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A Victory Where Victory Counts Most

BOTH proponents and opponents of the West Memphis race track proposal have finally come to a common agreement on the question. It is that the race track is dead.

The fact that the race track controversy came to such a happy conclusion is in itself a reason for genuine thanksgiving. There is another fact in the situation, however, that is more basic and more satisfying to the better citizenship of the state than the immediate collapse and unwept demise of the proposed race track program. More significant and more meaningful to good government than the defeat of the race track is the fact that the final, fatal, unquestioned victory punch in the battle came from a grass-root vote by the better citizenship of Crittenden County.

This indicates that the will of good citizenship can be decisive when really aroused. The rest of Arkansas should take courage from this moral victory in Crittenden county which came from a source where victory really counts.

J. S. M. Cannon Fellowship Hall Memorial

In the January 17 issue of the Arkansas Methodist was published an announcement that the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas leading in a program to raise funds to construct the "J. S. M. Cannon Fellowship Hall" on the Children's Home campus in memory of the late J. S. M. Cannon, who for many years served as Superintendent of that institution. The Board is asking that Methodists in Arkansas who desire to have part in this undertaking forward their contribution to the Home, indicating that the is for that purpose.

We want to commend this undertaking to you for your earnest consideration for at least two reasons. First, Methodists of Arkansas need to provide this memorial to Cannon as a suitable expression of their appreciation for the splendid leadership he gave this institution. The Methodist Church in Arkansas will ever be indebted to Brother Cannon for the marvelous way in which he laid upon our hearts Christ's concern for children, especially those without a home. Second, his administration of the financial support of the program of the Home by the churches in Arkansas rose considerably making possible not only increased comfort for children being cared for but also an expansion program which was well under way when he was stricken. In a very real way Cannon's vision and leadership is responsible for the expansion program at the

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The Importance Of Race Relations Day

ON the second Sunday of February, which this year is February 10th, we have our annual observance of Race Relations Day. This day, in the program of our church, should be given a place in keeping with the vital importance of the subject it represents. If this is done Race Relations Day will be a significant day in our church's life since the present world condition makes the matter of race relations one of the most momentous questions facing the human race.

With many of our people the question of race relations begins and ends with the thought of the relations existing between the white and colored

He giveth to all life and breath
and all things; and hath made of
one blood all nations of men for
to dwell on all the face of the
Earth. Acts 17:25-26.

races here in our own country. Any problems of this nature we may have in America do not constitute the basic race problems of the world. They are only a part of, possibly only symptoms of the critical, explosive question of proper race relations that is crying aloud across the world for a solution.

Aside from the unbridled ambitions of some bad men now in the leadership of some great nations, practically every existing international problem could be solved or put well on the way to a solution if the age-old friction between the races of earth could be ended.

It is quite possible, also, that no race on earth would profit more, in the long run, from a friendly, brotherly solution of the race question than the white race. For the white race, today, the question of a better relation with other races is not merely a matter of good morals, it is also essential to ultimate survival. It is difficult for us to realize how hopelessly we are in the minority in any contest where the white race would be pitted against the colored races of earth.

Nevertheless, while the problem is a world problem, it would be well for us to begin at home, even in Arkansas and Louisiana, in an effort to create that friendly, understanding relationship that should exist between the races.

Circulation Campaign Report No. 3

ON pages 8 and 9 of this issue is published the last full charge by charge report of the annual Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign. Reports there show that nine of the fourteen districts in the state have exceeded their quotas and several other districts are nearing their quotas to make a total of 19,627 subscriptions to date, 500 more than was reported in Report No. 3 last year.

Your Editors know only too well the significance of this achievement. If the campaign has been "business as usual" this year this splendid list could have been expected. However, because of the press of other important matters in the conference and local church calendar, District leaders and pastors could not devote as much time as ordinarily. These factors make this year's campaign a signal achievement in the history of Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaigns. Your staff is appreciative of the splendid promotion by the District Superintendents, District Directors, Pastors, and those who may have assisted them in obtaining this number of subscriptions.

Further published circulation reports will give only those additional subscriptions reported with revised charge and district totals.

Unit "B" Concludes U. E. M.

WITH a dramatic close on last Sunday afternoon there came to an end the period of operation of the Unit B, United Evangelistic Mission in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. Approximately 12,548 Methodists were present in fourteen Victory Mass Meetings which climaxed a ten day program of pulpit-visitation evangelism in twelve of the fourteen districts in Arkansas. This program had been preceded in Louisiana and the other two Arkansas districts in December by a similar program. Thus, the Arkansas-Louisiana Area has successfully completed this period of intensive evangelistic emphasis and it has been in every sense of the word a great success.

In the issue of next week this publication will publish a full length account of the Unit "B" Mission. It was our privilege to be in each of the twelve districts during the course of the period of operation, and the experience of seeing first hand the fulfillment of many weeks of careful preparation and earnest prayer was indeed inspiring. On page five of this issue is published the district day by day reports of the program with the summary. It is our plan next week to publish the Arkansas-Louisiana Area statistics so that our readers can see and study the re-

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A VACANT PULPIT SPEAKS

By JOHN M. McCORMACK, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Jonesboro

TEXT: Will ye also go away?

WHY do we have 15,000 vacant pulpits in America? Shifting population; erosion of the soil. Without good soil the soul will suffer, home will suffer, churches will die.

Highways and cars have taken people out of their communities. Spiritual values have been replaced by materialistic values by millions. There are fewer Methodist Ministers today than in 1900. Many pastors have quit and entered other work. One said he had no big reason, but seven little reasons called Mary, Bill, etc. Hundreds of pastors today are practically on starvation. These are a few of the reasons:

I went out and stood by a forsaken pulpit. I want to describe the experience alone there. A highway was built nearby. Cars were passing. Window lights were broken and glass scattered upon the floor. Doors were practically down. I started to open a back door and it came off the hinges and struck me in the head.

The pulpit was decaying and had several dirt dauber nests stuck to it. A few dirty, faded pictures hung upon the wall. Grass, weeds and brush surrounded the outside. I took my hat from my head and stood behind that old forsaken pulpit and asked: "Do you have a message for this trembling day?"

Alone there I listened to that silent message. And this is what I heard from one of the 15,000 vacant and forsaken pulpits of our country:

"I am forsaken and decaying because some of my people felt so sure I was here to stay forever. I was of God. I was indestructible. They would not realize that I was sick and dying. They felt not real need for the Great Physician. So many said, 'Just let the preached do it, let the old timers there do it. A few run it anyway, and furthermore I don't really count. Let Dick, Tom and Harry do it'.

"No, my people were not atheists, they were not Communists. They were Materialists, Secularists, most of them Moralists, who threw no stones at me. They just quietly walked away saying I was so strong I could get along without them, that one person doesn't really count anyway. Today the stress is on Bigness, the supremacy of the State over the individual and my people know not that the Good Shepherd knows his sheep by name and not by some cold dead number. They just went away, and now many speed by, covering me with dust and they scarcely look in my direction any more."

This stunning, silent message I heard as I stood with uncovered head beside a forsaken pulpit, a decaying pulpit, a dust covered pulpit. I said, "Tell me who brought you here and put you together and once varnished and shined you and dusted you, and loved you? Forsaken, deserted pulpit, tell me something of your people and the man of God who stood behind you and preached the gospel of redemption?"

"Some of my people lived before the Civil War, back before there was a Hitler, Mussolini or a Stalin, back before there was a governmental idea that the state is supreme and the individual and God do not count. My people never heard of subsidies. Great income taxes and other taxes were not known as they are today. My people believed that the government was a servant of the people, never a master; that the govern-

ing body must always gain the consent of the governed. They believed that government must be of the people, by the people and for the people. Sometimes they would sing for an hour. He would read a line and the people would sing it, for they did not all have books. Oh those songs and those singing people. You should have heard them sing Rock of Ages, Jesus, Lover of My Soul, My Faith Looks Up to Thee. Then they would pray. They would stand and tell of their conversion to Christ. They would tell of their love for each other. Then the preacher would read from the Bible. I felt so honored as he placed the Holy Book upon me. He loved the Book, I know, for he handled it with such care, even as some of the young mothers out in front would handle their new babies. He read in the presence of the congregation. Then he preached from his heart. He really believed what the Good Book said. Those old preachers worked hard. Many of them died of exposure and exhaustion early in life. They did not know the King's English so perfectly (you would not let them preach in modern churches) but they knew the King. Many people know the 23rd Psalm, but they knew the Shepherd and taught the people that He knew His sheep by name.

"My people were good people. I can see them now out there before me. The young people near the back, sometimes holding hands. I remember with what joy they stood here before the minister. I see them kneeling before me as the good man of God laid his big hands upon them and said: "Those whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder". I have seen them leave here, knowing that God had really joined them as one to establish a Christian home. I have seen them come later with the beautiful, smiling baby to be dedicated to God. We had such good times here. I was the center of the social and religious life. I was the central norm about which they seemed to integrate their love and loyalty and I saw it spread throughout the whole community as good leaven, to leaven the whole lump.

"I was the source of comfort—for into some life some rain must fall, some days be dark and dreary. I have seen the pews filled with sympathizing friends. I have seen flowers gathered from the hillside and put in fruit jars and buckets and placed all about this altar in sacred memory. I have heard the man of God say in such love and hope and sympathy, 'The Lord hath given and now the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord'.

This I heard as I stood that day beside one of the 15,000 vacant, forsaken pulpits in America. But I said, "Tell me more before I go; why did they go away one by one and two by two! When did they start their drift upon an uncertain sea, and will they ever come back?"

Then I went down in front of the old forsaken pulpit and knelt down and said, "Speak to me, and may God help me to hear". Then this silent message I heard:

"It was about 1913 that everything began to change. The century was young, but not too young to bleed, to go astray, to get lost in a dense wilderness. My people began to leave for war. They crossed the choppy seas, they saw the saddest sight the world had ever beheld. It ended after many hard years. Then a great wave of prosperity

came. Good highways were built, the automobile became plentiful, moving and talking pictures came, and millions went there on Sunday, the Lord's Day. Then a great economic depression came, banks failed and many grew bitter and despondent, and bewildered. Crime came until the total bill was and is \$15,000,000,000 annually. Some argued that it cost too much to keep me in repair. The Eighteenth Amendment was repealed with the assurance that the saloon would not return and that it would reduce crime and the profit would help the politicians and government, and besides there would not be so much drinking, for to deny a person anything is a sure way of making him seek it. They said if you put a liquor store on every corner, practically no one will enter. Thus they argued, and thus many believed. The depression ended, bombs were dropped on Pearl Harbor, ships went down, and another war had its birth, the second before the century was half gone. The atomic bomb fell, destroying some one hundred thousand people in Japan. The war was said to have ended with victory for the allies, but men still die on fields of battle. Communism which denies God and individual worth is a world wide power. One of my sister pulpits has been torn down and replaced with a great building in the name and honor of Stalin and Communism. Churches have been destroyed. Over 400 Christian leaders are now missing in Korea alone. They say my day is over. That I am an opiate of the people.

"No, they do not condemn me, nor persecute me, nor stone me—they simply pass me by. Some say I am all right and they wouldn't live in a community without the Church yet they assume no responsibility. They still say I am strong, that I am of God and cannot die, and they are not really needed."

This I heard as I knelt in front of a decaying, forsaken pulpit. The cartoonist saw the true picture. Uncle Sam took one good look at the nation and world, and walked out down a country road, came to an old forsaken church, entered, dusted off the altar, knelt and cried, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

In Washington, D. C., the Mohammedans build their first mosque; in California the Buddhists build their temple; in New York the Communist press turns out propaganda designed to enthrone the state as supreme and make all people subject to Government control. More money is spent on luxuries than by all Christian forces for all causes sacred, while 15,000 pulpits rot down and only 2% of the 150,000,000 people in America will be in church Sunday evening. A member of the United Nations said the world looks to the United States for military and economic control but no longer for spiritual and religious leadership.

Will the people ever come back? I don't know. I am interested right now to know if you will come. Don't say I don't count, the Church doesn't need me, I am only one of millions. Remember, it is materialism, not communism that closed 15,000 pulpits in America. The spirit of Materialism cries, let me have my way, a good time, a good car, a highway, a bottle of liquor, the theatre on Sunday instead of the church. When we grow so smart we know what God knows and then refuse to be what God is, then I believe our day of bondage is near. Look at our own area: Inactive members, Louisiana Conf. 22,366; Little Rock Conf. 23,618, North Ark. 27,065. Here are 72,989 votes to close all churches. 72,989 voices crying, "Sure, I believe in God! So what!"

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Along with these two factors which differentiated Jesus' attitude from the rabbis—his position outreaching saviorhood and his conviction concerning God's searching love for sinners—went a third. Jesus believed in the savableness of sinners with extraordinary warmth and hopefulness . . .

Such championship of womanhood, distinctive of Jesus, was quite uncharacteristic of the world he lived in . . .

All his teaching was thus incidental, casual, called out by something he was doing with some individual or group . . .

It was no theory they faced but a situation to which indifference was impossible . . .

Insult was added to injury, as the Pharisees saw it, when Jesus not only imperiled the peculiar customs that distinguished Jews from Gentiles and threatened their system of ritual observances, but defended his attitude by appeals to their sacred scripture . . .

—from *The Man From Nazareth*, by Harry Emerson Fosdick

OUR MOST IMPORTANT BUSINESS

Verse for today: *But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the world.* Acts 6:4

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7.

I have recently returned from a trip around the world. During my journey I talked with missionaries in France, Italy, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordania, India, Ceylon, Malaya, Hong Kong, Formosa and Japan. Everywhere I asked the same question: "What is your greatest need?" and from all I received the same answer: "We need prayer above everything else."

A longer journey than that has taught me the same thing. A few weeks ago I completed fifty years in the ministry, and if I have learned anything at all during this long pilgrimage, it is this: Prayer is the Christian's most important business. It is through prayer that the Christian obtains tranquility of soul, power for witnessing, and guidance in all the affairs of life.

The importance of prayer is shown by a decision made by the apostles. The Scriptures tell us that when they saw the need of caring for the poor, they asked the church in Jerusalem to choose

GOD IS NOT DUMB

God is not dumb, that He should speak no more;
If thou hast wanderings in the wilderness
And findest not Sinai, 'tis thy soul is poor;
There towers the Mountain of the Voice no less,
Which whoso seeks shall find; but he who bends,
Intent on manna still and mortal ends,
Sees it not, neither hears its thundered lore.

Slowly the Bible of the race is writ,
And not on paper leaves nor leaves of stone;
Each age, each kindred, adds a verse to it,
Texts of despair, and hope, of joy or moan,
While swings the sea, while mists the mountain shroud,
While thunders' surges burst on cliff of cloud,
Still at the prophets' feet the nations sit.

—James Russell Lowell
from *Bibloaters*

Once More To Hear Thy Challenge

TEXT: *But get up and go into the city, and there you will be told what you ought to do.* (Acts 9:6)

A group of young college students were celebrating New Year's Eve when one of the group suggested a passage of scripture be selected as a "Golden text" for that year. Different passages were selected and declared that this was the text which they would turn to throughout that year. One of the group selected the words of Jesus to Paul on the Damascus Road, "But get up and go into the city, and there you will be told what you ought to do". It seemed a queer golden text at that time but when we look at the passage with its background and view the results of Paul's obedience the greatness of this simple statement continues to grow.

We remember the scene. Paul is on his way to continue persecution of the infant Christian Church. It is on this road in which his vision of God occurs that changes the whole course of his life.

Paul did it! He was convinced beyond the slightest shadow of a doubt that God had spoken to him and this conviction sustained

deacons who would carry on that Christian service. They said that if this were done, they would give themselves "continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Prayer is as essential in the life of a church as it is in the life of an individual.

