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Take An Offering On Race Relations Sunday

NEXT Sunday, February 10th, is Race Relations Sunday. It is a time when we should study ways and means for creating a better understanding and more friendly relationship between the races of earth—with special emphasis on better race relations in our own churches, communities and neighborhoods.

There is one way we may give substantial evidence of our interest in better relations between the races. That way is found in the opportunity we have of making an offering to aid that cause on Race Relations Sunday.

In Arkansas this special offering taken on Race Relations Sunday goes to Philander Smith College, located in Little Rock. If Methodism in this area were really familiar with the high character of work done in this great school for colored youth this offering would take on large proportions. There are many times, if any, when Methodism has opportunity to render a more direct helpful service to the matter of better race relations than comes to us throughout the offering our great church makes on Race Relations Sunday.

All New Subscriptions Now On Mailing List

WITH the close of work last week, those in charge of our mailing list had entered in our files the names of all new subscribers received to date in the Circulation Campaign.

Our records show that more than ten and a half thousand new subscriptions have been received in our office the past month. Anyone familiar with the work of entering new names on a mailing list can understand the enormous job our limited office force had when new subscriptions in such numbers were received.

We have not been surprised that we have received some inquiries from subscribers and some pastors regarding the time new subscribers would begin receiving the paper. We are glad that they are anxious about it, and we are glad to announce that we caught up with the work of entering new names on our mailing list last week.

This work has been done as carefully as the time element would allow. Nevertheless, we know, in the stress of the extra work mistakes may have been made. If any new subscriber fails to receive a paper this week, it is very likely that a mistake has been made somewhere and our office should be notified. If in any way addresses or names are incorrect please notify us as we are anxious that our mailing list be correct in every detail if possible.

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A Victory--But The Work Is Not Done

THE heart of every Methodist of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area must have thrilled with joy at the glorious victory won in the United Evangelistic Mission. In some degree that joy found expression in the Victory Mass Meetings which were held at the end of Unit A, and at the end of Unit B in every District served by these missions.

Great as the victory was, with more than eleven thousand people uniting with our church by certificate or on profession of faith, we should remember that it was only A victory and not THE victory. This great evangelistic movement was only a peak-point in the great program Methodism is carrying forward in this Area. It was wonderfully encouraging but it should not be satisfying. Too much needs yet to be done for even so great a victory to cause us to spend too much time enjoying it.

Immediately before us is the job of conserving the results of the Mission. Several thousand people are now a part of our Methodism in this Area who never before have had the privileges and opportunities of church membership. It is our business to help them to become a vital part of the spiritual program of the church. Only so will the church be as meaningful to them and its work as satisfying to them as they have a right to expect. Unless they find in our church a real spiritual home which offers to them opportunities for active Christian service, they will be tempted to return to the way of life they followed before the Mission reached them.

Also, as a result of this Mission, several thousand people, who formerly held active membership in The Methodist Church somewhere, have been led to place their membership in a neighboring Methodist church. Many of these people may need more help, if they are happy in their new relationship, than some who for the first time have become members of the church. Many of these are people who, for some reason, voluntarily gave up active membership in the church. We should see that the church means so much to them that they will never be willing to do so again.

With the memory of this Mission fresh in our minds, let us, like Paul, "thank God and take courage" but let us also "be about our Father's business."

Once The W. C. T. U. And Brewers Agree

IN the Committee hearings on Universal Military Training the W. C. T. U. and representatives of the Brewers of America were of a common opinion regarding the sale of beer at training centers for the eighteen year olds, if we adopt Universal Military Training as a national policy. Both agree that no beer should be sold at these centers.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that the brewers would make this concession and agree that it is best that our young trainees not be subjected to the evils of alcoholic beverages. For that we are thankful. Nevertheless, it is a little difficult to understand just why the brewers agree that beer is a dangerous evil for eighteen year old youths while they argue for unrestricted sale of beer to the nineteen year olds and all others above that age.

Without question, it would be an unpardonable offense if our boys of eighteen years old should be called for special military training and at that early age be subjected to all the evils that alcohol can cause in military camps. It will be a great day if brewers and distillers ever realize that deadly dangers of drink do not end because one has passed his nineteenth birthday.

The President Has Done It Again

THERE was a feeling of relief in the hearts and minds of a great mass of our American citizenship when the President announced that he was withdrawing the nomination of General Mark Clark as an American ambassador to the Vatican.

That feeling was short-lived. It was followed very closely with an announcement by the President that the withdrawal of the name of General Clark does not mean that he has given up the idea of having an official American Ambassador at the Vatican. He has announced that another nomination will be submitted to the Senate for the post at a later date.

As is his habit, at times, the President has a closed mind on the subject. He recently refused to hear a statement on the question from a Committee from The National Council of Churches of Christ in America. This Committee represents by far the largest group of Protestants in the world. The Committee was simply informed that the President had his mind made up on the matter. Hence apparently it was his judgement that a conference with the Committee was useless. The President may realize some day that this was an important Committee.

It is unfortunate, indeed, that this divisive

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Arkansas-Louisiana Area Concludes U.E.M. With Unit "B"

By EWING T. WAYLAND

UNIT "B" of the Arkansas Louisiana United Evangelistic Mission was successfully concluded January 27, bringing to a close a ten day intensified program of training-preaching-visitation in twelve districts of Arkansas Methodism. Unit "A" consisting of all the Louisiana Conference Districts and the Camden and Hope Districts of the Little Rock Conference had conducted a similar program November 30-December 9. Unit "B" made up of the North Arkansas districts and the Arkadelphia, Little Rock, Monticello and Pine Bluff Districts of the Little Rock Conference, conducted its mission January 18-27. The two missions were of the reciprocal type with ministers from each being assigned to pastoral charges of the other unit to train lay visitors in visitation techniques and to preach at the evangelistic services on the first Sunday of the mission and each evening, Monday through Friday, during the week of the Period of Operation.

On the first Friday of each mission and each weekday the following week District Schools of Evangelism were conducted at which time host and guest pastors received instruction from capable leaders in visitation and pulpit evangelism and developing a workable program of evangelism in the local church. Two district wide meetings for lay people were held in each district during each Period of Operation. One for young people (first Saturday night), and a general Mass Meeting for all Methodists on the closing Sunday of the campaign. This in brief was the program throughout the Area.

It was our privilege during the Unit "B" to travel throughout the mission and see in operation in the twelve districts and in local churches on all levels this great evangelistic endeavor. We desire to report here what was seen and experienced, urging the reader to remember that what was true in any one situation, district or local church, was typically true in all of the

twelve districts and 381 local churches participating in the mission.

The Pine Bluff District program was begun with the arrival of the guest ministers from Unit "A" on Friday evening, January 18 and the first dinner meeting held at the Hawley Memorial Methodist Church, Pine Bluff. Meeting under the general chairmanship of the District Superintendent, Dr. J. L. Dedman, assignments of the guest ministers were announced and various aspects of the program were discussed. The general program of the U. E. M. was not unfamiliar to the ministers of this District for only last year a program very similar in nature was successfully promoted under the direction of Dr. Dedman assisted by the Little Rock Conference Board of Evangelism.

Included on the staff to lead in the District School of Evangelism were Rev. Henry A. Rickey and Dr. M. N. Melbert, New Orleans pastors, and Dr. George F. Ivey, Vice-President, Centenary College, Shreveport. Dr. Ivey delivered an inspirational address on Friday evening on the theme "From the Fold to the Field" forcefully emphasizing that the work of the Church is to prepare Christians in the Church for activity in the community and world.

On Saturday evening more than 700 young people from the churches of the Conway District gathered in the Hendrix College auditorium to share in a service of rich fellowship and inspiration. The service was, for the most part, for young people conducted by young people, with Dr. John J. Rassmussen, Shreveport pastor, delivering the address. Rev. Raymond L. Dorman, Levy pastor and Conway District Director of Young People, presented the following young people who led the service: Claud Spence, Tennessee Dickens, Ann Terrell, Mary Dean Rankin, Vivian Hilliard and Joe Lee Fleming. The Hendrix College

UPPER RIGHT: Bishop W. C. Martin, Dallas-Fort Worth Area, and Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock District Superintendent, confer briefly before morning worship service, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Sunday, December 27. Bishop Martin was featured speaker at Little Rock District Mass Meeting, Sunday afternoon. RIGHT CENTER: Dr. William Trice, Baton Rouge, instructed the visitation workers at Little Rock's First Church, and was the guest preacher at the evangelistic services. LOWER, left to right: Dr. W. Neil Hart conducted

the Harrison area School of Evangelism in the Searcy District and served as guest minister at the Harrison Church. Dr. George Ivey, Centenary Vice-President, was the inspirational speaker Pine Bluff District and Mass Meeting speaker in Fayetteville District. Dr. William Trice, Baton Rouge, was inspirational speaker in Little Rock District. Bishop Chas. C. Sealeman, Dallas, addressed Methodists in Hot Springs at the Arkadelphia District Mass Meeting.



Chapel Choir sang several numbers and Dr. C. M. Reves, Conway District Superintendent, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix President, and Rev. Leroy Walker, Director of the Arkansas-Louisiana U. E. M., were presented during the evening. Dr. Rasmussen's message "What I Like About Youth" was exceptionally well received. There were several commitments for full time Christian service and numbers of rededications of life made by youth at the close of the service. Reports from other Youth Rallies throughout the Unit indicated that everywhere these rallies had been one of the high points in the U.E.M. program.

On Sunday in company with Dr. Walker U.E.M. Director, visits were made to the morning service at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, the afternoon training program at the First Methodist Church, Newport, and the evening evangelistic service at the First Methodist Church, Wynne. At Jonesboro was held a service typical in many respects to that being held on that Sunday morning throughout the Unit. Lay persons, men, women and young people, chosen to do evangelistic visiting were commissioned in a very impressive service at the altar of the Church. There was a special prayer during the service "for eyes to see the fields white unto harvest" and Rev. George Pearce, Jr., DeRidder, La., pastor assigned as guest pastor, preached ably on the theme "Wings of the Morning." At the conclusion of the service several children were received into church membership as a class.

On Sunday afternoon the first training period in the Newport Church for lay visitors was held under the leadership of Rev. Guy Ames, pastor, and Dr. Elmer L. Thomas, Magnolia pastor, guest minister. Dr. Thomas is an able instructor who possesses the happy faculty of using the visitation chart and his own personal experiences in visitation work to make his instruction helpful and interesting. Nine teams were given assignments at the conclusion of the instruction and they went forth two by two.

The training possibilities of local church schools of evangelism can hardly be overestimated. On that Sunday afternoon alone 2,958 lay persons were receiving similar instruction in visitation techniques. Still other visitors joined these to receive training in the instruction periods on the week-day nights that followed. Imagine what God

could do in any state with 5,000 devoted, trained, consecrated evangelistic visitors that visit regularly in the homes of families that need an experience of Christ or the fellowship of a church.

On Sunday evening the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Wynne, was filled for the service there under the direction of Rev. Lloyd Conyers, pastor and Rev. E. R. Haug, Franklin, La., pastor, guest minister. An accomplished High School Youth Choir of twenty voices, with Rachael Mitchel as director, added much to the service. Brother Haug delivered a helpful message on "Add Godliness to Your Life." There was evident a spirit of anticipation for the days immediately before this church, and the results accomplished during the week amply justified the preparatory work which had led to a successful beginning on this first full day of the program in this local church.

On Tuesday morning the Fort Smith District School of Evangelism met in the St. Paul's Methodist Church, Fort Smith, under the general direction of Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith District Superintendent. He was being ably assisted by Rev. Virgil D. Keeley, Hope, Dr. Nuell Crain, Oklahoma City, and Dr. A. M. Serex, Monroe, La. The host and guest pastors of this district met at 10:00 a.m. to turn in their reports of the previous night's work; hear lectures on Building Spiritual Life of the Church and Assimilation of New Members; enjoy a period of fellowship; hear an inspiration address; and have lunch together during which time reports were given of the progress to date in the district and throughout the whole Unit. This latter report was made possible by a telephone hookup involving each of the 12 districts of the mission at which time reports from each district were shared with all other districts.

On Tuesday night at the Wiggins Memorial Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Rev.

Arnold Simpson, pastor, there were four teams of lay visitors present for the evening meal and period of instruction. Rev. William Mayo, Alexandria, was the guest minister. This church of 300 members had its beginning about a dozen years ago and is actually the outgrowth of a preaching-visitation campaign conducted by Dr. Guy Black and Dr. Harry Denman, Methodist evangelistic leaders, when they held a South Central Jurisdictional School of Evangelism in Fayetteville in August, 1940. Wiggins Memorial leaders are now continuing with something of the same methods used in its inception in an effort to reach and help others. Brother Mayo gave in his instruction of lay visitors the lecture "How to Handle Unusual Situation." Attendance in the worship service which followed was excellent, especially considering a High School basketball game in progress only a few blocks away and the 20 degree weather outside. A feature of the worship service was a prayer period when with lowered lights members of the congregation desiring to do so knelt at the altar for moments of silent prayer. Brother Mayo's message "Our Besetting Sins" dealt particularly with sins of complacency like mindedness and seeing the worse in others.

