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The Conference Did This

WE have discovered since our return from General Conference that there is still some confusion in the minds of some Methodists as to what actually happened as far as Conference action is concerned in several matters in which there was considerable interest. It is our purpose here to clearly set forth these matters so that there will be no doubt as to the Methodist position.

Some reports of which we have heard indicated that Methodism had weakened its position on the beverage alcohol question. Nothing could be further from the truth. Methodism has been unalterably opposed to the liquor traffic and the use of alcoholic beverages by its members. Until now there has been no disciplinary provision qualifying members of the Official Board of a local church as far as the use of beverage alcohol is concerned. Some delegates felt that this prohibitive measure should be included among the qualifications of a local church Official Board member. The sense of the Conference was that to single out this one practice to the exclusion of all others was not in keeping with New Testament practice. The compromise qualification, however, as adopted read: "that in nominating and electing persons to such membership (Official Board) the utmost care shall be taken, that only morally disciplined persons shall so be nominated, and with special reference to total abstinence from alcoholic beverages." Similar legislation was enacted which makes the same provision for the selection of those who serve in any official capacity in the church or church school. It seems to us that the Methodist position has been strengthened rather than weakened since neither of these qualifying references have appeared heretofore in Methodist law.

We now turn to the action which the General Conference took regarding the Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial), an organization which has brought considerable embarrassment to Methodism because of its ultra leftists statements. The Conference after full debate and lengthy consideration (1) re-affirmed that only the General Conference could speak for Methodism; (2) stated that The Methodist Church does not approve of many of the statements and policies of the Federation; (3) asserted that the Federation has no right to take any action that can be construed as speaking for or reflecting the sentiment of The Methodist Church; (4) requested the Federation to drop the work "Methodist" from its name and to terminate its occupancy of quarters in the Methodist Building in New York City. We think these steps are plain enough and speak for themselves.

If there is any doubt in your mind as to Methodism and its position on Socialism ponder for a moment the following declaration—
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Methodism Must Hold Its Young People

IT is not always easy today for the church to have the presence and loyalty of its young people. Nevertheless, every informed church leader recognizes that the future of the church makes it an imperative necessity to do so, since the youth of today will be the church of tomorrow.

A characteristic of interested young people of any generation is their unwillingness to be content with the



"status quo." They insist, and properly so, on trying their ideas on existing problems, whether those problems be current or of long standing. It is true, also, that there have never been so many philosophies of life vying for the attention and loyalty of young people as press in on them today. In this perplexity, the church must study to give sincere, understanding counsel to our young people as they battle with the numerous cross-currents that sweep across their lives. This is undoubtedly one of the church's greatest challenges.

It should be said, furthermore, that, if the church holds the youth of today it will be because they are convinced of the intrinsic value of the church and its program. Formerly the church's opportunity with young people was often the result of parental discipline. Now, more than ever before, young people are in our church services and in its program by personal choice. Consequently reasons multiply for maintaining a creative church program that will challenge the courage, the daring, the enthusiasm and the idealism of youth.

Methodist People Should Remember Aldersgate

ON May 24th, 1952, we will be two hundred fourteen years removed from May 24th, 1738 when John Wesley had his marvelous, soul-awakening experience in the little mission on Aldersgate street in London. About that experience John Wesley impressively wrote, "About a quarter before nine . . . I felt my heart strangely warmed."

The great historian Lecky, in his "History of England in the 18th Century," says, "It is scarcely an exaggeration to say that the scene which took place in that humble meeting in Aldersgate street forms an epoch in English history." Methodism knows that this heart-warming experience of Wesley was the beginning of a great spiritual awakening that resulted in The Methodist Church.

One thing Methodist people should always remember is that it had its beginning in a great personal, spiritual, heart-warming experience by its founder. We should remember, also on this anniversary of Aldersgate, that the progress of Methodism across these two hundred and more years has been marked by the leadership of men and women who have experienced something of the heart warming that made Wesley the great evangel.

We should keep in mind, also, that the future of our great church will depend largely on whether or not Methodist people still know the experience of the warm heart. Great as The Methodist Church has become, let us know that we have in no sense outgrown the necessity for a vital, conscious, personal experience of Christ in our lives as Saviour and Leader. Methodism will be as powerless today without that experience as Wesley was powerless before he had it.

The Big Problem In Armistice Negotiations

IF we may judge from press reports, the big hinderance in the armistice negotiations at Panmunjom is the exchange of prisoners. It does not seem to be possible to find a formula for the exchange of prisoners satisfactory to the Reds that can honorably be accepted by the United Nations.

The United Nations gave a pledge to protect all members of the Red army who would surrender. Large numbers of soldiers accepted that pledge and surrendered to the United Nations' forces. For any who voluntarily surrendered, it would mean death if they were turned back into the hands of the Reds.

We find ourselves facing troublesome alternatives whichever way we decide. If
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Louisiana Conference Meets

First Church, Shreveport

METHODISM came to Shreveport in 1845 in an organized way when the first church was formed, the beginning of the First Methodist Church. The first structure, costing \$1,000 was built in that year and two years later the first regular pastor was assigned. In 1881 with a membership of 250 the congregation began to plan for the building at the present site of the church at the head of Texas street.

The new edifice was finally completed in 1889. Twenty-four years later the present church building was built on the same site. In 1939 the modern, well-equipped educational building was completed at a cost of approximately \$150,000.

A complete remodeling program for First Church, began to take form during the war and was completed in 1950 at a cost of approximately half a million dollars. The present plant of First Church is now one of the finest in all Methodism. The church and education building are completely air-conditioned, complete with elevator and the best in all facilities. The enlarged sanctuary seats 1,400 persons.

A large cross, lighted at night, stands atop the beautiful church at the head of Texas street as a beacon of Christian fellowship and teaching. It is a reminder to hundreds, day and night, of the leadership of Christ in a troubled world. Inside the great First Meth-

odist Church all find comfort and solace.

With a present membership of 5,294, First Church is continuing to build. Recently a church visitation program was held, during which almost the entire membership was visited within a week. This was one of the many programs of the church to extend the Gospel and encourage greater interest in the Church and Christ's Kingdom.

Dr. Guy M. Hicks is pastor of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport. Dr. Hicks has been pastor of the church since the summer of 1948, coming to Shreveport from the First Methodist Church at Alexandria. He succeeded Dr. Dana Dawson, who was elected Bishop and assigned to the Kansas-Nebraska Area, after having served First Church as pastor for 13 years.

Twelve Methodist Churches in Shreveport

Twelve Methodist churches in the City of Shreveport have a membership of 13,956.

Led by the First Methodist Church in downtown Shreveport, which has mothered most of the other churches, the membership has been growing steadily through the years. Even now additional churches in the fast-growing sections of the city are under consideration.

In addition to First Church, others in the City are as follows:

BROADMOOR METHODIST CHURCH. This church, located at Youree Drive and Albany in the populous Broadmoor section was organized in 1939. The education building was completed in 1944 and the new sanctuary was completed in 1952. The church has a membership of 1600. Rev. R. Leonard Cook is pastor.

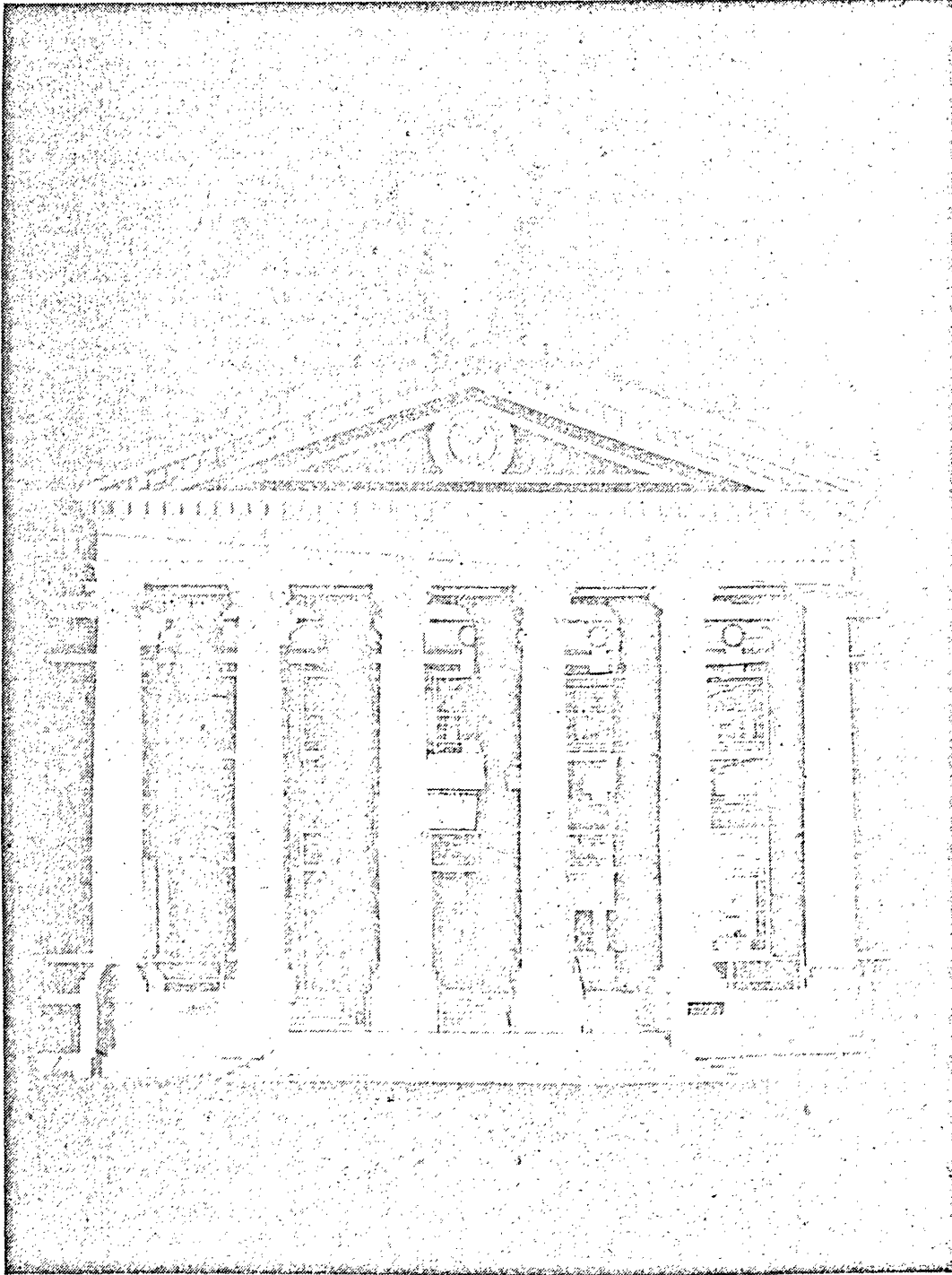
CADDO HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH. Located at 1560 Summers Street in the southwestern section of the city, this church was organized in 1943. The church is now building a new sanctuary. Its present building was erected in 1943. Rev. Garland Dean, Jr., is the pastor of a congregation of 240.

CEDAR GROVE METHODIST CHURCH. This church at 6806 Southern Avenue in the western section of Shreveport was organized in 1914. The church building was completed in 1939 and an education building and parsonage was built in 1947. Membership is 940. The pastor is Rev. R. Mack Bentley.

MANGUM MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH. Located at 2315 Missouri Ave., in the west-central section of Shreveport, this church was organized in 1909. The old sanctuary was completed in 1922 and a new modern church was finished in 1951. An education building was occupied in 1944. The church of which Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr., is pastor, has a membership of 1400.

MORNINGSIDE METHODIST CHURCH. This church in a rapidly growing residential section in the southwestern section of Shreveport, is located at 5500 Hearne Ave. It was organized in 1947 at which time the present building was occupied. Additions have since been built and a new sanctuary is now under construction. Rev. James J. Caraway is pastor of the growing congregation which now totals 370.

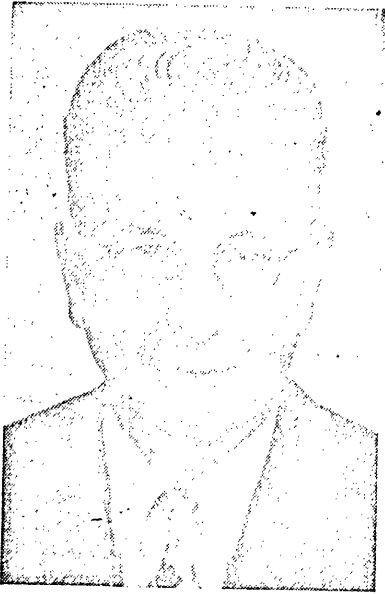
NOEL MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH. Located at 520 Herndon Ave., in the south-central section of Shreveport, is (Continued on page 5)



Night View of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, La., standing at head of Texas Street. The large 15-foot neon cross is lighted every night.



