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

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PAUL E. MARTIN, Bishop
722 Center Street
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November 20, 1951.

The Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana.

Dear Friends:

In keeping with the tradition of warm-hearted evangelism, the Methodist Church is now engaged in a nationwide evangelistic movement. As a part of that thrilling enterprise the Churches of Louisiana and the Camden and Hope Districts in Arkansas are entering, in the period of November 30th. to December 9th., a time of intensive evangelistic effort. A similar period for the other Churches of Arkansas will follow in January.

The tremendous volume of planning and work on the part of the men and women engaged in this Evangelistic Mission is justified by the crucial time in which we live. We are confronted by a paganism that threatens to destroy civilization itself. Mankind needs to accept a set of spiritual principles that will lead to a wide recovery and respect for spiritual authority and the whole moral counsel of God. We confidently believe the world can be changed through a genuine revival that will touch every area of human life.

Our Church has the right to expect the fullest cooperation on the part of all our people. Great congregations should be present for all the services, our people should be much in prayer, and with zeal and enthusiasm we should present Christ to the unchurched persons for whom we are responsible. Victory awaits us!

Cordially yours,

Paul E. Martin

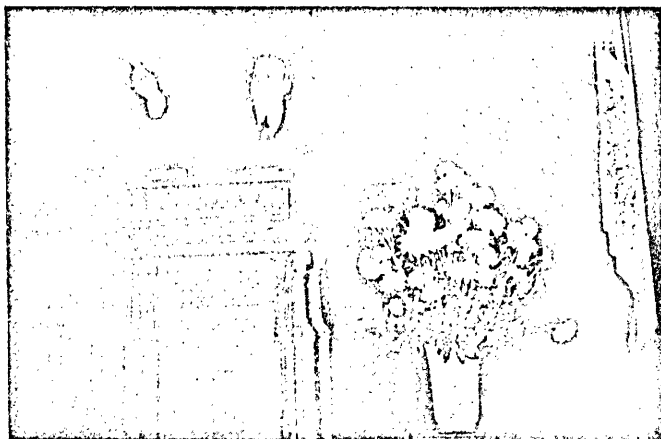
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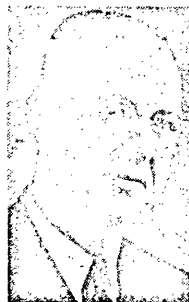
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To the Methodist of Louisiana and Arkansas

Dear Fellow Workers:

One of the truly great experiences of my life has come in working in our United Evangelistic Mission. Time and time again I have rejoiced as I have seen the interest and devotion manifested in the lives of our Bishop, our Mission leaders, our director, our District Superintendents, our pastors and our laymen. The evangelistic fervor runs high in our episcopal area. It's an inspiration to be a part of this great movement.

As we approach the week when in Louisiana and south Arkansas we shall be in the local churches doing the evangelistic work I call on the Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana to be much in prayer. We challenge the evangelistic workers and members of the churches in Mission A to give of their time, talents and material possessions in such a way that God may truly bless us in our work.

The organization is perfected, the spirit is good, the expectation is great, the hour is near. Let us not fail God nor man, but so labor that new life and power will come to our great church. I believe ours is to be a great victory for Christ and His Church.

Sincerely,

Cecil R. Culver

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Unit "A" Districts Completing Plans For U. E. M.

By DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS OF UNIT "A"

United Evangelistic Mission In The Alexandria District

Final preparations are being made for the Evangelistic Mission in the Alexandria District. The Ministers had their final meeting to complete plans and to turn in their over 2000 prospects and list their workers.

Every newspaper in the District will carry a story about the Mission, and the two cities which have radio stations will give time to cover the program. The area will be well blanketed with information about the proposed activities.

The program is an enviable one. Dr. Aubrey Walton, distinguished minister from First Methodist Church, Little Rock is the Inspiration Speaker for the ministers each morning during the School of Evangelism meeting daily at First Methodist Church, Alexandria. Dr. Cecil R. Culver, Executive Chairman of the entire campaign, will be speaker at the great Youth Rally to be held at First Church, Alexandria on Saturday night, December 1. Rev. John Hefley and Rev. John Bayliss, popular and well known ministers from the Arkansas Conferences, will instruct the ministers of the School daily in Visitation Evangelism and Pulpit Evangelism respectively. The climax of the entire week is the Great Mass Meeting to be held on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. at First Church, Alexandria, where 1000 people are expected to gather in both the auditorium and Fellowship hall to hear Bishop Marvin Franklin, Resident Bishop of Mississippi.

Wholehearted cooperation on the part of the ministers and laymen indicate a great period in the Alexandria District.

United Evangelistic Mission In The Baton Rouge District

Preparations for the United Evangelistic Mission in the Baton Rouge District, November 30-December 9 are under way in thirty-three participating churches of the forty-one total charges. The Youth Rally for the District will be held on Thursday night, November 29, instead of December 1, as in other districts, due to the Tulane-L. S. U. football game in Baton Rouge on that date. The Youth Rally will be held in the Music Hall of Southwestern Louisiana College, Hammond, Thursday night, 7:30, with Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., as guest speaker.

The District Mass Meeting, which is to climax the week's efforts, will be held at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, December 9, at 3:00 p. m., with Dr. Homer T. Fort pastor of First Methodist Church, Beaumont, Texas, as the guest speaker.

The School of Evangelism will meet in First Methodist Church, Hammond, La., each morning at 10:00 a. m. Instructor in Visitation Evangelism will be Rev. Otte Teague; in Pulpit Evangelism, Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, Jr.; inspirational speaker, Dr. F. A. Buddin. Registration of ministers will begin at 2:30

p. m. Friday, November 30, followed by a period of instruction, and the banquet, which will feature the message by Dr. F. A. Buddin.

United Evangelistic Mission In The Monroe District

Twenty-eight churches in the Monroe District are making plans for a successful mission. Charts and other materials are in hand. Cards for car pools and attendance quotas have been provided, looking to an attendance of 1,000 young people at the youth rally, Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock at N. L. S. C. auditorium; and for the great victory mass meeting on December 9th, at Neville High School auditorium at 3:00 o'clock p. m. A goal of 5,000 has been set for the victory rally.

Dr. Mark Vaught, pastor of First Church, Stuttgart, Arkansas, will be the speaker for the youth rally. Dr. J. Albert Gatlin Conway, Arkansas, will be the banquet speaker, Friday evening at 6:30, Nov. 30th, First Church, Monroe, where all the sessions of the daily School of Evangelism for pastors will be held. Dr. W. B. Selah, pastor of Galloway Memorial Church, Jackson, Mississippi, will be the speaker for the victory rally.

Daily visitation evangelism instruction at the pastors' school in Monroe will be led by Dr. Mark Vaught; Pulpit Evangelism by Dr. H. M. Lewis of Springdale, Arkansas; and Inspirational addresses by Dr. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

More than 2,500 prospects have been found, with more than 300 workers and visitors in training for a victorious mission in the district. We estimate that 6,000 prayer covenant cards will be signed, and more will lift their prayers daily for "the greatest evangelistic effort ever made in Methodism."

The United Evangelistic Mission In The New Orleans District

Thirty-five simultaneous revival efforts in New Orleans District, Nov. 30-Dec. 9, will bring to a climax the careful and prayerful planning for the Mission that has characterized this district.

We list these places because they are where the victories will be won:

Charges outside New Orleans: Berwick, Covington, Donaldsonville, Franklin, Golden Meadow, Houma First Church, Houma Heights, Lacombe, Lusher-Reserve, Morgan City, Pearl River, Slidell, Thibodaux. Charges in Greater New Orleans: Aldersgate-Wesley, Algiers, Canal Street, Carrollton Avenue, Church of the Redeemer, Eighth St., St. Bernard, Elysian Fields, Felicity, First Church, Gentilly, Gretna, Harahan, Jefferson, Kenner, Lake Vista, Munholland Memorial, Napoleon Avenue, Rayne Memorial, Parker Memorial, St. Luke's, St. Marks, Second Church.

To these churches will come the men from Arkansas (aided by two men from Texas and one from Shreveport), who will help us in our great evangelistic task. We welcome them to this unique field of service!

The School of Evangelism will be held Monday through Friday at 10:00 a. m. at Rayne Memorial Church, Dr. B. C. Taylor, pastor-

host. The leaders of the school will be:

Visitation Evangelism Instruction—Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, of Hot Springs; Pulpit Evangelism Instruction—Dr. E. B. Williams, Jonesboro; Inspirational Addresses—Dr. H. O. Bolin, Benton.

The first session of the School of Evangelism will be at 4 p. m. Friday, November 30th. The Youth Rally will be held at Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, on Friday evening, November 30th (to avoid conflict with the Tulane-L. S. U. football game on Saturday). Rev. George Ivey, vice-president of Centenary College, Shreveport, will be the guest speaker. Three youth choirs will sing.

The final Victory Mass Meeting will be held at the Municipal Auditorium in New Orleans, seating 5,000 persons. The district is working hard to fill this great auditorium, to hear the message of Dr. Umphrey Lee, President of Southern Methodist University.

We have about 3,000 prospects listed, and over 600 visitation workers enlisted. We are praying and working for a spiritual blessing and an inspiring victory.

United Evangelistic Mission In The Ruston District

Preparations are well under way for the Ruston District United Evangelistic Mission November 30-December 9, 1951. One thousand young people are planned for at the District Youth Rally to be held at the Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston at 7:30 p. m., December 1. Youth Rally speaker will be Rev. J. William Watson of North Little Rock, and the choir will be composed of preachers from the district as well as visiting preachers.

The School of Evangelism will be held each morning, December 3-7, at 10 o'clock at the First Methodist Church in Arcadia. Visitation Evangelism instruction will be given by Dr. Arthur Terry of Little Rock, Arkansas; Pulpit Evangelism instruction by Dr. E. J. Holifield of Helena, Arkansas; the inspirational address by Rev. J. William Watson of North Little Rock.

At the conclusion of the week of combined visitation and preaching evangelism in the local churches of the district, there will be a district-wide Mass Meeting on Sunday afternoon December 9, at 3:00 p. m., in the high school gymnasium at Arcadia. Dr. Ray Johnson of the Munger Place Methodist Church in Dallas will be the speaker. A choir of 150 voices composed of choir members of various churches in the district under the direction of Earle Cooke of Minden, will furnish the special music and lead the singing.

Rev. Geo. W. Pomeroy is the Ruston District superintendent.

United Evangelistic Mission In The Shreveport District

With a bit less than three thousand prospects now, and the list growing each day, and with more than six hundred visitors ready to go out and see them, the Shreveport District is fast rounding into shape for the great United Evangelistic Mission which begins on the 30th of this month.

Our Youth Rally with a goal of fifteen hundred young people present will be held in the First Methodist Church of Shreveport on Saturday December 1 1951. The service begins promptly at seven o'clock with Dr. Kenneth Shamblin as the inspirational speaker and Rev. J. B. Grambling leading the great choir.

The School of instruction will be held each morning at ten o'clock at the First Methodist Church with Dr. Paul Bumpers as the instructor. Our first meeting will be at 2:30 p. m. on Friday November 30 1951. The banquet for all the preachers will be held at the First Methodist Church that afternoon at six with Dr. Fred Roebuck as speaker.

The Mass Meeting on December 9, 1951 will be held at the First Methodist Church at three o'clock p. m. with Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., of Dallas, as the speaker. We are planning for two thousand people.

United Evangelistic Mission In The Hope District

We are approaching the beginning of our Mission in the Hope District in fine order, and with great hopefulness. No enterprise has ever been undertaken with a finer spirit of oneness, and no better spirit of cooperation has ever been exercised. From the very beginning of our preparation for it, it has been accepted wholeheartedly by both pastors and churches.

Pastors in the district have done an excellent job with surveys and other means of securing prospect lists for their charges. The result is: we will have approximately twenty-five hundred prospects.

Two circuits are having circuit-wide efforts, with visiting teams coming to one central place on the charge each for the dinner and instruction period, and then returning to their local church for visitation.

Seven county newspapers, some of the dailies, and three radio stations in the district have been utilized as channels of publicity. Four-six foot posters have been printed and made available for each participating church, in addition to the publicity materials supplied by our General Board of Evangelism. We, therefore, feel that the Mission has been quite well publicized.

Nashville, Arkansas, will be the central place for all of our meetings.

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

There was a time when men rejected Christianity because they disbelieved in miracles or in the Divinity of Christ. In our age a commoner cause is this: What they understand by Christianity has been disproved by their experience of life . . .

The Kingdom is at once a possession and a hope. It is present for already God's redemptive activity may be experienced; it is future for God's kingly activity will be unconditioned when the Kingdom comes in power . . .

To know what God would have us do, we need to remember what God Himself has done . . .

Our Lord's teaching was not abstract but concrete; He dealt with individual men and women in their needs . . .

The reward of the pure in heart is to see God, but only the pure in heart would find in that vision a reward . . .

His (Jesus) teaching was universal in its scope, for he dealt with men as men, and not as members of a class or nation . . .

Jesus revealed what God is, and in doing so showed what His children must seek to be . . .

The impulse to Christian character comes from what He was, as much as from what He taught and what He was reveals what we must strive to be . . .

—From The Christian Way,
by Sydney Cave

WHY DON'T WE?

Verse for today: *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.* (Gal. 5:25)

Scripture: Romans 7:15-25.

The story is told of a traveler who visited a city which was famous for the manufacture of shoes. He learned that almost everyone in the city worked in a factory that made shoes. Obviously, they all believed in shoes. But he noted one very strange thing about the people. None of them wore shoes!

Many of us are active in the Christian church. We believe in the teachings of Jesus, but we do not live by them day by day. Rather we walk according to our wishes in the paths we choose.

We have all felt as Paul did when he wrote, "The good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." What is the reason for this difference between belief and conduct? Probably the chief reason lies in the fact that we withhold a part of ourselves from Christ. We hesitate to leave our self-pleasing ways, and we are unwilling to undertake wholehearted discipleship. For Christ calls us to give up sins to which we cling, he summons us to attempt tasks that will require real self-sacrifice.

Would that all of us might learn the joy of complete surrender to Christ. Then he would help us to be true and loyal disciples; he would teach us to practice what we pro-

POEM FOR THE WEEK

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed o'er disease and death,
O'er sadness and the grave.
To thee they went, the blind the dumb,
The palsied and the lame,
The leper with his tainted life,
The sick with fevered frame.

And lo the touch brought life and health,
Gave speech, and strength, and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
Owned thee, the Lord of light;
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
Almighty as of yore,
In crowded street, by restless couch,
As by Gennesaret's shore.

