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## This Is Week Of Circulation Campaign

THIS week, December 30th through January 6th, is the week fixed by the three Annual Conferences of Arkansas and Louisiana for the Annual, Area-wide, Circulation Campaign for our church papers, *The Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist*.

Since this is the only period of the year in which our office gives any emphasis to securing new subscriptions or the renewal of subscriptions, it is hardly necessary to say that, not only the usefulness, but even the life of our publications depends on the results obtained during this campaign period. We have no other plans for circulating our papers and have no authorization from the supporting Annual Conferences for making any other plans. For the past ten years, in Arkansas, no other plan has been needed. Each succeeding Campaign has produced a larger subscription list than any previous year.

For this uniform, progressive support in our Circulation Campaigns we are sincerely thankful. We believe the results of the present Campaign in both Arkansas and Louisiana will be equally gratifying.

In view of the United Evangelistic Campaign just ahead of us, which affects the entire ministry in both states of our Episcopal Area, we again urge our pastors and their lay helpers to complete the Campaign as early as possible. However, we hope that a complete canvass of every Methodist home will be made before the Campaign ends in a local charge.

Our readers will possibly notice, this week, that our papers are slightly smaller in length and width than formerly. Heavy increases in publication costs have made some adjustments necessary if we are to maintain the annual subscription price of \$1.50. This size of the paper will also make possible some improvements in press work and general make-up which we believe will make the paper more attractive and readable.

## Needed, Laymen Ready For The Task

AS the period of operation for Unit B of the United Evangelistic Mission of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area draws near (January 18-27) it is well that the laymen in the local churches consider seriously their part in this great undertaking. Indeed, the whole program succeeds or fails according to the measure of contribution which the laymen of the local church make to the program. It can be truly said that the genius of the program as planned is the key place that the layman has in the program.

The purpose of the evangelistic endeavor is of course the seeking of the spiritually

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## Faith For The New Year

"This is my Father's World,  
Oh let me ne'er forget,  
That though the wrong  
Seems oft so strong  
God is the Ruler yet."

THE poet here expresses a faith which should undergird our lives as we live life through the New Year, 1952. It would be folly to attempt to overlook the problems and difficulties that confront us; it would be even more foolish to overlook the Resources at our command with which to meet them.

With the tension, the uncertainty and the fears that have gripped so many of



earth's people through the year just closing, humanity has come to have a new appreciation of the words of the Master when He said, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Let us live life at its best in the day we have without needless worries for the past or crippling fears for the future.

Some one has said, "There are two things we should not worry about: The things we cannot help and the things we can help." That statement about covers the field of worry and perhaps we should carry that thought with us through the New Year. Why worry about something we cannot help? Why waste precious time worrying about something we can do something about?

In our present national and international situation there is but one source to which we can turn for an abiding sense of real security. We must trust in the overshadowing providential care and purpose of God, and in His personal leadership in our lives. We should remember a statement that has come down to us from the Middle Ages, "Man proposes but God disposes." Our modern poet, Maltie Babcock, said it a little differently when he wrote "God is the Ruler yet." In the past no great government has continued to exist that openly, rejected the fact of God. It is our belief that it will ever be so.

## Conditional Grant To Hendrix Announced

IT was announced last week by President Matt L. Ellis of Hendrix College that the General Education Board of New York, a Rockefeller philanthropic agency, had made a conditional gift of \$300,000 to Hendrix to increase endowment funds and to increase faculty salaries.

These grants are conditioned on each dollar being matched with a dollar raised by the college. A \$10,000 unit of the grant for faculty aid, \$50,000, can be claimed each time a matching \$10,000 is obtained. A \$50,000 unit of the endowment grant, \$250,000, can be claimed each time a matching \$50,000 is obtained. This program will then yield \$100,000 for salary purposes and \$500,000 to add to existing endowment.

According to Dr. Ellis, Committees of the college Board of Trustees will meet soon to establish the plan for raising matching funds. We do not know what plans will be formulated for obtaining these matching funds but we are confident that Arkansas will respond in a marvelous way to match these conditional grants which the General Education Board has so generously made. These grants are made to Hendrix because of the exceptionally high standard which this school has maintained across the years and because of its need for the funds. Arkansas Methodism simply cannot afford to let this gift slip through its hands.

## Was Christ In Christmas?

WE hear often repeated the plea to "Keep Christ in Christmas." As we think of the Christmas season just past, we are conscious that there were many activities promoted in the name of Christmas which were in no sense in harmony with the spirit, the purpose and the meaning of Christmas.

Nevertheless, it is our feeling that there is a growing tendency in our nation to recognize Christmas for what it is—a time to remember the birth of Christ the Saviour of the world. More of our Christmas greeting cards carry distinctive religious sentiments than in former years. In homes, in places of business and even in places of government scenes of Christ's nativity become more numerous as the years pass.

Public press, radio and television are giving added emphasis to the fact that Christmas is a holy day of religious significance. We are yet far from an ideal observance of Christmas but we should be thankful that we are moving in that direction.

Whether it be Christmas, whether it be Easter, Mothers' Day or whatever the special occasions when the mind of so many is turned toward the Church, we should make every

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## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**T**HE FILM, "The Mecos Story", is again available for booking and may be secured from Rev. J. E. Dunlap, Mena, or from Rev. Martin Bierbaum, Ft. Smith.

**R**EV. DONALD RISINGER, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Amite was elected president of the Tangipahoa Parish Ministerial Association at its meeting in Hammond on Monday, December 10.

**R**EV. AND MRS. CHARLES McDONALD of Holly Grove announce the birth of a son, Ronald Paul, on December 14. Brother McDonald is the Methodist pastor at Holly Grove.

**Q**UOTA sheets for the Ft. Smith District showed Clarksville had 70 subscriptions last year. This was incorrect. Clarksville had 112 subscriptions which was 24 above its quota.

**R**EV. JOHN BAYLISS, pastor at Pocatong, is teaching a training course at the Methodist Church in Imboden. The course on Stewardship started on January 2 and will run through January 4.

**T**HE advent cantata, "Rejoice Beloved Christians" by Dietrich Buxtehude, was presented by the choir of the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, on Sunday evening, December 16. Dr. E. C. Rule is pastor.

**S**AMUEL HARWOOD, age 90, passed away on December 26, at his home in Brookfield, Missouri. Mr. Harwood was the brother of Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, wife of Dr. Reynolds, former president of Hendrix College.

**F**ORTY people attended the luncheon for Methodist ministers and their wives of the Batesville District in the home of Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Wilford on Friday, December 14. A Christmas party followed in the afternoon.

**R**EV. CHARLES W. RICHARDS, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church in Little Rock, addressed a Sub-District meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Conway District at its December meeting at the First Methodist Church in North Little Rock.

**R**EV. T. T. McNEAL, director of the Methodist Children's Home of Little Rock, was the guest speaker at the morning service on December 16, at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., is pastor.

**M**R. AND MRS. C. B. NELSON of Warren have given to the First Methodist Church a "Time-o-Stat" which governs the memorial window in the rear of the church. The light goes on about 6:30 each evening and lights the picture, "Jesus in the Garden", until about 9:30.

**R**EV. JOEL COOPER, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Conway, was the speaker at the meeting of the Central Parent-Teacher Association on Tuesday, December 18. Brother Cooper, who was introduced by the president, Mrs. Maurice Webb, spoke on "Our Schools and Our Faith."

**T**HE SENIOR AND JUNIOR CHOIRS of the First Methodist Church of Benton

gave a program of Christmas music in a candlelight service Sunday evening, December 23, at the church. Henry Finkbeiner is director of the Senior choir and Mrs. Mary Gilbert is organist. Mrs. J. S. Goodman is director of the Junior choir.

**T**HE METHODIST CHURCH at Altus was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning, December 15. The fire was supposed to have started from one of the three gas stoves being used to heat the building so that Christmas decorations could be put into place. Plans are being made to rebuild. Rev. R. B. Sparks is pastor.

