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We May Make A Pledge

IN their plans for building the Cannon Memorial Fellowship Hall, the Joint Board of Hospitals and Homes of our two Annual Conferences and the Superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock, where the Memorial Building is to be erected, are thankful for the response, in cash, they have had in answer to the call for funds for this worthy enterprise.

However, the management of the Children's Home announces that numerous letters have been received from friends of Mr. Cannon and the Home who state that they want to make a contribution for this cause when plans are complete for the building.

The Superintendent and Business manager of the Home, Rev. T. T. McNeal, asks that we announce that it will materially help in formulating plans for the building if those who plan to make a contribution for the building at a later date will now make a pledge for the amount they plan to contribute. Such pledges will be taken into consideration in the financial planning for the building. The Home needs this building and we do honor to a great Christian layman and religious statesman in the name it will carry.

Methodism Is Proud Of Its Laymen

THERE was a time when local churches were identified more especially with their pastors. Now, we are seeing in our day lay members of those churches coming more and more into prominence in directing the church's affairs and program. This, we believe, is indeed a healthy trend and is worthy of mention during this time in Methodism's calendar when Layman's Day is being observed. Methodism has every right to be proud of its laymen and their increasing usefulness to the Church and the Kingdom.

This does not mean that the pastor's place and function have decreased. Quite the contrary, for there never has been a time when demands on his time and strength were as great as now. This heavy load has made it all but imperative that he share his responsibilities with laymen. This has made it possible for the pastor to devote more time to those matters for which he is qualified and has been especially trained, while laymen shoulder other responsibilities which fall rather naturally within the range of their capabilities.

Pastors are now saying readily that there are certain functions within a church's program which laymen can handle more effectively and efficiently than pastors. The

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"There Were Giants In Those Days"

THE children's story-book expression, "There were giants in those days," right well describes the life and character of some of the leaders who helped to found our nation.

By common consent, our American people recognize in George Washington, whose birthday we celebrate this week, the greatest of the great among our founding fathers. When the War of Independence broke, Washington was the unanimous choice for Com-



mander-in-Chief of the Continental army. With this civilian army, poorly paid, poorly clothed, poorly fed and, in the beginning, poorly trained, he out maneuvered, out fought and out generated the best trained armies of professional soldiers England could send against us.

When peace came the new nation, born of the War of Independence, again turned to Washington for leadership. He became the first President of our nation. He might have continued in that office indefinitely, as some of our lesser moderns strive to do. Instead, after two terms as President, he refused a third term because he felt it would be better for the nation to have new leadership.

We have drifted far from this type of unselfish, far-sighted, patriotic statesmanship. If Washington, a real, super-statesman, refused to consider himself indispensable to our national welfare in those early critical years, it appears to be impudent presumption for some of our professional politicians today to assume that our nation would be fatally hurt by their retirement. There is a crying need for a Washingtonian statesmanship in our day.

Editor Attends Important Meeting In Cleveland

THE General Board of Hospitals and Homes of our church will have its annual meeting Tuesday of this week in Cleveland, Ohio. This meeting will be immediately followed by a meeting of The National Convention of Hospitals and Homes of our church on Wednesday and Thursday.

Members of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes, together with invited guests, will attend the meeting of the Board on Tuesday. Representatives from the various Methodist hospitals and homes throughout the nation, with invited guests, will attend the meeting Wednesday and Thursday.

The Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist will be represented by one of its editors in both of these meetings as an invited guest of the Board. Our General Boards increasingly recognize the importance of our church papers as a medium of publicity for their work. Our papers are in a much better position to give that publicity when their editors have a first hand knowledge of the program and plans of the Boards. We feel that the privilege of attending these great meetings of our Boards is mutually helpful.

Put Yourself On Record

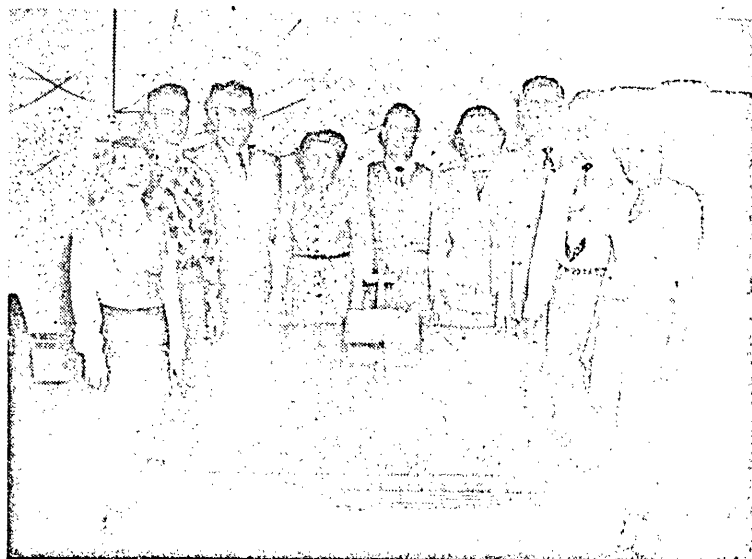
BY every reason Commitment Day, Sunday, March 2, should be one of the great experiences in the life of the local church. On this day Methodists are given the opportunity to pledge or repledge total abstinence from alcoholic beverages, to put themselves on record as being personally divorced from the use of alcoholic drinks, in moderation or otherwise.

Too long have the Christian people neglected to take positive direct constructive personal action in the matter of suppressing an unwanted and certainly unneeded waste of human life and values. We have been satisfied with passing resolutions which too often have resolved little. We have been content to know that The Methodist Church is on record as against the liquor traffic, without becoming too personally involved ourselves. Our fever rises somewhat when a legislative attempt is made to outlaw the trade, but too often the fever passes with the passing of the election. We personally have been concerned that the "Temperance Hour" at Annual Conference sessions is often less attended than any other sessions, giving the impression (untrue we believe) that Methodists are not interested in Temperance. Some Methodist churches annually pass Commitment Day by on the other side less some members be offended. And yet Methodism is now developing what seems to us a very constructive, positive approach to this whole matter of controlling and eventually

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The Church And Our Students

By **HAROLD O. EGGENSPERGER**, Pastor
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Arkansas Tech: (l. to r.); Betty Simpson, McGehee; Roger Griffin, Duncan, Springfield; P. K. Merrill, Arkansas Tech; Charles Jones, Arkansas Tech; John Henry Shelton, Jacksonville; Mrs. P. K. Merrill, Arkansas Tech; Billy Bert Baker, Gilbert; Russell Dahl, Hot Springs; LaRue Hawkins, Mountain Home.

THE Methodist Church goes to college with its young people. This holds true not only in Methodist Institutions of higher learning but also in state supported schools. It is the purpose of The Methodist Church to organize and carry forth a student religious program on the campus of every non-Methodist institution where a sufficient number of young people from Methodist homes are in attendance.

This organization, known as the Wesley Foundation, is to study the religious needs of the students, to plan and promote activities designed to give spiritual guidance, to assist in the program of evangelism, to enlist suitable candidates for full time religious vocations and to cooperate in every way with the administrative officials and organizations in an effort to deepen the religious life of the students and faculty members. Thus the Wesley Foundation is a part of The Methodist Church at work on the campus. It is directly related to the local Church, is under its general supervision, and from it receives financial aid.

The Wesley Foundation has adult counselors and student officers who act as a team in planning and in carrying forth the religious activities. At Arkansas Tech, Miss Charles Jones, Dr. and Mrs. P. K. Merrill, and Paul Fiser are among the adult counselors giving assistance to this work. Mr. Fiser is serving as superintendent of the Youth Division of The Methodist Church School and the Wesley Foundation being concerning with youth is therefore under his general supervision. Dr. P. K. Merrill is teacher of the Older Youth Class in the Church School. Miss Charles Jones is the adult counselor for the Methodist students and she is assisted by Mrs. P. K. Merrill.

At the heart of the student group meeting at the Church or on the campus is the council composed of the student officers, and the adult counselors.

John Henry Shelton, President; Russell Dahl, Vice-President; Betty Simpson, Secretary; LaRue Hawkins, Treasurer; Dwight Long, Chairman, Don Bowen, co-chairman, of Commission on Community Service; Polly Lefler, Chairman, Carroll Moseley, co-chairman, of Commission on World Friendship; John Guiling, Chairman, Barbara Viar, co-chairman, of Commission on Worship and Evangelism; Susie Joe, Chairman, Jimmy Lynn Wood, co-chairman, of Commission on Recreation; Billy Bert Baker, Publicity Chairman; and the above named adult leaders in these monthly council meetings are largely responsible for attaining the ob-

jectives and the goals of the student religious program.

Where advisable the Wesley Foundation council holds a retreat in the fall or spring and develops plans for its program throughout the year. At these retreats the students objectively ask the questions: (1) What are the religious needs of the Young people of our campus this year? (2) What program of worship and work shall we develop among us in order that we may adequately meet these needs? As the student council answers these questions, they usually divide into their respective commissions for the purpose of developing the various phases of the total program designed to meet these needs.

Thus throughout the year the Wesley Foundation Council through its Commission on Worship plans Worship Services to deepen the spiritual life of the students; through its commission on Community Service students are encouraged to render a service to the community of which they are a part; through the World Friendship Commission the youth are provided opportunities to reach out helping hands to other youth across the seas; and through the Recreation Commission wholesome fun and fellowship is provided for all.

Throughout the past year in Russellville the leaders and members of Wesley Foundation planned and built a beautiful worship center in their meeting room at The Methodist Church. The beauty and contribution of this project cannot be described in words. One must see it to understand its value. The Council planned many wholesome gatherings of students and among these was a World Friendship Tour. This consisted of visits to various countries represented by appropriately decorated homes at which special programs and foods typical of the country represented were provided. Recently an outstanding float picturing the Cross and the Bible was entered in the Homecoming parade. This was just another way of lifting up the spiritual values of Christianity before the students and the community. Another project of merit was that of organizing and sending out Fellowship Teams, composed of Christian students, to the churches of the surrounding communities in an effort to strengthen their youth program. It should be recognized that the students making up these teams were greatly inspired with these opportunities for the witness of their faith.

Above all, the constant impact which this organization is making upon life on all levels is of inestimable worth. Its significance to the church and the college is enhanced by the fact that it seeks not its own glory but strives to lift high the Saviour of men. We must not forget that we learn best by doing. To this end the Wesley Foundation is and must remain largely an organization in which youth through proper and adequate adult supervision are given the glorious privilege of planning, working, and evaluating their results. All of this helps them to become students with enlightened minds, with depth of convictions, and with loyalty to the Christ. Someday these students so strengthened from within will lead our world toward peace and righteousness.

THREE BOOKLETS ON "OUR MISSION"

In The Preaching And Teaching Endeavor

"The Faith of the Family," by Arthur West, 48 pages, came from the press about the first of January. It is being sold through the Advance office and the Methodist Publishing House at 60c, postpaid, for single copies—by the dozen, \$6.00—by the 100's, \$45.00.

"They Gird the Earth for Christ," by Eugene L. Smith, size 6 x 9", 88 pages, and cover. The cover is printed offset in 4 colors. There are in the body 30 pen and ink drawings by Dana Rassmussen. It contains quite a large number of brief stories of modern achievement by individuals who represent practically every phase and every field in which the Methodist Church is at work. Dr. Smith is a masterful story teller. We, in the Advance office, are confident that this booklet will create wide interest and will prove to be a very great inspirational value. The booklet will be ready not later than the 15th of this month. The price 75c, postpaid, for single copies—12 copies for \$7.20 and, in case anyone should want to order them that way—100 copies at \$55.00.

