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We Are Not Self-sufficient

WHEN life follows the even tenor of its way and the stress and strain of emergencies are but memories, there is a tendency for us to feel that we are self-sufficient and, in our own strength and knowledge, able to meet and care for our needs.

However, emergencies of life often awaken us to the fact that we face forces against which we have no defense and that we have inherent weaknesses for which human powers can supply no adequate strength. Perhaps it is easy just now for us to realize our utter dependance on a Power outside and above ourselves. The extended drouth of a month, with no relief in sight at this writing, enables us to see how helpless we are to supply some of the imperative needs of life.

Pastures wither and die; crops are damaged or destroyed by heat and lack of moisture, while working people suffer and some die because of the prolonged heat. Yet, there is little or nothing we can do about it. We are not self-sufficient. We can only wait by with the knowledge that God "sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

"As You Lead . . . He Follows"

(Guest Editorial by Rev. K. O. White, Pastor First Baptist Church, Little Rock.)

THESE you have it! You would expect such a heading to be followed by a ringing affirmation of faith in things spiritual and eternal, or a challenging call to the highest and holiest in life.

The words which constitute the heading of this article appeared in heavy, black face type in a quarter-page advertisement in the *Arkansas Democrat* June 11, 1952, and at the bottom of the page pictured the hand of a small boy clinging to his father's little finger.

Amazement and disgust filled the souls of many who discovered that this constituted an ad by the House of Seagram extolling the fine qualities of whiskey!

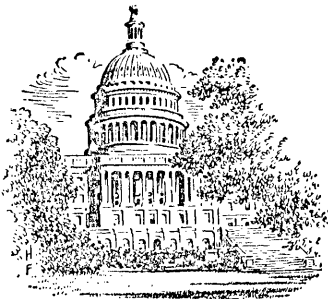
Briefly, the ad pictured the father-son relationship and magnified a boy's pride in his "dad" saying, "he'll be happy to see you reminiscing with old friends over a couple of drinks. He'll learn that whiskey belongs in the lives of men like his dad . . . And if he sees you drinking only moderately, he'll borrow the idea of moderation too!"

But listen to the next paragraph! "For many years, on Father's Day, it has been a tradition of the House of Seagram to re-

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"My Country 'Tis Of Thee"

NEXT week we observe again the birthday of our nation. We take pride and satisfaction in the broad statement of principle in the Declaration of Independence that, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." We like to recall that, in the closing paragraph of this immortal document, is found the statement "That these United Colonies are, and of a right ought to be, Free and Independent States." In this para-



graph also is the declaration that the United Colonies were moving "With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence."

When we restudy the humble origin of our nation, now become great, it is indeed refreshing to breathe there again the fresh air of sincerity, patriotism and unselfish devotion which characterized the lives of those who laid so well the foundations of our national life.

While life in our nation has grown more complex with the passing years and something of political expediency and self-sufficiency has at times been substituted for national welfare and a reliance on Divine aid and guidance, we believe that the United States is still the greatest nation that man, with God's help, has ever developed.

In their present danger of being overrun and enslaved by communism, the free nations of the world look to the United States for protection from that danger. In their desperate economic condition, they look to the United States for financial help. It is the amazing miracle of history that a free people could transform the wilderness that was America two hundred years ago into a nation that today is the one saving, stabilizing power that stands between the free world and black, indescribable despair.

Methodism Now Has No Inactive Members

FOR some years, in reporting the total membership of our churches, that total was reported in two columns. In one column was reported the total of active members, in the other the total of inactive members.

Feeling that this division of our church membership had more disadvantages than advantages, the recent General Conference discontinued the classification of members as "inactive."

Hence, now officially speaking, Methodism has no "inactive" members. It would be a wonderful thing if, in fact as well as officially, The Methodist Church could truthfully report that it has no inactive members.

One of the greatest handicaps Methodism has, and the same is true of every other church, are those people who accept membership in the church but who do not have the Christian spirit and attitude which make church membership valuable to the individual and to the church.

The term "inactive member" can be eliminated from the Discipline by General Conference legislation. However, the problem of the inactive member was with us before we had the legislation which officially divided our membership into active and inactive members. It continued through the period that legislation was in effect. The problem still remains. Our desire and purpose to solve the problem should also remain.

SC Jurisdictional Conference Meeting

THE South Central Jurisdictional Conference is in session, June 27-30 in Wichita, Kansas. This conference composed of the Methodist churches of the eight state area of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico meets every four years following the quadrennial General Conference, usually within six weeks or two months. This Conference has the responsibility of implementing the Methodist program coming out of the General Conference, and interpreting this program in terms of the needs and opportunities within the bounds of the Jurisdiction. The Conference also elects members to the General Boards and agencies of the church, makes such rules and regulations for the work of Methodism within the Jurisdiction that may be necessary so long as they are in harmony with the Methodist Discipline. Also, Bishops of The Methodist Church are elected in the Jurisdictional Conference and receive their assignments to

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South Central Jurisdictional Conference Meeting In Wichita

THE SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH will hold its quadrennial meeting in Wichita, Kansas, June 27-30. Ministers and laymen from over the eight states comprising the Jurisdiction expected to be in attendance will number over a thousand, including the 288 members of the Conference.

The Jurisdictional Conference in The Methodist Church is one of the five geographical divisions of Methodism and it has as its function the promotion of the evangelistic, educational, missionary and benevolent interests of the church, the election and assignment of Bishops, election and constitution of Jurisdictional Boards and the selections of Jurisdictional representatives on General Boards, determining the annual conference boundaries, and to make rules and regulations for the administration of the work of the church within the Jurisdiction. It meets within twelve months following the quadrennial General Conference and usually within three or four months. Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference are elected by the annual conferences at the same time and following the election of delegates to the General Conference. General Conference delegates are also Jurisdictional Conference delegates together with others who are elected up to the number to which each annual conference is entitled.

Each annual conference of a Jurisdictional Conference is entitled to one ministerial delegate for every thirty ministerial members or a major fraction thereof, and an equal number of lay delegates. The eighteen annual conferences comprising the South Central Jurisdiction include the Missouri, Southwest Missouri, St. Louis, North Arkansas, Little Rock, Louisiana, Nebraska, Central Kansas, Kansas, West Oklahoma, East Oklahoma, Northwest Texas, North Texas, Central Texas, Southwest Texas, New Mexico, and the Rio Grande.

The College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction serve as the Presiding Officers during the conference session. Other officers of the conference include Dr. E. L. Jorns, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Secretary; Russell Reitz, Manhattan, Kansas, Treasurer, and Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, Executive Secretary.

Active Bishops of the Jurisdiction and their Areas are as follows. Bishop Paul E. Martin, Arkansas-Louisiana Area; Bishop W. C. Martin, Dallas-Fort Worth Area; Bishop A. Frank Smith, Houston Area; Bishop Dana Dawson, Kansas-Nebraska Area; Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis Area. Bishop Hiram A. Boaz and Bishop Charles C. Selecman are retired Bishops of the Jurisdiction.

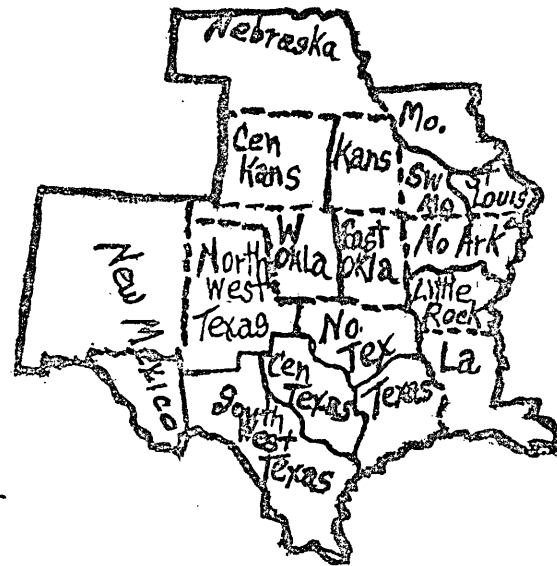
The recent General Conference enacted legislation which will

permit the creation of additional Episcopal Areas in the North Central and South Central Jurisdictions if these conferences desire to do so. Thus, the South Central Jurisdiction, if it so chooses, may create an additional Area and elect an additional Bishop to serve the new Area or any other to which he may be assigned.

The South Central Jurisdiction is one of two well organized Jurisdictions in Methodism, maintaining headquarters in Oklahoma City with an Executive Secretary who looks after the affairs and program of the Jurisdiction. A Jurisdictional Council composed of representatives from each of the Episcopal Areas, the Bishops, and others who have membership by virtue of their chairmanship of Jurisdictional Boards and Committees, is responsible for the affairs of the Jurisdictional program between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference. The Council meets annually and once during the quadrennium it sponsors the Jurisdictional Convocation, held only last year in Little Rock. Officers of the Council include Dr. H. Bascom Watts, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dr. Marshall T. Steel, Dallas, Vice chairman, Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Hope, Arkansas, Secretary, and T. Russell Reitz, Manhattan, Kansas, Treasurer.

Other members of the council from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area include Dr. Guy Hicks, Shreveport, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Conway, Dr. A. W. Martin (N. Ark. Conf.) Dallas. Members of the Jurisdictional Commission on Finance from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area are Bishop Martin, Dr. Fred R. Harrison, Texarkana, and Judge E. L. Walker, Ruston. Dr. H. L. Johns, Monroe, is a member of the Jurisdictional Court of Appeals, and Rev. Robert B. Moore and Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith are Alternates.

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Map Of The States And Annual Conferences Of
The South Central Jurisdiction Of
The Methodist Church

JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday Evening, June 26, The First Methodist Church 8:00 Reception for Delegates and Visitors

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Morning Session

9:00 The Methodist Church, Bishop Dana Dawson, presiding
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper for delegates and Conference Officials—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Minister in charge
10:30 Opening Business Session—The Forum Auditorium, Bishop Frank Smith, presiding
Organization of the Conference
The Episcopal Message—Bishop A. Frank Smith
12:15 Adjournment

Afternoon Session

2:30 Organization of Standing Committees—Even numbered
3:30 Organization of Standing Committees—Odd numbered
4:00 Arcadia Theatre, The Forum Building, Mrs. Charles W. Mead, presiding
Address—Dr. Eugene L. Smith, Executive Secretary, Division of World Missions, The Methodist Church

Evening Session

8:00 Hymn Sing—Mr. Lester Weatherwax, directing
Special Music by combined Methodist Choirs
Address—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Resident Bishop, The New York Area, The Methodist Church—Fraternal Messenger, The Council of Bishops

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Morning Session

8:30 Devotions—Bishop Paul E. Martin
9:00 Business Session
10:30 Recess
10:40 Business Session
11:30 Memorial Service—Message, Bishop W. Angie Smith
12:15 Adjournment

Afternoon Session

2:30 Committee Meetings
4:00 Arcadia Theatre, The Forum Building, Mrs. C. A. Barr, presiding
Address—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, President, The Woman's Division of Christian Service, The Methodist Church

Evening Session

8:00 Hymn Sing—Mr. Lester Weatherwax, directing
Special Music by combined Methodist Choirs
Address—The Honorable Walter H. Judd, Member of Congress

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Morning—Worship in the Wichita Churches

Afternoon Session

2:30 Youth Rally—Arcadia Theatre, The Forum Building
Worship in Music—Mr. Lester Weatherwax, directing—Special Music
Address—Bishop Richard C. Raines, Resident Bishop of the Indianapolis Area, The Methodist Church

8:00 Hymn Sing—Mr. Lester Weatherwax, directing. Special Music by the combined Methodist Choirs
Evening Service under direction of the College of Bishops

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Morning Session

8:30 Devotions—Bishop William C. Martin
9:00 Business Session
10:30 Recess
10:40 Business Session—Recognition of Chaplains—Mr. D. Stewart Patterson
12:15 Adjournment

Afternoon Session

2:30 Committee Meetings
4:00 The Arcadia Theatre—Mr. Ray Nichols, presiding
Address—Mr. Robert G. Mayfield, Executive Secretary, General Board of Lay Activities

Evening Session

8:00 General Session
Business
Closing Worship
Adjournment

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What Youth Should Know And Do About Beverage Alcohol And Other Narcotics

By BETTY B. WILLIS

Miss Betty B. Willis of Coushatta, La., was the first prize winner in the Alcohol Essay-Speech contest in 1952, conducted by the Board of Temperance of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Miss Willis, at the invitation of the Conference, delivered her address before the 1952 session of the Annual Conference, held at the first Methodist Church in Shreveport, May 27 to May 30. Miss Willis was chosen by the Louisiana Conference to represent the young people at the School of Alcohol Studies held in Bloomington, Ill., on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University, June 16-20.

