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The Church Grows In Times Of Crisis

A report from Religious News Service, out of Washington, D. C., states that the National Production Authority has authorized six hundred, thirty-eight church construction projects for the second quarter of 1952. This, according to the report, exceeds all other types of construction approved under government controls.

The estimated costs of these six hundred church construction projects is \$142,000,000. Seventy-three of the projects, costing \$26,431,000, were already under way at the opening of the quarter, April 1. The other five hundred sixty-five are entirely new projects. The NPA announced that forty-six additional "miscellaneous" religious construction projects have been authorized for the year to cost \$7,132,000.

Let those who are uneasy about the church consider this tremendous expansion program that is necessary in order that the church may be able to meet the new responsibilities and opportunities it faces. Remember, also, that this unparalleled expansion comes at a time of great national, and international crisis.

Growth in times of crisis is traditional in the history of the church. A modern statement, "When the world is at its worst, the church must be at its best," is but a pointed way of stating the usual reaction of the Christian church to times of testing.

Annual National Day of Prayer

RECENTLY a joint Congressional resolution was passed requiring President Truman to set aside and proclaim a suitable day, other than Sunday, as an annual national Day of Prayer. President Truman has signed the resolution making it part of the law of the land.

The resolution asked that this special Day of Prayer be set aside as an occasion when the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation in churches, in groups and as individuals. An announcement has been made from the White House that the President will select a day soon and will issue an appropriate proclamation.

To some this act of Congress may not seem to be of such unusual importance. It is our feeling, however, that Congress has done a few things recently that are more significant. We still carry on our coins the words, "In God we trust." Nevertheless, in the exception of our traditional Thanksgiving Day, fixed by presidential proclamation, we have no regular national call to a

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Mother's Day Meets A Need

MOTHER'S DAY is a comparatively new special day in the church calendar. Nevertheless, it is already well grounded in the church and the world's life and is more widely observed with each passing year. The quick, wide-spread acceptance of this special day by people



generally has come, we believe, because it meets a real need in the lives of mothers and their children.

This annual, public recognition of the sterling character and inestimable worth of motherhood was long overdue and to some degree, at least, expresses appreciation for the gentleness, the patience, and selfless sacrifice and the deathless love of mothers for their children. This tribute of devotion on the part of children should create in the hearts of mothers a new sense of mission in their work of moulding character and determining destiny of those under their care.

Mother's Day should also be a day of heart-searching on the part of children whether they be yet in the home or whether they themselves may be parents in homes of their own. Every mother's child, adult or youth, should ask the question on Mother's Day, "Am I worthy of the priceless investment a mother has made in my life?"

Conference Concludes Sessions

(Editorial Correspondence)

AT the time of this writing (Friday, May 2) the major issues to confront the 1952 General Conference have not been fully considered. The only significant legislative changes made thus far concern the organizational structure of the local church. With the Conference scheduled for closing on Tuesday (May 6) and with only four more days of business sessions remaining, there is a large amount of business yet to be resolved.

Among the General Conference Commissions appointed in 1948 to make special studies and report recommendations was one to study and make recommendations concerning the local church organization. The Conference has accepted for the most part the suggestions of this commission. We hope in the near future to present in these columns the significant changes being authorized so that local church leaders may become acquainted with structural changes.

Writing at this date, one is under the handicap of reporting what has been done thus far, knowing that these words will be read after the conference has completed its business. In the compass of the next four days of business the major issues of the Conference will be determined. Full consideration of Methodism's "Little Hoover" Commission, the Survey Commission, is yet to be considered, and other important matters such as full clergy rights for women, certain changes in ministerial qualifications and orders and sacraments, certain matters relating to the Episcopacy, and the unofficial Methodist Federation for Social Action.

However, at this date there are certain definite observations and conclusions which may be noted. Evening sessions have been devoted to special programs such as hearing the Episcopal Address, the Methodist Publishing House's presentation of "The Interpreter's Bible," Youth Night Program, California Night Program, Bishop Arthur J. Moore's address "The Church in A Bewildered Century", Paul Hoffman's address "Peace Can Be Won", and attending the Advance For Christ's pageant "A Faith Is Born", the story of the Advance program in drama. All of these programs have been of an exceptionally high order, contributing greatly to the significant success of the Conference. A word of special commendation should be given to the drama "A Faith Is Born." One might wish that this presentation could be reproduced in every section of Methodism so that all Methodists could have the opportunity of experiencing the inspiration which this drama affords.

A second observation suggests the shift from the General Conference level to the Episcopal Area and Annual Conference level

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Winners Don't Drink

By FRED W. SCHWENDIMANN, Pastor
Lake Village Methodist Church

Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. (Proverbs 20:1)

IN keeping with the traditional position of The Methodist Church and in harmony with a pronouncement of the Council of Bishops, we hereby register our stand as Christian people against the onslaught and evil of the liquor traffic.

In order that we may have a picture of the damage of alcoholism throughout the United States (the same could be said of Arkansas and of the community in which we live), I present a panorama of events as contained in the January, 1952, issue of The Voice.

From Atlanta: "Austell Man Admits Gun Slaying of Wife . . ." The wife had been suing for divorce on the grounds of cruelty and drunkenness. After killing her, he took a long drink from a bottle handy in his truck.

From Washington: "Air Force Captain found Shot in Bed" His wife said he had been drinking for two weeks prior to his suicide.

From Dallas: "Beer Sale Charges Filed in Tot's Death" This child had been fed beer and pop by a teen-ager.

From Los Angeles: "Actress Arrested on Drunk Charge" Woman of Distinction.

From Chicago: "Dad Confesses Killing Baby With Pillow" The wife at work, the husband, who had been drinking, "couldn't stand" the baby's crying, so he stopped it by smothering the child.

The hour could be spent in reading headline accounts of incidents . . . sordid, brutal, terrible, in which figured a bottle of beer (or more) or a bottle of liquor. Suffice it to say that the liquor traffic has reached such diabolical proportions that it is high time Christian people and church members made themselves known in a position and consistent way against this increasing evil and menace to the well being of our homes and our society.

Position Of The Methodist Church

In order that there may be no misunderstanding concerning the position of the Methodist Church relative to the liquor traffic, I quote from an address of Bishop Arthur J. Moore before a state-wide temperance rally of the Georgia Temperance League; Bishop Moore is currently President of the Council of Bishops. (I remind you in passing that our own Bishop Paul E. Martin is at present the President of the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church).

"As good citizens and professing Christians we are met today to rededicate ourselves to a crusade of action against the ravages of the liquor traffic. We make no denial of the fact that we seek to restrain and ultimately destroy the legalized liquor traffic.

"I hereby issue a tenfold indictment of beverage alcohol:

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"Alcohol is a narcotic poison injurious to man. Traffic in it has always been allied with vice, poverty, and crime. In politics it has been a corrupting and debasing influence. It stands as a barrier across the pathway of social progress. It has been the relentless foe of the home, taking its fearful toll of the happiness of women and children. It never has been willing to live within the law established for its regulation. Economically, the evil of drunk is an incubus and parasite on legitimate trade; physically, its results are disastrous; industrially, it is destructive of skill and efficiency; socially, it is a prolific source of poverty, unemployment, and crime; and spiritually, it is the enemy of all that is good." (The Voice, Jan. '52, p. 10)

In the face of this moral cancer whose tendrils of evil find their way into the holiest relationships of people and of society, leaving in its wake heartache and suffering, devoid of any feeling of its own guilt . . . in the face of this growing evil, Christian people and church members must come to a new conscience about the liquor traffic for what it does; Christian people must take a stand against it without apology, and then square their actions consistently with that stand. Christian people and the church must come to know that the solution does not lie in legalization, or in controlling or in supervising the liquor traffic, but that the solution lies in getting rid of liquor. The solution does not lie in the moderate use of or the temperate use of liquor (a little of any evil, a little of any sin, is too much), but the solution lies in abstinence, in leaving it alone. You hold in your hand the pamphlet distributed by the Board of Temperance, "Advance Through Abstinence", a part of the program of the Methodist Church. Read it, and come to know more about the position of Methodism concerning this evil.

Moderation Is Not The Answer

Moderation, a little bit, a social drink, fitting into the life of the party, are not the answers. There is only one way to handle liquor, and that is to let it alone.

General George C. Marshall has said, "The greatest threat to our national security is the cocktail lounge in the Mayflower hotel". Professor Arnold J. Toynbee in his book "Civilization on Trial" points to alcohol as one of the chief agents in the disintegration of human culture. "The entire blame for this cannot possibly be laid upon the excessive drinkers. They are the minority. The blame must lie largely with the moderate drinkers, for deterioration and disintegration of human culture and environment commence with the first glass. The moderate drinker makes a grave blunder in thinking that the alcohol problem is confined to chronic alcoholism . . ." (The Voice, July, '51, p. 7)

Dr. Charles Mayo, long associated with Mayo's Clinic in Rochester, Minn., gave this advice to parents concerned about the welfare of their teen-age children, "Stop serving liquor and stop drinking liquor". Another time, in speaking to a group of boys about



the destructive power of alcohol, he said, "Man as analyzed in our laboratories is worth about ninety-eight cents . . . It is the brain that counts. But in order that your brain may be kept clear, you must keep your body fit and well. That cannot be done if one drinks liquor. A man who has to drag around a habit that is a danger and a menace to society ought to go off to the woods and live alone". (The Voice, Aug. '51, p. 13)

John L. Fletcher stated in his Arkansas Gazette article under cover June 28, 1951, "Alcohol causes more accidents than rattle traps". In the body of the article he reported that 17% of drivers figuring in accidents had been drinking, and that 22% of adult pedestrians killed were under the influence of alcohol. (I am sure that not many people would admit them to be drunk, just drinking, shall we say, in moderation).

Rudyard Kipling saw four teen-agers (16 and 17 years old) staggering down the street in a drunken condition. Hear him as he gives his testimony of the evil of the liquor traffic: "Then, recanting previous opinions. I became a prohibitionist. I have said, 'there is no harm in it, taken moderately,' and yet my own demand for beer helped directly to send those two girls reeling down the dark streets to—God alone knows what end. It is not good that we should let liquor lie before the eyes of children, and I have been a fool in writing to the contrary." (from a tract of the Board of Temperance).

Dr. Roy L. Smith, one time editor of the Christian Advocate and at present one of the publishing agents of the church, has said, "The church must destroy the liquor business or be destroyed by it". (sermon by Dr. Mills, "Men of Distinction")

No, my friends, moderation is a myth, a farce, an untruth. You cannot partake of sin in "little bits", thereby reducing the magnitude of such sin. Another myth of the liquor traffic is, "If you let liquor alone, it will let you alone". On the morning of August 8, 1951, a man was driving home after a beer parlor spree. Seeking to drink moderately, it was not long until his thinking processes were confused. On the way home he drove 234 feet down the railroad track, causing the wreck of a streamlined passenger train. You remember the incident over at Malvern, in which 13 people were injured. (Voice, Oct. '51, p. 9)

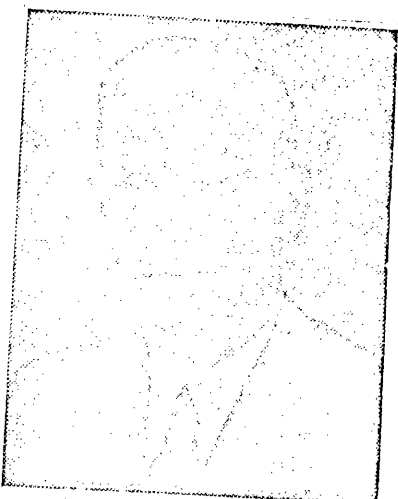
Abstinence By Precept And Example

The only sane way to deal with liquor is to never drink it. Even then, hazards of the traffic are in evidence. Abstinence, hands

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DR. LELAND CLEGG, District Superintendent of the Oklahoma District, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will be the guest speaker on the Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour, Sunday, May 11th.