"The Church's Mission to Community and Nation" publication date, March 15. Prepared by a committee representing boards and agencies whose programs are concerned with service to the community and the nation, this booklet will be the same size and

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

WHEN I AM OLD

Mrs. I. L. Hazard

Lord keep me sweet when I grow old,
And things in life seem hard to bear;
When I am sad, and all alone,
And people do not seem to care.

Oh, keep me sweet when time has caused
This body, which is now so strong;
To droop beneath its load of years,
And suffering, and pain has come.

And keep me sweet when I have grown
To worry so, at din and noise;
And help me smile, the while I watch
The noisy play of girls and boys.

Help me remember how that I
When I was younger than to-day,
And full of life, and health, and joy,
Would romp and shout in happy play.

Help me to train my heart each day,
That it will only sweetness hold,
And as the days and years roll on,
May I keep sweet as I grow old.

Oh, keep me sweet and let me look
Beyond the frets that life must hold,
To see the glad eternal joys;
Yes, keep me sweet in growing old.

Supplied by J. W. Beeson,
In Exchange

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Help us, our Father, that we may be constantly aware of our spiritual need. We have been blinded to the need of our spirits while we have been alert to our physical need. Grant us a conscience that will be tender to Thy calling. Bring a conviction for sin into our hearts that we may seek forgiveness. When we have done that which Thou wouldst not have us do, bring the pain of guilt into our lives. When we have left undone that which Thou wouldst have us do may we have the sense of shame and guilt for betraying Thee. May we not become despondent in our spiritual inadequacy but remind us constantly that Thou hast called those with this feeling to Thee. Help us to come in true repent-

OUR CHRIST

In Christ I feel the heart of God
Throbbing from heaven through earth;
Life stirs again within the clod,
Renewed in beauteous birth;
The soul springs up, a flower of prayer,
Breathing His breath out on the air.

In Christ I touch the hand of God,
From His pure Height reached down,
By blessed ways before untrod,
To lift us to our crown;
Victory that only perfect is
Through loving sacrifice, like His.

Holding His hand, my steadied feet
May walk the air the seas;
On life and death His smile falls sweet,
Lights up all mysteries;
Stranger nor exile can I be
In new worlds where He leadeth me.

—Lucy Larcom, from Quotable Poems

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

TEXT: Blessed are those who feel their spiritual need, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them. (Matthew 5:3)

A TRAGEDY in any life is for that person to fail to realize his spiritual need. We are told of a disease that just before death all pain leaves. Just before spiritual death all pain of conscience leaves and complete self-sufficiency takes control. Charles Wesley was lifting this truth when he wrote:

I want a principle within
Of watchful, godly fear
A sensibility to sin,
A pain to feel it near.
Help me the first approach to feel
Of pride or wrong desire;
To catch the wandering of my will,
And quench the kindling fire.

Just as the human body needs food even so does the spiritual body need food. In the time of crises spiritual inadequacy is often felt but then the burden is on us and we have not learned to turn to Him who will help us bear our burden. Spiritual need is not just in these hours of crises but every day of our lives.

Take an inventory of your spiritual life and see what your spiritual status is. We have a physical check-up at intervals; why not a spiritual check-up to see where you stand. Some questions honestly faced might help us to be-

ance and in complete surrender. We pray in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

come aware of our spiritual need. For example ask yourself, "Am I afraid to get alone and really face myself; do I constantly have to be engaged in some social activity until I am exhausted?" Then look at your devotional life and see if it presents a real bright picture. "Do I pray only when I am really up against some great difficulty?" Then turn to your life in the Church which is a good index to your spiritual need. "Am I glad when they say to me, 'let us go unto the House of the Lord,' or do I go because it is expected of me, or a special occasion?" To honestly face questions that probe deep into our souls will reveal our spiritual need. To hide our true answers is only to increase our spiritual thirst as it would be to drink from the briny ocean.

We believe in "heartfelt" religion. The deep stirrings of our emotions touches our wills and help to bring a new dynamic into our living. The feeling in our religion is often interpreted in the joys that comes from a mountain-top experience. Jesus does not mention this experience but he does say that those who have an acute sense of their spiritual need are blest. Really the feeling that we can thank God for is that feeling of our spiritual interdependence upon each other and upon Him.

When our physical bodies are not in the best of health we begin to check-up to find out where the trouble is. In that sense pain

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

"I am of the Christian faith." Do we realize all that we are saying when we use this expression? We are saying, "I not only agree mentally with the teachings of Jesus Christ, but I have put all of my trust and confidence in these teachings."

If we put complete confidence in a thing, we are not afraid to base all our words and actions upon it. We have no fear that it is inadequate in any way. We uphold it before those who may not agree with us. What is more, we want to give that faith to others.

Yet how can they believe us when we say, "I am of the Christian faith," if we contradict ourselves by using the same tongue which speaks these words to speak unkindly of others. How can they understand when we say that we "believe" in Christ, then go on to say that his way is "too idealistic" to be actually lived?

Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. Whatever we have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed upon the housetop. Luke 12:2,3.

Heavenly Father, may we fully realize all that we should mean when we say, "I am of the Christian faith." Help us to uphold rather than contradict this statement by our words and deeds. Amen.—Peggy Johnson, Kentucky—In Power

comes to be a blessing. How much more when we feel our spiritual inadequacy should we be thankful for that pain in our hearts that directs us to Him who is able to supply that need.

This deep sense of spiritual need is a blessing in at least two ways to our lives. It is a blessing because we set about to do something about it; and it is a blessing because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who with a constancy of spirit press on to higher ground day by day. Charles Wesley again expresses it:

O may the least omission pain
My reawakened soul,
And drive me to that grace again,
Which makes the wounded whole.

—R.B.

Our days are like identical suitcases; all the same size, but some people can pack more into them than others.—P. L. Andarr, Advance, Advance Publishing Co.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. ROLAND E. DARROW, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monticello, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Pine Bluff Lion's Club on February 1.

DR. AUBREY G. WALTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, is teaching the course on Alcohol Education in the Memphis District Training School which is in session in Memphis this week.

THE PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE CHOIR of Little Rock sang at the morning hour at the First Methodist Church, DeQueen, on Sunday, February 10. Rev. J. L. Tucker is pastor at DeQueen.

DR. PAUL GALLOWAY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, on Wednesday, February 27.

J. C. McCURDY will be the speaker at the Layman's Day service at the First Methodist Church, Paris, on Sunday morning, February 24. Mr. McCurdy will speak on "The Mission of My Church—A Layman's View."

MILDRED WALDROP was elected president of the Young Peoples' Class of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, at a recent meeting. Other officers are Sue Sudeth, vice-president, and Patsy Deller, secretary.

DR. E. C. RULE, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, taught the course, "The Church Working With Young Adults" at the Baton Rouge District Training School held at Baton Rouge, February 17-21.

REV. RAYMOND DORMAN, pastor of the Levy Methodist Church, is teaching the course, "Recreational Leadership" in the Memphis District Training School being held in the First Methodist Church, February 17-22.

THE following preachers from the Fort Smith area attended Ministers' Week at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, February 4-7: Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, Rev. Charles B. Wyatt, Rev. Martin Bierbaum, Rev. Vann Hooker, Rev. Robert Paul Sessions, Rev. J. J. Clark and Rev. O. D. Peters.

REV. R. E. L. BEARDEN, pastor of Goddard Memorial Church, Ft. Smith, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Russellville, on Wednesday evening, February 20. Brother Bearden talked on experiences he had in Europe while attending the Ecumenical Conference last fall.

DR. FRANCIS A. BUDDIN, Little Rock District Superintendent, was the featured speaker at the District Mass Meeting of the Poplar Bluff District at Poplar Bluff on Sunday afternoon, February 17. The mass meeting climaxed in the Poplar Bluff District a U.E.M. program in the St. Louis Area, February 8-17.

REV. T. T. McNEAL, Director of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, one of the Arkansas

Methodist editors, are attending this week the annual meeting of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes and the annual Convention of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Cleveland, Ohio.

FAMILY NIGHT at Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Wednesday, February 13, was devoted to the subject, "The Family—A Christian's Concern". Ed Lester discussed "Comics, Radio, Television—and Children". Mrs. A. S. Ross presented "What the Community Can Do for the Family" and Mrs. Edgar Dixon spoke on "What the Family Can Do for the Community."

REV. E. D. GALLOWAY, Hope District Superintendent, was the speaker at the meeting of Methodist laymen of the Hope District at the First Methodist Church, DeQueen, on Sunday afternoon, February 3. The program was under the supervision of Bun Gantz of Texarkana, director of Methodist Men of the district.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE of the Monticello District are sponsoring a cottage for the use of the young people who attend summer assemblies. Under the direction of Dr. W. E. Brown, district superintendent, a fund for this purpose is being raised in which the local congregations are cooperating.

REV. A. L. RIGGS, pastor at Farmington, writes: "Our U.E.M. campaign was a great success. We received five on profession of faith and five by certificate or transfer. We have received 22 members this year, 15 on profession of faith and 7 by transfer. Our attendance at Sunday School is 60 per cent of the enrollment. Our church attendance at the morning service is 60 per cent of the membership and at the evening service 30 per cent. Our youth attendance is about 90 per cent, both morning and evening and they stay for both church services."

A RECEPTION for new members was held at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Wednesday evening, February 13, with approximately 100 new members attending. Mrs. J. E. Critz presented the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Bill Adair presented the Church School, Paul Young presented the financial report; Virgil Blossom talked about the church at large and Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor, welcomed the new members. A trio from the Chancel Choir, made up of Mrs. W. J. Smothers, Mrs. L. O. Graham, Mrs. Harold Hall accompanied by Mrs. Harrison Butler, sang a group of four numbers.

REV. J. W. RUSHING, pastor of the Emmett Circuit, called at the Methodist office on Tuesday of last week. He reports that things are moving along in a fine way on his charge. A new pulpit and pulpit chairs were installed in June in the Emmett church. The church has just completed a breezeway connecting the educational building with the auditorium. Midway spent over \$1000 remodeling the church. The Church School at Emmett has increased in membership from 107 to 120 with an average attendance of over 100. The Methodist Men's Fellowship for the circuit met on February 4 with 62 present. The Fellowship meets quarterly. The circuit sent the pastor of Ministers' Week at S.M.U. with all expenses paid. Brother Rushing has received 32 into the

church, 20 being received during the United Evangelistic Mission.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd

We urge each pastor of the Little Rock Conference to preach again on "Temperance" and have his people sign the Commitment Folders on March 2nd, which is Commitment Sunday. The folders may be had free by writing to the Service Department, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

Please send the number of your "Commitments" on a post card immediately that we may forward a compiled list for our conference on to Bishop Hammaker, who requests this information.—J. L. Tucker, Chairman, Temperance Board, DeQueen

DEATH OF REV. L. C. GATLIN

Rev. L. C. Gatlin, member of the Little Rock Conference, passed away on Thursday, February 14, at a hospital in Monticello. Brother Gatlin, who had retired relationship in the Conference, had been serving as pastor at Wilmar. He had served a number of pastorates in the Little Rock Conference.

Surviving are Mrs. Gatlin, a son, Lt. Commander G. Weldon Gatlin, Navy chaplain, stationed in Trinidad; two sisters, Mrs. Louise Fears of Tulsa and Mrs. Emma Hessenflow of Glendale, Cal., and a brother, Eardon Gatlin of El Paso, Texas.