Be thou our great Deliverer still,
Thou Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless
With thine almighty breath;
To hands that work and eyes that see,
Give wisdom's heavenly lore,
That whole and sick, and weak and strong,
May praise thee evermore.

—Edward H. Plumptre, from
Best Loved Hymns

SPIRIT OF EXPECTANCY

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
"Here I send my messenger on before you:
He will prepare your way;
Hark! Someone is shouting in the desert,
'Get the Lord's way ready,
Make his paths straight'."

(Mark 1:2,3)

Read these words which Mark takes from the Prophet Isaiah and try to analyze your feelings. It seems as if there is an expectancy born within our hearts. It is not finished; it is just a beginning. This is the "once upon a time" portion of the story. However, our story is not a fairy tale, but it is "the old, old story of Jesus and His love."

Without the spirit of expectancy we are pretty lifeless. Life becomes a drudgery and each day's activity but a routine into which we must fit. Expectancy is born of hope. Now hope is not just "wishful thinking"; it is one of the trio in Paul's great statement, "Now faith hope, and love endure. These are the great three, and the greatest of them is love." Perhaps in Paul's estimation hope is not as great as love, but that does not mean that it does not play a primary part in a joyous life. The spirit of expectancy must be born of a prophetic hope. The Prophets of Israel saw the impending doom, but they also saw the sunrise of hope.

In the Arkansas-Louisiana Area of our Church we are looking forward to a great time in the later

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PRAYER: Grant us, O God, the will to love and to serve thee as we ought. Help us, we pray, to forget ourselves and all our sinful desires. Give us a spirit that is wholly devoted to Christ and his kingdom. In his name. Amen.

—William D. Goble, from
The Secret Place

part of November and the first of December and also in January. Many Methodists in other sections of the nation are looking forward to just such an evangelistic mission as that for which we are planning. This great mission will be more effective and joyous if we approach the crucial hour buoyant with expectancy.

In the first place, it seems that each Christian ought to expect a deeper consecration and dedication of his own life. Loyal and devoted members of the church ought to eagerly look forward to these dates as a time of genuine spiritual rearmament in their own life. Christians ought to be praying with confidence that their prayer will be answered that they might have a closer walk with God. William Cowper has expressed it in his great hymn:

"O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb."

Unless there is this expectancy for Christians to walk closer to God our efforts will not produce what they ought to. When Christians become self-satisfied there is no hope

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Father, forgive us for our distrust of Thee. Thou hast promised that when we seek Thee that we will find Thee, that when we knock the door shall be opened. Help us to trust Thee fully. May a deep spirit of expectancy be born in the heart of Thy Church. May we expect great things from Thee as we seek to do Thy will. Amen.

either for the world or for the Church. The Christians of that first day were discontented over the things as they were. They decided that God had called them to change these things by preaching Jesus Christ alive forevermore.

The most severe critics of early Methodists were Methodists themselves. They turned the spotlight of God's truth upon their own heart rather than upon the heart of others. Whatever others may have said in ridicule, the early Methodists sought to discover the true situation in their own heart. Their lives were judged not merely by the acts of the day, but by the attitude which the outsider was unable to see. So in these days of preparation for a spiritual awakening, the Church itself, from the least unto the greatest, ought to expect this to be a time of great enrichment for their own lives.

Then it seems that Christians ought to expect to reclaim and recapture the loyalty of backslidden church members. There is a growing concern over the size of the inactive rolls reflected in our reports. Go further and look at your own church, even when you have a good congregation for a worship service, see how near you are to the membership of your church. But we are thinking mostly of those who through their lives speak in clear and unmistakable language that they are backslidden. We ought to expect to reclaim these and make definite plans that our expectations will be fulfilled.

Certainly, we can expect our unsaved friends to commit their lives to Jesus Christ. Do we still believe men are lost who have not made this commitment? Have we given them all of the encouragement possible in helping them make that commitment? Have we made it a matter of earnest and sincere prayer? There are many who are waiting for that friendly and earnest invitation to "come with us to Christ". Expectancy ought to rise as a tide that will make us glad of the opportunity to go into the highways and byways and urge men to partake of the eternal riches of God through Jesus Christ His Son.

When can we expect this? Do we have to wait for the opening date? If we wait that long we will have missed a lot of the joy. We are not waiting for God to lead us in a great spiritual awakening—God is waiting for us! We do not have to beg God to be concerned about a soul, a community, or a world. God's concern for His creation has been expressed in a multitude of ways. His concern cannot be dated. That love has been outpouring from the dawn of man's religious consciousness. When men began to write about God they told of His concern. We see this love in all of its in-

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

WHAT HAS BECOME OF KIM?

As the war in Korea continues, I find myself asking more and more, *What has become of Kim?* In the early days of my ministry while I was a student at Vanderbilt University, I came to know and love Rev. A. W. Wasson, a classmate of mine in Vanderbilt, from Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was a choice spirit and has been a dear friend of mine from then until now.

He went early as a missionary from our church to Korea, where he came to know and love a Korean lad by the name of Kim Dong Sung. Kim was struggling to get an education and prepare himself for the ministry. Brother Wasson wrote me, asking if I could manage somehow to finance Kim if he came to America and took a course in Hendrix College. I answered immediately, agreeing to undertake it, and soon Kim was on his way to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where I was then pastor of the Central Avenue Methodist Church. He arrived in the middle of the college term, so he took up his abode with us until the opening of the second term at Hendrix.

He was a dear boy, my church, especially the young people, fell in love with him, and it was easy to finance his college work. Later on he returned to Korea, but for some reason which has never been made clear to me, he never actively identified himself with the church after his period of study in this country. He has been successful in newspaper work in Seoul, where he has lived since going back, but has not counted for much in Korea, so far as *Christianity* is concerned.

For a time I heard from him quite frequently, but not recently, though a few years ago he came to this country on a mission of some kind for his government. Notwithstanding all this, I have never regretted what we did for him, or what we tried to do. While he was with us he was a sweet-spirited convert to the Christian faith. What came into his life to change his plans and purposes we may never know here, but surely we will know hereafter. The young people of our church in Hot Springs were devoted to him and deeply interested in his future. I do not believe that our efforts were in vain.

For some time, now, Korea has been at war, with much confusion throughout the land. Again and again, I find myself asking, *What has become of Kim?* Wherever he may be, may God bless him!

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. M. ALFORD has been appointed pastor of the newly-organized Wesley Methodist Church of Shreveport.

REV. LOUIS HOFFPAUR, pastor of the New Iberia Church, was the speaker at the meeting of the New Iberia Rotary Club on Wednesday, November 7.

THE METHODIST MEN of the Jonesboro, Arkansas, Area met on Friday evening, November 9, at the Huntington Avenue Church in Jonesboro.

REV. AND MRS. WOODROW WOODS announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra Kay, on November 9. Brother Woods is pastor of the Elm Spring-Harmon Charge.

REV. T. T. McNEAL, director of the Methodist Children's Home, Little Rock, spoke at the morning hour at the Methodist Church in Trumann on Sunday, November 11.

DAVE BATEMAN, lay leader of the Ft. Smith District, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Booneville, on Monday, November 5.

REV. ROY E. FAWCETT, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Little Rock Conference, was the guest speaker at the Methodist Church at Des Arc on Sunday, November 11. Rev. A. C. Rogers is pastor.

WU-TSUAN WONG, Chinese student at Little Rock Junior College last year and a member of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, is now enrolled at Bradley University. His address is 115 North Maplewood, Peoria, Illinois.

CHAPLAIN MAURICE FULKERSON, who is on leave from service in Japan where he has spent three years, was the speaker at the Sunday evening service on November 11 at the Istrouma Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

MISS LEA JOYNER, assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, will be the speaker at the Thanksgiving dinner meeting of the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church of Monroe.

THE BOARD OF STEWARDS of the Siloam Springs Methodist Church presented a resolution at the recent Quarterly Conference, calling for a \$20,000 expansion program to improve the Sunday School facilities of the church. Rev. Allen D. Stewart is pastor.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, of the Beebe Methodist Church, taught by W. E. Boyer, is sponsoring the buying of the carpet for the church at Beebe. A committee has selected the carpeting which is being paid for by the membership.

THE EDUCATIONAL BUILDING of the First Methodist Church, Mena, was dedicated on Sunday, November 11, by Bishop Paul E. Martin, assisted by Rev. E. D. Galloway, district superintendent of the Hope District. Rev. J. E. Dunlap is pastor at Mena.

DR. WILLIAM L. FULTON, North Little Rock, is chairman of the drive for \$100,000 to build an education building for Gardner Memorial Church, Eighteenth and Schaer, North Little Rock. Other members of the committee are: E. H. Herrod, Phil Egan, Dixon Told and Mrs. Rube Zinn. Rev. Irl Bridenthal is pastor.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP of the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, will meet at the church on Tuesday evening, November 27, in the Fellowship Hall when election of officers for the new year will be held. A film on "Stewardship" will be shown. Rev. Alfred A. Knox is pastor.

DR. PAUL GALLOWAY, pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the speaker at the achievement banquet of the Osceola Chamber of Commerce on November 29. Dr. Galloway is a former pastor of the First Methodist Church of Osceola.

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 27, Pine Bluff District, Altheimer
December 12, Arkadelphia, Arkadelphia First Church
December 10, Monticello District, Warren
December 13, Hope District, De Queen

OPEN HOUSE was held at the parsonage of Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Sunday, November 18 from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. The parsonage has been completely remodeled inside and out at a cost of about \$3000. Rev. James B. Gramling is pastor.

VANTREASE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, El Dorado, was the host church for the World Community Day service, sponsored by the El Dorado Council of Church Women. Mrs. Neill Hart was in charge of the program and Mrs. Kenneth Snipes was the speaker.

MRS. W. F. BATES of North Little Rock was named vice-president of the Children's Workers' Commission, one of the major groups of the Methodist Conference on Christian Education, at the recent Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

MRS. G. W. FORREST, age 88, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. D. McCluer, of Dallas, Texas, on October 12. Mrs. Forrest was the mother of Mrs. George L. Cagle, wife of the pastor of the Methodist Church at Oak Ridge, La., and former member of the Little Rock Conference.

CHARLES M. CAMPBELL, a member of the Sevier Memorial Church, Ferriday, was recommended for a local preacher's license at the recent session of the Quarterly Conference of that church. Rev. Don Alverson is pastor of the Sevier Memorial Church.

REV. E. D. DAY, pastor of the DeQuincy Methodist Church, writes: "Our church is moving along nicely. We have received 28 into the church since June, five on profession of faith and among that number one man 90 years of age."

MRS. JOHNNIE MCCLURE, president of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, was the guest speaker at the First Methodist Church at Batesville on Sunday morning, November 11. Mrs. McClure spoke on her trip to the Ecumenical Conference at Oxford, England.

O. J. BORI, JR., of Vicksburg, Mississippi, was the speaker for Men's Club of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, on November 16. Mr. Bori, who was selected last year as Vicksburg's outstanding young man of the year, is in the office of the division superintendent of the Illinois-Central Railroad.

MRS. RALPH NEWCOMER was elected chairman of the Board of Education of the First Methodist Church, Gueydan, at a recent meeting of the Board. Other officers are Mrs. Lloyd Hartwell, vice-chairman and Richard Hoffpauir, secretary. Rev. D. B. Boddie is pastor of First Church.

LAY speakers in the Jonesboro, Arkansas, Area from the First Church, Jonesboro, for Sunday, November 11, were: Shiloh, Mrs. Maude Melton and Miss Virginia Lowrie; Lorado, William Gill and Arthur A. Henderson; Pleasant (Continued on page 5)

BISHOP MOORE INTRODUCED TO MILLIONS OF READERS

Methodism's top man of the year, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, is the subject of a full-length feature article in the Saturday Evening Post for November 10. He is president of his denomination's Council of Bishops.

Written by Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, a daily newspaper in Bishop Moore's home city, this literary profile is illustrated by a full length informal photograph of its smiling subject taken at the gothic doorway of Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford, England, where the Bishop spoke last August.

True to its title, "The Bishop's in a Hurry," the author reveals the energy and drive with which his subject administers the 1565 churches and numerous educational and philanthropic institutions under his immediate supervision, and at the same time carries out official visitations in all parts of the world for the Methodist Board of Missions and Church Extension. He has been its president since Methodist unification in 1939.

Currently, Bishop Moore is in

Korea, assisting the Methodists of that country to re-establish their war-destroyed organizations and institutions. Mr. McGill recounts numerous experiences incurred by Bishop Moore in connection with world-known political and military figures during overseas missions.

Impressive as are these international contacts, many readers, who know him as a great-hearted human being, will particularly appreciate Mr. McGill's accounts of Bishop Moore's remarkable conquest of the handicap of a late start, of the romance of his marriage and family life and the success as evangelist and pastor that preceded his election to the episcopacy in 1930.

BISHOP REED SAILS FOR INDIA VISITATION

Bishop Marshall R. Reed of the Detroit Area of The Methodist Church sailed from San Francisco on November 13 for an official visitation of India. Accompanied by Mrs. Reed, he left on the President Monroe for a five-month visitation on behalf of the Council of Bishops.

His principal assignment involves survey of the Methodist work in the four episcopal areas — Lucknow,

Delhi, Hyderabad, and Bombay. In company with the bishops of those areas, Bishop Reed will visit many of the missions and institutions of the church in India and will have a rigorous schedule of speaking and visitation.

He will also spend nearly a week in Japan, as well as some time in Manila and Honolulu. He will also spend ten days with Methodist leaders and churches in and around Singapore.

He expects to return to Detroit the first week in April after a flight from Rome to New York.

On the eve of the Reed's departure from Detroit members of the Detroit and Michigan annual conferences presented generous checks to Mrs. Reed to help defray her traveling expenses.

The test of every religious, political, or educational system is the man it forms. If a system injures the intelligence, it is bad. If it injures the character, it is vicious. If it injures the conscience, it is criminal.—H. F. Amiel, quoted in Christian Leader.

A wise man remains always a student.—Hoard's Dayman.

BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCES FUTURE PLANS

The Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church has announced that its members will meet in special session in the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Feb. 12-13, 1952.

Meeting in Chicago on Nov. 6, the board's executive committee also voted to cooperate with the Board of Evangelism in two projects.

The two boards will share in sponsoring a United Laymen's Spiritual Life Retreat to be held in a mid-western city Dec. 28-31. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas of Nashville, director of the department of spiritual life on the Board of Evangelism staff and a member of the Board of Lay Activities, will direct the program. The meeting is to be nation-wide and is expected to attract key laymen throughout the denomination.

Another project on which the two groups will cooperate will be the National Week of Lay Visitation Evangelism to be observed throughout Methodism March 16-22, 1952.

