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North Arkansas W.S.C.S. In Annual Sessions

THE Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference are to have their annual sessions beginning Saturday of this week at the First Methodist Church in North Little Rock, where Rev. J. William Watson is pastor.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will have its opening session at 2:00 p. m. Saturday of this week. It will run through Sunday closing at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The program, as printed in *The Arkansas Methodist* last week indicates that this will be an interesting, helpful session.

Tuesday afternoon, March 25, the Woman's Society of Christian Service will have its opening session. The conference will continue through Thursday 27th. The program for this meeting is found on the Woman's Page this week.

Our women combine a deep consecration of life, thorough knowledge of their work and a tireless, efficient service to produce a challenging, Christian program that reaches around the world.

We wish for them a helpful profitable session.

Must America Die Of Heart Trouble?

THE most deadly killer of all common diseases in America is heart trouble in its various forms. Because of this fact, many leaders have been busy in recent months planning for special studies to combat this Enemy Number 1 of our physical health.

Alarming and dangerous to human life as the various forms of heart trouble may be, it is our feeling that America, as a nation, is suffering from a heart trouble of even a more dangerous type nationally since America's heart trouble is decidedly moral and spiritual.

Our nation has enemies that spend much of their time and thought doing little else than attempting to find ways and means to weaken and destroy us. It is true, however, that there is no power on earth strong enough to destroy America while it is sound at heart. Nevertheless, as great world powers have done before us, it is quite possible for America to die of heart trouble. A bad heart has been the cause of the death of most great world powers that have gone before us.

One prime essential in the healthy existence of a democracy is confidence in government. The revelation of widespread, heart-sickening corruption in our national government, in recent months, should awaken every true American to the

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The Church Must Face Challenge Of Indifference

SOME one has said, "The big job of the church is to make the indifferent, different." The modern Christian church must recognize that the battle against indifference is not only a "big job," it must realize that victory in the battle against indifference, wherever found, is essential, at that point, to the larger progress of the kingdom.

So long as a member of the church complains that the church neglects or misunderstands him; so long as he criticizes it, temporarily neglects it or



makes excuses for a failure to attend its services or support its activities, just so long there is in his life a concern for the church. Also, there is hope that he may be led to join actively in its work and become a useful member.

The one attitude the church should never allow in the life of the world about it, if it can possibly be avoided, is an attitude of indifference. The church can thrive under criticism, attack and persecution, and has done so in different periods of its history. It has never, and can never make progress where the spirit of indifference prevails. Better for the church to have criticism of whatever nature, so long as it is false; better to have open opposition or deliberate persecution than to allow itself to be ignored.

It should be said, however, that the world about us will never be indifferent toward a church that is alive, active and aggressive. Our program, our purposes, our principles and our "way of life" are so at variance with the life of the world that, properly presented, whatever the results, it will not be indifference. The church that finds about it a spirit of indifference to its work should first examine itself.

Bishop Martin To Give Raney Lectures

OF considerable interest to Methodists in Greater Little Rock and throughout Arkansas next week is the annual "T. J. and Inez Raney Lectureship" at the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, to be delivered by Bishop Paul E. Martin. This lectureship was begun in 1951 by Mr. and Mrs. Alton Raney in memory of Mr. T. J. Raney and in honor of Mrs. Inez Raney, Mr. Alton Raney's parents, and makes possible the bringing to Little Rock and Arkansas each year a distinguished preacher and churchman for a series of lectures on a religious theme. Those responsible for selecting this year's lecturer do themselves honor in presenting Bishop Martin as the Raney Lecturer for 1952.

Bishop Martin has announced "Life's Opposites" as the theme for his series. The public is invited to hear any or all of these lectures to be delivered twice daily, March 23-27.

Needed More Worship Opportunities

A study of the Conference journals of the Arkansas Conferences will show that a rather substantial proportion of the pastoral charges are circuits, where churches are grouped together under the pastoral care of one pastor. This means that unless otherwise provided for, worship services are scheduled for these several churches only one or two Sundays a month. Further study indicates that a circuit church tends to be more active and healthy in its program and life when worship services are held oftener than once or twice a month.

Provision is made on some circuits for increasing the number of opportunities for worship. In some instances where geographical considerations permit, pastors can reach several or all of the circuit's churches by preaching three or even four times each Sunday. In other instances the problem of sufficient services of worship is being solved in a remarkable way through the use of lay men and women who conduct services in circuit churches on the Sundays when the pastor is holding services at another church on the circuit. We know of several such places in the state where this lay program is proving to be the means of strengthening relationships between town and rural churches since "lay preachers" are most often members of a stronger nearby town or city church.

We have had occasion recently to be in two such situations; these experiences have tended to deepen our convictions along two lines: first, the more often worship opportunities are available the stronger will be

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Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. (Ps. 127:1)

THE inspiration and plot of every living love story of literature comes from the Bible. The first story recorded on the pages of Holy Writ is that of a Happy Home of Adam and Eve broken by an Intruder. A thrilling Pioneer story is the adventures of Abraham and Sarah. Jacob and Rachel is the ever new story of love at first sight. Vanity Fair is the story of Lot, as the Vamp is the story of Samson and Delilah. Just a sweet old fashioned love story is the romance of Ruth and Boaz. Her Majesty's Love is the moving story of Queen Esther. The Eternal Triangle, though one side of it was square, is Joseph and Potiphar's wife. David and Bathsheba is a sordid tale as featured in the Smutty Story Magazine. And How An Old Bachelor Secured A Wife, is the kind of a story that keeps you reading until after midnight to see how the last chapter turns out.

A bachelor is a man who was lucky in his love affairs, for he never made the same mistake once! He is a man who does not have any children, that he can brag about. The Evangelist Sam Jones claimed, "The only excuse a man can give for being a bachelor is that he was born that way. And every time I meet a bachelor girl, a feeling of sadness comes over me. I know that either she was too particular or some man failed to do his duty". A girl may be right

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An Old Bachelor Secures A Wife

A LEAP YEAR SERMON

By ROBERT SIDNEY BEASLEY

Pastor, Tigert Memorial Church
Hot Springs

in thinking that no man is good enough for her and again she may be left. In the radio program, "Our Miss Brooks", the English teacher of Madison High School observed, "The girl that plays hard to get, may not get got".

We are prone to jest about marriage and treat the subject as a joke. Too often the pulpit has been silent on this vital theme. If as many sermons had been preached on marriage, in the past hundred years as have been preached on baptism, we would have fewer broken homes in our day. You are interested because you have the heart of a lover. Never grow so cold or so old that you can not thrill at a love story. The love of man for woman has led to more deeds of de-

votion and to more deeds of damnation than any other human motive power. Married life is the normal life. No nation is stronger than its homes, for with the Church, the School and the Nation, the Home is one of the cornerstones of civilization. Home is not an institution but an ideal. A man's house may be his castle, but his home is the castle of his dreams. So, our young people need all the light we can share with them, for the choosing of a mate and the building of a home. A married farmer taunted a neighbor youth, walking the road past his house, for carrying a lighted lantern, "I never carried a lantern when I was courting". Walking on down lover's lane, with the lantern in his hand, the undaunted lover retorted, "Yes, and look what you got".

All peoples of all ages, of all races and all nations have married, although they have not all had the same marriage customs. Primitive man went forth on expeditions of adventure to capture and to steal their wives. A would-be poet expressed it,

*"I wouldn't want to be a cave man,
Nor lead a cave man's life;
I would rather be a cave man,
Than be a cave man's wife".*

Among many peoples, wives were bartered for at the Trading-Post, or bought for a price. In most countries, the marriage was arranged between the fathers of the couples. And in not a few lands, the bride and groom never looked into each other's face, until after the wedding. In the majority of countries, the girl had no say whatsoever as to

who her mate should be. Even in this modern day, the American girl has more freedom of choice than the girls of any other land. Every American girl ought to say her prayers every night and thank God that she is an American. The American girl has to be dated and courted, petted and wooed, and then she may reject or accept her suitor. In this country, every young man needs to keep a large size cemetery in which to bury his dead love affairs. A rejected lover expressed his swan song in verse,

*"Tis sweet to love,
But, Oh, How bitter;
To love a gal,
And not to get'er".*

But it is "better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all." No man is the worse, for having loved a good woman in vain.

If impelled by no other motive than gratitude, every woman should be desperately in love with Jesus Christ. It is the Gospel of Christ, that has exalted woman from the low status of a slave, to the lofty position where men honor her and bow before her to woo and win her love. The best creation of God is a good woman. The meanest thing this side of hell is an evil woman.

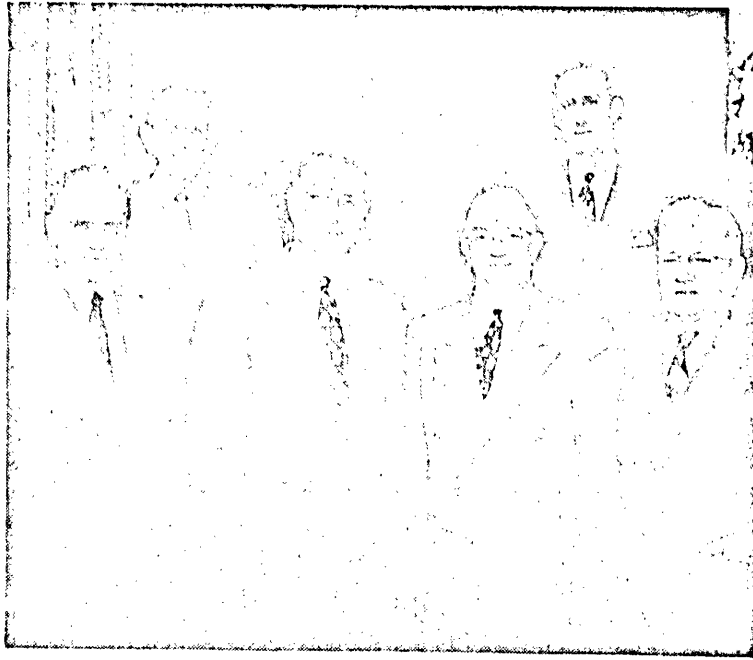
Do not fall in love but rise to it, for love lifts. The wonder of love is that it can lift two commonplace persons into a life that is not commonplace. It is sheer untruth to affirm that most marriages are failures. It is a scientific fact that the moon influences two things: the tide and the untied. On a moonlight night a country boy mustered courage to pop the question. When she accepted the proposal, looking up to the eternal stars, he lifted his hands and exclaimed, "I ain't got a thing agin nobody". Observing the alarming divorce rate, a man remarked to his friend, "America is still the land of the free". To which the other replied, "Considering the number of marriage licenses issued each month, America is still the home of the brave".

How An Old Bachelor Secured A Wife is the story of Isaac and Rebecca. Abraham was old and lonely, for Sarah had moved into her Eternal Home. The Lord had blessed Abraham all the days of his life and he was in good circumstances. Isaac, at the age of forty, was a bachelor and a sheik in that eastern land. Abraham longed to see Isaac married and settled down. So, he called his eldest servant and appointed him chairman of a Look Out Committee, charging him to make a journey of five hundred miles, back to "God's Country", and select a wife for Isaac. Never was a servant more emphatically instructed, "Thou shalt not take a wife

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General Board Makes Report On Louisiana Orphanage



At Right:
FRONT ROW, left to right: Mr. Hubert Johnson, Waco, Texas; Mr. Olin E. Oeschger, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. William I. Lacy, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Walter A. Smith, Greeneville, Tenn.
BACK ROW, Left, Rev. C. B. White, Ruston; right, Mr. Floyd B. James, Ruston.