METHODISM IS PROUD OF ITS LAYMEN

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recent United Evangelistic Mission certainly demonstrates that properly trained laymen can visit unchurched people and secure marvelous results. The rewarding efforts of laymen doing church extension work is another case in point. Implications are that those who are being helped appreciate the genuine sincerity of laymen who do this work simply for the good that can be accomplished and the pure joy of serving.

It takes no prophet to predict that Methodism will see an ever further increase in the use of its laymen. As programs designed to further develop lay leadership are utilized we can expect Methodist laymen to respond even more to the opportunities for service which Methodism offers.

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WEEK OF DEDICATION FUNDS NEEDED HERE



Berkeley, California, Japanese Methodist Church

Church school children of kindergarten age in the Japanese Methodist Church at Berkeley, Calif., must keep their coats on Sunday mornings because of inadequate heating. Methodists across the country will have an opportunity to contribute to a new building for this group during Week of Dedication, March 9-16.

The church school of the Japanese Methodists at Berkeley has an enrollment of 120 pupils. It assembles each Sunday in an overcrowded makeshift chapel normally seating sixty adults. Six small rooms including the pastor's study where the kindergarten children meet and the church kitchen are used as classrooms.

Plans have been completed for a new building to be named in honor of Frank Herron Smith, former superintendent of the Methodist work among Japanese Americans on the West Coast. He served twenty years and through his efforts fifteen Japanese Americans now serve in the Conference.

Two California congregations intend to raise money locally to match offerings they receive from Week of Dedication. For the new church at Berkeley the Japanese Congregation needs \$25,000. At Stockton, Calif., the Chinese congregation is to match the \$15,000 it hopes to receive for a new sanctuary. The Stockton Chinese Methodists have a program for development of Christian leadership with emphasis on youth programs and interracial community endeavors. A sanctuary is badly needed. This church has nineteen youth clubs with a total of over 300 members.



Area Methodist Circulation Campaign



SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT NO. 3

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

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Present Total
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1319**			
Glenwood, C. V. Mashburn	1		26**
Hot Springs Churches:			
1st Ch., E. C. Rule	2		102
Grand Ave., C. Ray Hozendorf	2		125**
Pullman Heights, H. R. Holland	1		67**
Malvern 1st Ch., Van W. Harrell	2		129
CAMDEN DISTRICT			
Present District Total 2068**			
Camden 1st Ch., Robert B. Moore	2		161
El Dorado, Vantrease, J. D.			
Montgomery	1		89**
HOPE DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1604**			
Emmett Ct., John W. Rushing	2		81**
Hatfield Ct.	1		6
Hope, Virgil D. Keeley	2		320*3
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT			
Present District Total 2124			
Des Arc, A. C. Rogers	1		39**
DeVall's Bluff, Albert Oliver	1		46**
Little Rock Churches:			
Asbury, Arthur Terry	18		324**
Capitol View, D. T. Rowe	4		57
1st Church, Aubrey G. Walton	3		227
Highland, R. F. Sorrells	2		77
Hunter, Fred L. Arnold	3		93**
Pulaski Heights, Kenneth Shamblin	1		117
Winfield, Cecil R. Culver	1		170
Primrose, H. D. Ginther	1		40**
MONTICELLO DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1338**			
McGehee, D. Mouzon Mann	2		74**
Star City, George Kerr	1		56**
Watson-Kelso, W. T. Bone	2		55**
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1245			
DeWitt, O. E. Holmes	1		87*
Pine Bluff Churches:			
Carr Mem., C. H. Giessen	1		65
First Church, Kenneth Spore	8		45
BATESVILLE DISTRICT			
Present District Total 940**			
Cave City-Sidney, James Smith	2		31**
Mountain Home Parish,			
J. C. Wilcox	1		43
Mountain View, M. A. Graves	1		25**
Pleasant Plains, Ray Burrow	4		23
CONWAY DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1296**			
Beacon, W. B. Holman	3	4	19**

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Present Total
Conway First Ch., Joel Cooper	1	1	164
North Little Rock, Washington Ave., I. L. Claud	1		90**
Ola, Kenneth Hatfield	1		19
Pope County Ct., Thomas Kinslow	1		23**
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1312**			
Berryville, Edwin Dodson	1		47**
FORREST CITY DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1626**			
Brinkley, Jesse Johnson	1		90**
Helena, E. J. Holifield	1		124**
Wynne, Lloyd Conyers	1		110**
FORT SMITH DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1800**			
Alix Ct., Dewey Dark	1		23*
Fort Smith Churches:			
1st Church, Fred G. Roebuck	1		262
Grand Ave., C. B. Wyatt	1		37**
Hartford, Aaron Barling	3		33**
Huntington, M. L. Edgington	1		16**
Lavaca, W. B. Johnson	2		27**
Prairie View-Scranton, C. R. Nance	2		41**
Waldron, Elmo Thomason	1		61**
JONESBORO DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1593**			
Bono, J. C. Crenshaw	1		20
Joiner, E. E. Stevenson	1		51*2
Jonesboro Churches:			
First Church, John McCormack	1	2	115
Fisher St., Wm. M. Womack	1		33**
Osceola, G. C. Taylor	1		100**
PARAGOULD DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1171**			
SEARCY DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1171**			
Augusta, H. Lynn Wade	2		72**
Quitman, Stanley Reed	1		52**
Searcy, Ralph Hillis	2		132
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1105**			
Alexandria Churches:			
1st Ch., V. D. Morris	1		137
Trinity, Wm. F. Mayo	2		53**
Colfax, R. E. Walton	1		18
Jena, Otis W. Spinks	12		12
Oakdale, Edwin J. Barksdale	6	1	29
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1024			
Baton Rouge Churches:			
1st Ch., Homer Vanderpool	81		273
Istoma, James T. Harris	1		57
LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT			
Present District Total 634			
Bell City, C. J. Thibodaux	1		23**
Crowley, 1st Ch., A. M. Brown	1		21
DeRidder, George Pearce Jr.	6		27
Lafayette:			
1st Church, D. W. Poole	1		48

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Present Total
MONROE DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1708**			
Claiborne, F. L. Hearne	1		26
McGuire, W. C. Mason	1		14
Oak Ridge, George L. Cagle	2		33
Tallulah, A. A. McKnight	1		105**
Waterproof, John G. Gieck	1		31**
West Monroe, R. H. Staples	1		184**
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT			
Present District Total 706			
Berwick-Patterson, Floyd M.			
Durham	1		30**
RUSTON DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1426			
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1539			
Rodessa	2		10
Shreveport Churches:			
First Church, Guy M. Hicks	46		255
Noel Memorial, John J. Rasmussen	2		206
Zwolle, A. D. St. Amant, Jr.	4		41**

PUT YOURSELF ON RECORD

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drying up the number one blight on American life, the liquor traffic.

We need to affirm and reaffirm, again and again, personally our own conviction as to the value of the avowed practice of total abstinence. If we sincerely put ourselves on record each year we strengthen our own will and example, and we thereby link ourselves with others in a mighty crusade for righteousness. We are not merely getting on record as against something. Our affirmation is a positive one, and God will use our abstinence to build up a reign of righteousness.

We are being called upon as Christians to help stem the tide of compromise that is so prevalent in our day. Moderation in drink is an expedient compromise that eventually wrecks. Furthermore, there can be no meeting of the minds between those who yearn for the Holy Kingdom and those who would damn the very soul of our land for personal gain.

May Commitment Day bring forth a great resurgence of spiritual power that maketh for righteousness and sobriety among us all.

Methodist Children's Home Report

FIRST REPORT OF THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

(Continued from last week)

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

Charge and Church	Annual Offering	Building Fund	For Clothing	Educational Fund	Total
CONWAY DISTRICT					
Atkins	25.10				25.10
Beacon	16.00				16.00
Belleville-Havana					
Belleville	5.00				5.00
Cedar Creek					
Corinth					
Havana	12.00				12.00
Bethel-Cato					
Bethel	10.25				10.25
Cato	15.00				15.00
Conway Churches					
First Church	725.00	5.00			730.00
Wesley					
Memorial	20.00				20.00
Dardanelle	100.00				100.00
Dardanelle Ct.:					
Liberty Hall	2.00				2.00
Oak Grove	5.00				5.00
Pisgah	5.00				5.00
Danville		27.00			27.00
Dover-London					
Dover	26.60				26.60
London	10.00				10.00
Gravelly Ct.:					
Gravelly	32.79				32.79
Bluffton					
Briggsville					
Wing					
Rover					
Greenbrier Ct.:					
Greenbrier	17.50				17.50
Centerville	18.00				18.00
Republican	10.00				10.00
Morrilton	198.78				198.78
Morrilton Ct. No. 1					
Cleveland	5.00				5.00
Solgochachia					
Lanty					
Overcup		5.00			5.00
Morrilton Circuit					
No. 2					
Mallettown					
Springfield	41.10				41.10
Mayflower	6.61				6.61
Hill Creek					
Naylor Ct.:					
Oakland					
Naylor	6.00				6.00
Bethlehem					
Mt. Vernon	3.50				3.50
North Little Rock Churches:					
First Church	250.00	100.00			350.00
Gardner Memorial			19.00		19.00
Levy	52.00				52.00
Sylvan Hills	10.00				10.00
Wash. Ave.	124.54				124.54
Ola Ct.:		8.00			8.00
Ola	44.32				44.32
Centerville	12.35				12.35
Birta					
Oppelo	29.00				29.00
Perry-Perryville					
Perry	5.50				5.50
Perryville	25.00				25.00
Perry County Ct.:					
Bigelow					
Houston	7.00				7.00
Casa	1.00				1.00
Adona	3.50				3.50
Plainview Ct.:					
Plainview		11.00			11.00

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Charge and Church	Annual Offering	Building Fund	For Clothing	Educational Fund	Total
Salem					11.00
Plummersville	65.00				65.00
Pope Co. Ct.:					
St. Paul's					
Center Valley					
Morland					
Pottsville Ct.:					
Pottsville	28.00				28.00
Bell's Chapel	7.00				7.00
Russellville	300.00	5.00	20.00		325.00
Salem	22.87				22.87
Vilonia	29.00				29.00
Vilonia Ct.:					
Mt. Carmel					
Cypress Valley					

TOTAL FOR DISTRICT \$2527.31

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Alpena					
Omaha					
Avoca Ct.:					
Avoca	34.07				34.07
Bland Chapel	6.00				6.00
Tuck's Chapel	11.80				11.80
Bentonville	222.00				222.00
Bentonville Ct.:					
Council Grove					
Mt. Hebron	13.45				13.45
New Home	43.00				43.00
Oakleys Chapel	16.35				16.35
Berryville	25.00				25.00
Shiloh					
Centerton	35.00				35.00
Decatur	20.70				20.70
Elm Springs-Harmon Ct.:					
Elm Springs	30.00				30.00
Harmon	30.00				30.00
Robinson					
Eureka Springs	120.00	10.00			130.00
Farmington Ct.:					
Farmington	21.50				21.50
Weddington	5.00				5.00
Fayetteville					
Central	1650.24				1650.24
Fayetteville, Wiggins Memorial	120.07				120.07
Gentry	32.00				32.00
Goshen	15.00				15.00
Green Forest	43.00				43.00
Gravette	35.00	10.00			45.00
Lincoln	45.00				45.00
Summers	10.00				10.00
Madison County No. 1					
Huntsville	28.00				28.00
McLoud					
Presley's Chapel	20.00				20.00
Madison County No. 2					
Brannon Chapel					
Delaney	19.00				19.00
Elkins	10.00				10.00
Nickell's Memorial	6.00				6.00
St. Paul	3.00				3.00
Morrow-Evansville					
Morrow	25.68				25.68
Evansville					
Pea Ridge-Brightwater					
Brightwater	30.00				30.00
Pea Ridge	30.50	1.00			31.50
Prairie Grove	100.00				100.00
Rogers, Central	220.00				220.00
Siloam Springs	298.57				298.57
Springdale, First	175.00	225.00	70.00		470.00
Springdale					
Wesley	22.15				22.15
Zion					
Springtown-Highfill					
Springtown	11.00				11.00
Highfill					
Sulphur Springs	22.54				22.54
Viney Grove Ct.:					
Rhea					
Illinois Chapel					
Viney Grove	26.00				26.00
Winslow					
Extension Churches:					
Cincinnati					
Piney					
Liberty	4.11				4.11