In the Searcy District two Schools of Evangelism were held, one at Searcy, and another at Harrison, 142 miles distant. This latter school was for the pastoral charges of Harrison, Marshall, Valley Springs and Jasper. The District Superintendent, Rev. Coy E. Whitten, planned these two schools because of the distance between the two

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BELOW, left: host and guest ministers of the Harrison Area of the Searcy District School of Evangelism. Two schools were held in the Searcy District. The staff of the Fort Smith District School of Evangelism: Dr. A. M. Serex, Monroe, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith District Superintendent, Rev. Virgil D. Keeley, Hope, and Dr. Nuell Crain. BELOW, center: seen at the District Youth Rally, Conway District, Rev. James S. Upton, N. Ark. Conf. Youth Director, Dr. C. M. Reves, Conway District Superintendent, Rev. Leroy Walker, Director of Arkansas-Louisiana U.E.M., and Rev. John Rasmussen, Shreveport, featured speaker at the Rally. Brother Rasmussen also was the Conway District Mass Meeting speaker, inspirational speaker in District School, and guest minister at Conway First Church. Rev. Earle Cravens is seen reporting via telephone to Searcy District headquarters the results of program in Harrison area of District. UPPER RIGHT: Dr. Elmer L. Thomas, Magnolia, instructs the laymen of First Methodist Church, Newport, in visitation techniques. LOWER RIGHT: Rev. Guy Ames, Newport pastor, hands out assignments to a team of Newport Laymen for the Sunday afternoon visitation.



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. RAY L. McLESTER, pastor, Dardanelle Methodist Church, attended lectures during Ministers Week at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

REV. J. G. GREENING of Hendrix College, and pastor of the Van Buren Circuit, conducted a meeting at Bethlehem the week of January 27-February 3. Rev. T. J. Nation, pastor, assisted.

NORMAN TOTTEN, JR., senior at Benton High School, was the speaker at the Bauxite Methodist Church, February 3. The senior youth of the church had full charge of the service.

MRS. BOBBY STEEL of Nashville reviewed the book "In His Steps" at the Lockesburg Methodist Church, January 20, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. C. Callcott, who was assisting the U.E.M.

REV. C. EVERETTE PATTON, pastor of the Eudora Methodist Church, was the guest speaker at the Father's Night meeting of the Eudora P.T.A., January 17, at the high school auditorium.

THE McGEHEE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB had as their guest speaker January 29, Ibrahim Youenis Mahmoud, of Baghdad, Iraq, who is a pre-med student at Arkansas A. & M., Monticello.

REV. DON ALVERSON, pastor at the Feriday Methodist Church, Louisiana, was the guest speaker at the Van Buren Lions' Club, while participating in the U.E.M. He was introduced by Rev. Robert Sessions, pastor of St. John's Church, Van Buren.

DR. THOMAS S. STAPLES, retired Hendrix College professor, has been listed as "one of Methodism's really great teachers" in the current issue of Christian Education Magazine, a publication of the educational division of The Methodist Church.

REV. J. T. BYRD announces that Rev. Roy I. Bagley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, will be the evangelist in Revival Services at the Harrisburg Methodist Church beginning February 13. Rev. John W. Glover, McCrory, will direct the singing.

WINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH, Little Rock, will begin another series of Family Nights to be held on Wednesdays starting February 13 through March 5. The subject will be "The Family—A Christian's Concern."

DR. A. F. FOGARTIE, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Jonesboro, was the guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro in the absence of its pastor, Rev. John McCormack, who was en route to Dallas to attend Ministers' Week at SMU.

MRS. J. K. FARISH, for three years Director of Religious Education at Winfield Memorial, Little Rock, resigned her position February 1. While on the staff at Winfield, Mrs. Farish started the Christmas parades in Little Rock that featured the Life of Christ.

REV. E. H. HOOK, Superintendent of Mt. Sequoyah, was the guest speaker Febru-

ary 3 at the First Methodist Church, West Memphis. Rev. Alfred Knox, the pastor, attended Ministers' Week at Southern Methodist University this week.

THE FIDELITY CLASS of the Hazen Methodist Church at its January 17 meeting, inaugurated a movement for a memorial to the late Rev. William L. Arnold. Rev. Arnold was the pastor of the Hazen church at the time the present church building was erected and dedicated.

MRS. EDWARD McLEAN has resigned as Director of Education at the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, due to the illness of her husband. Mrs. McLean has been working part time at the church and part time assisting in the student religious programs at the four colleges in the Little Rock Conference.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Texarkana, had two visiting ministers January 20, while the pastor, Rev. Fred R. Harrison, was assisting in the U.E.M. Rev. A. C. Bell, Jr., District Superintendent of the Texarkana Texas District, preached at the morning service, and C. R. Porter, an elder in First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, the evening.

REV. JOHN A. WOMACK, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, preached at the Huntington Avenue Church in Jonesboro, February 3, in the absence of the pastor, Elmus Brown. Rev. and Mrs. Brown, together with Rev. John McCormack, pastor of First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, and Rev. E. B. Williams, Jonesboro District Superintendent, attended Ministers' Week at Southern Methodist University.

RUSSELLVILLE METHODIST CHURCH is presenting three Enrichment Courses February 11, 12, and 13, under the direction of Rev. Harold Eggersperger, pastor. Dr. Fred R. Harrison, Texarkana, will teach "Deepening the Spiritual Life," Rev. James S. Upton, Conway, will teach "Interpreting the Bible to Youth," and Mrs. W. A. Wooten, Memphis, will teach the course "Understanding Our Children."

THE INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, will be led for the second half of the year by new officers: President, Edwina Keith; Vice-president, Charles Schaeffer; Secretary, Rosemary Ridgill; and Treasurer, Betty Ruth Kitts. Senior High Council officers are: Jack Riggs, President; Carl Miller, Vice-president; Suzanne Medlin, Secretary, and Joe Toland, Treasurer.

MRS. JOHN P. STREEPEY, Little Rock, died January 29, and funeral services were conducted January 31, by Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin in the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, where Mrs. Streepey had taught the McDonald-Streepey Class for the past twenty-five years. She had been prominent in church activities in the city through the years.

REV. E. D. GALLOWAY, District Superintendent of the Hope District, spoke to both the Grammar and High School student of the Forrest City Schools, January 23rd, concerning his trip to the Ecumenical Conference. Brother Galloway was the visiting

GENERAL CONFERENCE DAILY ADVOCATE

T. Otto Nall of Chicago, editor of *The Christian Advocate*, official Methodist weekly newsjournal, has announced that the *Daily Christian Advocate* will be published each day of the General Conference when it meets April 23-May 7 in San Francisco.

Subscriptions to the two-week publication are from \$2.00 to \$5.00 for the complete set.

If mailed daily airmail from the conference, the cost is \$5.00; the complete set, mailed immediately after General Conference, is \$2.00. A bound volume, to be mailed some weeks after conference, is \$3.00.

Warren Clark, business manager, stated that the address of the *Daily Advocate* after April 15 will be c/o the Methodist General Conference, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Calif. Orders will be taken previously at 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill.

pastor at the Forrest City Methodist Church during the U.E.M., and while there spoke on Radio Station KXJK each morning in connection with the mission.

MR. LEE RANKIN, oldest member of the Board of Stewards of Walnut Ridge in years and in point of continuous service, died Monday, January 21, in his home. The body lay in state at the church Wednesday, until 2 p. m., when the funeral service was conducted by Rev. Oscar J. Evanson, pastor. Mr. Rankin was also a member of the Board of Trustees. One of his sons is Dr. Harry V. Rankin, pastor of The Methodist Church, Bryan, Texas.

ROBERT TRIESCHMANN, El Dorado, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Trieschman, Little Rock, was recommended for Licensed to Preach at a called meeting of the Quarterly Conference of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Monday evening, February 4. Robert is a Hendrix graduate, World War II Veteran, and for the past two years has been connected with the Lion Oil Company. He will enroll shortly in the Perkins School of Theology. His wife is the former Caroline Cypert, Little Rock.

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Bishop Martin Says

The scheduled events of the Arkansas-Louisiana United Evangelistic Mission are completed. The results have exceeded our most optimistic expectations. A glorious victory for Christ and His Church has been achieved.

The summary of the reports from the two Units of the Mission reveals the large number of commitments, particularly inspiring because of the fine percentage received on profession of faith, the impressive number of visitors and interviews, the great attendance upon the public services, and the liberal offerings. Never in a two-weeks period in this Area has there been such a concerted effort to tell the people about Christ.

Such a summary cannot adequately reveal the spirit shown in the Mission. Both preachers and laymen demonstrated a unity of spirit, the value of which cannot be estimated. A cooperation has been shown that made for a fellowship in advancing the cause to which we are dedicated.

It is impossible to name each person who has had a significant part in the Mission. It has been a privilege to work with Reverend Leroy H. Walker, our director; Reverend Cecil R. Culver, the executive chairman; and each member of the committee entrusted with the responsibility of directing the Mission. We are equally as grateful to the preachers and the laymen who served so well in the Mission.

The scheduled events of the Mission are completed, but the work of evangelism and the whole program of our great church presents for us a new challenge. We praise God, we take courage, and we press forward to greater victories in Christ's name.

Bishop Paul E. Martin



Executive Chairman Says

If I could stand before the Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana I would invite them to join with me in singing The Doxology. To me that would be the most appropriate thing we could do as we consider the results of our United Evangelistic Mission of the Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area.

It has been my joy to be associated with some thrilling enterprises but none quite so thrilling as this great evangelistic program. I am grateful for having a small part in such a successful campaign for Christ and His Church.

The fine spirit and interest in this movement on the part of Bishop Martin, the members of the executive committee, the District Superintendents, the ministers and the laity of the Church have made possible the thrilling stories of victory. My deepest appreciation to each person who has worked so effectively in this program.

The figures tell a remarkable story. Almost 12,000 commitments were made for Christ and His Church. Nearly 200,000 people attended our worship services. Thousands of our laymen served as evangelistic visitors. Figures cannot tell the whole story. The future spiritual growth of Methodism in these two sister states will be a part of the total story and spiritual growth is not revealed in numbers.

Ours has been a great victory, and we are grateful to God for such success.

Cecil R. Culver

SUMMARY TOTALS, UNIT A—NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 9

Louisiana Conference and Hope and Camden Districts of Little Rock Conference

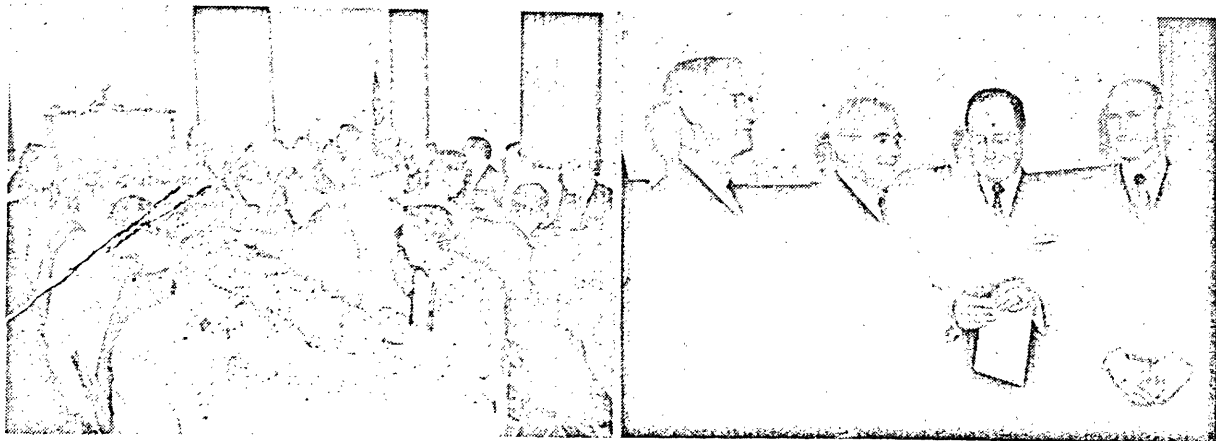
District	Co-Op. Churches	Host Past.	Guest Past.	Total Pros.	Total Visitors	No. Inter.	P.F. & Vows	Trans-fers	Total Decis.	% Inter.	Attend. Service	Attend. Y. R.	Attend. Mass M.	G. Total Attend.	Offer. Service	Offer. Y. R.	Mass Me. Offering	Grand Total Offerings
Alexandria	27	26	26	1,969	931	1,378	254	251	505	43%	14,339	300	850	15,489	\$ 2,339.92	\$ 44.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 2,548.92
Baton Rouge	31	31	33	3,352	1,616	2,078	382	401	783	37%	21,843	700	500	23,043	3,793.29	71.00	128.72	3,993.61
Camden	26	26	27	2,527	1,138	1,522	232	272	504	33%	19,704	620	843	21,167	3,086.72	66.84	132.28	3,285.84
Hope	29	21	20	1,808	998	1,233	266	290	556	46%	13,678	342	1,263	15,283	2,209.33	44.39	297.34	2,551.06
Lake Charles	33	28	26	3,231	1,375	1,911	341	294	635	33%	16,324	405	655	17,384	2,754.92	46.10	152.60	2,953.02
Monroe	29	29	29	1,518	1,376	2,046	270	389	659	32%	20,512	700	825	22,037	3,606.99	85.00	189.00	3,880.99
New Orleans	34	34	35	3,144	1,542	2,374	405	631	1,036	44%	15,518	615	2,600	18,733	3,281.89	134.34	1,093.00	4,509.23
Ruston	31	31	31	2,032	1,630	1,600	206	252	458	28%	19,470	800	2,500	22,770	3,724.68	82.29	391.42	4,198.39
Shreveport	31	31	31	3,000	1,663	2,355	299	430	729	31%	21,887	395	1,020	23,302	3,183.09	60.00	150.00	3,393.09
TOTAL	281	257	258	22,581	12,269	16,497	2,655	3,210	5,865	36%	163,275	4,877	11,056	179,208	\$27,980.83	\$633.96	\$2,698.76	\$31,313.55

