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"The World Is My Parish" — John Wesley

— Mark 16:15

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Intensive Work On Circulation Campaign Necessary

IT was the judgement of those planning the United Evangelistic Mission that the Campaign should be projected in Arkansas January 18-27. This date made necessary an earlier date than usual for the Circulation Campaign for *The Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist*.

Not only is the date earlier, but the time in which to complete the Campaign will be much shorter than usual. For some it is possible to complete the Campaign within the eight days fixed by the Annual Conferences. Usually it is possible for all to complete the major portion of the work within the eight days. For many, however, some follow-up work is necessary to really complete the job. This follow-up work is vital to the full success of the Campaign if needed.

Since this is the only period of the year in which your church paper gives any emphasis to the matter of securing new subscribers or the renewals of subscriptions, it is, of course, vital to the life of the paper that a thorough Campaign be made during this Campaign period.

We hope to have the materials used in the Campaign in the hands of all of our pastors by the middle of December. This will make it possible to do some work on the Campaign ahead of the Campaign date, if the pastor so desires. Since it will be necessary to put these materials in the mail in the midst of the Christmas rush of mail, we hope our pastors will be watching for them and file them for use when needed.

The Ultimate Objective Is The Same

RECENT press reports indicate that promoters of Dixie Downs race track at West Memphis are in no hurry about having a vote of the question in Crittenden County.

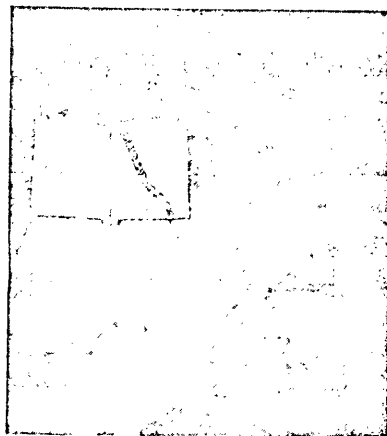
Probably only the promoters of the track idea know the real reason for the reported plans to postpone the election until some future date. It is possible that an aroused sentiment in Crittenden County opposing the track may have caused them to decide that this is not a "propitious" time for a county vote on the question. It is possible, also, that promoters of the track have decided to wait to see whether Governor McMath really meant it when he said that the Racing Commission to be appointed next year, if not before, would disapprove a new race track. Perhaps they think that time will weaken the opposition to their proposal. Whatever the reason for the delaying tactics, we may be sure that the ultimate objective is the same—a race track at West Memphis. The promoters of Dixie Downs have been very persistent in the past with their plans. We may expect them to continue to be so. We must be just as persistent in opposing it.

It is our feeling that opposition to the proposed race track will grow stronger rather than weaker. Governor McMath has been consistently opposed to the track every time it has been proposed. We believe he will carry through on his announced decision to have a Racing Commission next year that will prevent the building of a race track at West Memphis. Furthermore we do not believe that time will in any degree lessen opposition to the track either by the better citizenship of Crittenden County or in the state at large. We have one race track too many now. It is unthinkable that we would license another race track in Arkansas to become a gambling center.

"The Way Out Of The Dark"

AS it has done for a number of years, *The American Bible Society* is again this year sponsoring a daily World-wide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving through Christmas day. Lists of suggested passages for daily reading have been published. Throughout this period, as one reads the passage of Scripture suggested for the day, it is an inspiring thought to remember that millions of people around the world are, that day, reading the same Scripture selection.

Universal Bible Sunday, to be observed on Sunday, December 9th, is also sponsored by *The American Bible Society*. The theme this year for the Bible reading



and for Universal Bible Sunday is, "The Way Out of the Dark."

Without question, the world stands today in the blackening shadows of a gathering darkness. If the present trend continues, and leads us into the dark night of another World War, no one would dare prophesy regarding the number of years that might pass before light would again break on the world.

Leaders in all walks of life, secular as well as religious, are seeking a "way out" of the present darkness. There is nothing in sight, of man-made plane, that give any hope of a permanent solution of the terrifying problems that now face humanity. So far as man knows, there is but one possible, satisfactory solution for those problems. The basis for that solution is found in the Bible and made clear and understandable in the New Testament. Judging from past experience, it does not seem possible for any other plan to succeed. Judging from past experience, wherever the Christian way of life has been honestly and sincerely tried, it does not seem possible for it to fail if it becomes the pattern for the world's life.

If the way of life taught by the Bible is so necessary to the survival of life in the World, is it not vitally important that we give the Bible to the whole world? Surely humanity would not commit suicide, if there were a general knowledge of "The Way Out of the Dark." No other agency can so effectively give the Bible to the world in its many languages as the *American Bible Society*. It should have our full support in that imperative task.

Does Methodism Need Re-Organization?

IN last week's issue of this publication was printed in full text the General Conference Church Survey Commission's summary of its report to the 1952 General Conference. Those who have taken time to study the summary will find that the Commission has seriously studied thoroughly the organizational structure of the Methodist Church with a view to finding ways of greater efficiency and elimination of functional duplications and in making recommendations which will receive sympathetic reception in many sections of Methodism. Whether all or any part of the several recommendations will be adopted by the church will, of course, be decided by Methodism's legislative body, the General Conference. However, it is highly desirable that those who constitute that body (General Conference delegates) know the reaction and ideas of the rank and file of Methodists, ministers and laymen.

The *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* will be glad to have for publication your comments about the Survey Commission's recommendations. Methodism has taken a great pride in its Democratic ways, and the ideas of any one Methodist, if sincerely stated, are worthy of consideration by all Methodists. You may make a real contribution by sharing your thoughts about this proposed re-organization of Methodist polity.

Methodism At Its Best

WHO can say that any one activity of Methodism is of more importance than another? Yet, one cannot deny that Methodism can be seen at its best when it is earnestly seeking to lead the lost into the Kingdom. The Arkansas-Louisiana Area United Evangelistic Mission, now in the Period of Operation in Unit A has as its ultimate objective this very goal of helping individual persons to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and active participation in a local church. To this end the best in ministerial and lay leadership is giving itself during this present week.

At this writing it is too early to know what the visible results will be in this all out effort in evangelism. Important as the results will be, we are more concerned that the will of God will reign supreme in the lives of those engaged in this holy effort and in the lives of those that the program seeks to reach. Feeble and sincere efforts blessed by the spirit of God will certainly result in a great harvest.

The prayers of countless consecrated souls throughout Louisiana and southern Arkansas for the success of the endeavor has undergirded the mission with a spiritual power so necessary for great spiritual movements. When a program has become of such concern that Christians sincerely, freely and willingly pray for its success, one need have little doubt about the direction its course will take.

To our way of thinking, one of the marvelous things about this evangelistic mission is that even though the preparation has been extensive, the organization complex, the detail work at times burdensome, and the difficulties encountered all but insurmountable, yet the leadership has never lost sight that the important goal was the bringing to Christ the soul without Christ, and the quickening of the spiritual life of the local church. This has not been easy because of the necessity of giving much attention to the program itself. The cooperation and prayerful

"Unit A" Evangelistic Program Underway

By EWING T. WAYLAND

THE Period of Operation of an Arkansas - Louisiana Area-wide Evangelistic Program was begun Friday, November 30 in nine of the Area's twenty-one Districts, when ministers of the other twelve Districts joined in the initial meeting of the program in the nine Districts comprising "Unit A." In what is probably the largest evangelistic endeavor ever undertaken by any evangelical denomination the more than six hundred ministers of the two-state area are participating as host pastors and visiting ministers during the period November 30-December 9 in the southern half of the Area and in the northern half of the Area January 18-27.

For purposes of organization and administration, the Area has been divided into two units, Unit A and Unit B. Unit A is comprised of the seven Districts of the Louisiana Conference and the Camden and Hope Districts of the Little Rock Conference, while Unit B is made up of the eight Districts of the North Arkansas Conference and the Arkadelphia, Little Rock, Monticello and Pine Bluff Districts of the Little Rock Conference. During the Period of Operation of Unit A, the ministers of Unit B are assisting the local churches of Unit A in an evangelistic visitation and preaching program designed to reach hundreds of unchurched persons in that half of the Area.

The program throughout Unit A is being promoted on a district level with the District Superintendent and certain selected ministers from Unit B assisting him. Generally speaking, the same program is being followed in each District. The pastors of each District met at a designated place in their respective Districts Friday afternoon, November 30, where they met the ministers from Unit B who are now assisting them in the evangelistic program in the host pastors' local churches. During the afternoon's meeting the assignments of visiting ministers were announced, and the group had the first of six sessions of a District School of Evangelism at which time under the guidance of selected ministers instruction was given from a turn-over chart, "They Went Forth Two By Two", prepared for Evangelistic Training Schools by the General Board of Evangelism. This instruction period was followed by an address on Pulpit Evangelism. The District group met again in the early evening for the evening meal after which an inspirational address was given by the same minister who had been selected to give instruction in Pulpit Evangelism. Following this period the host pastor, accompanied by the guest pastor assigned to work with him, returned to the host pastor's community.

On Saturday evening District Youth Rallies were held throughout Unit A at which time literally thousands of youth in Unit A gathered for great evangelistic meetings. On Sunday morning and evening

services were conducted in the local churches by the host and visiting ministers and in many instances the initial local church School of Evangelism for instructing lay visitors was held on Sunday afternoon followed by a period of visitation in the homes of prospects.

On Monday morning and continuing through Friday District Schools of Evangelism have been conducted for the host and visiting ministers at which time additional instruction has been given in visitation and pulpit evangelism, and inspirational messages delivered. Reports of the previous night's work in the local churches were also received and tabulated.

Each evening in the local churches lay workers gathered to receive instruction assignments for an evening of visiting prospects. During the time these lay persons were engaged in visitation work, evangelistic services were being held in the local churches by host and guest pastors. The program will be concluded in Unit A on next Sunday afternoon when each District will have a District Victory Mass Meeting to climax the evangelistic program.

The Arkansas Methodist and the Louisiana Methodist are making a very special effort to report this great program. Its Editors know that every minister and lay person will appreciate information about the actual promotion and accomplishments of the program. For these reasons this Editor is visiting during this ten-day period each of the Districts of Unit A, reporting in a measure the program as it is seen in operation at all levels. The reader will bear in mind as each one of the institutions is reported that throughout Unit A similar programs were in operation and that what has happened in one situation is typical of each other District and local church participating in the program. Only names and places need to be substituted.

Ruston District

The Ruston District, Rev. G. W. Pomeroy, District Superintendent, met for its initial meeting in the Period of Operation at 2:30, Friday afternoon, at the First Methodist Church, Arcadia, Rev. Hubert A. Gibbs, pastor. It was evident from the outset that a vast amount of organizational and spiritual preparation had preceded the beginning of the program. Hours had been spent in committee work on a local church and District level, making arrangements, compiling lists of prospects, and taking care of a multitude of details of a program of such magnitude. Visiting ministers came to this initial meeting, confidently expecting that the tasks assigned them, regardless of what they might be, would be more than sufficient to challenge the absolute best within them.

The period on Friday afternoon was spent in getting acquainted with one another. It was interesting

to note the quickness with which these ministers became acquainted. The common interests and, above all, the common task which they shared, prompted a high time of fellowship and inspiration. Permeating the afternoon and evening's sessions was an atmosphere of excitement, eager anticipation, and appreciation for a task that called for one's best.

The afternoon's meeting was given over to the reading of the assignments of the visiting ministers to the several charges of the Ruston District; the first period of instruction in visitation evangelism, led by Rev. W. D. Boddie, Springhill pastor (substituting for Rev. Arthur Terry, delayed by funeral services of a fellow Little Rock pastor, Rev. W. L. Arnold); and the period of instruction in Pulpit Evangelism by Rev. Elmer J. Holifield, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Helena. Questions and comments by those in attendance revealed a certainty and conviction that the program will reach many persons for Christ and His Church. These men knew that their task is great, so great indeed that only as God Himself blessed their efforts would there be success. This, they believed, God would do.

The evening's program consisted of a fellowship meal together in the Arcadia Church followed by an inspirational message by Brother Holifield on the theme "Thou Art A Good Minister . . . If." Rev. J. William Watson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, was the featured speaker at the District Youth Rally on Saturday night and the inspirational speaker during the daily District School of Evangelism in the Ruston District.

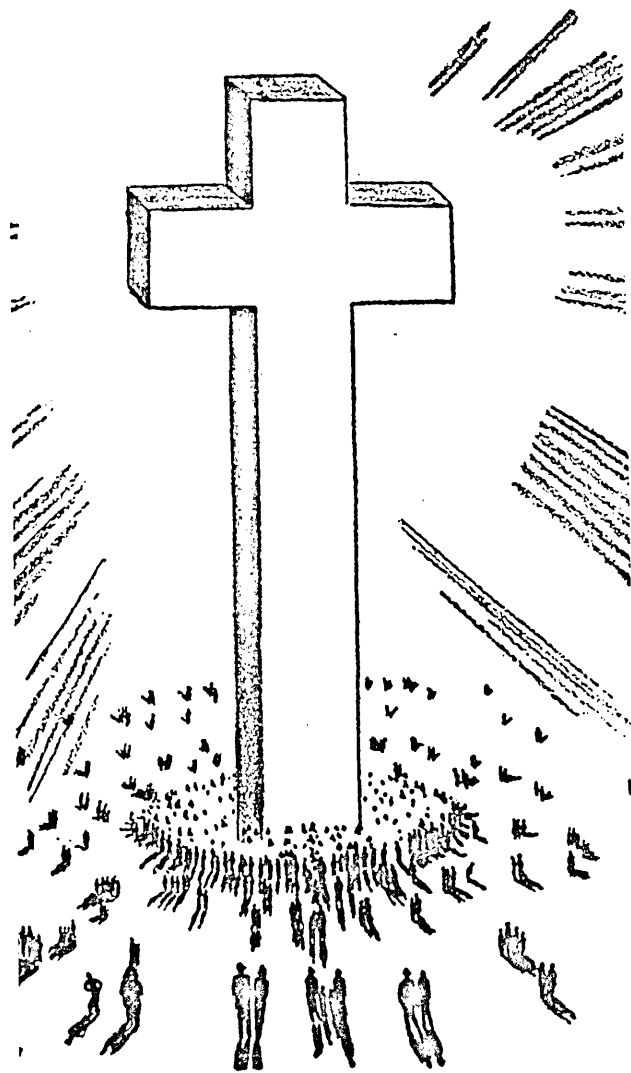
Other Districts of Unit A contacted during the evening and the following two days revealed that the same success which attended the be-

ginning of the Ruston District characterized the beginnings in the other Districts.