**A**T the evening service on Sunday, December 30, the young people of St. Paul Methodist Church had charge of the service which was a Student Recognition service. Eugene Efird, ministerial student at Hendrix College, spoke on "Christian Humility". Fred Rogers, Jr., also a Hendrix student, was in charge of the service. Rev. Charles W. Richards is the pastor at St. Paul which was formerly Forest Park Methodist Church.

**R**EV. JAMES ROBERT SCOTT, pastor of the Bearden Methodist Church, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Smackover Men's Fellowship of the Smackover Methodist Church on Thursday, December 13. Brother Scott has recently returned from a co-pastorship of a church at Ashton-U-Lyne near Manchester, England. He has spoken to a number of clubs and church groups since his return.

**B**ISHOP CHARLES C. SELECMAN was the speaker on Wednesday, December 12, at the December meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church of El Dorado. Bishop Seleckman, whose Christmas message was on "The Crystal Church" was introduced by R. Burney Wilson. E. R. Vansickle, president of the club, presided.

**T**HE two choirs of The Methodist Church of Berryville presented the cantata, "Child Jesus" by Joseph W. Clokey and Hazel J. Kirk on Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 5 p. m. The Senior choir is under the direction of Mrs. M. E. Friberg and the Junior choir is under the direction of Mrs. Friberg and Mrs. Neff Hammons. Mrs. H. A. Schoepel is organist. Both choirs have new robes which they wore at the service.

**T**HE twenty-first annual candlelight musical of the Fine Arts Club of Stuttgart was attended by more than 300 people at the First Methodist Church, Stuttgart, on Sunday afternoon, December 16. Rev. Mark Vaught, pastor of First Church, gave the invocation. A Christmas program of organ, piano, violin and voice ensemble followed.

**M**EMBERS of the First Methodist Church, Conway, Intermediate Department, came to Little Rock on Tuesday evening, December 25, for a Christmas party with the children at the Methodist Children's Home. Each child was presented with a gift and the Department gave a brief program. B. A. Hodges, superintendent of the Department, presented a check for \$725 to Rev. T. T. McNeal, director of the home, as a Christmas gift from the church to the home.

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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### A MECHANIC CLINGS TO NINETY YEARS OF LIFE

(The following is a quotation from a recent Oklahoma City newspaper, which I think will be of interest to Arkansas readers, as well as Oklahomans.)

If you can picture a man, three days past his ninetieth birthday, crawling under a bed to look for the hammer of a rifle, three hundred years old, you've got a pretty good idea of Lemuel Copping. He backed out from under the bed, dusted his knees and announced, "I've found it, bless the Lord." That gun is a vintage Stephen Benet called "long, lean squirrel rifles." Said he, "My father cut thirteen inches off the barrel. They thought they had to make the barrel long enough to reach up were the squirrel was sittin'."

Lemuel Copping lives in a garage apartment back of the fine, big stucco home he built at 1315 NW 20th St., Oklahoma City, some forty years ago. His wife has been dead nine years. Copping still owns the big home. "I read without glasses", he says, "and drive my car wherever I want to go. And my mind's clear. I'm committing that to memory and I've just about got it." He points to a copy of Walter Malone's poem, "Opportunity". Fittingly it begins, "They do me wrong who say I come no more—when once I knock and fail to find you in." Copping tells how the ancient rifle was last used in 1875. "My father killed a 22½ pound turkey with it. I took typhoid fever the same day and didn't get to eat any of it."

Born in Illinois, Copping rode into Oklahoma from Kansas in the Cherokee Strip run of 1893. He claimed and operated a farm for five years and then came to Oklahoma City where he built houses to make a living. For pleasure he was just as busy building

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## 2600 New Orleans Methodists Meet In Municipal Auditorium

**M**ETHODISTS of the 35 congregations of the New Orleans District gathered 2600 strong in the New Orleans Municipal Auditorium, Sunday afternoon, December 9, for the Victory Mass Meeting that climaxed the United Evangelistic Mission, Unit A, of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, in the New Orleans District. Similar mass meetings were held in the other ten participating districts of Unit A.

Dr. Umphrey Lee, president of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, was the principal speaker at the New Orleans rally. Dr. Lee in his message stressed the individual's need of the organized church, saying "the individual needs the force of a local church behind him; he cannot stand alone with a free-lance religion."

A great choir composed of the choirs of the First Methodist Church, Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, Carrollton Avenue, Methodist Church, Munholland Memorial, Methodist Church, Canal Street Methodist Church, Gentilly Methodist Church and St. Marks Methodist Church and directed by Mrs. Robert W. French, with Mrs. Eugie Passera as accompanist, furnished special music for the occasion. Rev. A. Rickey, Carrollton Avenue pastor, was the congregational song leader.

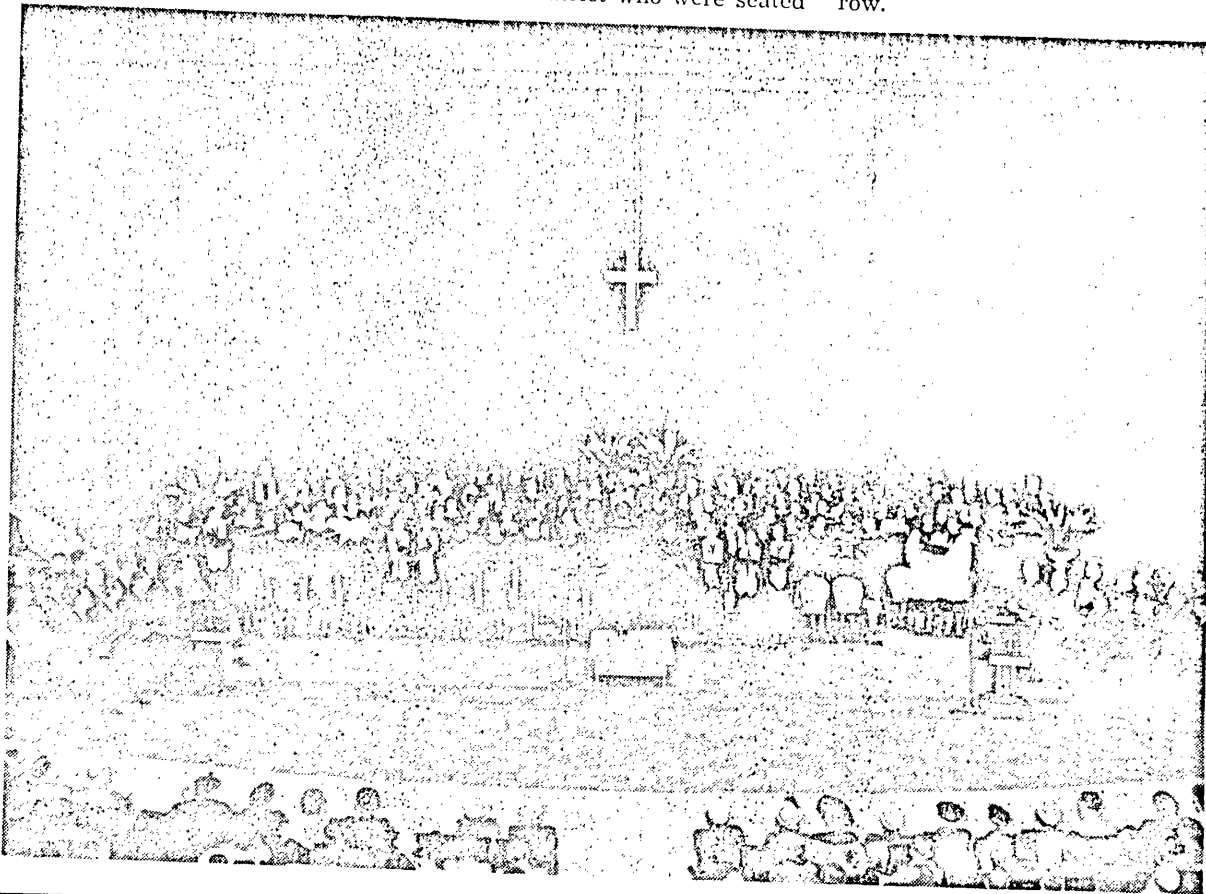
Rev. Clark W. Bell, and Rev.

