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## Dr. Reves Accepts Position With Hendrix

IT has been announced that Dr. C. M. Reves, now District Superintendent on the Conway District, has accepted a position with Hendrix College which will become effective at the next Annual Conference.

Hendrix College has long needed the services of a man to do what Dr. Reves will be able to do in the field in which he is to work. Hendrix College and Arkansas Methodism are fortunate to have a man like Dr. Reves who loves the college as he does and who is willing to give himself so unselfishly in its service.

The recently announced conditional gift of \$300,000 to Hendrix College by The General Education Board of New York City makes it imperative that Arkansas raise a similar amount in order to receive the gift. Dr. Reves, in character, in experience, in native ability and in his wide, favorable acquaintance in Arkansas is eminently fitted to lead us in strengthening the financial foundations of Hendrix College.

While giving some attention to his new field of service at Hendrix College, Dr. Reves will continue his work as District Superintendent until the next meeting of the North Arkansas Conference.

## Make Them Welcome

THE recent United Evangelistic Mission in Arkansas Methodism resulted in a great ingathering of persons into membership in Arkansas Methodist churches, and, generally speaking, in warming up the spiritual life of the churches. The program, successful in every sense of the term, was a real spiritual benediction. However, it is altogether possible that much of the good accomplished can be dissipated through failure to follow through on the assimilation of these newly won persons in the life of the local church which they have joined. The church's real concern for people does not end when their names have been inscribed on the membership rolls. The church has only begun to discharge its responsibility when this has been done.

While the primary responsibility for the assimilation of new members belongs to the local church's pastor, the rank and file of the membership has a responsibility of its own in helping to make the new members feel at home in their new experience. Until this responsibility is recognized by the membership of any local church, the assimilation of new members will be an almost impossible task.

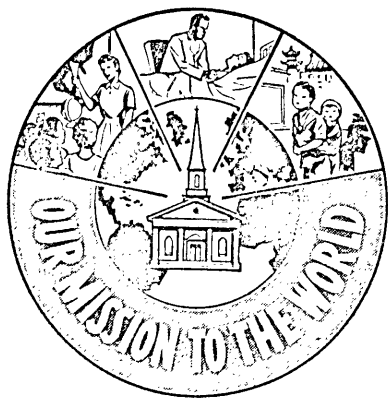
Whatever else it may be, the Church is a fellowship of believers. The degree to which fellowship is an actual reality in any particular local church determines in a large measure

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## The World Of Tomorrow Is Our Responsibility

TODAY America is the only nation in the world with the strength and the will to prevent the subjugation and enslavement of the world of Communism. The rest of the world fears Russia and recognizes that, unaided, it cannot hope to stand in the face of Russian propaganda and military might.

We in America have had world leadership thrust upon us, not only without desiring it but without being able to avoid it, if we hope to continue as a free people. It is commonly believed



now that it was America's short-sighted refusal to accept world responsibility at the close of the First World War which made the Second World War possible, with all of its devastating, demoralizing effects.

It would be a world catastrophe indeed if America, in the present hour, should fail to meet its responsibility. The free world cannot stand apart from the support and the leadership of America. We should realize, also, that the world of tomorrow will not be worth living in, if America and the rest of the free world fall before the threat of communistic dictatorship and surfdom. In order to survive ourselves, we must help the rest of the free world survive.

As the free world looks to America for leadership in the political and material world, it may be said just as truly that the world is dependent on America for leadership in the spiritual world.

Imperfect as it appears at times, the Christian church in America is the most virile, dynamic, spiritual force in the world. It should be a sobering, humbling thought that the world of today and tomorrow depends on us for spiritual leadership.

## Hear Gujarat Missionary

REV. C. H. CONLEY, retired Methodist missionary who with Mrs. Conley served for forty years in the Gujarat Annual Conference, India, is now on a tour of Arkansas Methodism, telling about Methodist missionary work in India. His message is of peculiar interest to Arkansas Methodists who are now supporting through the Advance for Christ program India's Gujarat Conference. It was our privilege to hear Brother Conley's initial address in Arkansas at DeWitt last Sunday and we want to earnestly commend him to your hearing. His message will give you a better understanding of India, its customs, religions, and present conditions. Also Brother Conley is giving a report on how Arkansas Methodism's present support of India's Methodists is being used to further the interest of the Kingdom. His itinerary is being sponsored by the Boards of Missions and Church Extension of the two Arkansas conferences. The dates and places of the meetings in the state are announced on page 13 of this issue.

## Needed--A Moral Advance

FEBRUARY is the month of the birth-date of several famous Americans who by their lives and service to their country and fellowmen have forever enshrined themselves in every American's mind. Of the many things which could be said about these great Americans, Abraham Lincoln for example, they were great not only for the exalted position they held in American life, but also for what they were as men. It is great to hold a position of honored trust and responsibility but is far greater to be of sufficient stature as a person that one is remembered not for where one serves but for what one is. And there is a real difference.

It remains for the historian of some future day to evaluate the moral character and fitness of the leaders in every walk of life in our nation of today, but we would venture a guess that such an evaluation will reveal few moral giants among us. It seems to us that we have fallen into the fallacy of measuring greatness in our day by where a person is rather than by what he is, and again we say there is quite a difference. It happens many times that men of small stature morally can by clever manipulation place themselves in big places. Of course sooner or later these persons show their true colors and are revealed for what they really are, little men in big places. We are not here laying down a sweeping indictment of all leaders for repeatedly it has been shown that good men usually find their

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# Stewardship For All Of Life

By Rev. George Harbuck,  
Pastor, First Methodist Church, Mansfield, Louisiana

Although Prepared For Ministers This  
Article Will Help Any Laymen To See The  
All Inclusiveness Of Stewardship.

*Editor's Note: This article was the basis of an address delivered by Mr. Harbuck to the host and guest ministers of the Arkadelphia District during the U. E. M. According to Mr. Harbuck the outline of the article, in part, was furnished by Dr. G. Ernest Thomas in his "Building New Members Into The Life Of The Church."*

ONCE heard it said that it was not how high a man jumped when he was converted that really mattered, rather how straight he walked when he landed. This is correct. And helping this man to walk straight is primarily the task of the minister.

My opinion is that we can help members walk just a little straighter by re-emphasizing the almost lost chord of spiritual life. We can lead new members into the Stewardship life.

No other emphasis is more important. As we read the gospels we feel that Jesus was vitally concerned. We feel that the early church was so possessed with the spirit of Christ, that to be other than good stewards of their time, talents, and possessions was unthinkable.

But somewhere along the line apostles became theologians. And theologians are preoccupied with theological ideas. And it seemed to the early theologians that arguing about the body of Christ was more important than living the simple Christian life. And thus it has been through the centuries.

But all of this is now past. Church members of every Protestant denomination have gained a new understanding of the nature of the Christian life by the emphasis of stewardship. They have gone beyond the Church Fathers, beyond the Apostles, beyond the Disciples . . . beyond all of these to the source, to the Christ. And there we discover God's Great Steward. He who gave not proportionately (as most Methodists claim to do), nor the tithe (as most Baptists claim to do), nor 50 per cent (as Zacchaeus did), but 100 per cent.

All of this is tremendously important. For if people cannot see themselves in their proper relationship to the Father-God, then church membership will mean little to them. But what is more important is positively stated: When men begin to see themselves as they really are in their relationship to the Father-God, then religion will be a joyous experience.

We will remember the meaning of the word "stewardship." In the secular world of the first century a steward was a man who looked after things that were not his own. A good steward was prepared at any time to give an account of his trust. According to Dr. Thomas, and others, it was out of this secular idea of man as custodian of another's property that the Christian concept of stewardship was developed.

Christian stewardship involves at least three principles. It affirms, first of all, that God is the owner of all of life, including the realm of physical and material things as well as the talents, time, and opportunities which are given to each of us. Now, we believe this. God is the creator and sustainer. Therefore, he has right to ownership.

We ministers should recognize that fact. For we are the chiefest of the stewards. We are stewards of divine truth. To withhold that truth in our preaching or living makes us more accountable than those who do not possess our sacred trust.

The second principle involved is that man is trustee of whatever he has of material and personal blessings. Man simply handles these things for God. He is to administer the affairs of the owner in a sound and just manner.

The third principle affirmed is that every man must give account of that trust. For while God lets us manage our affairs for awhile, soon there must be a day of accounting. "Give an account of thy stewardship, for thou mayest be no longer steward." (Luke 16:2).

It seems to me that the stewardship life is the only natural spiritual life. If men are selfish with their use of God's gifts, they are



foreign to the spirit of Christ.

To illustrate: What if Jesus, God's Great Steward, had been selfish? He would have scorned the cross and there would have been no Easter. Or what if Peter and John had been selfish with their gifts? Then the first miracle of the New Church would never have been performed.

There are certain areas of life in which giving is living. If the earth refused to yield its moisture to plants they would die. And if the Christian refuses to give of his life to the world, he dies also.

Dr. Thomas goes further to point out this fact. There are at least three basic ideas which are fundamental to Christian Stewardship. And while within the scope of this paper it is not possible to fully develop each, you may add to them what you will.

The first idea is that God needs practicing stewards if he is to accomplish his purposes in the world. Our concept of God is that He is all-wise, all-powerful, and all-present. Yet, we have learned another truth. God is often helpless to realize his purposes if men are not faithful to their trust.

Someone has told the story of when Toscanini was directing the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in rehearsals for Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony." He called upon the musicians to play the movement again and again. Each time he severely criticized them for their performance. At last the orchestra played it through to perfection. Toscanini was silent for a minute. Then he said, "Who am I? I am nobody. Who are you? You are nobody. It is Beethoven . . . he is everything!"

Not often enough do we stand in awe at the things God has created. But as Beethoven was the composer of the symphony, so is God the giver of life's good treasures. And as Beethoven needed a Toscanini to bring his masterpiece to life, so God needs faithful men and women in his world who will make his will a reality.

However, the question often arises as to how much God has entrusted to our keeping. Especially is this true as it relates itself to material possessions. But the truth is that God has entrusted all of life to us, and we must surrender all to him.

One important truth we have long overlooked about the stewardship of possessions is this: our stewardship begins, not with the expenditure of money, but with the method in which our money is secured. Obviously there would be little virtue in one giving 90 per cent of his income to the Lord if his wealth has been made possible through the oppression of others or through dishonest dealings with his fellows. In my early ministry I made the mistake of accepting such money, and when our town attempted a local option campaign later, I was reminded that I had accepted a gift from a local tavern owner for my church building. I had assumed

that the money had worked for the devil long enough. It was a bad assumption. For the devil never turns loose such money. The church would do better not to accept such money under any circumstances. Surely we ought ever to ask our members to hold up the means of their income under the searching light of Christ's teaching.

Every Christian ought to face the stewardship of his material blessings. New members coming into our churches should be contacted by a member of the finance committee just as soon as they are received. For when they committed their lives to Jesus Christ, they committed every area of their lives. Let us not worry about making them unhappy because we mention money so quickly. . . they expect to give.

Directly related to the first idea, the need of practicing stewards, is this question of how much one should give to the Lord. There are two practices commonly used. The first is *Proportionate Giving*. This is giving to the church in proportion to other expenditures of your income. Let us urge our people to beware the dangers involved here. For a person to pay \$300 a year to belong to a club, and \$100 a year to the church is not proportionate. For a woman to pay \$25 for a hat and 25c to the church is not proportionate. The second idea held up is *Tithing*. Tithing is sound and it is scriptural. It is the Christian measure of giving. But this warning to the ministry. . . **YOU MUST LEAD YOUR PEOPLE IN TITHING!** And indeed you ought to. (It was suggested by one of the ministers that we let our people know we tithe, and give account of it. I am in hearty agreement. Many of our church members do not even think we give to the church, much less tithe. Their knowledge of the fact we tithe could stir them to greater generosity.)

Every Christian can give. The amount doesn't matter so long as man has made it all right with God. A few years ago I was called upon to raise several thousand dollars for an educational building. I went to a man and asked him for fifty dollars. He said this to me. "I wish I could give you a thousand; I really wish I could give the whole building. But since I can't I'm just not going to give anything." What he couldn't give he would; what he could give he would not.

Every Christian will give. And since the nature of stewardship is inclusive, it also includes time and talents. Surely we would not over-emphasize the giving of gifts to the neglect of giving time and talent. Also the vocation. We need to enlist people to be good stewards of their vocation. All work is sacred. Labor is sacred.

"This is a gospel of labor;  
Ring out ye bells of the Kirk.  
For the Lord of Love came down from above  
To bring us a gospel of work."

Labor is sacred and it needs to be dedicated to God. It is said that once when Phidias, greatest sculptor of all times, was doing a statue to Athene, he was chiseling a single strand of hair with infinite care. Phidias, why do you dally with a single strand of hair?" asked a laborer. "When this statue is raised to the lofty front of the Parthenon, human eye will not see that hair." Then Phidias thundered down upon the man, Silence slave; mortal eyes will not see, but the eyes of the gods will."

No matter how shoddy some of us may be in our vocation, let us remember that the eyes of God are ever on us.

The second principle involved is that God needs practicing stewards if the world is to

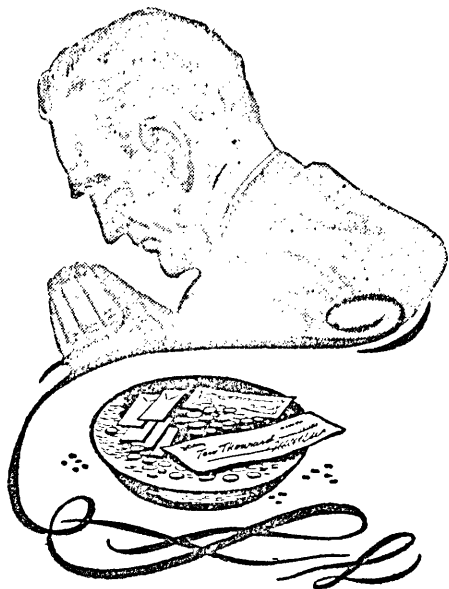
be saved from the inevitable consequences of a materialistic philosophy.