Camden District Youth Rally

The Camden District-wide Youth Rally held in the beautiful new sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, was a tribute to the interest and devotion of the more than six hundred young people in attendance. These youth crowded into this spacious sanctuary fully expecting a great time of spiritual fellowship and they were not disappointed. The meeting was under the general chairmanship of Rev. Archie C. Caraway, Camden District Director of Youth. Others participating in the service included Rev. Elmer Thomas, host pastor, Rev. W. F. Cooley, Fayetteville, Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., Fayetteville, Dr. Connor Morehead, Camden District Superintendent, Ronnie Collums, Smackover, District M. Y. F. President, Glenn Pinnell, Director of Music, and the Girls' Choir of the Magnolia High School.

Brother Dykes, gifted speaker who ministers to the congregation of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, and the Methodist University of Arkansas students there, was at his best as he magnified the Christ and thrilled these eager youth with his discussion of "Power of Things That Come Gradually." The youth responded in a way that left little doubt as to their commitment to Christ. At the conclusion of the service they crowded around the altar and in the aisles for personal commitment and dedication of their lives "For Christ and His Church." The power of the Lord's Spirit was felt real and certain as these young people made their calling and election sure. It was a thrilling thought to remember that at the same time all over Louisiana and southern Arkansas other young people were having the same experience.



THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The Book of Revelation portrays a great struggle and a great victory, and this struggle and this victory constitute the theme of these studies.

We talk of "the dole" as if it were a recent development; but Rome had the dole raised to the nth degree, supporting hundreds of thousands in idleness year in and year out . . .

Had the Christians been willing to worship Caesar in addition to maintaining their own religion, Christianity would have been tolerated . . .

In spite of these persecutions, nay, because of them, the Church grew . . .

Its (Revelation) optimism and courage are magnificent; its faith is sublime. Its message is not one of wistful hope, but of absolute assurance. The doom of Rome and all it stands for is certain. The triumph of Christ and his cause is sure . . .

The power of Christ was adequate for that victory, as is confirmed by the subsequent course of history that witnessed the decline of Rome and the triumph of Christianity under Constantine in the early part of the fourth century . . .

Evil supreme and universal, evil challenged and defeated, evil checked and in subjection, evil outlawed and banished—such are the four stages in the overthrow of evil. Such are the four eras of history for the author of Revelation . . .

This sovereignty of Christ is both an individual and a social affair. . .

What was forbidden to even the great prophets of history is the daily experience of all the citizens of New Jerusalem—to "see his face."

—From The Message of The Book of Revelation, by Cady H. Allen

STRENGTH RENEWED

Scripture: Psalm 20

Verse for Today: *Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart.* Ps. 27:14

I must confess that until recent months I did not understand the real meaning of "waiting on the Lord." Only when I had to face the anxieties and responsibilities that enter the home with sickness did I begin to learn of the reserves of power God gives to those who wait upon him. At times it seemed that my strength would give out completely just when it was most needed, and I would grow fearful, for there was no one to take up the burden that I carried. Sometimes my heart grew faint, but I knew I must not fail my mother in her illness. She had never failed me. Several times death seemed very near; but God spared her life.

At first I thought I was carrying the burden and my sorrow alone. Later I knew that I was not alone. God was there. I learned to wait upon him in humble dependence, and I found in him the assurance that he would help me to do all that

MAKING LIFE WORTH WHILE

*Every soul that touches yours—
Be it the slightest contact—
Get therefrom some good;
Some little grace; one kindly thought;
One aspiration yet unmet;
One bit of courage
For the darkening sky;
One gleam of faith
To brave the thickening ills of life;
One glimpse of brighter skies—
To make this life worth while
And heaven a surer heritage.*

—George Eliot

GLOWING FACES

TEXT: . . . his face was in a glow after conversing with God. (Exodus 34:29)

THERE is no more thrilling story than the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt. We see a motley band of people who had been in servitude for many generations winding their way across the plains and finally coming to the foot of the Mt. Sinai where they were welded into a nation. The greatest miracle of this story is not in crossing the Red Sea but in the judicious way in which the people were organized into community life.

Moses is not the hero of the story; God is the center of all our attention. Moses is heroic in so far as he is the instrument of God. Moses is a hero but he would turn our attention from himself to God. There is no doubt, if Moses were alive today that he would stand head and shoulders among the great of the world. The greatness of his influence cannot be marked by a particular period of history; neither can it be confined to a particular locality. Moses belong to the ages and to all people. He was meeting the need of his own day, but following a spirit and principles that are pertinent in any hour of the history of the world.

Moses had been alone on the mountain talking with God. He came down with the revelation that he had received written on tablets of stone. Can you imagine the shock to him as he approached the camp and found that they were worshipping an image. They were breaking the first commandment! They had exchanged the Living One for a god of gold. Jehovah had led them by day and by night, yet they had turned their backs upon him and in their

was required of me. I learned to wait upon him continuously, patiently, and expectantly, and I found in him a power that has sustained me through all difficulties. Many times he renewed my energy and courage when weariness had almost overwhelmed me. He supplied the strength I needed, "according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

PRAYER: Our Father, forgive us if we have depended upon our own strength. Teach us to trust in thee, to remember always that thou art with us, and to be grateful for thy unfailing help. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ruby E. Williams, from
The Secret Place

naked shameless way were bowing before the golden calf. Try to imagine the feeling Moses must have had. It is little wonder that his anger flared and that he felt them unworthy to possess such a priceless treasure as he held in his hand. His temper was short-lived. He goes back to the Mount and when he returns this time his face is aglow with the experience he has had.

The great lawgiver was not conscious of the glow of his face. Our influence radiates so many times when we are not conscious of it. All too much emphasis has been given to the deadly effect of bad influence and not enough to the stimulating force of good persons. Two men were seated in an office that had a window open to the street. A person passed down the street and one man remarked to the other, "If I could be the kind of Christian that I am certain that she is, I would not hesitate a moment." The woman went on her way never conscious of the fact that she had preached a powerful sermon.

There are many times when we are unconscious of our influence but we are conscious of our efforts to serve God and build those qualities that radiates His presence. An affected goodness is repulsive. A natural goodness is the greatest witness to the power of God. Moses does not "try to make his face shine", it just does because of the past experiences and the immediate conversation he had had with God.

Some of the points of the story will give a clue to the way in which life can become more radiant. The disappointment that Moses had did not ride him down. His was a natural reaction when he was jolted from his association with God to the grim reality of the long way that he had to travel with those idolatrous people in bringing them to worship the Lord Jehovah and Him only to serve. He did not live in this atmosphere very long but was penitent for his own action and took up the burden of directing the people along God's holy way.

Jesus and three of his closest friends came down from a mountain top experience right into a difficult situation. Great experiences are not to be lived in a mere estatic state but to fit us for the reality of dealing with sin in a true Christian spirit. The glow of God's pres-

ence will light the face of the most humble Christian as he meets conditions that are discouraging but remains true and gives his best to let God have His way.

Moses made a decisive decision and called for the people to make that same decision, "Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me". The glow of the presence of God is dimmed when we try to serve Him in a faltering way. The deepest joys of Christian living is in complete consecration of our entire lives to Him. This is not a fanatical decision but one that brings winsomeness and beauty. The people were afraid of Moses for a while because of their own sinfulness, but then in the end they trusted his leadership and heeded his words.

Furthermore, Moses was concerned with the needs of the people right at that time. He had an eye to the future; but he had a burden for the present hour. Faces do not glow with God's presence that live merely in the future or the past. The greatest privileges are those that are present with us right now. When we live in the past we try to warm our cold spirits over the dying embers of a memory. As we live only in the future we miss the high moment of inspiration from fellowship with God as He works even now. The faces of Christians will glow with the light of His presence as we meet the needs of the hour in which we live.

Grant us wisdom,

Grant us courage,

For the facing of this hour.

What a prayer Moses prays for the idolatrous people! "Alas, this people has committed a great sin, in that they have made a god of gold for themselves. But now, if thou wilt forgive their sins . . . but if not, pray blot me out of thy book which thou hast written." Such a spirit as this shames Christians today as we find ourselves asking what can the Church do for me and not what way can I more effectively serve God through my Church. A prayer with a concern such as reflected here is certain to be near to the heart of God. How near this prayer comes to the feeling that St. Paul had when he wrote the Romans, "I am telling the truth as a Christian, it is no falsehood, for my conscience under the Holy Spirit's influence bears me witness in it, when I say that I am greatly pained and my heart is constantly distressed, for I could wish myself accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my natural kindred." A concern like this reflects the glory of God in the heart of a person. The Glory of the presence of God shines through our face as we have this concern for wayward people.

These are great experiences and perhaps we hesitate to fully consecrate our all because we are not involved in an hour such as reflected here. The hour is pregnant with possibilities for Christian greatness. But, it is in the day by day experiences that strength is developed which shines bright in great hours. The care with which the mother of Moses taught him the truths of his people, the decisions that he made while in Egypt, and his abandon to the voice of God

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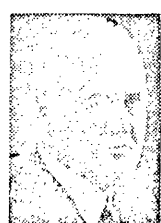
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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

WHERE TO PUT THE BIBLE

One of humanity's greatest treasures is God's *holy word*. It is such a great treasure that we hardly know what to do with it. Some of us buy expensive copies, bound with rich materials. For many of us there are little more than ornamental treasures which we lay on a table and turn into household ornaments. Sometimes small portions are richly bound and carried in our pockets. Indeed, it is such a *great treasure* that we almost worship it, but fail to use it.

Today, I am asking the age-old question: What shall we do with the Word of God? In First Chronicles, 28th chapter, 9th verse, we find this statement directing us as to what to do with God's word: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee." In my judgment, this verse contains complete directions as to how to answer my question.

What shall we do with the word of God?:

First of all, *hide it in the depths of the human heart*. It is all right to know God's word *by heart*. We should establish its choicest passages in our memories so that they can be brought forth on the slightest provocation. When we say we know something by heart, we mean that we have *memorized it*. The more of the Bible we know that way, the better for us and for all concerned.

But it is not enough to *memorize it*, or know it *intellectually*. It must have a place in our *affections*. We must *love the word of God*, as well as *memorize it*. We must *hide it in the heart*.

Finally, we must *hide the word of God in our hearts that we might not sin against him*. The heart filled with God's word thoroughly memorized and deeply loved, has one of the world's greatest treasures. We want his word thus at our command, not to show off our *knowledge of the Bible*, nor to prove our *affection for God*, but ultimately, and best of all, it is to keep us from *sinning against God*.

This is the purpose of the word that is of prime importance. Let us bury it in our *affections* that it may illuminate and control our lives. Put it where it will keep us from *sin*. *Hide it in the heart*. "Take the best thing in the world, put it in the best place in the world, for the best purpose in the world."

KOREANS GIVE THANKS, PRAY FOR PEACE

The General Conference of the Korean Methodist Church, in session in Pusan, Korea, recently met for its forty-first annual conference and fol-

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE ministers and their wives of the Jonesboro District will have their February meeting at Nettleton.

THE WINFIELD MEN'S CLUB met Thursday, November 29, in Fellowship Hall at Winfield Church, Little Rock. Congressman Wilbur Mills was the speaker.

REV. J. A. WOMACK of Jonesboro was the preacher for the morning hour at the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church of Jonesboro on Sunday, December 2.

REV. J. M. HUGHEY, of Jonesboro, was the guest teacher for the Men's Bible Class of the Trinity Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, on Sunday morning, December 2.

DR. J. W. WORKMAN, chaplain at Ft. Roots Hospital, North Little Rock, was guest teacher for the Bethell Class of the First Methodist Church, on Sunday morning, December 2.

THE HOT SPRINGS CHORAL CLUB will present Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah" on Sunday, December 9, in the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs.

CONGRESSMAN BROOKS HAYS of Arkansas was named "Layman of the Year" by the Federation of Churches of Washington, D. C., in recognition of his contribution to the religious life of the city.

REV. ROLAND E. DARROW, pastor at Monticello, writes: "I am making a good recovery from a very serious illness and wish to express my appreciation for the help of those who carried on the regular services of the church."

THE METHODIST MEN of Nettleton have taken as their project the annex to the church. Material has been delivered for a new ceiling. They will also paint the walls and varnish the floor.

ROLAND SHELTON, lay leader of the Little Rock Conference, was the speaker at December meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, of Camden, on Wednesday, December 5. Monroe Dixon, president, presided over the meeting.

THE JONESBORO AREA SUB-DISTRICT of the M. Y. F. met at the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Monday evening, December 3. The program began with a period of recreation and refreshments followed by a worship program on the Christmas theme.

MRS. TOM McLEAN of Malvern spoke at the First Methodist Church, Morrilton, on Sun-

was received by Dr. Eugene L. Smith, executive secretary, Board of Missions and Church Extension, Methodist Church. It was signed by the Rev. Youn Chan Duk and the Rev. Henry D. Appenzeller on behalf of the Conference. Said the Korean Methodists:

"The General Conference of the Korean Methodist Church, in session at Pusan this day, sends greetings to the Mother Church in America—the great Methodist Church. We desire to express our thanks to the Church through its Board of Missions and Church Extension, by you of the Division of Foreign Missions and of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, for the continual support we have felt by your prayers and gifts in this time of war and devastation in our land. In the sense of fellowship as one church, the body of Christ, that your missionaries have given us through their service, we rejoice.

"To the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church we extend heartfelt thanks for sending us Bishop Arthur J. Moore to inspire and guide us in this critical hour of the Church's life. For the presence of your representative Miss Margaret Billingsley we express our gratitude; and for the coming of Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, we wait with great expectation.

"May the God of peace so rule and overrule in the troubled affairs of our nation and

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DATES

North Arkansas Conference

December 11, Forrest City District, Helena
December 12, Ft. Smith District, Clarksville
December 13, Jonesboro District, Tyronza

Little Rock Conference

December 10, Monticello District, Warren
December 12, Arkadelphia, Arkadelphia First Church
December 13, Hope District, De Queen

day, December 2, at 2:30 on her trip to Oxford, England, where she attended the Ecumenical Conference. Mrs. McLean was formerly Miss Elizabeth Burrow of Morrilton.

IN last week's paper it was stated that the carpet in the sanctuary of the new Methodist Church was sponsored by the Adult Sunday School Class taught by W. E. Boyer. The class was the Young Adult Class, taught by Boyd Johnson.

W. W. TERRELL was elected president of the Men of the Churches of Hot Springs at the November meeting at Pullman Heights Methodist Church on November 27. Other officers are: Emmett Jackson, first vice-president; J. O. Miller, second vice-president; Richard Meeks, secretary and Doyle Shirley, treasurer.

THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT of Central Church, Fayetteville, under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Hudson, prepared a gift box during the Thanksgiving season for the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock. The box contained fruit, candies, nuts, and other treats. Two beautiful scrapbooks were also sent to the Home.

THE PAGEANT OF THE HOLY NATIVITY by David McKay Williams will be presented at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday afternoon, December 9, at 5 o'clock under the direction of Mrs. Curtis Stout. Music for the pageant is under the direction of John H. Summers, organist and choirmaster of the church.

THE new Hunter Methodist Church is now being used as a place of worship by the Methodists of Hunter. Construction work on it was completed last month. The new building is modern in every respect. The building committee was composed of S. T. Walters, A. D. White, O. A. Woodyard, Jim Patrick, Nevan Maye and Doyle Vanderburg. Rev. W. G. Stegall is pastor.

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died in vain, but that their sacrifice and that of all may usher in a new day of peace for the whole world."

SCARRITT DAY AROUND THE WORLD

Nashville, Tenn.—Alumni of Scarritt College for Christian Workers joined in celebrating Scarritt Day Around the World on November 16. Missionaries, ministers, and other full-time workers have gone from Scarritt to every state and foreign country. On Scarritt Day, these former students took time out from busy schedules to join in a period of fellowship and prayer, recalling days at Scarritt; remembering associates engaged in Christian work now in the United States and in 38 foreign countries; and planning constructively ways in which each can share in Scarritt's development program.

Miss Virginia Henry, president of the Scarritt Alumni Association has announced that gifts received on Scarritt Day will be sent to the Cuninggim memorial building fund. The fund, a project of the association, honors Dr. Jesse Lee Cuninggim, president of the college from 1921-1943. They money will be used for the construction of Cuninggim Hall, an apartment building for missionaries and full-time workers.

LITTLE ROCK BOY LICENSED TO PREACH

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He is a member of the Highland Church and president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of that church. Following graduation from Little Rock Junior College, Charles plans to continue his studies at Hendrix College, Conway.

GLOWING FACTS

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brought the kind of life that God could shine through.

Christian radiance today is dependent upon much the same care of everyday experiences. The loyalty to Christ and His Church, the observation of a prayer period, the alertness of spirit to needs about us and the disposition to worship and be grateful for God's blessings all add up to a radiant Christian. A Christian may be unconscious of the radiance of his life, but he is conscious of his efforts to live close to God that God may have His way through his life.—R. I. B.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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and also congratulate our women in Monroe for having her in their work.

A special Thanksgiving devotional service was presented by young people from Wesley house, McNeese college student center, at the November 15th meeting of Simpson Woman's Society of Christian Serv-

Rev. W. L. Arnold, pastor of Highland Methodist Church, was killed on Wednesday, November 29, while on a hunting trip near Sheridan. He was struck in the chest by a charge from his 12-gauge shotgun, which apparently fired when the trigger caught in a twig. A. L. Baxley, a steward in Highland Church, and Rev. J. L. Leonard, retired Methodist minister, were squirrel hunting with Brother Arnold when the accident occurred about 10 a. m. on the Gillette Trail 12 miles north of Sheridan.

While returning to their truck Brother Arnold separated briefly from his companions. They heard a shot and he was dead when they reached him.

Brother Arnold was a native of Washington in Hempstead County. He has been pastor of Highland Church for three years, having previously served at Hazen, Sheridan and Smackover. He was an Army chaplain during World War II, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

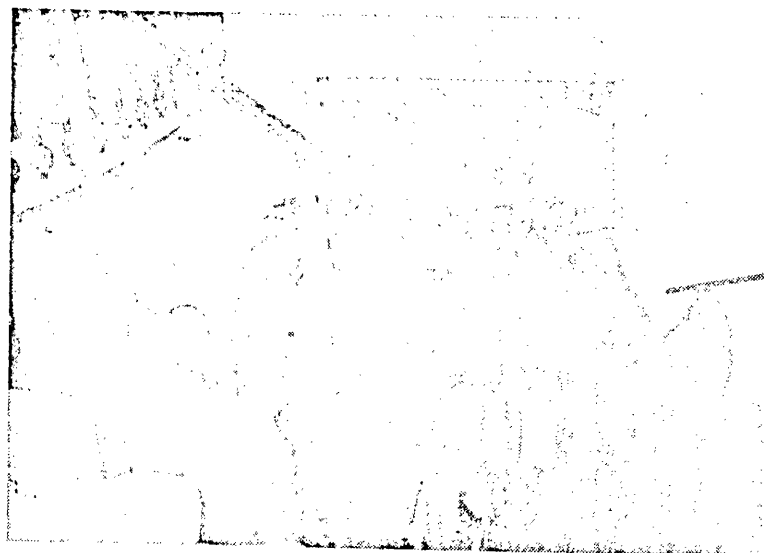
Survivors include his wife; a son, Roy Arnold of El Dorado; a daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Ramsey of Little Rock; three sisters, Mrs. Graydon Green of Shreveport, La., Mrs. C. M. Irvin of Ozan and Mrs. Monroe Samuel of Hope; his father, W. J. Arnold of Hope; a brother, Herbert Arnold of Hope, and two

ice, Lake Charles. Students taking part were Misses Virginia Maxfield, Mary Louise Seevers, Sylvia Lou

grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Friday at 11 a. m. at Highland Church by Bishop Paul E. Martin, Dr. Francis A. Buddin and Rev. Roy E. Fawcett. The church was filled to its capacity with many standing who could not be seated. The chancel was filled with beauti-

ful floral pieces which bespoke the love and esteem in which Brother Arnold was held by his people and other friends of the city and state. Burial was at Holly Grove cemetery near Hope. Pallbearers were Frank Mackey, Don Cameron, J. C. Callo-way, Bernard Frederick, Charles M. Dhonau and L. E. Tennyson.



What was perhaps the last picture made of the late Rev. William L. Arnold was made by one of the Arkansas Methodist Editors at the Open House, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Sunday afternoon, November 25. Brother Arnold is shown on the stairway to the main floor of the New Educational Building after he had registered his attendance. Brother Arnold was killed in a hunting accident Thursday, November 29.

Haines and Betty Heinen; and Clarence Carwile, Gordon Robertson and Floyd Carwile.

Mrs. Charles Gott conducted the study topic, a quiz on the Latin American countries.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

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WILLIAM A. WEIDEMEYER, age 77, passed away on Sunday, December 2, at a Little Rock hospital. Mr. Weidemyer was a charter member of Winfield Church, Little Rock, a member of the Board of Stewards and sang in the choir for many years. He is survived by a son, William Morrow Weidemyer of Decatur, Illinois; a daughter, Mrs. Neill Reed, Heber Springs and six grandchildren.

THE following Methodist laymen of Conway County were named to speak on the following dates at the churches named during December: Solgohachia, December 2, Dewey Manes; Mallettown, December 2, Claude Ruff; Ada Valley, December 2, W. A. Hardin; Gordon's Chapel, December 2, J. G. Moore; Cleveland, December 9, Jess Boudra; Lanty, December 9, George Redman; Springfield, December 16, Othello Gordon; Overcup, December 23, V. H. Merrick.

THE construction and Advance program of Gardner Church, North Little Rock, was launched at a Loyalty Dinner, in the new dining room of the First Methodist Church of Little Rock on Wednesday of last week. Bishop Paul E. Martin made the principal address. A fund-raising campaign for \$100,000 for construction of a new educational building adjoining the church building and \$20,000 for the coming year's budget, started on December 5, and is scheduled to end Sunday, December 23, at a service of praise and thanksgiving. Dr. William L. Fulton is chairman of the construction and advance program and Rev. Irl Bridenthal is pastor.

ERNEST BLOCH'S "Sabbath Service" will be presented by the choir of New Orleans' Temple Sinai at the First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge on Sunday, December 9, at 8:00 p. m. The choir, under the direction of Henry S. Jacobs, presented the work at the Southern Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists earlier this year in New Orleans. It was in 1934 that Bloch created his epic formal concert setting of the Jewish Sabbath service.

MISS GERALDINE RASH, director of Christian Education at the Broadstreet Methodist Church in Statesville, N. C., for the past year has accepted a position at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, as director of Christian Education. Miss Rash is a graduate of High Point College in High Point, N. C., and did graduate work at Duke University, Durham, N. C. and the Garrett Biblical Institute affiliated with Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Dr. Guy M. Hicks is pastor of the First Methodist Church.

UNION Thanksgiving services with all Oakdale church participating were held at the First Methodist Church of Oakdale. Rev. I. O. Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian Church preached the sermon. The responsive reading was led by Rev. E. J. Barksdale, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and the invocation was given by Rev. R. P. Wallace, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church. The united choirs of the various churches sang. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. L. Lafleur, pastor of the Pentecostal Church.

SIXTY prominent Protestant laymen and forty leading clergymen have been named by the National Council of the Churches of Christ to the "Business and Finance Committee" which will guide the financial and related interests of that body. Charles R. Hook, chairman of the board of the Armco Steel Corporation is the committee's chairman. Other members include: William Green, Charles E. Wilson, Harper Sibley, Harvey Firestone, Jr., Charles A. Sprague, J. Howard Pew, James L. Kraft, Ben Morell, Grove Patterson, Charles P. Taft, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop Henry K. Sherrill, Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale, Mrs. Olive Ann Beech, Mrs. Douglas Horton.

A carload of wheat and another of beans, collected in the mid-west by the Christian Rural Overseas Program, and some 25,000 pounds of clothing collected by Church World Service is now en route to Turkey from Philadelphia, Pa., to aid 150,000 Mohammedan refugees forced from their ancient homes by the communist regime in Bulgaria. "In the spirit of that great Teacher whom Christians worship and Moham-

FLASH REPORT FROM LOUISIANA EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

As we go to press report comes that 62,427 attended the evangelistic services Sunday in the United Evangelistic Campaign in Louisiana. There were 1453 additions to the church, 527 on profession of faith and 926 by certificate. The results of the campaign were very encouraging throughout the entire state.

METHODISM AT ITS BEST

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support of ministers and laymen throughout the Area has been a contributing factor in keeping ever before us the goal of seeking out the lost one by one and stimulating the spiritual life of our churches. When all of the results have been recorded, even then the recordable facts and figures will not begin to tell the story of the victory which has been won.

medans honor," says Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, in charge of the shipment for CWS, "this cargo goes from the Christians of America as a glad and voluntary gift to their Mohammedan brethren who have been expelled from Bulgaria because of their faith in God." When the shipment arrives in Istanbul, it will be distributed to the refugees by the Red Crescent Society—Turkey's equivalent to the Red Cross.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, representing American Protestantism, is gathering, packing, and shipping clothing to refugee civilians in Korea, with the cooperation of the U. S. Army. Church people especially have been asked by CWS and by denominational agencies to send warm winter clothing to the nearest shipping center: Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland; Church World Service Center, 3146 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis 3, Missouri; or Church World Service, c/o Pacific Ports Industries, 10901 Russett Street, Oakland, California. The following are particularly needed: men's warm suits, especially trousers, underwear, sweaters, socks, overcoats; women's and children's warm clothing of all kinds, including low-heeled shoes. Thread will be needed to alter clothes.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

JUDITH'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Judith would be twelve years old soon. This year she was to celebrate by having her first birthday party. She planned to invite only the fifteen girls who were members of her Sunday School class.

Two weeks before the twelfth of November, Judith went to the Sunday School excited and eager to invite the girls to the party. Mary, the class president, instead of looking overjoyed, seemed to be frankly dismayed.

"Oh, Judith," she said, "that's the day we're to sew for the kindergarten of Miss Wildon's mission in Syria. We just can't put it off, or they won't get the box for Christmas. Couldn't we arrange to have the sewing and the party together?"

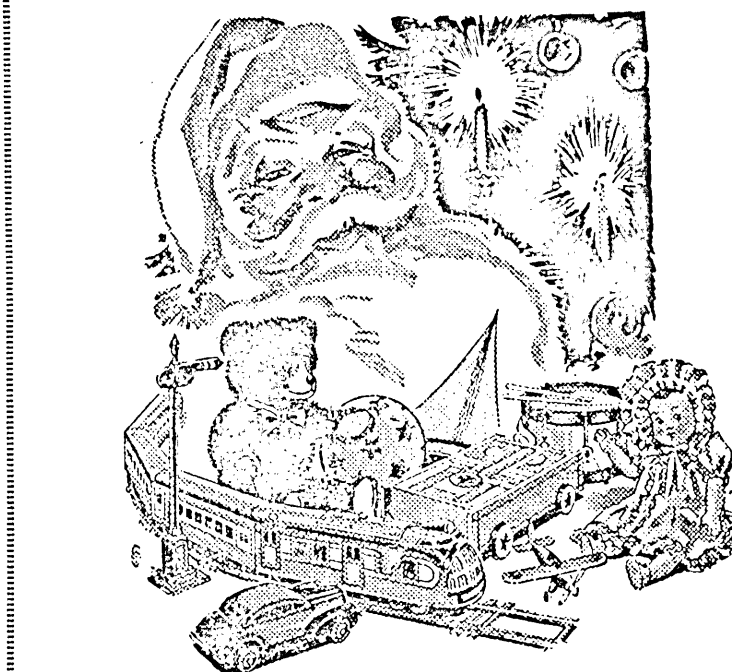
But suddenly a selfish and obstinate streak seemed to pass through Judith. "No," she answered. "We're going to play at my party and not work. And if you won't come, I'll invite some other girls." To herself she said, "It's my first party and I deserve to have a good time."

The girls seemed so sorry and disappointed that Judith almost repented of her unkind words. But she had made up her mind and she wasn't going to change it at every blow of the wind.

The worst part of it came in telling her mother. But mother listened in silence, even though she felt very hurt at Judith's recital. Then she said, "I think, dear, it would have been fun to sew for the mission children at your party. But (and here Judith's mother looked straight into Judith's blue eyes) since you've already decided we'll not bother about it now. However, I think you'd better wait a time before inviting some other girls."

Judith was cross the remainder of the day and even went to bed cross. When she was just half awake it seemed to her that the children in Miss Wildon's kindergarten marched before her. All but one little girl was dressed in new clothes. This little girl, who was marching at the end of the line, was sobbing as if her heart would break. Then a terrible ugly goblin snatched Judith and carried her off into a land where there were people who seemed just like herself. The goblin, who was clutching her hand so tightly that it hurt, told her that it was the land of Selfishness. Then she noticed that one little boy out wading was trying to get to shore, but the waves were coming in so fast that he fell down every little bit. No one seemed to see him. A little way off a woman was dragging some driftwood. It was so heavy that she could go only a few steps until she would have to sit down and rest. Although a man was just behind, he made no move to help her.

