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Methodism Must Respond To The World's Needs

IT is our feeling that no great church contains, on the whole, a happier, more active, more benevolent-minded membership than does Methodism. We have a great church program that ministers to humanity at the points of greatest need across the world.

It remains, however, that the average member of The Methodist Church makes his contributions to the church out of his surplus rather than from funds that might go to meet some of the actual needs of his own life. The program of Methodism, great as it may be, is carried on without much real sacrifice on the part of its membership.

Next Sunday, March 16th, is the closing day of the Week of Dedication. Our people are to have opportunity that day to make an offering, over and above our regular contributions to the church program. That offering will be used largely as an emergency fund to minister to extreme cases of need at home and abroad. The element of sacrifice as well as benevolence should be present in this offering.

Lent Will Determine Your Easter

WEDNESDAY, February 27, was Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the Lenten Season. This is the period of forty days, not including Sunday, that immediately precedes Easter Sunday and should be a time of spiritual revival for churches and individual Christians. Indeed, it is quite likely that one's personal pre-Easter spiritual preparation will determine in a large measure what Easter itself will mean.

This season is thought to have been started by early Christians who wanted to commemorate by prayer and fasting the forty days of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness at the beginning of His earthly ministry. At first the season was observed for a period of forty hours, the time that elapsed between Jesus' death and His resurrection. Later the period of self denial and prayer was extended to a season of thirty-six days, and about the fifth or sixth century the season of forty days became the practice of the church.

While fasting, as such, does not have a place in the Protestant's practice of his faith, the Protestant does, or least he should, find in the Lenten Season a time of needed spiritual introspection, prayerful heartsearching, and rightly relating himself to God and his fellowman.

Our Catholic friends in no sense have a monopoly on the Lenten Season, although, by default, many Protestant groups leave to

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Challenges The Modern Church Must Meet

IT is our judgement that the Christian church has no handicap that interferes with the progress of its program so directly and so extensively as the wide-spread existence of PRACTICAL INFIDELITY as found in the lives of so many of its members.

By Practical Infidelity, we refer to the situation, so common, in which an individual openly professes to believe in all of the basic truths which undergird our Christian religion but lives and acts as though he did not believe in any of them.



It was Jesus who said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." It is our feeling that Jesus was striking directly at the lip service and shallow mental assent to truth, so prevalent in His day, which we are now calling Practical Infidelity.

The facts are that our mental processes are such that it would be practically impossible for us to really, actually believe in the great truths of Christianity without that belief being a major factor in moulding the character and conduct of our lives. The test of the reality of our faith in any truth is the effect that truth has upon the life we live.

Practical Infidelity is a two-edged sword that does a double hurt. It brings serious and often fatal hurt spiritually to the individual who becomes a member of the Christian church in fact without being Christian in actual belief and spirit. The greater and more extensive hurt, however, is suffered by the church that must carry on its work despite the fact that numbers of its members live as if faith in the great principle of Christianity is practically meaningless in daily life.

UEM In Oklahoma

THE METHODIST CHURCH has from its beginning felt an urgency to carry the message of Christ to the masses. It had leadership in the great movement of mass evangelism which has stirred Christendom for the past two centuries.

Discovering in recent years that mass evangelism was not as effective as in former years, Methodism began a search for an effective way to reach the masses with a call to Christian service. The United Evangelistic Mission, as now being promoted by the General Board of Evangelism, has opened up the most promising field for evangelism we have known in recent years.

In our immediate area of the church the United Evangelistic Missions have been remarkably successful. Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas have, in turn, felt the impress of a great evangelistic awakening. Now our neighboring state of Oklahoma is to have such an evangelistic campaign, March 16-21. The UEM is a church-wide movement from California to Pennsylvania, from Alaska to Florida, Cuba and Hawaii. Let us pray that the UEM may lead to a world-wide revival.

Board of Education In Annual Meeting

ATTENTION of Methodism was focused last week on Nashville, Tennessee where the general Board of Education held its annual meeting, dedicated a new magnificent office building to be occupied shortly, and the cornerstone was laid for a new Board of Evangelism structure now in the process of construction. This meeting had other special significance since it marked the end of the present quadrennium and the Board took a good look at its program during the past four years, and considered legislation to be recommended to the General Conference next month.

Reports of the quadrennium work showed progress numerically in all departments and discussion with the notable exception of the Youth Department where there has been a decline in membership and attendance by Youth in Church School Activities. The Local Church Division staff is painfully aware of this situation and hopes to give special attention to the matter.

The Youth population, according to recent census figures, has shown a decline during the past ten years which might help to explain to some degree the drop in the number of youth being reached by Methodism through its program of Christian Education. However, we were distressed to learn that three out of every four young people are not being reached by any Church or Synagogue, Protestant, Catholic, or Jew. Only 25% of American Youth are having contact with any Church and Methodism

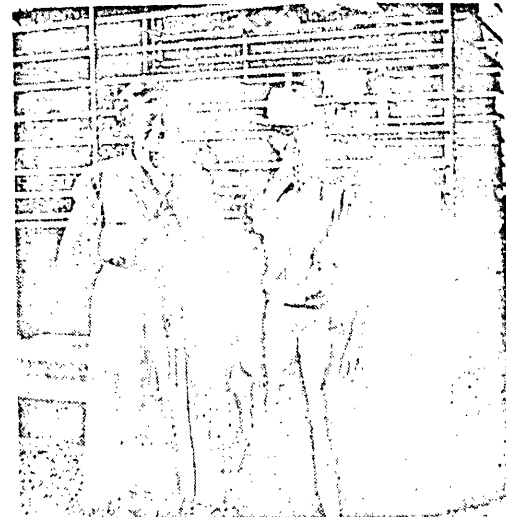
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Mrs. Ella Young selling Christmas cards to Mrs. Louis McCarstle. This was the talent project of Mrs. Young and her two daughters.



Mrs. Claude Eubanks is shown with her two sons, Lou and Reavis. They had an ice cream party as their project.



Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bowles are shown with a calf, the sister of "Talent" who was raised and sold as their project.

The Parable Of The Talents Still Works

THE Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-29 was the inspiration for the plan used by the Methodist Church of Slaughter to supplement the building fund which was on hand for the erection of an educational addition to the church. The church had only an auditorium for all the church activities. There was a real need for separate quarters for Church School classes and other church activities.

Mrs. J. I. Law, a member of the church at Slaughter, had read a magazine article which told how the talent plan had been worked in another church. She talked over the plan with Miss Wilda Douglas. Together they presented it to the pastor. It was then presented to the Board of Stewards for consideration and it was adopted.

The plan as adopted by the Slaughter Church, according to the pastor, Rev. Dale Smith, was as follows: "We gave out \$495.00 to our friends and members and a few months later had \$2,503.92 given back to the church. There were 52 different projects in order to put their 'talents' to work, and well over 100 people took part in the raising of the money. We have 124 members in our church in a small town of about 300 population."

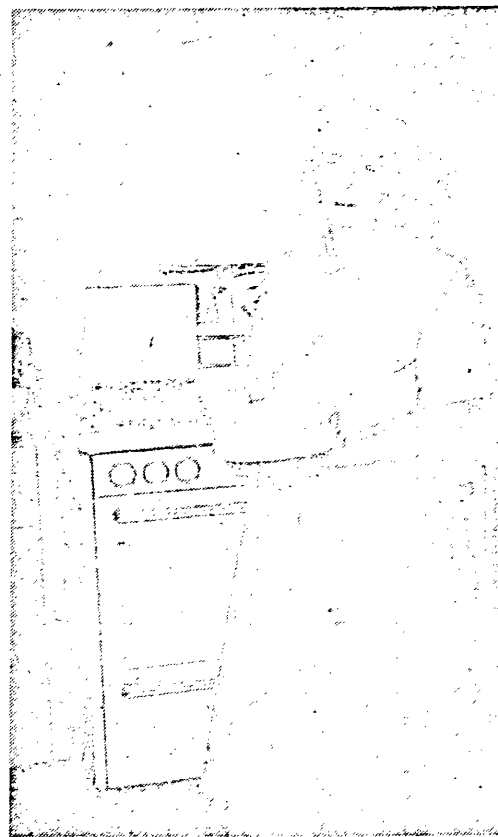
The Baton Rouge Morning Advocate, in an article by Al Allman, carried a full story of the project. The following information on the manner in which some of the "Talents" were used was taken from his story:

A newspaper was published by some of the young people in the church. It started with no investment and turned into the fund \$232.00. The revenue was raised from the sale of advertising, and the sale of the papers. Advertising was sold mainly to the merchants in Slaughter, but a few were placed in the nearby town of Zachary. The paper was named "The Thing" and as Slaughter has no newspaper of its own, it afforded a service to the community. A board of three served as editors-in-chief. They are Elizabeth Stott, Betty Kennedy

and Jimmy Jones. The paper was mimeographed and sold for ten cents a copy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bowles of Ethel invested \$20.00 in a calf which they sold to the Zachary stockyard for \$99.00. Others raising calves were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, John Peair and Bernard Maglone, Sr., and his son, Tommy.

Mrs. Ella P. Young sold Christmas cards and other items. She was assisted by her daughters, Misses Gladys and Ella B. Young.



Mrs. I. Englebreton is holding one of her talent cakes. She sold them for her talent project.

A modern day example of the Parable of the Talents which helped to finance a Louisiana Methodist church building program. Compiled from materials furnished by pastor of Slaughter Methodist Church.

Miss Katie Mae Dunn contributed her talents as a seamstress and turned in a nice sum.

An acre of cotton was contributed by the John Peairs, Jr., family. They took \$23.00 as an investment for the family, and with that fund invested in seed and fertilizer. The project raised \$215.00. When the cotton was brought to production, there was the problem of getting it picked. General help was solicited and parties were organized to help in the work of gathering the bolls. Many responded to the call. Baptists joined with the Methodists in the work. The church volunteers, consisting of twenty-five people, worked for more than three weeks and professional pickers were secured to finish the job which they did in three days.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Eubanks and their sons, Reavis, 5, and Lou, 3, gave an ice cream party. Mrs. Eubanks made the custard and the boys, with help, froze eight gallons of cream. One hundred people came to the party and a profit of \$52.02 was realized. The boys then invested their earnings in another project which was a motion picture party. This brought in \$10.00.

Mrs. I. Englebreton made cakes which she sold and turned in a nice amount.

Mrs. Lerru Fulkerson had a fish fry and served 100 people. She earned \$132.00.

Mrs. Lizzie Moore, who has since passed away was bedridden when the project started, but she sold pot plants and her daughter turned in \$26.00.

The oldest participant, despite her 95 years, picked and sold pecans from her own trees and turned in \$10.00.

These are only a few of the many projects that were carried out in the "Talent Plan."

The people of Slaughter are happy over the success of the plan, and they are looking forward to the completion of the building project which has been made possible by the use of the talents given them.

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March Membership Month

North Arkansas Conference Church Schools

Board of Christian Education, North Arkansas Conference, Dr. I. A. Brunley, Executive Secretary

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MONTH

The month of March has been designated as a special time for increasing the Church School membership and attendance. This plan was presented to the Cabinet of the North Arkansas Conference and the Conference Board of Education for their approval at the Annual Conference Session in June, 1951. It was then presented by the Board of Education to the Annual Conference and was approved by the Annual Conference as part of the Conference program.

The month of March was selected as a time to follow up the U.E.M. program.

The Church School has two primary responsibilities in the field of evangelism: that of conditioning persons to make intelligent Christian commitments; and that of providing experiences through which professed Christians may continue to develop in their Christian understandings and commitments.

