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## First Week Of Reports Of Circulation Campaign

THIS is the first week for reports of the results of our current Circulation Campaign. As this article is being written, we have had reports from a number of our pastors, some in Arkansas and some in Louisiana. A very encouraging feature of all reports received to date is that in each instance the report shows the quota for the charge has been reached or exceeded—some quotas have been doubled.

The first detailed report of the results of the Campaign will appear in the next issue of our papers. It will be a joint report from Arkansas and Louisiana. This general report will carry all reports from pastors that reach our office by Saturday noon of this week. We are hoping that every charge in both states will be well represented in this first report.

During Campaign Week some sections of Arkansas experienced some severe weather conditions. In the past this has had little effect on the final results of the Campaign even in the areas hardest hit by unfavorable weather. It is our feeling that it will be true again this year. If there are charges, however, which because of local conditions were unable to complete the Campaign for new subscribers and renewals within the period fixed by our Annual Conferences, we sincerely hope that these charges will make a serious effort to complete the Campaign at the earliest possible date.

This Circulation Campaign should mark a high point in every pastoral charge of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area in the number of subscriptions reported for The Arkansas Methodist or The Louisiana Methodist. We are all conscious that the value and effectiveness of our church papers are determined by the number of papers that go into the homes of our people.

## Governor McMath Tells Them Again

YOU have likely heard of the young man who had been kicked out of his "best girl's" home four times by her infuriated father. The fourth time he was kicked out he said to the father, "I know what is the matter with you, you just don't want me here." If the Governor keeps telling them what he thinks about the proposed race track it may finally dawn even on the minds of the promoters of Dixie Downs that their track is "not wanted here." It is our judgement that the position the Governor has taken in the matter expressed in a wonderful way the feeling of the better citizenship of the entire state.

With the announcement that the date has  
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## "Our Mission" To The World

THE final special emphasis in the Preaching and Teaching Endeavor of The Advance for Christ runs through January of this year. That emphasis is on "Our Mission" to the world.

America, today, is the great stronghold of the Christian church in the world. For this reason, if Christianity is to save the world, America must do that work.

Remember, also, that the Protestant church in Christian America is the Methodist Church. This church of American Methodism is financially and also, respon-

Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even until the end of the world. (Matthew 28:19-20)

sibilities and obligations heavier than rest on any other Protestant body of America or anywhere in the world.

It has been repeatedly demonstrated in recent years, and even recent months, that international diplomacy, based on expediency and self-interest, cannot solve the problems that confront us. Any agreements so arrived at are merely temporary, patchwork solutions of the world's problems.

We hear the statement over and over that what we need is to have a better understanding with the other people of earth. Our real need is not merely for a better understanding with other men of the world but for BETTER MEN at home and abroad.

The making of better men is the mission of the Christian church and it is the basic mission of The Methodist Church. That is not a hurry-up, overnight undertaking. We have been twenty centuries bringing the Christian church to its present place of influence and power in the world. Nevertheless, Methodism should gird itself now, as never before, for the work of world evangelism. We seem to be in a race against time. We cannot long trust the destructive powers now at our command in the hands of bad men. A world-wide spiritual awakening is not more desirable, it is now essential to survival.

## J. S. M. Cannon

GOD has called one of His great laymen Home. J. S. M. Cannon who for so many years gave himself willingly to Christ and His Church succumbed last Saturday evening in a Little Rock hospital to a sickness of several months duration. A consecrated layman, his life was a blessing to a host of people in all walks of life as he beautifully lived out his life among us.

Mr. Cannon has been known so well in recent years for his administration of the affairs of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, a responsibility he discharged in a most commendable fashion. In this he was ably assisted by members of his family. Few persons have ever given themselves so unselfishly to a task. Through his leadership the Children's Home has come to have a prominent and highly acceptable place in the program of Arkansas Methodism.

Mr. Cannon for many, many years was a leader in lay activities in the Little Rock Conference, serving for several years as Conference Lay Leader. Until he suffered a heart attack a few months ago he filled acceptably the pulpit of many churches in Arkansas as a guest speaker. Often mistaken for an ordained minister, he puts to shame many of us by his selfless devotion to his duty and calling.

Perhaps his greatest strength was in his personal life and character. Of unquestionable integrity, he at once commanded respect and confidence. There was an unassumed air of quiet personal holiness about him that found its source in his deep faith in Christ and the way of righteousness.

In a day when strength in personal living is found wanting in many places we can surely pray that God will increase the number of "Brother Cannons" among us. May the memory of this saintly layman stir each of us to greater service to God, the Kingdom, and Methodism, all of which he dearly loved.

## U. E. M. A Spiritual Adventure

IN another week Arkansas Methodism will be engaged in the greatest united evangelistic undertaking in its history. Never before has the spiritual forces of Methodism been marshalled on such a scale in our state. More than three hundred and fifty pastoral charges will be participating in an all out effort to win persons to Christ and His Church and the Christian way of life. Who can foresee the great possibilities for good which such an endeavor will make possible? Who can predict the measure of spiritual energies which this effort will release? God alone knows the ultimate good that this spiritual adventure will bring.

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# OUR FIRST SUMMER AT ALDERSGATE

By MIKE WILLIS, Director

**A**LDERSGATE is a camp dedicated to the training of Christian leaders of all races. Church groups of any denomination may use the camp. It is supported by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, and operated by the Little Rock Methodist Council, an organization of white and Negro Methodist Churches in Little Rock and vicinity. A constant program of training goes on during June, July and August. Three of its buildings are winterized, making possible the year round use of the camp by smaller groups.

The months of preparation for the full-time camping season were crowded with many interesting experiences, mingled with varying emotions. Aldersgate had truly become our home. Its purpose had become our purpose; and our faith in what the summer could mean to individuals entering its gates deepened day by day. Two questions confronted us. Would we be able to make the contribution we longed to make? Could we possibly get everything ready in time for the first group?

Finally, the three new cabins were completed. City water had been installed throughout the camp. The roads and drainage system had been greatly improved. The ball diamond had been scraped, and a garbage pit dug. New tables, benches, cabinets and blackboards had been built. Steel chairs and other equipment had been purchased. The organ and P.A. System had been dedicated and installed. The floating dock had been repaired, and the boats had been repainted and chained in place at the lake. The picnic area, worship center and main camping grounds had been freshly mowed and raked. Kitchen help had been secured.

Menus had been planned. There were only a few days left, and much to be done! Could we make it? The buildings had to be sprayed and scrubbed. The dishes and cooking utensils had to be washed. And, oh, those curtains and mattress covers were yet to be laundered!

The first day of camp found us, as anyone could plainly see, keyed-up and bright-eyed from weeks of anticipation! We had greeted many day and week-end groups throughout the year; but, this was different. This was our very own!

It is impossible to express the inspiration and rich blessings which came to us week after week; or, to evaluate the camping experience for any one group. But, surely the delegates to the Southwest B. P. & I. Conference were led to believe more firmly in the Kingdom of God as the divine rule in human society, and were made aware of their potentials and responsibilities as children of God. The theme for their conference was "Formula For Living". Formulae, such as the United Nations, Declaration of Human Rights, Democracy, Inner security and the Christian Gospel were used in order to understand the forces in the world struggle, and to work out a formula for living that had meaning for us all. A pageant, effective in every detail, climaxed the last worship period.

We expected this first group to be our largest. But, the second week we had 98 Intermediates from the Little Rock District. We were certain there would be very little unity, or effective personal relationships, in a group so large. But, we were amazed how the four work groups could come together as one for discussion, worship, and recreation. Their unit

of study, **OUR PART IN GOD'S PLAN** was meant to show them their God-given responsibility to preserve and use wisely all God's gifts to man. They were so earnest all week that surely not one returned home without the determination to be a Christian steward at all times. One high school senior came to us the last day saying, "This has been the greatest religious experience of my whole life! I feel that I want to be more than a good steward of God's gifts. I want to give my life in full-time Christian Service."

Each group that came had a different purpose, and program of training. But, from the most excited Junior explorer to the oldest adult there was a sharing within a Christian camp community that led to personal growth and enrichment. One boy, seemingly, had no idea how to live within a group. By the end of the week he had had those experiences necessary for personal adjustment, and becoming an accepted member of a group. His prayer at the closing worship service brought a lump into the throat of adults and youth alike!

Week after week we saw the

idea of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man take on new meaning, and become for many campers, a sudden reality! We saw them become more aware of personal responsibilities as children of God. We heard college students declare that they had found the secret of happiness,

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Top—Junior Camp at Aldersgate, 1951  
Lower left—World Friendship Group  
Lower right—Morning devotions  
Above—Fellowship team



# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Deep calleth unto deep. The deep of misery calleth unto the deep of mercy. The deep of transgressions calleth unto the deep of grace. Greater is the deep of mercy than the deep of misery. Therefore let deep swallow deep. Let the deep of mercy swallow the deep of misery.—Girolama Savonarola . . .

The most deadly sin were the consciousness of no sin.—Thomas Carlyle . . .

I never feel sure of myself except when I am speaking the truth.—Eduard Benes . . .

When thou redest God's word, it is not the obscure passages which impose a duty upon thee, but that which thou understandest, and with that thou must instantly comply.—From *For Self-Examination and Judge for Yourself*, by Soren Kierkegaard; translated by Walter Lowrie; Princeton University Press . . .

Without risk, faith is an impossibility.—Soren Kierkegaard . . .  
—From *The Adult Teacher*

## FOLLOWING OUR GUIDE

Verse for today: *The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.* (Isa. 9:2)

Scripture: Matthew 4:18:25.

Each carrying his own tiny light, we made our way through Mammoth Cave. The guide led the way, his big lantern glowing ahead of us and scattering the inky darkness which our little lights barely penetrated. We were told to keep close to our guide; the penalty for going astray was to be lost in the terrible darkness. We were very willing to obey. We followed him closely, and the journey was safe and pleasant. He had traveled the way before, and we know he would bring us through without harm.

At one point along the way he told us to extinguish our lights, and he would disappear behind the hills, to return shortly, bringing the dawn. We obeyed, but in that brief interval of indescribable blackness which enveloped us like a velvet curtain we shuddered at the thought of being deserted in this vast subterranean passage. Then he came, as we knew he would, and all was well once more as we followed his light.

Jesus is our guide in life, and our safety is in following him closely. In him we can put our trust, knowing he will never fail us. He is the Light of our way,

## AN HOUR OF OPPORTUNITY

TEXT: *They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.* (Acts 8:4)

LESS noble souls than these early Christians might have given up the mission when they found themselves the object of persecution. It is no concealed fact that some of them did turn from following Jesus. Even during the lifetime of the Master some turned away from Him and he puts the question straight to His disciples, "Will ye also go away?" That question burns like an iron into our souls as we honestly ask it of ourselves.

The Christian Church has always been presented with an hour of crisis. Some of these hours have been dramatic, and others, while not so dramatic, have nevertheless held untold possibilities for the advancement of the Kingdom. Men of righteousness, even before the Christian era were faced with critical situations. It was not a new experience for men of God to be persecuted and scattered abroad. These men in that first Christian century were but inheriting the noble mantle of the prophetic lineage that they had chosen to walk in.

Every day is fraught with its own peculiar brand of dangers to the spiritual life of men. In the time of war and threat of war the danger grows that Christians are apt to trust in the "god of bigness" rather than the God of the Bible. In the time of peace the temptation is to relax vigilance and without warning spiritual life drains to an all time low. A Christian's reaction to each hour is determined by his confidence that God does lead and direct his energy. The reaction of the Church in a crucial hour will determine her worth and destiny.

There are four basic attitudes that individual Christians or the church as a whole can take. We stand at a crossroad in the hour of a crisis with four ways open that we may take. The choice of the way results in final responsibility upon the shoulders of each Christian. The way the church

and he will bring us in triumph to our journey's end.

PRAYER: Forgive us, our Father, for the times we have gone far astray from thy love and leadership. Help us, in the days to come, to follow closely in the steps of Jesus Christ, who is our Master and our Guide. In his name. Amen.