SUMMARY TOTALS, UNIT B—JANUARY 18-27

North Arkansas Conference and Arkadelphia, Little Rock, Monticello and Pine Bluff Districts, Little Rock Conference

Arkadelphia	24	23	22	1,630	998	1,368	242	258	500	36%	15,582	360	761	16,343	\$ 2,340.50	\$ 70.00	\$ 242.68	\$ 2,653.18
Batesville	19	19	19	1,166	656	1,080	136	133	269	25%	9,646	363	613	9,646	1,651.05	41.50	134.30	1,826.85
Conway	14	14	14	2,497	991	1,863	245	301	546	29%	13,899	756	1,129	13,899	1,825.74	76.84	287.03	2,109.61
Fayetteville	27	26	27	3,243	1,289	2,253	316	277	593	26%	16,069	750	685	16,069	2,606.35	104.66	115.52	2,826.53
Forrest City	21	19	21	1,479	816	942	177	180	357	38%	13,763	456	687	13,763	2,595.94	71.34	214.19	2,881.47
Fort Smith	31	31	28	2,768	1,383	2,299	259	266	525	22%	23,092	694	1,580	23,092	3,002.83	112.46	339.80	3,455.09
Jonesboro	35	35	35	2,296	1,421	1,936	304	227	531	27%	18,911	645	1,100	18,911	3,186.54	102.71	287.85	3,577.10
Little Rock	26	26	26	4,941	1,977	3,320	415	559	974	30%	28,370	642	2,953	28,370	4,887.91	89.75	805.90	5,783.56
Monticello	24	22	22	1,127	747	1,004	272	235	507	49%	15,328	416	745	15,328	3,390.45	80.00	253.75	3,724.20
Paragould	18	18	18	1,138	657	851	181	126	307	30%	10,216	456	650	10,216	1,797.20	76.17	150.20	2,023.57
Pine Bluff	20	15	16	1,650	566	724	119	163	282	38%	10,478	372	892	10,478	2,001.61	44.00	121.00	2,166.61
Searcy	18	18	18	1,450	642	800	127	90	217	27%	11,652	486	753	11,652	1,794.65	44.68	123.05	1,962.38
TOTAL	277	266	266	25,385	12,144	18,440	2,789	2,812	5,601	30%	187,006	6,396	12,548	244,554	\$31,080.77	\$ 914.11	\$2,995.27	\$34,990.15
AREA TOTAL	558	523	524	47,966	24,413	34,937	5,444	6,022	11,466	33%	350,281	11,273	23,604	423,762	\$59,061.60	\$1,548.07	\$5,694.03	\$66,303.70

LEFT: Pine Bluff District School of Evangelism having its first meal together on Friday night at the Hawley Memorial Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Rev. Claude O. Hall, pastor. Appearing in the program at the Arkadelphia District Mass Meeting, First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Sunday afternoon, January 27, were Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Arkadelphia District Superintendent, Bishop Charles C. Sealeman, Dallas, featured speaker, Dr. E. C. Rule, Host pastor, and Rev. Osburne White, Mt. Ida.



Learning By Watching

By MRS. W. F. BATES, Little Rock Conference
Director of Children's Work

"I am still holding my breath and pinching myself. It just couldn't have happened here. All these people and the marvelous carry-over results! I believe that we have the best Primary Department in the U.S.A. this year."

"We discovered three kindergarten teachers as a result of the Observation School."

"I hope that we have an Observation School again next year, seeing is so much better than just hearing about good teaching."

"I feel that our teachers understand their children so much better after spending this week in an Observation School."

The enthusiastic remarks quoted above are typical of the comments heard on all sides, after an Observation School has been held. A rapidly increasing number of such schools are being sponsored in Arkansas and Louisiana, and this article has been prepared in order to answer a few of the many questions that are being asked about the schools.

Perhaps you are asking, "Just what is an Observation School? We have never had one in our church, why?"

The term "Observation Class", or "Observation School" if two or more classes are held, has been rather loosely applied to several training situations. In our area we have used the term to designate a formal training class, that has included from three to five one-hour sessions where the instructor actually works with a group of children, the adult members of the class observing. The adults who are enrolled for the course are called student teachers, and they not only observe the instructor as she works with the children, but they are called on to assist in various way. The student teachers may: arrange the room for the children each day; be responsible for bringing needed materials; or assist the instructor with the children. Everything is done under the careful supervision of the instructor. Classes may be held in the morning, afternoon or evening, the time being determined after a careful consideration of the needs of the children and the student teachers.

Would you like to make a brief visit to

Pictures used in this article were obtained during the Little Rock Training School held this past October in Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

(Adults) Student teachers observing a Junior class.

an Observation School? Time: Monday morning, the week before public schools opened Place: Methodist Church, Hope Arkansas. This is a sub-district school with classes for Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior workers. As we go in the door we find several tables, attractively arranged with resource books, books for sale, and free leaflets placed where they will be available for all. The district director of children's work is serving as hostess and directs us to the Primary room. We slip quietly into vacant chairs near the door, and notice that twelve other adults are already seated, inconspicuously, on one side of the room. They are studying the printed sheets of "Instructions for Observers" which were given them the day before. The instructor and three other student teachers are taking their places in the room preparatory to welcoming the children as they arrive. A two-hour session had been held with the student teachers, on the preceding Sunday afternoon, and the room had been arranged and plans made for the first session with the children. Pictures and books which are displayed in the room indicate that a unit on JESUS THE FRIEND (from the Closely Graded Lesson materials) will be used with the children. And here the children come! Two little girls at first,

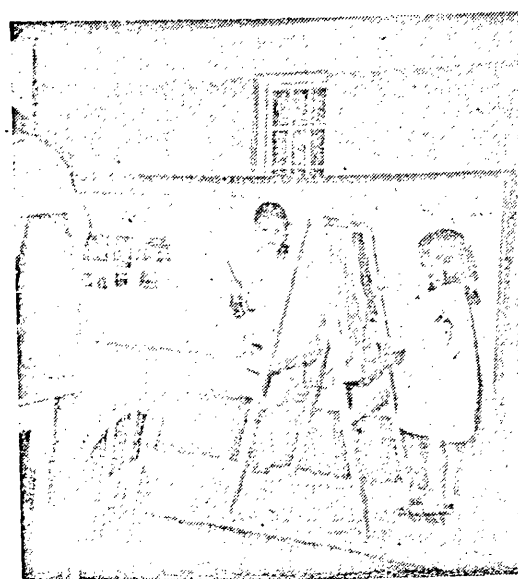
looking a bit subdued at the array of "grown-ups" in the room, then others keep coming in until we have counted eighteen Primary boys and girls. Each child is asked to print his name on a name tag then is asked to visit the attractive "Centers of Interest" which had been arranged in various parts of the room—and the first session is under way. At the close of the first hour, the children go home, where possible, and the student teachers stand, stretch a bit, and are ready for an enthusiastic hour of evaluation of the mornings session and planning for the next day.

There is no doubt about it—Observation (or Laboratory) classes provide the most effective type of training. Then why are not more classes held? There are several reasons. First: Very few instructors are prepared to teach Observation classes, as we are using the term. Because of the scarcity of recommended instructors, as well as the cost of the schools, they should be held on district or sub-district levels. There are not enough instructors to make possible classes just for one local church.

Second: The cost, both to the participating instructors and the Conference Board of Education, is higher than for a standard

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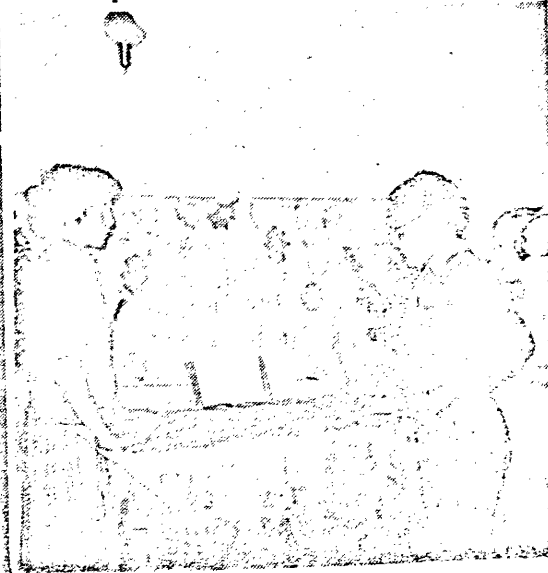
Left: Kindergarten children doing creative drawing.



Center: Student teachers and Primary children absorbed in an interesting activity.



Right: Junior committee arranging a worship center.



The Council Of Bishops To Ministers And Members Of Methodism

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:
Recorded in the minutes of the British Wesleyan Conference of 1770 is the following: "Circuit No. 50, America, with a membership of 316 souls." In April of this year the chosen representatives of a world-wide Methodist Church, with a membership now numbering over ten million souls will assemble in a General Conference. We give humble and sincere thanks to the Lord of the Church that, by His grace, Methodism has grown in numbers and has become such an effective instrument for the redemption and reconciliation of a sinning and divided world.

Methodism has lived by the majesty of its beliefs. It has stood for a rich inner experience of Christ's redeeming grace, a world view of the church, a wise and winsome evangelism, and a corporate conscience acutely sensitive to social needs. Over against the insanities of hatred and oppression, it has proclaimed its conviction that the hope of mankind is not in some dictator produced by the world's turbulence, but in the Divine Saviour.

We are justly proud of our devoted ministry and membership, who keep aloft the banner of love and righteousness and, in countless ways, by their devotion and sacrifice, make the church the definer and defender of moral and spiritual standards. Into the far places of the earth we have sent a long procession of our sons and daughters. In countless obscure places of the earth where disease and darkness have reigned they are bringing to the people enlightenment, healing and a true and living faith.

When we survey the records of the work accomplished during the quadrennium now closing, we have reason to rejoice. The church has advanced. We have sought to keep faith with our fathers, with our children, with our fellow Christians of other communions, and above all with Christ.

Thirteen years have passed since the consummation of Methodist Union. What we did well apart we now do better together. Methodism has the message, the numerical strength and the opportunity to launch a bold spiritual offensive, and it is our hope and prayer that we may be fully prepared to interpret Christ to the inquiring mind and seeking heart of this generation.

The meeting of the General Conference affords an opportunity to discover anew the inexhaustible resources of faith, to work together with unity and courage, and to demonstrate to the world how a great church can move with unhurried but irresistible advance in the way Christ leads.

What an hour for evangelism—evangelism which is deeply spiritual, soundly intellectual and genuinely ethical; able to confront man and society with the basic fact of sinfulness and the need for God's grace and mercy!