The Louisiana Methodist and the Arkansas Methodist are glad to present in full text the prize-winning essay.



MISS BETTY B. WILLIS

WHAT if you were to turn on your radio and, instead of hearing the usual advertisements, you heard this:

"Reduce your life span twelve years! Try Ethyl Alcohol, America's greatest highway killer, home destroyer, economic waster, gangster and public enemy No. 1!"

"Smoke Marijuana. Lose all your cares and your self respect! ! !!"

"The man of Extinction takes Herion."

What'll You have

This sounds rather exaggerated and fantastic, but, if narcotic's harmful effects were advertised as much as their "so-called wonderful effects", probably our narcotics problem would cease to be.

The American people are finally awakening to this problem of narcotics in a very horrible way. It has become such a threat to our very security that something must be done. Almost every day we read in our local newspapers shocking stories of young people involved in dope rings, high schools becoming heroin and marijuana dens, drunken drivers killing themselves and innocent people in automobile accidents, and many other stories of shame, disgrace, and unhappiness caused by alcohol and other narcotics.

Alcohol and Narcotics

Alcohol—and narcotic drugs—are basically the same in that they are both narcotics, or preparations used to stupify. They both begin with the same desires—a desire for a cheap thrill; a desire to be one of the crowd. Most alcoholics begin as social or moderate drinkers, and most youthful Herion addicts start with "innocent appearing marijuana." For example, it's the idea of: "What will one or two drinks hurt?" or "You're chicken not to try a reefer." "Come on, one can't hurt you", and with that the sad tale begins . . .

The Curse of Ethyl Alcohol

Ethyl alcohol, chemically known as C_2H_5OH , is the alcohol found in your mixed drink. It is a habit forming, narcotic poison found in whiskey, wine, beer and all other liquors. It does not add to the growth or development of the body, and according to

the findings of a well-known New York City doctor, Dr. Haven Emerson, from the moment alcohol is taken into the body, the body immediately goes into a process of getting rid of it. In other words, the body is not satisfied to live with alcohol. Unfortunately, however, some of this alcohol does get into the blood stream and goes on to the brain to do its damage, that of dulling the senses and thus intoxicating the drinker.

Alcohol has an alarming record in the United States. Americans spend nine billion dollars annually for beverage alcohol. The liquor industry spends two hundred million dollars to advertise drinks, aimed principally at women and youth. Based on last year's statistics, the liquor industry will spend more this year advertising its products than Louisiana Methodists will give for all purposes for the next fifty years. In 1951 alcoholic beverages were a factor in three hundred thousand automobile accidents in the United States. The F. B. I. reports a 32% increase in crime since the repeal of national prohibition laws and a 52% increase in the sentencing of women to federal prison. The Washington, D. C. Police Department says that 77% of their arrests are made for drunkenness. Education and worship together do not have as many centers of influence on youth as does alcohol. "We have more barmaids than co-eds."

Alcohol has caused crime, accidents, disease, poverty, broken homes, not to mention unhappiness, and yet we still tolerate its influence on our nation because we are "democratic—democratic enough to destroy ourselves".

Marijuana and Heroin

Alcohol's record is alarming, but drug addiction is equally, if not more alarming, because it is more dangerous over a shorter period of time. It takes 14 to 30 days to become a drug addict.

Marijuana, the drug which is the "reefer" or cigarette which you took because you wouldn't be called "chicken", is only one of the dopes which have helped to cause the nation-wide epidemic of drug addiction. Although, morphine, codeine, the benzedrines and other products of opium are causes,

marijuana and herion are the two principal drugs which have brought the "woeful tale of teen-age drug addiction into the lime-light."

Marijuana, chemically known as cannabis, is obtained from a hemp plant grown in Mexico and the Southwestern part of the United States. Although it is against the law to grow or sell this plant in the United States, it is done. It can be chewed, but is preferably smoked in a cigarette known to the addicts as "reefers" or "hot sticks".

Its effect on the the brain varies with different individuals, but for all it creates an artificial stimulation not provided by the body. The addict loses all sense of reality; he has hallucinations and delusions. He is likely to act on suggestions which, in his normal state of mind, he would never consider. The great danger of using marijuana is that the user learns to depend upon a drug for pleasure, and later, in an effort to find more pleasure, the addicts turns to a stronger and more destructive drug, **HEROIN**. It is in this way that marijuana acts as an introduction to the terrible heroin.

Heroin, a drug made from opium, which is five times more potent than morphine, is what the addict now begins taking in an effort to find more satisfaction. Heroin is smuggled into the United States by criminals and, therefore is rather expensive, costing 50c to \$5.00 per capsule. Heroin can be taken into the body by sniffing, but it is usually injected into the body by the use of a hypodermic needle. Its effects are appalling, and when the daily 4 to 6 doses are reduced, the victim suffers in every nerve and muscle of his body. If the doses are completely stopped, he will suffer from the even worse "withdrawal illness" which can only be relieved by proper treatment from medical authorities. The addict will now do anything to get his supply of dope.

Narcotics have claimed three hundred thousand people as their slaves. In New York City alone, at the time of the Kefauver hearings, officials estimated that more than 45,000 high school students were taking marijuana or heroin. These young people will steal, commit immoral acts, engage in things

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. R. T. McMASTER announce the birth of David Ernest on June 23. Brother McMaster is pastor of the Lake Street Methodist Church, Blytheville.

IT is announced that Centenary College, Shreveport, will begin the construction of a half-million dollar girls' dormitory in the near future.

REV. AND MRS. J. J. CLARK and son, Gale, have been given a cordial welcome on their arrival at Cotton Plant, their new charge. Brother Clark served at Glenwood for the last four years.

MRS. H. C. MINNIS, wife of our pastor at Danville, suffered a broken ankle in a fall while attending Conference at Blytheville. After a stay in the hospital at Blytheville, she is now at home at Danville.

A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was held from May 26 to May 30 at the Keiser Methodist Church with forty in attendance. Thirty-one of these attended three days or more and received certificates.

MRS. RUFUS SORRELLS, wife of Rev. Rufus Sorrells, pastor of Highland Church, Little Rock, spoke on Monday, June 23, at the meeting of the Little Rock Ministerial Alliance on "The Romance of the Parsonage."

REV. J. ALBERT GATLIN, executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference, was guest speaker at the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday morning, June 22.

A RECEPTION was given for Rev. and Mrs. George Stewart of Atkins on Wednesday, June 18, upon their return to the church at Atkins. The reception given in the new playground area was attended by about one hundred people.

HARLEY W. GOODMAN has been elected chairman of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith. Other officers are: Vice-chairman, Basil Barfker; Secretaries, Victor Anderson and Harry Shipley, Jr.; Assistant secretary.

REV. SIDNEY J. KIMBELL, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, and Mrs. Kimbell were honored on Sunday afternoon, June 22, with a reception at the parsonage. Arrangements were made by the Charge Lay Leader, Official Board, Church School and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

REV. ROY BAGLEY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, was one of five John Brown University alumni who is speaking daily this week at the second annual Bible and Sacred Music Conference at John Brown University, Siloam Springs. Rev. Poe Williams, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma, served pastorates in the North Arkansas Conference, is also one of the speakers. The Conference opened on June 21 and will continue through June 29.

REV. AND MRS. JAMES R. CHANDLER and daughters were honored on Wednesday evening, June 18, with a party at the

Methodist Church of Cotton Plant. Organ numbers were played by Miss Carol Bess Proctor and a talk was made by Mrs. C. M. McGowan, expressing appreciation of the work of Brother and Mrs. Chandler. Brother Chandler responded with a short talk. The Chandlers were given a set of china, a gift from the members. They left Thursday, June 19, for their new charge at Hughes.

CENTRAL JURISDICTION ELECTS TWO NEW BISHOPS

Dr. Matthew W. Clair and Dr. Edgar Love were elected and consecrated Bishops in The Methodist Church by the Central Jurisdiction Conference which met last week in Philadelphia, Pa. These new Bishops will succeed Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, Baltimore Area, and Bishop Edward W. Kelly, St. Louis Area, who retired at the conference session.

Bishop Clair was until 1951 pastor of the St. Marks Methodist Church in Chicago and since that time has been serving as a District Superintendent in the Lexington Conference. Bishop Clair is the son of the late Bishop Matthew W. Clair, a Bishop in the former Methodist Episcopal Church who retired before unification of the three major branches of Methodism in 1939. Bishop Love since 1940 has been superintendent of the Department of Negro Work of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Bishop Clair has been assigned to the St. Louis Area, while Bishop Love will administer the work of the Central Jurisdiction in the Baltimore Area. Arkansas' Central Jurisdiction churches are in the St. Louis Area.

POAU CHAPTER TO BE ORGANIZED IN LITTLE ROCK

A Little Rock chapter of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State is to be organized in Little Rock on Monday, June 30, 10:30 a. m. The organizational meeting will be held in the new educational building of the First Baptist Church, Little Rock.

All persons both ministers and laymen interested in the organization of this local chapter of POAU are invited to attend this organizational meeting.

It is hoped that Protestant ministers, not only in Little Rock but out in the state as well, will make announcements of this meeting from their pulpits and urge their laymen to attend this meeting.

Membership in this organization will not be limited to residents of Little Rock. On the contrary, it is expected that the organization shall include members from every section of the state.

BISHOP MARTIN ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS SINCE CONFERENCE

Bishop Paul E. Martin announces the following appointments made since Conference:

Arkadelphia District — Amity, Forney

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

According to our custom there will be no issue of the paper during the week of July 4. The next paper to come from the press will be the issue of July 10. In this issue will be found the Sunday School lessons for July 6 and July 13.

"AS YOU LEAD . . . HE FOLLOWS"

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affirm its basic philosophy of moderation in the use of fine whiskey. So once again, we say to the fathers of America:—"As you lead . . . he follows . . . BE A GOOD LEADER!"

This sort of thing is plumbing the lowest depths of cheap, contemptible, hypocritical, commercialism! To make use of the father-son relationship, to bring in Father's Day as an opportunity to popularize the drinking of liquor, and to suggest that a whiskey drinking father is being "a good leader" is simply going too far!

The Editor of the *Democrat* has received a strong letter of protest from this pastor and a number of his fellow preachers. Our church has discontinued its display ad and a number of our members have cancelled their subscriptions.

The House of Seagram has received similar protests. Surely a storm of protest should be heard all across the nation wherever this or similar ads appear.

So long as Christian people sit complacently and supinely on the side lines, or merely mutter under their breath, such inroads upon all that is high and holy will continue.