—Mayme Garner Miller, in  
The Secret Place

takes is dependent upon the way that you make your decision and I make mine.

We can retreat. This seems hardly the kind of an attitude that would challenge even the most weakhearted. It smacks of moral cowardice that makes our cheeks blush with shame. None of us would like to admit either to ourselves or to others that we would entertain the idea of turning our back to the battle. Yet, sometimes unconsciously we subscribe to the following of that way by our very actions.

The call of God to His people has never been retreat; it has never even been to hold the fort. The Call of God has been:

*"Rise up, O men of God!  
Have done with lesser things;  
Give heart and mind and soul  
and strength  
To serve the King of kings."*

This is kind of challenge that God gives to stouthearted men. To retreat in the face of evil is opposed to all that we know about God.

Well, we can attempt to compromise with evil. We can excuse ourselves on the ground of business expediency, or prudent action, or any other of a score of excuses. Down deep in our heart we know that we have only tried to fool ourselves and have been unsuccessful in the attempt. Compromise is but the open doorway to final surrender.

History speaks all too clearly at this point. Where a compromise with evil has been attempted it has always resulted in evil going further to more strongly entrench itself and carry on its destructive work. How evil is a little evil anyway?

Where principles are not involved there is ample ground to talk of compromise. Policies are subject to compromise, but principles are not. Juggle a policy as much as you will, but once it conflicts with an eternal principle it stands condemned. The hour of opportunity for these Christians who were scattered abroad was certainly neither the time nor the place to compromise with their convictions.

We cannot take the role of fatalism in the face of a great crisis. We can say that it is inevitable that we should have evil; therefore, there is little use to bother ourselves with it. Count the number of times when a moral issue is at stake and hear the number of people who say,

"Men have always done wrong and will continue to do so. You cannot legislate righteousness." This is but one way of saying that wrong is stronger than right. Admit this and you have destroyed the foundation for any goodness.

The writer of the Book of Revelation had every reason to take a pessimistic attitude toward his day. You cannot find the slightest trace of pessimism in this book. It is not a "swan song", but a hallelujah chorus raised from the hearts of the redeemed. It starts with an unmistakable promise to "him that overcometh will receive the crown of life" and concludes with a vision of the new Jerusalem, "coming down from heaven adorned as a bride for her husband." Who could be fatalistic with such a faith as this?

Then, there is one other road open and that is to face our opportunity conscious that our God is with us and though we may fall in the battle His truth continues to march on to certain victory. We do not face the sunset, but the sunrise.

Our hour of opportunity is but the Hand of God seeking our hand that His Name may be glorified.

To meet the challenge of any hour of opportunity we must have faith. Our faith must be strong in the invincibility of right. Surely we must know that within its own structure wrong has the seed of its own destruction.

We must have faith that men can find and do the will of God. We may not understand why so great a gift has been given, but we know it has. We must read in the acts of men God's will. But more than that we seek His will for our own heart.

Christians have never failed a crisis. The Christian church began in our hour of crisis. What it has done history speaks with unmistakable clarity. Ours today is an hour of great opportunity. If we would walk in that noble lineage let us grasp our opportunity and walk unafraid into the future.—R.I.B.

Good character is that quality which makes one dependable whether being watched or not, which makes one truthful when it is to one's advantage to be a little less than truthful, which makes one courageous when faced with great obstacles, which endows one with the firmness of wise self-discipline.—Arthur S. Adams, Educational Record

New York State has the fourth greatest number of weekly newspapers in the United States.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**J. H. STOREY**, of North Little Rock, brother of Rev. A. N. Storey, district superintendent of the Paragould District, is ill at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock.

**ALLAN BROCKWAY**, sophomore at Hendrix College, spoke to the Wesley Foundation group at Fayetteville on Sunday morning, December 23. Allan is a ministerial student at Hendrix.

**MISS GERTIE STILES**, Ft. Smith, North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary, has been ill for sometime and her physician has requested that she give up all activities for the present.

**REV. H. J. COUCHMAN**, pastor at Morrilton, was the speaker at the Christmas program of the Russellville Rotary Club on December 20. Rev. Harold O. Eggersperger, pastor at Russellville, introduced the speaker.

**DR. J. A. WADE**, pastor of the Fountain Lake Church, Hot Springs, was honored with a surprise party on his birthday on Thursday, December 20. The group sang Christmas carols and Dr. Wade was presented with a number of nice gifts.

**REV. J. A. REYNOLDS** of Conway is visiting his daughter in Walnut Grove, California. He writes: Was in the Yosemite National Park yesterday (January 3). It is wonderful and beautiful. Will be headed to Arkansas next week."

**MRS. CONNOR MOREHEAD**, wife of Dr. Connor Morehead, District Superintendent of the Camden District, underwent surgery at the Warner-Brown Hospital, El Dorado, on January 2. She is reported to be recovering and much improved.

**MRS. MARK F. VAUGHT**, wife of Rev. Mark F. Vaught, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Stuttgart, continues in a serious condition at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. Mrs. Vaught suffered a stroke of paralysis Christmas morning.

**A WATCH NIGHT** service was well attended at First Church, Camden, Rev. R. B. Moore, pastor, on New Year's Eve. The new year was greeted by the congregation as they received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**REV. ROBERT B. MOORE, JR.**, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Moore of Camden, who is a student in the Perkins School of Theology at S.M.U., was the guest preacher at First Church, Camden, Sunday night honoring the students of the church.

**REV. HAL R. SESSIONS, JR.**, student in the Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas, was the speaker at the Student Recognition service at the Lakeside Methodist Church, Lake Village on Sunday, December 23. Rev. Fred W. Schwendimann is pastor at Lake Village.

**A LAYMEN'S TEAM** composed of Charles Stuck, Misses Joan Thomas, Ann Stickler, Peggy McDaniel and Ann Kenward of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, held services at the Pleasant Valley Church on the Lunsford Circuit on Sunday morning, December 30.

**THE** first semester at Hendrix College will officially end on January 25 at Hendrix College, according to announcement by Dean W. C. Buthman. Final examinations for the period will be held beginning January 19. Registration for the spring semester will be held January 29 and 30, with class work starting Thursday morning, January 31.

**REV. LESTER FINLEY**, missionary in India who is supported by the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, has been named district superintendent of the Baroda District. Brother and Mrs. Finley and their daughters will come to the United States on furlough next year and expect to be here around Christmas time.

**A CANTATA**, "Holy Night", by E. L. Ashford, was sung by the Chancel Choir of First Methodist Church, Searcy, on Saturday, December 15, before a large congregation. The cantata was directed by James E. Justiss with Mrs. Porter R. Rodgers as narrator and Mrs. R. A. Ward as organist. Rev. Ralph Hillis is pastor.

**REV. J. L. DEDMAN**, district superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, announces that Dr. George Ivey of Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, will be the inspirational speaker for Mission B in the Pine Bluff District and that Dr. Paul V. Galloway, pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the speaker at the Mass Meeting on Sunday afternoon, January 27.

**MRS. HOMER TAYLOR**, Associate Secretary of the North Arkansas Conference, Wesleyan Service Guild, has called an executive meeting to be held at Gardner Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Saturday morning, January 12, at 10:00 a. m. All district secretaries and Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright and Mrs. Ben DeVoll, representatives from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, will attend.

**MILLER WILLIAMS**, son of District Superintendent and Mrs. E. B. Williams of Jonesboro has been asked to become a regular contributor to Motive magazine. Two poems of his have been accepted for publication and he is now working on some essays for this magazine which is a publication of The Methodist Church for students. Mr. Williams is a graduate student in the Department of Zoology at the University of Arkansas.

**MISS VIRGINIA GARNER** of Stephens passed away on Saturday, December 15, from injuries received in a fall at her home. Miss Garner, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Garner, prior to her retirement had served as a missionary in Korea and Japan. She had taught journalism at Wesley College in Macon, Georgia, and had taught in a number of high schools. She was active in church and civic organizations in Stephens and helped to launch a local library that bears her name.

**A WATCH NIGHT** service was held on New Year's Eve at the Augusta Methodist Church. Recreation was held and refreshments were served in the recreation room, beginning at 8:30. A service was held in the sanctuary at 11:30 with the observance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at

## J. S. M. CANNON PASSES AWAY

**J. S. M. Cannon**, prominent churchman of Arkansas, passed away in a Little Rock hospital on Saturday, January 5, after a long illness.

Mr. Cannon had served in a number of capacities in the Little Rock Conference. At the time of his death he was treasurer of the Board of Lay Activities, a member of the commission of *The Arkansas Methodist* and was on the Board of Stewards of Winfield Church of which he was a member. For the last eight years he served as Superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, giving up the work in June on account of ill health. He was a delegate to General Conference which met in Kansas City when the three branches of Methodism were united. For ten years he served as lay leader of the Little Rock Conference.

Funeral services were held at Winfield Church on Monday at 2:00 p. m. by Bishop Paul E. Martin, Rev. Cecil R. Culver, pastor of Winfield Church and Rev. Francis A. Buddin, district superintendent of the Little Rock District.

Mr. Cannon is survived by his wife; two sons, Robert S. Cannon of Atlanta, Ga., and Julian F. Cannon of Washington, D. C. and a daughter, Miss Mildred Cannon of Little Rock.

A fuller tribute will appear later.

## HYMNALS FOR SALE

—200 old style Methodist Hymnals. In good condition and priced to sell. If interested write, First Methodist Church, Paragould, Arkansas.

midnight. A Student Recognition service was held on December 30 at 7:30 p. m. Talks were made by Mary Beard, Mona Sawyer and Benny Kittrell. Rev. H. Lynn Wade is pastor at Augusta.

**REV. H. W. JINSKE**, pastor at Gravette, was the speaker at the annual installation banquet of the Kiwanis Club of Siloam  
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the joy of service, the purpose of living. Whole new areas of service to the church and the world community were visualized by youth and adults as they studied and planned for the year ahead. Many came so near to God in times of worship that hereafter they can readily practice His Presence in daily living.

After Brother Gray had conducted a campfire worship service during the World Friendship Camp, a boy said to us, "I've never been so sure of God in all my life. Always He has seemed like someone in a fairy story. But, tonight as Brother Gray talked I knew that I could never doubt again. I felt His presence right by me!"

No, there is no way to measure the personal growth of those coming to Aldersgate this summer. However, a mere admiration for the Christ, and a belief in God became for many a flame of devotion and dedication!

As for the Willis family, we love every inch of ground at Aldersgate Camp! The Christian fellowship and opportunities of the summer drew us closer to the Master, and strengthened our conviction that the Church has no better way to build Christian character and train for Christian service, than through its camping program. If you felt "at home with the Willises" then it is because at Aldersgate we feel at

## GOVERNOR McMATH TELLS THEM AGAIN

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been fixed for a vote on the race track question in Crittenden County the Governor stated that election or no election there would not be a race track in West Memphis while he is Governor. The good citizens of Crittenden County are to be congratulated on the detailed plans they have made by which they hope to defeat the proposal at the polls in the coming election. They should have the prayers and moral support of the entire state in the fight they are making. Nevertheless, the statement the Governor makes about "election or no election" does not mean that he is "drunk with power" as Dixie Downs promoters charge.

This denunciation of the Governor by the promoters of Dixie Downs comes from those who have only selfish ends to serve in the matter. Governor McMATH has not done a more sober-minded thing since he was sworn in as our Chief Executive than he has in this positive, determined purpose to preserve the good name of our state in its relationship with neighboring states. It is commonly conceded by all that a race track at West Memphis would be able to live only because of the support it would receive from Memphis and west Tennessee. Tennessee by the laws it has passed and by public statements by its leadership declares that it does not want a race track. It would be an unpardonable breach of friendly relationships with Tennessee if the state of Arkansas allowed a race track to be built at West Memphis.