TOTAL FOR DISTRICT \$3921.73

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Aubrey Ct.:					
Aubrey	11.00				11.00
Ebenezer					
Moro	14.79				14.79
Rondo					
Brinkley Ct.:					
Brinkley	214.80	160.00			374.80
Allendale					
Clarendon Ct.:					
Clarendon	122.22	105.00			227.22

Charge and Church	Annual Offering	Building Fund	For Clothing	Educational Fund	Total
Shiloh					227.22
Colt Ct.:					
Colt	20.71				20.71
Forrest Chapel					
McElroy					
Smith Chapel					
Wesley Chapel	11.00				11.00
Cotton Plant Ct.:					
Cotton Plant	150.00				150.00
McClelland	5.00				5.00
Crawfordsville Ct.:					
Crawfordsville	20.25				20.25
Blackfish Lake	27.92				27.92
Earle	41.00				41.00
Elaine Ct.:					
Elaine	23.21				23.21
Mellwood	5.00				5.00
Wabash					
Forrest City			420.00		420.00
Haynes	30.00				30.00
LaGrange					
Helena	305.00	20.00			325.00
Holly Grove	100.00	105.00			205.00
Hughes	67.81				67.81
Hunter					
Whitehall					
Marianna	135.00		40.00		175.00
Marion	370.75		121.47		492.22
Marvell Ct.:					
Marvell	23.25				23.25
Lexa	12.00				12.00
Turner	5.00				5.00
Parkin	50.00	5.00			55.00
Vandale Ct.:					
Vandale	36.59				36.59
Cherry Valley	23.43				23.43
Farm Hill					
Pleasant Hill					
West Helena	100.00				100.00
West Memphis-Hulbert					
West Memphis			43.00		43.00
Hulbert					
Wheatley Ct.:					
Wheatley	18.50				18.50
Goodwin					
Salem					
Widener Ct.:					
Widener	20.60	10.00			30.60
Round Pond	552.00				552.00
Madison	20.40				20.40
Tuni					
Wynne Ct.:					
Wynne	151.18	125.00			276.18
Central					
Ellis					

TOTAL FOR DISTRICT \$3841.88

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Alix Ct.:					
Alix					
Coal Hill	10.00				10.00
Mt. Vernon	18.53				18.53
Alma Ct.:					
Alma	70.00				70.00
Mt. View	15.00				15.00
Altus Ct.:					
Altus					
Denning					
Gar Creek	5.00				5.00
Grenade's Chapel	5.00				5.00
Booneville	100.00				100.00
Cole's Chapel	10.00				10.00
Branch Ct.:					
Branch	9.55				9.55
Cecil	5.00				5.00
Love's Creek	1.50				1.50
Ratcliff					
Charleston	50.00				50.00
Clarksburg	335.91	100.00			435.91
Forrester	7.00				7.00
Fort Smith Churches:					
First Church	1550.00	6.00			1556.00
Fifth Street	30.00				30.00
Goddard Mem.	517.59				517.59
Grand Avenue	19.25				19.25
Massard	16.00				16.00
Barling		5.00			5.00
Midland Heights	74.56				74.56
St. Paul	120.00				120.00
St. Luke	40.00				40.00
Bonanza	35.15				35.15
Townson Avenue	5.00				5.00
Greenwood Ct.:					
Greenwood	52.50				52.50
Milltown					
Washburn					
Hackett Ct.:					
Bethel	10.00				10.00
Hackett	7.55				7.55
Hartford	50.00				50.00
Midland					
Hartman Ct.:					
Hartman	27.50				27.50
Hay's Chapel					
Mt. Zion					
Spadra	17.38				17.38

ARKANSAS METHODIST

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Russellville School

The reports coming from the Russellville Training School, held February 11-13, indicate a good school with an excellent enrollment of 85 for the area. This is the largest enrollment for a training school in this section of Conway District in a number of years. The following courses were offered:

Understanding Children, Mrs. W. A. Wooten.

Interpreting the Bible to Youth Rev. James S. Upton.

Personal Religious Living, Dr. Fred R. Harrison.

Institutes Well Attended

Our series of institutes on church school work, chiefly centered in the literature and its uses, is well under way by the time of this writing, but will not be completed for several days. The attendance has been very encouraging. There was no attempt to get large groups together, but to bring together a representative group for the various local churches that these leaders might direct the workers of the local churches into a better use of the materials.

Four meetings were held in the Conway District the last week in January. Thus far we have held a district-wide meeting in Forrest City District; a two district (Jonesboro and Paragould) meeting at Jonesboro, with representatives from the Newport Area attending at Jonesboro; and a meeting at Searcy for part of Searcy District and any from Batesville District, who could attend.

We were fortunate in being able to have Rev. Walter Vernon of the Editorial Division Staff of the General Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., in the meetings at Forrest City, Jonesboro, and Searcy.

We have been delighted with the large number of church school superintendents who have been in these meetings. We are recognizing more and more the importance of the work of our church school superintendents.

North Little Rock Training School

The North Little Rock Training School is to be held at First Church, North Little Rock, February 24-28, with six courses being offered, as follows:

How We Got Our Denominations, Rev. William Wilder.

Christian Stewardship, Rev. Irl Bridenthal.

Preparing for Marriage (Youth only), Rev. Harold Spence.

Audio-Visual Aids, Rev. Alfred Knox.

Christian Home-Making, Rev. E. J. Holifield.

Understanding Children, Mrs. M. G. Joyce.

Rev. I. L. Claud is dean of the school.

The school will open at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, February 24, and will continue through Thursday night, February 28.

This school is open to all who are within reach of the school. If you are interested in one of these courses be present for the opening session on Sunday afternoon, February 24.

Blytheville Area School

The Blytheville Area Training School is to be held February 25-29, beginning at 7 p. m., Monday night, February 25. Miss Sue Osmont is to be dean. The following courses are to be offered:

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

Preparing for Marriage (Youth only), Rev. Lee Cate.

Meaning of Methodism, Rev. Roy I. Bagley.

The Book of Acts, Ira A. Brumley.

The school is to be held at First Methodist Church, Blytheville.

The month of March is to be a great training period in the Conference. Schools are to be held in the following districts: Conway, Fayetteville, Forrest City, Ft. Smith, Jonesboro, Paragould. Watch for announcement of these schools.

March Membership Month

You will be seeing a lot in the next few weeks about the three M's. The last session of the Annual Conference voted with the approval of the North Arkansas Conference Cabinet, and on recommendation of the Conference Board of Education, that March be Church School Membership month. During this time we will be seeking to increase our church school membership and attendance.

This program is to be a part of the plan of conserving the results of the recent evangelistic program, U.E.M.

This program will also be seeking to bring new people into our church schools in order to condition them to make commitments in future evangelistic work. The church school is still the greatest evangelistic agency of the church. Most of those recently won had been prepared in a part, at least, for commitment by the program of Christian education through the work of the church school. The home and the church school must continue to be the basic

agencies for Christian education.

Recent studies made in our Conference and throughout the Methodist Church indicate that we are losing a large per cent of the persons brought into the membership of our churches, largely because we are not doing a large enough job of developing them after we get them. A stronger church school program can help this situation.

We hope that local churches will begin at once to make prospect lists and plan ways and means of bringing more people into our church school program, and encouraging more regular attendance on the sessions of the church school.

We are delighted that during the last eight years we have increased the average attendance in our church schools by almost 1,000 per year, a total of 7,699. We hope we can show a good gain in average attendance by the Annual Conference Session in June.

We hope your church school will begin plans at once to make **MARCH MEMBERSHIP MONTH.**

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL IN SESSION

The annual training school of the Shreveport District is in session at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Rev. Garland C. Dean, pastor of Caddo Heights Church, dean.

The classes will meet at the First church at 7 o'clock each evening during the week of February 18 through February 22.

Courses and instructors are as follows:

"Plans of the Church for Kindergarten Children," for kindergarten workers, with Mrs. R. R. Branton of Ruston as the teacher; "Guiding Junior Children in Christian Growth," for junior department workers, with Miss Freddie Henry of Nashville, Tenn., as teacher; "Youth and Worship," for the young people's group and youth workers, with Mrs. Alice Bays of Knoxville, Tenn., as the teacher.

"The Work of the Adult Division," for adult workers, with Dr. Robert S. Clemmons of Nashville as the teacher, and "The Relation of Church and State," for workers in the adult, youth and children's divisions, with Dr. W. W. Sweet of the Perkins School of Theology as the teacher.

DR. GROSS TO SPEAK ON METHODIST HOUR

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. John O. Gross will be heard on the Methodist Hour April 20, 1952. His

REPORT ON FAY McRAE LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

The following amounts have been received since the last report was made in the *Arkansas Methodist*.

Prescott Church	\$63.50
Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Grady	2.50
Rison	1.00
Grady Church	5.00
First Methodist, Hawley of Pine Bluff	6.90

The check from Hawley, and First Church, Pine Bluff, was not divided when received in the office, therefore it is reported as one amount.—Mrs. W. F. Bates

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING TO BE DEDICATED

Nashville, Tenn.—The dedication of the new building, soon to be occupied by the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, will be held on March 6.

The service of dedication has been prepared by Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, chancellor of Boston University. The building will be presented for dedication by Bishop J. Ralph McGee, Chicago Area, vice-president of the board and chairman of the general building committee. Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville Area, will give the address.

"Unfortunately, because of certain delays, the building will not be ready for occupancy at the time of the dedication," reports Dr. John O. Gross, Executive Secretary, Division of Educational Institutions, Methodist Board of Education. "Since the board will be in session in Nashville that week," Dr. Gross states, "we have decided to go ahead with the dedication."

sermon topic will be "Maturity Through Christ." Dr. Gross is Executive Secretary, Division of Education Institutions, Methodist Board of Education.

The broadcast, under the auspices of the Joint Commission of The Methodist Church, will be carried by principal stations in the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions.



CURRENT RELIGIOUS NEWS BRIEFS

Selected From Religious News Service

New Religion and Health Magazine Out

The first issue of Religion and Health, a new magazine concerned with the "integration of physical and spiritual health," has just been issued at Durham, N. C. It is edited by Dr. Russell L. Dicks, head of the department of pastoral care at Duke University Divinity School and chaplain to Duke Hospital. The first issue contains articles dealing with heart disease, child training, counseling and resources of religion for health.

World Council Expresses Condolences On King's Death

An expression of "deepest sympathy" was conveyed to Queen-Mother Elizabeth by the executive committee of the World Council of Churches when news of the death of King George VI of England, reached the delegates meeting in Lambeth Palace, London. The message also expressed the hope that the "blessings of Almighty God" might rest upon Princess Elizabeth as she enters upon her new, momentous duties as Queen of England. Immediately after dispatching the message the churchmen suspended their business sessions here and adjourned to the private chapel of Lambeth Palace. There they took part in a service of intercession on behalf of the Royal Family and the British Nation and Commonwealth, which was conducted by Dr. George K. A. Bell, Anglican Bishop of Chichester. The message to the Queen-Mother was signed by three presidents of the World Council — Bishop Eivind Bergrav of Oslo, Norway; Dr. Marc Boegner, president of the French Protestant Federation and Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, also a president, was ill and unable to attend the executive committee's sessions.