Judith awoke with a start, for of course you know she had been dreaming. "I know what was the matter with that land. No one would help any one else. Well, I'm not going to live there," she said as she sat up in bed.



A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

*Please don't forget this Christmas
The children everywhere,
Some are in need of food
And things to wear.*

*And also please remember
To give each one a toy,
And bring a glad light to the eyes
Of every girl and boy.*

*Perhaps you'd like some helpers
The world is big we know,
So we'll join in and do our part
Because we love you so.*

—A.E.W.

JUST FOR FUN

"Yes," the teacher explained, "quite a number of plants and flowers have the prefix 'dog'. For instance, the dog-rose and dog-violet are well known. Can any of you name another?"

There was silence, then a happy look illuminated the face of a boy at the back of the class.

"Please, teacher," he called out,

The first thing she did when she got to school was to hunt up all the girls. Then she told them, "Girls, I'm awfully sorry about what I said yesterday. I've decided to sew with you girls. I can have a party any time." The girls certainly seemed very well pleased with Judith's decision.

The afternoon was a wonderful success and the girls turned the last part of it into a surprise party for Judith.

"And mother," Judith told her that night, "I was so happy even before the surprise because I knew that little girl in the kindergarten wouldn't have to cry because she had no new dress."

"I knew you would be," smiled her mother. "I think you'll find that the road to Happiness is only found through unselfishness."—Selected

proud of his knowledge, "Collie flower!"—Scholastic Teacher.

A little boy was making his way to his desk when the teacher stopped him. "You're late, Tommy," she said. "Why?" Tommy looked a bit tearful. "It was late when I left home" he said. "But why didn't you start earlier?" the teacher wanted to know. "Because," said Tommy, astonished, "it was too late to start early."—John A. Ferrall, Volta Review

Bobby's Uncle Fred had come for a visit and just as he was leaving he gave the lad a shiny new quarter.

"Be careful with that money," Uncle admonished. "Remember the old saying, 'A fool and his money are soon parted!'"

"Yes, Uncle," replied Bobby, "but just the same I want to thank you for parting with it."—Country Gentleman

A burglar entered a building and saw a notice on the safe: "Don't waste dynamite, the safe is open. Just turn the knob."

He did so. The place was flooded with light; a bell clanged loudly. As he was taken to prison he said: "My confidence in human nature has been rudely shaken."—Dublin Opinion

A Bell telephone service girl received a call from an elderly lady

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

SEEDS FOR FILIPINO GIRLS AND BOYS

Young American boys and girls have been asked to join the SEEDS FOR DEMOCRACY drive and at the same time join in an international correspondence exchange program.

In the drive, sponsored by the Committee For a Free Asia, Americans are contributing vegetable seeds to help ease a shortage in food production throughout the Philippine Islands.

Many American children are sending single packages of seeds, with notes attached for delivery to Filipino youngsters.

Young William Ogle, who lives in Eden, Erie County, New York, sent \$1.00 to the SEEDS FOR DEMOCRACY headquarters at 596 Clay Street, San Francisco, 11, California, and asked if he could have the name of a 10 or 12 year old Filipino with whom he could correspond.

The Committee sent William's request to Mr. Florentino L. Gaano, Principal of the Bulan Elementary School in the Philippine province of Sorsogon and asked Mr. Gaano to find a "pen pal" for William.

Similar requests have developed from all over the United States and soon boys and girls in this country will be learning from letters what it is like to live in an island country where vegetable seeds must be imported.

By sending packets of seeds, such as lettuce, kohlrabi, egg plant, green pepper, cucumber, watermelon, mustard, Collards, Chinese cabbage and green string beans, Americans are helping the Filipinos to fight hunger through their own efforts.

To date more than 93,000 individual packages of seeds have been contributed from all parts of the United States and have been shipped to Manila for distribution free of charge to Filipino school children and farmers.

"By such programs of self help," declared George H. Greene, Jr., Committee President, "Americans can show the people of the entire Orient that the U. S. is interested in those who will help themselves when given the chance."

Americans may send their contributions of seeds, or cash with which to purchase seeds, to SEEDS FOR DEMOCRACY, 596 Clay Street, San Francisco 11, California.

Every effort will be made by the Committee to transmit individual messages along with the seeds and to develop the "pen pal" idea inherent in such personal notes.

with an unusual request.

"My telephone cord," said the old lady, "is too long. Would you please pull it back at your end?"—Long Lines, American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

An 8-year-old girl, a recent visitor to the Hayden Planetarium, upon receiving an increase in her allowance, endorsed her father thus: "You're the best daddy in the whole world, including outer space."—New Yorker

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Reports Use of 'Xmas' Expression Declining

The originator of a movement to discourage use of the expression "Xmas" reported at Baton Rouge, La., that response to the campaign was good this year. Opie Shelton, executive vice-president of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, began the campaign in 1941 as a means of "putting Christ Back Into Christmas." At that time he was manager of the Orangeburg, S. C., Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Shelton said that fewer instances of the use of "Xmas" had been reported this year than at any time since the inauguration of the movement. The local campaign was conducted in conjunction with the Baton Rouge Ministerial Association.

Florida City Councils Open Sessions With Prayer

Virtually all city councils or city commissions in incorporated towns of Palm Beach County, including the county seat, West Palm Beach, open their sessions with prayer. Prior to each public meeting date, a local minister is selected to offer the invocation.

N. Z. Denominations Establishing Union Churches

The Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational denominations of New Zealand have combined to establish "union" churches in several new housing areas, the Rev. Ashley K. Petch told the annual conference of The Methodist Church meeting at Auckland, N. Z. Mr. Petch, convenor of the denomination's union committee, reported that closer cooperation between the three groups was being established principally in the development of new areas in New Zealand. He expressed hope that the Methodist conference and the Presbyterian General Assembly, Assembly, which was being held at the same time, would authorize a procedure for increased cooperation in these areas. "We are not rushing ahead in the creation of union churches," Mr. Petch said. "In some places, there may be a strong desire for a union church but all cases are given very careful consideration." The Rev. James W. McKenzie, one of two Presbyterian observers at the session, told the Methodist delegates that the fundamentals of union already existed.

Students Flock To Religious Emphasis Discussions

Are college and university students indifferent to spiritual things? "No, they are not indifferent," said Paul Mayer, German-born College of Engineering junior at the University of Cincinnati, reporting a grand total attendance of 4,280 at 50 sessions of the university's Religious Emphasis Week observance. Mayer was student chairman of the program. The five-day program, one of the best attended in campus history, was sponsored by the Student Religious Council. Mayer reported that "Faith of Fear," general theme of the observance, was discussed by the students of all faiths at convocations, seminars, luncheons, coffee hours, and "bull sessions" at fraternity and sorority chapter houses and in dormitories.

BIBLE SUNDAY DECEMBER 9TH



Bible Sunday will be observed around the world on December 9th. This annual emphasis on the importance of Bible reading and emphasis on the importance of the Bible itself in the life of the world should have the full support of all Christian people.

The American Bible Society is doing a monumental work in Bible distribution. It has rendered the world an inestimable service by having the Bible and various portions of the Bible translated into a large number of languages and dialects so that many people now have the Scripture in their own language who never before could read the Bible in their own tongue.

Permanent world peace must wait until the world at large knows and accepts the Bible plan for human relations.

Methodists Hold 'Walking Revival'

More than 20,000 Methodists jammed Hollywood Bowl in a victory rally proclaiming the success of a "walking revival" at Los Angeles that brought 4,178 new members into their church. Principal speaker was Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of New York. Also in attendance was Bishop Eleazer Guerra of Mexico. Dr. Paul F. Huebner, Los Angeles Methodist executive, told what the "walking revival" had accomplished. He said that 324 ministers, many of them visiting this area, had been engaged along with 162 churches in the metropolitan area. "Our concern was nearly 25,000 people," he said. "2,692 laymen walked around and extended 17,253 invitations to join with Christ. They brought in 14,178 new members and 16,517 prospects remain to be visited by clergymen. The week-long crusade, which officially terminated in this area with the rally, will be extended to other Southland cities soon.

Historic Civil War Church To Be Restored

One of the nation's historic churches will be restored, 30 years after it blew down in a windstorm. The Dunkard Church on the Antietam Battlefield, riddled by shot and shell during the Civil War, served as a hospital after the bloodiest day of fighting in the continent's history. There is a legend that President Lincoln comforted the wound-

ed there. The Washington County Historical Society bought the site, and the National Park Service has agreed to restore the structure as soon as federal funds are available. Residents of this area have preserved the Bible and many other possessions of the church, which will be displayed within the reconstructed building.

Minister Gives Free Plane Rides

A local minister is giving free airplane rides to the boys and girls who bring the greatest number of other children to Sunday school. Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, pastor of King Street United Brethren church at Chambersburg, Pa., is a licensed pilot. He has built a membership campaign around an aviation theme, to run through the Sundays of November.

Van Kirk Urges Churchmen Shun Isolation

Churches face a task of "tremendous dimensions" in fighting the conditions of political maladjustment and social injustice throughout the world, on which Communism thrives, Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, of the National Council of Churches in the United States, declared at Montreal, Canada. Dr. Van Kirk, who is executive director of the American Council's Department of International Justice and goodwill, spoke at the annual meeting of the Canadian Council of

Churches. He was accompanied by Dr. Henry Smith Leiper of New York, associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches. One of the special responsibilities of his department, Dr. Van Kirk said, was to bring the churches to realize that they cannot fulfill their responsibilities in international relations by merely passing resolutions. He said that the way for churches to promote their objectives in world order is to dedicate themselves to the advance of foreign missions rather than practice "spiritual isolationism."

Ask Greater Financial Aid For Methodist Schools

"More adequate finances" for ten Methodist graduate schools of theology, 130 Methodist-related colleges and the program of Wesley foundations on 160 college campuses were urged at Grand Rapids, Mich. In a recommendation to The Methodist Church's General Conference, which will convene in San Francisco next April, the educators asked that the Church at large help to relieve financial problems of the Methodist institutions.

Plan New Magazine On Religion and Health

A new magazine aimed at "bridging the gap between medicine and religion" will be published soon under the editorship of Dr. Russell L. Dicks of Duke University Divinity School, it was announced at Durham, N. C. Dr. Dicks, a specialist in health and religion and author of 11 books on the subject, said the new pocket-sized monthly magazine, Religion and Health, would make its bow in February, featuring articles by persons prominent in these fields. "More than half of the sick people in the United States today cannot be cured by medicine alone," Dr. Hicks said. "It is not enough for the Church to build hospitals for the physical care of the ill; it is not enough to send missionaries to distant parts of the world. It is time religion began to speak its piece and exert its creative efforts in the field of health and mental hygiene; in fact it is past time."

A new idea in Christmas Greetings

The Nativity Story in Art

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BISHOP MARTIN

A LETTER TO THE METHODIST CHURCHES IN ARKANSAS

Dear Friends:

At Christmas time our thoughts turn not simply to the Christ Child, but to all children. Thus it is appropriate that the offering for the orphan children in our Methodist Home be before our people during the Christmas season.

We have now four beautiful new buildings in one of the loveliest locations to be found in Methodism. The children there are receiving through the Methodist Church the blessings of a Christian home. When one gives to the support of that institution, he is truly following the injunction of Christ in ministering to little children.

You can well realize that with the increased cost of food and clothing the expense of operating such a Home is larger than ever before; thus our response should be greater.

In the spirit of Christ you will place this cause before your people, and I am confident the response will be a liberal one.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL E. MARTIN

*"If we work upon marble it will perish:
If we work upon brass, time will efface it:
If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust,
But if we work upon immortal souls, if we imbue them with
principles, with a just fear of God and the love of fellowmen,
we engrave upon those tablets something which will brighten all
Eternity."—Daniel Webster*

*"Know ye what it is to be a child? It is to be something very
different from the man of to-day. It is to have a spirit yet stream-
ing from the waters of baptism; it is to believe in love, to believe
in loveliness, to believe in belief; it is to be so little that the elves
can reach to whisper in your ear; it is to turn pumpkins into
coaches, and mice into horses lowness into loftiness, and nothing
into everything, for each child has its fairy godmother in its soul."
—Shelley*

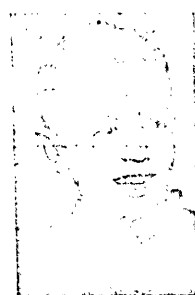
A PERSONAL WORD

We owe to you, the Bishop, The District Superintendents, the Methodist pastors and the Methodist people of Arkansas, our deepest gratitude for your fine support of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home. Last year, the Christmas offering was the largest in the history of the Home. We pray that this year it will even be larger.

The Staff and Children join me in saying "Thanks", and wishing for each of you a most happy Christmas.

T. T. McNeal,
Director

....HE STANDS THE STRAIGHTEST WHO STOOPS TO HELP A CHILD....



Ronnie

Children Constitute The

Methodists have always been interested in pleading for the "orphanage" in Georgia, frequently, with John and Charles Wesley, the practical following of Christ's example in

Today, in affiliation with the Board of Christian Work, there are fifty-six Homes providing for the conduct of these institutions calls for capital spirit of Christ. Rightly, there should be a Methodistism.

Children and youth are constantly being born. Parents are living. Gambling, drunkenness, and other vices are responsible for this situation.

Federal state and city governments are responsible for this situation. The Conference on Children and Youth held in 1949, with its concern for children on the primacy of its work, and worth of every individual. The purpose of the conference was to develop in children the mental, emotional and spiritual growth and to responsible citizenship. Also, it was deemed necessary to such development.

The ideals upon which this nation was founded are still the spiritual emphasis of our life. We Americans provide wisely for many of our underprivileged dependents into their homes.

One case worker's report concerning the children in the Home: 94 of these from broken homes represented including one in college; only one in the Home.

These children are just like all children. They play all other games; they fly kites; they learn to read; they are sympathetic understanding and love.

The need for child-care is increasing. It is not enough to must not neglect. Farmers throw the ragged children out. Responding to that look of love the ragged children.

Shall we throw our dependent children out?

Children A

A sociologist has said we have four needs: for security, for response and for recognition. These should be expressed and satisfied.

Our program at The Methodist Children's Home is normal and wholesome way. We covet for the child: health, security, and Christian training.

We recognize that the child is prior to the service. of our services in the face of enlarging responsibilities.