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN
Arkansas-Louisiana Area



DR. J. HENRY BOWDON, Host
District Superintendent



DR. GUY M. HICKS
Host Pastor

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

May 27-30, 1952 — The First Methodist Church — Shreveport, Louisiana

Monday, May 26

- 2:00 P. M. Board Meetings
- 6:00 P. M. Board of Missions and Church Extension supper
- 6:00 P. M. Board of Education Supper

Tuesday, May 27

- 10:00 A. M. Boards and Commissions
- 10:30 A. M. Board of Lay Activities
- 12:00 noon Laymen's Luncheon
- 2:00 P. M. ROLL CALL
- 2:00 P. M. Welcome — Mr. J. R. Russell
- 2:30 P. M. Passing of Ministers' Characters
- 2:45 P. M. Nominations Board
- 3:15 P. M. Board of Missions
- 3:35 P. M. Board of Education
- 4:00 P. M. Service of Commemoration — Rev. W. H. Giles
- 4:40 P. M. Announcements
- 4:50 P. M. Adjournment
- 7:30 P. M. Worship Service — Dr. W. Ferrell Pledger
The First Methodist Church Choir

Wednesday, May 28

- 8:30 A. M. Devotional, Dr. B. C. Taylor
- 9:00 A. M. Board of Ministerial Training
- 9:45 A. M. Board of Missions
- 10:00 A. M. Recess
- 10:15 A. M. W. S. C. S. Report
- 10:40 A. M. Conference Claimants
- 11:10 A. M. Board of Education
- 11:40 A. M. Board of Hospitals and Homes
- 11:50 A. M. Board of Evangelism
- 12:30 P. M. Insurance Committee
- 12:30 P. M. Introduction of Visitors — Announcements and Adjournment
- 12:30 P. M. Conference Trustees Luncheon
- 2:00 P. M. Board Meetings
- 3:00-5:00 P. M. Reception for women, honoring Mrs. Paul E. Martin, in the home of Mrs. W. O. Crain
- 3:00 P. M. Accepted Supplies
- 3:15 P. M. Conference Relations
- 3:30 P. M. Conference Trustees
- 3:35 P. M. Board of Lay Activities
- 3:50 P. M. Preaching Service, Rev. Virgil Morris
- 4:30 P. M. Announcements and Adjournment
- 6:00 P. M. Seminary Banquets — Duke, S. M. U.
- 7:30 P. M. Worship Service, Dr. Merriman Cunnigim
Centenary College Choir

Thursday, May 29

- 7:00 A. M. Chaplain's Breakfast
- 8:30 A. M. Devotional, Rev. Carl Lueg
- 9:00 A. M. Board of Education
- 9:15 A. M. Board of Temperance
- 9:45 A. M. Good Literature Committee
- 10:00 A. M. Recess
- 10:15 A. M. Commission of Student Centers
- 10:25 A. M. Bible Board
- 10:35 A. M. District Conference Records
- 10:45 A. M. Town and Country Commission
- 11:00 A. M. Minimum Salary Committee
- 11:15 A. M. Hospitals and Homes
- 11:25 A. M. Legal Conference
- 11:35 A. M. World Service and Finance
- 11:55 A. M. We Face the New Quadrennium
- 12:30 P. M. Announcements and Adjournment
- 12:30 P. M. Legal Conference Luncheon
- 1:15 P. M. Luncheon for Preachers' Wives
- 3:00 P. M. Conference Business
- 3:30 P. M. Preaching Service, Dr. W. E. Trice
- 4:30 P. M. Announcements and Adjournment
- 6:00 P. M. Centenary Banquet
- 7:15 P. M. Installation of Conference Youth Council
- 7:30 P. M. Worship Service, Dr. Warren Johnston
Mangum Memorial Church Choir
- 9:00 P. M. Reception honoring past M. Y. F. Conference presidents

Friday, May 30

- 8:30 A. M. Devotional, Rev. Sam Nader
- 9:00 A. M. Interboard Council
- 9:15 A. M. Pastors' School Announcement — School of Missions
- 9:25 A. M. Committee on Entertainment
- 9:35 A. M. Commission on World Service and Finance
- 10:00 A. M. Recess
- 10:15 A. M. Report of Conference Treasurer and Statistician
- 10:35 A. M. Committee on Resolutions
- 11:00 A. M. Reading of Appointments — Adjournment

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BISHOP JOHN A. SUBHAN, of India, preached to a crowded sanctuary on May 11 at Monticello, according to reports from Monticello.

THE METHODIST CHURCH of Keiser, Rev. John M. Harrison, pastor, has taken care of all finances for the year and pledges have been made that will cover the budget for another year.

REV. HAROLD D. SADLER, pastor of the Methodist Church of Hazen, preached the sermon for the graduating class in the high school gymnasium on Sunday, May 18, at 5:00 p. m.

REV. LEE ANDERSON, pastor of the rural churches of the Mountain Home Greater Parish, preached the sermon for the graduating class of the Horace Mann High School at Norfolk on May 11.

CHAPLAIN ALVIN C. MURRAY who has been on duty in Korea, preached at the morning service of the Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday, May 18.

DR. P. K. MERRILL, district lay leader for the Conway District was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Russellville on Wednesday, May 21.

REV. ROY BAGLEY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Fellowship of the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, on Thursday, May 29.

FAMILY NIGHT was observed at the First Methodist Church, Cotton Plant, on Thursday evening, May 8. A supper was served on the lawn, followed by a musical program in the auditorium. A large crowd attended.

REV. J. R. CHANDLER, pastor at Cotton Plant, preached the sermon for the Cotton Plant High School on Sunday, May 18. The commencement address will be given by Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix College, on May 22.

THE dedication of the Farm Hill Methodist Church on the Vanndale Charge was held on Sunday May 18, with Rev. Ethan Dodgen, district superintendent, leading in the service of dedication at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Rev. J. H. Richardson is pastor.

REV. ROLAND E. DARROW, pastor of the Methodist Church of Monticello, gave the commencement address at the Woodland High School on May 15 and preached the sermon for the Star City High School on May 18.

REV. JAMES R. CHANDLER, pastor of the Cotton Plant Methodist Church, preached the sermon for the graduating class of the Cotton Plant High School on Sunday, May 18, in the auditorium of the high school. Dr. Matt L. Ellis will be the speaker at the graduating exercises on Thursday, May 22.

REV. W. GLENN BRUNER, pastor of the Elaine Methodist Church preached the

commencement sermon for the graduating class of the Elaine High School on Sunday, May 18. This was the third consecutive time that Brother Bruner has preached the sermon for the school.

THE CATO METHODIST CHURCH will hold its annual home-coming on Sunday, June 1, with Dr. J. W. Workman preaching at the 11:00 o'clock hour. A basket lunch will be served on the church lawn. No special activities are planned for the afternoon but opportunities will be given for visiting.

REV. W. C. LEWIS, pastor of the Mena Circuit, writes that a charge-wide rally will be held at the Mountain View Church in Mena on Sunday, June 1. Services will be held at the church at 11:00 a. m. with a basket dinner in the park at 12:00 noon and community singing in the afternoon. The new parsonage will be shown at this time.

As a part of its loyalty campaign which will continue through May, Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, held a fellowship banquet in the church basement on Tuesday, May 6, with more than 140 people in attendance. The church budget is begin pledged with Harper Nesbit as general chairman of the campaign. Rev. W. R. Boyd is pastor of Jackson Street Church.

REV. AND MRS. B. L. WILFORD of Newark were injured on Friday morning, May 2, when their car overturned on a curve on Highway 122, about eight miles north of Newark. They were taken to a Batesville hospital and then to The Methodist Hospital at Memphis where they are at present. Their condition is reported to be very favorable. Brother Wilford is pastor of the Hazel Edwards Memorial Church, Newark.

DR. T. Z. KOO, head of the Department of Oriental Studies at the University of Iowa, spoke on the cultural background of the Chinese people at the evening service at Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Sunday, May 18. Dr. Koo was brought to Little Rock by the Support of Churches Committee of the Little Rock Kiwanis Club. He has been in the United States since 1945 when he was an advisor to the Chinese delegation at the San Francisco conference of the United Nations. He has been at the University of Iowa since 1948.

CHURCH LOYALTY DINNER was held by the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Friday evening, May 16, in the Robinson Memorial Auditorium, in connection with the current program of financing the construction of an Education Building to be erected adjoining the recently completed sanctuary at Woodlawn and Monroe, Little Rock. The \$250,000 financing program is under the general direction of the Wells Organization and is scheduled to cover the next three years. Alton Rainey, Chairman of the Building Committee, was chairman of the evening's program which featured addresses by Bishop Martin, the pastor, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin and several of the laymen of the church. Over seven hundred persons were in attendance.

FORMAL OPENING SERVICES were held in the new sanctuary of the First Meth-

odist Church, Blytheville, Sunday morning, May 19, when services at 8:30 and 10:50 were held. Rev. Roy I. Bagley, pastor, was assisted in the first service by Rev. E. B. Williams, Jonesboro District Superintendent, and in the second service by Rev. H. O. Bolin, Benton pastor and uncle of the pastor. More than a thousand persons were in attendance in the two services. The sanctuary which has been under construction two and a half years, is of stone and concrete construction, of Gothic architecture, features a lofty tower, is completely newly furnished except for a new pipe organ which will be installed before the meeting of the North Arkansas Conference there June 11-15. A more detailed article concerning this beautiful sanctuary will be published soon.

THE CONFERENCE DID THIS

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ation written into the Social Creed: "We stand for the principle of the acquisition of property by Christian processes and in the right of private ownership thereof with full acknowledgment of stewardship under God and accountability to Him for its use. We espouse no economic system and refuse to identify Christianity with any economic order. . . . We believe that the free democratic way of life ruled by Christian principle can bring to mankind a society in which liberty is preserved, justice established, and brotherhood achieved."

THE BIG PROBLEM IN ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS

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we refuse to break our pledge to the prisoners, it is possible that the war may go on indefinitely; if we break that pledge and turn all prisoners back into the hand of the Reds our pledges and promises would suffer a damaging blow in the minds of many people of earth.

It is not difficult to understand why the Reds insist on the return of all prisoners regardless of the wishes of the prisoner. According to estimates, a large percentage of the Red prisoners do not want to go back. If prisoners were given their choice in the matter and most of the Reds preferred to stay out of Red territory it might upset much Soviet propaganda.

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TENNESSEE PASTOR PIONEERS IN BRAZIL

A young missionary who has just begun his first assignment in Brazil after completing a year's language study there, observes: "I love the way the people here sing and laugh; when folks can do that, the Lord has a good chance with them."

The Rev. J. Parke Renshaw, from Memphis, Tenn., has been assigned to pioneer work at Maringa, a new city in the boom state of Parana. Some 25,000 people a year have been streaming into the state to make it one of the fastest growing sections of Brazil. The settlers have left homes and heritages hundreds of years old to go to the new country, traveling by foot, train, bus, oxcart, boat, and mule-back. Many of them are escaping drought country, and many expect to get rich.

Mr. Renshaw's pastorate will include several towns along a sixty mile span, with headquarters in Maringa. Laymen have been conducting religious services until a minister could be appointed.

Mr. Renshaw was born in Memphis and grew up on a farm near that city. He received his A. B. degree from Emory University in 1943 and became an executive for the Boy Scouts of America. Two years later he began study at Candler Theological Seminary, Emory University, Ga., where he received his B. D. degree. During his seminary years he ministered to five congregations and worked with youth in Atlanta slum areas.

After serving as minister of the Methodist Church in Wrightsville, Ga., he entered Scarritt College for special preparation for missionary service.

Mr. Renshaw is married and has two young children. Mrs. Renshaw, the former Eunice Whiting of Camilla, Ga., received her education at Emory University, Huntingdon College, Ala., and Scarritt College.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES STORE REOPENED AT SHREVEPORT

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies at 8:30 a. m. marked the formal opening of the renovated Goodwill Industries store and the start of Goodwill week Sunday, May 18, in Shreveport.

Henry Weisman, president of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce officiated at the ceremony. Dr. John J. Rasmussen, pastor of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, gave the dedicatory address.

The program was conducted at the Goodwill store, 1916 Texas avenue. Following the program, open house was observed on the remodeled ground floor of the three-story structure.

The remodeling completed thus far constitutes the first phase of a program aimed at eventual renovation of the entire structure.

New ceilings and flooring have been installed throughout the ground floor, and new window panes have been provided for

METHODIST HOUR SPEAKER

FOR the closing service of the 1952 Methodist Series of The Protestant Hour, a thirty-minute network radio program, the guest minister will be the Rev. John M. Moore, pastor, Main Street Methodist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The Rev. Mr. Moore will speak on "God's Church; Our Hope of Peace."

Featured on this worship service will be a gospel hymn medley by the Fellowship Choir, composed of these old-time favorites: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord", "There is a Place of Quiet Rest", and the prayer hymn, "I I Have Wounded any Soul Today".

Following the Methodist Series of The Protestant Hour on this 180 station transcription network will be a series produced under the sponsorship of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. Among the speakers to be heard during the months of June and July will be, Dr. George E. Sweazey, Dr.



REV. JOHN W. MOORE

Donald A. Spencer and Dr. Earl W. Crawford.

The Rev. John W. Moore and the Fellowship Choir may be heard over radio station KLRA, Little Rock, at 10:30 p. m.

the front of the building on all three floors. The entire exterior of the building has also been repainted.

Funds for the renovation work came from a grant of \$74,000 left to the industries by the late Arch Haynes, Shreveport oilman.

Approximately 45 persons with physical, mental and emotional handicaps are trained in a variety of occupations which provide them with a means of

livelihood. Goodwill Industries offers training in such work as shoe repairing, furniture upholstery, furniture repairing and clothing rejuvenation.

Articles contributed to Goodwill Industries by area residents are cleaned and put into useable shape and then resold to provide quality items at budget prices for low income shoppers.

Mayor Clyde Fant proclaimed the week as Goodwill week.



A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A VERY PLEASANT SURPRISE

Two weeks ago at the Sunday morning service at Boston Avenue Church, Tulsa, my wife and I took our usual places in the auditorium of the church. It was not quite church time, and while we sat there waiting I had a very pleasant surprise. Charley Bryant, a long-time friend of mine, stepped in quietly and sat down beside us. We were soon engaged in conversation.

Charley and I grew up on adjoining farms in Southwest Arkansas, we attended the same school and country church, commonly known as "Pump Springs." Late in life, his grandfather and my grandmother married and established a home in that community. They were our nearest neighbors and our dearest friends.

