests for workers, equipment, etc. The figures and items mounted higher and higher, and the plans seemed so overwhelmingly big to me that it seemed we were planning the impossible, but the last three years we have seen the plans and dreams become realities and many of the goals are being fulfilled. How magnificent and challenging to see dreams realized, and be a part of the fulfillment!

This work has been accomplished on all levels because of the unflinching efforts and tireless energy of hundreds of faithful officers and members of the Guild and Woman's Society. I want to express my sincere appreciation to each of you for all you have done toward making these accomplishments come true. We are not finished. This last year is our crucial year, a year in which we will have to redouble our efforts, and work a little more earnestly to attain our goals.

I think all of us would like to know what to do. We feel so helpless. Let me make a few suggestions—

The United Church women have a recent pamphlet off the press, which makes certain definite suggestions, and which it is hoped will become the objective of all church women during the coming year. There are five objectives for building peace:

1. WE BELIEVE that we should strengthen and use our spiritual resources. Therefore; We shall pray that we may be used for peace.
2. WE BELIEVE that "This Nation Under God" can be a Christian Democracy. Therefore: We will live democracy in our home town every day.
3. WE BELIEVE that, next to the churches, today's best instrument for peace is the United Nations. Therefore: We will know it and support it.
4. WE BELIEVE that we must identify ourselves with the needs, the sufferings, the

longings of the people of the world.

Therefore: We will discipline ourselves to share our abundance of spiritual and material resources.

5. WE BELIEVE we must understand the issues of the world-struggle for peace. Therefore: We will study and discuss with our family and neighbors the issues of the peace.

The Woman's Society and Guild are working toward building peace with the 84 units of the Guild with 1709 members; and 286 Societies with 13,118 members. Last year \$77,676 was paid on appropriations—this was a per capita giving of \$6.30. The per capita giving in the United States is \$4.30. We are asking you to increase your per capita giving to \$7.00 this year to enable us to reach our pledge of \$90,682. We are depending on you to help us meet it. The Louisiana Conference has never failed to meet its goal.

I know you have acquainted yourself with the Atlas plan, which offers to every woman the opportunity to maintain the entire work of the Woman's Division around the world for as many seconds or minutes as she is able to undertake it.

I spoke of membership—we have gained steadily through the years—but not enough. We are urging you to begin your progressive visitation plan. Don't put it off until you find time. There is never any time—we're always busy. This plan aims to share with every woman of Methodism, through personal contact, the message of the world's need, and the individual's privilege of having a part in answering it. Don't fail to give your women this opportunity and privilege. I've already heard of some amazing results from those who have tried it.

(2) God certainly intended that we put into everyday practice the Christian ideals of brotherhood, justice, freedom, love and service to others. The Christian church believes that all men are children of God; therefore, brothers of one another. Carl Sandburg says this most aptly: "All tears have the same taste". Brotherhood means fair treatment, opportunity for work and education and breaking down walls of prejudice.

The Guild and Woman's Society have joined hands in many parts of the world to eradicate hopelessness and fear, and to bring courage, love, brotherhood and freedom. Many parts of our land and other lands would be dark without our schools, hospitals, clinics, nurseries and countless other kinds of work; and without our devoted and consecrated deaconesses and missionaries. Millions have been taught to read and hope lights their faces to look for a better life. In our country and state our Missionary Education studies have aided in changing attitudes and eradicating prejudices, and thousands of informed women with enlarged vision and deepened spiritual insight desire to help others in a fuller life. God dreams that we will exercise this law of love in our lives and help in service to others.

We who are privileged, and who have had opportunities, recognize our obligation to serve others. We have this wonderful opportunity in both the Woman's Society and in the Guild. The Guild especially stands in a strategic place with its hundreds of trained young women who could be ready in a short time to go out and serve. The jurisdiction is short of its goal. There are 229 workers still needed in this quadrennium. If workers had not returned from China and Korea there would be a grave shortage. Many of our deaconesses and missionaries are near retirement age, and we need new workers to fill the gap.

We are proud of our record here in Louisiana—our quota was 11—we have secured 12. They are: Alexa McCain, India; Neoma Windham, MacDonell Center; Lucille Hurley, married; Anna Givens, Japan; Marie Primm, Nurse; Pat Alexander, studying; Mantha Rose Carraway, married; Gretchen Elston, Japan; Mrs. Nettie Thornton, MacDonell Center; Charlie Hampton,

Japan; Velma Lee Hair, MacDonell Center; Katharine Davis, MacDonell Center.

We have ample avenues of service open to us through our department of Christian Social Relations, with its wide and varied activities. I would like to call your attention to the two, Citizenship and Alcohol Education.

We would be acutely aware of our responsibility as citizens, and give our support to good government and to the United Nations. Government listens to the voice of the people. All too often the voices are silent. The voice must come from the informed Christian women of America. Many of us do not take the trouble or time to vote.

In Alcohol Education we have pledged ourselves to give \$3000 this year to help support the program sponsored by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation sponsored by Dr. Hotalen, by bringing Dr. Vernon White, a specialist in the field of alcohol education, to Louisiana for a year. Dr. White is to speak to youth in the public schools of Louisiana and help train teachers in this important field of education. We truly believe that this is a decided step forward toward helping eradicate our alcohol culture, and we hope to make this a continuing program.

(3) Surely God is dreaming, and depending on us—Christian women—to lift the world to new spiritual heights. He must be depending upon us to have a spiritual awakening or a more acute awareness of Him, then live accordingly.

We are all distressed at the state of our world. There is great moral and spiritual deficiency. We have been overwhelmed by the seeming paralysis of conscience—treachery in high places. Deep freezers, mink coats—in addition to the alcohol culture in which we are living and bringing up our children. All too many of us have become worshippers of gadgets. Many Christian people seem to be despairing.

Instead of despairing, we need to deepen our faith, our unshakeable faith in God. We need to believe that at the heart of the world there is moral law and order, and we are not abandoned to our fate. We need to know that God's love is never failing, and ever dependable.

Let me ask you, as I ask myself—"How is your spirit in comparison with a jet plane, or with atomic energy? We are spiritual pygmies in a giant physical world of inventions. Where are our spirits in point of time—in the stone age, iron age, electric age or atomic era? Do you still believe in an "eye for eye"? None of us would live in a home with the inconveniences of 100 years ago, or be caught dead in styles of a decade ago—but our spirits are terribly out of date and behind times.

God dreams that we will have this spiritual awakening. We may all have inner peace, and it may be secured through Spiritual Life cultivation and a deepened prayer life. With a deepened spiritual sense we will have freedom from tensions, freedom from fear itself—and have a deep calmness, composure, and sureness of God.

This inner peace will keep us from confusion, and will help us in carrying out the things we need to do. In closing, I'd like to quote from Mrs. Barr's president's message, given in Little Rock in April at the Convocation:

"In that delightful little book *Endless Line of Splendor*, Dr. Halford E. Luccock says: "It is a supreme hour for the Church of Christ. For the Church is on trial for its life. Jesus Christ alone can save the world. Guns cannot. Not by bombs, nor jet planes, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

"America finds herself called to the leadership of a world, the vast majority of whose peoples are held in mental, moral and spiritual bondage, and they long for freedom. Many people are inclined to think only of the economic leadership America gives the world, but her leadership in a large measure is also spiritual. In this, Methodist women have a distinct contribution to make, as we pray for the Christian leaders in other lands, for government leaders in all nations and pray that God's will be done on earth. Yes, great souls dare to pray for great things and EXPECT great things."

Yes, we dare to dream "God's Dreams".

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Our combination of physical power and moral and social waywardness is now the crises of the twentieth century . . .

We have reached the stage where we know how to do almost anything, but have lost track of why anything we do should be done . . .

It (secularism) has even aided religion by forcing religion to many a re-examination of itself . . .

The emancipated free-thinker, scornful of religion, lives off an ethical code that still borrows from the faith of his fathers. The Christian heritage shines everywhere on men who scarcely realize what is shining on them . . .

What makes us live is whatever enhances our capacity to confer a meaning on what we know and feel in our given span of years . . .

We have leaped centuries ahead in inventing a new world to live in, but as yet we have an inadequate conception of our part in that world.

Unless the Church makes us hear a voice not our own voice, we shall perish . . .

THE PENITENT THIEF

What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Read Revelation 7:9-11

The possibility of a fresh start! Early or late, whenever we are ready to ask and to receive, our Lord stretches out His arms of welcome, and says, "You are the very one I was looking for. Where have you been this long time? I have been saving for you your full share. Give me the whole of your life and I will give you the whole of My love."

Now if Christ had merely given us that idea, we might say that He was an inspired teacher; but perhaps we should never quite believe that God could so feel or so act.

But watch what happens. Christ not only says it. On the very Cross, in the hour of His sharpest sufferings, He acts it out.

All He knew of the man who hung beside Him was that he was a criminal. At the last minute (if ever there was a last minute) the latest laborer in the vineyard arrives. "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom." And then comes the answer. Surely Christ, like the early laborers, through all His ministry had borne the burden and the heat of the world's evil. But He speaks not in their tone. In the very tone of God's voice He says, "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise."—Forward

Kindness has converted more sinners than either zeal, eloquence or learning.—Faber

The reward of one duty is the power to fill another.—Eliot

AWARENESS

God—let me be aware.
Let me not stumble blindly down the ways.
Just getting somehow safely through the days.
Not even groping for another hand.
Not even wondering why it all was planned.
Eyes to the ground unseeking for the light.
Soul never aching for a wild-winged flight.
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.
God—let me be aware.

God—let me be aware.
Stab my soul fiercely with others' pain.
Let me walk seeing horror and stain.
Let my hands, groping, find other hands.
Give me the heart that divines, understands.
Give me the courage, wounded, to fight.
Flood me with knowledge, drench me in light.
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.
God—let me be aware.

—Miriam Teichner, from Quotable Poems

WHERE IS CONSOLATION?

TEXT: *Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.* (Matt. 5:4)

CHRISTIANS do not purposely seek burdens. They do not go around with long faces to say to others, "Look what a burden I am bearing." But Christians of all ages have had a profound sense of other people's burdens and sorrows and have sought to share those burdens. The concern over a wayward person is never so deep as it is in the heart of the sincere Christian. The sorrow over the world with all its dangers is acute in the heart of men who love God and strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Christians come with heavy hearts to look at their world and they mourn for the spirit which permits a condition such as we face.

Mourning arises from the fact that earnest Christians feel that they are partially to blame for the conditions that exist. We have looked upon our faith as a convenience and not a conviction. We have admired and adored our Christ but have hesitated to really walk with Him in the redemption of the world. We have given our attention to gadgets and not to God. We have spent overwhelming amounts on frivolity and have given miserly to the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ. We have been more concerned with being socially correct than we have in being spiritually honest. We are grieved, not superficially, but deeply for our nominal Christian attitude.

This mourning is real when we come to think of our unsaved friends and loved ones. The Christian who has lost his passion for lost men and women should become deeply concerned for his own spiritual welfare. Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem because of their sinful ways. The Christian who feels the sense of lostness of others follows in His footsteps. A Christian cannot see the havoc wrought by sin without feeling a deep sense of grief.

Then a sincere Christian feels keenly the grief of others. Christians do not grieve as those who are without hope, but the pain is nonetheless acute. In the face of great suffering and heartache a Christian cannot go on his way without con-

cern. Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus and the people said that His love was great. Our love for the heartbroken cannot help but bring grief to our own heart. In this we follow the example of our Christ.

Does Jesus care when my heart is pained
Too deeply for mirth or song?
As the burdens press, and the cares distress,
And the way grows weary and long?
O yes, He cares; I know He cares,
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary
I know my Saviour cares.

Jesus taught that this was a blessed state. The blessedness is seen in the concern that we have over our own shortcomings. It is not until we see our weakness and indifference that we start to do something about it. Our blame for conditions as they exist can be changed; we can fulfill our responsibility as followers of Jesus Christ and in that fulfillment we find strength day by day as in true repentance we turn to Him.

Our blessedness comes in sharing the burdens of others in the fellowship we have with Jesus Christ and with others. Henry Ward Beecher says, "Sorrow makes men sincere." In that depth of sincerity there is a fellowship that makes us more conscious of the Eternal Presence and of others of kindred mind. We carry the pain of our sorrowing friends in our own heart and there is a bond of sympathy that catches us up together close to the heart of God.

It takes just a depth of concern in the hearts of men before we can start out to do much in bringing God's Kingdom in the hearts of men. It is just such a burden as this that turns us away from frivolous things to the things of eternal value. We no longer ask the question, is it expedient, but is it right, is it God's will for me. The comfort for those who mourn is an inner strength and

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Our Father, Thou art all compassion. Thou knowest the burdens of our heart. We pray Thee, Father, that in our hour of need that we will turn to Thee. Teach us how to be more compassionate toward those who are carrying burdens of sorrow. Help us to be more understanding of those who are laden with guilt. Lead us that we may lead them to Thine eternal throne of mercy. Instill in Thy Church a courageous spirit that Thy Church may be equal to the demands of this day. When evil challenges righteousness may that challenge be accepted and clothed in Thy power may we follow where our Christ leads. In this time of confusion, when our spirits are buffeted, may we never lose sight of Thy love and Thy purpose for Thy children in this world. Forgive us for our lukewarm attitude toward Thy Kingdom and stir our hearts again to zealous effort, fired by the presence of Thine Eternal Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS

We marvel at the deeds of the early followers of Jesus—their conversions, the miracles they performed, their influence on people, the persecutions and deaths they suffered. They did things that we say are impossible today.

We read Matthew 26:19 . . . And the disciples did as Jesus directed them.

It is any wonder they were able to accomplish such marvels! They did as their Master taught them. Read the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, 6, 7. The disciples followed those directions. They were meek, merciful, pure, humble, loving, peacemakers. They let their light shine for the glory of the Father. They practiced the philosophy of the second mile. They were seeking the perfection of God and his kingdom and righteousness. They did not lay up treasures here on earth, but shared their material possessions with the needy. They loved men of prayer and faith. They loved God with their whole being and mankind as themselves. They lived by love and service.

What would happen to us, to our homes, churches, schools, communities, and—yes—to our nation and world, if we made His way our way without reservations? The Jesus way is the way of complete surrender of self to the supreme will of God for our lives and for the world.

Father, each day help me to do as Jesus directs me. Amen.