At the request of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage, the General Board of Hospital and Homes made a study of the orphanage. The Planning Committee appointed by the General Board to make the study was composed of Mr. Hubert Johnson, superintendent of the Methodist Home, Waco, Texas; Reverend Walter A. Smith, superintendent of the Methodist Home, Greeneville, Tennessee; Mr. Wm. I. Lacy, Executive Director, the Methodist Children's Home Society, Detroit, Michigan; and Mr. Olin E. Oeschger of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

The church institution for children offers resources and facilities to the community in order to help provide better care for the children who need care away from their own homes. It also uses community resources and facilities to help it more fully meet the needs of the children it serves and to help them grow into wholesome, independent, useful, Christian citizens. The outstanding recommendations made by the committee are listed as follows:

1. That the school which the Home maintains through the sixth grade on the campus be discontinued and the children be sent to the public schools.

2. That the main building which is the original building on the campus and which is a very large three story building be used just as little as possible until it can be demolished and replaced with safe modern and adequate buildings. This building is a fire hazard according to the committee and they recommend that no children be placed on the third floor.

3. That the Home continue to use the cottage plan in its future building program. It is also recommended that any plan for a central dining hall be discontinued and for all facilities to be included in the cottage unit.

4. Recognizing the trends in the child care field, and the importance of a more adequate program, the committee recommended that a social case worker be employed in order that the Home may have

available social information on each child and his family. The social worker would counsel with the children and would serve in the capacity of investigating the homes where the children would be permitted to visit, as well as dealing with the problems arising from family contacts or outside social contacts. The social worker would work continuously on plans for children to be placed back with their own people wherever possible; and also to maintain a meaningful and happy relationship with each child in order to help him understand and overcome his difficulties, and to enable him to develop into an independent, well adjusted, useful individual.

5. The committee further recommended that the superintendent be given an administrative assistant in order that the superintendent might devote his major time and energy to over-all administration, creative planning, fund raising, public relations, etc.

6. Another recommendation of the committee is that the name of the Home be changed, and that the word "Orphanage" be dropped and that the words "Children's Home" be employed instead.

We quote the following paragraph from the written report:

"We congratulate the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage for needed, constructive, service rendered throughout its history. Since an open and inquiring mind is one of the greatest assets to progress, it is most commendable that your Board and administration are interested in developing a more effective and efficient institution. You now have an opportunity to move forward; to enlist the participation, cooperation and support of the Church in a larger way; and to more adequately serve in the total field of Child Care.

"The Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church submits this report with recommendations and offers its continued cooperation."

The report was signed by Karl P. Meister, Executive Secretary, Board of Hospitals and Homes.

GENERAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

Dedication of a new \$1,100,000 national headquarters building March 6 in Nashville, Tenn., climaxed the four-day annual meeting of the Methodist General Board of Education.

"We rejoice that this building belongs to the Methodist Church . . . it is a symbol of the creative impact of Methodist education upon successive generations beginning with the Wesleyan movement in the eighteenth century," said Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville, who gave the dedicatory address.

Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, is president of the education board, composed of 108 laymen and clergymen. The board has general oversight of Methodism's educational interests as related to 40,000 local churches, 119 schools, colleges and universities, and church school curriculum materials comprising 31 publications for all age groups.

Three other bishops, serving as vice president, head the board's three divisions. Bishop James C. Baker, Los Angeles, is chairman of the Division of Educational Institutions; Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Chicago, is chairman of the Division of the Local Church, and Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, is chairman of the Editorial Division.

At the annual meeting, board members functioned as 12 committees to review the year's work and plan special aspects of Christian education. In general sessions they heard annual reports of the divisions.

EVANGELISM BUILDING CORNERSTONE LAID

Cornerstone of the \$850,000 Upper Room Chapel and national headquarters building of the General Board of Evangelism was laid March 5 in Nashville, Tenn.

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, St. Paul, Minn., president of the board, presided at the ceremony. In attendance were members of the building committee, staff members of the board, and more than 100 Methodist officials who were in Nashville for the annual meeting of the General Board of Education.

The new building, due to be completed by fall, is located across the street from the new headquarters of the Board of Education, which was dedicated next day.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE BOARD OF STEWARDS of Asbury Church, Little Rock, voted at its recent meeting to air-condition the entire building in the near future.

PASTORS' NIGHT was observed by the Little Rock Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship on Monday evening, March 17 at Highland Church, Little Rock.

DR. W. W. SWEET of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, was the guest preacher Sunday evening, March 9, at Tigert Memorial Church, Hot Springs.

REV. D. L. DYKES, JR., pastor of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, will be the inspirational speaker for the North Arkansas Conference Youth Assembly, June 3-7.

ROBERT G. MAYFIELD, executive secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, was the speaker at the First Methodist Church, Searcy, Sunday, February 24, in the observance of Layman's Day.

THE HENDRIX CHAPEL CHOIR, under the direction of V. Earl Copes, sang at Pulaski Heights Church, at 5:00 p. m. and at the evening service at Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Sunday evening, March 16.

A. WALTON LINTZ of Little Rock, vice-president of Pyramid Life Insurance Co., was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Fellowship of the Methodist Church at Earle on Tuesday, February 26.

FORMER GOVERNOR Homer M. Adkins spoke to the Geyer Springs Men's Club Thursday night, March 6th. Rev. Stanley T. Baugh is the pastor, James R. Campbell is the president.

TROOP NO. 155, Boy Scouts of America was organized in Geyer Springs Methodist Church Monday night, March 3rd, with Max Oliver as Scoutmaster, and Kenneth Guertin and Pete Crippen Assistants.

THREE members of the Methodist Church of Berryville were Layman's Day speakers on February 24. They were Charge Lay Leader Ray Beck, Si Bingham and H. A. Schoepfel.

DON MOREY has been elected president of the newly-organized Wedding Ring Class of Winfield Church, Little Rock. The class membership is made up of young married couples.

ATENDING the Layman's Day meeting in Searcy on March 9 when Robert Mayfield of the General Board of Lay Activities was the speaker, were E. W. Martin, Jimmie Ligon and Joe B. McGee of Conway.

MRS. ORA GRADY writes from Harrisburg that the old Farm Hill church building has been torn down and that the new one is ready for the roof. They have raised over \$2,000 and hope to soon raise enough to finish the building.

THE BOARD OF STEWARDS of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, in session last week voted to send the pastor, Rev. John M. McCormack, with all expenses paid to the General Conference, meeting in San Francisco in April.

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ROYCE WEISENBERGER was the speaker at a Week of Dedication evening service on Monday, March 11, at the First Methodist Church, Hope. Mr. Weisenberger spoke on "Can Laymen Once Again Make America a Land of Promise?"

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of Earle will sponsor the showing of the film, "The Story of the Life of Jesus Christ" on March 23. This is a feature length sound film in natural color and it is in the thirteenth year of its showing.

DR. W. McFERRIN STOWE, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will be the inspirational speaker for a Conference Youth Rally to be held in the Hendrix College auditorium on the evening of May 2.

D. J. BLAYLOCK, Narcotic Education Consultant, has been working in Arkansas under the Church Women of Arkansas for the past six months. He has reached 609 teachers in groups, spoken to 11,079 students, has spoken to 331 people in other groups and has held 86 individual conferences.

THE new altar vases which completes the altar set of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, were dedicated on Sunday, March 16. The vases were given by Miss Jewel Stevens in memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Stevens, long-time members of First Church.

A METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP was organized at Tyrnza on March 3 with seventy men present. The following officers were elected: Harris E. Smith, president; J. L. Darce, Jr., vice-president and Frank M. Sander, secretary and treasurer. Meetings will be held on the first Monday night of each month.

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, Dr. Fred R. Harrison, Texarkana, and Dr. Guy M. Hicks, Shreveport.

REV. W. LEONARD BYERS, pastor at Mulberry, writes: "We have just finished a one-class training school here with Mrs. M. V. Robbins as instructor. She taught the course "Planning for Children in the Church" and did an excellent job. There was good attendance at each of the sessions with twenty people from the Mulberry and Alma church present. There were eight credits."

T. W. ECHOLS of Parkdale passed away in a Little Rock hospital on Friday, February 22. Mr. Echols, a native of Monticello, had lived in Parkdale since 1906. He was a member of the Parkdale Methodist Church and was active as a community leader. Funeral services were held at the Parkdale Methodist Church on Sunday by Rev. J. W. Thomas and Rev. Heartsill Atwood.

GUEST speakers at the First Methodist Church, Paragould, Rev. R. E. Connell, pastor, during the Week of Dedication were Rev. John M. McCormack, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro; Rev. J. H.

Holt, pastor of Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould; Charles Stuck of Jonesboro; Rev. J. M. Barnett, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Rector and Rev. John Bayliss, pastor at Pocahontas.

REV. WITHERS M. MOORE, son of Rev. R. and Mrs. R. B. Moore of Camden, and a student in the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, was the guest preacher at First Church, Camden, in the opening service of the Week of Dedication series, March 9. Other guest preachers were Rev. Van W. Harrell, Rev. J. L. Dedman, Dr. C. M. Reves, Dr. E. Clifton Rule and Dr. Fred R. Harrison.

THE new organ at Levy Methodist Church, Rev. Raymond A. Dorman, pastor, was dedicated on Wednesday evening, March 19, by Bishop Paul E. Martin, assisted by Dr. C. M. Reves, Conway District superintendent. L. M. Phillips, Jr., organist at Levy, played the prelude; Jerry McSpadden, organist at Washington Avenue Church, played the offertory and Mrs. Ernestine Chalfant, organist at Gardner Memorial Church, played the postlude.

A CONFERENCE ON PROTESTANT CHURCH MUSIC will be held at the First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, June 9-13, with registration beginning at 8:00 a. m. Monday, June 9. The faculty will include Dr. Ifor Jones, conductor of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem, Pa., Dr. Hugh Porter, director of the School of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary, New York City and Dr. Robert McCutchan, formerly dean of the School of Music, Dr. Pauw University.

ASSISTING in the United Evangelistic Mission of the Southwest Missouri Conference, Joplin District, from February 29 to March 7, were Rev. O. L. Cole, pastor at Gentry; Rev. J. W. Workman, Jr., pastor, Second Church, Springdale and Rev. H. W. Jinske, pastor at Gravette. The Joplin District with Rev. Ralph Roland as district superintendent, was sometimes first and sometimes second in number of commitments and percentage of commitments. At the end Kansas City came out first with the Joplin District as second. There are six districts in the conference.

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REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1952

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

Beach Abstract and Guarantee Co., Little Rock, circus tickets for West Bros. Indoor Circus.
 R. J. Rice, Twin City Bank, No. Little Rock, Circus tickets for West Bros. Indoor Circus.
 Alice Scott Smith, Little Rock, dresser sets and napkins.
 Paul Sternberg, Oakland, California, scrap book.
 Daniel Variety Store, Little Rock, Ark., tickets to Radio Amateur Show, Greater Little Rock AMVET Post No. 51.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dougherty, Little Rock, Bread.
 Mrs. J. H. Linebarrier, Camden, quilt by Ladies of the Lakeside Church.
 W. C. Cummings, Little Rock, potato chips.
 Circle No. 5, Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, assorted gifts.
 Chas. Baber, U. S. Veterans Hospital, No. Little Rock, candy and gum.
 Mrs. Arthur F. Bailey, Little Rock, 2 crab apple blossom trees.
 Friendly Couples Class, Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, birthday gifts for children.
 Kraft Foods Company, Little Rock, tickets for Greater Little Rock AMVET Post No. 51 Radio Amateur Show.
 Rye Union Sunday School, Union W. S. C. S., Mrs. John L. Sullivan, Mrs. Lester Curry, Mrs. Floy Cope and Mrs. Mary Groves, 2 quilts complete, dresses sweaters, socks, shoes and other miscellaneous gifts.
 Dumas Methodist Church School, children and young people's division, canned fruits and vegetables.
 Mr. O. C. DesJardin, Grady, pecans.
 Susanna Wesley Circle, First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, cookies.

Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, by Mrs. Lillian Peaslee Chalk.
 Mr. A. J. Dace, by The St. Paul Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark.
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 Mrs. Emma Hammock, by The R. S. Hugheys.
 Mrs. Fannie Cox Smith, by Mr. and Mrs. Butler.
 J. G. White, by Mrs. Mary Thach.
 Bob Haverty, by Mrs. Ray M. Meadors, Jewel and Robert Bowles.
 Raymond Hall Bennett, by W. S. C. S., First Methodist Church, West Memphis, Ark.