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## A Distinguished General

At a public banquet it was noticed that a distinguished general turned down all the wine glasses grouped about his plate. A lady sitting beside him asked, "Do you ever drink wine, general?" "No, madam, never," was the courteous reply. "I don't wish to be impertinent," said the lady, "but I'd like to know why a person of your age and character shouldn't enjoy the pleasure of an occasional glass of wine."

"Perhaps an occasional glass wouldn't hurt me," said the general smiling. "But that young fellow over there"—he indicated a handsome youth at another table—"is my son. If I don't drink, he won't. If I do, the chances are he'll follow my example. I turn down the wine glasses—and you see he has done the same."—Sunday School Home Journal

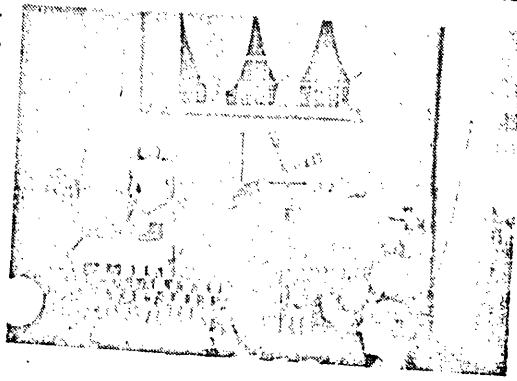
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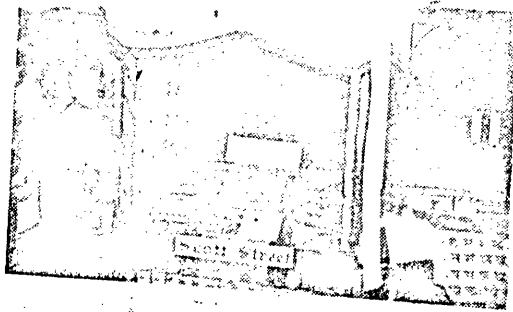
There were 812 in attendance at the following camps: Southwest B. P. and I. Summer Conference, Little Rock District Intermediate Camp, Little Rock District Junior Camp, Little Rock Conference Fellowship Team Lab., Searcy District Intermediate Camp, W. S. C. S. School of Missions, L. R. and Ark. Districts World Friendship Camp, Southwest Conference Intermediate Camp, Southwest Conference Senior Camp, Wesleyan Service Guild Retreat.

## PRIZE WINNING BOOTHS AT U.N. FESTIVAL

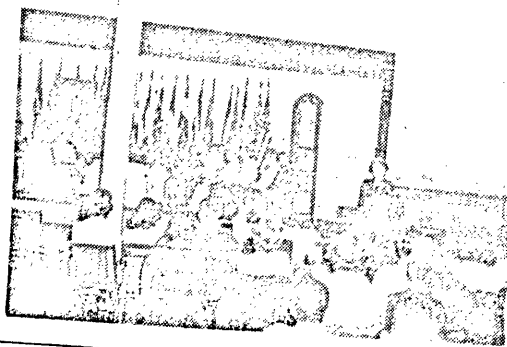
THE Harvest Festival of Booths, held annually by the Little Rock District M. Y. F. was held on November 19 at Winfield Church, Little Rock, with the theme, "The United Nations". The gifts of cash and canned foods go to pay camperships for boys and girls of the Southwest Conference. A total of \$128.95 in cash was received and 1,477 cans of food.



Upper—First Church, Little Rock, booth which was given first place. Highland was awarded second place.



Center—Scott Street Church, Little Rock, booth was first in the number of cans and food donated.



Lower—Mrs. J. Russell Henderson speaking to group on the United Nations theme.

## U.E.M. A SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE

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Experience has shown in other United Evangelistic Missions, however, that when a certain program is followed and when certain conditions are met, that it all but follows that at least certain results will be obtained. There is a program to be followed. This procedure has been worked out in other similar missions and through long experience the most efficient program has been devised. Any deviation from this pattern is almost certain to result in a corresponding drop in results. The greatest results have been obtained when this program, as has been outlined, is followed.

Also, good results are dependent very much on proper preparation having been made before the period of operation, January 18-27, gets under way. This responsibility rests largely with the pastor, the Committee on Evangelism and other selected leaders but results are conditioned by the response of lay people who assist in the preparatory work.

Then, again, the support which the local church membership gives the program during the period of operation is another crucial point. Attendance at the services of worship, clearing the social and community calendar this week of January 20-27, serving as visitors, serving on various committees, etc., all these services are necessary if this spiritual adventure succeeds. The minister who comes to assist you comes without expectation of remuneration except the joy of work-

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

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Springs on Wednesday, January 2. Dr. Kenneth Siler was installed as president. Lt. Governor Lawrence E. Perry of Rogers installed the officers and told of some of the achievements of the club for 1951. Among these were the sending of two boys to Boys' State and the financing of two foreign students at the University of Arkansas.

REV. THOMAS C. SHARP, SR., age 78, retired Methodist minister and one of the founders of Southern Methodist University, passed away on Saturday, January 5, in Shreveport after a long illness. The Rev. Mr. Sharp, a member of the Texas Conference, lived in Athens, Texas, and had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. A. Harrington in Shreveport for about four months prior to his death. He was an honorary member of the Board of Directors of S.M.U. Funeral services were held on Monday at the First Methodist church in Athens with the pastor, Rev. M. M. Davis, officiating.

ing with a group of people committed to the high purpose of seeking out the lost for Christ and His Church.

Of course the whole movement must be born in prayer, nurtured in a prayerful attitude, and brought to fruition in prayer. When these conditions are sincerely met God will in His own way bless our efforts to the uttermost.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### THE BAG OF POTATOES

When Rosalie came down to breakfast that morning, there was a big bag of potatoes on the kitchen floor.

"Dear me," said Rosalie's mother. "I am sure I don't know how I'm going to get those potatoes out into the storeroom, for they are so heavy that I cannot lift them!"

"But Daddy can carry them," suggested Rosalie.

Her mother shook her head.

"No," she replied, "your father was called away this morning on important business, and will be gone a couple of days. He went before you were up. Well, I'll have to try and manage some way or other, for they are right in the way here."

Then Mrs. Barrie went upstairs to make the beds.

Rosalie looked at those potatoes thoughtfully. She wished she could lift them, but that was out of the question. She went out into the storeroom and there she saw a big bushel basket.

Rosalie suddenly got an idea. She hurried back to the kitchen and got an empty basin. Next she untied the bag and filled the basin with potatoes. It held ten. Then she started trips back and forth between the bag and the basket. Many times she smiled to herself to think how pleased her mother would be to find them all where they belonged, when she came downstairs.

There were times when Rosalie's arms ached, for it took a good many trips before the bag was empty, but such a thing as stopping never occurred to her.

When every potato was in place, she folded the empty bag up neatly and put it on a bench in the storeroom, and with her own little broom and dust-pan, swept up any litter which moving the potatoes had made, for Rosalie, you see, had learned to pick up after herself, and not to leave that for someone else to do.

She had just finished her self-appointed task when her mother came down, and Rosalie waited to see what she would say.

"Well, I do declare," exclaimed Mrs. Barrie, "what has become of those potatoes?"

Rosalie burst out laughing, took her by the hand, and led her out to the storeroom.

"There they are," she pointed out, "and I brought them myself in the gray basin!"

"It must have taken a great



## FOR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

*We are so very happy  
At the start of the new year  
That we sing a joyful song  
Of happiness and cheer.*

*We wish for good friends everywhere  
The very best of things,  
And may the days be good ones  
That the new year bring.—A.E.W.*

## JUST FOR FUN

"Your brother made an awfully good after dinner speech," Walter told his wife.

"What did he say?"

"He said, 'Waiter, give me the check.'"—The Lincoln

All through the game, an excited fan had been yelling his home team to victory. Suddenly

many trips," said her mother admiringly.

"It did," beamed Rosalie, "but I didn't mind because I was helping you."

"That's splendid," approved her mother, "and it shows us how much we can do when we are satisfied to do a little at a time and to work right away at it until the task is finished."

"And then," nodded Rosalie wisely, "it's fun to fink about it."

"That's right, too," said Mrs. Barrie. "Anything finished up well is a pleasure."

And Rosalie went out to play, very happy indeed!—Emma Gray Wallace, in The Evangelical-Messenger

he became silent, turned to his companion and whispered, "I've lost my voice."

"Don't worry," was the reply. "You'll find it in my left ear."—Christian Union Herald

Six-year-old Mary was complaining of nothing to do. When her mother suggested that she ask some of her friends to come and play she said, "Well, I only have 2 friends and one of them doesn't like me."—H. J. Haskell, Kansas City Star

A woman of cynical Missouri stock, was complaining about the ineffectiveness of her hearing aid.

"Why not get a new one?" her son inquired.

"The kind I'd want," she said, "would cost \$200."

"Well, why not get it?"

"No," she replied wistfully, "not for \$200. There isn't that much worth hearing."—Pageant

"How was the applause after your speech?" asked the fond wife, when her husband returned after an evening engagement.

"Terrible," he moaned. "It sounded like a caterpillar in sneakers romping across a Persian rug."—Watchman-Examiner

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### TOMMY GREEN

"Where is Tommy Green?" called Mother from the kitchen window. "Where is Tommy Green?" shouted Daddy from the barnyard. "Where is Tommy Green?" cried little sister Sue from the swing in the apple tree.

The farmhouse was all in a stir. Only an hour ago everything was peaceable and quiet as they gathered around the breakfast table.

Daddy said grace so everyone bowed his head with him. Most times Tommy was very quiet but this morning he was so hungry he could hardly wait to begin eating Mother's hot biscuits, eggs and bacon.

Daddy and Mother talked as usual about the day's chores. Daddy remarked he would catch the horses, Ned and Brownie, put them to the wagon and drive to town for the groceries.

Soon Tommy finished eating. Mother washed his face and hands and quietly he left. Now he couldn't be found. Mother went to the chicken house where sometimes Tommy went to see the chickens but he wasn't there.

Daddy went to the calf pen, the pig lot but no Tommy could be found. By that time little Sue was tired of the swing so she began to follow Mother calling, "Tommy, Tommy Green" but no answer.

Daddy now thought of the blacksmith shop. He remembered how well Tommy liked to go there with him and watch the sparks fly as he would bend or straighten a piece of hot iron. He always sat on a box in the corner. The box was empty. No Tommy.

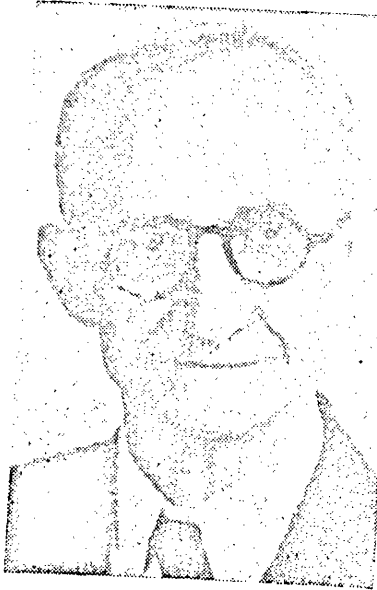
Mother thought of one other place to look but she didn't like to go there. It was down at the big pond. The water was very deep and he might have fallen in. So with trembling footsteps she hurried to the pond, all the time calling "Tommy, Tommy Green." But he could not be found.

Just then Daddy passed through the hallway of the barn and noticed the road wagon there in the shade. Looking over in it to his surprise there lay Tommy Green fast asleep. Hearing Daddy say he would go in the road wagon for groceries he had climbed in the wagon and fallen asleep.

Everyone was happy that Tommy Green had been found.—Helen K. Smith, Imboden

ARKANSAS METHODIST

# OBITUARIES



J. D. CARGILE

**CARGILE**—Jessie Dell Cargile, 78, who was active in the mercantile business in Morrilton for more than 40 years, died in the hospital at 3:20 Tuesday morning, November 27.

