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Methodists in Arkansas

"The World Is My Parish" — John Wesley

into all the world — Mark 16:15

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To Men

# Statistical Results "Unit A" U.E.M.

The following figures representing the recordable results of the recent Period of Operation of Unit A, Arkansas-Louisiana United Evangelistic Mission, were released recently by the Area office, Rev. Leroy Walker, Executive Director, where the final statistics were compiled. The results published here are the "day by day" accounts of the evangelistic mission beginning with the first period of visitation in the local churches, Sunday, December 2 and continuing through the following Sunday, December 9, when the mission was concluded. Also, following is the totals for the whole of Unit A, involving several items of interest not included in the day by day accounting.

These statistics were compiled each day through a telephone hookup with each of the nine Districts participating in the Unit A program.

The Period of Operation for Unit B of the Area program is scheduled for January 13-27 and will cover the remaining twelve districts of the Episcopal Area.

District	Number Visitors	Number Interv.	Prof. of Faith	Trans. of Members	Attendance	Offering
<b>SUNDAY</b>						
Alexandria	297	323	54	48	5125	\$ 764.00
Baton Rouge	375	414	66	104	9353	1114.63
Camden	300	438	31	70	7035	936.09
Hope	337	307	45	58	4872	716.69
Lake Charles	371	414	57	69	7356	1054.65
Monroe	389	525	71	126	7142	947.67
New Orleans	427	678	86	206	6472	1335.56
Ruston	477	285	47	83	6831	1272.20
Shreveport	453	649	86	146	8261	1082.18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3426</b>	<b>4033</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>62447</b>	<b>9223.67</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>						
Alexandria	164	233	37	45	1500	278.84
Baton Rouge	256	360	42	67	1547	431.84
Camden	188	264	31	51	2233	383.73
Hope	171	234	36	64	1482	266.19
Lake Charles	247	380	62	45	1379	253.64
Monroe	218	388	28	62	2253	442.22
New Orleans	270	481	81	104	1335	302.55
Ruston	378	445	47	52	2637	397.52
Shreveport	320	437	48	64	3326	312.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2212</b>	<b>3222</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>17701</b>	<b>3071.02</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>						
Alexandria	128	218	24	35	1904	299.08
Baton Rouge	281	351	54	60	2678	557.79
Camden	235	218	42	48	2500	404.90
Hope	134	174	34	32	1502	240.67
Lake Charles	317	341	56	59	1852	337.82
Monroe	224	383	42	59	2598	555.96
New Orleans	278	419	70	107	2047	444.02

Ruston	245	338	36	39	2623	530.02
Shreveport	282	414	41	56	2365	385.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2124</b>	<b>2856</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>20069</b>	<b>3750.52</b>

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>						
Alexandria	136	237	51	39	2046	348.17
Baton Rouge	236	350	87	62	2769	539.07
Camden	200	284	39	42	2833	434.16
Hope	155	228	36	39	1806	298.74
Lake Charles	223	337	62	61	2286	410.77
Monroe	216	317	40	52	2727	557.45
New Orleans	203	334	64	89	1759	394.85
Ruston	273	271	38	41	2850	555.71
Shreveport	259	370	40	67	2812	473.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1906</b>	<b>2788</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>21978</b>	<b>4012.90</b>

<b>THURSDAY</b>						
Alexandria	112	169	32	40	2007	326.05
Baton Rouge	168	225	46	47	2802	534.70
Camden	144	211	48	25	2700	450.95
Hope	105	148	46	37	1840	266.87
Lake Charles	149	243	30	31	1737	353.86
Monroe	226	293	28	50	2293	539.46
New Orleans	220	264	55	75	2136	560.05
Ruston	163	181	23	28	2871	574.68
Shreveport	218	317	39	43	2530	424.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1505</b>	<b>2051</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>21816</b>	<b>4030.75</b>

<b>FRIDAY</b>						
Alexandria	94	155	43	21	1848	323.78
Baton Rouge	175	186	62	30	2694	615.26
Camden	71	91	29	32	2403	476.90
Hope	96	83	38	32	2086	420.17
Lake Charles	68	126	54	29	1714	342.18
Monroe	103	114	40	35	2799	563.23
New Orleans	139	165	28	40	1769	244.66
Ruston	94	80	10	8	1658	394.65
Shreveport	131	151	35	47	2593	505.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>1151</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>19564</b>	<b>3885.97</b>

<b>SECOND SUNDAY</b>						
Alexandria	33	12	21			
Baton Rouge	125	182	25	31		
Camden	16	12	4			
Hope	59	31	28			
Lake Charles	20	20				
Monroe	26	21	5			
New Orleans	33	23	10			
Shreveport	17	10	7			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>78</b>		

## SUMMARY TOTALS, UNIT A

District	Co-Op. Churches	Host Past.	Guest Past.	Total Pros.	Total Visitors	No. Interv.	P.F. & Vows	Trans. fers	Total Decis.	% Inter.	Attend. Service	Attend. Y. R.	Attend. Mass M.	G. Total Attend.	Offer. Service	Offer. Y. R.	Mass Mo. Offering	Grand Total Offerings
Alexandria	27	26	26	1,969	931	1,378	254	251	505	43%	14,333	300	250	15,439	\$ 2,339.92	\$ 44.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 2,548.92
Baton Rouge	31	31	33	3,352	1,616	2,078	382	401	783	37%	21,843	700	500	23,043	3,793.29	71.00	123.72	3,993.01
Camden	26	26	27	2,527	1,138	1,522	222	272	504	33%	19,704	629	843	21,167	3,686.72	66.84	132.28	3,265.84
Hope	29	21	20	1,808	998	1,233	266	290	556	46%	13,678	342	1,253	15,233	2,209.33	44.39	297.34	2,551.06
Lake Charles	33	28	26	3,231	1,375	1,911	341	294	635	33%	16,324	405	655	17,334	2,754.52	46.10	152.00	2,953.02
Monroe	29	29	29	1,518	1,376	2,046	270	389	659	32%	20,512	700	825	22,037	3,606.99	85.00	189.00	3,890.99
New Orleans	34	34	35	3,144	1,542	2,374	405	631	1036	44%	15,518	615	2,609	18,733	2,281.99	134.34	1,093.00	4,509.23
Ruston	31	31	31	2,032	1,630	1,600	206	252	458	28%	19,470	800	2,509	22,770	3,724.68	82.29	391.42	4,193.39
Shreveport	31	31	31	3,000	1,663	2,355	299	430	729	31%	21,887	395	1,020	23,302	3,183.09	60.00	150.00	3,393.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>22,581</b>	<b>12,269</b>	<b>16,497</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>3,210</b>	<b>5,865</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>163,275</b>	<b>4,377</b>	<b>11,056</b>	<b>179,203</b>	<b>\$27,980.83</b>	<b>\$633.96</b>	<b>\$2,698.76</b>	<b>\$31,313.55</b>

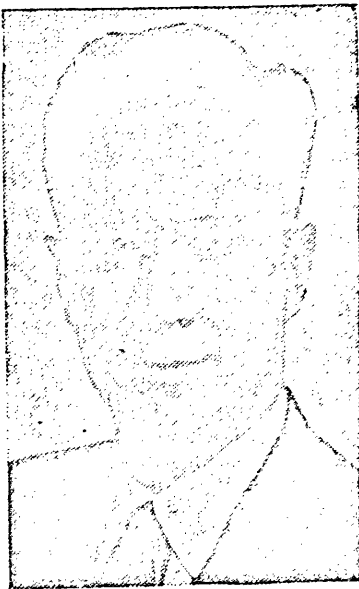
## NEW LAY ACTIVITIES BOARD HEAD NAMED

Robert G. Mayfield, formerly of Lebanon, Missouri, and now completing a term of service with the United States Army in Washington, D. C., has been elected executive secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church. His election has been announced by Ray H. Nichols, Vernon, Texas, newspaper editor and president of the board, which has its national headquarters in Chicago.

Now on military leave as an associate secretary on the board's staff, Mr. Mayfield will assume his new position in the near future. He succeeds Chilton G. Bennett, who resigned last July. Dr. E. Lamont Geissinger, another staff member, has served as acting executive during the interim.

Mr. Mayfield left a successful law practice in Lebanon, Missouri, in 1949 to join the board's staff, with special responsibility for organizing and cultivating Methodist men's groups throughout the nation. A year later he was called into active duty in the Judge Advocate General Reserve Corps. During World War II he had served in the Army for four years.

Admitted to the bar in 1935, Mr.



ROBERT G. MAYFIELD

Mayfield was twice elected prosecuting attorney of Laclede County, Missouri, where he was born. He also was very active in church work and served for a number of years as lay leader of the Southwest Missouri Methodist Annual Conference, a trustee of Southern Methodist University, and a member of several

## CHRISTMAS AT THE SANATORIUM

Christmas is a sacred time of the year. It is significant because it is the anniversary of the Saviour's birth. His coming into the world gave radiance to hope. This inspires the hearts of men. Without Christ there would be no Christmas.

Most of the patients will be at the Sanatorium during the Christmas Season, although several will go home on leaves of absence. It is natural for these at the Sanatorium to think of the family circle and friends of other days. They will wish they could have gone to be with their families, but conditions make a different situation.

During the Christmas time carols and hymns will be played by record in the halls and verandas. Probably groups will come carolling. Then for the exercise patients appropriate services and programs will be given. A small gift is being placed in the hand of all of the patients. Then, too, they will have their Christmas dinner, which will be a tray full of

important denominational boards and commissions in his home state and on a national level.

delicious food. Beautiful decorations can be seen in different places. The kindness of nurses and janitors to the patients bring cheer.

Out of the Sunshine Fund new Cokesbury Song books have been bought for use in the Masonic home with the children. These will be used in the services of worship and various programs the year round. A small gift for the school children has also been purchased for this season of the year.

A word about tray cards. At this time several hundred well chosen cards are in the Superintendent of nurses' office. These are ready for distribution to the patients at Christmas. They have been made possible out of the love and service of different Church groups from both Conferences. The patients enjoy and appreciate these greetings given them on their trays. Such brings cheer and encouragement to them. I want to thank all who shared in preparing these beautiful cards.

Please accept my personal appreciation for the fine co-operation given me from churches and individuals over the state. It means so much to me. The Lord bless all of you. Wishing you a happy and most glorious Christmas, I request an interest in your prayers.—Bates Sturdy, Chaplain

## THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The Christian preacher is not an angel, but he has the angel's proclamation in his keeping. He is commissioned to say to men that something has happened which, though never repeated, never stops happening . . .

One of the tragedies of the Church is the way the story of Jesus becomes overlaid with dull platitudes.

Let us be thankful that a worship service does not have the same attraction as the movies. Only if the box office is our standard of measurement will we strive to have the same appeal . . .

You can train a priest because it is mostly a matter of discipline and drill; but only God can make a prophet . . .

We are not ready to preach until we know that what we have to say will demand a choice, and that the choice will affect personal destinies.

—From HIS WORD THROUGH PREACHING, by Gerald Kennedy

## SHARING

Verse for today: *He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him.* (2 Cor. 5:15)

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:13-21

Our church school had been studying stewardship as a part of the "Advance," and even the Beginners had been hearing, "Let's Do It." Could the little ones understand what it meant?

Each child carried home a card with the words SHARE and HELP printed on it in bright red crayon. Four-year-old Ivan asked his mother to put his card where everyone could see it. Shortly afterward, a visitor gave him a stick of gum. He looked at the gum, then at his two playmates. Once he would have considered this gift entirely his. Now he broke a tiny piece from one corner of the gum and gave it to one boy, saying, "Here's your share." He did the same for his other friend, and hurriedly pushed the remainder into his own mouth, saying, "This is my share."

Since then, Ivan has learned even more about the meaning of true sharing, and is trying to practice it. But dare we smile at his first childish effort? Are there not too many adult Christians who break off the tiny piece and say to God's needy children, "Here is your share," and break off another small portion, saying to God, "This is your share," while they keep the largest portion for themselves?

**PRAYER:** Our Father, teach us the joy of sharing, that we may not only bring blessings to others but enrich our own lives. Help us to know that joyous sharing is true worship. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.—Gladys Firth Burk, in The Secret Place

A man is as rich as his appreciation. He is as poor as his lack of it. — Oliver Emmerich, McComb (Miss.) Enterprise-Journal

## QUIET THINGS

THESE I have loved with passion, loved them long

The house that stands when the building hammers cease,

After wild syncopation, a sane song,

A tree that straightens after the wind's release,

The cool green stillness of an April wood,

A silver pool unruffled by the breeze,

The clean expanse of a prairie's solitude,

And calm, unhurried hours—I love these.