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 The Friendship Class, Mena Methodist Church 10.00
 The Builders Class, Paris Methodist Church 10.00
 P. E. Cooley, Treasurer of North Arkansas Conference 126.54
 Fellowship Class, Henderson Meth. Church, Little Rock 10.00
 Mrs. Esther Crain 10.00
 Mr. O. G. Robison 1.00
 Mr. Charles Dante 25.00
 Men's Bible Class, Batesville Methodist Central Avenue 10.00
 C. E. Hayes, Treasurer, Little Rock Conference 239.84
 Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean 10.00
 W. S. C. S. Trumann Meth. Ch. 10.00
 Susanna Wesley Class, Texarkana First Methodist Church 5.00
 Evelyn Whitcomb Class, Asbury Meth. Church, Little Rock 10.00
 W. S. C. S. of Bay Methodist Ch. 10.00
 Men's Bible Class of First Meth. Church, Russellville 10.00
 Myrtle Hancock W. S. G., Harrison Methodist Church 10.00
 Mr. and Mrs. Wade W. Bell, Asbury Methodist Church 10.00
 The Fellowship Class, Henderson Methodist Church, L. R. 10.00
 The Friendship Class, Mena Methodist Church 10.00
 Miscellaneous 94.65

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T. T. McNEAL, Director

"SWORDS INTO PLOUGHSHARES"

There is one missionary in India who is literally following the Biblical prophecy, and is turning instruments of warfare into ploughshares . . . Robert M. Rae was recently sent by the Methodist Church to join the staff of Allahabad Agricultural Institute as an engineer in the field of agricultural equipment. He has been working on a plow to replace the common plow that scratches only the surface of the soil. The result of his experimentation is a "soil-turning plow" that goes deep into the good earth. But the new plow takes much steel, and the metal is both scarce and expensive, especially for the Indian farmer. So Mr. Rae has been salvaging old British tanks and armored cars, damaged or left over from the war. These he "beats into ploughshares"—greatly to the farmer's enrichment in more and better food.

SUMMER PROJECTS AT SCARRITT

Nashville, Tenn. — The Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, is co-operating with Scarritt College in four projects planned for the summer months, according to Dr. J. Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division.

All activities in connection with these projects will take place at Scarritt.

First on the calendar will be a seminar on Christian Education for nationals and missionaries June 17-27, under the auspices of the Joint Committee on Religious Education in Foreign Fields. Directing the seminar will be the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the Division's Department of Leadership Education.

The Rev. A. Argyle Knight, of the Youth Department staff, will serve as director of the Caravan Training Center to be held on the same date as the Christian Education seminar, June 17-27. Mr. Knight will also serve as co-

EVANGELISTIC MISSION IN FLORIDA

A week of intensive, Florida-wide evangelism February 17-24 gained the Methodist Church 6,400 new members—only 100 shy of the state's total intake during 1951.

The successful United Evangelistic Mission, climaxed by mass meetings in 12 principal cities, registered a total attendance of more than 100,000 in the 300 Florida Conference charges. Co-sponsors were local churches and the General Board of Evangelism.

After attending a three-day training school conducted by the board in Jacksonville, the 300 visiting preachers from other states and a similar number of Florida ministers were paired off to fill pulpits in the state's nine districts.

Five thousand laymen also teamed to conduct door-to-door visitation evangelism. They interviewed 26,758 prospects and were credited with much of the mission's success. Final reports showed that new members won comprised 3,144 "first time" commitments, and 3,265 transfers or reinstatements.

Bishop Roy H. Short, Jacksonville, was general chairman of the mission, and the Rev. Dr. J. W. Blake, Jacksonville district superintendent, executive chairman. The Rev. Leroy Walker, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., served as state campaign director.

ordinator of the evaluation period for caravanners of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, August 8-10.

Climaxing the projects in which the Local Church Division will participate will be the Fifth Annual Workshop on Music in the Church, August 10-15. The faculty for the workshop will be composed of leaders known throughout the country for their work in the field of church music.

NEEDED: MORE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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the interest on the part of the membership in the program of that church; and second, a lay preaching program will go a long way in providing these additional opportunities for worship. Laymen can be found who will respond to the opportunity to lead services of worship, and circuit church members welcome the sincere efforts of laymen who will provide these services.

North Arkansas Conference District Superintendents, pastors and laymen will find in the Town and Country Commission's program at Tilton on April 3 a stimulating experience, as the Commission focuses the Conference's attention on the rural community and its needs, spiritual and physical. Your attendance will be welcomed.

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MUST AMERICA DIE OF HEART TROUBLE

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deadly dangers that threaten us from within. We should have a national cardiograph made and give it careful, prayerful study.

Despite all of the high-sounding assurances given at the time of the repeal of the 18th amendment the fact remains that America is now on the most sordid, degrading, wide-spread, drunken debauch of any great nation in the world's history. Organized gambling and syndicated crime strike at the very heart of orderly, organized government. Heart trouble threatens the very life of America. We must have a moral and spiritual reformation within if we are to be strong enough to survive in this day of testing.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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churches observe anniversaries such as the 25th, 50th, 75th, 100th, etc., and at such times this information is greatly needed. Nothing will give a member more pride in his church or inspire him to greater activity than the privilege of reading the outstanding achievements of his church over a long period of years. Let the doubter attempt to write a brief history of the achievements of his church, since its beginning, and he will immediately see the importance of accurate records.

Dr. Luke was one of the greatest record keepers of all time. His object was the passing of truth on to others. He tells us that he gathered his information with the greatest of care. His work as the keeper of records has made him a blessing for the past two thousand years.

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At Annual Education Board Meeting

NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING DEDICATED
CORNERSTONE LAID FOR NEW EVANGELISM BOARD BUILDING
DR. C. A. BOWDEN, EDITORIAL HEAD TO RETIRE

THOSE in attendance at the annual meeting of the General Board of Education, March 4-6, were able to inspect the new Methodist Board of Education building, to become better acquainted with Scarritt College, and to witness the laying of the cornerstone for the Board of Evangelism building.

The air conditioned structure will provide many features that will contribute to the comfort and efficiency of the workers. With its 59,000 square feet of floor space, the building is adequate to serve all current program needs. The furniture and equipment will be uniform and will harmonize with the general plan of the building. Among the special facilities will be a modern audio-visual laboratory, a library, and a movable partition to allow each office additional space if needed for more efficient performance of their duties.

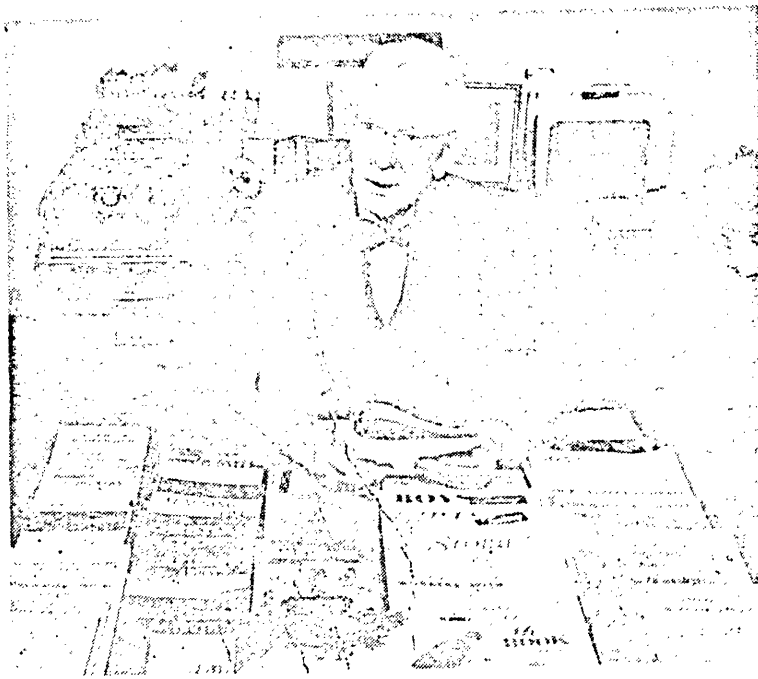
The contract for the building was let on August 3, 1950; ground was broken on August 18, and the cornerstone was laid on November 22. The first meeting of any kind to be held in the cafeteria, which can also be used as an assembly hall, was to have been a luncheon on March 6, as a part of the dedication ceremony. Because of weather conditions the luncheon was held in Fondren Hall at Scarritt. Shortage of materials and labor, and bad weather are among the factors which have prevented the completion of the building. It will probably be ready for occupancy by early summer.

With their headquarters located close to the Board of Evangelism building, Vanderbilt University, and Scarritt, Belmont, and Peabody Colleges, the staff should find it easy to help devise and execute many significant cooperative projects.

The new building will provide facilities for church-wide and regional meetings. Each year, during the last week of July, the annual Institute of Higher Education is held, with Scarritt College and the board's Division of Educational Institutions as host. This year the building will be used for group meetings in connection with the institute.

Thus Methodism once more expands its facilities to provide a stronger and more effective program of Christian education.

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Dr. C. A. Bowen, editor of Church School Publications for The Methodist Church, announced plans at the meeting of the General Board of Education in Nashville during the week of March 3, 1952, for retirement next fall. He has given nearly 28 years to the editing of curriculum publications, and was accorded signal recognition for his distinguished record both within The Methodist Church and in many interdenominational activities.

There follows excerpts from an address, "The Methodist Educational Program in the Local Church," by Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Tex., to the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church in annual session at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., Thursday a.m. March 6. His address preceded the dedication of the board's new headquarters building in Nashville.



HERE is no scarcity of evidence to justify the fear that something alarming is happening to the moral life of America. The erosion of the stability of the home, the increase of delinquency and crime, the extended use of alcohol and narcotics and the easy corruption of public officials are indications of moral and spiritual unsoundness. Thoughtful people are becoming increasingly convinced that there is a vital relationship between what people believe and the way they behave. The stage is set for the most extensive advance in the test of the principles of the Christian faith that this country has seen

for 75 years.

Are the churches ready for it? In many instances the answer is 'No'. To begin with this advance will require an enormous enlargement of building facilities. It is estimated that by 1960, there will be more than 32 million young people in America between the ages of 12 and 23. In order for the Methodist Church to care for its share of this responsibility, it must increase its present enrollment more than four fold. In the children's group the figures are relatively the same. The urgent question is, "where shall we put them?" Can the class room space of Methodist churches be expanded rapidly enough to meet this demand? Only if we recognize fully the issues that are at stake.

Still another emphasis which this day demands is the kind of dynamic teaching which brings into proper relation the vital realities of the Christian faith and the problems of every day living. Instead of being either Bible-centered or life-centered, it must be a living combination of both.

And then there must be fostered a closer and more vital relationship between the three major character-forming institutions: the home, the church and the school. Unless the teaching which is begun in the church

school is carried into action in the relations of the home, there will be no permanent results. In spite of the Supreme Court ruling in the McCollum case, there is still an area in which the precepts of the Bible can be made a part of the public school curriculum.

None of these objectives will be reached, nor even seriously undertaken unless there is a clear conviction that Christian teaching really matters. If the aim in view is simply that of presenting a few more facts of Bible history, the feeling will be justified that it is not tremendously important. If, on the other hand, the dominant purpose is that of introducing people to a living person who is Christ the Lord, then the whole process becomes a matter of supreme importance and will secure a response which is worthy of the magnitude of the undertaking.

There follows excerpts from an address, "What the Methodist Church Expects of its Educational Program," by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, to the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church in annual session at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. His address preceded dedication of the board's new \$1,100,000 national headquarters building in Nashville.



THE strength of the Methodist Church is not to be found in its educational life, not in its physical structures, nor in the wide variety of its programs, but in the prayers, faith and service of those who bow at its altars. However, I am confident that Methodists everywhere expect that we who are charged with the responsibility of giving guidance to our educational program must resist the secularizing tendencies of our times, and provide religious instruction of high intellectual quality and unmistakably Christian.