Methodist Properties Damaged In Fiji Hurricane

Methodist church properties suffered extensive damage in a hurricane which struck the Fiji Islands. Fifty per cent of the churches in the area were badly hit and ninety per cent of the ministers and catechists lost their homes. The administrative offices of the Methodist Mission Board and the Board's book depot, printing works, schools and staff houses were badly damaged. The Methodist Church of Australia has launched a relief fund to help victims of the hurricane. The Rev. Alan R. Tippet, acting chairman of the Fiji-Fijian District of the Methodist Overseas Missions of Australia, flew to Australia to report to the

Methodist Board of Missions on the damage. He will tour the principal Australian cities on behalf of the relief fund. Methodists are the principal religious group among the Fijian people.

Reports Christian 'Underground' Continues In Russia

A Christian "underground" continues to exist inside the Soviet Union, clergymen were told at the Albany Federation of Churches' in-service training session, Albany, N. Y. Dr. Matthew Spinka, Czech-born professor of history at Hartford Seminary Foundation, Conn., said the scope and strength of the movement remained undetermined. But he said that leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church in the United States refer to the underground with "great assurance." Dr. Spinka said that many Russian Christians apparently were not deceived when the Soviet government ostensibly relaxed bans on religious worship. He said the change of policy did not mark the abandonment of Russia's goal of destroying churches and religion, but was merely a change of tactics in pursuit of the same ultimate end. Russia's present policy permitting the existence of organized religions is for the purpose of "making the churches tools of the government's political aims," Dr. Spinka said.

Legion Launches Spiritual Drive

A nation-wide drive for a "spiritual re-awakening of all Americans" was launched by the American Legion in Philadelphia. Donald R. Wilson, national Legion commander, appealed to 5,000,000 Legion men and women

in 17,341 posts and 13,690 auxiliaries to "encourage our people to get back to God." Mr. Wilson spoke at a ceremony in the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. The exercises marked the ninth anniversary of the heroism of four chaplains who gave their lifebelts to enlisted men and went down praying together aboard the torpedoed U. S. transport Dorchester. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, chaplain of the chapel, and father of Lieut. Clark V. Poling, one of the four, participated in the exercises. The other three heroic chaplains were: Rabbi Alexander D. Goode; the Rev. George L. Fox, Methodist; and Father John P. Washington, Roman Catholic.

Pastor Curbs Liquor Drinking Members

Dr. Pierce Harris, pastor of First Methodist church of Atlanta, Ga., believes in curbing liquor drinking by members of his congregation. "If I see in an Atlanta paper that some member of my congregation is having a cocktail party," he said in an address to an interdenominational preaching mission at Winston-Salem, N. C., "I assume that he is looking for publicity. So I announce it from the pulpit. And, believe me, it has a very restraining influence," the pastor added.

Church Groups Hope For Return To Seoul

Religious groups here are studying the possibility of an early return to their former headquarters in Seoul. Church leaders were stirred by President Syngman Rhee's statement that the government hoped to return to Seoul in March. Some churchmen were not as optimistic as the President, however, in view of the tenor of the truce talks. Pusan is now the headquarters of various denominations and major religious agencies such as the National Y. M. C. A., National Y. W. C. A., National Christian Council, Christian Literature Society, Christian Council of Religious Education and Christian Childrens Fund. Most of these operated, at their peak activity, from their own comfortable, multi-roomed offices in Seoul. Here they pay high rentals for single, earth-floored rooms with no desks, almost no equipment and with crudely built benches the only furniture.

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

"LIKE A SUNNY DAY"

By Alta Halverson Seymour

"Marian, do you suppose I could go out to play?"

Marion looked up from her book and frowned at small Peggy. "Of course, you can't," she said impatiently. "Can't you see it's just pouring rain. You stay in and play with your dolls."

"Well, play something else then; only don't bother me. I want to finish my book." Marian's face wore an injured look as she returned to her reading. It did seem too bad to have her Saturday afternoon ruined like this. She had planned to walk over to see her Cousin Polly, and then along had come this rain-storm.

"I could have gone anyway, if mother hadn't had to go to that committee meeting," she thought, "and even that wouldn't have prevented me if it hadn't been for this old rain. I guess it's what they call a vicious circle. If it hadn't rained, the children could have played outdoors, and then grandma could have kept an eye on them. But mother thought it would be too much work for grandma to keep them amused in the house. They get so restless on a rainy day."

As a matter of fact, Marian was doing very little to amuse the children. She felt that she was doing quite enough to give up her afternoon, without devoting it to the entertainment of her small brother and sister.

For a few moments she read on, and then a crash from across the room made her look up angrily. Bobby had just finished a wonderful tower, and he raised his voice in a dismal howl as his handiwork came crashing to the floor.

"Bobby!" said his irritated sister, "don't cry like that! You'll wake grandma. Can't you see she's taking a nap on the couch? You're too big to be such a cry-baby, anyway. I should think you'd be ashamed!"

"Well, Marian, you're cross as two sticks, aren't you?"

Marian looked up with fresh annoyance to see her brother Tom standing in the doorway. "You're not the only one whose Saturday afternoon is spoiled by the rain. I wanted to go—"

"I don't care where you wanted to go," snapped Marian. "You can just come in here and amuse Bobby for a while. I've done my share."

"Nothing doing," retorted Tom. Grandmother, trying to snatch

a nap on the couch, stirred restlessly. If only the children would not quarrel, she did not mind how much noise they made. Then she gave a sigh of content, for there was a new voice in the room—a very cheerful, pleasant voice, such as she had not heard all afternoon.

"Hello, everybody!" someone was saying. "I wanted so much to see you all, I just walked over in the rain."

"Oh, Polly! I'm so glad to see you," said Marian. "Take this chair by the fire."

"Just a minute and I will," said Polly. "What's the matter, Bobby? Tower fall down? Let's build one this way. I'll tell you; we'll make one big enough for Peggy's dolls. We'll make a tower, and a house, and maybe a store."

When the buildings were finished, Bobby and Peggy were so interested that they decided to build a whole village. Then Polly jumped up and went across the room to where grandma was sitting. "Oh, I'm afraid I woke you up," she said with regret. "I didn't see you when I first came in, shouting, 'Hello,' and when I did see you I tried to be quiet."

"I wasn't asleep," said grandma smiling, "and I'm as glad to see you as can be."

"Marian," Polly settled down comfortably, "maybe grandma can show us how to put our quilt blocks together. I brought mine along." She glanced at Tom. "But that won't be much fun for Tom,



FOR A FRIEND

*I have a potted flower
For Johnny who is ill,
He has to stay in bed all day
So patient and so still.*

*I miss my little friend so much
Who lives not far away,
And I will try to help him
Have a happy day.—A.E.W.*

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE LAND OF JUST PRETEND

By Donovan Marshall

*After prayers I go to bed,
Snowy pillow at my head.*

*Nor am I afraid at all
Of the shadows on the wall;*

*For I am a soldier brave
And my bed a snowy cave.*

*Or perhaps a jolly tar,
Then my compass is a star.*

*When at last too tired to roam
I will steer again toward home.*

*Mother, dear, will come to peep
And will find me fast asleep.*

—The Presbyterian

THE BOY AND THE RAIN DROPS

*Oh! where do you come from
You little drops of rain.
Pitter-patter, pitter-patter,
Down the window pane?*

*Tell me, little rain drops
Is that the way you play,
Pitter-patter, pitter-patter,
All the rainy day?*

*I sit here at the window;
I've nothing else to do;
Oh, how I'd like to play
This rainy day with you!*

*The little rain drops can not
speak,
But "pitter-patter, pat,"
Means, "We can play on this side,
But you must play on that!"*

—Holmes Second Reader

old schoolfellow.

"Yes," was the gratifying reply.

"And what do they say about it?"

"They don't say anything," was the reply. "They just laugh."—Tatler, London

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The young bride announced to the grocer, "I want to buy some oysters."

"Large or small, madam?" he asked.

Faced with an unexpected decision, she studied a moment. "Well," she reasoned, "they're for a man with a size 15 collar."—Ohio Motorist

ARKANSAS METHODIST

JUST FOR FUN

A small boy went to a Sunday School picnic but it hardly lived up to his expectations. He was stung by a bee; he fell into a creek; a little girl pulled his hair; he got badly sunburned. Late in the afternoon he reached home in an extremely disheveled state. As he limped up the front steps, his mother greeted him and said: "Well, son, what sort of a time did you have at the picnic?" "Mama," slowly replied the little lad, "I'm so glad I'm back I'm glad I went."—Wall Street Journal.

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After working his way up to a high government position, a man visited the town where he was born.

"I suppose the people here have heard of the honor that has been conferred on me?" he asked an

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

ANNUAL MEETING LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

The 12th Annual meeting of the Louisiana Conference, Woman's Society of Christian Service, will be held in the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, March 18, 19, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Conference President, announces. Mrs. George Thomas and Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., are local co-chairmen for the meeting, and Mrs. Charles Goldthwait, New Orleans, is Program Chairman.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Miss Madeline Klepper, of Lathrop, Mo., a missionary of the Methodist Church in Manila, P. I., is a nutritionist and home economist. Recently she organized a Woman's Club at the Methodist Social Center in Manila, and there she demonstrates some new values in food and in cooking—both American and Filipino. The members of the Club "from the mother of ten children to the mayor's wife"—were especially interested to know how Americans make cookies, candy, cake, plum pudding, and pie.

Mrs. F. Olin Stockwell, missionary in Chungking, West China, has arrived safely in Hong Kong, according to cable advises to the Board of Missions and Church Extension. She is now en route to the United States. Her husband, Dr. Stockwell, was arrested by Chinese communists in November 1950, and is still held in detention.

Mena Circuit was represented by all but one church at the recent study of Latin America, held at Shady Grove under the direction of Mrs. Frank Brown, Circuit President. Mrs. Roma Simpson gave a colorful account of a trip into Old Mexico. The next meeting will be February 21 at Mountain View church.

An all day meeting was held February 5 at the University Methodist Church, when the Natalie O'Quin circle was hostess. Dr. and Mrs. Guy Ramos, who is a congressman from the state of Rio Grande De Sug in Brazil, and an exchange student in sociology at L.S.U., presented a devotional in Portuguese. The film, "Up From the Dust" was shown. On February 14 the society sponsored a gumbo supper at the church. At the 10th anniversary meeting, January 15, ten of the 24 charter members were present.

The New Orleans District West-

That The Kingdom Of God May Be Realized



Pictured above is the group of young women who were consecrated deaconesses at the recent meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The

Methodist Church at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. Miss Mary Chaffin, who serves in the Paragould District, can be seen standing at the back of the group on the left.

Ieyan Service Guild met February 1 at the Rayne Memorial church, New Orleans. Miss Elizabeth Thompson, director of rural work in the Louisiana Conference was the guest speaker. Miss Emma Kuntz, president, was in charge of the meeting.

A need for clothing for children from 5 to 17, was stressed at meetings last week of the DeRidder and First Church, Lake Charles. The DeRidder society met to pack boxes for boys of these ages at the Sager-Brown Home in New Orleans. The Lake Charles Society saw slides of Scarritt College shown by Mrs. D. B. McMahan, with Mrs. W. W. Paxton as narrator.

