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"Drunken Driving Cases Dominate Court's Docket"

THE caption of this article was the caption of an article carried in THE ARKANSAS GAZETTE recently describing a day in the North Little Rock Municipal Court. The report says, "Ten motorists were fined and received jail sentences yesterday for drunken driving" while the judge "continued drunken charges against three others."

Much more unfortunate than this routine report of a "day in court" is the fact that such reports and such circumstances are not confined to any particular municipality. The location of this particular municipal court is purely incidental. The circumstance described may be found in larger or smaller degrees all around us with a monotonous regularity.

A solution for the problem of drunken driving must be found if the public interests are to be protected. It is probable that there is but one real solution—a dry America. It will come some day.

Soil Conservation Methodistically Speaking

NO law of successful farming has been more convincingly and decisively demonstrated in recent years than the necessity for soil conservation. Soil must be protected, not only from the waste of erosion, but also from the dangers of exhaustion. Farmers know better today than ever before that one cannot continuously take from the soil the strength necessary for crop growth without depleting the soil, unless through rest, rotation of crops and fertilization he rebuilds the soil while it is giving out its strength.

Methodism has a world-wide vision and a world-wide mission. It is restless unless it is attempting to answer the calls that come to it from all quarters of the globe. The Crusade for Christ and the Advance for Christ of the past two quadrenniums are evidence of this aggressive spirit that leads us to the ends of the earth in Christ's service.

Nevertheless, after these great church-wide, world-wide movements of the past eight years, we believe it is very significant that the recent General Conference, for this quadrennium, left the Jurisdictions and Episcopal Areas of our church free to work out programs that may be especially needed to strengthen the local areas and local churches.

If we are to continue to supply the needs of our ever-expanding world program, Methodism must give more attention to strengthening the home base. The increasing number of worthy calls for service out-

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Area Wants Bishop And Mrs. Martin Returned

IF all of the Episcopal Areas in the South Central Jurisdiction are as happy in their present episcopal supervision as is the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, the Episcopal Committee at the coming Jurisdictional Conference, so far as the areas are concerned, should have an easy time making episcopal assignments for the new quadrennium.

When the sessions of the Annual Conferences just ahead of us are past,



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN

Bishop Martin, in the two quadrenniums he has been assigned to this area, will have presided over the Conferences of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area nine consecutive sessions. We believe it is a common feeling that his usefulness and value to the Area, as its leader, have grown with each passing year. It should also be said that, in the hearts of Methodists throughout the area, the high esteem, the confidence and love for the Bishop and his gracious companion have also grown with each year they have worked with us and led us in Kingdom building.

The Arkansas-Louisiana Area is justly proud of its Bishop. Equally at home, whether presiding over a General Conference or conducting a service in a small rural church, with "dinner on the ground," Bishop Martin moves with a poise and grace that befits every occasion. The uniform courtesy and consideration with which he deals with everyone from the strongest to the weakest, from the highest to the most lowly, is additional evidence of the qualities which mark him as a truly great Bishop.

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World Study Of Religion Asked By Labor Union

A Religious News Service report states that the United Automobile Workers of the A. F. of L., in a meeting in Milwaukee, Wis., asked that a world-wide study of religion be made to "find an answer to the troubles of our time." The labor union has asked that the Ford Foundation sponsor this study by financing a commission to make a study of our moral and spiritual resources.

It is a very encouraging sign indeed when major labor unions are recorded as feeling that the "troubles of our time" might be solved by a proper understanding of religion as it is related to these troubles.

The resolution, as adopted at the meeting, says in part, that "A new way of looking at, conceiving and living our religion is needed . . . The problem seems to be to find a formulation which will be clear and persuasive to the mentality of a scientific age, yet will preserve . . . the great religious insight developed in the human experience of the past ages . . . Such principles should also indicate the kind of a social reconstruction and social order which we should strive to promote and defend because it is the best practical alternative for our time."

Perhaps the Ford Foundation is the agency that should sponsor this study; we would not argue the question. Nevertheless, any agency that is ready to make a sincere study of religion to discover how it may in a better, more practical way serve the masses should have the unqualified cooperation and support of the church.

General Conference Gives Evangelism Top-Priority

AT the recent General Conference evangelism was declared to be the primary job for Methodism in the quadrennium before us. It was stated in this call to evangelism that "every available resource should be used, our total Christian manpower drafted, every energy and intelligence employed, to win our world to Christ. Only He can save us. Nothing else we can do is as important as leading men to love and obey Him."

The report adopted stated further, "No one can be Christian without being evangelistic. Nothing could be more untrue than the notion that evangelism is merely a part of our church program, a separate activity to be carried on sporadically by a select few. The whole business of the church is to save souls. Its entire program has the single goal of bringing persons into a Christlike life. Education and evangelism, nurture and conversion, administration and admonition,

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Little Rock Conference Program

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS

- 11:00 A.M. Town and Country Commission
- 12:00 P.M. Board of Education
- 3:00 P.M. Board of Missions and Church Extension
- 3:00 P.M. Board of Commerce Claimants
- 4:00 P.M. Committee on Conference Relations
- 4:30 P.M. Commission on Christian Vocations
- 6:00 P.M. Board of Evangelism. Dinner at Oaklawn Methodist Church
- 7:30 P.M. Board of Ministerial Training
- 7:30 P.M. Board of Education
- 7:30 P.M. Board of Temperance

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Morning

- 10:00 Conference Convenes for Organization and Preliminary Business
- Conference Nominations
- 10:30 Report of District Superintendents
- 11:00 Service of Commemoration, Message by Rev. J. D. Montgomery. Followed by Holy Communion. Love offering for Rev. and Mrs. James E. Major.
- 12:30 Session Adjourns

Afternoon and Evening

- 2:00 Board of Trustees of Conference Camp
- 2:00 Board of Hospitals and Homes
- 2:00 Board of Ministerial Training
- 2:00 Board of Education
- 2:30 Committee on Minimum Salary
- 2:30 Commission on World Service and Finance
- 2:30 Committee on District Conference Journals
- 2:30 Bible Board
- 2:30 Board of Conference Claimants
- 2:30 Board of Christian Literature
- 2:30 Board of Temperance
- 2:30 Board of Missions and Church Extension
- 4:00 Committee on Accepted Supplies
- 4:00 Committee on World Peace
- 4:30 Town and Country Commission
- 4:30 Committee on Conference Relations
- 7:30 Preaching Service, Sermon—Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe
Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, Presiding. Grand Avenue Choir

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Morning

- 8:30 Devotional, "European Methodism," Rev. E. D. Galloway
- 9:00 Report of Committee on Conference Minutes
- 9:05 Report of Insurance Committee
- 9:20 Report of Town and Country Commission
- 9:35 Report of Board of Conference Claimants
- 10:10 Report of Board of Missions and Church Extension, and Woman's Society of Christian Service
- 11:00 Report of Board of Evangelism
- 11:30 Report of Board of Christian Literature, and the Arkansas Methodist
- 12:00 Report of Special Committee on Unified Treasurer
- 12:10 Report of Committee on District Conference Journals
- 12:20 Report of Committee on Courtesies
- 12:30 Session Adjourns

Afternoon and Evening

- 2:30 Organization of New Boards, Commissions, Committees
- 3:30 Historical Society
- 4:00 Preaching Service—Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe
Rev. Robert S. Beasley, Presiding

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- 6:00 All College Banquet at Pullman Heights Methodist Church
- 7:30 Preaching Service—Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe
Rev. Noel Cross, Presiding. Oaklawn Choir

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Morning

- 8:30 Devotional, "Ecumenical Echoes"—Dr. Aubrey G. Walton
- 9:00 Report of Committee on Conference Minutes
- 9:05 Report of Board of Education
- 10:05 Report of Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications
- 11:05 Report of Committee on Conference Relations
- 11:15 Presentation of the Quadrennial Program
- 12:30 Session Adjourns

Afternoon and Evening

- 12:45 Laymen's Luncheon, Speaker
To be held at the First Christian Church
- 2:00 Session of the Conference
- 2:05 Report of Board of Hospitals and Homes
- 2:45 Report of Commission on Christian Vocations
- 3:00 Report of Board of Lay Activities
- 3:15 Report of Camp Trustees
- 3:30 Session Adjourns
- 4:00 Preaching Service—Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe
Rev. J. A. Wade, Presiding
- 7:30 Preaching Service—Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe
Bishop Paul E. Martin, Presiding. First Church Choir
Ordination of Deacons and Elders
Reception of Class into Full Connection

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Morning

- 8:20 Devotional, "Alaska Methodism," Dr. Connor Morehead
- Consecration of Directors of Christian Education
- 9:00 Report of Committee on Conference Minutes
- 9:05 Report of Commission on World Service and Finance
- 9:20 Report of Committee on Accepted Supplies
- 9:30 Report of Bible Board
- 9:40 Report of Conference Trustees
- 9:45 Report of Commission on Minimum Salary
- 10:00 Report of Conference Treasurer
- 10:10 Report of Conference Statistician
- 10:20 Report of Western Methodist Assembly
- 10:30 Dr. M. LaFayette Harris, President Philander Smith College
- 10:40 Report of Board of Conference Claimants No. 2
- 10:55 Quadrennial Report of Historical Society
- 11:00 Report Board of Temperance, Address, Dr. K. Owen White
- 12:00 Session Adjourns

Afternoon and Evening

- 1:00 Ministers Wives Luncheon at Grand Avenue Church
- 7:30 Preaching Service—Rev. Cecil R. Culver
Rev. Herston R. Holland, Presiding
Pullman Heights Choir

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Morning

- 9:00 Love Feast, led by Rev. John L. Hoover
- 10:45 Morning Worship, Sermon by Bishop Paul E. Martin
Reading the Appointments—Bishop Paul E. Martin

Evening

- 10:15 Appointments Broadcast over Radio Station KTHS, by Rev. Herston R. Holland

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TEACHER IN PASTORS' SCHOOL

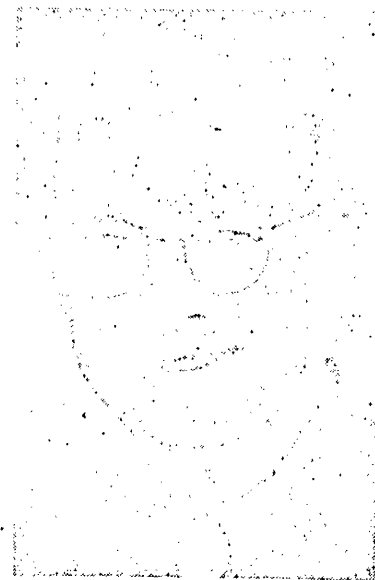
DR. CHESTER WARREN QUIMBY will offer the course on the Gospel of John in the Arkansas Pastors' School, July 7-11.

Dr. Quimby is a native of New Hampshire where he received his early schooling, later receiving his academic degree at Ohio Wesleyan. He did his graduate work at Boston University, Drew Seminary, and in the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem.

He has had a distinguished career in teaching in a number of colleges and universities of the North and East. He is at present Professor of English Bible at Kentucky Wesleyan College, at Owensboro, Kentucky. He was at one time President of the National Association of Biblical Instructors.

Among his writings are "The Sermon on the Mount, a Questionnaire," "Jesus as They Remembered Him," "The Gospel Today," "Paul for Everyone," "The Jubilant Year," "John the Universal Gospel" and "The Great Redemption." He has also been a frequent contributor to various religious magazines and church periodicals.