PRAYER: *Our Father, we praise thee for thy wonderful love. Let that love constrain us this day to pray earnestly for all who serve thee in self-forgetfulness and for all who stand in special need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

—Charles F. McKoy,
from *The Secret Place*

him through all of the changing scenes of his life.

It gave him strength as he stood before the temporal rulers of that day. It cuts across the traditions of his race and religion. But he was convinced that he must obey that Voice. Jesus had challenged him and he must answer that challenge.

This experience started him on an adventure with God. In the true pioneer spirit he blazed a trail across the world of his day that is unmistakable. He witnessed before the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned, rulers and subjects, in fact, every place where he had an opportunity. His was a burning message that would not let him be still even though he suffered tremendously from a physical infirmity.

Paul did not find it an easy way. As he recounts his physical suffering our heart goes out to this old soldier of the cross. Perhaps we feel that he had more to suffer than he deserved. His anguish of spirit is unmistakable as he prays for the people of his own race that they too might see the light. How this spirit condemns us as we are prone to give up if things become difficult.

The glory of Paul's obedience is seen clearer after more than nineteen centuries of the ministry of the Christian Church. The power of his mental ability and the complete devotion of all that he had arises in condemnation of the easy way that we try to answer the challenge of Christ. In the true spirit of Jesus Christ he blazed the way to a religious liberty that claims only the bondage of love.

It was the love of Christ that

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Restore to me the joy of thy deliverance, And sustain me with a willing spirit. Let me teach transgressors thy ways, That sinners may return unto thee.—
Psalm 51:12, 13

"FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS"

Take a look at those we call "faithful parishioners." Every Sunday those faithful are the nucleus of the congregation; some Sundays they are the whole congregation. You have them as Sunday school teachers, as church officials, as lay leaders. What distinguishes these people from the rest of the congregation? Perhaps it is the word, "faithful."

This recognition of God's faith in them is acknowledgement of their faith in God. Their faith is an active, living thing. They keep in close touch with him who is their guide. Their prayers are not rituals; they are quests. These faithful truly "pray without ceasing," for their lives reflect a constant search for God's will.

Because of the two-way confidence between God and the faithful, a third confidence is born. That is the faith others develop in the faithful ones. If our church is alive, we turn to these faithful few when there is a job to be done well and unselfishly. If our church is alive, we make these people our leaders. If we are alive we try to become one of them.

Faith full—full of God's faith in them, of their faith in God, of man's faith in them—truly, great is their reward.

Don't they furnish a lesson for us? — Charles Loney, Pennsylvania —from *Power*

constrained him and undergirded his conviction in such a way that His Spirit steps across the cavern of the grave and marches forward this day calling us that we may be led forward along God's holy way.

Perhaps this "Golden Text" was only a mockery so far as the young college student was concerned. Perhaps the glory of it was never realized. But do we dare to follow what we sincerely believe to be God's direction? It may seem a simple thing and yet its importance cannot be estimated. Anyone could arise and go into the city, couldn't they? But, are we willing to accept the challenge of Christ step by step wherever the path may lead us. Do we really want to hear His challenge? Each of us must answer in our own heart.—R. I. B.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

FRED TOONE addressed the Methodist Men's Discussion Club of the Jonesboro Church on January 31 in Fellowship Hall. R. D. Jackson was the chairman.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the El Dorado Men of First Church held recently.

MRS. W. B. LANDRUM, field worker for the Woman's Division, is now at her home in Little Rock after having surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital in Little Rock on Thursday, January 24.

REV. J. WILLIAM WATSON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, spoke to the Methodist Men's Fellowship of The First Methodist Church in Searcy, Friday evening, January 11.

CLARENCE RITCHIE, layman from Lonoke, was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Fellowship of the First Methodist Church of Helena on Tuesday, January 15. Gordon E. McCarty, president, presided.

DR. E. K. MEANS, member of the North Arkansas Conference, was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church of Monroe on Friday, January 25. Dr. Means was pastor at Rogers when he retired in 1944. He now resides at Monroe.

OWELL A. LOGAN, head of the Biology Department at Arkansas Polytechnic College, spoke at the Methodist-Presbyterian union service at Pottsville in the A. R. P. Church on Sunday, January 20. Mr. Logan is a layman of the Russellville Methodist Church.

DR. AUBREY G. WALTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, is serving as Chairman of a three-member arbitration panel which has been helping in arbitration proceedings between the Capitol Transit Co., Little Rock and its employees' union. The Arbitration Board has recessed for the present to permit further negotiations between parties concerned.

\$101,250 has been raised in the recent Construction and Advance Program at Gardner Memorial, North Little Rock. William E. George, general chairman, announces. The campaign began in December and by December about 80% of the goal has been subscribed, with the balance being obtained in early January. The goal was \$100,000. Rev. Irl Bridenthal is the pastor.

MRS. WILLIAM E. BELL, who has been living in Mexico the past two years where her husband is a sanitary engineer with the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, brought a message to the Youth Division of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday, January 20, concerning the life of the Mexican people. Mrs. Bell is the daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Brooks Hays.

A METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP has been organized at the Bald Knob Methodist Church and the following officers have been elected: President, C. C. Hunnicutt; Vice-president, Doyle Ward; Secretary and Treasurer, Sterling Green. The officers will be installed at a morning serv-

ice in February. Joe S. Pierce, Searcy District Lay Leader, has been instrumental in helping these men organize.

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made of the wedding of Miss Carolyn Ruth Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kirk of Rogers, and Rev. Robert L. Ritter, pastor of the Bentonville Circuit, on Saturday, January 19, at the Oakley Chapel Church, Rev. Lindsay Rolland, associate pastor of the circuit, performing the ceremony. Mr. Ritter, who has been a student at Hendrix College, will resume his college work this summer.

REV. PALMER GARNER, ministerial student in Hendrix College and pastor of Bayou Meto Circuit in the Pine Bluff District, will be the speaker at the United Christian Youth Movement Rally at the First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, on Sunday, February 3, at 4:00 p. m. The United Christian Youth Movement is the youth branch of the National Council of Churches of Christ. Rallies of this type will take place all over the nation. The goal for the rally for Greater Little Rock is one thousand young people.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, Conway, attended last week meetings in Washington, D. C., of the University Senate of the Methodist Church, the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist Church, and the Association of American Colleges. The previous week in New Orleans Dr. Ellis attended committees composed from two educational groups, the International Studies Group of the Brookings Institution of Washington, D. C. and the Commission on International Studies of the Southern University Conference. The New Orleans meeting was to make plans for a seminar on foreign policy to be held in San Antonio, Texas, next April for educational representatives from Arkansas and three other southern states.

REV. COY E. WHITTEN, Searcy District Superintendent; Rev. Ralph Hillis, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Searcy; James Wiseman, Joe Pierce and Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, all of Searcy; and Rev. Floyd G. Villines, pastor of The Methodist Church, Beebe were the speakers in a series of radio programs over Station KWCB, Searcy, last week which explained the purposes and aims of the United Evangelistic Program in the Searcy District. The program was broadcast at 10:30, Monday through Friday, January 14-18.

J. S. M. CANNON FELLOWSHIP HALL MEMORIAL

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Home which to date has resulted in a large new campus and the present new facilities.

Secondly, the Memorial Fellowship Hall is a much needed building which should be constructed before other buildings are undertaken. In developing an overall plan there is always some discussion about which order should be followed in constructing new buildings. However, in this particular instance the real need for this type of building is so apparent that discussion of the need is all too obvious. Those familiar with present facilities know that there is now no place where all the children may gather together for social fellowship or worship.

There is no organized fund raising cam-

REV. W. L. OLIVER, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference and who has lived for several years in Jonesboro, passed away Sunday evening in the Methodist Hospital in Memphis. Funeral Services were conducted Tuesday afternoon, 2:30, at the Gregg Funeral Home, Jonesboro, under the direction of Rev. John M. McCormack, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, where Brother Oliver had worshipped for many years. Brother Oliver is survived by his wife, Mrs. W. L. Oliver, and a host of friends throughout Arkansas. A fuller tribute will be published later.

paign planned. There are on the other hand hundreds of Methodists and their friends who will want to have a part in this worthy memorial project, and now is the time to forward contributions to the Children's Home that this program may move forward without delay. Let the response to this opportunity be commensurate with our appreciation to Mr. Cannon and the existing need for this added facility.

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cordable results of the area program.

A study of the three 1951 Conference Journals of the Area will show that the number of commitments made during the two reciprocal missions equals approximately 50% of the number of commitments reported to the last sessions of the Annual Conferences. This indicates that when the Annual Conferences meet again a record number of new members will be reported. As great as that number may be, a greater result will be the awakened and developing concern among Methodists of this Area for the unchurched numbers of people about us who stand in need of Christ, the Church, and the Christian way of life.

A great danger is that with the ending of this second Period of Operation there will be a slackening of this evangelistic zeal. May pastors and laymen alike capitalize on this unusually fine beginning, the experience gained, and the program of training undertaken, and develop in each local church a continuing program of evangelism.

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Statistical Results Unit "B" U.E.M.

District	Number Visitors	Number Interv.	Prof. of Faith	Trans. of Members	Attend- ance	Offer- ing	District	Number Visitors	Number Interv.	Prof. of Faith	Trans. of Members	Attend- ance	Offer- ing	
SUNDAY							THURSDAY							
Arkadelphia	291	330	52	86	5541	\$ 747.28	Jonesboro	238	327	54	29	2552	\$ 421.78	
Batesville	160	204	22	53	3664	632.10	Little Rock	333	570	60	85	3760	610.21	
Conway	264	442	44	105	5275	659.63	Monticello	143	169	52	30	2272	419.63	
Fayetteville	263	512	45	80	6360	944.18	Paragould	106	179	31	18	1393	314.69	
Forrest City	205	196	36	45	4746	892.79	Pine Bluff	101	125	14	24	1467	360.39	
Fort Smith	299	440	74	78	8082	1074.13	Searcy	113	147	22	8	1595	265.15	
Jonesboro	323	412	66	44	6638	981.49	TOTAL	2024	3041	423	350	25668	\$ 4324.51	
Little Rock	534	909	109	156	10609	1613.94	FRIDAY							
Monticello	159	179	44	54	4571	1153.50	Arkadelphia	131	198	41	29	2202	\$ 358.85	
Paragould	184	141	29	19	3784	636.63	Batesville	84	107	16	12	1329	201.82	
Pine Bluff	105	138	22	48	3933	561.00	Conway	134	275	46	46	1859	228.17	
Searcy	161	190	33	39	4390	651.37	Fayetteville	166	301	51	35	2059	355.88	
TOTAL	2958	4093	567	807	67698	\$10439.44	Forrest City	98	128	24	23	2071	372.71	
MONDAY							Fort Smith	201	466	23	30	2997	348.71	
Arkadelphia	182	280	35	54	1527	\$ 230.44	Jonesboro	191	268	49	23	2572	431.35	
Batesville	123	166	21	17	959	138.30	Little Rock	250	444	50	62	3726	713.95	
Conway	160	321	31	38	1450	214.57	Monticello	94	130	43	26	2272	504.41	
Fayetteville	321	334	45	64	1646	296.07	Paragould	88	106	42	12	1324	273.55	
Forrest City	162	198	18	35	1208	226.29	Pine Bluff	81	96	20	24	1035	237.47	
Fort Smith	263	396	41	41	2533	324.00	Searcy	72	78	15	8	1566	245.51	
Jonesboro	279	367	46	70	1995	359.62	TOTAL	1560	2597	427	340	25504	\$ 4321.23	
Little Rock	341	563	84	112	2676	491.54	SATURDAY							
Monticello	153	234	47	52	1545	296.00	Arkadelphia	102	147	43	19	2248	\$ 416.69	
Paragould	106	139	22	22	1022	142.79	Batesville	38	63	25	15	1485	269.21	
Pine Bluff	114	135	23	28	1072	238.66	Conway	115	177	37	28	1879	287.06	
Searcy	125	162	26	14	1066	163.95	Fayetteville	148	317	67	14	2151	389.71	
TOTAL	2329	3345	439	547	18749	\$ 3122.23	Forrest City	67	57	18	11	1893	409.33	
TUESDAY							Fort Smith	122	170	23	34	3365	443.20	
Arkadelphia	133	188	26	26	1926	\$ 259.47	Jonesboro	143	189	31	21	2821	568.43	
Batesville	136	360	31	17	1164	183.91	Little Rock	226	288	56	64	4002	788.93	
Conway	172	328	47	47	1644	218.26	Monticello	61	91	42	34	2466	561.65	
Fayetteville	208	380	41	38	1785	297.27	Paragould	49	67	20	6	1444	320.35	
Forrest City	152	206	37	37	1782	304.02	Pine Bluff	50	61	3	10	1324	242.59	
Fort Smith	243	413	23	38	2312	364.87	Searcy	50	67	5	9	1663	248.65	
Jonesboro	247	360	49	31	2283	423.87	TOTAL	1171	1694	369	265	26741	\$ 4945.80	
Little Rock	293	546	58	77	3597	640.24	SUNDAY							
Monticello	138	201	44	39	2182	464.21	Arkadelphia	34	13	13	21			
Paragould	124	202	35	43	1249	179.14	Batesville	8	4	4	4			
Pine Bluff	115	164	31	25	1592	371.50	Conway	11	6	5	5			
Searcy	121	136	24	12	1462	220.62	Fayetteville	29	22	7	7			
TOTAL	2082	3484	452	430	23478	\$ 3926.78	Forrest City	23	16	7	7			
WEDNESDAY							Fort Smith	46	31	15	15			
Arkadelphia	159	211	32	23	2138	\$ 327.77	Jonesboro	13	9	4	4			
Batesville	115	172	15	15	1405	225.71	Little Rock	22	22	5	5			
Conway	146	309	34	32	1792	227.00	Monticello	17	11	6	6			
Fayetteville	183	330	45	39	2068	323.24	Paragould	5	1	4	4			
Forrest City	132	134	28	17	2063	390.80	Pine Bluff	2	2	2	2			
Fort Smith	255	368	33	30	3253	446.89	Searcy	186	137	78	78			
TOTAL	2082	3484	452	430	23478	\$ 3926.78	TOTAL	186	137	78	78			

District	Total Visitors	No. Interv.	P.F. & Vows	Trans. fers	Total Decisions	Attend. Service	Attending Y. R.	Mass M.	G. Total Attendance	Offering Service	Offering Y. R.	Mass M. Offering	Grand Total Offerings
Arkadelphia	998	1,378	242	258	500	15,582	360	761	16,703	\$ 2,340.50	\$ 70.00	\$ 242.68	\$ 2,653.18
Batesville	656	1,080	136	133	269	10,006	363	613	10,982	1,651.05	41.50	134.30	1,826.85
Conway	991	1,863	245	301	546	13,899	756	1,129	15,784	1,847.74	76.84	207.03	2,131.61
Fayetteville	1,289	2,253	316	277	593	16,069	750	685	17,504	2,606.35	104.66	115.52	2,826.53
Forrest City	816	1,042	177	180	357	13,763	456	687	14,906	2,595.94	71.34	214.19	2,881.47
Fort Smith	1,383	2,299	259	266	525	23,092	694	1,580	25,366	3,002.10	112.46	339.80	3,454.36
Jonesboro	1,421	1,936	304	227	531	18,911	645	1,100	20,656	3,186.54	102.71	287.85	3,577.10
Little Rock	1,977	3,319	415	559	974	28,370	642	2,953	31,965	3,887.91	89.75	805.90	4,783.56
Monticello	748	1,014	272	235	507	15,308	416	745	16,469	3,390.45	80.00	253.75	3,724.20
Paragould	657	851	181	126	307	10,216	456	650	11,321	1,897.20	76.17	150.20	2,123.57
Pine Bluff	566	724	119	164	283	10,478	372	892	11,742	2,001.61	44.00	121.00	2,166.61
Searcy	642	800	127	90	217	11,652	486	753	12,891	1,794.65	44.68	123.05	1,962.38
TOTAL	12,144	18,559	2,923	2,816	5,609	187,346	6,396	12,548	206,289	\$30,202.04	\$914.11	\$2,995.27	\$34,111.42