Of course, Charley and I had much in common and could not begin to have a satisfactory visit in the short period before the church services began. He told me, however, that a married sister, whom I also knew quite well, had recently moved to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, a short distance from Tulsa. Her daughter, also, with her husband

and four children, was living a few blocks away. All of this was deeply interesting to me.

The next day he and his nephew came by to see us and we had a long and delightful visit together, rehearsing the experiences of the past, and talking of the present whereabouts and welfare of our mutual friends and relatives. His visit was a great inspiration and I am still thankful for his coming this way.

When I first came to serve St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City, in 1918, I found Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bryant and their son, Kelley. We immediately renewed the association of former days. Later on, in the fall of 1939, when I went to Fayetteville, Arkansas, on a sabbatical leave, they were living there. The following year I returned to Oklahoma City to serve St. Paul's Church in Shawnee, and they moved to Hope, Arkansas, where they now live.

Thank God for our, friends and loved ones! Life would be lonely and dreary without them.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE MEETS FIRST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

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one of the fast-growing churches of the city. Organized in 1908 the membership now totals 2,660. The present sanctuary was completed in 1911 and an education building was completed in 1941. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor and Rev. Wilson Watson, assistant pastor.

NORTH HIGHLANDS METHODIST

CHURCH. This new church is located in a new residential section just north of the city limits of Shreveport, on Poleman Road. The church was organized in 1949 in which year the fine new building was completed and occupied. Membership has grown to 140. Rev. John B. Koeleman is the pastor.

PARK AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH. Located at 1700 Park Avenue in southwest-central Shreveport, this church was organized in 1890. The present church was completed in 1928 and completely remodeled in 1952. Rev. Ivan O. Donaldson is pastor and the membership totals 550.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, located at Marion Place in the western section of Shreveport, was organized in 1949 in which year the present building was occupied. Membership has grown to 125. Rev. Dan McBride is pastor.

WYNN MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH. This church is located at 3816 Virginia Ave., in western Shreveport and was organized in 1923. The sanctuary was built during the years 1932 to 1936. A modern education building was completed in 1947. Membership of the church totals 602. Rev. James B. Grambling is pastor.

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH. This newest church in Shreveport Methodism was organized in 1952. It is located at 2115 West 70th street, near the new Sunset Acres residential division in west Shreveport. At the present time a residence is being used as a meeting place. A church building is in the planning stages. The church began with a membership of 35. Rev. J. M. Alford is pastor.



REPORT FOR APRIL, 1952

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

Gordon Wilson, automatic washing machine
The Commercial National Bank, circus tickets
Cordell's Exclusive Fine Foods, Bread and candies
The Sunshine Class, First Methodist Church Easter eggs, miscellaneous gifts and sponsored egg hunt at the Home
Mr. Chas. R. Baber, U. S. Veteran's Hospital, North Little Rock, gum
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Spillyards, clothing
The M. M. Cohn Co., Little Rock, candies and artificial bunnies
Susanna Wesley Circle, Hot Springs First Methodist Church, cookies
M. M. Eberts, Post No. 1, The American Legion, Dept. of Arkansas—Tickets for Rogers Brothers Circus
Binswanger & Co., Little Rock, Circus tickets for Roger Bros. Circus
Mrs. Wm. Heibach, Little Rock, shrubs
Mrs. D. D. Ricketts, Little Rock, set of Encyclopedias

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF—

Mrs. J. F. Bostian by Helen Clayton
Mr. Ira Clark by Mr. Jack S. Dante
Mr. L. E. Vaden's mother by Jack S. Dante
Mr. Ira Clark by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Culpepper
Mrs. J. H. Cummins by Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Davidson
Mrs. Theo Frank by The Dumas Lions Club
Mrs. Theo Frank by Mr. B. J. Tenenbaum
Jimmy Street by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laney
Mrs. Theo Frank by Mr. Jack Stiel Dante
Mrs. A. H. Neely by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Myers
Mrs. Allen Neely by Mrs. Lorine Harbour
Mrs. Baylus Danner Neely by Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper
Mrs. Baylus Neely by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lumpkin
Mrs. Rebecca Taylor by Wesleyan Service Guild, Marianna Methodist Church
Mr. John H. Potter by Wesleyan Service Guild, Marianna Methodist Church
Mrs. Allen Neely by Mrs. George F. Scott
Mr. C. C. Bost by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hughey
Ethel Warsaw by Mr. and Mrs. John Mac Smith
Rev. W. J. LeRoy by Mrs. H. V. Holland, Mrs. W. C. Overton, Mrs. C. A. Owens, Mrs. J. C. McCrory and Mrs. Alton Harmon
Mary Irene Chapman by The R. S. Hughey Family
Mrs. Lula May Montgomery by The Marianna W. S. C. S., Marianna Methodist Church
Mr. W. E. McClintock by Mrs. George S. Word
Mr. Wm. E. McClintock by Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Mathews

Mrs. Theo Frank by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dante
Mrs. Betty B. Loftin by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil B. Nance
Mr. Birtrum L. Vardaman by W. S. C. S. of Earl Methodist Church
Mrs. Frank Bryant by The St. Paul Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark.
Mrs. J. L. Loftin by W. S. C. S. West Memphis Methodist Church
Mrs. Barbara Dewoody by The Moscow Sunday School, Prescott No. 2, Ark.
Mrs. Francis Rushing by Kate Campbell Class, Augusta, Arkansas
Mrs. Rebecca Drennan by Kate Campbell Class, Augusta, Arkansas
TOTAL for Memorials \$122.00

OTHER GIFTS

The Friendship Class, Mena Methodist Church \$ 10.00
Yancey Sunday School Class, Marianna Methodist Church 10.00
P. E. Cooley, Treasurer, North Arkansas Conference 136.15
Fellowship Class, Henderson Methodist Church, Little Rock 10.00
Mr. O. G. Robison 1.00
Advance Sunday School Class, First Methodist Church, El Dorado 30.00
C. E. Hays, Treasurer, Little Rock Conference 321.17
Builders Sunday School Class, Paris Methodist Church 10.00
Madonna Bible Class, Newport Methodist Church 15.00
Arch Jones Bible Class, Batesville Central Avenue Methodist Church 10.00
Jett B. Graves S. S. Class, Mena Meth. Ch. 10.00
W. S. C. S. Bay Methodist Church 10.00
Booneville Wesleyan Service Guild 15.00
Miss Marcelle Phillips 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sullivan, Searcy Meth. Ch. 10.00
Mr. Ewing Smith, Heber Springs Meth. Ch. 45.00
Susanna Wesley Class, First Meth. Ch., Texarkana 5.00
W. S. C. S. Trumann Methodist Church 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean, Russellville Methodist Church 10.00
Mrs. F. B. Chidester 5.00
Circle No. 4, Forrest City Methodist Church 15.00
Evelyn Whitcomb Class, Asbury Meth. Ch., Little Rock 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sullivan, Searcy Methodist Church 10.00
Miscellaneous 138.74
TOTAL \$852.06

TOTAL FOR APRIL \$974.06

CORRECTION FOR LAST REPORT OF THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING:

Asbury Methodist Church total should have been \$2898.00.

T. T. McNEAL, Director

DEADLINE NEARS ON FREE FREIGHT FOR RELIEF TO INDIA

Just a few days are left for shipping relief goods and supplies to India license free, duty free, state and local tax free, and ration free. The deadline is June 30 for sending supplies through Church World Service under the India Emergency Food Act of 1951.

Hospital equipment which ordinarily is costly to transport, ranks high on the list of mission needs. A recent letter from Dr. Sherwood Hall at Madar Union Sanatorium in North India, writes:

"It is very difficult during the hot season to do major chest surgery because of the extreme heat here. We are obliged to stop. It is a great loss and also very hard on the patients to have to postpone operations. So we are urgently making this appeal, which, I am sure, will interest the generous friends in America. We are requesting that they send to us before June 3 or 4, portable air conditioning units to be used in our operating rooms and surgical wards. Their current must be adjusted to 220 volts and 50 cycles."

Other hospital equipment, which may be second-hand, includes cystoscope, X-ray apparatus, microscopes, hospital beds and linens, towels and operating gowns. This equipment may be purchased at discount by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. MCOR will also purchase at discount such items as Penicillin, Streptomycin, Aureomycin, Terramycin, powdered milk, multivitamin tablets, and bandages.

Methodists who wish to take advantage of the shipping agreement should address packages as follows:

Rev. Donald F. Ebright (Methodist)
Lucknow, India
Church World Service Center
New Windsor, Md., or:
10901 Russett St., Oakland, Calif.

NAVY TRAINING LAYMEN FOR RELIGIOUS TASKS

NORFOLK, Va.—(RNS)—The Navy is conducting a special training program here for laymen who serve as religious representatives aboard ships that are too small to have a regular chaplain.

A total of 53 Navy men, ranging in rank from seaman to lieutenant, attended the first such training institute held at the U. S. Naval Amphibious Base at Little Creek, Va., near here.

Chaplain (Commander) L. W. Meachum, the Amphibious Force chaplain, reported that the experiment of using lay representatives on the small ships of the amphibious command has proven successful in recent months and has led to the special training course for laymen.

"Where services have been conducted at sea by members of a ship's company, attendance has been very gratifying," Chaplain Meachum said.

lege and Drew Theological Seminary. Long active in Church affairs, he has been a delegate to four General Conferences of The Methodist Church and was for eight years district superintendent of the Newark District, Newark Conference of the Church. Washabaugh has been connected with the Methodist Publishing House since 1940, when he became manager of its Regional House in New York. He took his present position as assistant to the heads of the publishing concern in October, 1949.

Dr. Washabaugh's home is in Morristown, New Jersey.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

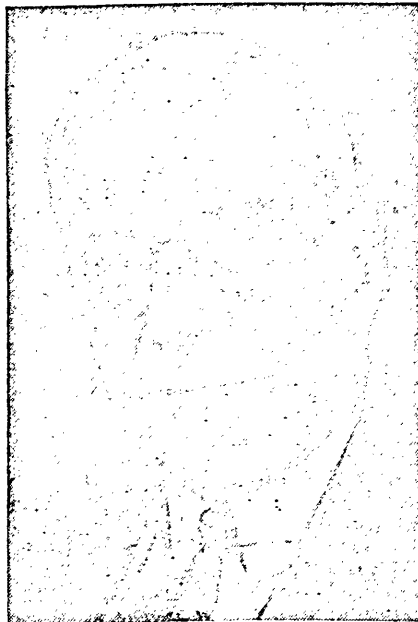
SPEAKER AT LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

J. EDGAR WASHABAUGH, assistant to the Publishing Agents of The Methodist Church, will address the Louisiana Conference on May 28 at Shreveport. His topic will be "The Interpreter's Bible," the twelve-volume commentary being published by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, publishing division of The Methodist Publishing House.

The first comprehensive commentary in 130 years, "The Interpreter's Bible" will, it is predicted, have far-reaching effects on the preaching of the gospel throughout the English-speaking world by the time the last volume comes out in 1957.

One volume — Volume VII — has already been published, while Volume VIII, continuing the New Testament exposition, was scheduled to be published April 21 of this year. When the final volume is published the whole venture will represent the efforts of scores of writers and editors from fourteen Protestant denominations, and thirteen years and approximately one million dollars will have been spent on it.

Dr. Washabaugh, a leading Methodist clergyman, was educated at Dickinson Col-



J. EDGAR WASHABAUGH

North Arkansas Conference Treasurer's Report

JUNE 1, 1951, TO MAY 4, 1952

World Service and Con. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	D. S. Salary	Gen. & Jurisd. Administration	Minim. Salary Fund	Adv. for Christ
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JONESBORO DISTRICT