It is time to let the commercialized interests of degradation and destruction know that God has still a host of people in our nation who have not yet "bowed the knee to Baal!"

Harvey; Bismark Circuit, W. C. Onstead; Hot Springs Circuit, Cleve H. Gilliam. Hope District—Bingen Circuit, Clyde Swift; Doddridge Circuit, O. W. Williams; Mineral Springs, R. A. Anderson.

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Advocate Editor On CBS "Church of the Air"

DR. T. OTTO NALL of Chicago, editor of *The Christian Advocate*, will be the preacher on Columbia's "Church of the Air" Sunday, July 13, at 8:30 a. m., Central Standard Time.

The broadcast will originate in the studios of Station WISN in Milwaukee, where the North Central Jurisdictional Conference will be concluding its quadrennial session on that day.

Assisting Dr. Nall in the service will be Dr. Francis E. Kearns, minister of the Wauwatosa (Wis.) Methodist Church. Music will be by the choir of that church under the direction of Norman Clayton. Dr. Nall has been connected with Methodist journalism since 1922 and has been editor of *Methodism's* weekly news magazine since 1949. He is the author of several books and has edited a number of report volumes on major youth conferences.

A native of Indiana, he is a graduate of Hamline and Northwestern Universities and Garrett Biblical Institute and holds hon-



DR. T. OTTO NALL

orary degrees from several colleges and universities. He is a member of the Minnesota Conference.

PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS DAY OF PRAYER ON JULY 4

Washington, D. C. — President Truman has proclaimed July 4 as a national day of prayer.

The President acted in response to a joint Congressional resolution of April 17, 1952, directing him to proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a day of prayer.

"I deem it fitting that this day of prayer coincide with the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence which published to the world this nation's 'firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence,'" Mr. Truman said in his proclamation.

He called on all Americans to beseech God "in our churches, in our homes, and in our hearts" to "grant us wisdom to know the course which we should follow, and strength and patience to pursue that course steadfastly."

"May we also give thanks to Him," Mr. Truman added, "for His constant watchfulness over us in every hour of national prosperity and national peril."

NPA ALLOCATES BUILDING MATERIALS TO 56 CHURCH PROJECTS

Washington, D. C. — The National Production Authority has announced the allocation of scarce building materials to 56 new church projects estimated to cost \$10,930,000.

In announcing the action, however, the NPA warned that all allotments for non-defense construction may have to be cut back if the steel strike continues.

The present situation clearly jeopardizes all church construction projects currently under way or which have been given permission to start in the third or fourth quarters of this year, NPA officials said.

"The allotments were made before current work stoppages occurred," the government agency said, "and, as in the case of all other such allotments, they are subject to revision."

In addition, the NPA approved four other building projects sponsored by religious organizations, estimated to cost \$1,660,000. Ten YMCA and YWCA projects costing \$2,345,000 also received a go-ahead.

WHAT YOUTH SHOULD KNOW AND DO ABOUT BEVERAGE ALCOHOL AND OTHER NARCOTICS

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they would never have thought of doing, do anything to get dope.

Youth Should Know The Facts

It is, then, important that the youth of our land know what alcohol and other narcotics will do, not only physically, but mentally and spiritually. Not only must we know the facts, but we must seek to do something about them for knowledge alone is not enough.

What Youth Should Do About It

We can and must urge our church leaders, who publish the periodicals for youth, to give us more of these facts, so that we will have full knowledge of the dangers of alcohol and other narcotics.

We can and must make use of visual aids that teach the harmfulness of alcohol and other narcotics.

There is a law in Louisiana which states that twenty minutes a week is to be given to the teaching of the evils of the liquor traffic. We can urge our school officials to see that this law is carried out in our schools.

Our people must realize that Ethyl Alcohol is as much a narcotic as marijuana and heroin, and should be thus classified. We need the same kind of laws for alcohol as for other narcotics. We can and must report to the authorities anyone we know who "peddles" dope.

But most of all, we can and must commit our lives to Christ and His Church, and refuse to indulge in liquor and dope.

Across our country today there are three hundred thousand young people for whom God had great plans, whose minds and bodies are now plagued by dope. Today, one out of every twenty persons in America who drinks is doomed to become an alcoholic, and 83% of these alcoholics will begin drinking be-

fore they are twenty-one. These have lost their reason for being born. These are people who are in need of something. They not only need medical attention, but they also need spiritual guidance. Who knows but that for dope and alcohol there would be in this group a Paul, or a John Wesley, or an Albert Sweitzer, or a leader who could bring peace to our troubled world.

The whole narcotics business is incurably evil—and no compromise is possible. The only way to handle it is to drive it from the face of the earth. The way to do it once and for all—is to show it up in all its ugliness.

Never before in the history of America has there been a time when young people needed to take more responsibility and initiative in seeking to destroy an evil than today. We hold the fate of our nation in our hearts and minds. Unless Christian young people destroy this evil of alcohol and other narcotics, it will eventually destroy us. The decision is with Youth.

What'll You Have?

SC JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE MEETING

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the various Episcopal Areas within the Jurisdiction.

Interest in the current Wichita meeting centers around at least three points. The recent General Conference has delegated to the annual conferences and Episcopal Areas the duty of organizing on those levels programs of evangelism, stewardship, home mission projects, Christian education, temperance and related programs. The Jurisdictional Conference will likely implement this plan by setting in motion procedures designed to be of assistance to annual conferences and Areas which are now in the process of formulating their programs. Secondly, it can be expected that the Jurisdictional program itself will be expanded to meet certain requirements and needs that

are emerging. The South Central Jurisdiction is one of two Jurisdictions that is really organized to do business. The organization has met with success and it is now felt that to accomplish its real mission further expansion is in order. Thirdly, the recent General Conference revised the legislation concerning the number of Episcopal Areas within each Jurisdiction and as a result of this change an additional Episcopal Area may be created in the South Central Jurisdiction. If the Conference creates this additional area this will necessitate the election of an additional Bishop.

We believe that the Jurisdictional Conference serves a real need in Methodist polity and that our own Jurisdiction is meeting in a very fine way its opportunities. In a church as large as ours it is almost impossible to determine program and policy that can be applicable to people and needs of all the sections of Methodism. We believe the Jurisdictions that take their responsibility seriously are in a much better position to discharge their full responsibility and acquaint their membership with the Methodist way.

Remember this great meeting in your prayers and devotions that God may richly bless the conference and make of it an instrument for furthering the reign of righteousness in this section of Methodism.

ASSIGNMENT OF BISHOPS AT NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

At the session of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, meeting in Harrisburg, Pa., June 11-15, two changes were made in assignment of bishops. The newly-elected bishop, Bishop Frederick B. Newell, was assigned to the New York Area. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam was assigned to the Washington Area, succeeding Bishop Charles Wesley Flint, who retired at this Conference.

THE LOUISIANA CHILDREN'S WORKERS' CONFERENCE

For less than five dollars one person can attend one of the area conferences for children's workers to be held during the week of August 11-16.

The first conference which will be for the Shreveport, Ruston and Monroe Districts, will be held at Caney Lake, near Minden, on August 11-12th. It will begin at 9:00 a. m. on Monday and close at 3:00 p. m. the next day. The entire cost of this area conference will be \$4.50 for the two days. This cost includes the \$1.00 registration.

The second conference for the Lake Charles and Alexandria Districts, will be held August 13-14 at First Methodist Church, Pineville, La. The Louisiana College in Pineville will furnish housing. The first session will begin at 9:00 a. m. on Wednesday and close at 3:00 p. m. the next day. The cost of this area assembly will be \$4.25 with the exception of breakfast which will not be furnished but can be secured nearby. The registration fee of \$1.00 is included in the \$4.25.

The third and last conference, this for the Baton Rouge and New Orleans Districts, will be August 15-16th at MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, La. It also will begin at 9:00 a. m. on Friday but will conclude its sessions at 2:00 p. m. the next day, the 16th. Cost will be similar to the others.

Let us hope that all churches will have at least one person in each department to attend. If you have only one or two children's classes you will get the same personal attention as do those in the large churches. You will find many answers for the local situations and many possibilities for enrichment in guiding children in Christian living.

It takes time to do a good job with children. We cannot afford to do less. We must go forward!

Watch the LOUISIANA METHODIST for more detailed information.—Mrs. C. E. Mahaffey, Conference Director, Children's Work

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE MEETING IN WICHITA

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nates.

The Annual Conference Delegations from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area are as follows:

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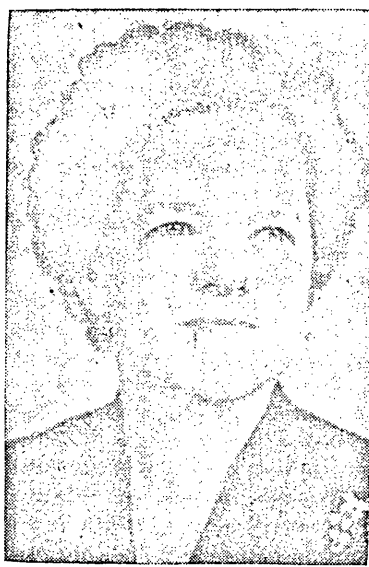
Connor Morehead, Camden District Superintendent, Camden, Ark.
Aubrey G. Walton, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark.

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MISS FREDDIE HENRY, professor of religious education at Scarritt College since 1944, left New York on June 8 to fly to Africa where she will spend nine months in consultation with missionaries and African Christians in developing plans for the Christian education of children. Her African assignment is under the auspices of the Joint Committee on Religious Education in Foreign Fields, of The Methodist Church.

Miss Henry was for fourteen years on the staff of the General Board of Education in the Department of Children's Work of The Methodist Church. She is well-known among children's workers having taught in training schools throughout the church.

Her writings include "The Small Church at Work for Children" and articles for various Church School publications. She has just completed one of the



MISS FREDDIE HENRY

units in the revised, closely graded Church School courses for Juniors which will be published in 1953.

E. D. Galloway, Hope District Superintendent, Hope, Ark.
Robert B. Moore, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Camden, Ark.
Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock District Superintendent, Little Rock.

Lay

Roland M. Shelton, State Labor Dept., Asbury Layman, Conference Lay Leader, Little Rock, Ark.
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B. T. Fooks, Grapette Manufacturer, Camden Church layman, Camden, Ark.
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Alton B. Raney, Broker, Pulaski Heights layman, Little Rock, Ark.

Reserves

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E. C. Rule, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Ark.
J. L. Dedman, Pine Bluff District Superintendent, Pine Bluff, Ark.
W. W. Taylor, Insurance, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conf. President, W. S. C. S., Grady, Ark.
Mrs. H. King Wade, housewife, Hot Springs, Ark.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Clerical

Guy M. Hicks, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Shreveport, La.
Virgil D. Morris, New Orleans District Superintendent, New Orleans, La.
H. L. Johns, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Monroe, La.
J. H. Bowdon, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Alexandria.
George W. Pomeroy, Ruston District Superintendent, Ruston, La.
Jolly B. Harper, Alexandria District Superintendent, Alexandria, La.
R. R. Branton, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Ruston, La.
W. H. Giles, Monroe District Superintendent, Monroe, La.
Carl F. Lueg, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Lake Charles.
Jack H. Midyett, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Bastrop, La.

Lay

Robert P. Lay, Conference Lay Leader, Gilliam, La.
Mrs. Glen Laskey, Conf. President, W. S. C. S., Ruston, La.
Robert J. O'Neal, Judge, Shreveport, La.
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College, Shreveport, La.
W. D. Cotton, Lawyer, Rayville, La.
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B. C. Taylor, Shreveport District Superintendent, Shreveport.
William E. Trice, Pastor, University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.
John J. Rasmussen, Pastor, Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport.
E. C. Gibson, Hotel Mgr., Monroe, La.
Mrs. H. L. Johns, minister's wife, Monroe, La.
C. P. Lipscomb, Physician, Ponchartroula, La.