It once seemed unimportant to maintain a close connection between the secular life of the community and the spiritual life of the church. During the 12th and 13th centuries Christians seemed to think it all right to be Christian if it did not interfere with their business practices.

Many Christians of our generation seem to feel much the same way. The most frequent criticism I receive of church members is that some are dishonest in business practices. This is usually exaggerated, but nevertheless a serious problem.

The church must again remind people that Jesus said, "Not all that say unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Surely the will of God includes good stewardship of all with which I have been entrusted.

Then, the third principle affirmed is that church members need the radiance and joy which come only to those who are



Christian stewards.

In my experience in the ministry, those who were the happiest were those who recognized God's ownership, and who were faithful to their trust. Somehow or other, others seem to have missed the whole point of the Christian religion.

Recently at a communion service, as I passed the elements I noticed—side by side—at the communion rail two women. One reached out to receive the bread and wine with a hand that was neat looking, but rather plain. No rings or ornamentations, but steady and sure. The lady by her side reached out with a neatly manicured finger, and on her finger was a diamond ring large enough to choke a good sized bird. And though the temptation to compare those women (contrast would seem the better word) should have been pushed aside, I could not do so. One is quiet and meditative, and efficient in her work at home and at church. The other has a perfect genius for being at the bottom of much of the turmoil we have suffered. One is happy, though ill. The other is unhappy though well. One has made God the center, the other cries "Lord, Lord," and does not the will of her Father in Heaven. One is a practicing steward, the other is a talking steward. One has a diamond ring, the other does not. Now, owning a diamond ring is not a vice, no more than not owning one is a virtue. But the one has found happiness in Christian

stewardship, and the other has sought happiness in things. In your ministry you can parallel this illustration.

Were there not practicing stewards we could have no Centenary College, or Hendrix College, or SMU. These represent the love of those who have been for the most part "faithful in the large things."

But the man who has an overdraft at the bank can be just as happy in his stewardship as can the man who owns the bank. "I am only one. But I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And the thing I can do I must do, and by the Grace of God will do."

Now, may I suggest some of the ways in which you may enlist your church members to the stewardship life.

Practice the stewardship life yourself. I know many ministers who do not tithe. By what authority do they ask their members to tithe? I know some ministers who spend more time around the house with their wife and children than they do in pastoral work. How then can they ask their people to be good stewards of their time? I know some ministers who do not go to their study until Saturday night, evidently believing that a sermon is 100 per cent inspiration. Actually it is about 60 per cent inspiration and 40 per cent perspiration. The minister who does that can hardly ask his people to be good stewards of their talents. **YOUR PEOPLE WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT THE STEWARDSHIP LIFE FROM YOUR EXAMPLE THAN FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.**

#### LIST OF MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Nashville, Tennessee—The Curriculum Committee, of The Methodist Church, at its recent annual meeting released an up-to-date list of approved undated materials for use in the teaching program of Methodist Sunday schools. These are materials prepared by agencies other than the Board of Education. They have been examined and adjudged helpful for giving information, for stimulating discussion, and for opening up new points of view in connection with various aspects of the Christian life. They supplement the dated studies carried in the various publications of the Editorial Division of the Board. Many areas are covered by the listing such as Bible, missions, worship, Jesus, the church, Christian vocations, Protestantism, prayer, Christian beliefs, alcohol education, world peace, and race relations. A copy of the list may be secured free from the Editorial Division, General Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Bishop Paul E. Martil is chairman of the Curriculum Committee.

#### LAYMAN'S DAY

Layman's Day will be observed throughout The Methodist Church on Sunday, Feb. 24, 1952, it has been announced by the General Board of Lay Activities in Chicago. The special resource material for the observance has been written by Dr. James E. Ward, professor of economics at George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Ward is a former conference lay leader in South Carolina and is prominent in laymen's work in Nashville.

Theme for the day's observance is "The Mission of the Church—A Layman's View." Dr. Ward has prepared the material under the direction of the General Board of Lay Activities so that it may be used by one speaker or several speakers at the same service, depending on local custom and preference.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**REV. E. H. HOOK**, superintendent of the Western Methodist Assembly, was the guest speaker at the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, on Sunday, February 3. Rev. Alfred Knox is pastor at West Memphis.

**REV. ROBERT WALKER** of Houston, Texas, was the guest speaker in the Strong Methodist Church during the United Evangelistic Mission services January 20 through January 27.

**MRS. J. A. ADAMS**, member of the Hinton Bible Class, Winfield Church, Little Rock, has a perfect attendance record for six years. Mrs. Adams joined the Hinton Class on February 3, 1946.

**REV. VERNON CHALFANT**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Rogers, was admitted to the Rogers hospital on Saturday, February 2, for treatment. He is reported to be much improved at this time.

**A COMMUNITY CHOIR** has been organized in Prescott by the Prescott Ministerial Alliance with Mrs. Florence Ambrose director and Mrs. Lera Johnson accompanist. The choir will present a cantata on April 6.

**REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF**, pastor Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, will be an instructor in the Ruston (La.) District Training School February 25-29. He will teach the course for Youth Division leaders.

**CENTRAL CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE**, Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor, honored its new members with a reception on Wednesday evening, February 13 in Wesley Hall. The new members were introduced to the general program of the church.

**MARRIED** on February 3 at the Methodist parsonage in Sherrill were Mrs. Betty M. Slocum of Crossett and George W. B. Dunlap of Santa Barbara, California, with Rev. H. A. F. Ault performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap will make their home in Pine Bluff.

**REV. KENNETH SHAMBLIN**, pastor of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, has installed the following newly elected officers of the Senior High Department: Barbara Lewis, president; Bill Cooper, vice-president; Emily Millwee, secretary and Tommy McKinnon, treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Moore are consolors.

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCH CONVOCAION** of the North Arkansas Conference will be held at Tilton on the Weiner Charge in the Jonesboro District on Thursday, April 3, according to announcement by Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, executive secretary of The Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference. The program will be announced later.

**MRS. LOUISE EGGLESTON**, of Norfolk, Virginia, a national religious leader, lecturer and writer, addressed the Bethell Class of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday morning at 9:30, January 27. Mrs. Eggleston is also the author of three booklets, "Christ Heals Today", "My Prayer Experience" and "Answered Prayer."

**REV. ROY I. BAGLEY**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, is doing

the preaching in a series of services in the Methodist Church in Harrisburg. The meeting began on Wednesday night, February 13, and will continue through Sunday night, February 24. Rev. John W. Glover, pastor of the First Methodist Church, McCrory, is directing the singing.

**THE SMACKOVER METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. Archie C. Carraway, pastor, made its annual Christmas offering to the Methodist Children's Home, Little Rock, in the form of a special memorial offering in memory of Rev. William L. Arnold. The offering amounted to \$715.00. Brother Arnold had served two pastorates in Smackover and had a most fruitful ministry there.

**ATTENDING Ministers' Week** at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, February 4-7, from the Monticello District were: Rev. George Kerr of Star City; Rev. L. W. Averitt of Fordyce; Rev. Roland Darrow of Monticello; Rev. O. I. Daniel of Tillar; Rev. W. T. Bone of Watson; Rev. Fred Schwendimann of Lake Village; Rev. Everett Patton of Eudora; Rev. C. D. Cade of Wilmot and Rev. Clem Baker of Portland.

**THE** members of the W. S. C. S. of the Wabbaseka Methodist Church, with the help of some of the men of the church and other friends, have recently purchased tables and folding chairs to be used in the basement of the church upon occasions such as serving the Men's Fellowship dinner, where attendance reaches 80 people. They have also purchased blinds for the windows and a Butane range for the church kitchen. Soon a shower will be given the church kitchen when members will contribute articles needed there.

**T. P. UMSTED**, age 82, son of the late Rev. M. B. Umsted, organizer of the First Methodist Church, Newport, passed away on Tuesday morning, January 29 at his home in Newport. He was a member of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church and sang in the choir for many years. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School for twenty-five years. He is survived by three sons, a brother and a granddaughter. Funeral services were held on Thursday at the First Methodist Church by Rev. Guy C. Ames.

**MISS ANNIE RUTH BALL** of Indianapolis, Ind., has been visiting her father, H. L. Ball, at McCrory. Miss Ball has for the past four years been teaching Bible to school children under the week-day religious education program, an interdenominational project sponsored by Protestant churches. She teaches twenty-five fourth and fifth grade classes from seven schools once a week. The children are not taught in the school, but the teacher walks with them from the school to the nearest church. Parents sign a request card for their child to attend the class. Miss Ball is a graduate of McCrory High School, Arkansas State College, Jonesboro and she has a Master's degree in religious education from Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

**REV. R. E. SIMPSON** of Hot Springs writes as follows from "Merrybrook", Wells, Vermont: "I was invited last April to assist in directing the program in 'Prayer Research and Spiritual Therapy' at this interdenominational institution, expecting to return to

Arkansas in September. However, at that time I was offered the job as director and will be here indefinitely. The work is unique and outstanding, offering physical, mental and spiritual renewing through prayer experience and spiritual therapy. Also, a program of training Christian workers in this field is carried on. In this phase of the work we have had ministers from various denominations, teachers and other professional people who come to study and participate. Last summer we had guests from London, England; Hamburg, Germany; Canada and all sections of the U. S. A. This summer we are endeavoring to double our capacity."

**BISHOP MARTIN** announced February 7 that effective February 15 the following changes will be made: Dr. Homer Vanderpool, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, since June, 1950, will become pastor of the First Methodist Church, Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Warren Johnston, pastor since June, 1942, of the First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, will succeed Dr. Vanderpool at Baton Rouge. Dr. Gaston Foote will succeed Dr. Johnston at Ft. Worth, coming from the Dayton, Ohio, pastorate. Dr. Vanderpool had served formerly in the North Texas Conference. Dr. Johnston has served pastorates in the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences, leaving the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, for the Fort Worth appointment. Dr. Foote has served in Texas, at the Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, and the First Methodist Church, Montgomery, Ala., before going to Dayton.

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ure the effectiveness of that local church in influencing the personal lives of those constituting its membership. The pastor may devise any number of ways to interest new members in a life of active participation in the fellowship but until the experience of being wanted by those already in the church is felt his efforts will likely avail little. Through a friendly attitude, a word of welcome, a genuine concern, a sharing of interest, an appreciative spirit, through these and a host of other ways new members can be made to feel they are a part of the fellowship of believers.

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A check of the inactive rolls of the average Methodist Church will reveal an astounding number of names in this classification. The trend during recent years has definitely been toward larger and larger numbers of "inactives". Methodism for the sake of its own future ought to stop this particular trend. We have often wondered if the large number of "inactive" Methodists became such because they were not made to feel at home in the church of their choice. You can help assimilate the new members in your church.

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places in the scheme of things. However, the rash of investigations which have spotlighted the nation's attention now for some time is indicative of the worsening situation in our land.

As we see it the whole problem raised here is basically spiritual—as most problems ultimately are. The trouble lies with the spiritual temper of the times which make, allows or tolerates such a situation. Little men, knowing today's prevailing spiritual

temperature, cater to the whims and fancies of the times and thus are advanced to the head table.

The Church has a real job cut out for itself. Church leaders are beginning to see that if the Church is to serve our age it must gird its loins for the task of setting the moral and spiritual tone among the people. The Church must not simply reccho the cry of those outside the church who call for a moral advance. The Church must lead the way, pioneering in the spirit of the Christ who was every inch a Man and Who is remembered not for where He served but for what He was.



# Area Methodist Circulation Campaign



## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT NO. 2

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<b>ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1311**			
Arkadelphia, First, J. B. Hefley	1		108**
Friendship Ct., V. C. Holiman	1		18
Malvern Churches:			
1st Ch., Van W. Harrell	1		127
Keith Memorial, W. S. Cazort	1		36*2
Traskwood Ct., A. E. Jacob	3	8	46**
<b>CAMDEN DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 2065**			
Bradley, O. W. Hoover	1	8	36**
Buckner Ct., Myron C. Pearce	7	44	51**
Camden, Fairview, Alfred DeBlack	1	1	77**
Chidester Ct., Rayford F. Diffie	1		41
Dumas Memorial, Ralph S. Mann	1		52*2
El Dorado, Vantage			
J. D. Montgomery	2		93
Louann Ct., Geo. C. Bailey	1		37**
Magnolia, Jackson St.,			
David C. Hankins	1		105*2
Parker's Chapel, Robert W. Core	4	43	47
Smackover, A. C. Carraway	12	3	92**
<b>HOPE DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1599**			
Hope, Virgil D. Keeley			318*3
Mena, J. E. Dunlap	2		92**
Texarkana Ct., Virgil Bell	5		30...
<b>LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 2085			
Carlisle Ct., Ralph Vandlandig	9	14	23
ham			
Des Arc, A. C. Rogers	1	1	38**
Little Rock Churches:			
1st Ch., Aubrey G. Walton	1		223
Highland, R. F. Sorrells	1	14	75
Pulaski Heights, Kenneth			
Shamblin	2		116
Scott St., J. E. Cooper	1		63
TwentyEighth St., Clyde Parsons	1		33
Winfield, Cecil R. Culver	1		169
Mt. View, Joe R. Phillips	7	7	14*2
Primrose, H. D. Ginther	2	1	38**
Salem-Mt. Carmel, Kenneth Goode	1		25**
<b>MONTICELLO DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1333**			
Dumas, R. A. Teeter	2		68**
Hamburg, M. W. Miller	2		75**
Wilmar Ct., L. C. Gatlin	12	46	58**
<b>PINE BLUFF DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1185			
England, John L. Hoover	4		86*2
Grady-Gould, L. Gray Wilson	2		90*2
Humphrey-Sunshine, Claude Stone	5	16	21**
Pine Bluff, Carr Memorial			
C. H. Geissen	13	46	59
<b>BATESVILLE DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 932			
Salem, Maurice Lanier	3		40**
Swift-Alicia, J. E. Linam	1		45**
Weldon-Tupelo, W. L. Dillon	1		2
<b>CONWAY DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1484**			
Morrilton First Ch., H. J.			
Couchman	4	125	
North Little Rock Churches:			
Gardner Mem., Irl Eridenthal	4		107
Washington Ave., I. L. Claud	3		89**
Beacon Methodist, W. B. Holman	4		3
Ola, Kenneth Hatfield	2		18
Pope County Ct., Thomas Kinslow	1		22**
<b>FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1311**			
Pea Ridge-Brightwater,			
Geo. J. Klee	1		31