J. W. Matthews, Jr., New Orleans pastors assisted Dr. H. L. Johns, New Orleans District Superintendent, in conducting the service. Dr. B. C. Taylor, another New Orleans pastor, introduced Dr. Lee to the congregation. There

was a total of 1029 commitments in the New Orleans district U. E. M.

The accompanying picture shows the great choir together with the ministers of the New Orleans District who were seated

on the platform during the service. Dr. Lee can be seen seated on the right at the far end of the first row. Dr. Johns who presided at the rally is seated in the picture in the first chair of the same row.



### NEEDED, LAYMEN READY FOR THE TASK

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lost and the strengthening of the spiritual experiences of those within the church. Persons without Christ are confronted with Christ and must needs accept, postpone or reject this Way for their lives. All of the hours of preparation on a Unit, District or local church level has been done so that the work during the period of operation in the local church may be done in the most efficient and helpful way. All of this preparatory work has been done pointing to the actual time when laymen, two by two, will be the channels through which the Holy Spirit may work to confront persons without Christ with Christ.

All of this means of course that the laymen who are to do this work must be worthy of such a high calling, yet humble in spirit desiring only to do his best as the Spirit leads him. This does not mean that each person will feel worthy of such assignments to duty. A sense of unworthiness may itself be a real qualification for the task. This also means that laymen should prepare themselves spiritually for the task, knowing that in one's own strength there is insufficiency but in His strength the impossible can be accomplished. There are other tasks attendant to this program in which lay men and women are needed just as much as visitors. When you have been asked to assume responsibility you may know that in performing any task your contribution is just as real

and far reaching as that of the evangelistic visitor. The need for preparation is just as real.

No greater experience awaits any laymen than serving as an ambassador for Christ and inviting others who need Him to go with him to Him.

### WAS CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS?

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effort to help them to look past the Church to the Christ who founded the Christian Church and guarantees its survival.

The "Way of Life" Christ holds but to the world through the church is a "must" today if the world is to avoid another war too terrible to describe or even conceive. World leaders are recognizing this fact in ever-increasing numbers.

### A MECHANIC CLINGS TO NINETY YEARS OF LIFE

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boys and girls into Christian men and women.

His proudest achievement was that day about twenty-eight years ago when he went to the city lumbermen and they gave him enough money to build a mission on South Harvey, Oklahoma City. The mission was built under the sponsorship of St. Luke's Methodist Church, with Forney Hutchinson a moving force in it. For twenty-seven years Coppage was president of the board for the mission.

On his seventieth birthday he picked out

fourteen babies born in Oklahoma City and sent them each \$1.00. One of these was Patricia Tucker, daughter of Fred Tucker, a prominent member of St. Luke's Church, and granddaughter of J. M. Tucker. The elder Tucker was also a builder for whom Coppage worked.

His ninetieth birthday was Sept. 28th. The Tuckers had him out to dinner at their home, where Patricia played and he sang. Lem Coppage kept his birthday cake in the refrigerator until his son, Willard, Fort Worth, was able to visit him and share the cake.—Charles Etheridge

### NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

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**D**R. AND MRS. JACK D. BALLARD, missionaries in Pakistan, are in the United States on a short emergency furlough because of Mrs. Ballard's illness. They, with their five children are in Seattle, Wash. They have had many opportunities to tell of their work in Pakistan before church and civic groups. They are supported as missionaries by the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith.

**F**IVE downtown churches of Ft. Smith united in a New Year's Eve communion service at 11 p. m. They are: First Christian, Dr. Wallace Bacon; First Methodist, Dr. Fred G. Roebuck; First Presbyterian, Dr. Hickman; Grand Avenue Methodist, Rev. C. B. Wyatt and Central Presbyterian, Dr. Cathy. The service was held at the Central Presbyterian Church.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### NEW YEAR'S DAY IN THE WOODS

"Do I look nice?" asked the Rabbit, addressing his friend the Chipmunk.

"Very nice," said the Chipmunk, "that is for a person who has no tail to speak of. But, of course, you can't help that."

The Rabbit looked into the looking-glass pond and saw his little white bob of a tail. "Don't you want to lend me yours just this once?" he asked. "I would take great care of it."

"No, I cannot do that," said the Chipmunk, "but I can lend you the tail of my late uncle. It is such a fine one that we have kept it to brush out the nest with."

"The very thing!" said the Rabbit.

So the Chipmunk brought the tail of his late uncle and tied it on the Rabbit's stub.

"How does that look?" asked the Rabbit.

"Fine," said the Chipmunk. "Now tell me how I look."

"Well enough," said the Rabbit. "Of course you would look better if you had long ears."

"Dear me!" said the Chipmunk, and he too looked into the looking-glass pond. "Haven't you a spare pair that you could lend me?"

"Why, yes," said the Rabbit. "There's a pair that belonged to my grandfather hanging on the wall at home. I will get those."

So the Rabbit got the ears and tied them on to the Chipmunk's head.

"How do I look now?" asked the Chipmunk.

"Splendid," said the Rabbit. "Now let us go and make our New Year's calls. Where shall we go first?"

"I wish to call on Miss Woodchuck," said the Chipmunk.

"So do I," said the Rabbit. "We will go there first." And off they went.

They came to Miss Woodchuck's door and knocked and she opened the door, "Mercy!" she cried. "Who are you, and what do you want?"

"We are Mr. Rabbit and Mr. Chipmunk," said the two friends, "and we have come to make you a New Year's call."

"More likely you have come to steal the nuts!" said the lady angrily. "I know Mr. Rabbit and Mr. Chipmunk well, and neither of you is either of them. Who ever heard of a long-tailed rabbit or a long-eared squirrel? Get



## A WISH FOR YOU

*A brand New Year has just begun  
With bells and shouts and lots of fun.*

*The old year left with steps so slow,  
It made us sad to see him go.*

*But to this New Year we extend  
A welcome warm as a new friend.*

*And to our friends, both large and small  
We say "Happy New Year" to all.—A.E.W.*

along with you! You are frights and probably thieves as well." And she shut the door in their faces.

The two friends walked a little way in silence; then they stopped and looked at each other.

"You said I looked fine," said the Rabbit.

"—I meant the tail," said the Chipmunk. "It is a fine tail. But you said I looked splendid."

"I was thinking of the ears," said the Rabbit. "They're splendid ears."

They walked on until they came once more to the looking-glass pond. They looked at themselves; then they looked at each other; then all in a minute off came the long ears and tail.

"There!" cried the Chipmunk. "Now we look as we were meant to look, and I am bound to say, Rabbit, that it is much more becoming to you."

"So it is to you," replied the Rabbit. "Now shall we call on Miss Woodchuck again?"

"Come on," said the Chipmunk.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### FEEDING THE BIRDS

*"Oh, goody," cried a little bird  
Who found some grains of wheat,  
"On such a day I didn't think  
I'd find a thing to eat!"*

*"For snow lies deep upon the ground  
And limbs are glazed with ice.  
To find a meal spread out for me  
Is wonderfully nice."*

*Now other birds flew down and soon  
They'd eaten everything.  
Then up into the tree they went  
Where each began to sing.*

*And Bob and Betty, watching them  
Beside the window, heard  
And were so glad they'd spread  
the wheat  
For every hungry bird.*

—Mrs. Myrtle G. Burger, in  
Our Dumb Animals

### REST

*God made the dark, so daytime  
Could close its tired eyes  
And sleep while in comfort  
Beneath the starry skies.*

*The daytime, just like children  
Needs rest from work and play,  
So it can give us children  
Another happy day.*

*God made the dark for children  
And birdies in their nests,  
All in the dark He watches  
And guards us while we rest.*

—Author Unknown

it, found it in good order, and suggested she have her home wiring checked.