The Church must take into account the world atmosphere in which it lives and works. For a decade, wide-spread and multiple tensions have produced serious variations within races, nations and individuals. All this especially affects our church. The Church is challenged to speak in this condition. Its task is to see the unparalleled opportunity in this situation and formulate a strategy to meet it. Important

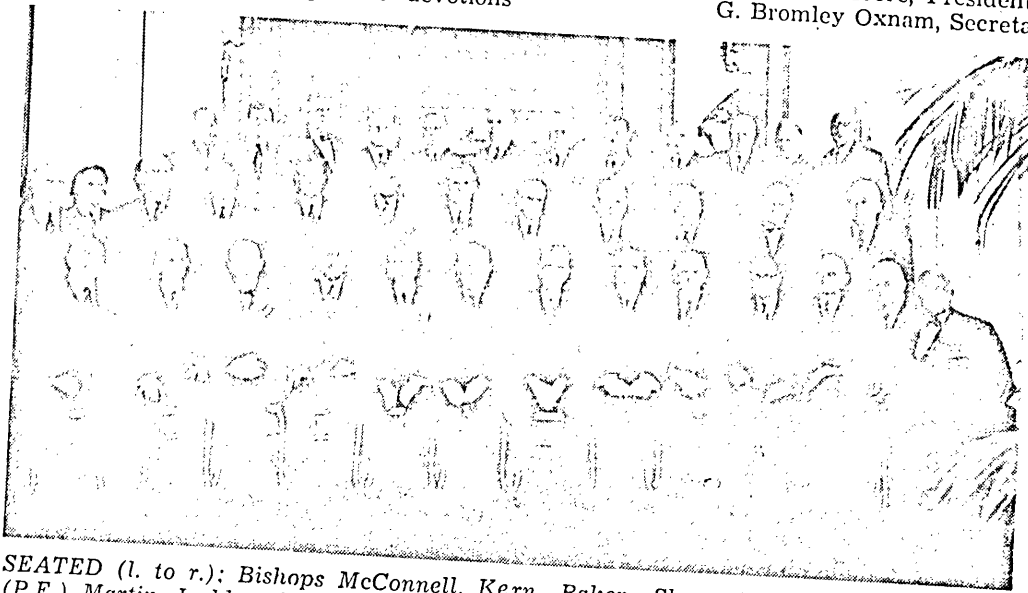
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decisions must be made in the face of forces which openly oppose the whole concept and program of the church. We must rely on Divine Guidance, and work in the confidence that the church is deathless, because its Lord and Leader is alive and at work.

We therefore urge our ministers and people to make Sunday, April 20, 1952, a time for earnest supplication that the will of God may be done in and through the General Conference. In private devotions

and in public services, let us seek a nearer vision of the face of Christ and a new consciousness of the power of the Divine Spirit. Only thus can our beloved Methodism become worthy of the opportunity which confronts it, accomplish the purpose for which God raised it up, and attain to the spiritual stature to which Christ calls.

For the Council of Bishops
Arthur J. Moore, President
G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary



SEATED (l. to r.): Bishops McConnell, Kern, Baker, Shaw, Welch, Moore, Corson, (P.E.) Martin, Ledden, Hartman, Straughn, Kelley.
MIDDLE ROW: Bishops Magee, Lord, Phillips, Hammaker, Franklin, Brooks. (W.C.) Martin, Flint, (W.A.) Smith, Holt, Cushman, (A.F.) Smith.
TOP ROW: Bishops Brashares, Booth, Northcott, Werner, Garber, Short, Purcell, Kennedy, Harrell, Tippet, Wicke, Bowen.

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training class. One instructor might provide some help for all children's workers in a local church, in a course such as, "The Use of the Bible With Children". But an Observation class would concern itself with the work in only one department therefore, in order to help all the workers in the children's Division, there should be four classes, one each for the Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior departments. A few churches are getting around this difficulty by planning their program over a two-year period, and having, perhaps, Nursery and Primary classes the first year, and Kindergarten and Junior classes the second year.

Third: The local church, where the school is being held, must plan ahead very carefully. In order that Observation Schools may succeed, children and adult students should be enrolled well in advance of the school, parents should be contacted, and needed supplies and equipment secured before the school opens.

An Observation School means a rather generous investment of money, time, and hard work on the part of many people. But read again the enthusiastic comments reported at the beginning of this article. And if you are interested in receiving further information, then contact your Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, or your Conference Director of Children's Work.

THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE IT AGAIN

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A question has been raised at this critical time in our national life. It is our feeling that the President has grossly misjudged the will of Protestantism in this matter. Protests, regarding the appointment, have reached the President from major groups all over the nation. The announcement of the President of his determination to submit the nomination and leave it up to the Senate to decide simply is an invitation to opponents of the nomination to gird themselves for the showdown fight when the nomination comes before the Senate.

Regardless of the final decision in the matter by the Senate, the controversy it will generate will be a very divisive force at a time when America, under the direction of its leaders should be cultivating unity. Let us hope that the Senate will never be called upon to vote on the question.

ALL NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW ON MAILING LIST

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Words cannot express our deep gratitude for the unprecedented response we have had in this Circulation Campaign, carried forward by our pastors and their helpers under the most difficult circumstances experienced in any Circulation Campaign. Our publications, The Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist go into more than thirty thousand homes in our Area.

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ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA CONCLUDES U.E.M. WITH UNIT "B"

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centers. We visited the Harrison school on Wednesday morning and found there an atmosphere of informality hardly possible in the larger District Schools. This small group of eight ministers met in one of the comfortable parlors of the Harrison Church and under the competent direction of Dr. Neil Hart, First Methodist Church, El Dorado, considered the assimilation program and a local church's spiritual life. Dr. Hart also gave an inspiration address at the close of the morning's session after which the group had its lunch together. One of the ministers gave a short devotional at the beginning of each day's session. This sub-district school also had the benefit of reports from throughout Unit "B", this report being received by telephone at the noon hour from the district headquarters at Searcy.

At the First Methodist Church, Paragould, Rev. R. E. Connell, pastor, there were seven teams of visitors present for the supper meeting on Wednesday evening

to receive instruction and assignment. Rev. L. M. Starkey, former pastor in both Arkansas conferences, and now District Superintendent of the St. Joseph District, Missouri Conference, served as the guest minister at Paragould. By this time in the Period of Operation the general trend of success was being observed in all the local churches and the impact of so many churches working at the same time in the same program was inspiring to experience. The U.E.M. was not simply a program but a movement. It was something of that spirit that permeated the Paragould training period and the service of worship that followed. Brother Starkey spoke to the large congregation on "Finding a Spiritual Outlet."

Approximately twenty teams were used in the visitation program at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton pastor. Two sets of teams were used during the week with one group visiting Tuesday and Thursday evening, and another set of teams receiving instruction and visiting on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Both sets visited on Sunday afternoon and

Friday evening. Dr. William E. Trice, Rielly Memorial University Church, Baton Rouge, guest minister at First Church, Little Rock, for the U.E.M., has the ability to infuse a spiritual warmth into his training program and sending out the visitors conscious of the undergirding power of spiritual resources. The sanctuary of First Church was filled each evening during the week to hear Dr. Trice's messages during the worship service that followed the training period for visitors. At this church as in practically all other churches the lay visitors came back to the church at the completion of the assigned visitation to report the results of the visits.

One of the most unusual local church programs we visited was in the Monticello District on the Portland-Montrose charge, Dr. Clem Baker, pastor. Here was a good example of two churches on the same charge cooperating in one U.E.M. program. Services were held Sunday morning, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings in Portland, and Sunday evening, Monday and Wednesday, evenings in Montrose. Visitors

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT NUMBER 1

This report carries only subscriptions received since last report, together with present charge totals of charges reporting additional subscriptions, and present district totals.

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Total	Present
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ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

Present District Total 1296**

Arkadelphia Ct., W. H. Watson	1	1	28**	46**
Dalark Ct., Horace Grogam				
Hot Springs Churches	9	3	100	124**
First Church, E. C. Rule	1			66**
Grand Ave., C. Ray Hozendorf	1	2	23*2	
Pullman Heights, H. R. Holland	5	18	126	
Tigert Memorial, Robert Beasley	1	1	35*2	
Malvern 1st Ch., Van W. Harrell				
Keith Memorial, W. S. Cazort	1			
Murfreesboro Ct., A. N. Youngblood	2		9	22**
Piney Grove, S. K. Burnett	3	6	12**	
Shorewood Hills, J. D. Baker	1			

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Present District Total 1935**

Bearden, J. R. Scott	1		33**	
Camden 1st Ch., Robt. B. Moore	2	2	159	
El Dorado: Vantrease, J. D.				
Montgomery	2	1	91**	
Emerson Ct., C. B. Harris	2		18	
Junction City, Cagle E. Fair	2		72**	
Magnolia 1st Church,				
Elmer Thomas	1		81	
Stamps, M. E. Scott	1		79**	
Taylor Ct., C. E. Lawrence	1		26	

HOPE DISTRICT

Present District Total 1591**

Blevins, Joe W. Hunter	2		56**	
DeQueen, John L. Tucker	1		70*	
Dierks, G. L. Glasgow	1	5	41**	
Hatfield Ct.	1	4	5	
Hope, Virgil D. Keeley	20	5	315*2	
Horatio Ct., E. T. Miller	1		43**	
Nashville, Geo. G. Meyer	1		70*	
Prescott, W. R. Burks	1		72**	
Prescott Ct., S. L. Durham	7	13	23**	
Springhill Ct., Claude Clark	1		35**	
Texarkana, College Hill,				
D. J. McCammon	2		55**	
Washington Ct., H. W. Worthy	2	2	23	

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Present District Total 2020

Bauxite, O. C. Birdwell	1		50**	
Carlisle, Curtis Williams	3		52	
DeValls Bluff, Albert Oliver	18	15	45**	
Hickory Plains, Fred H. Arnold	3		34**	
Little Rock Churches:				
1st Ch., Aubrey G. Walton	5	6	222	
Hunter, Fred L. Arnold	3		88	
Pulaski Heights, Kenneth	10	15	114	
Shamblin	2	1	32	
Twenty-Eight St., Clyde Parsons	1		168	
Winfield, Cecil R. Culver	1		6	
Little Rock Ct., C. D. Meux	2		44	
Lonoke, Geo. E. Reutz	3		32	
Mabelvale, Richard Perry	1			

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Total	Present
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MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Present District Total 1271**

Fordyce, L. W. Averitt	1		103**	
Hamburg, M. W. Miller	2		75**	

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Present District Total 1099

DeWitt, O. E. Holmes	1	5	85	
England, John L. Hoover	3	17	82**	
Keo, R. L. Riggins	1		31**	
Pine Bluff, Lakeside, Otto Teague	1	4	68	
Sheridan, Bryan Stephens	1		62**	
Stuttgart, Grand Ave., A. J.	1		129**	
Christie	1		2	
Sulphur Springs, R. H. Cannon	1			

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Present District Total 927

Batesville, Central Ave.,	1	72**		
David Conyers	2	23**		
Charlotte Ct., T. O. Love	1	21		
Desha Ct., J. Hilman Byram	1	19		
Pleasant Plains, Ray Burrow	4	14	19	
Tuckerman, Golder Lawrence	1	64**		

CONWAY DISTRICT

Present District Total 1463**

Belleville-Havana, Ed Hollenbeck	1	25**		
Beacon, W. B. Holman	1	2		
North Little Rock Churches:				
Gardner Mem., Irl Bridenthal	1	103		
Washington Ave., I. L. Claud	3	8	36**	
Ola, Kenneth Hatfield	4	12	16	
Russellville, Harold Eggenberger	1	112		
Vilonia, Maurice Webb	1	35*2		

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Present District Total 1295**

Farmington Ct., A. L. Riggs	1	29**		
Fayetteville, Central, D. L. Dykes	11	221**		
Madison County No. 1, Kermit				
Van Zant	1	62**		
Viney Grove, Wm. D. Gray	1	7		

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Present District Total 1611**

Vanndale, J. H. Richardson	8	39	54**	
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FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Present District Total 1762**

Alma-Mt. View, T. C. Chambliss	4	44*		
Booneville, W. J. Spicer	1	123**		
Ft. Smith, 1st Ch., Fred G.	2	259		
Roebuck	29	20*		
Hartford, Aaron Barling	3	15**		
Huntington, M. L. Edgington	3	45		
Ozark, O. M. Campbell	3	40**		
St. Johns, R. P. Sessions	2			

JONESBORO DISTRICT

Present District Total 1583**

Dell, E. H. Hall	6	17	23**	
Jonesboro, First Ch., John				
McCormack	4	112		
Lepanto, Lyman T. Barger	1	43**		
Truman, Byron McSpadden	1	39**		
Tyroneza, Thurston Masters	20	27	47**	

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Present District Total 1155**

Paragould Churches:				
First Ch., R. E. Connell	3	2	186**	

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Total	Present
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Griffin Mem., J. H. Holt	2		60**	
Pocahontas, John Bayliss	1		58**	
St. Frances-Wright's Chapel,				
John Wilson	2		33*	