Seed thought: James 1:22

Mary Jo Summers, Virginia, In Power

Be sure your world is not one in which things happen, but one in which things are done.—Exchange

Don't compare your goodness with the goodness of other men, but with that of the Man of Galilee.—Exchange

peace that is more than shielding from grief; it is victory in spite of grief.—R.B.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

WHAT IMPRESSED ME MOST

For some time, now, the secular and church press have been full of reports from the recent Ecumenical Conference which met in Oxford, England. I have been very much interested in the reaction of those in attendance.

Twice in my life I have visited in that country and my impressions were profound and abiding. I spent two Sundays in London and attended the Methodist Church founded and served for many years by John Wesley. On one Sunday a visiting American preacher filled the pulpit, and on the other the regular pastor preached. I went to church early and saw and heard many interesting things. The auditorium of the church was not an impressive structure, just a simple house of worship, but the atmosphere was redolent with Mr. Wesley's presence. At the close of the service on each Sunday I was there I spoke to the preacher and to many of the devout, regular worshippers. It was a memorable experience.

With a well-informed guide, I then visited what we would call the parsonage, and after that I went to the rear of the Chapel where sleeps the dust of our great founder and that of many others who labored with him in those early days. Amongst them is a monument erected to the memory of his mother, Susannah Wesley, and as I stood there I seemed to feel the presence of that saintly woman who gave the founder of Methodism to the world.

But my purpose now is to tell what impressed me most amongst all the things I saw. Mr. Wesley's study in his parsonage home was a little room adjoining his bed room. Just off the study was his prayer room, where he went daily for his devotions. It was a very small room, practically filled by a large arm chair. The arms of the chair had grooves worn in them, which my guide said were worn there by Mr. Wesley's restless hands in his periods of devotion. I have forgotten how the little parsonage home looked, and I remember very little about his study, but I can never forget the grooves in the arms of that old chair.

Many years have passed since then and I am a long ways from that historic place, but I am trying to write about what impressed me most while I was there. The most memorable thing were the grooves in that arm-chair in the prayer room off Mr. Wesley's study. There he wrestled with God, in that place Methodism was born and sent on its way. Whatever we as Methodists forget, we should never forget that Methodism was born and must be kept alive through earnest, persistent and insistent prayer.

Yes, the thing that impressed me most were the grooves in the arms of Wesley's chair.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-District for the Russellville Area met on Monday night, November 5, at Atkins.

THE Dermott-Lake Village Sub-District of adults met at the Lake Village Church on Monday, November 5, at 7:00 p. m.

THE Dermott-Lake Village Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the Eudora Methodist Church on Monday, October 22.

THE METHODIST MEN of the Nettleton Church will meet on Wednesday evening, November 14.

A TRAINING SCHOOL was held in Portland during the week of October 14 with 61 enrolled and 48 certificates issued. Rev. Clem Baker is pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and vicinity met at Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro, on Monday, November 5.

REV. C. B. WHITE, Superintendent of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage, was the guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Pineville, Sunday morning, October 28.

REV. VIRGIL D. MORRIS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, was the guest speaker at the Jewish Temple in Alexandria on Friday, October 26.

THE New Orleans Council of Church Women observed the annual World Community Day on Friday, November 2, at the Canal Street Presbyterian Church.

DR. FRANCIS A. BUDDIN, district superintendent of the Little Rock District, was the guest preacher at the vesper hour at 5:00 o'clock on November 4 at the First Methodist Church, Warren. Rev. J. E. Cooper is pastor.

REV. EDWIN B. DODSON, pastor of the Berryville Methodist Church, and Mrs. Dodson, announce the arrival of a son, Don Becker, born October 9 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Missouri.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN dedicated the new parsonage at Dubach last week. Rev. Preston Holley, pastor of the church, and Rev. G. W. Pomeroy, Ruston District superintendent assisted in the service.

REV. JACK WINEGEART, minister to students at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, attended the Jurisdictional Conference for student workers at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, during the past week.

REV. R. E. CARTER, pastor at Glenmora, is doing the preaching in a series of services at Fellowship Church at Hinston for the Melder and Fellowship Churches. Rev. Harry Cannon, pastor at Friendship, is leading the singing.

HENNING MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, Sulphur, announces that more than \$85,064 has been pledged to date in a building fund campaign for \$125,000 which began recently.

REV. GEORGE PEARCE, JR., pastor of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, will preach at the city-wide Thanksgiving service on November 22 at the First United Pentecostal Church. The service is sponsored by the DeRidder Ministerial Alliance.

DR. W. E. HOTALEN, state director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Inc., was the guest speaker at the Curtis Park Methodist Church in Bossier City on Sunday morning, October 28. Rev. H. C. Norsworthy is pastor of the Curtis Park Church.

DR. WARREN JOHNSTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, who was the speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at Hendrix College, November 4-8, preached at the First Methodist Church, Conway, on Sunday, November 4.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of Natchitoches is launching a campaign to raise funds

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DATES

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, Tyroneza

Little Rock Conference

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

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension will meet on November 16 at the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, at 10:00 a. m.—V. E. Chalfant, Chairman

to build a new church and educational building. The drive is headed by James B. Ray of the Wells organization of Texas. A kick-off banquet was given on Thursday, November 1.

REV. AND MRS. GAIL G. ANDERSON announce the birth of a daughter, Janice Gail, at the Methodist Hospital at Paragould on October 12. Brother Anderson is pastor of the Lake City and Lake View Church of the Jonesboro District.

SUNDAY night, October 28, marked the end of a series of programs of the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship at Trinity Church, Ruston. At the worship service in the sanctuary on this closing night the Grambling choir presented a musical program. Rev. R. R. Branton is pastor.

LIE TIEN CHANG, China, Mary Hadjiyannaki, Greece, Arture H. Gomez, Spanish Honduras, and Hassan Ganyoum, Egypt, were the featured speakers at the United Nations Day program at the Baker Methodist Church, October 25. These foreign students are enrolled at L.S.U.

JOINT Thanksgiving Service for Brownville, Claiborne, McGuire, and First Church, West Monroe, will be held in the Claiborne Methodist Church at 10:00 A. M. Thanksgiving morning. The Claiborne Choir will furnish the special music.

CHAPLAIN AND MRS. LEROY HENRY announce the birth of a son, David LeRoy, on October 30 at Paragould Community Methodist Hospital. Chaplain Henry is Base Chaplain at Malden Air Base, Malden, Missouri, and Mrs. Henry is residing at Marmaduke.

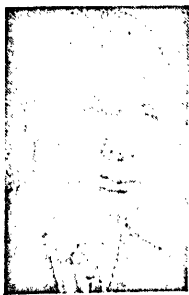
REV. R. WRIGHT SPEARS, pastor of the Central Methodist Church in Florence, S. C., was inaugurated on October as the 13th president of Columbia College, Columbia, S. C. He is the first president the Methodist school for women has inaugurated in thirty years. He succeeds Dr. Walter K. Greene.

DR. CLOVIS CHAPPELL, former pastor of the First Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and author of twenty-seven religious books, will be the principal speaker at the six-day series of services being held in the First Methodist Church in Carthage, Texas. Dr. Chappell retired from the pastorate to devote himself to writing and preaching.

DR. HARRY A. LITTLE has been re-elected chairman of the Board of Education of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, for the new church year. Serving with him will be: Mrs. H. W. Jefferies, First Vice-chairman; J. L. Bond, (Continued on page 5)

THE ARITHMETIC OF THE KINGDOM

By LEROY H. WALKER, Director United Evangelistic Mission



Leroy H. Walker

WHEN we were taught the rudiments of arithmetic, we were assured that two and two equal four. As the years passed we came to realize that two and two could also be 22 and by adding enough zeros it might equal twenty-two million.

When we enter the realm of human personality, the laws of mathematics simply break down. We have all had the experience of seeing one person added to a church or to a committee or to a board and the result has been subtraction rather than addition. Because the one we imagined we added was censorious and negative, the amount of Kingdom business accomplished was greatly reduced.

On the other hand, we have all experienced the results when a single individual with holy imagination and limitless faith and enthusiasm has been added to the church, committee or board. The result has been neither subtraction nor addition, but multiplication.

In Matthew 18:19-20 it is recorded that Jesus said: "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." By simple arithmetic, any school boy could tell you that two or three, plus Jesus could not possibly equal more than four. But every Christian knows differently. Two or three plus Jesus equals millions.

When John Wesley was born, he was the fifteenth of nineteen children. No doubt neigh-

bors said the Wesleys had simply added a fifteenth child to the ample number of fourteen they already had. How wrong they were! One, John Wesley, plus an Aldersgate experience, which was added to a good education and wonderful parental counsel has multiplied into no less than twelve million members of the great Methodist family.

My Grandmother Walker with whom I lived for a time, would often say of some highly effective church member or neighbor, "She's a host!" It was truly a descriptive term. To add such a woman to any community was to transform the whole countryside.

When such observations are altogether commonplace, I wonder why we should be so slow to recognize that the results of some such cooperative effort as the United Evangelistic Mission are far greater than the sum total of the individual efforts. When 674 charges and 222,000 Methodists in this Arkansas-Louisiana Area pray and work together, in some Divine manner, a power is released that defies mathematics.

We have a hint of what might be expected when we contemplate the significance of Jesus' statement about "two or three agreed" or when we consider the thing that happened at that first Pentecost. I do not pretend to know or explain why God works that way. I simply know He does.

Surely no minister or church in this Arkansas-Louisiana Area can afford to miss being a part of this Divine movement. There is evidence on every hand that God's Spirit is being released with quickening power. This is especially evident wherever the United Evangelistic Missions are operating. It would be tragic should any Methodist minister or Methodist church stand in the way of the Holy Spirit having full right of way in these two states this fall and winter.

Area Council in Hastings, Nebraska, on Wednesday, October 24. He spoke on "Expanding Methodism in City Areas" and related experiences in organizing eight new Methodist churches in New Orleans.

AN all-church fish fry for the church at Lake Village was held on Thursday, October 18, on the Holloway's lakeshore lawn. Hosts were members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The committee on arrangements was composed of V. S. Cuthbert, B. E. Pace, Gordon Norris and Neill Sloan. Around one hundred people attended the affair.

THE churches of Harrisburg, consisting of the First Baptist, the Assembly of God, the Church of Christ, the First Methodist and the First Christian have planned to give special invitations to veterans to come to church on Armistice Day, November 11, which comes this year on Sunday. At a meeting of the pastors it was agreed to have a special prayer for peace on that day.

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, Alexandria, Rev. James E. Christie, pastor, opened a new church school building, Sunday, October 28, at which time a record attendance at the church school hour was recorded. A special feature of the morning worship service was the formal consecration of the new facilities for use in the program of Christian education, with the Junior Choir providing the music for the service.

MRS. VIRGIL D. MORRIS, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, was the guest featured speaker Friday, October 26, at the monthly meeting of the Current Book Club, Alexandria, when she addressed the group about her impressions of conditions in Europe. Mrs. Morris accompanied her husband this last summer on a trip to Europe in connection with the Ecumenical Methodist Conference in Oxford, England.

BISHOP MARTIN was the preacher at the Wichita Falls, Texas, District Mass Meeting, Sunday afternoon, November 4, at Wichita Falls Municipal Auditorium as the Dallas-Fort Worth Area United Evangelistic Mission was brought

to a close. Bishop Martin also preached at the Floral Heights Methodist Church, Wichita Falls, Sunday night. Rev. Earl R. Hoggard, Floral Heights pastor, is a former associate pastor of Bishop Martin.

MRS. MARY WELCH of Henderson, Texas, noted conference speaker and author of several books, held a Spiritual Life Clinic at the First Methodist Church, Homer, the week October 28 through November 2. Services were held each day at 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The general theme was "Doors into Life: Love and Prayer." Mrs. Welch is holding a similar clinic this week in Minden. She is a recognized resource leader in matters pertaining to the Christian life and is in demand throughout the United States as a speaker.

THE young people of rural Pleasant Valley Church at Weyers Cave, Virginia, learned of some of the needs in war-stricken areas in Europe, including soap. They collected hundreds of pounds of fat. Then they set a night and met on some farm where firewood was ample. They made almost 300 pounds of soap at a recent boiling. They sowed a patch of broom corn and cultivated it at "hoeing bees." Everyone was so busy at harvest time that they cut the brooms at night by car headlights. When it was ready for cleaning, another party was staged. When the brooms were made and sold, the funds were put in their missionary budget.

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT M. WALKER, recently transferred to the Texas Conference from the Louisiana Conference, were honored at a farewell reception by the Maplewood Methodist Church where they have been serving for the past year and a half. The reception was held following the evening of worship on October 23 at which time the honorees received a beautiful electric clock as a gift from the Maplewood Board of Stewards, Carter L. Simpson, Chairman. The Walkers have been appointed to the Shepherd Drive Methodist Church, Houston, where their address will be 621 Shepherd Drive. Rev. Louis Hunter has been appointed to succeed Mr. Walker as the Maplewood pastor, assuming his duties November 1. Mr. Hunter has been serving as pastor at Vidor, Texas, in the Texas Conference.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

(Continued from page 4)

Second Vice-chairman; Miss Era Hardy, Secretary and Miss Mary Ward, Treasurer.

DR. W. HARRISON BAKER, District Superintendent, Dallas District, North Texas Conference, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Tuesday, October 30, which met at the Wesley Foundation Building, University Methodist Church.

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY of the Methodist Home Hospital, New Orleans, was the sponsor for a minstrel show at the Jerusalem Temple, on Friday, November 2, to raise funds for nursery furniture, hospital equipment and landscaping for the Methodist Home Hospital. Mrs. Arthur Bech is the president of the Woman's Auxiliary.

THE first of the fall Family Nights was held at Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Wednesday, November 7, when a potluck supper was served. The first film in the series on "The Life of Paul" was shown. A recreation hour was held and there were separate groups for children. Rev. Cecil R. Culver is pastor.

REV. ROBERT W. VAUGHAN, superintendent emeritus, Louisiana Methodist Orphanage, was the guest preacher at the opening services in the new Educational Building at the Springhill Methodist Church. Dr. Vaughan is a former pastor at Springhill. Rev. G. W. Pomeroy, Ruston District Superintendent, was the preacher at the evening service.

REV. LEROY H. WALKER, director of The Arkansas-Louisiana United Evangelistic Mission, was the guest preacher at the evening hour at the Methodist Church at Benton on Sunday, October 28. Rev. H. O. Bolin is pastor. On Sunday evening, November 4, Mr. Walker preached at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock. Rev. Irl Bridenthal is pastor.