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Present Total
Springdale, H. M. Lewis		1	123**
Springtown-Highfill, Bobby			
S. Edwards	2	10	12
Viney Grove, Wm. D. Gray		2	8
<b>FORREST CITY DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1623**			
Colt Ct., L. L. Langston	4	2	35
Crawfordsville, J. W. Glass	1	3	39**
Helena, E. J. Hollifield		1	123**
Vandale, J. H. Richardson		1	55**
<b>FORT SMITH DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1788**			
Altus Ct., R. B. Sparks		7	7
Charleston, O. D. Peters	1	1	57**
Ft. Smith 1st Ch., Fred G.			
Roebuck	1	1	261
Lavaca, W. B. Johnson		13	25*
Waldron Ct., J. W. Sandage		2	19
<b>JONESBORO DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1586**			
Blytheville Churches:			
Lake St., Geo. L. McGhehey	1		33*2
West Side Parish, B. W.			
Stallcup	1	2	34**
Monette, G. A. McKelvey		1	36**
Nettleton-Bay, Clyde Crozier	1		59**
<b>PARAGOULD DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1171**			
Boydsville Ct.		1	20
French Grove-Harvey Chapel,			
Elbert Marlar	2		14
Marmaduke, Miss Fern Cook	1		40*2
Maynard-Ravenden Springs,			
Alvin Gibbs	1	5	38**
Rector, Fourth St., H. M. Sanford		1	27
St. Frances-Wright's Chapel,			
John Wilson	5		36**
<b>SEARCY DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1166**			
Augusta, H. Lynn Wade		9	70**
Bald Knob-Pharis J. Hollifield	2		68**
DeView Ct.		2	15
<b>ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1082**			
Ball, H. D. Fisher		1	21**
Colfax, R. E. Walton		1	17
Natchitoches, B. A. Galloway	1		108**
<b>BATON ROUGE DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1015			
Bethel, Van Carter		9	
St. Helena, J. N. Lambert	3		20
<b>LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 625			
Gueydan, D. B. Eoddie	1		32**
Jeanerette, A. M. Martin	8	2	10
Lake Charles: 1st Ch. Carl F.			
Lueg	1		75
<b>MONROE DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1701**			
Claiborne, F. L. Hearne	4		25
Collinston, David B. Herrell		7	
Gilbert, Arby W. Coody	1	1	34
Mangham, Lael Shama Jones	1		61**
Pioneer, Howard Hudson Jr.	1		49**
<b>NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 705			
Covington, Robert C. Carter	1		41
New Orleans Churches:			
First Ch., Nathaniel H. Melbert	12		69
Rayne Memorial, B. C. Taylor	2		42
Second Ch., T. O. Carlstrom	1		14
<b>RUSTON DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1426			
Dubach, H. Preston Holley	5	2	27
Heflin-Brushwood, B. P. Durbin	6		6
Ruston, Trinity, R. R. Branton	1		122
Sibley, L. M. Sawyer	1		23

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Present Total
<b>SHREVEPORT DISTRICT</b>			
Present District Total 1485			
Mooringsport, Kenneth G.			
Roric	1		31**
Shreveport Churches:			
Broadmoor, Leonard Cooke	1		66
Cedar Grove, R. Mack Bentley	2		139
Noel Memorial, John J. Ras-			
mussen	2		204
Vivian, Dr. F. M. Freeman	19		22
Zwolle, A. D. St. Amant, Jr.	1	3	37
<b>METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME</b>			
REPORT			
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Church	ing Annual	Fund Build-	ing For Educa-
Ash Flat			
Bear Creek			
Corinth	5.00		
Evening Shade	15.68		
Liberty Hill	3.25		
Powell's Chapel			23.93
Melbourne Ct.:			
Forest Chapel			
Franklin			
Guion			
Melbourne	5.00		
Newberg			
New Hope	5.00		
Oxford	11.00		
Philadelphia			
Wiseman	12.00		33.00
Moorefield-Asbury:			
Moorefield	21.55		
Asbury	11.50		33.05
Mountain Home Parish:			
Galatin	2.00		
Mountain Home	32.50		
Arkana			
Fairview	10.00		
Gassville	8.35		
Midway	10.00		
Norfolk	9.00		
Salesville	14.00		
Wesley's Chapel			85.85
Mountain View	22.20		22.20
St. James			
Newark	29.00		29.00
Newport, First	300.00	40.00	340.00
Newport, Umsted	20.00		20.00
Pleasant Plains Ct.:			
Cedar Grove	9.00		
Cornerstone	13.33		
Oak Grove			
Pleasant Plains	7.05		29.38
Salem	47.60	25.00	
Camp	5.50	1.00	
Mt. Pleasant			79.10
Swift-Alicia			
Alicia	15.00		
Strangers			
Home	15.00		
Swifton			30.00
Tuckerman			
Hope			
Viola Ct.			
Bexon			
Hebron			
Mt. Calm			
Corinth			
Viola	6.25		
Wild Cherry			6.25
Weldon-Tupelo			
Tupelo	3.76		
Weldon	52.00		55.76
Yellville Parish			
Yellville	21.00		
Bull Shoals			
Cedar Grove			
Pleasant Ridge			
Summit			21.00
Sulphur Rock			
Oil Trough			
<b>TOTAL FOR DISTRICT</b>			
(\$1432.77)			
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# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The sins of the flesh are bad—such is Jesus' typical attitude—but the sins of the spirit are worse: harsh legalism, contemptuous condemnation without trying to understand its victim, concentration on the law's letter with no care for the personality involved and for what may yet by God's grace be done in her, pride without pity, judgment without mercy. . . .

Jesus sought out sinners, took the initiative himself, practiced a positive, outreaching, sacrificial saviorhood. . . .

As religious and moral outcasts saw Jesus, he was their friend, but he was far from being an easy friend to deal with. . . .

Law's business is to define sin and announce penalties, but the whole area beyond law's function—the saving of men—Jesus made peculiarly his own. . . .

Jesus stood for the highest ideal of the family ever presented to mankind. . . .

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

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need to let God talk to us so that we may recognize what He would have us to do. Prayer is a serious thing. We pray for strength and we find the exercise of our souls that will help us to become strong in spirit.

God is already working in each community, each state, and each nation. His power and His leadership is accessible to each one of us. We must join hands with Him to accomplish His work. He is ready, we are able, and God and man together brings the daylight.

Oftimes the deepest results of our work are not seen immediately. But when we have given our best we are assured by God Himself that the harvest will come. The deepest happiness comes from striving to live as God would have us. God wants the daylight to come, He is bringing the daylight and He must bring it through the life of each humble Christian. So when we pray with the Psalmist:

*"Wilt thou not revive us again,  
That thy people may rejoice in thee?"*

we are really asking that God work through us. He is ready, He is willing; are we willing and ready that He may bring the daylight in our hearts that our lives may light those who are about us?—R. I. B.

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## A HYMN FOR THE NEW AGE

*O master of the modern day,  
Our hearts are kindled as we know  
Thou walkest still along life's way  
As in the ages long ago!  
And by the magic of Thy will  
New worlds Thou art creating still.*

*We thank Thee that the truth moves on  
With wireless wave and healing ray;  
That yester's noon was but the dawn  
Of brighter glories in our day.  
And now by faith in holy dream  
We glimpse tomorrow's grander gleam.*

*Enlarge our minds to grasp Thy thought,  
Enlarge our hearts to work Thy plan,  
Assured Thy purpose faileth not  
To put Thy spirit into man!  
God of the present age and hour,  
Thrill us anew with holy power!*

—William Steward Gordon

## "GOD IS BRINGING THE DAYLIGHT"

TEXT: *Wilt thou not revive us again. That thy people may rejoice in thee? (Psalms 85:6)*

A FAMILY had left home on a trip before daylight. The little five-year-old girl had been put on the back seat of the car and was thought to be sound asleep. By and by she stood up and looked out of the car and said, "Look, Daddy, God is bringing the daylight." Somehow men of deep conviction feel that even in the midst of so many disturbing events that God is bringing the daylight. We ought to caution ourselves that it is just a beginning and not an inevitable blessing.

In Arkansas and Louisiana we have just closed a great evangelistic mission which added many new people to the rolls of our churches and re-established some who were inactive. We must not, however, take this to feel that our Christian mission is done. All of these who have made a commitment, either for the first time or for transfer of certificate of membership, must be made to know that there is a wonderful adventure in store for them if they will but seek day by day to know more about Jesus Christ and His Church. For each one who worked so earnestly in this mission, both laymen and ministers, we must never feel that the task is accomplished. The prayer of the Psalmist must be our prayer:

*"Wilt thou not revive us again,  
That thy people may rejoice in thee?"*

The Psalmist realized that something was wrong in his day.

He was deeply disturbed and felt that something must be done. His religion was lifeless. Distrust and infidelity seemed to be the rule and not the exception. The foundations were tottering and he was fearful. He raises this question with God, and yet; as he raises this question he is painfully conscious that the answer in a great measure must be his own.

We ask that same question, how can we go about re-discovering the spiritual foundation that life may be rich and meaningful? The first suggestion may seem trite on the first thought, but in it lies the foundation upon which we can build our answer. We must realize that God is ready. He has been more concerned about bringing the daylight than any one of us. God has been wrestling with the conscience of this world from the time that Cain murdered his brother Abel. God always beckons His children to "walk in the light."

I heard a man say over the radio the other day, "When God is ready, He will restore the world." What a shallow conception of God that is! God is always ready. He stands with arms wide open to welcome the penitent. He yearns to guide His children along the way of righteousness. We must realize that we are not dealing with a reluctant God, but One who is yearning to bring the daylight.

Then God is bringing the daylight only as we ourselves let Him enlighten our own spirits. We must confess that we are a

part of the destructive forces that have eaten at the foundations of our lives. It is mighty easy to accuse someone else for the destructive forces of our day. We use many "isms" to save our own conscience when really no man-made doctrine will stand in the white light of God's eternal truths.

Our destructive forces are seen in our attitude toward the church. If by our action people do not see the importance of the church it is unlikely that they will feel compelled to heed the Gospel that it brings.

Then destructive forces are found in the basic attitude that each person takes toward the fundamental things of life. It is not in Communism or in any other kind of "isms" that the forces which will destroy our way of life will be found. We ourselves will either let it decay or make it live in our own hearts. The man on Main Street USA who is shady in his business dealings is in no position to criticize the scandal from a national level. He has driven his spear into the heart of truth and honesty. The man who stoops to dishonest practices in politics anywhere from a precinct level to a national level has nothing to say concerning crookedness in high places. The working man who fails to give an honest day's work has no recourse for dishonesty in management. The minister who shirks his responsibilities is also a fertile ground for destructive forces.

The termites of destruction work through our lives and the sooner we confess our shortcomings the nearer we are to seeing daylight. Blind, ignorant, and egotistical is the man who fails to see the shortcomings in his own life. In the honesty of our souls as we come making confession then our problems start dissolving because all too frequently we are the problem.

There is another side to this and that is if destructive forces work through the carelessness of our lives the opposite is true. Constructive forces will also work through our lives. Each person, no matter how humble he may be, has a tremendous part to play in letting God bring daylight through his life. We must know that God can and will work through our lives in achieving His will on the earth.

Finally, the obvious stands to prompt us that we need to get together with God and the answer is ours. We need to get together with God in prayer. Prayer is conversation with Him and it isn't a one-sided conversation. We

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

## CURRENT RELIGIOUS NEWS BRIEFS

Selected From Religious News Service

### 21 Catholic Bishops In Chinese Prisons

Twenty-one bishops are among 188 Roman Catholic missionaries now in Chinese Communist prisons, according to reports received at the Vatican. The others imprisoned include 143 priests, 21 nuns and three lay brothers. The latest Vatican information states that 1,374 Catholic missionaries were expelled from Communist China during 1951. Of this number, 583 were priests, 60 lay brothers and 731 nuns. Altogether, more than 2,000 Catholic missionaries have been expelled from China since the beginning of the Communist regime, the report disclosed. There are 1,764 missionaries still in China, but many are not permitted to leave their residences.

### Hits Communist Demand For Sunday Work

Communist demands that the people of East Berlin volunteer to work Sunday mornings at clearing rubble from the streets were denounced by Bishop Otto Dibelius, head of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID). Preaching a sermon in an East Berlin church, Dr. Dibelius asked: "What is the use of a rebuilt city if men suffer damage to their souls in the doing?" A campaign sponsored by the Socialist Unity Party (Communist) is seeking to enroll 50,000 volunteers in an afterworking-hours rubble clearance project—principally on Sunday mornings. Bishop Dibelius denied the Communist contention that Berlin could not be reconstructed without the Sunday morning labors of thousands of volunteer workers.

### Church Construction Shows Increase

A modest increase in the amount of scarce materials available for church construction projects resulted in more church building for the first month of 1952. Church building starts totaled \$31,000,000 during January, the joint report of the departments of commerce and labor estimated. This was 17 per cent less than the \$377,000,000 worth of construction undertaken in January a year ago, but was 35 per cent greater than the \$23,000,000 worth of church building started in December.