DR. LELAND CLEGG

Oklahoma City District. He is a delegate to the General

FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

An urgent responsibility rests upon the Church to bring the total power of its spiritual and educational resources to bear upon the task of establishing and maintaining peace with justice. This is both basic to the Christian gospel and necessary to survival in a time of increasing tempo in the threat of further conflict. As in the Crusade for a New World Order, which did much to rally the support which prepared the way for the birth of the United

Conference in San Francisco and will lead his Conference delegation to the forthcoming Jurisdictional Conference in Wichita, Kansas, in June.

Dr. Clegg and the Fellowship Choir may be heard on radio station KLRA, Little Rock, at 10:30 p. m.

Nations, the Church should now lead its people in the quest of the conditions of just and enduring peace.

To this end, we request the Council of Bishops, utilizing the existing agencies of the Church, to implement the vital leadership toward peace embodied in their Episcopal Address by further leadership in a Crusade for World Order beginning in the fall of 1953, its objectives to include a study of the specific questions of adequate United Nations Charter revision, and the taking of all affirmative steps necessary to make the United Nations a more effective instrument of peace.

—Committee on State of the Church,
Charles C. Parlin, Chairman
Willard E. Stanton, Secretary

WINNERS DON'T DRINK

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off, is one sure way to guarantee that one will never become an alcoholic or fill a drunkard's grave. Consider the experience of Daniel as recorded in the first chapter. Sorely tempted to partake of the king's meat and drink, "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank . . ." (vs. 8). He didn't take a little meat, or a sip of wine; he did not sit down at the table and decide to be temperate; he did not realize, I'm sure, that these things belonged and should be enjoyed in moderation . . . NO. Daniel purposed, not to defile himself, with little or much. He let them alone. He refused to partake of the meat or the wine. He pursued, shall we say, the course of total abstinence regarding such.

From the pen and rich experience of Dr. E. Stanley Jones has recently come the little devotional booklet, "How to Be a Transformed Person". In this book (page 238), Dr. Jones states most emphatically, "Let Alcohol Alone", and then continues by giving testimonies in support of his position. Walter Johnson, the great pitcher, said, "If you expect to stay in the game, let alcohol alone. It gets you sooner or later". William Howard Taft said: "Leave drink alone absolutely". Dr. Richard C. Cabot has said: "Moderate drinking does at least as much harm as drunkenness. . . Medically and socially the case against alcohol is just as clear as the case against opium". William E. Gladstone put it: "Intoxicating drinks have produced evils more deadly, because more continuous, than all those caused to mankind by the great historic scourges of war, famine, or pestilence combined". Dr. Jones' closing statement is, "Don't touch it. It's a fool's business, and don't let anyone fool you into being a fool. It isn't smart to drink—it's weak".

That we might purpose in our hearts not to be defiled by a portion of the king's drink . . . that we might come to the place of abstinence, that we might realize anew that "winners do not drink"; these are the causes for which we are met today.

Robert E. Lee, tired and weary, while resting in the home of friends, said to his hostess when she offered blackberry wine, "I thank you, Mrs. Simms, but I never drink, not even wine." Later he wrote, "Experience

has convinced me that abstinence from spirituous liquors is the best safeguard to morals and health." (pamphlet—Commitment Day, 1952, p. 8)

Winning contestants in the "Miss America Pageant" in the persons of Miss Jo Walker, 1947, Miss Bebe Bella Shopp, 1948, Miss Yolande Betbeze, 1950, and Miss Colleen Kay Hutchins, 1952, all agree upon the statement, "No alcohol". (The Voice, Nov. '51, back page)

"Red" Grange, noted football player of past years, says: "You cannot smoke and drink and expect to succeed as an athlete". Knute Rockne, noted coach of Notre Dame and idol of American youth, has this said about him: "The rules he made for his team prohibited alcohol in any form to the players either in or out of football season." Babe Ruth was asked to appear in an advertisement which would give the impression that he used alcohol. He replied, "I have autographed too many baseballs for the boys of America to think of helping advertise the sale of alcohol". Helen Wills Moody, one time tennis champion, has said, "The precision that tennis demands makes necessary total abstinence". Jack Dempsey, former heavy weight champion in boxing, said, "I am a total abstainer, and have always been one". Gene Tunney, who succeeded Jack Dempsey as champion, said, "I have never used tobacco or liquor". Gertrude Ederle, first woman to swim the English Channel, said, "I am a total abstainer". (Boys and Girls Learning About Alcohol, pp. 128, 130-1)

Winners Don't Drink

Winners don't drink. In almost every field the testimony is the same. Kate Smith, outstanding radio and TV artist, has said, "I have never been sponsored by beer, and never will". Strom Thurmond, eminent political leader of South Carolina, has said, "I never indulge in drinking. As Governor, I have not permitted alcoholic beverages in the Governor's Mansion. Alcohol is unnecessary to a full and enjoyable life".

Alcohol and champions don't mix; winners don't drink. Don Gehrman is the runner who made Milwaukee (no beer, thanks) famous. On the afternoon of June 20, 1950, Gehrman ran in the Big Ten-Pacific Coast Conference meet at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wisconsin. His first race was the mile run which he won, setting a new Stadium record. Fifty minutes later he took the half-mile, another track record, and the

fastest run by any collegian in 1950. Forty-five minutes later, he ran third leg in the mile relay. Don has this to say, "Alcoholic beverages play no part in a champion's program of life". (Voice, Sept. '51, p. 13)

Bob Mathias won the Olympic Decathlon at 17 years of age, beating 29 of the world's finest athletes and becoming the youngest Olympic decathlon champion in history. Bob says, "There is no room for drinking in an athlete's life . . . I don't drink . . . my advice to teen-agers is 'Don't Drink'." (Ibid, p. 5)

This list could be multiplied endlessly. From the testimony of these whose names we have called, there is one definite conclusion drawn: the only way to deal with alcohol is let it alone, to refuse to defile oneself with it. Only those who take the first drink are subjected to alcoholism; non-drinkers never become alcoholics. Winners in almost every field do not drink.

If you feel that your standing will be insecure if you do not drink, remember that the man who forces a drink on you now may be the man who will fire you later on because you drink. (Voice, Feb. 52, p. 13)

I hold in my hand one of the most pathetic stories I have read. It is the story of Jerry Gray, alcoholic, published under the title, "The Third Strike". In this book one gets a different picture of the liquor traffic and its evil from those presented in the glamorous ads of the leading magazines of our day or from the Hollywood productions shown in the local theatres. Here one beholds the depths into which alcohol can bring a human being; here one sees the utter degradation and hell into which one can sink because of drink; here is a story which will break your heart. If Jerry Gray had not taken the first drink, he would never have had cause to write this story. And how he tried to overcome his habit, but the pressure was too great. One comes to the "shock" of the last page of the story when he reads, "Someone else must finish this story, for Jerry Gray is dead—by his own hand. (Jerry Gray was 27 years old). All the anguished struggle to be free . . . all over, all for nothing". This story can be repeated, God forgive us, over and over. Is it nothing to you that the liquor traffic causes heartache and sorrow? Can we as Christians and church members wink or close our eyes to this evil? Can we continue to be complacent? "Wine is a Mocker; strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise".

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE INTERMEDIATE CAMP for the Jonesboro District will be held at Wayland Spring, June 2-6.

STANLEY REED, ministerial student from Hendrix College, preached at the morning service of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday, April 27.

REV. J. H. HOLT, pastor of Griffin Memorial Methodist Church, preached the commencement sermon for the graduating class of the Greenway High School at the Presbyterian Church of Greenway.

GRANT'S CHAPEL on the Greenwood Charge, had an Easter sunrise service, led by Mrs. C. W. Beltz. Rev. C. V. Mashburn, pastor, administered communion. After the service the group had breakfast at the Victor Coopers.

REV. ELMUS BROWN, pastor of Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro, preached the commencement sermon for the Bono High School on Sunday evening, May 4. Rev. John A. Womack preached at Huntington Avenue in the pastor's absence.

R. T. STEEL of Conway was guest teacher for the Century Class of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday, May 4. Mr. Steel is a brother of Dr. Marshall T. Steel, pastor of Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas.

PAUL GRIFFIN of Little Rock, who is attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, has been elected a member of the church staff of Central Church, Fayetteville. He will serve as financial secretary of the church.

REV. J. A. GATLIN, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Town and Country Commission, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Russellville, on Wednesday, April 13.

A UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR for adults will be held in New York, May 27-30. The Seminar will see the U. N. in action. It is sponsored by the Methodist Peace Commission, the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, and the Department of Adult Work of the Board of Education.

THE PARIS MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE at its meeting on Tuesday, April 22, made plans for the County-Wide Alliance breakfast to be held at the First Methodist Church on May 13 at 8:00 a. m. Each minister is to invite ministers of his faith throughout the county.

MRS. C. B. ALEXANDER, mother of Mrs. H. M. Lewis, and wife of our pastor at Springdale, passed away at the home of Brother and Mrs. Lewis in Springdale on Saturday, April 25. Mrs. Alexander had been in failing health for some years and had been seriously ill for over a month. She was buried beside her husband at Morrilton on Monday, April 28.

THE eleven o'clock Sunday service of the Oaklawn Church, Hot Springs, is being broadcast over KTHS during the month of May. Rev. Noel Cross, pastor, is the speaker during the first week of May, May

5-9, on the broadcasts which are sponsored by the Hot Springs Ministerial Alliance. The morning broadcasts at 9:30 are heard over KWFC and the afternoon broadcasts are heard over KTHS at 4:30.

REV. H. W. JINSKE, pastor at Gravette writes: "While attending the school for supply and undergraduate ministers in Batesville, April 21-29, I spoke to the student body at Arkansas College. Some of our Methodist ministerial students are attending college and serving as pastors of nearby charges. First Church, Batesville, under the leadership of Rev. E. G. Kaetzell is building a fine educational building."

CHAPLAIN RAY D. SEALS, who is now stationed at Camp Hanford, Washington, has been presented the Bronze Star medal for valor in Korea by Colonel Onto P. Bragan, post commander. The presentation was made at ceremonies marking the first anniversary of the post as a Class I installation. Chaplain Seals, a member of the North Arkansas Conference, has served with the Army for eight years, and served with the troops in Europe during the last war and with the occupation forces in Japan and Korea. He served fourteen months of combat duty in Korea.

GARDNER MEMORIAL CHURCH, North Little Rock had 559 in Sunday school Palm Sunday and 611 were present on Easter Sunday. There were 854 in the worship services Easter Sunday. Thirty-two members were received into the church during the Palm Sunday Easter Sunday period. One hundred sixteen were received during the first eleven months of the conference year. The financial condition of the church is healthy too especially since the building fund campaign and collections have been doubled in amount since the drive. The average attendance in the Sunday school has increased 100 this year. Rev. Irl Bridenthal is pastor.

REV. RAY L. McLESTER, pastor of the Dardanelle Methodist Church, preached the commencement sermon for the Carden Bottoms High School on Sunday evening, April 20. Rev. Frank Weatherford, pastor of the Dardanelle Circuit, preached at the Dardanelle Church and J. A. Harris, layman of Dardanelle, filled the pulpit for Brother Weatherford at his church at Piggah. Because of the refinishing of the floors of the Dardanelle Methodist Church, all services had to be dismissed for the Sunday of April 27 and the pastor preached for the congregation of the Clinton Methodist Church, Rev. V. F. Harris, pastor, at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

BISHOP FROM INDIA TO BE IN ARKANSAS

Bishop John A. Subhan of Bombay, India, will visit in Arkansas in May and Bishop Martin announces the following schedule for the Conferences: Little Rock Conference—May 11, Monticello District; May 12, Little Rock District; May 13, Pine Bluff District; May 14, Camden District; May 15, Hope District and May 16, Arkadelphia District. North Arkansas Conference—May 18, Searcy and Conway Districts; May 19, Fayetteville Dis-

trict; May 20, Batesville District, May 21, Paragould and Jonesboro Districts and May 22, Forrest City District.

Bishop Martin writes from the General Conference as follows: "Bishop Subhan made a fine impression at the meeting of the Council of Bishops which preceded the General Conference, and I hope he will have great groups of our people to hear him. He was originally a Moslem and is an outstanding Indian. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Subhan."