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District	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Quota 1744				
Berwick-Patterson, Floyd M.	24	5	29**	
Covington, Robert C. Carter	14	25	39	
Donaldsonville, Hugh L. Baker, Jr.	17	1	18**	
Franklin, E. R. Haug	25	6	31	
Houma, First Ch., Sam Nader	62	1	41*	
Houma, First Ch., Sam Nader	62	1	63**	
Lacombe, Fred W. Campbell	3		3	
Lutcher-Reserve, Edwin E.				
Sylvest, Sr.	14		14**	
Morgan City, Eskel L. Tatum	14	1	15	
New Orleans Churches:				
Aldersgate, T. O. Rorie	3		3	
Algiers, Luther L. Booth	6	1	7	
Canal St., Merlin W. Merrill	31		31	
Chalmette, T. O. Rorie	1		1	
Elysian Fields, J. W. Matthews, Jr.	7		7	
First Ch., Nathaniel H. Melbert	55	2	57	
Gentilly, G. Eldred Blakely	78	5	83**	
Gretna, Clark W. Bell	9	3	12*	
Jefferson, John T. Redmon	22		22**	
Kenner, David T. Lowry	4		4	
Lake Vista, Clyde C.				
Frazier, Jr.	9		9	
Munichland Mem., Dana				
Dawson, Jr.	1	1	2	
Napoleon Ave., A. S. Hurley	12		12	
Parker Memorial, George D. York	20		20	
Rayne Memorial, B. C. Taylor	36	4	40	
St. Luke's, W. Spencer Wren	5	2	7	
St. Mark's, R. H. Jamieson	11	1	12	
Second Ch., T. O. Carlstrom	10	3	13	
Pearl River, J. C. Rousseaux, Sr.	21		21**	
Slidell, Andrew D. Roberts	13		13	
Thibodaux, A. Leroy Dicker-				

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TOTALS 578 60 2 640

RUSTON DISTRICT—Quota 1469

Arcadia, Hubert A. Gibbs	61	9	70**
Athens, Samuel B. Dampier	13	2	15
Bernice, Roy Grant	33	2	36**
Bienville, L. P. Moreland	38	14	52*3
Calhoun, A. M. Wynne	18	8	26**
Chatham, J. T. Garrett	70	1	81*2
Choudrant, M. L. Davis	67		67*2
Clay, J. W. Boyd, Sr.	28	1	29**
Cotton Valley, J. P. McKeithen	27	4	31**
Dodson, New Hope, L. G. Shaw	13	5	18
Dubach, H. Preston Holley	17	3	20
Dwainsville, Fred A. Mead	7	18	25
Doyline, H. M. Law	12	24	37**
Eros, A. E. Wingfield	22	2	24**
Farmerville, B. E. Bond	16	3	19
Gibbsland, James L. Beasley	48	5	53**
Haynesville, W. D. Milton	46	2	48
Hodge, G. A. Morgan	11	17	28**
Homer, Luman E. Douglas	79		79
Jonesboro, W. O. Lynch	75	17	92**
Lisbon, Wm. C. Barham	25	7	32**
Marion, Edwin L. Brock	3	3	7
Minden, Ira W. Flowers	106	4	110
Minden (New Church), Harvey Williamson	44	3	47**
Ringgold, D. G. Anders	20		20
Ruston Churches:			
Grace, D. L. McGuire	27	4	31**
Trinity, R. R. Branton	114	5	121
Shongaloo, Paul Cassels	44	11	55*2
Simsboro, J. C. Rousseaux, Jr.	6	1	7
Sibley, L. M. Sawyer	14	8	22**
Springhill, W. D. Boddie	73	15	88**
TOTALS	1177	192	1390

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—Quota 2419

Belcher-Gilliam, L. A. Bekher	7		7
Bethany-Keithville, R. F. Debusk	3		3
Benton, L. A. Carrington	22		22*
Bossier City, First Ch., W. R. Wendt	34	1	35
Bossier City, Curtis Park, H. C. Norworthy	59		59**
Converse, H. T. Isgitt	9		9**

Grand Cane, Wm. V. Sirman	5	22	27**
Greenwood, T. M. Lancaster	12	23	36**
Hall Summitt, Rex Squyres	54		54**
Haughton, W. M. Allen	17	24	41**
Ida-Hosston, James R. Strozier	28	3	32**
Loganport, Sidney A. Seegers	22	36	58**
Mansfield, George W. Harbuck	58		58**
Mooringsport, Kenneth G. Rorie	10	20	30**
Oil City, Wm. T. Hall, Jr.	10	4	14**



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	Ren.	Total
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BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 935

Batesville—Central Ave., David Conyers	5	66	...	71*
Batesville—First Ch., E. G. Kaetzell	23	89	6	118**
Bethesda-Cushman, Grover Sutherland	9	24	...	33
Calico Rock Ct., L. K. Wilson	4	20	2	26
Cave City-Sidney, James Smith	6	23	...	29**
Cave City Ct., Kern Johnson	7	11	...	18
Charlotte Ct., T. O. Love	6	12	3	21
Cotter, E. W. Faulkner	5	22	...	27**
Desha Ct., Hilman Byram	4	16	...	20
Evening Shade Ct., Aubra Hayes	5	33	1	44**
Melbourne, Y. D. Whitehurst	12	38	2	52**
Moorefield-Asbury, W. W. Allbright	10	25	1	36**
Mountain Home Parish, J. C. Wilcox	13	28	1	42
Mountain View, M. A. Graves	5	17	2	24**
Newark, B. L. Wilford	8	31	...	39*2
Newport First Ch., Guy C. Ames Newport Umsted Mem., M. L. Kaylor	7	63	4	74
Salem, Maurice Lanier	3	30	2	35**
Sulphur Rock, J. M. Hughes	4	33	...	37**
Swifton-Alicia, J. E. Linam	3	5	...	8*
Swifton-Alicia, J. E. Linam	9	35	...	44**
Tuckerman, Golder Lawrence	4	58	1	63**
Viola Ct., Carl Strayhorn	1	15	...	16
Weldon-Tupelo, W. L. Dillon	1	...	1
Yellville Parish, Theron McKisson	6	19	1	26**

TOTALS	159	719	2
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CONWAY DISTRICT—Quota 1319

Atkins, George Stewart	10	26	1	37**
Bellville-Havana, Ed Hollenback		24	24*
Bethel-Cato, J. W. Workman	5	19	....	24**
Conway First Ch., Joel Cooper	69	70	23	162
Conway Wesley Mem., J. R. Shelton	13	28	1	42**
Danville, H. C. Minnis		33	....	33*
Dardanelle, Ray L. McLester	10	43	2	55**
Dardanelle Ct., Frank Weather- ford	8	16	....	24**
Dover-London, Elvis Wright	8	20	....	28**
Gravelly Ct., Paul D. Davis	6	13	....	19
Greenbrier Ct., C. E. Martin	14	5	....	19**
Morrilton First Ch., H. J. Couchman	21	100	....	121**
Morrilton Ct. No. 1, A. A. Noggle	3	21	....	24**
Morrilton Ct. No. 2, Vernon Paysinger	13	10	....	23**
Naylor Ct., Thomas Nation	10	6	2	18**
N. L. First Ch., Wm. T. Watson	34	160	....	194**
N. L. Gardner Mem., Irl Bridenthal	20	80	2	102
N. L. Levy, Raymond Dorman	16	39	1	56**
N. L. Sylvan Hills, Wm. Wilder	12	13	....	25**
N. L. Washington Ave., I. L. Claud	7	68	....	75**
Oppelo, James Beale	1	13	....	14**
Perry-Perryville, H. A. Stroup	1	15	1	17
Perry County, Wm. Yarbrough		8	....	8
Plainview, David Crouch	4	26	....	30**
Plummerville, Wm. Walker	9	25	....	34**
Pope County Ct., Thomas Kinslow	1	20	....	21**
Pottsville, Wm. C. Hightower	14	22	....	36**
Russellville, Harold Eggen- sperger	15	95	....	110
Salem, Fred Mooring	4	9	....	13**
Vilonia, Maurice Webb	5	29	....	34**
Vilonia Ct., J. M. Kitchens	2	5	....	7
TOTALS	735	1061	33	1429*

AYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 1167

Alpena, Frank Shell	4	15	3	22*
Avoca, W. C. Hutton	3	11	.....	14
Bentonville, Hubert Pearce	4	73	4	81*
Bentonville Ct., R. L. Ritter	6	12	2	20
Berryville, Edwin Dodson	6	39	1	46*
Centerton Ct., Charles Wages	7	26	1	34*
Cincinnati, E. J. Reaves	9	4	.....	13*
Decatur, O. R. Findley .....	.....	13	.....	13*
Elm Springs, Woodrow Woods	6	46	.....	52*
Eureka Springs, Wm. A. Stewart	4	24	.....	28*
Farmington Ct., A. L. Riggs	12	16	.....	28*
Fayetteville, Central, D. L. Dykes	55	115	38	209
Fayetteville, Wiggins Mem., Arnold Simpson	8	30	1	39*
Gentry, O. L. Cole	9	34	2	45*
Goshen, Sam M. Yancey	2	8	.....	10
Gravette, H. W. Jinske	7	18	2	27*
Green Forest, C. H. Harvison	3	24	1	23*
Lincoln, Thos. R. Whiddon	13	24	2	39*
Madison County No. 1, Kermit Van Zant	6	53	2	61*
Madison County No. 2, James Weatherford	2	15	.....	17*
Morrow-Evansville, Walter Pennell	3	15	.....	18*
Pea Ridge-Brightwater, Geo. J. Kleeb	8	22	.....	30
Prairie Grove, S. O. Patty	4	63	1	63*
Rogers, Vernon Chalfant	71	4	.....	75

	New	Ren.	Due	Not Total
Siloam Springs, Allen D. Stewart	20	65	7	92
Springdale, H. M. Lewis	68	54	....	122**
Springdale Wesley, J. W. Workman, Jr.	8	3	2	13
Sulphur Springs, O. W. Barbaree	2	16	1	19
Viney Grove, Wm. D. Gray	....	6	....	6
Win. low, Chaplin J. A. Burris	4	6	1	11**
TOTALS	355	854	71	1280**

FORREST CITY DISTRICT—Quota 1222

Aubrey, J. C. Richey	10	40	2	52**
Brinkley, Jesse Johnson	12	77		89**
Clarendon, G. B. Ames	26	22	1	49**
Colt Ct., L. L. Langston	2	33		35
Cotton Plant, J. R. Chandler	6	30	4	40**
Crawfordsville, J. W. Glass	4	29	2	35**
Earle, L. F. LaFevors	3	29		32
Elaine, Glenn Bruner	8	46	1	55**
Forrest City, Raymond Franks	11	143	3	157**
Haynes-LaGrange, J. O. Davis	8	12		20**
Helena, E. J. Holifield	6	113	3	122**
Holly Grove, C. P. McDonald	1	35		36**
Hunter Ct., Wm. G. Stegall	6	15		21
Marianna, James T. Randle	16	74	4	94**
Marion, Alf A. Eason	36	65		101**
Marvell, J. L. Pruitt	13	53		66**
Parkin, H. F. McDonald	7	17	3	27
Vandale, J. H. Richardson	1	5	1	7
West Helena, J. J. Decker	19	63		82**
West Memphis, Alfred Knox	27	229		256**
Whateley, G. C. Johnson	10	24	1	35**
Whitener, Robert T. McMaster	5	38	1	44**
Wynne, Lloyd Conyers	8	98	3	109**
TOTALS	245	1290	29	1564**

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—Quota 1760

Alix Ct., Dewey Dark	6	16	✓	22
Alma-Mt. View, T. C. Chambliss	4	35		39
Booneville, W. J. Spicer	13	106	3	122**
Branch Ct., Fred Thompson	8	22	1	31*
Charleston, O. D. Peters	17	33		55*
Clarksville, Norman C. Guice	21	86	3	110**
Forrester, R. M. Holland	4	3		7
Fort Smith 1st Ch., Fred				
1st Ch., Fred G. Roebuck	84	169	4	257
Fifth St., F. G. Villines Sr.	4	15		19
Goddard Mem., R. E. L.				
Bearden	28	93	1	122
Fort Smith Grand Ave.,				
C. B. Wyatt	25	11		36**
Fort Smith Massard-Barling,				
Van Hooker	14	28		42**
Fort Smith Midland Heights,				
W. A. Downum	4	53		57
Fort Smith St. Paul,				
Martin Bierbaum	12	35	1	48
Fort Smith St. Luke, D. G.				
Handman	8	25		33**
Fort Smith Towson Ave.,				
J. F. Glover	8	1	1	10*2
Greenwood, J. J. Clark	10	44	2	56**
Hackett, Chas. Pacht		6		6
Hartman, Paul Kelley	13	51	1	65**
Huntington, M. L. Edgington	2	10		12*
Kibler Ct., Uriah Smith	13	27		40**
Lamar, Carl Adams	13	19	2	34**
Lavaca, W. B. Johnson	1	11		12
Magazine Ct., J. R. Welch	7	21		28
Mansfield, James Meadors	3	30	2	35**
Mulberry, W. L. Byers	8	20	1	29**
Ozark, O. M. Campbell	6	33	3	42*
Paris, B. C. Few	12	90		102**
Prairie View-Scranton, C. R.				
Nance	5	32	2	39**
Van Buren, J. H. Hoggard	6	53	2	61**
City Heights and Bethel,				
Felix Holland	17	14	1	32**
St. Johns, R. P. Sessions	5	29	1	35**
Waldron, Elmo Thomason	10	50		60**
Waldron Ct., J. W. Sandage	5	9	3	17

TOTALS	396	1285	34	1715
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JONESBORO DISTRICT—Quota 1463

Black Oak-Delfore, Hascle O.	10	23	33**
West				
Blytheville 1st. Ch., Roy I.	54	112	5	171
Bagley				
Blytheville, Lake Street,	7	25	....	32*2
George L. McGhehey				
Blytheville West Side Parish,	8	23	....	31**
B. W. Stallcup	2	17	....	19
Bono, J. C. Crenshaw	5	27	....	32
Brookland, Lyman L. Bounds	5	23	1	29**
Caraway, J. W. Moore	5	18	1	26**
Dyess-Whitten, M. J. Pollard	7	18	1	78*
Harrisburg, J. T. Byrd	10	63	....	75*
Joiner, E. E. Stevenson	6	44	....	50*2
Jonesboro—				
First Ch., John McCormack	15	80	13	108
Jonesboro Fisher St.,				
Wm. M. Womack	5	27	....	32**
Jonesboro Huntington Ave.,	14	53	....	67**
Elmus Brown	5	13	....	18**
Keiser, J. M. Harrison	11	30	....	41**
Lake City, Gail G. Anderson	5	27	6	38
Leachville, Carl C. Burton	8	33	1	42**
Lepanto, Lyman T. Barger	1	5	....	6
Lorado Ct., Gerald Brannon	1	27	28*2
Lundsford-Pleasant Valley,				
Norris Greer				

		New Ren.	Due	Total
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Luxora, H. L. Robison	5	31	1	37**
Manila, N. Lee Cate	13	28	3	44*
Marked Tree, Paul M. Bumpers	22	71		93*
Marked Tree, Colman	3	29	3	35**

TOTALS	285	1177	45	1507**
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PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Quota 924