### Religious Groups Ask Ban On Radio, TV Liquor Ads

Strong support for federal legislation to ban liquor advertising from radio and television was expressed by religious groups at a two-day hearing conducted by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. Legislation to ban liquor ads on the air waves has been in-

troduced by Senators Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.) and Francis Case (R., S. D.). Although only a few radio stations now carry advertising for alcoholic beverages other than beer, religious leaders warned that there is a definite trend toward removal of this inhibition. They urged that Congress act without delay before large-scale commercial advertising of hard liquor is begun on the television networks. Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker of the Methodist Board of Temperance, leading off the presentation for religious groups, told the committee, "the sole issue is whether liquor advertising is good for the people of this land, especially our young people."

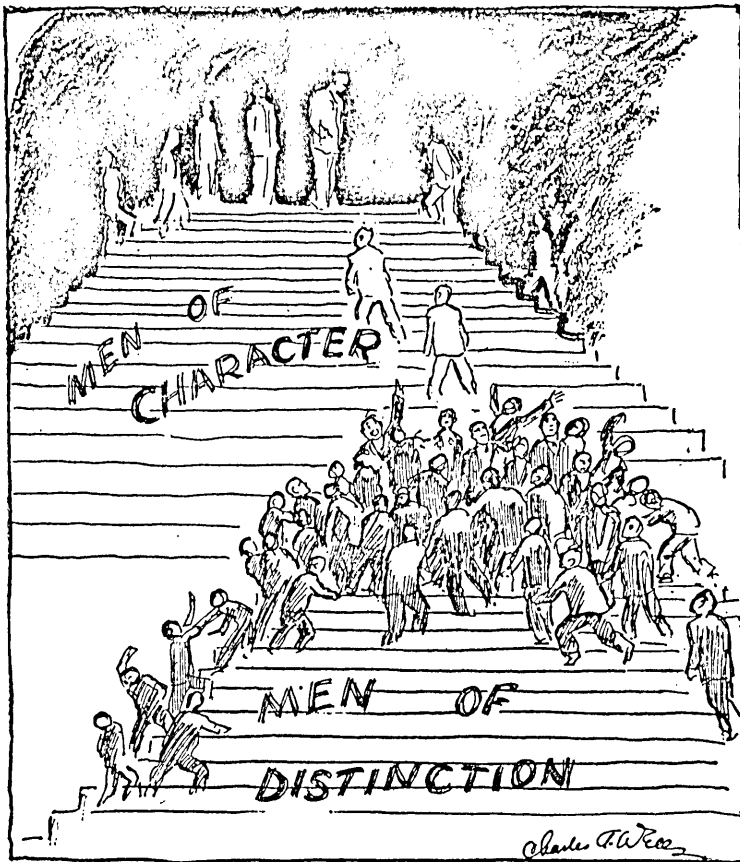
### Oxnam Assails Self- Appointed 'Vigilantes'

A new breed of self-appointed un-American "vigilantes" who "lynch by label," threaten freedoms in this country, Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York told the annual Ohio Pastors Convention fellowship dinner at Columbus, O. Bishop Oxnam charged that the "vermillion-vigilantes" play the Communist game of setting Americans against Americans, "of creating distrust and division, and of turning us from the problems that must be solved in order to become inpregnable." "These vigilantes," he added, "produce hysteria, prepare sucker lists and live upon the generous contributions of the fearful. They exploit the uninformed patriot. They profiteer in patriotism."

### Asks End of 'Iron Curtain' Between Protestants, Catholics

A university professor said in Minneapolis, Minn., that the time has come to do away with the religious "iron curtain" that separates Roman Catholics and Protestants and to begin reconciling the two Christian groups. Dr. Marcus Bach, professor of religion at the University of Iowa, made the statement to a session of the Minnesota Pastors Conference. "If the leaders won't do it, it will be done by the people at the grass roots," he said. "Protestantism and Catholicism are not parallel lines which meet only in infinity. They are converging lines." He insisted that "Protestantism is becoming more Catholic" and "Catholicism is becoming more Protestant." "I mean by this," he explained, "that there are evidences that the Protestant faith is becoming more priestly and the Catholic faith is becoming more prophetic. People of varying religious points of view are beginning to understand their differences and that is the beginning of understanding."

## DISTINCTION WITHOUT CHARACTER



Everybody wants to be "somebody", get a bigger car, bigger house, belong to the right social set or club. We have put the accent on "distinction"—and forgotten character. Little men—who have neglected character—have scrambled and pushed their way into places of responsibility and importance, then have failed miserably because they achieved distinction without character. This is not only true in government circles. In the next ten years, as the big boom ends, we may see many business failures because management built an impressive profit structure and forgot integrity. When survival becomes the issue, integrity and character are deciding factors for men or institutions. There can be no real distinction without character, and character is the fruit of spiritual growth. In this month of birthdays of famous men, consider the fact that it was character, and character alone, that lifted them above the generations.

### Church Golden Youth Club Makes Odsters Happy

Old age is the ticket to a good time at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Toledo, Ohio. Men and women of several Protestant denominations are finding fun and fellowship along the sunset path at the church-sponsored Golden Youth Club. All of them are on the far side of 55 and a number are hovering around 90. "These old folks sure get enthusiastic about the club," said Gerry Moeller, who is in charge of the project. Miss Moeller also is church secretary and director of the church's downtown parish. She said that the Tuesday afternoon meetings are about the only social outlets for most of the members. Rain or shine, they come. Attendance varies from 35 to about 60. Activities include indoor games, such as checkers and dominoes, and the more popular pastime — chatting. Each week a travelogue film is shown. Refreshments climax the weekly get-togethers. About once each

six weeks the group gathers at noon for a potluck lunch.

### Christian Youth Body Opposes UMT

Opposition of the United Christian Youth Movement to universal military training was expressed in Washington, D. C., by Donald W. Shriver, Jr., its national chairman. Speaking on behalf of the organization with which the youth groups of 38 Protestant denominations are affiliated, Mr. Shriver told the House Armed Services Committee that Christian youth groups fear the long-range effects of such military training in peacetime. "The integrity and dignity of the individual is violated by the authoritarian system necessary to military efficiency," he testified. "Unquestioning obedience will not produce the type of self-reliant, responsible individuals who are the very backbone of a democracy."

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE NOTES

By Bentley Sloane  
**Alexandria District Plans Schools**

The district superintendent of the Alexandria District, Rev. Jolly B. Harper, has worked out a series of leadership schools throughout the district and including two larger parishes. The schedule for the schools in the various areas is as follows:

1. Marksville—February 26, 27, 28—3 courses.
2. Glenmora-Oakdale—March 3, 4, 5—3 courses.
3. Tullos-Jena—March 10, 11, 12—3 courses.
4. Greater Parish (Grant Parish -Pollock, Colfax, Ball, etc.) March 10, 11, 12—3 courses.
5. Natchitoches—March 17, 18, 19—3 courses.

### Camp Leaders Meet February 25

The 1952 Camp Leaders for Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will meet at First Church, Alexandria, Monday, February 25, for a one-day session to study new materials. Leaders and materials for each of the age groups will be provided.

Mrs. Grace Cayard, Rev. Bentley Sloane, and Miss Bettie Rae Fox will direct the meeting.

### Follow Up Evangelistic Mission

The Evangelistic Mission in Louisiana in December brought in 2,157 new members on profession of faith and 2,648 by transfer of letter, a total of 4,805. The offerings for this campaign in the Louisiana churches totaled \$25,476.65.

In addition to the remarkable statistical results, the Mission brought many blessings to the churches and a new spirit of fellowship among preachers and laymen.

The church school is a vital part of this effort. Many commitments must be followed up before actual church membership is consummated. The new members should be brought into church school classes if not already members. Here is a suggested plan:

1. The entire list of new members should be divided into age groups and given to workers in the various departments for visitation.
2. A survey should be made to discover what small children are in the families. These small children would not be on the original prospect list. They should be given to workers in the children's division.
3. A Church Fellowship Meeting should be given for all new members.
4. Each new member should be

## S. M. U. INSTRUCTORS IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

THE Little Rock Conference is fortunate in securing the leadership of a number of the instructors from Perkins School of Theology for a series of studies during the months of February and March.

Under the direction of Dr. W. E. Brown, Superintendent of the Monticello District and the pastors of the respective zone areas, Dr. J. H. Hicks will offer the course "The Old Testament in the Life of Today" at Lake Village February 17-19, and at McGehee February 20-22.

The following week Dr. Wesley C. Davis will be in another Zone of the Monticello District, at Fordyce, for a Bible study for the

participating churches of this area. The date is February 24-26. From Fordyce Dr. Davis goes to Prescott, for a similar study, February 27-29.

Dr. W. W. Sweet will lead a study for the Hot Springs churches on "The Meaning of Methodism," the week of March 9th.

Dr. J. T. Carlyon has been secured for a New Testament study, at First Church El Dorado, sometime during the winter or spring months.

We are fortunate in securing such outstanding leaders for this series of studies. We feel that the participating churches will be greatly benefited by their coming.—Roy E. Fawcett

## 1952 MEETING OF SHREVEPORT-RUSTON CAMP DIRECTORS

On January 8, the directors of the Shreveport and Ruston District camps met in Minden to plan the summer schedule for

given some helpful material such as

"The Methodist Membership Kit"

"The Beliefs of a Methodist Christian" by Cherry

"Self Help for New Members" by Ragsdale

(Order from 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.)

5. Organize a study class for new members (Wednesday nights or as part of the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship).

Holley, Box 23, Dubach.

June 23-28—Ruston District Intermediate Camp, Rev. Harvey Williamson, Minden.

June 30-July 5—Shreveport District Junior Camp, Mrs. Motet, Shreveport.

July 7-12—Shreveport District Intermediate Camp, Rev. A. D. St. Amant, Zwolle.

July 14-19—Ruston District Junior Camp, Rev. O. L. Lynch, Jonesboro.

July 21-26—Ruston District Senior Camp, Rev. Douglas McGuire, Ruston.

July 28-August 2—Shreveport-Ruston Junior Camp, Rev. Garland Dean, 4104 Linwood Ave., Shreveport, La.

August 4-8—Shreveport Intermediate Camp, Rev. J. B. Grambling, 2603 Merwin St., Shreveport, La.

August 11—Conference Staffs, for children's workers.

The fee adopted for all camps was \$12.50 plus 50c for health insurance.

Caney Lake. Those present were: Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Shreveport District Superintendent; Rev. Geo. W. Pomeroy, Ruston District Superintendent; Rev. Ira W. Flowers, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Shreveport-Ruston Methodist Camp; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hudson, caretakers for the camp; Rev. A. D. St. Amant, Rev. J. B. Grambling, Rev. Garland Dean, Rev. George Harbuck, Mrs. Motet, Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Lynch, Rev. Harvey Williamson, Rev. Preston Holley, Rev. Douglas McGuire, Miss Mary Searles, Rev. Bentley Sloane.

The following schedule for 1952 summer camps was adopted:

June 4-6—Older Adult Camp for Shreveport, Ruston, and Monroe Districts.

June 9-14—Shreveport District Senior Camp, Rev. George Harbuck, Box 812, Mansfield.

June 16-21—Ruston District Intermediate Camp, Rev. Preston

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Dr. Stowe In Conference Youth Rally

Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, has been secured for our North Arkansas Conference Youth Rally, to be held in Hendrix College Auditorium, Friday night, May 2.

It has been two years since we have had a Conference-wide Youth Rally. We are expecting this to be a great gathering of Methodist Youth from over North Arkansas Conference.

Local churches should begin now to plan to have a good delegation in this rally.

The program is to begin at 7 p. m. and close about 9 p. m.

### Blytheville Training School

A four unit Second Series training school has been worked out for the Blytheville Area, February 25-29. Miss Sue Osment, Director of Youth Work and an Educational Assistant in the Blytheville, First Church, is to be Dean of the school.

The following units are to be offered in the school:

Preparing for Marriage, Rev. Lee Cate.

The Meaning of Methodism, Rev. Roy I. Bagley.

Old Testament: Content and Value, Rev. Ralph Hillis.

The Book of Acts, Ira A. Brumley.

St. Luke's Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, is having a First Series Training School on Christian Beliefs, taught by Mrs. D. G. Hindman.

Central Ave., Batesville is to have in the near future a First Series Training School, using the course on Making Homes Christian, taught by the pastor, Rev. David Conyers.

### North Arkansas Conference Ministers in S. M. U. Minister's Week

The North Arkansas Conference had the largest delegation attending the Southern Methodist University Minister's Week, Feb. 4-7, our Conference has ever had. We are listing below the names of the ministers we learned were there. There were a number of the ministers' wives attending. The Fayetteville District had the largest district delegation, followed by Conway District. The following attended part or all of the program: W. F. Cooley, Arnold Simpson, H. M. Lewis, James W. Workman, Jr., Frank Shell, Robert Ritter, Edwin B. Dodson, O. R. Findley, S. O. Patty, T. R. Whiddon, Allen D. Stewart, O. L. Cole, J. Kermit Van Zant, James F. Weatherford, O. Wendell Barbaree, A. N. Storey, Ethan Dodgen, Alfred A. Knox, Harold D. Womack, Charles McDonald, Paul M. Bumpers, John McCormack, Elmus C. Brown, E. B. Williams, Coy Whitten, Ralph Hillis, C. M. Reves, William Watson, Raymond Dorman, William Wilder, Joel Cooper, Fred Mooring, Maurice Week, James Shelton, Ray McLester, James S. Upton, W. Henry Goodloe, J. J. Clark, Vann Hooker, Charles Wyatt, Robert Paul Sessions, Elmo Thomason, Martin A. Bierbaum, William Walker, Frank Jones, Brady Cook, Fred G. Roebuck, O. D. Peters, Ira A. Brumley. There may have been others whom we failed to list.

ARKANSAS METHODIST



# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Mt. Zion Woman's Society, Montgomery, La., observed its 22nd anniversary as a woman's group, first having been a Ladies Aid, then Woman's Missionary Society, January 29. Several of the charter members were present. The World Day of Prayer will be observed February 29 in an all day meeting under the leadership of Mrs. C. J. T. Cotton.