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Ernest B. Williams, Jonesboro District Superintendent, Jonesboro, Ark.

Lay

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The following excerpts are from one of the campers at a recent session of the youth camp at Tanako. This statement is rather typical of how the youth feel about our camping program.

It is as follows:

"I just had to write and let you know just how much last week at camp meant to me. I know I told you how much fun I had before I left but that was only part of what I really felt. All the kids I said goodby to told me that they would be back again next summer. I know that just what I write won't nearly cover the feeling that we all experienced, the feeling that this was the most wonderful, most inspiring week that most of us have ever spent and although we'll attend many other camps, this is one that we'll never forget. I realize that perhaps the success of the camp rests almost entirely upon the camp staff and directors. I know that the complete success of this past week really encouraged all of the workers. Certainly the campers appreciated the constant work and the genuine friendliness shown by the entire staff.

"I hope that someday all of us will mean even half as much to a group of people as you workers have meant to us."

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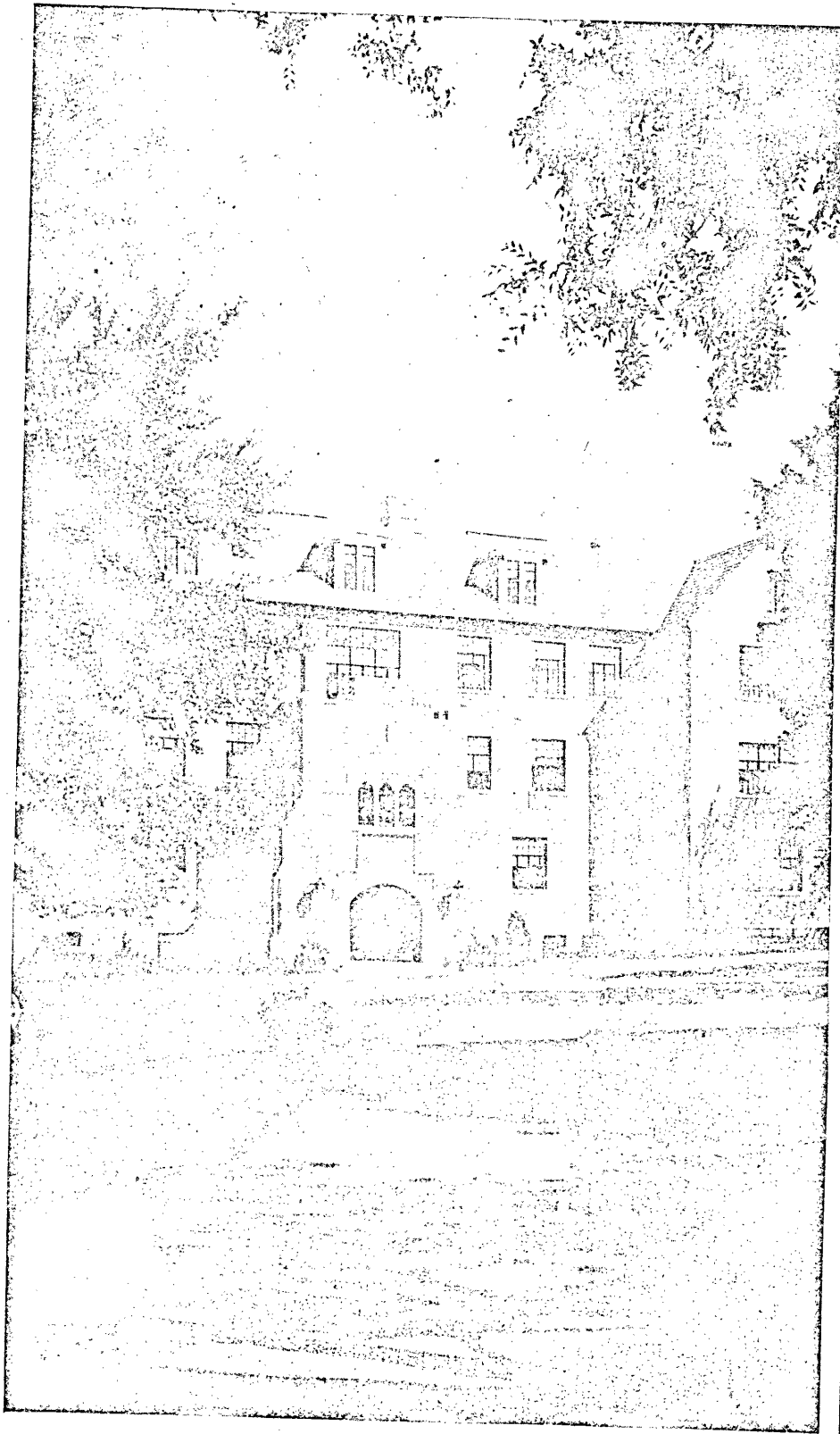
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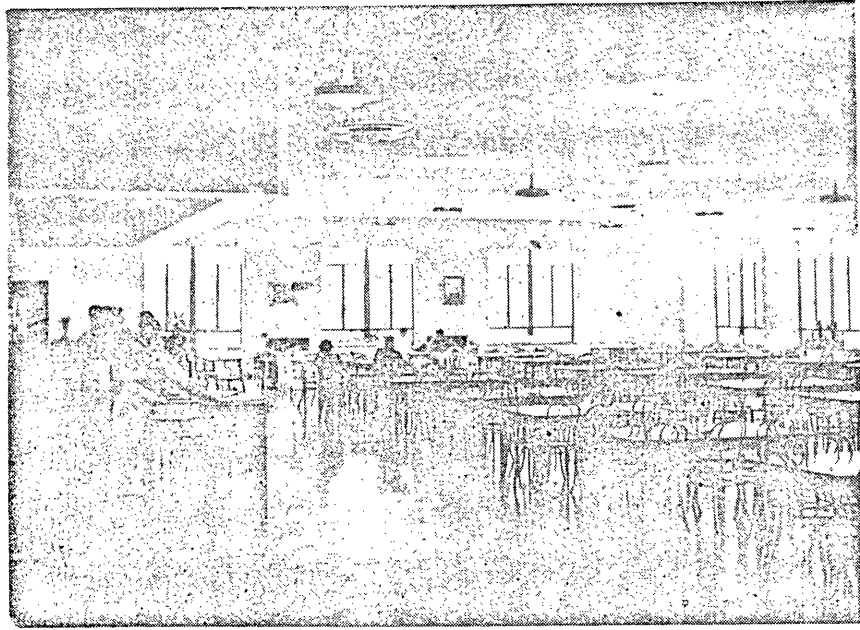
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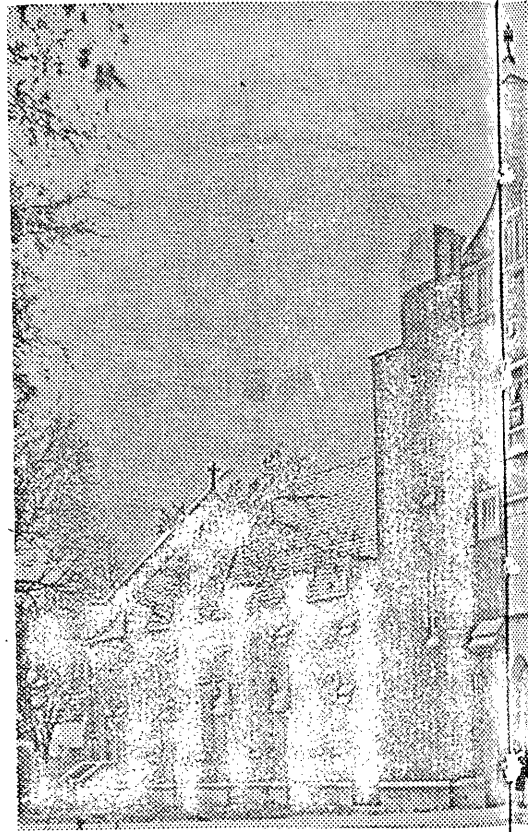
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DR. JOHN W. RUSTIN

work at Union Theological Seminary. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Emory University.

Since his ordination in 1922, he has filled some of the important churches along the Eastern Seaboard, including Mt. Vernon Place, Washington, from which he came to his present pastorate.

His activities have by no means been confined to church interests and programs. He has been identified with social and civic movements too numerous to mention. He has been an aggressive leader in every type of movement that has for its objective the improvement of human relations.

He is a vigorous speaker of wide experience. He is especially popular among young people and is in great demand on college campuses.

He was selected to conduct a spiritual retreat for all chaplains in the air force command in the Alaskan airbases.

DR. JOHN W. RUSTIN, pastor of Belmont Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, will be the platform speaker, for the Arkansas Pastor's School, July 7-11.

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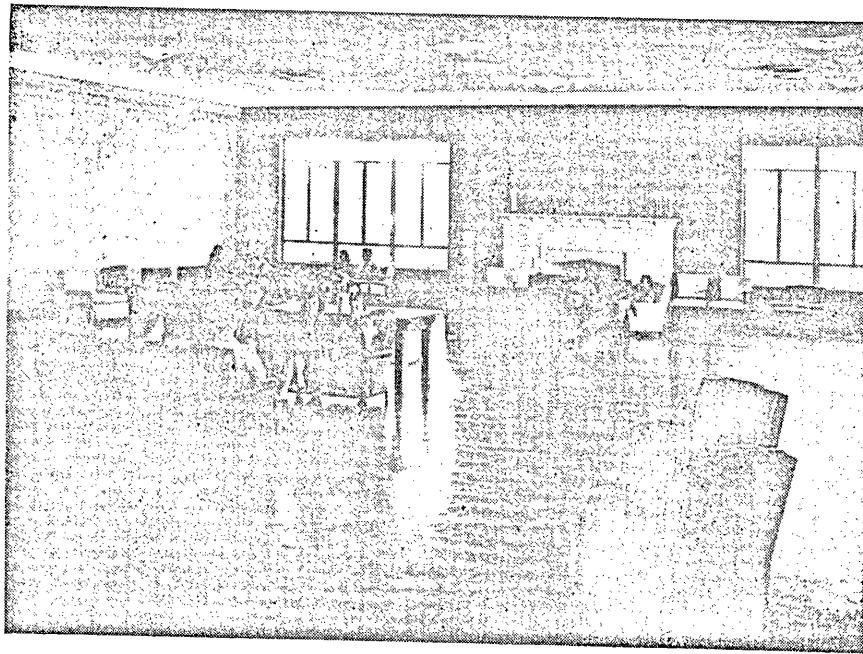
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Dr. John K. Benton, Instructor.
Text: "Pastoral Work and Personal Counseling," by Dicks.

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The Faculty

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Dr. Edward T. Ramsdell is also from the Vanderbilt School of Religion where he is Professor of Systematic Theology.

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Dr. Chester Warren Quimby is a member of the faculty at Kentucky Wesleyan where he is Professor of English Bible.

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

A NEW GAME

Percy Saunders had come up to Perryville to spend a week. He had been there just twelve hours, having come the night before, and he had already been classified and pigeon-holed by the Goodrich twins, his country cousins, whom he was visiting. He couldn't climb a tree; he couldn't swim; he threw a ball like a girl; the delights of using a sling were unknown to him; and — he had to go to bed at half-past seven! As he was older than the twins, who were eight, this last was too much.