The Church School continues to be a very vital factor in the evangelistic program of the Church, as a large per cent of the persons coming into the Church on profession of faith are members of the Church School at the time they unite with the church; and most of those joining the church, not members of the Church School at the time, have been members of the Church School.



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN SAYS:

The United Evangelistic Mission has provided one of the finest periods in the life of our Church. It is very important that we not be content with the results gained in that campaign, but that we continue our work, particularly as it relates to the development of our people.

I am confident that you will be concerned with the matter of assimilating the new members. We have a challenging opportunity now to increase our Church School membership and attendance: the new members who have come into the Church will be developed in their church relationships particularly by attending the Church School.

We are all encouraged by the gains which have been made in membership and attendance in recent years, but we need to give special attention to youth membership and to nursery and adult home rolls. Our lay men and women have demonstrated their interest in the Church; let us encourage this interest by using them to build up the organization that will perhaps help them most—the Church School.

a copy of Booklet No. 406-B, Home Members of the Adult Division. There is an increasing number of elderly people whom the Church School should serve as Home Members.

The past three years have shown a decrease in the number of youth enrolled in Methodist Church Schools throughout The Methodist Church. Since there are millions of unreached youth in America, some of these must be within reach of your church school. There are 7,290,000 youth enrolled in programs of religious instruction while there are 19,328,000 unchurched youth in The United States. We hope your church will seek to reach all the unreached youth within its area.

PLAN FOR MARCH MEMBERSHIP

Each Church School of the North Arkansas Conference is being asked to cooperate in the March Membership Month plans by doing the following:

1. Have a planning session or sessions of the workers to plan ways of increasing Church School membership and attendance.
2. Make a carefully prepared prospect list of persons to be brought into the Church School.
3. Plan a visitation program to reach these prospects: March 16-22, or March 23-29.
4. Begin Nursery Home program; or strengthen the one you have.
5. Begin Adult Home program; or strengthen the one you now have.
6. Set definite goal for Church School membership increase to be reached by March 29.
7. Report said goal to Conference Board of Education, form to be furnished.
8. Plan for follow-up of absentees so as to improve the average attendance. The Church Schools of the North Arkansas Conference have shown a total gain of almost 1,000 per year, on an average, for the last eight years.
9. Pastors and Church School superintendents should read Christian Education Bulletin and Christian Education page of *Arkansas Methodist* to keep in touch with Church School plans.

We believe that with few exceptions the Church Schools of the North Arkansas Conference can show a larger Church School membership in June, 1952, than in 1951.

THIS WILL REQUIRE WORK: making of prospect lists including Church members who are not members of the Church School; parents of children (such parents as do not attend, but send their children); and other non-Sunday School members of families related to the Church. Then there are a number of families in most communities not related to any Church.

DO NOT USE CONTEST. It just takes good planning and hard work to increase Church School membership and attendance. **SOME CHURCHES ARE PLANNING VISITATION PROGRAMS FOR CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP,** just as they did for Church membership through the U.E.M. **HAVE WORKERS' MEETINGS, LIST PROSPECTS, MAKE PLANS FOR SECURING NEW MEMBERS, SET GOALS FOR INCREASES IN MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE. REPORT MEMBERSHIP GOALS TO CONFERENCE OFFICE.**

REMEMBER THE CHURCH SCHOOL HAS AN EVANGELISTIC RESPONSIBILITY AND OPPORTUNITY.

LET US REACH MORE PEOPLE WITH BETTER PLANS FOR CHRISTIAN TEACHING.

COMMUNICATION TO LEADERS

A letter has gone out to district superintendents, pastors, and church school superintendents giving guidance in the promotion of this program.

Church School superintendents have been asked to report to the Conference Board of Education as to the goals for increase in church school membership. These reports are beginning to reach our office and indicate splendid interest.

We will be asking church school superintendents to give us report after the last Sunday in March, March 30, as to the results of the membership efforts in their local churches.

There are three groups in our church school program to which special consideration should be given as we seek to increase membership and attendance.

Methodist church schools throughout the Methodist Church have shown losses in the Nursery Home Program. This should not be true when there are so many homes with small children where the church school could be rendering a service. Should you not have a copy of Leaflet No. 101-B, The Nursery Home Visitor at Work, please write our office and we will be glad to send you a copy. We hope your church school will organize a Nursery Home Program, or strengthen the program, if you already have a Nursery Home Program.

There is need for extending the work of the Adult Home Department. Many of our churches have been strengthening this program, but we have many churches which do not have a program for adult home members. We will be glad to furnish you with

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. C. H. GIESSEN, of Pine Bluff, announce the birth of a son, Paul David, on February 2. Brother Giessen is pastor of Carr Memorial Church, Pine Bluff.

THE women of the First Methodist Church of Springdale were in charge of the program for World Day of Prayer. The meeting was held at the First Christian Church.

THE METHODIST MEN of Rison held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 27, with forty in attendance. Tom Mull of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission presented the program.

REV. J. WILLIAM WATSON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, was the guest speaker on March 11 at the meeting of the Pre-Theologs of Hendrix College.

REV. W. FERRELL PLEDGER, a district superintendent in Baroda, India, was the guest preacher at the Sunday evening service, March 9, at the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith.

REV. ALFRED BROWN, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Crowley, Louisiana, is the Methodist representative at Religious Emphasis Week on the campus of the University of Arkansas, March 9-14.

REV. AND MRS. R. B. SPARKS, Altus, announce the birth of a son, Michael Ray, on February 26, at the Clarksville Municipal Hospital. Brother Sparks is our pastor at Altus.

REV. T. T. McNEAL, director of the Methodist Children's Home, Little Rock, was the guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday morning, February 24.

JEFF H. WILLIAMS, Oklahoma humorist, was the speaker at the dinner meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, on Tuesday, February 26. W. R. Terrell, president of the group, presided.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL meeting of the Arkansas Council of Church Women will be held in the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, on March 19 and 20. Mrs. W. W. Draper of Forrest City, state president, will preside. Mrs. E. D. Galloway of Hope is program chairman.

THE SEARCY DISTRICT MINISTERS met at the Clinton Methodist Church on Tuesday, March 4, with Rev. C. E. Whitten, Searcy District Superintendent, in charge. The Ministers' Wives also met in the Clinton parsonage. Lunch was served to both groups at noon.

SENATOR MAX HOWELL, a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, was the Layman's Day speaker at the Douglasville Methodist Church. Senator Howell spoke on "The Church Meets the Community Needs." Rev. J. R. Sewell is pastor at Douglasville.

A CHANCEL CHOIR made up of young people from the Intermediate and Youth Departments of the First Methodist Church, Malvern, has been organized under the leadership of Mrs. C. M. Whitman, Mrs. Don

Creighton and Mrs. Bernadine Elrod. Mrs. Elrod will direct the choir.

THE JURISDICTIONAL COUNCIL of the South Central Jurisdiction met in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on Tuesday, March 11. Members of the Council attending from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area were Bishop Paul E. Martin, Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Hope, Dr. Matt Ellis, Conway, and Dr. Guy M. Hicks, Shreveport.

REV. PAUL LANIER, pastor of the Biggers-Reyno Charge, and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lanier, Conway, was married to Miss Edith Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Edward Stewart of Summer, Ga., at their home on Friday, February 15. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Maurice Lanier, pastor at Salem, and brother of the bridegroom.

ATTENDING the meeting of the General Board of Education in Nashville, Tennessee, last week were Bishop Paul E. Martin, Dr. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary of the Board of Education, North Arkansas Conference, Dr. Joseph J. Mickel, president of Centenary College, Shreveport, all members of the General Board and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, Little Rock, who represented *The Arkansas Methodist*.

E. E. ASHBAUGH, Little Rock attorney and member of the Asbury Methodist Church, was the Layman's Day speaker at the Asbury Methodist Church, Sunday, March 2. Mr. Ashbaugh was chosen for this assignment by the Executive Committee of the Asbury Official Board. He is the Little Rock District Lay Leader, is Vice-Chairman of the Asbury Board of Stewards and is a District Trustee.

ROBERT G. MAYFIELD, Chicago, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, was the speaker at Layman's Day services Sunday, March 9, at the First Methodist Church, Searcy. Mr. Mayfield was also the featured speaker at a meeting of Searcy District laymen Sunday afternoon. Visitors at the afternoon meeting included Dr. Matt L. Ellis, North Arkansas Conference Lay Leader, and Roland Shelton, Little Rock Conference Lay Leader. Rev. Ralph Hillis is the Searcy pastor and Joe Pierce is the Searcy District Lay Leader.

A n item in last week's paper regarding the program of weekly activities for children was credited to Hamburg when it should have read Dumas. These meetings are held at 3:30 each Monday afternoon and are for children of Kindergarten, Primary and Junior age groups. The project is three weeks old and is being enthusiastically received. Fifty three children have been enrolled and it is expected that the attendance will be much larger. Rev. R. A. Teeter is pastor.

DR. CONNOR MOREHEAD, Camden District Superintendent, will be among the 18 persons from the United States who will conduct a visitation evangelism campaign in Alaska from March 16 to March 23. Nine laymen and nine clergymen of the Methodist Church have been selected for the work for their experience in evangelistic work in the United States. They will fly from Seattle after two days of briefing with

DEATH OF REV. CLARENCE N. WEEMS

Word comes from the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the death of Rev. Clarence N. Weems, long-time missionary to Korea, at his home in Decatur, Georgia. He served as a missionary in Korea for thirty-two years, retiring in 1941.

Mr. Weems was the son of the late Rev. D. J. Weems, well-known preacher in Arkansas. He was educated at Hendrix College, at the University of Arkansas and at Emory University where he received an M. A. degree. Prior to entering missionary service in 1909, he was a department head at Gallop College at Searcy. In his ministry in Korea, on the Songdo District he became known as "a builder of men and of churches." More than one hundred buildings of the missions, churches, schools, were erected under his direction.

Surviving are Mrs. Weems and four sons.

Bishop Gerald Kenney of Portland, Oregon, one of the organizers of the movement.

WORD comes of the death of Mrs. J. H. Cummins in a Lake Village hospital on Sunday, March 9. Mrs. Cummins was the wife of the late Rev. J. H. Cummins, long-time member of the Little Rock Conference. Mrs. Cummins had lived in Lake Village for the past eight years. She is survived by three sons, Harold, Houston, Texas, L. H. Minden, La., and Sloan, Pine Bluff; two daughters, Mrs. Raymond Coker, Arsenal, and Mrs. Wesley Willoughby, McGehee; two sisters thirteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE of the First Methodist Church, Marked Tree, has completed a contract for the installation of a new heating and air conditioning system for the church. The contract not only provides for the installation of all necessary mechanical equipment, but also provides for the installation of a completely new duct system. Every room in the building and new wing will thus be equipped for heating in winter and refrigerated air conditioning in summer. The contract price for the work is \$12,000. Work will begin immediately and the system will be ready for use by May 1. Rev. Paul M. Bumpers is pastor.

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The Christian Commitment

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TODAY begins what is known as the Week of Dedication in the Methodist Churches of America. In 1948 the General Conference of the Methodist Church, meeting in Boston, set aside the second full week in Lent as a time of spiritual examination and consecration. Methodists are called upon this week of dedicate themselves anew to Christ and His Church. If we take seriously the admonition of our General Conference we will, this week, very carefully and prayerfully examine our lives—that is, our thought life and our conduct—to discover if we are truly conforming to the ideals and standards of the Christian life.

We have had, in our generation, a great deal of speculation about what it means to be a Christian. In the consideration of this question a variety of opinion has been expressed. But out of all the furor and smoke of argument we have generally come to the conclusion that being a Christian means really the taking and maintaining a certain attitude of mind and heart and will toward Jesus Christ. So men have said across the centuries—that to become a Christian one must commit himself to Christ. This espousal of Christ and His way of life is what we call the Christian commitment. It is about this Christian commitment that I want us to think about here. What do we mean by this term "commitment"? What is it to which we commit ourselves in this Christian espousal? Have we truly made the Christian commitment?