SEARCY DISTRICT

Present District Total 1153**

Clinton, Verlie Harris	1		44**	
Kensett, W. W. Peterson	2		34**	
McRae Extension, D. H. Wilson	4		12	
Van Buren Co. No. 2, James Gatlin	1		11	

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Present District Total 1079**

Alexandria, 1st Ch., V. D. Morris	3	24	136	
Elizabeth, G. A. La Frange	1		38**	
Glenmora, R. E. Carter	1	1	29**	
Winnfield, P. M. Caraway	1		81**	

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Present District Total 1003

Black Water, Roy E. Mouser	9		9	
Hammond, Fred S. Flurry	3		33	
Lottie, C. D. Pinkard	16	9	25**	
Springfield, P. W. Sibley	10	7	17	

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Present District Total 612

Eunice, Ned L. Stout	1		12	
Lafayette, Davidson, A. B.				
Cavanaugh	2	1	3	
Lake Charles, 1st Ch., Carl				
F. Lueg	1		74	
Vinton, John W. Mayne	2		33**	

MONROE DISTRICT

Present District Total 1686**

Lake Providence, A. A. Collins	1		25	
Monroe, First Ch., A. M. Serex	25		66	
Rayville, Earl B. Emmerich	5		71**	
St. Joseph, Alvin P. Smith	2		18**	

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Present District Total 699

Covington, Robert C. Carter	1		40	
New Orleans Churches:				
Carrollton Ave., H. A. Rickcy	43		43	
Gentilly, G. Eldred Blakely	2		85**	
Lake Vista, Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.	1		10	
St. Bernard, C. H. Snelling, Jr.	9	1	10*	
Second Ch., T. O. Carlstrom	2		15	

RUSTON DISTRICT

Present District Total 1411

Farmerville, B. E. Bond	2		21	
Haynesville, W. D. Milton	1		49	
Homer, Luman E. Douglas	4		83	
Summerfield-Alabama, H. B.				
Crammer	14		14*	

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Present District Total 1456

Coushatta, Jack Cooke	30	20	50**	
Pleasant Hill, Glen Allen Smith	2		22	
Shiloh, B. D. Watson	11		11**	
Shreveport Churches:				
Caddo Heights, Garland C.	1		13	
Dean, Jr.	209		209	
First Ch., Guy M. Hicks				
Noel Memorial, John J. Rasmussen	2		202	

ARKANSAS METHODIST

CURRENT RELIGIOUS NEWS BRIEFS

Selected From Religious News Service

Japanese Protestants Aid Korean Relief

Clothing donated by Tokyo Protestant churches in Toyko has been shipped to Christians in South Korea, it was announced in Tokyo by the Rev. Akira Ebisawa, executive secretary of the National Christian Council of Japan. He said that additional relief supplies await shipping facilities. The supplies are consigned to Pusan where they will be distributed among the needy by the National Christian Council of Korea. More than 600 boxes of relief goods were contributed by Tokyo Protestants. Mr. Ebisawa said that the local campaign inspired similar church drives elsewhere in Japan, notably at Fukuoka, largest city on Kyushu, the Japanese island closest to Korea. A past difficulty in the way of shipping relief supplies was that, under a United Nations ruling, trade between occupied Japan and a Korea at war was forbidden. As a result of recent negotiations between Ho-Choon Yu, secretary of the Korean National Christian Council, and the South Korean Government, South Korean patrol vessels, while in Japanese ports, will load relief supplies and transport them to Pusan.

City Council To Open Meetings With Prayer

Cleveland's (Ohio) city council will open its meeting in the future with prayer.

The 33 councilmen, by unanimous vote, approved a resolution specifying that the council president invite representatives of the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths to take turns in asking Divine blessing upon the legislative body's deliberations.

It is believed to be the first time in the nearly 150 years of the city's history that such action has been taken.

Group Seeks 100,000 Used Bibles

Collection of 100,000 used Bibles for distribution around the world was announced as the 1952 goal of the American Home Bible League in Chicago. According to William A. Chapman, president and founder of the league, "many of the families across America have three or four copies of the Scriptures." The demand for them from other countries is increasing day by day, he said. Mr. Chapman said that the Bibles would be distributed in areas not now being reached by the league's regular program of Scripture distribution in the U.S. and ten foreign countries.

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Seek Unification Of All Methodist Branches

Unification of all branches of Methodism is the long-range goal of a special committee of the Methodist World Council which held sessions in Cincinnati.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, council president, said, "we are conscious within our Methodist family that division is responsible for our failure to reach the people we want to reach."

However, he said there are several bodies still outside the united group. These include Free Methodists, Primitive Methodists, Wesleyan Methodists, and three Negro denominations—the AME, the AME Zion, and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Churches.

Methodist Bishops Oppose Vatican Ambassador

Opposition to the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican was reaffirmed by the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church at its semi-annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J.

The bishop's statement came after the White House announcement that President Truman would submit another name to the Senate in place of Gen. Mark W. Clark, who has asked that his nomination for the ambassadorial post be withdrawn.

"We are unalterably opposed to the appointment of anyone, at any time, or from any place, as an ambassador from the United States to the Vatican," the statement said. "This is an issue of principle, not of persons. It is but to compound a blunder to name a substitute for General Clark."

"We trust the Pope and the President will understand that Americans want religious liberty for all and special privilege for none. We refuse to compromise American convictions in order to appease a Roman hierarchy."

Methodist Missions Board Opposes Vatican Ambassador

Opposition to the appointment of "anyone, at any time, in any place" as an ambassador to the Vatican was unanimously expressed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church in Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Other important action taken during the board's meeting included: Adoption of a record budget of \$15,556,945 for the coming year; an amount exceeding last year's budget by \$3,000,000. Consecration of 77 young men and women as missionaries and deaconesses; the largest group ever commissioned at one time by The Methodist Church. The Rev. Eugene L. Smith, ex-

New American Bible Society Seal For 1952



Dr. Frederick W. Cropp, a general secretary of the American Bible Society, and Lowell Thomas, noted CBS news commentator, examine the facsimiles of the Society's 1952 seals. Mr. Thomas is serving as honorary chairman of the seal program, a post he also held last year.

ecutive secretary of the board's Division of Foreign Missions, reported that The Methodist Church has spent more than \$25,000,000 in the past four years in overseas missionary work. The American city was cited as the nation's "number one missionary challenge," by Dr. Earl R. Brown, executive secretary of the Division of Home Missions.

GIs Give \$100,000 To Japan Catholic Orphanage

Members of the "Wolfhounds" regiment, 27th Infantry Division in Korea, have contributed almost \$100,000 to a Roman Catholic orphanage at Osaka, Japan, which they "adopted" in December, 1949. The announcement coincided with the turning over of the Wolfhounds' 25th regular monthly donation of \$3,720 to the Holy Family orphanage in Japan's second largest city.

Truman Repeats Aim On Vatican Ambassador

President Truman said in Washington, D. C., that he does not intend to send a personal representative to the Vatican. Asked by newsmen at his weekly press conference if reports are true that he may send a personal envoy in the wake of his withdrawal of the nomination of General Mark W. Clark to be ambassador to the Holy See, Mr. Truman said emphatically that he does not expect to do so. Making the observation that he does not usually back up when he starts out to do things, the President said he is going to send

the Senate another nominee with the rank of ambassador. The Senate will have to assume its responsibility in the matter when he sends up a new nomination, Mr. Truman said.

Hiroshima Missionaries Pray For Peace

Twenty-five Protestant missionaries of Hiroshima, target of the first wartime A-bomb attack, climbed to the top of Mount Ushita overlooking the once devastated city and offered prayers that such a disaster would never reoccur. The occasion was a "Day of Prayer for Peace." Keynote of the day was an address by Miss Bessie Oliver, Methodist missionary recently evacuated from Korea, who declared that "for Hiroshima to be a true peace center, the peace of Christ must be born in the hearts of the people of Hiroshima." "To accomplish this," she said, "the Christian people of Hiroshima need a power greater than the atom power. They need the power of God."

Says Communists Establish New Divorce Ground

A new ground for divorce has been established in Communist Czechoslovakia, according to Veritas, a publication sponsored in Rome by Czech Roman Catholics. The publication said that a divorce can be obtained at once if one of the parties makes a formal declaration that his or her partner is "incapable of educating children according to the democratic spirit."

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE NOTES

By Bentley Sloane

Two Schools In Ruston District

Three courses will be offered in a Leadership School which has been scheduled for the Farmerville area for February 18-21. The Rev. Beverly Bond is the dean.

Another school has been scheduled for Ruston for February 25-29, with three courses being offered.

Rural Worker Leads Classes

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, our Conference Rural Worker, was scheduled for first series classes and other helps for local churches in the Lake Charles District as follows: Iowa, January 9, 10, 11; Cameron, January 13, 14, 15. She is also scheduled for a series school in Tallulah for February 13, 14, and 15.

Correspondence Courses

The following persons have enrolled recently for correspondence courses in some phase of church work or Bible study with the Leadership Education Department, Nashville, Tennessee: Mr. J. W. Bolton, Houma, Mrs. J. C. Brown, Jr., Monroe, Mr. C. M. Elliott, Bunkie, Mr. Donald J. Grubb, Alexandria, Mr. Walter Gowdy, Lake Charles, Mr. Thomas A. Hill, Lakeville, Mrs. C. E. Holley, Pioneer, Mrs. W. W. Holmes, Baton Rouge, Mrs. Laura M. Kennedy, New Orleans, Mr. Merlin A. Keenze, Franklin, Mrs. Joe Kelly, Shreveport, Mrs. T. F. Murray, New Iberia, Mr. America Myers, Monroe, Mr. W. H. Pipes, Shreveport, Rev. Kenneth G. Rorie, Mooringport, Mr. J. C. Sharkey, Baton Rouge.

Adult Council February 20

The Rev. Robert Clemons of the General Board will meet the Adult Council in Alexandria, Wednesday, February 20, at 10:00 A.M. General plans for district and conference activities will be made.

This important meeting will include the young adult district directors and the Conference Young Adult Council. Mrs. Eva Denham of Lake Charles is the Conference president.

Those who will attend this important council meeting are: The Rev. James W. Ailor, The Rev. E. R. Thomas, The Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh, Mr. Harold Riggs, The Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, Mr. W. H. Holloway, Mrs. Claude Cochran, The Rev. Ben R. Oliphant, The Rev. James L. Stovall, The Rev. Ralph Cain, Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, Mr. S. G. Hines, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Thompson and

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE COMMENDS BISHOP MARTIN

Methodist curriculum will keep in step with advances in Bible interpretation by adopting the Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament for use beginning with October, 1952, the date on which it will be available. This decision was made at the annual meeting of the Curriculum Committee in Nashville on January 3 and 4. The New Testament has been used in this version since it appeared five years ago.

The Committee, of which Bishop Paul E. Martin is chairman, also adopted a noteworthy study called "Educational Principles in the Curriculum," prepared under the chairmanship of Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, of Chicago, associate executive secretary of the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, and a member of the New York East Conference.

A resolution was adopted praising Bishop Martin for his leadership of the Curriculum Committee during this quadrennium. It expressed the hope that he would be continued as chairman. Bishop Martin's leadership of the Committee at this session was shared by Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, of Pittsburg and by Rev. Timothy B. Echols, of Austin, Texas, who presided at some of the sessions.

Members of the Young Adult Council.

The Shreveport Young Adult Sub-District has elected Joe Cunningham of Noel Church as president for the ensuing year.

Methodist Youth Fund

The Methodist Youth Fund is the Advance Mission Special for youth. Each youth group should make a pledge as a department and send monthly or quarterly payments to Rev. J. E. Hearne, Conference Treasurer, Ruston. Pledge cards and promotion materials may be secured from Miss Bettie Rea Fox, Box 4156 Shreveport, Louisiana. Pledges made are for the current Conference Year, June 1 to May 31.

Miss Bowman In New Orleans February 11-13

Miss Clarice Bowman of the Youth Department staff of the General Board of Education will conduct a sub-district Youth Leadership School in New Orleans, February 11-13, and will meet the district directors of youth work.

In connection with this school a course for young adults will be offered by the Rev. Ralph Cain.