DR. H. L. JOHNS, district superintendent of the New Orleans District, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Kansas-Nebraska

GREAT RESULTS IN TEXAS

(Continued on page 1)

Attendance:	
Youth Rallies	10,443
Local Churches	510,709
Mass Meetings	41,505
Total Attendance	562,657
Offerings:	
Youth Rallies	\$ 1,012.00
Local Churches	45,398.21
Mass Meetings	5,396.85
Total Offerings	51,807.06

This is the same type mission as is being conducted at the present in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, but, typically Texan, it was conducted on a larger scale than our program. The ministers of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area assisted the pastoral charges of the Houston Area in its mission and in return the ministers of the Houston Area assisted last week the pastoral charges of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area in its evangelistic mission. Complete results of this latter campaign were not available at the time of this writing.

Results of the Houston Area Mission bear out the oft repeated advice of evangelistic leaders who insist that where proper preparation is made in the local church and the program is followed, results will be obtained. As indicated above 4,846 first decisions were made and 6,008 commitments obtained for transfer of memberships, a total of 10,854 commitments out of 40,635 interviews. Thus, one of out of every four prospects interviewed responded favorably. Equally impressive is the total of approximately one half million persons reported in attendance in the various worship services held as a part of the evangelistic mission. That is more than twice the total number of active members reported last year (1950) throughout that Area.

All of which is to say that Arkansas-Louisiana Area churches can expect to have the same proportionate results in its campaign now and through January. This Area has the needed leadership for the endeavor and from what we have been able to learn there is a developing air of expectancy among the lay people in the churches, a wholesome indication that the churches are responding to the opportunity and challenge of the program. May there be a good harvest For Christ and His Church.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE BEAUTIFUL OAK

The oak tree stood on the very edge of a high cliff in Judy's back yard. Judy's mother once said, "I think I bought this house because of that oak tree in the back yard."

The people who lived next door to Judy, and the ones next door to them, and the people in the other house, all enjoyed that tree. Some of the houses even had big wide picture windows in the back, so the people wouldn't have to go outside to see the tree. Nobody could decide when the tree looked its best, in winter, spring, summer, or in autumn.

It was a very old tree, and one sometimes wondered if it might not some day reach the sky, it was so tall. Then its lower branches spread out like big leafy arms that stretched from one end of Judy's back yard to the other. It seemed to try and protect all the baby shrubs on the edge of the cliff.

In the winter, when the bare branches looked very black against the white snow, one could see between the branches all the gaily-colored roofs of the houses on the other side of the bank. You could see the bright Neon lights of the stores in the little village below. You could even see the post-office, the traffic light, and the autos on the highway. Then the people felt quite sure the oak tree was at its best.

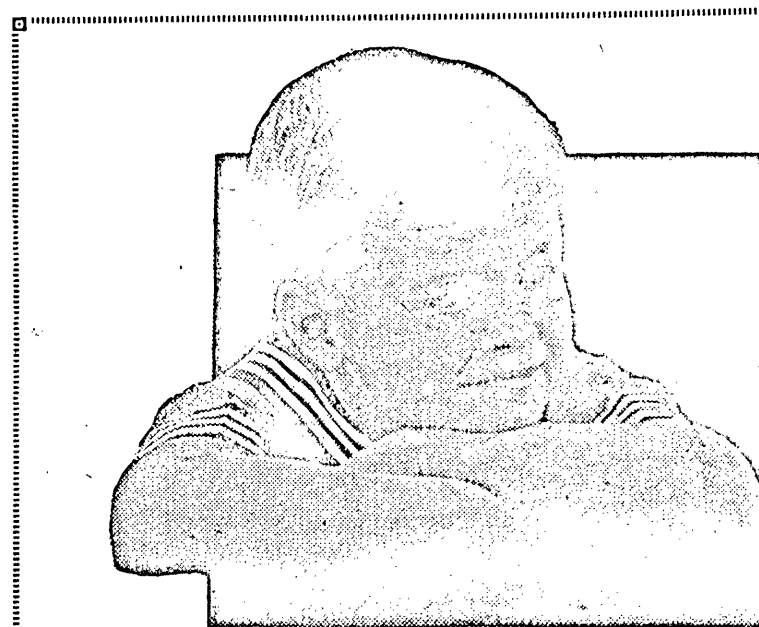
But when spring came and the tiny leaf buds burst open, the tree made a green lattice that let you peek through at the blue sky, the freshly upturned ground of the farmland below, and the brightly-colored roofs of the houses were spotted by the green leaflets. People couldn't see quite so much now as they had seen all winter, but the tree itself was so beautiful that they quite forgot what they couldn't see and enjoyed the tree itself.

Then came summer with the tree in full leaf, until nobody could see beyond the tree, and somehow nobody wanted to see beyond it. Sometimes when it was very warm you could see somebody sitting under the oak tree reading a book or writing a letter, and sometimes the family would sit under its cool, leafy outstretched branches, and drink lemonade, or have their lunch.

The birds enjoyed that oak tree. The robins, catbirds, and yellow warblers all gathered in its branches and made their homes there and chatted to themselves and to each other. It was a splendid place for birds, because right along the bottom of the cliff ran a cool, bubbling creek where the birds could always get a drink or a fresh bath. It was a wonderful place for birds.

Judy and all her friends liked the warm summer days. They loved their happy feathered friends, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the oak in its summer dress.

But when autumn came and those hundreds and thousands of green leaves turned to brown, red, orange, and gold, then indeed the tree was beautiful. It was a blaze of color. The birds left for the southland and



WHEN I GROW UP

*I think when I grow up
I'd like to be
A fireman fighting fires
So fearlessly.*

*Or then perhaps
I'd like to write a book,
Or paint a scene
Beside a shady brook.*

*Most any boy would like
To run a train,
Or better still
To fly an aeroplane.*

*To grow to be
The finest sort of man,
Right now I'll be
The best boy that I can.*

—A.E.W.

the grey squirrels began racing up, and down the tree and all around the ground. Such busy, happy, chattering squirrels you never did see! They ought to have been happy, of course, because that oak tree scattered hundreds of acorns, all over the ground. With puffed, bulging cheeks, the squirrels would dart across the lawn and the street to the woods, only to return in a few moments with their cheeks empty, and in a big hurry to get more. It was a wonderful tree for the squirrels.

People looked out their picture windows and thought a "Thank you, God, for such beautiful trees and the visiting birds and squirrels, and all this lovely autumn coloring." Nobody ever heard those "Thank you's" except God, and the person who spoke to God.

It is hard to decide when the trees look their prettiest. Right now everybody is sure that the oak tree is at its very best, and perhaps they are right in thinking so. I wonder what they will think when the snow comes, or the leaf-buds burst, or the robins sing in the heavily leafy tree. Well we shall wait and see. All we can say is that we are very, very fortunate to live in a country that has a change of seasons, because then we really see our trees in all their glory.—Margaret G. Wilson in The United Church Observer.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

TED'S LESSON

Mother stood on the front porch with a basket of cookies in her hands. The three children, Ted, Lucy, and Marie, were starting down the walk to school. "I want you to stop at Grandmother's and leave this basket for me." Then she went back into the house, for she was very busy.

At noon when Ted came home, Mother asked, "Did Grandmother like the cookies?"

"I don't know," answered Ted. "I met Roy Briggs, and we thought we would go to school early, to play ball before the bell, so Lucy took them."

The next day was Saturday. Mother was baking, Marie was dusting, Lucy was washing the breakfast dishes, and Baby Brother was crying.

Said Mother, "Ted, please play with Baby Brother. See, he is trying to build a tower with those boxes."

After a very little while Baby Brother began to cry again. Mother went into the nursery. "Why, where is Ted?" she asked.

"Oh," said Lucy, "I saw him go out with his ball and bat. But I'm through with the dishes, I'll play with Baby Brother."

When Ted came in after an hour or so, he asked if there was something he could do. Mother pinned an apron around him and mixed some eggs and milk and flour in a bowl. She gave him a spoon and told him to stir it carefully until it was all mixed together. Then mother went to answer the telephone.

When she came back Ted was playing with the kitten in one corner of the kitchen, and Marie was stirring the cake.

"My arms were tired," said Ted. "I knew Marie did not mind doing it."

When Saturday evening came Mother brought out two packages. She gave one to Lucy and one to Marie. "These," said mother, "are for my two good helpers." When they opened them they found a new story book in each package.

Then she took another package. She did not open it, but put it on the shelf. "This," she said, "was intended for Ted. But you see although he starts out to do things, he never finishes them. He changes his mind or forgets. I want to leave this package here where you can see it, Ted, and if you learn this coming week to finish the things you begin, you may have it."

Poor Ted. He felt very sorry to think that Mother could not depend on him. Every day he looked at that package, and it reminded him that Mother was depending on him. He tried his very best, and at the end of the week, Mother took the package down and said, "This is for a boy who now finishes what he begins no matter how much he wants to do something else before it is finished."—Adapted from Storytime.

experience.

"Those kids talk funny. They say you-all instead of you-guys."—Carrie Belle Parks, English Jnl.

JUST FOR FUN

An official of the board of health in an American town notified a citizen that his license to keep a cow on his premises had expired. This was the citizen's reply:

"Monsieur Board of Helt—I just got your notis that my license to keep a cow has expired. I wish to inform you, M'iseur, that my cow she beat you to it—she expire t'ree weeks ago. Much oblige. Yours with respect. Pete . . ." —Everybody's Weekly, London.

"Seems like no matter where I hide my money," said one disgruntled husband to a friend, "my wife finds it."

"Do like I do," advised his friend. "I always hide mine in her sewing basket with my undarned socks."

"Is it true that the wild beasts of the jungle will not harm you if you carry a torch?"

"It all depends," answered the practical explorer, "how fast you carry it."—Quote.

A western schoolboy met some children from the southeast during his summer vacation. Afterward he commented to his teacher on the

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Protestant 'Old Ladies' Get Big Bequest

The city of New Orleans has received a \$351,275.22 cheque "for the benefit of the Protestant Old Ladies in New Orleans." This was announced by Assistant City Attorney Nelson S. Woody who said that Mayor S. deLesseps S. Morrison had asked the New Orleans Council of Churches for a recommendation on how to distribute the money. Mr. Woody said that the cheque was received from the executor of the succession of Mrs. Helen Grace Hedden Stanton who died in 1947. She owned several valuable pieces of property in the main business district of New Orleans. Heirs of Mrs. Stanton in New York and Baltimore contested the will, and the \$351,000 cheque is the result of a compromise made following four years of negotiations.

Taft Says He Declined Vatican Ambassadorship

Charles P. Taft, one of the nation's most prominent Protestant laymen, said at Cincinnati that he declined an appointment as ambassador to the Vatican last January and advised President Truman against such a diplomatic mission. Mr. Taft denied, however, a press report that he had, at that time, suggested that the President send a second ambassador to Rome and another to Geneva, Switzerland where the World Council of Churches has its headquarters. "It is correct that I was offered the post of ambassador to the Vatican by the President in January," Mr. Taft said. "I declined and advised against it. The story that I suggested instead a second ambassador at Rome and an ambassador in Switzerland to the World Council is absolutely incorrect." Mr. Taft, a brother of Ohio's senior senator, is a member of the central committee of the World Council of Churches and of the general board of the National Council of Churches.

Business Group Winds Up Tour With Prayers

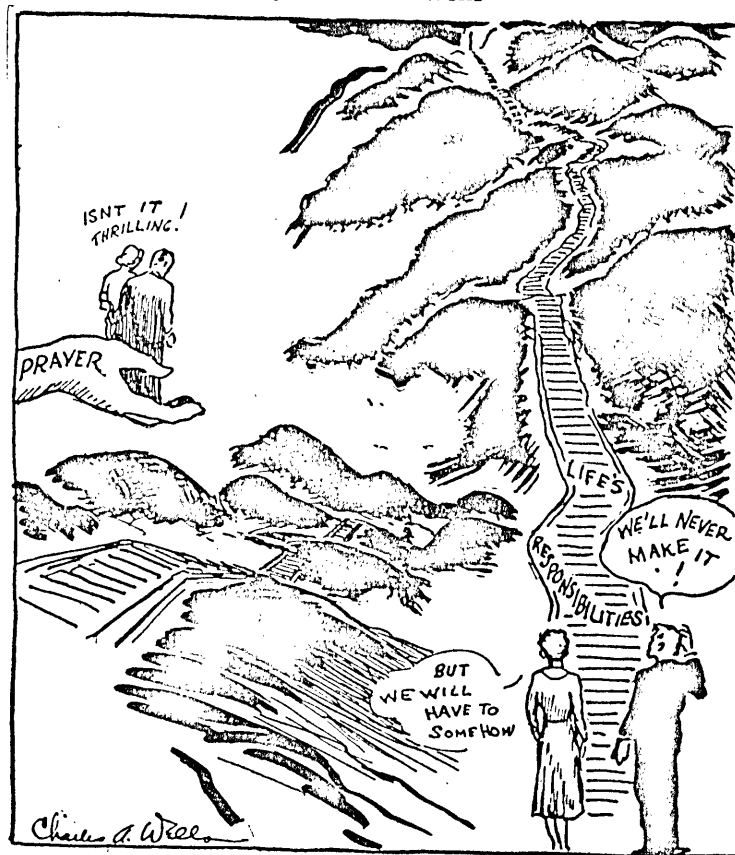
Members of a goodwill touring party sponsored by the chamber of commerce at Oklahoma City wound up their 620-mile trip by holding a solemn roadside service of thanks for its success. The 80 persons in the group, standing with bared heads beside their three buses just outside the city, joined in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," recited the 23rd Psalm and repeated the Lord's Prayer. In the party which visited 32 communities were 50 Oklahoma City business men, bus drivers and members of the capital's Kiltie band.

Layman Boosts Church Work

When George S. Davis retired as mail carrier last year, he really went to work for his church, the Twelfth Avenue Church of Christ in Nashville, Tenn. Until he made his first annual report to elders many did not realize that he had been so busy. The layman made 1,100 visits to 205 families or homes, plus many hospital calls; was active in a vacation Bible school, assisted at ten funerals and handled 28 emergency calls for household needs. Church records indicate that Mr. Davis brought in 50 new mem-

VALUE OF PRAYER

By Charles A. Wells



Anyone can test the value of prayer on some day when life's path seems like an endless exhausting stairway with no end in sight. Just leave your troubles to look after themselves for a while and find some quiet place to read a portion of the scriptures, meditate on the goodness of God and the purpose of life as revealed in God's word and the record of His dealings with men. In such communion the long vistas of life will inevitably come to you. The efforts you make which seem so trying and futile will fall in place with the heroic achievements of others who also thought their efforts in vain. In a little while you will seem to be looking down on the path you are to follow, like an eagle looking down from a mountain. The steep hills will be there but you will see the vista they will bring, the rocky ledges, the thrill of strong limbs that have overcome weariness. Prayer enables us to get the long and cheering view of life, bringing a repose and confidence that multiplies strength.

bers during the year, and a class he teaches doubled in attendance.