STRONG COMPROMISE ON SURVEY COMMISSION'S REPORT ADOPTED

A telegram received from San Francisco, as we go to press, states that the General Conference reached an agreement on the Survey Commission's report that embodied many of the features of the original report. The full import of the compromise could not be indicated in the telegram. However, it involves a reduction the total membership of a number of the Boards and provides for two monthly publications which take the place of several publications now being published by separate Boards.

MEETING OF WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE COMMISSION

The World Service and Finance Commission will meet at the First Methodist Church in Searcy, Monday, May 19, 10:00 a. m. The Commission wishes to extend an invitation to all the Conference Board Chairmen, district superintendents, and others who may wish to attend. If possible all petitions and requests which may come before the World Service and Finance Commission should be presented before or at this meeting. It will greatly benefit the Commission if these matters are in hand prior to the press of the conference.—Elmo Thomason, Secretary

STUDENT PASTORS NEEDED

Rev. E. A. Hunter, district superintendent of the Paris (Texas) District, writes that he will have three student pastorates open June 4 for young men wishing to attend Perkins School of Theology. Write him at 2146 Culbertson, Paris, Texas.

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RELIGION GIVES PERSPECTIVE

By Charles A. Wells

Congregation Calls Pastor In Unusual Way

The congregation of First Presbyterian church at Verdu, Que., got their first look at their new minister when he was inducted. This unusual occurrence for Presbyterians — they generally have ministers preach in person for calls — came about in this way: The congregation, which has been without a minister since the death of their former pastor last fall, heard good reports of the Rev. Alex S. Renton, of Clyde Dunoon, Scotland. Following correspondence with officials of the congregation, Mr. Renton sent over a tape recording of one of his sermons. It was played during a Sunday service. The congregation like it, so they gave him a call. It was unanimous and signed by 716 members and 113 adherents — which meant practically everybody in the church.

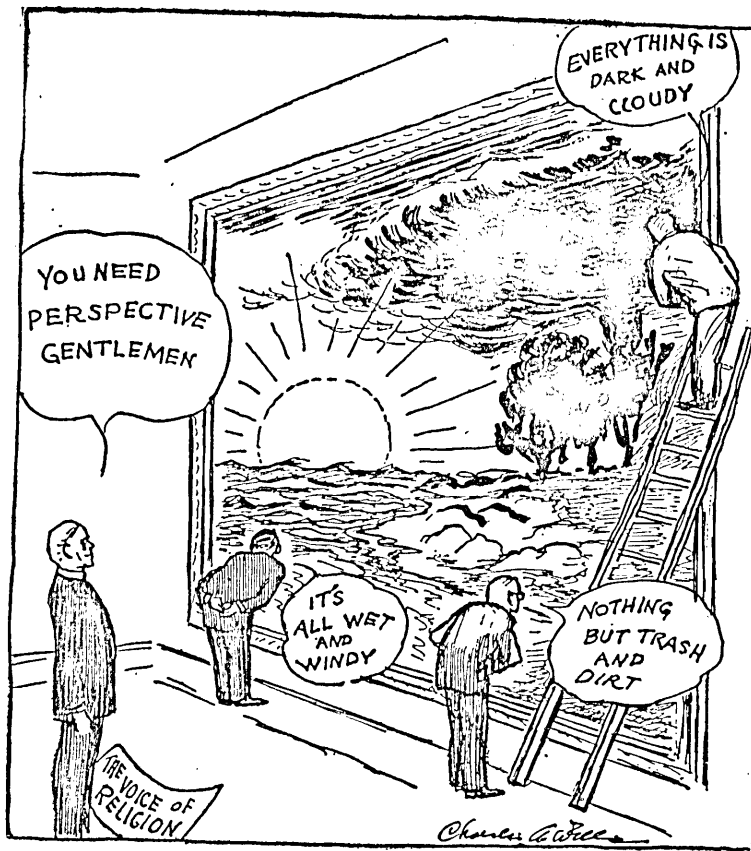
Protestants Give Nine Million To Aid European Churches

Protestants throughout the world contributed more than \$9,000,000 last year in money for needy European churches and church work, according to a report at Geneva by the World Council of Churches' Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service

to Refugees. Churches in the United States contributed \$8,177,000 of 90 per cent of the total, giving \$3,869,000 in cash and \$4,308,000 worth of goods. Most of these gifts were channeled through Church World Service of the National Council of Churches. Protestants in Australia, Great Britain, Canada, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland gave \$878,000 worth of goods and cash. The 1951 total of \$9,055,000 was 12 per cent under the 1950 figure of \$10,200,000 and 38 per cent less than the \$14,500,000 of 1949 when postwar rehabilitation was at a high level.

Newspaper Holds Daily Devotional Service

Dallas, Tex. — Porters, executives, editorial writers, printers and other employees of The Dallas News gather at 8:30 a. m., Monday through Friday, in The News building for a 10-minute devotional service. The services, started about a month ago with an initial attendance of around fifty, now attract about 100 daily. Each service consists of an opening prayer, a five-minute inspirational talk and a closing prayer or hymn. Anyone who desires volunteers to offer the inspirational talk or lead the service.



Thus far, the following have appeared frequently as speakers: Lynn Landrum, editorial writer and columnist; Leven Deputy, mechanical superintendent; Rex

Fisher, country circulation manager; Felix McKnight, managing editor; Pete Brown, Negro porter, and Harry C. Withers, executive editor.

CONFERENCE CONCLUDES SESSIONS

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of the program determining action for the 1952-56 quadrennium. The Advance for Christ program of the 1948-52 period as well as the Crusade for Christ of the 1944-48 quadrennium was formulated on the top church level with annual conferences and local churches carrying out the specific aims and goals set forth. In the 1952-56 program the General Conference has determined that Episcopal Areas with their respective annual conferences will "consider their primary needs and opportunities and upon their own initiative take such steps as are necessary to meet these needs and to capitalize upon these opportunities. The boards and commissions of the church should cooperate in these creative endeavors and make their resources available to Area and Conference programs. . . Such emphasis as Church Extension, Stewardship, Evangelism, our healing ministry, and Social Service may become the endeavor of the Areas, as the Areas may determine."

A third observation to be made is the acceptable way in which the Survey Commission report has been and is being reported to the Conference. A special committee representing both the Survey Commission and certain opposition groups ironed out many of the areas of conflict and disagreement, thus making it possible for certain portions of the Survey's report to be adopted by the Conference and put into effect. It is our hope that in the near future we can make available to our readers an interpretation of the accepted and/or amended portion

of the Survey's Report which has been finally adopted by the Conference.

A fourth observation very worthy of mention here is the large number of visitors present for the Conference. We have heard the remark that no previous Methodist Conference has had as many visitors, representative of the whole church, as the present one. More than seventy persons from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area were in attendance at an Area dinner honoring Bishop and Mrs. Martin on Tuesday evening. The location of the conference and the many important issues under consideration are offered as reasons for the unusually large attendance. Conference officials have reported that a larger percentage of reserve delegates are in attendance than ever before.

It now appears that the Conference will adopt strong statements on the Methodist (unofficial) Federation for Social Action, and reject full clergy rights for women. The Conference has granted unordained Accepted Supply Pastor the right to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on completion of the course of study for accepted supplies. Final determination of many matters are yet to be settled.

Still another observation is the distinct possibility that an additional Bishop will be elected at the forthcoming South Central Jurisdictional Conference. Legislation to make this possible for the South Central and North Central Jurisdictionals seems certain of passage. The large geographical areas involved are cited as reasons for this consideration.

A sixth observation made here deals with the increasing solidarity of the united

Church. It has now been more than a dozen years since unification and the fact of union is a more distinct reality with each passing year. Fewer matters are being decided on the basis of sectionalism and more on the basis of merit. A considerable amount of "give and take" founded on understanding and charity makes this possible.

A final observation made at this time suggests that the Church is desirous of moving even more positively in the direction of stronger programs of evangelism, social action, and church extension work. The Methodist Church will participate in the world wide Methodist program of evangelism for 1952-53, launched last year in the Ecumenical Methodist Conference at Oxford; the Conference has requested the Council of Bishops to lead Methodists in a Crusade for a New World Order; and the Conference seems determined to make the resources of the Church available to the strengthening and broadening of the base of the home church at a time when the population in the United States is readjusting itself in new areas.

ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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recognition of our dependence on God as the Creator and Preserver of all things.

America needs this new, national recognition that we are a Christian nation. We do not know of a more appropriate way for an official recognition of God as our hope and strength than to have each year a call from the President of the United States for the nation to observe some special day as a Day of Prayer.

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The Christian And The Campus Community

By JACK WINEGEART

AT 2:45 p.m. on Friday, April 18, the first group of Methodist students arrived at Central Methodist Church in Fayetteville to attend the State M.S.M. Conference. The week-end started with a feeling of purpose and fellowship that was maintained as 200 college students worshiped, played, studied and had fellowship together.

The Conference began with supper in Wesley Hall and after a period of fun and relaxation, the opening devotional program, led by Polly Lefler from Arkansas Tech., was held in the sanctuary. Immediately following our keynote speaker, Dr. N. C. McPherson, delivered the first in a series of four inspirational and soul-searching addresses on "How Dark is the Future?"

Ida Wier, senior at the University of Arkansas, closed the program in the sanctuary by singing "The Lord's Prayer." The group then returned to Wesley Hall where Hendrix College led an hour's program of recreation. Late comers were registered and fed and by the curfew hour all the delegates had arrived.

Saturday morning the nominating committee met to make nominations for the year. At 9:00 a. m. the delegates began to arrive for a full day's schedule. Southern State led a "Singspirational" period followed by a worship service under the direction of U. of A.'s worship chairman, Marjorie Hammond.

A panel discussion was conducted by the various schools concerning student group's problems such as finance, organization, membership, publicity and program building. The election of officers was held but results were not announced until the banquet. The group then heard Dr. McPherson speak on "Living to Excess."

At noon on Saturday the delegates had lunch and a tour of the U. of A. campus and in the afternoon interest groups were held on the Methodist Assembly ground on Mt. Sequoyah. Dr. McPherson again spoke. The interest groups were led by U. of A. faculty members. Dr. Franz Adler led a group on "Dating in College"; Dr. B. C. Shafer on "Christianity and Its Relation to Peace" and John Barnhill, former U. of A. head coach and now U. of A. Director of Athletics led a group on "The Role of College Athletics". Dr. McPherson spoke on "Looking For Green Pastures."

The evening banquet was held in the basement of Wesley Hall and was served by the W. S. C. S. of the host church. Fred Coger was master of ceremonies. Various schools participated in the entertainment and perhaps the most enjoyed were the soprano solos by Dorothy Troupe from Arkansas A. M. and N. College.

Officers elected were: Jacque Floyd, Henderson State Teachers College; president; Benny Kittrell, University of Arkansas, vice-president; Sarah Workman, Hendrix

College, secretary; LaRue Hawkins, Arkansas Tech., treasurer and Charles Cook, Southern State College, publicity chairman. Rev. Jack Winegeart, minister to the student at Central Methodist Church, was elected Dean of M.S.M. Conference for '53.

The Wesley Players of U. of A. presented "The Cathedral" in the sanctuary of the church, starring Gene Basden and Gerald Hickman. Miss Viola Callahan, youth director of the Paragould District, in a short talk, emphasized that each student should be a Christian on his campus and share his life with God. Rev. James Upton and Rev. D. L. Dykes administered communion of the Lord's Supper while Cherrie Jingles played softly on the organ. As the communicants left the altar each one lighted a candle and formed a circle around the sanctuary. As the candles were lighted the lights in the sanctuary were dimmed until the candles were the only light. The group closed the service by singing "Jacob's Ladder" together.

On Sunday morning the Conference heard Rev. D. L. Dykes speak on "Who, Lord—Me?" At 10:45 the new officers were installed during the worship service in the church and Dr. McPherson delivered the closing address on "Power of a Purpose."