Values Beyond The Re

During these days of uncertainty when the world is torn asunder . . . when men know scarcely the meaning of security, searching for material values that will and disappear during depression.

Such values are found in the home. The values for Children . . . values for adults. The very living that makes the home a HOME.

These values are simple things. Little things. Little things acquired, happiness insured.

Kids trudging off to school, stone-bruised feet, the hedge, lawns to be mowed . . . cold nights, the broken arm . . . hikes across the hills to the toes. These are the two-way values that build character. They are the values that build character in the affairs of growing children.

Children!

It's The Church!



Ellen

The Wealth of The Nation

state welfare of children. George Whitefield, Benjamin Franklin's pockets and subsequent institution. Whitefield included this philosophy.

Homes and Homes of The Methodist Church, 7,398 children and youth. The efficient trained, consecrated workers imbued with the care such Homes in every Conference of

tioned. In the great majority of cases, both broken homes are among the major causes

ing this field. The Mid-century White House, D. C., in December, 1950, based its values, democratic practice, and the dignity of the Conference was to consider how to deal with the qualities essential to individual happiness, economic, and social conditions are

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ist Children's Home reveals: 112 children from infancy to 20 years; every school grade orphan.

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resource for stalwart Americanism that we Luther Burbank looked at it and loved it. into the Shasta daisy.

shall we look at them and love them?

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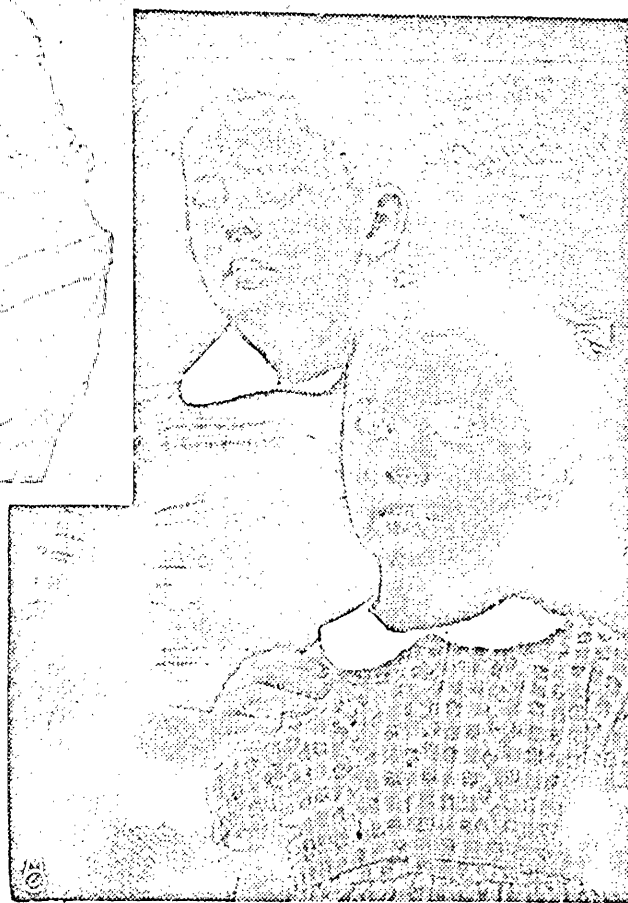
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Arkansas Methodist Children's Home . . . es that are laid up and enhanced by the

ut of which greatness is built, security

ream and cake . . . birds building nests in cookies after school . . . the busted toe and satin-smoothness of mud squdging between and the reach of inflation and depression. tie things that enter into the lives and



"Sure, Sis, He is the Good Shepherd. He takes care of us, too. He puts it in the hearts of people to take care of us. That's why we have this wonderful home!"

"Gee, that makes me feel all warm inside."

THE CHURCH

The Church is a profound institution among the peoples of the earth. Nations, the people, and everything throughout the world would be different without the influence of Christ, and therefore, the failure of the Church to function in the world order of today, as well as the world order of tomorrow, would mean the collapse of the ideal of the brotherhood of man.

No intelligent person can overlook the mighty influence of the Church, and the unlimited possibilities which it possesses for the betterment of man. International understanding, the removal of war from the world, and the stamping out of injustices are all dependent upon the Christian conception of life. If we believe in the spirit of the Four Freedoms, we should become devoted Christians personally and support with fervor the Christian institutions.

With this thought in mind, new impetus is given the work of The Methodist Children's Home. The friends who support this institution are making possible a Christ-like service to the boys and girls without a home. It is indeed an opportunity to help bring about Christ's ideals of good will and the brotherhood of man here on earth.

GIVE AS YOU CHOOSE TO GIVE

From a sense of duty, from an inner urge, or from a deep desire. Give in any spirit or in any manner your heart and mind dictate, but help these homeless children who are going through the experience of absence from Mother and Daddy.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these
Ye have done it unto me."

.... MAKE YOUR GIFT THROUGH YOUR CHURCH

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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GEORGE HARPER LEADS SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

Rev. George Harper of Nashville, Tenn., administrative secretary of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, was the leader at a Spiritual Life Retreat at Centenary College, Nov. 23-25.

The retreat, sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship, was attended by thirty outstanding youth from all parts of the state. They participated in a program of fellowship, study, and prayer. The underlying theme for the meeting was "Make Our Lives and our MYF's Christ-centered; follow the Spirit of Jesus in personal living and all social action."

Delegates were housed in Rotary and Colonial Halls on the campus. The meetings were held in the new Centenary Religious Center. The women of the Shreveport churches served all the meals to the delegates at the Chi Omega sorority house.

Kennon Moody and Bobby Potter were in charge of local arrangements. Helen Saint, conference president, and Lamar Robertson, worship and evangelism chairman, were members of the steering committee of the retreat. Miss Eloise Mounser and Miss Bettie Rea Fox served as counselors for the group.

GIFT IS TESTIMONY

Dallas, Texas—Christian and Jew affirmed their common heritage and spiritual kinship in a brief ceremony October 23 in the chapel of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. Rabbi Levi A. Olan, on behalf of his Temple Emanu-El congregation, formally presented a check for \$1,300 to the Bridwell Library of the Perkins School of Theology. The gift was accepted by Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim, dean of the theology school.

The Temple Emanu-El contribution was in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. David Lefkowitz. Dr. Lefkowitz is rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, and is visiting professor of contemporary Judaism at SMU.

Formal presentation of the check created a fund which will be used to establish a collection of Judaic religious books in the Bridwell Library. The books will be known as the Sadie and David Lefkowitz Collection of Judaica.

Rabbi Olan described the contribution as "an expression of the fondness and love which an entire community feels for two of its most worthy citizens." In tribute to Southern Methodist University, Rabbi Olan added: "This contribution is likewise an expression of our appreciation and esteem for the service which the university renders to the community at large."

Making the response to the presentation, Dr. Cuninggim said, "These were Jewish folk honoring their distinguished rabbi and his lady, and the repository to which they directed their gift was the library of a Protestant seminary. . . . This is testimony to the essential oneness of humanity."

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Opens 2:00 p. m., Thursday, Jan. 10
Closes 9:30 p. m., Saturday, Jan. 12
Sessions: Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana
Leader: The Rev. Larry Eisenberg
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Who Should Attend:

Adults, Young Adults, and Young People—Local Church M. Y. F. Leaders, Wesley Foundation Officers interested in any form of Church Recreation Leadership

Dean: The Rev. Henry A. Rickey

Cost of Conference:

Room and breakfast — provided free by Methodist homes of New Orleans
Lunch and dinner—served at cost in Carrollton Avenue Church Social Hall
Registration Fee—\$2.00 (small refund from travel pool to delegates outside of New Orleans and Baton Rouge Districts)

Program and Leaders:

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Song Leading, Larry Eisenberg
Social Recreation (parties, games, banquets), Mrs. Permelia Dunn, New Orleans Recreation Department
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STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

Nashville, Tenn. — Laymen and pastors throughout Methodism will join in honoring their college students December 30 in the annual observance of Student Recognition Day.

Thousands of Methodist students will participate in special services in most churches. "Above and Beyond," a service especially prepared for this observance, appears in the November-December issue of Christian Education Magazine which has been sent to all pastors and others directly concerned with Christian education programs.

"This day offers a wonderful opportunity to renew the contact between the local church and the college students," declares Dr. H. D. Bollinger, head of the Methodist Student Movement. "Every church will want to participate in it."

Numbers of churches, desiring to do something special for their students, give them subscriptions to MOTIVE, the official magazine of the Methodist Student Movement. For churches wanting to do this, gift cards are available free from MOTIVE, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.—Henry Koestline.

interest on our debt is equal to all contributions to foreign missions for 100 years.—Survey Bulletin.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Church School Day Offering Paid

November 29, 1951

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

Amity	\$ 15.00
Arkadelphia	100.00
Arkadelphia Ct.	
Hart's Chapel	3.00
Hollywood	4.00
Mt. Pisgah	2.00
Mt. Zion	2.00
Smyrna	3.00
Bismark Ct.	10.15
Dalark Ct.	
Bethlehem	6.00
Dalark	5.00
Manchester	10.00
Rock Springs	5.00
Delight Ct.	
Antoine	7.00
Delight	15.00
Saline	3.00
Ft. Lake	10.00
Friendship Ct.	10.00
Social Hill	2.00
Glenwood	25.00
Gurdon	50.00
Hot Springs Ct.	14.00
Hot Springs Churches	
First Church	125.00
Grand Avenue	50.00
Oaklawn	25.00
Pullman Heights	35.00
Gardner-Morning Star	10.00
Tigert	5.00
Malvern Churches	
First Church	100.00
Keith	20.00
Mt. Ida Ct.	
Mt. Ida	15.00
Norman	1.00
Oden	2.00
Murfreesboro	30.00
Murfreesboro Ct.	3.00
Okolona Ct.	
Center Grove	5.00
Okolona	8.00
Beirne	2.00
Trinity	5.00
Piney Grove	10.00
Rock Port Ct.	
Butterfield	5.00
Magnet Cove	6.00
Rock Port	5.00
Shorewood Hills	6.00
Sparkman	21.00
Sardis	14.00
Traskwood Ct.	27.00
TOTAL	\$ 836.15

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Bearden	
Lakeside Extension	5.00
Buckner	16.40
Camden Churches	
First Church	125.00
Fairview	30.00
Chidester Ct.	20.00
Callon	5.00
El Dorado Churches	
Centennial	5.00
First Church	125.00
Vantrease	35.00
Garland	10.00
Harmony Grove Ct.	10.00
Lewisville	35.00
Louann Ct.	
Silver Hill	10.22
Louann	8.22
Liberty	3.10
Magnolia Churches	
First Church	125.00
Jackson St.	30.00
Marysville Ct.	15.00
Norphlet	15.00
Stamps	40.00
Taylor Ct.	1.50
Village Ct.	20.00
Waldo-Willisville	
Waldo	25.00
Willisville	15.00
Timothy	5.00
TOTAL	\$ 735.04

HOPE DISTRICT

Ashdown	40.00
Bingen Ct.	
Doyle	2.00
Blevins Ct.	
Blevins	10.00
Bethel	5.00
Macedonia	5.00
McCaskill	10.00
Sweet Home	5.00
DeQueen	50.00
Emmet Ct.	25.00
Hope	85.00
Horatio Ct.	
Walnut Springs	5.00
Lockesburg	15.00
Mena	50.00
Mineral Springs	7.00
Nashville	50.00
Prescott Ct.	10.00
Springhill Ct.	10.00
Texarkana Churches	
College Hill	25.00
Fairview	40.00
First Church	125.00
Washington Ct.	10.00
Texarkana Ct.	5.00
TOTAL	\$ 589.00

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Austin Ct.	
Mt. Zion	7.00
Benton	75.00
Carlisle	40.00

MINISTERS' WEEK

Atlanta, Ga. — Ministers' Week, expected to attract about 700 Southeastern pastors, will be held at Emory University January 21 to 25, according to a recent announcement by Dr. Arva C. Floyd, professor of missions in Emory's theology school.

Principal speakers will be Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond Area, and Dr. Ralph Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, New York City. Bishop Garber will discuss the post-war church in Europe and Dr. Sockman will discuss the field of evangelism.

"Topics of unusual timeliness will be featured," Dr. Floyd said. "It is hoped that many ministers from the Southeast will attend." The program is offered without cost other than personal expenses.

Des Arc	18.00
Douglassville	15.00
Geyer Springs	10.00
Little Rock Churches	
Asbury	100.00
Capitol View	40.00
Henderson	30.00
Hunter Memorial	25.00
Oak Forest	20.00
Pulaski Heights	100.00
Scott Street	40.00
Twenty-Eighth St.	30.00
Winfield	135.00
Lonoke	35.00
Primrose	25.00
TOTAL	\$ 745.00

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Dermott	35.00
Drew Ct.	8.00
Dumas	40.00
Eudora	20.00
Fordyce	50.00
Hamburg-Snyder	
Hamburg	35.00
Snyder	5.00
Hampton	10.00
Harrell	4.00
Hermitage	10.00
Lake Village	30.00
McGehee	45.00
Monticello	50.00
Parkdale	10.00
New Edinburg Ct.	
Good Hope	3.00
New Edinburg	4.00
Wagner	3.00
Wheeler Springs	3.00
Portland	12.50
Montrose	8.00
Star City	20.00
Thornton Ct.	
Thornton	7.00
Temperance	4.00
Tillar-Winchester	
Newton's Chapel	4.00
Selma	2.00
Tillar	15.00
Winchester	4.00
Warren	65.00
Martins' Chapel	5.00
Watson	17.00
Kelso	8.00
Wilmar Ct.	
Wilmar	5.00
Andrews' Chapel	2.00
Wilnot	16.00
Millers' Chapel	9.00
TOTAL	\$ 578.50

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Almyra	10.00
DeWitt	55.00
England	70.00
Good Faith	20.00
Grady	10.00
Gould	5.00
Keo Ct.	
Keo	6.00
Tomberlin	3.00
Leola Ct.	5.00
Pine Bluff Churches	
Carr Memorial	25.00
Hawley Memorial	16.00
Lakeside	85.00
Rison	30.00
Rowell Ct.	10.00
Sheridan	35.00
Grand Avenue—Stuttgart	60.00
Swan Lake	15.00
Whitehall	5.00
TOTAL	\$ 454.00

GRAND TOTAL \$3948.69

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REPORT FROM ALDERSGATE CAMP

(This letter was sent to each Conference Guild Secretary, and we felt that each local member of both Guild and Society would like to read it.)