45,000 Hear Dr. Peale In Dallas

More than 45,000 persons gathered to hear Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas New York minister, writer and radio speaker, talk on "This Nation Under God." His inspirational address highlighted a nondenominational religious festival believed to be the biggest assembly of its kind ever held in the Southwest. The festival was jointly sponsored by the State Fair of Texas and Dallas Morning News. The management of the State Fair, held in the Cotton Bowl, closed down its ticket booths an hour and a half before the religious program was to begin, giving free entry to the fair grounds to everyone coming to hear Dr. Peale speak.

Methodists Act To Assure Control Over Colleges

The Virginia Methodist Conference took action at Roanoke, Va. aimed at assuring Conference control over three church-related colleges in the state. Many Methodist clergymen have expressed fear that two of the three institutions may "slip away" from church control.

The two are Randolph-Macon Woman's College and Randolph-Macon Academy. Randolph-Macon (Men's) College maintains close ties with the Conference and, unlike the other two institutions, receives substantial financial support from the church body. Holding its annual session at Roanoke, the Conference was told that it has no real control over the colleges because it is an unincorporated body. Under Virginia law, the Conference cannot incorporate, but a committee was set up to look into the matter in detail and, if necessary, seek a change in the law to permit such incorporation.

French Protestant Evangelists Use Drama

A group of twelve Protestant evangelists whose methods include dramatic portrayals of Bible stories returned to Paris from a 20-day tour of an isolated section of central France. Among them were four pastors and four young actors. The group reported that although this was the first public undertaking of its kind by Protestants in a region where some villages did not have a single Protestant, they were everywhere "well, if not always enthusiastically, received." The Routiers de L'Esperance, as the group call

themselves, said that in some villages they attracted audiences of over a thousand, while in others the attendance was less than fifty. During their tour, they received many demands for copies of the Bible, and 64 persons asked for spiritual guidance.

College Has Religious Revival

A religious revival among students at Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y., gained such momentum that classes were cancelled or cut short all week. The revival was touched off by a prayer meeting of a few students in a dormitory room on Sunday night. Other students drifted in and by midnight the crowd was so large the meeting was moved down to the college church. "One of the faculty members told me a lot of students had gathered in the church and there were no faculty members with them," said Dr. Stephen W. Paine, college president. "I went over to see what was going on." Dr. Paine found that the meeting was orderly and that students were sincere in their testimony. He did not interfere. The meeting continued until 6 a. m. About 550 students joined out of curiosity or to offer their own testimony and to pray. "We are a college and we have a job to do, but personally I'm happy over this movement," said Dr. Paine. "I'm sure that something real is being accomplished for these kids."

Jordan's New Ruler Gives Pledge To Christians

Jerusalem's Latin Rite (Roman Catholic) Greek Orthodox and Armenian Patriarchs were received in Jerusalem by King Talil of Jordan on his first official visit to the Arab-ruled Old City. The king assured the church leaders that he would continue the policy of the late King Abdullah by protecting the Christian churches and safeguarding the status quo of the Holy Places in his territories. King Talil also announced that he would attend Christmas celebrations at Bethlehem if his duties permitted him.

Liquor Purchases Exceed Church Contributions, 8-1

Americans are spending more than eight times as much on liquor as on churches, according to figures compiled from government sources by the Methodist Board of Temperance in Washington, D. C. Expenditures on alcoholic beverages amount to nearly 2½ times the amount spent on all private welfare activities, education, and scientific research, the temperance group reported. Based on estimates by the Office of Business Economics of the U. S. Department of Commerce as to how Americans spend their \$225,000,000,000 yearly income, the Temperance Board said that expenditures for liquor total nearly \$9,000,000,000 a year, or \$58 per year for every man, woman, and child in the United States. On the other hand, Americans contribute only a little more than one billion dollars annually to religious bodies, about \$70 per capita. Total expenditures for privately-financed welfare activities, education, and research total \$3,000,000,000, or \$24 per capita.

November Special For Training And Hendrix College

PURPOSES

Two major goals characterize the November Special for Ministerial Training and Hendrix College:

1. TO HELP ENLARGE AND TRAIN OUR MINISTRY. Part of the funds raised will be used to give direct aid to our Arkansas ministerial students, in whatever college or university they may be. The Little Rock Conference has set \$3,000 as its minimum goal for this purpose. The North Arkansas Conference has set \$5,000.

2. TO HELP SUPPORT HENDRIX COLLEGE. The other portion of the funds raised will go to the current budget of Hendrix. Each Conference has set \$5,000 as its minimum goal for this purpose.

"NOVEMBER SPECIAL" DRIVE BEGINS SOON

Arkansas Methodism's "November Special," the annual drive for Ministerial Training and Hendrix College, comes this year from November 18 to 25.

Through the drive, funds are obtained which play a major part in the support of Hendrix and of the Ministerial Training programs in our two Conferences.

Preparing Our Ministers

The steady gain in recent years in the number of Arkansas men preparing for the Methodist ministry has been most encouraging. This year approximately 150 Arkansas Methodists are preparing for the ministry in various colleges and universities. Hendrix College alone has more than 50. Funds raised each year in the November Special (formerly the February Special) have had a great deal to do with the increase.

Helping Hendrix College

Hendrix College has also been strengthened in its year to year program by the funds which have come to it through the Special. Those funds which go to Hendrix go to the college's current budget. One of the college's greatest needs is to increase these funds for regular expenditures.

During the years of the November Special, Hendrix has benefited from it by an average annual amount of \$12,000. This is equivalent to the return at 3 per cent on

an investment of \$400,000. The November Special therefore can be thought of as equivalent to nearly half a million dollars in endowment.

How The Funds Will Be Used

The November Special plan calls for each Conference to raise a minimum of \$5,000 for Hendrix. In addition the Little Rock Conference plans to raise a minimum of \$3,000 for its Ministerial Training program. The North Arkansas Conference plans to raise \$5,000 for its Ministerial Training Program.

The amounts going to Ministerial Training are used in each Conference to help men in college, to help men taking conference courses of study, and to provide a scholarship by each Conference at Southern Methodist University.

When To Take The Offering

The week of November 18-25 has been set for the cultivation work in the Special. The offering should be taken on Sunday, November 26 unless the church has made other plans which it considers more desirable.

Treasurers for the November Special

November Special collections in the Little Rock Conference should be sent to James H. Johnson, Worthen Bank and Trust Co., Little Rock. In the North Arkansas Conference they should be sent to E. W. Martin, Hendrix Station, Conway.

NEW RELIGION INSTRUCTOR

Newly appointed member of the Hendrix College religion department is the Rev. Ralph L. Ruhlen, who will join the faculty in January.

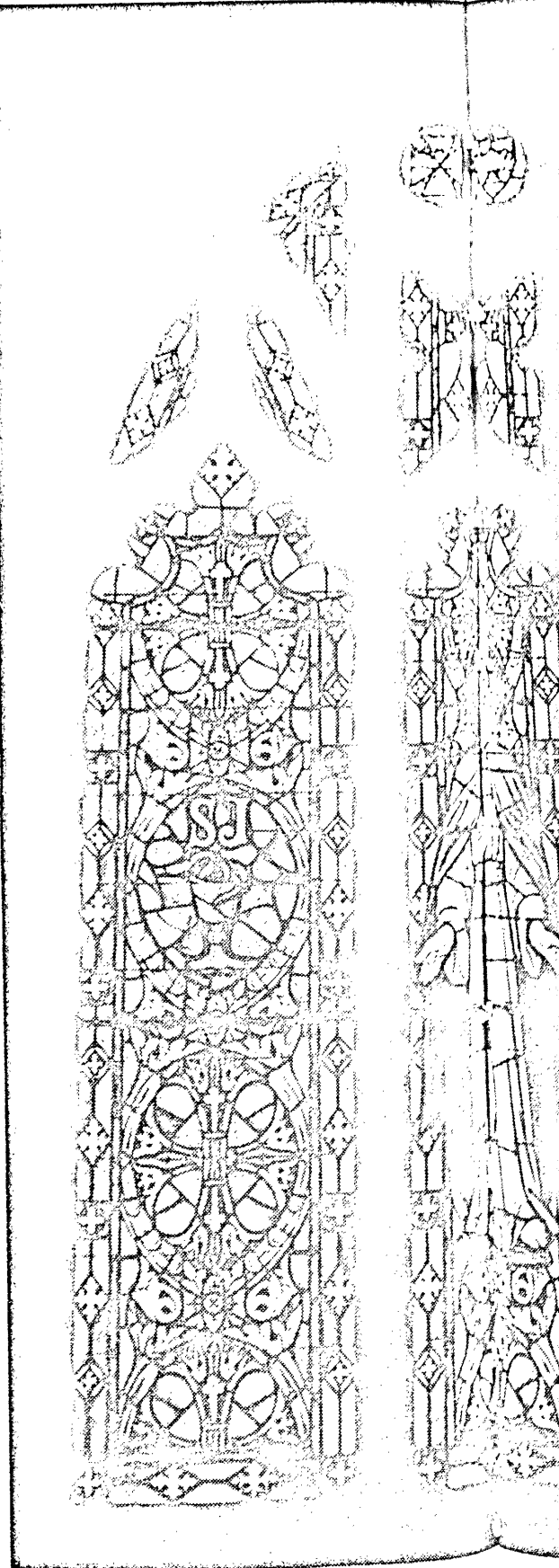
A Methodist pastor in Kansas for the past eight years, Mr. Ruhlen received his B. A. degree from Baker University and his B. D. degree from Garrett Biblical Institute. He has done considerable work on his doctorate at Boston University.

Mr. Ruhlen, who was associated this summer with the Rev. James S. Upton of the Hendrix staff, will join the faculty highly recommended. "We give Ralph Ruhlen an all-out recommendation," says President Nelson Horn of Baker University. Dr. Edgar S. Brightman of Boston University says, "I recommend him highly and without reserve." Bishop Dana Dawson of Topeka, Kansas, says, "He is one of the finest young men I know and he has my unqualified endorsement."

Mr. and Mrs. Ruhlen have three sons, Jim, 5½, David, 3, and Tommy, aged six months.



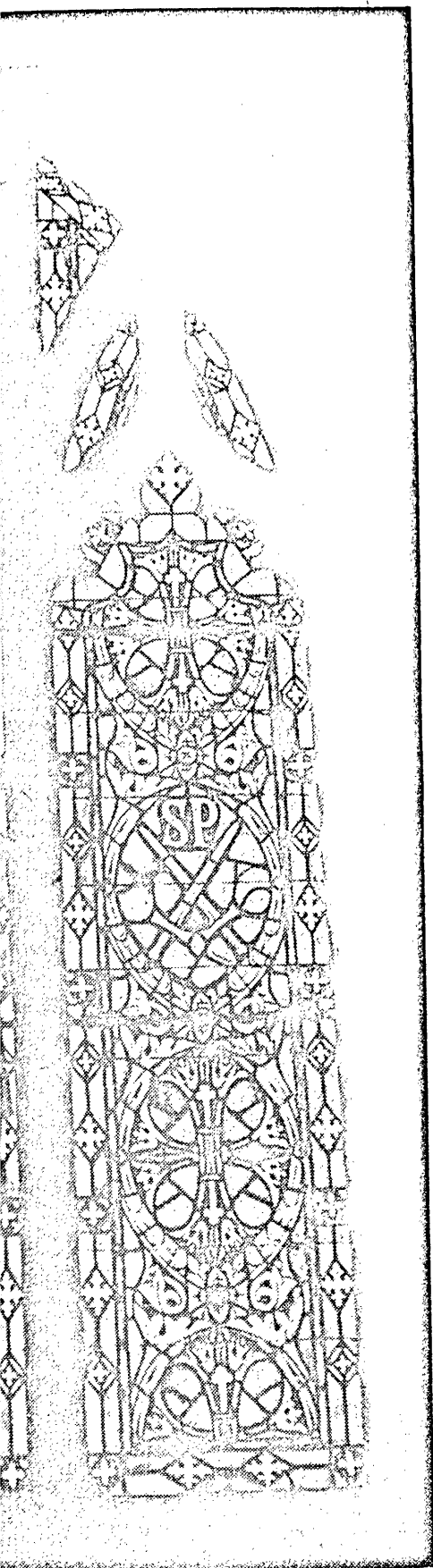
REV. RALPH L. RUHLEN



Inspirational center of Hendrix College is the altar. Located in the south end of the chapel, the altar, 10 feet wide and 16 high, contains a life-size figure of Christ in his painting. Predominating among the window's

Funds for the altar window were furnished by the church, which has dedicated it to the memory of Rev. Mr. [Name] from the conference lost during World War I. Mr. [Name] was killed. He is the son of Rev. [Name] of the conference, and Mrs. McKnight.

For Ministerial College . . . Nov. 18 to 25



l is the large chancel window above
the impressive stained glass window,
Christ, portraying him as Hoffman did
in colors are red and blue.

the North Arkansas Conference of the
Thomas E. McKnight, the only chaplain
McKnight was holding service on Leyte
McKnight of Belleville, a retired member

Hendrix College is at last realizing its long-time dream of a distinctive religious center of its own with the completion this month of its new Chapel and Auditorium.

A large group of the state's foremost Methodists are expected to be present at the formal opening of the two new buildings November 17. Bishop Paul E. Martin, resident bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana area, will head the list of dignitaries and will deliver the address.

The two buildings, served by a common foyer, complete the college's present building campaign made possible by the financial campaign waged several years ago by Arkansas Methodists. Cost of the Chapel and Auditorium to date including furnishings is \$330,000, a quarter of a million dollars of which was furnished by the campaign. First of the buildings to be completed was Hulen Hall, the college's new dining hall-student center, which opened in January, 1950.

Capacity of the long-needed Auditorium is 1000, the main floor seating 700 and the balcony 300. Beneath the large stage are a workshop for the college's speech department and a photographic darkroom. The stage is adequately equipped for dramatic productions, the first of which will be "Family Portrait," a religious drama telling the story of the family of Jesus of Nazareth, scheduled for presentation November 28 and 29.