Zone No. 1 of the Alexandria District will meet on Thursday, February 28 at 10 a.m. in the Many Methodist Church. Mrs. E. L. Richardson, Many Zone Chairman, will preside during the first session of 1952. Mrs. Burton Weaver, Sr., Flora, will serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Churches in this Zone include: Natchitoches, Oak Grove, Jena, Tullos, Uraniz, Winnfield, Trout, Many and Weaver. Many Society assisted by Guild members will serve coffee during Registration from 9:30 to 10:00.

The Woman's Society of the First Methodist Church, New Orleans, presented their monthly program "Workers Together With God" by presenting members of the society who took the part of missionaries from Louisiana who are serving around the world. After the worship services, led by Mrs. George Hudson, Mrs. Sam Dunbar gave the background of each missionary before she was presented. Mrs. L. F. Warner represented Miss Anna Givens, Japan; Mrs. Wm. Shaw represented Miss Alexa McCain, at Isabella Thoburn College, India; and Mrs. Allen Porter represented Miss Elma Ashby, R. N., South Rhodesia, Africa. Each lady wore the costume of the country in which the missionary is serving, and used for script material sent by these missionaries for the program, telling of their work and sending greetings to their friends in Louisiana.

Wesleyan Wynners Service Guild of the Wynne Memorial Church, Shreveport, continued their study of "The Book of Acts" at their meeting, January 28, under the direction of Mrs. James B. Grambling. Mrs. Alice Broome and Mrs. Marie Craig assisted in the question and answer discussion. Mrs. Laura Ashworth, President, presided at the business meeting and introduced two visitors, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Thomas and Mrs. Nellie Batchelor. At the close of the meeting a surprise shower was

## South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society Of Christian Service, Omaha, Nebraska February 26-28



MRS. C. A. BARR

Mrs. C. A. Barr, Austin, Texas, will deliver the President's Message at the opening of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction, Woman's Society of Christian Service, when it convenes at 2 p. m., February 26, in the First Methodist Church, Omaha, Nebraska. One of the guest speakers will be Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever, New York, Executive Secretary of the Section of the Education and Cultivation of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions

given in honor of Mrs. Frances Oliver.

Mrs. W. W. West entertained the Wabbaseka Society, January 28 at her home, assisted by Mrs. Henry Duckett. Mrs. Lee Layson, President presided at the meeting, at which time it was decided to hold the study of "The Book of Acts" in conjunction with the Humphrey Society. Mrs. R. D. Garrett presented the inspiring program.

"The Family Reunion" was presented at the January 18 meeting of the Claiborne Woman's Society. Characters were: Mrs. Ulmer Wimberley, Mrs. M. L. DeFreese, Miss Dorothy Wallace, Mrs. E. C. Gaskine, Mrs. Ouida Jones, Mrs. J. O. Fleming, Mrs. C. E. Crawford, Mrs. H. B. Ramsey, Mrs. R. H. Hearne, Mrs. W. L. Whittington, R. W. May and Mrs. J. D. Cannon. Mrs. F. F. Wimberley, President, directed the play and was assisted by Mrs.

and Church Extension of The Methodist Church. Mrs. Woolever, who will retire June 1st, directs the work of the Woman's Division Organization and Promotion for approximately 30,000 Societies in the United States. Mrs. Woolever has traveled in the Near East, South America and Europe, visiting the mission work of the church, and last summer, as a member of the Council of The Ecumenical Methodist Conference in Oxford, England.

Mrs. Clifford A. Bender, New York, is the Official Observer for the Woman's Division at the United Nations, and is also Associate Secretary in the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Woman's Division. Mrs. Bender will address the Conference at Omaha. She studied two years at the University of Upsala, Sweden, under fellowship from American Scandinavian Foundation.

The Jurisdiction is composed of societies of eight states: Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. There will be six delegates from each of the 19 conferences in these states, and this will be the first time that the Jurisdiction has met in Nebraska. Last April the Jurisdiction had a one day meeting in Little Rock in connection with the Jurisdictional Convocation of the Board and Commissions.

J. R. Frantom. The church was beautifully decorated with green vines, tropical leaves, orchids and hibiscus. An exhibit of Latin American articles, some over one hundred years old was displayed in fellowship hall. Supper was served there, at which time a love offering was taken. Visiting ministers were Rev. R. H. Hearne, pastor, and the pastor of the Claiborne Baptist Church.

## SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Sub-District meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Methodist Churches was held January 16 at the Almyra Church, with Gillett, DeWitt, Lodges Corner and Bayou Meto represented. Mrs. O. E. Holmes, DeWitt, presided over the all day session.

Mrs. Louella Boswell, Almyra, and Mrs. Martha Adams, DeWitt, gave the morning devotional. Mrs. Harry Neukam, Almyra, was the organist.

Mrs. Holmes presented Mrs.

## DELEGATES TO JURISDICTION

Those attending the Jurisdiction meeting at Omaha from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area are as follows:

Louisiana Conference: Delegates, Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Minden; Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, Baton Rouge; Mrs. Charles Goldthwait, New Orleans; Mrs. Sam Dunbar, New Orleans; Mrs. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge; and Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston; Jurisdiction Officers: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Pineville; and Member of Board of Missions: Mrs. George Sexton, Shreveport.

Little Rock Conference: Delegates, Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Grady; Mrs. Erik Jensen, Stuttgart; Mrs. Mrs. C. I. Parsons, Texarkana; Mrs. M. E. Scott, Stamps; Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland, Little Rock, and Miss Hanna Kelly, Little Rock.

Jurisdiction Officers: Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Little Rock; Mrs. R. H. Cole, Magnolia; and Mrs. W. Neill Hart, El Dorado; Member of Board of Missions, Mrs. H. King Wade, Hot Springs. Miss Margaret Marshall, Deaconess, and Mike Willis, Director Aldersgate Camp will also attend.

North Arkansas Conference: Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Springdale; Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Batesville; Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Searcy; Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., Batesville; Mrs. Ben DeVoll, Paragould; Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro.

Erik Jensen, Stuttgart, Conference Vice President, briefly outlined the program and study courses. An interesting skit was given by Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. A. J. Christie, Mrs. Earl Michel, Mrs. Arthur Saxe and Mrs. Lee Miller of Stuttgart.

Following the luncheon which was served at the parsonage, Mrs. C. H. Walsh, District Treasurer, explained the different projects and the pledges of both home and foreign missions. Mrs. R. H. Whitehead, DeWitt, District Supply Secretary, told of the needs for supply work.

Mrs. Charles Purcell, Gillett, was elected President, and Mrs. Martha Adams, DeWitt, Secretary of the Sub-District. Mrs. A. J. Christie gave the closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held at Bayou Meto.

## ACT NOW

National Council of Church Women urges each woman to write her Congressman concerning U. M. T. Read editorial, page one, on U. M. T.

# Methodist Children's Home Report

## FIRST REPORT OF THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We submit the first report of the Christmas offering for the Methodist Children's Home.

The report is somewhat different this year in that we are trying to give each charge and each church credit for total amounts received.

Some churches, through classes, W. S. C. S. organizations and individuals support a child either for clothes or for an Educational Fund. It costs the Home about \$120.00 per year to pay bus fare to school, purchase school lunches, and pay fees for one child. Also it costs about \$120.00 per year to clothe a child.

We deeply appreciate this fine offering and remind our Methodist people that almost daily, we turn children away for lack of room. Every dollar we receive above bare expense, we place in our building fund for we must have more buildings to care for more children.

T. T. McNeal, Director

### CHRISTMAS INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

Mr. W. E. Wilkins, Independent Engineering Corp. L. R. Arkansas	\$ 50.00		
Miss Lucy Mae Person, Garland, Arkansas	150.00		
Miss Kathleen Johnson, Monticello, Arkansas	20.00		
Miss Beety Derrick	10.00		
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barker, Sr.	10.00		
Mrs. Pauline E. McLain	5.00		
Mrs. R. H. Wolfe	12.50		
Miss Ella Anderson	5.00		
Mr. W. A. Bruce	25.00		
Mr. Carroll Thomas	10.00		
Mrs. R. H. Williams	2.04		
Mr. and Mrs. C. V. McKinney	25.00		
Russellville Sub-District M. Y. F.	25.00		
Arkansas Valley Sub-District M. Y. F.	50.00		
The Girls Friendship Group, Brookland Methodist Church	5.00		
Brinkley Louise McCreight Class	7.25		
Mayme Smith	20.00		
Reverend and Mrs. M. L. Kaylor	5.50		
Mrs. T. E. Scifres	25.00		
Sue Taylor	5.00		
Chas. L. Davidson, Stone Mountain Grit Co., Lithonia, Georgia	50.00		
Miss Cecilia Dancer	1.00		
R. C. Davis	1.00		
Mrs. Oliver M. Lewis	1.00		
Ida Chandler	10.00		
Mrs. H. W. Richards, Newellton, La.	100.00		
Clyde Higgins	1.00		
Sub-District M. Y. F. Bentonville	6.00		
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Greenhaw	5.00		
May Tag Sales and Service (Mrs. W. E. Wilson)	100.00		
Dr. George W. Parson	25.00		
Mr. O. D. Hadfield	5.00		
Mr. H. W. Trigg	5.00		
W. S. C. S., First Methodist Church, North Little Rock	20.00		
Paul R. Miller, Winfield, Kansas	5.00		
Jack Stiel Dante	25.00		
Charles Dante	25.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$852.29</b>		

Charge and Church	Annual Offering	Building Fund	Total
<b>LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT</b>			
Amity Ct.:			
Amity	\$ 13.65	\$	\$
Fendley			
Pt. Cedar			
Sweet Home			\$ 13.65
Arkadelphia	630.25	355.00	\$ 985.25
Arkadelphia Ct.:			
Hollywood	10.00		
Hart's Chapel	7.00		
Mt. Pisgah	3.00		
Mt. Zion	7.77		
Smyrna	3.82		\$ 31.59
Bismark Ct.:			
Bismark	10.00		
Christian			
Old Friendship			\$ 10.00
Dalark Ct.:			
Bethlehem	15.00		
Dalark	20.00		
Manchester	35.00		
Manning			
Rock Springs	20.00		\$ 90.00
Delight Ct.:			
Antoine			
Delight	106.00		
Saline	5.00		\$ 111.00

Charge and Church	Annual Offering	Building Fund	Total
Fountain Lake	46.25		\$ 46.25
Friendship Ct.:			
Friendship	35.60		
Midway			
Social Hill			
Leau Frai			
Clear Creek			
Rolla			
Toler's Chapel			\$ 35.60
Gardner-Morning Star			
Gardner	6.50		
Morning Star	4.25		\$ 10.75
Glenwood Ct.:			
Caddo	2.00		
Glenwood	38.00	10.00	
County Line			
Grant's Chapel	5.00		\$ 55.00
Gurdon	300.00	100.00	\$ 400.00
Whelen Springs			
Hot Springs Ct.:			
Bethlehem	10.00		
Gum Springs			
Mt. Pine	10.00		
New Salem			\$ 20.00
Hot Springs Churches:			
First Church	853.26	31.00	\$ 884.26
Grand Avenue	224.85		\$ 224.85
Oaklawn	100.00		\$ 100.00
Pullman Heights	110.00		\$ 110.00
Tigert			
Malvern Churches:			
First Church	800.00	85.00	\$ 885.00
Keith Memorial	15.00		\$ 15.00
Mt. Ida Ct.:			
Mt. Ida	25.00		
Norman	4.75		
Oden	7.00		\$ 36.75
Murfreesboro	75.00		\$ 75.00
Murfreesboro Ct.:			
Boto			
Japany			
Pisgah			
Highland			
Okolona Ct.:			
Bierne			
Center Grove	10.00		
Okolona	50.35		
Trinity	20.00		\$ 80.35
Piney Grove	22.05		\$ 22.05
Rockport Ct.:			
Butterfield	12.00		
Magnet Cove	37.50		
Rockport	23.15		\$ 72.65
Shorewood Hills	21.28		\$ 21.28
Sparkman-Sardis			
Sparkman	64.33		
Sardis	134.00		\$ 198.38
Traskwood Ct.:			
Congo	5.00		
Ebenezer	20.00		
New Hope			
Pt. View			
Traskwood	5.00		\$ 30.00
		\$ 581.00	
<b>TOTAL FOR DISTRICT</b>			<b>\$4564.66</b>

### CAMDEN DISTRICT

Bearden	\$ 50.00	\$	\$ 50.00
Lakeside			
Buckner Ct.			
Buckner	123.00		
Kilgore Lodge			
Mt. Vernon			
Oak Grove			
Sardis			
Shiloh			\$ 123.00
Camden Churches:			
Fairview	150.00		\$ 150.00
First	1000.00	357.00	\$1357.00
Chidester Ct.:			
Chidester	25.00		
Missouri			
Red Hill			
Rocky Hill			
Shady Grove			
Silver Springs	15.00		\$ 40.00
Columbia Ct.:	13.00		
Harmony			
New Hope			
Philadelphia			
Sharmon	9.00		\$ 22.00
Dumas Memorial-Calton:			
Dumas Memorial	100.00		
Calton	50.00		\$ 150.00
El Dorado Ct.:			
Centennial			
Hibank			
Ebenezer			
Quinn	10.00		
Lisbon			
Wesley			\$ 10.00
El Dorado Churches:			
First	1946.37	1782.50	\$3728.87
Vantrease	150.00		\$ 150.00
Bethel			
Emerson Ct.:	25.00		
Atlanta			
Christie's Chapel	10.00		