I have been tangled in the nets too long;

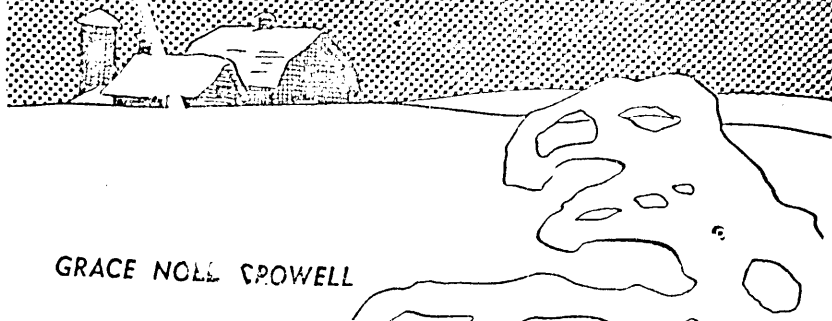
I shall escape and find my way again

Back to the quiet place where I belong,

Far from the tinsel provinces of men.

These will be waiting after my release.

The sheltered ways, the quiet paths of peace.



GRACE NOEL SPowell

## THINKING GOD'S THOUGHTS

TEXT: *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.* (Phil. 2:5)

**A**N astronomer gazing through his telescope turned in answer to a query as to what he was doing and said, "I am trying to think God's thoughts after Him." A botanist turned from the inspection of a beautiful rose and declared, "What wonderful thoughts are here!" We may never see the starry heavens above; nor a rose in the same way that the scientist would see it. There is a more realistic and effective way in which we may think God's thoughts.

Is it too breathtaking for us to realize? Do we dare attain to that high level? Or perhaps we should ask ourselves this question, "Do we dare to fail in striving to think God's thoughts?" Most of our troubles have come from the fact that we have not given enough time to thinking God's thoughts in a practical and wholesome way. We have related Him to the mysterious and the unknown and have failed to realize that in Jesus Christ He has opened the way for us to think His thoughts after Him.

Saint Paul does not make the matter of the mind of Christ in us one of option. It is an absolute necessity. An impossible task you say? Suppose for a moment that we took that attitude in medicine, where would we be? Doctors will be the first to tell you that they will never attain to all of the knowledge concerning medicine; yet, they continue

to strive to know all they can about their profession. Can we do any less? Shall we rule out because of ignorance and superstition this glorious privilege of thinking God's thoughts?

There are avenues open to us that will help in understanding the mind of Christ. For example, we seek the mind of Christ in the pages of the New Testament. No one can find the Christian attitude toward God who fails in studying his New Testament. The study of this portion of our Bible will drive us eventually to study Old Testament. It is out of that background that our New Testament came to be formed. As we walk in the pages of the New Testament seeking to understand the mind of Christ as the saints have sought to interpret it to us we find our own mind becoming illumined and understanding and growing. This especially true of the Gospels. If we sincerely desire Christlikeness we ought not to let a day pass without reading a chapter. The time spent in reading the Gospel is time that is sacred to God.

Then we discover the mind of Christ as we retreat to a quiet place for prayer and meditation. Sometime ago I was in New York City. I had never seen anything like New York City before. I was amazed at the hurry in which people lived. Finally I went to the "Little Church Around the Corner," and there was

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

For Evangelism:

Increase, O God, the faith and zeal of all thy people, that they may more earnestly desire, and more diligently seek, the salvation of their fellowmen, through the message of Thy love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send forth a mighty call unto Thy servants who labor in the Gospel, granting unto them a heart of love, sincerity of speech, and the power of the Holy Spirit, that they may be able to persuade men to forsake sin and return unto Thee. And so bless and favor the work of thine evangelists, that multitudes may be brought from the kingdom of evil into the Kingdom of Thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

—From THE BOOK OF WORSHIP

quietness. It was a little shrine that brought to me my consciousness of the need to know more about Jesus Christ. A little further on in that same visit I went to Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's Church, Marble Collegiate, which stands in the very shadow of the Empire State Building. As soon as I had walked through the door it seemed that I was in another world. The noise was shut out and there you could find a quiet place that was near to the heart of God.

People who never find this quiet shrine to retreat to seldom find depth to their religious experience. Whether it is in New York City or wherever it may be there is a place to which we can retreat where we begin to fathom the mind of Christ. It was His custom to be a regular attendant in the synagogue. He worshiped by the seashore and in the open country. But it was a rule, a habit, of His life to attend the church of His day. We have fooled ourselves into believing that God is equally present everywhere. That is a foolish sentimental notion. We find His presence in greater power when we turn aside to worship in our church. As we look at the attendance in our churches and face the fact that without worship we fail to have great depth to our religious understanding then we know where at least a portion of our impotence is to be found. All we look at the attendance in our churches and face the fact that without worship we fail to have great depth to our religious understanding then we know where at least a portion of our impotence is to be found. All sorts of engagements are considered to take priority over the period that rightfully and lawfully belongs to God.

As we do the work that we feel that God would have us do we discover the mind of Christ. We can hear Jesus as He says, "My Father works . . . I work too." We need not try to fool ourselves but if we had really worked at the job of service to Christ and His Church our influence would have been more profound on the world today than it has been. Simply because of the failure in a day that has passed is no excuse for us to be unwilling to do His will today. The promise that Christ gives that if we are willing to do His will that we shall know is not to be taken lightly. We can work hard enough at many activities

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## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. JOHN BAYLISS of Pocahontas was the  
speaker at a meeting of the Alexandria, La.,  
Kiwanis Club on Thursday, December 6.

FAGAN BOURLAND of Ft. Smith has given  
three new rolls of music to the First Meth-  
odist Church for the Carillon as a Christmas  
gift to the church.

C. R. WILKIN has been elected president of the  
Men's Fellowship Class of the First Meth-  
odist Church of Brinkley. John Deen was elected  
vice-president.

CONGRESSMAN BROOKS HAYS was the  
guest speaker at the meeting of the Meth-  
odist Men of Gardner Memorial Methodist  
Church, North Little Rock, on Tuesday evening,  
December 17.

REV. JOHN M. McCORMACK, pastor of the  
First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, was  
elected president of the Jonesboro Ministerial  
Alliance at the recent meeting of the Alliance.  
Brother McCormack succeeds Rev. C. Z. Holland,

CONGRESSMAN JAMES W. TRIMBLE was  
the guest speaker at the vesper service of  
the Berryville Methodist Church on Sunday,  
December 9. Congressman Trimble is a member  
of the Berryville Church.

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN YOUTH CALL  
COMMITTEE met Monday night, December  
3, at the First Methodist Church with Carolyn  
Conley, chairman, presiding. Plans were con-  
tinued for the observance of Youth Week, Jan-  
uary 27-February 3, 1952.

W. W. DAVIDSON of Ft. Smith passed away on  
Friday, December 7. Funeral services were  
held on Saturday by Rev. J. J. Galloway and  
Rev. R. E. L. Bearden. Mr. Davidson was the  
father of Mrs. Warren Johnston, wife of Dr.  
Warren Johnston, pastor of the First Methodist  
Church of Ft. Worth.

REV. ALBERT C. HOOVER, director of the  
statistical office of The Methodist Church,  
has announced that the membership in The  
Methodist Church in the United States and its  
possessions passed the nine million mark in  
1951. Figures released show that the member-  
ship jumped from 8,935,647 in 1950 to 9,065,727  
this year.

ON Sunday afternoon, December 16, a com-  
munity Christmas program was given at the  
high school auditorium of West Memphis, direct-  
ed by Phil Vance, minister of music of the First  
Methodist Church. The music departments of  
the school presented special Christmas numbers  
and a community choir of more than seventy-  
five voices sang. An offering was taken for the  
Goodfellows Christmas Basket Fund.

MRS. C. F. MESSER, wife of the late Rev.  
Columbus Franklin Messer, who was a mem-  
ber of the Little Rock Conference, passed away  
in a Little Rock hospital on Thursday, December  
13, at the age of 83. Mrs. Messer is survived by  
two daughters, Mrs. A. E. Blaylock of Little  
Rock and Mrs. R. C. Nash of Philadelphia; three  
sons, Col. J. F. Messer of Texarkana, Texas,  
H. G. Messer of Chicago and E. A. Messer of  
Portland, Ore.; and thirteen grandchildren and  
thirteen great-grandchildren.

R. CONNOR MOREHEAD, Camden District  
superintendent, writes from Williamsburg,  
Virginia: "We are up here for our son's wedding  
in the Bruton Parish Church, Saturday, Decem-  
ber 15, 2:00 p. m., Ensign Ralph C. Morehead  
(USN) to Miss Sarah Anne Dozier, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall Dozier, Jr., of Lee  
Hall, Va. She is a June '51 graduate of College  
of William and Mary and he is a June '51 gradu-  
ate of U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. I am to  
be Ralph's best man for the wedding. The re-  
ception will be at Williamsburg Inn." pastor of the First Baptist Church.

WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH,  
Conway, observed Thanksgiving with a wor-

### DEATH OF REV. G. G. DAVIDSON

Rev. George G. Davidson, retired mem-  
ber of the North Arkansas Conference,  
passed away at his home in Siloam Springs  
on Saturday, December 15, at the age of  
83. Brother Davidson was admitted on trial  
in the Conference in 1895 and was active for  
45 years before retiring. He served as  
district superintendent of the Fayetteville,  
Fort Smith and Helena Districts and as  
pastor of a number of the important pas-  
toral charges of the Conference. He was  
executive secretary of the North Arkansas  
Conference Board of Education for a num-  
ber of years and was a member of the Board  
of Trustees of Hendrix College at the time  
of his death.

Brother Davidson is survived by his  
wife, Mrs. Jennie Davidson; a son, Bryant  
Davidson of the faculty of Centenary Col-  
lege at Shreveport; a daughter, Mrs. Eliz-  
abeth Beck of Berryville and one grand-  
child.

Funeral services were held on Sunday  
at the Siloam Springs Methodist Church by  
Rev. Allen D. Stewart and Rev. E. H. Hook.  
Burial was in Eureka Springs.

### REV. L. E. WILSON PASSES AWAY AT STUTTGART

Rev. L. E. Wilson, aged 62, pastor at  
Almyra, passed away at a Stuttgart hospital  
on Friday, December 14. Brother Wilson  
was a member of the Little Rock Confer-  
ence and had served in the ministry in  
Arkansas for 26 years.

Brother Wilson had served a number  
of appointments in the state, among them  
being Fairview, Camden, Timothy, Har-  
mony Grove, Emmett, Okolona, Thornton  
and Primrose near Little Rock. He is sur-  
vived by his wife, three sons, Byron, Wash-  
ington; Joe of Memphis and Charles of  
Greenwood; and one daughter, Mrs. Bob  
White of Stuttgart.

### NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

According to our custom there will be  
no issue of the paper during Christmas  
week. So that our readers will not miss  
one of the Sunday School lessons, we are  
running the lessons for December 30 and  
January 6 in this issue.

ship service on Wednesday night, November 21,  
at the close of which members and friends  
brought gifts to the altar to apply on the retire-  
ment of the debt on the church building. The  
gifts were dedicated in a prayer by Rev.  
James S. Upton, following a Thanksgiving mes-  
sage by the pastor, Rev. James R. Shelton. The  
choir for the occasion was composed of Meth-  
odist Youth Fellowship members. The congrega-  
tion is beginning the fourth year of worship in  
the brick church building on Fourth Street.

THE recent floods in the Po Valley of Italy,  
with their terrible loss of life and of homes,  
has touched the hearts of Americans and a flow  
of relief foods and clothing are now en route to  
that distressed region. The National Catholic  
Welfare Council has flown five tons of food and  
medicine and one-and-a-half tons of winter  
clothing and blankets to the refugees. Church  
World Service, Protestant Relief agency, has sent  
to the same area 26 tons of clothing, and 55 tons  
of flour, spaghetti and dried milk. CWS has  
sent its relief for distribution through the Rev.  
Guido Comba of the Evangelical Relief Commit-  
tee of Italy. He reports 100,000 people rendered  
homeless by the floods, and 150,000 acres of land  
ruined for farming.