"Oh," she replied, "I don't have electricity. I take the iron across the street to my sister's home, plug it in until it gets hot, then take it home. But it doesn't seem to hold the heat long enough for me to do much ironing."—Nashua Cavalier, Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Co.

A little 7-year-old girl, just before Christmas last year, announced to her mother: "I saw some frilly looking packages in the closet and now I'm auspicious!"—Milwaukee Journal

"Bobby," asked the teacher, "in what battle did Gen. Wolfe say, 'I die happy,' when he heard that the enemy was running?"

Happily, and with logic, Bobby replied, "His last one."—Western Recorder

## JUST FOR FUN

Tommy went off to a boarding school. Three days later his father received this letter from him: "Dear Dad, Life is short. Let us spend it together. Your loving Tommy."—Dixon's Paper Circular, L. S. Dixon Ltd., Liverpool

A woman returned her new electric iron to the store, complaining that "it doesn't heat properly."

The service department tested

So they went to Miss Woodchuck's door and knocked once more at the door, and Miss Woodchuck opened it.

"Oh!" she cried, "Mr. Chipmunk and Mr. Rabbit, how do you do? I am glad to see you. A happy New Year to you both!"

"The same to you ma'am," said the Rabbit and the Chipmunk.—John Strong, in Evangelical-Messenger



## Current News In The Religious World - - Religious News Service

### Church Drive Keeps Florida Area Dry

The Tallahassee, Fla., area will remain dry as the result of an all-out campaign by church forces. Voters decided at a special election in favor of keeping a 47-year-old law which makes the sale of liquor in Leon County illegal. Only one out of 12 precincts voted against it. Dr. Harold G. Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church and chairman of the Leon Dry Crusade, called the result "a conclusive vote against the status quo." The "status quo" referred to the existence, openly acknowledged on every side, of widespread bootlegging in defiance of the law. At a post-election meeting, crusade leaders formed a Better Citizens League whose first objective will be to see that the law is enforced.

### Church Construction Application Being Heavily Rejected

The National Production Authority has turned down 301 out of 374 applications for construction permits by churches and religious agencies for the first quarter of 1952. With a few applications still being processed, a breakdown made public by the NPA revealed that 66 church-sponsored construction projects have been approved and given an allocation of scarce building materials, while seven additional projects have received limited approval. Those turned down can appeal to the Construction Appeals Review Board of NPA, and can also reapply for consideration in subsequent quarters of 1952. The rate of rejection, now running four out of five projects, however, compared with the two-thirds rejection rate for the last quarter of 1951, emphasizes that while the defense program remains in full swing civilian construction will be sharply curtailed.

### Soviet Zone Said To Increase Grant For Church Reconstruction

Financial support by the Soviet Zone government for church reconstruction in the (East) German Democratic Republic has increased during the past several years, according to a report published in Die Kirche, official organ of the Evangelical Church in Berlin and Brandenburg. The report said that 1.2 million East Marks (about \$7,000) will be earmarked for church reconstruction in the 1952 government budget, while the amount spent for this purpose in the fiscal year 1950 was 300,000 East Marks (about \$17,000) and 800,000 East Marks (about \$50,000) during 1951. In what is now the Soviet Zone, 3,000 out of 8,200 Evangelical churches were destroyed or damaged during the war. Of the five

East German states, Brandenburg suffered the severest damage with only 30 per cent of its churches remaining intact.

### Religious Groups Promised Steel Allocations

Washington, D. C.—Failure of the National Production Authority to allocate steel for new church construction projects was due to an "oversight" and will be corrected soon, a high official of that agency promised. Most of the 73 church construction projects approved for the first quarter of 1952 (out of 374 applications) were for projects which qualified under "hardship" provisions of the law by virtue of having been under construction already at the time stringent controls were imposed. Lewis Allen Weiss, assistant administrator of NPA's Civilian Requirements Division, admitted in an address to religious leaders here that NPA officials had neglected to give adequate consideration to churches when setting up allocation of civilian building materials, but he said a new program is being set up that will remedy the situation.

### Dutch Church Message Asks End of Armaments Race

The Hague—A Christmas message expressing "great fear and anxiety" over "mighty rearmament and menacing war preparations" was read from all pulpits of the Netherlands Reformed Church. The message was issued by the Church Synod. "We pray ardently," it said, "that the nations will seek an understanding with each other, that the armaments race will cease, and that peace will come to the world. . . The heavy burden of armament weighs on our nation and on the world as a judgment. The Church warns urgently not to make an idol of this great armament. Armament cannot save the world. Rather, we must all personally meditate upon the Word of Jesus, 'Whosoever takes up the sword shall perish by the sword.'"

### Says Truman Agrees More Religious Liberty Needed In Spain

A Baptist evangelist said in Washington after a meeting with President Truman that the President agreed with him that more religious liberty is needed in Spain. The Rev. Paul E. Freed of Greensboro, N. C., who has done Protestant evangelistic work in Spain, said that he gave Mr. Truman a report on religious liberty in that country and that the President was "very much interested." "He completely agrees with us that to try to gain a certain degree of religious freedom in Spain is of the utmost importance in our relations with Spain," the evangelist said.

## BISHOP LACY DIES IN CHINA

New York—Methodist Bishop G. Carleton Lacy died of a heart attack in Union Hospital, Foochow, Fukien Province, China, on Dec. 11, according to word received here by the Methodist Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Bishop Lacy, who was 63, was born in Foochow of missionary parents. He had been ill for some months but had been denied an "exit permit" from China to America by the Communist government although he had applied for one in August 1950.

Dr. Lacy was educated in Ohio Wesleyan University, Garrett Biblical Institute, Columbia University, and Northwestern University. He served as a pastor in Illinois, Detroit, and Wisconsin for three years, and then returned to China as a Methodist missionary.

In 1921, he was named China secretary of the American Bible Society and for twenty years had direction of translation and distribution of the Scriptures in many Chinese dialects from the Society's offices in Shanghai. In April, 1941, he was elected a



BISHOP CARLETON LACEY

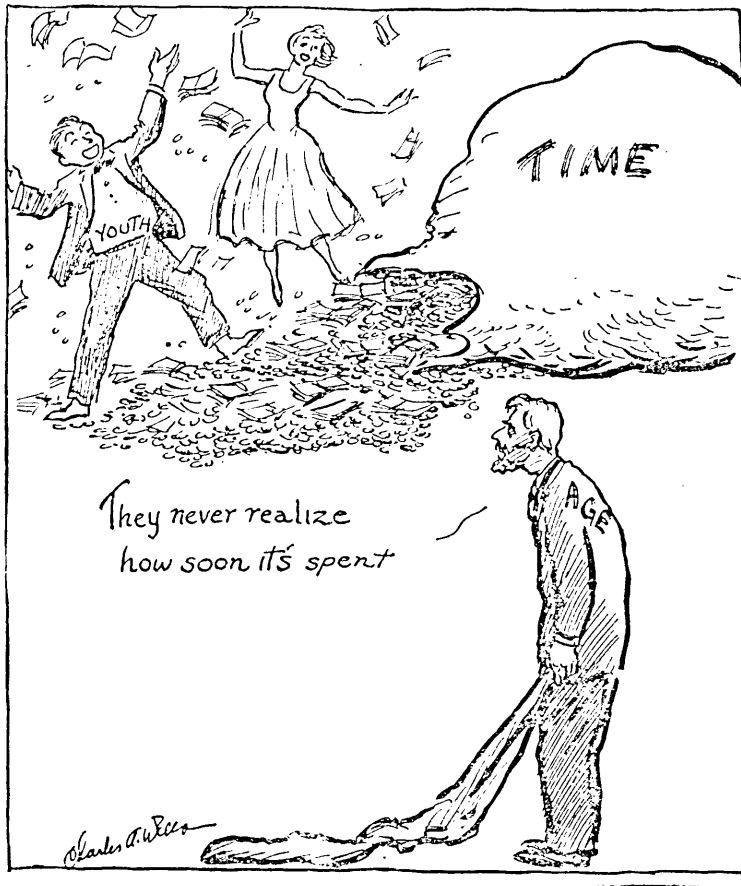
bishop by the Church in China.