The Conference was over—yet it was just beginning. These 200 delegates received inspiration that will guide them throughout



NEW STATE MSM OFFICERS—Jacque Floyd, right, Henderson State Teachers College, new MSM president, and Benny Kittrell, left, University of Arkansas, new vice-president, congratulate each other on their offices. Looking on are Charles Cook, Southern State College, publicity chairman, and La Rue Hawkins, Arkansas Tech, treasurer. Sarah Workman, Hendrix College, was elected secretary and the Rev. Jack Winegeart, Fayetteville, was named to a new post, Dean of Arkansas MSM.

the coming year as they realized anew that "The Christian and the Campus Community" must be a Christian hard at work living to "excess" the teaching of Jesus Christ.



The 200 delegates who attended the MSM banquet Saturday night are shown here as they applaud one of the entertainers. The banquet was held in Wesley Hall at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

Opening Of Denham Springs Church

THE opening day of worship in the newly-completed Methodist church in Denham Springs, Louisiana, was held on Sunday, March 30, with former ministers and the district superintendent, Rev. Edward Harris, as special guests at the evening service. The pastor, Rev. Edward R. Thomas, preached at the morning hour and Rev. Ralph Cain, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, preached at the evening hour. A fellowship hour for members, guests and friends was held from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m.

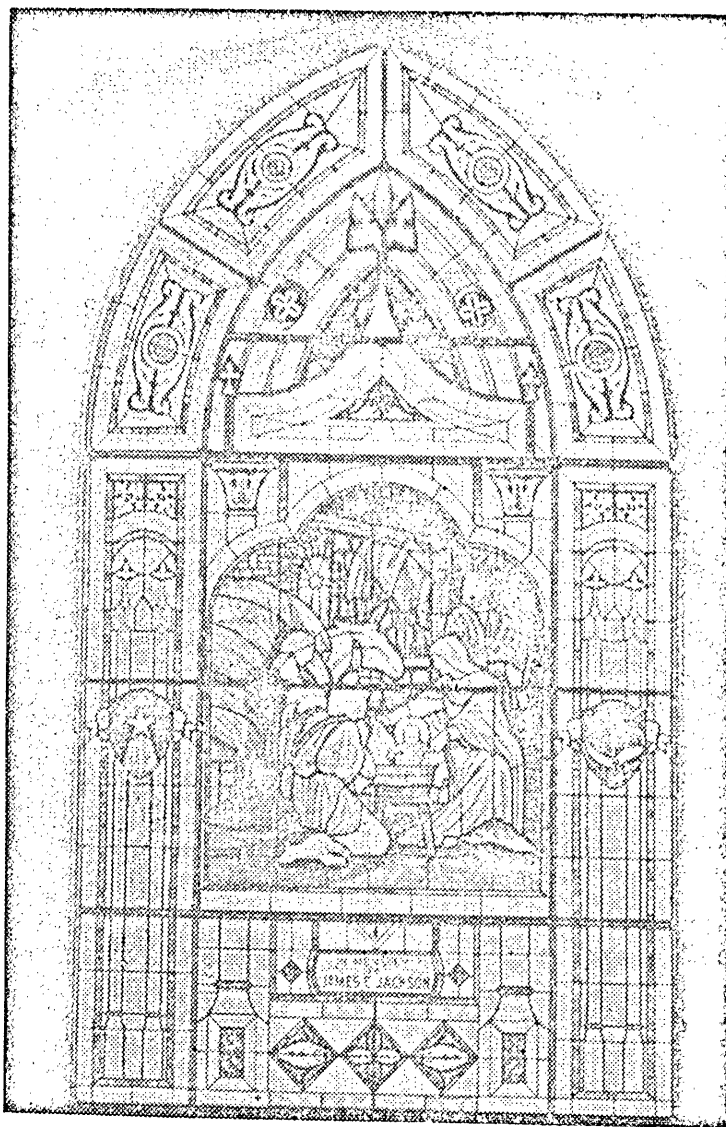
At the morning service, members of the national, state, district and local organizations of the American Legion were present to hear Claude Duvall of Houma, past state department commander and present national executive committeeman of the legion, make the presentation of the stained glass window, shown at the right, to the church in memory of James E. Jackson, former state department commander, who was also a member

of the building committee for the new church.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new building were held in August last year. The new brick church of modern Gothic architecture was completed at a cost of approximately \$45,000. In addition, the furnishings, stained glass windows and the choir room and pastor's study brought the total cost to approximately \$60,000. Much of the work on the choir room and study and all the landscaping was done with volunteer labor.

The Methodist Church in Denham Springs was organized in 1898 with 19 charter members. Meetings were held in a tabernacle with Rev. L. F. Alford pastor. In 1902 the church began to grow and by 1925 the membership had reached 204. Rev. A. J. Coburn was pastor. Under the pastorate of Rev. J. P. Bonnerre and Rev. R. L. Clayton, the present site was chosen and the present old church erected.

Again the congregation decided it was necessary to build a new church and the lot across the



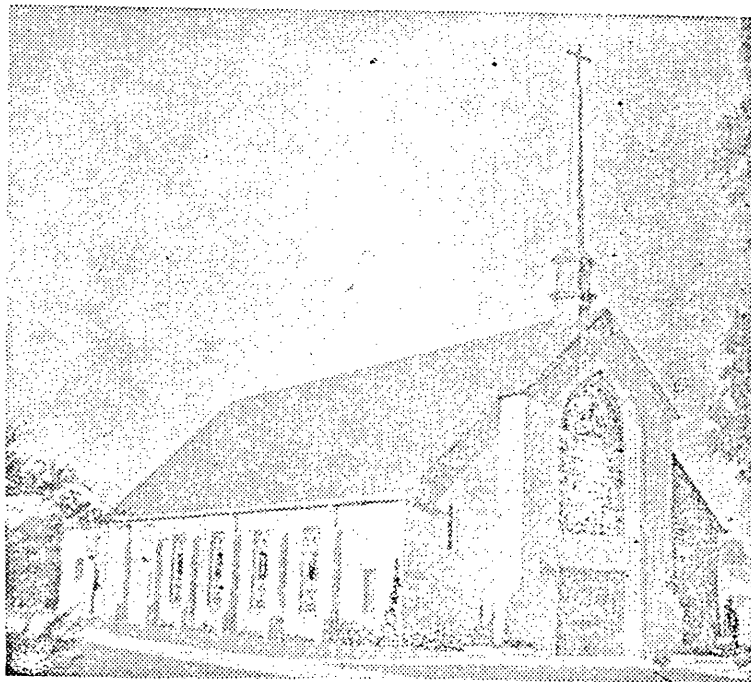
ABOVE: Memorial stained glass window given by the American Legion in memory of James E. Jackson.

BELOW: The new Methodist Church at Denham Springs.

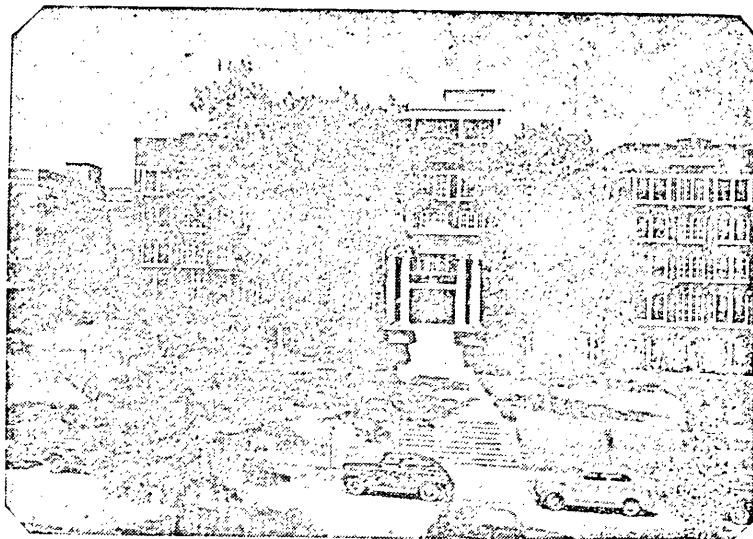
AT LEFT: One of the beautiful stained glass windows in the new Denham Springs Church.

street was purchased and under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. E. R. Thomas, a new church building was begun in August, 1951.

Plans are being made to convert the old building into Sunday School rooms to provide adequate space for a growing Church School.



Arkansas Baptist Hospital *Celebrates* **NATIONAL HOSPITAL DAY** *Sunday, May 11, 1952*



ARKANSAS BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Personnel of the Hospital, Members of the Women's Auxiliary, and student nurses will act as hosts at the annual Open House held at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Sunday, May 13, celebrating National Hospital Day.

The events of this day will be held from 2 to 4 P. M.

There will be a party on the lawn for the small children, refreshments will be served to all guests, and moving pictures will be taken of all the children to be shown in later years each Mother's Day.

TOUR THROUGH NEW MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING

There will be a conducted tour through the new Medical Arts Building which will include inspection of The Coffee Shop and Medical Arts Drug Store. Souvenirs will be given at the drug store and refreshments at The Coffee Shop.

A film entitled "Girls in White" will be shown in the chapel as well as films of other Hospital Days at Arkansas Baptist Hospital which will be of interest to parents and children who participated during those years.

Become better acquainted with your hospital on National Hospital Day.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Little Rock, Arkansas

ECHOES FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

WARREN WELCOMES DELEGATES

With their hearts warmed by the blessed service of communion and remembrance, their minds quickened by the business session that drew together Methodists from around the world, and their souls stirred by the Episcopal Address with its call to regeneration and reform, Methodists were thrilled by their first day at General Conference. Every moment of that varied experience will live in memory.

Cordial was the welcome of Bishop Donald H. Tippet at the morning business session and Governor Earl Warren at the evening meeting.

"We feel the warmth of fellowship which brings you here," said Warren. "At this time when nations stand at the crossroads between freedom and totalitarianism, between peace and aggressive warfare, it is gratifying to welcome to our state delegates to this worldwide Conference of The Methodist Church—a church that, from the very beginning has exalted the dignity of the individual, a church that not only has been a power for good in our community life through its teachings of Christianity, but has been instrumental in establishing colleges, universities, hospitals, orphanages and missionary outposts in all corners of the earth."

Praises Good Book Practices

Governor Warren emphasized Methodism's interest in good will among the nations of earth. He mentioned the formation of the United Nations in the Civic Center where the Conference is meeting. He called it "the greatest stride in worldwide relationships since the life of Christ."

"There is nothing the matter with the United Nations or with any of the countries that it embodies that cannot be cured by adherence to the principles of the Christian religion and to the evangelistic spirit of The Methodist Church."

"THE CHURCH IN WILDERNESS"

"The Christian church cannot convert the world by copying its methods," Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ church, New York, N. Y., and a member of the General Conference, told delegates and thousands of visitors in a great Sunday evening service. "In trying to use the ways of the world, the church is succumbing to the world's ideas of success."

He continued: "We rightly condemn Communism as godless materialism. The Communist turns from God to seek material boons through economic change. But many so-called Christians turn to God primarily to seek material blessings. Many pulpits try to make religion popular by presenting it as the best way of preserving our economic system. Prayer is advocated because it secures for us financial success and social acceptability. Religion is being advertised for its worldly advantages."

Bulward Against Subversion

Dr. Sockman insisted that the church it-

self is the best bulwark against subversive theories and programs.

He insisted that "we are in danger of demeaning the soul-saving Church of Christ with a self-serving cafeteria for our physical needs." America has the highest economic standard of living in our history, but our morals are at almost the lowest level in our history.

"The church must rise above the current emphasis on religion as security and revive its original gospel of salvation."

Dr. Sockman pointed to the trend of our day to seek power and favor through governmental means. He added that political power is never safe when it is under the control of the church.

ACCENT ON FAITH RATHER THAN FEAR

"If there is a prevailing wind (in this bewildered century), it is a whirlwind," Bishop Arthur J. Moore told the General Conference in his report of the state of the church in the Orient; but he described how churches and churchmen are holding in spite of the storm. His unmistakable accent was on faith as the bulwark of today's society.