# Report To Batesville District Conference

By S. B. WILFORD

COMING to this sixth and (by the Law of the Church) the last District Conference in the present administration, I beg leave to present a report that is something of an account of my stewardship during these six Conference years as your District Superintendent.

## I. Church Organization and Building

The first new church organized was at Grange, where we had had no work for nearly a score of years. A new building was erected. At Lee's Chapel, where the work had been disbanded, a new building was erected and the work reorganized. At Hickory Valley, where there had been an organization without services, the building was remodeled and the work reorganized. At Newberg the work was reorganized; at Fairview in Baxter County the work reorganized; at Galatia the work reorganized; and the following new churches organized in new localities: Asbury, with new building; Arkana, with new building; Bull Shoals, with new building near completion; Midway, with new building under way; Salesville, meeting in school; Franklin, meeting in Community Building. This accounts for 15 new organizations, 13 with buildings and only one has any indebtedness; Asbury, with property worth between 12 and 15 thousand dollars, owes \$1,500.

The following churches have had major repair and remodeling jobs: McHue, Wiseman, Norfork, Mountain View, Bexar, both Cedar Groves, the one on Pleasant Plains Circuit and the one on Yellville Parish, Corner Stone, Salem completely redecorated, Yellville completely remodeled and refurbished. Oak Ridg and Cushman have made additions to the church equipment. At St. James a good school building has been deeded to the Church and the work resumed, and at Mt. Pleasant we have secured from the School District and the heirs of the Harkleroad Estate a good stone building that has been redecorated and made into a beautiful church.

The following additional congregations have erected new buildings: Desha, Salado, Pleasant Hill, Oil Trough, and Tuckerman. Newport has completely rebuilt its plant and added an adequate Educational building. Swifton has remodeled and added an educational annex. Umstead Memorial is completing a unit of a new educational building which is the first unit of a completely new plant. Mt. Home has completed the educational unit of a proposed new church plant. Gassville has added an annex for education and fellowship. First Church Batesville has under construction a new educational building and Central Avenue Batesville has completed the plans and has finished the first financial drive for a new educational annex that will be constructed when the weather opens up in the spring.

Thus, besides the 15 new organizations which have 13 new buildings, other congregations have er-

ected five completely new buildings and 14 have undertaken remodeling programs and 10 of the larger churches have built or are building educational facilities. Thus 42 building projects that are major operations in the congregations involved have been undertaken.

There have been improvements on most of the parsonages in the District. Cotter finished paying out new one to replace the one destroyed by a tornado, Newark built a new one, Mt. Home Parish a new one, Tuckerman bought and remodeled, Desha built a new one, making five new parsonages with a small indebtedness remaining on only one of them, the one at Mt. Home Parish.

Parsonages at Moorefield, Weldon, Yellville, Mountain View, and Swifton have been modernized.

The District parsonage has had many improvements in furnishings and an office added. It would be difficult to find a parsonage in the District where improvements and repairs have not been made.

## II. Finance

In 1946 the total salaries paid to pastors in the Batesville District was \$35,714; in 1951-52 the salaries accepted amounts to \$65,515, or a dollar and cents increase of some \$29,800 in round numbers. Several charges have increased 100 per cent and one circuit charge is paying 2 3/4 times the salary paid in 1946.

World Service asking in 1946 was \$7,647 and was overpaid while World Service asking for the current year is \$10,496 and will be slightly overpaid. The Advance of course will be over and above this. The goal of \$35,000 for Hendrix College was exceeded, and the District has shared in building a camp with three other districts at Wayland Springs.

Grand total raised in the District in 1946—\$121,700; in 1951—\$179,749.

The estimated value of Church buildings in 1946 was \$369,300 and in 1951, \$747,600. By the end of this Conference year it will be doubled.

Parsonage values have risen from \$63,800 in 1946 to \$108,450.

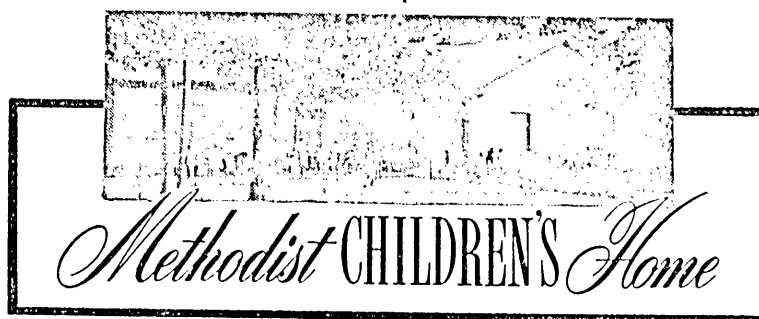
## III. Membership

We came to the District the first of August, 1946, with three months to go until the end of the Year of Evangelism. Those first three months were rich ones and from that time until the past Annual Conference we received 2156 into the church by vows and 1678 by Certificate, or a total of 3846 members to which if you add the 320 received to date this year makes a total of 2478 members by vows and 1815 by Certificate or a total of 4,293.

Of course we will all understand this does not represent a net gain for many have moved out and some have joined the Church Triumphant. With the United Evangelistic Mission and the Easter Season ahead of us I confidently predict this will be our best year in Evangelism.

## IV. The Ministry

During these years Batesville District as usual has produced a



## REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

We want to express our sincere thanks to the groups and participants listed below who have rendered a service or presented gifts to the Home during the month of November, 1951.

Truck load of fruits, vegetables and pumpkins from Methodist Church in Scott County by Elmo Thomasson, Waldron. Berean Class of Paris Methodist Church, three boxes of canned fruits and vegetables. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Henderson, Paris, 2 boxes of canned fruits and vegetables. W. S. C. S. of Rushing Memorial Methodist Church of Chidester, 2 quilts. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dougherty, Little Rock, cookies, breads and honey. Junior Class, Methodist Church, Blytheville, Ark., toys. D. E. Adams, Little Rock, 4 1/2 doz. eggs. Mildred's Bakery, Little Rock, sweets and bread.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Love, El Dorado, one quilt. Fish and Game Commission, State of Arkansas, one deer. Second Mile Sunday School Class, cookies, socks and purses. W. S. C. S. Jewel Burks Circle of the Twenty-eighth Street Methodist Church, Little Rock, prepared foods. Asbury Church, Little Rock, Methodist Church, canned fruits and vegetables. Primary Dept. of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church of N. Little Rock, canned goods.

One quilt pieced by Mrs. J. M. Goss, of North Little Rock, quilted by Circle No. 1 of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church of North Little Rock. W. S. C. S. of the Ozark Methodist Church, Ozark, canned fruit and vegetables. Asbury Methodist Church, Bethany Sunday School Class, Little Rock, piano. Junior Dept. of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, candy, fruit and canned goods.

Smackover Methodist Church, Smackover, fresh fruit and canned goods. Junior Girls and Boys of the Des Arc Methodist Church, Des Arc, apples, candy, canned goods, etc. Ladies Bible Class of Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado, 3 quilts. Eudora Grade School, Eudora, canned goods.

Mr. Chas. Baber, U. S. Veterans Hospital, North Little Rock, candy. W. S. C. S. Glenwood Methodist Church, Glenwood, toys, towels, candy, apples and canned goods. Grand Avenue Methodist Church School, Stuttgart, canned goods, etc. Centerville M. Y. F., jelly. Belleville M. Y. F., canned goods. Ola Methodist Church, Ola, canned fruits and vegetables.

McGehee Elementary School, candy and canned goods. Seventh Street Produce Co., Little Rock, hens. Mrs. J. T. McNeal, Prairie View, 3 dresser sets. Susanna Wesley Circle, First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, cookies. Mrs. M. W. Halton, Little Rock, toys.

## MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF: Mrs. J. S. Basinger, by Misses Willie and Laverda Johnson. Mr. George B. Shamblin, by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Shamblin. Mr. Winburn Currie, by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barton. Mr. B. P. Magness, by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crenshaw. Mr. Will Pasley, by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shively. Mr. Will Howell, by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gilliam. Mrs. Zula Robertson by Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hale.

number of ministers. Twenty-one have been licensed to preach and six have been admitted on trial to the Conference and four more are asking for recommendation for admission to the Annual Conference.

The ministers of the District are itinerants all. Every Charge has had from one to five changes in pastors during the years. Not a man who was serving in the District when I came but has moved. Two retired men who were serving in the District have been pressed back into the work; one who was on duty as a chaplain but who was attached to the District is still with us. He circulates around in the District. Itinerants all. And

Mr. B. P. Magness, by Mrs. W. G. Farr. Mr. F. O. Hopkins, by Mrs. H. G. Summers. Mrs. Nora Henry Parks, by Mabelvale Methodist Church Choir. Miss Mary Sue Martin, by members of Asbury Methodist Church. Mary Theresa Atchley, by Primrose W. S. C. S. Frederick (Skipper) Russenberger by Primrose W. S. C. S. Mrs. Tom Steele, Jr., by Mrs. W. R. Richardson. Mr. J. M. Gritton, by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Culpepper. Mrs. Bessie Wilson, by Mrs. Mary Nobles. Mrs. Mary Kane, by Salem Methodist Church. Mr. James M. Gritton, by Mr. B. J. Tanenbaum. Mary Lynch Overton, by Employees of State Hospital. Mr. Fred Morris, by Mrs. Mary G. Thach. Mrs. Bessie Wilson, by Edna Raines Sunday School Class. Mr. Fred Morris, by Tom and Juanita Cashion. Mrs. B. F. Laney, Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laney. Mrs. Dollie Robertson, by Misses Rose and Effie Coffman and Mrs. R. B. Warner. Mr. Fred Morris, by Mrs. M. Coppage. TOTAL for Memorials \$178.10.

## OTHER GIFTS

Martindale Sunday School	\$ 2.80
Young Adult Sunday School Class, Forrest City, Ark.	30.00
Builders Class, First Methodist Church, Paris, Ark.	10.00
North Arkansas Conference Treas.	201.48
Little Rock Conference Treasurer	182.86
W. S. C. S. No. 4, Forrest City, Ark.	15.00
Mrs. Roy M. Price	100.00
Mr. O. G. Robison	1.00
Mrs. Helen E. Beil	10.00
Mrs. Ollive Mike	120.00
Winsome Workers S. S. Class, Batesville Methodist Church	50.00
Board of Stewards, First Methodist Church, West Memphis	43.00
Clyde Hughes	25.00
Mr. E. H. Tisdale	120.00
Mr. Ellis Rogers	120.00
Methodist Men's Bible Class, Marion, Ark.	50.00
Marion Methodist Church	20.97
Circle of Asbury Church	7.00
Yancey S. S. Class of Marianna Methodist Church	10.00
W. S. C. S. Springdale Methodist Church	60.00
Susanna Wesley Class, First Methodist Church, Texarkana	5.00
Berean S. S. Class, Methodist Church, Paris, Ark.	125.00
Asbury Methodist Church	5.00
W. S. C. S., Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, N. Little Rock	1.00
P. H. Pewitt Royalty Account	1.41
Rev. Roy Fawcett	5.00
Eudora Grade School	12.00
Third Intermediate Department, Douglasville Methodist Church	2.03
Madonna Bible Class, Newport Methodist Church	15.00
Rev. Cecil Culver	5.00
Brownstown Methodist Church	10.20
Martindale Methodist Sunday School	2.07
Mr. Joe L. Simpson	1.00
Men's Bible Class, First Methodist Church, Osceola	120.00
Builders Class of Paris Methodist Church	10.00
W. S. C. S. Methodist Church of Manila	60.00
Miscellaneous	116.01
TOTAL	\$1674.38
GRAND TOTAL	\$1852.98

T. T. McNEAL, Director

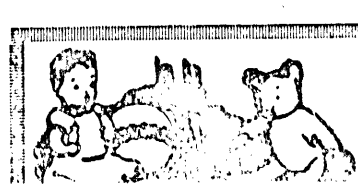
there is a rumor that even the D. S. who has moved only once in eleven years will be itinerating come June.

## V. Educational

The educational endeavors have made steady progress. The enrollment in the Church School has increased about 1000 persons. There are three active Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowships where none existed in 1946. We have a splendid District camping program. Our program has been the program of the Church.

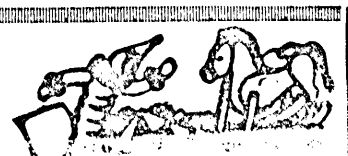
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The achievements mentioned in (Continued on page 14)



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### A YEAR OF MEMORABLE BIRTHDAYS

By Ethel M. Wheeler

There was great excitement in the air for not only was Christmas at hand but Stephen's 12th birthday as well.