The scholars insist, and rightly so, that in approaching the discussion of any problem the best method is to follow the example of Socrates and to attempt to define our terms. Dr. Brightman, of Boston University, has well said, "... it often happens that explicit definition is the best proof of a truth or refutation of an error. Indeed, some think that the process of truth-finding is wholly a matter of defining what you mean."

How important it is, then, for us to clearly understand and to be agreed upon what we mean when we talk of the Christian commitment. It is not necessary that you always agree with the teacher. It is highly essential that you always understand what he is saying. It is the genius of Protestantism that we believe in the priesthood of all believers, and that great liberty is granted to the individual Christian in the matter of interpretation of the scriptures and in the understanding of Christian doctrine. This accounts, no doubt, for the fact that the theology of some Church members is so wonderfully and fearfully constructed. Nevertheless, there is a Christian procedure of which we are proud and one that Protestants are determined to preserve.

The fact remains that if we are to discuss the Christian commitment, we need to define what we mean by "commitment". According to the new unabridged Webster's International Dictionary, the term "commit" means, "to give in trust, to put into charge or keeping", and further the word "commitment" means, "a promise or pledge to do something". It is truly in this sense that we are thinking of the commitment of one's life to Christ. When we commit ourselves to Christ, we literally place ourselves in His keeping, and we pledge to Him our lives—all that we are and all that we may become. We accept His Spirit as the guiding force of our lives. We take His way of life as ours, and we promise to walk with Him in His way which we know as the Christian life. Anything less than this would certainly fail to be a commitment, according to our understanding of the term. And anything less than this kind of wholehearted and unreserved surrender of a man to Christ would be entirely out of keeping with what the followers of Christ throughout the centuries have understood to be that which makes a man a Christian.

So let us begin with the fundamental, basic assumption that when a man commits himself to Christ he is no longer his own but he is Christ's. Indeed it was our Lord who said "No man can serve two masters". And one of the principal reasons for a man's

commitment of himself to Christ is the realization on his part that he, himself, is not able, of himself alone, to live his life in keeping with the will and purpose of Almighty God. In most cases this realization comes as the result of tragic failure on the part of the individual to overcome evil and to escape the consequent sense of guilt and shame. In Christ he sees both the glorious example of the life that is wholly good, and the one who is able to save him from sin and death and to enable him to live after the fashion of the wholly good which he sees in Christ Jesus.

So he commits himself to Christ. He promises to follow Christ as his Lord and Master and because he thus entrusts himself, Christ becomes his Lord and Saviour. I must suppose that we understand this and that we believe it. This is, then, what we mean by the Christian commitment.

Thus we come by logical sequence to face the second question: to what do we pledge ourselves when we make the Christian commitment? In as plain and simple language as I know how to speak this is what I understand to be the answer to this question: we pledge ourselves to the acceptance of the mind and spirit of Christ, and we promise to follow Him, setting for our ideal the example of His life, and making His teachings and standard of conduct for our lives.

Now I understand, as you do, that such a commitment requires the most careful study of the life and teachings of Jesus. If we are to be truly Christian and follow the teachings of Christ we have to possess some knowledge of those teachings. That is why such a tremendous responsibility rests upon every teacher of Christian truth, whether he be a minister, a Sunday School teacher, or a parent in the home. When we attempt to tell people what Jesus really taught, we should be sure that we have made an honest and earnest effort to understand those teachings ourselves.

The amazing thing is one never gets through with this job. One can read in the course of a few hours the written record of the teachings of Jesus as we have it in the pages of the New Testament. But one can fruitfully spend the rest of his life in the study, the interpretation, and the application of those teachings. One day when Jesus was teaching in Jerusalem the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest Him. When they came back without Him they questioned the officers saying, "Why have ye not brought him?" The officers answered, "Never man spake like this man". They were so right! For over nineteen hundred years his teachings have been exposed to the wisdom of men and the ravages of time. Neither has been able to impair them. No false statements are there. No hasty generalizations based upon misinformation have been found. No prejudiced or unwise principles are among them. The teachings of Jesus are as fresh and as stimulating today as when he pronounced them on the Galilean hillsides and on the streets of Jerusalem two thousand years ago. They were the basis of Christian thinking and the standard of Christian conduct for Peter and for Paul, for Augustine and for Francis of Assisi, for Martin Luther and for John Wesley. They

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Our Heritage

By MRS. R. A. DOWDY, Batesville, Ark.

Recently the author of the following article handed to me a little book entitled "Fifty Years of Service" which she had written. The book described the work done by women in the early missionary days of our state. As I read the pages, it seemed as though the voices of those women of the past urged those of us who are responsible for the missionary efforts in our church to be more prayerful, more zealous and more faithful in the service. This condensation, prepared by Mrs. Dowdy, was made at my request as it seemed that all members of our church might become filled with greater enthusiasm and joy of service as we read of those who led the way. — Wilma Fulbright.

To again review the history of the Woman's Missionary Society, is like mingling with the celestials, so many are among the innumerable throng of the blessed.

History of the North Arkansas Conference's Woman's Society prior to 1915 is a composite of Foreign and Home Societies of the Arkansas and White River Conferences.

Arkansas Conference

The oldest society of which we have any record was at Russellville, organized 1878, before the authorization of Woman's work in the General Conference. Mrs. Juliana Hayes, first president of Woman's Foreign Board, assisted with this. Other societies were formed in Clarksville and Ft. Smith.

First Annual Meeting

First annual meeting was at Dardanelle, 1881, during Annual Conference. Mrs. Jerome Haralson was president, Mrs. S. H. Babcock, vice-president and Mrs. Frank Parke, treasurer (which position she held for fifteen years.) Mrs. Juliana Hayes was again present, led their devotions, lectured on China, exhibited some Chinese shoes, explained foot binding and read a letter from Miss Lockie Rankin, first missionary. Mrs. Jerome Haralson elected first delegate to Woman's Board.

In 1883, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parke began the support of first scholarship in Miss Rankin's school. It was continued for twenty-five years.

In 1884, Mrs. O. H. Tucker became the efficient president and served for seventeen years. In 1885 Mrs. V. V. Harlan was elected corresponding secretary and Conference organizer which position she held for twelve years. Under their capable leadership there was steady substantial growth. In 1901 Mrs. Henry Hanesworth began her long and faithful service as district secretary and later as recording secretary. Mrs. W. E. Bennett was then treasurer which position she held for fifteen years.

Home Missions of Arkansas Conference

In 1901 at the session of Annual Conference at Conway, the Home Mission society was formed. Mrs. O. E. Jamerson was elected president and leader and continued for nine years, followed by Mrs. J. C. Holcombe, a worthy successor. The society grew rapidly. In 1909 there were 46 adult auxiliaries with 1,050 members, 283 children and 67 baby divisions.

For ten years Home and Foreign societies worked cultivating the home field and transplanting the gospel abroad. Two splendid

deaconesses were trained and sent into the service, Misses Stella Warmack and Frances Denton.

Missionary Societies of White River Conference

First record we have for "Womans' work for Woman" was at El Paso where Mrs. Fannie Suddarth organized ten women into a society 1882.

Conference Organized

At the Annual Conference at Newport in 1883 the Conference society was organized with Mrs. Suddarth president, Mrs. Ada Remmel, Corresponding Secretary and a vice president for each presiding elder's district. Societies were formed at Searcy, Newport, Riverside and Batesville. That year they reported 55 members, offering \$77.

At the annual conference in Searcy 1889, Mrs. Mary N. Neill was elected president. Later progress was largely due to her.

In 1889, Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met in Little Rock. Many women attended. It was at this meeting Scarritt Bible and Training School was founded at Kansas City. Both the women and preachers became greatly interested and societies grew rapidly. There were now 12 auxiliaries with 264 members, 5 juveniles with 187 members and 4 life members, collection \$309.50.

First Conference Meeting

First meeting apart from annual conference was held in Jonesboro with eleven officers and district Secretaries, etc. Conference pledged active support of Scarritt and a donation \$334.80 was given, also a scholarship in China was given in memory of a deceased member, Ella Randel. Mrs. Wrightman of Woman's Board, who was present, was made a life member of Conference and \$100 donated for that.

In 1881 the conference honored a corresponding secretary who had died, by furnishing a room in Scarritt, known as "Florence Malone Room."

First Missionary

It has been the prayer of the women that the Lord would call a missionary from their midst. In 1894 Miss Esther Case, of Batesville, was accepted by Board of Atlanta and appointed to Saltillo, Mexico. She served in Mexico for twenty years. On her return, she was appointed Secretary of Latin America and Africa and later Administration Secretary Foreign Department of Board of Missions, which position she held until she was called home, 1932. We were greatly honored by her life and ministry.

MRS. R. A. DOWDY

Home Mission Conference

Woman's Board of Home Missions met in Little Rock, 1896. Mrs. S. H. Babcock and Mrs. A. G. Dickson attended from White River Conference. Miss Belle Bennett asked the Bishop to appoint Mrs. Dickson president and Mrs. Babcock, corresponding secretary, which he did. During that year Searcy, Paragould and Batesville succeeded in converting Aids to Home Missions.

In 1897 Mrs. Babcock was elected president and Mrs. Neill corresponding secretary. During their term district societies grew in efficiency; visitors from Woman's Board and General Board and returned Missionaries attended annual meetings. In 1907 Silver Jubilee reported 850 members with offering \$2,600. Mrs. Neill again became president and Mrs. J. W. Hainley, corresponding secretary. Their zeal and unflagging interest inspired officers and staff members.

In 1905 Mrs. Leon Roussan was elected president and Mrs. Babcock continued as corresponding secretary till she went to heavenly home in 1908. A modest memorial "A Reference Library" in Scarritt was established by Home and Foreign Societies for her at a cost of \$300.

Conforming to places of Woman's work as outlined by General Conference both societies met in Batesville 1911 and united. They now reported 1,200 members and offering \$6,000.

North Arkansas Conference

The Arkansas and White River Conferences met in joint session at North Little Rock in 1915 with full corps of officers and a large representation. Motto — "Workers together with Him" a strong tie and willingness to serve was established between these. Officers were elected from each conference. Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, president, Mrs. J. M. Hawley, Secretary and Miss Mary Fuller Treasurer. Careful cultivation was made throughout conferences with large increase in organization and finances. In 1920 Mrs. Preston Hatcher became president and Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, corresponding secretary and Mrs. W. A. Steele Treasurer. These were followed by Mrs. E. F. Ellis, president and Mrs. W. A. Oliver corresponding secretary and later Mrs. B. E. Snetzer.

Some outstanding accomplishments of this period a scholarship in Scarritt College, known as "Mary A. Neill Scholarship",

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

From address delivered by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, to the annual meeting of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, Tuesday, March 4.

A new breed of self-appointed, un-American vigilantes threatens our freedom.

Profaning our American traditions and desecrating our flag, masquerading as defenders of our country against the infiltration of communism and the aggression of Russia, they play the red game of setting American against American, of creating distrust and division, and of turning us from the problems that must be solved in order to become impregnable.

These vigilantes produce hysteria, prepare sucker lists and live upon the generous contributions of the fearful. They exploit the uninformed patriot. They profiteer in patriotism.

These vigilantes do not carry the noosed rope, but they lynch by label. They prepare their lying spider-web charts. They threaten educators and ministers, actors and broadcasters. Unthinking boards and commissions bow to their tyranny, forgetting that to appease these fore-runners of Hitler, of Mussolini and of Stalin is to jeopardize freedom, and to prepare the wrists for the shackles and the mouth for the gag.