The first Methodist institution was not a church nor a chapel for preaching, but a school. Though not one of our early American circuit riders was a college graduate, when they held their first General Conference in 1792 they already had cash in hand for the building of a college.

Today, in the United States alone the Methodist Church operates 126 schools, colleges and universities with 11,500 teachers, an enrollment of 237,000 students and an annual budget of \$135,000,000. In addition, 6,000,000 children, youth and adults are now enrolled in our local church school program. "Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?" has been asked of

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

AN OLD BACHELOR SECURES A WIFE

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unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites. But thou shalt go unto my country and unto my kindred and take a wife unto my son Isaac".

A Caravan Train in search of a bride had to be as attractive as a Twin Six Motor Car or a 1952 model Convertible. Abraham was Jew enough to know that the bride's family would be interested in knowing something about the groom's financial rating. So he sent gifts and presents galore. It was at the sunset hour when the caravan arrived at Nahor. The old servant rested by the well as the maidens came to draw water. He prayed to the God of Abraham, "Grant that the maid who gives me to drink shall be thy choice of a wife for Isaac". The Lord heard and answered his prayer for as soon as he could ask for a drink of water, Rebecca stepped forward to oblige. Rebecca gave a stranger a goblet of cool water and as if a reward she received a groom. In keeping with the hospitality of the country, the Servant of Abraham found himself a guest at Nahor's table. He informed his host, "I can not eat until I have told my errand". It was up to him to pop the question. Many a lover has failed to eat, and also failed to pop the question. Rebecca's family heard the story and they had a counsel, as they often do, when sister gets a beau. The father and brother exclaimed, "Surely. This is of the Lord. What can we say?" If marriage is made in Heaven, it must be of the Lord. And when the family inquired of Rebecca, she sobbed with joy, "Oh, this is so sudden".

Consider the conditions in the story that resulted in the choice of a wife for Isaac. There was prayer. Father Abraham was a man of prayer. The faithful servant discovered Rebecca in answer to prayer. Her father's house was a home where prayer was the order of the day. Isaac was doing some earnest praying also, for he was not unmindful of what was in the mind of his father. And Rebecca was not prayerless. Her prayer may have been like that of the modern maiden, "Dear Lord. I ask nothing for myself. But please do send my precious mother a rich and handsome son-in-law". If marriage is not worth praying about, nothing is. If you can not invoke God's blessing upon your marriage, better never take the greatest of all social steps.

And both families were not only religious, they were of the same religion. There is danger in being unequally yoked together. Where there is a divided house religiously, the home is prone to drift away from the Church. To drift away from the Church is to drift away from God. And the children of the home grow up without a religious faith. Fortunate is the couple who take God into their plans. True happiness is of God and God alone. The Christian life is the happy life and the Christian home is the happy home. The godless life is a barren life, and the godless home is blank. When God is set out of a life or of a home, decay sets in. It is the godless home that makes wealthy the divorce attorney.

Both families were financially stable. You may never be as rich as a banker, but your home can be as financially sound as a bank. This does not mean you must put off marriage until you are on Easy Street. But have assurance of some means of earning an honest living so your family will not be another household to be added to the welfare rolls of the State. It is well to consider be-

fore marriage what are you going to do when the rent comes due, how are you going to bring home the bacon, carry insurance, meet taxes, pay the doctor bill and buy the baby shoes? Blessed is the man who can so provide for his household that his wife needs not seek a career outside the home, in order to supplement the family income. It is eternally true, that being a homemaker is the supreme career for any woman.

She is a foolish virgin who marries a reprobate thinking he will reform because he has her for his wife. The religious man who marries a woman whose ambition is to rate in social circles as the elect, disdaining to be numbered with religious people in church circles, marries beneath himself. There is such a thing as good blood and sorry stock. Blood will tell for people of good stock do not live sordid lives. Education, ideals and culture effect standards of living that make for compatibility in marriage. The age of the bride and groom is no small factor to be weighed in the balances. While we have referred to Isaac as a bachelor, like Rebecca, he was still in the springtime of life. Silly is the girl who claims she would rather be a rich old man's darling, than a poor young man's sweetheart. And he who robs the cradle is not wise.

The Scripture records that in the evening Isaac walked in the field to meditate, he looked up and lo, the camels were coming, for the wedding caravan was returning home. If ever a man needs to meditate it is before he takes the fateful step. When a boy is in love there is only one rule in Algebra he can remember; a straight line is the shortest distance between two points. When a

girl is in love, her imagination works overtime. Isaac and Rebecca met in the cool of the evening at the close of a perfect day. For their prayers were answered and dreams came true. He was exactly her ideal and she was the girl of his dreams "And Isaac took Rebecca and she became his wife, and he loved her". Gen. 24:67.

The story of Isaac and Rebecca is the old, old story ever new. If all the Isaacs and all the Rebeccas were content to remain bachelors and bachelor girls, this would be a drab old world. It is the home fires burning that warm this cold old world. And it is the children playing about the hearth that keep the earth going around. Wherever Isaac and Rebecca begin humbly in the fear of the Lord, love will find a way for the light of the glory of God shines on the path where true love walks.

NEW THOUSANDS LEARN TO READ

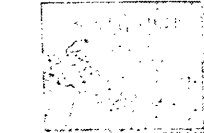
About 150,000 young men go from Portuguese East Africa each year to work in the mines around Johannesburg, Union of South Africa. To many of them it offers their first encounter with the outside world, and if they're lucky, their first chance to learn to read. Some compounds, like those visited by the Rev. and Mrs. Alf Helgesson, hold regular evening schools with classes in reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Mr. and Mrs. Helgesson, Methodist missionaries from Sweden supervise classes in six different mine compounds in the Transvaal district. Their work is mostly among seventeen or eighteen-year-old men who are learning to read their first book.



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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

March Membership Month

We have had a number of reports from church school superintendents which indicate that church schools are gaining in membership and in average attendance.

We hope that the leaders of your church school have made definite plans to reach more people during the month of March.

There are thousands of unreached people within reach of Methodist Churches in the North Arkansas Conference. Is there not some way for your church school to reach some of these people with Christian teachings?

Have you thought of organizing a new class for some of these unreached people?

You could have classes other than on Sunday morning. A Sunday evening or week-night class would be a way of reaching some of these people.

Do you have a Nursery Home program and an Adult Home program? If you have these extension programs are you reaching all that should be reached through these programs.

When four out of five people on an average in the United States are not in any program of religious instruction can you and I be satisfied with what we are now doing in our church schools?

Plan Now

Plan now to have your church represented in the Youth Rally, Hendrix College Campus, May 2.

Plan now to have your church represented in the Youth Assembly, Hendrix College Campus, June 3-7.

Plan now to have your church represented in Children's Workers' Conference, Hendrix College Campus, June 17-19.

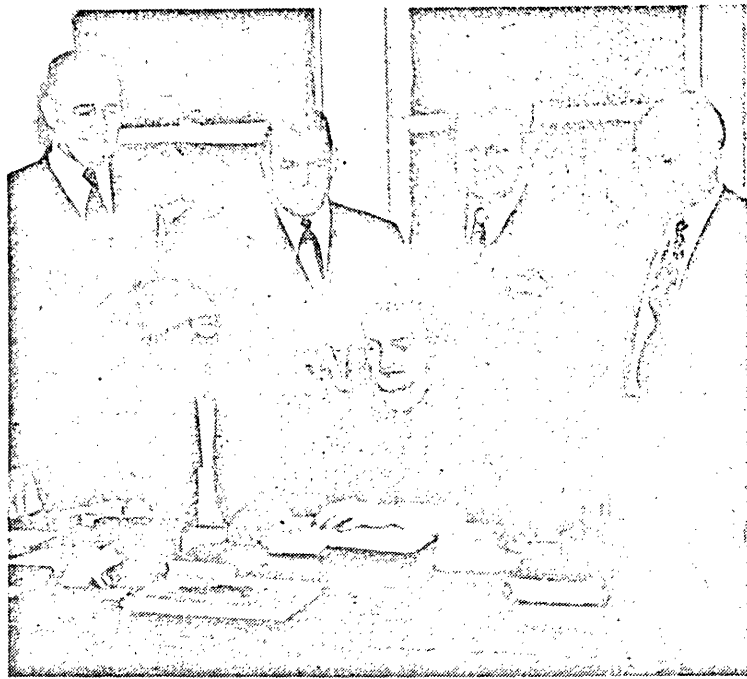
Plan now to have your church represented in the Older Adult Assembly, Hendrix College Campus, July 14-16.

These are to be outstanding programs this year. We have already secured excellent leadership for each of these programs.

Fayetteville Area School

The Fayetteville Area School was held last week with an enrollment of 170, six courses being offered. The following churches were represented in the school: Fayetteville, Central; Fayetteville, Wiggins Memorial; Farmington; Prairie Grove; Lincoln; Siloam Springs; Gentry; Gravette; Bentonville; Rogers; Springdale, First; Springdale, Wesley; Elm Springs; Madison County No. 2; and Goshen. The District

Blytheville Area Christian Workers School



The faculty for the Christian Workers School of the Blytheville area conferred immediately before the opening session of the school on Monday evening, February 25th. Shown with Miss Sue Osment, dean of the school, are (left to right): The Reverend Ira A. Brumley; The Reverend Ralph Hillis, pastor at Searcy; The Reverend Roy Bagley, pastor at Blytheville First Church; and Reverend Lee Cate, pastor at Manila.

The Blytheville Area Christian Workers School was held at First Methodist Church in Blytheville February 25-29. Churches participating in the school were Osceola, Luxora, Dell, Yarbro, Promised Land, Wesley Memorial, Half Moon, Lake Street and First Church.

Courses offered were "Old Testament: Content and Values", taught by Rev. Ralph Hillis, pastor of First Methodist Church at Searcy; "The Acts of the Apostles", taught by Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary of the North Arkansas Conference;

"Preparing for Marriage", (a course for youth only) taught by Reverend Lee Cate, pastor of The Methodist Church at Manila; and "The Meaning of Methodism", taught by Rev. Roy Bagley, pastor of Blytheville First Church. Miss Sue Osment was dean of the School.

There were 145 people enrolled in this school and 104 course cards of recognition were given. The response was thrilling and the school was a success due to the inspiration and challenge of the instructors.

Superintendent, Rev. W. F. Cooley, served as Dean. The school was held at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville.

Paragould District Begins Training Series

This week the Paragould District is holding three training schools, which are the first of seven schools to be held within three weeks. The following is the list of schools, courses and instructors:

Piggott, March 16-18, with three courses: Understanding Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel; Teaching Youth, Miss Emogene Dunlap; and Christian Stewardship, Rev. A. W. Harris.

Rector, March 19-21, with two courses: Understanding Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel; Teaching

Youth, Miss Emogene Dunlap.

Paragould, Griffin Memorial, with four courses, March 19-21: Home and Church Cooperation for Children, Mrs. Elmus C. Brown; Friendship and Marriage, Rev. Harold Spence; Christian Beliefs, Rev. J. Harmon Holt; Improving the Church School, Ira A. Brumley.

Walnut Ridge, March 23-25, Understanding Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel.

Corning, March 30-April 1, with two courses: Understanding Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel; Christian Beliefs, Ira A. Brumley.

Pocahontas, April 2-4, with two courses: Understanding Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel; Christian Stewardship, Rev. John Bayliss.

CHILDREN'S WORK, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ira A. Brumley

Mrs. Carl Mecker, who has been doing an enthusiastic job as District Director of Searcy District, has moved to Lawton, Iowa. We regret losing her and our blessings go with her with appreciation.

We welcome Mrs. Verlia Harris of Clinton to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Mecker's leaving. She has been appointed new District Director by District Superintendent Coy Whitten.

Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, Director in Conway District and Dr. C. M. Reves have announced their District Vacation School Clinic to be held in the First Methodist Church, Conway, Saturday, April 5. Workers will meet at 10 a. m. and leave at 3 p. m. A hot lunch will be served free during the noon hour to every worker. Plan now to take part in any of the following groups if you live in Conway District: Kindergarten—Stories About Jesus by Brumley, Mrs. Paul Jones, teacher; Primary—Outdoors in Palestine by Rauschenberg, Miss Lula Doyle Baird, teacher; Junior—People Who Lived in Jesus' Day by Smith, Mrs. Ira Brumley, teachers.

The Children's Workers all over our Conference could be a great fellowship. But how many Children's Workers do you know? For instance, do you know a single Children's Worker in Searcy? in Heber Springs? Anywhere in our Conference?

Here are some Children's Workers in our local churches: Augusta, Mrs. B. E. Whitmore; Morrilton, Mrs. Audra Basham; Heber Springs, Mrs. Gene Houston, Mrs. Wilford Logan, Mrs. Hoy Duncan, Mrs. Regina Sykes, Mrs. Thomas Massey, Mrs. Elgin Barnett; Kensett, Mrs. Rogers Mills, Mrs. Ira Bean, Mrs. Hall Fraser, Mrs. Myrtle Weigart, Mrs. Annie Yarnell; Clinton, Miss Helen Stephens, Mrs. Claude Whillock, Mrs. Freeman Graddy, Mrs. Sherman Hall, Mrs. Verlia Harris.

Bald Knob, Mrs. Bob Wunnenberg, Mrs. Doile Cothorn, Mrs. J. D. Patterson; Russell, Mrs. Robert Blanton; Bradford, Mrs. Charles Harris; Leslie, Miss Amy Boyd, Miss Roberta Graham, Miss Mary Lou Hatchett, Mrs. Hugh Boyd; McCrory, Margie Rhea Johnson, Nell Banks, Louise Massey, Betty Thompson, Edith Tyre; Jasper, Mrs. Joy Lentz, Mrs. Winona Bolin, Mrs. Myrtle Simpson, Miss Lebeda Phillips.

Do you know any of these workers?

ARKANSAS METHODIST

Korean Ambassador Praises Work Of Missionaries

The work of American missionaries is almost solely responsible for the historic friendship which has existed between Korea and the United States, Korean Ambassador You Chan Yang declared in an address at Washington, D. C.

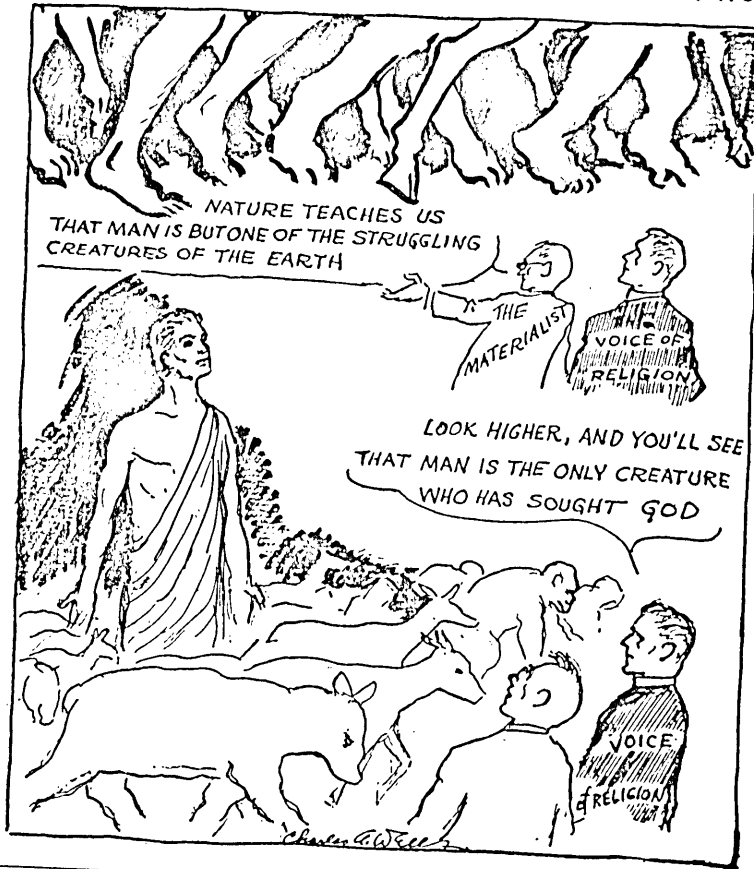
"We people of Korea were the original isolationists," he said. "We didn't like war, we didn't like the strangers we associated with war, so we retired within our beautiful peninsula and put out 'No Admission' signs. We had three uninterrupted centuries of complete peace." However, Ambassador Yang said, "in the early 1880's you good people destroyed Korea's isolationism. Now I'll smile as I tell you this," he continued. "You came calling on us with gunboats. We wigwagged to you not to come ashore and we may have fired a few antique cannon shots in your direction. We really did want to

be alone. By way of reply, your naval squadron bombarded our ancient forts, smashed them into smithereens, and you came ashore anyway." Then, said the ambassador, the Americans said they wanted to sign a treaty of friendship with the Korean nation.

"Now I submit, and I think you will agree, that that hardly seems to be the way to make friends and influence people," he said, "but we did become friends after all and have remained staunch friends to this day. The reason is that your missionaries came," he declared. The ambassador said that Korea owes its belief in democracy and the dignity of man to the influence of missionaries, teachers and physicians who came to the country. "That belief in democracy has made it impossible for us to submit to Communism," he said.

GOD'S COMPANION OR ANIMAL

Chas. A. Wells



Business Men To Evangelize In Alaska

Nine American business men with a zeal for winning new church members will take part in a unique "flying mission" to Alaska from March 16-23. For the first time The Methodist Church is sending some of its top laymen to the far North to teach, preach and do visitation work.

Thomas B. Clay of Buffalo, N. Y., only representative of Methodism's General Board of Lay Activities on the trip, said that the aim is to provide a "spiritual lay impetus" preliminary to doubling Methodist work in Alaska. Thousands of workers and military personnel have settled in Alaska recently and it is hoped to interest many of them in the Church and provide additional Sunday School facilities for their children. "We will visit schools and stores — every where there is an opportunity to tell people about religion," said Mr. Clay. "In the evenings we will conduct meetings."

Business men were picked for the initial evangelizing job, he said, because "the average man is more easily approached on the matter of religion by laymen who lack the professional attitude." However, nine clergymen will accompany the laymen to receive and baptize persons whom laymen interest in joining the church. The group will fly March 14 from Seattle, Wash. In Alaska the laymen will separate, going to an important out-lying area where religious work is needed.

Dr. Connor Morehead, Arkansas minister, is a member of the group.

Bishop Oxnam Says Church Can Block Communism

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York has asserted his belief in the church as a force that eventually can block Communism and bring peace to the world. Speaking at a centennial anniversary service in Grace Methodist church at Albany, N. Y., Bishop Oxnam said: "We have to move into this issue of half slave and half free world with men of religion, aided by men of engineering and men of economics." He reminded the congregation that 100 years ago when Grace Methodist church was founded the big problem in the United States was that it was half slave and half free. "Today this problem does not face our continent, but rather the world," he said. The bishop stressed that church people "like the apostles must go forth carrying the word of Christ."

Millikan Calls Church 'Greatest Social Institution'

The Christian Church is "unquestionably the greatest social institution in the country," Dr. Robert A. Millikan, world-famous physicist and Nobel Prize winner, said at Lindsay, Cal. Addressing a local Methodist group, Dr. Millikan, chancellor of the California Institute of Technology, said the Church is the great dynamo responsible for "pumping into human society the spirit of altruistic idealism." "It is certainly," he said, "the first of two essentials to human progress. But it is not the only one nor can it attain its full measure of effectiveness without support from

the other, which I have called the spirit of science, of knowledge. Religion and science, in my analysis, are the two great sister forces which have pulled and which are pulling mankind onward and upward. The two are necessarily related."

Minister Asks Religion In Schools

"If we can stand having atheism taught in public schools, why can't we have religion taught?" Dr. Lester A. Kilpatrick, pastor of First Methodist church here, asked this question at a panel discussion by rural teachers at the annual Michigan Rural Teachers Association convention in Grand Rapids, Mich. "I can see no reason why we cannot hold the highest moral ideals before our young people in schools," said Dr. Kilpatrick. "I think we can present the idea there is a God without harm to the tradition of separation of Church and State. "What I want to see is people with faith in God, a faith in fellow man and a faith in America." Dr. Kilpatrick was one of four panel members discussing the topic, "What Schools Can Do To Make America Strong." Also on the panel were Michigan's junior senator, Blair Moody; Auditor General John B. Martin, Jr., a Republican candidate for Sen. Moody's senate seat, and Mrs. Fred L. Keeler, president of the Grand Rapids board of education.

PROPOSE METHODIST OFFICE IN CAPITAL

As a result of a Christian Citizenship Seminar in New York and Washington, February 24-29, 50 Methodist college students drafted a memorial to General Conference asking that a permanent office be set up in the nation's capitol to represent all interests of the church on legislative matters.

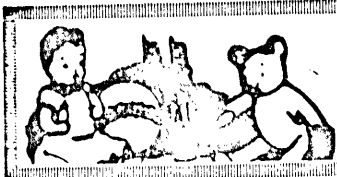
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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

GARDENING

In the springtime one thinks about a garden and a gardener. There are so many different kinds of gardeners.

The farmer is perhaps the busiest gardener, because he has such a large garden to dig and plant and care for. The farmer has to work so hard getting things ready for you and for me that he doesn't have much time to enjoy his garden.

Then there are the family gardeners, where each member of the family, big and little, has a part in preparing the soil, planting seeds, bulbs, shrubbery and trees. They watch every day to see if the gardens need a little water, a little care, some pulling of weeds. They enjoy every bud and flower as it appears, blooms and disappears.

In one city there is a blind gardener who has nothing in his garden but herbs. He planted them because each herb had such a definite scent that he had no trouble caring for it and pulling out the weeds. It was a beautiful garden, well tended, that brought him a good income every year.

In another city a blind gardener has become an expert on flowers. He learned to tell flowers and to learn their names not only by smell but by touch. It is a garden made especially for other blind people to enjoy. In his garden is a large green lawn, benches for people to sit on, and flowers in all their loveliness and fragrance.

Perhaps you think that few blind people would ever visit this garden, but we are told there are 150 blind folk who are regular visitors, and many of them know every flower in the garden, al-

MARCHWIND

By Carolyn Hale Russ

When Marchwind comes romping with whistle and song, Magic shoes guide his way as he rushes along—

The hilltop's one step, and but one to the sky Where lovely cloud-children in downy quilts lie.

He pauses not there, his fleet pace he must keep, Till he wakes the cloud-children out of their sleep.

From pillows all fleecy they lift their fair heads, They loosen their tresses, and leap from their beds.

Awake, with gay Marchwind they merrily play, And gather and circle and flutter away,

Their filmy white laces, and daintily white frills, Swirling ever so lightly far over the hills.

Faster and faster gay Marchwind gives chase, Faster and faster the cloud-children race,

Still gathering and circling they fall in delight, While one little cloud-child goes up out of sight;

Far up in the blue sky she runs quite away— Just a trace where her filmy white laces stray.

though they have never seen one.

We who have been blessed with two good eyes and a healthy body ought to be gardeners, too. We may not live close enough to neighbors to share our garden with them, but you will enjoy it, the person riding by in his car will notice it, and you will be doing a great deal toward making God's garden a garden of beauty. —The United Church Observer

A SPRING ADVENTURE

By May Hoover Mumaw

Which kind of stories do you like best, boys and girls, true stories or make believes? Well, both kinds are pretty nice, are they not? My children like either kind, just so it is a story; but this one to-day is a true story.

When you were driving along a country road with Daddy, did you ever see a bunny run across the road? Probably not if you kept to the paved roads which are so full of automobiles all the time; but when you get off on a road that is but little used you have seen a rabbit scurrying across the road, frightened because you got so near to him.