"My birthday party this year is not going to be the same as always," he declared. "It is going to be quite different Rhoda—"

And Rhoda, his older sister, was curious. Ted, too, had pricked up his ears.

"This party is not to be for myself. It will be held for the Terry children, who live over near the foundry. Goodness knows when they had a Christmas party. Their friends, not ours, are to be invited—"

"Why, Steve, I never heard of such a thing! On Christmas and your birthday, too! What will mother say? As for me—" Rhoda looked very disconsolate. Ted just stared at his amusement. Not that the Terry children were not all right. But why a party for them?

"Mother knows all about it and approves," said Stephen. "Now, Rhoda, do give me some help—and you Ted. Can I count on you both?"

"Very well, if you say so. 'Tis your birthday—even if it is Christmas."

"I like any kind of a party," said Ted. "Sure I'll help."

"Now, then, Rhoda, invitations first. You keep the list for reference. There will be a tree. Ted will help with that. There must be plenty to eat—lunch, you know, after the tree. Sandwiches, coffee or cocoa, apples, oranges candy—"

"And a huge birthday cake which I shall make myself," said Rhoda. "We must have games. Everybody should feel at home. Well, I hope they will, but they're strangers, of course—"

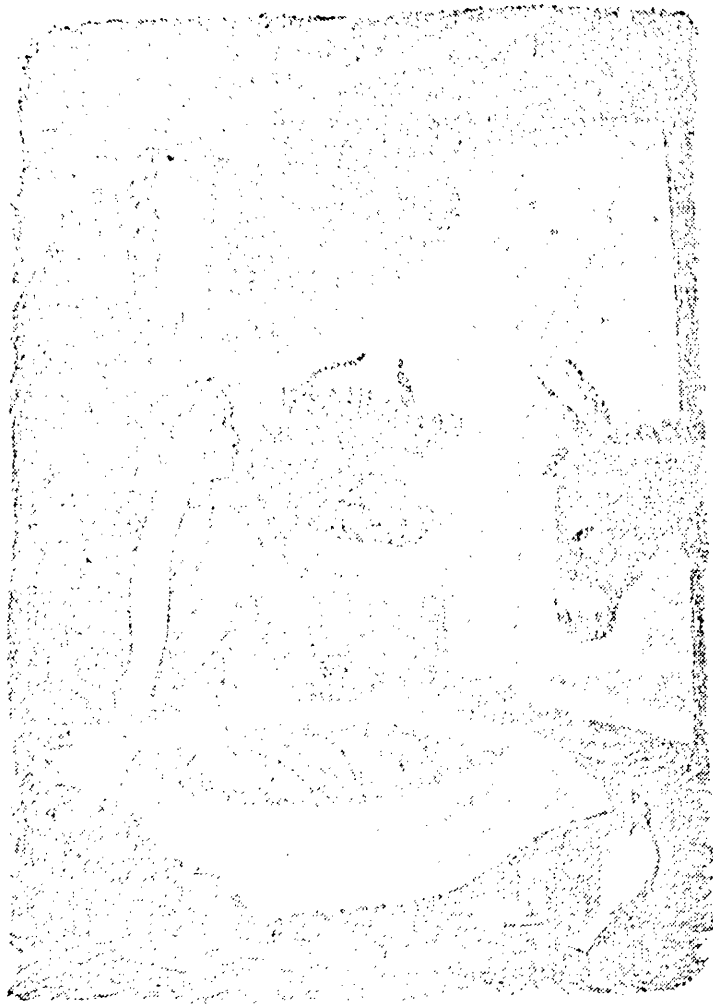
The Terry children, four of them, were quite overwhelmed when the news was tactfully broken to them. Trust Stephen to know just what to do. Their friends accepted in wonder and some curiosity.

Christmas and the birthday of Stephen dawned. The family were astir early for there was much to do before 11 o'clock that morning when they had planned to have the tree.

The young guests arrived in due time, most of them somewhat shy and uncomfortable. But Rhoda soon attended to that. A sing-song of carols started the party off in fine style. As they sang lustily the Terry children and their friends gazed wistfully at the lighted tree which sparkled and almost groaned under the weight of its useful but inexpensive gifts.

Everyone was remembered. It was jolly to watch the unwrapping and to hear the giggles and "ohs" and "ahs" which followed.

And later were they not thrilled when they saw the tall white frosted birthday cake? That was the first they knew it was Steve's birthday. Did they eat? Food never tasted better. Even Rhoda enjoyed the feast.



from Lloyd's JESUS, THE LITTLE NEW BABY  
Allison-Colebury Press, O.

### THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

—St. Luke 2:8-14

That evening as the family sat quietly before the hearth Stephen said: "I had a grand birthday this year."

"Yes," agreed Rhoda. "Now I want to think up some way to celebrate mine. It must be a little different from yours, however."

"Me, too," chimed in Ted forgetting his grammar.

"Suppose we all try to do something to make this year go down in family history as 'the year of memorable birthdays,'" suggested Mother. And Father, over the top of his paper, nodded assent.—Presbyterian Tribune

### IN HIS DEAR NAME!

I'd like to go where Jesus lay  
Upon that first glad Christmas Day  
So long ago.

I'd like to take some priceless gem  
All set in golden diadem  
My love to show.

Yet that same star that shone so

### JESUS' BIRTHDAY

When little Jesus' birthday came,  
I think he shared his toys  
And simple goodies Mary made,  
With neighbor girls and boys.

I think he let the others choose  
The games they liked to play,  
And helped and made for all  
A very happy day.

And when at last the stars came out,  
I think he bowed his head  
And said a little thank-you prayer  
Before he went to bed.

By Ida Tyson Wagner—In  
The Christian Advocate

bright  
Still sheds within our hearts tonight  
Its glowing flame;  
And we can give our gifts, as then,  
To brighten lives of fellow men  
In his dear Name!

—Ruth Harrison in The  
Christian Advocate

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### THE HOUSE OF SANTA CLAUS

Once on a time, as we all say in rhyme,  
I mounted my wind-o-plane,  
And sailed away for an hour and a day

To search over land and main.  
I wanted to find where Santa Claus dwells,  
Up in the mountains or down in the dells,

And take a view  
Of what they do  
In the house of Santa Claus.

First I sailed forth away to the North,  
Far over the mountains white,  
Where auroras play and the white bears stay,  
And the year's half day, half night.  
O! the walrus roared in his snowy home,  
And the big whales spouted in the foam,

But not a sight  
Nor welcome light  
From the house of Santa Claus.

Then a south wind passed, and I sailed fast  
To the warm Equator lands,  
Where monkeys play and elephants stay,  
And 'gators sprawl in the sands.  
O! the big snakes crawled in the river's bed,  
And the parrots screamed around my head.

But not a sign  
At any time  
Of the house of Santa Claus.

Then a west wind blew, and my plane it flew  
Toward the Continent of Men.  
And came to stand over Happyland,  
Deep hid in Christus' Glen.  
But my wind-o-plane fluttered, flapped and fell  
Right into the Village of Love. pell-mell!

So down we drop,  
Bumpity flop,  
By the house of Santa Claus.

I sat up and stared, for nobody cared.  
O wonderful sight and sweet!  
The land was white with a marvelous sight,  
It was popcorn two feet deep:  
And the Kewpies played with the baby dolls,  
And teddy bears romped in the rein-deers' stalls,  
While close at hand  
A babies' band  
Serenaded Santa Claus.

O! I laughed in glee at last to see  
Dear Santa Claus' house and home.  
Then settled down in that lovely town,  
And never more wished to roam,  
'Tis the happiest village between the seas;  
The streets just sprout with Christmas trees.

The people smile  
And smile and smile

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HOPE DISTRICT SUPER-  
ANNUATE ENDOWMENT  
FUND

In compliance with the action of the Board of Conference Claimants, I, your Treasurer, submit the third report by Districts on the Endowment Campaign having already reported the Arkadelphia and Camden Districts. Let churches and charges push the collections on the Endowment that as far as possible we may reach our goals by Annual Conference next June. The Little Rock, Monticello and Pine Bluff Districts will follow in order at two month intervals.

Paid to the Superannuate Endowment Campaign by the Hope District from November 1943 to December 12, 1951.

Charge	Quota	Paid	Balance
Ashdown	\$ 3423.00		\$ 3423.00
Bingen Ct.			
Avery's Chap.	114.00		114.00
Biggs Chapel	96.00		96.00
Bingen	457.00		457.00
Doyle	114.00		114.00
Friendship	75.00		75.00
Pump Spring	38.00		38.00
Sweet Home	73.00		73.00
Blevins Ct.			
Blevins	1794.00	215.00	1579.00
Bethel	229.00	9.00	220.00
Sweet Home	293.00	6.39	186.61
McCaskill	353.00	3.50	354.50
Macedonia	173.00	6.06	171.94
Cherry Hill Ct.			
Cherry Hill	344.00		344.00
Highland	230.00		230.00
Ogden	114.00		114.00
DeQueen	3423.00		3423.00
Dierks Ct.			
Dierks	1714.00		1714.00
Greer's Chapel	223.00		223.00
Umpire	96.00		96.00
Doddridge Ct.			
Doddridge	328.00		328.00
Boyd	176.00		176.00
Olive Branch	552.00		552.00
Silverina	240.00		240.00
Emmett Ct.	1829.00		1829.00
Boyd's Chapel	114.00		114.00
DeAnn	229.00		229.00
Foreman	2400.00		2400.00
Hatfield Ct.			
Hatfield	344.00		344.00
Cave	171.00		171.00
Gilliam	171.00		171.00
Old Cove	65.00		65.00
Vandervoort	112.00		112.00
Wicks	171.00		171.00
Piney	48.00		48.00
Hope	4800.00	4601.00	199.00
Horatio Ct.			
Horatio	1314.00		1314.00
Walnut Springs	214.00		214.00
Williamson	72.00		72.00
Langley Ct.			
Langley	31.00		31.00
Liberty	6.00		6.00
Lockesburg Ct.			
Belleville	120.00		120.00
Gravelly	72.00		72.00
Kingree	72.00		72.00
Lockesburg	1371.00		1371.00
Rockhill	112.00		112.00
Mena	3429.00	2631.64	797.36
Mineral Springs Ct.			
Mineral Spgs.	1029.00		1029.00
Ozan	428.00		428.00
St. Paul	228.00		228.00
Schaal	68.00		68.00
Sardis	183.00		183.00
Shiloh	68.00		68.00
Mt. View Ct.			
Potter	114.00		114.00
Rocky	80.00		80.00
Shady Grove	636.00		636.00
Nashville	2342.00		2342.00
Prescott	4114.00		4114.00
Prescott Ct.			
Fairview	85.00	110.00	(over)
Harmony			
Mt. Moriah	137.00	35.00	101.00
Moscow	114.00	42.00	72.00
New Salem	75.00	17.00	58.00
Pleasant Hill	99.00	27.00	72.00
Richmond Ct.			
Allene	176.00		176.00
Ben Lomond	184.00		184.00
Hicks	80.00		80.00
Ogden	229.00		229.00
Richmond	472.00		472.00
Wade's Chapel	168.00		168.00
Springhill Ct.			
Bethlehem	25.00	10.00	15.00
Centerville	30.00		30.00
Fairview	85.00		85.00
Hinton	98.00		98.00
Oak Grove	230.00		230.00
Sardis	110.00		110.00
Springhill	279.00		279.00
Texarkana Churches			
College Hill	2052.00	378.75	1673.25
Fairview	3085.00	200.00	2885.00
First	6286.00	3090.60	3195.40
Texarkana Ct.			
Few Memorial	514.00		514.00
Harmony	571.00		571.00
Rondo	571.00		571.00
Washington Ct.			
Columbia	211.00		211.00
Fulton	114.00		114.00
Liberty	172.00		172.00
Washington	457.00		457.00
Blackland	86.00		86.00

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS  
Christmas Holidays Begin

Hendrix College students went home yesterday for a vacation after having celebrated the Christmas season at school with a series of musical events, religious services and open houses.

One of the high points of the last week of school was the annual Christmas concert of the Hendrix concert band, under the baton of Ashley R. Coffman.

Playing from the stage of the college's new Auditorium December 11, the 50-piece band presented music by Haydn, Bach, Schubert and Khat-chaturian. Completing the program was a group of Christmas carols.