After breakfast the three boys went out to the barn where the twins ran up ladders and walked the narrow crossbeams 30 feet above the ground as unconcernedly as if they were on the ground.

Percy caught his breath. "Oh, I wish I could do that! I'd love to do all those things, but mamma won't let me because it makes me dizzy."

"Oh, it's easy. See me fly." And Albert took a flying leap of 15 feet into the hay, followed by his brother.

Then they compared muscles, and found that Percy's were "awfully flabby." Their own were like iron. But showing off soon palled on all three of the boys and they began to wonder what they could play.

"I made up a game the other day," said Percy, in the slow, sober tones that had struck the twins as so curious. They chattered as fast and as shrilly as monkeys themselves, in spite of their mother's hourly protests.

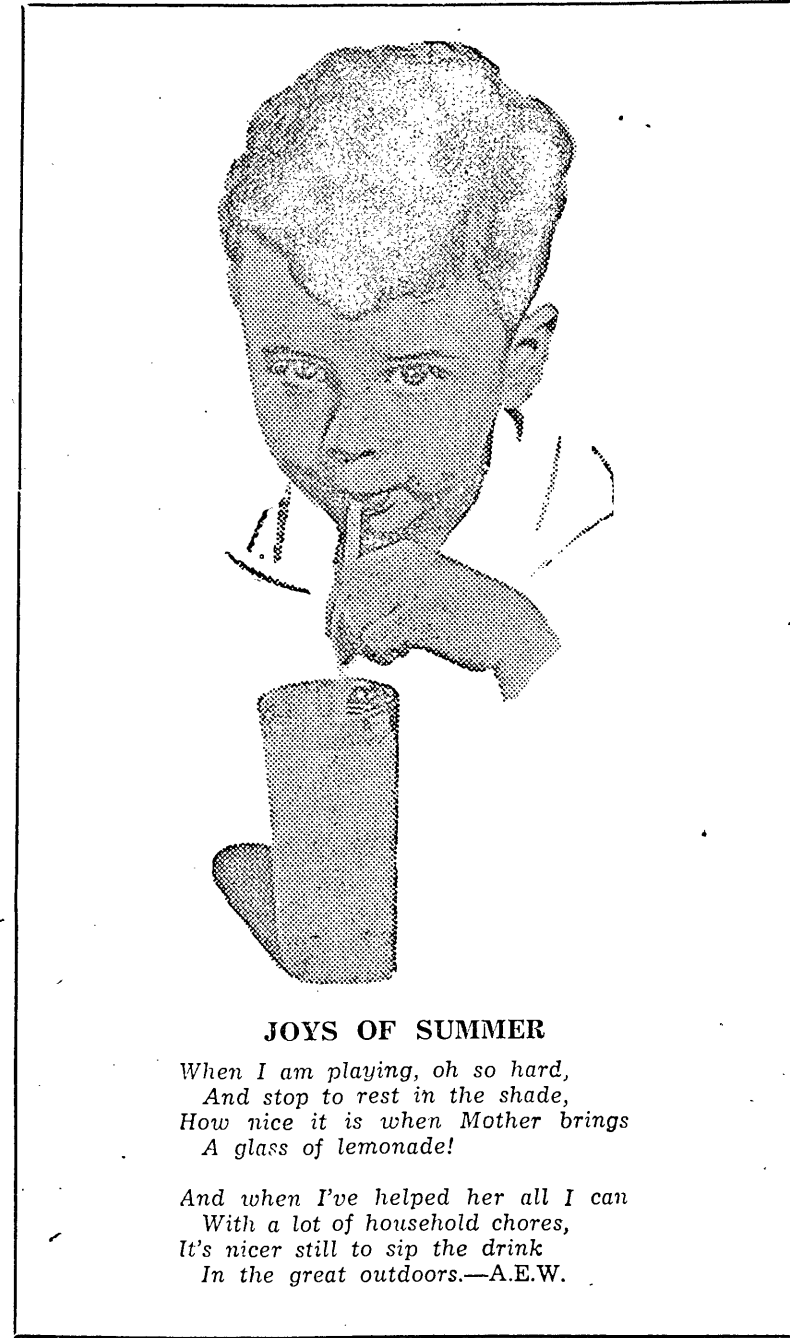
"Did you?" said Albert.

"Out of your own head?" said Herbert.

"Oh, it's easy. I often make 'em up," said Percy, delighted to have made an impression on these athletic boys, who could do so many things which he could not, although he was so much older.

"Tell us how you play it," said the twins together, eager for some novelty.

"Well, it's a kind of tag. I'll be it and I'll start to run after you just the same as I would in tag." As he spoke the twins, who had been lying in the barn, jumped to their feet and ran out of the barn. "Hold on," said Percy, "I must tell you something about it first. As I run after you I holler out a letter of the alphabet, like C, and then if you think of an ani-



JOYS OF SUMMER

*When I am playing, oh so hard,
And stop to rest in the shade,
How nice it is when Mother brings
A glass of lemonade!*

*And when I've helped her all I can
With a lot of household chores,
It's nicer still to sip the drink
In the great outdoors.—A.E.W.*

mal whose name begins with C, and shout it, I can't tag you; if you don't shout, then I tag you, and you're it, and must run after the others and holler out a letter. It must be some animal; or, if you choose, you can call out flowers. But it must be either animals or flowers or countries or fruits; you mustn't mix 'em up in the same game. Now start, and I'll follow."

"I hope he says the same letter again, because I've got a fine animal already," said Herbert to Albert.

The boys had not run 50 feet before they found that, whatever else Percy could not do, he certainly could run. He was almost upon Herbert before he shouted, and then he yelled "C" as be-

fore.

Herbert waited until Percy reached out his hand to tag, and then he shouted "Seal!"

"Tag!" said Percy, with a burst of laughter.

"That's not fair," said Herbert, "I said 'seal' before you touched me."

"But seal doesn't begin with a C; it begins with an S," said Percy, soberly.

"How about ceiling? Isn't that c-e-i-l-i-n-g?"

"The plaster one is, but hunting the animal isn't," said Percy with authority.

"He's right, Bert," said Al, who had run up. "You're it."

"Very well," said Bert. "Ready."

And the two fled before him.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

MUD PUDDLE

By M. Parsons

*The puddle in the pathway
Is as lovely as can be,
In it I see the waving hands
Of our old maple tree.
Pink hollyhocks and sunflowers,
And robins sometimes too,
And lovely things like lacy clouds
Are mirrored in its blue.
A butterfly floats over it,
Her gorgeous wings to see,
And who's that chubby person
there?*

*Well, now, that might be me!
I think it is the strangest thing,
No matter what the day,
That old brown puddle beauty
finds*

*In all that comes its way.
—In The Christian Advocate*

GOD'S GIFTS

*For life and health and strength
I thank the Father kind;
I cannot count His mercies o'er,
So many gifts I find.*

*The wee bird has its nest,
Safe in the trees so tall,
For birdlings' nests, for children's
homes,*

*I thank the Lord for all!
—Anonymous*

He pursued Percy, who ran fleetly out into the road. After a long chase. Percy stubbed his toe, and Herbert gained enough on him to call out "G."

"Gnu," yelled Percy. But with a derisive laugh Herbert closed on him and tagged him.

"I didn't say N; I said G."

"And I said gnu—g-n-u," said Percy simply.

"Say, a fellow needn't ever get caught if he spells that way," said Bert angrily. "G-p-o-n-y—pony. That's easy." But Al came up and declared that Percy was right.

They played the game for over an hour. Sometimes even Percy did not think fast enough to avoid being it, and after awhile they gave variety to the game by changing to flowers; and there they rather got the best of Percy, who was not familiar with as many varieties as the country boys were. Bert made many laughable mistakes in spelling, and Al gave "phlox" as an F flower.

At last when they grew tired of the sport, they all went up in the hayloft together. The twins
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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

METHODIST WOMEN CALL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION

In line with the 1952-53 human rights emphasis of the various Protestant denominations, the Woman's Division of The Methodist Church today released a new social action handbook designed to help individuals and groups to understand and implement the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Entitled **YOU HOLD THE KEY TO HUMAN RIGHTS**, the new 82-page book will be used by the General Department of the United Churchwomen to aid its members in promoting nation-wide emphasis on the Churchwomen's political responsibilities in 1952-53.

The Joint Committee on Missionary Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. has also recommended the book as basic supplementary material to guide members in their action programs related to the study on home missions and human rights.

The book suggests a variety of community action programs suitable for civic and religious groups of all faiths and is aimed at extending human rights in the U. S. A., thereby strengthening democracy and increasing the chances for lasting peace throughout the world.

"Only when men can worship, speak and write as they please . . . work in dignity . . . live without fear of terrorism . . . will they have the strength and the spirit to put down the most explosive forces that make for war — to block oppressive measures in their own lands and thus prevent the rise of rulers who thirst for power and conquest," declares the introduction.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December, 1948, as "a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations" sets the framework for the comprehensive social action program suggested by the book. "Human rights begin with man's treatment of his fellow man. They are enjoyed — or denied — in our own communities, in our everyday dealings with our friends and neighbors," it points out. "What you do . . . to make certain that folks in your town enjoy equal opportunity, freedom of expression, and all the other personal, social and economic rights summed up in the Declaration is a direct and personal contribution to lasting peace everywhere on earth."

While stressing that the United

EDITH MARTIN WRITES

Harrison, Arkansas
June 6, 1952

Dear Co-workers in the W.S.C.S of the North Arkansas Conference:

How can I ever thank you women for all that you have done for me and for the Africans! I am most grateful to you for your sacrificial gift "that the Kingdom of God may be realized" in the hearts and lives of people who have been neglected so long. You women have been wonderful to help me get the supplies that we need in our work and I am humbly and gratefully indebted to each of you. Because of your "second mile giving" I shall be able to do the work that has been assigned to me more efficiently and effectively.

I shall leave Monday night for a missionary conference in Greencastle and for a Conference on African Affairs where representatives from the governments working in Africa, business men, church leaders, and Africans will discuss African problems together. Remember us in this conference from June 16-25.

My address until I leave the states will be %Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

I shall leave New York July



MISS EDITH MARTIN

3rd on the Pan American, Flight No. 150, and arrive in the Congo July 5th. My address will be M.M.C.C. Lusambo, Congo Belge, Afrique. I appreciate letters from you.

Continue to remember us in your prayers.

Yours in building His Kingdom into the hearts and lives of His children.

Edith Martin

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. M. L. DeFreese, district Promotion Secretary, conducted the Officers Training Day at the Brownsville Society, June 3, and installed Mrs. G. B. Wilson as President with the officers of the society.

There will be five women in

States is in the vanguard of the fight for human freedom, the book explains that there are still certain challenging stretches where our actions fall short of our aims. Three major areas are cited in which further progress is urgently needed — the fields of equal opportunity, freedom of expression, and full and equal education. The book presents a well-rounded picture of conditions in these areas, pointing to improvements already made and weak spots that still need bolstering.

Written by Sonya F. Kaufer and Ethel C. Phillips, **YOU HOLD THE KEY TO HUMAN RIGHTS** will sell for 50c per copy and is available in quantity at the Literature Headquarters, Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Church, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

the Official delegation attending the South Central Jurisdiction Conference at Wichita, June 27-July 1. Delegates are: Mrs. Glen Laskey, Louisiana Conference, and Mrs. Johnnie McClure and Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, North Arkansas Conference; Reserve Delegates are: Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Little Rock Conference, and Mrs. H. L. Johns, Louisiana Conference. The Area is fortunate in having these capable women as representatives at this meeting.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the University Church, Lake Charles, honored their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. John Hefley at a reception June 15 in the parish hall.