He is in demand as a lecturer to institutes, Annual Conferences, Summer Conferences, Youth Groups, and summer schools. Among his widely given and ac-



DR. C. W. QUIMBY

claimed illustrated lectures are "A Day in Ancient Nazareth" and "At Work in Bible Palestine." He has been the conductor of Religious Emphasis Week in a number of Southern Colleges.

He is the owner of one of the best private collections of Palestinian articles to be found anywhere in the country. His article on "The Use of Costumes, Objects, and Models in Teaching the Bible" was published in "The Journal of Bible and Religious" and received national recognition.

Mildred Shrauner

The Institute was well attended with approximately fifty workers from the district present.

Jonesboro District

Mrs. H. D. Castleberry, Director of Children's Work and Rev. E. B. Williams, District Superintendent, led three clinics. In Jonesboro, Mrs. W. W. Mills taught the Junior Workers, Mrs. Castleberry the Primary, Mrs. Bessie Howell the Kindergarten and Miss Hallie Joe Hart the Intermediate Group.

The same workers taught in Marked Tree.

In Blytheville, Mrs. Roy Bagley, Mrs. Castleberry and Miss Sue Osment led the group.

Paragould District, led by Rev. A. N. Storey, District Superintendent, was lucky to have the Jonesboro team teach in their clinic.

The same textbooks as used in Ft. Smith were used in these four clinics.

All Districts have now had from one to four clinics each. Vacation Schools in the local churches will begin next week. Let us hope that most churches

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COLLEGE PRESIDENTS DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Nashville, Tenn. — The presidents of twenty Methodist-related colleges served recently in San Francisco, California, as delegates to the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Among those serving in this capacity were: Robert E. Burns, College of the Pacific; Lester A. Welliver, Westminster Theological Seminary; Donald R. Youell, Hiwassee College; Edwin E. Voigt, Simpson College; M. LaFayette Harris, Philander Smith College; Ralph L. Woodward, Central College; Carl C. Bracy, Nebraska Wesleyan University;

Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix College; A. Hollis Edens, Duke University; Russell J. Humbert, DePauw University; F. Bringle McIntosh, Ohio Northern University; Arthur S. Fleming, Ohio Wesleyan University; Horace G. Smith, Garrett Biblical Institute; John J. Seabrook, Chaffin College; Harold C. Case, Boston University; Russell H. Grow, McKendree College; Julius S. Scott, Wiley College; J. Earl Moreland, Randolph-Macon College; Luther L. Gobbell, Greenboro College, and Fred G. Holloway, Drew University.

Dean Eugene D. Whisonant of Emory Junior College at Valdosta and Dean Virgil Y. C. Eady of Emory Junior College at Oxford were also delegates to the conference.

CHILDREN'S WORKERS' CONFERENCE

JUNE 17, 18, 19

FOR five dollars and fifty cents, one person can attend this meeting which will begin just after lunch on Tuesday, June 17, and close after lunch Thursday, June 19. It will be held on the Hendrix College Campus, with the exception of the Tuesday Evening inspirational address at 7:30 by Judge Camille Kelley, of Memphis. Her subject will be, "What Parents and Teachers Can Do To Prevent Juvenile Delinquency". It will be in First Methodist Church, Monday.

Judge Kelley is a dynamic speaker and has a record of 30 years of distinguished service as Juvenile Court Judge in Memphis, which position she resigned to make a motion picture of her life at the request of Hollywood.

We cannot begin to enumerate all the honors that have come to Judge Kelley in her career. She is the mother of three. She is in International "Who's Who" and "Who's Who in America." Five national magazines have featured her: American, Cosmopolitan, True Detective, Case and Comment and Reader's Digest. She has been the subject of many other articles and editorials. She has been written up twice in London, England and once in Paris, France. She has contributed to a number of magazines and is author of several books, the latest one being "Delinquent Angels".

The State Department in Washington, D. C. requested Judge Kelley's permission to send an article just published in an International newspaper about her procedure and work, to one hundred magazines and newspapers posts, in order to reach seventy foreign countries, this being a



JUDGE CAMILLE KELLEY

part of the plan to inform other countries about the American way of life.

Though Judge Kelley is not a Church School Children's Worker, it is her firm conviction that teaching politics in its true character to the young, will bring leadership and citizenship into their rightful places.

Experts estimated at the date of her retirement that there is less juvenile delinquency in Memphis than in any other city of its bracket of population in America. To this goal, Judge Kelley has prayerfully dedicated thirty years of untiring service.

We feel that Judge Kelley's address will be enriching to Children's Workers, Parents, Teachers, Pastors, and to Everyone interested in children. No admission fee.

We hope to publish the full Program for our Conference in the next issue of the Methodist. — Mrs. Ira A. Brumley

CHILDREN'S WORK IN NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ira A. Brumley

Fort Smith District

The Fort Smith District Vacation Church School Institute was held May 9, at First Church, Fort Smith. This meeting was conducted on the plan of one big workshop with work centers established for workers with each age group. In the various centers a number of activities pertaining to a specific unit were carried out. This informal work period was followed by group discussions.

The Conference approved units presented and the leaders were:

Kindergarten — Stories About Jesus, by Brumley. Mrs. Alice S. McElroy, Mrs. E. A. Newson, assistant

Primary — Outdoors in Palestine, by Rauschenberg, Miss Anna Rose Miller, Mrs. Dwight Leming, assistant, Mrs. Herman Rimmer, assistant

Junior — People Who Lived in Jesus Day, Mrs. Frances Winter, Mrs. Paul Dean, assistant

Intermediate — Exploring the Bible With Intermediates, by Miss

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. JAMES W. WORKMAN, chaplain at Ft. Roots, was the speaker at the commencement exercises of the Dumas High School on Friday, May 23.

JEANNE GENTRY WAITS, head of the organ department at Tulsa University, gave an organ recital on Monday, May 19, at the First Methodist Church in Russellville.

REV. PAUL BUMPERS, pastor of the Methodist Church of Marked Tree, preached the baccalaureate sermon for Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, on Sunday, May 18.

JOE PIERCE of Searcy, lay leader of the Searcy District, was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Conway, on Wednesday, May 21.

REV. W. F. COOLEY, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, preached the commencement sermon for the Fayetteville High School on Sunday evening, May 25.

BOYD KEATHLEY, member of the First Methodist Church, Russellville, was the speaker at the meeting of the Men's Fellowship of the Methodist Church of Atkins on Wednesday, May 21.

THE METHODIST MEN of the Batesville District met in Mountain Home on Wednesday, May 14. Dr. Matt Ellis, Conference lay leader, presented charters to Cotter, Gassville, Salem, Mountain Home and Yellville Parish.

A FELLOWSHIP HOUR was held at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday evening, May 26, following the evening service in honor of the one hundred new members received into the church since March 1.

W. R. SCHISLER, missionary teacher in Brazil for many years, will speak at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday morning, June 1. Brother Schisler spoke to the Jonesboro Area Methodist Men on Friday, May 23, at Bay.

REV. MARTIN BIERBAUM, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Fort Smith, has been elected president of the Fort Smith Ministers' Association. His term will begin in July. Brother Bierbaum served this year as secretary-treasurer of the Association.

THE SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION CONFERENCE will be held in Wichita, Kansas, beginning June 27. A typographical error in last week's paper gave the date as June 23. *The Arkansas Methodist* is happy to make this correction.

REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF, pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, preached the commencement sermon for the Magnet Cove High School on Sunday, May 11, and for the Cutter-Morning Star High School and the Lakeside High School on Sunday, May 18.

TWO large brass vases were presented to the church at Russellville and dedicated on Sunday, May 25. The vases were given by Miss Bonnie Walden of Russellville, Mrs. W. J. Stapp of Germany and Clint Walden

of Fayetteville in memory of their mother, Mrs. B. R. Walden.

OPEN HOUSE AND HOMECOMING will be held at the newly-decorated Prairie Grove Methodist on Sunday, June 8. Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, will preach at the morning hour. A basket lunch will be served at noon. The pastor, Rev. S. O. Patty, will preach at the evening hour.

REV. GEORGE REUTZ, pastor at Lonoke, suffered broken ribs, in an automobile accident on Friday, May 16, when he was forced to drive into a ditch to avoid hitting a car which drove in front of him. Mrs. Reutz was badly shaken up and their daughter was bruised. They were taken to their home where they are recovering nicely.

FILLMON BLEDSOE was re-elected chairman of the official Board of Gardner Memorial Church for the coming year. Roy Garlington was elected vice-president; Tom Fulton, secretary and Phil Egan, treasurer. Bill George has been named chairman of the building committee. W. C. Orne will be the church's delegate to Annual Conference.

REV. WILLIAM D. GRAY, retired Methodist minister, passed away on Monday, May 19, at the age of 74 years. He was a native of Vilonia and was supply pastor for the Viney Grove Church, near Prairie Grove at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, four sons, one daughter, two brothers, one sister and thirteen grandchildren.

THE RE-UNION of the Turrentine family will be held on June 28-29 at Shelbyville, Tennessee when the family meets for its third national re-union. More than three hundred descendants from all parts of the United States will attend. Dr. Marshall Steel, pastor of Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, is one of the best known of the present generation.

ABOUT 100 men of Gardner Memorial Church will be presented in the play "The Gardner's Daughter Gets Married" at the North Little Rock High school auditorium at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, June 5. The play, a comedy in three acts, will include a style show and wedding. Proceeds will be used to send delegates from the various church groups to the summer assemblies.

THE BOARD OF STEWARDS of Winfield Church, Little Rock, has let contracts totaling \$44,300 for remodeling of the church's fellowship hall and kitchen and waterproofing and restoration of outside walls of the church. The contracts are part of a projected \$240,000 project including complete remodeling of the education building. Work is expected to begin immediately on the building for which contracts have been let. Dewey Price is chairman of the building committee for the remodeling.

THE ARKANSAS SAFETY COUNCIL has moved from the State Highway Building to temporary offices in the Union Life Building, Little Rock, according to an announcement made by Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Conway, Arkansas Safety Council president. "The Council will be operated hereafter as an independent agency, not connected

with government, to serve local councils, other organized groups, business firms and private citizens interested in saving lives and preventing injuries," Dr. Ellis said.

DR. AND MRS. C. M. REVES were honored Wednesday evening, May 21, with a dinner at Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, preceding the fourth quarterly conference. Fillmon Bledsoe, chairman of the Board presided as toastmaster and expressed the church's appreciation to the honored guests. Mrs. Reves was presented with an orchid and Dr. Reves with a boutonniere. Later the pastor, Rev. Irl Bridenthal, presented Dr. and Mrs. Reves with a table lamp. Dinner was served by the Mathilda Forrest Bible Class to about 200 guests.

THE HISTORICAL MARKER which marks the land near Van Buren on which is located the old home of Rev. John Harrell, pioneer Methodist missionary to the Indians in that section and also pioneer Methodist minister in Western Arkansas and in the Indian Territory, was placed and dedicated on Sunday, May 18. The old home and the marker are near the new City Heights Church of which Rev. Felix Holland is pastor. Rev. Robert Bearden, pastor of the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, chairman of the Historical Commission of the North Arkansas Conference which arranged for the placing of the marker was in charge of the service.