Beech Grove, W. C. Smith	9	28	37**
Biggers-Knobel, Wm. Paul Lanier	22	12	1	35**
Black Rock-Clover Bend, A. L. Peterson	6	36	....	42*
Boydsville Ct., Ivan R. Wilson	4	14	1	19
Corning, A. W. Harris	5	54	1	60**
Dean, Earl Birmingham	1	5	....	6**
French Grove-Harvey Chapel, Elbert Marlur	3	9	....	12*
Hardy-Willford, W. B. Yount	10	17	....	27**
Hoxie, W. T. Lingo	6	30	....	36**
Imboden-Smithville, W. T. Watson	9	25	1	36
Leonard Ct., Robert Sykes	6	23	....	34
Mammoth Spring, M. B. Short	2	10	....	12*
Marmaduke, Miss Fern Cook	5	34	....	39*2
Maynard-Ravenden Springs, Alvin Gibbs	14	18	....	32**
Paragould—First Ch., R. E. Connell	32	145	4	181**
Paragould Griffin Mem., J. H. Holt	17	37	4	58**
Paragould Ct., Robert Montgomery	19	20	....	39
Piggott, W. O. Scroggin, Jr.	13	99	....	112*3
Pocahontas, John Bayliss	1	52	....	53**
Rector First Ch., J. M. Barnett	9	61	....	70**
Rector Fourth St., H. M. Sanford	4	22	....	26
St. Francis-Wright's Chapel, John Wilson	7	19	5	31
Sedgwick-Egypt, John H. Barrett	9	15	....	24
Stanford-Morning Star, Loyd Turner	5	24	1	30
Walnut Ridge, O. J. Evanson	32	59	3	94**

TOTALS	250	874	21	1145 ^{†*}
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SEARCHY DISTRICT—Quota 1086

Antioch Ct., W. T. Johnson	5	16	21
Augusta, H. Lynn Wade	7	45	9 61**
Bald Knob-Pharis J. Holifield	23	43	66**
Beebe, Floyd G. Villines Jr.	15	64	2 81**
Cabot, C. W. Good	9	48	3 60**
Clinton, Verlie Harris	9	33	1 43**
DeView Ct.	3	10	13
Griffithville, Ray Edwards	6	18	24**
Harrison, Earle Cravens	46	62	108**
Heber Springs, W. Vance			
Womack	4	64	1 69**
Jacksonville, Harold Spence	13	37	50**
Judsonia, Albert Gibbs	3	12	15
Kensett, W. W. Peterson	3	28	1 32**
Leslie, W. A. Lindsey	1	16	17**
Marshall, E. C. Hance	1	28	2 31
McCrory, John W. Glover	18	47	2 67**
McRae, Roy Moyers	8	29	37
McRae Extension, D. H. Wilson	4	5	9
Newton County, C. A. Simpson	3	3	6
New Hope, R. M. Porter	3	2	5**
Pangburn, J. M. Talkington	4	15	19
Quitman, Stanley Reed	13	37	1 51**
Rosebud Ct., Harold Brent	5	20	25**
Searcy, Ralph Hillis	10	107	14 131**
Tumbling Shoals, J. H. Smith	2	5	7**
Valley Springs, Kenneth Renfro	4	21	1 26
Van Buren Co. No. 1,			
Calvin Roetzell	8	14	22**
Van Buren Co. No. 2,			
James Gatlin	6	3	1 10
Van Buren Co. No. 3, Travis			
Williams	7	10	17**
Ward-Wilborn, J. G. Grening	14	12	26**
TOTALS	257	854	38 1149**

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1294

Amity Ct., Forney Harvey	6	11	6	23
Arkadelphia, First, J. B. Hesley ..	9	92	6	107**
Arkadelphia Ct., W. H. Watson ..	9	18	.....	27*
Bismark Ct., Hollis Simpson	2	12	.....	14*
Dalark Ct., Horace Grogan	17	27	1	45**
Delight Ct., Hershel Richert	5	47	.....	52*2
Fountain Lake, J. A. Wade	10	10	.....	20*2
Friendship Ct., V. C. Holiman	5	12	.....	17
Gardner-Morning Star
C. H. Gilliam	6	12	18**
Glenwood, C. V. Mashburn	12	13	25**
Gurdon, R. O. Beck	16	57	3	76**

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New Ren. Due Total

	New	Ren.	Due	Total
Hot Springs, 1st Ch., E. C. Rule	10	78	...	88
Hot Springs, Grand Ave., C. Ray Hozendorf	26	89	8	123**
Hot Springs—Oaklawn, Noel Cross	20	33	7	60
Hot Springs, Pullman Heights, H. R. Holland	22	40	1	63*
Hot Springs Ct., Albert Burroughs	1	11	...	12
Hot Springs Ct., Van W. Harrell	23	162	...	125
Malvern, Keith Memorial, W. S. Cazor	7	25	...	32*2
Mt. Ida, Osbourne White	8	34	...	42**
Murfreesboro, A. W. Hamilton	8	47	...	55**
Murfreesboro Ct., A. N. Youngblood	7	13	...	20**
Okolona Ct., E. T. McAfee	10	46	...	56*
Rockport Ct., J. R. Diffie	11	30	2	43**
Shorewood Hills, J. D. Baker	2	8	1	11**
Sparkman-Sardis, Orrie L. Thompson	3	40	1	44**
Traskwood Ct., A. E. Jacob	12	23	...	35
TOTALS	267	930	36	1233

CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1688

Bearden, J. R. Scott	11	20	1	32**
Bradley, O. W. Hoover	3	24	...	27**
Camden 1st Ch., Robt. B. Moore	38	105	12	155**
Camden, Fairview, Alfred DeBlack	15	58	2	75**
Chidester Ct., Rayford L. Diffie	5	33	2	40
Columbia Ct., G. B. Pixley	6	41	...	47
Dumas Memorial, Ralph S. Mann	20	26	5	51*2
El Dorado, Centennial, Ernest E. Hays	13	12	...	25*2
1st Church, W. Neill Hart	127	214	...	341**
El Dorado, Vantage, J. D. Montgomery	23	64	1	88**
Emerson Ct., C. B. Harris	2	14	...	16
Garland, T. M. Armstrong	8	2	...	10**
Harmony Grove, H. R. Nabors	22	56	...	78*2
Holly Springs Ct., Irl S. Lancaster	2	29	1	32
Junction City, Cagle E. Fair	35	34	1	70**
Lewisville, James A. Simpson	12	68	...	80**
Louann Ct., Geo. C. Bailey	3	33	...	36**
Magnolia 1st Ch., Elmer Thomas	12	68	...	80
Magnolia, Jackson St., W. R. Boyd	31	72	1	104*2
Magnolia Ct., C. H. Harris	3	3	...	6
Marysville-Fredonia, K. K. Carithers	1	43	...	44**
Norphet, S. B. Mann	6	36	...	42*2
Princeton Ct., Bruce H. Bean	5	33	...	38**
Smackover, A. C. Caraway	18	53	...	71*
Stamps, M. E. Scott	7	71	...	78**
Stephens, Alfred I. Doss	11	45	...	56**
Taylor Ct., C. E. Lawrence	5	19	1	25
Village Ct., D. L. McCauley	10	60	5	75**
Waldo, W. Braska Savage	8	75	1	84*2
Timothy-McNeal, Maurice Burroughs	6	6	...	12
TOTALS	470	1417	33	1920**

HOPE DISTRICT—Quota 1396

Ashdown, W. D. Golden	21	87	2	110*2
Bingen Ct., Douglas Dexter	1	8	...	9
Blevins, Joe W. Hunter	4	50	...	54**
Center Point, L. O. Lee	8	3	...	3*
DeQueen, John L. Tucker	5	59	2	69
Dierks, G. L. Glasgow	5	21	9	35**
Doddridge Ct., W. M. Crow	7	23	4	34**
Emmett Ct., John W. Rushing	34	45	...	79**
Foreman, Howard Williams	6	23	...	29
Hope, Virgil D. Keeley	147	141	2	290*2
Horatio Ct., E. T. Miller	9	33	...	42**
Lockesburg, J. R. Callicot	5	34	1	40
Mena J. E. Dunlap	11	66	3	80**
Mena Ct., W. C. Lewis	5	...	...	5
Mineral Springs, R. A. Anderson	11	17	6	34
Nashville, Geo. G. Meyer	14	50	5	69
Prescott, W. R. Burks	5	66	...	71**
Richmond Ct., J. Wayne Mann	5	22	4	31
Springhill Ct., Claude Clark	13	20	1	34**
Texarkana, College Hill, D. J. McCammon	15	36	2	53**
Texarkana, Fairview, C. H. Farmer	13	73	1	87**
Texarkana, 1st Church, Fred R. Harrison	46	172	2	220**
Texarkana Ct., Virgil Bell	9	14	2	25
Washington Ct., H. W. Worthy	5	14	...	19
TOTALS	399	1077	46	1522**

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 2434

Austin Ct., J. R. Martin	18	19	1	38
Auxite, O. C. Birdwell	15	32	2	49**
Benton, H. O. Bolin	38	80	5	123**
Bethlehem Ct., C. C. VanZant	26	11	1	38**
Carlisle, Curtis Williams	8	37	4	49
Es Arc, A. C. Rogers	6	20	1	26**
Evalls Bluff, Albert Oliver	4	8	...	12
Glasville, J. R. Sewell	24	20	...	44**
Greer Springs, S. T. Baugh	5	25	1	31**
Hazen, Harold Sadler	8	53	3	64**
McKoy Plains, Fred H. Arnold	15	16	...	31
Little Rock Churches:				
Asbury, Arthur Terry	142	162	2	306**
Capitol View, D. T. Rowe	11	42	...	53
1st Ch., Aubrey G. Walton	38	153	10	206
St. Paul, C. W. Richards	39	37	2	78*2
Henderson, Kirvin Hale	17	51	...	68**
Highland	12	48	...	60

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New Ren. Due Total

Hunter, Fred L. Arnold	18	67	...	85
Oak Forest, D. Mounzon Mann	23	48	1	77**
Pulaski Heights, J. Kenneth Shamblin	22	67	...	89
Scott St., R. S. Sorrells	15	47	...	62
Twenty-Eighth St., Clyde Parsons	6	23	...	29
Winfield, Cecil R. Culver	40	120	7	167
Lonoke, Geo. E. Reutz	10	29	2	41
Mabelvale, Richard Perry	7	23	1	31
Primrose, H. D. Ginther	12	21	2	35
Salem-Mt. Carmel, Kenneth Goode	23	2	...	25**
TOTALS	607	1275	45	1927**

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Quota 1113

Crossett, Dan R. Robinson	16	79	...	95**
Dermott, Clint M. Atchley	6	45	1	52
Drew Ct., A. C. White	4	35	...	39**
Dumas, R. A. Teeter	5	61	...	66**
Eudora, E. Everett Patton	1	32	3	36**
Fordyce, L. W. Averitt	35	65	2	102**
Fountain Hill, W. E. West	11	4	...	15
Hamburg, M. W. Miller	4	60	9	73**
Hampton-Harrell, G. W. Warren	10	32	...	42**
Hermitage Ct., S. W. Moody	2	27	...	29*
Hutting, P. D. Alston	8	40	...	48**
Lake Village, Fred W. Schwendemann	22	30	...	52**
McGehee, J. Ralph Clayton	17	51	4	72**
Monticello, Roland E. Darrow	5	57	4	66
New Edinburg Ct., C. R. Andrews	7	26	...	33
Parksdale, J. C. VanHorn	1	29	...	30*2
Portland, Clem Baker	4	43	1	48*2
Star City, George Kerr	15	43	...	58**
Strong Ct., Joe H. Robinson	7	12	...	19**
Thornton Ct., W. W. Barron	6	31	...	37**
Tillar-Winchester, O. L. Daniel	9	42	...	51**
Union-Rhodes Chapel, Byron Crosby	5	10	1	16**
Warren-Martin Chapel, J. E. Cooper	15	88	4	107**
Watson-Kelso, W. T. Bone	3	48	2	53**
Wilnot-Miller Chapel, C. D. Cade	11	21	...	32**
TOTALS	226	1011	51	1268**

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1332

Almyra	4	11	...	15**
Althelmer-Wabbaseka, Harold Scott	7	39	...	46*3
Bayou Meto, Palmer Garner	7	23	...	30**
Carthage-Tulip, L. R. Sparks	7	30	1	38**
Center Grove, G. W. Robertson	11	64	4	79
DeWitt, O. E. Holmes	6	55	...	61**
England, John L. Hoover	3	18	1	22
Gillett, Everett Vinson	5	25	1	31*2
Good Faith, B. F. Fitzhugh	17	71	...	88*2
Grady-Gould, L. Gray Wilson	12	18	...	30**
Keo, R. L. Riggan	9	16	3	28
Leola, J. W. Carnell	9	22	...	31**
Little Prairie Ct., Connie Robins	1	...	...	1
Pine Bluff Churches:				
First Church, Kenneth Spore	12	27	...	39
Hawley Mem., Claude O. Hall	6	44	13	63
Lakeside, Otto Teague	13	37	1	51
Rison, Barry L. Bailey	3	1	...	1
Roe Ct., James Constable	3	14	7	24
Rowell Ct., W. C. Onstead	11	16	4	31**
Sheridan, Bryan Stephens	8	24	3	35**
Sherrill-Tucker, H. A. F. Ault	1	13	1	15
St. Charles, Claude R. Roy	20	83	...	103**
Stuttgart—First Ch., Mark F. Vaught	26	162	...	128**
Stuttgart, Grand Ave., A. J. Christie	21	11	...	32*3
Sulphur Springs, R. H. Cannon	21	11	...	32*3
Swan Lake, R. M. Crain	218	807	39	1064
TOTALS	218	807	39	1064

ARKANSAS METHODIST DISTRICT SUMMARY REPORT NO. 3

District	Quota	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total	% of Quota
Little Rock	2434	607	1275	45	1927	79
Camden	1888	470	1417	33	1920**	102
Fort Smith	1760	396	1235	34	1715	97
Forrest City	1222	245	1290	29	1564**	128
Hope	1396	339	1077	46	1533**	109
Jonesboro	1463	235	1177	45	1507**	103
Conway	1319	335	1061	33	1429**	108
Fayetteville	1167	355	854	71	1280**	110
Monticello	1113	226	1011	51	1268**	114
Arkadelphia	1294	267	930	36	1233	95
Searcy	1062	257	854	38	1149**	103
Paragould	924	250	874	21	1145**	124
Pine Bluff	1332	218	807	39	1064	79
Batesville	935	159	719	26	904	97
TOTALS	4469	14331	527	19627		

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ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—Quota 902

	New	Ren.	Due	Total
Alexandria, 1st Ch., V. D. Morris	17	91	1	109
Trinity, Wm. F. Mayo	51	...	...	51**
Wesley, James E. Christie	17	7	...	24*2
Ball, H. D. Fisher	20	...	...	20**
Boyce, J. A. Woodyard	9	2	1	12**
Bunkie, W. L. Doss Jr.	8	28	...	36
Colfax, R. E. Walton	4	12	...	16
Effie	7	...	...	7
Elizabeth, G. A. La Frange	8	29	...	37**
Glenmora, R. E. Carter	5	21	...	27**
Jena, Otis W. Spinks	39	...	...	39
Lecompte, J. A. Jones	28	8	1	37**

New Ren. Due Total

Marksville, J. B. Shearer	35	20	...	55*2
Melville, M. S. Robertson	39	3	...	42**
Krotz Springs, J. C. Zerrangue	5	1	...	6**
Many, Kenneth G. McDowell	13	24	2	44**
Montgomery, James W. Ailor	23	2	...	25**
Mt. Zion, C. J. T. Cotton	17	11	...	28**
Natchitoches, B. A. Galloway	43	59	...	102**
Oakdale, Edwin J. Barksdale	10	12	...	22
Oak Grove, J. W. Lee	21	...	...	24**
Olla, W. H. Carrol	19	...	...	19**
Opelousas, R. H. Harper	14	3	...	17
Palestine, J. B. McCann	22	44	...	66*2
Pollock, R. M. Crofoot	13	6	...	19*
Trout, E. A. Keaster	12	2	...	14
Shamrock, W. E. Anding	7	...	...	7*3
Weaver, John Kellog	52	6	...	58*2
Winnfield, P. M. Caraway	70	10	...	80**
TOTALS	642	401	5	1048**