DISTRICT SUP'T						
BLACK OAK	100.00	16.00	99.00	135.00	11.00	65.00
Delfore	50.00	13.00	112.00	83.00	6.00	25.00
BLITHEVILLE, First	2583.30	98.00	900.00	550.00	135.00	2100.00
Lake Street	306.00		263.00	64.00	35.00	
West Parish-Gosnell	50.00	14.00	120.00	88.00	14.00	13.50
Half Moon	25.00	7.00	120.00	56.00	7.00	8.50
Wesley Mem.	50.00	14.00	120.00	88.00	14.00	13.00
BONO	60.00	9.00	75.00	55.00	18.00	3.00
Trinity	20.00	8.75	20.00	25.00	18.00	
Shady Grove	60.00	9.00	75.00	55.00	18.00	4.00
BROOKLAND	99.95	11.55	99.00	72.60	17.00	9.90
Pine Log	12.50		15.00	12.00		
New Haven				23.00		
Pleasant Grove	50.00	5.40	52.20	39.60	8.00	
CARAWAY	100.00	31.00	270.00	198.00	9.00	30.00
DELL	230.00	43.75	375.00	275.00	23.00	45.00
DYESS	80.00	12.25	105.00	77.00	18.00	16.25
Whitton	80.00	21.00	180.00	132.00	18.00	12.00
HARRISBURG	500.00	61.00	540.00	385.00	42.00	48.00
Pleasant Valley	50.00		75.00	55.00	12.00	
JOINER	225.00	62.50	495.00	363.00	16.50	125.00
JONESBORO, First	4000.00	116.00	990.00	725.00	144.00	275.50
Fisher Street	150.00	23.50	202.50	148.50	15.00	24.00
Huntington Ave.	300.00	32.00	270.00	198.00	21.00	70.00
KEISER	240.00	42.00	360.00	264.00	19.00	64.00
LAKE CITY		15.75	135.00	99.00	18.00	9.00
Lake View	25.00	14.00	50.00	88.00	18.00	9.00
LEACHVILLE	260.00	38.50	330.00	242.00	20.00	14.00
Macey	36.74		44.00	30.25		
LEPANTO	250.00	63.00	270.00	200.00	36.00	98.00
Garden Point	90.00	16.00	135.00	99.00	15.00	32.00
LORADO CT., New Hope		4.38		27.50		
Union Grove		3.50	20.50	22.00		
Shiloh	27.25	4.38	27.25	17.50	6.00	
Pleasant Hill		2.24	19.20	14.08		
LUNSFORD	25.00	3.50	30.00	22.00	9.00	
Pleasant Valley	40.00	5.00	45.00	33.00	11.25	49.25
LUXORA	100.00	30.00	180.00	100.00	27.00	75.00
MCCORMICK	32.00	6.00	49.00	39.00	2.00	6.00
Calvary	25.00	6.00	20.00	7.00	2.00	6.00
MANILA	600.00	53.00	540.00	396.00	40.00	127.00
MARKED TREE	750.00	74.00	630.00	462.00	64.00	204.00
MONETTE	233.36	34.72	300.00	220.00	18.00	
Mt. Carmel	100.00					
Forest Home	15.00	4.50	37.50	27.50	1.50	
NETTLETON	140.00	23.62	202.50	148.00	18.00	38.00
Bay	70.00	11.80	101.25	74.00	9.00	22.00
OSCEOLA	1200.00	87.50	750.00	550.00	76.50	147.00
ST. JOHN	60.00	15.00	127.00	93.00	21.00	
Floodway	10.00		30.00	11.00	9.00	
Riverside	20.00	5.00	41.00	30.00	9.00	
Sunnyland	25.00	6.00	52.00	38.00	15.00	
HERMAN		2.19	1.56	13.75		
TRUMANN	435.00	63.00	540.00	396.00	33.00	80.00
TURRELL	100.00	24.00	200.00	147.00	21.00	23.00
Gilmore	80.00	12.00	100.00	73.00	14.00	
TYRONZA	480.00	63.00	504.00	396.00	25.00	84.00
WEINER	293.00	35.00	300.00	220.00	24.00	68.00
Tilton	34.00	4.38	37.50	25.50	7.50	15.00
Hickory Ridge	160.00	17.50	150.00	110.00	18.00	40.00
WEONA	90.00	18.00	135.00	99.00	18.00	
Center View	90.00		135.00	99.00	18.00	
WILSON	238.00	32.00	270.00	198.00	42.00	70.00
YARBRO	140.00	27.30	234.00	171.60	16.00	29.00
Promised Land	140.00	25.20	216.00	158.40	16.00	26.00

TOTAL 15836.10 1501.66 12921.96 9265.78 1336.25 1997.65 7199.45

GOLDEN CROSS: Delfore \$10.00; Lepanto \$72.00; Garden Point \$10.00; Marked Tree \$90.00; Turrell \$12.00; Tyronza \$72.00.

METHODIST YOUTH: Jonesboro Sub-District \$15.80; Black Oak \$2.00; Blitheville First \$51.21; Half Moon \$1.00; Caraway \$3.00; Dyess \$3.00; Jonesboro, First \$95.37; Huntington Ave. \$23.18; Monette \$2.00; Nettleton \$18.00; Osceola \$36.00; Trumann \$6.00; Turrell \$15.00; Wilson \$10.00.

RACE RELATIONS: Blytheville First \$50.00; Caraway \$5.00; Joiner \$15.00; Jonesboro, First \$194.51; Huntington Ave. \$25.00; Keiser \$2.25; Lake City \$10.00; Lepanto \$40.00; Garden Point \$10.00; Manila \$25.00; Marked Tree \$40.00; Osceola \$40.00; Turrell \$5.00; Hickory Ridge \$6.50; Wilson \$10.00.

WESLEY FOUNDATION (See Note): Bono \$17.00; Trinity \$15.00; Shady Grove \$15.00; Harrisburg \$18.00; Joiner \$84.00; Huntington Ave. \$124.00; Lake City \$25.00; Lake View \$25.00; Lepanto \$119.00; Lunsford \$6.10; Pleasant Valley \$10.00; Luxora \$87.00; Marked Tree \$173.00; Monette \$37.00; Nettleton \$39.50; Bay \$39.50; Turrell \$37.00; Gilmore \$19.00; Weiner \$50.00; Tilton \$5.00; Hickory Ridge \$40.00; Wilson \$50.00; Yarbrow \$42.50.

WEEK OF DEDICATION: Delfore \$5.00; Blytheville, First \$100.00; West Parish-Gosnell \$5.00; Half Moon \$8.50; Caraway \$10.00; Dyess \$6.39; Harrisburg \$27.86; Jonesboro, First \$219.40; Fisher Street \$15.00; Keiser \$28.18; Lake View \$6.00; Leachville \$25.00; Garden Point \$10.00; Luxora \$15.00; Manila \$30.04; Marked Tree \$100.00; Nettleton \$12.00; Osceola \$67.00; Trumann \$20.00; Turrell \$15.00; Wilson \$25.00; Promised Land \$14.35.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

BEECH GROVE	84.00	6.00	53.00	38.00	5.00	
Rock Springs	45.00	3.00	25.00	16.00		
Cache Lake	18.00	1.75	15.00	11.00	1.25	
BIGGERS	50.50	3.00	73.50	50.00	3.00	6.00
Knobel	75.00	13.00	25.00	48.00	9.00	5.00
Peach Orchard	37.50	3.50	20.00	20.00	10.00	
Reyno	75.00	15.75		99.00	6.50	7.50
BLACK ROCK	50.00	8.50	75.00	55.00	11.50	4.50
Portia	60.00	7.00	60.00	44.00	9.00	7.00
BOYDSVILLE	31.50	3.00	28.13	21.00	4.50	2.25

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World Service and Con. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	D. S. Salary	Gen. & Jurisd. Administration	Minim. Salary Fund	Adv. for Christ
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Cummins Chapel	41.50	5.25	33.75	24.75	6.00	3.00
Mars Hill	42.00	5.25	45.00	33.00	6.00	3.00
CORNING	1050.00	70.00	600.00	293.34	51.00	96.00
DEAN	40.00	5.25	42.00	33.00	4.00	1.00
Hurricane	23.00	2.75	22.50	16.50	2.50	1.50
FRENCH GROVE	22.50	2.13	21.00	16.50	2.00	
Harvey's Chapel	24.00		5.00	15.00	5.00	
HARDY	105.00	21.66	185.62	136.13	7.50	
Williford	20.00	2.00	22.50	16.50	2.65	
HOXIE	156.00	21.00	180.00	120.00		
IMBODEN	75.00	5.00	50.00	20.00	5.00	
Smithville	44.50	7.00	60.00	44.00	4.00	4.00
Eli Lindsey Mem.	20.00		20.00	4.00		
Denton			12.00			
LEONARD CT., Macedonia	77.00	19.00	70.00	89.00	16.00	
Simmons Chapel	69.00	9.75	77.00	60.50	7.50	5.50
Union Grove	19.50	5.00	41.00	30.00	5.00	
MAMMOTH SPRING	125.00	31.50	270.00	198.00	20.00	30.00
MARMADUKE	120.00	14.47	123.75	90.75	12.50	6.38
MAYNARD	37.00	5.25	45.00	33.00	13.00	1.00
Oak Grove	37.00	5.25	45.00	33.00	15.00	4.00
Middlebrook	37.00	5.00	45.00	33.00	10.00	4.00
Ravenden Springs	60.00	11.37	97.50	71.50	12.00	8.00
Ravenden	30.00	4.00	35.00	27.00	5.00	1.00
PARAGOULD, First	2332.60	80.20	751.60	504.10	83.30	134.70
Griffin Memorial	412.50	42.54	340.20	267.30	41.25	117.00
PARAGOULD CT.						
Pruitt's Chapel	63.00	6.00	56.00	44.00	9.25	3.00
Shiloh	127.00	7.00	60.00	44.00	9.00	4.00
Woods Chapel	35.00		56.00	44.00		
Camp Ground	24.00	6.00	30.00	22.00	6.00	1.00
Gainesville	25.00	3.50	30.00	22.00	9.25	4.00
PIGGOTT	837.35	66.00	550.00	407.00	48.50	154.00
POCAHONTAS	500.00	36.75	315.00	231.00	30.00	102.00
RECTOR, First	875.00	63.00	540.00	396.00	50.00	112.00
Fourth Street	100.00	21.00	180.00	132.00	15.00	14.00
Five Oaks	32.50	7.00	60.00	44.00	6.00	5.00
RECTOR CT., Ebenezer	48.00	6.12	52.25	38.50	6.00	2.00
Liberty Hill	24.00	1.75	18.75	14.00	4.00	
Pleasant Grove	45.00	5.25	45.00	33.00	4.50	1.25
Ramer's Chapel	55.00	5.00	41.00	30.00	7.50	3.00
ST. FRANCIS	55.00		55.00	40.00		
Wright's Chapel	58.00	7.87	67.50	49.50	8.00	5.00
Mt. Zion	25.00	2.81	37.50	27.50	5.00	
Langley's Chapel	42.00	3.81	40.75	30.25	5.00	
Gravel Hill	25.00					
SEDGWICK	60.00	6.00	49.00	39.00	7.00	3.00
Egypt	75.00	6.00	49.00	33.50	10.00	4.76
Lynn	40.00	3.00	20.00	5.00	7.00	
STANFORD	25.00	13.05	32.81	82.50	14.00	34.00
Morning Star	43.00	6.50	56.25	41.25	7.00	3.00
Warren's Chapel	40.00	4.37	37.50	27.50	4.00	3.00
Bard	43.00	6.56	56.25	41.25	7.00	3.00
New Liberty	29.00					
Schugtown	43.00	6.56	56.25	41.25	7.00	3.00
WALNUT RIDGE	1000.00	63.00	511.09	400.00	70.00	84.00
Old Walnut Ridge	60.00	5.00	49.00	39.00	5.00	
SCATTER CREEK	15.00					
POWHATAN	18.00					

TOTAL 10033.45 821.02 6746.86 5031.87 760.95 883.34 586.50

GOLDEN CROSS: Macedonia \$5.00; Simmons Chapel \$5.00; Union Grove \$2.00; Maynard \$5.00; Middlebrook \$5.00; Gainesville \$11.00; Ebenezer \$3.66; Morning Star \$15.00; Schugtown \$10.00; Old Walnut Ridge \$5.00.

METHODIST YOUTH: Union Grove \$7.30; Paragould, First \$53.26; Griffin Mem. \$45.00; Piggott \$34.33; Pocahontas \$49.35; Rector, First \$5.00; Walnut Ridge \$10.00.

RACE RELATIONS: Biggers \$20.22; Reyno \$2.42; Boydsville \$1.27; Mars Hill \$1.60; Mammoth Spring \$3.60; Middlebrook \$4.00; Ravenden Springs \$5.00; Ravenden \$1.00; Piggott \$50.00; Pocahontas \$50.00; Rector, First \$36.00; Egypt \$2.67; Walnut Ridge \$40.00.

WESLEY FOUNDATION (See Note): Piggott \$312.05; Mt. Zion \$10.00.

WEEK OF DEDICATION: Beech Grove \$5.00; Rock Springs \$6.00; Biggers \$10.00; Knobel \$6.00; Peach Orchard \$3.00; Reyno \$16.15; Portia \$11.25; Corning \$53.00; Mammoth Spring \$5.00; Pruitt's Chapel \$9.35; Piggott \$50.00; Rector, First \$100.00; St. Francis \$8.16; Egypt \$4.72; Walnut Ridge \$60.00.

SEARCY DISTRICT

ANTIOCH	105.00	14.00	120.00	88.00	6.00	50.00
Stony Point	58.50	10.50	90.00	66.00	6.00	37.50
AUGUSTA	766.00	63.00	540.00	396.00	90.00	140.00
BALD KNOB	150.00	17.50	150.00	110.00	6.00	22.50
Bradford	50.00	6.55	56.25	41.25		
Russell		3.06	26.35	19.25		
BEEBE	573.00	56.00	480.00	352.00	62.00	60.00
CABOT	429.75	39.00	337.50	247.50	62.00	55.00
CLINTON	375.00	45.00	150.00	293.00	45.00	40.00
DeVIEW	41.00	11.00	65.50	52.00	6.00	5.00
Patterson	26.00	4.00	36.00	27.00	4.00	1.00
GRIFFITHVILLE	19.50	19.50	195.00	110.00	11.00	
Dogwood	20.00	2.60	20.00	8.00	4.00	
Ellis Chapel				32.77		
Friendship	20.00					
HARRISON	666.00	78.76	675.00	495.00	129.00	129.5

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Faculty, Staff Changes Announced

Changes in the Hendrix College faculty and staff for the 1952-53 school year were announced recently by Dr. Matt Ellis, president of the college.

Lloyd G. K. Carr of the science faculty and V. Earle Copes, associate professor of music, will leave to undertake graduate study. Carr plans to study at the Sorbonne, University of Paris, and Copes has a teaching fellowship in organ and church music at the University of Texas.

Miss Betty Rae Thomas of the music department, Mrs. Paul Howerton of the speech department, and Mrs. Ruth S. Boyer, nurse, have resigned, President Ellis said. Miss Thomas, instructor in voice during the past year, will join a vocal quartet which will travel throughout the middle west presenting grand and light opera programs under the auspices of the University of Wisconsin and the University of Kansas. Mrs. Howerton's plans are not yet final. Mrs. Boyer is retiring from active nursing at the end of the summer term.

Harry J. Olmsted of the economics staff will return to his position at Hendrix after a year's graduate study at Vanderbilt. His advanced work was carried on under a fellowship from the Ford Foundation. Charles Ferguson of Nashville has replaced Olmsted during the past year.

George Thompson of Little Rock, a 1949 Hendrix graduate, will be added to the history and political science staff in September, according to Dr. Ellis. He has been doing graduate work at Columbia.