BISHOP MARTIN, Dr. Guy M. Hicks, Shreveport pastor, Rev. Ethan Dodgen, Forrest City District Superintendent, Joe Thompson, Little Rock business man, are among those named to General Boards and Commissions by the Council of Bishops during and following the General Conference sessions in San Francisco, concluded May 6. Bishop Martin will serve during the 1952-56 quadrennium on the Board of Education, the Board of Temperance, and the Advance Committee. Dr. Hicks has been named to the Commission On The Structure of Methodism Overseas; Brother Dodgen to the Coordinating Council, a new agency to improve efficiency and make recommendations concerning Methodism program; and Mr. Thompson to the Council on World Service and Finance.

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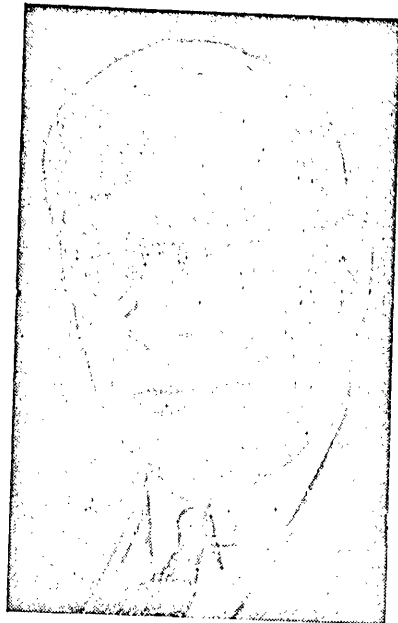
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SPEAKER AT LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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.



J. EDGAR WASHABAUGH

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.

OAKLAWN CHURCH

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who live in the Oaklawn district live in and with what others hear or read about. No other religious group is in a better position to know the facts and to preach a transforming gospel to people who actually are a part of and participate in the racing business. This Oaklawn Methodist does with a patience that is akin to godliness. The church is challenged every day to stand for the right amid so much that is wrong and at the same time meet the challenge and the needs of one of the fastest growing districts in the city. — Noel Cross, Pastor.

Contest Winners Stress Voting By Christians

A Christian citizen votes, and he takes an active part in the affairs of his community and country. These two points were emphasized by three young essay writers, national Society of Christian Endeavor. Winners of the contest, in which hundreds of young people across the United States and in Canada participated, were announced here by Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of the International Society. They are: Maxine E. Bond, 21, Wichita, Kan.; Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., 24, Chambersburg, Pa., and Glen R. Strome, 23, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

YOUTH DIRECTOR AT GRAND AVENUE, HOT SPRINGS



MISS LOUISE FINCHER

Miss Louise Fincher is the director of Youth Work at the Grand Avenue Methodist Church, having served in that capacity since February. The pastor, Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, reports that the interest in youth work has grown and that many young people are being reached in the morning, evening and week-day programs.

SOIL CONSERVATION METHODISTICALLY SPEAKING

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side the local church make it necessary that special attention be given to strengthening the foundation and widening the base of the local church in order that it may maintain and increase its own strength and thereby be better able to undergird our world program. We must feed the soil in Methodism's local churches if we are to grow and maintain a world program worthy of our great church.

GENERAL CONFERENCE GIVES EVANGELISM TOP PRIORITY

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worship and social service, are dynamic, inseparable elements of one passion and purpose."

It should bring new courage to every Methodist with an evangelistic outlook to know that our General Conference, speaking officially for Methodism, makes this unqualified declaration of the importance of evangelism in the program of our church.

The great United Evangelistic Missions promoted by our church in recent months is evidence of the new evangelistic zeal that has gripped the life of Methodism. May it grow to be a consuming passion in this quadrennium.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

All members of the Little Rock Conference Board of Temperance are urged to meet on Tuesday evening, June 3rd, 1952, at

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7:30, at the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the room designated. Members of the board may be found on page No. 6, of the 1951 Little Rock Conference Journal.—J. L. Tucker, Chairman

MR. GILKEY OUT OF COMMUNIST CHINA

The safe arrival in Hongkong of William Gilkey, Methodist missionary, from Peking, China, on May 14 has been reported to the offices of the Division of Foreign Missions in New York. The son of Mrs. Harry F. Donahue of Chickasha, Oklahoma, Mr. Gilkey had been in China since September, 1947. He was on the faculty of the music department at Yenching University, Peking.

During World War II Mr. Gilkey served in the U. S. Army in India, where he became interested in missionary service to China through contacts with Chinese migrants. He had hoped to continue teaching music at Yenching University under the Communist regime and was one of the last missionaries to apply for exit permits. He was supported by the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, until shut off by the Communist regime.

NORTH ARKANSAS MINISTERS' WIVES LUNCHEON

The North Arkansas Ministers' Wives Luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 14, in the Noble Hotel at Blytheville. The plate will be \$1.50.

Reservations should be sent to Mrs. Paul M. Bumpers, Marked Tree, secretary-treasurer.

AREA WANTS BISHOP AND MRS. MARTIN RETURNED

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We are only a short time removed from the Jurisdictional Conference where Bishops are given their episcopal assignments for the new quadrennium. It is the sincere desire of Methodism in this episcopal area that Bishop Martin be reassigned to his work here with us. We trust that the situation throughout the Jurisdictional Conference will be such that this appointment will be possible.

URNS MONTH'S RETURN TO CHURCH

A Jackson, Tenn., merchant who turned his business "over to the Lord" during the month of March has given the church a check for \$422.90.

E. V. Pettigrew an appliance store dealer, presented the check to Lambuth Memorial Methodist Church of Jackson. Representing the store's profit during March, the money will be used to help rebuild the church, destroyed by fire last fall.

BROADCAST OF APPOINTMENTS FOR LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The appointments will be read over K T H S, 1090, on your dial, at 6:15 p. m. Sunday, June 8. Please notice that this is only six hours after the appointments will have been made. This is a more favorable time than the hour of 10:30 as published in the Conference program.—H. R. Holland

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HOT SPRINGS CHURCHES ENTERTAIN CONFERENCE

PULLMAN HEIGHTS CHURCH

Through the years Pullman Heights Church has had the privilege of ministering to what many believe to be the finest residential section of the city. Its ministry now goes far beyond this beautiful section to people of all parts of the city and to visitors from all parts of the county.

As people look at the beautiful building, the well-kept lawn and hear the music of the chimes flowing out over the city, many of them say, "That is the church for me." But outward appearances tell only a small part of the story. The spiritual atmosphere greets every person with a warmth that he cannot forget. The work done within the class rooms is of the highest type. Those who heard our choir sing

at Conference last year will remember it as one of the best in the Conference.

The church has the custom of meeting all financial obligations on time. In addition to the current program, it has made substantial contributions to the Retired Ministers' Endowment program each year. It has paid the Advance for Christ in full. Each year it has materially increased its budget.

This year the church has gone far beyond all records in Sunday School enrollment and attendance. The congregations are the best ever. The Youth Work and the Woman's Society of Christian Service are strong factors in the life of the church.

The real reason for the success of our church lies in the fact that we are concerned primarily with the things that advance the Kingdom. Like Saint Paul, we

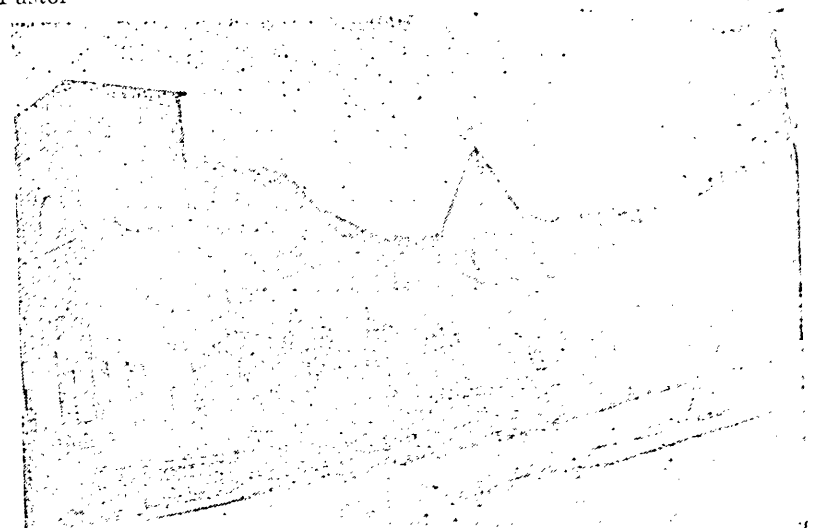


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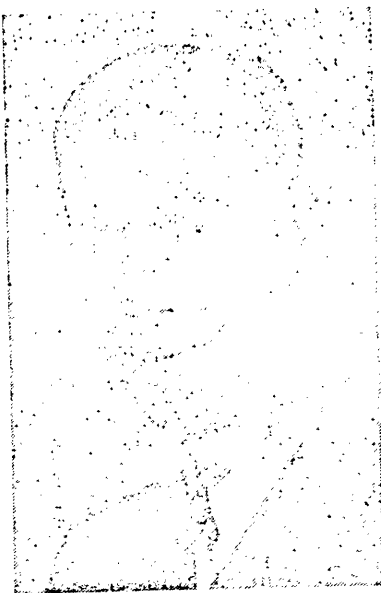
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have not arrived but we press toward the mark. For whatever success we may have obtained, we give thanks unto a worthy people and to Him who said, "I am the Way."—H. R. Holland, Pastor



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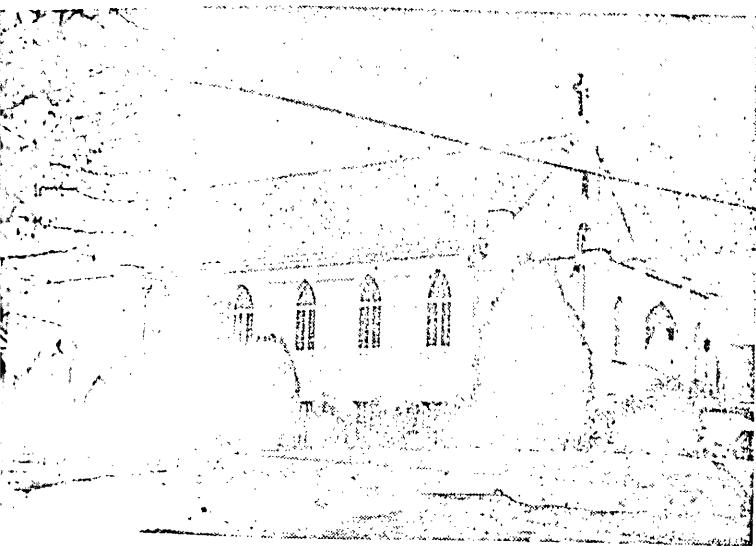
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OAKLAWN

the Grammar School. In the future the church will celebrate its Golden Jubilee. For nearly half a century this congregation has served as a feeder for other churches. The Church has ever been the strong department of the church. of the young people make commitment to Christ and His church before they leave the Department. During high school years they find themselves in a larger world than East and for social, educational and economic reasons they move from the church of their childhood. Likewise with parents, as soon as opportunity affords a chance to move family into what they consider a more desirable section of the city, they seek to better themselves. Despite the fact that Tigert has never enjoyed a large membership, with each generation of youth, the Lord has raised up souls who have wrought the church has out-lived its sanctuary, erected in 1906 and now in a building program.