Students and faculty members celebrated Christmas together the evening of December 13, as they gathered in Hulen Hall to enjoy Mrs. Georgia Hulen's famous Christmas dinner. Following the dinner, open houses were held in two of the student dormitories, Martin Hall for men, and Galloway Hall for women.

Each of the dormitories went caroling Monday night, then returned home to participate in the traditional private parties held at the dormitories.

Last of the Christmas programs was held Tuesday morning as the Hendrix Choristers and Girls' Glee Club combined to present their annual Christmas concert. The two choral groups, with a combined roster of 90 voices, are directed by V. Earle Copes.

Classes at Hendrix will resume at 8:00 a. m., January 3.—Guy Shan-non

The great and good do not die even in this world. Embalmed in books, their spirits walk abroad. The book is a living voice. It is an intellect to which one still listens. —Samuel Smiles, Chicago Tribune Magazine of Books

Brown's Town 80.00 80.00  
TOTAL PAID  
TO DATE \$55,613.00 \$10,583.50 \$44,629.50  
—OTTO W. TEAGUE,  
Treasurer

## THINKING GOD'S THOUGHTS

(Continued from page 3)

ities, but oftentimes our strength has been expended when it comes to the work of the Kingdom.

Christian character is an achievement. Man does not lift himself by his own bootstraps to sainthood, but, through wholehearted surrender and cooperation with the eternal Spirit Christian character is an ever increasing achievement. We might as well talk about working difficult mathematical formulas by spasmodic effort as to expect to know the mind of Christ without constant, sincere and strenuous effort. Time, effort, and energy must characterize our minds,—our whole selves as we come to think God's thoughts after Him.

James Russell Lowell has declared, "Not failure, but low aim is a crime." Unless we aim to know the mind of Christ we will never approach anything near to the kind of Christian character that we ought to have. This is a challenge for us as we seek to make the influence of the church of the Living God felt in the world. It was not an idle bit of instruction that Saint Paul gave to the Philippians. That instruction has not lost its power nor its significance for this hour in which we live. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."—R.I.B.

## 5,000 CHRISTIAN WORKERS WANTED

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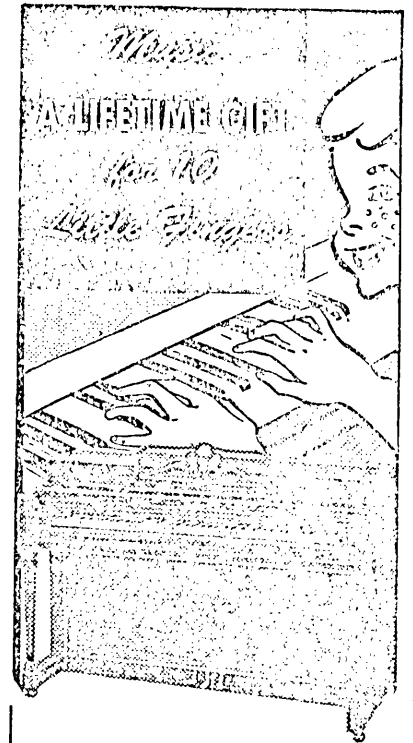
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CHURCH PAPERS . . . DEC. 30th Through JAN. 6th

## Beebe Methodists Dedicate New Structure

SUNDAY, November 25, was a great day in the life of the Methodist Church, Beebe. This day marked the conclusion of a building program launched in 1949 which has resulted in the completion of a structure adequate for the needs of the congregation and the structure is debt free. The sanctuary of the new church structure was crowded to overflowing on Sunday morning when the church membership and a large number of visitors participated in the Service of Dedication of the building, led by Bishop Martin.

Two former pastors, Rev. W. J. LeRoy and Rev. Virgil Hanks, and the Searcy District Superintendent, Rev. Coy E. Whitten, shared in the service of worship led by the pastor, Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., and Bishop Martin delivered the dedicatory sermon. The choir was under the direction of Jimmy Justice and Mrs. R. V. Powell was the organist.

On the following Tuesday, November 27, the Searcy District Conference was held in the new sanctuary, presided over by Rev. Mr. Whitten, District Superintendent. A large number of delegates from the charges of the District were present for the conference.

### A Brief History

The Beebe Methodist Church has a long and glorious history. It began with the frontier days of this section, and has grown with the town and community. About 1871 the DeMent family led in the construction of a Brush Arbor between their home (Dr. David's place) and the railroad (then under construction). This first rustic Church was known as Oak Grove. In 1872 the family moved to the present town of Beebe. This family again led in the establishment of a place to worship. The Masons, the School, and the Church shared the same log building.

About 1874 the Methodist people and the Masons decided to build their own place of meeting. This structure was a two story building, the Methodist using the lower floor and the Masons the upper floor. After a few years it was decided to change the arrangement, and the upper part was removed.

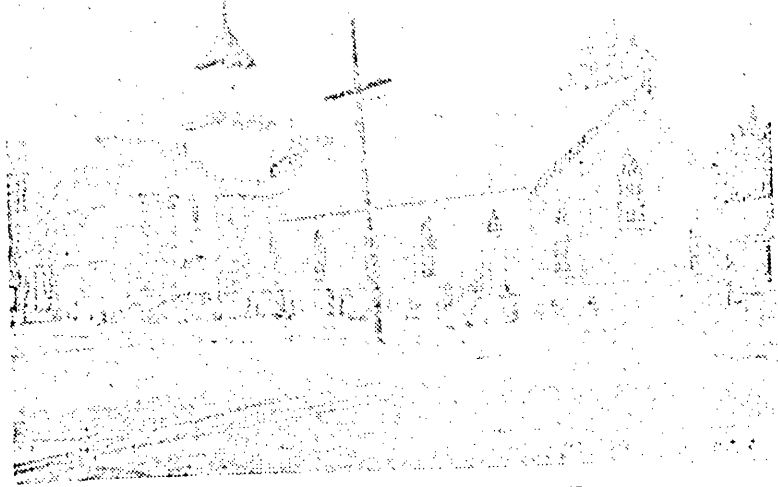
Eventually, two small buildings were built on the Church grounds for Sunday School classes. These buildings were used by the local congregation until torn down for the new structure.

The charter members of the Beebe Methodist Church were John Williams Robert W. Canada, Mahala A. Canada, Matie E. Crow, Bettie McIntosh, Martha Ellen DeMent, Sarah J. Strange, Missouri F. Apple, Mary W. Goodman, and Nannie J. Powers. Mrs. Bettie McIntosh is the only surviving charter members. She is ninety-four years old and lives in Oklahoma.

The following pastors have served the Church: James M. Talkington, James M. Clark, Henry T. Gregory, J. W. H. Dye, George M. Hill, Z. T. Bennett, James F. Jernigan, W. B. Hayes, A. H. Williams, Willie E. Wilson, F. R. Noe, H. H. Hunt, S. F. Brown, J. H. Barrentine, E. N. Bickley, A. E. Skinner, Edward Forest, M. P. Timberlake, H. H. Blevins, C. F. Hively, J. M. Fryar, W. J. LeRoy, W. J. Faust, H. F. MacDonal, S. O. Patty, Harry King, Harold O. Eggensperger, O. L. Cole, Virgil Hanks, and Floyd G. Villines, Jr.

Realizing the need of a more adequate structure, the following Building Committee was named in 1949: Dr. J. D. Kinley, chairman, R. V. Powell, secretary and treasurer, John Owens, Jr., designer, Burton Ham, and W. E. Boyer. This committee has served throughout the program. The building was begun in 1949 and completed this year.

It consists of sanctuary, pastor's study, choir room, ladies parlor, and educational building. The upper floor of the education building contains a Youngstown Kitchen and a fellowship hall as well as additional Sunday School rooms.



BEEBE METHODIST CHURCH

The evaluation of the building is about \$75,000.00. This figure represents many gifts of labor, material, and memorials as well as money.

### THE HOUSE OF SANTA CLAUS

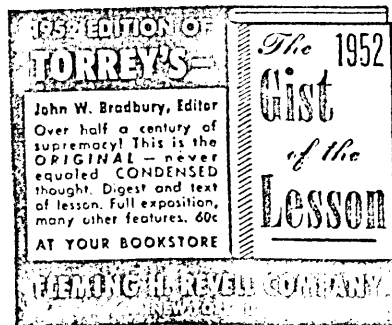
(Continued from page 6)  
In the town of Santa Claus.

Now, little folk, dear, please lend me  
your ear,  
I will whisper a secret then.  
Right down in the heart, in the lov-  
ing part,  
Right there in Christus' Glen.  
And home is the Village of Love the  
while,  
The windows loving eyes that smile,  
Planning the joys  
For the girls and boys  
In the house of Santa Claus.

When the Christmas star shines  
down from afar  
And lights fair Bethlehem,  
While angels sing of the Christ our  
King,  
And joy and peace to men,  
Wherever that light and beauty go—  
There the Christmas trees in their  
beauty grow.  
And down in the heart,

In the loving part,  
Is the house of Santa Claus.  
—Alice J. Whittier, in the  
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## BATESVILLE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Mrs. J. P. McNealy, President of the Batesville District Women's Society of Christian Service, entertained the executive committee of the organization with a luncheon on Thursday, November 29, at her home in Batesville.

A color scheme of red and white was carried out in the decorations and the menu.

Following the luncheon, a business session was held. Members of the committee reported on their lines of work. This was followed by a general discussion of plans for improving the work and bringing it to the attention of more women in the local church through the visitation plan.

A letter was sent to the Reverend Alfred Knox of West Memphis commending his stand on the race track issue.

The committee voted to make a gift to missions in remembrance of the late Mrs. C. M. Lieb, District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident on November 3. A period of silent prayer was observed in memory of Mrs. Lieb followed with a prayer by Mrs. McNealy expressing gratitude for Mrs. Lieb's devotion and loyalty to the church, her zeal in promoting her work, and for the challenge which her life presents to others.

Those present were: Mesdames W. W. Adams of Gassville; R. L. Blair of Melbourne; David Conyers of Batesville; Arch Jones of Batesville; M. L. Kaylor of Newport; L. L. Mack of Tuckerman; P. G. Magness of Newark; Edgar Morris of Mountain Home; C. P. Trice of Swifton; B. E. Snetser of Newport; E. L. Wilford of Newark; and S. B. Wilford of Batesville.—Reporter

## ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT GAINS NEW SOCIETIES

In addition to the new society reported in last week's paper, the Arkadelphia District has four more new societies, organized this quarter by Miss Margaret Marshall and Mrs. James Shults, District Secretary of Promotion, and other district officers.

On November 7, the Antoine Society on the Delight Circuit was organized with Mrs. Raymond Appollis as President; Mrs. Minnie Smith as Vice-President; Mrs. Clyde Hare as Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Forrest Hare, Missionary Education and Service, and Mrs. R. H. Richert, Christian Social Relations.

Mrs. Jack Lockeby is the President of the new society at Bismarck, organized November 29. Other officers are Mrs. W. D. Jordan, Vice-President, Mrs. Odie Burroughs, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. F. C. Jordan, Missionary Education; and Mrs. Paul Hunt, Christian Social Relations.

On the Glenwood Circuit, Grant's Chapel Society was organized December 6, the officers are: President, Mrs. C. W. Beltz; Vice-President, Mrs. O. E. Ketchum; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Everett Long; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. J. F.

## NO ROOM AT THE INN



## YOUTH AND LATIN AMERICA

During the World Friendship Workshop this summer, the idea was conceived of contacting Jim Major, and finding from him his needs, so that youth could contribute to his work during January when they are studying Latin America, both in Sunday School and in Evening Sessions. The following is his answer to this question.)

"I have been thinking a great deal about your letter and will try to make a list of things that we will need in the new building in the way of equipment, so that people who are interested there might help us. First of all, we will need to furnish the dormitories, which could be furnished for \$50 each. Each bed will cost about \$20 and table and chairs about ten. We will need a living room suite which will cost approximately \$100. We are going to need desks for the students, which we can get for about \$10.00 apiece, and also folding chairs to put in the auditorium, that will cost about \$5.00 each.

I know this is not a very complete list, but I wanted to get at least this off to you before your study in January. I will try within the next two weeks to make a detailed list and send to you.

I perhaps told you in my last letter that we will be home about the first of August of next year. I have already been admitted to the Graduate School of Religion at Garrett and am to study under Dr. Leiffer, and Lillie plans to do work in Primary Education at Northwestern."—Margaret Marshall

Ketchum.