Material to make aprons for the McDonell Mission School were given to members of Circle 2 at Iowa Society, January 31, in its meeting at Mrs. Donald Petticrew's. Members of the Circle who had a birthday since June 1st were asked to give a penny for each year for the circle fund. The dining table was centered with a birthday cake and pictures were made by the group.

Mayor Clyde E. Fant, Shreveport, has proclaimed February 29 as a "World Day of Prayer" in cooperation with the Shreveport Council of Church Women. He said "In these days of international tension, it is a heartening thing that religious groups throughout the world will pause and give thought to interdenomi-

URGE METHODIST WOMEN TO "COVER" COURTS

Planned visitation of all court sessions in their local communities is one of the goals of Methodist women. "We have found that when women attend court sessions not only are they better informed about their communities, but the judge, jury, lawyers, and others at trials are helped by the knowledge that concerned citizens are present," says Miss Thelma Stevens, of the Department of Christian Social Relations which has planned the program. Court visitation is planned because "actions of our courts are often colored by what court officials think is the 'climate' of public opinion—and thus justice is defeated."

Opposition to peacetime conscription and to universal military training is being voiced. Many women are writing their congressmen urging their vote against the measure now before the legislature. "This nation is being mobolized with the same propaganda methods used ten years ago in a global war," Miss Stevens reports. "Fear is gripping the hearts of people over the world—fear that the hope for peace that was born in 1945 will

national ties."

Mrs. Chester C. Semon, general chairman, said that final plans for six local services had been completed.

FOUR NEW SOCIETIES ORGANIZED

Arkadelphia District has four more new societies, organized by Miss Margaret Marshall, Mrs. J. S. Shults, and Mrs. Archer Smith. New Hope, organized January 17, has as officers: Mrs. H. W. Sherrill, Mrs. J. B. Porterfield, Mrs. Lovie Lamsey, Mrs. W. T. Barlow, and Mrs. D. W. Nix. Bethlehem, organized February 1, will be led by: Mrs. E. R. McCaslin, Mrs. H. A. Rowe, Mrs. D. O. Bump, Mrs. Fred Kassau and Mrs. H. A. Rowe, Jr. On February 2, the following were elected to lead Leau Frai: Mrs. Frank Quinn, Mrs. Tankersley, Mrs. Clarence Ledbetter, Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Johnson. Morning Star, organized February 3, will be led by Mrs. J. L. Dawster, Mrs. J. R. Teague, Mrs. T. J. Lyles, Mrs. B. D. Meredith, and Mrs. Olin Teague.

Other new societies are being organized in this district, and will be reported later.—Reporter

WILL STUDY PEACE ISSUES

Miss Elizabeth R. Tennant, of Portage, Wisc., has been awarded a three-month fellowship by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the Methodist Church, "to study the issues of peace." She will work with the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in New York City, studying the United Nations and U. S. foreign policies.

Miss Tennant returned in August from Japan, where she was a "J-3" of the Methodist Church—a missionary to Japan for a special term of three years. She is one of several former "J-3s" who have dedicated several months toward examining U. S. policies affecting peace and justice in the world, with the intention of finding new ways of expressing their Christian faith in the realm of international relations.

Miss Tennant received her A. B. degree from Grinnell College, Iowa. She studied landscape design at the University of Wisconsin and religious education at Garrett Biblical Institute. Before going to Japan in 1948, she had been a landscape designer in Wisconsin and California and a counselor to students at the Wesley Foundation of the University of Wisconsin.

again be dashed. Since armaments can only impede our progress toward a better way of life, we must work consistently and persistently for universal simultaneous disarmament."

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATE MINISTER AT FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK



REV. JOHN W. LINDSAY

Rev. John W. Lindsay, assistant Dean of Men and Chaplain at Texas Wesleyan College of Fort Worth, Texas, will join the staff of First Methodist Church, Little Rock, as an additional associate minister on March 1. Mr. Lindsay was born in Pine Bluff where he graduated from High School. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth and received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Perkins School of Theology. He has been a member of the Central Texas Conference where he has

RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE, ST. PAUL'S, FT. SMITH

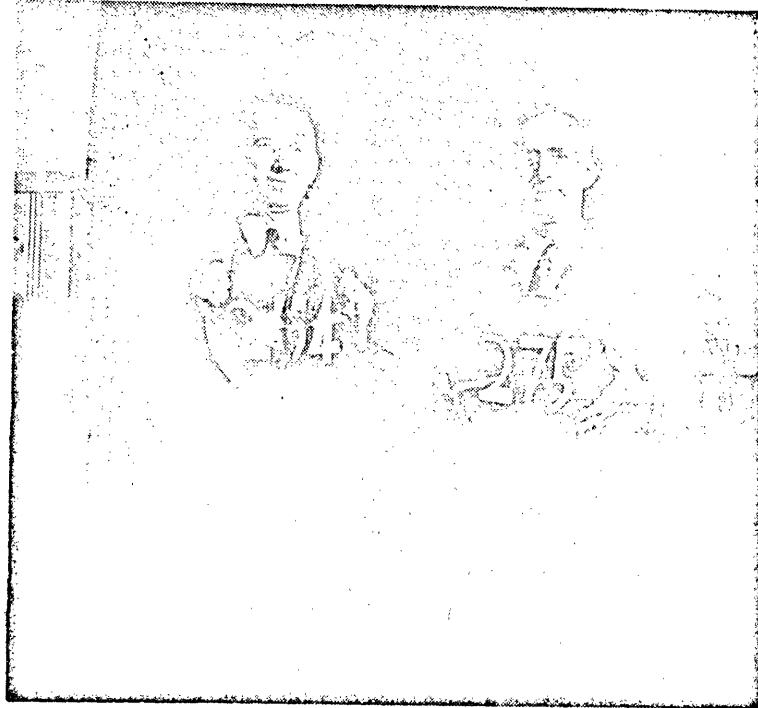
ST. PAUL'S Methodist Sunday School set a new record of Sunday School Attendance on Sunday January 27 with 275 in attendance. The old record 254 (Easter of 1950), is highest in the history of the church.

The pastor, Rev. Martin Bierbaum, had prepared two twelve inch phonograph records, with the numbers 254 and 275 painted on them. The pastor and the Sunday School superintendent, Arthur Hawk stood at the pulpit at the morning worship each holding a record with the numbers inscribed. After appropriate ceremony the pastor on behalf of the congregation which had made possible the breaking of the record broke the old record (254) over his knee and then asked Mr. Hawk to reveal the new record. The morning church attendance was 250.

St. Paul's membership now stands officially at 487. Rev. Martin Bierbaum is in his second year. During his pastorate 127 members have been received. The Sunday School attendance average for January was 231.

served a number of charges. Mr. Lindsay will have special responsibility with the church's program of visitation and pastoral work.

Rev. J. Edwin Keith, associate minister, will continue as an associate with special responsibility with the program of Christian Education and he will also serve as business manager.



Rev. Martin Bierbaum, Pastor, and Arthur Hawk, Sunday School Superintendent.

Fayetteville Central Receives Large Membership Class

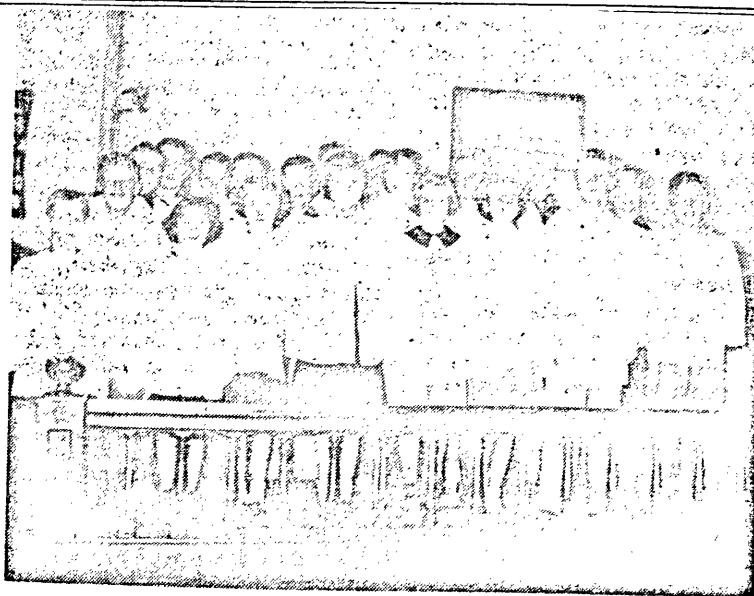
Sunday, February 10 was a never-to-be-forgotten day in Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. It was "Membership Sunday," the day set for the largest group of the newly-won members to be received into the church fellowship. The United Evangelistic Mission of January 18-27 had been well and prayerfully organized and executed. Many of the fine laymen of the church—men, women, and young people—directed and assisted by their ministers, had things so well in hand as to be able to turn in the finest job of inviting people to "come with us to Christ" of any group in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area (at least, so we have heard). By the time of the January 27th District Mass Meeting these laymen had reported that two hundred twelve decisions had been made for Christ and His Church. Ninety-four of these were first decisions! The visiting pastor during these days had been the Rev. Virgil D. Morris, pastor of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana. It was interesting to learn that he had been a close college friend of the local chairman of the U.E.M. committee, Thad W. Rowden, Jr., one of the active young laymen of Central Church.

Although a number of those who had made commitments during the U. E. M. had united with the church on previous Sundays,

February 10 was the big day. Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., and Rev. Jack Winegeart, Central Church ministers, had visited about two hundred persons who had decided to join Central Church. One hundred forty-five of them were on hand Sunday morning. A special section was reserved for them—quite a section! About eight hundred others were "jammed in" in every conceivable place. It was one of the thrills of a lifetime to those present to see fifty-two persons baptized at the altars of the church (most of them adults), and to witness the giving of the membership vows to the entire group of one hundred forty-five. Church was a bit late being dismissed that day—but nobody complained. The Methodists of Fayetteville will never forget it.

Wednesday night, February 20th, a reception was held in Wesley Hall for these new members and, others who had come in previous Sundays and were to come the following Sunday. At this time the new members were introduced to their church—all the phases of its program. It is the sincere prayer of all Fayetteville Methodists that neither Central Church nor these new members will ever be the same again, but that all concerned will "grow in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with God and man."

—Reporter



PRAIRIE GROVE JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir of the Prairie Grove Methodist Church which is pictured above is composed of twenty Junior and Intermediates. They make up the choir for the Sunday evening preaching service. On the evening of December 16, they sang a Christmas service of song and story, "Come, All Ye Faithful."

Miss Melba Moore is pianist. Assisting were Mrs. Clyde Sone, Miss Lucille Jones and Mrs. S. O. Patty.—S. O. Patty, Pastor



"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

IN BAXTER COUNTY FOR A WEEK

At the invitation of Rev. Lee Anderson of the Mountain Home Parish, the writer is spending this week at Gassville in this great area of our church. This parish is made up of six open country churches along with Mountain Home, Gassville and Norfork. The program is being sponsored by the General and Conference Boards of Missions. Rev. Clarence Wilcox with Lee and Ella Anderson are the conference appointees. They enjoy a rich fellowship together as preacher's families. The Andersons are serving eight churches. There is a tremendous work. Together they conduct four and five worship services each Sunday. They are getting some assistance from laymen who are beginning to see the need of greater cooperation in this program. They are hoping to soon have a number in the field who can lend strength to their work. The challenge is great. The fields are white unto harvest. At this time there are four churches being redecorated. One new building is soon to be constructed.