"If atheistic Communism prevails in the world," the bishop said, "it will more deeply wound the human family than any economic or political system possibly could." He warned: "A formal, faint-hearted, and self-indulgent dress-parade Christianity will not suffice for the church in a time of revolution. Our love for Christ must be able to stand foul odors and loathsome sights, so that we will go down to the gates of hell to save a lost soul. Such Christ-like devotion will convert a lost world into a redeemed world."

Bishop Moore underlined several specific tasks: building a spiritual kingdom in a world filled with a lust for power; overcoming the deadly effect of unsanctified prosperity on spiritual perception; beating narrow nationalism, subtle secularism and atheistic Communism which beleague Christianity. But he added: "These black forces do not discredit Christianity; they demand it."

A recent visitor to Korea, when he presided over the Korean General Conference in the process of re-organizing the church and electing Bishop Hyunki Lew, Bishop Moore paid tribute to the missionaries, the peace-loving people of Korea, the chaplains of the armed forces, and President Syngman Rhee of the Korean republic.

Speaking of the missionary enterprise, Bishop Moore said: "No single denomination has developed a more far-flung and effective missionary policy than has The Methodist Church. Nothing is of more critical importance to us as a great church than the defense, preservation and promotion of an enterprise into which so many have invested their lives."

"There may be opposition, but there is opportunity. Now is the time for us to press



BISHOP PAUL B. KERN is shown reading the Episcopal Address which required two hours for the reading.

forward on a world scale to achieve advances that, if we delay, may become impossible, but which, if we seize, may win millions to Christ and lay the foundations for universal peace."

HOW PEACE CAN BE WON

"Peace, even an uneasy peace, has eluded us in Korea," Paul G. Hoffman, a business and governmental leader of unusual gifts and experience, told the General Conference last night in his speech on, "Peace Can Be Won."

"There are many other trouble spots throughout the world where violence might break out at any moment." He then described the state of tension that is to be found everywhere.

Four Ways to Convince Russians

"Unless and until there is a change of policy on the part of the Russians from one of conquest to one of live-and-let-live, there cannot be any substantial lessening of international tensions or any final solution to the problems that most directly affect our daily lives here at home."

Mr. Hoffman, who was administrator of the Economic Co-operation before he became president of the Ford Foundation, suggested conditions under which there might be a change in Russian policy.

"First, the Russian leaders must be convinced that they cannot conquer the world by military aggression; second, they must be convinced that they cannot conquer the world by . . . inciting internal revolt within the free nations and knocking them off one by one; third, the Russian people must be convinced that the people of the West, particularly the American people, really want peace; and fourth, the United States must give a dramatic demonstration to the world—to our friends and foes alike—that this free society of ours better can administer to the needs of men, not only materially, but also intellectually and spiritually, than any other form of society."

He concluded: "As for the Russian people, if we are going to convince them that we want peace, we must first of all convince our friends and allies."

Mr. Hoffman is convinced that Russia can be won, "if we make up our minds to wage peace with the same boldness, the same sense of dedication which we always give to winning a war."



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

MR. DOODLE

By Mrs. Walter L. Wright, Sr.

"Oh dearie me, I think I'd better have my head examined cause I must be crazy, or something; every time I try to go into my room I bump myself all over. Never have Doodle Bugs been known to make homes in soil so shallow. Cousin Doodle, Cousin Doodle," he called, "please come here quickly, I need you." But his cousin Doodle didn't answer because he was far away at that time. This is the way it all happened. Kenneth was helping his mama repot some African violets. "By the way, mama," he said, "Granny asked me to bring her a bit of woods dirt for her flowers. I'll run dig some now to carry when we go and, grabbing a shoe box, he ran to the strip of woods on their back lot and dipped up some soil, and he also dipped up Mr. Doodle, home and all, without knowing it. When he arrived at Granny's she was away and he set the box on a table where she'd be sure to see it.

"I know Kenneth came while I was out," said Granny when she saw the box, "and bless his dear little heart, he brought me some soil for my flowers. Now what is that wiggling in the soil? Well of all things, if he didn't bring Mr. Doodle Bug along. I think I'll let him stay in the box until Kenneth comes again. My flowers can do without that long, and I'll show Mr. Doodle to children. Many city children have never seen a Doodle Bug and its funny home." That must have pleased Mr. Doodle Bug because he worked that much faster making his house, but that's when he thought that he had gone crazy and built his house on a rock. He had never built in a box before.

Granny didn't know what to feed to Mr. Doodle although she had seen Doodles all of her life, but she did pour some fresh water in his front yard every day to be sure he didn't become thirsty, that is if Doodles drink water at all. In spite of it all, Mr. Doodle wasn't one bit happy in his new home; he didn't like city noises which were so very different to the songs of the birds which he heard all day long at his old home, and most of all Mr. Doodle didn't like having to bump himself every time he went in and out of his room. "I'm just almost tempted to sit outside my door and never try to go in my room

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A MESSENGER

*I found a lovely flower today,
So fresh and sweet,
Growing in a sunny spot
On our side of the street.*

*It looked at me as if to say,
I'm glad you spied me here.
Some of my family always come
About this time of year.*

*We come to bring a message
Of our Heavenly Father's care,
You see His loving handiwork
About you everywhere."*

*Tiny little messenger,
You bring much of joy
And make the world a lovely place
For every girl and boy.—A.E.W.*

at all," he thought. Finally Kenneth came again. "Kenneth," said Granny, "I believe you'd better carry this box of soil back and pour it out where you dipped it from. You brought Mr. Doodle to town and some of his kin folks may be grieving for him, and to tell you the truth, you can take Mr. Doodle out of the country but I just don't believe you could ever take the country out of Mr. Doodle." Down deep in his heart I feel sure that Mr. Doodle thanked them for their kindness to him in a strange city. — Wesleyan Christian Advocate

The instructor was asking the class a few questions. "Now, how do bees dispose of their honey?" he inquired.

"Please, sir, they cell it," announced the clever boy of the class.

JUST FOR FUN

She: "And how is your bachelor friend?"

He: "When I saw him last he was mending very slowly."

She: "Indeed. I didn't know he'd been ill."

He: "He hasn't been. He was darning his socks."

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A high school graduate was filling out an application for employment. The personnel director, noticing that the young fellow was somewhat puzzled, went over to help him. The first entry that caught his eye was the answer to the question, "Salary desired?" Beside it was the word "Yes."

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

HOW THE BUTTERFLY EATS

By Carroll Van Court

*The pretty little butterfly
That likes his supper sweet,
Unrolls his tongue just like a
spring,
When he begins to eat.*

*And when his tongue is straight-
ened out,*

*You'd be surprised to see
This pretty little fellow's tongue
Is just as long as he!*

—Religious Herald

LADY APPLE TREE

By Harriet Marsh

It is spring. Fair young Lady Apple Tree has donned her new spring finery, and sways gently in the soft breezes. "You are lovely," they murmur, as they caress her softly in passing by. Lady Apple Tree gazes at her own reflection in the mirror-like pool, and blushes a soft pale pink as she realizes the truth of their words. The honeybees flock around her. "You're sweet," they buzz. Lady Apple Tree bows and sways and puts forth more fragrant blossoms in their honor.

It is summer. Lady Apple Tree has lost her fairy-like beauty and she looks back to the spring of her life with regret. "I'm getting old," she thinks sorrowfully, as the summer breezes pass her by with hardly a word. The honeybees, too, have deserted her for the brightly colored flowers in the garden, and Lady Apple Tree moans softly to herself as she realizes this. "But you still have us," a chirping voice reminds her. And Lady Apple Tree chuckles again as she winds her arms still tighter around the nest that shelters the baby robins.

It is autumn. Lady Apple Tree is growing old, and her leaves are not the bright green that they were a short time ago. She was happy in the spring, for she loved to be a coquette with breezes. She was happy in the summer when she was sheltering the nest of robins from prying eyes. Nevertheless, Lady Apple Tree has forgotten those days, for she has attained the greatest happiness of all. The breezes now sing a lullaby as Lady Apple Tree gently rocks her rosy-cheeked children in her arms.—In Zion's Herald

ARKANSAS METHODIST

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

WYNN MEMORIAL W. S. C. S. HOLDS INDIA AID TEA

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, of Shreveport gave a silver tea at the church, Thursday, April 3, from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. to "help dig a well for Christians in India." The public was invited.

How to obtain any drinking water has been a baffling problem for the untouchables of India. They are not allowed to draw water from the public wells and the Christian group has suffered the same fate.

An appeal for this cause was sent to this country by a missionary from Louisiana now stationed in India.

In the Delhi area with its 275,000 Christians, an offer has been made by the government, to construct 50 wells for these groups provided they or their friends will bear two-thirds of the cost. About 25 church groups have accepted this offer and the local service women have been asked to provide one-third of the cost. A gift of \$60.00 from American friends will insure a well and a supply of pure refreshing water for a congregation of Christians and their neighbors, the missionary in India has announced.

COLFAX HAS DISTRICT GUILD MEETING

About one hundred persons of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Alexandria District attended the district meeting held at Colfax, Sunday, April 6.

Miss Dorothy Dunbar of Opelousas, district secretary, presided, and her theme was "The Guild's part in World Missions."

The program included the worship service by Miss Mattye Levens, of Natchitoches; the welcome by Mrs. W. F. Gatlin, president of the local Guild; an address by Miss Elizabeth Thompson; reports from the twelve Guilds in the district; a talk by Miss Gladys George, of Amite, conference Guild secretary; and presentation of the quadrennial theme and emphasis by Mrs. John Galloway of Pineville, district promotion secretary of the W. S. C. S.

A fellowship hour in the educational building followed the program, where the members of Montgomery Guild presented exhibit on Literature and Publications.

Presidents of the Alexandria Districts are Mrs. J. E. McCampbell and Mrs. Hilton Reynolds, of the Pineville Guild, Mrs. Ash-Dunbar.—Reporter

O living Christ, we build our hope in thee. Thou art the source of our confidence, the pillar of our faith, the ground of our hope. Make our hope so sure that we shall live each day in quiet serenity and heavenly bliss. Amen.

—North Carolina Christian Advocate

FT. SMITH DISTRICT W. S. C. S. MEETS

The societies of the Ft. Smith District met at First Church in Paris for their district meeting April 18th. There were twenty-eight societies represented, with one hundred-three present. Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, district president presided, and introduced five pastors of the district who were visitors.

The worship service, which was conducted by Rev. B. C. Few, host pastor, was opened with quiet organ music played by Mrs. Rufus Smith.

Echoes from the Annual meeting were brought by Mrs. Dwight Hawk, Mrs. J. P. Chancey, and Mrs. J. J. Clark. The guest speaker for the day was Miss Edith Martin, telling of her work in Africa, and the great need for more literature. A delightful lunch was served at the noon hour by the hostess society.

The afternoon devotional was led by Mrs. D. G. Hindman. Mr. D. J. Blaylock presented the report on Narcotic Education.

After workshops conducted by District officers a Pledge and Dedication Service was held with Mrs. Chambliss stating the pledge for the Ft. Smith district for next year would be \$8000.

Mrs. Monroe Scott, chairman of Spiritual Life installed the following officers: President, Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, Alma; Vice President, Mrs. Donald Poe, Waldron; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Geo. Colville, Paris; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Greenwood; Treasurer, Mrs. E. E. Sexton, 615 Belle, Ft. Smith; Secretaries of Lines of Work: Missionary Education, Mrs. Alfred McElroy, 2320 S. Greenwood, Ft. Smith; C.S.R., Mrs. Sam Roberts, Booneville; Spiritual Life, Mrs. D. G. Hindman, 5109 S. 30th, Ft. Smith; Literature and Publications, Mrs. W. J. Spicer, Booneville; Supplies, Mrs. J. P. Chancey, Ozark; Children's Work, Mrs. Dwight Hawk, 1431 N. 36th, Ft. Smith; Youth, Mrs. Alex Mitchell, Paris; Student Work, Mrs. J. J. Clark, Greenwood; Status of Women, Mrs. Arrie Dickerson, Ozark; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. L. W. Blakely, 701 N. 21st, Ft. Smith; Wesleyan Guild, Miss Estelle Evatt, Waldron.—Reporter

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of Osceola had a study on "The Family a Christian's Concern" on April 21-25. The study was under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Galscoe who made the sessions very interesting. The programs began with a film, "The Family Next Door", which was presented by Mrs. Carol Watson, who brought it as part of a report of the National Methodist Family Life Conference, which she had attended. As an outgrowth of the study the ladies sent a love offering to Miss Edith Martin.