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—Quota 1828

Amite, Donald M. Risinger	19	1	...	20
Angie, A. D. George	13	11	...	29**
Baker, Marvin H. Corley	22	7	...	29
Baton Rouge Churches:				
1st Ch., Homer Vanderpool	265	...	...	265
Istrotma, James T. Harris	51	5	...	56
No. Baton Rouge, J. L. Stovall	22	...	...	22
W. B. Reilly Mem. Univ., W. E. Trice	48	10	...	58
Clinton, George W. Harkins	12	2	1	15
Bluff Creek, Carl D. Wood	6	...	...	6
Deerford, Webb D. Pomeroy	11	4	...	15**
Fisher, W. B. Hollingsworth	15	...	...	15
Franklinton, J. H. Sewell	50	9	...	59**
Gonzales Ct., A. H. Carry	24	6	...	30**
Greensburg, H. R. Hine	10	2	...	12
Hammond, Fred S. Flurry	3	27	...	30
Jackson, W. R. Irvin	33	3	...	36*
Kentwood, A. G. Taylor	22	1	...	23**
Livingston, T. J. Smith	1	...	...	1
Live Oak, Clifford E. Davis Jr.	7	4	...	11
Magnolia-Gonzales, L. W. Taylor	2	1	...	3
Pine Grove	9	3	...	12
Plaquemine, C. R. McCammon	17	30	...	47*2
Ponchatoula, A. M. Freeman	28	52	...	80**
St. Francisville, E. Lee McKay	8	3	...	11
St. Helena, J. N. Lambert	2	15	...	17
Slaughter, Dale Kenneth Smith	1	11	...	12
Tangipahoa, W. R. Davis	1	...	...	1
Tierpaw, J. M. Wilkes	3	...	...	3
Walker, George M. Horne	9	...	...	9
Wesley Chapel, E. W. Corley	7	...	...	7
Zachary, James F. Stone	45	15	...	60**
TOTALS	771	222	1	994

North Arkansas Conference Plans Christian

CHURCH SCHOOL INSTITUTES

The North Arkansas Annual Conference in session last June approved a follow-up program on Christian education at the close of the Evangelistic Mission. The period of March 9-30 was designated as Church School Membership and Attendance Period of Emphasis. That adequate preparation be made for this period of special emphasis a series of institutes has been planned. The purpose of these institutes is to provide guidance for the general leadership of the church school. Pastors, church school superintendents, and divisional superintendents of the three age groups are urged to be present in these meetings.

We are to have, as a resource person for three of these area meetings, Rev. Walter Vernon of the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education. He is to be at Jonesboro, Forrest City and Searcy.

A plan has been worked out by which each church school superintendent attending one of these meetings will be presented with a copy of the chart as shown on these pages. That is to be true in all the institutes being held in the Conference. This chart presents the objectives, experiences, and types of literature for our church schools. It is hoped that your church school will be represented by your church school superintendent, along with the other suggested leadership.

The following is the list of institutes worked out up to the present time:

North Little Rock, Jan. 28, 7:00 p.m.	Searcy, Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m.
Conway, Jan. 29, 7:00 p.m.	Fort Smith, Feb. 14, 7:00 p.m.
Morrilton, Jan. 30, 7:00 p.m.	Ozark, Feb. 15, 7:00 p.m.
Russellville, Jan. 31, 7:00 p.m.	Harrison, Feb. 17, 7:00 p.m.
Jonesboro, Feb. 12, 7:00 p.m.	Berryville, Feb. 18, 7:00 p.m.
	Springdale, Feb. 19, 7:00 p.m.

We plan to provide other institutes for sections that are not covered by the present series of institutes. The present series provides for the entire Conference except a portion of the Batesville District. The Jonesboro and the Paragould Districts will take part in the meeting held at Jonesboro, and churches within reach of Searcy (Batesville District churches) are being invited to be in that institute.

While a great program of evangelism has been carried out, a little thinking will help us to realize that this period of enlistment should be but the beginning of a much larger program of development which is necessary if this large number of people are to be builded into the life of the church and helped to become growing Christians. A recent study published in the January issue of the Christian Education Bulletin of the North Arkansas Conference reveals a tragic picture of the last 11 years in our failure to make much advance even though we have had large numbers of people coming into the fellowship of the church. It is hoped that we are going to do a better job this time in developing our people.

Some of us believe that while the church school program is only a part of the total program of the church it is a most important part, without which the church would be much weaker. It is interesting that the two denominations in America that made the largest membership gain in the last 25 years are churches that put a large emphasis on a program of training, one of which has no other program of evangelism than that of education. The Methodist Church has always recognized the importance of Christian education.



REV. WALTER N. VERNON
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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The period of March 9-30 is to be a time of special emphasis on increasing the membership and attendance of our church schools. During the past 11 years four districts of the North Arkansas Conference show a church school membership increase and four show church school membership decrease.

The study of these 11 years indicates that when the church school membership increased the active membership of the church increased even though the num-

ber of additions to the church may have been smaller than other years when a decrease of active church membership was shown. The year of 1944 showed a larg-

er number of additions to the church than 1945, but 1944 had a decrease of 2,499 in active church membership, while 1945 the year when church school

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GOALS of the Church School Literature

EXPERIENCES that will help achieve these Goals

RESOURCES

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Group Graded

Broadly Graded

CHURCH SCHOOL is the mag

NURSERY KINDERGARTEN

Consciousness of always having been "in" the church.
Sense of security at church. Joyous participation in group activity at church.
Beginnings of ability to recognize the word God, and dawning wonder that may reach out toward Him at any time.
Recognition of the word Jesus and a few stories about Him.
Beginnings of the joys of fellowship with others.

Idea of God, verses about people.
Idea of Jesus, verses about children, His love.
Discovery of the book which tells about God.
Habits of Christian conduct, beginning plan of contributions of self.
Joy and satisfaction, a plan where children may begin to

First contacts with church through visitors and counselors in home; parent attendance at church; baptism of baby.
Play, individual and groups of 2 and 3 children, such as doll play and block building.
Brief (sentence length) prayers as opportunities arise. A few carefully selected New Testament stories and songs from teacher's text.
Play, stories, conversation, to interpret conduct patterns and lead to beginning of sense of fellowship with other children and adults.

Experiences leads of God.
Stories, songs, plans.
Enjoyment of children's verses from the Bible.
Activities which, pictures, songs, that lead to personal conversation, plan the Church.

BIRTH TO TWO YEARS OLD
Parents: Letter to Parents of Children on the Nursery Home Roll.
FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS
Teacher: When the Two-Year-Old Comes to Church and Child Guidance.
Parents: The Two-Year-Old at Home and The Christian Home.
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS
Pupil: My Book (four parts: fall, winter, spring, summer).
Teacher: Religious Nurture in Nursery Class and Home, pupil's book, and Child Guidance.
Parents: Section of My Book and The Christian Home.

FOR AGES 4
Pupil: My Bible
Teacher: Lesson Plans (Part 1 to 10)
Parents: My Book and The Christian Home

Churches using Group Graded Lessons that plan a class for three-year-old children will use materials suggested under Closely Graded Lessons.

FOR AGES 4
Pupil: My Bible
Teacher: Child Jesus Pictures, and Tell the Story
Parents: My Book and The Christian Home

Churches using Broadly Graded Lessons that plan a class for three-year-old children will use materials suggested under Closely Graded Lessons.

FOR AGES 4
Pupil: My Bible
Teacher: Child Jesus Pictures, and Tell the Story
Parents: My Book and The Christian Home

ARKANSAS METHODIST

FOR CHRISTIAN TEACHING

Methodist Church School Help Persons
Accept and Share the Christian Gospel

CHILDREN — YOUTH — ADULTS

CHILDREN	JUNIOR	INTERMEDIATE	SENIOR	OLDER YOUTH	ADULTS
PRIMARY					
<p>Appreciation of God as Creator and Father. Appreciation of Jesus as friend and teacher. Appreciation of the Bible as the book containing stories of Jesus and of other people who felt God's nearness, a guide for living today.</p> <p>A sense of being a part of the church fellowship. Christian concern for the welfare of others.</p>	<p>Understanding of God as Father, Creator, and dependable power in the Universe. Appreciation of Jesus leading to commitment. Skill in using the Bible in study, worship, and everyday living.</p> <p>Increasing appreciation of the Church, its history, organization, and function. Developing capacity for Christian fellowship through missions. Appreciation of the earth as man's home.</p>	<p>Understanding of and sense of fellowship with God the Father. Growing understanding of and commitment to Jesus Christ. Increased knowledge of the Bible. Understanding of the Christian heritage—the story of the Church. Learning to live with others in the spirit of brotherhood. Becoming active in church membership. Achievement of Christian attitudes and relations in the home and in boy-girl relations. Understanding of and dedication to the missionary enterprise. Understanding of Christian beliefs.</p>	<p>Growing faith in God, Father and Creator. Commitment to Jesus Christ, Son of God. Understanding of the Bible as a progressive revelation of God. Increased knowledge of the Church and its mission today. Growing sense of social obligation. Acceptance of obligation for fellowship and service in the church. Christian family life and growth in wholesome boy-girl friendships. Growing sense of obligation for the outreach of the gospel. Growing knowledge and acceptance of basic Christian beliefs.</p>	<p>Vital personal faith in God. Commitment to Jesus Christ, Saviour and Lord, and to the kingdom of God. Knowledge of the Bible as a constant resource in Christian living. Understanding of the history and nature of the Church. Attitudes of Christian brotherhood. Fulfillment of the obligations of Christian discipleship. Christian attitudes toward and preparation for marriage and family life. Responsible participation in the world Christian community. Development of a Christian view of life.</p>	<p>Commitment to Christ as Saviour. Critical self-examination, repentance, renewal, and rehabilitation. A working knowledge of the Bible. Study leading to growing faith and healthiest Christian action. A satisfying Christian family life. Acceptance of Christian stewardship of life as a call of God. Loyalty to Church, local and universal. Consecrated, trained lay church leadership. Christian citizenship in community, nation, and world. Mature Christian personality.</p>
<p>Study and use of the Bible, receiving the Bible at promotion. Growing interest in workers and their work, children and their families everywhere. Beginning ability to read. Participation in church fellowship. Creative activities, planned and informal moments of worship.</p>	<p>Participation in the fellowship of the church. Wider contacts with community. Increased ability to read and write. Using new skills and interest in Christian ways. Growing social concepts. Interest in science and appreciation of creative activities in cooperation with God. Relationships at home, solving conflicts in Christian ways. Weighing of values of everyday living. Exploration of vocations.</p>	<p>Individual and group worship in home and church. Study of the Bible, church history, and biography. Participation in the intermediate fellowship. Participation in the total life of the church through attendance, fellowship, and giving. Cooperative Christian relationships in the community. Leadership training in groups and through specific tasks. Relations in the family and with other boys and girls. Activities influencing the choice of Christian vocations.</p>	<p>Individual and group worship in home and church. Study of the Bible and the history and mission of the Church. Participation in the youth program of the church. Fellowship and service in the total life of the church, stewardship of time, talents, and money. Christian fellowship with other churches and groups. Activities affording training for responsible Christian leadership. Family life and social relations among other youth. Choices of and training for Christian vocations.</p>	<p>Individual and group worship in home and church. Study of the Bible. Study of the heritage and mission of the Christian religion. Participation in the youth program of the church. Fellowship and service in the total life of the church. Participation in Christian community relationships. Leadership responsibilities in home, church, and community. Friendship, courtship, and preparation for marriage and family life. Expanding responsibilities in vocational choices and training.</p>	<p>Organized study in church school. Sharing in corporate worship. Sharing in fellowship and service. Living in a Christian family. Facing responsibilities of Christian citizenship in nation and world. Disciplines of religious living. Sharing with others in projects of Christian action and service. Systematic practice of stewardship of money through the church. Organized visitation for evangelizing, fellowship, and finance. Teaching in church school.</p>
<p>COURSE I (For age 6) Pupil: <i>My Book for Home and Church</i>. Teacher: <i>Working Together in Home and Church</i>.</p> <p>COURSE II (For age 7) Pupil: <i>My Book About God's World</i>. Teacher: <i>Growing in God's World</i>.</p> <p>COURSE III (For age 8) Pupil: <i>Let All the People Praise Thee</i>. Teacher: <i>Learning to Work and Worship</i>. For Teachers: Each Course also Primary Picture Set, pupil's book, and Child Guidance. For Parents: Each Course, section of pupil's book and <i>The Christian Home</i>.</p>	<p>COURSE IV (For age 9) Pupil: <i>In Wisdom and in Sorrow</i>. Teacher: <i>Wisdom and Sorrow</i>.</p> <p>COURSE V (For age 10) Pupil: <i>The Way of Good Will</i>. Teacher: <i>The Way of Good Will</i>.</p> <p>COURSE VI (For age 11) Pupil: <i>Our Father's Business</i>. Teacher: <i>Our Father's Business</i>. For Teachers: Each Course also Teaching Pictures for Junior, pupil's book, and Child Guidance. For Parents: Each Course, <i>The Christian Home</i>.</p>	<p>COURSE VII (For age 12) Pupil: <i>Your Bible, For Christ and His Church: Your World, Yourself and God</i>. Teacher: <i>Your Bible, For Christ and His Church: Your World, Yourself and God</i>.</p> <p>COURSE VIII (For age 13) Pupil: <i>The Story in the Bible, The Church Through the Centuries, Christianity Today, Building for World Brotherhood</i>. Teacher: <i>The Story in the Bible, The Church Through the Centuries, Christianity Today, Building for World Brotherhood</i>.</p> <p>COURSE IX (For age 14) Pupil: <i>Adventures in Religious Discovery, The Christian Way, Followers of the Way, About Your Father's Work</i>. Teacher: <i>Adventures in Religious Discovery, The Christian Way, Followers of the Way, About Your Father's Work</i>. Pupil: Reading Book, four parts, and Guidance book, four parts, each course. Teacher and Counselor: <i>Leader's Guide</i>, four parts, each course. Counselor's Guide: <i>Workers With Youth</i>.</p>	<p>Closely Graded Materials do Not Extend Beyond Junior High</p>	<p>No Graded Materials Beyond Older Youth</p>	<p>FOR YOUNGER ADULTS International Lessons and Adult Bible Course in Adult Student and Adult Teacher. Learning for Life discussions, with aids for leaders, in Learning for Life. Undated Learning for Life units. Forum resources in Adult Student, Adult Teacher, and Learning for Life.</p> <p>FOR MORE MATURE ADULTS International Lessons in Wesley Quarterly and Adult Teacher. International Lessons and Adult Bible Course in Adult Student and Adult Teacher. Learning for Life discussions, with aids for leaders, in Learning for Life. Undated Learning for Life units. Forum resources in Adult Student, Adult Teacher, and Learning for Life.</p> <p>FOR HOME MEMBERS Informal home study units for older adults in Home Quarterly.</p> <p>FOR PARENTS Informal free curriculum materials, including study guide, for parents of children of all ages in The Christian Home.</p> <p>FOR ADULTS IN VERY SMALL SCHOOLS International Lessons, in Bible Lessons for Adults, and Bible Lessons for Adult Teachers Quarterly.</p>
<p>FOR AGES 6, 7, and 8 Pupil: The Primary Class. Teacher: Child Guidance, The Primary Class, and Teaching Pictures for the Primary Class. Parents: The Primary Class and The Christian Home.</p>	<p>FOR AGES 9, 10, and 11 Pupil: Junior Quarterly. Teacher: Child Guidance, Junior Quarterly, and Teaching Pictures for Juniors. Parents: The Christian Home.</p>	<p>FOR AGES 12, 13, and 14 Pupil: Lessons for Intermediates for church school classes, The Intermediate Fellowship for evening meetings, and undated materials for special uses. Teacher and Counselor: <i>Workers With Youth</i> for teaching helps, counselors' notes, worship services, and other resources. Parents: The Christian Home.</p>	<p>FOR AGES 15, 16, and 17 Pupil: Highroad for church-school classes, evening meetings, and features. Workshop for officers, commissions, and committees; and undated materials for special uses. Teacher: <i>Workers With Youth</i> for teaching helps, counselors' notes, and other resources.</p>	<p>FOR AGES 18 to 23 Pupil: Christian Action for church-school classes; Highroad for evening meetings and features. Workshop for officers, commissions, and committees; and undated materials for special uses. Teacher: <i>Workers With Youth</i> for teaching helps, counselors' notes, and other resources.</p>	
<p>CHILDREN Primary Class. Teacher's Class, Teacher's Quarterly, Child, and Teaching Pictures for Children.</p>	<p>OLDER CHILDREN Pupil: Junior Quarterly. Teacher: Boys and Girls Class, Teacher's Quarterly, Junior Quarterly, and Teaching Pictures for Juniors.</p>	<p>FOR AGES 12 to 23 Pupil: Bible Lessons for Youth for church-school classes, Program Quarterly for evening meetings. Teacher: Bible Lessons for Youth, Teacher's Quarterly for teaching helps and other resources, and undated materials and other periodicals for special uses.</p>			

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bership gained than 1946 even though 1946 was the great year of evangelistic emphasis during the period of the Crusade. Nineteen forty-seven was the year

of emphasis on church school membership and attendance. Thus we believe that the future of evangelism and the conservation of evangelism results depends

upon an aggressive program of Christian education within the local churches.