He was born in Quitman, August 18, 1873. He was reared and educated in Quitman and taught school in the community. In 1905 he came to Morrilton where he was employed by the mercantile firm of Cazort & Garner. After one year with this store he joined Earl Bros., for many years one of the largest mercantile establishments in the Arkansas River Valley. He was with Earl Bros. for 21 years until it discontinued business. In 1931 Mr. Cargile entered business for himself, which business has been continued by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fiser.

In addition to his long business career Mr. Cargile took an active interest in the Methodist Church until failing health prevented him from attending services of the church and meetings of the Board of Stewards. His membership goes back to more than 60 years and he was a member of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church for 45 years. He also served as Sunday School teacher and lay leader. He was a charter member of the Baracca Class for men of the Sunday School, started October 2, 1910.

Mr. Cargile was interested in the civic welfare of Morrilton and served for 16 years as an alderman of the Third Ward.

High tribute to Mr. Cargile's excellent character was expressed on July 18, 1950 when he was presented with a gold button by members of the Morrilton Masonic Lodge and 23 visiting Masons upon his completion of 50 years as a Mason. He was also a member of Bendemeer Grotto.

Mr. Cargile is survived by his wife; two daughters, Miss Dorothy Cargile and Mrs. Harold Fi-

ser of Morrilton; a sister, Mrs. J. W. Hammock of Appleton; three half-brothers, Bryon Cargile of Quitman and Fay and Alfred Cargile of Conway, and a half-sister, Mrs. Stella Kennedy of Conway.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist Church in Morrilton at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Rev. H. J. Couchman, minister, assisted by Rev. C. D. Sallee, Jr., of Batesville, until recently pastor of the First Baptist Church in this city. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery. Reid's Funeral Home was in charge.

Active pallbearers were his nephews, Robert and A. D. Nisler of Morrilton, Roger and Vernon Nisler of Plumerville, Billy Nisler of Dermott, George Hammock of Hughes, Dee Hammock of Conway and Verdie Hammock of Conalou, Mo. Honorary pallbearers included members of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church, Members of the Baracca Class and neighbors as well as Leo Strickland of Appleton, Volney Culpepper, Otis L. Massey and Charles L. Massey.

**LOCKE**—Mrs. Mildred Locke was born March 1, 1902, in Sevier County, Arkansas. She closed her long and useful life December 6, 1951 at Wabbaseka, closely watched over by her three faithful children, Willie Locke, Mrs. Mamie Willey, a prominent teacher, and Mrs. Hazel Green. After services in the Methodist Church at Lockesburg the following Saturday, as was her desire, she took up her abode in her "narrow house", in the soil of her nativity, in the presence of many of her life-long friends and relatives.

Mrs. Locke was the widow of John W. Locke, son of Aunt Kit Locke, the mother of one of the largest and most noted families in Southwest Arkansas. Mrs. Locke was a daughter of the late Dr. J. W. Smith, a pioneer Arkansas physician. His blood closely linked her with that famous, honest, industrious, religious, and civic-minded Turrentine family. This family spread its influence and citizenship throughout Arkansas, into other states, and even now is joined with many choice men and women of New York City. Mrs. Locke was also related to the Steel, Norwood, Pride, Greer, McCowan, Park, and Collins families of Sevier County. It is no wonder that she was a remarkable woman. Such lineage makes powerful men and women.

Mrs. Locke was educated in Arkansas public schools and in Ward's Seminary, now Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee. Because of her education, she was convinced that a Christian higher education was an essential for her children. Her great sacrifice and unwavering determination made it possible for her

to educate her children in Henderson Brown College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Here her children went to school one year. For the last few years they have fought the battle of life for their mother.

A member of the Methodist Church in youth, she died in its faith. She lived at Ashdown in its earliest and most wayward days. She was the constant and consoling adviser and friend of the ministers and teachers. These were some of her striking characteristics:

1. She practiced the Golden Rule, was economical, thrifty, worked hard, and lost no time.
2. She classed homes, schools and churches as the basic foundation of civilization.
3. A woman of great moral character, she never compromised with sin; evil doers were always courteous to her—they feared and respected her. She and a few other women of her decision of character and a few fearless men early revolutionized Ashdown.—Seth C. Reynolds.

**McALLISTER**—Ernest P. McAllister was born in January 9, 1879, in Triplett, Mo. He passed away on Thursday, December 27, 1951, at the home in Gravette following a long illness. He was the son of Julia Frances and John Will McAllister. Mr. McAllister was a retired farmer and had lived in this community since he was six months old.

On July 9, 1903, he was united in marriage to Laura Casto at Gravette. Surviving besides the widow are two sons, Clifton and Allen; one brother, John, Grove, Oklahoma and one sister, Mrs. Cora Hays, Lowell, Oregon.

Mr. McAllister was a member of the Gravette Methodist Church. He was a fine Christian man, loved and respected by all who knew him. In his last days he was confined to his home, but as his pastor I always enjoyed visiting and praying with him. He was affectionately referred to by those close to him as "Uncle Ernest." He leaves behind him a fine family and many friends who honor and respect his memory.—H. W. Jinske, Pastor.

**HAMPTON**—Annie Williams Hampton was born September 18, 1896 and passed into the life eternal October 2, 1951. She was united in marriage to Dolphie Hampton on January 14, 1912. To this union were born six children, one of whom preceded her in death.

Mrs. Hampton professed faith in Christ and united with the church at the age of 13. She lived a beautiful life. Those who knew her were made better because of her faith, her unselfishness, and the spirit of self-sacrifice which was evident in all she did. She lived a triumphant Christian life and she met death in the same

triumphant way. At the time of her death she was a member of the Ramer's Chapel Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Dolphie Hampton, Lefe, Arkansas; four sons, Roy, Paragould, Arkansas; Ernie, Piggott, Arkansas; Wayne, Pontiac, Michigan; Phinas, Flint, Michigan; one daughter, Mrs. Lenford Arnold, Flint, Michigan; Five brothers, W. D. Williams, Paragould, Arkansas; L. C. Marmaduke, Arkansas; C. M. Rector, Arkansas; T. A. and L. J., Pontiac, Michigan; Three sisters, Mrs. Jennie Wright, Marmaduke, Arkansas, Mrs. Sarah Allen, Marmaduke, Arkansas, Mrs. Millie Gibbs, Lefe, Arkansas; Nine grandchildren.—Mary Chaffin

**LIEB**—Silently one by one, our friends slip away. Frances Weaver was born in Indiana 71 years and 11 months ago. She was married to C. M. Lieb in early life. She was the mother of four children and spent many years teaching in public schools.

She was a member of the Methodist Church, a steward, an officer in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, local and district and a teacher of adult women.

Mrs. Lieb was a charter member of the Mountain Home Garden Club and the Mountain Home Twentieth Century Club.

A favorite scripture of Mrs. Lieb's is found in Matthew 25:15, "to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability." Mrs. Lieb practiced this in her life, giving her life in service to her church and community.

They are not dead who live in hearts they leave behind. In those whom they have blessed they live a life again, and shall live through the years, eternal life and grow each day more beautiful as time declares their good, forgets the rest and proves their immortality.

Father, in thy gracious keeping, leave we now thy servant sleeping.—Mrs. Edgar Morris

**DAVIDSON**—William Willis Davidson, retired retail grocer and prominent layman at Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, died in Fort Smith December 7, 1951.

He was born in Daisy, Tennessee, March 27, 1873, the son of William Henry and Rhoda Cox Davidson, well known early residents of Tennessee.

Mr. Davidson had been a resident of Western Arkansas for almost fifty years, moving to Fort Smith eighteen years ago from Greenwood. He joined the Methodist Church in 1913 on profession of faith and had been a member of the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church for many years. He was a faithful and regular attendant until ill health prevented, and served as a steward for

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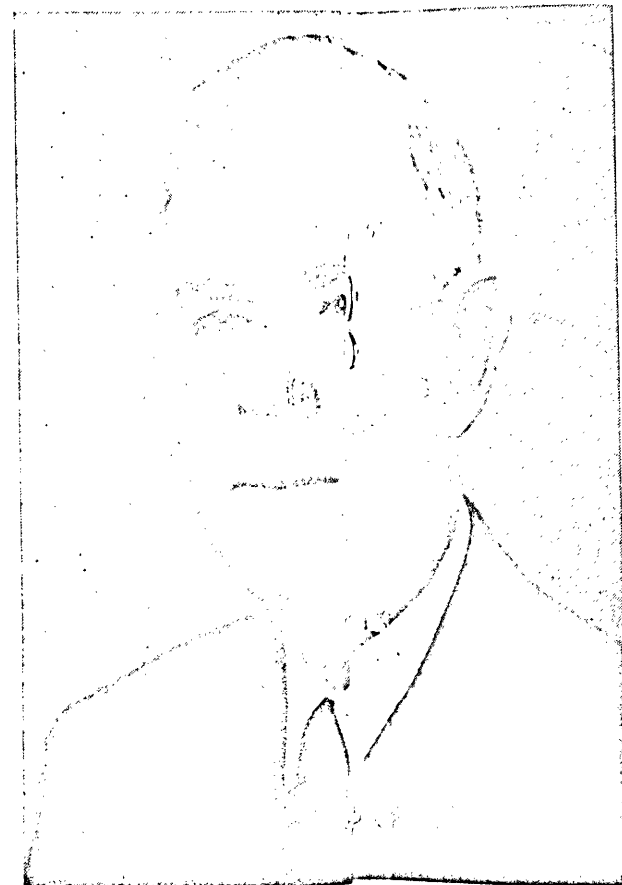
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The Ministers and Members of the Methodist Church in The Arkansas-Louisiana Area:

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

In view of the fact that the B. C. Campaign of our United Evangelist 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 the circulation during the week of December 30th to January 6th.

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Sincerely yours,

Paul E. Martin

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APERS . . . DEC. 30th THROUGH JAN. 6th

## LOOKING AHEAD IN 1952 THREE SHREVEPORT EDUCATORS HONORED AT CENTENARY

By Mrs. W. F. Bates

### Children's Work In The Little Rock Conference

1. Missionary studies are being carried on in most of our churches during the January-March quarter. All those churches using the Group Graded lesson materials, are having a mission study during January. Let us make these studies as meaningful as possible, wherever at all possible, having additional sessions with the children.

Scott Street Church in Little Rock is planning to have additional sessions with all children from the Kindergarten on through the Junior Department on Sunday evenings from 6:00 p. m. until 7:00 p. m., through January. Parents of the children will participate in a study course, during that same hour, where they will consider ways in which the home and the church may work together for the children. Other churches might want to follow this plan, but whatever your plans for enriching the lives of your children and their parents, we will be most interested in hearing about them.

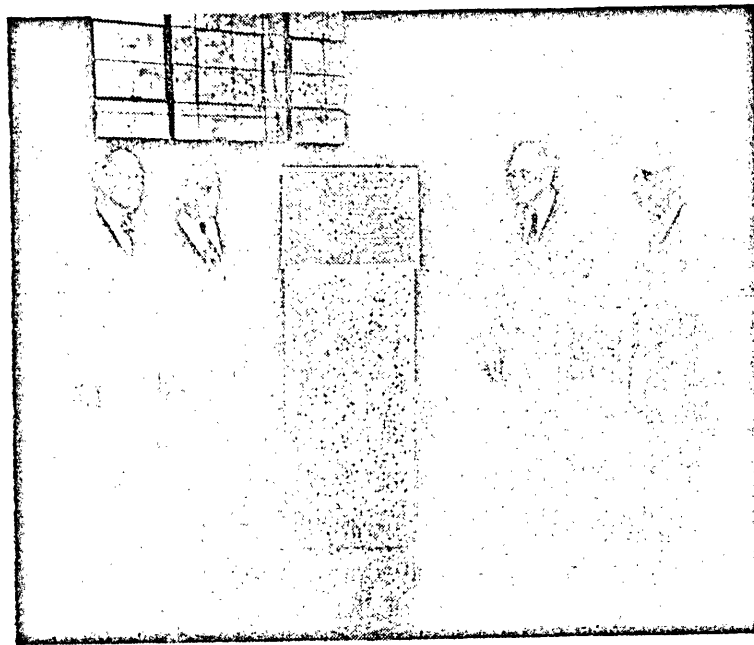
2. The Evangelistic Mission B will be in progress before this paper goes to press. We wish to encourage all children's workers to cooperate fully with this great mission. Through the efforts of the visiting teams, many new families should be brought into our churches. Plan to have a meeting early in January at which time the children's workers may consider ways and means of conserving the results of this great crusade, and of serving the children and their parents who will be brought into the church. You will want to look over your Church School rooms, to see if you have adequate space in which to care for the newcomers. And by all means, you will want to have a general housecleaning before these new members are brought into your classes. Look over the equipment to see if it is adequate, and check on lesson materials. If we really expect an increase in our membership—let us prepare for it.