Did you ever wonder how the old Mother Bunny took care of her little baby bunnies?

The other morning I was washing dishes when my little Sonny, who is five years old, came hurrying into the kitchen.

"Mother, Mother, come quick!" he shouted "I have a wonderful surprise for you."

"Yes, dear, just as soon as I finish the dishes," I replied.

"Oh no, Mother, do not wait, but come quickly. It is a wonderful surprise."

Of course, Mother left the dishes and hurried out with Sonny to see the surprise. Don't you just love surprises? Well, all mothers do, of course. As I hurried along with Sonny trying to keep up with him, I tried to guess what the surprise might be.

I guessed baby kittens, I guessed a nest of baby chickens, I guessed twin calves, oh, I guessed everything I could think of, but Sonny said each time: "No, we never had a surprise like this before."

Around back of the barn he led me, and there in a straw stack what do you suppose the surprise was? Well, I am sure you never could guess, so I will just have to tell you.

Children, there in a side of the stack was a nest of baby bunnies! Don't you wish you might have seen them? I do, I am sure.

You all know how hard the birds work to make nests for their babies. Of course a rabbit does not have wings, so can not fly here and there hunting material to make a nest for her babies, so how do you suppose a rabbit does manage?

There in the side of the straw stack was that nest, all burrowed out to keep the babies snug and warm but of course the straw would not be soft enough for little tiny, helpless rabbits, so the straw had to have a warm lining. The lining in that nest was of fur.

Sonny said: "Mother, Mother, where did the mother bunny get that fur to make that nest?"

Now, where could it have gotten it? Well, I should not have known had I not had the opportunity to watch a tame rabbit make a nest once several years ago.

I sat quietly by the pen and watched the old mother bunny tear fur from her own body to line the nest she was making for
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MAKING A GARDEN



HAPPY TIMES OUTDOORS

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE GUILD WEEK-END

Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, March 29-30

THEME: "That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized"

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Registration
 2:30 Quiet Hour (Sanctuary)
 3:00 Opening Session
 Greetings: Miss Johnnie Neal, Pine Bluff, District Guild Secretary; Mrs. Pat Poindexter, President, Lakeside Guild
 Worship Service — "Tarry Ye here and Watch"
 Announcements and Introductions
 Organization Emphasis: Spiritual Life—Mrs. Curtis Williams, Carlisle, Arkansas
 Missionary Education and Service: Mrs. Eric Jensen, Stuttgart, Arkansas
 Program Building: Miss Hanna Kelly, Little Rock, Arkansas
 Question and Answer Period: Conducted by Mrs. W. B. Landrum
 5:00 Benediction

6:45 Dinner Meeting
 Speaker: Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Field Worker, Woman's Division — "Be ye Enlarged"

SUNDAY MORNING

7:45 Breakfast—Pines Hotel
 Reports by District Secretaries
 Business Session
 Election of Officers

10:45 Morning Worship — Lakeside Church — "Disciples That Care"—By Rev. Otto W. Teague

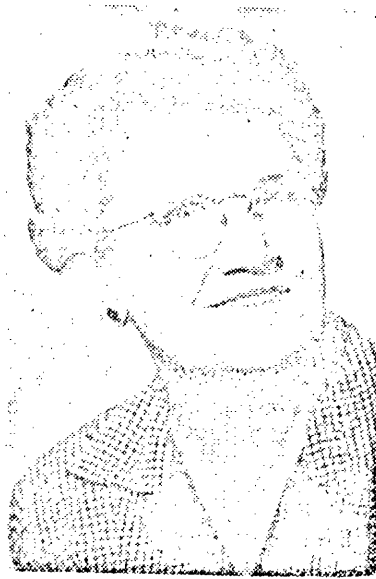
12:45 p. m. Luncheon — Lakeside Church

1:30 p. m. Worship
 Committee Reports
 Speaker: Miss Edith Martin, Missionary to Africa
 Pledge and Dedication Service: Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Pres., Little Rock Conference; Mrs. C. I. Parsons, Treas., Little Rock Conference.
 Adjournment.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SPEAK

Mrs. Alma Riley, Houston, Texas, South Central Jurisdiction Secretary and member of the Standing Guild Committee, will be the speaker at the North Arkansas Guild Week-End Banquet to be held Saturday night, March 22, at First Church, North Little Rock. The subject of her address will be "Give God a Chance".

Mrs. George Dismukes, Westville, Oklahoma, and Vice Chairman of the Standing Guild Committee, will be the inspirational speaker for the Sunday afternoon program. Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Dismukes have recently returned from the Woman's Division meeting at Buck Hill Falls and will have the very latest information for guild members.



MRS. JOHNNIE McCLURE

Morris and Mrs. W. Adams. Meeting in the home of Mrs. Joe Mistic, the president, Mrs. L. Layfield presided. The program was under the direction of Miss Lillie Douglas.

An impressive World Day of Prayer service was held at the Columbia Society by the Children and World Friendship Group of girls, directed by Miss Adele Redditt and Mrs. Vann Holladay.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The North Arkansas Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will convene at First Church, North Little Rock, at 6 p. m., March 24. Dinner will be served by the local Society. All Societies in North Little Rock are assisting in the entertainment of the Annual Meeting.

Registration for the Annual Meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service to be held at Texarkana, April 1, 2, and 3rd,

should be sent to Mrs. A. B. McLaurine, 2918 Magnolia, Texarkana, Arkansas. Delegates are: all Conference officers, all District Officers, Ministers Wives, the president or her alternate from each local society, and each local Guild, President or her alternate.

The Boyce Woman's Society had a program and a covered dish supper February 27 with the program "The Churches for our Country's Needs" under the direction of Mrs. A. M. Dean.

A Silver Tea was given at the Mineral Springs Church February 26th, with a music program by the Sixth Grade pupils. The proceeds will be used in re-decorating the parsonage. Mrs. E. D. Young is the President.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Lake Arthur sponsored a family night party in the Church's Recreation room on February 27 for the purpose of raising money toward the purchase of robes for the choir.

At the February 26th meeting of the Fairview Society, Batesville District, the accomplishments of their seven months were commended by the two district officers present: Mrs. E.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, NO. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas

THEME: CHRIST — THE ANSWER

Tuesday, March 25

2:00 Organization
 Greetings from Local Society — Mrs. S. H. Williams, president
 Work of Promotion — Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, presiding
 Report from National Seminar — Mrs. Walter Jimerson
 Address. "Witnesses" — Mrs. Neill Hart
 6:00 Dinner: (Presentation of Methodist Woman)
 7:15 Message — "The Valley of Decision" — Mrs. W. B. Landrum

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 Worship — Rev. I. L. Claud
 Business
 Rural Work: (Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Sec'y, presiding)
 Christian Education: (Mrs. H. H. Bumpers presiding)
 11:00 President's Message: Mrs. Johnnie McClure
 1:30 Program Committee
 School of Missions
 History — Mrs. R. A. Dowdy
 Election of delegates to Jurisdictional Conference
 Address — Edith Martin
 Work Shop for District officers
 7:15 Message: "Spectators or Disciples" — Mrs. J. R. Henderson

Thursday, March 27

9:00 Worship — Rev. William Watson
 Pledge and dedication service
 Installation of officers
 Holy Communion
 Adjournment



MISS EDITH MARTIN

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

FELLOWSHIP MEETING AT CHIDESTER CHURCH

On Wednesday night, February 20, the monthly fellowship supper was held in the Rushing Memorial Methodist Church. Special guests were three servicemen of our church who have recently returned from overseas duty, Lt. Harold Sweatman and Sgt. Bobby Sweatman, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Sweatman, and Sgt. Stanton Beaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beaver. Rev. R. L. Diffee expressed appreciation for the guests of the evening.

A delicious potluck supper was enjoyed by about one hundred people.

Group singing was led by Mrs. Frank Arnold with Mrs. Richard Stinnett at the piano.

Among those who worked so tirelessly to make this an outstanding fellowship night were Mrs. W. W. Taylor, Mrs. Richard Stinnett, Mrs. W. C. Stinnett and Mrs. C. L. Mosley who make up the committee for this quarter. — Reporter.

SEARCY LAYMEN'S MEETING

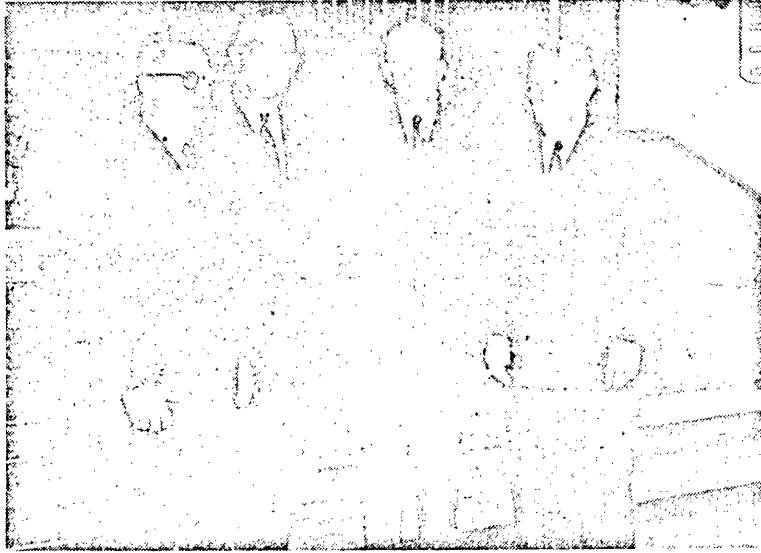
A high point of interest for Methodist laymen of Searcy District was reached Sunday, March 9, when the National Director of Lay Activities, Robert Mayfield, spoke in Searcy in two meetings.

The morning service was an observance of the Annual Layman's Day. Jim Wiseman, director of Lay Activities of Searcy First Church, presided over the program. He was assisted by B. L. Oliver, charge Lay Leader. Mr. Mayfield's theme was "Mission of Our Church". He defined the meaning of a mission and impressed upon his listeners the importance of carrying out the commission given by Christ when He said, "Go ye into all the World and preach the gospel to every creature".

The afternoon session, held in the sanctuary of the church, covered a wider area, as Methodist men from the district came to hear plans for organization and promotion of the program. Joe S. Pierce, District Lay leader, was in charge. Mr. Mayfield, in speaking to this group, emphasized the importance of becoming aware of existing situations, and of being courageous in overcoming the evils of the day. He pointed out that too often it is the "good" people who block the progress of a Christian movement by their lethargy.

Conference Lay leader, Dr. Matt Ellis, of Hendrix College, spoke to the group briefly, pointing out some of the proposed changes in organization as sug-

LAY ACTIVITIES HEAD VISITS STATE



Robert G. Mayfield, Executive Secretary of Methodism's General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, was the Laymen's Day speaker at the First Methodist Church, Searcy, Sunday morning, March 9. He also spoke at a Searcy District Laymen's Meeting on that Sunday afternoon. Pictured above are Mr. Mayfield, Joe Pierce, Searcy District Lay Leader, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, North Arkansas Conference Lay Leader, and Roland M. Shelton, Little Rock Conference Lay Leader, all in attendance at the Searcy District Meeting.

gested by the Survey Commission.

Newly organized men's groups represented in the afternoon meeting were Bald Knob, with their pastor, Pharis Holfield, and Van Buren County, with their pastor, Calvin Roetzel.

Searcy District, under the supervision of the Rev. Coy Whitten, district superintendent, and assisted by conference and district leaders, has developed a great and active group of Methodist men.

In recent evangelistic mission, laymen went out "two by two" teaching the message of Christ, and bringing in with them many of the unchurched.