Sophomore Council Named

Marilyn Nisler of Dermott, Hendrix freshman, has been selected to head the college's Sophomore Council, according to Miss Marie Williams, dean of women.

Other members of the council are Helen Hughes of Nashville, Barbara Cunningham of Walnut Ridge, Barbara Powell of Stamps, Mildred Walton of Little Rock, Mary Sue Murry of Malvern, Martha Menees of Little Rock, Ann Barker and Doris Spangler of Ft. Smith, Anita Copeland of Hope and Nancy Legg of Conway.

Members of the Sophomore Council are outstanding freshman women who will advise and assist new freshmen in getting acquainted with Hendrix during the first months of the school year next fall. Council mem-

WILL TEACH IN PASTOR'S SCHOOL

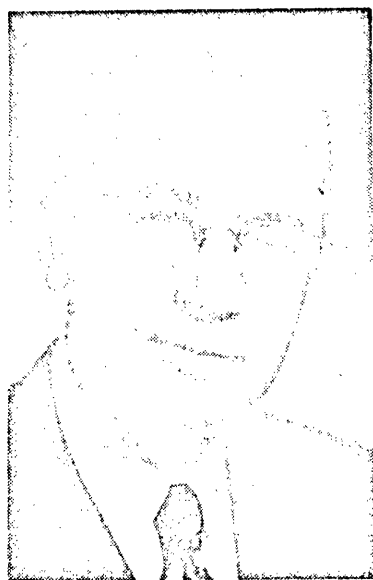
DR. JOHN KEITH BENTON will lead the course on "Pastoral Counseling" at the Arkansas Pastors' School, July 7-11.

He served in the Air Forces of the United States Army during the first World War, after which he entered Birmingham-Southern College where he received his academic degree. He received the B. D. Degree from Yale and the Ph. D. from Edinburgh. He was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by both Alabama-Southern College and Southern Methodist University.

Following a short tenure in the pastorate, Dr. Benton has had a distinguished career as a teacher, having been on the teaching staff at Southern College, Drew University, Duke University, and since 1939 has been Dean of the Vanderbilt School of Religion.

In addition to his outstanding career as a teacher, he has been a frequent contributor to religious journals of our own and other denominations. He was co-author of "Making Religion Effective" and "Clinical Pastoral Training," both volumes coming off the press in 1945.

The important boards and commissions on which he has served, or to which he now belongs, are too numerous to mention in this brief record of his achievements. These services have gone far beyond the bounds of Methodism, as evidenced by the fact that he was the first President of the Tennessee



DR. JOHN KEITH BENTON

Council of Churches, and by the further fact that in 1951 he received citation by the National Council of Churches for "unique and distinguished service to Christianity." He is at the present time President of the American Association of Theological Schools. He is a member of the American Philosophical Association and the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences.

Dr. Benton is no stranger to Arkansas Methodism, having been a popular instructor in a number of previous sessions of the School. His many friends extend a cordial welcome on his return visit. — Roy E. Fawcett.

FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY

Lincoln, Neb.—Tatiana Budovich is a student who is enjoying life. As a Nebraska Wesleyan University freshman, she has found freedom and opportunity.

It has not always been so. Tatiana is a native of Kiev in the Ukraine. At the age of seven the forces of Hitler overran her country. "We were not treated as human beings," Tatiana recalls. "The Germans were beastly themselves and treated us almost like animals." When Russian forces began to push the Germans back, Tatiana, her father and mother were taken to Germany and interned in a labor camp. Tani, as her new

friends correspond with prospective freshmen advisees during the summer. The council also sponsors a series of programs or forums during the school term. — Guy Shannon

friends call her, was too young for slave labor but her parents were pressed into service.

It was a happy day when the war was over and the Budovich family was permitted to come to the United States. The freedom and opportunity which exist here have impressed Tani. Her father will again be able to practice his profession as an X-ray doctor. Someday she will attend graduate school, explore further her favorite subject, the natural sciences, and become the bacteriologist she now dreams of being.

One of the most delightful experiences in Tani's more recent life came when she discovered Ohla Dibert on the Wesleyan campus. Ohla, too, comes from Kiev and her life history is similar to Tani's. "It was nice to find somebody from 'home,'" says Tani, although the girls were not acquainted in Kiev. Ohla has helped her to become oriented to American college

PREPARATIONS FOR INCREASED ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN

Nashville, Tenn. — "It is estimated that by 1956 there will be seven million more children ready to enter the first grade than are now entering the first grade," says Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director of the Department of the Christian Education of Children, in her report to the General Board of Education. "This means that during this coming quadrennium vast numbers of little children will be knocking at the doors of nursery and kindergarten departments of our Methodist churches. . . . The records which are being received from Methodist churches indicate that we are not prepared to meet the needs of these oncoming little children."

Many of these children are in defense workers' communities and communities around military establishments, as well as in housing developments in the suburbs of large cities.

Never before in our history has a generation of children been uprooted on so large a scale as is the case with the present generation, according to Dr. Jones' report.

The Division of the Local Church is really doing something about helping local churches with this situation.

The Rev. Luke G. Beauchamp, of the Department of General Church School Work, has been designated to take the lead in determining what can be done to keep these fluctuating thousands on an even keel. He reports that already a moving picture and a filmstrip have been prepared to help arouse leaders to the emergency and four items of printed materials are available, suggesting practical things that can be done. The latter include a kit called "Armed Services Kit," and three booklets—"The Church Serves Congested Areas," "The Church Serves Nearby Military Personnel," and "The Church Serves Its People in Military Service." The kit is for men and women in the armed services.

Since the emergency affects all areas of Christian education in the local church, the Division staff committee appointed to plan the work in these emergency situations, includes, besides Mr. Beauchamp, Rev. Walter Towner, chairman, Rev. Robert S. Clemmons, Rev. Joe Bell, Rev. M. Leo Rippey, Henry Doody, Rev. Howard Tower, and Rev. Harold Ewing.

customs and although she has been in this country a short time.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

General Conference Legislative Action

HIGHLIGHTS of legislative action at Methodism's General Conference—April 23-May 6 in San Francisco—is as follows:

—Adopted an annual budget of \$9,660,000 for World Service benevolences during the next four years. This does not include \$7,000,000 per year raised for similar purposes by the WSCS nor the \$4,000,000 given to special missionary projects.

—Appropriated \$850,000 annually "to strengthen" Methodist seminaries. In addition, annual conferences were asked to raise 50 cents per member annually to help support other Methodist colleges, and 15 cents per member for Wesley Foundations.

—Authorized an Interdenominational Cooperation Fund (to be raised by apportionments to local churches) providing \$200,000 for the National Council of Churches and \$85,000 for the World Council of Churches.

—Revised the administrative organization of the local church as recommended in an eight-year study by a special commission. Clarifying much of the present *Discipline*, the revisions established the Quarterly Conference as the "basic body of control," and stipulate that every local church must organize an official board and four basic commissions—evangelism, missions, education and finance. The official board is expanded to include trustees and certain officers, in addition to the stewards.

—Shortened the name of the church's largest board to the Board of Missions, and changed its principal division to World Missions and National Missions. Other name changes: Commission on World Service and Finance becomes a Council; Commission on World Peace becomes a Board; Commission on Ministerial Training becomes Department of Ministerial Education (see below); Commission on Public Information becomes Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information.

—Modified the controversial Survey Report (which proposed drastic revision of general boards and agencies) as follows:

1) Set up a Co-ordinating Council (34 members) which can be requested to review claims of overlapping and lack of cooperation among general boards and agencies. However, decisions of the Council are not binding and it can only report cases of non-compliance to the next General Conference. The Council is authorized to study the church's general organizational structure, and plan for a unified, on-going program . . . reporting its recommendations to the General Conference.

2) Continued the Council on World Service and Finance (for-

merly a commission) with authority to receive and disburse funds as per budgets authorized by the General Conference. The Council will supervise the church's Statistical Office and it can maintain a personnel bureau to aid persons seeking employment in Methodist agencies.

3) Created a new Board of Social and Economic Relations.

4) Shifted the Commission on Ministerial Training to the Board of Education where it becomes part of the new Department of Ministerial Education within the board's Division of Educational Institutions. The Association of Theological Schools is also absorbed by the new department.

5) Created an Interboard Commission on the Local Church (18 members) to coordinate policies and activities of three general boards: Education, Evangelism and Lay Activities.

6) Created an Interboard Commission on Christian Social Relations (18 members) to coordinate policies and activities of three general boards: Temperance, World Peace, Social and Economic Relations.

7) Created a Commission on Promotion and Cultivation (19 members) to review plans of boards and agencies for production and distribution of all promotional and resource literature, and to consider merging such material in a single "monthly program journal" for pastors, lay leaders and other church workers.

8) Created an Interagency Commission on Cultivation, Promotion and Publication (9 members) to coordinate the policies and activities of the Board of Publication and three Commissions: Public Relations and Methodist Information, Promotion and Cultivation, Films, Radio and Television.

9) Reduced the total membership of general boards and agencies from 718 to 615. Ordered that no more than 18 bishops may serve on the Board of Missions and 17 on the Board of Education (all bishops have been members) and ruled that bishops elected to the Council on World Service and Finance may not serve on other general boards and agencies.

10) Voted that general boards and agencies shall hold a joint annual meeting at least once during 1952-56 to try out recommendation of Survey Commission for an annual assembly.

—Authorized a Crusade for World Order to start in 1953.

—Declared 1953 a "year of evangelism" in cooperation with the several Methodist bodies of the world, the campaign to be sponsored by the World Methodist Council.

—Continued the Advance Committee, but decided that the church-wide quadrennial pro-

CURRENT RELIGIOUS NEWS BRIEFS

Selected From Religious News Service

Cafe Donates Day's Profits To Church

An Indianapolis cafe donated all of a day's profits to the building fund of the Downey Avenue Christian church there. Members of the church worked as waiters, waitresses and dishwashers that day at the Audubon Cafe. Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Douglas, owners of the cafe, are active members of the church. Serving began at 11 a. m. and continued until 7 p. m. The Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Wiegmann were unofficial host and hostess for the day.

Urge Converted War Prisoners Not Be 'Sacrificed'

An urgent plea that ex-Communists who have been converted to Christianity in prisoner of war camps in Korea not be sacrificed to the expediency of a negotiated truce was voiced in Washington, D. C., by the Christianform. The new inter-creedal Christian organization founded to combat the propaganda work of the Cominform made the appeal in a statement distributed to members of Congress. It is said that forced repatriation of prisoners of war in Korea would condemn to death many thousands of young Chinese and North Koreans who believed the promises of Ameri-

gram shall be implemented at the annual conference level with educational emphasis on Stewardship, Evangelism, the Church School and Youth.

—Extended the right to administer the sacrament to unordained pastors who qualify annually by passing study courses leading to ordination.

—Established right of Central Jurisdiction churches (Negro) to transfer to other jurisdictions (white) if the local churches in both annual and jurisdictional conferences concerned approve the transfer.

—Retained the controversial "no smoking" pledge of ministers by requiring "abstinence from the use of tobacco and other indulgences which may injure your influence . . ."

—Requested the Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial) to remove the word "Methodist" from its name and to vacate its quarters in the Methodist building, New York City.

—Denied full clergy rights to women.

cans and listed to our indoctrination in the Christian and democratic way of life.

Says Church And Press Need Each Other

Never in the 500-year history of the printed word have the church and press needed each other so much as today, George A. Smallsreed, editor of the Columbus (O.) Dispatch, said in Springfield, O., at a Lutheran Workshop on Public Relations. "Never before has religion been so encouraged, fostered and disseminated by the field of communications as now," he said. "The underlying reason for this is that the press of America is aware that freedom of religion is being vigorously attacked throughout the world. The press is aware that its freedom is being challenged, but how aware of this is the Church?"

Dulles Says Foreign Policy Lacks Spiritual Feeling

United States foreign policy is utterly material and lacks spiritual and brotherly feeling, John Foster Dulles, former ambassador-at-large and adviser to the State Department, said at Philadelphia. Mr. Dulles addressed a founder's day program of the Presbyterian Hospital of Philadelphia, at which he and several others closely associated with the 82-year-old institution were honored. "Our foreign policy is a bit off-base, because it is unresponsive to spiritual qualities and the human equation," he said. "Russia has the initiative on the world front, and all that we're doing is rushing around trying to stop her. Everything we've done has been based on fear. It should be the other way around. We should be exerting ourselves to free the people of the 20 countries that Russia is holding captive."

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

LET'S PRETEND

It is such fun to pretend! When you pretend, you can actually be anybody you want to be and do all the things they might do.

Little girls pretend they are mothers. They go to the market. They buy pretty hats. They wash clothes. They have pretend callers and serve spaghetti and meat balls.

Sometimes they play store and sell ice cream, candy, bread, milk and bananas to pretend customers. They play nurse and put band-aids on dolly's bumps and scratches. It is lots of fun to pretend!

Little boys pretend they are doctors and make their patients go to bed because they have a temperature, measles or mumps. They play cowboy and gallop around like wild horses. They play firemen, squirting make-believe water from pretend hoses.

And it is strange, but the more you pretend the more you learn about the people you are pretending to be, and you learn to talk, walk and act like them.

If you play store, you soon learn that you cannot sell milk and shoes in the same store. You find out that you ask for a pound of butter, but you don't ask for a pound of rubbers. You learn, too, that you must be polite to your customers or they will not buy any more things at your store, and your pretend game is spoiled for that day.

You know, too, that if you are ill you call the doctor, not the nurse, and he comes to visit you and tells you whether you have a bad cold or a broken leg, but he doesn't stay and take care of you, no, the nurse does that.

It is fun, when you are pretending, to use the voice of the teacher or policeman that you know and say the things you have heard them say.

The more you learn about these people, the better your pretend game will be. After a while people will know who you are pretending to be, and you won't need to tell them, because you have learned so well to talk and act like them.