Mrs. R. R. Branton was the guest speaker at the Doris Branton Circle, Alexandria, June 16. The Circle was named for Mrs. Branton, and she served as coordinator for five years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Faircloth entertained Guild No. 2 of the Shreveport First Methodist Church, June 9. Mrs. Jack Alexandria, president, presided over the monthly

TEXARKANA SUB-DISTRICT

The Texarkana Sub-district of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met Tuesday afternoon at the Fairview Methodist Church, with Mrs. O. S. Carpenter, chairman, presiding. The resignation of Mrs. Bruce Evers, recording secretary, was accepted and Mrs. C. S. Durham was elected to fill the unexpired term. A nominating committee was appointed, as follows: Mrs. Guss Orr, chairman, Mrs. O. D. Johnson and Mrs. Houston Farmer.

Reports were given by Mrs. C. I. Parsons, Conference treasurer, and the following district officers: Mrs. Tolbert Bowman of Foreman, missionary personnel; Mrs. Earl Miller, promotion; Mrs. Ilas Owen, literature and publications; Mrs. Guss Orr, spiritual life; Mrs. J. C. Oslin, Christian social relations and Mrs. W. R. Shockelford, recording secretary.

Mrs. W. A. Bengé, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist Church, issued an invitation for the next meeting. An officers training school was conducted by the district officers.

Mrs. Earl Miller, devotional leader gave an inspiring message on "Growth." A duet, "Near to the Heart of God," was sung by Mrs. Clarence Weakley and Mrs. Frank White. Mrs. Oslin dismissed the meeting with prayer.

The hostess church served an ice course to twenty-eight members from the following churches, College Hill, First Church, Rondo and Fairview. —Mrs. C. S. Durham.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

Two Methodist women were honored recently in Mexico, each for over thirty years of missionary service in that country. They are Miss Mary N. Pearson from Boston, Mass., who began work in Mexico in 1920, and Miss Doro L. Ingram, from Jackson, County, Missouri, who began work in Mexico in 1919. They were presented with gold medals by Bishop Eleazer Guerra at the meeting of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of central Mexico, held at Pueblo in January. At the time of their retirement, Miss Pearson was principal of the Methodist Deaconess School and Miss Ingram was a teacher in Union Evangelical Center, both in Mexico City.

meeting, and the program was presented by Miss Bonnie Hendrickson.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

WORK ON NEW BENTONVILLE CHURCH WILL START SOON

The dismantling of the First Methodist Church in Bentonville was begun June 9, and the sixty-four year old building will be leveled this week, preparatory for the construction of a Colonial type sanctuary and educational building. Rev. Hubert E. Pearce is pastor.

Methodists have owned the lot at the intersection of Highways 71 and 112 for more than a century, and the new church will be the fourth building to be erected by the Methodist membership in Bentonville.

The last two services on June 8, were widely advertised and the church was filled to standing room. Ten people joined the church at these last two services, and an infant was christened. During the ritualistic service for the reception of members the entire congregation joined in repeating the vows for church membership. Further commemoration of this last service in the sanctuary was the observance of the Holy Communion. Rev. J. C. Gibbons, retired minister assisted the pastor with the Communion service. An offering was received for Miss Dora Hoover, retired Deaconess in the Fayetteville District, who is in a Little Rock Hospital.

At the evening service the members of the First Christian Church and their pastor were guests. There were three other ministers present, also.

Another feature of both services was special music by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Milby, former members, and now of Val Dosta, Georgia. Mrs. Milby is the director of the three choirs of the First Methodist Church in Val Dosta, and Mr. Milby is an evangelistic singer.

On display in the sanctuary were: an old photograph of the church when first erected; the three piece silver communion service of large pitcher and two chalices used fifty years ago; and

Along A Country Road

TWO NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS WILL STRENGTHEN RURAL CHURCHES

The rural church program of the North Arkansas Conference will be greatly strengthened by the addition of Rev. R. E. Connell and Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., Brother Connell has had experience on two districts and also a long period of service in charges which have been closely related to the open country and village

CLASS REUNION AT HENDRIX

The Class of 1927 of Hendrix College had its twenty fifth anniversary reunion during the Commencement exercises at Hendrix May 31 to June 1. From two to four P. M. Tea was served in the Student Lounge. This was followed by a Banquet held at the Hatel Bachelor at six thirty Saturday, May 31. George Pike of DeWitt was toastmaster and introduced other members and those of the faculty who were there.

Among those introduced were Dr. Carl Tabb Bahner, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; Raymond Gregg, National Park Service, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Henry W. Jinske, Grayette; Russell M. McKinney, Little Rock; Mrs. Fay Brown, Dallas, Tex.; Dr. Fletcher Nelson, President Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, N. C.; Alton B. Raney, President Hendrix Board of Trustees, Little Rock; Arthur L. Smith, Dallas, Tex.; Earl Tye, State department of Education, Little Rock; Russell G. Charles, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. Ola Mae Kizzia, Little Rock; Rev. Thomas B. Talley, Fredericks, Oklahoma, and George Pike, toastmaster.

Present and former members of the faculty are Dr. J. H. Reynolds, Coach Ivan Grove, Dr. H. W. Kamp, Dr. M. J. McHenry, Dr. Roy Holl, Myrtle E. Charles, Arlie Salmons.

The class reunited again Sunday noon as guests of the College in the dining room. Two more members appeared. They were Dewey Price of Little Rock, and Mrs. Lindsey Poindexter of Shreveport, Louisiana.—H. W. Jinske, Member of the Class 1927

pictorial plates of the old church.

A successful campaign for building funds was conducted in March, and the people of Bentonville are looking forward eagerly to the completion of its new church. Services will be held temporarily in the Plaza theatre.—Reporter

SUSANNA WESLEY CLUB

The church year just ended has been for the Susanna Wesley Club of the Batesville District a year of activities rich in fun, fellowship and inspiration. Highlights of the years activities were: A dinner meeting with Rev. and Mrs. Guy C. Ames at Newport First Church; a Christmas dinner and party given by the District Superintendent and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Wilford, for all the ministers of the district and their families; a dinner meeting at the Marvin Hotel in Batesville; and a picnic fish-fry at Lock and Dam

No. 1, in Batesville.

This club was organized under the leadership of Mrs. S. B. Wilford, and the ministers' wives of the district have had in her a wonderful friend, a gracious hostess, a capable leader, and a winsome and lovable personality, all of which, with the fine fellowship of the Wilford family, brought both ministers and ministers wives to the district parsonage more often than business demanded.

All those who have worked in the District with them will always have a deep appreciation for the Wilfords.—Mrs. David P. Conyers

Ground Breaking Ceremonies At Vandale

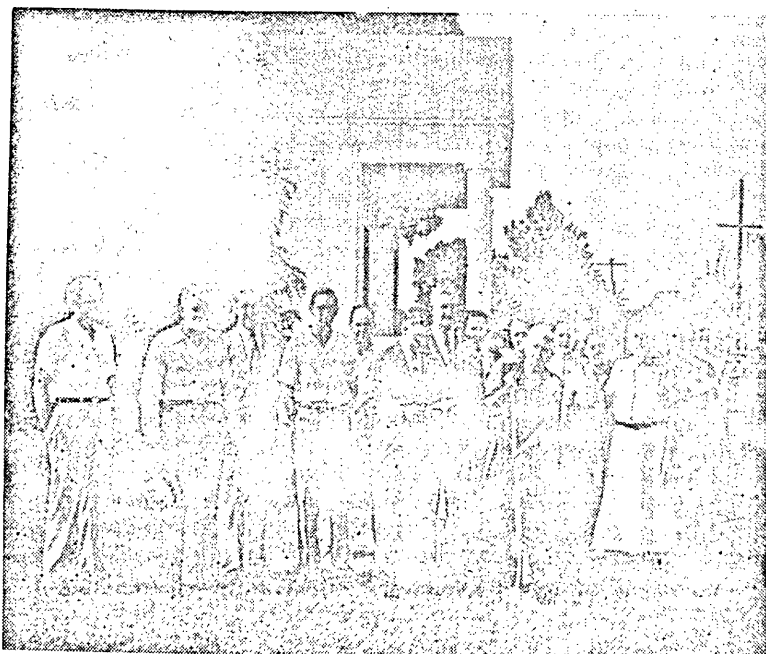
GROUND breaking ceremonies were held Monday Morning June 9, at Vandale, Arkansas for the new parsonage which is to be built there, which at this date is under construction. Rev. Ethan Dodgen, District Superintendent of the Forrest City District, led in the services, assisted by the Pastor, Rev. J. H. Richardson, and Rev. Raymond L. Franks, Pastor of First Methodist Church in Forrest City.

The new building will be completely modern. It will be veneered with buff brick. There will be three bedrooms, a 14 x 18 ft. living room, and a 14 x 18 ft. kitchen and dining room, and a large bathroom. The three bedrooms and the living room will

have select grade hardwood floors. The kitchen and bath will have No. 1 pine floors. A butane heating system will be installed.

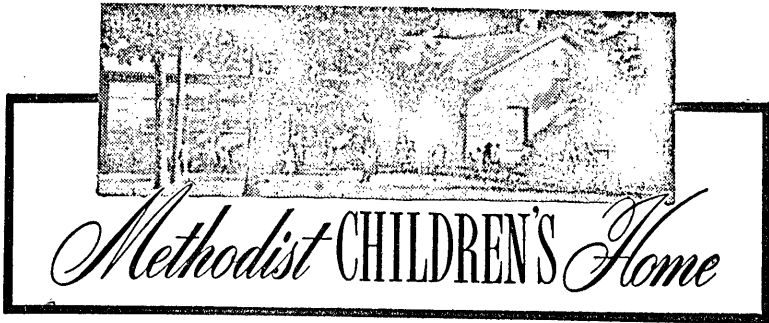
Holding the shovel in picture is Mrs. T. D. (Jewel Sigman) Hare, age 72, oldest surviving member of the Methodist Church here. Mrs. Hare professed faith in Christ and joined the church at the age of ten. Through the years she has given wonderful leadership in the church.

The old parsonage which was destroyed by the recent March 21 tornado was built in the year 1885. It was built with the material from the old Standley home which was torn down at Wittsburg. The first pastor to occupy the parsonage was Rev. E. M. Baker.



Left to right: Leonard Lessenberry; John Weeden, contractor, Rev. Raymond L. Franks, pastor of First Methodist Church, Forrest City; Laster Bledsoe; Rev. Ethan Dodgen, District Superintendent; Rev. J. H. Richardson, Pastor of Vandale Methodist Church; Mrs. T. D. Hare; Mrs. J. H. Richardson; Mrs. W. F. Gardner; Mrs. Bilbo Cochrell;

Back row: Eli Sigman; Mrs. H. O. Jernberg; Mrs. Alma Calhoun; Mrs. Georgia Talbert; and Mrs. Dalton Matthews.



REPORT FOR MAY, 1952

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

Gordon Rather, Playground equipment
Brownie Troop No. 40, Rightsell School,
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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer O. Dillaha, clothing,
games and miscellaneous gifts
The Friendly Couples Class, Winfield
Methodist Church, Little Rock, Birth-
day gifts for May
Mrs. Osro Cobb, Forest Park School,
weiners and buns
Chas. R. Baber, U. S. Veterans Hos-
pital, N. Little Rock, boxes of candy
bars
Little Rock Junior College, bread and
cakes
Mrs. L. B. Crenshaw and Mrs. Lewis
Cherry, clothing
The Primary Department of Gillett
Methodist Church, volley ball and
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Mrs. C. G. Kerr by Rev. Charles P.