Ray H. Nichols of Vernon, Texas, president of the Board of Lay Activities, presided at the executive committee meeting.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

(Continued from page 4)

Valley, Charles A. Stuck, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hon, Bud Abernathy, Ann Stickler, Nita Scott, Larry Tucker and Anona Tucker.

DR. IRA BRUMLEY, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference, is speaking at the Fourth Street Methodist Church, Rector, November 18 to November 25. His messages deal with the doctrines of the Methodist Church. Dr. Brumley attended the Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England, the past summer.

REV. JOHN B. HEFLEY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, has been elected president of the Ministerial Alliance of Arkadelphia. Other officers are Rev. S. M. Cooper, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, vice-president and Rev. R. L. McCollum, pastor of the Third Street Baptist Church, secretary-treasurer.

REV. CLINTON T. HOWELL, editor of *The Mississippi Methodist Advocate* preached the sermon at the union Thanksgiving service held at the First Baptist Church in Maringoin at 8:00 p. m. on Wednesday, November 21. Joining in the service were the Methodist churches of Lottie and Rosedale and the Baptist churches of Grosse Tete and Maringoin.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY was observed by the Russellville Council of Church Women at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with Mrs. B. H. Ogilvie, vice-president of the Council presiding. The program theme, "How We May Live By Faith," was discussed by Mrs. A. B. Sallisbury, Jr., and Mrs. Harold O. Eggensperger, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist Church.

MRS. J. H. RHODES, of Zachary, passed away at a Baton Rouge hospital on Sunday, November 4, after a long illness. Mrs. Rhodes was a lifelong member of the Zachary Methodist Church and had taught a Sunday School Class for 35 years. She is survived by her husband, a brother, A. A. Lary, Houston, and a nephew, Leon P. Thomas, Baton Rouge.

DR. JOHN B. ENTRIKIN, head of the Chemistry Department at Centenary College, Shreveport, was the speaker at a meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, on November 9. Special guests were Rev. Ralph Cain, former associate pastor at First Church and twenty of the Methodist Men from Monroe.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College in Shreveport, was a guest of the

Navy to witness the final phase of the current North Atlantic Fleet exercises on the Atlantic coast Nov. 13. Dr. Mickle witnessed the naval and marine mock assault on Onslow Beach, No. Car. Approximately 250 ships and 100,000 navy and marine corps personnel took part in the assault.

REV. MAURICE WEBB, pastor at Vilonia, writes: "Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix College, preached last Sunday at the Vilonia Church and brought greetings from the College. He is cooperating in a lay program whereby they hope to have every pulpit filled every Sunday in the District. We are looking forward to hearing Dr. Ellis again the second Sunday in December."

DR. CARADINE R. HOOTON, executive secretary of the Board of Temperance, was elected president of the Council of Secretaries at their meeting in Chicago on October 9. Dr. Hooton was also named as one of seven Secretaries on the Committee of twenty-eight which is charged with the presentation to the General Conference of 1952 of an Advance program for the next quadrennium.

DR. GUY M. HICKS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be one of the speakers at the annual community Thanksgiving Day service to be held on Thanksgiving Day at the Don Theatre in Shreveport. Dr. George S. Ivey, vice-president of Centenary College, will preside. Other speakers will be Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Jr., of B'nai Zion Temple and the Rev. Michael F. Kennelly, S. J., principal of St. John's Catholic school.

REV. W. E. TRICE, pastor of the University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, was one of the speakers at Southern Association of Student Councils which met at Shreveport last week in a three-day meeting. The Southern Association of Student Councils is an organization composed of delegates from student councils of schools throughout the south. Speaking also at the Council was Dr. LeRoy Vogel, professor at Centenary College.

W. JACK LEWIS of Austin, Texas, spoke at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, on Sunday November 11, on the subject "The Christian Layman Comes Alive." This lecture marked the opening of the 1951-52 contemporary Christianity series. Sponsors for the series, which includes two other speakers, are the Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian groups on the campus and the Young Men and Women's Christian Associations. Mr. Lewis is associated with the University of Texas.

REV. BENTLEY SLOANE of Shreveport, was elected secretary-treasurer of the National

Commission of executive secretaries and presidents of Conference Boards of Education of the Methodist Church at a six-day conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which ended November 12. He will serve a two-year term. Mr. Sloane was one of 600 church and college delegates to the biennial Methodist Conference on Christian Education. He is executive secretary of Louisiana Conference Board of Education.

DR. JOHN J. RASMUSSEN, pastor of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the speaker at the World Community Day services, held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Shreveport. Dr. Rasmussen told of church relief work overseas. In 1946 he represented the World Council of Churches in Poland where he administered relief to Protestant churches on behalf of the council. World Community Day is sponsored in Shreveport by the Shreveport Council of Church Women.

BISHOP MARTIN led in dedicatory services Sunday morning, November 11, of the Educational Building of the First Methodist Church, Mena, where Rev. J. Edward Dunlap is pastor. Bishop Martin preached at the worship service at Mena Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon Bishop Martin led in the Cornerstone Laying service at the Fairview Methodist Church, Texarkana, for the new Educational Building there, and later preaching at the evening service of that church. Rev. C. H. Farmer is the Fairview pastor.

EUGENE E. BARNETT of New York City, general secretary of the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, was the principal speaker at the dedication service on Thursday, November 8, of the Lake Charles' Y. M. C. A.'s new physical education building. The ceremony also marked the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Y. M. C. A. in Lake Charles and the 100th anniversary of the organization's founding in the United States. The dedicatory prayer was given by Rev. William O. Byrd, pastor of the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles.

A religious program in which only people over 65 can participate is soon to be launched in Methodist Churches in the New Orleans area. Plans for the "Golden Agers" were outlined at the recent district conference in New Orleans by Rev. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Louisiana Conference. They will be asked to help with such duties in the church as folding bulletins, making calls and performing clerical work. Special summer camps for them will be held at the Seashore campground near Biloxi. Activities in New Orleans churches are to begin early next year and the first regular camp will be held next summer.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

RACHEL'S THANKSGIVING GUESTS

Kathrine waved her hand as she went by, but only made Rachel sigh harder. Of course, she smiled to Kathrine, but it was a poor little rainy smile. The sight of the grip in Kathrine's papa's hand was more than she could bear, for it meant to her grandmother's for Thanksgiving.

"O, dear me. O, dear me!" sobbed Rachel very softly indeed so poor, sick mamma would not hear, "seeing Kathie go makes my stomach ache for my grandmother's Thanksgiving dinner! The mashed potatoes and the white meat, the cranberry sauce and the wishbone! O, dear me! and the little saucer mince pie just a-purpose for me! Seems to me I sh-shall d-die if I try to bear it!"

The window pane was cold, and Rachel's little flattened nose turned quite blue against it. Her tears made little paths in the stream of her warm breath. She was a very unhappy little girl indeed.

Last year she and Kathrine had gone to Cloverdale together and sat in the same seat and nibbled both ends of the same banana. That was such fun! Then their grandfathers had met them and they had wished each other "A merry Thanksgiving" and parted.

Now, only Kathrine had gone. A faint whistle sounded down at the end of the snowy street.

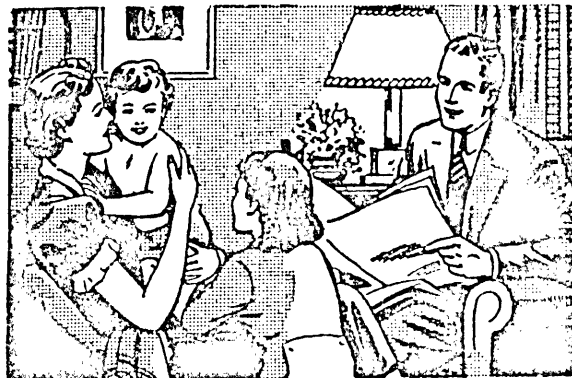
"There goes Kathrine's whistle this minute!" thought Rachel dolefully. "Now the engine's puffing in—now they're getting on—now the conductor's crying 'All aboard!' Kathrine's sitting next to the window and she's begun to eat her banana. We did the minute we got on last year. You can't wait when you're riding on the cars. O dear! I wonder if my end o' that banana doesn't look lonesome." And then, in spite of herself Rachel laughed. It was such a funny idea.

"Dear child! How good that laugh sounds!" thought mamma, among her pillows. She had been lying there grieving that her sickness must keep Rachel away from grandmother's Thanksgiving dinner. It was hard for the child. And then, to have Bridget gone, so there couldn't be any Thanksgiving dinner at home. It was a wonder the dear child could laugh.

Outside, on the snowy lawn, a few little chickadees were hopping about pecking hungrily at the dry weed stalks that peeped above the snow. Rachel watched them with a sudden feeling of companionship with them. They would have no Thanksgiving dinner, either—just snow and dried grass, poor things. Not even rice and cream and baked apples!

"I wish I could—I wonder if I couldn't—I'm going to!" she cried aloud. Her eyes shone with delight. It would be such a beautiful thing to do! Who'd ever given the birds a Thanksgiving dinner before!

"I'll begin right now to make out the bill o' fare. O this is fun!"



A HAPPY DAY

Today has been a joyous day
For the whole family.
Shall I tell you why we're happy?
It's Thanksgiving Day, you see.

We went to church this morning
And joined in prayer and praise.
And thanked our Heavenly Father
For care through all the days.

The day took on more meaning
When we shared some joys we had.
We took time to think of others
And the sharing made us glad.

—A.E.W.

laughed Rachel. Then she tiptoed to the door and listened.

"Mamma, you asleep?" she cried, just above her breath.

"No, sweetheart; come right in here." And Rachel went in and sat on the bed and told her plan.

"A dear little birds' Thanksgiving dinner, mamma!" she cried. "Won't it be splendid?"

"Splendid, sweetheart."

"And we'll count the things to eat—the, courses, you know—right now, on my fingers. You say the thumb one, mamma." Rachel held up her little fat thumb and waited.

"Seeds, Rachel, and grain."

"O, please wait! The grain's my forefinger. That's two courses. And little bits of apple, mamma?"

"Yes, dear, and peanuts all nicely shelled and broken up."

"O, yes, peanuts—goody."

"And bits of cake and bread and—yes, a bone, Rachel!"

"Mamma! a bone!"

"Yes, or two or three bones—that would be better," mamma smiled palely. "You can hang them on the lowest branches of the mulberry bush. Tie them on with little bright ribbons, to make the dinner table look nice! Didn't you know little birds like to peck at meat? The idea of a Thanksgiving dinner without any turkey course! I'll tell you, Rachel—there are some cold chicken bones in the pantry. That's next best to the turkey, isn't it?"

Such a Thanksgiving dinner as it was next day! Rachel got it ready herself, with her mittens on! The "courses" were daintily spread in neat rows on the clean, white snow for a table cloth. There were "covers" for twenty-five, Rachel said.

And the guests that came—the snow buntings and the woodpeckers and the chick-a-dees! And the social way they chattered and chirped!

and the appetites they had!

But, best of all, mamma was able to sit bolstered up in the easy chair beside the window, and be introduced to the guests. She nodded and smiled, and they nodded and ate.

"O, mamma, seems as if this was the thankfulest Thanksgiving that—ev'er was!" laughed Rachel.—Annie Hamilton Donnell, in the Young People's Weekly

JUST FOR FUN

The barber lifted the young customer into his chair and said: "How do you want your hair cut, son?"

"Like dad's, with a hole in the top."

Sign in an apartment (first floor) window: "Piano for Sale."

Sign in the next door apartment (first floor), "Hurrah."

An old lady was going down into a coal mine for the first time. As the cage descended, she noticed how she and the rest of the party were dependent upon a single rope to which it was attached.

"Do you think it's quite safe?" she asked a miner, as she glanced at the rope.

"Safe as the bank," returned the miner. "There's nothing to be afraid of. Those ropes are guaranteed to last 12 months, and this one isn't due to be renewed until tomorrow."

The Rent Control Office in London received a request from one Gordon Everard, who was planning on getting married. The Office replied that Gordon could go ahead and get married but he would have to wait for an apartment. Gordon answered:

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

GOLDEN KEYS

A bunch of golden keys is mine
To make each day with gladness shine.

"Good morning!" That's the golden key

That unlocks every door for me.
When evening comes, "Good night," I say.

And close the door of each glad day.
When at the table, "If you please" I take from off my bunch of keys.
"Excuse me," "Beg your pardon," too,

When by mistake some harm I do.
On a golden ring these keys I'll bind;
This is its motto: "Be ye kind."
I'll often use each golden key.
And so a happy child I'll be.

—Sunny Hours

I WONDER

I wonder—I wonder

If anyone knows

On a cloudy day

Where the sun goes.

I've been told it chooses

The queerest of places—

The hearts of good children—

And shines on their faces;

On their lips it lingers

A loving smile;

In their eyes it dances

All the while.

—Scrapbook

GOD'S GIFTS

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

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

—Anonymous

"I made the request on purpose ahead of time, to be sure to get the apartment before I got married. I can wait as I am now only 7 years old."—Welt am Sonntag, Hamburg, Germany

"This house is a bit damp, isn't it?" remarked the would-be client to the agent as he surveyed the dripping walls. "Damp!" echoed the agent. "Of course it's damp, but think what an advantage that will be in case of fire!"—Kalends

Mrs. Smith laid down her book and looked across at her husband with an air of suspicion.

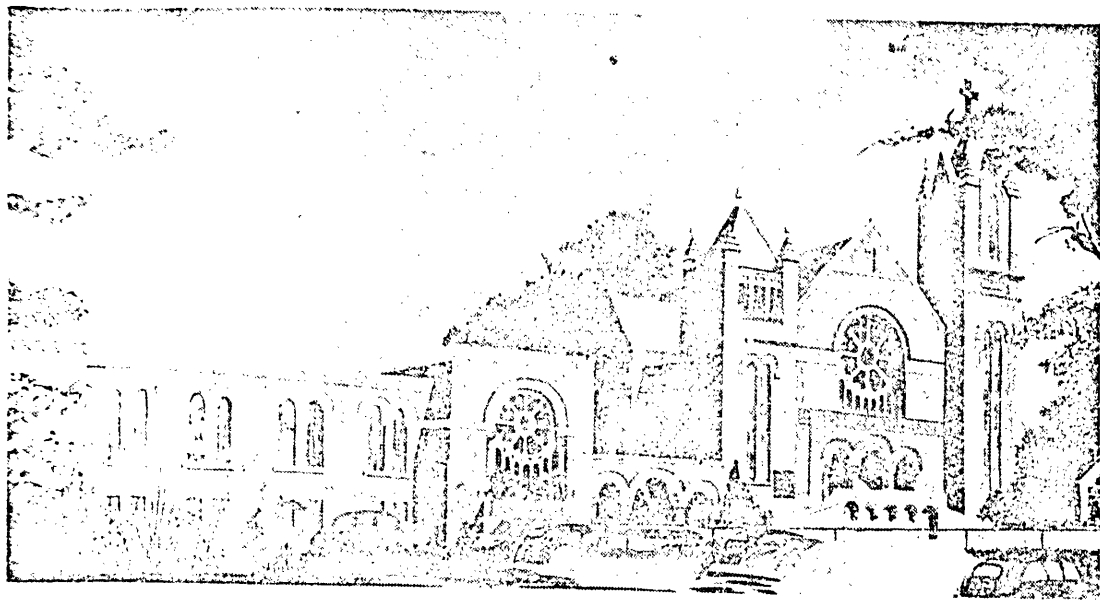
"Henry," she said icily, "can you tell me where you were in 1921?"