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### NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley  
Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr.,  
Inspirational Speaker

The youth of the North Arkansas Conference will be delighted to know that Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., of Central Church, Fayetteville, has been secured by the Youth Council of the Conference as the Inspirational



Three Methodist educators and the donor of a bronze plaque to Centenary College in their honor. Left to right: the Rev. Dr. R. E. Smith, the Rev. Harry Brown (donor), Dr. John A. Hardin and Prof. William G. Phelps.

A bronze plaque honoring three Shreveport educators was presented to Centenary College Wednesday morning, December 12, during chapel exercises on the Centenary campus by the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Brown of New Orleans.

Two of the honored men are retired professors and other is head of the college's department of mathematics and a former dean. They are: the Rev. Dr. R. E. Smith, past acting president of Centenary, former teacher of religion and dean emeritus; William G. Phelps, retired professor of classics and German; and Dr. John A. Hardin, head of the mathematics department and former dean.

The Rev. Mr. Brown is superintendent of the Protestant Home for the Aged in New Orleans. He presented the plaque to Dr. Joe J. Mickle, Centenary's president, during the annual Christmas concert given by the college choir in the gymnasium.

The plaque reads: "A tribute to Dr. R. E. Smith, dean emeritus, Dr. John A. Hardin and Professor William G. Phelps in recog-

nition and grateful appreciation of their unselfish efforts in behalf of Centenary College and Christian education. As members of the faculty their dynamic personalities were a source of inspiration to those who labored with them in the service of God and man—Rev. and Mrs. Harry W. Brown, Sr., 1951."

The Rev. Mr. Brown lived in Shreveport between 1920 and 1929. Both he and Mrs. Brown, the former Lucille McGuffey, attended Centenary in the early 1920's. Their son, Harry Brown, Jr., is now attending the college and is president of the senior class. The Rev. Mr. Brown was once assistant pastor of the Noel Memorial church and secretary of the Four-Square Bible class of the First Methodist Church.

Dr. Smith is emeritus professor and head of the department of Biblical literature. He came to Centenary in 1920 and retired in 1949. He received his M.A. and B.D. from Vanderbilt, his D.D. from Birmingham Southern College and his Litt. D. from Southwestern University. He teaches the Four-Square Bible class at the First Methodist

Church in Shreveport, and has done so for many years.

Dr. Hardin is professor and head of the department of mathematics at Centenary. He first came to the college in 1922 and was dean from 1924 to 1946. He received his A.B. from the University of Tennessee, his A. M. from the University of Chicago and his LL.D. from Centenary in 1947.

Professor Phelps is emeritus professor of classics and German. He came to the college in 1923 and retired in 1949. He received his A. B. from Oberlin College in Ohio and his M.A. from Princeton.

The three honored educators were present at the ceremony and heard the donor's presentation remarks. The Rev. Mr. Brown said, in part: "I wish to pay especial tribute to three faculty members for their lasting influence on those with whom they had contact; their sterling Christian and God-like characters, and fearless courage in giving to others the Christian message as they saw and believed it."

"Because students who came under their influence have carried away something of them in their lives."

"Because of these and other unmentioned influences of these great Christian characters, I have sought in an humble manner to express my gratitude and appreciation by placing here at Centenary College a bronze plaque in honor of them."

"These three men are in the fullest sense typical Americans who have had the feeling of full responsibility toward the student and this institution, and have given their best. Without exception they are to me outstanding in Christian courage and education. They were well fitted to teach us, and now in many instances, our children. Through their teachings they have caused many to become aware of their responsibilities. Their dynamic personalities are a floodgate to memories. Their lives are impressive and lasting, their pedagogy is solid and worthwhile. In wisdom and ability they are comparable to the great men of the past."—Centenary College News Bureau.

Speaker for our Conference Youth Assembly, June 3-7.

Many of our young people have heard Brother Dykes in one or more addresses and know the splendid Inspiration program being offered in our Youth Assembly.

The Conference Assembly will

have the privilege, for the first time, of using the new Hendrix College Chapel. This will add much to the devotional life of the summer camp.

The Assembly is being planned for the training of leaders for local church Methodist Youth Fellowships. Provision is being

made to provide for a limited number of Adult leaders of youth, provided such leaders are adults working with youth in a local church. Such adults are to be approved by district directors of youth work.

Any youth 16-23 years of age  
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# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM GIVEN

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Searcy, presented a Christmas program at the Educational Building Thursday afternoon, December 13. The opening hymn, "There's a Song in the Air", was followed by a prayer by Mrs. Coy Whitten.

The program theme, "Offering Our Gifts," was introduced by Mrs. Rural Powell, who told of Crusade scholars who have offered their best while serving the Christian cause in America and in their own homelands.

Mrs. Porter Rodgers, as narrator, Johnny Headlee, as the child, Mrs. Tom Watkins, soloist, accompanied by Miss Marian Schwarz at the piano, presented "Birthday in Bethlehem", composed of six beautiful songs with narrative based on the Christmas Story. The worship center, representing the Nativity Scene and further emphasizing the spirit of Christmas, was arranged by Mrs. Herbert Robertson and Mrs. George Palmer.

Hostesses were Mrs. Tom Watkins, Mrs. W. M. Roth, Mrs. Ewing Pyeatt and Mrs. Herbert Robertson.

## COLLEGE HILL GUILD MEETS

Mrs. Curtis Robertson was hostess to the Wesleyan Service Guild of the College Hill Methodist church for its annual Christmas party, December 17.

Co-hostesses were Mrs. Floyd Nichols, Mrs. Ben Burroughs, Mrs. W. E. Downs, Miss Elizabeth Cheatwood, and Mrs. Gerald Hulvey.

The devotional was given by Mrs. James McCammon who used information from the Book of Luke for her text (Moffett Translation).

A beautiful story, "The Dream Story of the Christmas Angel," by Van Dyke, was told by Mrs. Charles Thompson.

Several special gifts were presented including a box of fruit for the children of the church to be placed on their Christmas tree, and a love offering to a member of the church, Miss Georgia Dailley, who is studying for special mission work.

Gifts were presented to Mrs. Charles Thompson and Mrs. Glenn Tanner by the guild.

Holiday refreshments were served by Mrs. Floyd Nichols and Mrs. Gerald Hulvey to the 36 guests present.

Favors of miniature angels made by Mrs. Hulvey were presented to the guests.—Reporter

## WHAT ARE THE GIFTS OF THE NEW YEAR?

FOR THE NEW YEAR  
By James W. Foley

*New thoughts, if old ones sear and scar,  
New dreams, where old ones withered lie,  
New joys, where old ones vanished are,  
New hopes, should old ones droop and die,  
New hearts that throb with warmth o' noon,  
New songs that bring a sweeter tune,  
So may we know them—you and I.  
New courage for the tasks to be,  
New lessons from the days gone by,  
New faith, new love, new charity,  
New splendor in the blue of sky,  
New deeds, by fairer fortune told,  
So may we hear them—you and I.  
New days, when diligent we build  
New castles of enduring good,  
New deeds by strength and purpose willed,  
New hopefulness, new brotherhood,  
New trust that bides and never ends,  
New blessings showered on old friends,  
New faith in heaven, new gratitude.*

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Morgan City Society closed its study on Latin America December 13 under the direction of Mrs. A. H. Townsend. Mrs. E. L. Tatum led the devotional. The group participated in a map quiz, and Mrs. Townsend sang a solo in Portuguese.

The Lula McSwain Society of Emmet completed its study on December 3, with Mrs. J. W. Rushing as teacher. Mrs. Scott Ross, assisted by Mrs. Alfred Hickey, Mrs. J. M. Johnson and Mrs. Joe Youmans led the devotional. Mrs. Shelby Jones reviewed the book, "He Wears Orchids." Mrs. Denman Wylie took the group on an imaginary trip through a mission in South America.

Twenty-nine new missionaries—young women from all parts of the U.S.A. and one from Norway—have been named for service in Africa by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions, Methodist Church, during the past few months. The list includes teachers, nurses, social workers, a doctor, a pharmacist. Nine are commissioned for full-time life service; seventeen are for three years of service; four have been transferred from the China mission field. They will serve in Algeria, Tunisia, Liberia, Belgian Congo, Mozambique, Angola, Southern Rhodesia. "While we rejoice in these new missionaries to Africa," says Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, the Division's Africa secretary, "we need three times that number to meet the

## CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR GUILD

The Pearl McCain Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, Searcy, met December 13 in the Educational Building for its annual Christmas dinner and program with Mrs. W. B. Cook, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Gilliland, Mrs. Paul Kessler, and Mrs. Ben Shannon as hostesses.

Invocation was given by the Rev. Jefferson Sherman, associate pastor. Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, conference secretary of promotion, presented Mrs. J. E. Mason, president of the local guild, with a life membership pin in appreciation of her loyal service and devotion to this work. Mrs. Mason, in turn, presented Mrs. Marguerite Fraser with a life membership.

Mrs. B. L. Oliver was in charge of the program and during dinner presented Martha Ann Jenkins and Patsy Gentry in a piano duet, "Silent Night", followed by two lovely vocal solos, "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" and "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly", by Mrs. Weible Alley.

Mrs. Oliver presented short talks on how Christmas is observed in other countries with Mrs. E. V. Hart speaking on "Christmas in Norway"; Mrs. Gordon Armitage on "Christmas in Italy" and Mrs. Morris Boucher on "Christmas in Sweden". Mrs. A. P. Strother, Jr., in a most interesting and beautiful manner, gave "A Christmas Story".—Reporter

goal of 100 we have set for missionary additions to Africa by 1952."

## MRS. FITZHUGH HONORED

The W. S. C. S. of Good Faith Methodist Church, Watson Chapel, met for their Christmas meeting December 19 in the home of Mrs. E. L. Fikes. Mrs. S. C. Wadsworth and Mrs. W. O. Ginnett were assisting hostesses.

The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. W. H. Evans. During the business session Mrs. O. R. Dial, president, appointed committees to serve during the coming month. The organization decided to send a cash offering of five dollars to the Methodist Children's Home. Members brought gifts for a needy family in the community.

"Each Offers His Own" was the subject of the program presented by Mrs. Carr Culpepper, program chairman. Talks were made by Mrs. Grover Scruggs and Mrs. Lewis Stewart. Mrs. Ray Carter read a Christmas poem.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. O. R. Dial, Mrs. Culpepper and Miss Marie Wilson participated in a candlelighting ceremony honoring Mrs. B. F. Fitzhugh for her years of service in the women's organizations of the Methodist Church. At this time a life membership in the W. S. C. S. was presented to Mrs. Fitzhugh.

Mrs. Milner, from Magnolia, a visitor in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Carter, and Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh, church pastor, were guests.—Mrs. B. B. Ragan

## ALEXIA McCAIN CIRCLE HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Alexia McCain circle of the First Methodist church, Lake Charles, held its Christmas meeting December 20, at the home of Mrs. C. C. Windham, with Mrs. G. W. Richardson as co-hostess.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Oscar Maxfield.

Mrs. Fred Neal, chairman, presided over a short business session.