Sunday Morning, Feb. 10,
At Culpepper

It was my privilege to preach at the morning hour at Culpepper in Van Buren County. Jim Gatlin has been pastor here since Sept. 1. This is a fine community with good prospects for the future. A school building has been converted into a church plant. There is a thriving Sunday School. The congregation is building up. The lay program is beginning to take form. Van Buren County is making fine progress in the church program. There will soon be one or two full time sustaining charges if the interest continues to grow. The turning back to the community church is one of the finest signs in American church life. Ours is a great and wonderful opportunity as a church. With strong local churches with fine endowment, materially and spiritually, surrounded by many open country communities with good people and rich resources it only needs the fine coordination and cooperation of leaders and people.

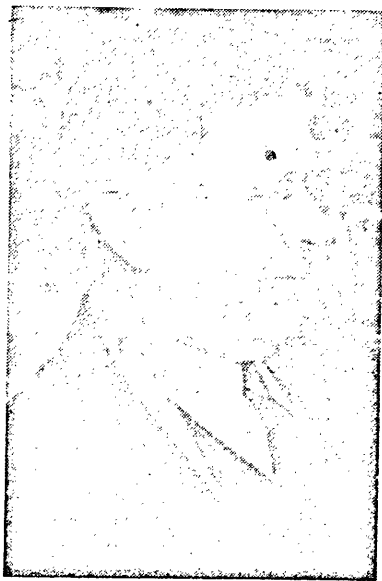
Mennonite Project In Baxter County

Among the many church groups that are doing outstanding mission work in Arkansas are the Mennonites. In Baxter County

there is a very unusual program being carried on through the efforts of Rev. Clarence Horst. This work began through Summer Bible Schools several years ago. Brother Horst began his work as a layman. His work was soon recognized by the Mennonite Conference which issued him a license to preach. In a little while he was given full ordination. At this time he has three significant phases of a program going. First of all is the work in the Buffalo Community. Here an entire neighborhood has been evangelized. A Church and Sunday School is in full operation. Some fifteen or twenty families find fellowship together. There is also being operated a parochial school. In addition to this service the Mennonite brethren have charge of the County Old Folks Home. Brother Horst has eight persons on his staff assisting in the many tasks undertaken. He is also operating a large chicken hatchery and broiler business. Extension work is being carried on in other communities. L. C. Good, a young layman, is assisting at one of the extension points and will perhaps soon become a fully ordained minister.

There is also a very definite

OPEN DATES



REV. ERIC J. REAVES

Rev. Eric J. Reaves, approved evangelist, announces that he has open date in April and May, and will be available for revival meetings or Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1952

We want to express our sincere thanks to the groups and participants listed below who have rendered a service or presented gifts to the Home during the month of January 1952:

A. W. Wasson, Sub-Dist. M.Y.F., Jimmy Compe, Vice-Pres., Bentonville, assorted gifts.
W.S.C.S. DeValls Bluff, assorted gifts and money.
Rev. Allen Stewart, Siloam Springs, assorted gifts.
Mrs. R. R. Sevier, Box 427, Arkansas City, assorted gifts.
Primary Class, Methodist Church School, Perryville, candy.
W. B. Branch and Wife, Texarkana, candy bars.
Lonoke Methodist Church, candy.
Mrs. Press McCubbin, Prairie View, dresser scarves.
First Methodist Church, Fordyce, canned goods and bakery products.
Mrs. Otho Odom, Walnut Ridge, clothing.
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Swebston, Little Rock, clothing.
Hi-Jinks Club, Little Rock, Ark., cup cakes.
Primary II Class, West Memphis, mittens.
Hughes Methodist Church, Hughes, assorted gifts.
W.S.C.S. Watson Methodist Church, Watson, candy, apples, cookies.
C. E. Mashburn, Little Rock, drinking glasses.
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dougherty, Little Rock, pears and honey, breads.
Mr. J. G. Bell, Men's Bible Class, First Methodist Church, Mena, assorted groceries.
Mrs. P. Y. Garot, Hot Springs, cards.
Mrs. C. L. Walker, Camden, candy, nuts, clothes etc.
Mrs. G. H. Holmes, Rison, tea towels.
Mr. Chas. Baber, U. S. Veterans Hospital, North Little Rock, candy.
Mrs. J. C. Tillar, Little Rock, rugs.
Mrs. Sam Smith, Little Rock, clothes.
Mrs. Louis Suckle, Texarkana, Texas, clothes.
Susanna Wesley Circle, Hot Springs, cookies.
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dougherty, Hays & Kavanaugh, Little Rock, Bread.
Delta Alpha Delta, Little Rock, clothes.
W. S. C. S., Methodist Church, Reyno, quilt.
M. Y. F., Village, Arkansas, cards.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:
Mr. Wilbourne Slayton, by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McAllister, Annie and John Allen Culp, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown, W. S. C. S. First Methodist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cabe, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman and Mary Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor.
Mrs. T. E. Harris, by Mrs. J. L. Wall.
Rev. L. E. Wilson, by Fairview Methodist Church.
Bonnie Finch, by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Finch.
Mary Laverne Stuart, by Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Stuart.
Henry A. Thomas, by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thompson.
Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, by Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Cannon, Lillian and Eunice.
Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, by Mrs. Allen Mulkey.
Mr. Clement Walker, by Men's Bible Class of Forrest City Methodist Church.
Mr. L. W. "Fritz" Reid, by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wagner.
Mrs. H. E. Stall, by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnson.
Mr. Hubert E. Daugherty, by Judge and Mrs. John L. Bledsoe.
Mr. Ray E. Sallee, by Judge and Mrs. John L. Bledsoe.
Mrs. J. E. McGuire, by Mr. and Mrs.

program at Culp being carried on by the Board of Missions of the Mennonite Church. There is a strong church in this community. They operate a grade and high school. They also operate a clinic. A large number of people are being served by this organization. Sacrifice, intelligent leadership, and hard work seem to be the main ingredients in the program.

—J. Albert Gatlin

D. W. Richardson.
Mr. J. B. Sain, Jr., by Mrs. Andrew Williams; Mrs. F. C. Nolen; Mr. and Mrs. James Davies, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Gordon; Mrs. W. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Brown; Mrs. Lewis Franks; Mrs. Sain's Sunday School Class; Board of Stewards, Methodist Church, Holly Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Garland McDonald; Mrs. Louise Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Lambert; Mr. E. G. King; Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Williams.
Mrs. G. W. Barber, Sr., by Mrs. R. W. Robins, Bess, Roger and Virginia.
Mrs. C. C. Sadler, by Mr. and Mrs. Uel Wiggins.
J. B. Sain, by Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Sain, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Sain, Jr.
Mr. W. C. Walker, by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Devereux.
Baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jolly, by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Devereux.
Mr. W. W. Towns, by Mr. and Mrs. Webb Sweet.
Mr. Joseph Hubert Storey, by Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Barnett and Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Sanford.
Mr. Jerome Hood, by Mrs. C. E. Williams.
Mr. Joseph Hubert Storey, by First Methodist Church of Rector.
Mr. L. P. Crenshaw by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rhodes and Charles Fullwood.
Mr. Craig Bailey, by Mr. T. J. Raney and Sons.
Mrs. F. M. Sherer, by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gay.
Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, by Winfield Church Wesleyan Service Guild.
Mr. J. T. Milburn, by Mrs. W. M. Slayton and Mary Elizabeth.
Mr. J. M. Gritton, by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blanks.
Harvey L. Hickey, by Jewel Houghton.
Mr. J. A. Grey, by Wesleyan Service Guild, Earle Methodist Church.
Mrs. J. P. Steepey, by The Ken Coles.
Mrs. John P. Steepey, by Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Roberts.
Rev. L. E. Wilson, by Friends of Primrose Methodist Church.
Bonnie Finch, by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Finch.
Mary Laverne Stuart, by Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Stuart.

MEMORIALS TOTAL \$341.00
T. T. McNeal, Director

EVANGELISTS



Brady and Irene Cook

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Centerton, February 18-27
Rev. Charles Wages
Stanford, March 2-12
Rev. Loyd Turner

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The Work At Booneville Sanatorium

IT is a joy to give my ministry continually to this great institution. Here are people from all over the State of Arkansas. They are worthy of the very best one has to give them in service.

The attendance in our services is encouraging. There is a fine interest at all times. It would be an inspiration for any of you to look in on the boys and girls in the Masonic Auditorium when we are having the Sunday morning church service at eleven o'clock. They range in age from six to fourteen. We use the regular Cokesbury Worship Hymnal and Responsive Readings and have our story type message. There are around fifty or sixty present. Then to see the men gather in the dining hall of Brown-Shibley buildings and enter the worship hour at six in the evening is gratifying. There are ninety-six beds in these buildings and sometimes there are more than fifty men present in the services. The Sunday School Class each Sunday morning at eight o'clock in the Commons building is made up of women patients in Hamp Williams. They do a fine job in attendance and service. Every other Sunday afternoon at five-ten o'clock a vesper service is held in Commons which both men and women attend.

There is no end to personal

contacts on the floors, rooms, verandas, wards. The response to these contacts is very gratifying.

A lot of pleasure is had in doing different things for these friends. Getting articles from town, every now and then writing letters, reading portions of the Scriptures, praying in the rooms by request, distributing literature and Testaments, or portions, making possible from the Sunshine Fund things which are needed. How eager most everyone is to have a copy of the Upper Room. There were not enough of the January-February issue to go around. We lacked around two hundred or more copies for the patients. Copies of the Methodist paper is given out weekly. Packages and boxes of literature sent through the mail from over the State is distributed but there is never enough of this.

Let me thank you for the kind words which many say about the effort made here in the Sanatorium. Also the letters and cards sent. These bring cheer and give strength. Also accept my gratitude for the prayers offered in behalf of the work. Keep on praying that the effectiveness of the ministry in the Sanatorium may be greater. When I can be of service to anyone I shall be glad to do so.—Bates Sturdy, Chaplain.

WITH OUR YOUTH

New Methodist Youth Fellowship At Hulbert

The Hulbert M.Y.F. was organized Sunday night, February 10, at the Hulbert Methodist Church. Mrs. Clarence Boteller was appointed counselor of the group and the following officers were elected: President, Wanda Fletcher; Vice-president, Betty Bagwell; Secretary-treasurer, Mary Jane Scott; Reporter, Guy Gwyne and Sergeant-at-arms, Eddie Kay Fletcher.

A series of lessons devoted to the study of Church History and Doctrine will form the first lessons.

The group adjourned with the M.Y.F. benediction.

Southwestern Sub-District Meets

The Southwestern Sub-district met on Monday February 4 at the Benton Methodist Church with 127 present. Benton was first in attendance with 31 and Salem second with 24. Churches represented were; Bauxite, Geyer Springs, Douglasville, Mablevale and Primrose.

Jack McDaniel of Mabelvale, president, announced the district youth meeting to be held at Pulaski Heights Church on February 23.

The worship program was centered on Mission. A film, "Wings to the West" was shown. Recreation was directed by Betty Lou Thomas.

A Latin American Service

The Youth Department of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs held a Latin American service the Sunday evening worship hour, February 3rd.

Beautiful señoritas, wearing black lace mantillas, and Mexican gauchos, with large sombreros, formed a colorful setting for movies and favorite foods of Mexico.

Two pictures used were "Mexico Our Nearest Neighbor," and "They Shall Inherit the Earth," depicting mission work there, the need for better sanitation and medical care, and showing some of the beautiful streams of the countryside.

Choral reading by M.Y.F. members was used as the scripture, portraying the need of missions and mission workers.