The new Educational Building serves as the church-house for all services of the congregation. This summer the old building is to be razed. Plans are that the new sanctuary and parsonage may be erected in time for the observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary.

Rev. Robert S. Beasley who served as pastor at Glenwood the past four conference years was appointed to Tigert Church last June. He is a native of Hot Springs, a product of First Church, graduate of the City High School and of Hendrix College in the class of '28. While a senior in the Hot Springs High School he made his first attempt to preach one Sunday evening from the pulpit of the old Tigert Church.

The record of this Conference Year will reveal that Tigert Church accepted more than 100% increase in the Askings for World Service. The pastor will have a full report for Conference. With the program of the U.E.M. the church membership has increased 20%, with 51% on the increase of church membership on profession of faith. Three infants were

baptised at the altar of the church. Twelve hundred dollars has been raised to apply on the building program, reducing the debt to only \$2700.00.

Earl Smith, one of the youth of Tigert who did not leave his first love, is the efficient Superintendent of the Church School. Brother J. B. Freese who has served faithfully as church organist has played no small part in the building program and serves as treasurer of the church. Mrs. Stella Warren as president of the W.S.C.S. led the women of the church in carrying out the program for the year. Miss Patsy Bunch has served as M.Y.F. president. The Quarterly Conference named C. R. Harris, Mrs. J. B. Freese and Loyd Warren as Trustees, terms to expire in '55-'54-'53. J. Loyd Warren is also an active steward, along with Everett Smith, Earl E. Smith, Guy L. Powell, Howard Hutzler, Joe Howe, Sam Hall, and J. B. Freese. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Harris were named Honorary Stewards, Lay Member of Annual Conference, Mrs. J. B. Freese and Reserve Lay Member, Mrs. Naomi Thompson.

Rev. David Hankins, minister of Jackson Street Church, Magnolia, Arkansas, a former pastor, will be the guest preacher at Tigert Memorial on Conference Sunday morning, at 10:00 a. m. Jeff Williams, the noted after dinner speaker of Oklahoma, will be the lay speaker for the service at 8:00 p. m., June 8th.

OAKLAWN CHURCH

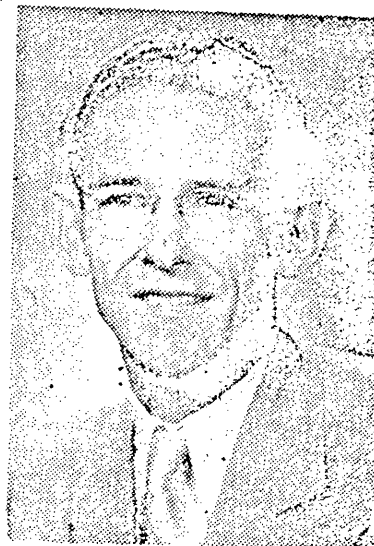
Oaklawn, Methodist Church, located at Higdon and Woodlawn in the city of Hot Springs, closes one of its most successful years with the coming of the Annual Conference. The spiritual state of the church has been strengthened by accepting the challenge that has been given the church by our General Boards and Commis-

sions.

Several things have been done to improve the physical conditions of the church and parsonage, but the greatest improvements have been in the realm of the spiritual. Our attendance has been much better this year than last. The Church School enrollment and attendance have increased. Every organization in the church has done an excellent job. The Woman's Society of Christian Service, under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Gunn, has done a splendid work. Ray Pledger, chairman of the Official Board, has led the church in a progressive and challenging program.

The Oaklawn Church holds a unique place as a church in the State of Arkansas due to its location. The sanctuary stands less than 300 feet from Oaklawn Park, the only legalized racing track in the state. Due to this strategic position, it has a unique ministry that is uncompromisingly performed 365 days in the year. Other churches in the state look on and read about it. The people

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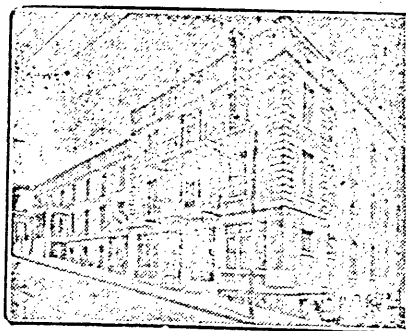
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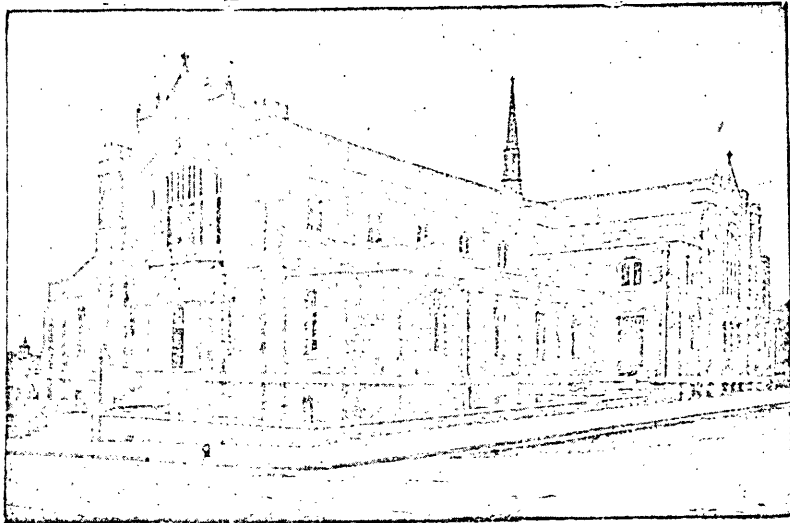
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Little Rock Annual Conference



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Seat of Conference

FIRST CHURCH

When the Little Rock Conference meets in First Church, Hot Springs, on June 4th, 1952, it will be holding its ninety-ninth session, and will be meeting in Hot Springs for the sixteenth time.

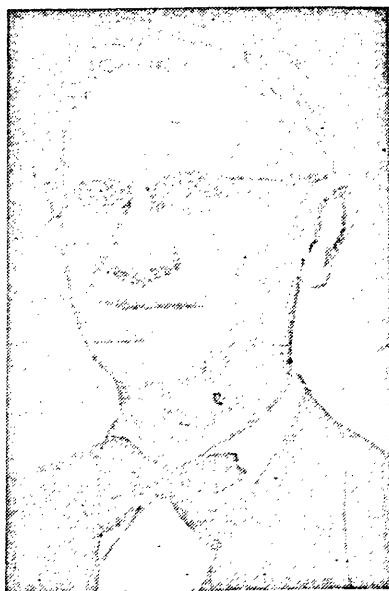
The Ouachita Annual Conference was formed in 1853. It is as the conference celebrates its centennial year, that Methodism in Hot Springs also celebrates its centennial. Miss Allie Bell Wadley, writing a number of years ago for a "Souvenir Booklet," issued by the Philathea Class of the Sunday school, and we suppose celebrating the completion of the present building, said: "We have the first record of Methodism in Hot Springs in February, 1852, when Samuel Morris, an itinerant Methodist preacher, rode into the little village. Hot Springs was then on Rockport

Circuit. Mr. Morris conducted the first service in the dance hall of the Hale House, after which he preached once a month in a rudely constructed log house, which stood about where the Milwaukee Hotel is now located. The house was also utilized as a school house." In the next paragraph she writes as follows: "Following a ten day revival in August, 1852, a Methodist Church of twenty-seven members was organized, the first religious organization ever here."

That was a rather humble beginning. In three years there was a gain of only three members. Then there was a time during the period of civil war that the village was almost depopulated. The records for that time are very meagre. But some time after the



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN
Presiding Bishop



REV. J. M. HAMILTON
District Superintendent



DR. E. CLIFTON RULE
Pastor First Methodist Church

war there were still fewer than one hundred members. Today there are five strong churches, all of which grew out of this little beginning. Then, it did not take too great a strain of imagination, when one remembers that thousands of visitors from all parts of world have worshipped here, to vision a vast multitude of people throughout the earth who have heard the gospel from those who built this small beginning.

The conference this year, as in past years, meets in First Church property, because here there is ample room for all the needs of conference sessions and the work of the organization. However, the conference comes as the guest of The Methodist Church in the city. Both the pastors and the congregation

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GRAND AVENUE CHURCH

Located at West Grand Avenue and Quapaw Grand Avenue Methodist Church has served Hot Springs Methodism for sixty-five years. During those sixty-five years the church has moved twice and served under three names. Today the congregation has its greatest opportunity for service to witness for the Living Christ in its ministry to the local population, to the nation and to fulfill its mission in the world.

Grand Avenue is closing another good year with a large increase in membership bringing the total to 1,053. The church school attendance has increased as has the enrollment. The laymen have had a larger part in the program of the church during the year, participating in the visitation evangelism program, the



DR. W. McFERRIN STOWE
Conference Preacher

ations of the churches in the city give invaluable aid in making arrangements for the meeting, in providing dinner meeting places for the various groups who need that kind of service, in the pastors presiding at worship services, and in the service of the choirs at the evening services.

A distinct feature of the meeting this year will be the presence of conference preacher of Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe, pastor of St. Luke's Church in Oklahoma City. Dr. Stowe's father, Dr. J. J. Stowe, was pastor of this church a few years ago and is well remembered as one of the men who have much to the Church, both as a preacher of great capacity and as a minister whose life meant much to our people.—E. C. Rule



REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF
Pastor Grand Avenue

regular church loyalty visitation program, teaching in the church school and doing lay speaking. The loyalty of the laymen has made possible an ever-expanding financial program to meet the needs of a growing congregation.

The women have contributed continuous and valuable service to the church through the Woman's Society of Christian Service and through the teaching agency of the church. They have given freely of their time and ability to the missionary, educational and service program of the church.

The Youth of Grand Avenue have taken on new interest since the coming of Miss Louise Fincher as our Youth Director in February. The interest, activity and loyalty of our youth have grown to such an extent that we are now reaching more young people than

GRAND AVENUE
ever before in the morning, evening and the week-day program.

The year's work will be climaxed on June 1 in the observance of the Sixty-fifth Anniversary. Former pastors have accepted invitations to preach and out of town members and former members have been invited to attend this home-coming celebration. As a part of the program special memorial gifts will be announced, and all members who have served for twenty or more years will be honored.

The congregation, officials and pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist Church join with other churches in Hot Springs in welcoming the members and friends of the Little Rock Annual Conference. — C. Ray Hozendorf, Pastor.

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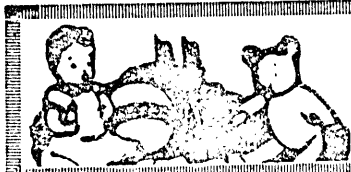
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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

KITTY'S CUSTARD

"Everybody's talking about cooking. Mother reads books about it, and says I am to be a good cook when I am older. Daddy says every girl ought to learn to cook.

"I think I am old enough now. I'm eight years old. I can cook some already. Bridget gave me some dough the other day and I made lovely little biscuits. They were as light as could be.

"And I helped her make a custard for tea. I mean I was going to beat the eggs for her, but I broke the bowl they were in, and she thought she had better finish it up herself.

"It was a beautiful custard; yellow down in the glass dish, and foamy on the top.