"What?" he exclaimed.

"Can you tell me where you were in 1921?" she repeated.

"No — why?"

"I'm worried," she went on. "I've just read that in 1921 one person out of every 800 was in prison!"—Outspan, S. Africa.



Architect's Drawing of the Completed New Educational Building. Main Sanctuary Building was constructed in 1898. An earlier building, at same location, was destroyed by fire in 1878. The First Church congregation was organized in 1831.

First Methodist, Little Rock, Completes Building Program

By MRS. EARL D. COTTON

WHEN members of First Methodist Church, located at Eighth and Center Streets in Little Rock, hold open house in their New Educational Building on Sunday afternoon, November 25, another chapter in the long and glorious history of that church will come to a close. This will be for that congregation a day of sharing with friends and neighbors in the community the realization of dreams and plans which began in 1945 that through successive stages of development have culminated in the approximately half-million dollar plant improvement.

Hours for receiving guests will be from two until five o'clock. C. H. Earl who is serving as chairman of the committee on arrangements for the occasion, has had numerous committees working under the guidance of his steering committee. Other members of Mr. Earl's committee are: Dr. Granville D. Davis, Mrs. W. Henry Stevenson, John A. Riggs, Jr., the Reverend J. Edwin Keith, Mrs. H. H. Thompson, John H. Greene and Mrs. W. P. McDermott.

In the Church School teachers or members of classes will serve as hosts in their departmental or class rooms. G. Dan Cummings is chairman of the Sunday School Committee. Other members of his committee are: Mrs. De Vaughn Riggs, co-chairman, Mrs. Doris Bowling, Dr. C. C. Ault, W. Horace Jewell, Mrs. H. W. Jefferies and Mrs. Arthur Jones. Another group under the direction of Mrs. W. Dan Cotton will take care of registration of guests. That committee includes Mrs. John A. Riggs, Jr., co-chairman, Mrs. Ed I. McKinley, Jr., Mrs. Robert L. Turnbow and Mrs. J. Thurston Runyan.

Of unusual beauty is the small chapel in the new building. With its divided chancel, rose carpets and seat cushions, it is worshipful and

inspiring. It is paneled and furnished in mahogany. Nearby is an appropriately furnished and decorated parlor. Access to this section of the building, which also houses the church offices, is by a circular stairway curved beneath rose windows. At this entrance a bronze plaque bears the names of the Building Committee. Listed there are: J. A. Riggs, Sr., and John H. Greene, co-chairmen, Mrs. Henry Bethell, H. F. Buhler, Richard C. Butler, H. C. Couch, Jr., B. Doyle Colvert, H. Tyndall Dickinson, Wilbur P. Gulley, Carl C. Hall, Graham R. Hall, Joshua A. Shepherd, Joe T. Thompson, William R. Harrison, L. M. Hawkins, Mrs. E. J. Rauschkolb, James C. Robinson, Mrs. Sam Wassell, and three deceased members, T. J. Raney, Sr., E. M. Archer and George H. Burden. The names of Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, minister, and Mr. Keith, associate minister, appear here, along with a scripture reading from Timothy and the verse used on the front cover of each Sunday's bulletin.

The archway connecting the church and the Educational Building opens into a patio of potential beauty. Windows from many of the class rooms and from the office face it. Here, on the second floor, one finds the permanent office space designated for the use of the Presiding Bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, and for his secretary. Bishop Paul E. Martin is now occupying these offices.

A choir room and rehearsal facilities to serve the large, all-volunteer choir, directed by John H. Summers, is unsurpassed by those of any church in the southwest section of the country. For this observance, Mr. Summers heads the music committee, which also includes Mrs. J. D. Hammons, Mrs. S. P. Davis, Jr., Everard Hinshaw and Mrs. Curtis Stout.

Other interesting features in the building

include: dedicatory plaques to be placed on the doors of many rooms as memorials or as gifts; installation of furniture, drinking fountains and other facilities for the "wee folk"; a library room with reading space and shelves to hold adequate volumes, many of which will be placed there as memorials; an elevator moving from the basement of the church to the sanctuary and the balcony. These and other improvements will be shown to the public for inspection next Sunday.

Dr. Walton has given to First Church an inspired leadership, not only for this effort, but since he came to the church in 1944. Mr. Keith serves, as associate minister, and also as Educational Director. Other members of the staff are: Miss Julia Murrell, executive secretary; Mrs. H. E. Riley, membership secretary; Mrs. Winston Faulkner, Director of Youth Work; Miss Velma Tutt, bookkeeper.

Mr. Keith is acting as chairman of the program committee. Others on the committee are: W. R. Harrison, W. P. Gulley, Mrs. C. R. Jenkins, and Mrs. E. M. Archer. Other committees are: Flowers and Decorations: Mrs. Carl Hall, Chairman, Mrs. Carl Holman, co-chairman, Mrs. W. R. Harrison, Martin J. Borchert, Klemm A. Webb, W. A. Treadway, Jr., and Mrs. Roy Alexander; Ushering, Purifoy Gill, Chairman, E. J. Rauschkolb, co-chairman, Joe L. Simpson, R. D. Palmer, C. C. Collie, Jr., and W. P. Hamilton, Jr.; Refreshments, Mrs. W. Henry Stevenson, Chairman, Mrs. Howard C. Johnston, Mrs. Richard C. Butler, Mrs. B. Doyle Colvert and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton; Publicity, Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland, Chairman, C. E. Deese, Mrs. Earl Martin, Mrs. H. E. Riley and Mrs. Earl D. Cotton; Greeting Committee, E. J. Risley, Chairman, Mrs. Guy Cazort, co-chairman; Special Invitations, Howard C.

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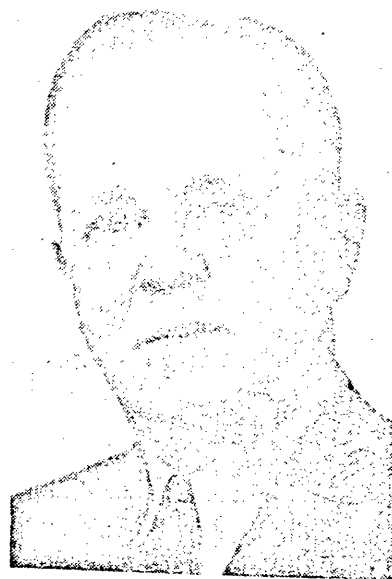
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Little Rock, Louisiana And North METHODIST UNITED Period Of Operation, Unit

THE PLAN

The United Evangelistic Mission, with its emphasis upon "United Believing, Praying, Worshipping, and Witnessing" is designed to make Jesus Christ an issue. It has been enjoying God's richest blessing as it has made use of united methods, Pulpit, Personal, Public, and Visitation Evangelism. Never before has The Methodist Church found so happy a medium for uniting the forces in making Jesus Christ an issue in Personal, Church, and Community life. The general leadership, the pastors, the laymen, the youth and the W. S. C. S. all work together to make each mission a stirring event.

As it is applied in the Methodist Churches of Louisiana and of the Camden and Hope Districts of the Little Rock Conference, November 30 to December 9, the United Evangelistic Mission follows a definite pattern that has proved successful throughout America.

Car pools of ministers from the North Arkansas Conference and from all except the Camden and Hope Districts of the Little Rock Conference have been assigned to specific Districts in the "A" Unit of this Area-wide Reciprocal Mission. About noon on Friday, November 30, they will report to the place where the District School of Evangelism will be held. The District Personnel and Assignment Committee will assign each Guest Pastor to a local church. Each District has been assigned three leaders who will begin instructing the Guest and the Host Pastors at 3 p. m. on Friday. The three leaders will present Pulpit and Public Evangelism, and Visitation Evangelism, and one will give an inspirational address. On Friday the inspirational address will be given at a 6 p. m. banquet. After the banquet, the visiting workers will go out with their hosts to individual churches.

Saturday will be spent in study, prayer and getting acquainted with the field. Because of conflicts with football games some Districts will have had Youth

Rallies before the visitors arrive. In other cases, the Guest and Host Pastors will return to the District Headquarters for the Saturday night Youth Rally.

The Guest Pastor will preach Sunday morning and the loose offering will go to the Mission. On Sunday afternoon the Guest Pastor will instruct the local lay visitation evangelism teams. They will go from the meeting to begin calling. The first of the series of evangelism preaching services will be held Sunday evening.

Throughout the week the Host and Guest Pastors will assemble each morning at the District School of Evangelism. The guest leaders who gave the instruction Friday afternoon will continue the series.

Each evening, at the supper table, the Guest Pastor will instruct the Visitation Evangelism workers and they will go forth two by two. Then, he will preach at the Evangelistic Service in the church.

The Monday evening offering will go to the General Board of Evangelism to help make these great United Evangelistic Missions possible. Each morning the Host Pastor will report at the District School the attendance and collection and also the results of the visitation.

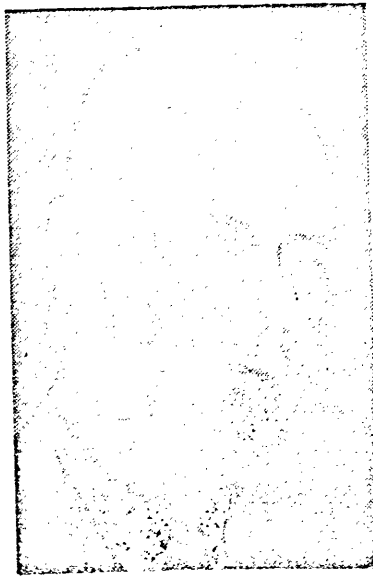
A telephone hook-up has been arranged and at 11:30 a. m. each morning the results of the night before will be shared with the whole of Unit "A".

Where there are sufficient Lay Visitors, they will be divided into A and B groups and will alternately call and attend the evening preaching services.

A final Victory Rally will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 9. In other sections of **THE METHODIST** you will find a report on the outstanding leaders of Methodism who will be speaking in these District Centers.—Leroy H. Walker.

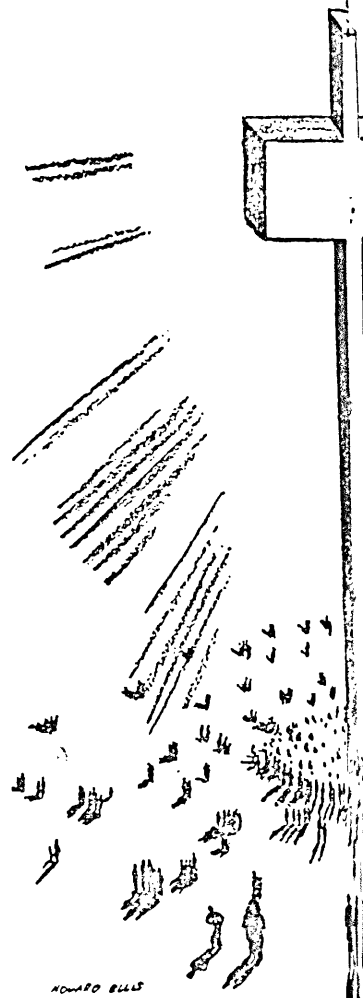


REV. LEROY WALKER



REV. CECIL CULVER

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Evening Worship Services,
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And The District Mass
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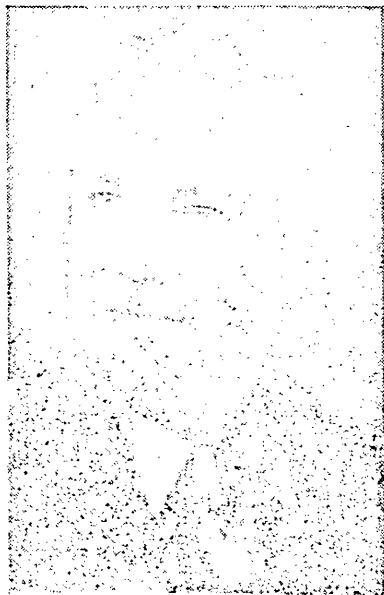
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First Methodist Church, Alexandria
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| <p>② BATON ROUGE DISTRICT
District School of Evangelism
District Youth Rally
District Mass Meeting</p> | <p>Thursday, November 29
Sunday afternoon, December 9</p> | <p>Rev. Edward W. Harris, District Superintendent
First Methodist Church, Hammond
Southeastern La. College, Hammond
First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge</p> |
| <p>③ CAMDEN DISTRICT
District School of Evangelism
District Youth Rally
District Mass Meeting</p> | <p>Saturday, December 1
Sunday afternoon, December 9</p> | <p>Dr. Connor Morehead, District Superintendent
First Methodist Church, Camden
First Methodist Church, Camden
First Methodist Church, Camden</p> |
| <p>④ HOPE DISTRICT
District School of Evangelism
District Youth Rally
District Mass Meeting</p> | <p>Saturday, December 1
Sunday afternoon, December 9</p> | <p>Rev. E. D. Galloway, District Superintendent
First Methodist Church, Nashville
First Methodist Church, Nashville
First Methodist Church, Nashville</p> |
| <p>⑤ LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT
District School of Evangelism
District Youth Rally
District Mass Meeting No. 1
District Mass Meeting No. 2</p> | <p>Saturday, December 1
Sunday afternoon, December 9
Sunday evening, December 9</p> | <p>Rev. Karl Tooke, District Superintendent
First Methodist Church, Lake Charles
First Methodist Church, Lake Charles
McNeese College, Lake Charles
First Methodist Church, Lafayette</p> |
| <p>⑥ MONROE DISTRICT
District School of Evangelism
District Youth Rally
District Mass Meeting</p> | <p>Saturday, December 1
Sunday, December 9</p> | <p>Rev. W. H. Giles, District Superintendent
First Methodist Church, Monroe
N. L. S. C. Auditorium, Monroe
High School Auditorium, Neville</p> |
| <p>⑦ NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
District School of Evangelism
District Youth Rally
District Mass Meeting</p> | <p>Friday, November 30
Sunday afternoon, December 9</p> | <p>Dr. H. L. Johns, District Superintendent
Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans
Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans
Municipal Auditorium, New Orleans</p> |
| <p>⑧ RUSTON DISTRICT
District School of Evangelism
District Youth Rally
District Mass Meeting</p> | <p>Saturday, December 1
Sunday afternoon, December 9</p> | <p>Rev. George W. Pomeroy, District Superintendent
First Methodist Church, Arcadia
Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston
High School Gymnasium, Arcadia</p> |
| <p>⑨ SHREVEPORT DISTRICT
District School of Evangelism
District Youth Rally
District Mass Meeting</p> | <p>Saturday, December 1
Sunday afternoon, December 9</p> | <p>Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, District Superintendent
First Methodist Church, Shreveport
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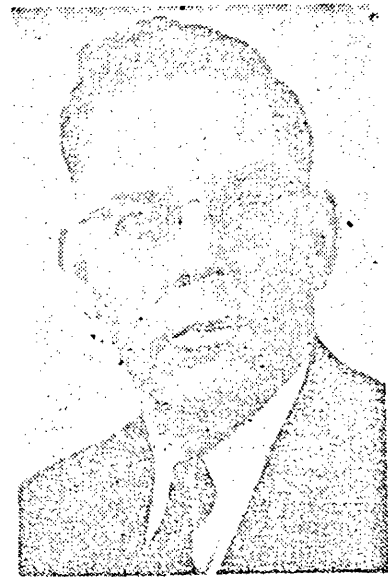
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MARTIN

Hendrix Chapel-Auditorium Opened

THE Christian college shoulders a tremendous responsibility in today's world of confusion and unrest. Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock said Saturday in an address at Hendrix College.