Focal point of the new Chapel is the richly colored chancel window, 10 feet wide by 16 feet high, which is pictured on this page. Along the Chapel's east and west walls are 20 smaller stained glass windows, each with a different symbol of Christian faith. Those on the west symbolize stories of the Bible, those on the east episodes in the history of the Christian church. The windows are Gothic, carrying out the architectural theme of the entire building.

Most of the smaller windows and pews,

in addition to the altar furnishings, have already been designated to honor or memorialize well-known individuals, many of them leaders of Arkansas Methodism.

Above the simple oak pews, which seat 300 persons, is the Chapel's wood-beamed arched ceiling, which harmonizes with the carved panelling of the altar area. The walls of the worship center are a restful green, forming an excellent foil for the rich colors of the stained glass windows.

To the left of the altar is the college's Kimball pipe organ, which has been moved from its former position in the administration building.

The panelling around the altar area is of carved oak, and matches the pulpit pieces, consisting of a pulpit, a lectern and an altar table.

Furnishings for the altar table consist of a 30-inch cross, two 13½-inch vases and two 14-inch candlesticks. The Chapel Bible, bound in rich red leather, is a memorial to the late Mrs. J. M. Workman of Conway.

Adjacent to the Chapel is a small prayer room, which opens off the foyer near the Chapel entrance. The room's furnishings will consist of an oak altar table, candlesticks, cross and cloth. The carved oak panelling of the worship center matches that of the Chapel.

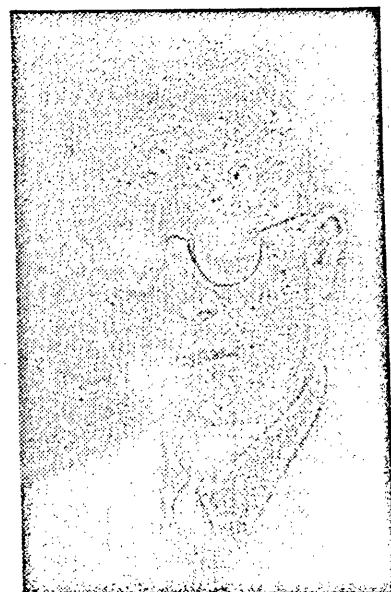
Both of the buildings are functionally modern under their Gothic exterior. One of their up-to-date architectural features is radiant heating in the floor. A public address system has been installed for use in the Auditorium.

Outstanding feature of the foyer common to the two buildings is the marble wainscoting. Walls in the foyer are rose, those in the Auditorium green.

The November 17 formal opening will be held in the Auditorium, beginning at 11 a. m. The expected overflow crowd will be accommodated in the Chapel, and will hear the ceremonies over a specially-installed public address system.



REV. J. S. UPTON
Professor of Religion



DR. MATT L. ELLIS
Hendrix President

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Religion and Life Week Observed

Dr. Warren Johnston, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., conducted special services at Hendrix College this week, which was set aside as Religion and Life Week.

Dr. Johnston, former pastor of several Arkansas churches, including Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, and Little Rock First Methodist, preached at eight worship services during the week.

An evening worship program was held each night Sunday through Thursday, and two special chapel services were conducted Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

A lay student was chosen to preside over each service during the week, and other lay students led in prayer. Another feature of the week was late evening worship services in each of the residence dormitories. They were student-conducted.

Ministerial Students
Serving Charges

Twenty-four young Hendrix ministerial students are serving 71 churches spread over the central and southern parts of Arkansas, according to the Rev. James S. Upton, Hendrix professor of religion.

Two of the students are assistant pastors at larger churches, and many of the others are in charge of circuits, some of which contain as many as six churches. This year they are serving churches in four of the state's church districts.

The ministers are all members of the Hendrix Pre-Theological Fellowship, an organization of students planning to enter full-time Christian service. Almost a fourth of the Hendrix student body this year are members of the group.

Hendrix students serving churches in the Conway District are Frank Jones of Flat River, Mo., associate pastor, Conway First Methodist; James Shelton of Conway, Conway Wesley Memorial; Paul Dean Davis of Manila, Gravelly Ct.; Carlos Martin of Greenbrier, Greenbrier Ct.; Vernon Paysinger of Evening Shade, Morrilton Ct. No. 2; Thomas Nation of Lamar, Naylor Ct.; James Beal of Rector, Oppelo; David Cruch of Lexa, Plainview; William Walker of Plumerville, Plumerville; Fred Mooring of Conway, Salem, and M. C. Webb of Conway, Vilona.

Serving in the Searcy District are W. T. Johnson of Beebe, Antioch Ct.; Roy Moyers of McRae, McRae; Stanley Reed of Quitman, Quitman; Calvin Roetzell of Russell, Van Buren County No. 1; James Gatlin of St. Louis, Mo., Van Buren County No. 2; Travis Williams of Jonesboro, Van Buren County No. 3; and J. G. Greening of Camden, Ward-Wilborn.

Little Rock District ministers are John B. Hays of Little Rock, Bryant and Sardis; Ralph VanLandingham of Conway, Carlisle Ct.; Albert Oliver of Little Rock, DeValls Bluff Ct.; Fred Arnold of Little Rock, Hickory Plains Ct.; and William Holmes of Little Rock, St. Marks-Chenault.

Ed Hollenbeck of Pine Bluff is assistant pastor at the Pine Bluff First Methodist Church.

Dr. Ellis Approves Educational
"Experiment"

Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix president, has expressed his approval of the projected experiment in better training of teachers.

"We hail with enthusiasm," he said, "the announcement of this 'bold experiment' in teacher educa-

tion in Arkansas. School people of our state in an unusual example of cooperation are launching upon a thrilling venture which promises great results. While recasting completely some phases of our present program will require far-reaching adjustments in Arkansas colleges, the value of the ultimate effects upon the work of public schools and colleges will be worth all the effort the plan will demand.

"The greatest need in American education," Dr. Ellis continued, "is improved instruction. We must be increasingly concerned about what goes on in the class room and in counselling. Hendrix College has for years emphasized for prospective teachers the importance of liberal arts education in a Christian environment. This five-year plan of teacher education will enable schools like ours to do a much better job in preparing teachers of American youth."

Homecoming Queen, Court Named

Margaret Rich, Hendrix College coed from Forrest City, will reign November 17 over the college's Homecoming game.

A stately brunette junior, Queen Margaret will be escorted to the game by Warrior Co-captain Hugh Mixon of Marianna. The maid of honor, Alicia Bell of Lepanto, will be escorted by Co-captain Walter Hodges of Conway.

The queen and her court, selected by the football team, will be enthroned just before the Homecoming game, in which the Warriors meet Millsaps College of Jackson, Miss.

A major feature of Homecoming Day will be the formal opening of the college's new Chapel and Auditorium. Speaker for the ceremonies will be Bishop Paul E. Martin, head of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area of the Methodist Church.

Queen Margaret's court and their escorts are Lorraine Teague, Pine Bluff, and Bennie Dial Wilson, Beebe; Ann Tennyson, Smackover, and Sherman Peterson, Kensett; Susan Ann Woodford, Little Rock, and Phil Dixon, Little Rock; Mary Butman, Conway, and Clint Burleson, Gurdon; Carolyn Colvert, DeWitt, and Edward Moore, Dallas, Tex.; Freda Wilson, Greenbrier, and Bob Wilson, Greenbrier; Nancy Legg, Conway, and Leonard White, Little Rock; and Carol Rich, Forrest City, and Jim Thwing, Conway.

Practice Teaching Program
Now Under Way

Teaching careers are being begun this semester by fourteen Hendrix College education students, according to Dr. John S. Warren, professor of education.

Under the supervision of Dr. Warren and Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, professor of music, the students are teaching in Conway and Plumerville school systems.

Teaching in the Conway schools are Ann Machen, Portland, and Walter Hodges, Conway, physical education; Nancy Sanders, Little Rock, Spanish, and Marvin Lawson, Conway, band.

Five of the group are working in the Plumerville elementary school. Teaching second through sixth grade classes, respectively, are Dot Baber, Little Rock; Frances Kelly, North Little Rock; Lynette McKenzie, Little Rock; Charlotte Ferrell, Gravette; and Ann Tennyson, Smackover.

Louise Fincher, Waldo, and Mary Ann Kincannon, Little Rock, are teaching English in Plumerville

CENTENARY COLLEGE
NEWSCentenary College Pastor and Vice-
President Completes First Year

The month of November marks an important anniversary in the life of the Rev. George F. Ivey, vice-president of Centenary College in Shreveport, and co-pastor of the college's Church-on-Campus.

One year ago he accepted the Centenary position. Five years ago he taught his first men's Bible class at Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport. By a strange coincidence, he can celebrate the anniversary of both beginnings the same month.

During the past year he made 271 speeches, not including funerals and weddings, in eleven states: Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, District of Columbia, Virginia, Alabama, and New York. He has delivered nine baccalaureate addresses, three college baccalaureates, one college commencement address, and one high school commencement address. He has spoken on a wide variety of subjects, from politics to Christian education.

Asked how he felt on the eve of his first anniversary as Centenary's vice-president, the Rev. Ivey said he would like someday to be able to not think about making a speech some tomorrow.

After his return from service as a major in World War II, Chaplain's Corps, he was associate pastor at Noel Memorial Methodist Church. He has been a president of Shreveport's Junior Chamber of Commerce, and last year was named "young man of the year" by the organization. He was born in Florida and earned his A. B. degree at Alabama State Teachers College and his M. A. at the University of Alabama. He joined the Methodist Conference in 1938, and has held pastorates in Newlin and Abilene, Texas. This year he will be included in "Who's Who in America."

Centenary College in Shreveport has opened an important conservation program in an effort to control erosion.

The program, under the direction of S. D. Morehead, college treasurer,

High School.

Teaching public school music at Plumerville are Ruth Ryburn, Pine Bluff; Bettye Barger Nickell, Conway, and Marion Ragsdale, Newellton, La. Miss Ryburn also directs the high school chorus.—Guy Shannon.

AWARDS FOR PERFECT
ATTENDANCE

Awards for perfect attendance in the Church School at the Waldo Methodist Church, were given to thirty pupils, ranging from six months to eleven years.

Mrs. Grace Spradlin, Mrs. Grady Fincher, Hal Felty, Nancy Bishop, Hamp Wynn, Brenda Wynn, Toronta Foreman, Kirby Childs, Wilson Childs and Tom Boswell and Mrs. Sidney Arnold received six months awards.

W. F. Crawford, Brenda Fairchild, and Rose Fairchild received awards for one year each.

Richard Scott received award for one and one half year; Larry Fincher and Margaret Lee Perritt for two years; Mary Ann Beasley for three years; Marie Arnold, and David Fincher four years; Betty Arnold, Jimmy Arnold and Chris Elcan for four and one half years; Pat Elcan six years; Polly, Peggy and Larry Franks each for seven and one half years; Mrs. Hazel Fincher for eight and one half years; Mary Kitchens for ten years and D. C. Perry for eleven years.—Ernest Felty, C. S. Supt.; W. B. Savage, Pastor

will include scientific planting of winter grass, construction of cement runways, culverts and sidewalks, and careful distribution of sod.

More than 600 yards of soil have been hauled to fill eroded areas on the campus. Erosion has already destroyed certain sections, and these sections will be filled-in, Morehead said. Immediate plans are being made to grade the terrace near the Science Building, and to lay sod so that mud can be kept from the sidewalks.

The cement sidewalk project, known on campus as "The War Against Bagles" (Bagles are mythical creatures which ruin shoes, stockings and tempers) is being sponsored by the Centenary Alumni Association. Addition of more than 800 feet of new walks was begun this week. More than 700 feet have been completed since August.

"Approximately 3,000 linear feet of additional walks will be needed to take care of all requirements," Edwin Whited, 1951-52 alumni president, said. Deadline for completion has been set for May, 1952. The association expects to spend about \$7,500, all raised from individual alumni, before the project is completed.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Little Rock District Guild, in session in Benton on Sunday, October 28, voted to buy a projector for Aldersgate in honor of Miss Margaret Marshall, former director of the Little Rock Methodist Council. One hundred three Guild members from over the District registered for the meeting which was presided over by Mrs. E. W. Masters, district secretary. Mrs. M. O. Bettis, district program chairman, presented Miss Grace Thatcher, director of the Little Rock Methodist Council, who spoke on "The Importance of Missions." The Benton Guild served a delicious dinner after which Miss Helen Dillahunt, district Director of Recreation, was in charge of a recreation period.

Guests were Rev. H. O. Bolin, pastor at Benton, and Mrs. Bolin and Rev. LeRoy H. Walker, Director of The Arkansas-Louisiana United Evangelistic Mission.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, elected Miss Frances Willard president at a meeting October 23. Other officers elected include: Mrs. Edith Vicedello, vice-president; Mrs. Evelyn Lyons, Secretary of Christian Social Relations.

Mrs. J. B. McIver presented the program on Latin America to fifteen members.

Mrs. Merlyn Moore was guest speaker at the Catherine Booe Guild, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on the night of October 2. In keeping with the program, Mrs. Moore gave an informative talk on the United Nations.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, sponsored a book review by John Hall Jacobs, city librarian, October 30 at the church. The benefit was for the Wesleyan Foundation at Tulane.

A luncheon in the home of Mrs. Roy Stewart on October 23 honored the Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

Promotion of mission studies and resulting activities in the seventeen circles and two guilds is the responsibility of this group. "The Family, A Christian's Concern" is the topic of the study for the quarter.

Attending were: Mrs. C. I. Thayer, Mrs. T. P. Roberts, Mrs. D. S. Caton, Mrs. Niles P. Evans, Mrs. J. W. Worthington, Mrs. T. L. James, Mrs. A. B. Wilson, Mrs. Robert Baker, Mrs. H. A. Hall, Mrs. H. H. Wall, Jr., Mrs. L. G. Vidrine, Miss Mary Graham Stewart and Mrs. J. J. Corbett.

The Wesleyan Wynner's Service Guild of Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, met Monday, October 22, in the Educational Building for its Study Mission and Business Meeting.