"Susy Pratt came to spend the day with me, and in the afternoon we thought we would go to the kitchen and help Bridget. We went in, but it was Bridget's afternoon off, and the shade was down and the floor was scrubbed up clean.

"I said, 'Let's make a custard all by ourselves!' But Susy laughed, and said I couldn't. As if she knew anything about it! Of course, I knew I could, and I also knew that daddy would be very much pleased if I made a custard for dinner.

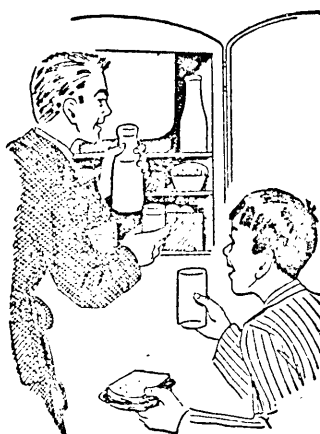
"I found a pan of milk, and set it on the stove. I got some eggs.

"They didn't seem to be the same kind of eggs Bridget takes, for they splashed about like everything when I broke them. They went on the floor and on my apron when I broke them, and I knew Bridget's eggs didn't do like that.

"I couldn't find the egg-beater, but there was a thing that looked most like it, so I took that. I let Susy beat the eggs, and they splashed just as bad as when I broke them.

"Then I went to get the other things. I got sugar, butter, cream of tartar and molasses, for I meant to have it good.

"I asked Susy if they put vinegar in custards, but she didn't know, but she knew that their Kate put vinegar in a good many things. I heard daddy say he didn't like things too sweet, so I put a little—not more than a half a cup. We put all the things in the milk and watched it. It didn't seem to look like Bridget's custards. Susy said that Kate stirred their custards. I said, 'O



FOOD FOR OTHERS

*Before we go to bed at night
We like a bite to eat.
Daddy and I with guilty smile
Slip in on silent feet.*

*We think of those who have no food,
Who beg each day for bread,
And we resolve that we will help
To see that they are fed.—A.E.W.*

yes, so does Bridget."

"I put in a spoon, but it wouldn't stir nicely at all. It was all hard and sticky on the bottom, and when I tried hard it splashed on the stove. It made a most dreadful smell.

"Then Susy said, 'Stop, it's getting foamy now.' It bubbled and foamed beautifully, but the next minute that custard went right up to the top of the pan and ran all over the stove. It sizzled worse than ever, and a great black smoke went up to the ceiling.

"I heard a great noise on the stairs and mother saying, 'Is the house on fire?' And grandmother saying, 'Bless us! What's the matter?' And sister saying, 'Phe-ew, what a smell!' Then they rushed into the kitchen and opened all the windows. Mother pushed the custard to the back of the stove. It had been running over all the time, but when she did that it went right down in the pan, and there was hardly any custard left.

"Then mother took the pan and went to the door. 'You're not going to throw it out, are you, mother?' She said, 'You can have it if you want it, Kitty.'

"I got a spoon and tasted it. Susy tasted it, too. Then we did not want any more custard. And I didn't care a bit when mother threw it out."—Selected

He: "I've never said anything that I would regret later."

She: "Has it paid?"

He: "Yes, I'm still a bachelor."

JUST FOR FUN

A Mississippi river steamboat was stopping in the mouth of a tributary stream, owing to a dense fog. An inquisitive passenger inquired of the captain the cause of the delay.

"Can't see up the river," was the laconic reply.

"But I can see the stars overhead," the passenger replied sharply.

"Yes," came back the captain, "but unless the boilers bust, we ain't going that way."

A jeweler's assistant, an absent-minded fellow, was being married. He was presenting the bride with the ring when he hesitated.

"With this ring," prompted the minister.

"With this ring," said the bridegroom, "we give a written guarantee, reminding the customer that the price will be refunded if it is not as represented."

Two small boys were hesitant about approaching their mother for permission that was almost certain to be denied. They felt that they must take the long shot, however. "You ask her," said Billy to his younger brother.

"No, you."

"Oh, go on, you ask her," urged

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

ARE YOU A "SEVENTH LITTLE DIVING DUCK?"

Do you know about the seventh little diving duck? Well, he just would not learn to swim. He was afraid even to try.

Then after his father made him practice and practice until he did learn to swim, he wouldn't dive for fish. He was afraid to try and put his head under water. But when he did learn he said: "I didn't know it was so easy."

Little children, and big people too, are often just like that seventh little diving duck. They are so afraid to try something they have never done before. They shake their heads, their eyes fill with tears, and in a shaky voice say "I can't. I don't know how."

Nobody knows how to do everything—not even your mother or father. There are some things they can't do. It is just as hard for them to learn to do something new as it is for you.

Mothers and fathers will say, "How do you know you can't when you don't try?"

And that is so true. How do you know you can't just by sitting looking at it and thinking it is hard?

Don't be a "seventh little diving duck." He was so unhappy! His brothers and sisters were unhappy, too, and although his mother and father were unhappy they were also very angry.

If you don't get it right the first time, it makes no difference. It won't be so hard the second time, and before you know it you will be surprised at how easy it was to do.

The next time you feel like saying "I can't. It's too hard," just think what father duck said to the seventh little diving duck, "You see, it wasn't that you couldn't do it, you were afraid to try, that is all."—United Church Observer

Billy.

"No, you," said the younger brother, "you've known her longer than I have."

The teacher was giving a lesson on the seasons. She asked, "Frankie, why does your father put up the storm windows in the fall and take them down in the spring?"

"The main reason is that my mother keeps after him until he does."

ARKANSAS METHODIST

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

MONROE DISTRICT GUILD MEETS

Tallulah Guild was hostess to the annual Monroe District Guild Meeting, May 18, under the direction of Mrs. Hurvie Moak, District Guild Secretary. The group attended the morning service in a body and heard Rev. A. A. McKnight, pastor.

The afternoon featured three panels led by Mrs. M. L. DeFreese, District Promotion Secretary; Mrs. Minza Rabun; and Mrs. Ruth Guthrie.

Mrs. E. N. Jackson gave the closing meditation.

PRAYER FOR ENLARGED VISION

*Lift up our hearts, O King of kings,
To brighter hopes and kindlier things,
To visions of a larger good,
And holier dreams of brotherhood.*

*Thy world is weary of its pain,
Of selfish greed and fruitless gain,
Of tarnished honor, falsely strong,
And of its ancient deeds of wrong.*

*Almighty Father, who dost give,
The gift of life to all who live,
Look down on all earth's sin and strife,
And lift us to a nobler life.*

—Selected

MENA ENTERTAINS HOPE DISTRICT

Hope District Society met at Mena, May 6, with Mrs. L. B. Tooley, President, presiding, nine societies and guest speakers, Mrs. R. H. Cole, Mrs. Earl Cotton, and Miss Norene Robken, returned missionary from Poland and Africa, present.

Mrs. Gus Orr, Spiritual Life Secretary, led the devotional, and Mrs. J. R. Rushing was elected delegate to Mt. Sequoyah and Mrs. Orr the alternate. Mrs. Rushing urged good attendance at the Conference School of Missions at Aldersgate, July 23-25.

Mrs. W. D. Cole installed the following officers for 1952-53: Mrs. L. B. Tooley, President; Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Vice-President; Mrs. Earl Miller, Promotion; Mrs. R. T. White, Treasurer; Mrs. W. R. Shackelford, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. R. Rushing, Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. J. C. Oslin, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; Mrs. Gus Orr, Spiritual Life; Mrs. O. L. Tucker, Youth Work; Mrs. Carl Barham, Student Work; Mrs. Has Owens, Literature and Publications; Mrs. E. D. Dunlap, Children's Work; Mrs. R. E. Stephens, Supplies; Mrs. Claud Clark, Status of Women; and Mrs. T. F. Bowman, Missionary Personnel.

Mrs. Miller reported one new society and 100 new members; 4 sub-districts organized; 16 societies reached the goal of 20 active prayer groups. The Treasurer reported \$9422.54 paid and the district pledged \$9650 for the next year.

The Guild served coffee during registration and the noon lunch was delicious; and the hospitality of Mena was appreciated by all.

A man may be lifted out of the slums without God, but only God can lift the slums out of him — *Christian Union Herald.*

MAY 29, 1952

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Siloam Springs Methodist Church was honored May 15 at its regular meeting in the church basement when the speaker of the evening was Mrs. George Dismukes of Westville, Oklahoma. In the name of the Guild, Miss Elizabeth Goss, the incoming president, presented to Mrs. Dismukes three silver dollars beautifully arranged on a fan to be used during the Silver Strike in June.

The meditation period of the evening was directed by Miss Robena Yeager, who took beautiful readings from Pages of Gold, a hymn book of a century or more ago. A Guild pin was presented to Miss Lydia Long, the outgoing president, in recognition of her willing and efficient service. The new officers were asked to take their official positions for the next regular meeting.

Miss Marilyn Elbert and Miss Carol Ann Dowdy of the Senior Class and Miss Frankie Hawks and Mrs. W. O. Wiles of the Gentry Wesleyan Service Guild were special guests of the evening.

Dyess Society met May 13 at the home of Mrs. Roland Garey and elected Mrs. Russell Clifton as President for the coming year. Mrs. J. H. Ingle led the devotional, and Mrs. M. J. Pollard, Mrs. Norman Tyler, Mrs. Russell Clifton and Mrs. Ray D. Johnston gave the program.

The Gladys Holland Circle, Scott Street Church, Little Rock, met May 12 and elected Mrs. C. R. Miller as Chairman. This circle was organized two years ago by Mrs. Emery Holland, and the circle is named in her honor.

A Wesleyan Service Guild was

organized in Marvell on May 16 with eight present, and a potential membership of 20 or 25 women.

Mrs. Jack Glass of Crawfordville, W. S. C. S. Promotion Secretary of the Forrest City District, presided at the meeting and organized the unit. Rev. J. L. Pruitt is the local pastor.

Officers elected are: President, Mrs. Earl Norton; Vice president, Mrs. Buddy Meeks; Secretary, Mrs. Gerald Glass; Treasurer, Mrs. Taylor Collins; Coordinator, Mrs. Walker Moore.

NOTICE

The School of Missions of the North Arkansas Conference will meet at Hendrix College, Conway, June 23 to the 27, beginning with the evening meal on the 23rd. There will be 9 clinics conducted and 5 workshops. The 3 study courses for the year will be taught by conference teachers. The theme is "Proclaim the Good News."

The cost of room and board will be \$10.00 per person. Registration fees of \$3.00 each should be sent as quickly as possible to Mrs. W. C. Buthman, 1160 Winfield, Conway, Arkansas.

Watch these columns for further information.

GERTRUDE CONE BURIED IN HONGKONG

Funeral service for Miss Gertrude M. Cone, Methodist missionary who died in Hongkong forty-eight hours after her release from behind communist lines in China—where she had been detained for more than a year despite serious illness—was held in the English Methodist Church, Hongkong, on February 22. The service, largely attended by Americans, Chinese, and

British, was conducted by Bishop Ralph A. Ward, Bishop Raymond L. Archer of Singapore, Bishop J. Waskom Pickett of Delhi, India, and Dr. J. E. Sandbach, a senior missionary of the British Missionary Society. Miss Cone's body was interred in the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, Hongkong.