The Lula McSwain Society of Emmett met April 14th, for its regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Utah Henry had charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Denman Wylie and Mrs. Scott Ross. Mrs. Ramey Garland, president, presided over the business meeting. The society is sending a "Gift Box" to the missionary representing the society in Korea. Refreshments were served to the eighteen members present.

The Woman's Society of Iowa met at the church for its regular meeting April 17th. The devotional was given by Mrs. Joe Dinger and Mrs. George Koonce. Mrs. R. D. Petticrew presided over the meeting, which elected the following officers for next year: President, Mrs. Joe Dinger; Vice President, Mrs. J. H. Denison; Recording Secretary, Mrs.

GUILDS OF THE FORREST CITY DISTRICT MEET

The Spring meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Forrest City District met in Forrest City Sunday afternoon, April twenty-seventh.

There were representatives from Helena, Marianna, Cotton Plant, Brinkley, Clarendon, Wynne Central, Parkin, Earle, Crawfordsville, Marion, West Memphis, Hughes, and the local Guild.

Mrs. Russell Henderson of Little Rock, who heads the Christian Social Relations Work in the South Central Jurisdiction, was the guest speaker. Women of the Woman's Society and women of other churches were invited to hear Mrs. Henderson.—Reporter

JONESBORO DISTRICT MEETS

The Jonesboro District met April 23, at Manila, with one hundred and thirty-one present, including four pastors, from the twenty-eight societies represented.

The theme for the day was "Christ—The Answer." Rev. Lee Cate, the host pastor, gave the devotional, using as his subject, "What shall we Do?"

Mrs. William Hickox, district president, presided at the business session. The roll call was answered by the local presidents reporting the outstanding work of their society.

Miss Edith Martin was the guest speaker for the day, and she gave a wonderful talk on her work in Africa. Miss Mildred Osment made the presentation of Life Membership to Mrs. Lester Weaver who will soon be moving from the district. The Turrell Society also gave \$25.00 in honor of Mrs. Weaver.

Mrs. George Disinger presented the new goals for the next quadrennium. Miss Osment reported on the Jurisdictional Conference. Mrs. E. H. Hall conducted the Pledge and dedication service.

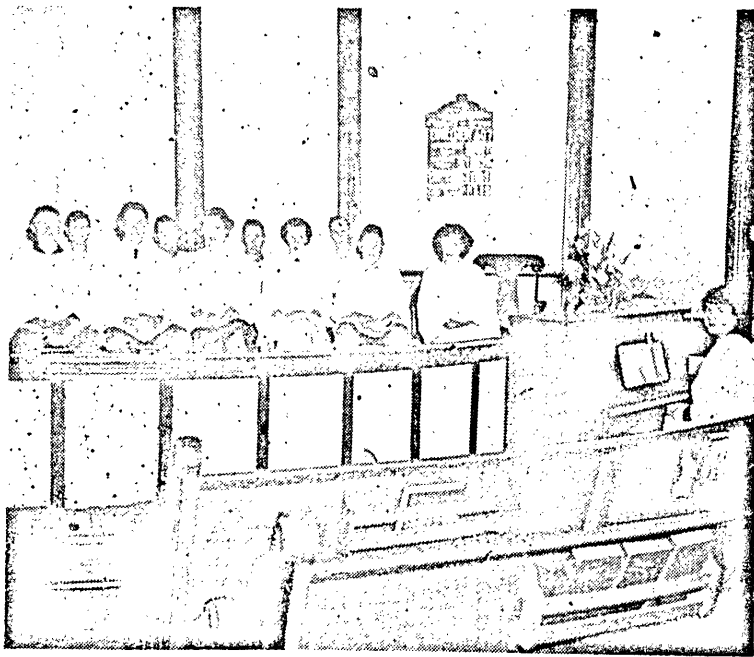
Rev. E. B. Williams, district superintendent, installed the following new district officers: President, Mrs. Wm. Hickox, Jonesboro; Vice president, Mrs. A. O. Shockley, Tyronza; Recording secretary, Mrs. Alva Neff, Jonesboro; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Geo. Disinger, Jonesboro; Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Hall, Dell; Missionary Education, Mrs. Robert Killion, Manila; C. S. R., Mrs. H. L. Mills, Harrisburg; Literature and Publication, Mrs. Claude Heeb, Harrisburg; Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. M. Womack, Jonesboro; Supplies, Mrs. E. D. Beall, Wilson; Children's Work, Mrs. Hershal Jackson, Blytheville; Youth Work, Mrs. Jerry Hearn, Blytheville; Student Work, Mrs. W. A. Hollingworth, Blytheville; Status of Women, Mrs. E. L. Shaneyfelt, Osceola, and Missionary Personnel, Mrs. C. C. Burton, Osceola.—Reporter

Roy Koonce; Treasurer, Mrs. Pat Aguillard, and promotion secretary, Mrs. Lula Pierce. There were approximately twenty-five members present.

The Little Rock District Guild met at Carlisle on Friday evening, May 2nd. Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Christian Social Relations chairman of the Little Rock Conference WSCS was the guest speaker.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR AT MARVELL



Pictured above is the High School choir of The Methodist Church of Marvell, which is made up mostly of high school students with a few adult members. Four members were not present when the picture was made. Mrs. Nina

Schaffhauser organized the choir and rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings. The organization of the choir has made for increased attendance at the Sunday morning service.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

1952-53 Publication Heads Announced

Two sets of editors and business managers have been chosen to head student publications for the coming year, it was announced this week by the publication committee of the Student Senate.

Dick Ezell of Pine Bluff and Judy Rowlett of Conway will co-edit the Profile, student news-weekly. Guy Shannon of Carlisle was named editor of the 1953 Troubadour, campus yearbook.

Business manager of the 1952-53 Profile will be Joe Loudermilk of Clinton. Advertising director and business manager for the Troubadour will be Harry Pickens of North Little Rock.

Leadership Fraternity Names Officers

Tom DuPree of England, Hendrix junior, is the new president of the campus chapter of Blue Key, national leadership fraternity, as a result of the group's spring election this week. New vice-president is Bob Jordan of Little Rock.

Recording secretary for next year will be Richard Moose of Heber Springs, and Jo Fleming of Conway will serve as corresponding secretary. Dr. H. I. Lane, professor of mathematics, was re-elected faculty sponsor of Blue Key. — Guy Shannon.

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APPRECIATION FOR BATESVILLE MINISTERIAL SCHOOL

The North Arkansas Conference School for Supply and Undergraduate Ministers was held in Batesville April 21 to 29. We, Lee Anderson, W. M. Womack, and H. W. Jinske, committee on resolutions take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation on behalf of the ministers to the following individuals and agencies for making this fine school possible:

1. To the Conference Board of Education, Dr. Ira A. Brumley Executive Secretary
2. To the Conference Board of Ministerial Training, Rev. Allen D. Stewart, Chairman, and Rev. Ralph Hillis, Registrar
3. To the Conference Board of Evangelism, Rev. Roy Bagley, Director.
4. To Rev. S. B. Wilford, District Superintendent of the Batesville District, for his guidance and counsel and help in many ways.
5. To Rev. Ed Kaetzel for his counsel and planning and for making his church available for some of the meetings.
6. To Rev. David Conyers, for making his church available for the class and general meetings

and for his counsel and help.

7. To all instructors and speakers who gave themselves so unselfishly for the success of this school.

8. Last but not least to the fine people of Batesville for opening their homes to ministers and extending their fine hospitality. Batesville really went the second mile in extending its fine Christian hospitality to all the ministers and instructors. We deeply appreciate the contribution that every individual has made to one of the best schools of this kind the Conference has ever had.

Lee Anderson,
W. M. Womack
H. W. Jinske
Committee on Resolutions

CHURCH SCHOOL HAS FINE YEAR

The Church School at Goddard Memorial Church, Ft. Smith, has enjoyed the best year in its history with an encouraging increase in attendance and enrollment, and a new enthusiasm that seems to have affected all the classes and departments. Since October 1st average attendance has been 345, an increase of 12% over the same period in previous years. The annual average also will be larger than any other year.

A new class was recently organized, which is a third young adult group.

Charles P. McDonald is general superintendent. — Reporter.

FORMAL OPENING OF KAYLOR HALL

Umsted Memorial Methodist Church of Newport held a formal opening of "Kaylor Hall" on Sunday May 4. There was a special service at 11:00 o'clock after which a basket lunch was served in the Hall. Open house was held from 2:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon.

On August 7, 1951 the Quarterly Conference granted permission to the Umsted Memorial Church to start a campaign to raise funds for the purpose of building a Fellowship Hall. J. L. Brown Sr., W. L. Clark and Brouse Holden were appointed as the building and finance committee. On August 26 a ground-breaking ceremony was conducted by the district superintendent, Rev. S. B. Wilford.

In early September construction began on the beautiful limestone veneer structure which has a large fellowship and recreation room, also a large kitchen and

rest room facilities. The interior walls are made of sheetrock with ivory texture finish. The kitchen is equipped with a new Magic Chef gas range, automatic water heater, double sink and built-in cabinets all installed by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The plans were drawn and the construction was supervised by the pastor, Rev. M. L. Kaylor. Much of the labor on the building was donated by members and friends of the church.

At the regular meeting of the Official Board on December 4, 1951 it was unanimously decided that the new building should be dedicated "Kaylor Hall" in honor of Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Kaylor, the pastor and his wife.

The building valued at \$8,000.00 with no indebtedness is complete. It has been dedicated and is now in use. — Reporter.



ARKANSAS METHODIST



"Along A Country Road"
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 The Methodist Church
 The North Arkansas Conference
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 Rev. Floyd G. Villines, President
 Mr. Lester Hutchins, Vice-President
 Rev. N. Lee Cate, Secretary
 Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

DON'T EVER SAY IT AGAIN!

There are some things that are of so little importance and significance that they don't need to be challenged. One is shooting cannon balls at snow birds when he takes up arms against trivialities. However, there are some things of importance that go unchallenged as time goes on which need to be "brought into the limelight" in common justice to human life itself. A spirit and philosophy of life that is false and wicked should be challenged, an attitude and state of mind that is wrong in its concept should be judged by the plumb-line of righteousness. Such a spirit and attitude have done more to impede the growth of the Kingdom of God in the small community and rural areas than any one thing. It is the spirit and attitude of defeatism prevalent in the minds of the people and the energy in regard to the rural churches which are more commonly thought of as those "poor country circuits". They have been low-rated and undervalued all too long!

Only recently a ministerial student in talking with me about his future in the ministry said that in discussion with another person, that that person asked him if he expected to make a success in the ministry or "just be one of those country circuit preachers". The writer overheard some church leaders say in discussing another member of the conference that if he had not finished his college education he would still be on one of the "country circuits". So what! Suppose a man should spend his ministry in the rural areas. Would that mean failure on his part? The pattern of success in the ministry in reality is based upon a false premise. Some of the outstanding ministers and pastors in the Conference and over the church at large are serving great charges. If success should be based upon attaining only certain positions in the church, there would be few successful ones. There would always be a feeling of defeat in the hearts of the minds of the majority of ministers of the Methodist church.

The rural people themselves are likely to blame for this attitude. Many times I have heard people in the rural churches bemoan the

fact that they would soon lose their preacher for he would "go on up". Just what does "up" mean in the service of God? The rural church must rally around a new focal point of spiritual and economic life. They must re-evaluate their own worth and also re-think their ability and capacity to support the church of the living God. They must think of themselves as being worthy of the best of leadership. Such a spirit and attitude born in the hearts of leaders and people alike will encourage those of us who have given our lives in the interest of the rural church, who are now endeavoring to bring a better rural church life to pass, and those who would like to serve in these areas in the future, if they could be thought of as worthy of attention and recognition rather than failures because they served rural parishes. Regardless of the position held by any minister, whether in one office or another, a large church, district superintendency or secretaryship, there can still be the fine, keen appreciation for the rural church. It can be lifted up and kept a part of the whole rather than an insignificant broken splinter, unrelated to the more important areas of the church.