Thus we are asking the co-
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE NOTES

By Bentley Sloane

Recreation Workshop Successful

The Conference Recreation Workshop, held in New Orleans, January 10, 11, 12, enrolled 94 and reached a group of leaders from every section of the Conference.

Rev. Larry Eisenberg of the General Board staff directed the Workshop, and the Rev. Henry A. Rickey of Carrollton Avenue Church was the dean. A strong faculty was provided.

Workers With Youth To Meet Miss Bowman

Miss Clarice Bowman will be in three special meetings with workers with youth during the week of February 11. The first of these meetings will be held in New Orleans, Tuesday, February 12, at 11:00 a.m. The second, at First Church, Alexandria, Thursday February 14, at 1:00 p.m., and the third, at Trinity Church, Ruston, Friday, February 15, at 10:30 a.m. District directors, sub-district counselors, directors of Christian education, and other leaders are urged to attend these important meetings.

Baton Rouge School February 17

The Baton Rouge Leadership School, scheduled for February 17-21, will offer six courses for church workers with an outstanding faculty. A course for stewards "The Church and Its Work" by Dr. E. C. Rule of Hot Springs, Arkansas, will be offered. Other courses are: "The Church Working with Young Adults," Dr. J. D. Barron of Dallas, Texas; "The Church's Program for Intermediates" by Dr. Darwin Andrus of Houston, Texas; a course for young people; and two for workers with children will be offered.

Mrs. Mahaffey To Help In Conference

Mrs. C. E. Mahaffey of Beaumont, Texas, will work in the Louisiana Conference during February and March. She will assist in the Vacation Church School Institutes, and will teach in a number of Leadership Schools.

Shreveport School Has Strong Faculty

The Shreveport Leadership School, scheduled for February 18-22, will have Dr. W. W. Sweet, dean of Methodist Historians, as an instructor for a course on "Church and State." Other courses in this school are: "Plans of the Church for Kindergarten Children" by Mrs. R. R. Branton,

Ruston; "Guiding Junior Children in Christian Growth" by Miss Freddie Henry, Nashville, Tennessee; "Youth and Worship" by Mrs. Alice Bayes, Knoxville, Tennessee; "Work of the Adult Division" by the Rev. Robert S. Clemmons, Nashville, Tennessee.

The Rev. Garland C. Dean is dean of the school, and Mr. Williams P. Callahan, Jr., is chairman of the board of managers.

Vacation School Coaching Conferences

Miss Vera Zimmerman of the General Board staff will conduct two coaching conferences in Louisiana, February 12, and 13, for district teams that will later hold the institutes.

The first meeting will be held in Ruston, February 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Trinity Church. Teams from the Monroe, Ruston, and Shreveport Districts will meet in Ruston for this conference. Teams will be composed of leaders for Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate Departments.

The second meeting will be held in Opelousas, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on February 13. Teams from Lake Charles, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Alexander districts will meet here.

District directors in charge of the teams are:

Alexandria, Mrs. Daisy Bergerson.

Baton Rouge, Mrs. George Harkins.

Lake Charles, Mrs. A. B. Cavanaugh.

Monroe, Mrs. Charles Chrisholm.

New Orleans, Mrs. R. R. Cahal. Ruston to be announced later. Shreveport, Mrs. Robert Motet.

Caravan Requests

A Methodist Youth Caravan for the Louisiana Conference is part of our 1952 summer program. Miss Eloise Mounber has again accepted the position as counselor for the Louisiana Caravan which will be composed of four young people from various sections of the United States.

The Caravan will be in Louisiana for six weeks during July and August. Requests for the services of this Youth Caravan in local churches should be made at once with Miss Bettie Rea Fox, our Conference Director of Youth Work. The cost of the Caravan for each church will be approximately \$35.00. Because of the limited number of visits the Caravan can make, applications should be in early.

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Highland	10.00
Good Faith	4.50
Arkadelphia, First Church	4.82
Miss Margaret Marshall	1.00
Miss Kathleen Broach	
(First Church, Hope)	25.00
Fairview (Camden District)	3.00
—Mrs. W. F. Bates	

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

Nashville, Tenn.—Race Relations Sunday, which in accord with a disciplinary provision, is due to be observed in every local congregation in Methodism on the second Sunday in February or as near thereto as possible, is one of the most important dates on the entire Methodist Calendar.

It is charged with a dual appreciation among people of various racial backgrounds and second, the taking of a free will offering for our Negro colleges.

While Race Relations Sunday has never been observed in one hundred percent of our Methodist congregations, the occasion has come to hold genuine significance throughout Methodism. The quiet but steady influence exerted in behalf of harmony and inter-racial goodwill has been, and continues to be, a part of our nation's current progress toward the recognition of worthy skills and attitudes wherever they may be found.

The special offering taken on that day to aid in the support of our colleges for Negroes has been most helpful. That statement could easily be documented by the recital of dozens of specific instances in which Race Relations funds made possible the balancing of an institution's budget, or the purchase of some much needed equipment. In the case of Philander Smith College, the fund helped with the purchase of an entire new campus and plant—adjacent and in addition to the original campus.

A list of our Methodist colleges for Negroes follows:

Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina; David D. Jones, president.

Bethune - Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida; Richard V. Moore, president.

Clafin College, Orangeburg South Carolina; J. J. Seabrook, president.

Clark College, Atlanta, Georgia; James P. Brawley, president. Dillard University, New Or-

leans, Louisiana; Albert W. Dent, president.

Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia; Harry V. Richardson, president.

Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee; Robert A. Lambert, acting president.

Morristown Normal and Industrial College, Morristown, Tennessee; M. W. Boyd, president.

Paine College, Augusta, Georgia; Edmund C. Peters, president. Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas; M. LaFayette Harris, president.

Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi; L. M. McCoy, president.

Samuel Huston College, Austin, Texas; Robert F. Harrington, president.

Wiley College, Marshall, Texas; J. S. Scott, Sr., president.

Morgan Christian Center (at Morgan State College), Baltimore, Maryland; Howard L. Cornish, director.

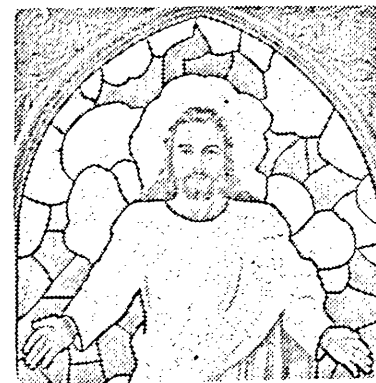
AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

Nashville, Tenn.—The use of audio-visual resources is becoming more and more closely related to the total program of the church, it was said recently by the Rev. Howard E. Tower, director of the Audio-Visual Department of the General Board of Education.

Mr. Tower, who has pioneered in the field of audio-visual aids in Christian education, has been director of the department since it came into existence in 1945.

One of the many areas of Christian education that is being considerably extended by the use of audio-visual devices is that of

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SILOAM SPRINGS STUDIES LATIN AMERICA

A most successful study of the Latin American theme has been conducted in the W. S. C. S. of the Siloam Springs Methodist Church in the Fayetteville District under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Frank Haxel, Secretary of Missionary Education. Each of the four daytime circles took the study on the same schedule and averaged fifteen members in each class attaining jurisdiction recognition. Teachers were Mesdames Richard Hodges, W. H. King, A. L. Cline and E. L. Owen.

An illustrated map, beautifully crayon-colored by Marilyn Elbert, an active MYF worker, was used in several sessions as basis of map studies. An exhibit of Latin American objects, a display of flags of each of the American republics, piano renditions of excerpts of each national anthem, roundtable discussion of textbook and supplementary material were all used effectively. Especially interesting were the impersonations of characters in the stories found in "He Wears Orchids," told in the first person by members costumed appropriately. Meaningful worship settings were arranged for each session, the Latin American theme prevailing in the basic ideas utilized. The usage of "Fun and Festival" provided periods of relaxation and taught something of the customs, habits and recreational aspects of our neighbors to the south.

Special greetings were brought by our pastor's wife, Mrs. Allen Stewart, whose son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Waddell, are living at El Vergel, the splendid Methodist farming mission in Chile where Mr. Waddell is an agricultural missionary. Personal glimpses into this project helped to knit a closer feeling of kinship with our missionaries in Latin America.

In keeping with a "south of the border" custom of taking small packages of cookies or wafers to hostesses, the W. S. C. S. ladies

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service is to be held in the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, beginning Tuesday afternoon, March 25, and closing at noon on Thursday, March 27.

Watch this paper for further announcements.

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That The Kingdom of God May Be Realized

1952-56

Quadrennial Emphasis

1. We will seek to grow as Christians;
2. We will seek to bring others into the Christian Fellowship;
3. We will seek with Christians everywhere the sustaining fellowship and power of a World Christian Church;
4. We will use all available resources to work for "the things that belong unto peace;"
5. We will proclaim the world mission of the church to be God's plan for the redemption of the world and seek "to bring to bear on all human life the spirit and principles of Christ." To this end we will work for the expansion of the missionary enterprise throughout the world;
6. We will accept the price of Christian discipleship.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Executive Board of the Fayetteville District Society met at Bentonville January 16, 1952, at 9:45 a.m. Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap of Bentonville, district president, presided.

The devotional given by Mrs. W. F. Cooley of Fayetteville was entitled "The Glorious Game."

Reports were made by all district officers, lifting the work for inspiration and promotion.

Luncheon was served by the Nellie Dyer Circle. Table decorations, made by Mrs. Hubert Pearce, depicted the "Sea of Matrimony" in honor of Mrs. Mae (Justice) Fitzgerald, District Secretary of Missionary Education, who was married recently. The Reverend Hubert Pearce, local pastor, and the Reverend W. F. Cooley, District Superintendent, were guests at the luncheon.

During the afternoon session Miss Betty Laszig, deaconess spoke on her work in cultivating and organizing societies in the district.

At the recent meeting of the Woman's Division, the Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild recommended that the support of the work at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, and Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Houma, Louisiana, be allocated to the Guilds for the quadrennium 1952-56.

The Program Committee of the North Arkansas Conference Wes-

did so on the last meeting date for the study, providing part of the menu for an informal tea.

Outcomes included a better understanding and deeper appreciation of the peoples of Latin America, an increased interest in study courses, a cash gift for Lima, Peru, high school, and a personal interest in El Vergel.

leyan Service Guild held a meeting at Gardner Church, North Little Rock, January 19 with Mrs. Homer Taylor presiding in the absence of Miss Gertie Stiles, Conference Secretary. The Annual meeting will be held at First Church, North Little Rock, March 22-23 with the Morton-Wayland and Pearle McCain Guilds as hostesses. Guest speakers will be: Mrs. Alma Riley, Jurisdiction Secretary; Mrs. George Dismukes, member of the Standing Committee; and Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Conference President.

Officers of the recently organized Societies on the Traskwood Circuit, Arkadelphia are: Point View Church, President, Mrs. Boyd Bray; Vice-President, Mrs. J. P. Young, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Gifford Bray; Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Vester Elliott; and Christian Social Relations, Mrs. J. P. Morgan; Ebenezer Church, President, Mrs. D. E. Gillis; Vice-President, Mrs. T. D. DuVall; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Joe E. DuVall; Missionary Education, Mrs. W. W. Davis; and Christian Social Relations, Mrs. J. F. Crowson.

The W. S. C. S. of Wesley Memorial Church in Conway met Monday afternoon, December 17th, at 2 o'clock for their joint meeting of business, worship and Results Meeting of Progressive Visitation. A short business session opened the meeting with Mrs. Simon Neff, vice president, presiding. Mrs. R. J. Hammonds presented the worship and program from the theme, Offering Our Gifts.

Soft Christmas music by Mrs. Mae G. Jones and inspirational talks by Mrs. Vernon Paysinger, Mrs. Bob Holloway and Mrs. Hammonds carried out the message of the program theme.

Reports were given of the Link Meetings held earlier in the

homes of Mrs. James Shelton, Mrs. Paysinger, Mrs. W. H. Conley, Mrs. Simon Neff, Mrs. F. D. Rhode, Mrs. Ted Dempsey and Mrs. A. H. Langford. The hostesses held chains made from colored construction paper, the links representing the women in each group. These were joined to form the one long chain. 12 new members were gained in the visitation program and much interest and enthusiasm expressed for the work of the W. S. C. S. and its goals and fellowship.

Resolutions adopted by the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service at its annual meeting opposed peacetime conscription as well as universal military training, urged "universal, simultaneous disarmament," and petitioned Congress to make the full apportionment of funds recommended by the United Nations as U. S. share of the budget for the international organization. Peace will be a major emphasis for the Woman's Division in the coming four years.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, had as their speaker January 22, Miss Geraldine Wall, who showed colored slides of Vancouver, British Columbia. Miss Wall was an exchange teacher to Vancouver last year. Miss Frances Dunbar, president, introduced two new members, Miss Wall and Miss Bessie Dyer.

Emmett Society held an Epiphany program at the home of Mrs. Otis Townsend with Mrs. Bob Wylie and Mrs. Carl Vickers as co-hostesses. The four gifts were presented by: Mrs. Sam Pankey, Mrs. Ramey McDonald Wylie Mrs. M. A. Holland and Mrs. Joe Youmans. Mrs. Townsend closed with singing "A Charge To Keep I Have." The group voted to send gifts to India.

Noei Memorial Woman's Society presented the first session of the study "Churches For Our Country's Need" January 28, in the form of a town meeting of the air with Dr. John J. Rasmussen as moderator. Speakers of the panel were Mrs. R. F. Young, Mrs. John G. Cooke, Mrs. Wilson Watson, Mrs. Sam Smith, and Mrs. Ray Gammill.

FLASH ...

Miss Dorcas Hall, a former missionary to India, has been elected to take Mrs. Eloise Woolver's place as Executive Secretary of the Section of Education and Cultivation July 1.