Bishop Ward, who had known Miss Cone most of her life, gave the address at her funeral. He said in part:

"Any words of mine are utterly inadequate to convey my experiences during these days with this lady who had grown so beautifully to victory. Not only in one event, at the last, but through a whole series of choices and acts she had carried out her Christian purposes. For months she had the agony of unalleviated pain. Her food was the meager fare which means final starvation. Yet very early she resolved that she would never utter a word of unkindness. As she bade farewell to those who brought her, utterly bed-ridden to the border, she thanked them so kindly that they seemed embarrassed. She told us that when she found that she could not longer work with the Chinese people whom she had come to serve, she could at least pray for them—and she did. Repeatedly during the days when her strength permitted her to talk she told us that she had no hatred in her soul.

"As civil war brought a new political regime toward the part of China where she lived, she had opportunities to leave for places of more certain safety. The procedures of our organization left to her and her bishop the decision as to whether she would stay or not. She wanted to stay.

"She had a conviction that the Gospel of Jesus was needed by people anywhere in the world, under any political regime. She said that she had no personal obligations which should call her from possible pending danger. She was sympathetic, with the new experiments in government and its social order. She continued her work as a teacher and as an inspiring leader of music choirs. Months after the coming of the new regime she organized a union choir which inspiringly rendered "The Messiah."

"But the day came when it seemed that her Chinese friends could get along better without the presence of an American like herself and she applied for exit permit.

"She was caught in the swirl of hatreds and the clash of international tensions and in the

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

NEWS FROM OKOLONA CIRCUIT

Okolona Circuit has had a good year. We have had 21 additions on professions of faith and 8 by transfer.

The Okolona Church has installed a lighted cross in the church, a gift from Mrs. Luther Orsburn and children in honor of Mr. Orsburn.

A Methodist Youth Fellowship has recently been organized and the Church School has had a fine increase this year.

Trinity Church has been renovated at a cost of \$1400.00. A Woman's Society of Christian Service has been organized. A new M. Y. F. has been organized and the Church School has had a fine increase. We now have 100 in Church School.

The Center Grove Church has had growth and a new W.S.C.S. has been organized there.

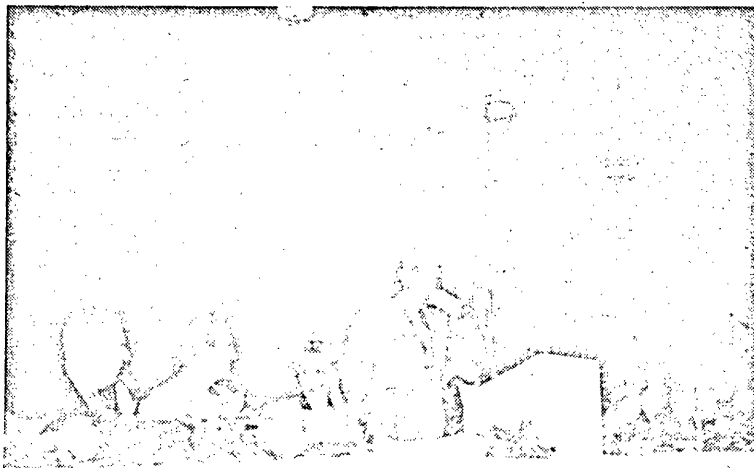
Our parsonage at Okolona has been repainted and renovated, both inside and out and new furnishings have been added that make it more comfortable. The charge has planned to increase the salary for another year and all finances are in full.

It has been a fine year on this charge, and the pastor has enjoyed serving these fine people. — E. T. McAfee, Pastor.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS ORGANIZED

A Young Adult Class was organized in the Gravette Church School Sunday, May 18. Ten young adults who had not been in any class of the church school met Sunday morning with the pastor in the parsonage and elect-

PULASKI HEIGHTS HAS LOYALTY DINNER



Alton Raney who served as toastmaster at the Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, Loyalty Dinner held on Friday evening, May 16, at the Robinson Memorial Auditorium, is seen standing at the desk where he presided. At Mr. Raney's right can be seen Bishop Paul E. Martin, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin and Mrs. Raney. Bishop Martin and several of the Pulaski Heights laymen spoke at the dinner which was being held in connection with the church's current financial campaign for \$250,000 for the construction of a new educational building.

ed Earl Scholton, teacher, and Jack Davidson, president. Miss Leda White was elected secretary-treasurer and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Murphy were appointed as a cultivation committee. The class got off to a good start with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm.

Something like this has been needed in the Gravette Church School for a number of years to bridge the gap between the older adults and the young people. The pastor set the place and date of the meeting, made the personal contacts, and gave the invitation to the organization meeting, made

the personal contacts, and gave the invitation to the organization meeting. Out of fourteen people contacted ten reported for the first meeting. The cultivation committee is at work this week to get others to come in. We feel that this is a real achievement for our church and church school. —H. W. Jinske, Pastor

Contributions to Protestant churches topped the billion-dollar mark for 2nd straight yr. Each of more than 36 million church mbrs donated an average of \$32.33. — Nat'l Council of Churches of Christ in America Report.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET AT HUNTINGTON AVENUE

The Girls' Interest Group of Huntington Avenue Church at Jonesboro had its Mother-Daughter banquet on April 29 in the recreation room of the church. Covers were laid for 22. The theme being "Showers of Blessings" garden flowers were used to decorate the room. Miniature umbrellas, cut from construction paper, were place cards with menu printed inside.

Beverly Brown gave a word of welcome to the mothers and Mona Laughinghouse served as toastmaster.

Participating on the program which carried out the theme were Dava Barrow, Martha Sue Eason, Patty Scott, Nelda Barrow and Dena Cook.

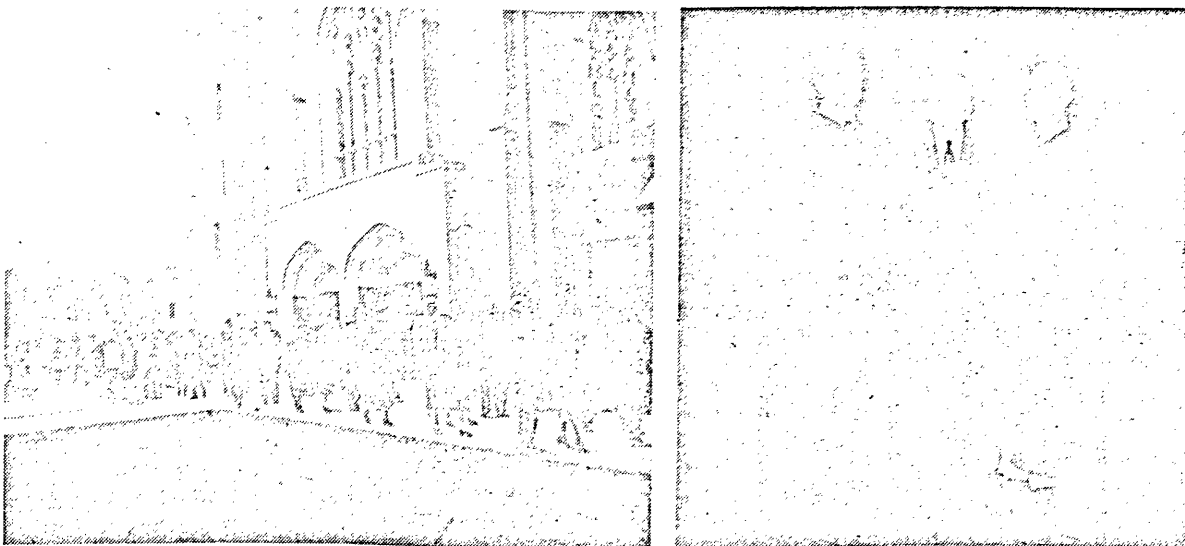
The mothers presented Mrs. C. V. McKinney, sponsor, with a beautiful orchid corsage. — Reporter.

BISHOP SUBHAN AT ROGERS

Bishop John Subhan of Bombay India spoke to a capacity audience in the Central Methodist Church of Rogers May 19. He was introduced by Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent, as one of the two native Methodist bishops of India and as the only converted Moslem to become a Bishop.

Prior to the bishop's address Rev. J. W. Workman, Jr., led in prayer for a united Christian effort on a Global scale. Arthur Anderson accompanied by Mrs. Anderson sang, "The Stranger of Galilee." Led by Brother Cooley and Mr. Anderson, the congregation engaged in singing several missionary hymns, with Mrs. Cedric Watson at the organ. — H. W. Jinske

BLYTHERVILLE FIRST CHURCH OPENS NEW SANCTUARY



LEFT: Part of the large crowd leaving the formal services marking the opening of the new sanctuary at the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, Sunday morning, May 18. More than a thousand worshippers were in attendance in the two services held at 8:30 and 10:50 a. m.

RIGHT: Rev. E. B. Williams, District Superintendent, Jonesboro District, and former Blytheville pastor, assisted Rev. Roy I. Bagley in the 8:30 service. Rev. H. O. Bolin, Benton pastor and uncle of the Blytheville pastor, assisted in the later service. l to r: Rev. Roy I. Bagley, Rev. H. O. Bolin, Rev. E. B. Williams.

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METHODISM IN MARION COUNTY

By THERON McKISSON, Pastor, Yellville Parish

Early this conference year, 1951-52, Rev. J. Albert Gatlin came to this charge which is the only Methodist charge in the county, and led us in a great charge-wide Fellowship program. Brother Gatlin stressed the idea that indifferent service is not enough to accomplish our task in times like these. Not only did we have this inspiration, but two fine rural pastors, preceded me, Glen Bruner and Pharis Holifield. They with their district Superintendent, S. B. Wilford, had dreamed of a greater Methodism in this county and worked to that end so that when the people began to pour into the Bull Shoals area we were already there with a beautiful chapel already under construction. According to the Centennial History of Arkansas Methodism, Marion County has no reason to be ashamed of its contribution of leaders in the past. By the grace of God we intend to write a new chapter of accomplishment for the Kingdom of Christ for the present.

We have four church buildings one of them Bull Shoals, constructed this year; two other preaching places and as many other communities we could enter if we had the time and energy to do it. We are serving three of these church with every Sunday pastoral services other services

during the week. I will have appeared in the pulpit 226 times this year.

Cedar Grove, Old Shiloh Church, built an educational annex this year and is going forward with beautifying its chapel. Yellville M. Y. F. sponsored and installed electronic Chimes on the church. The balcony has been finished and seated, the parsonage kitchen modernized. Already the chapel of the Bull Shoals Church is too small for our activities there. We need the rest of the building as planned.

On April 28 Mrs. McKisson organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service at Bull Shoals with 21 charter members. On May 11 our men of the parish under the leadership of assistant District Lay Leader Wyth Adams organized a Methodist Men's Club with 24 charter members. Sixty-four persons have joined these churches this year. Some fine well-trained laymen from as far away as New York have come with us this year to enrich our program and make possible greater things in the future. A scheduled program of lay preaching is but one of several projects the men are planning. We are happy in this beautiful area, and fishing is good on the lake. Come and see us.

BRANCH CHARGE

We have had a total of 25 additions to church membership and have some more prospects who are awaiting baptism.