Now have you ever pretended that you were a friend of Christ's when he was on earth? That would be thrilling. Of course if you pretend that, then you would have to know what kind of a per-

son Christ would like for His friend. You could pretend by doing all the things you think He would want in a friend. Pretend to be happy, cheerful and friendly to little make-believe friends. You could pretend that you are particularly kind and obedient.

The more you would pretend, the more like Christ you would become. Finally, you would talk like Him, not yelling, shouting and saying unkind things to a friend. You could learn to walk like Him and go places He would go — to Church, visiting the homes of friends, and helping the sick. Then you would be able to act like Him by being kind and loving, even to those who are not your particular friends.

Let's pretend! It is fun. Pretend you are one of Christ's followers and friends, and you might even surprise yourself how you will grow to be more and more like Him, because this is something you can play all your life. — The United Church Observer



A WISH

*We like to feel the wind blow through our hair
As down the road we ride so merrily,
The sun shines warm, the day is fair,
The green leaves wave from every lovely tree.*

*Such happy times we'd like so much to share
With boys and girls of every race and land.
Our speech is not the same, why should we care?
A smile is something we all understand?*

—A.E.W.

JUST FOR FUN

A father, buying a doll for his little girl's birthday, was told by the saleslady: "Here's a lovely doll — you lay her down and she closes her eyes just like a real little girl."

Said the sadly experienced father: "I guess, lady, you've never had a real little girl." — Louisville Courier-Jnl.

"I'm sorry you are leaving us, Anna," said the mistress to the maid. "But, of course, if you are going to better yourself—"

"Oh, no, madam," Anna hastily repl'd. "I am going to be married." — Cape Argus.

"You should be very, very happy, Madame," the fortune teller murmured. "A nobler man than your husband you have yet to meet."

"How exciting! But when?" — Voice Writing, hm, Edison of Canada,

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE BROOK

By Grace Noll Crowell

*We have a brook beside our door
That laughs and sings and shines,
And Mother says its silver comes
From far-off mountain mines.
And, oh, its song is glad and sweet,
Its laughter is so gay,
And swift as light its slippered feet
Go on their dancing way
And strange that though the brook goes on,
It stays forever more
A little laughing happy thing
That plays beside our door.*

—Ambassador

THE BOYLESS TOWN

A cross old woman, of long ago, declared that she hated noise. "The town would be so pleasant, you know, if only there were no boys!"

She scolded and fretted about it till her eyes grew heavy as lead, and then of a sudden the town grew still, for all the boys had fled! And all through the long and dusty street there wasn't a boy in view! The baseball lot, where they used to meet, was a sight to make one blue! The grass was growing on every base, and in the paths that the runners made, for there wasn't a soul in all the place who knew how the game was played.

The dogs were sleeping the live-long day. Why should they bark or leap? There wasn't a whistle, or call to play; and so they would only sleep. The pony neighed from his lonely stall, and longed for his saddle and rein; and even the birds on the garden wall chirped only a dull refrain.

The cherries rotted and went to waste—there was no one to climb the trees. And nobody had a single taste, save only the birds and the bees. There wasn't a messenger boy—not one—to speed as such messengers can. If people wanted their errands done, they sent for a messenger man.

There was little, I guess of frolic and noise. There was less of cheer and mirth. The sad old town, since it lacked the boys, was the dreariest place on earth!"

The poor old woman began to weep, then woke with a sudden scream! "Dear me!" she cried, "I've been asleep—and Oh! what a horrible dream!" — Virginia Methodist Advocate

ARKANSAS METHODIST

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

NEWS IN BRIEF

The WSCS of Sylvan Hills Methodist Church, which had already presented an altar rail and choir rail to the church, voted May 13 to present a matching pulpit and two pulpit chairs. This set was available for the anniversary service at the church May 18.

The Society of the Collinston WSCS met for the regular meeting April 15th. at the home of Mrs. Jack Waldrop. The subject of the program was "Humanizing Labor Relations". Mrs. Dorothy Norsworthy had charge of the program and was assisted by Mrs. W. D. Puckett, Mrs. A. J. Tarver, Mrs. Guy Boyd, Mrs. R. O. Richards and Mrs. J. G. Pyron. Mrs. Alton Norsworthy presided over the business session. The devotional given by Mrs. Tarver, using the 104 Psalm, closed the meeting. Lovely refreshments were served to the large crowd present.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Huntington Ave. Methodist Church of Jonesboro, Arkansas, has purchased a new eight burner two-oven stove for the church kitchen, and also bought three additional folding tables for the use in the dining hall. The new equipment will add much to the convenience and efficiency of the kitchen.

Mrs. Julian Vogel of West Memphis was elected District Guild Secretary and Mrs. Harold Anderson of Marianna, her Associate at the meeting held in Forrest City on April 27.

A former WSCS Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Vogel, is well known throughout the District for her excellent leadership, and Mrs. Anderson is the daughter of Professor A. W. Martin of S. M. U.

The eighth Annual district meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Shreveport District was held at Mangum Memorial Church April 30th. Mrs. Lee Tidwell, promotion secretary of the Louisiana Conference, spoke on the goals of the new quadrennium, using as her subject, "That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized." The public was invited to all the services.

The Slaughter Woman's Society of Christian Service recently gave a silver tea. The proceeds, \$142.50, were used to buy dishes for the new church kitchen. The dishes were used for the first time when the society was luncheon hostess to W.S.C.S. District Executive Committee which met in the Slaughter church.

ELOISE BUTLER MARRIES

(This letter was written to Rev. J. W. Moore, and is shared by him with us.)

Jabalpur, M. P. India
April 4, 1952

Dear Brother Moore,

I have been Mrs. Martin for nearly two months. I had extremely busy months in Bijnor from the time I knew I would be leaving — all the details must be rounded off and business in top order. Finally I did get away for a few days in Jabalpur to make final plans for our wedding. Jabalpur is nearly 600 miles south of Bijnor, so much warmer even then (and now hot — about 110 day time though nights are much cooler.) Returning I stopped at Barcilly for the two weeks of dental work. How grateful we are to have the American dentist in connection with the hospital there now!

After that, I was helping generally in settling my friend who had come to take over my work. Meantime, I designed, cut and made my formal wedding dress of white satin, with its yard train and full length veil.

In India, Christian weddings must be in the church and I think it is especially a good law. Then this place and tradition makes a formal affair necessary. We both would have preferred it more simple but it was happy day for us and we were glad to share the occasion with friends. There were two attendants, Dr. Pressler at the organ, and friend sang BECAUSE, CALM AS THE NIGHT, and TELL ME WHY. Then at the appropriate place in the Methodist ceremony she sang O PERFECT LOVE as we knelt at the altar. Bishop Mondol performed the

ceremony. Many friends did the reception, held on the church lawn mid India's semi-tropical ferns and flowers.

Back home we have been terribly busy with local and rural evening meetings twice and thrice weekly that take us within 30 miles radius to many who have never heard His name, and they who have, need cultivation.

This is a lovely area. This big Church faces the next street. Our house needs repair badly as it is very old and something always going, but the church did give us money for roof and floor repair and inside whitewashing for all the rooms. The latter we have not been able to get done, for help is not easy to get who can do work properly.

When our possessions were pooled, and with the many useful gifts that were shared with us, we do have the essentials for housekeeping and with time and money this queerly arranged house can be made livable. The house has 'nary a convenience, so takes much of my time. I miss the school, am being urged to take such here, but I am resisting for I want my time free to help directly in church and evangelistic work with Mart. He is a quiet steady worker who has many people of all backgrounds and positions coming for his council and help, and I find Christian living a deepening, enriching experience daily as we build our lives together. It will mean living in India, but my life was given here already in God's call, and this Easter Season is a spiritually happy time in giving our lives in His service.

Sincerely in His Service,
Eloise Butler Martin

NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN BULL SHOALS, ARK.

On May 4th, the home of Mrs. R. W. Batchelder, Bull Shoals, was the scene for organizing a new Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Theron McKisson, the Pastor's wife, presided at this meeting.

Mrs. Lou Zarub was elected President, with the following officers: Mrs. C. C. Buhman, Vice President; Mrs. Mont. Munsell, Secretary, and Mrs. C. S. Woods, Jr., Treasurer. These Committee Chairmen were elected: Mrs. Wm. Osborn, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. J. S. Mendenhall; Missionary Educational Service, Mrs. R. W. Batchelder, Spiritual Life; Mrs. R. H. Allen, Status of Wom-

en; Mrs. E. E. Crow, Sec. of Supply Work; Mrs. R. W. Hefton, Children and Youth; and Mrs. Sophia Rumbler, Literature and Publications.

This marked a milestone of achievement for the new community and the church.

In the four years the Batchelder's have been in Bull Shoals they have seen the Methodist Church grow from a handful of people meeting in the small school house, to a sizeable congregation, justly proud of their new rock chapel in the trees. Four years ago, the Minister came twice a month, on Saturday nights. Now there are services each Sunday evening.

We feel, with our Woman's Society functioning, and with God's help, great strides in Methodism will be made.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT SOCIETY MEETS

Carr Memorial Woman's Society of Christian Service, Pine Bluff, was hostess to the Pine Bluff District Society in their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 7th. Mrs. O. C. Landers, Altheimer, president of the District Society, presided during the day. The following officers were elected for the coming two years: President, Mrs. O. C. Landers; V. P., Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw, Pine Bluff; Recording Sec't, Mrs. C. J. Maupin, Pine Bluff; Promotion, Mrs. O. E. Holmes; Treasurer, Mrs. Carroll Walsh, Pine Bluff; Miss. Ed and Service, Mrs. Victor Huselton; CSR&LCA, Mrs. R. C. Bryant, Altheimer; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Paul Wylie, Carthage; Supplies, Mrs. S. Y. Stuart, Pine Bluff; Lit. and Pub., Mrs. Ross Helvie, Pine Bluff; Youth, Mrs. William Hargrove; Student, Mrs. W. E. Arnold, Children; Mrs. W. C. Shepherd, Gould, Status Women, Mrs. Robert Kirkwood; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Kenneth L. Spore.

Rev. Mark Vaught, pastor of First Church, Stuttgart, gave the inspirational message, and spoke on "The Kingdom of God". Mrs. Earl Cotton and Mr. Milam Willis were guest speakers, and spoke on "The Things That Belong to Peace" and Aldersgate. Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Grady, installed the newly elected officers.

One hundred fifty women registered and lunch was served by the hostess society. One Adult Life Membership was given to Mrs. Hargrove by the District Society and a sum of \$25.00 was directed to be placed in the Orlene McKimmey missionary project by the district. The new quadrennial program was presented by Mrs. Holmes, and Mrs. Walsh presented the financial program for the new year. Mrs. R. D. Garrett of Wabbaseka led the group in the closing Covenant of Discipleship, and the meeting adjourned.

NEW GUILD IN FORT SMITH

The Fort Smith District is happy to report the organization of another Wesleyan Service Guild.

On Tuesday evening, April 29th, Miss Gertie Stiles, Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds and Mrs. Lawrence Nance, newly elected District Secretary, assisted with the organizing of a Guild at the Massard Methodist Church.

Plans for the organization had been made previously, so after an introduction of the work of

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

SOUTH CENTRAL RECREATION WORKSHOP

The seventh annual Recreation Workshop for the South Central Jurisdiction was held at Turner Falls, Oklahoma, April 24-30. Eighty-three from the states of the area were enrolled. Those attending from Arkansas were, Rev. Woodrow Smith, Little Rock; Miss Mildred Shrauner, Ft. Smith; and Rev. and Mrs. Raymond A. Dorman, No. Little Rock.

A program of great variety was offered this year and the plan followed enabled each one to take three different courses. The subjects offered were, "Arts and Crafts" by Mr. Howard Tanner; "Certification of Recreation Instructors" by Rev. J. I. McDonough; "Equipment Games" by Rev. Raymond A. Dorman; "Family Fun" by Rev. Wallace Chappell; "Folk Games, Group Singing", Rev. Larry Eisenberg; "Informal Drama" by Mrs. Pearl Wallace Chappell; "Nature Lore" by Mr. Paul Nesbit; "Recreation for Golden Agers" by Dr. George Steinman; and "Star Gazing and Nature Study" by Miss Sarah Thompson.

The Sunday fellowship and worship was one of the highlights of the workshop. At the eleven o'clock hour Rev. Leslie Seymour, district superintendent of the Cisco District, Texas Conf., brought a great message on "The Presence of Christ". At the evening hour a typical family night program was carried out.

The workshop will be held next year at Turner Falls, Oklahoma, April 23-29. --Reporter.

SYLVAN HILLS CHURCH CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, May 18th, Bishop Paul E. Martin was the guest minister at the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church. This church, backed by Methodists all over the North Arkansas Conference of The Methodist Church, is finishing its fifth year. Sunday's service was a time of joy and thanksgiving for the blessings that have come through the years. Afterward, the church and the entire community were invited to participate in a dinner on the ground held at the picnic ground of the church.

This church, which began in a tent five years ago, is now the possessor of a fine brick building worth \$24,000, and land and equipment with \$3,500. The membership has reached 195, and prospects for future growth are great. Proposed additions for the future include an educational unit, and a parsonage. — William L. Wilder, Pastor

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NEWS FROM LEPANTO

This is a brief report of the progress of the church at Lepanto for the past quarter or two and one-fourth months. On May 1 the Fourth Quarterly Conference authorized the building of a new parsonage. Serving on the Building Committee are: A. T. Bell, W. H. Cross, T. B. Goldsby, Raymond Pritchett, Dan Portis, Fred Stuckey and James Wilson. We hope to sell the old parsonage and begin construction on the new in the very near future.