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OTHER GIFTS

P. E. Cooley, Treasurer of North Arkansas Conference	\$ 276.54
Paris Methodist Church, Build- ers Class	10.00
Clinton Meth. Ch. W. S. C. S. Joseph Field Estate	10.00
Russellville Methodist Ch, Men's Bible Class	7.44
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Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean, Rus- sellville Methodist Church	1.00
The Friendship Class, Mena Methodist Church	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wade W. Bell, Asbury Methodist Church, Lit- tle Rock	10.00
Mr. C. E. Hayes, Treasurer of Little Rock Conference	10.00
Arch Jones Bible Class, Bates- ville Central Ave. Meth. Ch.....	390.21
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Fellowship Class, Henderson Methodist Church	1.00
Frost Bible Class, First Meth. Church, Texarkana	10.00
Wesley Berean Sunday School Class, Meth. Ch., El Dorado	10.00
Yancey Sunday School Class, Marianna Meth. Ch.	10.00
The Young Couples Class, First Methodist Church, Camden	10.00
Bay Methodist Ch. W. S. C. S. Jeit B. Graves, Sunday School Class, Hope Methodist Ch.....	10.00
Mrs. L. A. Baker, Stamps Meth. Church	10.00
Susanna Wesley Class, First Meth. Ch., Texarkana	5.00
Fayetteville Central Meth. Ch.....	46.00
Katie B. Stroud Coffey Estate	3,695.60
Springdale Meth. Ch. W. S. C. S. W. S. C. S., Clinton Meth. Ch.	60.00
Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Heim- baeh	10.00
Circle No. 4, Forrest City Meth. Church	10.00
Young Couples Class, Camden First Meth. Church	15.00
W. S. C. S., Truman Methodist Church	20.00
Searcy First Meth. Ch.	10.00
Martindale Sunday School	30.00
Miscellaneous	1.49
Total of other gifts	120.15

ALONG A COUNTRY ROAD

(Continued from page 12)

ministers and laymen. He will find a great field of opportunity as he continues to build on the foundations laid by many others. Mrs. Connell's experience has been as rich and varied as has her husband's since she served as a deaconess for a number of years and has also been a leader in the W.S.C.S. program in our conference. Batesville District will keep growing in the things of the Kingdom of God.

Brother Bearden comes as a new hand to the cabinet. His has been a distinguished record of service in the conference. Having a background of Christian integrity and great service from a great father and mother, it is only natural that we should expect outstanding leadership from him in his new position. He has been close enough to the rural fields to give him a dynamic interest. His ministry based upon interest in human beings, will of course give him immediate entrance into the hearts of ministers and laymen. His report on his trip to England, which lifted up the work of lay preachers as well as clergy, was indicative of an ability to grasp the vital and important areas of life closely related to the rural churches. With his fine wife to continue to lend inspiration and great help to him, he will give great leadership in the Conway District. His interest in youth will fit him for fine leadership with student pastors and other college youth. The rural churches in Batesville and Conway Districts should continue to have good sailing.

New Conference Lay Leader

Since Dr. Matt Ellis deemed it wise to relinquish his post as Conference Lay Leader after these years of distinguished service to the conference and across the nation, Charles Stuck of Jonesboro was elected to this very important position. Mr. Stuck brings to this office years of experience as a former Conference Lay Leader, as a district lay leader, and as one the moving spirits in the Lay Speaking program over the conference and across the church. He is well equipped for his task from any vantage point. He will continue to lead the Methodist Men in the conference in an ever-growing and expanding program. His concern for the rural churches will make his efforts in that direction fruitful and forward moving.

As a member of the Town and Country Commission he will continue his fine interest in that field as he has the past four years. We greet these brethren with a warm welcome in the strategic places in our conference program. And so another Annual Conference session has come and gone. Great were the reports. Great were the messages. And to be sure great were the folks who entertained us. The glorious dream of a great place of worship had come to pass at Blytheville First Church. It is the first real and actual church sanctuary enjoyed by many of the younger people since worship had been held at the Educational Building auditorium. Now the great congregation can fully appreciate the meaning of worship in a place especially created for the purpose. Brother Bagley and his people deserve the praise of the many people attending the conference.—J. Albert Gatlin

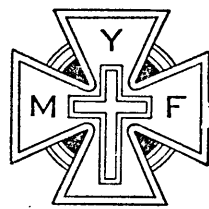
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NEWS

NETTLETON METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Nettletin M. Y. F. has installed the following new officers for the year: Leo Parker, president; Jimmy Gregory, vice-president; Susan Pierce, secretary; Joyce Crozier, treasurer and Robbie Gilliam, reporter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilliam are sponsors.

A spaghetti supper was given on May 27 in the annex of the church. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a bulletin board for the church.

Our pastor, Rev. Clyde Crozier and Larry Powell and Dwight Crozier, two of our junior boys spent a week at Wayland Spring Camp, beginning June 2.—Robbie Gilliam, Reporter.

VAN BUREN COUNTY INTERMEDIATE CAMP

The Van Buren County Intermediate Camp, June 2-6, was organized and conducted on a high spiritual level. Twenty-eight youth enrolled in the camp on Monday, while the same twenty-eight dedicated or re-dedicated themselves to higher Christian living at the campfire service on Thursday evening.

One young woman, Marilyn Upton, expressed her desire to join the church while still enrolled in the camp. Thirty-six participated in the week of fellowship. Rev. Verlia Harris was the manager and Mrs. Harris was the dean of girls. Calvin Roetzel was the dean of boys. Marian Sorrells, Travis Williams and Wayne Hill bought the courses, "What it Means to be a Church Member," "As Jesus Did" and "God in the World Today." Calvin Roetzel was the inspirational speaker. These words carry only a small portion of the experiences that came to everyone there, experiences that brought Christ closer to those in camp than He had ever been before.—Reporter.

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WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Arkansas Valley Sub-District held its monthly meeting at the Denning Methodist Church with Hartman in charge of the devotional service which was based on "The Church". Forty-nine were present with Shirley Russell, president, presiding over the meeting. Plans were made to have the annual camp at Shores Lake in August instead of June. The next meeting will be held at the Ozark Methodist Church on July 14 with Denning in charge of the devotional service.

The Searcy Sub-District has elected the following officers for the new year: Cecil Alexander, Heber Springs, president; Mary Beth Cook, Beebe, vice-president; Carolyn Fryer, Searcy, secretary; Wanda Covington, Bald Knob, treasurer; Sharon Wood, Cabot, publicity chairman. Rev. Harold Spence of Jacksonville was re-elected counselor.

The Monticello Sub-District met at Rock Springs on June 2 when a picnic supper was served on the lawn. There was a total attendance as follows: Monticello, 10; Greenhill, 17; Star City, 13; Rock Springs, 52. The theme of the meeting was "My Church and My Cross." A play, "The Average Home on Sunday Morning" was given. Rock Springs was presented with a gift for having the best program.

The Polk County Methodist Youth Fellowship met Monday, June 2, at the First Methodist Church in Mena. There were 51 present from the following churches: Cove, Hatfield, Shady Grove and Mena.

The Texarkana Circuit Youth Fellowship elected the following officers at the Circuit Rally at Pleasant Hill Church on May 23: President, Lenna Nell Davis,

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Harmony Grove; Vice-president, Anita Burke, Few Memorial; Secretary, Patsy Haley, Harmony Grove; Treasurer, Martha Davis, Harmony Grove. Rondo M. Y. F. represents the Worship and Evangelism Commission; Pleasant Hill, Missions and World Friendship; Harmony Grove, Community Service; Few Memorial, Recreation. The counselor for the Circuit Fellowship is W. E. O'Neal. The officers were installed on June 30 at the Youth Rally and the Circuit Youth Fellowship named a Sub-District.

A NEW GAME

(Continued from page 10) helped Percy up the ladder. They tumbled into the hay.

"You're all right," said Al. "You can run fine and that's a splendid game."

"And you can spell fine," said

Bert.

"I'd rather be able to climb a tree like you fellows than spell any word I ever saw," said Percy modestly.

"Come on out then, and we'll teach you," said the twins in unison.—St. Nichols

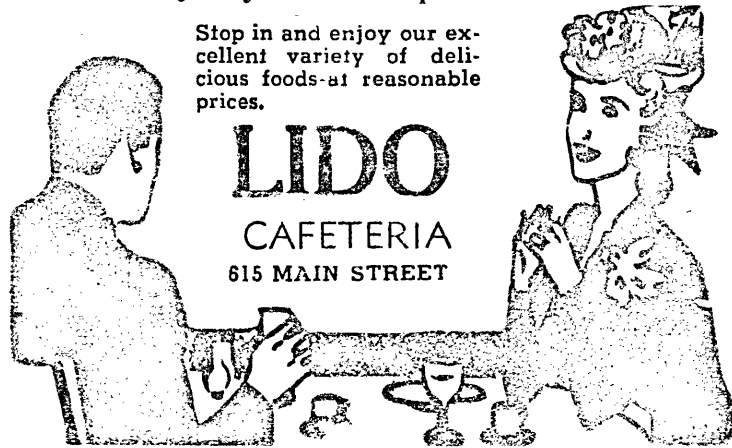
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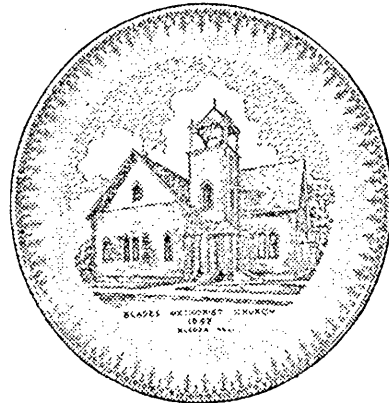
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The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. C. BOLIN

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LESSON FOR JULY 6, 1952

HOW DOES GOD ACT?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:

Judges 2:1-23; Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Deuteronomy 30:15-20.

GOLDEN TEXT: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.* (Psalms 33:12)

Today we are beginning a new unit (Unit I) which will consist of four lessons. The general theme of the unit is "LEADERS FOR THE TIMES". The aim of the unit is "to lead men and women to see that God works through leaders of the people, that as they are in harmony with him so they are able to lead people wisely, and that even foolish leaders can be used by him to achieve his purpose."

The printed portion of our lesson (Judges 2:8-17) begins with the death of Joshua. It will be remembered that Joshua was the assistant of Moses and at Moses' death he became the leader of Israel. He was the very type of leader that was needed at that particular time. The Israelites were about to engage in war with the inhabitants of Palestine and Joshua was a great military leader.

So long as Joshua lived he kept the Israelites, for the most part, in the path of obedience to God and all went well with them. But at the age of 110 years he was removed from the scene and the people greatly missed him. There were, however, some of the elders left who had witnessed some of the wonderful things that God had done for Israel, and so long as they lived their influence for good was felt. But the time finally came when they too were gone, and we are told "There arose another generation after them, that knew not the Lord, nor yet the work which he had wrought for Israel." It is a sad period in the history of any nation when there arises a generation that knows not the Lord. We are told in God's word that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

The Israelites Forsake God

The whole history of the Israelites is one of ups and downs. Under wise leadership they would forsake sin and trust and obey God. This would naturally lead to prosperity both materially and spiritually. Material prosperity within itself had a tendency to lead the people away from God. By and by the leader would pass away, and with him out of the picture and with the added pressure of materialism the people would pass into a state of backsliding. Sin carries with it the elements of its own punishment. Bad living naturally led to evil consequences. Pretty soon the people would find themselves in a sad plight. Then they would turn in prayer, confession, and repentance toward God and he would raise them up another leader. These leaders or judges came from various tribes, sometimes from one and sometimes from another. So long as the good judge lived the people would go straight and prosper. But when the judges passed along they would invariably turn back into

sin. This was a kind of a Dr. Jekel and Mr. Hyde proposition — the evil and the good alternating in the lives of the people, but in this case the evil finally won out and the Israel lost its identity as a sovereign people. First the northern kingdom went down and finally the southern.