After all is said and done, we must confess that there is too much loose talk. Some one has said, "When a fellow's brain is in neutral and his tongue is in high, he is just racing his motor". The idle and careless words spoken by thoughtless people have done more damage than this world imagines.

Not every man called of God into the ministry can occupy any certain office or position in the church. It behooves us all to work toward a great parish program of service rather than station and circuit operation as has been the case in the past. In a few years of such endeavor we can change the psychological pattern of success in the ministry and in the local church.—J. Albert Gatlin

Hate never builds anything; it can only blast.—Jos. Fort Newton, quoted in Houston Times

Our world cannot die so long as there is something in man higher than his immediate desires.—Editorial, New Outlook

DARDANELLE METHODIST CHURCH

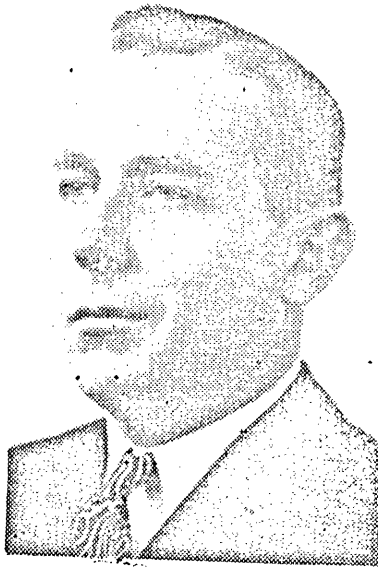
The Dardanelle Methodist Church has undergone extensive repairs and redecoration for both the exterior and interior. A new roof now covers the building. New lights adorn the sanctuary. The interior of the dome and the balcony panels are done in semi-peach, and the walls are cool green by Jim Carey of Morrilton. The floors have been refinished in natural color and are beautiful. New rugs for the auditorium are being purchased. All woodwork from the floor to the dome has been refinished, and with new light fixtures in the dome it is a very beautiful sanctuary.

Dardanelle Methodist Church has had a good year in that we had an ingathering of approximately forty new members. Our young people's groups have been very active with approximately forty-five members in the M.Y.F. Sunday School enrollment is 270 with 168 in attendance Easter; with average attendance of approximately 120. — Reporter.

LEVY M. Y. F. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Levy Methodist Youth Fellowship met on May 4 and elected the following officers: President, Don Johnson; Vice-president, Wendell Dorman; Secretary, Meredith Green; Treasurer, Mary Johnson; Reporter, Pat Fike. Commission chairmen

HEADS METHODIST MEN OF GARDNER



E. B. Jones is the newly elected president of the Methodist Men at Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock. The organization has more than 75 members and meets once each month for a dinner meeting.

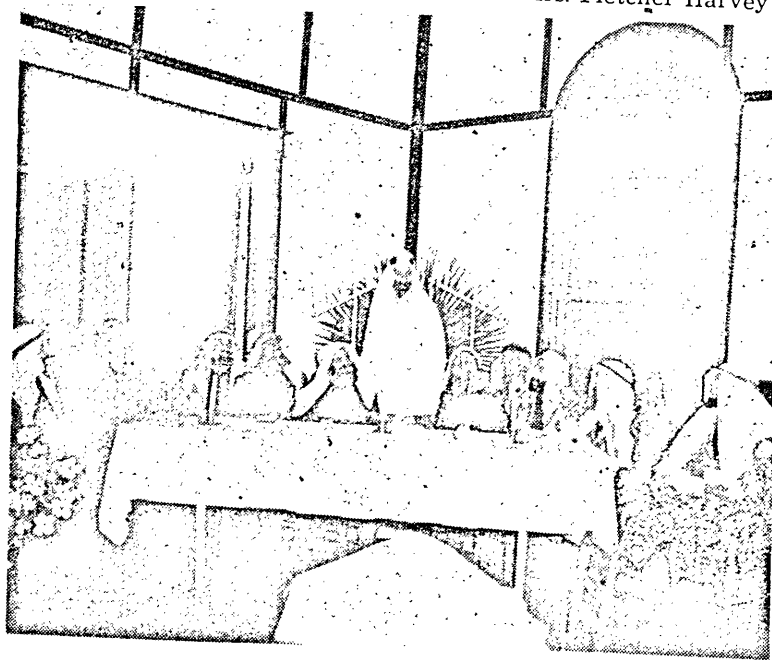
are: Community Service, Nancy Green; World Friendship, Glenna Green; Worship and Evangelism, Janie Smith; Recreation, Carolyn Rea.

The program and discussion were led by Glenna Green. — Pat Fike, Reporter.

Star City Dramatizes "The Last Supper"

"The Last Supper" was reverently portrayed, followed by communion service Thursday, April 10, as part of the Pre-Easter Services of the Star City Methodist Church. Portraying the Disciples and Jesus were from left to right: Burl Dean Brockman, B. S. Hundley Sr., Ruskin Teeter, G. B. Spencer, Jim Nobles, Ted Nichols, Mr. Yandell Beans, as Jesus, Roy Harvey Foster, Fred Bellott, B. S. Hundley Jr., C. K.

Nichols, Vernon Burns and Wilbur Tarver. The dramatization was under the direction of Mrs. Harry Shannon. The other Easter Services in the series of three were a dramatization of the meaning of Church membership by the Methodist Youth Fellowship on Wednesday night, and a candlelight prayer service on the evening of Good Friday. Rev. George Kerr is pastor of the church.—Mrs. Fletcher Harvey



WHAT THE WESLEY FOUNDATION MEANS TO A COLLEGE STUDENT

By JUANITA SCHULTZ, Southeastern La. College, W. F.

WHAT does the Wesley Foundation mean to me, a student? I might ask what does faith or love or courage mean or what do I believe. For none of these can I find an adequate answer. I know what the Wesley Foundation has meant to me; yet I find this extremely difficult to express.

Perhaps our name, Wesley Foundation, provides the key. I refer to the word "foundation". While we students are on campus, we are assembling the materials and constructing the foundation upon which our lives will be built. Because the campus offers such a variety of material, it is essential that we know the relative work of each. The program of the Foundation helps us evaluate and determine what is worthwhile.

In these four years the Wesley Foundation has deepened my conception of a Christian life, making me realize that Christianity permeates all phases of life. It is concerned with my mental, my physical, my social, as well as my religious growth. Through its well planned program Wesley helps develop this four-fold life.

It has been a source of strength. Through our worship we students can forget the pressing matters of college as we enter into a quest for a closer walk with God. This common purpose not only binds us into a warm fellowship but also strengthens us as we take our places on the campus. Whether we live in the dormitory or at home the Foundation extends its helping hand giving encouragement, council, sympathy, praise as we share our problems or our achievements.

Wesley gives us each an opportunity to use our talents. I have found no other program which taps so many hidden resources. Regardless of what our talents or our interests may be—whether we draw, type, write,

CARAWAY M. Y. F. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Caraway M. Y. F. elected new officers for the year as follows: Donald Tucker, president; Noel Baldrige, vice president; Louise Wheeler, secretary and treasurer. Chairman of Committees are: Louise Wheller, program; Alice Brown and Lynn Haag, social, and Preston Haag was named reporter.

The new officers plan to make a better M. Y. F. for the youth of Caraway, and they started off fine by winning the banner at "Sonnyland" with 676 points.—Preston Haag, reporter

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lead recreation, develop worship services, sing, or carpenter—there is a place to use them. (We even turn out good cooks and dishwashers!) Because of our sharing, an unbreakable bond has been created among our members.

The Wesley Foundation provides an opportunity for broadening our outlook. We are not a small circle; rather we are the local unit of the larger Methodist Student Movement, which has active state, regional and national programs. By participation in conferences of the M. S. M., we meet students who have different attitudes and ideas and different racial and cultural backgrounds. A mutual sharing of experiences with these students enables us to understand more fully the brotherhood of men. Then too at these conferences we have the privilege of hearing outstanding speakers—for examples, Dr. Harold Ehrensperger, Dr. Frank Laubach, Bishop Oxnam, Bishop Hazen, Werner, Dr. Heil Bollinger. After such experiences we come to the realization that the world is not so large after all. In fact, in Christ we do meet East, West, North and South.

Finally, the Wesley Foundation trains us for our role as future church leaders whether we are lay members or full-time workers. Our four years in the Foundation is a workshop in churchmanship. Here we learn to work together in harmony for the good of the group, thereby strengthening our own faith. We are constantly having experiences and gaining knowledge which we are eager to share with our home churches.

What does the Wesley Founda-

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE YOUTH FUND REPORT

THROUGH APRIL 28, 1952

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

	'51-'52 Pay-ments thru Pledge	'51-'52 Pay-ments thru Pledge
Arkadelphia	\$100.00	\$ 55.46
Delight		20.00
Saline		4.40
Gordon		9.00
Hot Springs Churches:		
First Church		10.70
Grand Avenue	125.00	96.82
Pullman Heights		20.00
Tigert Memorial	24.00	14.24
Malvern Churches:		
First Church		73.57
Keith Memorial	50.00	37.63
Mount Ida		10.00
Murfreesboro	36.00	33.00
Butterfield	20.00	10.00
Shorewood Hills	12.00	12.00
TOTAL	\$367.00	\$406.82

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Camden Churches:		
First Church	\$	\$ 60.31
Fairview		56.39
Philadelphia		10.00
Dumas Memorial		24.00
Calion		36.00
El Dorado Churches:		
First Church		189.79
Vantrease	30.00	7.70
Christie's Chapel		10.00
Holly Springs		15.00
Mt. Olive		5.00
Mt. Carmel		20.15
Junction City	30.00	30.00
Magnolia Churches:		
First Church	100.00	58.80
Jackson Street	48.00	28.00
Magnolia Circuit		
New Era		12.00
Norphlet Circuit	30.00	27.00
Parker's Chapel		35.00
Pleasant Grove		23.80
Smackover	75.00	80.00
Village Circuit	25.00	10.00
Waldo		10.00
TOTAL	\$338.00	\$748.94

HOPE DISTRICT

Ashdown	\$	\$ 20.00
Blevins Circuit:		
Blevins		11.00
DeQueen	35.00	26.50
Emmett		10.00
Foreman		15.00
Hope		25.00
Lockesburg	15.00	
Mena	96.00	111.65
Rondo		17.65

tion mean to us students? It means "a home away from home" where we find council, strength, training, dedication for the building of a Christian life.