Traskwood Society was organized November 18, and Mrs. Bill Quantz is the first President; Mrs. A. E. Jacobs, Vice-President; Mrs. Harry Zigler, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. A. W. Givens, Missionary Education and Service; and Mrs. Lillie Beckwith, Christian Social Relations.

Each one of these societies and the women they represent are welcomed into the fellowship which cannot be equaled in any other organization.—Mrs. James Shults

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Primrose Society recently completed their study on Latin America. Mrs. Faye Nunnally was a guest speaker, and Mrs. John Brazil, who spent two years in Surinam, contributed a paper on her impressions of that country. Following a discussion of customs and foods of those countries, the class enjoyed a Latin America lunch. As a finale to the study, a tea was given by Mrs. John Dixon in her home, at which time exhibits were on display.

As an outgrowth of this study, the society is decorating a Christmas Tree to help carry on the Mission Work being done in Brazil. The decorations consisting of CASH contributions wrapped in Christmas paper and attached to the tree. About four weeks is being allowed to decorate the tree, after which the decorations will be removed and started on their mission.

Latin America was presented to the DeWitt society in four sessions directed by Mrs. R. F. Parker, assisted by Mrs. H. B. Vaught, Mrs. S. G. Burnett, Miss Betty Quermous and Mrs. Larry Barnes, speakers, and Mrs. Jack Essex, and Miss Pauline Wright musicians.

## WOMEN AND THE U. E. M.

(At the Annual Little Rock District Conference which convened at Highland Church on November 20th, the W. S. C. S. presidents who were there met in Committee Session and made the following recommendations which could well be followed by each member of the W. S. C. S. in Arkansas:)

That during the Evangelistic Mission in January (January 18-27) we as Methodist women set aside all activities except those connected with our respective churches, that we give our full cooperation to this phase of the Advance Program . . . in prayer, in service, in Christian attitudes and if advisable, in group prayer meetings. Let us give these days to our Christ.

This is truly a time when the president, because of her position of leadership, can, by her attitude and by the interpretation she puts on the importance of our task, lead her group in willing, consecrated, effective service.

As members of the W. S. C. S., if we are asked to make calls—let us lay aside all else to do that thing. If we are asked to serve meals, let's do it cheerfully and without thought of profit. Whatever the request made of us, may we in prayer ask for wisdom to do it effectively, and in our hearts be grateful that we have the freedom and the ability to do it.

Our ministers will be expecting much of us during this time, and knowing the quality of the leaders of our women I know we will not disappoint them. During this Christmas Season may we prepare ourselves to become a vital link in this great Evangelistic Advance.

Mrs. E. B. Matkin, Little Rock District President

## NOTICE

The Literature Headquarters of the Woman's Division and the publication, *The Methodist Woman*, are now located at their new address, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Materials for the Woman's Division are now printed at the Methodist Publishing House. Inquiries and orders of materials should be directed to Literature Headquarters at the new address.

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# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## THE FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Fayetteville District Conference was held on November 26 in the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, with Rev. W. F. Cooley presiding. Rev. Arnold Simpson was secretary.

Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., host pastor, introduced Jasper Pycatt who brought greetings on behalf of Central Church.

Rev. V. E. Chalfant conducted a beautiful and impressive devotional service.

Committee reports were given as follows: Hospitals and Homes, Rev. H. E. Pearce; Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, Rev. T. T. McNeal; Christian Literature, Rev. S. O. Patty; Evangelism, Rev. Ed Dodson; Lay Activities, Tex Wagoner; Quarterly Conference Journals, Rev. C. H. Harvison; District Trustees, Dr. W. H. Mock; Christian Education, Rev. H. M. Lewis; Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Jesse Gilstrap; Deaconess Work, Miss Betty Letzig; Town and Country Commission, Rev. Kermit Van Zant, substituting for Rev. J. Albert Gatlin; The Ministry, Rev. Allen D. Stewart; Missions and "The Advance", Rev. V. E. Chalfant.

The following were present and spoke regarding the cause they represent: Dr. E. T. Wayland for The Arkansas Methodist; Rev. E. H. Hook for Mt. Sequoyah; Rev. T. T. McNeal for the Methodist Children's Home; Dr. Matt L. Ellis for Hendrix College and Dr. Ira A. Brumley for the Board of Education.

At the 11:00 o'clock hour Rev. H. M. Lewis, pastor of First Church, Springdale, brought a great message. The choir of Central Church furnished the music and Rev. Jack Winegeart sang "The Lord's Prayer."

After a delicious meal, served by the women of Central Church, the Conference re-assembled. A resolution, presented by Rev. A. D. Stewart, opposing the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican was passed unanimously.

A resolution, presented by Miss Betty Letzig, opposing the establishment of a race track at West Memphis was also passed unanimously.

Thomas E. Richardson, Oscar W. Findt, Jr., and Eugene Mizer were licensed to preach.

Jack Winegeart was recommended for Admission on Trial. Mrs. E. J. Reaves was recommended for local elder's orders.

The Conference passed a resolution by Dr. W. H. Mock that the district trustees proceed with plans for selling the present district parsonage and building a new one according to regulations which were also approved.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

## TRI-COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Tri-county Sub-district M. Y. F. meeting was held Monday, December 3, at 7:30 p. m. at the Fordyce Methodist church.

The Fordyce unit, in charge of the program, presented a Christmas program, with Larry Barton presiding, assisted by the M. Y. F. Choir of Fordyce.

Forty members from neighboring

## CONWAY UNITED CHRISTIAN YOUTH CALL COMMITTEE

The Executive group of the Conway United Christian Youth Call Committee met in the study of Rev. J. Russell Cross at the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, November 20, at 4:00 p. m. with Miss Martha King, president, presiding. Plans were continued for the observance of Youth Week, January 27-February 3, 1952, when the United Christian Youth Movement hopes to enlist one million youth and their adult leaders throughout the country for Christian service.

Reports were given by Ruth Anderson, Carolyn Conley, and Martha Holloway on the Ecu-Van Training course which they attended in Little Rock on October, and a discussion was held concerning the use of the Ecu-Vans (Ecumenical Caravans) in Faulkner County.

Carolyn Conley, who is a member of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Youth Fellowship and has served as secretary of the Call Committee since its organization October 1, 1951, was elected to succeed Miss King, member of the First Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, who found it necessary to resign. Ruth Anderson, member of First Methodist Youth Fellowship, was elected secretary.

The executive group voted to ask the Call Committee composed of one youth and one adult leader and the pastor from each Protestant Church in Conway to meet Monday, December 3 at 7:00 p. m. at First Methodist Church to complete plans for observance of Youth Week.

Miss Eloise Rhode, adult counselor of the Call Committee, Rev. James S. Upton, State Call Committee counselor, and the Rev. Mr. Cross, president of the Conway Ministerial Association met with the Executive group.

## MISSISSIPPI COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Mississippi County Sub-District met at the First Methodist Church in Blytheville on Monday, December 10.

The meeting began with group singing which was followed by a business meeting. During recreation, a film, "The Littlest Angle", was shown followed by refreshments.

In closing, a beautiful Christmas worship program was held in the chapel. The Blytheville M. Y. F. used the story of "The Other Wise Man" as a basis for the evening program.

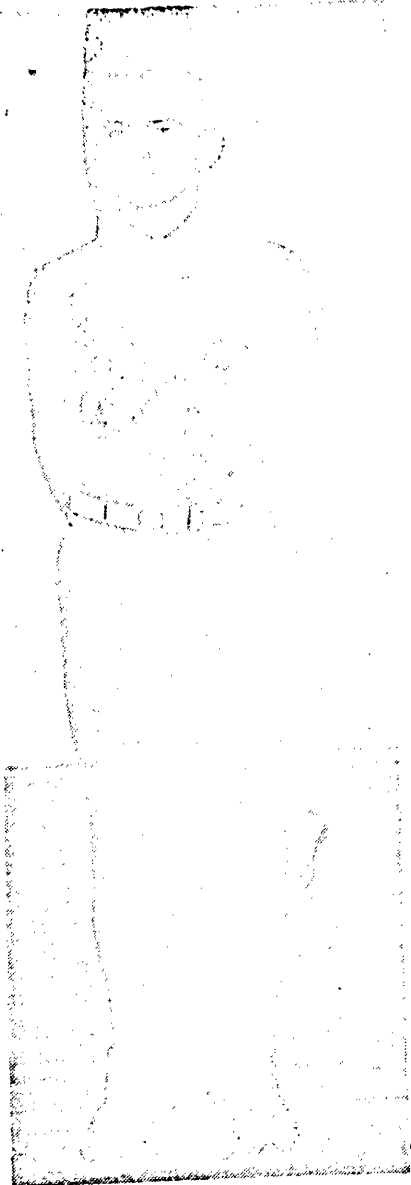
The next meeting will be held in Luxora on January 7.—Patsy Nunnally

counties were present. The attendance banner was won by Fordyce, with 11 per cent attendance for November.

The next meeting will be at the Hampton Methodist church, January 7.

Social security depends on personal security. It is spiritual security that is primary and material security that's derivative.—Dr. Henry C. Link, Way to Security, (Doubleday)

## RECEIVES "GOD AND COUNTRY" AWARD



Marion Black

Pictured at left is Marion Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Black of Malvern, who received the "God and Country" Award, a scouting award, at special services on Thursday, October 11, at the First Methodist Church, during the Youth Rally. Rev. Van W. Harrell pastor of First Church, Malvern, was in charge of the presentation.

Marion is a member of the First Methodist Church and is active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship. He recently was made an Eagle Scout and is a junior in the Malvern High School.

He is treasurer of the Student Council and was a member of the 1950-51 Leopard football squad.

## SUB-DISTRICT MEETS IN McGEHEE

The regular meeting of the Delta Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met in the McGehee Methodist Church Monday evening, December 3.

Members of the McGehee M. Y. F. presented a Christmas program, with Don Sawyer presiding.

Following the program a short business meeting was conducted by Joline Tiner, Sub-District president.

During the social hour games were directed by Mrs. Verna Thomas, and Christmas Carols were led by Frank Sturgeon. Christmas cookies and green punch were served.

Roll call showed ninety-eight present with Dumas, Watson, Newton's Chapel, and McGehee Fellowships represented.

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### SOME WORK BEING DONE BY RURAL WOMEN'S GROUPS

"Peace on earth—good will toward men!" As we hear these words sung, and caroled, and chimed throughout our land during this season of the year, it is fitting that our thoughts should turn in earnest seeking for the guidance of that One whose pattern of life as set before us would truly bring peace—if we followed Him. More and more, as we study that life and the examples which He set and the teachings which He gave us, we have known that he emphasized the simplicity of life. For He taught of a life which was without the greeds, and hatreds, and envies which we so often find demonstrated in our own day. He taught of the fields, the birds, and the lilies, the animals, and the tilling of the soil—all of them connected to the simple homely tasks of the countryside. And the way in which he would overcome the troubles of a feverish world would have been through the demonstration of love—one for another.

Our own people of the countryside have ample opportunity to set before the world examples of that love, as they come together to share together their griefs and heartbreaks, and their happiness and joy. This can be done throughout our churches in circuit wide fellowship meetings. It is of one of those that I wish to write today.

One of the methods of organization for the Woman's Society of Christian Service for our rural program is what is known as a circuit or charge society. One of our newest of these is found on Paragould Circuit. It was organized in early November by Mrs. A. W. Harris, district secretary of Promotion, the pastor, Rev. Robert Montgomery, and the deaconess, Miss Mary Chaffin. Women from the five churches, Pruitt's Chapel, Shiloh, Wood's Chapel, Gainesville, and Camp Ground are represented in the membership and leadership of the circuit organization. Pruitt's Chapel and Wood's Chapel have strong local societies. The monthly meeting place is changed from church to church. The circuit unit is headed by Mrs. Joe Garland.

It was my high privilege to be with these people at Pruitt's Chapel on the evening of December 6th. The fellowship began with a bountiful meal provided by the women of all the churches. The young people gave the opening worship service which was based on the theme of the love of God for his people through the gift of his Son. It was my own privilege to speak to the combined group, men, women, and children, concerning the possibilities of such organizations. After the program the men of the organized Brotherhood went into the parsonage for their business meeting; the women held their meeting in the church. Mrs. John Thiel, district president of the W. S. C. S., and Mrs. Harrington, treasurer, both gave encouragement and informa-

tion helpful in the continuation of such a program.