The meeting was opened with a song in unison and prayer led by Mrs. Laura Ashworth. Mrs. Marie Craig, Secretary of Missionary Education, continued the study of "Latin America." Mrs. Olive Baumeister gave an inspiring devotional. At a short business meeting, Mrs. Ash-

College Dean To Head Wesleyan Service Guild



MISS LILLIAN A. JOHNSON

Miss Lillian A. Johnson, dean of women at Wood Junior College, Mathiston, Miss., will become executive secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church on December 1, with offices at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. She suc-

ceeds Miss Marion Lela Norris, who retired April 1. Miss Johnson was elected at the September meeting of the executive committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Miss Johnson is from Ansonia, Conn. She received her B. S. from Hartford Seminary Foundation and her M.A. from Columbia University. She has taught in public schools in Ansonia. From 1942 to 1949 she was director of religious education at Trinity Methodist Church, Albany, N. Y., and served on the Religious Education Council of the Federation of Churches in Albany. In addition to her duties as dean of women at Wood Junior College, she is teacher of education and Bible, and head of the Guidance Department.

The Wesleyan Service Guild, an organization of Methodist working women, has 122,000 members in 4,200 American communities. The Guild supports home and foreign missionary projects, has educational and social programs for its members, and urges acceptance of civil and church responsibilities. One of its slogans is "Every Guild member an intelligent voter, voting." Members range in age from 18 to 80.

worth presented a Life Membership Pin to Mrs. Elizabeth Waschka. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Frankie Ensminger.

During the social hour Mrs. Meda Powers and Mrs. Frances Oliver served the seventeen members present.

The Louann Society met in the Parsonage October 29 for its Week of Prayer program, with Mrs. Floyd McCracken, President, presiding. Rev. George Bailey, Pastor, gave the opening devotional. The program was presented by Mrs. Marie Small, Mrs. L. T. Smith, Mrs. George Bailey, Mrs. D. Goodson, and Mrs. McCracken. Twelve members were present.

Following a covered dish luncheon, the four Meditations were given by: Mrs. L. T. Morris, Mother Small, Mrs. H. G. Harwell, and Mrs. Susie Echenrode. Mrs. J. R. Law led the closing with a dedication of gifts, and the repeating by the group of The Lord's Prayer.

On the evening of October 23, the W. S. C. S. and the W. S. G. of Marion concluded the mission study of the book written by Glora M. Wysmer "Near East Panorama." Mrs. Louis Mann, English and Speech teacher of Marion High School taught the class. Mrs. Mann is an excellent teacher, and it was the consensus of opinion by the class that this was the best and most forceful study course in which they have heretofore had a part. The class enrollment was good and represented both groups of the woman's work.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Huntington Avenue Church at Jonesboro is sponsoring a nursery during the morning worship services. They will be assisted by the Woman's Society in alternating help-

BENTON SOCIETY COMPLETES STUDY

Benton Methodist Woman's Society has just completed what proved to be the most enjoyable and instructive mission study of the year. The text for this study, "The Book of Acts" presented a graphic picture of the Holy Land the dissemination of its people and the task Jesus had in training his disciples to carry on after the ascension.

Mrs. H. J. Gingles, Secretary of Missionary Education, was an apt pupil of Dr. J. T. Carlyon, who taught the study at Mt. Sequoyah. Mrs. Gingles made the study so interesting and realistic that each could well imagine she had been transported to the Holy Land and was an eye witness to all of the perilous and dramatic events which led to the Crucifixion and Pentecost.

Those members taking part on the program entered into the spirit with enthusiasm.

The study closed with each member of the class reciting "Gems of Thought from Acts" and answering questions proposed by Mrs. Gingles. On each of the four nights the study was preceded by a song service followed by an inspiring devotional lesson.—Mrs. Walter Hughes

SURGICAL BLOCK RISES AT NADIAD HOSPITAL

A new surgical block has been completed at the Methodist Mission Hospital of Nadiad, India, which began forty years ago in a missionary bungalow. The new unit was financed from Week of Dedication offerings from American Methodists, by funds raised in Nadiad, and by gifts from Arkansas Conference Methodists.

The Hospital is a joint project of the Division of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. A nurses' home has next priority on the Hospital building program, since it is required by the government before a permit will be issued for opening a nurses' training school. Two residences for Indian doctors are to be added later.

Two American missionary doctors are now stationed at Nadiad. They are Dr. Herschel C. Aldrich, who went to India in 1930, and Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis, a former missionary in India since 1932, is in charge of training of laboratory technicians. Miss Marceline Smith, R.N., arrived in 1948 to become nursing superintendent. Assisted by Indian interns, nurses, and technicians, the staff treats 18,000 out-patients and 3,300 in-patients a year. Over 2,200 operations are performed annually and 1,590 X-rays are taken. Patients include outcasts and well-to-do people. Income from surgical work in recent years has covered upkeep expenses and contributed to the building fund.

METHODIST WOMEN ENTER SERVICE IN CHILE

The Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church has named its first missionary to Chile. She is Miss Semeramis Kutz, a home economist from Warsaw, Ind., who plans to sail in January for the Methodist farm and rural community project at El Vergel, the "Garden of Paradise" near Angol.

Miss Kutz will be director of the girls' vocational school and will assist in the medical program, which calls for expansion of the clinic and addition of a dentist to the staff. The institution also has two primary schools, an agricultural school, and two churches. The farm covers 3,750 acres in the central agricultural valley of Chile.

Miss Kutz, a missionary since 1926, was stationed in Peru for thirteen years, most of the time as a teacher in Lima High School, an institution of the W.D.C.S. Hitherto all Methodist missionaries in Chile have been those of the Division of Foreign Missions.

Take responsibility on your shoulders and it leaves no room for chips.—Ind. Parent-Teacher.

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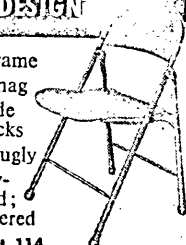
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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

HAYNES AND LEXA CHARGE

Progress has been made on the charge since our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Jas. O. Davis, came to us in June. We have a new roof on the parsonage, have redecorated three rooms and the hall and are now building and furnishing a bathroom, complete with hot and cold water. The kitchen will have hot and cold water also.

LaGrange Church paid all conference collections this fall and has given a kitchen sink and \$83.00 on the bathroom fixtures.

Observing the Week of Prayer, the W. S. C. S. met in the home of the president, Mrs. Lee Hughes, on Thursday, October 25 for an all-day service and potluck lunch. Evelyn Trail was leader for the morning service, assisted by the pastor. Following lunch the worship service was resumed and ended with the regular program. The offering of \$6.00 goes to Allen High School, Ashville, N. C.

We were happy to have as our guests five women from Marianna, two of whom gave musical numbers. Mrs. J. O. Davis gave a reading.

Our Fellowship, with potluck dinner and Bible study led by the pastor, meets the second Wednesday night in each month. It is growing and proving of real value to us as Christians.—Reporter

RESPONSES TO KANSAS FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL

Contributions, some with accompanying letters, have come from all over the country in response to the appeal for relief for those in the stricken Kansas Flood area. All of these letters have been heart-warming in their expressions of sympathy and sacrifice for those who are so badly in need of help.

One of these letters comes from Crawford's Chapel, a small church in the Alabama Conference. They sent \$25.00 and said they wished they could have sent hundreds of dollars, but due to their taking on a full-time pastor this year, they are having a little struggle themselves.

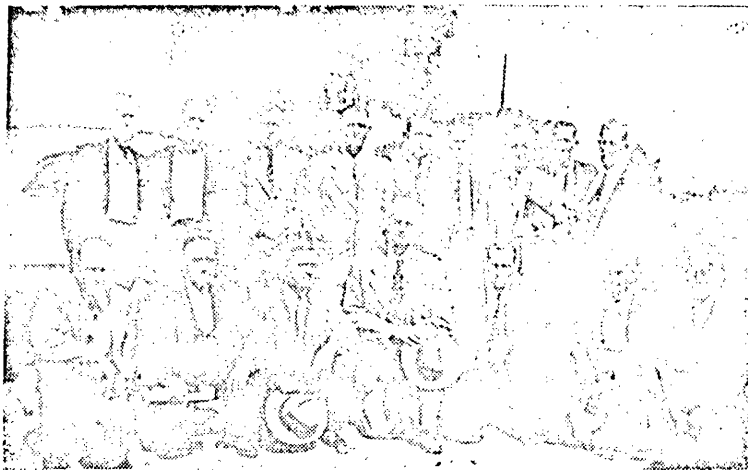
The Monroeville Church, also in the Alabama Conference, in the midst of a building program of their own which will take at least \$100 per capita of their membership, sent a contribution of \$57.21.

From the Community Methodist Church of Mount Tabor, New Jersey comes a gift of \$8.50. They write that they have just completed their new church and sense what it would mean if they were to lose all that they had worked so hard to achieve. From Jamestown Community Church of Jamestown, Colorado, a church with 9 active members, came a gift of \$10.38.

The pastor of the Inland Charge of the Nebraska Conference, a church of 18 active members sent \$9.50 and writes, "This is a very small church, thus the offering is in accordance, but given with generous heart."

Here is an example of the Widow's mite. A small Spanish-speaking church in Robstown, Texas sent \$1.00 with the explanation from the pastor that the church membership is small and the services are held in the parsonage since they do not have a

MEN'S CLASS AT LEOLA



Pictured above is the recently organized Men's Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church at Leola. Front row, left to right: Olen Weaver, Jack Harrison, Glen Raines, Biggs, Andy Orr, teacher; Irwin president; Tom Reid; L. D. Lea, Superintendent. Second row, left to right: Alec Butler; Carl Tucker; C.

T. Hudson; Walter Butler, assistant teacher; E. L. Keen; Frank Clanton; Rev. J. W. Carnell, pastor; Devoy Nix. Other members not present were: W. L. Harrison, vice-president; Noel Butler, secretary-treasurer; George Brown; Bob Livingston, Ray Gill, James Harrison and Homer Phillips.

BISHOP MARTIN WILL DEDICATE BEEBE CHURCH

Bishop Paul E. Martin will dedicate the Beebe Methodist Church on Sunday, November 25, at 10:55 a. m. This day will mark a great achievement for this congregation, a new church just completed and ready for dedication.

R. V. Powell has presented a lovely Hammond organ to the church in honor of his wife, the church organist.—Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Pastor

GEYER SPRINGS MEN'S CLUB

Geyer Springs Men's Club heard Dr. James W. Workman at their monthly meeting Thursday evening, November 1st, speaking on "Reformation Week" and the place of men in the Church. Supper was provided jointly by Geyer Springs Home Demonstration Club and the W. S. C. S. of the Methodist Church.

Wesley Jones is President; James Campbell, Vice-President; Homer Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer. Rev. Stanley T. Baugh is pastor. J. L. Jaynes, M. E. Crippen, Robert Barron, and S. F. Askins compose the Board of Directors.—S. T. Baugh

church building.

An accompanying letter from Birmingham First Methodist Church reads in part: "... We are happy to have a small part in the renovation of these churches and hope that the general response to the appeal will be gratifying." Their contribution was \$500.00.

These are but a few of the many contributions ranging from \$1.00 to \$700.00, that have come in to the General Commission on World Finance of The Methodist Church, showing the concern of hundreds of Methodists for their fellow Methodists in their time of need.

Flood relief money should be sent to the Conference Treasurer, identified as "flood relief" or to Thomas B. Lugg, Treasurer, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

BATON ROUGE METHODISTS OPPOSE APPOINTING VATICAN DIPLOMAT

The Baton Rouge District of the Methodist Church on October 31 unanimously adopted a resolution protesting President Truman's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

The action was taken at the annual conference of the district, held at the University Methodist church and attended by some 300 delegates.

The resolution read as follows:

"We, the members of the Baton Rouge district of the Methodist Church, in assembly at the University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, La., do hereby express our profound conviction that the president of the United States has committed a serious error in appointing an ambassador to the Vatican. In so doing, we re-affirm our belief in the historic American principle of the separation of church and state.

"We assure our Roman Catholic friends that we would oppose, in the same spirit and just as vigorously, the appointment of a representative to any other church body.

"We hereby notify President Truman that we will oppose with all of our powers the confirmation of this appointment. To this end, we recommend that our people write or wire the president and their senators, expressing their concern regarding this action."

A FINE RECORD

The Primary Department of the Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, has twenty-one pupils and seven teachers who have had perfect attendance for the month of October. The pupils are Mary Nell Sikes, Marilyn Williams, Barbara Jane McGlothlin, Carolyn Ann Turner, Curtis Murray, Leslie Bledsoe, Vicky Bryant, Carolyn Ann Fulton, Alice Ann Sweatman, Jimmy Cooper, Bobby Grubbs, Beverly Burnett, Tommy Brummett, Harriet Herlacher, Raymond Kerr, Janet McClain and Judy Stokemiller.

The teachers are Mrs. W. C. Orne,

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NOVEMBER

- 13 Monticello District Evangelism Retreat
- 14 Camden District Evangelism Retreat
- 15 Hope District Evangelism Retreat
- 18-24 Hendrix College—Ministerial Education Special
- 30-Dec. 9 Area "A" Evangelism Mission (Hope, Camden Districts, and the Louisiana Conference.)

DECEMBER

- 16-23 Methodist Children's Home Week
- 27 Little Rock District Evangelism Retreat
- 28 Pine Bluff District Evangelism Retreat
- 30 Arkadelphia District Evangelism Retreat
- 30 Student Recognition Day
- 30-Jan. 6 Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign
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- 18-27 Area "B" Evangelism Mission (Little Rock, Arkadelphia, Pine Bluff Districts, and the North Arkansas Conference.)

TRAY CARDS FOR SANATORIUM

During Special Seasons of the year like Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas friendly greeting cards on the trays of patients mean much to them. These cards remind them that someone cares and is thinking of them. This gives renewed courage and spirit. These dear people are shut in from the great out of doors and appreciate a token of others' concern for them.

The chaplain has in mind to request through the pastors that a group in their churches provide these cards at the proper time. This might be a Sunday School Class, a Wesleyan Service Guild, a Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, or a Men's organization. The plan to make this request of different pastors in the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences is in mind.

For this Thanksgiving season a Young Peoples' Group in Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, where Rev. Cecil R. Culver, former district superintendent of the Fort Smith District, is now pastor is furnishing the tray cards. Rev. C. Norman Guice, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Clarksville, and chairman of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Conference, has indicated a willingness to provide through his church the cards for the Christmas occasion. Such lovely co-operation is appreciated.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all who have sent in literature for the patients from both Conferences, and also money on the Sunshine Fund. Eleven hundred copies of the November-December Upper Rooms have been received. These are made possible through different agencies participating.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for the lovely expressions of interest in my work and the happiness of the patients here. Remember us all in your prayers.—Bates Sturdy, Chaplain

Mrs. T. J. Cooper, Mrs. J. B. Howell, Mrs. David Egner, Mrs. Dixon Toland and Mrs. Oscar Goss. Mrs. Orne's class was perfect in attendance the last two Sundays.