In the name of law, vigilantes break the law. Freedom-loving Americans must turn the light on these vicious vigilantes and their high-sounding committees, whose membership is seldom made public, and whose sources of income are never reported.

Who is back of the attack upon the National Council of Churches? Who is responsible for the nation-wide attack upon our American public schools?

The American press, whose defense of the freedom of the press can be counted upon, ought to turn its best reporters loose and give the American people the story of this menacing movement.

The *vermillion*—vigilante must go. I say *vermillion* both because this vigilante does the work of the red and because there is so much yellow in his make-up, his colors mix and become *vermillion*.

The National Education Association has been forced to set up a defense commission. It is known as the National Commission for the Defense of Democracy through Education. Its chairman has declared, "It is the estimate of the Commission that a general attack on public education in the United States is now being organized."

The vigilante would impose his will upon American education, would determine what books are to be in our public libraries, what shall be preached from our pulpits.

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created with an endowment of \$5,500 was raised under direction of Mrs. I. N. Barnett.

A project of "Woman's Building" at Mt. Sequoyah was initiated by this conference and \$5,500 given toward its erection. For the Bennett Memorial at Searritt \$8,162.39 was lovingly donated toward its erection, a permanent investment in religious education. The first rural work under trained Council Workers in Southern Methodism was initiated by this conference. Two splendid workers were trained and supported by this conference, Miss Minnie Lee Eidson and Miss Dora Hoover.

MARCH 13, 1952

Dedication Funds To Aid In Many Places

By BETTY THOMPSON

PART of the Week of Dedication contributions (March 9 to 16) for 1952 will go to ten urgently needed projects of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension. Spanish-speaking, Indian, Japanese, Chinese, and Negro congregations in the United States and Methodists in the territories of Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico will benefit from the \$250,000 or more sought for the home mission needs.

Top priority asking is \$50,000 for the First Methodist Church, Honolulu, organized more than half-a-century ago. The building, inadequate and termite-infested, needs to be replaced by a modern structure to take care of the growing congregation.

In Robstown, Tex., where there are 8,000 or more residents of Mexican descent, a Spanish-speaking congregation has been holding services in a three-room parsonage. Their English-speaking Methodist neighbors gave the parsonage and a lot for a new building. However, help of Methodists everywhere is necessary if these Latin Americans are to have a sanctuary. The \$20,000 goal set for the purpose will provide this ministry.

Fairbanks is one of Alaska's modern cities

This is the destruction of freedom. There can be no free society without the free inquiry of the free mind in the free man. Men who cherish their own freedom must bring these destroyers of freedom before the people and reveal them for what they are, namely, opportunists who capitalize upon fear for personal gain.

The communist threat to freedom is so serious that we dare not allow these racketeers to divide us. Let us turn to the F.B.I. for the investigation of subversion, and let us in the light of evidence take those steps in the American way to punish all who violate our laws or who betray our nation.

We can trust J. Edgar Hoover and his carefully trained men. We can trust our courts. We dare not trust these self-appointed vigilantes who issue their lists of so-called reds for profit.

Citizens are condemned without trial, without so much as hearing, by self-appointed money-makers who must keep their subscribers in hysteria in order to sell their wares. Elmer Rice, distinguished playwright and well-known anti-communist, has recently cancelled his contract with certain tele-

vision enterprises in order to protest against a policy of blacklisting, denial of employment, and condemning without evidence, resulting from a procedure of "clearing" performers.

"Clearing" is not a matter of the artistic ability of the artist, but of his political views, and these views are not evaluated by a court or public body, but by a profit-making private agency that on its own initiative lists an actor as subversive.

And now the church is under similar attack. Fortunately the church has refused to deny men jobs because somebody says they are controversial and good public relations is supposed to demand the elimination of the controversial. But freedom is indivisible, and the attack upon education and radio is but a prelude to the attack upon the pulpit. The vigilantes is forerunner to the police state. Americans who will gladly die to preserve freedom and to destroy every attempt to extend the police state of Russia, will do well to see these vigilantes for what they are, the *vermilions*, or, to abbreviate, the vermin,—whose red we abhor and whose yellow we disdain.

with daily and weekly newspapers, radio stations, theaters, and the territory's only university. It has no Methodist church. A Methodist congregation was organized three years ago. For a church in this center of a vast mining and agricultural area, \$45,000 is needed.

Week of Dedication funds have given five district parsonages to the Oklahoma Indian and Rio Grand Mission Conferences in the southwest where no such homes were owned by the Church. Purchase of a \$10,000 western district parsonage at El Paso, Texas, will complete the work of providing district homes for these two mission conferences.

The "mobile unit" has proved one of the most effective methods for carrying the church to small communities and isolated families. Through preaching, visual aids, and pastoral visitation, services have been taken to out-of-the way people who otherwise would have been without the ministry of the church. Plantation camp workers in Hawaii, residents of sugar cane villages in Puerto Rico, homesteaders in Alaska, and American Indians scattered on reservations are five groups in need of mobile units. All of these areas can be served if the Week of Dedication provides \$25,000.

fine personalities inspired, trained and sent into life service by this conference:

Foreign Department

Miss Esther Case, Mexico; Miss Cornelia Crozies, China; Miss Alice Furry, Korea; Miss Jessie Moore, Brazil; Miss Lillian Wahl, Manchuria; Miss Lucy Clark, China; Miss Pearl McCain, China; Miss Edith Martin, Africa; Miss Nellie Dyer, Korea.

Home Department

Miss Frances Denton, Miss Stella War-mack, Miss Minnie Webb, Miss Eunice O'Bryant, Mrs. A. M. Moore, Miss Amo Atchley, Miss Helen Phillips, Miss Minnie Lee Eidson.

Christian Values In Education

Portion of an address delivered by Rev. Bentley Sloane to the faculty of Centenary College in connection with Religious Emphasis Week, the week of February 10.

IN this country we are confronted with the problem of undergirding democracy with religious values and at the same time holding to the basic principle of freedom in the separation of church and state. The Jeffersonian emphasis in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution that men are endowed by God with certain inalienable rights is a Biblical teaching within the Hebrew-Christian teaching. The underlying values of our democracy are based on certain absolute values that root back into the nature of God and the universe. Because these values are spiritual and moral we believe the people of a democracy must have the guidance of religious faith to nourish and perpetuate them.

The public school system recognizes this fact and has enunciated it in the recent handbook entitled "Moral and Spiritual Values in the Public Schools," published by The Educational Policies Commission of the National Education Association. But the public schools are in no position to teach the spiritual values of the Hebrew-Christian tradition in a direct manner. Some experiments are under way whereby the churches and schools of a community are doing this. However, the prevailing conditions indicate that our public school system is still largely secular.

The independent church college, like Centenary, is in a position to bring to the education process the Hebrew-Christian values that are held to be necessary to democracy. Here we can unite freely the Christian faith and the broad process of education. In fact, the Methodist college is

in the college business for no other reason. The Methodist college is to be first and foremost a Christian influence. When this primary fact is discarded or forgotten, we can close our college doors and turn our pupils over to the state to educate.

How is this being achieved at Centenary? First, by placing Christian faith and worship at the very center of our program. Our chapel services dramatize this fact in public worship. Our music groups lift the message in song and music. Our department of Bible places it directly in the curriculum. Second, Centenary makes a large place for those who are planning church careers. We offer the challenge to full time Christian service and provide courses of study in preparation for this vocation. Our Ministerial Club and Methodist Student Movement provide a sustaining fellowship for those who follow the gleam in Christian service. Third, Centenary gives emphasis to Christian values through its faculty. We believe that this faculty in the lives of its individual members represents the Christian Church. We do not limit our teaching staff to any one faith or church, but we do insist that a Christian philosophy of life be uppermost. Methodist schools are more liberal in this respect than any others, as indeed the Methodist Church itself is. The faculty member embodies these ideals in his relationship to his pupils. He finds his place in a local church and ties the College and the Church together as a unit.

And finally, Centenary is part of the Church and is mutually supported by the Church.

Here at our alma mater an increasing opportunity is before us to undergrid democracy with Christian faith without which our way of life is but a passing phase in human change.

ADULT COUNCIL PLANS

Important plans were outlined for Adult Work in the Louisiana Conference when the Adult Council met, February 20.

Rev. Robert Clemmons of the General Board staff gave guidance to the planning. Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Conference Director of Adult Work, the Rev. Bentley Sloane, and Rev. Jolly Harper helped in the planning.

All districts were represented and entered the planning of the following projects:

1. District Directors of Adult Work to secure accurate lists of

local church superintendents.

2. Young Adult District Directors to form district councils and promote sub-district institutes and leadership classes.

3. Young Adult Assembly planned for Camp Brewer, August 2 and 3. Mrs. Eva Denham, president of the Conference Council of Young Adult Work, is dean of the Assembly. Quotas will be given to each district.

4. Three Older Adult Camps were planned as follows:

a. Shreveport, Ruston, Monroe Districts—Caney Lake—June 4, 5, and 6. Rev. A. W. Townsend,

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER SPECIAL

Below is a list of receipts from 1951 November Special offering for Ministerial Training and Hendrix College—Through February 29, 1952.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT	
BATESVILLE: Central Avenue	\$ 150.00
First	500.00
Cave City-Sidney	6.50
Cotter	50.00
Evening Shade Ct.	14.00
Melbourne Ct.	11.00
Moorefield-Asbury	17.00
Mountain Home Parish	53.00
Mountain View	22.00
NEWPORT: First	150.00
Umsted	10.00
Salem	20.00
Sulphur Rock	5.20
Swift-Alicia	24.45
Tuckerman	47.65
Weldon-Tupelo	10.68
Yellville Parish	16.25

DISTRICT TOTAL \$1107.73

CONWAY DISTRICT	
Atkins	\$ 35.00
CONWAY: First	1204.10
Wesley	20.00
Dardanelle	41.00
Dardanelle Ct.	12.00
Dover-London	15.00
Greenbrier	9.20
MORRILTON: First	100.00
Ct. No. 2	11.46
Naylor Ct.	2.00
NO. LITTLE ROCK: Gardner	125.00
Levy	25.00
Sylvan Hills	12.00
Washington Ave.	37.50
Ola Ct.	12.84
Oppelo	10.65
Perry-Perryville	13.85
Plumerville	15.00
Pottsville	25.00
Russellville	200.00
Salem	3.65
Vilonia	10.00

DISTRICT TOTAL \$1940.25

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT	
Avoca Ct.	\$ 10.00
Bentonville	50.00
Berryville	30.00
Centerton	15.00
Elm Springs-Harmon	31.70
Eureka Springs	30.00
Farmington Ct.	10.00
FAYETTEVILLE: Central	425.00
Wiggins	60.00
Gentry	10.00
Goshen	5.00
Gravette	20.00
Green Forest	10.00
Lincoln	20.00
MADISON COUNTY: No. 1	5.00
Morrow-Evansville	5.00
Prairie Grove	50.00
ROGERS: Central	45.60
Siloam Springs	100.00
Springdale: First	75.00
Wesley	8.50
Sulphur Springs	15.00
Winslow	5.00

DISTRICT TOTAL \$1053.80

FORREST CITY DISTRICT	
Aubrey	\$ 28.60

Jr., and Mrs. Claude Cochran, deans.
b. Alexandria, Lake Charles Districts—Camp Brewer—June 4, 5, and 6. Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh, the Rev. J. W. Ailor, deans. Rev. Robert Clemmons, leader.
c. Baton Rouge, New Orleans Districts—Seashore Camp Grounds—June 4, 5, and 6. Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Mrs. James J. Kennedy, and Rev. Merlin Merrill, deans.