Charge and Church	Annual Offering	Building Fund	Total
Emerson			
Ware's Chapel			\$ 35.00
Garland	25.00		\$ 25.00
Harmony Grove Ct.:			
Buena Vista	15.00		
Harmony Grove	15.00		
West Side	10.00		\$ 40.00
Holly Springs Ct.:			
Holly Springs	16.35		
Mt. Carmel	10.13		
Mt. Olivet	15.25		\$ 41.73
Junction City Ct.:			
Beech Grove	11.00		
Blanchard Springs	10.50		
Junction City	40.30		
Olive Branch	15.00		\$ 76.80
Lewisville	256.00	25.00	\$ 281.00
Bethel			
Old Town			\$ 281.00
Louann Ct.:			
Liberty	10.52		
Louann	15.98		
Silver Hill	10.50		\$ 37.00
Magnolia Churches:			
First Church	568.11	390.00	\$ 958.11
Jackson Street	89.20	10.00	\$ 99.20
Magnolia Ct.:			
Greer's Chapel			
Mt. Pisgah			
New Era			
New Hope			
Wingfield			
Marysville Ct.:			
Bethel	39.75		
Fredonia	140.43		
Friendship	10.00		
Marysville	38.70		\$ 290.88
Norphlet	62.00		\$ 62.00
Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove:			
Parker's Chapel	44.10		
Pleasant Grove	9.00		\$ 53.10
Princeton Ct.:	31.00		
Macedonia			
Princeton			
Providence			
Waverly			
Zion			\$ 31.00
Smackover	715.70	325.00	\$1040.70
Stamps	117.96	70.00	\$ 187.96
Stevens	171.85		\$ 171.85
Mt. Prospect			
Taylor Ct.:			
Piney Grove			
Taylor			
Welcome			
Timothy-McNeil			
Timothy	50.00		\$ 50.00
McNeil			
Village Ct.:			
Ebenezer	9.00		
Lydesdale	25.00		
Village	15.43		\$ 49.43
Waldo	68.00		
Willisville	33.00		\$ 101.00
		2059.50	
<b>TOTAL FOR DISTRICT</b>			<b>\$9417.63</b>

### HOPE DISTRICT

Ashdown	\$239.75	\$	\$
Wilton	15.00		\$ 254.75
Bingen Ct.:		10.00	
Avery's Chapel	13.25		
Bigg's Chapel			
Bingen	19.50		
Doyle	6.00		
Friendship			
Pump Springs	1.50		
Sweet Home			\$ 50.25
Blevins Ct.:			
Bethel			
Blevins	60.00		
Macedonia	5.75		
McCaskill	16.46		
Sweet Home			\$ 82.21
Center Point Ct.:			
Center Point			
Center			
Trinity			
Wakefield			
DeQueen	93.25	115.00	\$ 208.25
Dierks Ct.:			
Dierks	22.00		
Athens			
Green's Chapel	16.00		
Langley			
Liberty Hill	8.00		
Umpire			\$ 46.00
Doddridge Ct.:			
Boyd			
Concord			
Doddridge	27.50		
Olive Branch			
Silverina	10.00		
Fouke			\$ 37.50
Emmet Circuit:			
Boyd's Chapel	25.00		
DeAnn	24.00		
Emmett	94.00	100.00	
Holly Grove			

Charge and Church	Annual Offering	Building Fund	Total
Midway		\$ 243.00	
Foreman	72.00		\$ 72.00
Hatfield Ct.:			
Cove	15.00		
Gilliam			
Hatfield	15.00		
Old Cove			
Highland			
Vandervoort			
Wickes			
Piney			
Hope	1360.53	15.00	\$ 1375.53
Horatio Ct.:			
Horatio	73.65		
Walnut Springs	18.00		
Williamson	1.00		
Lockesburg Ct.:			\$ 92.65
Belleville			
Gravelly			
Kingree			
Lockesburg	50.00		
Rock Hill			
Walnut Hill			
Woffers Chapel			\$ 50.00
Mena	240.00		\$ 240.00
Mena Circuit:			
Cherry Hill	5.00		
Highland			
Dallas	8.33		
Mt. View	6.00		
Potter			
Rocky			
Shady Grove	5.00		\$ 24.33
Mineral Springs Ct.:			
Brownstown	39.20		
Mineral Springs	11.00		
Shiloh			
Sardis			\$ 50.20
Nashville	137.70	115.00	\$ 252.70
Prescott	144.40	13.00	\$ 157.40
Prescott Ct.:			
Carolina			
Fairview	11.00		
Harmony			
Mt. Moriah	6.63		
Moscow			
New Salem			
Pleasant Hill			\$ 17.63
Richmond Ct.:			
Allene	3.00		
Ben Lomond			
Hicks			
Ogden	12.00		
Richmond	10.00		
Wade's Chapel	11.00		\$ 36.00
Springhill Ct.:			
Bethlehem			
Centerville			
Fairview			
Hinton			
Oak Grove	17.50		
Sardis			
Springhill	21.00		\$ 38.50
Texarkana Churches:			
College Hill	68.15		\$ 68.15
Fairview	130.85	19.60	\$ 150.45
First Church	1216.86	635.00	\$ 1851.86
Texarkana Circuit:			
Few Memorial			
Harmony Grove			
Pleasant Hill			
Rondo	25.00		\$ 25.00
Washington Ct.:			
Columbus	5.00		
Fulton			
Ozan	5.00		
St. Paul	6.00		
Washington	15.00		
Water Creek			\$ 31.00
Winthrop	5.00		\$ 5.00
		\$ 1022.60	
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT			\$5490.41

Charge and Church	Annual Offering	Building Fund	Total
Austin Ct.:			
Concord	\$ 23.00		\$
Mt. Tabor	23.96		
Mt. Zion	18.00		
South Bend	10.00		\$ 74.96
Bauxite		15.00	\$ 15.00
Benton	501.00	25.00	\$ 526.00
Bethlehem Ct.:			
Bethlehem	10.00		
Old Austin	5.00		
Providence			
Smyrna			\$ 15.00
Bryant	50.00		
Sardis	50.00		\$ 100.00
Carlisle	221.93		\$ 221.93
Carlisle Ct.:			
Hamilton	20.00		
Rogers Chapel			
Shiloh			
Walter's Chapel			
Zion			\$ 20.00
Des Arc	25.00		\$ 25.00
DeValls Bluff Ct.:	68.00		
Brasfield			
DeValls Bluff	37.50		
Pepper's Lake			
New Bethel			\$ 105.50
Douglasville	102.00		\$ 102.00
Geyer Springs	45.25		\$ 45.25
Hazen	200.00	1.00	\$ 201.00
Hickory Plains Ct.:	25.10		
Hickory Plains			
Hebron			
Johnson's			
Crossroads			
Little Rock Churches:			\$ 26.10

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Charge and Church	Annual Offering	Building Fund	Total
Asbury	2013.00	845.00	\$2858.00
Capitol View	224.00	2.00	\$ 226.00
First Church		230.00	\$ 230.00
Forest Park-Kavanaugh			
Henderson	80.00	5.00	\$ 85.00
Highland	172.00		\$ 172.00
Hunter Memorial	212.63		\$ 212.63
Oak Forest	100.00		\$ 100.00
Pulaski Heights	329.32	10.00	\$ 339.32
St. Marks-Chenault	442.00	25.00	\$ 467.00
Scott Street	154.17	30.00	\$ 184.17
Twenty-Eighth St.	95.00		\$ 95.00
Winfield	1753.96	125.00	\$1878.96
Little Rock Circuit:			
Bethel			
Paron			
Pleasant Hill			
Walnut Grove			
Lonoke	128.00		
Eagle	5.00		\$ 133.00
Mabelvale	98.15		\$ 98.15
Mt. Pleasant	18.70		\$ 18.70
Mt. View			
Roland Ct.:			
Cross Roads	5.00		
Roland			
Martindale	7.82		\$ 12.82
Primrose	165.67		\$ 165.67
Salem	14.25		\$ 14.25
Mt. Carmel	36.00		\$ 36.00
Markham			
		\$ 1313.00	
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT			\$8804.46

Charge and Church	Annual Offering	Building Fund	Total
Crossett	\$654.91	\$ 153.00	\$ 807.91
Dermott		65.00	\$ 65.00
Drew Circuit:			
Green Hill	38.25		
Prairie Chapel			
Lacey			
Valley			\$ 38.25
Dumas	344.10		\$ 344.10
Eudora	112.70		\$ 112.70
Fordyce	517.05	15.00	\$ 532.05
Fountain Hill Ct.:			
Fountain Hill	10.00	25.00	
Extra			
Hickory Grove			
Pine Hill			
Waller's Chapel	5.00		
Zion			\$ 40.00
Hamburg-Synder			
Hamburg	352.60	5.00	
Synder	36.00		\$ 393.60
Hampton-Harrell			
Hampton			
Harrell	25.00	5.00	
Faustina	10.00	25.00	\$ 65.00
Hermiteage Ct.:			
Hermiteage	36.00		
Jersey	15.00		
Ingalls			
Palestine	6.00		
Sardis			\$ 57.00
Huttig-Bolding:			
Huttig	50.00	26.00	
Bolding	10.00		\$ 86.00
Kingsland			
Crossroads			
Lake Village	236.35	10.00	\$ 246.35
McGehee	300.00	75.00	\$ 375.00
Monticello	200.00		\$ 200.00
Mt. Tabor			
New Edinburg Ct.:			
New Edinburg	15.30		
Good Hope	6.00		
Hebron			
Wagon			
Wheeler Springs			\$ 21.00
Parkdale	72.00	150.00	\$ 222.00
Portland-Montrose:			
Portland	369.76		
Montrose	47.20		\$ 416.96
Star City	60.00		
Cornersville			
Mt. Home	2.25		\$ 62.25
Strong	18.00		\$ 18.00
Thornton Ct.:			
Thornton	40.00		
Chambersville	12.50		
Stony Point			
Temperance Hill	15.50		\$ 68.00
Tillar-Winchester			
Tillar	75.00	50.00	
Winchester	15.00		
Newton's Chapel	50.00		
Selma	10.00		\$ 200.00
Union-Rhodes Chapel			
Union	36.00		
Rhodes Chapel	15.00		\$ 51.00
Warren-Martin's Chapel			
Warren	400.30	105.00	
Martin's Chapel	20.00		\$ 525.30
Watson-Kelso:			
Watson	44.01		
Kelso	22.62	10.00	
Arkansas City	4.00		\$ 80.63
Wilmar Ct.:			
Wilmar	9.00		
Rock Springs	7.00		
Mt. Pleasant	9.00		
Andrew's Chapel	5.00		\$ 30.00
Wilnot-Miller's Chapel:			
Wilnot	103.10	10.00	
Miller's Chapel	9.00		\$ 122.10
		\$ 729.00	
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT			\$5180.20

Charge and Church	Annual Offering	Building Fund	Total
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT			
Almyra	\$ 31.03	\$ 30.00	\$ 61.03
Alzheimer-Wabbaseka			
Alzheimer	25.75		
Wabbaseka	50.00		
Whitehall	14.50		\$ 90.25
Bayou Meto-Lodge's			
Corner:	84.05		
Bayou Meto			
Brewer's Chapel			
Lodge's Corner			\$ 84.05
Center Grove	5.00		\$ 5.00
Carthage-Tulip			
Carthage	13.00		
Cypress			
Mt. Zion			
Tulip	15.50		\$ 28.50
DeWitt	150.00		\$ 150.00
England	551.92	15.00	\$ 566.92
Gillett	65.90	5.00	\$ 70.90
Good Faith	80.00		\$ 80.00
Grady-Gould:			
Grady	40.00		
Gould	30.00		
Crigler			\$ 70.00
Humphrey	50.00		\$ 50.00
Keo-Humnote:			
Keo	30.43	10.00	
Humnote	20.00		
Tomberlin	42.00		\$ 102.43
Leola	18.00		\$ 18.00
Hunter's Chapel	7.50		\$ 7.50
Little Prairie Ct.:			
Deluce	24.07		
LaFargue	10.50		
Prairie Union	16.30		
Camp Shed	24.10		\$ 75.47
Pine Bluff Churches:			
Carr Memorial	381.68		\$ 381.68
First Church	1500.00	1350.00	\$2850.00
Hawley Memorial	50.00		
Glendale			\$ 50.00
Lakeside	563.82	420.00	\$ 983.82
Rison	57.00		
Mt. Carmel			\$ 57.00
Roc Ct.:			
Hunter	18.50		
Roe			
Shiloh			
Ulm	15.00		\$ 33.50
Rowell Ct.:			
Center			
Mt. Olivet			
Prosperity			
Union	15.00		
Wesley's Chapel			\$ 15.00
St. Charles-Pleasant Grove			
St. Charles	29.50		
Pleasant Grove	27.00		\$ 56.50
Sheridan	153.96		
New Hope	23.75		
Moore's Chapel	19.45		\$ 197.16
Sherrill-Tucker			
Sherrill	45.00		
Tucker	21.00		\$ 66.00
Stuttgart Churches:			
First Church	245.55	135.00	\$ 380.55
Grand Avenue	500.00		\$ 500.00
Swan Lake	52.60		\$ 52.60
Sulphur Springs			
Faith			
Redfield			
		\$ 1965.00	
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT			\$7083.86

#### NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Charge and Church	Offering	ing Fund	Cloth- ing	tional Fund	Total
BATESVILLE DISTRICT					
Batesville Churches:					
Central Ave.	\$ 50.00	\$101.00	\$	\$ 20.00	\$171.00
First Church	266.00	20.00	50.00		336.00
Bethesda-Cushman					
Bethesda	6.00				6.00
Cushman					
Calico Rock:					
Creswell					
Flat Rock					
Iuka					
Spring Creek					
Wideman					
Cave City-Sidney					
Cave City	10.00				
Sidney	8.00				
Palestine					18.00
Cave City-Fairview					
Fairview					
Orange					
Gray's Chapel					
Hickory Valley					
Lee's Chapel					
Mt. Tabor					
Charlotte Ct.:	18.25				
Charlotte					
Cave Creek					
Oak Ridge					
Pleasant Hill					
Sharpe					
Walnut Grove					18.25
Cotter	50.00	25.00			75.00
Desha Ct.:					
Desha					
McHue					
Jamestown					
Salado					
Evening Shade Ct.:					

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# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## U.E.M. AT HENDERSON

Seventy-six laymen and lay women were actively engaged in the U.E.M. mission at the Henderson Methodist Church, Little Rock, according to Rev. Kirvin A. Hale, pastor. Twenty of these persons visited in the homes of prospects, helping to secure fifty additions to the church, thirty-one of whom were received by vows and baptism. Dr. Leroy Walker, director of the Area U.E.M. worked with Rev. Marvin H. Corley and the Henderson pastor in giving direction to the program. The senior youth of the church under the direction of E. F. Price, Henderson layman, conducted a visitation program during the same period.