The Power Of Evil Influence

The one thing above all others that caused Israel to fall was the evil influence of her neighbors. The Bible speaks of the land being conquered by the Israelites but that was only partially done. Great sections of the country were not conquered at all. Practically none of the walled-cities were conquered, and all the cities of any consequences at that time had walls about them. Even Jerusalem was never fully taken until years later when David became king.

The truth about the matter is that this war of extermination went on for some years, but the people finally grew tired of it, just as we grow tired of wars now. They made the best possible peace under the circumstances and settled down to live side by side with many of the former inhabitants of the land. Considerable inter-marriage took place among the Israelites and these people.

These Canaanites who remained in the land retained their religion. They had a very degrading type of worship. They worshiped Baal and Astaroth. These gods were supposed to be male and female respectively. They were thought to be the deities of materialism and fertility. They were worshiped by immoral acts carried on in the precincts of the temples built for their worship. These temples housed many so-called sacred prostitutes. This type of worship appealed to the lower nature of the Israelites and many of them forsook the true God to worship these false deities and to do so in this degrading manner. Many other Israelites did not completely repudiate Jehovah. They simply took on this other worship in addition to that which they had already been practicing. They believed in the reality of these other deities but still felt that Jehovah was greatest. They looked on him as the Author of high idealism, morality, and spirituality and they thought of Baal and Astaroth as the deities of materialism or secularism.

Importance Of Good Leaders

Leaders have far more to do with making the world what it is than we usually think. Some one has said that the history of the world can be read in the biographies of its great men. The world goes as its leaders go. This fact is brought forcibly to mind through the study of these judges of Israel.

There is a great need of good leaders in the world today. We have an abundance of politicians but very few statesmen. These lessons on the matter of leadership are coming at a very opportune time. There are four of them and before we are finished with them the candidates for both the presidency and vice-presidency of our two major parties will have been nominated. The citizens of this nation should be careful about whom they elect to these high offices. We must never forget that a nation can either be helped or badly hurt by the type of its leadership.

Partners With God

In one of his letters the great Apostle Paul goes on to say, "We are laborers together with God." How true that is. We furnish the instrumentality and God the power and the work goes on. God is not trying to hide from us, on the contrary he is doing all in his power to reveal himself to us. He was so anxious that we fully know him that he made a revelation of himself through his Son. Jesus said, "He who hath seen me hath seen the Father." We must think of the Father as a great Spirit without body or parts. Here in his world; "Closer to us than breathing and nearer than hands and feet." Always anxious to do whatever he can to make the world a better place. But he has chosen to work in his material world through his own material creation. He has no physical body through which to do certain types of work in his material world, so he longs to share our bodies; to live in us and work, through us. That is how God acts in his world. He is often hindered in the work he longs to do through the lack of co-operation on the part of those who claim to belong to him.

During the darkest days of World War II when atrocities of all kinds were being perpetrated, a man raised the question, "Why doesn't God do something about it?" The answer came back, "God is doing something about it." These cruelties hurt him more than any one else. He longs for a peaceful world. He is anxious that men beat their swords into plow-shares and their spears into pruning-hooks, but the trouble is men will not go along with him; they will not co-operate. God would save mankind through men. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe." When he got ready to redeem the world he became a Man and as such died on the cross. God is busy; he is acting, but he is working through people. He longs that they completely surrender their lives to him so he can use them to the fullest extent.

All of us are free moral agents. We can co-operate with God in the great task of building his Kingdom or we can rebel against him in his work. Not only does the Lord work through people in general but to an even greater degree he works through leaders. They usually have more talents than the rank and file of the people. Many times this very fact is the reason why they have come to places of leadership. Then, too, the very offices they occupy make it possible for them to render greater service than the common run of people. These offices of leadership bring prestige and this in turn opens up new doors of opportunities of service as these opportunities carry with them their responsibilities. Leaders must always remember that "Where much is given, much shall also be required." God is in his world, working to make it a better place. He longs for the co-operation of all in this worthy undertaking.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JULY 13, 1952

What Is True Courage?

Read the entire lesson from your Bible:

Judges 4:1-10; Esther 4:10-17; Ruth 1:14-18; Acts 9:36-42; Psalms 33:12-22.

GOLDEN TEXT: *Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.* — (Joshua 1:9)

Keep in mind the general theme of the unit: "LEADERS FOR THE TIMES". The aim is "to lead men and women to see that God works through the leaders of the people, that as they are in harmony with him so they are able to lead people wisely, and even foolish leaders can be used by him to achieve his purpose."

A Look At The Scriptures

The outstanding character of our lesson today is a woman — Deborah, a prophetess. She was a great person indeed. She came back at a time when women did not receive a lot of consideration. They were always made secondary to men. This means that Deborah had wonderful qualities of leadership otherwise she would have never been mentioned in the Bible. She made this great record not at the expense of neglecting her duties at home. She was not like so many of the career women of our day. She was an ideal wife and mother. She prided herself on being "a mother in Israel".

Deborah had the three most important qualities of leadership. She possessed great wisdom. She knew the conditions of her time. She realized that the time was ripe for throwing off the yoke of bondage. She knew how to influence and inspire others. Then she had undaunted faith in God. She came at a time when the nation was in a backslidden condition. God had become vague and unreal to the masses of the people, but not to Deborah. She believed in the Lord, and felt sure that he would deliver the nation. She was convinced that the battle would be in the interest of the Lord as well as the people of Israel. She was sure that victory would be theirs. Not only did she have this faith herself, but she had the ability to inspire it in others. She also had courage. No leader can succeed without this. She had the courage of her conviction; a faith that leads to activity. She knew that her cause was right.

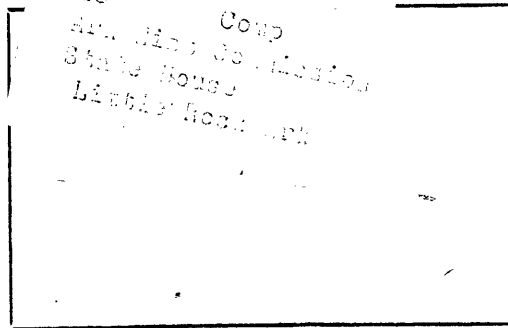
This woman was humble. She was willing for others to receive the credit for whatever was accomplished. She called to her side Barak, a dashing courageous man. His name in Hebrew means lightning. He was in the habit of striking his enemies quick and hard. He was instructed to gather ten thousand men and make them ready for battle. This was only a fraction of the great numbers of the enemies. Not only were the enemies strong in numbers but they were led by Sisera, one of the outstanding military leaders of that day. The Israelites had only crude weapons of warfare while the Canaanites possessed nine thousand iron, horse-drawn chariots. The situation seemed hopeless for Israel, but Deborah believed that God would give them the victory. She in-

spired Barak with this same faith, but still he refused to go against the Canaanites unless she accompanied him. She went along but warned him that the honor for the victory would go to a woman — meaning Jael. The woman who later slew Sisera with a tent peg.

The next printed portion of our lesson (Judges 5:1-7) consists of a song by Deborah and Barak. It is said that this song was composed by Deborah. It was composed in commemoration of the great victory that God gave the Israelites over the Canaanites. It is thought to be one of the oldest bits of literature in the Old Testament. It ranks with the best of the Psalms as Hebrew poetry.

Our Nation Needs Leaders

We need a Moses who can lead us out of the bondage of political corruption, greed, selfishness, lust, hatred, fear, confusion, and misunderstanding. We have a hundred and sixty million citizens within our nation but out of all that number, thus far, we have not produced the type of leadership we need. Our nation has been on shaky ground in other years, but somehow before hope was gone some strong leader would come to the forefront. We have the faith to believe that such will be the case at this time. We have Communism to fear from the outside, but by far our greatest present danger comes from our own corruption. Our chief hope lies in



the fact that our nation has already discovered its plight, and there is an ever increasing number of citizens who are anxious and willing to do something about it. We are reminded here of an event that took place during the Wesley revival in England. It will be remembered that in the early stages of the movement Whitefield worked with the Wesley brothers. Some of the nobility of the land also cast their lot with the revival. One night Whitefield's brother came to the altar under deep conviction. With much feeling he began to cry out "O God I am such a sinner." Each time he would make this statement, Lady Huntingdon who was standing near by would say, "Thank God! Thank God!" Finally the penitent man looked up into her face and said, "Lady Huntingdon, why are you thanking God for the fact that I am such a sinner?" She replied, "I am not thanking God for the fact that you are a sinner. I am thanking him for the fact that you have learned that you are a sinner." This nation of ours is about to learn that it is a great sinner. It is about to learn that it is in a backslidden condition like Israel of old. When this knowledge is thoroughly grasped by this country, there will be some deep and pungent repentance going on, and spiritual leadership will come to the fore front, and strong hands will grasp the helm of the ship of state and guide it safely to the port.

Qualities Of Course

Our Sunday School literature suggests certain qualities of courage that we might well note. First there is physical courage, and this is absolutely essential in the struggle of life. There are many who possess this type of courage. Some have it because they are dumb and can't see the dangers we face as individuals and as a nation. Others have this courage in spite of the fact that they fully realize the present, precarious situation of the world. To be sure, they have their fears but in spite of them they hold firmly and steadily to their duty as they see it. This is courage of the highest type.

Then there is the courage of the open mind. It is well enough to have strong convictions and to stay by them until convinced that they are wrong, but the mind should be kept open for new light, and when it comes courage should be exercised in following it. The closed mind has done a lot of hurt to this old world in the past. It led to the rejection and crucifixion of Christ by the religious leaders of his day. The closed mind keeps the world in a rut, and a rut is nothing more nor less than a grave with both ends kicked out. We should keep an open mind toward the minority groups in our midst, and toward the other nations of the world, especially the smaller and underprivileged countries.

Again, there is the courage of one's convictions. In speaking of the blessed man with convictions the Psalmist went on to say of him "One who swears to his own hurt and changeth not." That is he stands by his convictions regardless of sacrifice. We recall how Henry Clay had great ambition to be the ruler of this nation. He fully expressed his mind on one occasion. One of his friends warned him that he couldn't be president and hold such ideas. He replied, "I would rather be right than to be president." That is the type of leadership this country needs. People who will, at any sacrifice, stand by their convictions.

Yet again, there is the courage of world outlook. Present day leadership must be world-minded. Christ had that vision two thousand years ago. He took the whole world into the compass of his interest. Our improved means of communication and transportation have made the world one great neighborhood. The various nations of the world are going to learn now to hang together or they will be certain to hang separately. Our improved means of destruction have made war suicidal.

Then leaders must have courage to oppose trends. There are certain trends that are world-wide. When a trend becomes so wide it is hard to stop. Many wash their hands of the whole matter saying the stopping of such a trend is impossible. It must go on and run its course. The nation, and even to a great extent, the world, in the matter of trends are like extremely heavy bodies rolling down hill. The further they go the faster they get and the harder they are to stop. But they can be stopped. History proves that. Christ changed trends that were world-wide in their scope. Christian people are in the world, not to conform to it, but to transform it.

Take for examples the trends of gambling, drinking, sex looseness, etc. They need to be stopped. Materialism or secularism is such a trend. Even Communism itself is an outcropping of this trend. The whole world needs to turn to the spiritual values of life. We need spiritual leaders.