A new District Director of Young Adult Work, Horace Allen of Lake Charles, was presented to the Adult Council.

CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Kansas City, Mo.—Dr. Lewis B. Carpenter, president of National College, has announced that a department of church music has been established at the college, with Mr. Henry Kerr Williams as head of the department. Courses in choral conducting, choir methods, hymnology, music appreciation, and sacred music are being offered. New facilities of teaching studios, sound-proof practice rooms, and a music classroom as well as the installation of new equipment and furnishings have been added to the department.

Brinkley	110.00
Clarendon	50.00
Cotton Plant	50.00
Crawfordsville-Blackfish Lake	40.00
Earle	34.30
Elaine	12.50
Forrest City	150.00
Haynes-LaGrange	11.00
Helena	250.00
Holly Grove	75.00
Hughes	50.00
Marianna	125.00
Marion	150.00
Marvell-Lexa	35.00
West Helena	40.00
West Memphis	125.00
Wheatley	14.16
Widner-Round Pond	46.25
Wynne	125.00

DISTRICT TOTAL \$1521.81

FORT SMITH DISTRICT	
Alix Ct.	\$ 5.00
Alma-Mt. View	20.00
Booneville	75.00
Branch Ct.	3.46
Charleston	32.00
Clarksville	150.00
FORT SMITH: Fifth	6.50
First	400.00
Goddard	200.00
Grand Ave.	3.25
Midland Heights	35.00
St. Luke-Bonanza	35.00
St. Paul's	75.00
Towson Ave.	5.00
Greenwood	25.00
Hackett	5.00
Hartman Ct.	12.90
Huntington	15.00
Kibler Ct.	23.00
Lamar Ct.	25.00
Lavaca Ct.	10.00
Mansfield	17.50
Mulberry	16.00
Paris	75.00
Prairie View-Scranton	5.00
VAN BUREN: First	50.00
City Heights-Bethel	10.00
St. John's	15.00
Waldron Ct.	10.00

DISTRICT TOTAL \$1359.61

JONESBORO DISTRICT	
BLYTHEVILLE: First	\$ 200.00
West Parish	13.75
Caraway	10.00
Harrisburg	60.00
Joiner	42.00
JONESBORO: First	500.00
Fisher	25.00
Huntington	50.00
Lake City-Lake View	20.00
Lepanto-Garden Point:	
Lepanto	60.00
Garden Point	15.00
Lunsford-Pleasant Valley	43.50
Luxora	25.00
Manila	20.00
Marked Tree	75.00
Nettleton-Bay	50.00
Osceola	100.00
Trumann	40.00
Turrell-Gilmore	15.00
Tyronza	36.00
Weiner Ct.	25.00
Weona-Center View	10.00
Wilson	50.00
Yarbro-Promised Land	25.00

DISTRICT TOTAL \$1520.25

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

THE CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT

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remain the foundation of Christian thought and the standard of Christian conduct for you and for me.

Immediately someone cries out that these teachings of Jesus are impracticable and unattainable, human nature being what it is. It should be very evident that we stand on a flimsy foundation when we attempt to excuse our failure to live the Christian life by affirming that the teachings of Jesus are impracticable. Any man who looks at Jesus sees the teachings demonstrated in the life of the teacher. Dr. Robert J. McCracken, the minister of Riverside Church in New York City, has written:

"Jesus practiced what He preached. His character is the source and standard of the Christian ideal. The moral principles of Christianity are unique in that they have been personally exemplified. They have been put into operation in the everyday world. Jesus lived what He taught. The trouble with a lot of moral theorizing is that it comes from the pens of arm-chair thinkers. It is when his principles are exemplified in his life that a man earns the moral right to speak, and when he speaks his words have weight and influence. That is part of the secret of Jesus. Back of His teaching is His life—illustrating, enhancing, validating everything He said. What He was is still the best commentary on what He taught."

It is, then, the life of Jesus which makes His teachings so important. These teachings came out of the experiences of a life, and they were exemplified in that life. It is, then, not to a body of teachings that we commit ourselves—but it is to a person, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Christian commitment is a personal commitment on our part to a personal God who is revealed in the person of Jesus the Christ.

It is hardly necessary to remind you that Jesus called his followers to possess His Spirit and to practice His teachings. We should remember also that in every generation since Jesus walked in the flesh some of His followers have dared to believe that His teachings are practicable and attainable. They have, in their own lives and in their day and generation, tried to practice them. It has been upon the feet of these that the Christian faith has marched forward.

This is not to say that the ideal in its fullness is immediately attainable. It is really beyond our immediate reach. What could an ideal within our grasp do for us? We would attain it and we would be through. Not so with the Christian ideal. Suddenly by insight, or by long and arduous study, a Christian truth breaks upon us and we see a goal before our eyes. We struggle toward it, we reach it, we grasp it—and lo! immediately we see beyond us another goal, richer and brighter than the one attained! This is the glory of the Christian faith. This is growth in the grace and knowledge of God. We should remember with Browning, "A man's reach must exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" We should say with Paul, "I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". This is the Christian commitment.

One question remains. Have we truly made this commitment? One by one we must answer this question. Do we know? Have we made it? If not, will we do so now? This week? This is the purpose of the Week of Dedication. God forgive us, and bless us, and help us to truly, unreservedly, commit ourselves to Him through Jesus Christ.

BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ANNUAL MEETING

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is not reaching its proportionate part of these. This is, we feel, a situation which should receive the attention of the Church at large with a special effort of some sort being made to strengthen Methodism's Ministry to the Youth of our land. With three out of four young people not being reached by any organized religious force, it would seem that we have more than a missionary responsibility within our own country. We have an obligation, which, if left unattended, could spell retreat all along the line, socially, spiritually, politically and morally.

We are always impressed with the Board

of Education's eagerness to adapt and re-adjust its program to meet changing conditions; with the high caliber of its staff personnel; the amount of research work carried on to determine program effectiveness and what the needs are; with the unsurpassed Church School literature, both from the standpoint of content and appearance; and the concern with which the Board and staff members of the Division of Educational Institution view the Church's relationship to students, both in church related and state institutions of higher learning.

The Board took a long look at the General Conference Survey Commission Report and ultimately adopted a statement which left little doubt about what it thought of the

survey commission's recommendation that this board be divided three ways. As might be expected the Board did not like it.

LENT WILL DETERMINE YOUR EASTER

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the Roman Church the Lenten observance. As indicated above, the beginning of the Lenten practice was established before the Roman Catholic Church, as such, came into being. Thus, Lent is historically a Christian observance, having its roots in the earliest of Christian tradition. It is our feeling that any observance which can become the means of strengthening the individual believer's Christian experience is worthy of the Christian's attention.

FOUR RECEIVE HALL OF FAME AWARDS AT HOSPITAL-HOME MEETING



High point in the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 20-21, was the presentation of four new memberships in the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy. Shown as they received the awards from Bishop William T. Watkins (top, left) of Louisville, Ky., president of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, are the recipients of the awards, all of whom were honored for their significant contributions of time, talent or money in the field of child welfare. Left to right, they are: S. B. Lawrence, Jackson, Miss.; Mrs. Emma Lang,

Cleveland; Miss Katharine F. Lenroot, Hartsdale, N. Y.; and Mrs. Mary L. Crossman, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Rev. B. W. Selin, (lower left) superintendent of Bethany Home and Hospital, Chicago, receives the gavel upon his election as president of the association from the hands of his predecessor, Neal D. Ireland of Los Angeles. In the other picture, Dr. Karl P. Meister (left) of Chicago, executive secretary of the board, is shown with the Rev. John W. Waterhouse of London, England, principal of the National Children's Home and Orphanage, who was one of the speakers.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

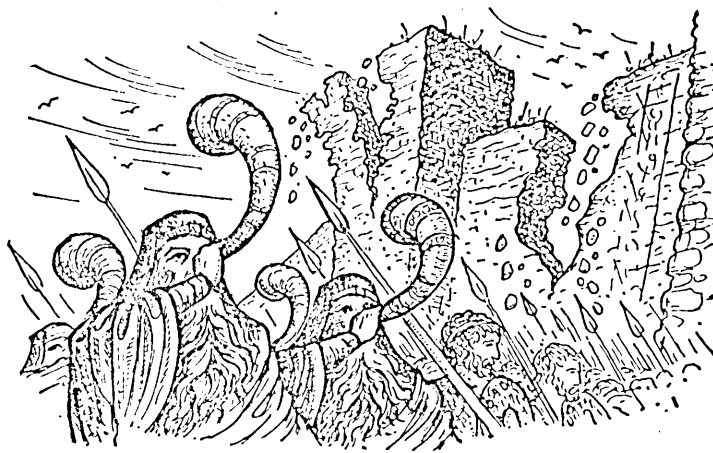
MARCH WINDS

March winds and little children really behave almost alike when March arrives each year.

Somehow children are so happy that frosty days are over and the snow is gone. They have been able to leave off heavy overshoes, extra sweaters, scarfs, and in some cases even bulky, baggy snow-pants. The weather is not too cold and it is not too hot for running, jumping, skipping and hopping. It is just right for roller-skates, hoops, wagons, scooters and tricycles. Children are so alive they forget streets are dangerous places; they race around street corners unheeding the sound of approaching voices and footsteps. They don't see open man-holes, telephone poles, and ladders. They just run until they stop because something or somebody has forcibly stopped them, or they are too tired to run another step. March makes children act that way. Whether it is because they are children, or because the wind blows, or the snow is gone, or because spring is almost here, nobody seems to know. I doubt if even the children themselves know. Do you feel that way?

Well the wind is just the same. It starts off as such a quiet, gentle breeze, and then before you know it, it starts blowing people's hats off, turning their umbrellas inside out, and knocking their garbage cans over.

Once it does that it goes on and on doing more and more things, faster and faster. Then all at once you hear on the radio, "Small craft warnings!" It must be fun to be able to blow the water in the lakes and oceans until the waves get bigger and



OLD TESTAMENT STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

A new book for boys and girls will be published March 10 by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. It is "The Bible Stories for Boys and Girls—Old Testament" written by Dr. Walter Russell Bowie. He tells the Old Testament stories

in language which boys and girls from 9 to 13 years can understand and appreciate. The book will have twenty-three color plates and black and white illustrations which help to bring the stories to life.

bigger and bigger. It might be fun, too, to be able to blow such big waves that boats would toss and turn, but of course those boats cost a great deal of money, and worse than that—people are on those boats. So we hear, "Gale warnings" announced on the radio so the fishermen and men on small boats can get safely to shore.

Then when the wind gets tired, or seems to, it blows softer and softer and softer until it becomes a gentle, cooling breeze again.

We need the wind, of course. It dries up the wet fields and gardens that have been covered with ice and snow all winter. The wind blows windmills. It scatters seeds, pollen and fruits. It can be a most kindly, helpful wind, but it can be a very naughty wind, too, particularly in March. —Margaret G. Wilson, in The United Church Observer

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

SPRINGTIME

Don't you love the springtime,
Filled with happy hours,
Flowers, birds and sunshine,
Gentle, pleasant, showers?
A world filled with beauty,
Gifts we may enjoy,
Sent by our Heavenly Father
To every girl and boy.—A.E.W.

its of various screen and TV cow-pokes. Said one: "You can take Roy Rogers—Hoppy's the real king of the cowboys." Snapped back the other: "Hopalong Cassidy—that grandfather! I'll bet he's 22 years old!" — Birmingham News

He arrived when there were other guests, and his hostess had to arrange for him to sleep on the couch in the living room. The next morning at breakfast she wanted to know if he had had a good night. "Fairly good," he told her. "I got up from time to time and rested."—John A. Ferrall, Volta Review

Feeling discouraged about the quality of work his new secretary was turning out, the boss decided to put her through a quiz.