The value of such an organization on our circuits would be great... the coming together of all groups in the many churches in fellowship, the sharing together of the children's activities, the experience of worship, and the opportunity for planning together the future of the circuit and the program of the Methodist Church will build for a strong sense of unity. A good example of "good will" is being set here.

In Fayetteville District we have recently had opportunity to present rural organization procedure before an interested group of pastors and their wives. Brother Cooley, district superintendent, is taking leadership in informing pastors of the need for women's organizations, and Miss Betty Letzig, deaconess, assisted by Mrs. Bessie Andrew, promotion secretary, Mrs. Cooley and others, has already completed the formation of two new groups. We feel that more meetings presenting possibilities for organization, cultivation, and maintenance of our woman's work would be profitable to the total program of our church in this conference. Without the understanding and cooperation of all

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The Board of Christian Education of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church completed the election of the following officers and teachers for the current church school year at a meeting following prayer service Wednesday night, November 28: Board of Christian Education officers: Chairman, Miss Eloise Rhode; vice-chairman, W. M. Hudson; secretary, Bob Dempsey. Other church school officers and teachers are: Church School Superintendent, Aldon Richards; Associate Superintendent, Bill McGaha; Superintendent of the Adult Division, W. M. Hudson; Superintendent of Youth Division, Mrs. F. D. Rhode; Superintendent of Children's division, Mrs. R. L. Holloway; Adult Class

sections of the church—all together working for "Peace on earth, good will toward men"—our advance cannot be a lasting one.—Wilma Furbright

Teacher, Quinn Hazel; Adult class officers: president, H. F. Mostley; secretary, Mrs. Mae Goad Jones; and treasurer, Mrs. Rube Hammond; Pathfinder Class (young adults) teacher, Mrs. F. D. Rhode; associate teacher, Milla Blair and their officers are: president, Sam Starkey; vice president, J. E. Neely, and Secretary, Mrs. Wainright Dow; Senior-Older Youth teacher, Miss Eloise Rhode; associate teacher, Calvin Shock; Intermediate teacher, Mrs. John Neff; associate, Mrs. Fineus Blevins; Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Aldon Richards; Intermediate counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Fineus Blevins; Youth Director, Miss Eloise Rhode; Junior teacher, Mrs. R. L. Holloway; associate teacher, Mrs. J. H. Robinette; Primary teacher, Mrs. A. H. Langford; associate teacher, Miss Ethel Henderson; Beginner teachers, Mrs. Calvin Shock and Mrs. James Shelton; associate teacher, Mrs. Sam Starkey; church school and literature secretary, Mrs. Clifford Darling.

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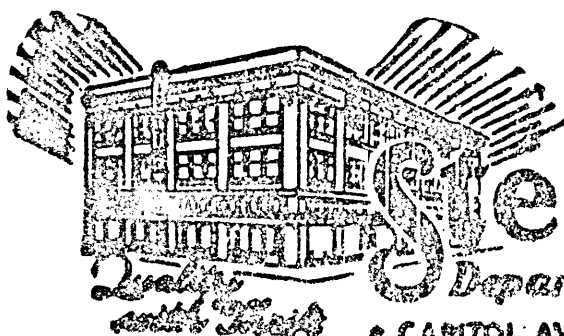
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*Methodist Youth**Fellowship News:***CARAWAY METHODIST  
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

The Caraway M.Y.F. sponsored the second "Family Night Meeting" of the year on December 2. Refreshments were served at 5:45 p. m. Christmas carols were sung and Patsy Beaton, program chairman for the evening, presented Kathleen Harper, Dessie Harper, Barbara Meurer and Hugh Welch who gave brief talks. The scripture was read by Bettina Harper and Clara Ransom led the prayer.

A total of forty people were present.—Preston Haag.

**BEOUF PRAIRIE M. Y. F.**

Twenty members of the Beouf Prairie M.Y.F., Fort Necessity, gathered at the home of Mrs. Florence Brooks for a hayride on Friday, November 23. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mason and their brother, Cecil Mason, furnished the ride. They drove to Winnsboro and by an ice cream parlor for a short stop. It seemed the trip was made on a magic carpet. We came back to Mrs. Brooks' home for refreshments and games.

Even though we could not secure a bus to carry the Fort group to Monroe for the Youth Rally, thirteen members attended. We were furnished cars by Mrs. Lee Wooldridge and Mrs. R. W. Wooldridge. Rev. W. H. Bengston of Winnsboro kindly carried the rest on the bus for Winnsboro.

As we gathered to start the trip the news reached up that the surgery on our leader, Kenneth Mason's eyes was most hopeful. Mrs. Mason is with him at Oxford, Miss.

We attended the service in Gilbert in a group for the Evangelistic Mission, conducted by Rev. Robert McMasters of Widener, Arkansas. This was our regular meeting night. Our pastor, Rev. A. W. Coody, serves both Gilbert and Beouf Prairie.—Doris Williams, Reporter.

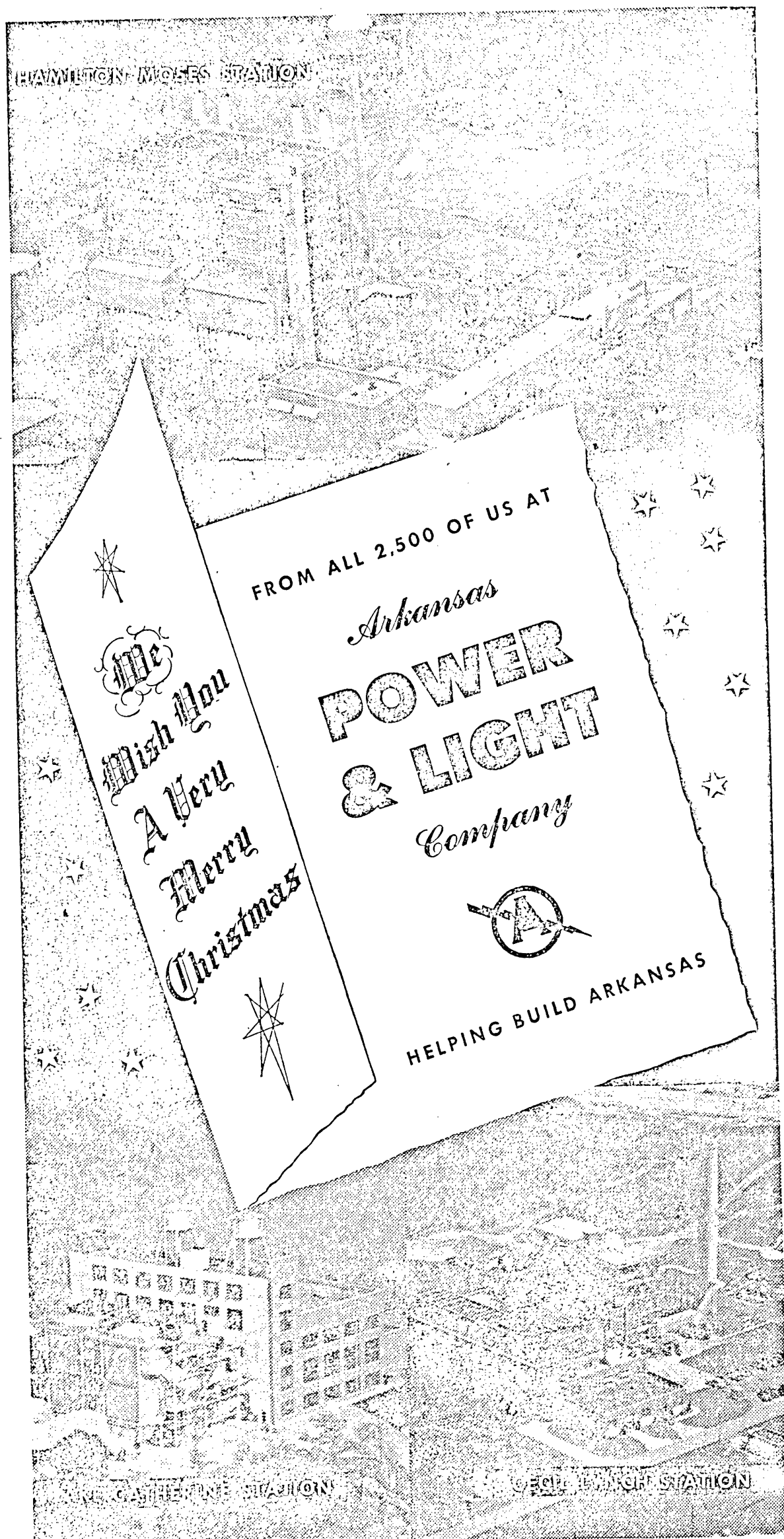
**REPORT TO BATESVILLE  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

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this report are only a small part of the work that has been done. It looks good on paper but when one looks on the field and explores the work that is crying out yet to be done one cannot but blush with shame that so little has been accomplished.

Nor could any one claim it is his work. Far be it from me to claim it as mine. Many who labored when we were yet unborn have entered into our labors. Truly one plants, another waters, and yet another reaps the harvest. Our work, yours and mine, has included it all. At some points we have planted; at others, watered; and at still others we have seen the increases.

Whatever progress has been made is the result of the cooperation of as fine a group of ministers and laymen as can be found in all of God's vineyard working in cooperation with God for the building of the Kingdom in the hearts of men.

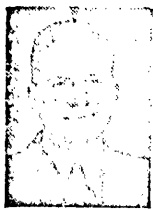
I shall ever be indebted to God



# The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

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## WHAT SHALL WE PROMISE GOD? LESSON FOR DECEMBER 30, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Joshua, chapter 23 and 24. Printed text: Joshua 24:1-8, 14-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." (Joshua 24:15)

### An Error Corrected

In the Sunday school lesson for December 16 an error was made on this page. Under the subhead "A God of Battles" the name Moses was substituted for that of Jesus. The statement reads thus: "Moses thought of God as a Being of perfect love; a heavenly Father." It was Jesus and not Moses who revealed God as a loving heavenly Father. Moses thought of God as a great Judge; a Being of strict justice.

### A Look At The Scripture

The chapters of this lesson (Joshua 23 and 24) deal with the closing period of a great man's life. We are told that Joshua was 110 years old when he died. He was 45 years old when the Israelites were freed from Egyptian bondage. He worked with Moses for a period of 40 years. He was 85 when he took over the leadership of the people and he ruled for 25 years after the death of Moses. He was a matchless leader and a peerless general. He had all the qualities of leadership. He was a man of great righteousness of character. He was strong in his convictions; firm in his determinations; quick in his decisions; gentle in his attitudes; and courageous in his deeds. He had the complete confidence of his people. They both loved and respected him. He was called to fill the place of Moses—one of the greatest men of all time—but he did it so well that he proved that even Moses was not an indispensable man. Moses had been a great statesman. He laid the foundations of a wonderful nation, but when the Israelites were ready to cross the Jordan River they needed a general as their leader and Joshua was the man of the hour.

We recall how Palestine was conquered and divided between the tribes under the leadership of Joshua. All of the inhabitants, however, were not destroyed.

### Temptation On Every Hand

The history of the Israelites is a bit hard to understand, for more than one reason. One is the fact that we naturally infer that the attitudes of their leaders toward God were the same as that of the masses of the people. Such was not the case. The masses of these people, as is the case with all others, lagged far behind their leaders. For example, the rank and file of the Israelites at this period believed in henotheism rather than monotheism. As a matter of fact the entire human race has passed through three distinct attitudes with regards to God. The first is that of polytheism, or the belief in many gods, all of whom were to be worshiped or placated in a general way. The next step was that of henotheism which is also a belief in a plurality of gods. The

chief difference between these two beliefs is the fact that the second, though admitting the existence of other gods, felt that each nation had its own particular god. At this period the Israelites felt that Jehovah was their God and theirs alone. They believed that these other nations had their gods and that these gods were real, though they contended that Jehovah was the greatest of all. The first of the Ten Commandments—"Thou shalt have no other gods before me" meant just what it said to them. We interpret it as meaning that people shall not make money, pleasure, social standing, or fame their god. That is, God must come first in one's life.

Now, in this light let us note the temptation that came upon these people. Prior to crossing the Jordan River, the Israelites had been a nomadic people. They had their flocks and herds and traveled from place to place seeking water and pasture for them. They lived in tents. They worshiped Jehovah in a tent or tabernacle. When they entered Palestine they found people living a settled life; dwelling in houses; farming, etc. Not only so, but they found these people worshiping gods; deities who were supposed to have brought them success down through the years. These were gods of fertility or reproduction in plant, animal, and human life.