On May 4 at the morning worship service the pastor accepted for the church funds to buy and install twenty-four new art glass windows for the church building. These windows will replace plain glass windows in the rooms of the church building adjacent to the sanctuary and will be of a design to harmonize with the art glass windows in the sanctuary. The windows have been ordered and we hope to have them in place within the next thirty days.

Plans have been made to complete the "face-lifting" job on the church. These plans call for the building of a new porch with colonial columns and the addition of a colonial-type spire to the

Ground-Breaking For Educational Building



Pictured above is the Building and Finance Committee of the Pine Bluff Hawley Memorial Church at ground-breaking, April 20, for the new \$3500.00 educational building.

The man with shovel of dirt is W. E. Lea, Building Committee

chairman, and the man handing him money is Edward Vinson, chairman of Finance Committee. The pastor, Rev. Claud O. Hall is on right at end, front row.

A new heating unit and a Hammond organ have been installed in the church, and new furniture for living room, dining room and kitchen have been put in the parsonage.

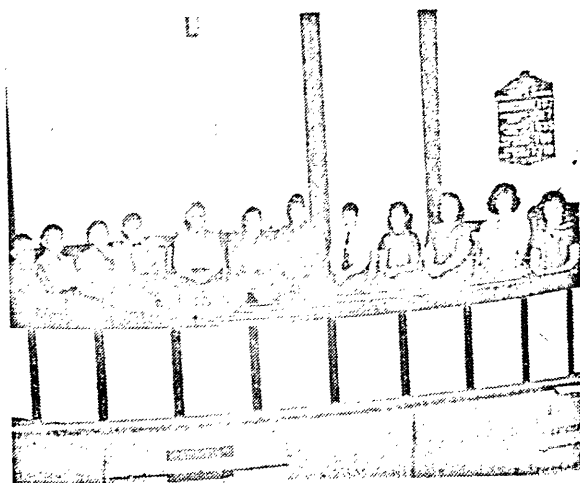
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AT MARVELL



Upper left: The Women's Class of Marvell has an enrollment of thirty members. In the picture are shown twenty-one members and six members are teachers of classes not shown in the picture. Mrs. J. M. Farrar, on the front row at the right, is teacher of the class.

Lower left: The Men's Class has an enrollment of thirty members and an average attendance of twenty-five. The class is taught by J. D. Lowrie who was absent on account of sickness at the time the picture was taken.

Below: The class for children up to ten years of age is taught by Mrs. L. A. Launius. The class sometimes makes up the choir for the evening service, meets for rehearsal on Friday afternoon.



ARKANSAS METHODIST



"Along A Country Road" The Town and Country Commission

The Methodist Church
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Rev. N. Lee Cate, Secretary
Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

A WEEK IN VAN BUREN COUNTY

The week of May 4-11 was spent in Van Buren County in the Scotland, Pleasant Grove and Culpepper churches for a series of special services. Jim Gatlin, Hendrix ministerial student, is the pastor on this charge this year. Two nights were given to each church with the Sunday services, in addition, at Culpepper. This was a different approach to the regular method of holding services on a charge. Since we were limited in time it seemed good to give at least two nights to each church. As they were all fairly close together the congregations moved from one church to the other. This made for a wonderful charge-wide inspirational fellowship. The interest in each service was even better than we had expected due to the extremely busy season. There were some additions to the church which will add to the strength of the program at each place. A splendid spirit manifested itself throughout the charge. There is hope for a stronger program in this area in the years ahead.

Rev. Verlia Harris, pastor at Clinton, along with Mrs. Harris attended a part of the services.

There is a great interest in the lay-speaking program in Van

Buren County. The county-wide laymen's fellowship is proving to be a great instrument for the development of a more vital church life. Lay speakers are working regularly with keen interest.

The Youth Camp, which is an annual affair, will be held the first week in June. The pastors and other leaders are assembling at New Home School on Highway 9 Monday, June 2 along with the Intermediates of the county for the camping session. This is one of the finest Intermediate camps held in the Conference. Since it is a cooperative enterprise, each person bringing a part of the necessary food, the expense of the camp is within the reach of all who wish to attend. Van Buren County offers our church a splendid opportunity for growth and development.

It has been a great privilege and joy as the Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission to serve in this county as one of the pilot areas assigned to our office this year. We believe that every church in the County will bring a splendid report to the forthcoming session of the Annual Conference.—J. Albert Gatlin

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT MINISTERS' MEETING

The ministers of the Fayetteville District met Wednesday, May 14, in Central Church, Rogers, with Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent, in charge. Rev. E. H. Hook, superintendent of the Western Methodist Assembly, opened the meeting with prayer. Brother Cooley stated that the purpose of the meeting was two-fold: first, to clear up all ideas as to the statistical reports to the Annual Conference; second, to discuss the Intermediate Senior Camp program of the District which will be held on Mt. Sequoyah, June 30 to July 4.

Thursday, May 29, was set as the day for the completion of the reports. To facilitate the mechanics of it, meetings will be held at Wiggins Memorial Church, Fayetteville, with Rev. Arnold Simpson, Rev. H. M. Lewis and Rev. Allen D. Stewart in charge; Rogers Central with Rev. V. E. Chalfant, Rev. Hubert

Pearce and Rev. J. W. Workman, Jr., in charge and at Berryville with Rev. Ed Dodson in charge.

Brother Chalfant stated that twenty-two churches of the district contributed \$659.76 to storm and tornado relief.

Rev. Arnold Simpson announced that the Intermediate Senior Camp will be held on Mt. Sequoyah June 30 to July 4. Rev. E. H. Hook told about recent improvements at Mt. Sequoyah and told of a welcome awaiting the young people. The basic cost for each youngster is to be \$12.50 distributed as follows: \$7.40 for meal ticket, \$2.00 for registration, 50 cents for insurance, \$2.60 for room. A health certificate will also be required.

Brother Cooley announced the meeting at Central Church Rogers on May 19 when Bishop Subhan of India will speak.—H. W. Jin-ske, Reporter

Don't think the Bible is dry inside because it is dusty outside. —
Sunshine Mag.

WILL CELEBRATE 65TH ANNIVERSARY

Members of Grand Avenue Methodist Church of Hot Springs will celebrate the Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of the church on Sunday, June 1. On this day they will honor members of long standing who have made the progress of this church possible.

Former pastors will return to speak at both the morning and evening services. Dr. Leland Clegg, district superintendent of the Oklahoma City District, will deliver the morning sermon. Dr. Clegg was pastor of the church in 1929-30. Rev. J. D. Baker, pastor of Shorewood Hills Methodist Church, will preach at the evening service. Rev. Mr. Baker was pastor in 1943-46.

Six of the 25 ministers who have served the church since its origin in 1887 are still living. They are Rev. J. W. Thomas, Dr. Clegg, Rev. Coy E. Whitten, Rev. R. E. Simpson, Rev. Mr. Baker, and Rev. S. T. Baugh, and our present pastor, Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, who has served since 1948.

Other ministers serving the church were W. A. Steel, W. A.

Freeman, W. R. Harrison, W. M. Crowson, L. B. Hawley, B. A. Few, A. M. Robertson, J. H. Cummins, J. A. Parker, M. J. Rhodes, J. R. Dickerson, S. C. Dean, R. M. Holland, W. M. Hayes, J. A. Biggs, F. P. Doak, W. T. Wilkinson, and J. Frank Simmons. During the years of service to the church the membership has grown to 1054.

The name of the church has been changed twice. It was originally South Hot Springs Mission, then Third Street Methodist Church, and finally the name Grand Avenue Methodist was adopted in 1928 when the present building was erected.

All former members and former pastors and their families are invited to share in this Homecoming and Sixty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration.—Reporter

We are so often taken up by back yard gossip that we miss the beauty of the front door chimes. —Evan C. Pedrick, **Christian Advocate.**

Happiness never lays its fingers on its pulse. — A. Smith, **Ladies' Home Jnl.**

Bentonville Completes Building Plans

With the completion of a building finance campaign, the Methodist Church of Bentonville rounded out its plans for the erection of a new building. The picture below shows the executive committee around a scale model of the new building. From left to right they are: Carl McKinney, Mrs. W. A. Pickens, John Massie, Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, Fred Douglas, Dr. John Rollow, and Terry Peel.

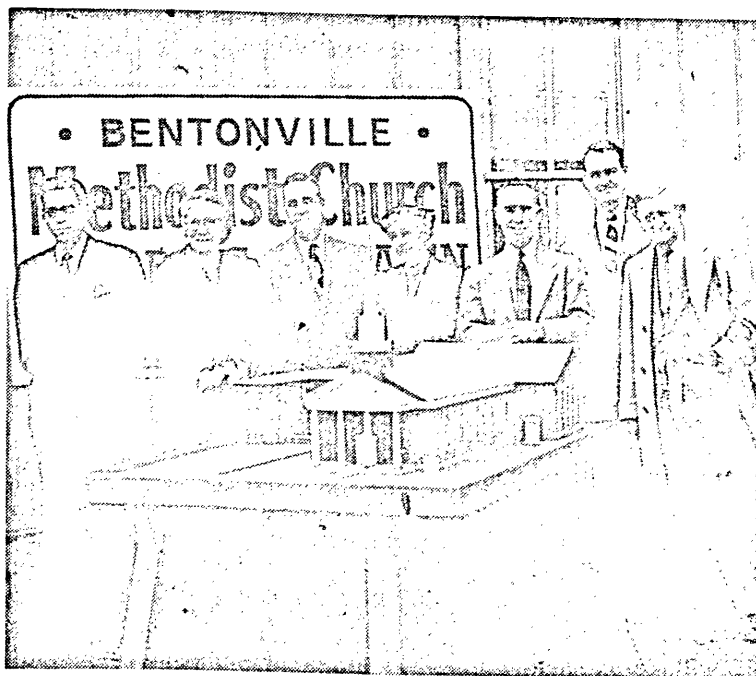
The structure will be of red brick in the Georgian style of architecture, and will be on the corner at the junction of highways 71, 72, and 100, which the church has occupied for a hun-

dred years.

The Bentonville church was organized in 1830. The first building in the present location was a frame structure that was burned during the war between the states. The second was a combination church and Masonic Lodge built in 1869. This one burned in 1891.

The building currently in use was erected in the late nineties. The fourth one will sit approximately in the same location, but will extend from Central to Second streets. Construction will begin in the immediate future.

Rev. Hubert E. Pearce is the pastor of the Bentonville Church.



NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

(Continued from page 7)

	World Service and Con. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	D. S. Salary	Gen. & Jurisd. Ad-minis-tration	Min-imum Salary Fund	Ad-vance for Christ
Fakes Chapel	25.00	2.50	22.50	16.50	4.00	4.00	
McRAE	150.00	26.25	175.00	95.00	10.00	3.00	12.50
Copperas Springs		5.70		35.75	6.00		25.00
Garner	75.00	3.50	26.25	19.25	6.00	6.00	15.00
Floyd	30.00		60.00	44.00			
Vinity	15.00		21.00	11.00			
Sixteenth Section	30.00	4.00	20.00	20.00			
NEWTON COUNTY	50.00		65.00	50.00			
PANGBURN	50.00		50.00	45.00	2.00		
Mt. Pisgah	40.00		40.00	24.00	2.00		
Oak Grove	40.00		30.00	11.00			
QUITMAN		19.50	168.75	123.75	21.00	22.50	
Ender	6.90	1.40		8.80		1.50	
Goodloe		2.27		.83		2.25	
New Hope	12.00	1.00	12.00	11.00			
ROSEBUD	15.00	1.00	20.00	20.00	2.00	2.00	
Harmony	6.00		9.00	6.00			
Gum Springs	13.00	2.00	13.00	9.00	4.00	2.00	
Center Hill	15.00	2.50	22.50	16.50	5.36		3.00
Smyrna	30.00	4.50	16.75	27.50	6.00	3.75	
SEARCY	1666.66	91.00	780.00	572.00	131.00	154.00	
VALLEY SPRINGS		6.62	56.25	41.25	3.00	4.18	
Bellefonte		6.62	56.25	41.25	3.00	4.18	
Bergman	31.00	2.65	19.00	16.50	6.00	1.65	2.00
Everton	15.00	2.65	6.30	6.30	6.00	1.65	
VAN BUREN CO. NO. 1							
Damascus	70.00	8.75	75.00	55.00	5.00	9.50	10.50

	World Service and Con. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	D. S. Salary	Gen. & Jurisd. Ad-minis-tration	Min-imum Salary Fund	Ad-vance for Christ
Shirley	10.00	.86	5.00	4.00	1.50		
Steele-Hopewell		.88	7.50	5.50	1.50	2.00	
VAN BUREN CO. NO. 2	3.50	.41	3.45	2.53	.92		
Scotland		1.53	13.13	9.63			
Culpepper	5.00	.28	2.40	1.76	.64		
Pleasant Grove	7.50	.88	7.50	5.50	2.00		
Walnut Grove							
VAN BUREN CO. NO. 3	20.00		5.00				
Fairbanks			10.00				
Dennard		2.20		18.50	4.00		
Morganton		4.59	39.36	28.87	4.50	3.00	25.00
WARD	58.50	6.57	56.25	55.00	4.50		
Wilburn	26.25	2.64	22.50	16.50	4.50		
Sixteenth Section	11.25	2.00	10.00			2.00	
VALLEY VIEW	25.00						

TOTAL 8110.49| 795.18| 6702.51| 4953.66| 912.48| 779.07|1852.00

GOLDEN CROSS: Augusta \$75.00; Beebe \$25.00; Cabot \$20.00; Harrison \$55.00.

METHODIST YOUTH: Searcy Sub-Dist. \$12.48; Augusta \$28.02; Clinton \$5.00; McCrory \$10.00; Searcy \$23.00; Bolkinburg \$4.72.