"Did you ever hear of Harding?" he asked.

"No."

"Ever hear of Hoover?"

"No."

"Lincoln?"

"Let me see," said the steno. "Was his last name Nebraska?"

JUST FOR FUN

The news that Joe had lost his job got around quickly, and a nosy friend asked: "Why did the foreman fire you?"

"You know what a foreman is" Joe shrugged, "the one who stands around and watches the other men work."

"What's that got to do with it?" his friend wanted to know.

"Well, he just got jealous of me," Joe explained. "People thought I was the foreman."—Cambridge (England) Daily News

A couple of 5-yr-olds sitting on a doorstep were arguing the mer-



HAPPY SPRING DAYS



ANOTHER SIGN OF SPRING

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

"ALL ONE FAMILY— GOD'S PLAN"

The South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, meeting in the worshipful setting of the First Methodist Church, Omaha, Nebraska, February 26-29, presented all phases of the theme "All One Family—God's Plan," under the excellent leadership of the President, Mrs. C. A. Barr. Mrs. Barr told of the Advance of the Jurisdiction to 18 Jurisdiction officers, 10 Board of Missions members, 2 Bishops, 6 invited guests, 106 delegates, 16 missionaries, 32 deaconesses, and 751 registered guests, a total of 951 in attendance.

A series of three addresses by Bishop Newell S. Booth of Africa, on the concern, ideals and worship of the family gave each listener a better understanding of the world family to which we belong, and certainly, a keen anticipation of the study on Africa which will be held next year in every society.

Bishop W. C. Martin in speaking on "Christian Foundations" challenged each one to strengthen the Christian church in America, lest the country fail in its mission in the world, and God find another way to make his message known.

The program for the new quadrennium was presented by Mrs. Eloise Woolever, New York, as "A Leap of Faith" in explanation of the five emphases to be used.

"So Long As There Are Homes" was the title of the address by Dr. Carl C. Bracy, Chancellor, Nebraska Wesleyan University, in which he reminded the conference that the Christian Home must be the recruiting agency for a Christian democracy, give a basic sense of security, and produce Christian character. He joined Bishop Martin in denouncing U.M.T. as educationally unsound, politically unwise, financially disastrous, and contrary to American principles.

Mrs. C. A. Bender, Official Observer at the United Nations, spoke of the "United Nations and Families", urging her hearers to realize the important part the United States has in continuing the work of assisting the families over the world in gaining a well-rounded life.

Two areas of work under the Woman's Division were presented by their directors: Mother's Jewels Home, by J. N. Smith and National College for Christian Workers by its president, Dr. Lewis B. Carpenter. In addition, a double quintet from National College sang for the group in a

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TWELFTH ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND, MAR. 22-23, 1952 Wesleyan Service Guild — North Arkansas Conference

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, 22nd & Poplar Street
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THEME: "CHRIST—THE ANSWER"

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

1:00 P. M.—Registration
2:00 P. M.—Quiet Hour—Miss Thelma Pickens, Leader
2:30 P. M.—Convening of the Twelfth Annual Guild Week End—Miss Gertie Stiles, Presiding Officer
Greetings, Introductions, and Roll call by Districts
Organization Emphasis:
Literature and Publications—Mrs. Homer Williamson
Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Walter Jimerson and Mrs. J. R. Henderson
Program Building—Miss Hanna Kelly
Recruitment—Miss Betty Letzig
Question and Answer Period—Conducted by Mrs. Johnnie McClure

5:00 P. M.—Leisure Time

7:00 P. M.—Dinner Banquet
Invocation—Rev. Irl Bridenthal
Trio—Mrs. Bill Waymack, Miss Arlene Avant, and Miss Dorothy Bridenthal—Accompanied by Mrs. Franklin Chalfant
Address—Mrs. Alma Riley, So. Central Jurisdiction Secretary Fellowship

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 A. M.—Breakfast
Devotional—Miss Mary Chaffin
Business Meeting and Recognitions
Organization Emphasis:
Status of Women—Mrs. H. J. Couchman
Mission Study Courses—Mrs. W. H. Goodloe and Mrs. O. W. Rollwage
Promotion—Mrs. H. H. Fulbright
Supplies—Mrs. Mavis Settemire and Mrs. Ben DeVoll
Question and Answer Period—Conducted by Mrs. Johnnie McClure

10:50 A. M.—Morning Worship—Sanctuary.

12:15 P. M.—Luncheon

Invocation—Rev. Wm. Watson
1:15 P. M.—Devotional—Mrs. Alma Riley
Solo—Mrs. Edgar Munns
Address—Mrs. George Dismukes, Vice Chairman Standing Guild Committee
Pledge and Dedication Service—Mrs. Ben DeVoll and Mrs. Johnnie McClure
3:00 P. M.—Adjournment

North Arkansas Conference Speakers



MRS. J. R. HENDERSON



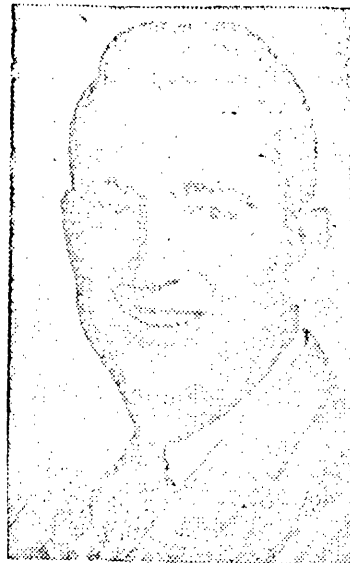
MRS. NEILL HART

Mrs. J. R. Henderson, and Mrs. Neill Hart, Jurisdiction Secretaries, will speak at the Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, meeting in North Little Rock, March 25-27, at the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Hart will speak on "Witness-

es" and Mrs. Henderson on "Speculators or Disciples."

Delegates to the Annual Meeting are the President or her alternate and one other delegate from each local society. Registration fee of \$2.00 should be sent to Mrs. George Corbet, 281 Plainview Circle, Park Hill, North

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



DR. GEORGE F. IVEY

Dr. George F. Ivey, vice-president of Centenary College, will speak at the Quiet Time during the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, at the First Methodist Church, LaFayette, March 18 and 19. Dr. Ivey is a graduate of Alabama State Teachers College and the University of Alabama. In 1950 he was selected as "Man of the Year" by the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff will speak at the evening service, March 19. Mrs. Ratliff lives at Sherard, Mississippi. At the time of unification she was president of the North Mississippi Conference. She has served as President of the South Eastern Jurisdiction, and has held two offices in the Division Vice-President, and Chairman of the Department of Christian Social Relations. She is a member of the Jurisdictional Council.

Registration will be at 9:00 Tuesday morning, and the Conference will convene at 10:00 o'clock. A World Federation Luncheon will be held Tuesday under the direction of Mrs. S. J. Fairchild. With the theme, "The Things That Make For Peace", Conference officers will present their work with the theme in mind. A Youth-Student Dinner will be held Tuesday evening with Mrs. W. E. Trice and Mrs. C. I. Jones in charge. The meeting will adjourn at noon Wednesday.

Little Rock, with information of time and place of arrival, whether by bus, train or in own car.

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

DR. HART WRITES BOOK FOR LEADERSHIP COURSE

Nashville, Tenn. — Increased emphasis on the home in the leadership education program will be possible through the use of one of the four new leadership education textbooks produced last year by the Curriculum Committee of the Methodist Church.

The book is "Home and Church Working Together." It is written by Dr. W. Neill Hart, pastor of First Methodist church, El Dorado, Arkansas. Dr. Hart has taught this course many times in leadership schools and has tried out in his own church most of the suggestions in the book.

The text will meet a need that has been evident throughout the church for sometime, according to the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the Department of Leadership Education, General Board of Education.

Equally important in meeting specific needs in the field of leadership education are the other

three texts, "Church Use of Audio-Visuals," by the Rev. Howard E. Tower; "Protestant Backgrounds in History," by Dr. J. Minton Batten; and "Teaching Adults," by Dr. Frank A. Lindhorst.

Each of the above three writers has had successful experience in the field of work covered in his text. Mr. Tower, a member of the New England Southern Conference, is director of the Audio-Visual Department, General Board of Education. Dr. Batten is professor of Church History, Vanderbilt School of Religion. He is a member of the Virginia Conference. Dr. Lindhorst is director of Christian Community Administration, College of the Pacific, Stockton, California. Now a member of the California-Nevada Conference, he was for several years executive secretary of Christian Education for the Des Moines area.

ARKANSAS D. S. JOINS EVANGELISTIC MISSION TO ALASKA

Dr. Connor Morehead, Superintendent of the Camden District, is one of a group of nine ministers and nine laymen who have been selected as leaders for a United Evangelistic Mission in the Alaskan Mission Conference March 15-24. Dr. Morehead left by plane, Monday, March 10, for Seattle, Washington where he will join others in a briefing session under the direction of Bishop Gerald Kennedy, General Chairman of the mission.

The program is under the cooperative sponsorship of the General Board of Evangelism, Board of Missions and Church Extension, and the Advance for Christ. The Alaskan Mission Conference is composed of nine pastoral charges. Dr. Morehead will be working with the Moose Pass charge, which extends along the Mobile Highway on the Kenai Peninsula and composed of six churches. Rev. Eugene Elliott is the Moose Pass pastor and uses in his work a station wagon presented to the work there by Arkansas Methodists during a trip last year through Arkansas by Dr. Gordon P. Gould, District Superintendent of the Alaskan Mission work.

The evangelistic party will leave by air from Seattle to the various assignments March 14. A mass meeting at Anchorage, Sunday, March 24 will conclude the mission which has as its goal

doubling the membership of the conference.

Dr. Morehead is due to return to Arkansas Thursday, March 27.

PASTOR'S NIGHT IN LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

The Little Rock Sub-District Youth Fellowship will have its annual M. Y. F. Sub-district program known as Pastor's Night, Monday evening, March 17 at Highland Methodist Church, Little Rock at 7:30. The Sub-district Council has chosen as the subject for the meeting "What Methodists Believe and Why," with the main presentation of the topic to be handled by a panel composed of Rev. Arthur Terry, Rev. Jeff Davis and Rev. Charles Richards. Following the program a recreation period will be observed.

Bank Holds Daily Prayer Service

A prayer service is held each day by officials and employees of the Commercial National Bank doors are opened for business. The practice began recently after a director, James P. Roddy, donated an organ—a family heirloom—to the bank. The service begins with a hymn played on the organ by Miss Lena Pearl Garrison, bookkeeper. Fred, Cagle, a vice president, reads from the Bible and Roy C. Brown, cashier,

LOTS ACQUIRED FOR NEW CHURCH

On February 27 eighteen women of the First Methodist Church of Pine Bluff led by Mrs. A. E. Adams, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Church, with the pastor, Rev. K. L. Spore, met for coffee at the district parsonage as guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Dedman. Immediately following coffee these women went out to survey a section of Southwest Pine Bluff, looking toward the organizing of a new Methodist church in the city. The project is the outgrowth of the mission study of First Church, led by Mrs. J. B. Bassett. This has been a dream of Rev. J. L. Dedman since he moved to Pine Bluff four years ago.