1951 NOVEMBER SPECIAL FOR HENDRIX COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL TRAINING

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

BELOW is listed the receipts from the November, 1951, offering in the Little Rock Conference for Hendrix College Ministerial Student Special, receipts being through February 1.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

Church	Paid
Arkadelphia	\$ 100.00
Arkadelphia Ct.	
Hollywood	1.85
Mt. Pisgah	1.25
Smyrna	1.40
Dalark Ct.	
Bethlehem	5.00
Manchester	10.00
Fountain Lake	10.00
Glenwood	10.00
Gurdon	100.00
Hot Springs Churches:	
First Church	274.00
Grand Avenue	100.00
Oaklawn	20.00
Pullman Hts.	25.00
First Church-Malvern	100.00
Mt. Ida Ct.	
Mt. Ida	5.00
Norman	1.00
Oden	2.00
Murfreesboro	15.00
Okolona Ct.	
Bierne	4.00
Center Grove	5.00
Okolona	14.00
Trinity	5.00
Rockport Ct.	
Magnet Cove	5.00
Shorewood Hills	5.00
Traskwood	5.00
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$ 824.50

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Church	Paid
Buckner	\$ 31.00
Camden Churches	
First Church	750.00
Fairview	40.00
Timothy	15.00
Chidester	20.00
Columbia Ct.	19.26
Calion	20.00
El Dorado Churches	
First Church	1202.00
Vantrease	90.00
Garland	50.00
Harmony Grove	15.00
Westside	27.50
Holly Springs Ct.	
Holly Springs	10.70
Mt. Carmel	2.86
Mt. Olivet	6.44
Junction City	20.00
Louann Ct.	
Liberty	8.56
Louann	5.42
Silver Hill	8.77
Magnolia Churches	
First Church	300.00
Jackson Street	29.50
Marysville Ct.	
Bethel	12.00
Fredonia	18.00
Marysville	11.00
Norphet	32.10
Parker's Chapel	36.65
Pleasant Grove	12.00
Princeton Ct.	10.15
Smackover	165.00
Stamps	40.00
Taylor	11.00
Village Ct.	
Ebenezer	13.00
Lydesdale	8.53
Village	15.00
Waldo	48.55
Willisville	13.00
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$3117.99

HOPE DISTRICT

Church	Paid
Ashdown	\$ 50.00
DeQueen	75.00
Foreman	20.00
Hope	300.00
Mena	75.00
Nashville	100.00
Washington	4.00
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$ 624.00

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Douglasville	\$ 25.00
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Geyer Springs	7.00
Hazen	40.00
Little Rock Churches	
Asbury	250.00
First Church	814.70
Henderson	45.00
Oak Forest	20.00
Saint Paul	25.00
Scott Street	25.00
Twenty-eighth Street	30.00
Winfield	500.00
Lonoke	75.00
Primrose	40.00
Salem	15.00
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$1911.70

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Dermott	\$ 66.25
Drew	10.00
Dumas	75.00
Eudora	25.00
Fordyce	150.00
Hampton	20.00
Harrell	12.50
Faustina	5.00
Hermitage	10.00
Kingsland	5.00
Lake Village	60.00
McGehee	100.00
New Edinburg Ct.	
New Edinburg	4.00
Wagon	3.00
Parkdale	15.00
Portland	25.00
Star City	25.00
Strong	25.00
Thornton Ct.	
Thornton	7.00
Chambersville	4.00
Newton's Chapel	10.00
Union	6.50
Watson	40.00
Kelso	11.00
Arkansas City	6.00
Wilmar Ct.	
Wilmar	5.00
Mt. Pleasant	3.00
Andrew's Chapel	4.00
Wilnot	45.41
Miller's Chapel	6.50
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$ 784.16

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Wabbaseka	\$ 20.00
Bayou Meto	70.00
Lodge's Corner	55.00
Carthage	5.00
DeWitt	100.00
England	100.00
Good Faith	15.00
Grady	10.00
Gould	10.00
Keo Ct.	
Humnoke	5.00
Tomberlin	10.00
Pine Bluff Churches	
Carr Memorial	60.00
First Church	150.00
Rison	25.00
Sheridan	25.00
Sherrill	15.00
Stuttgart-First Church	100.00
Swan Lake	14.00
Whitehall	5.00
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$ 794.00

GRAND TOTAL \$2,056.35

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MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

PEARLE McCAIN WRITES

Seiwa Jr. College for
Christian Workers,
Okadayama, Nishinomiya,
Japan

Dear Friends,

This school is similar to the one in which I worked in Nanking. Both are colleges for the training of Christian workers. Here we have two departments: the Religious Education Department and the Kindergarten Department. I know of no country where kindergartens are more appreciated than they are in Japan. Many of the churches have a kindergarten as a part of the church program. Many of the graduates of this school teach in church kindergartens. Others are teaching in other places, doing various kinds of church work, serving in social centers, developing Christian homes, serving as pastors' wives, and rendering other types of Christian service. At present there are 120 students in the school.

This is an institution of the United Church of Japan. It has a Methodist and a Congregational background. The Kobe Women's Bible School, which is now a part of this school, was founded by the Congregational Church seventy years ago. The Methodist roots go back to the kindergarten department of our school in Hiroshima and the Lambuth Bible School in Kobe, which was founded sixty years ago. These two Methodist schools were united in Lambuth Training School for Christian Workers in Osaka about thirty years ago. Ten years ago the Lambuth Training School and the Congregational Bible School came together in Seiwa College for Christian Workers. In May of this year the school celebrated these various anniversaries. During the years thousands of fine Christian workers have gone out to serve in all sections of Japan. Adjoining the Seiwa campus is the Kobe College campus. I can look out from my study window, and also from some of the windows in our residence, on Kobe College campus. Just now I am enjoying the rich red autumn colors of their cherry trees. These trees are also beautiful in the spring when they are in blossom, as I am told. Kobe College is one of the finest colleges in the Orient. About half a mile to the south of us is Kwansei Gakuin, a fine university the name of which is probably familiar to most of you.

In addition to teaching, I am trying to get acquainted with the church in Japan, both in its sectional and in its local aspects. This I am doing through

FEBRUARY 7, 1952

LOVE THYSELF LAST

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

*Love thyself last. Look near, behold thy duty
To those who walk beside thee down life's road;
Make glad their days by little acts of beauty
And help them bear the burden of earth's load.*

*Love thyself last. Look for and find the stranger,
Who staggers, 'neath his sin and his despair;
Go lend a hand, and lead him out of danger,
To heights where he may see the world is fair.*

*Love thyself last. The vastnesses above thee
Are filled with spirit forces, strong and pure.
And fervently, these faithful friends shall love thee;
Keep thou thy watch o'er others, and endure.*

*Love thyself last and thou shalt grow in spirit
To see, to hear, to know, to understand.
The message of the stars, lo thou shalt hear it.
And all God's joys shall be at thy command.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pine Grove Society had its January 17 meeting at the home of Mrs. John Meades, with Mrs. Meades leading the program on

a study of the English editions of the reports of the National Christian Council and various church committees during the past few years and other available material and through visiting the churches in this area on Sunday mornings. Our students serve in the various churches and I am glad to see something of the work which they are now doing as well as learn more about the kinds of places in which they will be working later. I am also spending some time studying the Japanese language. This is a difficult language, but I have learned a little of it and I look forward to the time when I shall be able to converse with Japanese people in their own language.

Most of our students and teachers know some English. I am teaching in English but have an interpreter. The person who does most of the interpreting is Mrs. Tanaka, whom I knew as Kiyoko Mukoyama when we were both students at Scarritt College quite a few years ago. Needless to say, we are enjoying working together and we often talk about mutual friends in the U.S.A. Her husband is a professor in Kobe College and her daughter is a student there. In addition to teaching at Seiwa, she gives quite a bit of time to the work of the Y.W.C.A. and to the local church. She is a capable person and is generous with her time and talent.

May the deepest of Christmas joys be yours and may the new year bring you many blessings!

Sincerely,

Pearle McCain

Epiphany. A recording, "We Three Kings of Orient Are", was played, after which the group pledged their gifts for the year. Mrs. Ernest King, President, reported on the sum raised by the women when they sold coffee and sandwiches at the polls.

The January meeting of the Beech Grove Society was held at the home of Mrs. Ellis Williams, and they celebrated their first year as a Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Elaine Boyd presented the program, assisted by Mrs. Tyler Williams, Mrs. Ola Boyd, Mrs. W. C. Smith, Mrs. Roland Stallcup, Mrs. Luther North, Mrs. Eldon Boyd, and Mrs. Lula Home. Three new members present were: Mrs. Weldon Williams, Mrs. Hazel Collar and Mrs. Roy Rodgers. There are now twenty-seven members in this society.

The tenth anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the William B. Reilly Memorial University Church at Baton Rouge was celebrated on January 15. Mrs. F. J. Mecklin presented a history of the society. Guest speaker during the afternoon session was Bentley B. Mackay who from 1944 to 1946 served as an agricultural officer in Brazil for the Department of State.

In Ruston the Hattie Pitts and Sue Faulk Circles have decided

ANNUAL MEETING, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

WHEN? April 1, 2 and 3.

WHERE? First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Ark.

TWO SUB-DISTRICTS MEET

McGehee Sub-District held its first regular meeting January 14 at the Dumas Methodist Church. All societies in the sub-district were represented.

Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference President, was the speaker, and led an interesting discussion on program building, after which group discussions were held on worship services, essentials of a good program, and essentials of a good leader.

Following the program, Mrs. Mataz Bickham, chairman, conducted the business, and it was decided that the next meeting would be held at McGehee.—Mrs. Paul Teeter, Reporter

Sub-District No. 3 of Pine Bluff District, met January 15 at Humphrey with forty-six present. Mrs. Erik Jensen presided. Mrs. Portis Chadwick gave the devotional, "Faith of a New Year". Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. A. J. Christie spoke, and presented a skit assisted by Mesdames Crum, Saxe, Spencer, Miller, Denhardt and Michel.

After a covered dish lunch, Mrs. H. L. Patterson reported on the number of churches represented, and Mrs. Mark Townsend discussed budget planning. Officers elected for the Sub-District were Chairman, Mrs. W. G. Cunningham, England; Secretary, Mrs. W. L. Beard, Keo.—Mrs. H. L. Patterson, Reporter

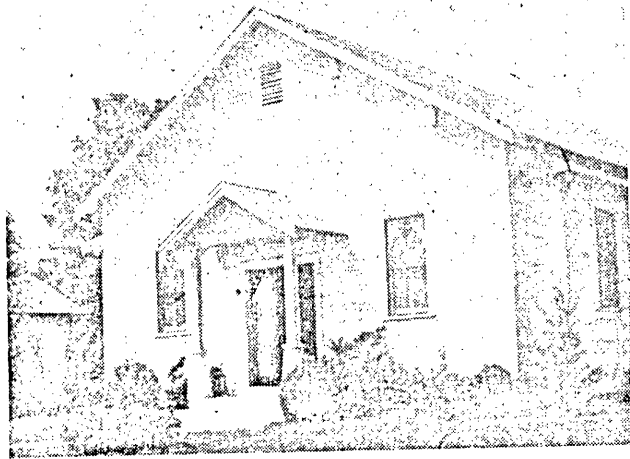
to join together, following a meeting January 21 in the home of Mrs. V. C. Cupp.

A devotional of which the watch word was "Service", was presented by Mrs. R. B. Knott and Mrs. Ardis Lewis.

The Little Rock Conference Society is sponsoring a Missionary Tour for Life Service Volunteers, March 28, 29 and 30 under the direction of Mrs. John Hefley, Secretary of Missionary Personnel. Applications are being received for this tour of the Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Scarritt College, Fiske University, Methodist Publishing House, Bethlehem Center, Vanderbilt School of Nursing and the Wesley Foundation in Nashville, Tennessee.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

Watson Church Dedicated



The new Methodist Church building at Watson was dedicated in an impressive service on Saturday evening, February 2, with Bishop Martin leading the service. Dr. William E. Brown, Monticello District Superintendent, and Rev. W. T. Bone, Watson pastor, assisted Bishop Martin in the service attended by a large congregation of Watson Methodists, friends and ministers from near-by communities.

The frame building, valued at \$10,000 including new pews and pulpit furniture, was completed and paid for in 1949. With the outside walls of the building covered with asbestos siding, there is inside the sanctuary and five Sunday School rooms. According to the pastor, Brother Bone, existing Church School facilities

are crowded and the congregation hopes to construct a new Educational Building in the near future. The W. S. C. S. sponsored the placing of the new pews in the sanctuary. The accompanying view shows the front of the new building.

Bishop Announces L. R. Conference Changes

Several changes in appointments in the Little Rock Conference occasioned by the death of two Little Rock Conference pastors were announced last week following a meeting of the Little Rock Conference cabinet with Bishop Martin. Rev. Rufus Sorrels, serving his fifth year at Scott Street Methodist Church, Little Rock, was appointed to succeed the late Rev. William L. Arnold at Highland Methodist Church, Little Rock. Brother Arnold lost his life in a hunting accident November 26 and the Highland Church has been without a regular pastor since that date. Rev. J. E. Cooper, in his third year as pastor of the First Methodist Church at Warren, succeeds Mr. Sorrels at Scott Street. Rev. J. Ralph Clayton succeeds Brother Cooper at Warren, leaving the McGehee Methodist Church where he has been serving for more than three years. Rev. Mouzon Mann, who has been

pastor at the Oak Forest Methodist Church since 1946, succeeds Mr. Clayton at McGehee. Rev. George Meyers, who has served at the First Methodist Church, Nashville, for the past four years, succeeds Brother Mann at the Oak Forest Church, and Brother Meyers is being succeeded by Rev. James A. Simpson, pastor at Lewisville for the past five years. Rev. W. R. Boyd, in his fourth year at Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, has been appointed the Lewisville pastor, and he will be succeeded by Rev. David Hankins who recently finished his studies in the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Brother Hankins has been serving a student pastorate at Kemp, Texas. All these appointments are effective immediately, except the last one which is effective February 10, Bishop Martin announced.