He was the author of "The Great Migration and the Church in West China," and "The Great Migration and the Church Behind the Lines," and "The Book of Revelations and the Message of the Old Testament Prophets" in Chinese.

## THE GREAT TREASURE

By Charles A. Wells

Time is man's dearest possession. How we squander it while we are young; how we cherish it when our store is depleted! The value of religion in the years of youth is in providing a sense of responsibility for the treasures of time. We do not become drones because we have faith; on the contrary—when we have done our work well, carried our share of the burden faithfully—we then find in play a pleasure and exhilaration which no wastrel ever knows. When we have invested our years in Christian living, we do not find that time has become an empty sack but, rather, a rich treasure of a new sort.



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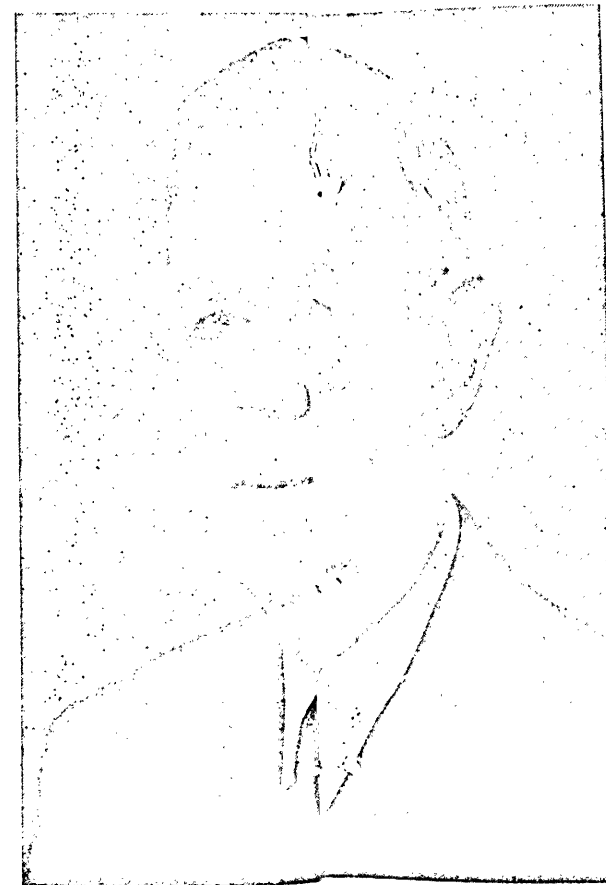
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BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN

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The entire program of our Church will be advanced by a successful campaign for our papers, THE ARKANSAS METHODIST and THE METHODIST, during the week of December 30th to January 6th. In that these papers, as they present the work of the Church in such manner, exert upon the readers a tremendous influence for good.

In view of the fact that the Bishop of our United Evangelical begins January 18th it is most important that the subscription campaign be completed in the week given it by the three Annual Conferences. I therefore urge our preachers and people to give zealous attention to the securing of subscriptions during the week of December 30th to January 6th.

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*Paul E. Martin*

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PAPERS . . . DEC. 30th THROUGH JAN. 6th

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## CHRISTMAS AT MAGAZINE CHURCH

Our church in the little village of Magazine is, we think, one of the best little church communities in the whole Southwest, not only for its generosity for those in need but for its fine spirit of brotherly love. This was shown in the Christmas program which has just passed. A very inspiring program, "The Birth of Christ" was given at the church. The program was sponsored by Mrs. A. E. Wright and Mrs. Alta Swint and the choir was directed by A. D. Hibbs. Santa Claus was assisted by Mrs. Martha Jones and her Sunday School class. There were approximately 200 people present and each one received a gift.

After the program our pastor, Rev. J. R. Welch, was given many nice gifts and a pounding of many good things. He thanks the members of both Magazine and Waveland Churches for their generosity.

We hope that all the churches in our District also had a fine Christmas with the birth of our Savior as the central theme.—Robert L. Cummings.

## ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Arkadelphia District Conference met at the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, on Wednesday, December 12, with Rev. J. M. Hamilton, district superintendent, presiding. The devotional meditation was conducted by Rev. Horace Grogan, pastor at Dalark. Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf was elected secretary.

Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, Dr. E. C. Rule, Rev. Van W. Harrell, Rev. John B. Hefley and Rev. J. M. Hamilton spoke on the importance of following the program for the Evangelistic Missions. Rev. R. O. Beck spoke on the Retired Ministers' Endowment.

Conference and connectional interests were emphasized by the following: The Arkansas Methodist, Rev. Ewing T. Wayland; Christian Education, Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Rev. John B. Hefley, Mrs. E. E. Fohrell, children and Rev. H. R. Holland, youth; Lay Activities, Hershel Reed, District Lay Leader; The District W.S.C.S., Mrs. W. G. Harrington, District President, and Mrs. James Schults.

Rev. John B. Hefley, host pastor, brought the message at the morning hour on "The Voice of Authority". Miss Ola Mae Lemon, Henderson College student, sang, "My Peace I Give Unto You."

Alvin Stone, district treasurer, made the Trustees' report. Dr.

E. C. Rule, chairman, made the report of the Committee on License and Qualifications of Local Preachers. The following recommendations were voted unanimously:

1. For Admission on Trial: Hollis Simpson and Horace Grogan.

2. For Local Deacon's Orders: Horace Grogan, Hollis Simpson, Forney Harvey and William H. Watson.

3. License to Preach: Gerald Kenneth Hilton and Clarence Eugene Sharp.

Rev. T. T. McNeal, director, represented the Methodist Children's Home and Dr. Matt L. Ellis represented Hendrix College. Miss Margaret Marshall, district worker, was presented and of-

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## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Little Rock District Conference Met November 20th at Highland Church, Little Rock, with Dr. Francis A. Buddin, district superintendent, presiding. Rev. Richard T. Perry, pastor at Mabelville, led the devotional service.

Rev. Clyde T. Parsons, pastor 28th Street Church, was elected secretary and Rev. D. Mouzon Mann, pastor Oak Forest Church, assistant secretary.

Rev. W. L. Arnold, host pastor, and Frank Mackey, chairman of the Board of Stewards, gave words of welcome.

The following causes were presented: The Methodist Children's

Home, Rev. T. T. McNeal; The Arkansas Methodist, Dr. E. T. Wayland; Evangelism, Rev. Fred L. Arnold, Rev. Cecil R. Culver and Rev. LeRoy Walker of the General Board; The Little Rock Methodist Council by Mrs. J. Russel Henderson, Miss Grace Thatcher and Rev. Mike Willis; Missions by Rev. Doyle T. Rowe and - Rev. Arthur Terry; Woman's Work by Mrs. E. B. Matkin, District President; Hendrix College by Dr. Matt L. Ellis, President of Hendrix College.

Bishop Paul E. Martin, Presiding Bishop of Arkansas-Louisiana Area, brought a very timely and inspiring message at 11:30.

A lovely meal was served by the Women of Highland Church. (Continued on page 13)

## LAKE VILLAGE HAS OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE



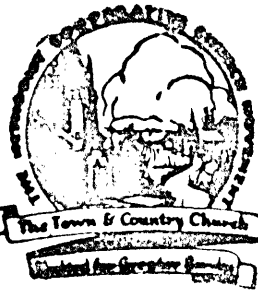
Believing that Christ is the center of Christmas, the Lakeside Methodist Church, Lake Village presented to the people of Lake Village a symbolic reminder of the scene representing the birthplace of Jesus. Across the front of the wing of the church was built a shed, replica of a stable. Within the stable, grouped around the manger-bed of the new born babe were the figures of Mary, the mother; a wise man

from the East; the shepherd from a near-by-field; and the kneeling form of Joseph. The silent figures stood as testifying sentinels of the age old message of Christmas-time. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Each evening for several hours, lights were focused on the scene, that as the Star of the East shone long years ago, so too might the light and sight of

this scene be a guide to those who come and go.