A beautiful tract of land, comprised of more than two city blocks, has been acquired within the city limits. This property will provide room for a large church, playground and parking space, unequalled anywhere in the city. Room for a parsonage and whatever else the preacher will want is provided for.—Reporter

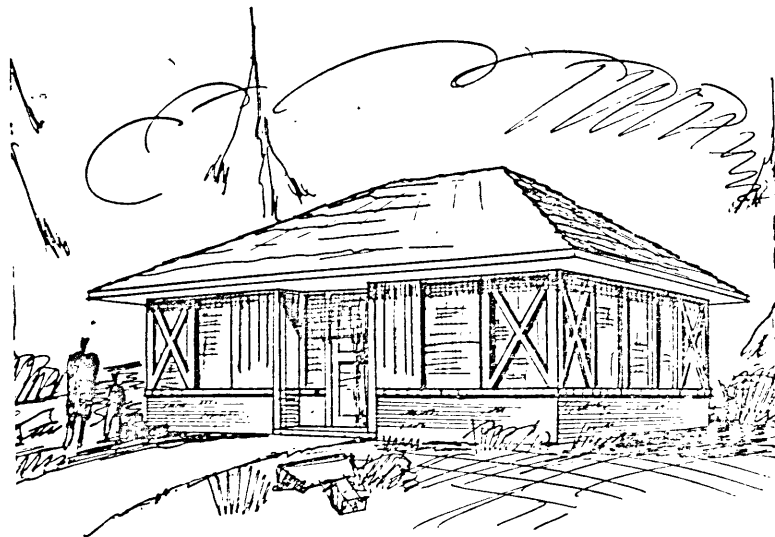
at Knoxville, Tenn., before the group repeats the Lord's Prayer.

Asbury Church First To Pay For Tanako Cabin

THE ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH, Little Rock, is the first group or church in the Little Rock Conference to complete payment for one of the eight cabins nearing completion at Camp Tanako, Little Rock Conference Camp, according to a statement by Rev. Roy Fawcett, Executive Secretary of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education which has supervision of the Camp. Final payment on the \$2500 was made only recently and the Asbury Church will be permitted to select one of the cabins, name it and have a dedicatory service.

According to the Asbury pastor, Rev. Arthur Terry, the young people of the Asbury congregation have led in the program of raising the \$2500. Mr. J. Gordon Wilson, Asbury member and a member of the Camp Tanako Board, has been one of the leading contributors in the young people's drive for funds. The young people themselves accounted for a rather sizable portion of the total amount given.

Miss Emogene Dunlap, Little Rock Conference Director of Youth, reported that several district Methodist Youth Fellowship organizations have almost completed payments for one cabin



DRAWING OF ONE OF TWENTY-FIVE CABINS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT L. R. CONFERENCE CAMP

each, and will probably do so within the next few weeks. Among these districts are the Arkadelphia, Camden, and Pine Bluff Districts. The Little Rock Conference Board of Lay Activities is expected to complete payment for one of the cabins also. Miss Dunlap stated that the eight cabins now under construction are the first of twenty-five such

buildings to be erected at the Camp and that it is hoped that these additional cabins can be built before too long. The cabins are all-weather buildings, permitting year around use by Church groups using the camp facilities.

Camp Tanako is located on Lake Catherine between Malvern and Hot Springs.

SENATOR FULBRIGHT ADDRESSES JOINT MEETING OF MEN'S CLUBS

By TED WILEY

ON affirmative foreign policy which will counter Russia's efforts to make gains throughout the world without turning to active war is needed by the United States, Sen. J. W. Fulbright told members of the Central Methodist Men's Club and the Central Presbyterian Men's Fellowship of Fayetteville at a dinner served in the basement of Wesley Hall the evening of December 28. The senator was in Fayetteville visiting his mother, Mrs. Roberta Fulbright and other members of his family. The dinner was served by members of the two men's church groups.

Toastmaster was Virgil Blossom, Superintendent of Fayetteville schools and a member of the Methodist group, and Dr. Henry Kronenberg, dean of the College of Education at the University, a member of the Presbyterian group, introduced the speaker.

Senator Fulbright said that in his opinion the Kremlin does not want an all-out war. "They know full well that the United States wins wars," he said, citing the record. However, he indicated he feels this nation has not found a way to cope with gains made by the Russians in the "cold war" now under way. He spoke of infiltration processes used by the Communists throughout Europe, and said a need is evident for some means to check this kind of "attack."


The junior senator from Arkansas said he thinks we "have no foreign policy at the present time." He declared "You can't call opportunism a policy," and spoke of past evidence that the "United States has just been writing checks — we haven't wanted to think about it."

In the five vital years after World War II the United States had five secretaries of state, Senator Fulbright recalled. "Three of these had no previous diplomatic training so far as I know," he told the 280 churchmen. Not only the secretaries but their assistants, as well, changed frequently he remembered.

"We've gone much too far in substituting money for sense," Senator Fulbright declared. "We would need much less money if we had a little more wisdom in planning policy."

Inflation and a tendency to rearm too rapidly hamper United States efforts to fight the "cold war," the senator asserted. He expressed the opinion civilians need to take a greater hand in formulating rearmament policy, rather than following military leaders' recommendations without question. He spoke of the dangers of inflation, saying that the government has pursued the opposite of what he believes would have been the correct economic course since World War II ended. He noted that the government will have a very large deficit next year. The excise profits tax was repealed prematurely, he said.

The exchange student program, which he has sponsored, has now spread to industrialists and labor leaders, and can prove invaluable, he declared. He spoke highly of the Point Four program of the Department of State. He is confident that visits to the United States will help to correct foreigners' erroneous impressions of this country, often gained from movies, and enable them to compare the American and the Communist systems. The American system will win out in this case every time, he concluded, noting that the Russians are entirely



"Along A Country Road"

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TRAINING SCHOOL ON THE GRAVELLY CHARGE

On the nights of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, February 25-27 we were privileged to be in the Fourche Valley area for a training school. The attendance was good and the interest was fine in the discussion of the needs and possibilities of the Methodist Church in this fine valley. It is hoped that in the months ahead there may be a greater program launched by these churches.

Brother Paul Davis, student at Hendrix, has served these people in a wonderful way, driving from Hendrix to his appointments. The people appreciate him and his wife, Charlotte, in a deep and sincere way.

With the Methodist Laymen In Conway County

In company with Dr. Reves, Bill Fleming, and Maurice Webb it was the writer's privilege to attend the Conway County Men's Fellowship supper at Solgohachia on Friday, February 29. A wonderful dinner was served by the women of this church, after which a splendid address was

unwilling to have inspection of their system in the Soviet Union.

A long range policy is needed, he said, pointing out that a program for the next 10 to 20 years should be devised. Isolationism he termed a form of "escapism," which allows its followers to "avoid thinking" about some of the nation's most difficult problems.

In speaking of corruption in government, Fulbright cautioned that pressures which often bring about corruption originate with private citizens at the grass roots level who expect special favors from government. Laws cannot eliminate such pressures anymore than they can eradicate gossip or gluttony, he suggested. The answer, he told the churchmen, is a stronger morality in America. Citizens should take politics seriously, should put into office the best men available. He urged that voters elect men or women who are concerned with the important issues. "Then let your senators and representatives know how you feel on these issues," he urged.

Following his speech, the senator answered a number of questions from the floor.

given by Rev. E. B. Williams, Superintendent of the Jonesboro District. The subject of the address was "What Every Layman Can Do." In discussing this subject Brother Williams emphasized that every layman could pray. The fact was lifted that too few of the followers of Christ know the real meaning of prayer, and that too few share with others this great experience. The speaker also suggested that every layman could attend the worship services of his church. There is nothing that can take its place. The idea that one might absent himself from the services of the church and yet be a fruitful member is an idea that is wrong. All the Methodists need the experience of public worship of God. Brother Williams urged the laymen to give support to the financial program of the church. Methodists, on an average, he brought out, give less per capita to the church than many other congregations. The ability and the capacity to support the church far beyond what is being done was expressed by the speaker.

The matter of democracy and freedom, as taught by the Protestant church, is the great need of the hour. The church is the hope of the world, its power to change and redeem people through Christ was fittingly expressed. The speaker also suggested the grave responsibility of the preacher in ministering to all the people. Since there are so many different ages, different attitudes, and needs represented in an average congregation, it was suggested that the people should have consideration, patience and forbearance with the preacher, recognizing that though his message might not minister to every person every time, yet through regular and constant attendance on the services each one would receive spiritual blessings.

The evening was one of great fellowship and glad experience as men met together as a band of Christian workers. Rev. H. J. Couchman, pastor at Morrilton, read the lay-speaking appointments for the month of March. There is a great need for this type of fellowship and service throughout our Conference. More and more laymen are seeing the need and are responding to the challenge. — J. Albert Gatlin

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India Still Needs Food

THE continued need for food, especially for the Christian schools and hospitals, in India, is emphasized by Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, of Delhi, in a letter to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. He reports that food from MCOR and the churches will be distributed, with Indian Government cooperation, through the National Christian Council of India. In charge of this NCC relief is Dr. Donald Ebright, Methodist missionary. In the Delhi area, the principal relief distribution centers will be Bareilly, Mathura, Meerut, and Delhi.

"Multi-Purpose Food" is especially needed in schools and hospitals, the Bishop says. Of the general conditions in India, he says:

"It is strange that at this time—after all the suffering that India has experienced from food shortages, and when the battle of the communists to gain the ascendancy in India is on—the rains should fail on an almost unprecedented scale. Fortunately, what little rain we have had during the recent season has in much of the Delhi Area been well distributed, but it has nowhere been sufficient in volume to make possible a maximum crop. In Gujarat the failure has been so complete that there is not even enough grass or fodder to take care of the cattle for more than six weeks. The Food Minister tells me that the situation may quickly degenerate into acute famine, menacing the life of brutes and people alike. If the American Government had not passed the wheat bill, and if American wheat were not coming into India now in very substantial amounts, people would be starving by the tens of thousands and communism would be well on its way toward triumph in this land. Very rarely has the church ever expressed itself to better advantage than when it demanded that the Senate and the Congress pass the wheat bill.

"You will be glad to know that

our church in the Delhi Area is receiving new converts from among the educated classes practically every week. I myself have baptized since last Christmas 68



BISHOP J. WASKOM PICKETT

educated persons. In some cases the standard of education of the new converts is not very high, but in all cases they belong to the privileged or the elite by virtue of their ancestry or of their educational attainments. Among those now awaiting baptism or making active inquiries and taking instruction are three lawyers, a college professor and his family, the superintendent of an important government office, a considerable number of college students, several farmers, and the general secretary of an influential labor union.

"Another heartening consideration is that collections are constantly mounting. In my first year here our large Christ Church adjoining the episcopal residence raised a total of Rupees 600 for benevolences. This year benevolent collections have exceeded Rupees 2,700. Ministerial support has risen, not proportionately but very substantially. Our church in the cantonments seven years ago

reported total collections of about Rupees 100 for the year. It is now paying its pastor Rupees 100 per month and the total of collections approaches the Rupees 2,000 mark. We began this quadrennium with a program for doubling collections for all purposes. There are indications that we will achieve complete success in reaching that goal and even in passing it.

But I do not know what our position would be if MCOR had not stepped in when it did to prevent our preachers from devastating suffering on account of lack of food and clothing. Probably no effort that our Methodism has made in your years of service has been more abundantly worthwhile than the contribution of MCOR to the workers of the church in India through 'dearness allowance.'

"I want to add also a word regarding the amount being spent for tuberculosis relief. No other church has attempted anything like this but all of them should have done so, for tuberculosis is on the rampage. Money spent now in isolating a sufferer and in helping him to conquer the disease saves not that sufferer alone but in some cases entire families. There are over 35 patients in our two sanatoria at Madar and Almora who are being supported in their treatment now—in whole or in part—by MCOR funds. They represent about thirty-three families and if we were not helping meet the monthly bills at the sanatoria these patients would be infecting other members of their families. It can therefore be said of a truth that many, many lives of others than the present patients are being saved and as it happens the record of the Madar Sanatorium in restoring patients to life and a large degree of health is one of the best sanatorium records in the world."