RACE RELATIONS: Beebe \$25.00; Cabot \$20.00; Harrison \$55.00; Jacksonville \$25.00; Judsonia \$5.00; Leslie \$5.00.

WESLEY FOUNDATION (See Note): Augusta \$250.00; Beebe \$25.00; Cabot \$100.00; Heber Springs \$250.00; McCrory \$187.50; Searcy \$300.00.

WEEK OF DEDICATION: Augusta \$68.72; Beebe \$92.00; Cabot \$11.50; Clinton \$10.00; DeVine \$6.50; Griffithville \$7.00; Valley Springs \$1.00; Bellefonte \$6.00; Bergman \$1.00; Everton \$5.00; Wilburn \$5.00.

NOTE: Figures for Wesley Foundation Building, Fayetteville, includes all receipts to date for two years.

RECAPITULATION

June 18, 1951, to May 4, 1952

	World Serv. & Conf. Ben.	Bishops	Conf. Claim'ts	Dist. Sup't.	Gen'l & Jurisd.	Min. Sal. Fund	Advance for Christ	Week of Ded.	Golden Cross	Meth. Youth	Race Rel.	Wesley Found.
Batesville District	7,761.09	708.48	5,757.55	4,212.93	508.93	662.70	1,212.00	464.66	120.00	110.20	218.79	
Conway District	14,137.86	963.37	7,780.75	5,886.18	1,012.13	1,774.75	5,361.97	571.72	118.75	175.18	472.41	3,508.08
Fayetteville District	10,790.87	822.41	6,918.79	5,969.25	790.03	1,134.21	2,723.28	697.86	47.40	155.56	650.80	2,687.52
Forrest City District	13,104.03	1,191.26	8,877.80	6,687.87	1,053.64	1,904.37	3,592.24	806.29	179.94	250.36	611.16	2,803.00
Fort Smith District	15,240.91	1,378.20	10,237.15	8,022.24	1,274.84	1,911.91	2,466.01	971.02	310.00	152.53	545.12	1,00.00
Jonesboro District	15,836.10	1,501.66	12,921.96	9,265.78	1,336.25	1,987.65	7,189.45	764.72	266.00	281.56	478.26	1,127.60
Paragould District	10,033.45	821.02	6,746.86	5,031.87	760.95	883.34	586.50	344.63	66.66	203.24	217.78	322.05
Searcy District	8,110.49	795.18	4,953.66	912.48	779.07	1,852.00	213.78	175.00	83.22	135.00	1,112.50	1,112.50
TOTAL	\$95,014.80	8,181.58	65,943.37	50,029.78	7,739.25	11,038.00	24,993.45	4,834.68	1,283.75	1,411.85	3,329.32	12,660.75

NOTE: Figures for Wesley Foundation Building, Fayetteville, include all receipts to date for the two years.

I have omitted figures for World Communion, Student Day and Kansas Flood Relief, as there is little change in these items since my December report.

P. E. COOLEY, Conference Treasurer

DEADLINE

CHURCH MEMBERS

It will help greatly if your World Service pledges are brought up to date, and balances due paid through May, so that the treasurer of your church may send all these funds to your Conference treasurer by May 31. This date closes the current fiscal year.

CHURCH TREASURERS

It is urgent that all money on hand be sent to Conference treasurers by May 31. May we all observe this important deadline on behalf of those we seek to aid and serve.

The Needed and Important Benevolence Work of Methodist World Service

for the coming fiscal year is dependent on the money which is received from local churches by

MAY 31, 1952

THE WORLD SERVICE AGENCIES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
740 Rush Street,
Chicago 11, Illinois

OBITUARIES

FRAZIER — On March 12 Beuoff Prairie Community lost one of its native citizens in the passing of Mrs. Virginia Humble Frazier, widow of W. T. Frazier. She spent her lifetime in this vicinity.

Mrs. Frazier was born on December 28, 1882, and was an active member of the Beuoff Prairie Methodist Church for many years. She was genuinely interested in all religious and civic affairs of the community.

Funeral service was held at the family residence at Extension, La., on March 13 with Rev. A. W. Coody, pastor of the Beuoff Prairie Methodist Church, officiating.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. C. C. Frisler, and a granddaughter, Ann Frisler, both of Extension, and a sister, Mrs. Florence Gwinn, Winnfield, La., and several nephews and a niece. — Mrs. J. L. Dailey.

MATTHEWS—Mrs. Belle Blanks Matthews, widow of the late T. J. Matthews, who was one of the early settlers of North Louisiana, died in her home at Extension, La., on April 2. Mrs. Matthews was the daughter of Joseph Blanks and Elizabeth Buie Blanks and a native of Columbia, La. She was born on March 29, 1867.

Mrs. Matthews was a member of the Beuoff Prairie Methodist Church and was active in all religious and civic affairs of the community as long as her health permitted. She was ever ready to answer the call of the sick and needy.

Funeral services were held at the family residence at Extension on April 3 with Rev. Ira W. Flowers, pastor from Minden and Rev. A. W. Coody, pastor of the Beuoff Prairie Church, officiating.

Mrs. Matthews is survived by one son, T. F. Matthews, Jr., Columbus, Ga.; three daughters, Mrs. L. O. Clinton, Pineville, La., Mrs. Madge Curtis and Mrs. W. M. Clinton, both of Extension, six granddaughters and seven great grandchildren.—Mrs. J. L. Dailey

NEW GUILD IN FORT SMITH

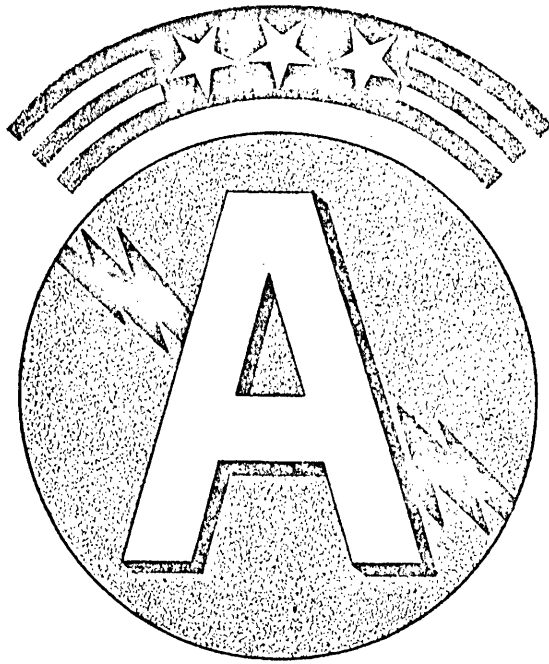
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Wesleyan Service Guilds by Miss Stiles, and a devotional by Mrs. Nance, the following officers were elected; President, Mrs. Richard Jones; Vice - President, Mrs. Robert Lee; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Charlie Hidde; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Paul Smith; and Treasurer, Mrs. Walter Moody.

At the Sunday evening service May 4, the officers were installed by Rev. Van Hooker, pastor of the church. Others installed were Mrs. Van Hooker, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. W. C. Patterson, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Ruby Michael, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; and Mrs. Ethel Smith, Leisure Time.—Mrs. Lawrence Nance

MAY 22, 1952

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- that preserving this friendship calls for continually improved electric service at lowest possible rates;
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- that those who own our Company are, and must be, entitled to a fair return on their investments;
- that through our efforts and guidance, the communities we serve may achieve their full potentialities;
- that for all Arkansas we must boldly and frankly help lead the way to a better life in a great state.

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HELPING BUILD ARKANSAS

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The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. C. BOLIN

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LESSON FOR JUNE 1, 1952

WHAT MAKES MARRIAGE MORAL?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-32; Mark 10:2-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: *Thou shalt not commit adultery.* (Exodus 20:14)

This is the third lesson of Unit II. The general theme of the unit is "MORAL INTEGRITY AND CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES." 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

We have here the attitude of both the Old and New Testaments concerning the question of sexual purity. The thought on the subject from the New Testament comes from no less authority than Christ himself.

Our first passage is the seventh command of the Decalogue — "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Adultery is wrong sexual relationship between married people. The same act on the part of unmarried people is called fornication, in the Bible. It is possible for two persons to sin, one of whom is married and the other not, and in such case one would be committing adultery and the other fornication.

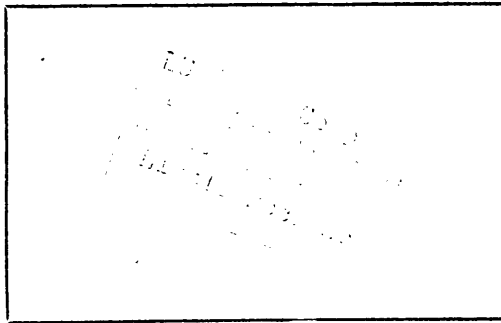
The sin of adultery or fornication is one of the greatest in all the Decalogue. The greatness of any sin is measured by the depth of its evil consequences. May we note some of the evil consequences of this sin:

It strikes directly at family life. God has made the family the unit of religion and society rather than the individual. He saw that it was not good for Adam to be alone and he made Eve. In Psalms 68:6 we read, "God setteth the solitary in families." Nations are made great by good family life. They are ruined when family life fails. The adulterer or fornicator, therefore, is not only a menace to society but also a traitor to his country. People in general recognize this fact. Regardless of what the law says, it is hard to find a jury that will convict a man who takes the life of another in protecting the sanctity of his family.

Fornication, as well as adultery, strikes at the root of home-life. On the surface it might not seem to do so, but the trouble is that premarital sex-loosness makes satisfactory marriage impossible. Those who do a lot of counseling in trying to help married people straighten out their problems will tell you that many of these problems stem from sex-loosness on the part of one or both of the parties involved before marriage.

Our nation, as well as other large sections of the world, is facing a danger point in the matter of fornication. There are certain so-called liberal minded professors in some of the greatest universities of the world who are trying to justify premarital sex experiences. If it be true that such experiences make later successful marriage all but impossible, and if it further be true that the stability of the world depends upon the

stability of family life, then the teachers of such doctrines are not only traitors to their particular nation, but also to humanity. The prating around about the findings of science is no legitimate reason for such ideas. The world has never been able to operate on pure science alone, if it could do so then Russia is on the right track and so-called Christian nations are wasting a lot of their time and money. Science alone has no antidote to selfishness, and unbridled selfishness will damn the world.



Christ Lifts The Standard

The writer has met a few people who try to treat lightly the Ten Commandments on the ground that they are in the Old Testament. The fact that they are in the Old Testament does not mean that they are not binding on us today, but even if it did, these commandments were brought over into the New Testament, most of them by Christ himself. It will be noted that wherever Christ dealt with these commandments he not only sanctioned them but raised the standard.

The Lord raised the standard in this seventh commandment. He makes the sin not only a matter of outward act but also of inward lust. He strikes at the sin where it originates — in a foul mind. He is not a quack like so-called cancer doctors who would heal the disease at the skin-surface. He would take the sin out by the roots. He is not a farmer who thinks he can eliminate Johnson grass by cutting it off at the top of the ground. He realizes that it must come out by the roots.

A word of explanation might be in order here. All people who are tempted in the matter of sex have not thus become adulterers in their hearts. All normal people are tempted. We never get above temptation in this life. Even Christ was tempted in all points like we are yet he committed no sin. It is the inward response that one makes to the temptation that makes it a sin before the outward act is committed. If the response is a rejection of the temptation on the part of the individual in question then

all is well. On the other hand, if the inner response is a willingness to do the deed and the individual is only waiting for the opportunity to carry out his desires, then he is an adulterer or fornicator in his heart even though the opportunity never presents itself. Christ would have the guard of life; the security of the personality to be on the inside of the individual in the power of life; the security of the personality to be on the inside of the individual in the power of the will rather than in outward rules.

Christ further emphasized this matter of heart-purity by insisting that one could well afford to suffer the loss of any member of the body rather than go off into sin. He mentions the "right eye" and the "right hand" here. He is insisting on spiritual amputation if one would live the pure life. This passage is not to be taken literally. It simply means that one must cut loose from anything in life that hinders spiritual progress.

The Matter Of Divorce

In connection with the subject of adultery Christ also discussed the matter of divorce. These two ideas go hand in hand. In fact unless adultery had been committed, according to Christ, there should be no divorce. This is the one and only ground for divorce. Then it was only the innocent party in the deal who could be married to another without sin. According to the Jewish custom no woman could divorce her husband. They were thought of as being given in marriage. The wife was the property of the husband. She had no voice whatever in the matter of divorce. Among the Jews there were two schools of thought on the subject at that time. The school of Shammai which contended that divorce was permissible only on the ground of adultery, and the school of Hillel which granted divorce on such trivial matters, even so small a thing as the wife burning the bread.

Joined Together By The Lord

In the passage from Mark (10:2-9) we have the account of the Pharisees coming to Christ with the question of divorce. The Lord asked them, "What did Moses command you?" They said "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." This meant that a man could divorce his wife without going into court at all. The Lord went on to tell them that it was because of their hardness of heart that Moses gave them such a commandment. Then he went back beyond the law of Moses to the time of the creation. He pointed out the fact that God had made only one woman for one man in the creation. He thus struck not only at divorce but also at polygamy. He insisted that spiritually people who were truly married become one — one in their desires and purposes; one in their outlook on life; one in their love for God and each other.

The passage closes with the idea that God joins true life partners together — "Those whom God has joined together, let not man put assunder." It will be well to note carefully this idea of God joining people together. Literally thousands of people are joined together where God is never taken into consideration. All people are free moral agents. God never intrudes on them. He does not break into their affairs if they fail to invite him to do so. Marriage should be a matter of definite prayer on the part of those who are going into such relationship. When they meet this condition and the Holy Spirit by inward impression leads them into this relationship, they usually stick. Most divorces are to be found among those whom God has not joined together.