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

DR. GEORGE B. WORKMAN WILL HEAD SCHOOL IN INDIA

Rev. George B. Workman, Mrs. Workman and daughter, Ann, 15, left Conway Thursday en route to Darjeeling, India, where Mr. Workman, Methodist missionary to China for 17 years, will assume duties as principal of Mt. Hermon Methodist Mission School.

Another daughter, Sarah, will remain in Conway, where she is a freshman in Hendrix College.

Mr. Workman returned from China in July, 1950, after the Communists had taken Shanghai. His family had departed a year earlier on the last ship to leave the city before Communist troops entered.

Since returning to the United States, Mr. Workman has been on lecture tours throughout the country, and has aided in reorganizing the Methodist Far Eastern mission system. He is the son of Dr. J. M. Workman and the late Mrs. Workman of Conway.

The Workmans will board ship at New York Feb. 1, and will visit Liverpool and London before embarking for the Mediterranean Sea, the Suez Canal and Bombay. They will then journey to Calcutta and continue by train on the last leg of the journey.

Darjeeling is 400 miles north of Calcutta, in the foothills of the Himalaya Mountains. It is near the southern border of Tibet. Mt. Everest, highest peak in the world, is 120 miles away, and may be seen on a clear day.

Mt. Hermon School is operated on the British or Cambridge system, and includes work the equivalent of high school courses. Students from India, China, Burma, Tibet, Australia, Europe and the United States are enrolled, he said. It is a mission school of the Methodist Church, but it is also supported and staffed by other denominations.

Length of their stay in India will be determined by world conditions, but they expect to fill a normal term of 6½ years.

NEW MEMBERS HONORED AT LEWISVILLE

The Lewisville Methodist Church held the annual fellowship supper honoring new members in Fellowship Hall recently. White narcissi, ground vinca and Christmas cactus were used to lend a homelike atmosphere.

Prior to giving the invocation, Rev. J. A. Simpson, the pastor, gave welcoming speech.

There were approximately 214 members and friends present.—Reporter

SEARCY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 79th session of the Searcy District Conference convened in the Beebe Methodist Church, November 27, with Rev. Coy E. Whitten, District Superintendent of the Searcy District, presiding. Rev. Earle Cravens led the opening prayer. Rev. Pharis J. Holifield served as Secretary and Rev. J. G. Greening and Rev. Jack Johnson as assistant secretaries.

After being introduced by his pastor, Rev. Floyd Villines, Vernon Powell, Chairman of the Beebe Building Committee, welcomed the conference to the newly completed and dedicated Beebe church.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was given by Rev. Floyd Villines. Rev. Verlia Harris gave a brief report on the Van Buren Camp.

Brother Whitten presented Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Secretary of the Board of Christian Education; Dr. Matt L. Ellis, President of Hendrix College; Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Secretary of the Conference Town and Country Commission, who spoke to the conference in the interest of the conference agencies they serve.

The report of the Committee on Local Preachers recommended Harold Wilson for Local Preacher's License, and Rev. W. G. Connor for Local Deacon's Orders, with the conference voting unanimously to make the recommendations.

The morning session closed with the worship period during which Rev. A. N. Storey, District Superintendent of the Paragould District, preached a helpful message and Mrs. Parish Robbins sang a solo, "Bless This Church."

During the afternoon session Mrs. H. H. Fulbright reported for the District W. S. C. S.; Joe Pierce, District Lay Leader for the lay work in the district; Rev. T. T. McNeal for the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home; Dr. E. T. Wayland for the Arkansas Methodist; and Rev. Elmer Hook for Mt. Sequoyah.

Rev. Ralph Hillis, District Director of Evangelism, presented the United Evangelism Campaign and introduced Rev. LeRoy Walker who is directing the campaign.

A large crowd attended the conference sessions.—Pharis J. Holifield, Secretary.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS WANTED

We are interested in finding for sale some stained glass windows for our church in Cameron, Louisiana. We felt that perhaps some church in the Con-

NELLIE DYER REPORTED PRISONER

Miss Nellie Dyer, Methodist Missionary in Dorea who has been reported missing since June, 1950 when hostilities began in Korea, is now reported to be a prisoner of the Communists, according to reports from UN military authorities in Korea and the Foreign Division of the Methodist General Board of Missions. This is the first report of Miss Dyer's whereabouts since her disappearance, when it was presumed she was taken prisoner. Miss Dyer's

mother, Mrs. Elisha Dyer, now resides in Conway. Her father, the late Rev. Elisha Dyer, was for many years a minister in the North Arkansas Conference.

Miss Dyer has served The Methodist Church for more than 25 years as a missionary, serving many years in Japan. For several years during the last war she was a prisoner of the Japanese being interned in a camp in the Philippines.

PARSONETTES OF LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT MEET

The Parsonettes of the Little Rock District were entertained at a beautiful luncheon on Thursday, January 10, in the home of Mrs. Cecil Culver, Little Rock with Mesdames Hyde, Mann, Nelson and Davis assisting. Thirty-three members were present.

The placing of Bible marker in Highland Methodist Church, as a memorial to the former pastor, Rev. William Arnold, was an item of business.

Mrs. Hyde played several piano numbers which were greatly enjoyed.

Guests departed declaring a perfect day had been spent together.—Reporter.

GUJARAT MISSIONARY TO SPEAK IN DISTRICT RALLIES

Bishop Martin has announced that Dr. C. H. Conley, who served for many years as a missionary of The Methodist Church in the Gujarat Annual Conference, India, will be the featured speaker in a series of district rallies in the districts of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference. Plans for these rallies are now being completed by Rev. J. Edward Dunlap, Mena, Conference Missionary Secretary of the Little Rock Conference, and Rev. Martin Bierbeaum, Fort Smith, Conference Missionary Secretary of the North Arkansas Conference. Dr. Conley will be in the Little Rock Conference the week of February 10-16 and in the North Arkansas Conference February 17-24. Exact location and dates of the rallies will be announced in the near future.

ference had remodeled or would in the future remodel and have left on hand some stained glass windows. Write me at Cameron.—Mrs. Frank Welch, Secretary and Treasurer.

RAILROAD SENDS LOCOMOTIVE BELL TO INDIA MISSION

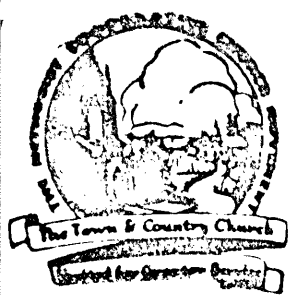
Western Pacific Railroad has sent an old locomotive bell to a Jesuit mission in India—at the mission's request. Recently, the Rev. Thomas Downing, S. J., of the Catholic church, Buxar Post Office, Shahabad District, Binar Province, India, sent this letter to G. H. Kneiss assistant to the president of the railroad: "In a magazine article which a kind friend sent me, I read about locomotive bells. The article stated that the bells used on engines often outlasted the 'iron horse.' 'Our congregation is growing and in one of our outlying villages we are building a new church. It has been my great desire to have a sweet-sounding (church) bell which can be heard at a good distance.'"

SEEK MILLION YOUTH FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Enrollment of a million young people to promote Christian faith and action will be sought during Youth Week, January 27 to February 3. The drive will be directed by the United Christian Youth Movement, an affiliate of the National Council of Churches, under the title of "A Call to United Christian Youth Action." In addition to volunteering for service in their own communities, each of the young people enrolled will be asked to donate one dollar for state, national and international Christian youth work. Youth Week will be climaxed on February 3 with worship services at which the volunteers enrolled will pledge participation in at least one of three phases of activity during the year.

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.

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TWO FINE MEETINGS AT CENTERVILLE

On Friday night, January 11, was privileged to attend a fellowship meeting at Centerville in the Greenbrier Charge where Rev. Carlos Martin is pastor. In spite of a muddy road and inclement weather there was a splendid attendance. The Centerville community, like so many others, has been caught in the school consolidation melee. One hundred thousand dollars worth of school property was abandoned. This indeed was a tragedy both economically and psychologically. While the enumeration did not, according to regulations, warrant the continuation of a school, at the same time the tragedy of waste of property is not lessened.

There was a fine spirit prevailing at the meeting. Some new people having moved in brought little more hope to the established citizenry. There is a possibility of building a stronger church life. More than ever can the church minister to the needs of the people in communities like this across the state?

At Damascus

On Wednesday night of this week there was a most outstanding meeting of laymen at Damascus in Van Buren County. A team of laymen from First Methodist Church, Conway, represented the Lay Speaking Program. Len Estes and W. H. Fleming spoke as to their experiences in this great program. Rev. Maurice Hebb, pastor at Vilonia, spoke to his experience in this program before entering the ministry. Lester Hutchins, president of the Van Buren Laymen's Fellowship presided. A splendid quartet headed by Doc Hunter sang. The writer "scotched" for the meeting. There were seventy-five men present.

The ladies served a wonderful supper. The Quitman Charge joined forces with these men and will become a part of this great fellowship. Twelve churches requested lay speakers for assistance in worship services. Such a meeting as this makes the secretary of the Town and Country Commission rise up to sing the exology.

The hope for a greater Methodism lies in the capturing of the imagination of our laymen in consecrated service in the Master's Kingdom. The lay-

speaking program can and will remake the rural church life of America if it can catch on in full force. "A worship service every Sunday in every church" is the slogan for the North Arkansas Methodists. When people go to church regularly and the church program becomes a vital part of their lives there will be a difference in community and national life.

Since it is true that darkness flees when the light appears, it would seem the part of wisdom to turn on the light. On the desk of a prominent laymen of our conference is the following statement, "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness". That indeed is a wonderful word.

If all Methodist Christians would get busy lighting candles of truth, honesty, virtue, patience, sacrificial living and consecration the darkness would soon be dispelled from great sections of the earth. Why not light a candle?—J. Albert Gatlin.

WILL OF NEGRO PEDLER AIDS ALL CHURCHES

All of the community's 13 churches—10 of them white congregations and three Negro—were named beneficiaries in the will of William Sharp Steele, a crippled Negro pedler who died at Versailles, Ky., a few weeks ago at the age of 80. Noted for having a "hard business head," Mr. Steele accumulated considerable property through the years selling fish and apples on the streets and operating a small antique business. His will specified distribution equally among the community's churches of his residual estate. This proved, after payment of specific bequests, to amount to \$9,763, or \$751 for each of the churches.

LAYMEN'S GOSPEL SINGING GROUP ATTRACTS CROWDS

A laymen's Gospel singing group draws "standing room only" crowds at Baton Rouge, La., each week. The Baton Rouge Singing Convention gives music lovers a Christian pastime and affords young people "a decent Christian way to spend Sunday afternoons," according to Ellis Haddox, president. He said that at the Sunday afternoon

Monticello Church Observes Centennial

The First Methodist Church of Monticello will celebrate its centennial of organization on Sunday, February 3, and the new Educational Building will be dedicated by Bishop Paul E. Martin, assisted by Dr. W. E. Brown, district superintendent, and Rev. Roland E. Darrow, pastor.

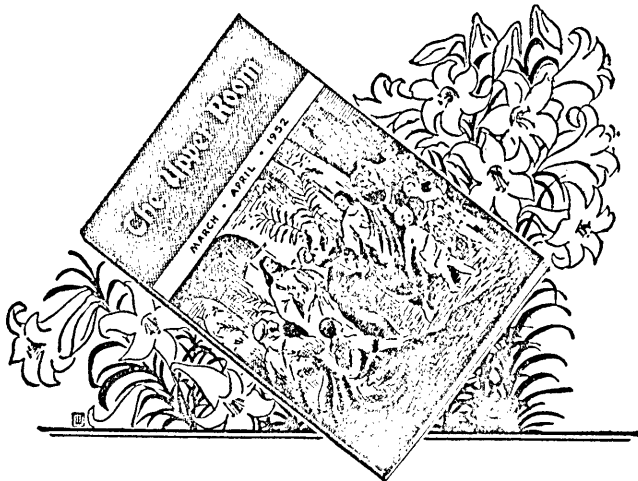
The Educational Building was constructed, in large part by the men of the congregation. They pushed wheelbarrows, served as carpenters, climbed about on scaffolds and were efficient in all tasks. The women of the church

served refreshments from time to time to encourage the volunteers at the building, and the children and youth came to offer their services.

The building, modern and efficient in every respect, is valued at \$75,000 but cost much less because of the volunteer labor of the members and friends of the church.

The construction of the three-story building was begun in 1949 and completed in 1950 with all costs paid in full. Plans are now underway for the construction of a new sanctuary. The Building Committee is composed of Thomas G. Todd, chairman, D. A. Anderson, Charles E. Jackson, Ray McKenney, Bryan Harris, Maurice Nichols, Barnett Miles, Mrs. Yates Trotter, and Eric Hardy.

meetings, which feature group and quartet singing, about 40 per cent of the more than 500 persons who crowd into the Victoria Baptist Church are young people.



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A CHALLENGE TO YOUTH

The Church School record of the Ingram family at the Ward Methodist Church is one that is a challenge to all of us as Youth. There are four members of this family; Artis and Vertis, students at Arkansas State Teachers College; Betty Jeanne, teacher at Rosebud School; and Wallace, student at Ward School. These four young people have a record of outstanding consecutive attendance as recorded at the Ward Methodist Church where they are members. Artis has nine consecutive years without missing a Sunday. Vertis has eight years, Wallace has five years and Betty Jeanne has three years. These are all of the children of Mr. and Mrs. George Ingram, each having an outstanding record. This, I think, is indeed a great challenge to all young people to set records of regular Church School attendance.—J. G. Greening, Pastor.

PAGEANT AT WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Conway presented Christmas pageant, "A Christmas Tableau" Sunday night, December 23 at the evening church hour.

Bob Dempsey, Senior MYF president, served as narrator. Mary was portrayed by Ann Mower, and Glynis Clements took the part of Joseph. Shepherds for the pageant were enacted by Donald McDonald. Robert Robinette, and James Carroll ley, and taking the parts of wise men were Charles Clements, Charles Robinette, and James Donald Clements.

An angel choir included Betty Anne Shelton, Betty Sue Starkëy, Jean and Joanne Landers. Colleen Linn, Pat Boydston, Martha Holloway, Carolyn Conley, Ernestine Rogers, Jean and Peggy Clements, Monty Be Crow, and Robin Bruce. Mrs. Mae Goad Jones accompanied the choir at the piano.

Miss Eloise Rhode was director of the pageant.

An interesting feature of the costuming was the use of headscarves bought in Jerusalem by Miss Mary Mitchell, returned missionary from China, who was a special guest for the MYF meeting and pageant.

Following the pageant the Senior MYF went Christmas caroling to the homes of shutins,

ALL-YOUTH PROGRAM AT WALDO

An all-youth community Christmas service was given on Sunday, December 23 by the young people of Waldo at The Methodist Church.

Taking part on the program were Julia Ann O'Daniel, Nila Faye Savage, Yvonne Boyett, Donna Bedinfield, Tarana Foreman, Billy Scurlock, James Lovett Pullig, Martha Sue Fullenwider, R. C. Langley, Louise Fincher and Miss Ruby Cook. Rev. Gerald Fincher, student in Southern Methodist University, spoke on "The Real Meaning of Christmas."

Miss Polly Franks was chairman of the program. Ushers were Roger Fincher, Dickie Menderhall, Tom Boswell and Jimmie Askeew.

Following the program refreshments were served in the church parlors.