"Along A Country Road" The Town and Country Commission

The Methodist Church

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A WEEK OF TRAVEL

On Monday night, October 15, I had the joy of meeting with the fine people of Yellville. Rev. Theron McKisson, pastor of all Marion County, had called together a number of his good people. First there was a fellowship dinner after which we had a worship service in the very attractive sanctuary. Both McKisson is serving six churches and could go into other communities if he could further spread himself. Here in Marion County the Methodist Church is serving well but could do indeed a mighty work for the Master if man-power could be furnished. The parsonage is being made more livable with some added facilities. The Bull Shoals church is being constructed which will be of tremendous service to many people in that area. New people are moving in and will find a church waiting for them. The Cedar Grove Church is adding a Sunday School annex in order to better serve the people. It was good to be in Yellville and Marion County for a visit and see something of the fine work being done there.

On Tuesday, in company with Lee Anderson and Clarence Wilcox, an itinerary was made of Baxter County. The Mountain Home Parish served by Rev. Clarence Wilcox, with Rev. and Mrs. Lee Anderson as associates, is being given unusual service. This is one of the projects sponsored by the Conference and General Board of Missions and Church Extension. The Andersons are serving seven churches in this great area. Mrs. Anderson gives her services voluntarily in assisting her husband who is in direct charge of the rural churches. Her help enables them to have more worship services over the charge. On Tuesday night there was a splendid congregation of people from the churches over the parish, with visitors from Cotter and other points, gathered at Gasville for a worship and fellowship service. The event was enjoyed by all. Interest in the program of the church is at a high point. The Gasville people have just recently added a splendid annex to their building. The Arkana Church is a product of the Advance Program. A new building is planned for the Salesville community. At Mountain Home a most adequate and attractive Educational Building has been completed. The expenditure of time and money by the church at large will prove wise as this area develops and grows under the influence of the power dams that have been built.

Miss Betty Letzig has been representing the W. S. C. S. in this area for the past two years and has given help and encouragement in the Church School and Women's work. She has been reassigned to the Fayetteville District where she will give definite attention to the organization of new units of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

On Wednesday it was the writer's privilege to visit Madison County. A fellowship supper was enjoyed at Delaney, after which we had a worship service. Rev. and Mrs. James Weatherford are serving these fine people. This is another one of the special projects of the Mission Boards. It is a wise procedure to give support to this area. Other agencies are giving very definite help in this section. Some of the work sponsored cannot be too lasting as it seems to expect little from the people in the way of support. The Delaney Church is new and has a bright future. Methodism in Madison County has made good progress under the direction of Kermit Van Zant, E. J. Reaves, James Weatherford and others who have worked hard in this area. Madison County is continuing on the upward swing. It will be the writer's privilege to continue working in this section at the suggestion of Rev. W. F. Cooley, the district superintendent.

On Thursday night my travels brought me to Cherry Valley where once more I was privileged to meet with Brother John Richardson and his fine people. A splendid evening in fellowship and worship was enjoyed. The work here continues to grow in a most splendid fashion.

On Saturday afternoon we journeyed to Clinton, Van Buren County, for a meeting with the pastors and laymen of this challenging area. Brother Verlia Harris is the only full-time Methodist pastor in this county. He is assisted by Calvin Roetzel, Travis Williams, and Jim Gatlin, Hendrix students. Along with Brother Hutchins of Damascus, Brother Lewis of Clinton, Brother Whillock of Clinton, and Brother Parish of Morganton, a definite program of service was outlined for the county. The Laymen's Movement in this county is making fine progress.

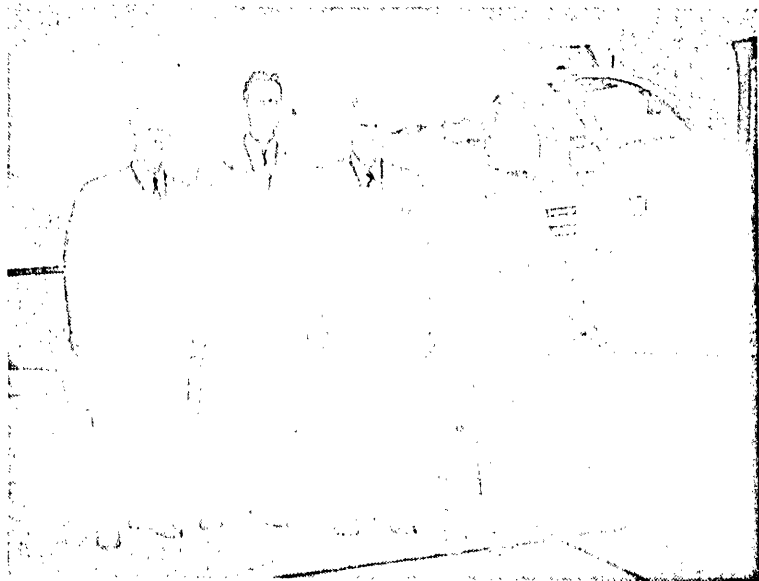
The week's travel over these fields gave me a deeper appreciation for the lives and labors of a sacrificial group of preachers and preachers' families. With the support of a consecrated laity the work of the Master will go forward in a great way over these fields of service.—J. Albert Gatlin.

EUROPEAN METHODISTS HOLD SEMINAR ON WORLD PEACE

Fifty Methodist leaders from nine European countries and North Africa held a peace seminar at Zurich, Switzerland, Sept. 11-13. Meeting in a beautiful mountain-side hotel overlooking the city of Zurich and its lake, the delegates considered specific ways of promoting world peace and better understanding through the church.

Delegates, nominated by their episcopal leaders, included pastors, district superintendents, directors of

DISTRICT CONFERENCES BY AIR



Through the courtesy of Floyd B. James, James Construction Co., Ruston, Bishop Martin, Rev. C. B. White, Superintendent, Louisiana Methodist Orphanage, and Dr. E. T. Wayland, one of The Louisiana Methodist editors, made the Louisiana District Conference rounds last week by plane. Pictured here, left to right are Dr. E. T. Wayland, Floyd B. James, Bishop Martin and James Reagan, pilot.

youth work, theological school professors, presidents of woman's societies, and other professional church workers.

Bishop J. W. Ernst Sommer of Frankford-on-Main, head of the Methodist church in Germany, was present throughout the conference and gave invaluable spiritual leadership to the gathering.

Arrangements for the seminar were made by the Rev. Dr. Ferdinand Zigg of Zurich, publishing agent of the church in Switzerland.

Countries represented included: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Poland, Sweden,

Switzerland, and North Africa.

Emphasis was placed upon the spiritual bases of world peace and the part Christian groups can play in promoting better understanding among the nations. Suggestions were offered for the holding of international youth conferences, preaching on peace, and conducting round-table discussions on peace in local churches. Plans were also made for issuance of peace literature in the languages of the European areas.

Present at the conference as a resource person was Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., executive secretary of the Methodist Commission on World Peace.

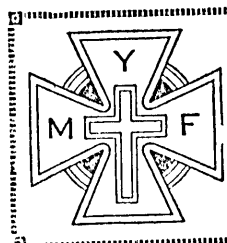
CROP PREPARES FRIENDSHIP FOOD CARGO



Cargo of friendship food contributed by the people of America as a good-will gesture to hungry people overseas is checked by staff of Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) at the Port of Chicago. Following dedication ceremonies on United Nations Day, October 24, the cargo will be loaded aboard a Friendship Food Ship bound for Bremen, Germany.

Simultaneous ceremony will be

held at Port of Philadelphia where Friendship Food Ships will depart for Naples, Trieste, Piraeus, Beirut, Istanbul and Bombay. Shipments are the first of an estimated 1400 carloads of bulk foodstuffs that will be contributed through CROP this year by American farmers. Shown left to right are: George Goedert, Business Manager; Barbara Rickelmann; Bruno Kroker; and William Z. Cline, CROP Director.



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NEWS

MONROE SUB-DISTRICT
ELECTS OFFICERS

The Monroe Sub-District met on October 14 at the Oak Grove Methodist Church with sixty-seven M. Y. F. members present. After a short worship program, the following officers were elected: President, Jeanie Mosley; Vice President, Shirley Drane; Secretary, Robin Chambliss; Treasurer, Adele White; Publicity Chairman, Billy Abernathy.

M. Y. F. NEWS FROM THE
RUSTON DISTRICT

A sub-district meeting of Ruston Methodist Youth Fellowship was held in Eros on Sunday, October 14, with 165 young people and adults attending. The theme for this meeting was "Evangelism" and served to prepare the young people for their part in the United Evangelistic Mission.

The M. Y. F. of Chatham had charge of the devotional program after which Rev. D. L. McGuire, pastor of Grace Methodist Church in Ruston, spoke on the subject, "Hands."

John Kendall, sub-district president, presided at a business session and received an offering for the support of a Chinese orphan. Refreshments were served by the Eros M. Y. F. The next meeting is set for Hodge on November 11, at 2:30 p. m. Theme for this program will center about "The Call" and the United Christian Youth Movement. —B. E. Bond

CARAWAY M. Y. F.
SPONSORS FAMILY
NIGHT

The Caraway M. Y. F. sponsored a Family Night meeting on Sunday, October 21.

A program was given by both youth groups. Refreshments were served and games were played. Church services followed at 7:30.

There was a total of fifty-two present.—Reporter

SEBASCOTT SUB-DISTRICT

The Sebascott Sub-District met at Huntington for its October meeting with 54 present. A program was given by the Huntington M. Y. F. President Joe Roberts called the meeting to order. The president asked Rev. Aaron Barling, our adult counselor, to explain the points of the sub-district constitution. Copies had been given out at the previous meeting and the various M. Y. F. groups had been asked to be ready to make amendments and adopt it at the October meeting. After several amendments were made the constitution was adopted.

Mansfield asked that the sub-district be their guests for the November meeting. We were then served refreshments in the basement of the church.—Reporter.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

The Young Adult Sub-District Fellowship including Berryville, Eureka Springs, Green Forest and

A FELLOWSHIP DINNER

A challenge and inspiration were received by many Hendrix ministerial students and others preparing for full-time religious work when we were recently privileged to dine and enjoy fellowship with the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference. The dinner was held in Hulen hall dining room, Hendrix College.

One of the highlights of the evening together was an uplifting address, prepared by Bishop Paul E. Martin especially for the Hendrix Pre-Theolog Fellowship. This was the first time for many of the students to hear Bishop Martin.

Through this evening association, we gained an insight into some of the problems and varied experiences that apply to the daily lives of the leaders of our Methodist Church. This was an enriching experience, because we, who are going into full-time church vocations, will be walking in these same paths in the near future.

The inspirational addresses delivered at this fellowship offered such a new challenge to the Pre-Theologs that we discussed in a recent group meeting ways to apply these challenges to our personal and collective lives at school.

We have made resolutions to this effect:

I. Individually

(a) Put God first; others second; and ourselves third.

(b) Seek to find an individual prayer room.

(c) Have a consistent prayer life.

(d) Make use of a daily devotion-al.

(e) Show Christ to others.

(f) Overlook the bad in others and find the good.

(Accentuate the positive; eliminate the negative.)

II. As a group

(a) Ask the Student Religious Committee at Hendrix about Grace being said in the dining hall before meals.

(b) Invite others to our regular Pre-Theolog meetings.

(c) Bring someone to daily morning worship at 7:00 a. m.

(d) Share spiritual experiences with lay students as well as Pre-Theological students.

We publicly want to express our thanks to the Town and Country Commission for the opportunity of being present at this meeting. We would like very much to make this an annual affair.—Barbara Meacham, Secretary—Hendrix Pre-Theolog Fellowship

Alpena recently sponsored a retreat at Inspiration Point west of Eureka Springs.

The retreat began with a supper on Saturday night and closed Sunday afternoon. Rev. I. L. Claud of North Little Rock, led four discussions on the general theme "Young Adult Work In The Local Church." Rev. Edwin B. Dodson, the district director of adult work for the Fayetteville District, had charge of the arrangements.—Reporter.

WET OR DRY?? YOUTH
TAKE STAND

The Christian youth of all denominations in the city of Shreveport have taken a definite stand in the fight to bring a local option to Caddo and Bossier parishes. Inspired by the efforts of the adults to bring about prohibition, the youth asked, "What can we do?" At first all the avenues of help seemed to be blocked, but these youth were determined. During one day of the first week of the fall semester, a group of students from all denominations met in historic old South Hall, the religious center on the campus of Centenary College. Here, guided by two young adults, these students formed the nucleus of what was to become one of the greatest testimonies by youth even seen in the state of Louisiana. With Ed Lucas, M. Y. F. Community Chairman of Louisiana and the South Central Jurisdiction, acting as a temporary chairman, this group decided to call an interdenominational meeting consisting of a representative from every church in the city.

The following Sunday approximately sixty young people attended the meeting. Here, with Ed Lucas again acting as chairman, the group took their first definite steps. First came the selection of a name for the group. After much discussion the assembly chose as their name, "The Youth Action Group". Realizing the majority of youth cannot vote, the group talked of circulating papers something on the order of the petition that the adults were circulating. It was decided to call these "appeals" so as not to confuse them with the petitions for the registered voters. A committee was appointed to meet with the directors of the Local Option campaign to compose these appeals. The plan was to get the names of as many young people as possible signed to these appeals and then to have the names published in the city papers. These appeals were circulated throughout the city of Shreveport — in the schools, the college, in the churches, and on the streets. Following is the text of the appeal to which more than 3000 students signed their names and donated their quarters to have the names printed in the local paper:

"We, the undersigned young people under 21 years of age in the affecting voting areas do hereby appeal to the qualified electors in Caddo and Bossier parishes to sign the petitions now being circulated, asking for local option elections on the sale of alcoholic beverages. We are unable to defend ourselves against the social dangers of a legalized liquor traffic, but you who do have voting power are able to protect us. Our present and future welfare may be determined by your decision with the ballot. If you have no other reason for helping to make our community dry, please do it for the sake of us boys and girls."

The response to this appeal was truly gratifying. It was signed by hundreds of high school students as well as a large number of college students. Now the stage was set for the next great step of the Youth Action Group. Borrowing from other youth groups over our nation, they planned for a gigantic youth parade — complete with bands and floats. As soon as the need of the group was made known, businessmen instantly came forward with trucks needed for the floats. The day preceding the parade, the young people worked until the wee hours of the

RICEBELT INTERMEDIATE
SUB-DISTRICT

The Ricebelt Intermediate Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship met Tuesday evening, October 23, at the Grand Avenue Methodist Church in Stuttgart.