Dear Friends:

What a wonderful year! And, how generous you have been with your gifts! Your cash supplies have made possible such equipment as: 75 metal chairs, 4 dining room tables, benches, supply cabinets, cooking utensils, dishes, boats, desk, typewriter, records, new slides, etc. Many of you have sent generous boxes of dish towels and other linens. I am at loss to tell you just how grateful we are for your interest and financial assistance through your supply giving. The need for linens no longer exists. Cash supplies are always best.

The Woman's Division has also been good to Aldersgate. Three new cabins have been built, and city water has been installed throughout the camp. We hope to have a new dining room and kitchen before next summer.

You might like to know something of our summer groups. In addition to 3 district youth camps, we had, one inter-racial conference with three races (six nationalities) represented, a W. S. C. S. School of Missions, a W. S. G. Retreat, two Negro youth camps, a Fellowship Team Laboratory, and a World Friendship Camp composed of youth and local church leaders. Week after week we saw the idea of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man take on new meaning for many campers. We saw them become more aware of personal responsibilities as children of God. Whole new areas of service were visualized by youth and adults as they studied and planned for the year ahead. Many came so near to God in times of worship that hereafter they can readily practice His Presence in daily living. After a campfire worship service one evening a boy said, "I've never been so sure of God in all my life. Always He has seemed like someone in a fairy story. But, tonight I knew that I could never doubt again. I felt him so near."

There is no way to evaluate the far-reaching influence of Aldersgate in training for Christian service. The work thus far could not have been accomplished had not Aldersgate been a Guild project. We hope to remain as one of your projects so that the camp will be able to develop and fulfill its purpose in the training of Christian leaders of all races.

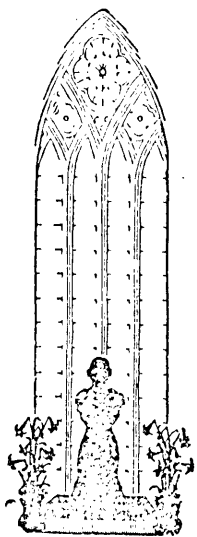
Best wishes to each of you. Why not plan to visit Aldersgate this year? We truly enjoyed having those of you who came by during your vacation, or, while in Little Rock for a convention.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Willis, Director
Aldersgate Camp

NEWS IN BRIEF

Twenty members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Waterproof, La., met November 19th for the completion of the study on "Latin America." Many articles were on display from Mexico, Puerto



Daily Noon-Hour Prayer

Oh, God, Who hast put into the hearts of men a great longing for peace but hast given to man also the power to choose, grant us the will to make our choices in accordance with Thy will; bind the world together, Oh, God, in fellowship, service and love, and grant that we may take our part in the fulfillment of Thy purpose. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

—United Church Women

FINANCIAL REPORT, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
W. S. C. S., 2ND QUARTER, 1951-52

RECEIPTS:

W. S. C. S.:	
Pledge	\$ 9,329.68
Missionary Projects	258.57
Special Memberships	655.00
In Remembrance Gifts	25.00
World Federation	19.48
Children	13.11
Week of Prayer	2,885.37
Narcotic Education	564.40
Supplies	1,336.14
Refund	25.00
Exchange	4.80
Pins	3.00
Total Receipts	\$15,169.55

W. S. G.:	
Pledge	1,983.23
Missionary Projects	253.88
Special Memberships	55.00
World Federation	1.40
Week of Prayer	515.63
Narcotic Education	107.21
Supplies	124.50
Total Receipts	3,040.85

Otherwise:	
M. Y. F.	162.98
Car Payments	105.00
Total	267.98

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$18,478.38
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DISBURSEMENTS:

To Division:	
W. S. C. S.:	
Pledge to Missions	\$11,050.21
Missionary Projects	253.57
Special Memberships	655.00
In Remembrance Gifts	130.00
World Federation	19.48
W. S. G.:	
Pledge to Missions	1,790.00
Missionary Projects	253.88
Special Memberships	30.00
World Federation	1.40
YOUTH:	
M. Y. F.	162.98
CHILDREN:	
Gifts to Mission	13.11
TOTAL CREDIT ON APPROPRIATIONS	\$14,364.63

Week of Prayer	3,401.00
Cash Supplies	1,129.00
Division Cultivation	35.48
Bonding	42.93
Pins	2.25
MISCELLANEOUS TOTALS	4,610.66

TOTAL SENT DIVISION	18,975.29
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Cooperative	654.00
Administrative	793.26
Miscellaneous	1,310.91
Total	2,758.17

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$21,733.45
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Rico, Cuba, Peru and Bolivia.

At the noon hour a delicious Mexican luncheon was served carrying out the motif. Mrs. Whit Butler completed a most interesting and informative study.

The basement of the Benton church was decorated with fall flowers for the luncheon held November 12, honoring twenty-eight new members gained through the Link Visitation of October 8. Circle No. 3, Mrs. W. A. Utley Chairman, was hostess for the day, and more than fifty ladies attended. Rev. H. O. Bolin, pastor, was a special guest.

The family of the late Mrs. Verta

Shepherd Bush was presented with a Memorial Membership.

Miss Stella Coffee has been in charge of the "Latin America" study at the Gassville Society. In addition to the regular course material, first hand information of personal contact with the peoples of Latin America, group discussion and Latin America melodies created an informative and colorful course. An outstanding number of men, in addition to the Woman's Society of Christian Service members attended the sessions.

Miss Juanita Porter was named

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT GUILD

The Nellie Dyer and Pearle McCain units of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Central Methodist Church of Fayetteville, were hostess to the Fayetteville District of the Wesleyan Service Guild on October 28th. The meeting opened with a luncheon at the Campus Grill. Invocation was given by Rev. D. L. Dykes. Special guests and speakers for the afternoon program were introduced by Mrs. Grayce Strain of the Pearle McCain Guild. Fifty-seven members and guests were at the luncheon.

At 1:30 an executive committee meeting was held in the Ladies Parlor of Wesley Hall. At 2:00 p. m. the general meeting was called to order in the sanctuary of Central church by Miss Gertie Stiles, Conference Secretary. The following program was given and well received by a most attentive and appreciative group. Guild song led by Mrs. Gilstrap. Devotion by Mrs. Maxine Fones, Rogers, "Our Moral Values of Today". Mrs. L. Harris sang "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings".

"The Ecumenical Church Conference" was given by Mrs. Lloyd McClure, North Arkansas Conference President.

A five minute pep talk on Motivation of Studies for the year were given: Latin America—Mrs. Watson of Springdale; The Book of Acts—Mrs. Haetenfort of Siloam Springs; The Family, A Christian's Concern—Mrs. Gilstrap of Bentonville.

Roll call showed, Bentonville 6, Fayetteville (Nellie Dyer Guild 9, Pearle McCain Guild 16, Green Forest 3, Prairie Grove 4, Siloam Springs 6, Springdale 7, Rogers 8.

Mrs. Lloyd McClure was in charge of the recognition of special memberships for the year 1950-1951 and on each of the following girls pinned a beautiful American Red Rose.

Mrs. Audry Adams, Fayetteville; Mrs. Beulah Carter, Lincoln; Mrs. Ruth Goss, Siloam Springs; Mrs. Edna Luginbuel, Lincoln; Mrs. Fern Masingill, Rogers; Miss Margaret Spencer, Bentonville; Miss Mary Walker, Siloam Springs. The remainder of the roses were sent to Mrs. Oaks, the Siloam Springs Guild taking them to her.

Mrs. Cooley gave a short recruiting talk on Recruiting for Full Time Christian Service—urging each of us to be on the look-out for some young person who would give his or her life for Christian Service.

The meeting was closed with the Guild Benediction, led by Gertie Stiles.

Ora Clark, Acting Secretary

Woman of the Year by the Inter-Club Council of Monroe. Miss Porter, having retired in 1947 after teaching for 25 years, now devotes her time to church and civic activities. She is Monroe District Treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and was the only woman member of the Building Committee of First Methodist Church, Monroe, of which she is a member.

We all extend congratulations to Miss Porter on receipt of this honor, (Continued on page 5)

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

SUNDAY IN HOPE DISTRICT

It was our privilege on Sunday morning to be in the congregation of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Dr. Fred R. Harrison, pastor. Rev. Harold O. Eggensperger, Russellville, had been assigned to this church to lead the program of visitation and pulpit evangelism during the United Evangelist Mission. The overflow crowd in attendance at the service was certain evidence that the lay membership of the church had caught the spirit of the Area program and was responding in a splendid manner to its leadership. Again, there was considerable evidence that much preparation had gone into the planning of program. During the past two weeks preceding the Period of Operation thirty-seven prayer groups had met in as many homes of the church membership, with some 347 persons in attendance at these meetings. The preacher during the Sunday morning service told his hearers that the world is sick and that unless the world accepts Jesus Christ and His Way we shall all perish.

On the nearby Texarkana Circuit where Rev. Virgil Bell is pastor, the four congregations on the charge gathered Sunday morning and evening at Few Memorial Church for a circuit-wide preaching service. Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Beebe, had been assigned to work with this charge during the week and he delivered his first sermons at these services. The program of visitation and pulpit evangelism is being conducted on a circuit-wide basis throughout the week with visitation instruction and assignments being given each evening at the Few Memorial Church to visitors representing each of the churches on the charge with the preaching service being held while the visitors are interviewing prospects in the four communities that the charge serves.

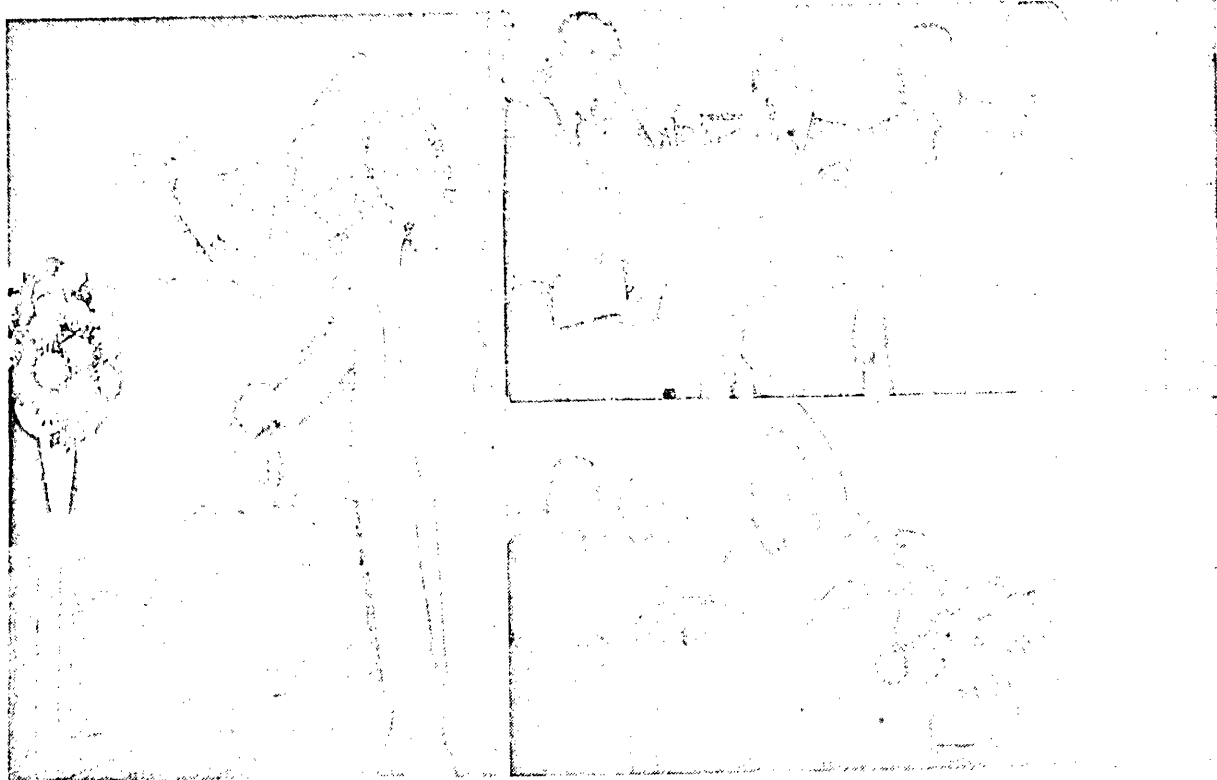
On Sunday afternoon many of the local churches in the Hope District held their first school of evangelism under the direction of the visiting minister, after which the laymen of the church "went forth two by two" visiting prospects for commitments to Christ and His Church. Some of the churches waited until Monday night to begin their visitation programs where it was thought wiser to do so.

One Sunday evening we visited the evangelistic services at the Fairview Methodist Church, Texarkana, where Rev. C. Houston Farmer is pastor. Rev. Garland C. Taylor, Osceola, is working this week with Brother Farmer in the evangelistic mission program. A large crowd was on hand to share in the spiritual warmth that usually is present when a congregation becomes concerned about the spiritually lost. Again, it was evident that even at this early time in the Period of Operation the churches of Unit A are alive to their opportunity and are cooperating in a splendid manner.

Brother Taylor brought a warm gospel message on "How Others May Know I Am a Christian," which was appreciated by those in attendance. —Ewing T. Wayland

A little experience often upsets a lot of theory.—Phillips, Phillips Petroleum Co.

BUILDINGS AT BEEBE AND CABOT DEDICATED



LEFT: Bishop Martin is seen shaking hands with Dr. Hugh Garrett, who presented in behalf of the Board of Trustees the new Beebe Methodist Church building to Bishop Martin for dedication. The Service of Dedication was a part of morning worship service at Beebe, Sunday, November 25. The pastor, Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., is shown between Bishop Martin and Dr. Garrett.

TOP RIGHT: Two former pastors, Rev. W. J. LeRoy and Rev. Virgil Hanks are shown here with the Searcy District Superintendent, the Bishop and pastor. (Left to right): Rev. W. J. LeRoy, Rev. Coy E. Whitten, District Superintendent; Bishop Martin, Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., pastor, and Rev. Virgil Hanks. A fuller article on

this building program will be published later.

LOWER RIGHT: L. E. Smith, Cabot Methodist Layman; Rev. C. W. Good, pastor of the Cabot Methodist Church; Bishop Martin; Rev. Coy E. Whitten, Searcy District Superintendent, and Marvin Parks. Mr. Parks is shown here representing the Trustees of the Cabot Methodist Church presenting the New Educational Building to Bishop Martin for Dedication, at the evening worship service, Sunday, November 25. The new \$22,000 building has twelve classrooms, kitchen, restrooms, two storage rooms. Several of the classrooms open into one large room for fellowship and social purposes. \$1,500 has also been spent on the Cabot parsonage.