After the recreation period, when favorite games of Mexico were enjoyed, the M.Y.F. benediction was used as the closing.

NEWS FROM DARDANELLE

The Evangelistic Mission at Dardanelle was a great success. Our visiting minister was Rev.

Preston Holley, Dubach, La., and our people liked him very much. Twenty-five people were received into the membership of the church; 18 by baptism, five from other denominations, and two by transfers.

The secret of the success was the thorough preparation that was made before hand, along with the enthusiastic cooperation on the part of the members. All committees were on the job all the way through. Forty young people attended the Youth Rally and 55 people attended the Mass Meeting of the district. We not only have a fine lot of "new blood" but the whole church has a new spirit and is taking on the attitude of a congregation which believes there is more joy in pushing forward than in holding back.—Reporter.

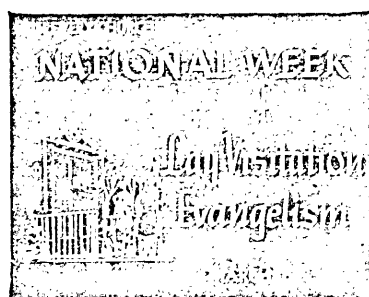
HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Missions Representative On Campus

Miss Ruth A. Smith, a representative of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, spent three days last week on the campus counselling with students interested in mission work.

Miss Smith worked with approximately 35 students in her stay from Wednesday to Friday according to the Rev. James S. Upton, professor of religion and philosophy. Most of these students have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service.

Miss Smith has been active in Methodist youth work for several years and has taught at Vashti School, Thomasville, Georgia. Her student counselling activities emphasized the service opportunities in settlement work and mis-



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sion schools as well as in foreign missions, Mr. Upton said.

New Chapel Open To Visitors

The new Hendrix Chapel will be open to visitors each Sunday afternoon in addition to week days, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix president, has announced.

The Chapel and the Prayer Room, which share a common foyer with the new Auditorium, will be open from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. each Sunday. All visitors are welcome on the Hendrix campus, Dr. Ellis said.

Driesbach To Join Faculty

David F. Driesbach of Rockford, Illinois, has been appointed assistant professor of art at Hendrix.

Driesbach replaces Frank Govan, who left his position recently because of illness. Driesbach will assume his duties at Hendrix by March 1, Dr. Ellis said. Art work in the meantime is in charge of Mrs. James Few of Conway, a Hendrix art graduate of last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Driesbach have two small children. The family will move to Conway later in the spring.

Three Head List Of Scholars

Three students received straight "A" scholastic averages for the fall semester's work to lead the 35 scholars named to the Dean's List of outstanding students, according to Dean W. C. Buthman.

Bob Mount, senior from Little Rock, Harry Pickens, junior from North Little Rock, and Guy Shannon, sophomore from Carlisle, won the semester's honors with perfect scholastic records.

Included on the Dean's List are scholars who make better than B-Average grades and meet certain citizenship and attendance requirements.

Also winning places on the fall Dean's List are Foster Aldridge, Earle; Jeanne Ballew, Jonesboro; Patsy Bennett, North Little Rock; Lois Byrd, Newport; Bill Cazer, Carlisle; Mrs. Anna Bess Ferguson, Conway; Dobbs Franks, Forrest City; Martha Lou Grove, Conway; Jack L. Harman, Jonesboro; Betty Hawkins, Dallas, Texas; Bonnie Heien, Stuttgart; Morris Henry, Fort Smith; Helen Hughes, Nashville; Betty Jane Johnson, Beebe; Juanita Lane, Conway; Jo Littell, Heth; Garth Martin, Austin; Mary Moore, Conway; Richard Moose, Heber Springs; Tom Murry, Malvern; Mildred Palmer, Little Rock; Sherman Peterson, Kensett; John Phillips, Dumas; Tommy Pryor, Fort Smith; Ann Robins, Conway; Margaret Rich, Forrest City; Judy Rowlett, Conway; James Shelton, Conway; Norman Smith, Benton; Peggy Thomasson, Rison; Wanda Jean Ward, Conway; and William Wilson, Little Rock. —Guy Shannon.

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LESSON FOR MARCH 2, 1952

WHAT IS A GOOD CHURCHMAN?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Acts 4:36-37; Acts 9:26-27; Acts 11:19-26; Acts 13:1-3; Acts 15:1-6, 22.

GOLDEN TEXT: He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. (Acts 11:24)

A New Unit

We are beginning a new group of lessons today—UNIT III. The general theme of this unit is Following Christ Through The Church. It consists of seven class sessions. Aim of unit: "To lead men and women to be better churchmen through the inspiration of early New Testament churchmen."

A Look At The Scriptures

The events recorded in the lesson cover a period of some 17 years. The first which is recorded in the fourth chapter of Acts occurred in A.D. 31. It took place in Jerusalem and had to do with the custom of the early Jerusalem Christians of pooling their material resources. The second event, which is recorded in the ninth chapter of Acts, took place in Jerusalem the following year. It tells how that Saul of Tarsus after his conversion, tried to join himself to the Jerusalem Christians. At first greatly feared him but later accepted him through the influence of Barnabas. The next event took place in Syrian Antioch some 200 miles north of Jerusalem in A.D. 42. It had to do with the preaching of the Gospel to Gentiles. A great revival broke out. Barnabas was sent by the Jerusalem Church to Antioch to learn just what was happening. The last event in the printed text also took place in Antioch. It occurred in A.D. 48. It records the choosing of Barnabas and Saul by the church to go on their first missionary journey.

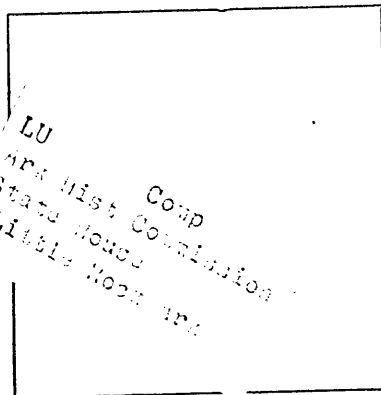
Pooling Possessions

It is a well known fact that the early Jerusalem Christians formed the habit of pooling their possessions. As these early disciples joined the Christian movement they would sell their possessions, place the proceeds in a common fund and all would live from it.

Some who have Communist sympathies point to this event and try to claim that Christ himself inspired this type of living. Such, however, is not the case. It is a well known fact that modern Communism is in open rebellion against Christianity. Then, too, the sharing of goods by these early disciples was on a volun-

tary basis. Modern Communism forces such sharing.

As a matter of fact there have been many cases of the equal sharing of goods at various times in history and in various parts of the world, but all have failed. This practice of the early disciples proved a failure and that in the face of the fact that it was practiced by people who were motivated by Christian love. This church became so poor through this practice that time and again collections had to be taken in foreign lands for its relief. Now,



the established churches take offerings to aid missions in foreign lands, but then the order was reversed. Offerings were taken in the mission fields to help the Mother Church.

It will be noted that Christ nowhere taught that such sharing was required of his followers. The early disciples were looking for a speedy, visible return of the Lord. Some think that they practiced this sharing feeling that their pooled resources would supply their needs until that great event took place.

Barnabas Vouches For Saul

It will be remembered that Saul of Tarsus started out as the greatest persecutor of the early disciples. He was converted on the road to Damascus. He later returned to Jerusalem and attempted to fellowship with the disciples. They were afraid of him. Barnabas came to his aid. He brought Saul before the group and declared that he had been soundly converted.

The question might arise, "Why did Barnabas know any more about Saul than did the other

disciples?" Some scholars feel that Barnabas and Saul had been close friends in the past. Both had been students at the university of Tarsus, which was one of the greatest educational centers of that time. Then, too, both of these men were Jews of the Dispersion and were not so narrow minded as the Palestinian Jews.

Revival At Antioch

The next passage (Acts 11: 19-26) tells of a great revival which took place at Syrian Antioch. This city had a population of a half-million, and was the third largest city of that day, being surpassed only by Rome and Alexandria. Antioch was some 200 miles north of Jerusalem.

We are told that some dispersion Jews, "Men of Cyprus and Cyrene", went there on a preaching mission. Prior to this time such missions had been held only among Jews. It is true that they had been held in various parts of the world other than Palestine, but the Jews then as now were scattered over many countries of the world. Wherever they went they built their synagogues.

The custom, therefore, of preaching to the Greeks as well as the Jews and accepting them as disciples of Christ began in Antioch in the year A.D. 32. These Gentiles responded readily to the Christian message and great numbers of them became believers. This was something new under the sun. The Jerusalem Church heard of it and sent Barnabas to make an investigation. Prior to this time, with the one exception of Cornelius and his family, only Gentiles who had become Jewish proselytes and had been circumcised were accepted as disciples.

As stated above, Barnabas was a Jew of the dispersion, coming from the Island of Cyprus. It is well that he was sent on this mission. He had lived among Gentiles all of his life and was broad minded toward them. He placed the standard of the sincerity of these Gentiles not on the question as to whether or not they had been circumcised and had otherwise conformed to the ceremonial laws of Moses, but on their experience and their life. It was life rather than ritual that prevailed here. He made a favorable report to the Jerusalem Church. He also went to Tarsus to secure the help of Saul.

Birth Of Foreign Missions

The next event (Acts 13:1-3) took place in Antioch in A.D. 42, some 10 years after Barnabas and Saul had gone there as joint-pastors. This was the birth of foreign, Christian missions. It was one of the three greatest events of the early Church—the other two were the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost and the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. It will be noted that missions were born in a church while it was at prayer. They

came through the direct leadership of the Holy Spirit.

A Great Churchman Indeed!

Barnabas is easily the hero of this lesson. Saul of Tarsus later came to outstrip him, but not at this period. His qualities, attitudes, and experiences answer fully the question of our theme—"WHAT IS A GOOD CHURCHMAN?" May we note briefly some of these.

Barnabas was a man of great faith. We are told that he was full of faith. The Lord tells us that faith as a mustard seed can remove mountains. Barnabas, with his great faith, certainly removed some mountains of his day. He believed in God. He believed in his fellowman. He was not willing to throw Saul on the rubbish heap because he had made some serious mistakes in early days. He believed in himself.

Barnabas was a Spirit-filled man. This naturally follows faith as day follows night. He was led by the Spirit. He was thus led as he went to bring Saul before the other disciples. He was also led by the Spirit when he sought the help of Saul in the great work at Antioch. We are told that all were led by the Holy Spirit when he and Saul were separated for foreign mission work.

This great Christian was loyal to the church in every way. The first time his name is mentioned in the Bible he is giving his all for the sake of others. We are told that he had some property and he sold it and brought the proceeds and laid them at the Apostles' feet so that distribution could be made to others.

This early Christian had a forgiving spirit. He was also optimistic; always looking on the bright side. He and Saul were great friends. The only trouble he ever had with him was over John Mark. On their first missionary journey Mark had made a mistake. The time for the second journey came. Barnabas wanted to give Mark another chance. Saul objected. They parted asunder. History proves that Barnabas was right. Mark later became a great helper to Saul (the Apostle Paul) and wrote one of the Gospels.

Barnabas was a great helper of others. When he first joined the Christian movement his name was only Joseph. The Apostles themselves gave him his new name. It was given on the basis of the wonderful qualities of his life. There is no English word that exactly translates the name "Barnabas". Some translation has the term to mean "encouragement". It certainly has this meaning. This man was constantly encouraging others. Then, some has it to mean "exhortation", while others make it out to be "consolation". The name was well given. Joseph meets all of these tests. He was a great churchman indeed.