Jackie Hoskyn was in charge of the worship service. Rev. A. J. Christie opened the meeting with prayer. Georgene Sorrells, Charles Roth and Mary Sue Grandgeorge took part on the program.

Vice-president Dixie Hillman of Lodges Corner presided over the business meeting.

Brother Christie gave a description of the Methodist Camp at Hot Springs.

June Harris and Georgene Sorrells directed recreation and the hosts served refreshments.

Counselors present were: Mrs. A. LaPine; Rev. O. E. Holmes of DeWitt; Mrs. B. E. Jessup of Lodges Corner; Mrs. Paul Wessels and Mrs. A. J. Christie of Stuttgart.

Units represented were DeWitt; Lodges Corner; First Methodist Church, Stuttgart; and Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart. — Georgene Sorrells, Reporter.

morning preparing and decorating approximately 17 floats. The day of the parade dawned bright and clear. After assembling and going through the downtown streets, the parade divided and proceeded to tour the residential sections of the city.

Although the success of the appeal and the parade was gratifying, the Youth Action Group is planning greater things in the future. Through their efforts and programs the group has shown that Christian youth truly has a message and wants to tell the world.—Kennon Moody, V. P., La. M. Y. F.

Worry might be compared to cancer in that, once it gets hold, it is just as insidious. It may begin merely as a simple reaction to any given situation; if conditions are right, however, it gets a foothold, crowding out all the normal healthy emotions such as serenity, pleasure and enthusiasm until it takes over completely.—Inspection News.

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WHY DO WE NEED RULES?

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 18, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Exodus chapter 18 through 23. Printed text: Exodus 19:7-8a; 23:1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT: All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. (Ex. 19:8)

A Look At The Scriptures

In chapter 18 we have the account of Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, bringing to him his wife and two sons. It seems that Moses' wife, Zipporah, had tarried in the home of her father while Moses freed the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. This chapter also tells of some good advice that Jethro gave Moses. He noted that Moses was attempting to hear at first hand all the complaints of the people. This used up all of his time and depleted his energies. Jethro advised Moses to appoint elders over various groups of people. These men could deal with all the lesser problems and only the greater ones would be brought before Moses. Moses appointed 70 men to look after this matter.

Chapter 19 tell that the Israelites reached the wilderness of Sinai. Two months had elapsed since they crossed the Red Sea. At the beginning of the third month, after their liberation, they came to this memorable place. It will be remembered that this was the place where Moses had seen the burning bush and received the commission to liberate the Israelites. At the time of the commission the mount was called Horeb, but this was simply another name by which Sinai was sometimes designated. The Israelites remained here for eleven months. This has been called the turning point in their history. They were here organized into a nation. Rules, laws, and regulations for governing them as a nation were given. There were a dozen of these tribes that needed to be welded into one people. The one force that bound them together was religion. Chapter 19 also tells how Moses sanctified the people for the great occasion of giving the law. The glory of the Lord came down on Mount Sinai and the people noted that the mountain was enveloped in smoke and fire. This was done that they might reverence God, believe in Moses, and thus come to obey the law that was about to be given.

The Ten Commandments

Chapter 20 tells of the giving of the Ten Commandments. This was a great day indeed for the history of the world. These commandments are the guiding principle upon which the laws of most all the civilized nations of the world have been built. This was the first law ever given to the people of God. Some scholars claim that Exodus was not written in its present form until the monarchical period, but all are agreed that these commandments were in existence long before this time. They had been handed down from generation to generation in both oral and various written forms. Dr. W. S.

Bruce has given a very interesting outline of these commandments. The outline consists of two main divisions with several subheads. The first division has to do with man's relationship to God. Bruce expresses it thus: I. Let Jehovah be revered and honored in respect of (a) His Person (note first commandment); (b) His Worship (note second); (c) His Name (note third); (d) His Day (note fourth); (e) His Representatives (note fifth). The second division has to do with man's relationship with his fellowman. II. Let the neighbor be protected in respect of (a) His life (sixth commandment); (b) his family (seventh); (c) his property (eighth); (d) his character; (e) and his thought and intent as well as act. It will be noted that these take care of all the relationships of life. If a man is right with God and right with his fellowman, he is right, but he cannot be right with one while wrong with the other. These commandments were written on two tables of stone which mark these relationships.

Promise By The People

Even before the giving of the Ten Commandments Moses had the people promise to keep them. This promise is given in the 19th chapter and is a portion of our printed text. It is also our Golden Text: "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." This promise sealed the covenant between Israel and God. It is one of the finest agreements ever made by any people. If the Israelites had faithfully kept it they would have avoided much suffering and would have become an even greater people than they did. Like all other individuals and all other nations, however, they did not fully live up to their part of the contract.

The Application of The Ten Commandment Principles

The remainder of the printed text simply applies the principles set forth in the Ten Commandments to the various realms of human life. These verses come from what is known by the Israelites as the Book of the Covenant. This book contains Exodus 20:22 through 23:33. A careful study of the Book of the Covenant will richly reward the student. In this study one might well use the outline given by Dr. Colliver: (1) the ordering of worship and other religious observances; (2) the right of slaves and strangers; kindness to the widow, the orphan, and the poor; and impartial administration of justice even to the enemy; (3) penalties for crimes against life and property.

Words cannot express the value that the giving of these laws had in welding the Hebrew people into a nation. These laws continue to be a

blessing to the Jews though at present they are scattered throughout the world. Christ himself realized the value of these laws. He summed them up in two great statements: "Love God supremely and fellowman as self." But even these had already been given the Jews. (See Deut. 6:4-5 and Lev. 19:18). The originality of Christ is shown in the fact that he brought the two great principles—love to God and love to man—together.

The Importance of Law

The importance of law cannot be overstressed. Even God cannot operate a universe without laws. The planets move according to law. The seasons of the year come according to law. The same is true with day and night. Weather operates according to law. Certain conditions bring about drouth and certain cause rain. The natural laws of the universe have been called God's habits; his mode of action in that realm.

We have laws of health. If an individual has a good start, if he inherits a strong body and through observation of the laws of health takes care of it, the chances are he will live to a ripe old age. On the other hand if he flouts these laws he will come to an untimely end. Paul insisted that God would destroy those who defile the body. He said that the body is the temple for the Holy Spirit. God wants strong physical bodies in which he lives and through which he works.

There are also mental laws; rules for the development of the mind. Some of God's greatest work is done through human minds that have been developed. Paul admonished Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth."

Then, there are moral laws. Some have a hard time keeping these laws real to themselves. This is because they deal mostly with the unseen. These laws were very real to the philosopher Emanuel Kant. He contended that he knew there was a personal holy God because of the moral laws in men's hearts and the starry heavens above their heads. These laws are just as immutable as is the law of gravitation. In this realm, certain causes always produce certain effects. No man can have peace in his heart who is filled with hatred, prejudice, and an unforgiving heart. We hear of people breaking these moral laws, but one does not really break them. He literally breaks himself upon them. If a person steps off of a high precipice without something to sustain his weight, he does not break the law of gravity; he breaks himself on the rocks below. That is what really happens when one attempts to break the moral and spiritual laws. He does not get away with it. "God is not mocked." He rather breaks himself on these laws.

Our Civil Laws

We hear a great deal said these days about freedom. But we must never forget that this is freedom under certain limitations. The planets have great freedom of movement but they are free to move only in their own orbits. A railroad engine has freedom to go from place to place, but its freedom is limited to the tracks. Off the track is not freedom for the engine, but a wreck. Every man has a right to clinch his fist and strike with great force in the open air, but if the face of his fellowman occupies that space his

freedom is limited. His rights end where the face of his neighbor begins.

Civil laws are made for the protection of the rights of those who wish to do right. Their object is to restrain the evil doer. For the most part the laws of this nation are good. But some are unjust and unfair. They are made under pressure of lobbyists with the purpose of favoring selfish groups. When, through selfishness one group in our nation gets more than its share of the good things of life, some other group suffers. We hear a great deal of talk about the fact that we now have more laws than ever and yet there is more lawlessness in our country. This disobedience comes from two sources. First, our present moral slump; and second, the fact that many laws are made under pressure from selfish groups and since they are unfair many refuse to obey them.

Temperance Lesson

This is our quarterly temperance lesson and it fits right into this idea of law. Remember, that law is to protect the rights and privileges of those who would do right and to restrain the evil doer. Liquor is an evil. It has done more harm than any other single evil in all the world. It is a narcotic drug and as such should never be used as a beverage. It not only injures the health of those who drink it, but it makes them dangerous to the safety and health of others. Some claim they have the right to drink liquor if they so desire. But such contention can never be proven by the facts. A man has a right to strike out with his fist but not if his neighbor's face is in the way. A man has a right to shoot a gun but not if some one is standing directly in front of the gun at the time he wishes to shoot. A man who knows how to handle a car and who keep his wits about him has a right to drive down the highway, but not if he clouds his mind with a narcotic drug to the extent that he becomes dangerous to others. Every drunken driver is a potential murderer.

Many people while under the influence of intoxicating liquor go out and deliberately and intentionally kill others. When they come to trial they insist that they did the crime while drunk and did not know what it was all about. Sometimes the law of the land administers capital punishment to such individuals; it takes their lives. This puts the nation behind the eight ball. It faces this contradiction of justice. It licenses certain citizens to sell to others that which causes them to commit a crime and then in turn takes the life of the guilty party for committing the crime. Is that right in the sight of God? How do we come to have such crazy laws? They were passed under pressure by certain groups that would profit selfishly through the sale of liquor. The argument that liquor should be sold legally because otherwise many would bootleg the stuff is silly. That argument could be used to license any crime. There is more adultery now than ever before, why not license red-light houses? There is more murder now than ever before, why not license people who commit such crimes? The argument does not hold, and besides, we have bootleggers now just as same as we did in prohibition days. No sane person will argue that less liquor is consumed now than was the case then.

SHE GAVE 66 YEARS TO CHINA

Waiting in California to return to China "if given the opportunity" is 89-year-old "Shepherdess Mother of Hinghwa" who arrived in the United States recently after serving sixty-six and one-half years as a missionary of the Methodist Church in China. Mrs. William N. Brewster's career there was interrupted by the communists, whose restrictions on her activities and anti-western sentiments made it evident that Chinese Christians would be better off if she withdrew.

Mrs. Brewster "retired" in 1934 by continuing the work she had begun in China at the age of 22 as a single missionary, Miss Elizabeth Fisher, from London, Ohio. She arrived in Foochow in 1884 and was stationed there for six years, until her marriage in 1890 to Dr. Brewster. They moved to Hinghwa as the first foreign missionaries to establish headquarters in that province. Together they laid the foundations for a Christian community which now has in the conference more than 40,000 Christians, 200 churches, several grammar and high schools, an orphanage, a modern hospital, improved roads, motor traffic on the rivers, and a better system of dikes for the irrigation of the area's rice fields. Land reclamation projects directed by Mr. Brewster turned many acres of sea into farmland.

When her husband died in 1916, Mrs. Brewster took over his duties as district superintendent. She saw that each of her seven children received a college education, and to the Chinese became "Bo Seo Bau," or Shepherdess Mother, for her relentless work in churches, schools, leprosy colonies, and the conference orphanage and hospital. Despite failing eyesight and hearing, she kept up her work in China and her correspondence with friends in America who have had continuing interest in China. Even after the communists took over and moved Mrs. Brewster from Hinghwa to Hankong, six miles away, she started another nursery for children.

Mrs. Brewster has strong faith and hope for the future of Christianity in China. She was in the country during the final decades of the Manchu Dynasty, during the Boxer Rebellion, the Revolution of 1911, the Chiang Kai Shek Revolution, and the communist seizure. She has had no fear of harm to herself from the communists or from the "bandits" the communists said they were protecting her against when they restricted her travels. Although she was permitted to bring only a few of her personal belongings out of China, she brought the love of thousands of Chinese people and the confidence that Christian fellowship will survive the current crisis. She had promised her adopted people that she will return as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Mrs. Brewster is at the home of a son, William, in Oroville, California. Another son and two daughters became missionaries. Dr. Harold M. Brewster, tuberculosis specialist who spent thirteen years as a missionary in China and last year as head of a project of the World Health Organization in San Salvador, is now on the medical staff of the associated Medical Missions in New York City. Mary Brewster married Dr. George Hollister and they are on furlough from mission service in China; Karis Brewster and her husband, the Rev. Frank Manton, are in Rangoon,

FOREIGN EDITIONS OF 'THE UPPER ROOM'

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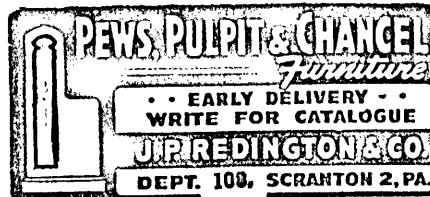
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Burma. Two other sons are the Rev. Edward Brewster, minister of the Methodist Church at Williamsburg, Ohio, and Francis T. Brewster, a farmer in Madison, Wisconsin. Another son, Raymond, died two years ago.

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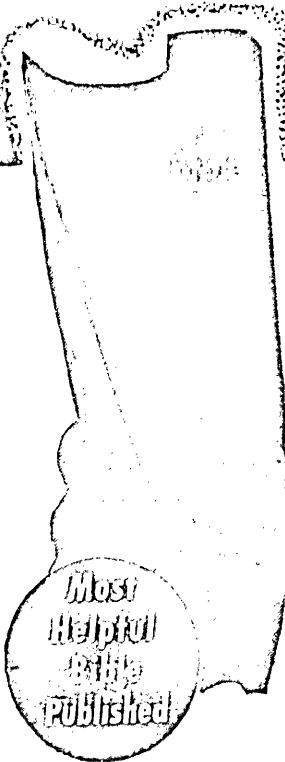
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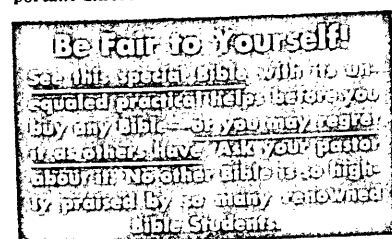
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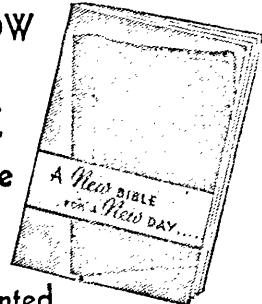
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