Mrs. D. B. Longmire, aided in the draping of the figures, Dwight Leatherman furnished lumber for the building of the stable-shed, Louis Sessions aided in the building and wiring the shed, and John Fish provided the tarpaulin. Rev. Fred W. Schwendimann is the Lake Village pastor.





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

The Methodist Church

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Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas  
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Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, ON BRANCH CHARGE

On Sunday, December 9, I was privileged to be back on Branch Charge with the Thompsons and their good people. At 10:00 a. m. we held services at Lowe's Creek. It was a delightful occasion in many respects. The people were cordial. A sense of progress was in the air. The building has been remodeled inside. New lights, Butane gas, attractive interior, all made for a better place of worship. Soon the exterior will have a rock veneer finish. This will make for a more beautiful and inspiring place of worship. These fine people with the help of the Board of Missions and Church Extension as approved by Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, the district superintendent, and their pastor Brother and Mrs. Thompson, are looking forward to greater days in the work of the Kingdom of God. At eleven o'clock we went to Cecil for worship which was centered around the communion service. An attentive and appreciative congregation was present. At the evening hour we were in services at Branch where again the communion service was observed, with a fine response from all present. This was a day of rich experience and good fellowship.

On Sunday morning, December 16, I journeyed to Cherry Valley to be with Brother John Richardson and his good people. This church continues to grow in a wonderful way. A Sunday School attendance of 102 as over against around an average of 30 a few months ago gives one a feeling of joy. A new church building, Butane gas, good lights, all are

conducive to a happy situation. On January 20 Bishop Martin will dedicate the church, assisted by Rev. Ethan Dodgen, the district superintendent, and the pastor, Brother Richardson. This will be the climax of a great effort and hope on the part of a fine congregation.

On Sunday night I drove to Quitman to supply for Brother Stanley Reed who was ill. A splendid group of people was present. They are moving forward on this charge. The parsonage is being modernized and made more livable. The church is installing Butane gas and soon will be in better condition to meet the needs of the people.

#### Van Buren County

On Saturday afternoon, December 15, the writer was privileged to meet with the pastors of Van Buren County at Clinton. Present were Verlia Harris, pastor at Clinton, Calvin Roetzel, Jim Gatlin, and Travis Williams, student pastors serving in the county, and Lester Hutchins, president of the Van Buren County Methodist Laymen. Plans were discussed for more worship services conducted by the laymen. A splendid interest is being shown by many laymen in this program. The pastors are consecrated to their tasks of serving the fine people in this great county.

The total church program in the many rural churches must grow in power and reach. Ours is a great task. The challenge is mighty. It is good to see the many advances being made. — J. Albert Gatlin

#### FOREST PARK CHURCH IS RENAMED "THE ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH"

At a recent special session of the Quarterly Conference at Forest Park the church was renamed the St. Paul Methodist Church.

The congregation of the old Forest Park Church will merge with the group now being enlisted for church membership in the Kingwood, Cammack Village, Westover Hills, and Queen Manor additions of Little Rock. Over seventy-five persons have been added to the membership of the church this conference year. Thirty persons were won in a

week of visitation evangelism in October. A "Fishermen's Club" has been organized for continued visitation evangelism. Church attendance has increased so that facilities at the Forest Park Church are inadequate. The congregation is now meeting for their morning worship at the Heights Theatre.

The church building and lot at the corner of Cantrell Road and North Pierce Street has been sold, but the church school and the evening services will continue to be held there until the new church is built. The building site, five very desirable lots, is located on Durwood Road near "V" Street.

#### FORREST CITY METH- ODISTS OPEN CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING

A new Educational Building was used for the first time Sunday morning, December 30, by the Methodists of Forrest City. Under construction for more than a year, the new building has been erected at a cost of more than \$60,000. It is located just south of the present main sanctuary building and is joined to that structure.

The building is of two story brick and tile construction and its architecture matches that of the main building. Members of the Building Committee were George P. Walker, Jr., Louis F. Haven, Rolfe Eldridge, Jr., Eldridge Butler and Lewis Hawley. Rev. Raymond L. Franks is the pastor. Actual construction of the building was begun under the pastorate of Rev. Horace M. Lewis.

#### MINISTERS' WIVES OF PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

The Ministers' Wives of the Pine Bluff District met at the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, December 28 for a covered-dish luncheon. The Christmas theme was carried out in the table decorations.

A beautiful message was given by Mrs. Teague, using as her subject, "Gratitude" and closing with prayer.

Mrs. Holmes talked on plans to organize a Sub-District with a key woman in each district.

Each member told of her hobby.

It was voted to send a pot plant to Mrs. Mark Vaught who is a patient in a Little Rock hospital.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Dedman.—Laura Fitzhugh, Secretary.

#### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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ferred her services wherever needed.

Two resolutions were presented by Rev. Orrie Thompson, Chairman of the Committee, on expressing opposition to the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican and the other offering thanks to those who made the District Conference a success. Both resolutions were adopted. Rev. R. O. Beck moved that the Conference go on record as expressing appreciation for the splendid leadership of Rev. J. M. Hamilton as district superintendent and requesting Bishop Paul E. Martin to re-appoint him to the Arkadelphia District. The motion passed unanimously.

The Conference will meet in

The minister, Charles W. Richards, is very grateful for the fine response that is being given this project, not only by the local church but also by the churches and ministers of the Little Rock District.

#### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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The mimeographed reports of the churches were distributed.

Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin read a resolution that the Conference go on record as being against the appointing of an Ambassador to the Vatican and the resolution was passed.

The following reports were given: District Treasurer, Dr. Francis A. Buddin; District Board of Missions and Church Extension by B. F. Allbright, President; Work of Laymen Ed E. Ashbaugh, District Lay Leader and Roland E. Shelton, Conference Lay Leader; The Salem Camp Ground Committee, W. A. McAllister; Christian Education, Rev. Roy E. Fawcett. Miss Imogene Dunlap, Mrs. W. F. Bates, and Mrs. Maude Monday; Goodwill Industries, Mrs. John F. McKee, Director of Goodwill Industries; Retired Minister's Endowment, Rev. H. O. Bolin; Committee on Qualification of Local Preachers, Rev. Doyle T. Rowe; Committee on Admission on Trial, Rev. Doyle T. Rowe; The Committee on License to Preach, Rev. Charles Richards and The Committee on The Advance For Christ, Rev. Richard T. Perry.

Rev. Cecil R. Culver presented a resolution asking for the return of Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin to Arkansas-Louisiana Area and the resolution was passed.

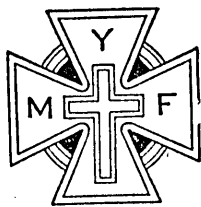
The following were licensed to preach, Joe R. Phillips, Jr., Charles Leonard Pearce, Lee Egbert Tony, Jr., Frank Norman Totten, Jr., Elmo Thbert Knoch, Jr., and Miss Mary Lucy Thibault. John Butler Hays and Ralph Vanlandingham were recommended for Admission on Trial. — Clyde T. Parsons, Sec.

1952 at Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs.—Secretary.

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NEWS FROM THE M. Y. F.  
AT BOYCE

The young people at Boyce wanted to put on a Christmas play but could not decide which one they wanted. They finally decided to write their own. Each player wrote his own part. The title of the play is "Let's Take the 'X' out of Xmas".

Both the Intermediate and Senior Departments at Lahey Chapel on the Boyce Circuit put on their separate plays during the Christmas season. — J. R. Woodward, Zone Reporter, Alexandria District of Louisiana, Boyce Charge

SUB-DISTRICT MEETING  
OF YOUTH  
FELLOWSHIP

A Sub-District Meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, was held in Hughes Methodist Church last Tuesday night, December 4.

Herbert Collier, president of the Sub-District organization, presided over the business. Later a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Adjournment was made to the sanctuary, where Rufus Littell of Heth, recently returned from Scotland, made a very interesting talk on his travels in that country.

McGEHEE SUB-DISTRICT  
M. Y. F.