The Bishop spoke at opening ceremonies for Hendrix's new \$330,000 Chapel and Auditorium, highlight of the college's 68th annual Homecoming Day.

Other major events of the day included a meeting of the Hendrix Board of Trustees, the coronation of Queen Margaret Rich of Forrest City, the Homecoming game, and a full schedule of receptions and coffees. A special program of vesper music was presented in the Chapel with Jo Lee Fleming of Conway and Kay Ritter of Springdale at the organ console.

Appearing on the opening program with Bishop Martin were four representatives of groups connected with Hendrix who expressed their appreciation for the new Chapel and Auditorium. They are Dick Farr of Wynne, student body president, R. T. Steel of Conway, president of the alumni association, Alton B. Raney of Little Rock, Board of Trustees president, and Dr. C. M. Reves of Conway, well-known Arkansas minister who led the financial campaign in 1946-47 which raised the major part of the funds for the new buildings.

"The Christian college is called to give light and life, provide guidance, interpretation and leadership in a world that is shaken to its very foundations," Bishop Martin, head of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area of the church, told a record crowd of Hendrix alumni and friends at the opening service for the new buildings.

The power of education to mold personality and to shape the course of history has often been shown, he said. Christians today "need desperately" to realize the importance of Christian education.

The Church and the university alone have survived intact since the Middle Ages, he continued, antedating all existing political, social and economic institutions. That they are the bulwarks of a free people is shown by the careers of the world's dictators—the church and the university as centers of free activity must be abolished for any police state to exist, he said.

The Christian college, a combination of these two strongholds of liberty and freedom, assumes an ever-growing importance in these days of threatening oppression. But this importance brings a great responsibility with it, the Bishop maintained. He discussed the realms in which a church-affiliated college or university, such as Hendrix must work to fulfill this responsibility.

"If there ever was a time in the history of the world when men needed to recognize the everlasting difference between right and wrong, it is now," Bishop Martin stated. Spiritual development, a major aim of Christian education, shows the way to distinguish good from evil. The world needs men and women who know this difference, "Who are living examples of their Christian faith." Through their self-sacrificing work lies the solution of today's social dilemmas, he said.

The Bishop held that a good lead-

er today must have more than cunning, in spite of the philosophies of Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin. In educating a leader, the college must develop in him a sense of social responsibility, "impart ideals, create attitudes and motives, and build techniques and skills for religious living and leadership." Leaders must be able and eager to work with all the problems of the world, from the UN to the town council. The development of these social interests is almost as important as the development of the intellect, and should be a constant and conscious aim of a school, he said.

"As a Christian college," Bishop

UNIT "A" DISTRICTS COMPLETING PLANS FOR U. E. M.

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Here our guest pastors will gather on Friday, November 30. Our banquet will be held there on that evening; our Youth Rally on the following Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock; our School of Evangelism each day at 10:00 a. m., and our District-wide Rally at 4:00 p. m. on Sunday, December 9th.

We are all set in the Hope District. Our pastors and about five hundred fifty workers are prayerfully and enthusiastically awaiting the coming of our guest pastors and the time to start this united effort for the reaching of the unsaved and the unchurch.—E. D. Galloway, District Superintendent of the Hope District.

United Evangelistic Mission In The Camden District

Methodism in South Arkansas has an ancient and illustrious background. But, in its more than one hundred years of eventful service, even the 'old timers' can recall nothing that has created as much general interest, high hope, and eager anticipation as the United Evangelistic Mission which opens on November 30th when thirty guest pastors arrive at Camden, First Church, at 2:30 p. m., where they

Martin concluded, "we shall be true to these ideals and fulfill this responsibility as we uphold the Christian way in education which gives both light and life."

Chapel Windows Honor Five Members

Five more of the stained glass windows of the new Hendrix Chapel have been added to the list of those which honor or memorialize a long list of well-known Arkansans.

The windows will honor and memorialize five leading Methodist ministers of the state. They are Rev. Russell R. Moore and Ella Withers Moore, Dr. William Pearson

Whaley and the late Susanna Crawford Whaley, the late Rev. William Ringgold Harrison, the late Rev. F. S. H. Johnston, and the late Rev. R. E. L. Bearden. All memorials were provided by the children of those honored.

The late Professor W. O. Wilson, former Hendrix mathematics teacher from 1911 till his death in 1937, is memorialized in a pew provided by his wife.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy C. Holl of Conway have provided two Chapel pews in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus C. Holl and Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Randleman.—Guy Shannon

will be met by the host pastors of the Camden District and where the School of Evangelism is to be held. Rev. Roy I. Bagley of Blytheville will be our speaker for the opening banquet at 6:00 p. m. and will have a challenging topic, "A Spiritual Awakening For A Darkened World." Brother Bagley will be one of our district leaders and will instruct daily in "Pulpit Evangelism". The Rev. W. F. Cooley, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, is our leader for Visitation Evangelism and will give his first instruction to the pastors on Friday afternoon.

Brother Cooley will find other district superintendents in his classes daily. We believe the Camden District is unique in the fact that five active district superintendents and three former district superintendents, eight in all, are with us for the Mission, including the Revs. J. L. Dedman, and J. M. Hamilton. All are in great demand among our pastors and churches.

The District Youth Rally will be held at Magnolia, First Church, on Saturday, December 9th, at 7:00 p. m. with Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., Fayetteville pastor, as our speaker. We really have a 'top flight crew' for our District leadership and we are going to fill the spacious and lovely Sanctuary of Magnolia, First Church, with our young people to hear Brother Dykes. Each week day, Brother Dykes is to be our inspirational speaker.

The District Mass Meeting is to be held at El Dorado, High School Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, December 9th, at 2:30. High School Bands will lead our procession playing "Onward Christian Soldiers", "Fling Out The Banner, Let It Float", and "Rise Up O Men of God"—combined choirs under the leadership of Corliss R. Arnold, Director of Music, First Church, El Dorado, will crowd the stage and platform—laymen groups—Dr. Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr., of Norman, Oklahoma, with God's help and in the power of the Spirit, will bring a great evangelistic message to stir our hearts and to convert the unsaved to Christ and His Church. Dr. Crutchfield is pastor of the MacFarlin Memorial Methodist Church at Norman, seat of the University of Oklahoma, and is one of our most gifted and forceful preachers.

We have been busy visiting our membership, securing prospects, interviewing visiting teams, getting out publicity, looking after Prayer Covenants and Church Loyalty Pledges—every pastor and his people loyally and thoroughly preparing for these great days ahead. We have already had a gracious revival and we face the future expectantly.

Under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Robert B. Moore, of Camden First Church, and his efficient staff, the people of Camden, where our School of Evangelism is to be

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

UNITED NATIONS FAIR

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Live Oak Church, Watson, Louisiana, sponsored a United Nations Fair in the local High School Gym on October 24.

The Fair Ground (interior of gym) was colorful with flags, posters and banners of the United Nations, and the various organizations therein. Booths representing different countries were made in authentic native shop fashion, and the attendants in each were dressed in native costumes and served typical native foods. These booths also had authentic and imitated trinkets for sale. The most outstanding feature of the booths were the educational displays, maps and posters showing the principal industries of each country, and samples of such products.

After the "International supper" was served, the following program was given: National Anthem, Bearing of the Colors by Capt. Sammie Lee Robinson, Sgt. Lee Bailey, Milton Cox, and Eugene Kent; Pledge to Flags: United States, Malcolm Garrison, United Nations, W. M. King; Invocation, Rev. C. E. Davis, Host Pastor; Address: "Our Hungarian Settlement" Rev. A. Bartas, Pastor, Hungarian Presbyterian Church of Albany, La. After "America the Beautiful" was sung, Mrs. H. S. Easterly conducted a United Nations Quiz. The United Nations Hymn was sung. A Skit "Of Such is the Kingdom" was presented by: Annice Ruth Jones, Maythal Wright, Jeannene Facundus, Terry Don Facundus and Bobbye Underwood.

Mrs. J. W. Jones presented T. S. Adams. Mrs. James Underwood and Mrs. Preston Gajan in musical numbers.

Costumes of the different countries were worn by Mrs. E. D. Facundus, Mrs. D. F. Wright, Mrs. Collins Jones, Mrs. Mary Dixon, Mrs. Donald Hancock, Mrs. Ruth Sullivan, Mrs. Tom Ott, Mrs. J. D. Ott, Mrs. J. U. Hancock, Mrs. Victor Hancock, Mrs. Alton Wesley, Mrs. V. E. Robinson and Mrs. Scott Underwood.

Mrs. Mary Sue O'Neal assisted with the program and display.

This was a new undertaking for the people of this community, but each and all agree that it has been one of the most inspiring and best projects: they are already making plans for another United Nations Fair for October 24, 1952.—Mrs. B. L. Kinchen

SUB-DISTRICT RALLY OF POLK COUNTY

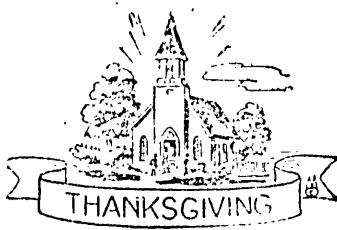
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Polk County Sub-District rally, met at Mt. View Methodist church, Mena, Nov. 6, 1951, with the chairman, Mrs. Frank Brown presiding, and Mrs. Whit Spires acting secretary.

Two district officers, Mrs. P. C. Stephens of Hope, Ark., and Mrs. John Rushing of Emmett, were present. Mrs. W. E. Drake gave the "Welcome" to delegates. She made an interesting talk, giving the origin and meaning of welcome.

Interesting talks: "Program Making in W. S. C. S." were made by Mrs. P. S. Stephens and work of the promotion secretary by Mrs.

A PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalm 100



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord: all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy endureth to all generations.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Guest speakers at the society of the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, at their regular meeting, November 3, were university students: Miss Peggy Donaldson, Lamar Robertson and Gordon Robertson. Miss Edna Myra Hebert was the organist.

Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport, invited everyone in the city to their meeting on November 13, when Mrs. H. D. Haberyan spoke on her travels in Latin America.

The Wesleyan Service Guild at Russellville, Miss Margaret Keener, has recently presented to the church venetian blinds for the Educational Room.

Broadmoor Society, Shreveport, observed their Progressive Visitation on Tuesday, November 13. At 10:30 there was a radio program over KCIJ with Mrs. Guy M. Hicks was the speaker and music was furnished by the Broadmoor Woman's Society Choir.

Crowley Society observed Week of Prayer with a day of silent meditation and prayer on Tuesday, October 30. Mrs. Percy Lambert led the program assisted by C. C. Adams, Mrs. G. K. Sutton, Mrs. Salmon Wright and Mrs. Max Thomas.

Music was given by Mrs. Everett Wilkins and Mrs. Blanchard Johnson, accompanied by Mrs. Alfred Brown.

Wesley Memorial Society, Conway, observed the Week of Prayer beginning with a Quiet Day on October 29, at the church. A covered

John Rushing.

The new officers were elected for the year 1952, Mrs. R. R. Hicks, chairman; Mrs. Doyle McNew of Hatfield, secretary.

The Hatfield W. S. C. S. was to be hostess in the spring for the sub-district rally.

Four churches of the county were represented: Mena, First M. E. Church, Hatfield, Shady Grove and Mt. View.

A delicious luncheon was served at noon.—Mrs. J. B. Jouett

dish luncheon was served at noon while Scripture and Hymns were read aloud, carrying out the observance of quiet reverence.

The program with Mrs. F. D. Rhode as leader, was given by Mrs. A. H. Dulaney, Mrs. James R. Shelton, Mrs. Harold Conley, Mrs. Bob Holloway, Mrs. Vernon Paysinger and Mrs. A. H. Langford. The Week of Prayer observance was under the guidance of Mrs. Mae Jones.

The Maye Youngblood Service Guild, DeRidder, met November 6 at the church and saw films on Brazil and Mexico, presented by Mrs. Joe Gibson. Miss George Rose Ferguson gave a talk on the two Latin countries. Articles and flags of the countries and several items of Mexican silvercrafts were displayed.

Wesleyan Service Guilds No. 1 and No. 2 of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, had a joint observance of Week of Prayer on October 30, with Mrs. Ford H. Langford in charge. Those assisting in the presentation of the program were Miss Eleanor Fleming, Miss Lillian Kennedy, Mrs. Minette Owen, Mrs. Alice Tucker, Miss Judy Arnold and Miss Lila Cuhhy.

Franklinton Centenary Society held a two day observance of the Week of Prayer, under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Richardson. On October 29, Mrs. Mouton Bickham, Mrs. Mary Toney and Mrs. Frank Reedy presented the program at the Wesleyan Center. On the following day, the members of the society went to the secluded camp of Mrs. J. M. Stafford, on Silver Creek, and there in the quietness of the country, Mrs. N. J. Matherne, Mrs. Harvel Pierce, Mrs. C. C. Simmons and Mrs. John Sewell continued the spirit of reverence and spiritual attitude that gave additional inspiration to the meeting.