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

All-State Band Meets On Campus

One hundred and ten of Arkansas' best high musicians converged on Conway and Hendrix last week end for the second annual meeting of the All-State High School Band.

The students and some 30 directors put in three days' concentrated work leading to a public concert Saturday night.

The meet was jointly sponsored by Hendrix and Arkansas State Teachers Colleges, Conway High School, and the Conway Chamber of Commerce.

After two days' rehearsals at Hendrix, the All-State Band moved Saturday to the State Teachers campus for final practice and the concert.

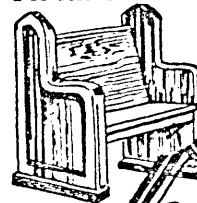
National Mu Phi President Visits College

Mrs. Ruth Row Clutcher of Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, national president of Mu Phi Epsilon, national music professional sorority, was on the campus last week for the biennial inspection of the chapter at Hendrix.

She attended the chapter's spring pledging ceremony. Her stay on the campus also included an informal coffee, conferences with faculty members and a banquet in her honor.—Guy Shannon

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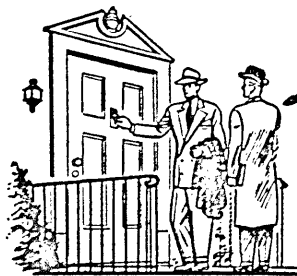
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DEATH OF REV. G. J. L. BROWN

odist Church for many years, was Sunday School superintendent and was a member of the Board of Stewards at the time of his death.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ralph McDavett of Friendship; four sons, Homer and Doyle of Friendship, Arvin of Hazen and E. C. McDonald of Social Hill and a brother, F. A. McDonald of Friendship.

He died as he lived, a Christian. —C. V. Holiman, his pastor

HOUSER — Mrs. Emma Clara Houser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conard Wintrow, was born near Yorkshire, Ohio, on January 17, 1879. She was united in marriage to E. O. Houser on September 4, 1900. In 1906 she accepted Christ and united with the former Methodist Protestant Church. For a number of years she was the superintendent of the Beginner Department of the Church School in Elgin, Kansas, where her husband was general superintendent.

She came to Arkansas with her husband in 1931 and for the past fourteen years has lived in or near Fayetteville where her husband has served a number of rural churches as pastor. Although in ill health, she never lost interest in the work of the Kingdom. At the time of her death she was a member of the Wiggins Memorial Methodist Church in Fayetteville.

She passed away at her home on Mt. Sequoyah on January 19 at the age of 73. She is survived by her husband, Rev. E. O. Houser; three sisters, Mrs. Nettie Haley of Long Beach, California, Mrs. Maud Houser of Elk City, Kansas and Mrs. Ida Hida of Piqua, Ohio; one brother, Tom Wintrow of Dayton, Ohio, and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A mighty man has fallen. He shall forever be called blessed by those who knew and loved him. He was always found to be on the right side of the problems that arise in the church, and his presence and counsel were invaluable.

His memory will live long in our hearts.—J. B. McCann

OBITUARIES

McDONALD—A. C. McDonald passed away on February 7. He was a Christian man who stood for the right, was true to God, true to his convictions, loyal to his home and friends. He loved his neighbors and often expressed his love for them by word and deed.

Brother McDonald will be missed by the church and his friends but we have assurance in our hearts that he has gone home and that we shall meet him again. He was a member of the Meth-

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varied program of a cappella music.

On Wednesday evening, at the Banquet at the Fontenelle Hotel, Dorothy McConnell, editor of "World Outlook" suggested what the Methodist Woman could do as a part of the World Family; Concern for other peoples, letting other people show concern for themselves, and the working together as equal members of this family. At this time, it was reported that the South Central Jurisdiction has 123 Foreign Missionaries; and 14 of these were presented, representing a total of 332 years of service. 37 Home Workers were presented, and Miss Ella Hooper, retiring Deaconess, was given a memento by the Jurisdiction.

The Conference closed Thursday evening with the address "Christian Women and the Present World Crisis" by the Rev. E. Pearce Hayes, as he told with a startling frankness, that America, through its women, must decide whether or not it will stand by God, and whether or not it will give leadership to the world; the growth of materialism must stop, if America is to survive. Speaking out of his long experience in China, and having been only recently returned to America, Dr. Hayes spoke eloquently and forcefully of the Communists' drive for world-conquest.

The Jurisdiction officers presented their reports as one of progress followed by the call of the president for each member to continue the Advance.

At the pledge service, conducted by Mrs. H. E. Werner, each Conference treasurer made her pledge for the 1952-53 year, and the total for the Jurisdiction was

\$1,412,535.00, an increase of \$58,813.

The hospitality extended by the people of Omaha was most warm; luncheons were given by the First Church, the Omaha District and Nebraska Conference Societies. Special music was given by choirs of the host church, Nurses of Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Children of the City Mission, and by Miss Marjorie Sittler, Miss Jackie Harrison, and Mrs. Wesley Perry. All of this was woven into the theme of the conference by the skilled artistry of the organist, Mrs. Howard Rushton, who closed each session with the ringing of chimes, and most appropriately followed the adjournment of this inspiring and challenging meeting with "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

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

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LESSON FOR MARCH 23, 1952

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Acts 16:6-40.

GOLDEN TEXT: *If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.* (Acts 16:15)

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

All the events of this lesson took place on Paul's second missionary journey in the year A.D. 51. It will be remembered that Paul and Barnabas went together on the first journey, but through a misunderstanding over John Mark they parted company at the beginning of the second. Barnabas took Mark and headed for the Island of Cyprus, while Paul took a young man by the name of Silas and started out to revisit the churches that he and Barnabas had established on their first journey. He and Silas revisited all of these churches except the ones established at Perga, Ephesus, and those on the Island of Cyprus. When they reached Antioch of Pisidia (it will be remembered that there were two Antiochs) they turned north and headed for the Province of Bithynia. On reaching the northern boundary of this province they were warned of the Holy Spirit not to continue in that direction. They then turned west and came to the seaport town of Troas.

It was here that Paul had a vision in the night. He saw a man standing by his bedside with this plea upon his lips, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Macedonia is now modern Greece. It was then a Roman province and was then as now a part of Europe. Some scholars say that the man in the vision was Dr. Luke. They have good evidence for this claim; for beginning with this vision we have the first instance of the first pronoun "we" being used in Acts. Luke is the author of Acts. Up to the time of the vision he wrote the book from the third person standpoint but beginning with it he started writing in the first person. He surely joined the party at that time. The party then consisted of four — Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke. Paul had picked Timothy up on this second missionary journey at Lystra.

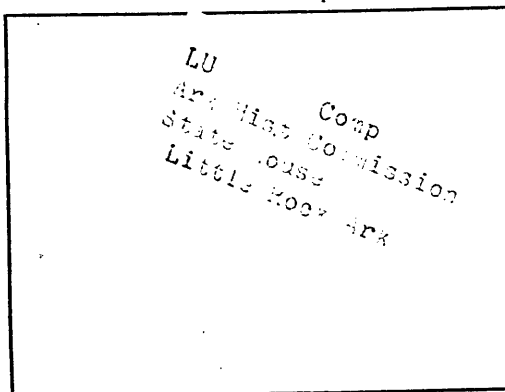
They Sail For Europe

Just across the Aegean Sea, northwest from Troas, lay the Province of Macedonia. The missionary party set sail for this place. Some two days later they landed at the city of Philippi which was one of the larger cities of Macedonia. This was a voyage of some 125 miles.

There were but few Jews in Philippi. We know this from the fact that they did not have a regularly established synagogue. According to Jewish law and custom wherever there were ten substantial men of this race, to act as officers of the organization, a synagogue was always established. They had no synagogue at Philippi, but there was a place where they habitually met for prayer on the Sabbath (Saturday) a mile west of the town on the Gangites River. In cases where they had no synagogue, the Jews were

in the habit of meeting for worship in such places, as water was needed for ceremonial cleansing.

Paul and his companions made their way out to this meeting place. We are told that a number of women were present. These missionaries spoke to them about the Christian religion and made a great impression on them. Among these women was a Gentile by the name of Lydia. She was a well-to-do business woman — a seller of purple; that is cloth and dye which was used only by the rich. She had formerly lived in the Asian city of Thyatira where she had accepted the Jewish religion.



When Lydia heard the Gospel, as preached by Paul and his companions, she accepted Christ as her Saviour. She thus became the first person to accept Christ in Europe. Christianity, as well as Judaism, had its birth on the continent of Asia (it will be noted that Palestine was on that continent) but in spite of that fact it lost its hold there. Both of these religions were pretty largely stamped out when the continent was overrun by Mohammedanism. Had it not been for the fact that Christianity had been planted in Europe by missionaries, it might have been blotted off the earth. That is what the work of missionaries has meant to our great religion. Lydia has it to her credit that she was the first European to accept Christianity. This wonderful religion has made Europe and the nations settled by the Europeans the leaders of world civilization.

We are told that Lydia and her household were baptized. This means Lydia and her immediate family. The term which is here translated "household" could not apply to servants who might have been working for her. We are not told the ages of other members of this family, but we are told that whole families were being baptized. The same is also true in the cases of Cornelius and the Philippian jailer. It would be a

strange thing indeed if there were not in some of these families some little children who received baptism and yet were not old enough to believe for themselves. The churches, therefore, which practice the baptism of whole families — the young as well as the old — seem to be on pretty safe ground. All parents should dedicate their infants and little children to God and there is no more beautiful or impressive way of doing it than to have them baptized in a public service before the church. It is wholly beside the point to contend that these little ones do not need such ceremonies since they are already saved. To be sure they are already saved, but we baptize neither children nor adults to save them. Water cannot wash away sins. It is a seal and symbol of salvation and since little children are already saved they are fit subjects of it.

Kindness and Generosity of Lydia

Lydia proved to be a great hostess. Not only did she open her heart to Christ but she opened her home to these missionaries. The writer was once present at a funeral. The officiating minister, in paying respect to the deceased, went on to say, "His home was the preacher's home." In other words, the preacher was saying, "Here was a man who was so much in love with Christ and the Church that he held the special servants of the Lord in highest esteem." So it was with Lydia. Even before the time of Christianity, this was true with the Shunamite. Elisha learned to his great pleasure that her home was the prophet's home. Christ also learned that the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus was his home.

Lydia not only invited these men to make her home their own, but she put the matter in such a way that it was almost impossible to refuse. She said to them, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." To have refused under those circumstances would have been very embarrassing. It would have implied that these men judged this good woman to be insincere in her profession.

Hospitality in The Church

The church is our spiritual home. Many individuals have raised the following question with the writer: "What church ought I to join?" He usually replies in about the following manner: "It is as near to heaven out of one church as another. A person can serve God and humanity in one about as well as in another. This is especially true with all those churches which have great programs. The thing, therefore, to do is to join that church in which you feel most at home."

One great need of the modern church is that it possess the home spirit of hospitality. The members should feel like one big family. All members of a given church should feel the responsibility of hosts and hostesses. They should outdo themselves in making visitors feel at home. Many churches now have welcoming committees. This is well and good provided that all others who are not on these committees do not wash their hands of the whole responsibility. This is a job that all faithful members should work at. As loyal members welcome others to the church they will themselves come to have a greater appreciation of it. The great Scotch Poet, Bobby Burns, once dropped into a church. The people were everything else but friendly. He wrote these words on the fly-leaf of a hymnal:

*"As cold a wind as ever blew;
As cold a church and in but few;
As cold a preacher as ever spake;
You'll all be hot 'ere I come back."*

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