Lowes Creek has been going strong all this year. They have remodeled their church converting it into as nice a little church as you will find anywhere. They lowered the roof, rock veneered the outside, finished the inside with nice ceilotex and sheet rock, built a new rostrum, a new altar, two class rooms, sanded and varnished the floors, painted the pews and other woodwork, put in a new lighting system, installed butane, put venetian blinds over the windows, and a lighted cross in the sanctuary.

We were privileged to have Brother Gatlin with us in one revival meeting this year. We rejoice over the good work he is doing for all of us.

Branch has increased her attendance this year. The spirit and fellowship have been fine. Some of our members say the church is in better shape than they have ever known it. The W.S.C.S. purchased two large paintings which add much to the beauty of our sanctuary.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held March 2nd. This was only nine months of our conference year, but our churches reported all claims paid in full for the entire year and the pastor's salary paid up to date. We give God the praise.

Branch has purchased a lot just east of the church. They are discussing the possibility of building a new parsonage.

The Branch charge has some mighty fine people on it. May God continue to bless and keep them! — Rev. and Mrs. Fred M. Thompson

GOSHEN METHODIST CHURCH

Goshen is a small town eleven miles from Fayetteville. They lost their pastor early last fall and our District Superintendent, Rev. W. F. Cooley asked me to go out and take charge of the work as pastor, the first of October. I am now winding up eight months

work with them. They are a fine people and are ready and willing to give both of their time and finance to the church work.

Their church is a beautiful little building and is out of debt. They have just completed a lovely, modern parsonage, debt free and will be ready for the new pastor when he arrives. This is the first year for Goshen as a station, and I am happy to say at our last Quarterly Conference the treasurer reported all finances for the year up in full and the pastor's salary increased for the coming year.

During my thirty-nine years in the active ministry I have never enjoyed eight months more than I have the time spent working with the good people at Goshen. They have a bright future and I believe Goshen is one of the coming small stations in the Fayetteville District.

Mrs. Yancey and I are enjoying the best of health, and are living in our home here in Fayetteville. When in Fayetteville, come to see us. — Sam Yancey.

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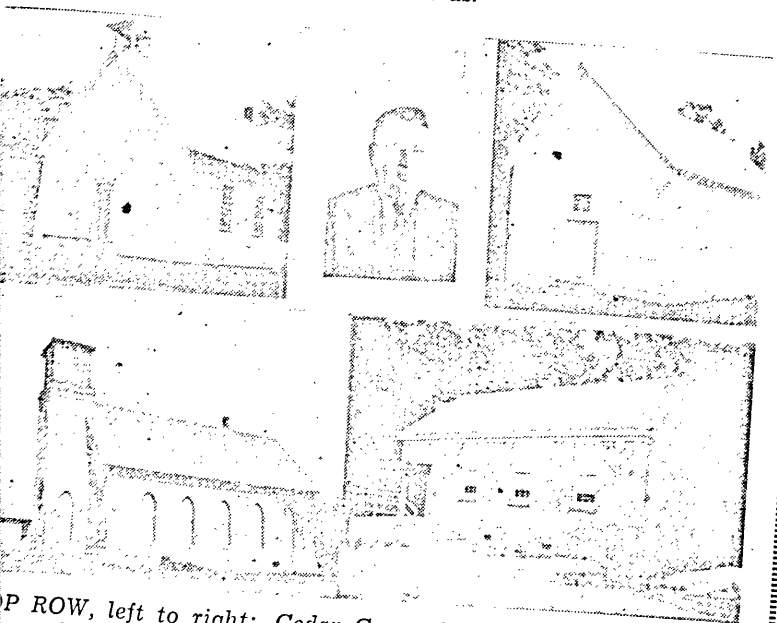
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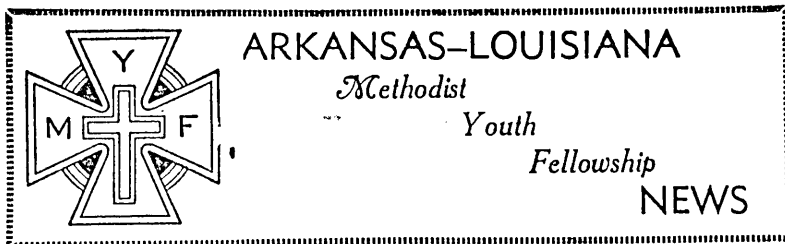
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TOP ROW, left to right: Cedar Grove Church; Rev. Theron McKisson, Pastor; Pleasant Ridge Church.
BOTTOM ROW: Yellville Church; Bull Shoals Church.

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NORTH ARKANSAS YOUTH ASSEMBLY

The North Arkansas Youth Assembly will meet at Hendrix College from June 3 to June 7, Tuesday morning until Saturday morning. We will be ready to complete registration beginning at 19 A. M., June 3. The assembly will close after breakfast on Saturday morning with a Communion Service.

All youth ages 16-23 may attend and youth who are local MYF officers and have passed their fifteenth birthday.

The cost will be \$9.00 for room and meals, \$2.00 for registration fee, 50c for insurance, and a small amount for text materials and incidentals.

Rev. D. L. Dykes of Fayetteville is to be the Inspirational Speaker. Rev. Harold Ewing, Director of Youth Work, General Board of Education, will be a resource person in the assembly.

Rev. James S. Upton, Conference Youth Director, is to be Dean. Miss Regina Watson is to be Dean of girls; and Rev. O. D. Peters Dean of boys.

Five courses are to be offered for youth: Youth and Stewardship, Rev. O. D. Peters; Youth and Evangelism, Rev. E. J. Holifield; Youth and Missions, Rev. Earle Cravens; Choosing a Vocation, Rev. Harold Ewing; The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Miss Viola Callahan.

Adults who work with youth are invited to attend the assembly and will be provided a special class on Senior and Older Youth Work.

There are to be three afternoon discussion groups: MYF in the Local Church, Miss Callahan; MYF Beyond the Local Church, Rev. Floyd Williams; Youth Activity Week, Rev. Ira A. Brumley.

Bring pencil, paper, your Bible, and a sense of expectation and enthusiasm. Plan to arrive by 11 a. m., June 3. Send in your pre-registration, but no pre-registration fee is required. — Sarah Workman, Vice-President.

MEETING OF LEVY METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Levy Methodist Church Methodist Youth Fellowship met on May 13 and learned some new games which Rev. Raymond Dorman brought back from the Recreation Workshop in Turner Falls, Oklahoma. Refreshments were furnished by the Bryant-Ashley Drug Store of Levy. — Pat Fike, Reporter.

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WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Arkansas Valley Sub-District held its regular meeting on May 12 at the Hartman Methodist Church with 91 present. The Spadra M. Y. F. had charge of the devotional service which was based on Prayer. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Shirley Russell of Ozark, president; Evelyn Acor of Clarks ville, vice-president; Freda Mae Rogers of Spadra, secretary-treasurer; Mary Ann Burns of Denning, reporter. The next meeting will be held at Denning Methodist Church on June 9 with Hartman in charge of the devotional program.

The Southwestern Sub-District elected the following officers at the May meeting: President, Jimmy Vandegrift, Salem; vice-president, Bettye Thomas, Primrose; secretary, Jean Hyatt, Benton; treasurer, Barbara Hatcher, Bethel; Commission chairman are Worship, Helen Trotter, Benton; Community Service, Doris Highly, Primrose; Missions, Ralph Sewell, Douglassville; Recreation, Bettye Jo Crippen, Primrose; Publicity, Patricia Couch, Salen.

The Columbia County Sub-District met on Monday, April 28 at the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, with 120 present, representing youth, adult counselors, and pastors from Philadelphia, Jackson Street, New Era, Village, Christie's Chapel, Waldo, Magnolia First Church, Welcome and Taylor. A film on "Community Service" was shown. Jackson Street Church was in charge of the program.

Bob Jackson was elected president of the Mississippi County Sub-District at the meeting of the Sub-District on Monday, May 12. Other officers are Joe Bob Gentry of Luxora, vice-president; Mary Abbott of Wilson, secretary; Shirley Shoemaker of Osceola, treasurer and Leroy Brownlee of Luxora, adult counselor.

Ninety-five members attended the Arkansas Valley Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-District meeting, held at Hartman Monday night. The Spadra group was in charge of the worship program on "Prayer." Miss Shirley Russell of Ozark was elected president of the group for the ensuing year. Other officers are Miss Ann Evelyn Acord of Clarksville, vice president; Miss Freda Rogers, Spadra, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Mary Ann Burns, Denning, reporter.

GERTRUDE CONE BURIED IN HONGKONG

(Continued from page 11) violence of civil war. Yet she remained steady in her faith, with an ever-increasing measure of the spirit of her Master. She lived that spirit more abundantly, to the end."

If fear is cultivated, it will be stronger. If faith is cultivated, it will achieve the mastery. We have a right to believe that faith is the stronger emotion because it is positive, whereas fear is negative. — John Paul Jones, Brooklyn, N. Y. clergyman.

CHILDREN'S WORK IN NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 3) will have two week or three week schools. It takes time to do a good job with children. We cannot afford to go backward in this important work. We must go forward if we are true to the children and to ourselves.

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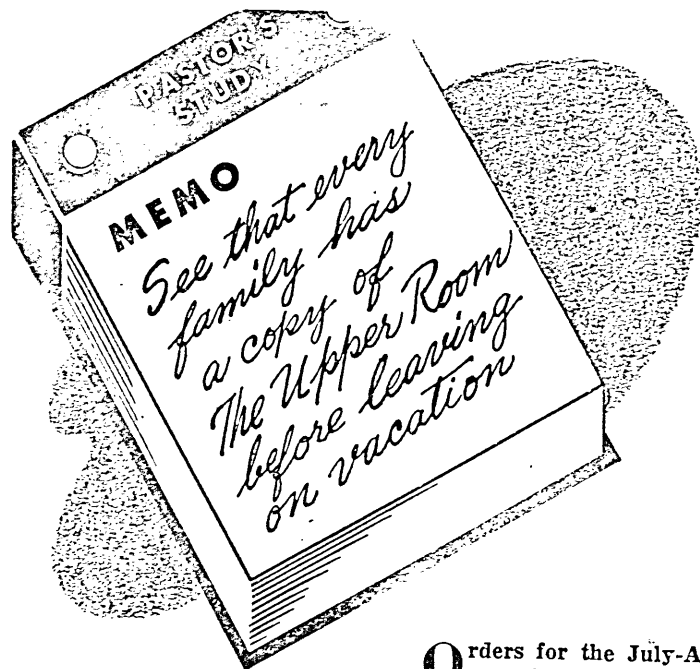
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SIDELIGHTS ON GENERAL CONFERENCE

Record-Breaking Number of Memorials submitted to General Conference of The Methodist Church in San Francisco April 23 - May 6 totalled 1690. These were sorted, referred to standing committees and came back on the floor of the conference in the form of 250 committee reports for action by the body.

Hour of Evangelism Series in Glide Memorial Church was well attended, with overflow congregations on some days. Sermons were by bishops.

Newsman Covering Conference gave high praise to the Episcopal Address prepared and delivered by Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville. It took nearly three hours to read but Bishop Kern did a masterful job of it and the audience manifested keen interest.

Husband-Wife Teams Among Delegates included the following: Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Wentworth of Augusta, Maine; Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Perryman, Springfield, Mo.; and President and Mrs. Edwin E. Voigt of Simpson College, Indian, Iowa.