The Wesleyan Wynners Service Guild of Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, met November 12 for their business meeting and Week of Prayer service. Mrs. Laura Ashworth, president, presided at the business meeting. Mrs. James B. Grambling, assisted by Mrs. Alice

CONWAY DISTRICT GUILD

The Conway District, Wesleyan Service Guild, met on Sunday, November 4, with the Dardanelle Guild. The District Secretary, Mrs. Vida Fry, presided over the meeting.

Mrs. Lloyd McClure, Conference President, was the speaker at the morning hour.

The Dardanelle Guild served a delicious dinner at noon.

The Danville Guild gave the afternoon Devotional with Mrs. Odell Lewis as leader. Special music was furnished by Dardanelle Guild, Mrs. George Gleason, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Arma Lee Gray.

Mrs. Custer Potete, Mrs. Rife Hughey, Mrs. John Page and Mrs. Homer Taylor presented the work of the Guild. Miss Gertie Stiles, Conference Secretary of Guild Work, gave a report. Each Guild President reported work of her Guild.

Miss Maude Moore was elected associate secretary and Miss Mildred Scott was elected District Treasurer for the Conway District Guild.—Reporter

Broome, Mrs. Ashworth, Mrs. Marie Craig, Mrs. Elizabeth Waschka, Miss Alice Baker, presented an impressive candlelight service. Music was given by Mrs. Sally Thompson, accompanied by Miss Betty Simmons.

The Woman's Society of First Church, Camden, began their study on "Churches for our Country's Needs" on November 12th. Mrs. Nelson Thornton presided over the meeting and presented Mrs. T. L. Griffin, of El Dorado, who was the guest speaker.

Walnut Ridge Woman's Society observed the Week of Prayer with two very impressive and well attended meetings. Mrs. R. B. Warner and Mrs. O. J. Evanson led the two services. Altar arrangements of autumn leaves and flowers pictures of Christ a large globe an open Bible, the Week of Prayer poster, a chart with list of the self-denial offering recipients with soft candle lighting over all was impressive.

Mrs. Peter Anderson led the Week of Prayer program for the Leesville Methodist Church on October 29. Meditations were given by Mrs. C. G. Van Dine, Mrs. Porter Young, Mrs. Peter Anderson and Mrs. W. H. Pollard. Mrs. Ferguson talked on the great need for assistance. Mrs. Ava Hernandez led the hour of silence at lunch.

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

NEWS FROM THE SMACKOVER METHODIST CHURCH

These nearly three years of our pastorate in Smackover have indeed been happy years for the pastor's family. The people of the community and the church have been most gracious and fine in every way.

Upon our arrival in Smackover in June 1949, the church had only recently completed a splendid Educational Building under the leadership of Rev. William L. Arnold. During our first year, the entire indebtedness on this building was liquidated. The church in its entire program has continued to enjoy progress and has moved forward in all lines of work in a glorious way. The Church School has shown a continued growth; there is likewise a definite mark of advancement in the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and also the Youth Work is at a high point of interest.

During these three years there has been a constant program of repairs, re-modeling, and re-decoration upon both the parsonage and church buildings. During the first year, the women of the church led in a much needed program of re-decoration of the church sanctuary, and now we think that the church auditorium is indeed a beautiful centre of worship. Church School rooms have been re-decorated; additional upholstered chairs have been purchased; nearly a \$1000 have been spent on Visual Aid equipment, including a record player and Public Address System; a pastor's office has been provided and equipped in the Educational Building; a Church Library has been established; the Library Nook to house the Library was equipped by the daughters of Mrs. D. McDonald in her honor. A Neon Sign was placed in front of the main building by J. W. Reynolds. This year the exterior of the parsonage has been repainted and just now a complete re-decoration of the interior of the parsonage is taking place under the leadership of the Board of Stewards and the W. S. C. S. The parsonage will soon be lovely and fine in every way.

Just at this time both pastor and people are busily engaged in the plans and preparation for the United Evangelistic Mission in December. Already over 250 names are on the prospect list. On the Thursday night of November 28th, a series of at least ten cottage prayer meetings will be held. A program of Membership Visitation is already netting fine results. All services of the church are being well attended. In other words—"All is well with us in Smackover".

We did want the friends of the Smackover Methodist Church to read in the *Arkansas Methodist* these few lines from Smackover and rejoice with us in the progress and fine work being done by one of the finest churches in Arkansas.—Archie C. Carraway, Pastor

If the tough tree of adult life is inclined toward evil, we may be sure that the pliable twig of youth was early bent in that direction.—Geo. R. Farnum, "Humane Education," *Living Tissues*, 9-'51.

GRAND AVENUE HONORS ITS PASTOR

SUNDAY, October 28th, was a great day at Grand Avenue Methodist Church in Hot Springs. On that day members and friends of the church joined the pastor, Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, in special services commemorating the third anniversary of his service to the church and the city of Hot Springs.

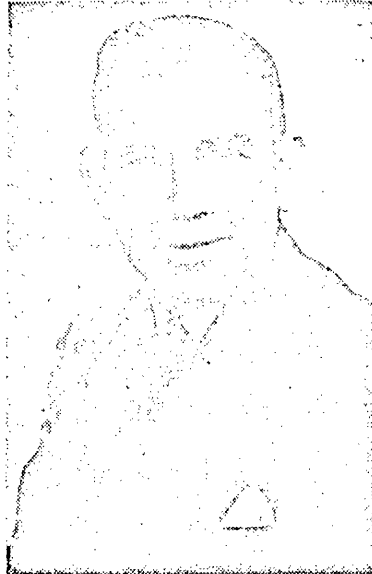
Special music by the choir and a significant and impressive message, "Let Us Bridge the Gap," delivered by the pastor were the highlights of the morning service which was attended by an overflow congregation.

Before the evening service the District Superintendent presided over the quarterly conference for the charge. In addition to the regular business of the conference, Gerald Hilton and Gene Sharp, members of Grand Avenue, were recommended for license to preach.

At the evening service Rev. J. M. Hamilton, District Superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, delivered a sermon especially appropriate for the occasion. Also, at this service, the pastor paid tribute to the members of the congregation who have passed away during his ministry at Grand Avenue. He expressed high appreciation of the three hundred sixty-five members who have joined the church during his ministry there.

Following the sermon, the District Superintendent led the congregation in a service of dedication in which upholstered pews, installed in 1950, and a recently installed public address system were dedicated.

Following the evening service, an informal reception in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was held honoring Brother Hozendorf, his wife and son, George. In the re-



REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF

ceiving line with Brother Hozendorf and family were the District Superintendent and wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton. More than three hundred members of the church and other friends, including several pastors of the city, were present at the reception.

Brother Hozendorf has had a remarkable ministry in his three years as pastor at Grand Avenue. In addition to the three hundred sixty-five members received, he has baptized sixty-one infants and eighty-one youth and adults. The church now has a membership of nine hundred ninety-four, with an average attendance at Sunday School of three hundred twenty-five. In addition to the outstanding work the pastor and wife are doing in the church, they are unusually busy throughout the city in many benevolent and civic organizations.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT METHODIST MEN'S ORGANIZATION MEETS

The West Helena Methodist Men's Club was host to the Forrest City District Methodist Men's organization on Tuesday evening, November 13.

The district president, Homer Townes of Forrest City, presented Rev. James R. Shelton, pastor of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Conway, as the guest speaker.

Dinner was served to some 200 men.

OPEN HOUSE AT BERRYVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

On Sunday afternoon, November 11, open house was held at the Berryville Methodist Church to show to the public the work which has been completed on the building. The project has included redecoration of the sanctuary and re-arranging and redecoration of offices and classrooms.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and members of the Wesleyan Service Guild were in charge of the arrangements. They were assisted by girls from the youth division. Rev. Edwin Dodson is pastor at Berryville.

CHAPLAIN SEALS WRITES FROM SEATTLE

8 November 1951

1816 Boylston

Seattle, Washington

Dear Brother Wayland,

I have been in the hospital since 29 August but am now ready for work again.

When I arrived in Seattle I had the following donations in letters for Korean relief:

L. M. Conyers, \$23.57.

Batesville Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-District, \$10.00.

Boyd Johnson, \$11.00.

W. S. C. S., Batesville First Church, \$50.00.

I wish to thank all who have helped in Korean Relief and to state that Chaplain Kermit E. White, Hq. 7th Inf. Div. ARTY, APO-7 is my successor. He is a Methodist minister from West Virginia Conference. I have corresponded with him and he wishes to carry on my work.

All packages to me will be turned over to him by the postoffice. All cash in letters to me is being sent on to him today.

I pray that all who were helping me will continue to help Chaplain White whose address is given above.

Most sincerely,

Ray D. Seals

POCAHONTAS TO BUILD NEW PARSONAGE

The congregation of the First Methodist Church in Pocahontas is making plans for the erection of a beautiful new and modern parsonage, work to begin at a very early date.

Two lots facing on Basin Street, directly adjoining lots on which the church stands, have been purchased. Plans, drawn by the Clark Construction Co., of Walnut Ridge, call for a 3-bedroom, 2-bath residence. The parsonage will also have a large living room, a dining room, kitchen, a screened porch and a carport. Outside walls will be of red brick to match the church. Natural gas will be used for heating. Approximate cost of the parsonage, including the lots, is \$14,000.

The building committee is composed of E. C. Cox, J. W. Snodgrass, Ben A. Brown, Clifford McNabb and C. E. Olvey Jr. Vernon King is chairman of the finance committee which has begun work of securing cash pledges. Each member of the church will be given an opportunity to contribute towards payment of the building.

December 15. The Spiritual Development Committee of the district was instructed to make suggestions for local church activities on the next U. E. M. bulletin.

Two items of special interest planned for district conference were a display which will include a large map and chart showing the pledges and payments of local churches on the Camp Project; and the Act of Dedication to be conducted by the district superintendent by the request of the pastors.

The meeting adjourned. The pastors then joined their wives for a covered-dish luncheon. — Alf A. Eason, Secretary

PREACHERS' MEETING OF FORREST CITY DISTRICT

The pastors of the Forrest City District met at the call of the district superintendent, Ethan Dodgen, at Marianna, November 5. Alf A. Eason, Marion, was elected secretary and reporter.

The following resolution was introduced for discussion:

Resolved: That the pastors of the Forrest City District of the Methodist Church are definitely against the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican because such appointment would be in direct opposition to the cherished principle of separation of church and state.

A motion was approved that the resolution be adopted and that copies be sent to the President of the United States, and our two senators.

Alfred Knox, West Memphis, spoke concerning the meeting of the Racing Commission in Little Rock on November 15.

The United Evangelistic Mission was presented by the district superintendent who spoke concerning the financial phase of the campaign. Car pool assignments were made; and the pastors were instructed to be at their appointments in Louisiana by 3 p. m., November 30. It was emphasized that the district superintendent must receive from the pastors a list of their prospects by



"Along A Country Road" The Town and Country Commission

The Methodist Church

The North Arkansas Conference
Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas

Paul E. Martin, Bishop
Rev. Floyd G. Villines,
President

Mr. Lester Hutchins,
Vice-President
Rev. N. Lee Cate,
Secretary

Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

GENERAL SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE SURVEY, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE 1951-1952

In the conference survey recently made by the Town and Country Commission, there were 211 charges reported. Of these 211 reports there were 349 churches concerned. This leaves 187 churches with no report and 32 charges without report. This does not mean that on the 32 charges which did not report there were 187 churches, because some of the charges made incomplete reports for several churches. We could not assume the answers to the other churches not described in the report. Therefore, the summary given to you is a summary of the churches as we received the questionnaires.

On the 211 charges there are 197 parsonages, 40 are not modern, 157 are. This also means that there are 14 charges report no parsonage at all. Of the 349 churches reported, 120 have only one room and 229 have more than one room. 85 of these churches have no altar rail but 264 do. There are 207 churches that have signs and 142 that do not have any kind of a marker. So far as the condition of the churches is concerned, 157 are reported in good condition, 106 are reported in fair condition while 38 are reported in poor condition. The pews in 163 of these churches are factory made while 168 churches report home made pews.

Of the 441* total Church School organizations on the charges which reported, 15 are without the use of Methodist Literature. There are a total of 48 Methodist Men's organizations while 301 churches are without this organization. 95 churches have no M. Y. F. and 229* do. 194 of the pastors report the use of Methodist Order of Worship while 17 report otherwise.

Only 22 of the churches use other than Methodist Hymnal or Cokesbury Hymnal. 259 of the churches have W. S. C. S. units and in 90 of the churches the women are unorganized.

Of the 211 reported charges, 89 have irregular or no communion services. In 122 of the charges the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed regularly. The pastors report 161 ordained Elders or Deacons and 58 are accepted Supply pastors.

Of the different types of finance, 152 use unified budget, 45 use stewards collection, 92 use open collection, and 145 use the envelope system of a combination of these.

97 of the communities reported good medical service meaning resident physician and clinic. 55 of the communities reported fair medical service meaning no clinic or hospital but access to a physician or both. 67 of the communities reported poor medical service with no resident physician and poor access to either a physician or clinic. 171 of the communities are on hard surface roads, 101 on gravel, 14 are on dirt

or very poor roads. The communities report one or a combination of the following occupations: Agriculture, 212; Industry, 36; Mining, 8; Tourists, 12. 52 of the communities have a population of 2500 or more, 46 have a population between 1000 and 2500, while 120 have less than 1000.

Conclusion

The Sunday School is the organization that reaches more churches every Sunday than any other agency or person. We may therefore conclude that the Sunday School is our first and best opportunity through which to expand the program of the church. It is reasonable to suppose that by strengthening the church through the Sunday School we may soon be able to give better pastoral service, and also organize other groups that are so essential to the total life of the church.

As we discover the fact that only 52 of the 349 communities report a population of 2500 or more, we reach the conclusion immediately that our basic approach must be from the larger parish plan rather than from the station. This means that the psychological pattern of success in the ministry must be changed if we are to serve our people. 212 communities report agricultural support as over against 36, industrial; 8, mining; and 12, tourist. We do not have to be overly smart to conclude that we must strengthen the agricultural life of our Conference. The constant hammering for an industrial Arkansas may be harmful as well as helpful. To continue to siphon off life from our many small rural communities means a depletion of the basic life of our state. These other economic interests should be emphasized, but our best hope is in the building of agriculture for the total happiness and prosperity of our people.