Mrs. R. H. Athearn told the story, "The Birthday," by Margaret E. Sangster, closing with a prayer.

Each member brought a gift of dish towels for the church kitchen. The circle presented their leader, Mrs. Neal, and a guest, Mrs. Carl Lueg, with gifts.

A social period followed, during which refreshments were served.

Opportunity rarely knocks on your door. Knock, rather, on opportunity's door if you ardently wish to enter. — B. C. Forbes, Forbes

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## HOPE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Hope District Conference met on Thursday, December 13, in the beautiful new church in DeQueen. Rev. John L. Tucker was pastor host. District Superintendent E. D. Galloway presided and Rev. Howard L. Williams brought the opening devotional meditation. Rev. W. D. Golden was elected secretary and Rev. Claude Clark, Rev. W. R. Burks and Rev. J. R. Callicott were elected tellers.

The Conference-wide interests were presented as follows: Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, *The Arkansas Methodist*; Rev. T. T. McNeal, the Methodist Children's Home and Dr. Matt Ellis, Hendrix College. Rev. Fred R. Harrison spoke on Christian Education in our churches.

The Conference sermon was brought by Rev. Virgil Keeley. At the noon hour a splendid lunch was served by the ladies of the DeQueen Church.

The devotional message of the afternoon was brought by Rev. Joe Hunter. The Licensing Committee recommended two young men, Harold Eugene Clark and William Robert Irvin, who were licensed to preach. The character of the 15 local preachers was passed and eight of these men were referred to the Annual Conference for use as Accepted Supplies. Two men were referred to the Annual Conference for orders. They were: J. R. Callicott for Local Elder's Orders and Clude Clark for Local Deacon's Orders.

The report of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church was read by Rev. J. E. Dunlap. Rev. George Meyer gave the report of the Board of Christian Education. Rev. J. E. Dunlap spoke to the report and urged that Camp Tanako be accepted as a Home Mission project. Rev. Fred R. Harrison spoke, urging that major emphasis be placed on the Sunday School.

The report of the District Trustees was read by the secretary and was spoken to by Rev. E. D. Galloway. William L. Wray was elected District Treasurer. The report commended Mr. Syd McMath who had served several years as Treasurer.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by Rev. Warren D. Golden. It contained a full report of the recent United Evangelism Mission.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read by Rev. John L. Tucker and was spoken to by Senator W. N. Crow and Bunn Gantz. The Conference voted to send a resolution from the Committee to the Senate Armed

## REPORT FROM HUTTIG

Again the spirit of the Christ has visited the earth with the spirit of peace and good will. This spirit has been in the hearts of the fine Methodist people of the Huttig and Bolding Churches.

The congregation of the Huttig Church gathered in the social room of the church on the evening of December 19 for a fellowship supper. Clifton Bolding, chairman of the Board of Stewards, presented the pastor and his wife with an electric percolator, a gift from the congregation. Many personal gifts were also received. The Bolding Church presented the pastor and his wife with gifts. A fine program was enjoyed after the meal, presented by Miss Marie Gathright, Mrs. Robert Fullerton and the children and young people of the church. The W. S. C. S. of Huttig sponsored the supper.

A watch night service was held on December 31. A short devotional meditation was given by the young people at 8 p. m. after which folk games were enjoyed, led by Miss Betty Sue Atkinson. Refreshments were served by the W. S. C. S. The young people then gave a very beautiful program in keeping with the last service that the Master had with his disciples before the crucifixion. The pastor administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper assisted by Rev. Edwin Olin Ham. Fifty-nine young people took part and a number of adults were present.—P. D. Alston, Pastor

Services Committee concerning the removal of liquor influence from the armed camps.

Mrs. L. B. Tooley gave the report of the District W. S. C. S. Bunn Gantz gave the report of the Board of Lay Activities. The report of the Committee on Church Locations was read by Rev. W. R. Burks.

Rev. Howard L. Williams spoke on the Youth Work in the District. Mrs. J. W. Rushing reported on Children's Work. Rev. J. E. Dunlap, District Missionary, reported. Rev. John L. Tucker presented a resolution which was adopted and sent to the President of the United States protesting the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

The following new District Trustees were elected: Fred Gantz, Ramy Garland, Odell Garrett, Herbert Stephens, William Wray, Lloyd Spencer, C. L. Briant, George Stiers and D. F. McLaurine.

The Conference was dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. E. Dunlap.—Warren D. Golden, Secretary

## BUILDERS CLASS HAS ANNUAL BANQUET

The Builders Class of the Methodist Church of Brinkley held its annual Christmas banquet on Wednesday, December 19, at the Hotel Rusher. The class president, John Crow introduced visitors and gave the welcome address. He then introduced Robert Moore who presented the class teacher, Edgar Henderson, with a gift.

Lambert Dial, program chairman, presented a program of Christmas music by members and guests. He also introduced the speaker of the evening, Cecil Robertson of Memphis, who was formerly a resident of Brinkley.

A number of guests attended the banquet. Rev. Jesse L. Johnson is pastor at Brinkley.

## NEWS FROM GRAVETTE

College Student recognition was observed by the Gravette Methodist Church during the Christmas holidays. Thursday, December 27 from 2 to 4 p. m. a tea was given in the parsonage in honor of the college students. Sunday evening, December 30, our students took part in a program designed for students on this occasion.

Taking part in the tea or program were the following: Miss Charlotte Ferrel, Hendrix College; Miss Betty Jean Jinske, Hendrix College; Franklin Johnson, University of Kansas City; Miss Mildred Burns, West Kentucky State College; Tommie Scroggins, University of Arkansas; and Robert Jackson, Senior in Mission Kansas Art and Craft School.—H. W. Jinske, Pastor

## FAMILY NIGHT AT FIRST CHURCH, CONWAY

More than 250 adults and children attended "Family Night" at the First Methodist Church on Wednesday, December 19.

Dr. Ashley Coffman of the Hendrix College Music Department directed the program. It included piano selections by Molly Paulk and Marcia Webb, two concert duet numbers by Loren Coffman and Frank Pasco, accompanied by Mrs. Byron Pasco; a reading by Miss Dorothy Christopher and a devotional by Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin. V. Earle Copes played for group singing.

A pot-luck supper preceded the program.

"Family Night" is held monthly by the Methodists.

The press is called the fourth estate because of its great influence upon public affairs.

## SERVICES AT THE SANATORIUM

Services are held in a number of buildings at the Sanatorium. These services are conducted on the verandas, in the dining rooms, at Commons and at the auditorium of Masonic Children's Home.

There is an eagerness for religious services over the Sanatorium. Such a request stirs one's heart to reach all the patients possible. In most cases it is possible to have the services, even if only some are benefited. So many are not able to come to the services. In one building no services can be held without mechanical aid. A sound system makes it possible to reach patients on both floors of Steward, the surgery building. For several months one of the patients loaned his loud speaker machine, which was equipped with mike and record player. This patient moved to another State and took his sound system with him. For a long time no services have been held in this building because of lack of facilities.

Scarcely does a day pass that I do not have from one to four services somewhere on the hill. For the most part the attendance is very encouraging. It thrills one to stand before these friends and to share with them experiences of worship and the consciousness of the nearness of God.

In some of our services we sing songs. But in others it is a service where the Scripture lesson is read, prayer offered and a short message given. In all the attention is gratifying and inspiring. In the Masonic Service there are children from six to thirteen years old. Recently I bought some new song books with some of the Sunshine Fund and these add to the effectiveness of the services.

We want to ask that friends over the State will pray that our services may be helpful and beneficial.—Bates Sturdy, Chaplain

## LOOKING AHEAD IN 1952

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### Contributions To The Fay McRae Library Building Camp Tanako

Henderson	\$ 5.41
Geyer Springs	1.00
Dumas	2.60
Dumas Memorial	2.00
Stamps	5.00
Crossett	4.00
Jackson St. (Magnolia	10.00
Bauxite	5.00

The above contributions were received since the last acknowledgement of gifts, made in the Arkansas Methodist.

ARKANSAS METHODIST





## REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1951

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 December, 1951.

Mrs. Leo Swafford, England, Ark., dolls; Young Ladies Class of Moorefield Church, Batesville District, Moorefield, assorted gifts; Mrs. H. E. Terry, Jamestown, 1 quilt; Mrs. H. Bevelch, Fayetteville, magazines; Mrs. Reutellhuber, Friendly Couples Class of Winfield Ch., Little Rock, birthday presents; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dougherty, Little Rock, bread, etc.; Mrs. Dewey Taylor, Montette, for Macey Ch. W. S. C. S., towels and wash cloths; Mrs. Wm. Winkler, No. Little Rock, clothing; Mrs. Webb Lester, Jr., Hope, clothing; Willisville Ch., Waterloo, cookies; Willisville Ch. and Sunday School, Waterloo, towels and clothing; Meth. Ch. W. S. C. S. Welcome Ch., Taylor, quilt; Mrs. Lou E. Williamson, Branch, quilt; quilting by W. S. C. S. of Branch Meth. Ch.; Stebbins and Roberts, Inc., Little Rock, Christmas gifts for all the children; Kate Campbell Class, Augusta Meth. Ch., Augusta, Ark., three quilts; one in memory of Mrs. C. D. Dye; one in memory of Mrs. Jim Hughes; one in honor of Mrs. Lottie Taggart, all of Augusta; Morrilton Ch., Morrilton, candy, nuts, cookies, canned goods, toys, and assorted gifts; Fish and Game Commission, State of Arkansas, one deer; Mr. Dick Elgin delivered a Christmas tree for Optimist Club, Little Rock, Mr. Curtis Glover, president; W. S. C. S. Meth. Ch., Mineral Springs, one quilt; W. A. S. Bible Class, Meth. Ch., Cabot, one quilt; Mrs. J. A. Dudley, Little Rock, spread; Moorefield Ladies Adult S. S. Class, Moorefield, Mrs. W. E. Nance, President, 33 wash cloths, 1 towel; Rev. W. T. Bone, pastor, W. S. C. S. of Watson Ch., Watson, box and basket of fruits, candies and nuts; Mrs. C. C. Breeding, Winfield Ch., Little Rock, one rocking chair; Mrs. Pauline McLain, Curtis, box of clothing; Watson Ch. Sunday School, Watson, W. T. Bone, pastor, box of scarfs; Leola Ch., Leola, quilt and fruit; Mr. E. C. Junkin, Little Rock, pecans; Mrs. O. A. Reitz, W. S. C. S., Ulm, one quilt;