Rev. Carr D. Racop, freshman
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18,944 Arkansas Methodist Attend U.E.M. District Meetings

During the Unit "B" United Evangelistic Mission just closed 18,944 Methodists in Arkansas attended the two meetings held in each district for the Methodists of that district. Of this number 6,396 young people and their counselors attended the fourteen different youth rallies held in the Unit, and 12,548 persons attended

the thirteen Mass Meetings held on Sunday afternoon, January 27, as a climax of the ten day program. Perhaps at no time in the history of Arkansas Methodism have so many members been in attendance in district meetings at the same time. In the picture below is seen part of the crowd of

756 young people that filled the Auditorium on the campus at Hendrix College for the Conway District Youth Rally. Rev. John J. Rasmussen, Shreveport, La., was the featured speaker. The Hendrix College Chapel Choir furnished special music for the service.



EMERGENCY SITUATION

Because of heavy requests for copies of The Upper Room, an emergency situation exists in The Upper Room Chaplains Fund. This fund has been able to supply many hundreds of thousands of copies to chaplains for distribution among men and women in the armed services, veterans hospitals, and in prisons. Some copies also go to chaplains in mental institutions, orphanages, foundling homes and the like.

The Chaplains Fund is made up of gifts from friends of The Upper Room. Individuals, classes, and other groups have contributed in the past. Many will do so again if the need is called to their attention. The urgent present need is for gifts to supply the heavy requests of chaplains the world over in the present emergency.

Make checks and money orders payable to The Chaplains Fund. The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 4, Tennessee.



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U.E.M. AT DeLANEY ON ST. PAUL CHARGE

For my assignment in the great U. E. M. campaign in our conference it was a high privilege to work with the St. Paul Charge at Delaney with Rev. James Weatherford. This is a new church having been organized about four years ago. The membership of the church is small but includes some devoted and consecrated people. The few loyal families who love The Methodist Church with a passion, refuse to be discouraged. In this section where Methodism has been on the wane for several years, a noble effort is being made to stage a comeback. The country having been neglected by a good standard brand of religion, quite naturally has been infiltrated with off-brand and non-denominational poison.

Where this spirit prevails there is a turning away from organized religion. In spite of fox-fire religious demagoguery, there is steady though slow advance being made by our church. The pastor and I traveled one hundred and twenty-six miles a round trip each day in attendance upon the school of Evangelism at Rogers. The sessions there were profitable and uplifting. We managed to get in some time visiting in the afternoon when we arrived back on our post.

At our closing session we were greatly inspired in the receiving of an entire family in the little church. This was most encouraging to the congregation. A fine

man with his good family added to the church will make a great difference. In our many small churches each and every person means much. Though the load is heavy upon the shoulders of those who remain true, yet it is rewarding to see their efforts bring forth fruit.

Methodism's far flung battle lines include thousands of small communities. Here our great church must stand firm and true. The work is difficult. There must be a sacrificial and earnest effort. A welding together of our forces so that the lines are united and strong will guarantee us success.

It was a great pleasure and deep joy to bring the U. E. M. program to a little rural church in an open country community. My heart's desire and prayer is that every little church can have an all out program for at least a week every year for the next ten years. That would spell the difference in a great Methodism in our rural areas in the years ahead.—J. Albert Gatlin

What gets a man's attention gets him. Whatever thing you can get a man to continue thinking about will eventually control the man's life.—Dr. John A. Redhead, "Making Our Faith Work."

The way people spend their money is one index of the way they spend their lives.—NEA Jnl.

PARAGOULD FIRST CHURCH RECEIVES MEMORIALS

In the past few months the First Methodist Church of Paragould has received several gifts for which it is very grateful.

Three hundred Methodist hymnals were bought by the members and given in honor and in memory of loved ones and friends. For the Christmas Cantata the choir wore for the first time, lovely gold stoles given to them by Mrs. Fred Hickson and daughter, Nancy, in memory of their husband and father, Mr. Fred Hickson. In the foyer of the church there hangs a large portrait, Sallman's "Head of Christ," given by Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cordray of Kansas City, Mo., in honor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thiel. In a brief service of dedication Sunday Morning, January 13th, the church received a beautiful set of pulpit furniture to be used in the sanctuary, given by Mrs. Geo. Bridges in memory of her husband, the late Dr. Geo. P. Bridges.

We feel that this is one of the loveliest ways possible to honor our loved ones who have passed on. Helen Keller spoke words for us when she said, "Our friends have long since gone into the light; but their presence—loved and familiar—walks noiseless by our side." And to those who are living, we feel that they are inspired to live closer to God and to the cause of building the Kingdom.—N. Woodward

BISHOP ANNOUNCES L. R. CONFERENCE CHANGES

(Continued from page 12)

ministerial student at Hendrix College, has been appointed pastor of the Almyra Methodist Church to succeed the late Rev. L. E. Wilson, who passed away December 14. Brother Racop was licensed by the Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, and will supply the Almyra church until Annual Conference in June.

WORLD SERVICE PROMOTION

One pastor in the mid-west, the Rev. William S. Samuel, found a way of increasing World Service gifts by presenting to his Official Board the merit of using World Service Contribution envelopes in the pews. With the Board's sanction the practice was followed and the pastor included in his sermon each week a note of human interest on the need and accomplishments of World Service. The results were remarkably encouraging and the practice is to be continued. Rising costs are cutting into the work which can be accomplished by the World Service "Dollar."

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Areas And Conferences	Paid Last Fiscal Year—June 1, 1950 to Dec. 31, 1950	Paid This Fiscal Year—June 1, 1951 to Dec. 31, 1951	Annual Apportionments for Quadrennium—1948-52
ARK-LA. AREA	\$ 104,942.01	\$ 84,159.57	\$ 162,182.00
Little Rock	37,589.39	24,881.96	56,221.00
Louisiana	36,893.66	27,163.91	51,800.00
North Arkansas	30,458.96	32,113.70*	54,161.00
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION	426,582.27	441,605.97*	917,345.00
WHOLE CHURCH	\$3,446,494.29	\$3,453,754.83*	\$7,903,379.00

* Indicates increase over previous year.

ADVANCE SPECIALS FUND AND WEEK OF DEDICATION OFFERING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1951

Areas And Conferences	Advance Specials From June 1948 to date	1949 and 1950 Week of Dedication	1951 Week of Dedication	Conference Totals
ARK-LA. AREA	\$ 390,670.52	\$ 52,929.24	\$ 34,667.84	\$ 478,267.60
Little Rock	110,459.87	14,178.42	11,951.09	136,589.38
Louisiana	153,307.48	23,735.70	14,591.94	191,635.12
North Arkansas	126,903.17	15,015.12	8,124.81	150,043.10
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION	\$2,376,273.55	\$374,379.08	\$213,967.29	\$2,964,619.92

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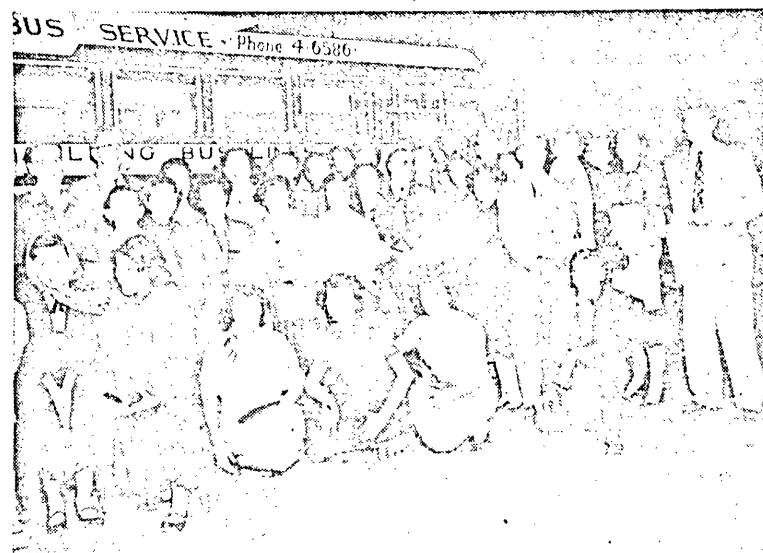
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THEY WENT BY BUSES



Many of the 756 young people and their sponsors who attended the Conway District Youth Rally, Saturday night, January 19, in connection with the United Evangelistic Mission, made the trip from their local churches in chartered buses. This large group of young people are shown here leaving the bus after their arrival on the Hendrix College Campus where the Youth Rally was held. This group is from the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock. 6,396 young people and their sponsors attended the rallies in the twelve districts participating in the Mission. Robert Goss, Superintendent of the Gardner Youth Division is seen standing at the right.

SUB-DISTRICT NEWS

Among Sub-District Fellowships in the Area which have met during recent weeks is the **Faulkner County (Ark.) Methodist Youth Fellowship** which met at Salem, January 14. Those in charge of the meeting included Miss Martha Matthews, sub-district president, and Miss Ruth Anderson, Carolyn Coney and Martha Holloway who presented the program dealing with the United Christian Youth "Call."

The **Poinsett County (Ark.) Methodist Youth Fellowship** held its December meeting in the Marked Tree Methodist Church, December 13, with Marked Tree youth in charge of the program. A special Christmas playlet, "Child of Prophecy" was presented. The January meeting was held at Weiner January 8 and considered the theme "My Day". Rev. Hascl West, Black Oak-Delfore pastor, was the speaker. The next meeting of this group is scheduled for February 14 at Weona.

The **Grace Curtis Sub-District** met at Marmaduke Methodist Church December 10 with President Ruthie McCluney in charge. Marmaduke young people presented a playlet written by their own group entitled "Introducing Power," for the program under the direction of their counselor and pastor, Miss Fern Cook. No January meeting was held with the District Youth Rally serving for the sub-district meeting.

An unnamed sub-district fellowship in the Ruston District,

(La) held its monthly meeting at the Chatham Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, January 13, with the Chatham MYF presenting the program. The program featured a playlet "Why Should I? A Walking Rehearsal on Alcoholism." The next meeting will be February 10 at Clay (La.) when the sub-district will be named.

The **Columbia County Sub-District** held its monthly meet at Philadelphia, Monday evening, January 28 at which time the Philadelphia youth presented a candlelight program entitled "God's Fellow Workers." Among the plans for the future for this group is a sub-district picnic to be held March 14, 7:30 p.m. at Fincher's Pond, Waldo. The next meeting of this group will be February 25 at First Church, Magnolia.

The **Mississippi County Sub-District** held its January meeting in Luxora, January 14, with Jane McLendon, president presiding. A special New Year's worship service was presented by the Luxora MYF in the Luxora sanctuary. The group will meet next February 11.

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BARKLEY CALLS CHURCHES AMERICA'S GREATEST STRENGTH

America's greatest strength lies in its churches and only secondarily with its industrial and military power, Vice President Alben W. Barkley told 80 religious leaders attending an orientation conference in Washington D. C. sponsored by the Department of Defense. Mr. Barkley addressed the main banquet of the three-day session, and he drew a grim picture of the free world engaged in a mortal struggle with Soviet Russia. Great as America's industrial and military power is, he said, it will prove inadequate in this struggle unless the religious leaders of the country "link the temporal with the spiritual."

SENATE GETS BILL TO BAN LIQUOR ADVERTISING

A bill to ban liquor advertising from radio and television was introduced in the Senate by Senators Edwin C. Johnson (D.-Colo.) and Francis Case (R.-S. D.) The measure is expected to have strong support from religious and temperance groups. Early hearings on it were promised by Senator Johnson, who is chairman of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee that has jurisdiction over broadcasting legislation. The bill would apply only to "distilled spirits for beverage purposes" and apparently would not affect beer advertising.



Across the Land

The growth of The Methodist Church to the proportions of the world's largest Protestant denomination has been paralleled by the growth of its largest service agency: The Methodist Publishing House. As in the case of the Church, the growth of The Methodist Publishing House has been no mere expansion for expansion's sake. Rather, it has been expansion for service.