## BISHOP MARTIN AT OSCEOLA

Bishop Martin was the preacher at the formal opening service at the First Methodist Church, Osceola, when the sanctuary was formally opened for use by the Osceola congregation, according to Rev. Garland C. Taylor, pastor. The service was held Sunday morning, January 27, at the conclusion of the U.E.M. campaign in the Osceola Church.

Concerning the U.E.M., Brother Taylor says "I think the Evangelistic Mission was one of the

## A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Something new in a Sunday School class has been added to the Church School of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock. A class has been organized for members of the Chancel Choir which will meet on Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. in the choir room.

The class, which will be taught by Robert Gannaway, will study the texts of the anthems which the choir will sing in the church service on Sunday morning and it will also study church music in general.

Mr. Gannaway, who has been teaching the Young Peoples Class, is a member of the choir. John H. Summers is director.

greatest things that I have had the privilege of taking part in during my 28 years as a Methodist preacher. The spirit of the whole program was wonderful, and the results are thrilling beyond words. Our church was greatly strengthened. I can't think that it will ever be the same after having seen a part of such a Mission."

Hitting the ceiling is the wrong way to get up in the world—Woodmen of the World Mag.

## RECEIVES HIGH AWARD

SUNDAY night, December 16, at the regular Church services, Charles Wesley Roberts received the God and Country Award at the Fairview Methodist Church. Charles is a member of Troop 12, sponsored by the Fairview Methodist Church, Camden. He is an Eagle Scout.

The God and Country Award is an award given by Boy Scouts of America to encourage a scout in participating in his own Church's activities. Regardless of which Church sponsors a Troop, the God and Country Award is earned in the Scout's own Church.

To earn this award, the Scout gives service to his Church. He has at least six projects. The projects may consist of singing in the choir, handing out song books, handing out Church bulletins, taking up collection, be the leader in any of his Church's activities for his group, and so on. He learns of his own Church history, the missionary program of his own Church, and the local history of his own Church. He memorizes certain Bible passages given him by his pastor.

Charles has earned 62 Merit Badges since he joined Troop 12 in January, 1950. He is the Troop

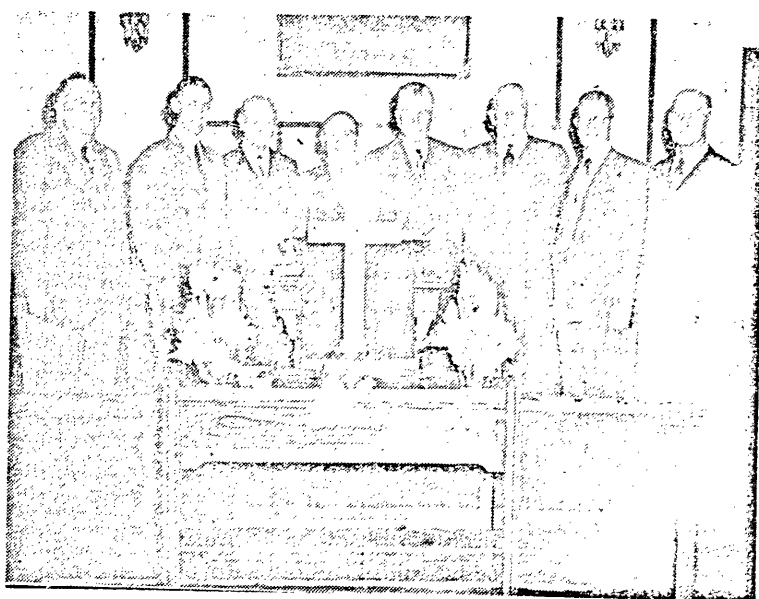


CHARLES WESLEY ROBERTS

Scribe, and his records are always in good order. Charles also delivers the Camden News in the Heckerville area.

The pastor of the Fairview Methodist Church who worked with Charles on this Award is Rev. Alfred DeBlack. Floyd Bullock is the Scoutmaster.

## JONESBORO DISTRICT U.E.M. LEADERS



Jonesboro District, U.E.M. (l. to r.) R. H. Staples, Louisiana Conference Secretary of Evangelism; George Pearce, Jr., First Church, DeRidder, La.; A. W. Townsend, Jr., Mangum Memorial, Shreveport; R. B. Moore, First Methodist Church, Camden, Ark.; Henry Bowdon, Shreveport District Superintendent; G. C. Taylor, Osceola, District Director Evan-

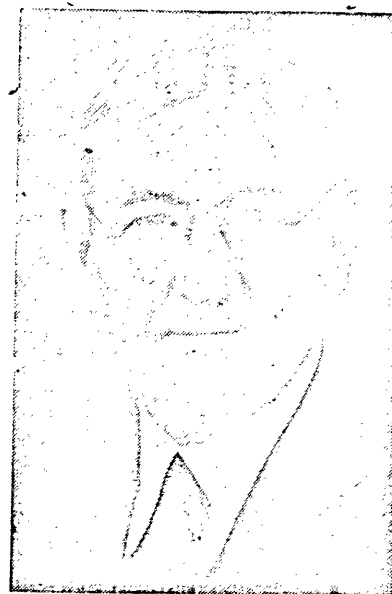
gelism; Roy I. Bagley, Blytheville, North Arkansas Conference Director of Evangelism; E. B. Williams, Jonesboro District Superintendent.

District School of Evangelism staff were: A. W. Townsend, Jr., "Building New Members into the Life of the Church"; George Pearce, Jr., "Spiritual Life of the Church"; R. B. Moore, Inspirational Speaker.

## NAMED TO COLLEGE POST

DR. C. M. REVES, District Superintendent Conway District, has been named to head a program to increase the financial support and resources of Hendrix College, in connection with efforts of the College and its Board of Trustees to meet the conditions of the recent grant of the General Education Board of \$300,000. Bishop Martin will be asked to appoint Dr. Reeves to this position at the next session of the North Arkansas Conference, after which Dr. Reeves would give full time to this responsibility.

Dr. Reeves headed the Million Dollar Hendrix College Campaign a few years ago when Arkansas Methodism successfully raised \$800,000 to qualify for a grant of \$200,000 for the Methodist school. According to the Hendrix President, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Dr. Reeves will give such guidance to this work between now and Annual Conference, as his present



DR. C. M. REVES

duties with the Conway District will allow.

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The things that are wrong with the country today are the sum total of all the things that are wrong with us as individuals.—Sen. Chas. W. Tobey, "Return to Morality" (Doubleday).





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

The Methodist Church  
The North Arkansas Conference  
Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas  
Paul E. Martin, Bishop  
Rev. Floyd G. Villines, President  
Mr. Lester Hutchins, Vice-President  
Rev. N. Lee Cate, Secretary  
Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

### LEADERS OF TOMORROW

On February 5 I spoke to the Hendrix Pre-Theolog Association. This group is made up of the youth on the Hendrix College campus who are preparing for full-time Christian service. Many of them are already serving well in the church as student pastors, workers in local churches and leaders in campus affairs. One cannot look into the faces of such a wonderful group of youth without being inspired himself. One cannot speak without the feeling of hope for tomorrow's world.

There also comes to one a deep feeling of responsibility for his own day. What kind of world are we leaving them? Certainly no one of us is responsible for all the world's ills nor for all of its good. Each of us, however, is responsible for his own part. As we work with the fine Christian youth of this day we are encouraged to go forward with our tasks with greater faith in our work for the Master.

#### The Conference Town and Country Church Convocation

Once more we turn our attention toward our Annual Conference Town and Country Church Convocation. Thursday,

April 3, is the date. Bishop Martin, though pressed with a multitude of calls and duties, has set this day for us in his calendar. The place of the meeting will be at Tilton on the Weiner Charge in the Jonesboro District. The program is being set up and will be published in the next few days.

One day each year we plan to set aside a day when the rural church is given first attention by the entire Conference. The many influences and agencies that bear upon the rural life are lifted into prominent focus. The importance of the town church, in its relationship to the rural church is given emphasis. April 3 will be a great day in the Annual Conference year. All roads lead to Tilton in Cross County April 3. Rev. E. B. Williams will be the host district superintendent and Rev. Porter Weaver will be the host pastor. The Tilton church, one of the most beautiful rural churches in Arkansas, built during Brother Weaver's pastorate, will be the host church. This will be a great experience for the Methodists of the Conference and especially those in that section.—J. Albert Gatlin

### NEWS FROM SYLVAN HILLS CHURCH

The Week of the United Evangelistic Campaign brought to the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church, North Little Rock, its greatest upsurge of new members in its history as a church.

Starting the week with a membership of 139, there were 64 commitments made during the week, which will bring the total membership to over 200. This represents a 46% increase in total membership, and is likely the highest increase in total membership in the whole mission. Of the commitments, twenty-nine were on vows, and thirty-five on transfer from other Methodist Churches.

The church has just completed four straight Sundays in which the Sunday School enrollment was over 100.

The pastor, Rev. J. William Watson, of First Methodist Church, Rev. Raymond Dorman of Levy, North Little Rock, drove to Dallas on Monday, February 4, to attend Ministers' Week at

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Southern Methodist University. Also, Rev. Cecil Culver of the Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock.

On Wednesday, February 13, Miss Madeline Southard, former lecturer and missionary, gave a lecture at Sylvan Hills Church at 7:30 in the evening on motherhood and family life relationships.

Miss Southard is an ordained elder in the Methodist Church, and has been a member of two General Conferences and of her Jurisdictional Conference.—William M. Wilder, Pastor

#### Pastor Named To Direct Protestant Fellowship

Appointment of the Rev. Joseph Clark Dana of Minneapolis, Minn., as director of the new United Fellowship of Protestants was announced by Dr. Thomas A. Rymer, director of the General Commission on Chaplains. Mr. Dana who is leaving his post as pastor of Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis on March 1, will head the work of the fellowship, which ministers to the social, educational, and recrea-

### GUJARAT MISSIONARY TOURING ARKANSAS

Rev. C. H. Conley, retired Methodist Missionary who served for forty years in the Gujarat Annual Conference, India, is being sponsored by the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension in a series of speaking engagements in Arkansas. Brother Conley spoke last Sunday in DeWitt and Pine Bluff, on Monday in Little Rock; Tuesday in Monticello; Wednesday in Arkadelphia; and Thursday in Camden. On Friday Brother Conley will conclude his tour of the Little Rock Conference in Hope.

His schedule in the North Arkansas Conference included Fayetteville on Sunday, Conway on Monday, Searcy on Tuesday, Batesville on Wednesday, Walnut Ridge on Thursday, Jonesboro on Friday and the following Sunday in Forrest City.

### BRANCH CHARGE

We are happy to announce that Branch has experienced another spiritual awakening. Last fall Rev. Van Hooker came to us and set the spiritual fires burning. The good people of Branch kept adding a little fuel along as the months went by. Then the "B" Evangelistic Mission brought us Rev. D. R. Deen of Vadaia, Louisiana. Brother Deen preached some good sermons and was loved by the people.

Our teams worked faithfully and the whole church participated in making our week of worship a success. We had an average attendance of 82. Our young people did their part with their fine talent in music. The spirit and fellowship was excellent throughout the week. We saw three people give their hearts and life to Christ and two of them united with the church. We say, "Praise the Lord for His excellent goodness."—Rev. and Mrs. Fred M. Thompson

### NEWS FROM THE GREENBRIER CIRCUIT

We assumed the pastorate of the Greenbrier Circuit in September. Soon after our arrival the Greenbrier Church welcomed us with an old-fashioned pounding and a reception at the church. A wonderful spirit prevails in all three of our churches. I have found the people of Greenbrier, Republican and Centerville loyal and devoted to both their church and their pastor. Financially and spiritually I believe the circuit is enjoying a great year and we look forward to even greater heights, praying and hoping that the

tional needs of Protestant youths in the armed services.

### A TRIP TO TRINIDAD ISLAND

Mrs. Gatlin and I returned recently from a trip to the Trinidad Island in the British West Indies where we visited our son, Commander Chaplain G. Weldon Gatlin, Mrs. Gatlin and daughters, Guen and Jan.

We had a very interesting trip, going by plane from Miami to Trinidad, making stops at Port au Prince, Hayti, Caracas, Barcelona and Maturin Venezuela, arriving at the P.A.A. Piarcro airport in Port-of-Spain at 6 o'clock on December 24. We stayed in Trinidad fifteen days and while there visited the Royal Botanic Garden in Port-of-Spain; Kings Wharf passenger center; the Pitch Lake, world famous for its asphalt deposit. This lake was discovered by Sir Walter Raleigh. We saw the large sugar cane field and how it was being harvested, gathered cocoanuts, oranges, grapefruit, coffee, nutmeg and cocoa beans off the trees, lots of bananas 20 cents a stalk.

The vocabulary fails in attempting to portray the palm-fringed bays where one can gaze into the blue waters of the Caribbean or battle with the tumbling surfs of the Atlantic.

We visited three missionary churches and heard the district superintendent preach at the Hanover Methodist Church in Port-of-Spain. All present were natives. Attended New Year's service at another church, around 600 natives and six white people. The Nazarene missionary entertained us one afternoon and then we visited his college.

The services at our son's chapel were fine and inspiring. We saw poverty. They were sleeping on the streets by the dozens. No place to go.