CORNING COUPLE HONORED

High tribute was paid to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Henry at a dinner held in the parlor of the Methodist Church, Corning, Sunday evening, in appreciation of their 40 years of devoted service to the church and its membership. The dinner and special service were a surprise to them.

Mrs. Henry served as organist and pianist and Mr. Henry as choir director during those years.

Rev. A. W. Harris, pastor, spoke of Mrs. Henry's self-denial, faithfulness and devotion to duty during the long period she served. He also spoke of her excellent spirit of self-sacrifice which will be long remembered by members of the church, an example to be proudly hailed for years to come.

It therefore, seemed fitting to name the organ, Mrs. Henry prized so highly, "The Henry Memorial Organ."

As a signal honor to Mr. and Mrs. Henry, a plaque bearing the inscription, "The Henry Memorial Organ, Honoring Mr. and Mrs. W.

W. Henry," was presented to them, by J. M. Oliver who paid tribute to their untiring efforts with the music and directing of the services of the church. He called to memory the many cantatas, pageants and other services where it was always possible to count on Mr. and Mrs. Henry to be there to assist.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were in charge of the dinner held preceding the services.

The long buffet table was centered with a Thanksgiving centerpiece, a most attractive arrangement of wheat shock, turkey figurines, ap-

ples, nuts and greenery.

Mrs. Henry was presented with a corsage from the church.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET CHURCH MAKES PROGRESS

By E. S. BURT

WHEN Bishop Paul E. Martin adjourned the Annual Conference at Hot Springs last June the "curtain went down" on one of the most progressive years in the history of Twenty-Eighth Street Methodist Church in Little Rock.

Immediately the "curtain" was lifted again on a year that promises to surpass last year's outstanding accomplishments. Sparked by the leadership of Rev. Clyde T. Parsons and a group of loyal laymen and laywomen he has enlisted to assist him, the church is well on its way to setting new records this year.

From a material viewpoint the covering of the exterior of the church with Perma-Stone tops the list of things done. It has added greatly to the outward appearance of the church. Much of the cost of this was raised in advance of the work and repayment of funds borrowed from the budget has been supplemented by several hundred dollars in special funds from various sources.

Many Sunday school rooms, halls and floors were repainted last year in addition to some of the church furniture. A new sign was erected outside the church; a flagstone walk was constructed; germicidal lights were installed in Primary rooms and a score or more of other plant improvements, too numerous to list here, were made. The church was treated for termite control and replacements made in the foundation.

Much work has been done on the parsonage and this work is continuing in the new year. A new dining room suite and circulating heater have just been installed.

Much other work is being done and more planned for this year. The major portion of the smaller jobs have been done by the men of the church and the pastor.

But of more importance than the material growth of the church has been its spiritual growth. Most outstanding evidence of this growth is in the increased interest in Church School attendance. Average attendance for the Sunday School year just closed was 138.2 as compared with 114.9 the preceding year and 113 in 1949. Officers and teachers of the Church School were one hundred per cent in attendance fifteen Sundays during the year. The last single Sunday previous to this year when this was true was in August, 1948. The highest attendance of the year was on Easter when 197 were

present compared with 152 the previous Easter.

Another outstanding feature of the Church School is the heavy increase in the offerings. With the increased budget for the current year the offerings have come near to meeting the weekly budget requirements for the entire church and on a recent Sunday actually exceeded the figure. E. S. Burt is church school superintendent. A total of \$5,160.32 was raised last year.

The 24-man Board Of Stewards with James Nolting as chairman has been well attested and it is through the leadership and initiative of the Chairman that much of the material improvement has been realized.

Three circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service headed by Mrs. John Vandament, president, did many fine things in the year ended including the payment for 450 square feet of the Perma-Stone.

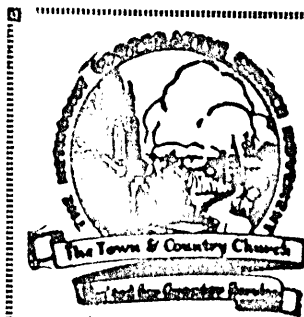
The Church choir, said by some to be the best volunteer group in the Little Rock Conference, is functioning nicely under the leadership of Jack Donoho, who was recently elected as director.

A brief history of the church, compiled by Pierce Osborne, veteran treasurer and lay-leader, follows:

The Twenty-Eighth Street Methodist Church, located at 28th & Wolfe Streets, in the Southwestern section of Little Rock, was organized March 14, 1909, by Dr. A. C. Millar. Presiding Elder at that time, with Rev. W. D. Mitchell as the first pastor. There were 62 charter members of this organization, only four of whom are still members. They are: Mrs. M. J. Armbrust, Mrs. E. H. Douglas, Mrs. C. E. Nolting and Mrs. Ada Turner.

The church continued through the years since its organization to serve the people of that section of the city, many of other denominations have due to its nearness and the friendliness of the people been regular attendants at its services. The growth of the church has been gradual until at this time there is a nice congregation of people that call 28th Street Methodist Church their church home.

Previous ministers who have served this station are: W. D. Mitchell, Marion S. Monk, J. B. Evans, J. W. Mann, J. D. Baker, John P. Lowry, J. M. Crenshaw, W. R. Harrison, Clarence D. Meux, E. T. Miller, R. W. Menard, Chas. B. Wyatt, J. W. Thomas, B. F. Fitzhugh, C. H. Farmer, W. R. Burks and Stanley T. Baugh.



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THANKSGIVING WEEK

Thanksgiving week brought some fine and enjoyable experiences. On Tuesday night a great fellowship was enjoyed with the lay speakers of Searcy, Joe Pierce, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Rev. Coy Whitten, the District Superintendent, the pastor of the Rosebud Church, Harold Brent, and a large number of friends from the rural and visiting churches. The Center Hill Church was the seat of festivities and fellowship. This church has shown remarkable growth in interest since the beginning of the cooperative program with the Searcy Church. The building has been redecorated, class rooms built in, altar rail set up, and a choir loft built, a butane heating system, and a new lighting system has been put in. There was all the comfort and attractiveness necessary for an evening of high experience. Too much cannot be said in appreciation of the work of Joe Pierce, member of the First Church Searcy, and District Lay Leader, for his spirit of devotion and interest in this fine congregation. They have responded in a great way to the program offered in cooperation with their pastor and the lay speaking program. Jim Wiseman and Mrs. Wilma Fulbright are working in other churches in this area with great devotion and success is crowning their efforts. With this kind of a service hundreds of rural churches may be strengthened and inspired.

On Wednesday I had another great experience as I spent the day with Rev. Kermit Van Zant in Madison County. Methodism at Huntsville the past seven years has been given an opportunity to assert itself in a fine way. Under the direction of Rev. Elmer H. Hook, at that time District Superintendent, and the cooperation of Rev. Glenn F. Sanford, then Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission, the Conference and General Board of Missions a great program of expansion was put in motion at Hunts-

ville. A beautiful, well equipped stone church was erected and an attractive parsonage was built. Brother Van Zant has given seven years of consecrated leadership to this area.

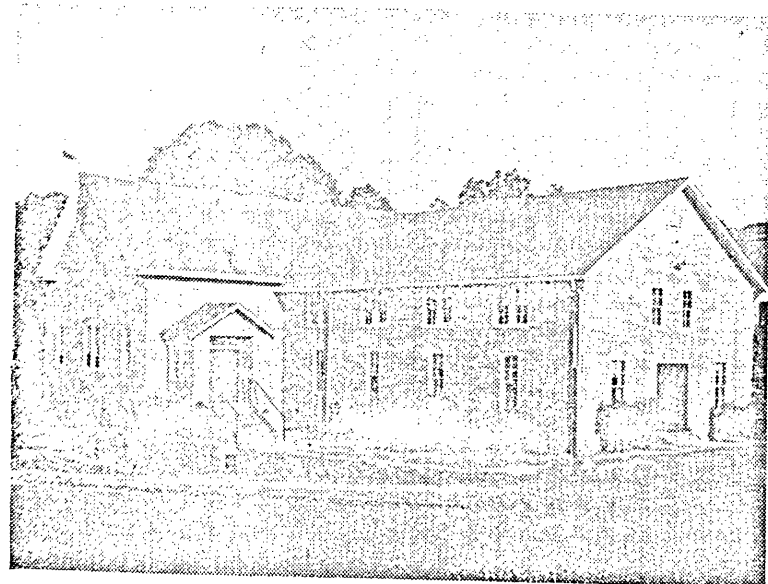
The occasion for the day was a Harvest Festival at Presley's Chapel. A fine fellowship was enjoyed with these good people. In the afternoon an auction sale was held with good results. A building program is being contemplated by this fine congregation. This is a splendid community.

On Thursday night the evening was enjoyed with fine people of Greenbrier in their annual Thanksgiving dinner. It was the writer's privilege to speak to this splendid group. Rev. Carlos Martin, Hendrix student, is the pastor having come to this charge September 1. The parsonage at Greenbrier has been redecorated and modernized. Thus one more charge makes advance and begins the march toward a better day for the church.

District Conferences

In companionship and fellowship with Dr. Ira Brumley and Dr. Matt Ellis a visit was made to five District Conferences the week of November 25. A good attendance was had by all conferences. Splendid programs were planned; ample time was given to all interests. It is amazing how so many interests can be crowded into one day. No doubt the time spent in a District Conference is about as well used as any other meeting of our great church.—J. A. Gatlin

All the great thinkers, however, filled with theorems and theories, stand humbly, hat in hand, before a growing blade of grass.—Edgar F. Magnin, How to Live a Richer and Fuller Life. (Prentice-Hall)



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Tickets were sold a week in advance in order to have some idea as to how many to prepare for. Even then when about 150 people showed up starving for waffles, it was a pleasure to go out and bring in more butter and syrup. WARNING—only ONE waffle iron in each socket please!

The adult workers in the department volunteered to do the cooking with the young people waiting tables and washing dishes. (It turned out the young people are excellent cooks, too, and the most eager dishwashers you ever saw, especially after the boys decided to help by drying the dishes!) The local creamery gave all the milk we could use for mixing the waffles and for serving the non-coffee drinkers, and the MYFers brought the rest of the necessary food items. Brother Dan printed the tickets and made a cardboard cabin which was used as a bank both at the breakfast and later on at the church services.

Those who did not attend the breakfast were given an opportunity to make a contribution at both the morning and evening church services, and when the day was over the total ticket sales and contributions for the day amounted to \$97.70. The amazing thing about the whole idea was not so much the fact that we were able to raise a considerable amount on our Cabin Fund of \$250, but that everyone who came to the breakfast and helped to prepare for it had so much fun.

Counselors for the Crossett M. Y. F. are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stephens and Miss Olivia Bingham. — Publicity Committee.

PHILLIPS COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The Phillips County Sub-District meeting was held at Elaine on November 12. The worship program was led by Bob Harris. Others taking part on the program were: Peggy Wilkes, Joe Wall, Glenn Bruner, Jerry Lowrie, Carol Kyte and special music by the Elaine Girls' Ensemble, under the direction of Miss Nell Keene.

Jimmie Lowrie, president, presided over the business meeting. West Helena, Elaine, Melwood and Helena were represented at the meeting. Elaine and Helena will offer their services in organizing M. Y. F.'s in Lxa and Marvel.

The next meeting will be held at Helena. — Lois Jean Watson, Reporter.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY
SUB-DISTRICT

The Mississippi County Sub-District met at the Methodist Church in Whitton on Monday, November 12, with eighty-five young people attending.

Jane McLendon presided over the business meeting. Group singing was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

The meeting closed with a beautiful candlelight Thanksgiving service in charge of the Whitton M. Y. F.

The next meeting will be held in Blytheville on December 10.—Patsy Nunnally.

YOUTH IN-FIRST CHURCH,
NEWPORT, HONORED

Fellowship Hall at the First Methodist Church in Newport was decorated in traditional holiday attire Sunday, November 18, at 6:00 p. m. for the sixty-five youth and adult guests who attended the M. Y. F. Thanksgiving banquet. Clever centerpieces, consisting of Cinderella's pumpkin coach, the horn of plenty, a silhouetted pilgrim family giving thanks and beautiful arrangements of candles, flowers and magnolia leaves decorated the tables. Small place cards carried out the Thanksgiving motif. A delicious supper was served.

A planned program of entertainment featured group singing led by Nancy McDonald, a musical guessing quiz and several musical numbers by Mrs. Mary Kathryn Graham. Mr. Claude Erwin, guest speaker, reminded us of the things we should be thankful for and challenged us to make this Thanksgiving more thanks-giving.

To close the banquet the group joined hands and as they sang softly "Jacob's Ladder", ascended the steps into the dimly lighted sanctuary where a very impressive candlelight altar prayer service was held. Jo Wilson gave the meditation.

Guests included Rev. and Mrs. Guy C. Ames and Mrs. Dorothy Conditt.

The banquet was planned by Miss Regenia Watson, youth director, and the Senior M. Y. F. Council.—Reporter.

McGEHEE SUB-DISTRICT

The Dumas Methodist Youth Fellowship was host to the McGehee Sub-District Monday, November 5. McGehee, Watson, Newton's Chapel and Dumas were represented. Newton's Chapel took the attendance banner with 277 present. There was a record attendance of 84.

Sterling Henry of Dumas, presented the program. The scripture was read by Michal Roberts. Patricia Robb made a talk on "Thanksgiving." A musical reading, "Beneath The Cross", was given by Irene Lilly, who accompanied herself on the organ.

Joline Tiner, Sub-District president, conducted the business meeting.

For recreation, the host fellowship gave a play, "Hero of the Saddle Bay." Taking part were Irene Lilly, Martha Williams, Sterling Henry, Harold Farmer, and Comrade Knuats. Games were directed by Mrs. William Gooch, counselor for the Dumas M. Y. F. after which refreshments were served.—Donnie Adair, Reporter.

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REV. CHARLES L. PIERCE

Charles L. Pierce, son of Mrs. Tressie Pierce, was licensed to preach at the District Conference which was held November 20 at Highland Methodist Church. Charles is a student at Little Rock Junior College. (Continued on page 5)

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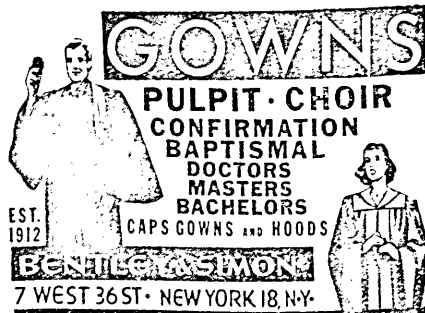
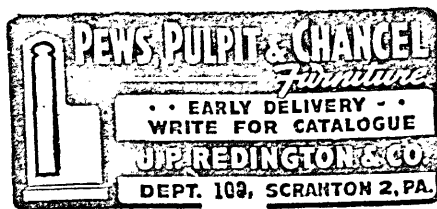
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OBITUARIES

BYRD--Jim Byrd, close friend and next door neighbor of all Methodist preachers serving in Smackover for the last 25 years, died in an El Dorado hospital on Friday, September 21, 1951. Funeral services were held in the Smackover Methodist Church on the following Sunday afternoon by the writer, his pastor.