The great temptation on the part of the Israelites was to forsake Jehovah and worship these so-called gods. The strength of this temptation came from two sources; first, these Israelites were in a new land, practicing a new way of life, and the people of the land who had been spared led them to believe that they could only find success by practicing this form of religion, if it could be called a religion. Second, this type of religion appealed to their lower nature. Since it had to do with reproduction, sex was magnified and all kinds of immorality were practiced in the name of religion. Many of the people were led off after this false religion.

In addition to the false religion mentioned above, Joshua warned the people against two other religions. One was that practiced by the forebears of Abraham. It will be remembered that Abraham came from Ur of the Chaldees. The King James translation of the Bible has Joshua speaking of Abraham as coming from beyond the flood. The later translations has it "beyond the River" and they are right. The river spoken of here is the Euphrates. That was the original home of Abraham. The religion of the people of that place and time was the planets, especially the moon. Some of these Israelites were

harking back to that religion. Others were practicing the religion of Egypt. The first step in this direction was led by Aaron some 65 years before this time, when he made for them the golden calf.

Now, read again the 24th chapter of Joshua. Picture in your mind an old man standing before a great assembly of people. He had gathered the representatives of the nation at Shechem, a place of historic interest to the Israelites. He realizes that he has come to the end of the way. But he is not thinking of his approaching death. He is rather worrying about what will happen to his people when he has gone. He realizes that many evils are already among them. He reminds them of the great things that Jehovah has done for them. He warns them against the evil of forsaking Jehovah for other gods. Then in the words of the Golden Text he challenge the people to make the greatest choice of their lives—"Choose you this day whom ye will serve." He closes this challenge by taking his own stand on the side of right. He went on to say, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Under the inspiration of what they knew to be the parting message of their great leader, the people made a solemn promise; they vowed that they would ever be true to Jehovah. The seal of this covenant was made by Joshua writing it in the book of the law of God and setting up a great stone as a witness. This covenant was later broken. If the Israelites had only kept their promise to God and to Joshua, a different story could have been told about them today. They broke their promise and lost their heritage.

### At The Parting Of The Way

These Israelites were at the parting of the way. A new land with new opportunities lay before them. They could look back on a journey of 40 years that they had made from Egypt to the Land of Promise. Through thankfulness for the past mercies of God and the achieve-

ments made possible through him, they made their promise or resolution.

There is a sense in which the parting of each year is for us the parting of the way. We look back over the journey of a year. We realize that the blessings and mercies of God have been upon us. Under the inspiration of the season we feel we should do something. We can do one of three things: We can make some resolutions or promises and keep them; we can refuse to make any resolutions at all; or we can make some resolutions and break them. What will we do? Some will refuse to make any promises at all on the ground that they fear they might break them. They will tell us that "Promises are like pie-crust they are easily broken." That may be true. The Israelites broke their promises. But don't you feel a little better toward them for having interest enough to make some promises than if they through cowardice or lack of interest had made none at all? Fear and indifference are the two greatest demons that humanity faces today. Many people lose their opportunities and bury their talents because they haven't backbone enough to do otherwise. The man who never resolves to do better and be better will never build a Christian character. One may resolve and then disappoint himself and others but the very fact he did resolve is within itself a step in the right direction. Let the person who has tried and failed, try again. Let him dust off those unkept resolutions of bygone years and make them again, but this time with more determination than ever to see them through. Let us never forget that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Gospel of another chance. Let all of us use past failures as stepping-stones to higher things.

Then some will make promises and only partly keep them. Maybe they should be commended for that. No one, other than God,

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knows just how hard they tried to be faithful and true, and he gives credit, not so much for accomplishments, but for the efforts put forth.

Others will make promises and faithfully keep them. These, above all, are God's helpers in the building of a better world. They are the salt of the earth; and the light of the world.

## Some Good Promises

What are some of the good promises or resolutions that one might make? There are many of them. One that comes readily to mind is that of unselfishness. All of us the individual, the community, the nation and the world. Many of the problems of this world could be settled overnight if all concerned would only be less selfish. Suppose that we resolve now that during the New Year we are going to think more about the welfare of others and less about ourselves. We will put the interest of others along by the side of our own. We will rejoice at the success of others and weep at their failures just as we do our own, not only so, we will lend a helping hand to make success possible to them.

Another good resolution is that we will practice the stewardship of all of life. We will hold in trust to be used for others our money, our talents, our time, our training, and even health itself. Christ is our chief example in this type of life. We are only Christian to the extent that we crucify self, imbibe his Spirit, and walk in his footsteps.

Still another good resolution is that we will have a feeling of goodwill and love for all mankind including enemies as well as friends and also those of other creeds and colors.

These are merely a few suggestions. Other important matters may come to your mind.

The writer of this page takes this opportunity of wishing you a very happy and successful New Year. He promises now to remember you in his prayers and desires that you keep him in mind when you talk to the Lord.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For January 6, 1951

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FIND CHRIST?

Read the entire lesson from your Bible: John 1:19-51. Printed Text: John 1:35-49.

Golden Text: "We have found the Messiah." (John 1:41)

We are beginning a new unit today. This is Unit I of the new year. There are two class sessions in the unit. The aim is as follows: "To lead men and women to rethink what it means to find Christ in their lives and to discover that it is a continuing process." The general theme of the unit is "Finding Christ."

A Look At The Scriptures  
The Forerunner of Christ

Our lesson today begins with some events which took place in the life of John the Baptist. John was a transition character. He was the last of the Old Testament prophets. Jesus insisted that a greater man had never been born of woman than he. Seven hundred years before the birth of John the Prophet Isaiah

had foretold his coming and also the fact that he would prepare the way for the promised Messiah. In chapter forty and verse three of his prophecy Isaiah has this to say: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

It will be remembered that Christ and John were distant relatives. John was some six months older than the Lord. Both of them began their ministry at about the age of 30. This means that John began some six months before Christ.

## A Nation Stirred

John was a matchless preacher. He did not mince words when it came to the matter of condemning sin. He stirred the whole nation. People came from far and wide to hear him and to receive baptism at his hands.

For many years the Jews had been looking for the Messiah. The prophets had said that he was coming and they believed the prophets. At about this time there was a general feeling that something great was about to take place. John so impressed the people that the news began to get around that he might be the expected Messiah.

The Pharisees—the leading religious group of that day—were especially impressed with John. Our lesson tells how they sent certain individuals to learn from his own lips just who he was. They raised the question about his Messiahship. Without hesitation, he informed them that he was not the Messiah. The Old Testament teaches that the Prophet Elijah had gone to heaven alive, in a chariot of fire. The Jews believed that he would return to the earth as the forerunner of the Messiah. So on this occasion these questioners asked John the Baptist if he were Elijah. He answered "no." (See Malachi 4:5). It will be noted, however, that John was an Elijah-like prophet, and this is what Malachi really meant. There are no two characters recorded in the entire Bible who were more alike than Elijah and John the Baptist.

These questioners then remembered that Moses had spoke of the coming of a great prophet. One who would be like himself. (See Deut. 18:15, 18). They asked John if he were that prophet, and he told them he was not. It will be noted that the coming prophet that Moses spoke of was none other than Christ himself.

These questioners (the priests and Levites) who had been sent by the Pharisees to interview John were surprised to find him baptizing and yet he denied being any of these persons. They remembered that the Prophet Isaiah in speaking of the Messiah had said, "So shall he sprinkle many nations" etc. (see Isaiah 52:15). Ezekiel had also said, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean" etc. (see Ezek. 36:37). Since John was baptizing and also creating such a sensation with his preaching these people naturally believed that he was the promised Messiah.

## Humility and Greatness

It is a well-known fact that all truly great people are humble. John measured up to true greatness at this point. He made no claims whatever for himself. He claimed only to be the voice of one crying in the wilderness. The world could send some more great men like him. We are passing through the wilderness of sin. We are sick as a nation. Corruption in high places is about to get the best of us. We need more

voices like that of John the Baptist who will cry out against the evils of our time.

Not only did John claim to be a voice, he said that he was a crying voice. He was in dead earnest. The blight of indifference is the curse upon our age. We need more people who will quit playing at this job of being religious; individuals who will go all out for God and the right.

John's message was "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." At a Christmas time long ago it was said that Christ was shut out. "There was no room for him in the inn." He has been largely shut out of His world today. Look at the various realms of life: the political, the social, the economic, the educational, and even the religious—there is not too much room for Christ among us today. He longs to fill all of life. He wishes to make his power felt everywhere. He is anxious that His blessings be upon all, but before this can be done a way must be prepared for Him. This is our part. He is counting on us. We must not fail Him.

## John Introduces Christ

We are told that on the next day; that is the day after the above mentioned events, John saw Jesus approaching and said of Him, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." On this particular occasion John goes on to laud Christ very highly. He informs the people that Christ is to baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. God had given John a sign by which he was to recognize Christ. He saw the Holy Spirit descend upon and abide with Him.

Another day rolled round and again Christ came upon the scene. Some of John's disciples were standing by his side. As they watched the approaching Christ John again declared that He was the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world. We are told that two of the disciples followed the Lord. When the Master saw them He raised a searching question with them—"What seek ye?" That is a question that every human needs to raise with himself. All are more or less inclined to seek the lesser things of the world rather than life's greatest good.

We are told that these two abode with the Lord the remainder of the day. It was then four o'clock in the afternoon. Their lives were changed. No one can thus abide with the Lord and be the same again.

## A Great Service

There were three great things that took place in the experience of these two men that we might well remember. They made a great discovery—they found the Lord. It created in their hearts great enthusiasm—immediately they wanted to tell others about Him. At least one of them at that time rendered a great service. We are told that Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus.

There are many important things that people can do for each other in this life. One can be kind to others, thoughtful of others, sacrificial for others—these matters are all important, but the greatest thing that one person can do for another is to bring him to Jesus. There is nothing else like it. The individual thus helped will enjoy this blessing millions of years hence. Those who bring others to Christ and help them to become Christ-like in character are building for eternity.

## Finding Christ

These men had found Christ. They

had attained success in life's greatest quest. They had found the Pearl of great price. Not only had they found Him for themselves, but they well agreed on the part of the brought other to Him. It is pretty scholars that the other disciple in this case was no other than the writer of this Gospel. In his humility he refrains from mentioning his own name. It is also thought that he went after his own brother, James, and brought him to the Lord.

The chapter from which our lesson is taken has been called the "Findeth Chapter." Much personal work is recorded here. Andrew went to find Simon, and no doubt John went to find James. Then we are told that Christ himself found Philip and then Philip found Nathaniel.

The number was growing through personal work. This type of evangelism is not new; in fact it is the oldest type of Christian evangelism. It is the Lord's own method of building His Kingdom. The writer has seen people overjoyed as they worked at this task. Little wonder that such would be true, for as people go out to win others to Christ, as never before, they become conscious of the presence of Christ with them. The Great Commission is "GO" and the promise is "I will be with you to the end." It is only as we go that we can really claim His presence.

When these men found Christ they found satisfaction. Nothing else in all the world can bring satisfaction—money cannot do it; pleasure cannot do it; social standing cannot do it; neither can fame do it. It is to be found only in Christ. Of what value is life anyway if one is unhappy and dissatisfied? People everywhere are seeking satisfaction. If all could be convinced that the world can never give that for which they seek and that it can be found only in Christ there would be a mass turning to Him.

When these men found Christ they found a new center for their lives. All people are either self-centered or Christ-centered. To be Christ-centered means to be other-centered. He stands out as the most unselfish character the world has ever known.

## Two Things To Bear In Mind

First this coming to Christ may be sudden or it may be gradual. A child may be born in a Christian home and so trained in the home and in the church that there is no sudden change in his life. He has made his decision and is living up to it, but it came about in a gradual way. The other is the sudden way. This takes place in the heart of an older sinner. He feels a burden of guilt and when forgiveness comes he experiences great relief.

Second, regardless of whether salvation comes gradually or suddenly this matter of finding Christ is a progressive thing. As time passes on we find him to a greater extent. We learn more about Him, and as we do, we have sweeter fellowship with Him. The Bible teaches a great truth when it insists that we grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us keep ever in mind the fact that we cannot grow in one without growing in the other. To grow in grace, one must also grow in knowledge. To become more like Christ, one must know more about Him. The world's greatest need today is to find Christ and become more and more like Him.