Adult Bible Class, Delfore Ch., Delfore Charge, Black Oak, toys; W. S. C. S. Grand Ave. Ch., Stuttgart, assorted gifts; Watson Bible Class, Hunter Ch., Little Rock, Rev. Fred Arnold, pastor, nuts, candies and fruits; Mrs. Mark Townsend, Pres. W. S. C. S. First Ch., Stuttgart, assorted gifts; E. Verne Hunter, 5th Grade Southside School, Rosie Route, Batesville, candy, nuts and assorted gifts; Mrs. Tray Toney, Sec'y Farmington W. S. C. S., Farmington, assorted gifts; M. Y. F., First Ch., Piggott, assorted gifts; Mrs. Hazel Byrd, Jerome, cookies; W. S. C. S. Hunter Memorial Church, Little Rock, pyrex dishes, aluminum pans, two daisy can openers and plastic curtains; Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Dowdell, Malvern, set of the Book of Life; Mr. N. P. O'Neal, Hope, pecans; Meth. Ch., Siloam Spgs., assorted gifts; Mrs. A. T. Stringfellow, Oak Forest Church Garden Club, Little Rock, assorted gifts; W. S. C. S. Newton Chapel, Tillar, assorted gifts; Elsie Hackworth, Wesleyan Service Guild, Meth. Ch., Lincoln, assorted gifts; Arkansas Valley Sub-District, Hartman, assorted gifts; Circle No. 4, Methodist Church, Rogers, Ark., assorted gifts; Miss Julia Sears, Supt. Primary Dept., Central Ave. Meth. Ch., Batesville, assorted gifts; Mrs. J. A. Jones, Sunshine Class, Meth. Ch., Glenwood, assorted gifts; Mrs. Harley Sexton, Hot Spgs., assorted gifts; Mrs. Harvey Crumpler, Ever Ready Bible Class, Jackson St. Meth. Ch., Magnolia, assorted gifts; Mrs. Horace Bell, Little Rock, books; Mrs. Chester Woosley, Pres. Bethany Class, Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, assorted gifts; Mrs. C. E. Winfrey, Circle No. 2, Winfield Ch., Little Rock, one dress; Mrs. W. A. Fleming, Wesleyan Guild, Van Buren Ch., Van Buren, assorted gifts and clothing; Primary Department, First Meth. Ch., El Dorado, assorted gifts; Rev. C. E. Mar-

tin, Greenbrier Meth. Ch., Greenbrier, canned fruits and vegetables; Rev. Rufus Sorrells, Scott St. Meth. Ch., Little Rock, fruits and cookies; Rev. Fred W. Schendiman, Lakeside Ch., Lake Village, assorted gifts; Mrs. T. A. Robertson, The Young Couples Class, Glenwood Meth. Ch., Glenwood, assorted gifts; Circle No. 7, Asbury Ch., Little Rock, assorted gifts; Canton Hill Methodist Ch., Route 3, Searcy, assorted gifts; Sunshine Class, Vantage Ch., El Dorado, assorted gifts; Mrs. H. H. Boyd, Geyer Springs, assorted gifts;

Chas. Baber, U. S. Veterans Hospital, No. Little Rock, candy; Mrs. Ralph Wood, R-2, Rogers, books; Mrs. Cecile Dancer, Springfield Meth. Ch., Springfield, clothing; Pisgah Meth. Ch. M. Y. F., Pisgah, assorted gifts; Recording Service, North Little Rock, one record; Mrs. Demas Anderson, Ozark, shirts; Meth. Ch., Luxora, assorted gifts; Mrs. Wilton Sorrells, Ouachita, assorted gifts; Ladies Bible Class, Lonoke Meth. Ch., Lonoke, assorted gifts; Mrs. J. E. White, Children's Dept. Lonoke Meth. Ch., Lonoke, radio; Annie B. Haylor, 419 Melrose Blvd., Fort Smith, assorted gifts; Dorcas Class, St. Paul's Ch., Little Rock, assorted gifts; Wesleyan Service Guild, Meth. Ch., Earle, assorted gifts; W. S. C. S., Eureka Spgs., assorted gifts; Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, Alma, assorted gifts; Mrs. Mattie Koenig, Intermediate Dept., Rison Meth. Ch., Rison, assorted gifts; Mr. J. A. Riggs, Sr., Little Rock, clothing; Mr. J. S. Ripplier, Walnut Grove Sunday School, Ferndale, fruits, candy, nuts, canned fruits and vegetables; A. W. Wasson Sub-Dist. M. Y. F. Bentonville, assorted gifts; Jane McLendon, Mississippi Co. Sub-Dist. Luxora, assorted gifts; Mrs. W. F. Butler, Bergman Ch., Bergman, W. S. C. S., apples; Mrs. John I. Hogue, Bryant, canned fruits and vegetables; Oakland Ch., Rt. 3, Vilonia, assorted gifts; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Evans, Bryant, canned fruits and vegetables; Mrs. Paul Duvall, Van Buren, St. John's Meth. Ch. W. S. C. S., one comfort; Mrs. S. L. Sanders, Sherrill, Girl Scouts, lapel pins; W. S. C. S. Harrisburg Ch., Harrisburg, assorted gifts; W. B. Branch, Texarkana, box candy; Mrs. Glenn Daniels, Primary Class, Ozark Ch., Ozark, assorted gifts; M. Y. F., Altheimer Ch., Altheimer, assorted gifts; Children's Division, First Ch., Harrisburg, nuts, candy and assorted gifts; Mrs. H. E. Waggoner, 435 Olive St., Fayetteville, assorted gifts; Mr. E. C. Junkin, Route 7, Little Rock, pecans; Mr. Tom Fulton, Gardner Mem. Ch., No. Little Rock, radio and assorted gifts; Rev. Vernon Paysinger, Mayflower, Springfield and Mallettown Chs., canned fruits and vegetables; Wesleyan Service Guild, First Meth. Ch., Morrilton, assorted gifts; Junior Dept., First Ch., Morrilton, books; Primary Class, Bryant Meth. Ch., Bryant, assorted gifts; The Intermediate Girls, Almyra, assorted gifts; W. S. C. S. Almyra Ch., Almyra, clothing; Bellefonte Ch., Bellefonte, one quilt; Mr. M. J. Pruniski, Rialto Theater, No. Little Rock, apples, oranges, nuts and candy; Primary Dept., First Ch., Clarksville, assorted gifts; Primary Dept., Pottsville Meth. Ch., Pottsville, candy, fruits, nuts; Top Hat Club, Little Rock, football; Mrs. Harold Clifton, Cabot, from Mt. Tabor Meth. Ch., canned fruits and vegetables; Mr. Murrell Webb, Midway High School, Cabot, candy and nuts; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilson, Little Rock, canned fruits and vegetables; Half Moon Meth. Ch. M. Y. F., Mrs. O. M. Mitchell, Blytheville, candy; Mrs. Anne Gidcomb, Hot Spgs., cookies; Forest Park-Kavanaugh Ch., candy and fruit; Mountain View Ch., fruits and candy; Primary Dept., DeQueen Ch., DeQueen, assorted gifts.

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## DECEMBER 23 IN MADISON COUNTY

On Sunday, December 23, it was my great privilege to be with Bro. and Mrs. James Weatherford on their charge in Madison County. On Saturday night we went to Nichols Memorial where we met with a small but interested group in worship services. This church was built in memory of an old-time Methodist local preacher who lived and served in the community for long years. Many of his family still live and serve in the community.

On Sunday morning at 10 o'clock we drove to Brannon Mountain where a fine group had gathered for the service. Here another small nucleus of Methodist people carry on in the service of the Lord. A good service was enjoyed. After this service we drove down the mountain to Delaney where we were privileged to worship with the good people of this community. The attendance was good and the interest fine. They were making preparation for a Christmas program that evening. In the afternoon at 2:30 we went to St. Paul for another service. The people were appreciative and responsive. The spirit prevailing at all churches was inspiring. It will be the writer's privilege to return to this charge and work at Delaney during the great U.E.M. campaign soon to be held in our conference. The Methodist Church is doing well in supporting the Weatherfords in this area. Church interest was at a low ebb for years but under guidance of those who have been assigned to this field under the direction of the conference leaders, the work of our Church is making a fine comeback.

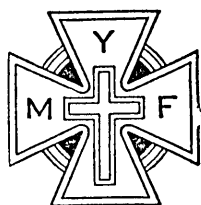
One reaches the conclusion that Methodism must continue to hold the many small communities over the nation if we are to continue to be a great Church. As we recognize that the most of our churches are in the small town and in the open country we can see the need of continuing a definite and aggressive program in these areas. The small groups must be kept intact. The community and neighborhood spirit must survive. In many instances it is difficult to move groups from one community to another. It is especially true with the church groups. Our best hope for the near future is to use lay speakers, in local churches and

from neighboring churches to bring additional worship services to many of our small churches. Also, we must strengthen our Church School program by undergirding it with more material from many sources for worship. There must come to our people over the nation a deeper sense of the need of the Presence of God. There must come a deeper interest in attending the house of God every Holy Day. There must be a deeper feeling of devotion and loyalty to the things that have made the nation great.

Ezekiel, who loved the Great Temple realizing that when the Jews were dispersed over the earth they would miss the Great Worship Services, said in a beautiful way: "Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come." (Ezekiel 11-16). It is a blessed privilege to know that people can meet God in the private and personal communion in the heart and soul. It is good to know that He will meet us in the little chapel on the mountain, in the valley, in the grove, or wherever we may come together in His Name. The multitudes of little churches will still be a sanctuary to the souls of those who will gather there.—J. Albert Gatlin

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### OBERLIN M. Y. F. PRESENTS PAGEANT

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Oberlin Methodist Church presented the Christmas story under leadership of A. B. Sibley and Mrs. A. M. Moore at the church Saturday evening, December 22.

The cast included Charles Ray Baggett, Virginia Maddox, Connie Kennedy, Miriam Moore, June Moore, Louise Westbrook, Joan Fontenot, Helen Fontenot, Johnny Fontenot, Beverly Bertrand, Kenneth Macip, Harrin Macip, Carol Campbell, Sister Campbell, Orlin Dubose, Leon Westbrook, Milton Moore, Van Calvin Westbrook, Forrest Thompson and John Wesley LeBlanc.

Interspersed in the program were Christmas carols with Mrs. Ray Baggett as piano accompanist.

After the program, gifts were exchanged.

### MEETING OF SEBASCOTT SUB-DISTRICT

The M. Y. F. of the Sebascott Sub-district met at Waldron for its December meeting. A Christmas skit, entitled "The Soldier and the Shepherd", was given by Charles Poe, Sharon Jackson, Ben Simpson, and Jean Rose.

Joe Roberts, the Sub-district president, conducted the business meeting. There were 62 present. Mrs. Overton, the Mansfield M. Y. F. leader, directed games in the basement. The group decided to meet at Greenwood for the January meeting.—Secretary

### LEVY M. Y. F. HAS WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

The Levy M. Y. F. held their watch night service Monday night, December 31st, at eight o'clock. The recreation was directed by Rev. Raymond Dorman. For refreshments sandwiches, cookies and cold drinks were served.

The party was concluded, as the old year ended, with a worship service. After a song service and sentence prayers, Don Johnson brought the devotional message. He used as his subject "Christ at our Heart's Door". Miss Viola Blair played the organ for the worship service.—Reporter

As a rule a fellow who prides himself on being frank and truthful is regarded as rude and disagreeable by others.—Memphis Commercial Appeal

### YOUNG PEOPLE DIRECT SERVICES AT LAKE VILLAGE

The Christmas vacation period afforded opportunity to present the youth of the Lakeside Methodist Church, Lake Village, in special services. On Sunday, December 30, returned college students were honored at the morning hour. Rev. Hal R. Sessions, Jr., second year student in Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, preached the sermon, using as his subject, "Not My Will but Thine Be Done". Jack Bush, University of Arkansas graduate and now instructor in the Springfield, Mo., school system, presided and led the service. Charles Holloway, student in Hendrix College, and Miller Ford, Jr., student in the University, served as ushers and received the offering. Mrs. James Brown and Miss Martha Nell Matthews, high school senior, sang a duet, "My Jesus, as Thou Wilt". It was a high and holy hour in which these young friends participated upon the occasion of hearing of Brother Sessions in his first sermon.

On Christmas Sunday, December 23, the members of the Youth Fellowship were presented in Vesper Candlelight Service, under the leadership of Miss Melba Bass, Counsellor. Jerry Ford, president, directed the service; candles were lighted by Sarah Francis Hawkins and Martha Nell Matthews. Sharon and Jeanne Streetman, little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Streetman, sang a duet, "Once There Was a Star". Freddy Schwendimann played a saxophone solo, "Silent Night" as the offering was received. Others participating in the service built around the story of the "Church of the Lighted Lamps" were Mary Sue McGehee, Sue Davis, Todd Franks, Raymond Streeter, Judy Gaines, Mary Mills Hawkins, and Alvin Ford, Jr.

The Christmas season was made more blessed because of the services of these young people in sharing the age-old message of the birth of Christ.—Reporter

There are two kinds of religion—vertical and horizontal. Vertical religion takes us up to God. Horizontal religion is the hope for social improvement that men can effect for themselves. We need to strike a balance with both kinds.—Ralph W. Sockman, clergyman, author

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can attend the Assembly. Persons who are local M.Y.F. officers and have passed their fifteenth birthday can attend this assembly.