We made the return trip from Port-of-Spain to New Orleans by boat which took seven days.—L. C. Gatlin, Wilmar

Kingdom may be advanced in the days that are ahead.

We should like to express our thanks and appreciation to our good people who are enriching and blessing our ministry.—C. E. Martin, Pastor

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## BOARD PLANS FOR LAY VISITATION WEEK

The week of March 16 to 23 has been designated as the National Week of Lay Visitation Evangelism for 1952. During these seven days every Methodist church is challenged to participate in a simultaneous visitation evangelism program with the avowed purpose of winning souls for Christ and His Church. No season of the year provides greater opportunity to redeem the lost and reclaim the indifferent than does the period leading up to Easter; and churches which go "all out" in the observance of an intensive evangelistic visitation at this time will welcome a large number of new members into their fellowship as a result of their direct, personal witnessing.

The spiritual emphasis of the Week of Dedication, which immediately precedes the National Week of Lay Visitation Evangelism, will strengthen those who go out two by two to invite others to "come with us to Christ." For out of earnest prayer and consecrated devotion comes the power to bear one's witness effectively. The time of commitment leads to the time of action.

The General Board of Lay Activities and the General Board of Evangelism, cooperating in this vital program, urge every pastor and every church to make careful and prayerful preparation for this week of intensive spiritual recruitment. In this connection, certain very practical factors need to be kept in mind.

First, let every pastor and every church lay its plans now for the evangelistic visitation of its community. To do this requires an adequate list of prospects, which may be obtained through a religious census, a survey of the church constituency, the registration of church attendance, civic agencies, and various other sources which alert churchmen will be quick to discover and use. Remember, only those who are prospects are visited!

Second, let every pastor select capable laymen who are willing to be trained in a series of super conferences, held each night during the week, so that they may go forth better equipped to present Christ's claims to the unchurched. In these conferences the principles of effective visitation evangelism should be presented by means of the Tidings Turn Over Chart, "They Went Forth—Two by Two." Following this instruction, let the teams visit in the homes of the community from 7:00 to 9:30 each evening.

Third, let every minister and every layman emphasize the fact that this is a Christ-centered visitation. Our purpose is to relate men and women to the Church in a meaningful way. We are committed to the winning of souls. Every pastor and every visitor

should remember that "God is at our elbow" to guide and strengthen those who call in His name. Therefore, we must go forth as laborers in the vineyard, anxious to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen who do not need to be ashamed. When we do, God will give the increase.

Thousands of churches, large and small, in city, town or open country, have learned that they can go out and win persons for Christ and His Church. They have tried it and found that lay visitation evangelism, based on the recommended procedures, produces marvelous results. Not only does it win many new persons for Christ, but it revitalizes the spiritual life of those who visit for Christ and puts new life in the whole Church. Laymen and ministers testify that lay visitation evangelism has remade their churches. E. Stanley Jones put it well when he says, "We were born in evangelism. It is our native air. In it we live, outside it we die. To your knees, Methodist laymen, and ask God to give you strength and courage to find your man and win him. It is as simple as that!"

### U. E. M. IN CUBA

Havana, Cuba—"This is God's Country," said Winston Churchill on a visit to Cuba. Taking the literal meaning, he was not completely right. Although Cuba is in some respects a paradise, it is in others the "Devil's Country."

Most of the people are warm-hearted and compassionate, but there is much gambling, drinking and violence.

Sixty-six American Methodist ministers made Churchill more nearly right when they worked in a united evangelistic mission there January 24-31.

Throughout the whole republic—from Havana to Santiago de Cuba and even to the Isle of Pines—they preached and visited and prayed. And when they had their great victory meeting January 31 in beautiful University Methodist Church, Havana, they reported nearly 1,500 decisions for Christ during the mission.

Speaking through interpreters, many of the ministers preached to people who had never heard the Gospel nor seen a minister. Some preached in cane fields and prayed in huts where there were naked children and dirt floors. They preached in jails, in theatres, in schools, in dance halls. They preached to American sailors and to Cuban soldiers. One used a pool table for a pulpit.

A few of the ministers went to churches that were being supported by their own churches back home. All either paid their own expenses or had them paid by their own churches. They represented 15 states.

The second nation-wide Cuban evangelistic mission was directed



"Turn around, Uncle!"

by Bishop Roy H. Short, Jacksonville, Fla., and Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, Tenn.

"One of the glorious things I saw in this mission," said Dr. Denman, executive secretary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, "was the results of last year's mission. On every hand, we found laymen who were converted last year giving their best to the Lord."

A highlight of the mission was when Bishop Short dedicated two churches in one night in Camaguey, one of the three largest cities in Cuba. Four other churches and one parsonage were dedicated during the mission.

Before the mission, there were about 7,000 members of the Methodist Church in Cuba. However, the Methodist constituency is a great deal larger. Decisions are followed up by a lengthy course in church membership.

The island has a comparatively

large number of subscriptions to the "Upper Room," 4,714. The conference newspaper has a circulation of 3,545.

There are 70 organized churches on the island, and Bishop Short, since 1948 head of the Jacksonville Area (which includes Cuba) has now visited every pastoral charge.

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**New Orientation Program**  
Old-fashioned initiation of freshmen with its accompanying hazing has been abolished at Hendrix College, according to Dick Farr of Wynne, president of the Student Senate.

This change is the final step in a series directed away from the old uncontrolled initiation of freshmen. For years Hendrix has had an initiation carefully directed by faculty-appointed student committees, Farr said.

The new system was set up by the students and has received the official approval of the faculty. It will go into effect next September.

The new Hendrix orientation program will feature no hazing, adding, silly tasks or other ridiculous stunts, according to Farr. The aim of all features of the program, which lasts the first five weeks of school, will be to acquaint the new freshmen with Hendrix.

All freshman students will be required to wear the traditional green caps and name tags during the period except on Sundays and formal affairs. They must learn the leaders of various campus organizations and the members of the faculty and learn to sing the Alma Mater.

In keeping with Hendrix tradition, freshmen will not be allowed to walk on the Senior Walk or sit in the Spoonholder, an honored bench on the campus, Farr said. They must form a cheering section at all home football games, spend 10 hours a week in the library, and attend a meeting of each organization open to freshmen.

The final and fifth week of the program will be designated Help Week. During it the freshmen will perform some task set by the student orientation committees for the benefit of the college and the community, Farr announced.

**Hendrix Art Graduate Exhibits Paintings In New York**

Wellons Art Gallery of New York City is exhibiting 15 of the paintings of Mrs. James Few of Conway this month.

Mrs. Few, the former Jo Williams of El Dorado, graduated last June from Hendrix College, where she was an art major under Frank Govan, Hendrix assistant professor of art. Wellons Gallery requested the opportunity of exhibiting Mrs. Few's work last summer when Mr. Govan took several of her paintings to New York.—Guy Shannon.

**U. E. M. IN CUBA**  
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The last place he visited was Santa Cruz del Sur. When he had finished preaching there January 7, a band played "Nearer, My God, To Thee." The hymn could have been a most appropriate theme for the second united evangelistic mission in Cuba.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 24, 1952

## HOW CAN WE FOLLOW CHRIST IN OUR FRIENDSHIPS?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Mark 9:2; Mark 10:35-45; Mark 14:32-42; Acts 4:13

GOLDEN TEXT: No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends. (John 15:15)

### Aim Of Unit

"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

This is a very helpful lesson. It tells of some experiences that Christ had with his closest friends. The Transfiguration took place in the autumn of A. D. 29 on Mount Hermon in the extreme northern part of Palestine. The request of James and John for chief places in the Kingdom of Christ was made in Perea in March A. D. 30. The experience in the Garden of Gethsemane took place on April 6, A. D. 30. It will be remembered that this garden was located a short distance from Jerusalem, on the slopes of the Mount of Olives.

### Lessons From The Transfiguration

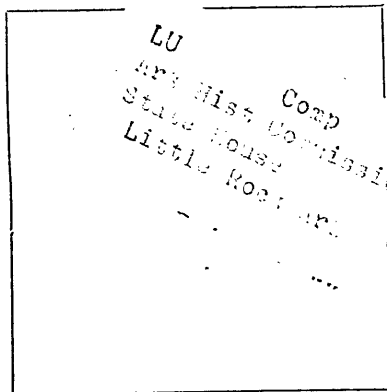
There are many helpful lessons from this event that took place in the life of Christ. Since this passage was dealt with not many weeks ago, we will touch them only in the high points.

First, we have the idea here of the inner circle of friends. Peter, James, and John belonged to this circle. This privilege was not theirs because the Lord made favorites of them. It came about through the fact they knew and loved the Lord better than did the others. They were in greater sympathy with him than were the others and they were also more sensitive to his purposes in life.

It will be remembered that these three men alone were present with the Lord on three different occasions and these events were among the highest moments of his life. They alone were present when Jairus' daughter was raised from the dead. This took place in the city of Capernaum in the autumn of A. D. 28. Then they were present at the Transfiguration and in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Christ is still with us and still has his inner circle of friends. He shows no partiality; he is no respecter of persons; he longs for all to belong to the inner circle. Each one determines whether or

not he will belong to this circle. It is just as important for one to take his place in the inner circle of the Lord's friends as it is to begin following him in the first place. This is the most important matter that one can face in life. His eternity is tied up here. Heaven is not merely a city with golden streets and gates of pearl. It is more a condition of personality; a state of character. One's future joy in the place called heaven will be measured by his nearness to Christ. "The kingdom of heaven is within you," said



Jesus. The greatest ambition that one can possibly have on this earth is not only to be a Christian but also to belong to the inner circle of the Lord's friends.

Another lesson is the fact that there can be joy in the midst of sorrow. Christ knew that he was facing death. We are told that when Moses and Elijah appeared to him they talked to him about his death. It was a time of sorrow for the Lord and yet in the midst of it all he was so happy that his face shone like the sun and his garments were as white as the light. In fellowship with Christ we, too, can find a joy that the world did not give and that the world cannot take away.

Still another lesson is that of the mountain-top experiences. Every person needs such experiences. These experiences are for getting power to do the task below. Peter wanted to build three tabernacles for these three great men—Christ, Moses, and Elijah. He wanted to spend the rest of his days on the mountain. Christ knew that there was work to do below. Those who attempt to live

always on the mountain-top never come to grips with the tasks below. While on the other hand those who never climb the mountain of worship and consciousness of the presence of the Lord do not have the necessary power for meeting the duties of life. It will be remembered that the nine who did not climb the mountain with the Lord were powerless to heal the diseased child.

Yet another lesson is the fact that all ages of the world are summed up in Christ. Moses represented the age of law, while Elijah represented that of prophecy. When the cloud had moved and the vision had passed the disciples saw no man save Jesus only. Christ represents the age of grace; God's unmerited favor to men; God's great love Gift to the world. The answers to all of our problems are found only in the Lord.

### Two Ambitious Disciples

The next passage (Mark 10:35-40) tells of a request made by James and John, the sons of Zebedee. The sad part of the whole event is the fact that it took place pretty soon after the Transfiguration. James and John, along with Peter, had witnessed this great event. But in spite of this they still failed to understand the Lord or the nature of his mission. They were still thinking in terms of a literal kingdom. In their imagination they saw the Lord seated upon a throne like the one which was once occupied by David. They longed for high places in this kingdom. Back in those days and in the section of the world the person of highest rank—surpassed only by the king himself—sat on the ruler's right hand and the one of second highest rank sat on the left. These men were simply selecting the places of highest rank for themselves. They were thinking wholly in material terms and because they were they felt that such honor could be bestowed by the ruler as a matter of favoritism rather than on a basis of merit.

Christ soon set them right on this question. This was not to be a kingdom where men exercised authority over others. It would not be a place where individuals vied with each other to see who would sit nearest the throne. It would rather be a world-brotherhood; a condition where love prevailed in all relationships; a regime in which true greatness would come as a result of helpful, unselfish service to others. High honor in such a kingdom as that could not be handed out as a matter of favor. It had to be earned. Christ said, "Let him who would be greatest of all be the servant of all." In the account of the inner circle, as mentioned above, it was pointed out that each individual determined whether or not he would be in the group, so in this passage the individual determines just how high he will rank in

God's Kingdom. These high places are won only on merit. The sky is the limit if the individual is willing to pay the price. Ask yourself the question now? "What am I doing that will enrich me forever?" Remember that true and eternal riches do not consist of money in a bank, or stocks and bonds, but rather in Christ-like character.

### Birds Of A Feather

We have all heard the old saying, "Birds of a feather flock together." No one will argue against the truth of this statement. If birds originally are not of the same feather they soon will be if they began to flock together. Some years ago a man insisted that under certain conditions he could fully describe and evaluate the character of a person whose face he had never seen and whose name he had never heard. He went on to say that if you would let him see the kind of books that this person liked to read, and review the kind of pictures he liked to see, and converse with the friends with whom the person in question liked to associate, he could tell you the type and value of the man's character. He could do this without ever coming in contact with the man at all.

The above paragraph anticipated the thought of our next passage—Acts 4:13. Peter and John had healed a lame man at the Beautiful gate of the Temple. For this they were thrust into prison. The next day they were brought before the Sanhedrin. They were harshly threatened and commanded not to speak any more in the name of Jesus. They told the court in short order that God had called them to speak in this name and that they would obey God rather than man. Then the passage goes on to say, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they wondered; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus." They had become of the same feather as Christ. There was something in them that reminded the Jewish Court of Christ. That is what friendship with the Lord will do for the individual.

Our Golden Text goes on to tell us that Christ no longer calls his followers servants. He rather prefers to call them friends. He is the one Friend that all need. It is said of him that he "Sticketh closer than a brother." The friendship one would form with another is all the more sacred when both would-be friends are first friends of his.

Once a man has achieved the impossible, it is no longer impossible. Once a man has stood up, straight and tall, he cannot ever forget it, no matter how low he must stoop.—Rosichucian Digest.