Mr. Byrd was born in Emerson, Arkansas on August 4, 1888, the son of Dr. William H. and Susan Bond Byrd. He moved to Smackover with his parents at an early age, where he attended high school and afterwards attended the University of Arkansas. He was married to Bess Murph on May 19, 1912 and made his home in Smackover most of his life. He was appointed postmaster on February 11, 1936, which office he held at the time of his death.

Besides his wife, Mr. Byrd is survived by a son, James W. Byrd, Jr., of Redondo, California; a daughter, Mrs. Joe M. Norwood of Texarkana; three brothers, Clyde E. Byrd of Little Rock; W. L. Byrd of Houston, Texas; and Carl D. Byrd of Ruston, Louisiana; and a sister, Miss Portia Byrd of El Dorado.

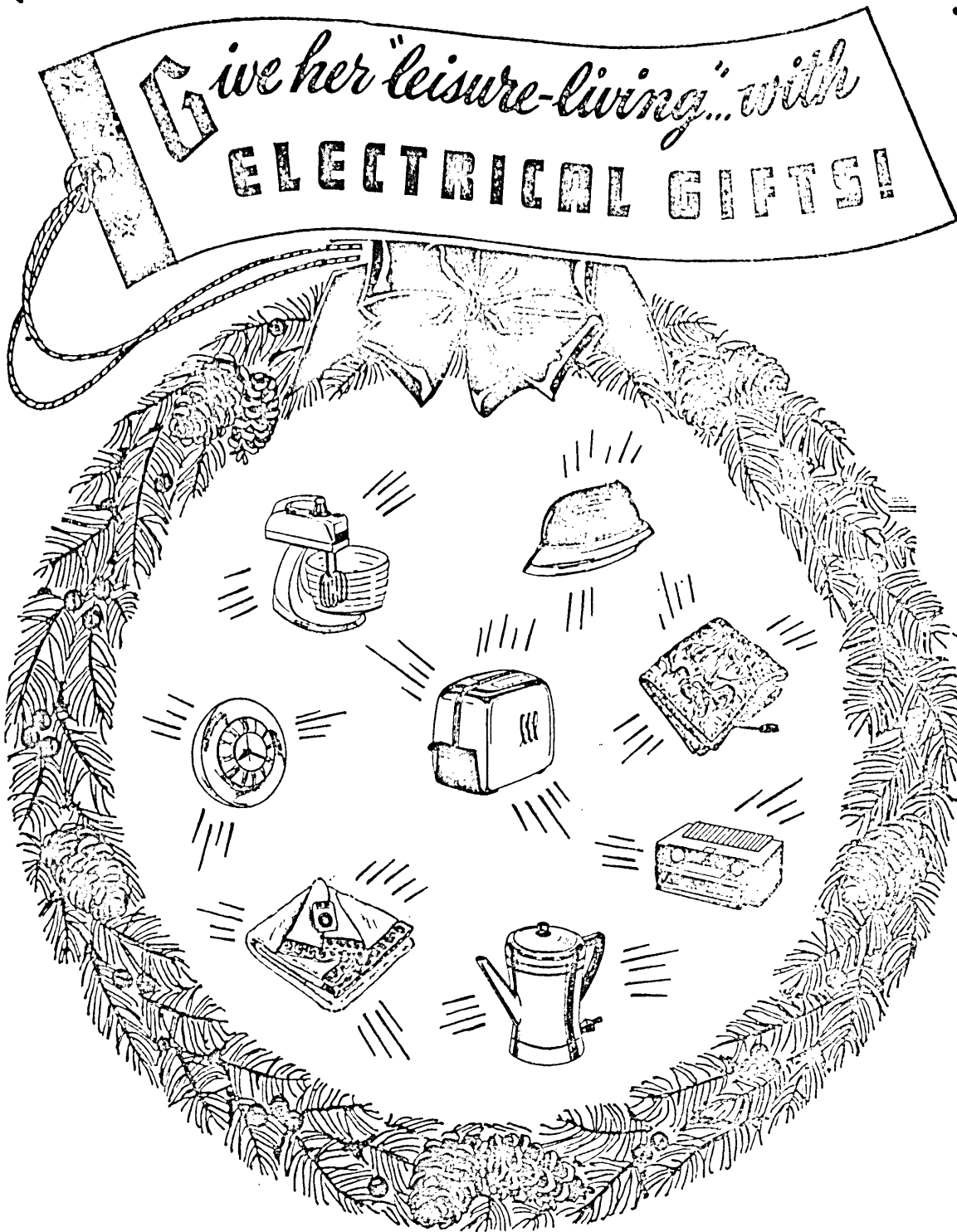
For over 25 years, Jim and family lived next to the Methodist Parsonage and all Methodist preachers remember him as a fine neighbor and a close friend. Mr. Byrd was indeed a good citizen, but above that, the Methodist Church was his first and great love. He united with the Methodist Church as a child and was closely associated and actively engaged in the work of his church throughout his life. He served actively as a Steward for over 25 years. For several terms, he served most acceptably as chairman of the Board of Stewards, and was elected Church Lay Leader before the two offices became the same. For a number of years he was most proficient in the office of Church School Superintendent. As long as his health permitted, he answered the call of his church and pastor.

Jim Byrd has taken his departure. He is and will be greatly missed both as a citizen and as a churchman. There can be no doubt but he has heard the words of his Lord and Master: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—Archie C. Carraway.

RICHARDSON—Sallie C. Richardson was born August 12, 1874, at Moro Bay, Arkansas, in Bradley County. She was the daughter of Letitia Broughton Richardson and James Larkin Richardson. The family moved to Camden, Arkansas in 1876. Miss Richardson was a member of the Methodist Church from childhood.

In 1893 she went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where she lived for thirty-one years. Miss Richardson was an active member of the First Methodist Church of Hot Springs until she was forced to retire because of ill health. She was employed as a saleslady in various department stores in Hot Springs and had many friends who looked to her for advice. For eight years after her retirement she lived in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. In 1947 she went to La Junta, Colorado to live with her twin sister, Mrs. D. L. Martin.

Miss Richardson died August 27, 1951 at the Mennonite Hospital in La Junta, Colorado. Funeral services and burial were in La Junta. She is survived by her twin sister, Mrs. Martin of La Junta, and a half-brother, Robert P. Richardson of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



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WHAT DOES GOD PROMISE US? LESSON FOR DECEMBER 16, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Joshua, chapters 1 through 11. Printed text: Joshua 1:1-11,
Joshua 11:23.

GOLDEN TEXT: "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (Joshua 1:5)

We are beginning today Unit III. The unit consists of three lessons. The general theme is "GOD PROMISES; WE PROMISE". The theme of the lesson today is "WHAT DOES GOD PROMISE US?"

A Look At The Scriptures

The Book of Joshua begins with the call of Joshua to take the place of Moses. You will remember that our lesson closed with the death of Moses. Moses had been a great statesman and law giver. His work was done. Israel now needed a military leader. They found such a leader in Joshua. God admonished Joshua to live according to the law delivered through Moses. He assured him that if he would do this he would be with him as he had been with Moses and that not a man would be able to successfully oppose him.

Two Spies Are Sent Out

The Israelites had arrived on the bank of the Jordan River. Just on the other side was the Promised Land. Forty years before this time they had stood in this same place. Moses had sent twelve spies to view the land. All but two of them—Joshua and Caleb—brought adverse reports. As a result of these reports the nation turned back into the wilderness. All adults twenty years old and over who came out of Egypt, except Joshua and Caleb, died in the wilderness. All who finally crossed the Jordan, with the exception of these two men, were the children of the generation that had failed the Lord.

We are told that just across the Jordan from the point where the Israelites were encamped was the town of Jericho. Joshua sent a couple of spies to learn how this town might be captured. Their lives were saved by a harlot by the name of Rahab. Because of this kindness the life of this woman, as well as that of her relatives, were later spared. The spies brought back a good report and Joshua determined to lead the Israelites across Jordan.

The People Cross Jordan

We next learn just how the people crossed the Jordan River. We are told that the river was at flood stage. Joshua commanded the priests to step into the water carrying the Ark. As their feet touched the water, it parted and the people passed through on dry land as their parents had passed through the Red Sea. Stones were set up as a memorial to this event.

Just beyond Jordan Joshua set up his camp at Gilgal. There all males of the population were circumcised. It will be remembered that this dates back to the time of Abraham. It had been practiced by the Israelites during their sojourn in Egypt, but had been neglected during the

40 years of wandering in the wilderness.

The Israelites had also neglected the keeping of the Passover Feast. This feast was kept once at Mount Sinai, but was neglected during all the remainder of the years of wandering in the wilderness. Joshua re-established this custom at Gilgal. It will be noted that these were the two sacraments of the Jewish Church. They were brought back into practice when the Israelites returned to the Promised Land.

The Fall of Jericho

After these two rites of sacraments were re-established, Joshua went forward with his plans for taking Jericho. All are acquainted with just how that was done. It came about through the co-operation of God and the people. It was a result of a combination of faith and works.

Sin Brings Defeat

Pretty soon after the destruction of Jericho spies were sent to the town of Ai. They brought back a glowing report of just how easily the town could be taken. Joshua dispatched 3000 soldiers on this campaign. They were utterly defeated. It was learned that this defeat came about through the sin of the thief Achan. He was stoned for this crime. Joshua then sent a greater force against Ai and the town was taken and the people both young and old, male and female, were all destroyed.

Crafty Gibeonites

We next have the account of the Gibeonites. By craft these people came to Joshua and caused him to believe that they had come from a far country. He made a truce with them and agreed to spare their lives. Some three days later he found that they had deceived him and that they were close neighbors to the Israelites. He kept his word so far as sparing their lives were concerned but made bond slaves of them.

Five Kings Destroyed

When word got around that the Israelites were always victorious five kings of the remaining city-states got together. Their united forces made quite an army. Among these men was the king of Jerusalem. The Israelites defeated this united army and put all these kings to death. The city-states of four of these kings were occupied by the Israelites, but for some reason Jerusalem was not taken until 400 years later. You will recall that it was finally taken by King David.

Other Cities Defeated

The latter part of chapter 10 and 11 tell of the defeat of other kings. With the exception of the first campaign against Ai, the Israelites were always victorious. Over and over again the record tells of their vic-

tories. We are informed that these victories came about through the fact that the people under Joshua were obedient to God and his blessings were constantly upon them. The lesson closes with these words "So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes."

A God of Battles

Just here we come to a question that has bothered many people. Certain portions of the Old Testament make the Lord out to be a God of battles. It is hard to make this conception of God harmonize with the revelation of him that was made by Christ. Jesus taught that at least potentially God is the Father of all men. He taught that God loves his enemies and gave this as a reason why men should practice the same thing. He taught the non-resistance of evil; if one is slapped on one cheek he is to turn the other. He did not refute that portion of the law of Moses which permitted revenge just to the extent that one had been wronged; that is "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But he felt that the law did not go far enough. Certainly, if one is to seek revenge it is better not to inflict greater injury on his enemy than that which he has received from his enemy. But Christ taught that it is better to bear the wrong and not seek revenge at all. Moses thought of God as a Being of perfect love; a heavenly Father. As a matter of fact God is both just and loving, but Jesus taught that his chief attribute is love.

In his roll as God of battles certain portions of the Old Testament has the Lord commanding military leaders to destroy whole tribes and nations; both men and women; soldiers and civilians; the sick; helpless old people and little children. This does not jibe with the conception that Christ had of the Father. May we note two possible explanations of this question.

Some tell us that the conception of God has been a growing conception. God has not changed but people's conception of him have changed. The religious leaders of each generation have been closer to God and known more about him than the rank and file of the people, but they have not known all about him. The full and complete revelation of God is only given in Christ. According to this idea any conception of God prior to the time of Christ and which does not jibe with the revelation made by Christ is not to be accepted at face value.

To bring the matter right down to our lesson, Joshua was a great religious leader. After the death of Moses he was the best man of that day. He honestly felt that God wanted him to destroy helpless people, but he was mistaken about the matter, and his mistake came about through the fact that he did not fully know the nature of God. That is one explanation.

Another is briefly this God is a loving heavenly Father as Jesus revealed him to be. He does love all people everywhere even including those in open rebellion against him. He loves the sinner as well as the saint. He loves one with a love that makes him glad and the other with a love that makes him sad. He greatly loved the heathens that the Israelites, led by Joshua, destroyed. But none the less he commanded Joshua to destroy them. In so doing he was taking the long view point.

He was thinking of producing a nation through which Christ could come into the world.

God Verifies His Promises

God made promises to Joshua on certain conditions. He promised him if he and the people would be obedient and courageous great blessings would come upon them. For the most part Joshua and the people lived up to their part of the contract and these promises came true. The greatest promise made to Joshua is that expressed in the Golden Text: "As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." No greater blessing can come to any person than that of a consciousness of the presence of God in his life.

The Lord's Promises To Us

Someone has said that there are 16,000 promises in the Bible. Think of it; 16,000 promises made to men by the Lord, and if they will do their part he will carry every one of them out. A few of those promises come rapidly to mind: He promises rest to all who will come to him. This not only means rest from the burden of sin, but also from the burden of sorrow, of disease, of losses, of disappointments and misunderstandings. Again he promises to prepare a place for us. The grave is not a blind or dead-end street that leads nowhere. Death itself is a step into a fuller life. In the person and power of the Holy Spirit he promises to be with us. He will guide us into all truth and give us power to meet temptations and overcome the problems and difficulties of life. He promises salvation to all who will forsake their sins and believe in him. God loves the world and gave to it his only begotten Son. Christ promises a world at peace; a world brotherhood; a place where men will beat their swords into plow-shares and their spears into pruning-hooks.

Are We Meeting The Conditions?

As was the case with Joshua, certain conditions have to be met before these promises will come true. The questions is, Are we meeting them. Joshua was true to God and the Lord never failed him. The same can be true in our case if we practice the same degree of loyalty to God.

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