Plans are being made to give help to those who plan to have Youth Activities' Week during the summer or early fall.

We have set a goal of 250 enrollment for our Conference Youth Assembly. We had 102 to attend the National Youth Conference last summer. Certainly we can have 250 in our Conference Assembly. Local churches should begin now to plan to have one or more youth in this Assembly.

The Conference Youth Assembly is trying to do for the local church M.Y.F. leaders as the Jurisdictional workshop at Mt. Sequoyah is trying to give help for sub-district, district and Conference youth leaders.

#### Stewardship Classes Held

The weather conditions of last week did not stop the stewardship classes being conducted in the Paragould District. While we do not have reports on all the classes, the reports reaching us by the time of this writing indicate a good interest revealed in the classes. The third night of the class at Reyno was such a bad night that we could have expected very poor attendance, but it proved to be the best night of the school. The opening night at Hoxie was a very bad time to begin a training school, but the attendance was most encouraging.

#### Youth Rallies Jan. 19

The youth and youth leaders of the church schools of the North Arkansas Conference are being urged to plan for large delegations from their local churches to attend the youth rally being conducted in the districts of the Conference on Saturday night, January 19. Communications have been sent out to a large number of youth leaders urging their careful planning to make these district rallies for youth very significant meetings. Each local church can have a part in this part of the Evangelistic program even though they are not having the visitation and preaching program.

One of the smaller churches of the Conference has notified our office that a group of 40 young people plan to attend the rally from that section. There should be thousands of young people as a total attending these youth meetings.

The young people need the co-operation of pastors, church school superintendents, other adult leaders in the church, together with the parents to make these meetings as successful as they should be.

Plan now to have your church well represented at your district youth rally Saturday night, January 19.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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that which he had taken wrongly would never again oppress the people. He came to put human beings ahead of gain.

#### Life As A Stewardship

One thing that we should keep constantly in mind is the fact that Christ expects us to make all of life a stewardship. All that we have in the way of time, talents, material possessions, spiritual truths, training, and even physical health, we hold in trust for others. It is only as we share with others that we live at its fullest and best.

All, therefore, should choose a suitable occupation that is in keeping with his talents and training and through this occupation should render service to the world. The occupation may be ever so humble but if it is something that adds to the comfort and well being of people in any realm of life, through it, one can do his bit for the world.

We speak of a minister being called to his task; and he is called; and he gets a great deal of inspiration in feeling that God has laid his hand upon him. But there is a sense in which others are also called. When one sees a need out there in the world and realizes that God has given him a talent for meeting that need, that is a definite call to service.

#### People Must Come First

People and their needs must always come first in the life of a Christian. When these are kept consciously to the forefront in a person's life he will use his occupation for the good of others. To be sure it will take a little profit to get along in the world, but the true Christian will give first consideration to the service he renders to others through his business or occupation rather than to the profit he gets for himself. This business of living is a serious business. It cannot be properly done unless God is made the senior Partner in the firm.

"It is especially important that there be established relationships of mutual support between the churches and the public schools. The large majority of Methodist children attend the public school. What the public school is and what it does is of vital concern to the Methodist Church."—Mary Alice Jones, Director, Department of the Christian Education of Children, General Board of Education.

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a number of years. His long illness was borne with great fortitude and cheerfulness, and although denied the privilege of worship because of ill health, he retained a vital interest in his church until his death.

His good spirit and faithful support will be greatly missed in Goddard Church.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Warren Johnston of Fort Worth, Texas.—Robert E. L. Bearden

ROY—Carroll D. Roy, age 77, passed away at the Fort Roots Veterans' Hospital in North Little Rock on August 8, 1951, after a long illness. He was a Spanish War veteran and was born at DeQueen.

Mr. Roy was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, served as an official of the Pike County Red Cross, and was a member of the Glenwood Chamber of Commerce. His most useful work, however, was for the Lord in his Methodist Church. He was chairman of the Board of Stewards, church lay leader, district lay leader and spoke in church pulpits on many occasions. He was a trustee and treasurer of Glenwood Methodist Church, which church he was a member of almost from the time of his arrival in Glenwood a quarter of a century ago. Brother Roy always saw that his church "paid out." He was a consistent member. He and his half-brother formerly operated a store in Glenwood. Each had provision in his will that his pastor at the time of his death would be administrator of the will, and each left bonds the General Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church. Brother Roy left about \$600.

I first saw him when he represented his church at district conference at Washington some eight years ago. My last visit with him he was praying for his church and the coming revival.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Eugene F. Harrell, Harlingen, Texas; Mrs. Frank Canivacoil, Highland Falls, New York; three sons, John W. and C. Edward Roy of Atoka, Oklahoma and Sgt. William E. Roy, West Point, New York and seven grandchildren.

His funeral service was held in the Methodist Church of Glenwood by Rev. R. S. Beasley, former pastor, Rev. J. L. Hamilton, pastor, Bethel Baptist Church and the writer. Burial was in Glenwood cemetery.—C. V. Mashburn, His pastor

The real Christmas tree is the tree of life; its branches spread over all lands, and its leaves are for the healing of nations.—Amos R. Wells, quoted in Houston Times

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# The Sunday School Lesson

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## LESSON FOR JANUARY 20, 1952 HOW CAN A BUSINESSMAN FOLLOW CHRIST?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Matthew 9:9-17; Luke 5:27-39. Printed text: Matthew 9:9; Luke 5:27-39.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.* (Luke 5:31-32)

This is Unit II of the new year. It is composed of six lessons. The general theme of the unit is Following Christ.

### A Look At The Scriptures

In the days of Christ's sojourn in the flesh there was a flourishing town by the name of Capernaum on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee. This town is the scene of our lesson today. It is thought that the events of the lesson took place in the summer of A.D. 28.

### The Calling Of A Disciple

We have here the record of the calling of one of the outstanding followers of Christ. The name of this man is given in the Gospel of Matthew as Matthew, but in the fifth chapter of Luke he is called Levi. New Testament scholars are agreed that the two names apply to the same man. Some suggest that his original name was Levi and that the name Matthew was given to him after he became a disciple, as the name Peter was given to Simon.

In becoming a disciple Matthew had some serious obstacles to surmount. For some time he had been a tax collector and that for a hated, foreign government. Palestine had been conquered by the Romans. In the place of the Roman Government sending its own officers to collect the taxes it simply sold the privilege of making such collections to Jewish citizens. These people would pay so much for collecting the taxes in certain areas and then would squeeze all the money possible out of the people. They got many times more than they paid for the privilege of collecting and thus became wealthy.

These tax collectors were greatly hated by their fellow citizens. They were classed with robbers, thieves, and murderers. They were shunned by all decent people. They were not permitted to worship in the synagogues. Their money was thought to be so tainted that it would not be accepted by beggars, or charitable institutions. You will remember how Christ was harshly criticized for mixing with these individuals. This accusation was

even brought against him in the trial before his crucifixion. They said he was "a friend of publicans and sinners."

The sad thing about the whole matter was the fact that these Pharisees thought that these people were sinners above all and yet would do nothing in the world to try to reach them for God, and not only so, they objected to others trying to help them in any way. They simply took a pleasure in the idea that these people were hopelessly damned.

### Matthew Gave A Feast

Matthew made a clean break with his past life. He went all out for Christ and the right. He made one of the boldest moves one will find recorded in the Bible — he gave a great feast and invited all of his former friends and associates; many of whom were also tax collectors. He wanted the world to know the stand he had taken. Then, too, he might have felt that Christ could reach some of these people. It will be remembered that Christ was the honor guest on this occasion.

### Objections Answered

As usual, the Pharisees and their teachers and secretaries — the scribes — were on hand to criticize. They had not been invited to the feast, but because of the crowd the banquet was held in the court of Matthew's house where these critics could easily observe it. We are told that these critics murmured against the disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" As was his custom, the Lord was spokesman for the group. He replied, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Christ was not implying that these scribes and Pharisees were righteous. He knew, however, that they thought themselves to be and that so long as they had that attitude they would never accept salvation. People have to realize that they are sick before they will send for the doctor. It

will be remembered that on another occasion he warned these same people that the publicans and harlots were going into the kingdom of heaven ahead of them. Not that these people were cleaner and more moral than the Pharisees but they realized their condition and confessed and forsook their sins, a thing that the Pharisees would never do.

### The Matter Of Fasting

The matter of fasting was next brought into the picture. The scribes and Pharisees criticized the Lord for the fact that his disciples did not fast as did the disciples of John the Baptist and of the Pharisees. The Lord informed them that so long as the Bridegroom was with his followers there was no occasion for fasting, but on the contrary, it was a time for feasting and rejoicing. The time would come, however, when the Bridegroom would be taken away and then his followers would fast. It will be noted here that Christ was speaking of himself as the Bridegroom.

### The New Versus The Old

In this same connection the Lord went on to make his famous statement concerning the patching of an old garment with a new piece of unshrunk cloth and the putting of new wine in old wineskins.

All know what will happen when a new, unshrunk piece of cloth is used to patch an old garment. The new patch will shrink and the old garment will be torn worse than ever. About the same lesson is gotten from the putting of new wine in old wineskins. In those days bottles were made from goat skins. The skin was simply stripped off of the animal without cutting it except for the removal of the feet, tail, and head. The neck of the skin became the mouth of the bottle and the other holes were closed. When these wine skins were new they were strong and could stand considerable pressure, then, too, they would stretch. But after they were used for a while they became stiff and would stretch no more. As grape juice ferments it becomes larger in bulk, therefore, to fill an old wineskin with new wine or grape juice and tie it up securely was to invite trouble. The Lord said that the skins would burst and the wine would be wasted.

Christ was using these figures to drive home this great fact—His teaching was something new. He was teaching that salvation comes through faith and grace and not through the works of the law. The form that Judaism had taken, led by the Pharisees, could never contain the Gospel of Christianity. As we look back over the beginning and growth of Christianity the truth of what Christ said is borne in upon us. In the early days of Christianity some Jews who professed to

follow Christ tried to do the very thing Christ said could not be done—they tried to fit Christianity into Jewish forms. They are known in church history as "Judaizers". The Apostle Paul had a great deal of trouble with these people.

### Lesson In Every Day Life

Now for the application of the lesson—Matthew was a businessman. Hew as paying a terrific price for material gain. He was held in disrepute by all decent people of his nation. They looked on him as a traitor; one who would sell his country for money. He was also selling his conscience. He had cut loose from the church. He was never seen in places of public worship. Like Judas, he loved money and was determined to have it.

We have men like that today. Men who are willing to pay any kind of price for material gain. Think of people in the liquor and narcotic traffics today. They are selling out for gain. Like Matthew they are paying a terrible price. So far as the writer knows none of them pretended to be religious, and if they did, pretension would be all; it would get them nowhere; it would only add fuel to the fire. They are out for the money they can get regardless of what their traffic does to others. The same is true with those who are running gambling houses; who are engaged in the slotmachine business; whiteslaver, etc. All of these are dabbling in that which hurts others. They are in it not to render service to others but for the profit they can get out of it. Matthew's occupation was an honorable one in comparison to these. It was necessary that taxes be collected. The Roman Government had certainly rendered some service to the Jews and it was right that it should receive a reasonable amount of taxes for same. The trouble was in the manner of raising the taxes. The method used encouraged oppression on the part of the tax collectors. Then, too, it looked bad on Matthew's part through the fact that he was a Jew and was yet participating in that which was so greatly hurting his country. It was greed that led him on just like greed leads many into all kinds of wrong activities today. Matthew has it to his credit that he gave up all to follow Jesus.

The Lord does not require that every person who comes to him give up his occupation. It will be noted that Matthew was called into fulltime Christian service. Christ is for all legitimate activity; necessary occupations; any job that one may do through which he renders service to others. Zaccheus was also a tax collector. He came to Jesus, and so far as we know he continued in his job, but we can rest assured that one who went so far as to restore four times as much as

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