The regular monthly meeting of the McGehee Sub-District of 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.

Joline Tiner made the introductory talk; Patsy McDermott read the scripture; Freddy Stuart led in prayer; Patricia Jeanneret told the story of "The Christmas Rose"; Jane Loyd read a poem, "Christmas Symbols"; and Billie Fay Dickson gave a meditation on gifts.

Carol Jean Adams was pianist and Richard Ross and Michael Clayton were ushers.

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

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

The local M. Y. F. recreation commission was in charge of the social hour, with games directed

MEETING OF MT.  
MAGAZINE SUB-  
DISTRICT

The Mt. Magazine Sub-District met at Booneville on December 10 for its monthly meeting. Allan Brown presided over the business session. The next Sub-District meeting will also be held at Booneville. It will be included in with the district rally to be held at Booneville on January 19.

There were 75 young people and 13 adults present at the meeting.

Recreation was held in the basement of the church and was led by Wayne Hunter of Booneville. Refreshments were served by the host church. A program was made up Christmas songs and the story of Christ. — Jo Ann Spencer, Sub-District Secretary

METHODIST YOUTH  
FELLOWSHIP  
OF HUGHES

With 11 members attending, The Methodist Intermediate Youth Fellowship met Sunday afternoon, December 9, at 5 at the church.

The program topic was—"Sharing With Fellow Christians" and the leader was Tommy Coldren.

Names were drawn for a gift exchange which was held at the Christmas party, held December 16, Sunday evening, at the regular hour. Each member purchased a gift to be sent overseas.

One sponsor, Mrs. Jack Ray, was present. Delicious refreshments were furnished by Mrs. Harold Womack.

## METHODIST YOUTH FUND

Nashville, Tenn.—One of the ways in which Methodist Youth Fellowship groups work with other denominations in spreading the Christian message is through their contributions to the Methodist Youth Fund. In addition to Methodist work, this includes in its budget interdenominational projects, according to Miss Emeline Crane who promotes the Fund. Hence generous giving to the Methodist Youth Fund will result in a more effective outreach of all M. Y. F. projects

by Mrs. Verna Thomas, and Christmas carols led by Frank Sturgeon.

Christmas cookies and green punch were served.

The next meeting will be held in Watson on January 7.—Donnie Adams, Reporter

in youth work, missions, and Christian education.

The importance of these interdenominational projects cannot be stressed too much in M. Y. F. groups, Miss Crane said. For instance, in at least 40 of the 48 states migrant labor is used. The vast number of migrants have no permanent homes, no medical care worthy of the name, no adequate schooling for their children, and no assurance of jobs. Protestant churches working together through the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches, seek to help migrant families without regard to race or creed.

For the past two years the Methodist Youth Fund has included a number of important and interesting interdenominational projects in its budget. In addition to the help given mi-

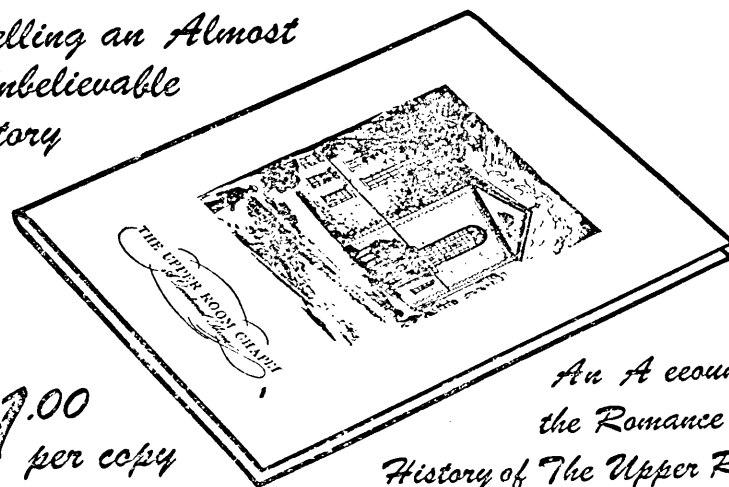
grants, some of these projects are: A visiting nurse in Hospital Internacional in Santo Domingo; a World Literacy and Christian literature program; religious education directors in Indian schools; and the new program of mass communication called RAVEMCO (Committee on Radio, Visual Education and Mass Communication) which is already at work in Asia, the Near East, Africa, and Latin America.

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The book entitled *The Upper Room Chapel* is a beautiful example of the printers craft. Because the total cost of the book is provided elsewhere the entire proceeds from the sale of this book (\$1 per copy) go toward furnishing this unique chapel.

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## OBITUARIES

McKEITHEN—A useful member of the Official Board of the Grayson, Louisiana Methodist Church has gone to his reward. He will be missed in everything we undertake to do for the success of the church and the cause the church exists to promote.

John W. McKeithen was no ordinary man. His fellow citizens looked to him for leadership in every community enterprise. He served as mayor of Grayson from 1921 until he declined the honor in 1948. He had served as president of the parish school board and was always at the front in every movement for the good of his fellow men. The history of this parish can not possibly be written without the name of John W. McKeithen.

His relation to the church was of this same faithful and vigorous sort. We leaned heavily on him and, I am afraid, imposed on him at times because we knew of his willingness to serve to the full measure of his strength. He was a man of vision. He saw the day when swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; "nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war any more."—Isaiah 2:4. He believed in the unity of the human race and the brotherhood of man. Not long ago he sent to our Methodist Board of Missions \$1000.00 to be used in Japan for the spread of the gospel.

Life for him was enchanting and he fought hard to live. When, however, he seemed to realize that he must go, he was resigned and a final and characteristic request he suggested that all who cared to send flowers, send the money to our children's home at Ruston.

The halls of memory will be crowded with beneficiaries who thank God for such a friend. The Official Board of The Grayson Methodist Church joins the multitude in appreciation of his life and work. To the family, we offer consolation and pledge our prayers that you may have the faith and hope and love that marked the heroic life of your noble kinsman.

S. P. Emanuel, Pastor,  
James A. Christine, Chairman,  
Floyd G. Johnston, Secretary.

## TELL THE GOSPEL EVERYWHERE

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lost and they cannot wait. The church has the answer for the need in each man's life. It is our privilege to lead him to the acceptance of this answer which is found in God's divine favor.

Then let this greeting remind us of the word of encouragement that may be spoken that will be deeply appreciated and inspire others to work and to be loyal beyond question to Christ. But let us never forget that Christians

## VISUAL COVERAGE OF MISSION THEMES

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Joint Commission on Missionary Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., has produced two fine filmstrips, PAULO OF BRAZIL, a color presentation made especially for children, and LATIN AMERICA IS BIG, which is available with recorded narration.

For the Home Missions Study emphasis on the theme, "Churches For Our Country's Needs," three unique motion pictures are available.

AGAIN PIONEERS, the outstanding dramatic feature cooperatively produced through the Protestant Film Commission last year, presents the problems of the church and community in meeting the needs of shifting populations. THE STREET, a new film which vividly presents the need for the living church in city communities was produced for interdenominational use by the Bureau of Visual Aids of the Evangelical and Reformed Church under the direction of Alan Shilin. ON COMMON GROUND is another new production which shows by practical example how a group of rural churches can cooperate to do a better job of bringing Christ to the hearts of the people of the country.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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ery of Christ as they lived with him day by day, and still another when they saw him alive after his death on the cross. One of their greatest discoveries of the Lord happened on that memorable Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them. The writer cannot think of eternity as a static affair. He believes that these men are still finding the Lord in an ever greater way out yonder in the heavenly abode. So, those who have found the Lord need to continue to make new and greater discoveries of him.

Secondly, those who have found the Lord needs to put first things first. Materialism is the greatest curse of this age. Character must come before cash, persons before property, and God before gold.