The lay-speaking program is the highest achievement of men in this district. There are fifty laymen who are helping small churches to have additional worship services while the pastor is in another church on his charge. Results of additional services have been felt in many ways by an increased attendance in the services, church improvement programs, and a deeper sense of spiritual responsibility. — Wilma Fulbright

CHURCH HAS SOUVENIR PLATES FOR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Harper Bible Class of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, is selling beautiful china plates with an etching of the church, the front and the history of the church and name and date of all the pastors who have served in this church. The church is celebrating its 50th

A WEEK IN HARDY

The week of March 2 was one of great inspiration for the writer as he was privileged to spend the week in Hardy preaching twice daily in their beautiful church. Hardy Methodism continues to grow as the people build their own program. For a number of years this congregation worshiped in a union church building. It was my privilege to serve these people on my second pastoral appointment. We had many enjoyable experiences.

A new parsonage has been purchased. The church building has been improved, new windows having been added and the basement completed. Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Yount and sons, Kelley and Mark, are in high favor with the people. They are happy in the addition of thirty persons to the church this year.

The homes of the people were opened to us in a most gracious way. While on the charge it was my privilege also to preach at Williford and Bronough. The people at Hardy are looking forward to the dedication of the church by Bishop Martin sometime in the near future. Hardy Methodism is on the up-swing.—J. Albert Gatlin

year as it was organized in 1902 by Rev. James Thomas.

Anyone interested in buying one of these plates as a keepsake, can write the church and we will be glad to mail one. The price is \$2.00. — Mrs. James Carter, 1514 Linden Street, Texarkana, Arkansas.

MARKED TREE AWARDS CONTRACT

The Building Committee of the First Methodist Church, Marked Tree, awarded to the St. Francis Valley Lumber Company a contract for a building program to include a new Fellowship Hall, remodeling of the church basement, and provision of a young peoples' chapel in sanctuary balcony according to Harry Ritter, chairman of the Building Committee. The company's bid for the work was \$31,734.50. Work was begun on the building project March 15 and approximately six months time will be required to complete the program.

The Building Committee also has announced that equipment for the new Fellowship Hall, kitchen lounge and hall, will be provided by the Marked Tree W. S. C. S., this organization having already pledged \$4,000 for this project. Aid-conditioning and heating equipment is being installed in the main building at the present time under a separate contract.

Rev. Paul M. Bumpers is the Marked Tree pastor.

AMERICA'S MAJOR TASK — CONSERVATION

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human conservation. Its beliefs and teachings are on the side of righteousness and justice in all matters pertaining to human relations.

Firm she has stood for the good, and mighty has been her attack upon evil. Her voice has ever been lifted in the open, in courageous proclamation of the Gospel of Christ.

On Thursday, April 3, the Methodist Church in the North Arkansas Conference will once more go on record in a big way as a friend of God and His Kingdom, and proponents and exponents of the right way of life, both materially and spiritually. We will assemble in a great church . . . one that is located in the open country, and one that is served by a great pastor. Here at Tilton is a good example of the mighty program of advance in serving a community in a great way. Here is an example of a community that by its own efforts and those of good friends has achieved a great victory in the Kingdom of God.—J. Albert Gatlin

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North Arkansas Town and Country Church Convocation

Thursday, April 3, 1952

10:00 A. M. - 3:00 P. M.



Tilton Methodist Church
Tilton, Arkansas
On State Highway 39
South of Hickory Ridge

FOR: All District Superintendents, Pastors, Lay People Interested In Developing A Better Community Life

America's Major Task - Conservation

As we come again to our great day of recognition of the rural church in our Conference we are reminded of many important things. Uppermost in our minds this year should be the matter of conservation. We have a great heritage. A heritage that is marvelous in material resources and human personality. This heritage was handed to us from the bountiful hand of a Heavenly Father who spared nothing in providing for His earthly children. One cannot find words of proper power of expression to give utterance in describing the magnitude of God's blessing in material wealth. There was a time when as a nation we could take lightly the conservation of our material heritage as far as present dangers were concerned. All one needed to do when his farm was ruined by careless tending was to move to another. Log rollings, that on the surface looked like good economy and offered fine fellowship, were merely one more step toward destruction of natural resources. As we ponder over the waste of forests and soil we are made to shudder. As we come to know today of the continued loss of soil through erosion we wonder

PROGRAM

Theme: "The Rural Church Serving the Small Community"

Morning Session

- 10:00 Devotional — Rev. E. B. Williams, Superintendent of the Jonesboro District
- 10:15 The Town and Country Commission Serves in the North Arkansas Conference — Rev. J. Albert Gatlin
- 10:30 Opportunity for Christian Education in the Rural Church — Dr. Ira Brumley
- 10:45 Woman's Society of Christian Service Serving in the Rural Communities — Mrs. Wilma Fulbright
- 11:00 Recess
- 11:05 Special Music — Gail G. Anderson, Rex Shoemaker
- 11:15 Inspirational Sermon — Bishop Paul E. Martin, Arkansas-Louisiana Area
- 12:15 Lunch — Informal Fellowship

Afternoon Session

- 1:15 Devotional — Rev. Porter Weaver, Host Pastor
- 1:30 Methodist Laymen Serving as Lay Speakers — Mr. Charles A. Stuck
- 2:00 The Place of the Rural Community in the Life of the State — Governor Sidney McMath
- 2:45 Moments of Evaluation — Secretary of the Town and Country Commission
- 3:00 Adjournment

what will happen to our descendants.

According to the following information from **Road to Survival** by Vogt, we are alarmed about the future of our nation.

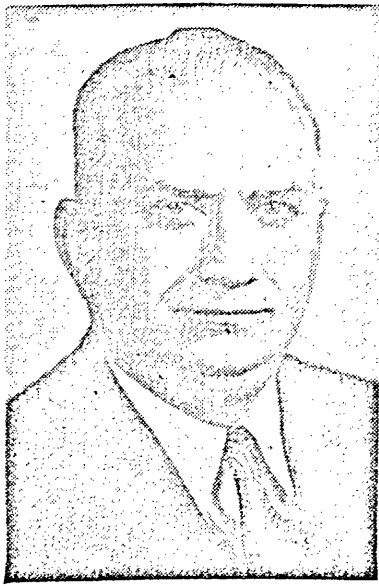
"Soil erosion is the most obvious result of deforestation, over-grazing and bad farming methods. American civilization, founded on 9 inches of top soil, has now lost one-third of this soil. Dr. Hugh H. Bennett, testifying before a Congressional committee in 1939 said, "In the short life of this country we have essentially destroyed 282,000,000 acres of land, crop and rangeland. Erosion is destructively active on 775,000,200 additional acres. Approximately 100,000,000 acres of cropland, much of it representing the best cropland we have is beyond restoration."

Not too late, we hope, the great government program of soil conservation has been set in motion. Soil scientists with consecrated zeal and enthusiasm are hard at work. Along with other agricultural agencies and resource persons, they are battling along the hard pressed line to save our national wealth, which of course is the few inches of top soil from whence comes physical sustenance.

Our great Methodist Church has always been in the battle for
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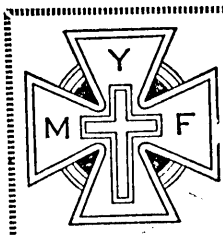
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NOMINATIONS IN ORDER FOR YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS

Nashville, Tenn.—The Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of the Youth Department, General Board of Education, is urging that those responsible for nominating youth members to the general and jurisdictional boards send their nominations to his office not later than April 1, 1952. His address is Post Office Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee. The nominations will then be sent by the Youth Department to the secretaries of the jurisdictional conferences.

Youth are represented in the general boards and commissions as follows: Board of Education, one from each jurisdiction; Board of Missions and Church Extension, one young man and one young woman from each jurisdiction and the chairman of Missions and World Friendship from the National Conference of Methodist Youth; Board of Evangelism, the chairman of Worship and Evangelism of the National Conference of Methodist Youth and one youth from each jurisdiction; Commission on World Peace, two youth.

Youth representatives are chosen from nominations made by the youth organizations of the annual conferences. They are elected by the jurisdictional conferences with three exceptions—the chairmen of Missions and World Friendship and of Worship and Evangelism of the National Conference of Methodist Youth are members respectively of the boards of Missions and Church Extension and Evangelism by virtue of their offices; the two youth members of the Commis-

NEW METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZED

The young people of the Promised Land Methodist Church met at the church in February and organized a Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The following officers were elected: Frances Dix, president; Dixie Sutton, vice-president; Bertha Ann Gaines, secretary and John Clouse, Jr., treasurer. Mr. Thomas Moore was chosen as leader by the group.—Reporter

1952 MSM REGIONALS

Nashville, Tenn.—Students who hold responsible positions in the Methodist Student Movement and those who are potential MSM leaders will want to plan to attend the 1952 Methodist Student Regional Leadership Training Conference in their area.

The Department of College and University Religious Life of the Methodist Board of Education has announced that the South Central Regional will be held at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, on June 7-14.

sion on World Peace are elected by the National Conference.

"Conference executive secretaries, directors of youth work, and conference presidents of the Methodist Youth Fellowship should take immediate action to make their nominations of youth to these responsible posts," Mr. Ewing said. "Methodist youth have made a significant contribution to the church through representation on the various boards and commissions and it is important to choose youth who will be truly representative," he stated.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Mount Magazine Sub-District was host to a Hendrix Fellowship team on Sunday, February 17, at Branch. On the team were Dave Dickson, Wayne Hill, Sarah Workman, Barbara Cunningham, Carolyn Ricketts and Rev. James S. Upton. The team held a workshop on Evangelism. Churches represented were Booneville, Coles Chapel, Charleston, Lavaca and Branch.

The Ozark Sub-District met on Tuesday evening, February in the Bellefonte Church. The program was given by Bellefonte youth group. Winnie Henderson, president, presided over the business meeting. Thirty young peo-

ple and ten sponsors were present. The next meeting will be held in April at the Jasper Church.

The Ricebelt Intermediate Sub-District met at the Humphrey Church on February 26. Jerry Young and Clark Crum had charge of the devotional service. Georgene Sorrells presided in the absence of the president, Dixie Hillman. Report was given on the camp fund. Churches represented were DeWitt, Lodges Corner, Humphrey and Grand Avenue, Stuttgart. A number of pastors and counselors were present.

The Columbia County Sub-District met at First Church,

AT ANNUAL EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

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every Methodist preacher since the church in America was organized in 1784.

We must stand for education which equips the student to understand the modern world, but which also never permits him to forget that his greatest need is not knowledge alone, but spiritual idealism that will enable

him to use his knowledge for the good of society.

Christianity first appears as a new, revolutionary way of living, and whenever it has been true to its genius it had within it a dynamic power for social reconstruction and personal renewal. The mission then of Christian teaching must be the enlargement of men's hearts and minds in order that it may properly exercise a powerful influence on human affairs and relations.

One cannot escape the conclusion that our world is in trouble today because Christianity has not acquired the power over men which it is capable of exerting. Let us honestly confess that our souls have been disastrously invaded by convention and half-faith, and the church weakened by timidity. We feel that we are in a crisis. Many are oppressed with a sense of futility, despair, false values and ambiguous standards.

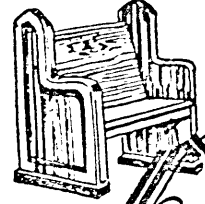
Life today, for adults and youth alike, is surrounded by conditions and forces which have sprung up so swiftly as to take them unawares. The development of the religious sense of our children is hindered by numerous and active forces which tend to weaken and sometimes almost extinguish it.

Secularism, which is but another

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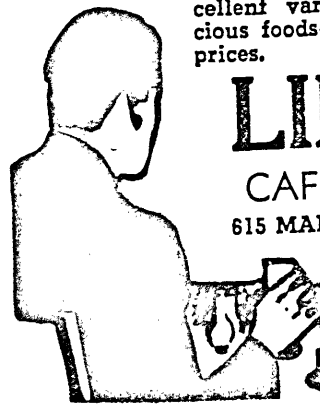
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er name for what our fathers called worldliness, has taken its toll of spiritual life. Whatever its material excellencies, and they are many, our modern civilization is largely the product of secular forces which are either non-Christian or anti-Christian. It does not subscribe to the principle that man lives not by bread alone, nor does it pursue a spiritual ideal. Some say we are only witnessing a change in our spiritual taste. With that view we cannot agree. Something more dangerous is taking place. There are trends and tendencies active today which endanger perpetuity of our Christian civilization and the life and witness of the church.