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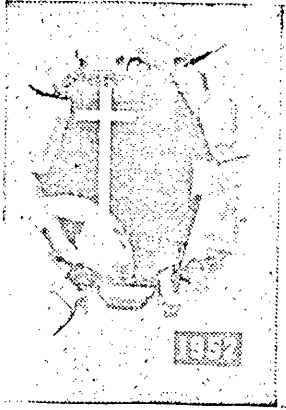
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HOSPITALS AND HOMES CONVENTION FEB. 20-21

Nearly 500 people representing 189 Methodist hospitals and homes all over the nation are expected at the annual meeting of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Hotel Statler, Cleveland, O., Feb. 20-21.

Prof. Ben G. Childs, Duke University, Durham, N. C., will give the keynote address. Other speakers will be: Bishop Donald H. Tippet, San Francisco, Calif.; Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, O.; Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. O'Grady, Washington, D. C., secretary, National Conference of Catholic Charities; Dr. Karl P. Meister, Chicago, executive secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes; Louis B. Selzer, editor-in-chief of the Cleveland Press, Cleveland, O.; and President John L. Knight, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, O.

A recognition banquet will

name four new members to the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy and will award certificates for long-time service to employees in Methodist institutions. In group sessions of the convention, members will hear addresses by leaders in the fields of chaplains work, public relations for hospitals and homes, social welfare, and nurse recruitment.

BUILDING CONTEST OPEN TO THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

New York, N. Y.—A national contest aimed at preparing future ministers to lead a church building or improvement program in a local church is underway, co-sponsored by the National Council of Churches' Bureau of Church Building and Architecture.

Dr. E. M. Conover, director of the Bureau, said the competition is open only to students in Protestant theological seminaries, and that each contestant is required to select a specific church and prepare a building program which he believes is needed. An alternative is to plan a completely new church, he added.

An acceptable contest entry, Dr. Conover pointed out, must provide a building plan not only for worship purposes, but also for religious education, fellowship and recreational activities, pastoral and administrative work. He said the designated church must be one which serves 150 or more members.

Dr. Conover explained the motive for the contest as a long-standing grievance on the part of architects that Protestant pastors are notoriously poor plan-

ners in their church building programs.

CHURCH REPRESENTED AT U.M.T. HEARING

The Methodist Church is solidly opposed to the adoption by Congress of universal military training. This was the substance of the testimony presented to the House Committee on the Armed Services on January 25, by Dr. Charles F. Boss, Executive Secretary of the Methodist Commission on World Peace. "At no time in the past" said Dr. Boss, "has The Methodist Church been so overwhelmingly opposed to the proposal for compulsory military training as at the present time."

In support of this affirmation Dr. Boss cited the action taken by the Council of Bishops, The Commission on World Peace, 44 annual conferences and various women and youth groups of The Methodist Church. Plans for universal military training were said by Dr. Boss to be "repugnant to the American concept of freedom and democracy, and repugnant to the American spirit."

As a substitute for the bill for universal military training now before Congress, Dr. Boss proposed that the United States instruct its representatives in the United Nations to introduce a resolution calling for the universal abolition of compulsory military training.

In conjunction with the presentation of his testimony before the House Armed Services Committee, Dr. Boss announced that an appeal had been sent to 30,000 Methodist leaders throughout the country urging them to work for the defeat of U.M.T. legislation.

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA CONCLUDES U.E.M. WITH UNIT "B"

(Continued from page 8)

from both churches met together at Portland for the first visitation instruction on Sunday afternoon, and thereafter had their own instruction in their respective churches when services were conducted there. Moreover, both congregations attended all the services whether in the Portland or Montrose churches, located only four miles apart.

Visiting for the most part was done in the afternoons and reports made each night. This arrangement made possible larger attendance in services, and visitors reported little difficulty in contacting their assigned prospects in the afternoon. 46 per cent of interviews results in commitments and attendance in the services ranked fourth in the Monticello District. Rev. Ray Emmert, Rayville, La., pastor, was the guest minister for the week, and his work with the two congregations brought many expressions of appreciation.

On Sunday afternoon the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, was crowded to capacity as Methodists from over the Arkadelphia District gathered in a great mass meeting, visible evidence of a great spiritual victory during the previous week. The meeting was a fitting climax to weeks of preparatory work and a week of intensi-

fied effort. The service was under the direction of Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Arkadelphia District Superintendent, assisted by Dr. E. Clifton Rule, host pastor, Rev. Osborne White, Mt. Ida, and a great choir composed of the combined Methodist choirs of Hot Springs. Bishop Charles C. Seecman, Dallas, former presiding Bishop of Arkansas and Oklahoma was the featured speaker. Bishop Seecman was at his best in his exhortation to make the Christian gospel and the Christian Church a vital reality in life.

Mere words and accompanying pictures cannot begin to reveal or describe what this great movement has meant to Arkansas and Louisiana. These days of working together in a great program has welded these two states together even though they have been in the same Episcopal Area for eight years. But more than that this movement has set in motion forces which will continue to strengthen the local churches of the Area indefinitely. Laymen and ministers have received a new vision of their responsibilities as ambassadors of Christ and thousands of persons have had for the first time a heart-warming experience of Christ in their lives and are now finding a fuller life in fellowship in a local church. And it has been done in a constructive way that will ever be for the Glory of God, For Christ and His Church.

A "Fisherman's Club," or what it now being called "The Fellowship of St. Andrew," has been formed in a number of Methodist and other Protestant churches in recent months. It is composed of church members who are willing to give one night a week to call on newcomers to the community, or those not belonging to any church, inviting them to associate their life with the Christian church. One pastor reports: "The best success comes when a husband and wife together go to call on some non-church member and witness by the fact that they are willing to give one night a week to their church that they believe the church to be eminently worth while."

According to figures released by the Golden Rule Foundation concerning the religious and benevolence giving of the American people, less than two percent of the national and individual incomes are spent on religious and related causes. This total (between 3.5 and 4 billions of dollars) is less than one-half the money spent in the nation for alcoholic beverages, and about one-third the amount spent for recreation, says the Foundation. It is also pointed out that the national income and the average income has been increasing greatly through recent years.

The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 17, 1952 HOW CAN WE FOLLOW CHRIST IN OUR HOMES?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-45; John 12:1-2.

GOLDEN TEXT: Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her. (Luke 10:41-42)

As we study the separate lessons of this unit we should keep its general aim before our minds: "To lead men and women to think about some of the ways in which persons follow Christ, inspired by some of the early followers of Jesus."

A Look At The Scriptures Place And Time

All the events of this lesson took place in the village of Bethany which was on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives about two miles from Jerusalem.

The event recorded by Luke took place in December, A.D. 29; the raising Lazarus from the dead in February of the following year; and the supper in Simon's home in Bethany on Saturday evening, April 1, A. D. 30. The day following the last event Christ made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This is what we have come to call Palm Sunday and it marked the beginning of Passion Week.

The Bethany Home

When we speak of the Bethany home we are referring to the abode of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. After beginning his active ministry, this was the place above all others where Christ felt most at home. He was very close to this brother and these two sisters. When the Lord visited Jerusalem he had the habit of spending his nights in this home. It will be remembered that he spent the first four nights of Passion Week here. He spent the days of this week in Jerusalem but always walked back to Bethany to spend the night. Thursday night of Passion Week was spent in the Upper Room where he established the Communion of the Lord's Supper and in the Garden of Gethsemane. The last two nights of the week his body rested in the tomb.

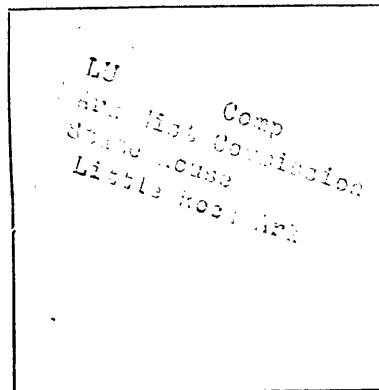
The Two Sisters

The event recorded in Luke 10:

38-42 tells of one of these visits that Christ made to the Bethany home. We have here a complete revelation of the temperments of Martha and Mary. These sisters were alike at one point, they both

loved Jesus. They were both anxious to do something for the Lord.

May we note a few of the things that Martha had against her. First she was wrong in her point of chief emphasis. Like Mary, she loved the Lord and was anxious to serve him, but she felt that her greatest task was to meet his physical needs. The Lord longed to feed her soul but she was so busy preparing to feed his body that her own spiritual needs were forgotten. Jesus had once said, "Man cannot live by



bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," but Martha was acting as though bread alone was the one thing of chief value in life. She belonged to that group who is always rushing around to do something for the Lord. They keep so busy in this way that they never stop to permit the Lord to do something for them. Like all successful life, religion is a give and take proposition. One must accept from the Lord before he can render service at its fullest and best. The religious life consists of both faith and works; prayer and service; meditation and activity. It was well enough for Martha to prepare the Lord a good meal, but it was wrong for her to get so busy at this task that she had no time to sit at his feet and hear his message.

Not only was Martha wrong in her estimate of values but she was wrong in her attitude. When the Lord comes as Guest into a person's heart or home he longs to bring peace, but there was no peace for Martha. We are told that she was anxious and troubled

and distracted with much serving. Her nerves were worn to a frazzle. She no longer could restrain herself. She went straight to the Master with her complaint and rebuked Mary before all the company. Her question to the Lord also implies a mild rebuke to him, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?" This must have embarrassed Jesus a bit for he knew that it was his presence in the home that necessitated the greater amount of service, which in turn led to the feeling of resentment on the part of Martha toward her sister. Martha might easily have approached Mary quietly, or by beckoning to her spoken to her secretly about this matter and obtained the same results. But in the place of this she even went to the extent of requesting the Lord to speak to Mary about helping her.

In speaking of Martha the passage in the King James Translation has this to say, "She had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet, and heard his word." Some of the scholars say that this word "also" implies that Mary not only sat the Lord's feet but that she had already rendered sufficient service to make him comfortable. She simply wasn't willing to forego the wonderful privilege of hearing him by spending all of her time in serving. Christ said that Mary had chosen the good portion and that it would not be taken away from her. It wasn't taken from her; for wherever she is mentioned later she is always at the Lord's feet and rendering whatever service she can.

The Illness Of Lazarus

The next passage of the lesson (John 11:1-5) tells of the fact that Lazarus was ill. At this time Christ was teaching and preaching at Bethabara, some 18 miles distance from Bethany, where John had at first baptized. The two sisters of the Bethany home did a beautiful thing—they sent a runner for Christ. This shows how close the Lord was to this family. They instructed the messenger to say, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." This also shows the esteem with which Christ held the members of this family.

Again, in this event we note the different temperment of these two sisters. When Martha learned that the Lord was approaching the village she hastened to meet him, but Mary sat still in the house. Martha expressed great faith in Christ and received from his lips one of his greatest statements concerning immortality. Space will not permit us to go into this subject here. Suffice it to say that Christ proved his power over death by calling Lazarus back to life.

In Simon's Home

The last passage of the lesson (John 12:1-2) tells of a man of

Bethany by the name of Simon who made a supper for the Lord. This took place on Saturday evening before Palm Sunday. At least two men sat at this table who had been greatly blessed by the Lord—Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead; and Simon, whom he had healed of the leprosy. It was on this occasion that Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, broke the alabaster box of ointment and anointed the Lord. Christ said she was getting him ready for his burial.

Religion In The Home

The home is our greatest institution. It is the fountain-source of all worthwhile life. The general level of our political, school, and religious life can never soar above that of the home. This nation has been made great by Christian homes. If the time ever comes when we completely fail in our home life then our nation will fail. It will go down into defeat and oblivion. Just now, as a nation, we are skating on thin ice at this very point. Our juvenile delinquency problem stems from the failure of homes. It is more of a parent problem than it is children. The children are about what the parents make them. At least, during the most impressionable period of their lives they obey the voices and walk in the footsteps of their parents. There is an old patriotic song which has as its title "We Pin Our Hopes On Young America." That is true. Our hope does lie with young America, but we must not forget that young America is pretty largely what old America makes it. Herbert Hoover was right when he said, "Civilization marches forward on the feet of little children", but the course those feet take will be determined by adult will and influence. The number one need of our nation today is a great revival of Christianity in the home.

It is said on good authority that twenty-five million children in this nation are growing up without any religious training whatever. These are children who live in homes that are neither Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish. They come from homes that are shot-through with materialism and paganism. Think of what such a number will be able to do to this nation as time goes on. We have come upon a time when patriotism as well as Christianity demands that Christ be placed in the center of our homes. Away with foolish people who call themselves patriotic; "hundred per cent Americans" and yet deal in certain traffics that wreck and ruin the lives of young people. Let them realize that if all Americans were like them pretty soon there would be no America. Yes, our greatest need is Christianity in the home. We need to re-establish our old-time family altars.