Texarkana Churches:		
Fairview	45.00	18.00
First Church		57.20
Richmond Circuit:		
Wade's Chapel	12.00	6.00

TOTAL \$203.00 \$318.30

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Austin Circuit:		
Concord	\$	\$ 8.00
Bauxite	45.00	45.00
Sardis		13.00
Benton	60.00	30.00
Salem		19.85
Des Arc	40.00	7.00
Crossroads		2.00
Lonoke		11.25
Little Rock Churches:		
Asbury	75.00	53.00
First Church	75.00	35.00
Henderson		6.00
Highland		22.73
Hunter	50.00	30.00
Oak Forest	30.00	12.80
Scott Street		101.73
Winfield	75.00	7.50
DeValls Bluff		60.00
Mabelvale	60.00	51.34
Primrose	30.00	30.00
TOTAL	\$743.00	\$774.50

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Crossett	\$300.00	\$165.00
Dermott		10.00
Drew Circuit		
Green Hill	20.00	
Lacy	12.00	
Valley	6.00	
Eudora	12.00	12.00
Fordyce		40.00
Lake Village		31.00
McGehee		20.83

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE YOUTH FUND REPORT

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Monticello	60.00	75.00
Parkdale	12.00	28.00
Star City	15.00	7.50
Strong		4.95
Thornton		7.50
Newton's Chapel		10.00
Warren	50.00	43.00
Wilmar Circuit		
Rock Springs	10.00	
TOTAL	\$497.00	\$454.78

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT		
Lodges Corner	\$ 80.00	\$ 60.00
Carthage		6.00
DeWitt	75.00	69.60
Gillett		15.00

Good Faith	30.00	15.00
Grady		20.00
Humphrey		11.00
Little Prairie Circuit		
La Fargue	22.00	
Pine Bluff Churches:		
Carr Memorial		26.98
First Church	110.00	
Hawley Memorial		15.00
Lakeside		45.00
Roe Circuit	75.00	
Shiloh		25.00
St. Charles Circuit		25.00
Stuttgart Churches:		
First Church		76.55
Grand Avenue	175.00	141.84
TOTAL	\$618.00	\$573.97

RECORD BY DISTRICTS

Arkadelphia District	\$ 367.00	\$ 406.82
Camden District	338.00	748.94
Hope District	203.00	318.30
Little Rock District	743.00	774.50

Monticello District	497.00	454.78
Pine Bluff District	618.00	573.97

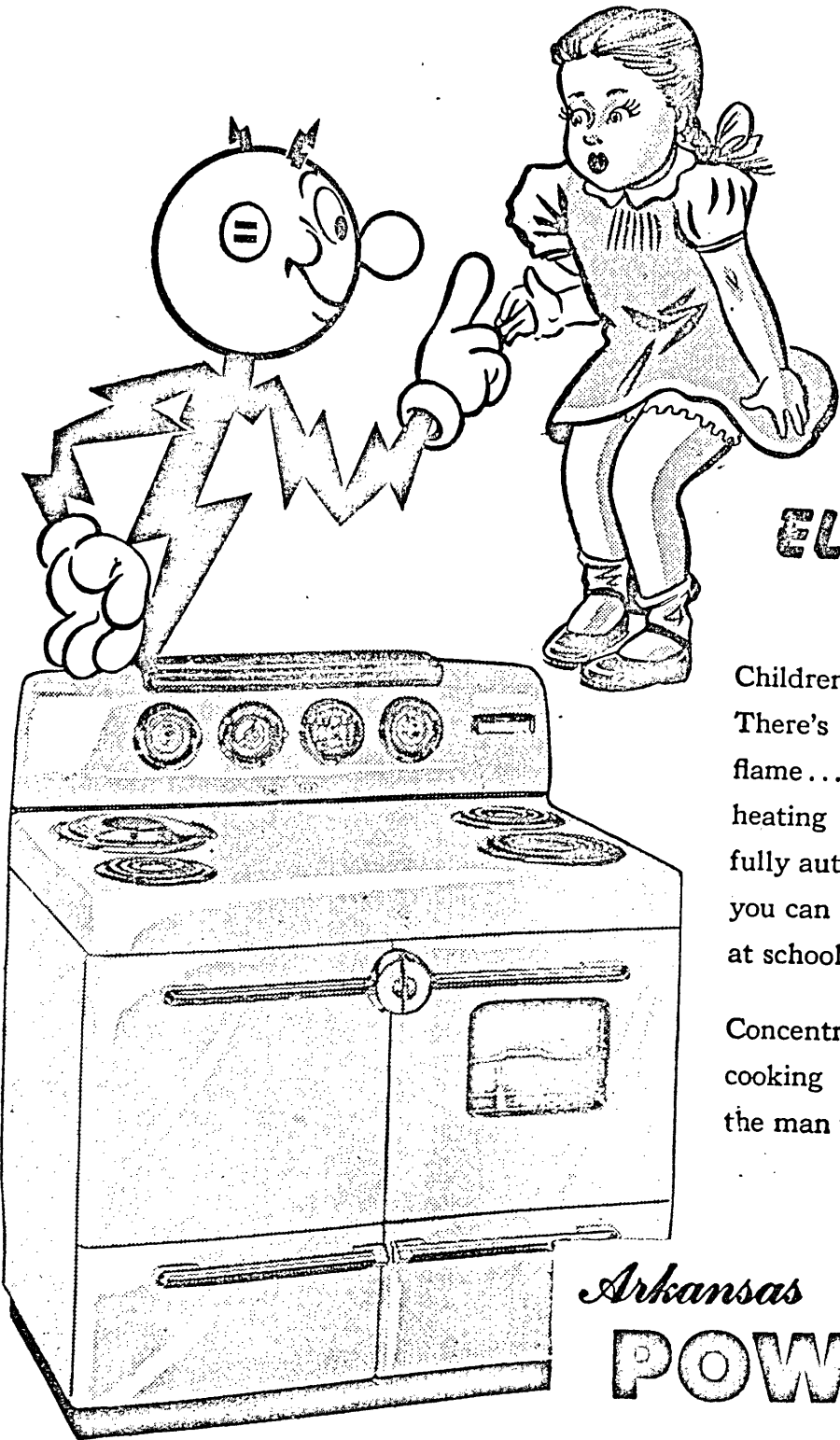
GRAND TOTAL \$2766.00 \$3277.31

Your conference M. Y. F. council urges each group to pay its pledge to the Methodist Youth Fund in full by May 30, if it is at all possible. We have \$1000 to raise in the conference in order to come up to what we did last year—and we ought to do better than that even. SO HURRY!!! MY FUND is YOUR baby—give it your attention and help us go over last year's record! (Send payments to Mr. C. E. Hayes,

M. Y. F. SPONSORS MOVIES

Slaughter, Louisiana M. Y. F. has been sponsoring free movies every other week in the church fellowship hall. The pictures are obtained from Esso and the State Library. Such pictures as "This is Louisiana", "Safari In Africa", "Strange Gods of India", "King of Kings", "The Littlest Angel", "Here Comes the Circus", and "Old and Modern New Orleans" have been shown.—Dale Smith

Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.)



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LESSON FOR MAY 18, 1952

HOW SHALL I USE MY FAMILY HERITAGE?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:

Exodus 20:12; Mark 7:9-13; John 19:25-27.

GOLDEN TEXT: Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. (Exodus 20:12)

We are beginning a new unit today. The general theme of the unit is "MORAL INTEGRITY AND CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES". The unit will consist of seven class sessions. The aim of the unit is "To lead adults to consider the meaning of moral integrity for their own lives and to attempt to gain more of it for themselves and for society through Christian attitudes."

A Look At The Scriptures

In our study of the Ten Commandments we have now come to the fifth—"Honor thy father and thy mother" etc. The first four of the commandments have to do with one's relationship to God and the last five with his relationship to his neighbor. The one we are studying today deals with family relationships—those which exist between children and parents. It has been called the children's commandment and just for that reason it is also the parent's commandment. The child is to honor the parent on the one hand and on the other the parent must be worthy of such honor. The word "honor" means to obey, serve, and respect.

Like most of the ancient peoples of the world the Hebrews laid great stress on the obligations that children owed to parents. The parents, especially the father, exercised great authority. The father exercised the power of life and death over the child. The law of Moses decreed that any child who reviled his parents should be put to death.

It will be noted that of all the Ten Commandments only two are given in the positive form: the one we are studying today and the fourth command—"Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." The statements quoted from Christ in our lesson today show that he highly approved the idea of children honoring their parents.

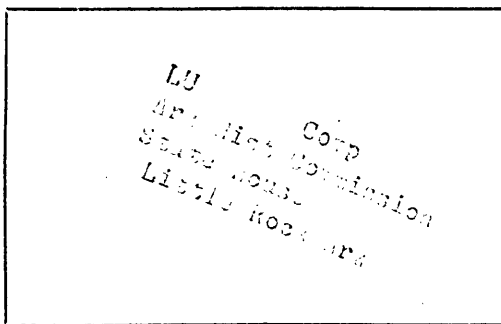
The Unit Of Civilization

The family, and not the individual, is the unit of civilization. This is also true in the matter of religion. The progress made thus far in the world has only been able to keep pace with that made in the home. The social, political, economical, educational, and religious attainments of a nation or the world can never soar higher than the general level of the home life.

When God himself would found a great nation he made family life the deciding issue. He chose Abraham to head the nation. In these memorable words he went on to say, "I know Abraham that he will command his children and his household after him." We have two principles here—authority and example; authority as expressed in the word "command" and example as set forth in the phrase "his household after him." God knew that Abraham was a man who would control his children. He would not spare the rod and spoil them. He also

knew that Abraham would set the right example before them.

Some years ago a man approached the writer with considerable complaint against his children. He insisted that they were not honoring him as he had honored his father. The question was raised, "What kind of father did you have?" The reply came, "The best at all. He was always found at his place in church. He did not send his children to Sunday School, he took them. He had grace at the table, and family prayer before retiring each evening. He worked hard and supported his family, and was noted for his honesty in the community." The writer remarked, "You had a wonderful father. You



did well to honor him. You owed that to him. Have you been that kind of father to your children?" The question was a little embarrassing, but he finally confessed that he had not. Then the remark was made, "You honored your father because he was worthy of it. Your children have failed to honor you because you have failed them. They need the same kind of father that you had, then all would be well."

Evading Responsibilities

The next passage (Mark 7:9-13) tells of an argument between Christ and the Pharisees. These people were great sticklers for the law, especially the ceremonial law. They had just noted that the disciples of the Lord had eaten without going through the act of ceremonial cleansing. They came to Christ with their accusation, and in the words of this passage he answered them in no uncertain terms. He accused them of destroying the force of the moral law (the Ten Commandments) through their man-made traditions and false interpretations of the ceremonial law. As an illustration of what they were doing he quoted the fifth commandment—"Honor thy father and thy mother, etc."—and showed them that through their tradition they had destroyed the force of this commandment. To honor one's parents certainly would mean that a child should care for them if they were old

and sick and in need. But the traditions of these Pharisees relieved the child of such responsibility. All he had to do was say to his parents "What you would have gained from me is corban (that is, given to God)—then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father and mother, thus making void the word of God."

A Worthy Son

The next passage of the lesson (John 19:25-27) tells of a thing that happened at the crucifixion of the Lord. The passage above, from Mark, tells of Christ's teaching concerning the relationship of parent and child. The one with which we now have to do gives Christ himself as an example of such relationship. As Christ was dying on the cross, some women were standing near. Some commentators think the passage refers to only three women, but in so doing they are under the necessity of saying that there were two women in the same family named Mary which is not likely. Others say there were four women present but only two were named. One was designated as Christ's mother and the other as her sister. They say that her sister was Salome the wife of Zebedee and the mother of James and John. As proof of this they refer to Matthew 27:56 which passage tells us that the wife of Zebedee was present. If this latter interpretation is true, and it certainly seems to be so, then Christ turned his mother over to John in the presence of John's own mother. We recall how the Lord in speaking to his mother said, "Woman behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" We are not to understand by this that Christ was asking John to give Mary the place in his heart which had formerly been occupied by his own mother, Salome. He was only asking that John be as a son to Mary and that Mary be as a mother to John. The beloved Apostle carried out his dying Lord's request. We read, "And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home."

The passage shows the great heart of Christ as a loving Son. As the Divine Son of God he loved and obeyed the heavenly Father at any cost or sacrifice. He did the Father's will even though it meant dying on the cross. But as son of man he continued to love his mother as no other human on earth. It broke his heart as he saw her bitter tears while he was hanging upon the cross. No one can imagine how much the Lord suffered. Most people under such circumstances would have thought of their own pain rather than others, but not so with Jesus. There he hung upon the cross, fastened with cruel nails. As he moved his body to get a little rest from remaining so long in the same position these nails like liquid tongues of fire tore at his flesh. There he was slowly dying of exhaustion; perishing for a drink of water that his own mother was not permitted to give him. Yet in it all he was thinking of her; making provisions for her welfare. All of his life he had been a good and kind and helpful and loving Son. He remained that until the bitter end.

Our Family Heritage

Christ had his family heritage and both by word and example passed it on to succeeding generations. We also have ours. Many of us had parents who taught us wisely and lived well before us. Some of those parents are gone now, but their influence lingers. While with us they radiated a spiritual atmosphere, helped us assume right attitudes, and form good habits. This is our heritage. We honor those who helped us most as we pass it on to others.