The report on our medical situation should give us cause for alarm. We must do our part in bringing better medical service to our people.

We are glad to discover the road situation improving. A good road system will be helpful to all other agencies. The report shows the growing interest in the location of schools at strategic points. As churchmen we must encourage better financial support of our schools. We can also help our people in the adjusting of mental attitudes, and use of abandoned school property, due to the change of location of schools.

We may finally conclude that ours is a great challenge and a wonderful opportunity to go forth into the fields that are already white unto harvest. — J. Albert Gatlin.

* Figures taken from the annual conference journal.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Corning Training School

The Corning Church has had a second training school this Conference Year. The last school was taught by Rev. A. W. Harris, the pastor, offering the course on Christian Home-Making. There was a total enrollment of 34 in the school.

Mrs. Elmus C. Brown of Jonesboro has been certified for the following courses: The Home and Church Co-operating in Children's Work (First Series); The Home and Church Working Together for Children (Second Series).

Rev. Ethan Dodgen of Forrest City has been certified for the following courses: Making Homes Christian (First Series); Christian Home-Making (Second Series).

Thus far we have good response from the persons who attended the Coaching Conference last winter on the courses in the field of Family Life. A number of those who have become certified have already taught in one or more training schools.

Coaching Conference Being Planned

Plans are being worked to have another Coaching Conference for persons interested in becoming certified on one or more courses in the field of teaching in the church school. We hope to secure the services of Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, Director of Leadership Education in The Methodist Church, as the leader for this Coaching Conference. While the exact date of the Coaching Conference has not been fixed it will likely come February 12-14 or February 25-27.

We hope to have 25 or 30 people in this Coaching Conference preparing to teach one or the other of the following courses: How to Teach in the Church School, or Ways of Teaching, or both.

Plummerville Training School

A one-unit First Series Training School on The Book of Acts is being held at Plummerville. This is the first training school in the Plummerville Church in some time.

Damascus Training School

A one-unit First Series Training School is being held at Damascus, December 16-18.

Each year since this church was organized it has been the privilege of the Executive Secretary of Education to offer a training unit in this church. The interest has grown from year to year. Last year 22 people were enrolled in the school and 21 of them completed the course for credit. We hope this church can maintain its splendid record of the past in training work.

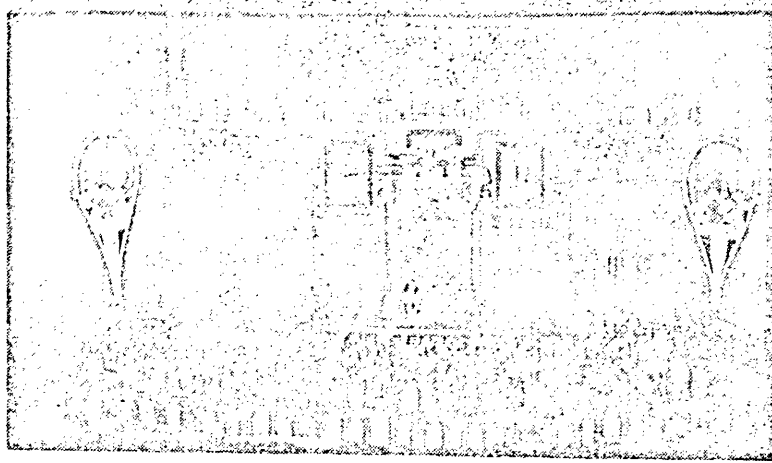
North Arkansas At Grand Rapids

Rev. H. M. Lewis of Springdale, Chairman of the Conference Board of Education; Rev. I. L. Claud of North Little Rock, Chairman of Adult Council and Ira A. Brumley, represented the North Arkansas Conference in the National Conference on Christian Education held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 7-12. This was probably the best all-round conference on Christian education we have had in The United Church of Methodism.

Rector Training School

A one-unit training school is being conducted at the Fourth Street Methodist Church Rector in connection with a week of preaching services being held at the same time.

SCOTT COUNTY HARVEST FESTIVAL



The annual Scott County Harvest Festival was held at the First Methodist Church in Waldron, October 28th. About this time each year the Methodist Churches of the county meet to give thanks unto God for the harvest of the year. It is a sacred service, emphasizing God's bountiful goodness for granting the harvest. All the churches participate by bringing gifts, and entering into the program of the day. Each participating person has come to feel and to know the significance of the occasion.

In the beautifully decorated sanctuary Rev. T. T. McNail brought the eleven o'clock message. After the morning service, lunch was spread in the dining room of the church. An hour of fellowship was enjoyed

around the tables.

The afternoon program was dedicated to the Methodist Children's Home. Rev. Martin Bierbaum brought the message. Rev. J. W. Sandage and Rev. R. M. Holland, pastors in the county, participated in the acts of dedication, and in the presentation of the gifts to Rev. T. T. McNail for the Children's Home.

The services were well attended and a spirit of thanksgiving moved every person present. Our deepest gratitude goes to those who with their liberal gifts made this a glorious occasion in behalf of our Methodist Children's Home. Also to those who worked so faithfully in preparation and for those who participated. —Elmo Thomason, Pastor.



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NEWS

RUSTON SUB-DISTRICT
YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The following program of Sub-District youth activities for the eastern half of the Ruston area has been set up for the current year.

September 9, Commission Workshop, Ruston; October 14, Evangelism Emphasis, Eros; November 11, "The Call", Hodge; December 1, U. E. M. Youth Rally, Ruston; December 9, U. E. M. Mass Meeting, Arcadia; January 13, Alcohol Essay Plans, Chatham; February 10, Latin America, Ruston; March 9, Alcohol Essay Contest, Clay; April 13, World Friendship, Election of Officers, Farmerville; May 11, Installation of Officers, Douglas; June 8, 1952, "Youth Activities Week", Dodson.

Sub-District counselor is Rev. Roy Grant, Bernice, Louisiana. Mrs. W. O. Lynch, Jonesboro, is the Ruston District worker with adult leaders of youth appointed by Rev. G. W. Pomeroy, superintendent. In the above program the church at which the meeting is scheduled is responsible for both the program and recreational and fellowship activity. January 27-February 3 is to be observed in the local communities as "United Christian Youth Action" week. Appropriate programs are to be planned on a community-wide basis. On March 2, 1952, Alcohol Essay Contests will be held in local churches with the Sub-District contest scheduled for March 9. Title for essays this year throughout the Louisiana Conference is "What Youth Should Know and Do About Alcohol and Other Narcotics." On May 4, 1952, Louisiana Youth will hold their annual conference at Alexandria.—Reporter

BASIC PURPOSES OF THE
PREACHING MISSION

1. To create a spiritual warmth through preaching and prayer, both for old and new members.
2. To create a psychology that will welcome new members into the church.
3. To call the church to repent for sins of omission and commission.
4. To call the church to active witnessing.
5. To call each individual to make a forward step in spiritual life advance.
6. To remove the hindrances that block the full flow of God's power in each life.
7. To win commitments to Christ.
8. To win commitments to Christian leadership within the church.
9. To seek commitments in Christian stewardship of time, talent, and possession.
10. To make your people more eager to hear the gospel message Sunday after Sunday and live as Christians day by day.

The kind of religion that makes a man look sick can't be expected to cure the world.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

MT. MAGAZINE SUB-
DISTRICT

The Mt. Magazine Sub-District met November 12 for its monthly meeting at Branch.

Allan Brown, president, presided over the business session. The group voted on a workshop to be held the third Sunday in February. It was reminded that the council met each fourth Monday night.

There were 125 young people present. Refreshments were served by the hostess church.

The next meeting will be at Booneville on December 10.—Jo Ann Spencer, Secretary

UNIT "A" DISTRICTS
COMPLETING PLANS
FOR U. E. M.

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held and where more than a hundred meals will be served daily for six days, have demonstrated the finest spirit of cooperation conceivable and the traditional attitude of generosity and hospitality in this great Church and community is at its best.

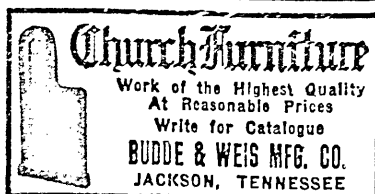
United Evangelistic Mission
In The Lake Charles District

The Lake Charles District is making plans for the Evangelistic Mission. The pastors and membership of the District are preparing for the Area Evangelistic Mission Nov. 1-Dec. 9. Thirty Evangelistic Missions are planned with visiting pastors to teach at each Mission daily.

During the week the School of Evangelism will be held at First Methodist Church in Lake Charles. The instructor in Visitation Evangelism for Pastors and Guest Pastors will be Rev. J. Ralph Clayton, pastor of The Methodist Church, McGehee. Rev. Ethan Dodgen, District Superintendent of Forrest City, Arkansas, District will be the instructor for Pulpit Evangelism. The inspirational address each morning will be given by Rev. John McCormack of Jonesboro, Ark.

The Youth Mass Meeting will be held at First Methodist Church on Saturday evening at 5:00 o'clock. Young people will bring sack lunches and their special musical talent for the fellowship hour. Mrs. Boyce Monk, District Director of Youth, will lead the program. The song service for the worship hour will be of special interest and the Evangelistic Message will be led by Rev. John McCormack of Jonesboro, Ark.

There will be Two Victory Mass Meetings. One at McNeese College in Lake Charles at 2:00 P. M. with Dr. Thomas Carruth of Biloxi, Miss., to bring the message. The other will be held at First Methodist Church in Lafayette at 7:30 p. m., Dr. Homer Fort of Beaumont, Texas, speaker.

TRAINING CLASS AT
CAMDEN

First Methodist Church, Camden, has just completed the training class on CHRISTIAN BELIEFS, with Rev. Jolly B. Harper, district superintendent of the Alexandria District, as the teacher. Beginning on Sunday afternoon, November 4th, the class continued through Thursday night of that week. Identical sessions were held each afternoon and evening, Monday through Thursday. One hundred and three people were enrolled and 69 received credit.

An enthusiastic spirit and fine interest prevailed throughout the week. Each of the ten sessions was packed with information, inspiration, and entertainment, as the group was skillfully guided to think through many of their religious beliefs as Methodist Christians. The class was a stimulation to the entire church.—Olivia Bradley.

SEVEN METHODISTS TO
SPEAK AT CHICAGO SUN-
DAY EVENING CLUB

Seven leading Methodist clergymen are listed as speakers on the Chicago Sunday Evening Club's program for its 45th season. Non-sectarian in nature, the services are held in Orchestra hall every Sunday evening from October through May and attract a wide hearing.

One leading church periodical referred to the Chicago Sunday Evening Club as "a place where sooner or later every great preacher is heard."

In addition to the seven Methodists on the program, others of that denomination were sought as speakers but mutually satisfactory arrangements on dates could not be made. The directors of the Sunday Evening Club do not allot a certain number of Sundays to each denomination but seek outstanding speakers from the various church bodies.

Methodists on the 1951-52 program will be heard at the following times:

Dec. 2—Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Portland, Oregon.

Dec. 30—Dr. E. Stanley Jones, world-wide evangelist.

Jan. 13—Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, Central Methodist Church, Detroit.

Feb. 10—Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Christ Church, New York City.

Mar. 9—Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mar. 23—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York City.

May 4—Dr. John S. Whale, Mill Hill School, London, England; visiting professor at Drew University, Madison, N. J.

LETTER FROM GERMANY

Mrs. J. W. Manney, of Hope, has received the following letter from Germany regarding the baptism of her grandson, John Patrick Manney, son of Lieutenant and Mrs. James Wesley Manney. Lieutenant Manney is the son of the late Rev. J. W. Manney and Mrs. Manney:

U. S. Zone, Germany, Schultze 31
Fellbach n/Stuttgart, Wrtbg.,
September 17, 1951

Dear Mrs. Manney:

The undersigned (retired) minister of the German Methodist Church, formerly a missionary at Rabaul, New Guinea, South Seas, under the Australian Methodist Church and now living here at Fellbach-Stuttgart, not far from the home of your son, Dr. James Wesley Manney, had the honor to be called by him and his wife, Mrs. Mary Jane nee Smith, to baptize their third child, born on July 28 at Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt.

So we had yesterday the joy to consecrate the little one to God and His church under the name of John Patrick in his parents' home which is situated near to our Methodist Church here. It was a joyful hour in the family circle witnessed by their lady help and Mrs. Schmidt and of course, Nancy and Michael showed a keen interest in the ceremony. The little one, well and bright, behaved exceedingly well and we prayed that the good Lord's blessing may rest upon him as on the little Jesus according to Luke's gospel, chapter 2, 40 and 52.

Having learned your address from your dear son, I hereby took the liberty to convey to you as the grandma of the little Patrick our heartiest congratulations, praying that he also to you may always be a source of joy and blessing. Your intercession on his and his parents' behalf will be surely felt even across the Atlantic Ocean and when you will later on see your dear ones again you will have a three-fold joy by your grandchildren.

That your husband as well as your other son as I learned were respectively in the ministry of our church made the acquaintance with your dear ones here especially joyful to us and though they cannot speak German we feel that our hearts as followers of Christ and as Methodists have found each other in goodwill and Christian fellowship. May this be the case in the near future between all the members of our two nations.

With kindest regards to your minister son, too.

Sincerely yours,
K. Schmidt, Pr.

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MILLIONS of Christmas Tuberculosis Seals will bear witness to the truth of this familiar symbol during the 1951 Christmas Seal Sale. The red, chubby face of Santa will be portrayed on the new Seal against a blue green background.

The new design was chosen because it is one of the world's most cherished symbols of unselfish giving. No one is more aware of this than our children. For instance, one eight year old child, not many years ago, wrote a large metropolitan newspaper, (The Sun) asking if there was a Santa. This reply of the newspaper in its editorial columns has become a classic:

"There is a Santa Claus. Not a flesh-and-blood individual that you can see with your eyes or feel with your hands, for if that were true he would have been dead years ago. Santa Claus is made of something that lasts forever—a thought. Trees though they live many, many years, eventually die. Buildings though they are built very well, eventually crumble and decay, but a thought that is fine passes from mind to mind; from generation to generation, and becomes immortal. And if it is fine enough and worthy of preservation, then it takes a sort of human form."

The people of our nation have faith in the good works of the Tuberculosis Association, even as our children have faith in Santa. Another symbol of this faith carried on the Christmas Seal year after year, is the Double Barred Cross, modeled after the Cross of Lorraine which the Christians followed to victory in the crusade of the 11th century. The double barred cross is the registered insignia of the NTA and its 3,000 local associations throughout the country. Those who are crusading today under the banner of the traditional double barred cross are carrying on a fight no less important than the crusades of the 11th century. Buying Christmas Seals bearing this emblem enables help to more than a half million Americans suffering from TB. This is all important for TB takes more lives than all other infectious diseases—some 40,000 lives annually in the U. S. or one person every 13 minutes. There were 9,705 active cases of TB in Arkansas as of January 1st, 1951 and 600 deaths in the state from TB in 1950 with 1,963 new cases reported in 1950. Number of beds available at the State Sanatorium at Booneville, 1,166 and at the McRae Sanatorium for negroes 366.