FAULKNER COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Faulkner County Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Salem Methodist Church Monday night, January 14. Miss Martha Matthews, Greenbrier MYF member, president, presided over the business meeting, during which she announced the District Youth Rally to be held in Hendrix Auditorium, Saturday, January 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The program was in charge of Ruth Anderson of First Methodist Church and Carolyn Conley and Martha Holloway of Wesley. Memorial Methodist Church, all members of an Ecumenical team for the United Christian Youth committee in Conway. Miss Anderson presented the "Call to United Christian Youth Action." Miss Conley led the group in recreation assisted by Miss Anne Terrell of Salem church, followed by refreshments served by the Salem group. Miss Holloway led a closing worship service on the UCYM Call. The group was invited to the interdenominational service sponsored by the United Christian Youth Committee at the First Presbyterian Church, February 3 at 2:00 p.m.—Reporter.

going in for refreshments at the homes of Mrs. W. J. West, MYF "grandmother", and Mrs. F. D. Rhode, superintendent of the youth division.—Reporter.

PALMER GARNER TO BE SPEAKER AT UCYM RALLY IN LITTLE ROCK

Rev. Palmer Garner, pastor of the Methodist Churches at Bayou Meto and Lodges Corner, and also a student at Hendrix, Conway, will be the inspirational speaker at the UCYM Rally in Little Rock on Sunday, February 3.

At the same time throughout the nation, similar youth meetings will be in session as the climax to the observance of National Youth Week by Protestant Youth of America. Major emphasis during the week is being placed on "The Call to United Christian Youth Action," a nation-wide program to enlist 1,000,000 Christian youth and their adult leaders in a united program of Christian action in the community, nation and world.

In Arkansas, the goal to be reached is 15,000 youth and their leaders. The promotion of "The Call" in Arkansas has been done mostly by the Arkansas State Call Committee, of which Danny Adams of Little Rock is chairman, and by the National UCYM Field Worker, Miss Neewannah Schmidt of Miami, Oklahoma.

Youth Week is sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement, the official youth agency of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. It represents 38 Protestant denominations with some 10,000,000 youth in their ranks, 11 national youth serving agencies, and hundreds of interdenominational youth councils across the country.

Another important feature of Youth Week will be the presentation of a radio skit, "One in a Million," over Station KLRA on Saturday afternoon, February 2, and "The Big Secret," the time and station to be announced later.—Emogene Dunlap.

The man who does his best today will be a hard man to beat tomorrow.—Hoosier Kiwanian.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

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operation of pastors, church school superintendents, and other church school workers in the making of the period of March 9-30 a time of expansion in the program of Christian education. The past few years have given a tragic picture in reports of youth work throughout The Methodist Church. There has been a constant loss in youth membership in the church schools of Methodism. The record in our Conference is not as tragic as in some Conferences, but it is a record of which we cannot be proud. We hope that the next few months will be a time for enlisting many more young people.

Then there are thousands of adults within reach of our church schools not enrolled in a church school program.

Let us build people and greater Methodist Church through the strengthening of a Christian education program. "David." The set of three records is for sale at the Methodist Publishing Houses, price, \$3.95.

Other areas of Christian education in which the use of audio-visual devices has been especially successful, according to Mr. Tower, are the Christian family and leadership education.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

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recreation. The World of Fun series of phonograph records produced by the department, has been so useful in the recreational program of the church that a fourth series of recordings has been developed, Mr. Tower stated. Latest of these is a recording of three of Roark Bradford's stories narrated by the Rev. F. C. Harbin of the Board's Youth Department staff and widely known as the author of "Phunology" and other books in the recreation field. The Bradford stories are "How Come Christmas," "No Vacancy," and "Little

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PARK—J. Marvin Park spent his entire life, with the exception of his years in school, in Cabot, and his attendance and participation in all the activities of the Cabot Methodist Church extended over that entire period. He was of the third generation of a family whose membership extended back to the early days of this church, and he was true to the family tradition. His love for and his loyalty to the church was exceeded only by his devotion to his home and family.

For practically all of his adult life he was a member of the Board of Stewards, and had been for many years its secretary. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees. He had held almost every position of leadership and responsibility that the church can give to a layman, and always he had accepted and performed those responsibilities faithfully. He was teacher of the men's class in the Sunday School, and was active in all the work of the Church School. His last public act was the presentation, on the evening of Nov. 25, of the Education Building to Bishop Martin for dedication. That was an event to which he had looked forward eagerly and for which he had labored for years. It had been for him a labor of love.

His death on December 24 at the age of 47 cut short a life that held every promise of long and useful activity, but he had lived more fully than have many men of twice his age. A list of his activities and responsibilities in the community would be too long to include here. He was active in everything he was associated with, and he improved everything he touched.

He leaves to succeed him two sons, J. M. Jr., and "Jody", who are just entering young manhood, and whom the church and community confidently expect to follow in the way their father, mother, and grandparents have walked. Truly, theirs is a "goodly heritage".

His wife and mother are rich with the memories of a husband and son who was worthy of the love of his family, his community, and his church. —C. W. Good.

HOWELL—Mary Elizabeth Allen was born at Savannah, Tennessee, February 21, 1860. She was married to John Rea Howell March 23, 1879. She was the mother of six children; four sons and two daughters. Two of the sons died in infancy. Another, Elbert J. Howell preceded her in death on December 4, 1931. Survivors are George L. Howell, Beaumont, Texas; Mrs. Earl Witt, Hot Springs; Mrs. James H. Davis, Little Rock; twelve grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Howell united with the Methodist Church, South, when

a child and lived a beautiful, consistent Christian life. Her grandfather, E. J. Allen, was a Methodist minister of the Tennessee Conference.

She came to Arkansas with her husband about 1890 and was a resident of Montgomery County most of the time following, until her death, having lived at Mt. Ida more than 30 years. While there she was an untiring worker in the Church, being for many years a teacher in the Sunday School and president of the Missionary Society.

After the death of her husband in 1932 she made her home in Hot Springs with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Witt, (wife of Judge Earl Witt, who died in 1949): from this home she passed away on December 16, 1951. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and Rev. E. C. Rule. Interment was in the Mount Ida cemetery.

Through all the long years of her active life, Mrs. Howell was zealous for her Lord and the Methodist Church. To know her was to love and to admire her. Ministers and laymen who had the good fortune to enjoy her friendship, were inspired by her faith in God and by her intense interest in the program of the church. Gone to her reward in her Father's "House of many mansions" is one of God's queenly hand-maidens.—Her pastor, W. S. Cazort.

LANIER—Luther Thomas Lanier was born at Floral, Arkansas on February 22, 1899, and died on November 15, at his home in Hartford. He was the youngest of seven children who survive him, Mrs. Ida Tarpley, Union Hill, Mrs. Ruth Whitten, Pangburn; J. E. Lanier, Floral; Mrs. Mattie Kelley, Detroit, Michigan; and the writer, W. A. Lanier, Conway. He is also survived by his wife and one son, Thurmon Wayne Lanier.

Being left fatherless at the age of 19, he chose school administration as his field, having finished high school at Sulphur Rock and later receiving his A. B. Degree at Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, and a M. A. degree at the University of Arkansas.

Mr. Lanier was a tireless worker, always giving of his very best to the cause for which he worked. He was never too busy to stoop down and help the least or the lost to find their way. In all the many duties that face a school superintendent he had time for his church. Born of Christian Methodist parents, he was converted and joined the church in his early teens. He was county supervisor of schools in Sebastian County, superintendent of Hartford school, served as superintendent of schools in East Arkansas, Marked Tree, later coming back to West Arkansas where he spent five years as

superintendent of schools at Mt. Ida. From there he went to Mansfield where he served four and one half years until his death. He made great improvements in each place he served.

He served as a lay speaker when called on. He was ever sympathetic and kind. He had friends throughout the state and elsewhere. He was a member of the Board of Stewards, taught a Sunday School class in his church and was always active in the affairs of the church. He was a Mason and a member of the Lions Club.

"The Lord buries his workmen but his work goes on".—His brother, W. A. Lanier.

HARRIS—The earthly journey of our beloved friend and neighbor, Miss Edna Harris has ended but beyond the shadow of doubt the gates of heaven must have opened gladly as she stepped into the garden of eternal life.

Miss Edna was born and reared near Dubberly in Webster Parish, Louisiana. She was born on April 15, 1893, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris. She was one of six children. She passed away on November 8, 1951, after a short illness.

Sacrifice was as natural to Miss Edna as any of the other Christian graces which she so wonderfully exemplified. Her mother died when she was a small child and she chose to remain at home to look after her father and one of her brothers. And, until her passing, she always kept those home fires burning brightly for any and all of the members of her family who came and went freely.

Miss Edna joined the Brushwood Methodist Church at an early age and she was always one of the strongest pillars in the history of this church and community. She lived for her Master and for others. She never refused when asked to serve in any capacity, though she accepted in a spirit of humility. In her long Christian career she filled practically every local church office that a woman could hold, and always her prayers up-

held the pastor and her fellow-members.


Everyone who knew her understood how intensely she tried to do every task well. Her personal life was so entwined with the life of her church and her community that the life of distinction was dim. She gave of herself as she spread the milk of human kindness. She asked nothing for herself, only a place to serve in God's Kingdom. No one can measure the amount of good she did, and no one could doubt her sincerity.

Miss Edna is greatly missed, but her influence will always be a stabilizing factor for all those who knew her. Her life continues not only in the presence of her Lord whom she served with love and dedication, but also in the hearts of those who came within the sphere of her influence. We, who knew her best, know that she would not have her friends mourn her passing, for her hope of future life was such a reality, and we know she would have us look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.—B. P. Durham, Heflin, La.

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 10, 1952

HOW CAN A RICH MAN FOLLOW CHRIST?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Luke 18:18-30, Luke 19:1-10.



GOLDEN TEXT: Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few." (Matthew 7:13-14)

It will be remembered that the general thought of this unit has to do with "some of the ways in which persons follow Christ, inspired by some of the early followers of Jesus." Our theme for today is in the form of a question—"How Can A Man Follow Christ?"

A Look At The Scriptures

We have for our consideration the account of two rich men who came in contact with Christ. First, may we note the rich, young ruler.

The account of this young man is given in the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew 19:16,22; Mark 10:17-22; and Luke 18:18-23. To fully understand this portion of the lesson one would do well to read all of these accounts.

Both this event, and the one we will study in the latter part of the lesson concerning Zacchaeus, took place in March A. D. 30 which was the last year of Christ's ministry. The Lord met the rich, young ruler in Peraea on the east side of the Jordan River, and he met Zacchaeus in Jericho on the west side of the Jordan, some 15 miles northwest of Jerusalem. Jericho was made famous in history by being the first city taken by the Israelites under the leadership of Joshua, when they conquered Palestine. It is said that Jericho was a city of some 100,000 population at the time Christ met Zacchaeus there.

Things That Commended The Young Ruler

This youth had much to commend him. Little wonder that when Jesus looked on him he loved him. First, he was young, and like all well-bred and well-trained young people he possessed high ideals. He was ambitious to make the most out of life, and he felt that Jesus could help him in reaching this goal.

Then, he was dissatisfied. He was not willing to settle for anything less than the best. He realized that there is a high-way and a low-way of life and he was anxious to follow the highest and best. One of the great tragedies of life is the fact that too

many people become satisfied with past achievements and attainments, and when they do, they close the door of future progress in their own faces.

This young man was rich, but that was not against him, provided he used his wealth in the right way. No man is highly favored in a spiritual way because he is poor, and on the other hand, no man is damned because he is rich. It is not money that is the root of all evil, but the love of it. As a matter of fact, money as well as life may be consecrated to God and thus used to do good. Christ never taught that it is wrong to be rich. He did, however, teach that it was dangerous. The danger lies in the fact that the rich are inclined to trust in their wealth rather than God. They put it first in their lives and thus make a god of it.

Again, this young fellow was in dead earnest. Mark tells us that he came running to Jesus.

He was also reverent. He knelt at the feet of the Master. He felt that Jesus already possessed the thing that he wanted. He called the Lord "Good master" or teacher. It is true that Christ refused to accept the term "good" as used by the young man. He was thinking of Christ as a mere man and implying that a mere man could attain a state of perfect goodness. He felt that Christ could give him the secret and that he could then attain this goodness for himself. He correctly looked upon eternal or abundant life not only as a matter of duration, but also as a state of perfect goodness. He wanted eternal life as a matter of merit; he wanted to earn it by the doing of some good deed. He had not thought of attaining it by grace, that is as a gift. Christ let him know immediately that absolute goodness; the very source of goodness was God alone. Of course, Jesus, as God, was possessed of this goodness, but this young man was not thinking of him as God.

Then, this young man was morally clean. Christ mentioned

some of the Ten Commandments, and the young fellow informed him that he had kept them all of his life. It will be noted that the commandments mentioned by the Lord had to do with this man's relationship to his fellowman. Some tell us that this young fellow was either lying or at least was mistaken about the matter; that he really had not kept these commandments. The writer cannot agree with this. We are told in this same connection that Christ looked on him and loved him. It is a fact that Christ loves all people, but the love mentioned here is an admiring love. Christ knew that the young man was telling the truth. He had kept the commandments Christ mentioned, at least in a negative way, all of his life. It will be noted that Christ did not mention the first commandment. As a matter of fact, this young man was putting money first in his life rather than God.

Again, this young man was a ruler. He must have had a lot of talent and also training, for he came at a time when the older people were habitually pushed forward as leaders, yet he is mentioned as a ruler. At this time the Jews were subservient to the Roman Government. Only two offices were open to them as rulers. This young man was either a member of the Jewish court of seventy; the Sanhedrin, or he was a ruler of one of the synagogues. The chances are he filled the latter office. This means he stood high in the community as a religious leader.

He Lacked One Thing

Christ informed the young man that he lacked one thing. This was the matter of giving God the first place in his life. The Lord knew that he was so much in love with his possessions that he could never do this so long as he had them. Therefore, he told him to get rid of them. The Lord also wanted him for a traveling companion, like the twelve. He said, "Follow Me." This is the only case where the Lord commanded an individual to get rid of all of his property therefore, it is a special case, and not to be followed by the rank and file of Christians.

The young man went away sorrowfully. This has been called "The Great Refusal". The Bible mentions his case no more. He was such a lovable young chap that we find ourselves hoping that sometime later he reconsidered the matter and returned to the Lord.

The Tax-Collector

The next rich man of our lesson is Zacchaeus, the publican or tax-collector of Jericho. As stated above, Jericho was quite a city at that time. There were many tax-collectors in that section, and Zacchaeus was the chief among them.

There are many lessons for us in this event. Space will permit us to deal but briefly with some of them.

First, if a person's motive is right at all in coming to Christ he is always accepted. The rich, young ruler came to ask a favor, while Zacchaeus came through curiosity. Both were accepted.

The rich, young ruler was highly favored among the people. No one would be hurt by associating with him. Zacchaeus was held in contempt and hatred. He was a tax-collector for a foreign government. He was looked upon as a traitor to his own people. His money was thought to be tainted. He was not permitted to attend public worship at the synagogue. If by chance some felt sympathetic toward him, they did not dare to associate with him. They know that their reputation in the community would thus be ruined. This feeling was also extended to the tax-collector's family. In spite of all this Christ invited himself as a guest in Zacchaeus' home. Little wonder the people would murmur about it. The criticism that he was a friend to publicans and sinners followed Christ to the cross. It was brought up as evidence against him at his trial. In speaking of the sacrifice of Christ Paul said, "He made himself of no reputation". He had no fear for his own reputation. His chief thought always was how he could help others.

The life of Zacchaeus was changed. No one can ever accept Christ into his home and into his heart and ever be the same again. He did the right thing with his money. The Lord never fully reaches any man's heart without also touching his pocket book. Zacchaeus gave half of his goods to feed the poor and made restitution to the tune of four-fold to all whom he had cheated. His money became a blessing rather than a curse to him. He made at least a portion of his deposits in the bank of heaven, where moths and rust do not corrupt and where thieves do not break through to steal. He is drawing on that account today and will continue to do so throughout eternity.

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

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