Father-Son Team among delegates: Dr. William H. Helrigel, Albion, Mich., district superintendent, and his son, William H. Helrigel, Jr., also of Albion, president of the Young Adult Fellowship of the Michigan Conference.

Oldest Delegate turned out to be William E. Fletcher, retired government employee of Annapolis, Md., who at 86 had been chosen again to represent the Washington Conference of the Central Jurisdiction. Next oldest delegate was Charles W. Evans of Fairmount, W. V., 84, and a veteran of eight General conferences.

Massed Choirs numbering 500 voices sang at special musical services under the direction of Boston University's Dr. James R. Houghton, who has been leading the singing at General Conferences for "to these many years." Special choirs from Methodist colleges, California churches and guest soloists also were featured.

"A Faith Is Born", drama depicting the four-year Advance for Christ and His Church as it transformed the life of an average Methodist church member, played to full houses in the Opera House at two never-to-be-forgotten performances. One sincere observer, commenting on how well the actors had played their parts, said: "The man who took the part of Bishop William C. Martin was made up to look just look like the bishop." Evidently the brother had not read his program carefully and didn't see the bishop at intermission time slip from backstage to a box seat beside his wife. He had played the part of Bishop Martin very well — as he always does even off stage! Delegates were strong in their praise of the planning committee and the Dallas, Texas, producers and cast.

Language Barriers were lessened for two delegates from Africa when the Commission on Entertainment arranged for Miss Alpha Miller, missionary and reserve delegate from the Angola Conference, to sit beside them and translate for them.

Bishop Has Son As Delegate. Rev. J. Homer Magee of Great Falls, Montana, was a delegate representing his conference. When his father, Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago Area, was presiding he announced with fatherly pride: "My son is a delegate here. As far as I know, it is the only case of a bishop who has a son in the delegated body. I appreciate this very much."

South-Paw" Bishop . . . In one of his announcements, Secretary Lud Estes said one day following Bishop Marshall R. Reed's presiding: "All of the big league teams know they cannot win a pennant without a good group of left-handed pitchers. The Methodist General Conference qualified this afternoon. The Bishop presiding is a left-hander."

Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., received the National Medal of the Republic of Korea from the hands of consul General Young Han Choo. Award was for Bishop Moore's outstanding service to Korean Methodism.

Youngest Delegate was Howell T. Heflin, 30, Tusculum, Ala., attorney and lay leader of the Florence district, who headed the lay delegation from North Alabama.

IT WAS SAID IN SAN FRANCISCO

The following are quotes from some of the principal addresses delivered at the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church in San Francisco, April 23 - May 6:

From The Episcopal Address, prepared and delivered by Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville — "We believe in a free pulpit but we also believe in a free pew. Ministers seek no immunity from criticism by hiding behind the cloth. The liberty we ask for preachers we gladly share with the laymen. Search for truth, freedom of discussion, honest and open approach to every debatable subject — these are the paths to the goals we both seek. We all love our church and obey the same Lord. But unity does not grow out of uniformity; it grows out of resolved conflict. We have room, thank God, in Methodism, for the conservative and the liberal and also for that vast multitude who are more interested in fighting the good fight than they are in fighting their fellow Methodists. Labels are often libels. We get nowhere by calling names or casting shadowy doubt around the

character of honorable men. Black lists of supposed subversives are essentially unfair. We reassert our complete confidence in the fidelity, the loyalty, and the Christian character of the leaders of this Methodism of ours. We appeal to men to look for the best in Methodism and not for the worst, to give to the church the lift of faith rather than the load of doubt. We want for all of us only the liberty wherewith God hath set us free. And when Methodists cannot make up their minds about any issue before them, their place is on their knees and the answer is to be found in the discovery of the mind of Christ."

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York City — "The church is the best bulwark against subversive theories such as communism. Prayer does not give the peace of mind and power of will which make for personal happiness and prosperity. But if we support the church only as an insurance for our property, and practice prayer only as a means of success, then we are materialistic even as are the Communists . . . The church must rise above the current emphasis on religion as security

and revive its original gospel of salvation. We need to be saved from our own sins and not merely from the evils other people or nations may inflict upon us. We must see Korea and India not as dikes to check the flood of communism but as lands where needy members of God's family are to be served and saved. One dangerous trend of our day is to seek power and favor through governmental means. The church must not yield to this current temptation. Political alliances between church and state are being promoted today in subtle ways of subsidy and diplomacy. Christ refused temporal power. So must his church."



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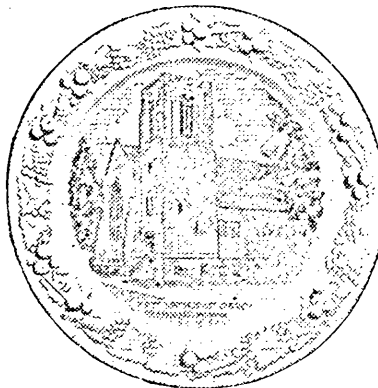
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LESSON FOR JUNE 8, 1952

WHAT ARE PROPERTY RIGHTS?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Exodus 20:15; Luke 16:1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou shalt not steal." (Exodus 20:15)

We are still dealing with UNIT II: "MORAL INTEGRITY AND CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES". Let us keep ever before us the aim of the unit — "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." This is the fourth of the seven lessons of the unit.

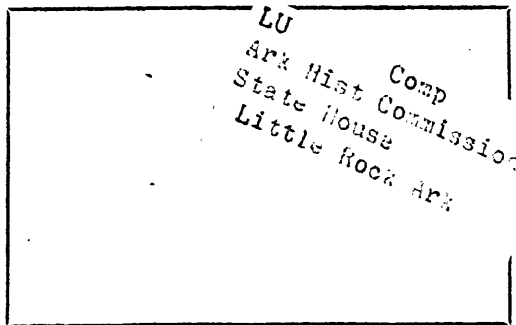
A Look At The Scriptures

Our first passage is the eighth commandment — "Thou shalt not steal." The chances are that this commandment is being broken more than any other of the ten. We are living in a very materialistic age. This means that the majority of the people of even so-called Christian nations are putting material things ahead of spiritual values. This leads to an inordinate desire for these things. People are naturally selfish — they are born that way. The first pronouns the little child learns are the first personal ones — "I", "me", "my" and "mine". He applies this to the possession of property — "my doll", "my toy", etc. It is a distinct step forward when he learns to say "your". It is still another advancement when he comes to recognize the pronoun "our". People are not born with a benevolent spirit. It is achieved through the teaching and example of others. This is especially true when such teaching and example are Christian.

Our trouble is there are far too few Christians in the world, or even in our nation. Just a little over half of our citizens profess to be Christians, and at least half of these who do profess are as selfish as are people who are outside the church. This is a bad situation indeed — all the people born selfish and not more than a fourth of them, even in a so-called Christian nation, with religion enough to counteract that trend. One would naturally expect a lot of crookedness, corruption, and thievery under such circumstances. If all thievery were brought to light we would be astounded. A lot of it is never known. Much of it, even in high places, is kept carefully concealed. Many practices that God would call thievery are carried on just inside the limits of the law. Many times the laws of the land can be conveniently twisted to permit such practices. It is not too difficult to catch the pistol bandits and punish them, but for every dollar that is taken at the point of a pistol there are literally hundreds taken at the point of a pencil, and in many cases just inside the law where no punishment will ever be meted out.

"The World Almanac" for 1951 gives the following figures for the arrest made in the U. S. involving the stealing of property: robbery 59,000; burglary, 409,000; auto theft 163,000; larceny, 1,024,000, making a total of

1,655,000. Now, add to that the cases that were never brought to trial and you have a bad situation indeed. We need a great revival of common honesty in this nation and throughout the world. It is said that the place for a ship is in the water but if you get too much water in the ship it will sink. The place for a nation is in the world (you cannot have a nation in a band-box) but if you get too much corruption in a nation it will sink. The true patriots in the U. S. today are not the ones who blab around about hundred percent Americanism while



they do things that are definitely against the best interest of the country; they are rather those who see the danger in our present-day corruption and try to do something about it. We have come to the point when Christianity and patriotism must go hand in hand if the nation is to be saved. Gambling is the twin brother in thievery and the two are leading this country straight for the precipice.

The Unfaithful Steward

Our next passage (Luke 16:1-12) also deals with the misuse of property. This is one of the longer parables of Christ and is a bit hard to understand. The trouble arises when we try to get too many lessons from the story. We will do well to remember that a parable usually has but one point that its giver means to emphasize. For example, the unjust steward is commended in this parable, but it is not his dishonesty that was lauded; it was rather his foresight. He looked ahead and made provision for the future. It is as though Christ would say, "Here is a man who realized that he was facing a crisis in the matter of his livelihood and he looked ahead and made provision for his material comforts. All are facing crises in the spiritual realm; how much more important it is to make provision for them." These crises, of course, have to do with meeting God at the end of the earthly journey and giving account to him of one's stewardship. "The eternal habitations" mentioned in this passage refer to the beautiful place that Christ has gone to prepare for those who trust, obey, and love him. Heaven

is a prepared place for prepared people. The greatest wisdom one can exercise is to look ahead and make preparation for his eternal future.

Life Is A Stewardship

As stated above, the chief point in this parable is the matter of looking ahead and preparing for the future. There are, however, a couple of other thoughts that might well be mentioned here, especially since they are not only implied in this passage but are emphasized in many other places in the New Testament. One is the fact that life is a stewardship. People do not, and in the very nature of the case can not, possess anything in the absolute sense. Only God can thus possess anything. We are his stewards or trustees. We hold and manage for him for a certain time his possessions.

Another thought here is the fact that material possessions can be administered in such a way that they are transformed into spiritual values. The Lord goes on to say, "Make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations." We recall how the rich, young ruler came to Christ and how he told him to sell his material possessions and give the proceeds to the poor and come follow him. He insisted that in so doing the young man would lay up treasures in heaven. According to Christ it is possible to deposit the material possessions of this earth in the bank of heaven. He who fails to do this is an unfaithful steward. He is being dishonest with God.

Persons Above Property

Christ took cognizance of property rights. He never taught state ownership or equal distribution. He never taught that it is a sin to be rich. He did teach, however, that it is dangerous to be rich. Material possessions add to one's responsibilities. It is impossible for one to be a high-type Christian and be well-fixed materially and yet permit others to suffer all around him for the bare necessities of life. What is true of an individual is also true of a nation. No have-nation can be Christian unless it is putting forth serious effort to help the have-not-nations. More and more we are learning that the nations of the world rise and fall together. No nation can be fully secure until all are secure. Improved means of communication and transportation have made the world one great neighborhood. No nation can retain its own high standard of living and civilization without lifting the others up. One of two things will happen, the highly favored nation will help others up toward its own level or will be pulled down to their level by them. After all the human race is one, and in the final analysis, the world is one.

None of us want Communism. We are convinced that that is not the way out. The only way, however, to prevent the rise of this "ism" is to make our own system work better. We must learn to always put the welfare of others above property rights. Persons must always come before things. We must do voluntarily for others many things that Communism is trying to do by regimentation and state-control. We must retain our freedoms, but must remember that it is freedom to do right rather than wrong. We must have more of the spirit of Christianity in our Democracy. We must put first things first—spiritual values above material things. In doing this materialism will cease to come first, and thievery and corruption will be greatly reduced.

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