No one is immune to T. B. T. B. kills more persons than any other disease between the ages of 15 and 35. Approximately 100,000 persons will be attacked by TB this year. It is only through purchase of Christmas Seals that this present day crusade against this great killer of man can be carried on. Buy and use Christmas Seals—The Campaign opens November 19, continues thru Christmas. T. B. Budgets are entirely dependent on Sale of TB Seals and Bonds.

We waste time, we kill time, and we long for it to pass. Then we become getting old. — Wm. Feather, Enos Mag., hm, Enos Coal Co.

FIRST METHODIST, LITTLE ROCK, COMPLETE BUILDING PROGRAM

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Johnston, Chairman, Mrs. E. J. Rauschkolb, Co-chairman, Richard C. Butler, Judge J. Seab Holt, Murray B. McLeod, John H. Rule, H. Tyndall Dickinson, James H. Rice, Jr., Dr. Harry A. Little, Mrs. Henry Bethell, and L. M. Hawkins.

The final phase of this campaign for the building fund was conducted by Ashley Hale, of Wells Associates, in late winter of 1950. He directed the members of the church in this well-planned activity. This secured the necessary funds in cash and pledges to start construction. Bruce R. Anderson is the architect, and the George H. Burden Company, contractor.

In the more than 18 months since the ground was broken, in March 1950, the congregation has watched the progress of construction with interest and anticipation. In spite of the many inconveniences there has been no lessening of attendance upon the services of worship. All organization within the church have carried on an effective program of leadership during this period. The Sunday School has kept pace with records of former years and in many departments and classes an increase in enrollment and attendance has been noted.

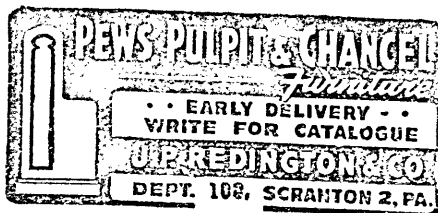
At the beginning of the summer of 1951 a spirit of brotherhood prompted the congregation of B'nai Israel and Rabbi Ira E. Sanders to offer their Temple and Educational Building as a meeting place for adult classes of the Sunday School and for worship services. For a few Sundays in October the congregation worshiped in the dining room of the church, which had been completed earlier. On October 28 members gathered again for worship in the newly redecorated sanctuary and heard a sermon by Dr. Walton entitled "What Does This Mean?". He recounted for the congregation the significance of this step in the history of the church.

As has been the experience of most growing churches, building programs are milestones along the way. To the few Methodists, worshipping in a warehouse in 1832, the building of a brick church on "Cherry", now Second Street, was a gigantic task. This structure was four years in the building, and was known then as the Second Street Methodist Church. In 1873, while the

Reverend E. N. Watson was pastor, lots at the present site were purchased in the name of Mrs. Ellen Cates, later conveyed to the trustees of the church. The ladies of the congregation, assisting with the building fund as women have always been wont to do, held pie and box suppers, served meals during court weeks. In 1879 the first edifice was constructed on the Center Street location. This Church was known as First Methodist Church.

Less than two decades after the erection of this building, it was destroyed by fire. The rebuilding of the church was done at a great sacrifice by the less than 1,000 members. It is recounted in many of the stories related to First Methodist history that women of the church laid their jewels on the altar that the present sanctuary, of true Gothic architecture, with its lovely rose windows, might stand as a monument to their lives. A marble plate in the narthex names the building committee of that era. They were: W. C. Ratcliffe, D. G. Fones, T. D. English, L. B. Leigh, L. P. Drake, J. T. Beal, S. N. Marshall, John B. Bond, Sr., George Thornburgh, Frank Carl, George L. Basham, H. L. Remmel and W. T. Feild.

And so from a handful of Methodists, organized into a "Society" by an itinerant preacher in 1831, through a glorious heritage of progress, First Methodist Church stands on the threshold of a period of greater service and ministry. Who of that small group worshipping in a warehouse could have envisioned a congregation of more than 3,000 souls, or who of that larger number erecting a brick church on Second Street could have seen such continuous growth for their children's children, or who of that 407 in 1879 responsible for the erection of the first church edifice on the present location, could have foreseen that in the Year of Our Lord, 1951, a structure of such magnificence would be raised up to the Glory of God and the service of mankind?



SPIRIT OF EXPECTANCY

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tensity in the life of Jesus Christ. On the cross, outside the city of Jerusalem, the heart of God was stripped bare and all succeeding generations have been able to read clearly God's love even in their haste. God's love is timeless, but it is timely. He was not only burdened in the days of Noah, but He is burdened today. He not only wrestled with the conscience of Jacob, but He wrestles with yours and mine. God is ready and calls us to let Him have His way through our lives.

Lift up Christ in our hearts and our neighbors will look and live. His promise is ever true that if we be lifted that He would draw men unto Him. It is our good fortune and holy privilege to bear the good news that God will forgive our sins, cleanse our hearts, and heal our land. "Get the Lord's way ready" for He will lead His people to certain victory.—R.I.B.

THANKSGIVING DAY, OR HARVEST-HOME FESTIVAL

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we glorify thee that we are once more permitted to enjoy the fulfillment of thy gracious promise, that, while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest shall not fail. Blessed be thou, who hast given us the fruits of the earth in their season. Teach us to remember that it is not by bread alone that man doth live; but grant that we may feed on him who is the true bread which cometh down from heaven, even Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour; to whom, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

—From "The Book of Worship"

Ideas are what win the world and fortunately the biggest ideas can be communicated very simply—if we really work at it—ideas like brotherhood, cooperation, Christian democracy.—Frank C. Laubach "Literacy as a Base for World Peace," Phi Delta Kappan, 10-'51.

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HOW CAN WE LEARN FROM OUR DOUBTS? LESSON FOR DECEMBER 2, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Exodus 32; Numbers, chapters 11 through 14; Printed Text:
Numbers 14:1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (I John 1:9)

We are still studying Unit II—"THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD'S WAY". Aim of Unit: "To lead pupils through a study of the ancient Hebrews to see that life demands certain disciplines in various situations in order to make it conform to the purpose of God."

A Look At The Scriptures

May we note briefly that portion of Scripture that is not printed in our Sunday school quarterlies, all of which, however, deals with the subject in hand. These passages tell of the doubts, fears, rebellions, murmurings, and disobedience of the Israelites.

In Exodus 32 we are told how Moses tarried on Mount Sinai. He was getting the Ten Commandments from God. He was away for some 4 days. Doubts arose concerning him in the minds of the people. They also doubted God. They had Aaron to make them a golden calf and bowed down and worshiped it. Think of it; only 15 months out of Egypt and during that time God had performed some wonderful miracles, yet they turned their backs on him and went out after a false religion. They were reverting to the religion practiced by the Egyptians.

Get a mental picture of the situation. There Moses was with the Ten Commandments from God, but he found the people breaking the very first of those commandments. He was angry and disgusted. He flung the tables down at the foot of the mount and broke them. The wrath of God was also aroused against the people. Moses prayed for them and they were spared. To punish them, Moses ground the calf of gold into powder, put it in water and forced them to drink it. These disobedient people were slowly learning that doubt and rebellion does not pay. As a further punishment 3000 of the more rebellious people were slain. This execution was carried out by the tribe of Levi which had remained true to Moses and to God.

Murmurings and Complaints

The chapters assigned in the book of Numbers gives a series of complaints made by the Israelites. They were constantly complaining against Moses and even sometimes against God. They were an immature people. When things did not go to suit them grown men stood in the doors of their tents and cried like little children. In numbers 11:1-3 we have an account of such complaining without any cause given for it. They seemed to have formed the grumbling habit and would begin complaining at the least provocation.

The remainder of chapter 11 tells of the complaining of the people about the food. They were being fed with manna. It is said that this manna looked like coriander seed. The people ground it and made cakes of it. This food tasted like fresh oil.

The people grew tired of it and cried for flesh. They longed for the flesh pots of Egypt. They worried Moses so that he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. He prayed that he might die. God instructed him to divide his responsibility with 70 of the elders of the people. God sent his Spirit upon these men. Two of them—Eldad and Medad—became prophets. Joshua was envious fearing they would displace Moses. He asked Moses to forbid this prophesying. Moses in his great humility was not in the least jealous. His only comment was "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets."

The chapter closes with the coming of the quails. This supplied the flesh for which the people cried. You talk about big fish stories in the Bible, this is quite a quail story. We are told that on two sides of the camp these quails were piled to a height of three feet reaching out to the distance of a day's journey in these two directions. These were a lot of quails, but there were a lot of people to be fed. We are told in this chapter that there were 600,000 footmen, that is, men able to bear arms. It is estimated that there must have been at least 3,000,000 of the people. Then, they were to feed upon these quails for a whole month. They gathered, dressed, and dried them in the desert sun and then stored them for food.

A Quarrel Between Leaders

Chapter 12 tells of a quarrel between the two brothers and sister—Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. The root of the trouble was jealousy. We are told that it came up over Moses' wife who is here called an Ethiopian. This seems a bit strange, for it is known that Ziporah, the wife of Moses, was a Midianite. Some scholars say that Ziporah had died and that this Ethiopian woman was Moses' second wife. Others are inclined to believe that the record should have said the Midianite woman rather than the Ethiopian. As the wife of Moses this person was the most influential woman in the group. If she were out of the way Miriam would occupy this place. The fact that Moses' wife was a foreigner added to the jealousy of Miriam. Miriam was sorely punished for her jealousy.

The Sending of The Spies

Chapter 13 tells of the sending of the spies. There were 12 of these men—one for each of the 12 tribes. The spies spent 40 days in Palestine. They came back with glowing reports of the fertility of the country. They brought great bunches of grapes and other fruits to prove the truth of their statement. Two of these men—Caleb and Joshua—contended that the Israelites, with the help of God, could conquer the country. The other ten spies were

filled with doubts and fears. They went on to tell of the high walls around the cities. Then, too, the people of the country were giants. The Israelites seemed like grasshoppers in comparison to them. This was a case where the minority report was right and the majority wrong. These Canaanites were not giants and their cities were not impregnable. This was proven some 38 years later when the Israelites finally conquered them.

The People Rebel

Moses was for accepting the minority report and going over immediately to take the land. He knew that this was God's will. The people were tired of their wanderings. They would have been very happy to take Palestine at once. But they were filled with doubt and fear. They doubted Moses and they doubted God. They were simply filled with fear. To see one strong man completely overcome by fear is a sorry spectacle but to see a whole nation thus overcome is a tragedy of the first rank. Like a bunch of babies these men stood in the doors of their tents all night and cried. They were greatly disappointed in their failure to possess the land, but they did not have the faith and courage to take it. When the leaders—Moses and Aaron and the two spies who brought back the favorable report—insisted that they go over and take the land the people threatened to stone them. elect a captain of their own and head back for Egypt. They would have carried this out had it not been for a miracle. At that moment the glory of God appeared in the tabernacle and the people heard his voice as he spoke to Moses.

A Terrible Punishment

The people were saved from immediate destruction by the prayer of Moses, but still their punishment was great. They were doomed to wander in the wilderness until all who were 20 years old and over had died. The two spies—Joshua and Caleb—who had brought back the favorable report were exempted from the latter part of this punishment, that is death in the wilderness. The ten cowardly spies died of plague immediately. Too late, the people saw their terrible mistake and against the advice of Moses made a feeble effort to take the land. They were defeated with great loss.

Forty Wasted Years

Before coming to the bank of the Jordan River on this occasion, the people had already spent two years of wandering in the wilderness. Through their fear, doubt, and cowardice they turned back to spend 38 more years. A whole nation was virtually buried alive. This was a living death. No adult except Caleb and Joshua, who left Egypt ever entered into Canaan. Even Moses, because of a sin he later committed, was not permitted to set foot on the Promised Land.

Modern Application

As we recall the events mentioned above we are inclined to pity the ancient Israelites. We think of them as a people who at that time had not grown up. They acted like frightened children. But are we doing any better? For many years these people had been slaves. We have thousands of advantages that they never knew. Yet our doubts and fears today are about as great as theirs were.

We have been taught that God is

good. That he has built a universe on moral as well as on natural laws. We are told that this righteous God is on the side of righteousness, and that righteousness will ultimately win. But do we as a nation believe that? If so, why do we have such corruption in high places? We are spending billions of dollars on armament that will be worse than wasted unless it is backed up by righteousness on our part as a nation. Maybe we need to stock pile our weapons and use the method of enforced peace until something better can take the situation over. But let us never forget that this method will not long keep the peace. This is not the way to permanent peace. If history proves a thing in the world it is the fact that peace cannot be found in this way. No less authority than Christ himself insisted that permanent peace can only come through righteousness, the nonresistance of evil and love for all mankind, both friend and foe.

In the time of crisis the Israelites were afraid to trust God. Why? They had seen the great miracles he had performed to preserve and protect them. Yet, in spite of all this they doubted God. At least a portion of their doubt and fear was rooted in the fact that they had often failed God. Righteousness exalts a nation, but they had not been righteous. They could not forget the golden calf and all their grumbling and disobedience to God.

Surely, with all the lessons of history back of us, we can believe that there is a Power in this world that makes for righteousness. That there is an eternal purpose in this world that is moving on toward the establishment of a just and righteous social order. Like the Israelites of old, a lot of our doubt and fear root back into the fact that we know we have not been righteous. If our enemies were all bad and we were all good, then we would pin our hopes on the fact that we and our way of life would be vindicated by a righteous and all-powerful God. The greatest sin of this age is materialism and the selfishness that springs from it. Our enemies are confessedly materialists. They contend that these are the only values that count in life. With our lips we talk loudly of the spiritual values of life. We insist that these must come first. But with our deeds and attitudes we are as materialistic as our enemies. This leads us to look to the material side of life for our security. We will either get our eyes open at this point or there will be another baptism of blood. The Bible tells us that "All things work together for good to those who love God." The trouble is, far too few of the so-called free people of the world really and truly love God. Little wonder that fear is gripping at the heart of the whole world today. May our very doubts in this time of crisis teach us the lesson that above all things both as individuals and as a nation we need to rededicate our lives to God. We need to really and truly love him and then trust him even though the days may be dark and the going hard.

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