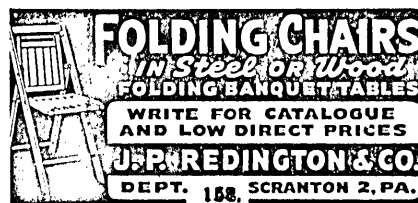
This means that service to people must be one's first consideration. Farmers should cultivate

of all ages have borne their witness in unlikely and difficult and dangerous places. Each opportunity has been a privilege and they have entered into that privilege with a deep sense of gratitude because God has counted them worthy to be His messengers. Even so it is true for you and for me this day that "all the saints salute you, chiefly those that are of Caesar's household." Will we not respond to that salutation of the saints of all ages by declaring God's unmerited favor to all mankind?—R.I.B.

the soil primarily to feed hungry mouths and secondarily for the profit they get out of it. Business men should think more of the service they render than they do of the profits they gain. This application can be made to every legitimate activity of life. Woe to the person whose occupation is of such a nature that he cannot render service through it. Such an individual is damned and double-damned. Damned first for failing to engage in something through which he can render service to others, and secondly, by engaging in that which hurts others. May God have mercy on poor sin-blinded greedy people dabble in white slavery, narcotics, and the liquor traffic.

Last, and very important, those who have found Christ should bring others to him. This can be done by example; by teaching; by preaching; and by persuasion.

The hope of the world today lies in the Christian way of life. Patriotism as well as religion should lead all Christians to be personal workers in winning others to Christ and the Church.



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## WHAT DOES FINDING CHRIST REQUIRE?

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READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Matthew 4:18-25; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11. Printed Text: Luke 5:1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT: Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men. (Mark 1:17)

### A Look At The Scriptures

As each lesson is studied it is well to keep in mind the aim of the Unit: "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."

Our lesson today is taken from the synoptic Gospels. The first three Gospels are thus designated because they view together, at least in a general way, the life and teachings of Christ. There are many parallels in the material presented by them. Mark is the earliest of these Gospels. It was written about A.D. 70, at least 40 years after the crucifixion of Christ. Matthew was written some 10 years later, and Luke was written in about A.D. 90. It seems that the present Gospel of Matthew was not written by the Apostle Matthew. The Apostle Matthew did write a paper entitled "The Sayings Of Jesus" much earlier than any of the above mentioned Gospels. This paper was lost. It was still extant when Matthew in its present form was written and was used in writing this Gospel. A careful study of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke will show that their authors quoted a lot of material from Mark.

### The Call Of The Fishermen

The Scriptures of the lesson today tell of the second year of the active ministry of Christ. He spent most of this year in Galilee. It is known as the year of his popularity. John tells of the first year of the Lord's active ministry. It was spent in Judea, and was almost a failure.

In the lesson for today all three of the Synoptic Gospels tell of the calling of the four fishermen; two sets of brothers—Peter and Andrew, James and John.

It will be noted that these men were busy when they were called. Even today, the busy people are the ones who do the work of the Kingdom. Sometimes we hesitate to ask people to do things for Christ because they are busy. We feel that if some idle person could be found he would have more time to accomplish the task. We often learn to our sorrow that such is not the case. People who

are so trifling that they are idle never make good workers in the Kingdom of God. The busy people are the ones who do the work of the world and also of the Church.

Not only were these men busy, but they were successful. They were not poverty stricken. They belonged to the middle class in society. Religion has always made its greatest progress with this particular class. People in this group are high enough in the scale to think intelligently with the elite and at the same time low enough to feel sympathetic with the extremely poor and ignorant.

One might wonder why these men responded so readily to the call of Christ. They did so because they were already well acquainted with the Lord and his teachings. It will be remembered that at least two of these men—Andrew and Peter—had met the Lord a year prior to this time. This account was given in the lesson last Sunday. The chances are that John was the other man whose name was not mentioned in the account. Probably, while Andrew went to get his brother Simon, John went to get his brother, James.

The Lord was simply calling these men into fulltime discipleship. A year prior to this time—at the place where John baptized Christ—these men had already met the Lord and had come to believe in him as the promised Messiah.

In addition to the call of these men, Matthew goes on to tell of Christ traveling all over Galilee preaching, teaching, and healing. His fame became so great that people came from all over Palestine to follow him. It will be noted that the Church today is trying to carry on the program that Christ initiated at that time. The Church is a great teaching organization. Through the ministry it preaches, and through its hospitals and medical science it heals. We cannot neglect any one of these services and fully carry out the program of the Lord.

### Preaching From A Boat

Luke, in giving the same account of the call of the four fishermen, makes a few additions. He

goes on to tell how, just prior to the call, Christ preached from Simon Peter's boat. This was made necessary through the fact that the throng was pressing the Lord. The boat was thrust out a bit from the land. Luke tells us that this took place on the lake of Gennesaret. This is the same body of water, however, that Matthew calls the sea of Galilee. It went by both of these names.

Luke does not record the message the Lord brought on this occasion. When the service was over the Lord commanded these fishermen to launch out into the deep and let down their nets for a catch. These men were tired. They had fished all night without a bit of sleep and had had no luck whatever. It is to their everlasting credit that they were willing under such circumstances to try again. All of them had had much more experience than Christ in the matter of fishing. They might well have said, "There is no use in trying again. We fully understand this fishing business. The fishes are simply not in these parts at this time." But they did not say that. They did as the Lord commanded them, and the thing happened. They inclosed such a multitude of fishes that their nets were about to break. They saw that something must be done immediately. They beckoned to their partners, John and James, and they came with their boat. They began to load the fishes into the two boats and there were so many of them that the boats were about to sink. They knew that a miracle had been performed. They felt that they were in the presence of Divinity. Peter fell at the Master's feet saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Jesus replied, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." Mark in our Golden Text has it, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men."

### Steps That Lead To Christ

In these closing paragraphs the writer wishes to get two matters before us—first, the finding of Christ for one's self; and secondly, the helping others to find him. There are certain steps that lead to Christ.

The first step that leads to Christ is that of historical faith. Before one will even think of coming to the Lord he must believe in him; he must have some pretty definite ideas concerning his personality. Not only so, he must have a feeling of inadequacy on his own part and a feeling of need for that which Christ has to offer. One year before the events recorded in our lesson Andrew and another disciple of John the Baptist were present when John pointed Christ out as the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. They felt a need for such an One

and they followed the Lord.

The next step is that of conviction of sin. This is closely akin to the feeling of need and inadequacy. In the life of the hardened, habitual sinner, this conviction will be deep and pungent. While in the life of the clean, moral person it will be mild but none the less real.

Another step is godly sorrow for sins. There is another type of sorrow that works death. That is the type where the individual is not sorry for his sins but rather sorry that he got caught. In godly sorrow the individual is sorry and ashamed that he has sinned against the Lord.

Still another step is that of repentance. This is a double turning. An infidel might discover the fact that sin does not pay and in the strength of his own will power turn from his evil habits while he even denies the very existence of a personal God. This is not true repentance it is merely reformation. When one turns from his sins and definitely and consciously turns to God that is true repentance. It culminates, not merely in reformation, but in regeneration.

Confession is also a step in salvation. The sinner must confess his sins. Peter did that on the occasion of our lesson. He went on to say, "I am a sinful man." Not only does one need to confess his sins, but he also needs to confess Christ as his Saviour.

The last step is active faith which is followed by obedience. There is quite a bit of difference in historical faith and active faith. Historic faith believes that the Lord actually exists and that he can do certain things, while active faith believes that he does do these things for the individual as he exercises this faith. Historical faith says, "Christ is the Saviour of the world." Active faith says, "He is my personal Saviour."

This type of faith is followed by surrender and obedience. Peter surrendered not only his boat to the Lord, but he fully and completely surrendered himself, and so did the others. We are told that they left all and followed Christ.

### What Should Christians Do?

We have noted briefly the various steps that puts one into saving contact with Christ. Now, may we raise the question, what should people who have found the Lord for themselves do? This is a big question indeed.

First, those who have found the Lord should realize that their spiritual development has only begun. The Lord is so great, so Infinite that no finite mind will ever get through finding him. Peter and Andrew found him a year before this time, but here on the occasion of our lesson they found him in a fuller way. They had another and greater discov-

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