Nations decay not so much from physical causes as from moral weakness, and intellectual and spiritual poverty. If, here in America, we devote all our strength to making money, building larger houses, developing material resources to make ourselves more comfortable, we endanger every good thing in church and state. Unless our material progress is matched by the growth of our minds and souls, we are sure to become confused in our ideals and turn moral values upside down. To forget our spiritual heritage is to lose our freedom and invite our ruin.

The tempest of contemporary history is forcing us to give clear and unequivocal answers to the questions that arise out of the thunder of present day events. If the principles of the Christian faith are applicable to the needs of our age, perplexed as it is with intellectual difficulties which affect conduct, there must be more widespread and effective instruction in religion. If we are ever to have a sane, peaceful world, it must be fashioned in our homes, schools and churches. Here is our gracious opportunity and terrible responsibility.

The choice before us is clear. If Christianity does not leaven the world, then the world will leaven the church.

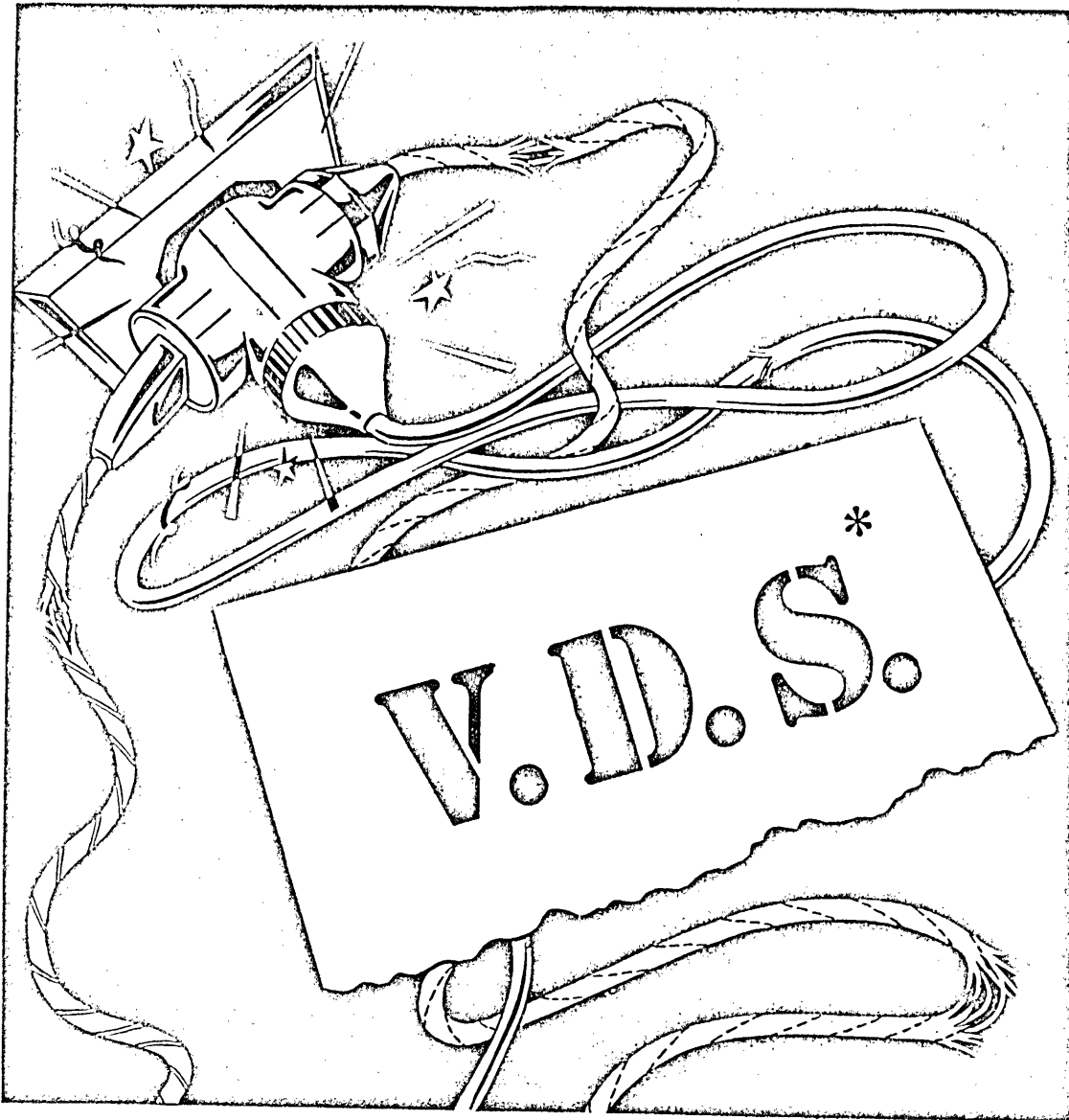
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her babies. Don't you think the mother bunny must love her babies very dearly to go to that trouble to make a nest for them?

I wish you all might go down back of the barn and peep into that nest full of little baby rabbits. Perhaps some day when you go to visit Grandma on the farm you will find a nest of baby rabbits. Oh, I hope you will, for it is a cunning sight.—In Exchange

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The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

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HOW DOES KEEPING RECORDS HELP THE CHURCH? LESSON FOR MARCH 30, 1952

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:

Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2; Acts 28:8-10; Colossians 4:14; II Timothy 4:11.
GOLDEN TEXT: *It seemed good to me . . . to write an orderly account for you . . . that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed.* (Luke 1:3-4)

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A Look At The Scriptures Why Luke Wrote

Luke was one of the most highly educated men of his day. He was a physician of some note. Medical science had not come into its own in his day, but he did the best he could with what he had. Not only was Luke a physician, he was quite a scholar. One of the greatest of the scholars of the Greek Language, of recent years, insists that Luke was the best writer in that language during his generation. It will be remembered that Luke wrote his Gospel and the Book of Acts in Greek.

Dr. Luke addressed both of his writings to the same man — Theophilus. Like Luke, Theophilus was a Gentile. He was a man of high rank. Luke addressed him as "most excellent". Some scholars tell us that Luke was a freedman. He had formerly been a slave of Theophilus. Not only had Theophilus freed Luke but he had conferred many favors upon him. This created a bond of love between the two men. Luke was anxious to render every possible help to his former master and friend.

At the time Luke wrote there were many other Christian writings in circulation as well as a mass of oral tradition. Much of this was erroneous. Thanks to the Church, these writings never became a part of our Bible. Many of them have been preserved, however, in the New Testament Apocrypha.

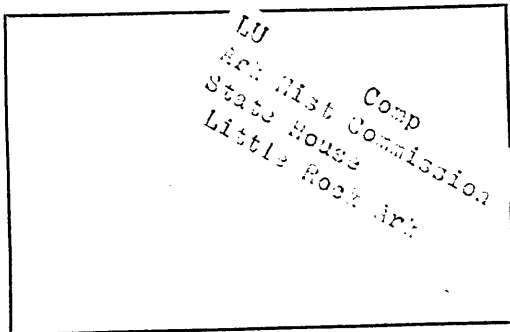
Dr. Luke set himself the task of digging in and getting the real truth about the matter. He secured this truth from various sources. One of these sources was authentic, oral testimony. The Christian movement began without any writings whatever, except the Old Testament. So long as Christ was here in the flesh neither he nor his followers did any writing. The spread of the movement depended altogether on oral delivery — preaching, teaching, testifying, etc. This method was continued for many years after the death of Christ. So long as eyewitnesses to the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ were present in large numbers there was no great need for Christian writings. But as time went on, more and more of these witnesses were passing away and their doctrine was being misinterpreted by others. Much error was creeping in. There was but one way to save Christianity in its purity and that was to discover the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and put it in permanent form. Luke proposed to do this by carefully securing these truths and writing them down. He secured some of his information from eyewitnesses who had heard these truths from the lips of Christ himself.

Another source of material used by Luke was "The Sayings Of Christ" which were

written in Aramaic by the Apostle Matthew. Aramaic was the dialect of the Hebrew language which was spoken by Christ and his Apostles. The writer of the Gospel of Matthew also used these sayings as source material. Luke also used the Gospel of Mark which was written in its present form before the writings of Luke.

The Book Of Acts

The Gospel of Luke deals carefully with the birth, the life, the teachings, the death, the resurrection, and the ascension of Christ. The Book of Acts begins where the Gospel left off. These two writings are really one



work in two volumes. As stated above, both are addressed to the same man.

This book has been called "The Acts Of The Apostles" but in reality it is the acts of the Holy Spirit. As a matter of fact eight of the original twelve Apostles are not even mentioned in the book, and two others are only barely mentioned.

In his Gospel Luke gives the origin of Christianity and traces its history to the time of the ascension of Christ. While here in the flesh Christ (filled with the Holy Spirit at the time of his baptism) was the leader of the movement. Ten days after Christ made his visible departure the Holy Spirit came and took over the leadership. We recall how that Barnabas and Paul were sent out by the church of Antioch on their first missionary journey through the direction of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led Paul in his missionary journeys and directed him to sail for Europe in the place of turning back into Asia as he planned to do.

Luke got his material for the first 15 chapters of Acts from Paul and other sources. He was not an eyewitness to the events recorded in these chapters. He wrote in the third person. But beginning with the 10th verse of the 16th chapter he began to write in the first person plural pronoun. From this point on to the close of the book the pronoun "we" is used. Luke joined Paul at Troas during his second missionary journey and together they sailed for

Europe. They landed in the province of Macedonia and journeyed to Philippi, one of the larger cities. Luke was a native of this city. All the remainder of the book of Acts was written from the standpoint of an eyewitness.

From the time of the meeting of these two men down to the death of Paul, Luke never once forsook him. Even during the years that Paul was in prison Luke was with him. The scholars tell us that Colossians was written from the prison in Rome. There is a brief quotation from this letter in our lesson (Col. 4:14): "Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you." Demas later forsook Paul — "Having loved the things of the world" — but not Luke. He stuck by the great Apostle through thick and thin. On another occasion and during a second imprisonment at Rome, Paul wrote his last letter. This was his second letter to Timothy and was written just a few weeks before his death. In this letter Paul went on to say, "Luke alone is with me."

Importance Of Records

There are some who feel that records are not important. They are careless in keeping the records — which become the history — of the local church. The experience of Luke rebukes such a feeling on the part of any one. He was one of the greatest record keepers in all the history of the Church. From the records which he so faithfully collected and kept, we have the account of the birth of Christ; the teachings of the Lord which led to the founding of the Christian religion; the development of that religion, first in the small country of Palestine and only among a mere handful of Jews and then, through foreign missionary activity, out to the bounds of the civilized world of that day. To the Gentile Luke, Jesus was not merely a Jewish Messiah, he was a world-Saviour.

Christianity has its roots in history. There was a particular time and place where it had its origin, developed, and spread. Christ himself is a historical character. He really and truly lived in the flesh. Some claim that they knew Christ directly and experimentally without the aid of the Scriptures, but such claims always lead to fanaticism. It is fine to know Christ directly and experimentally. That is every Christian's privilege, but the true type of individual one comes thus to know is described in the records. The writer recalls several wonderful experiences in which he was thoroughly conscious of the presence of Christ, but without the knowledge of Christ as expressed in the New Testament these experiences would have been misinterpreted. The Christ of experience convinces us that the Lord is alive and dealing directly with us today but the Jesus of the records helps us to know the type of individual with whom we have to do, and enables us to learn his will concerning our lives. Thus we see the importance of the keeping of records. Those who wrote these records have laid the people of all succeeding generations under everlasting obligations to them.

Records Of Local Churches

The records of the Church, beginning with the level of the Annual Conference and carrying on through the Jurisdictional Conferences and the General Conference are, accurately kept, but such is not the case with the records of many local churches. The keeper of such records should feel that he is listing information that might be used a hundred years hence for compiling a brief history of that particular organization. Many

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