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## Arkansas' Three Bishops

THE Council of Bishops is a group of leaders of which Methodism may well be proud. They are recognized leaders from all sections of our church. There are three in that group which Arkansas claims as its own.

Bishop Martin while not a native born Arkansan has already served Arkansas as its presiding Bishop longer than any former Bishop. Having just been reassigned to this area for four more years, by length of years of service, Arkansas feels that he is peculiarly its own.

With the election of Dr. H. Bascom Watts as a Bishop at the recent Jurisdictional Conference, Arkansas now has two native-born sons in the Council of Bishops. The first native-born Arkansan to be elected Bishop was Bishop Ivan Lee Holt who was born at DeWitt, Arkansas, in the Little Rock Conference. Bishop H. Bascom Watts was born at Yellville, Arkansas, in the North Arkansas Conference. These three Bishops Arkansas proudly claims as its own.

## For Older Adults Only

THERE has already been held within the Louisiana Conference and there is soon to be held in Arkansas Older Adult Assemblies, designed to provide inspiration, fellowship and opportunity for further spiritual development for adults sixty-five years of age and older. We want to commend those responsible for the initiation of these programs and encourage a larger response on the part of older people who have the opportunity of attending one of these assemblies.

For many years Methodism has been providing its youth with assemblies. In recent years assemblies have also been provided for Intermediate age groups as well as young adults. Retreats have even been organized for adults. Considered from several points of view older adults have all but become the forgotten age group in many sections of the church. Some time ago the General Board of Education seeing the opportunity for rendering a distinctive service added staff personnel with specific responsibility for developing a program of Christian education to meet the needs of older adults. We are now beginning to see something of the nature of this program locally as it is being developed on a conference and district level.

With the increased standard of living of this and recent generations together with the scientific advances which have been made in the field of medicine, the age expectancy of life has been advanced considerably. People live to an older age now than in the past. The number of people past the age of sixty-five has been increased greatly. As these numbers increased there came a period when

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## Area Happy Over Bishop And Mrs. Martin's Return

THE Arkansas-Louisiana Area is genuinely happy that Bishop and Mrs. Martin are to be with us another quadrennium as our Episcopal leaders.

Eight years ago Bishop Martin, eminently successful as a pastor, was elected Bishop and assigned to this Area. He seemed to be able immediately, to adapt himself to the new responsibility to which the church had called him. The effectiveness of his tireless leadership was felt throughout the Area the first year he was our leader. His power and usefulness as a Bishop has grown with each passing year, as he became more familiar with



the responsibilities of his office and better acquainted with the people and the territory he serves.

There has developed, at times, an element of danger when a man with the unusual powers delegated to a Bishop in The Methodist Church has worked over a long period with the same people in the same territory. However, knowing Bishop Martin as this Area has come to know him, it is our feeling that the longer he can stay with us the better it will be for the Area. As unusually successful and progressive as have been the two quadrenniums he has served as our Bishop, it is our feeling that, in the new quadrennium before us, his leadership will be even more effective, helpful and inspiring than has been the happy relationship of the past eight years.

The Arkansas-Louisiana Area, by conferences, asked the Jurisdictional Conference to return Bishop Martin to this Area. With the granting of that request there has come to this Area a double responsibility to follow, with renewed zeal, his leadership in the program being outlined for this quadrennium. Because of our unqualified faith in Bishop Martin, as a leader, and because of his knowledge of our needs and his unselfish willingness to serve, this should be much the greatest of the three quadrenniums.

## Pastor's School Now In Session

THE Annual Pastors' School at Hendrix College, Conway, opened Monday of this week and will continue through Friday morning, closing at the noon hour:

A strong faculty has been secured for the class work this year. Dr. John K. Benton and Dr. Edward T. Ramsdell are both from Vanderbilt University; Dr. W. McFerren Stowe is pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Oklahoma City; Dr. Chester Warren Quimby is Professor of English Bible in Kentucky Wesleyan. The platform speaker, Dr. John W. Rustin, pastor of Belmont Methodist Church in Nashville, is one of the most interesting, effective preachers in Methodism. He will hold high the traditional standard set by platform speakers of former years.

An unusual feature of the Pastors' School this year will be the use of the new Chapel-Auditorium for its general assemblies for the first time. Facilities for these meetings have been very limited in former Schools. Now they are adequately provided for and should be correspondingly more effective.

## SC Jurisdiction In Quadrennial Meet

THE South Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church held its quadrennial meeting in Wichita, Kansas, June 26-30, and dispatched its business in fine fashion. Embracing the work of Methodism in the eight state area of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico, the Conference proved to be one that more closely knitted the work of the church in this section. More and more the wisdom of the Jurisdictional plan inaugurated with church union in 1939 is justified.

Included in the business of the conference was the creation of an Episcopal Area made possible by General Conference action last May, the election and consecration of an additional Bishop to serve the new Area, the election of members in the Jurisdictional and General Conference Boards and agencies of the church, hearing reports and making plans for the Jurisdictional program, and the assignments of the Bishops of the Jurisdiction to the respective Episcopal Areas.

The Methodist people of the South Central Jurisdiction can take justifiable pride in the work, program, and progress of the Jurisdiction. According to reports presented there is every reason to believe that what is being accomplished is the result, in some measure, of the whole Jurisdiction moving in its program together. Measured on a per

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# Jurisdiction Concludes Wichita Meeting

(Staff Article)

THE South Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church concluded its quadrennial meeting in Wichita, Kansas, Monday, June 30, after a five day session marked with business sessions, worship, addresses, and the consecration of a new Bishop.

Among the addresses delivered at the conference were the Episcopal Address by Bishop A. Frank Smith, senior Bishop of the South Central Jurisdiction; and other addresses by Dr. Eugene L. Smith, Executive Secretary of the Division of World Mission of the Board of Missions, Bishop G. Bromley Oxman, Fraternal Messenger, The Council of Bishops; Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, President, The Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions; Congressman Walter H. Judd, Bishop Richard C. Raines, featured youth speaker; Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, speaker at the Consecration Service; and Bishop Paul E. Martin and Bishop W. C. Martin, devotional speakers.

Sessions were held in the First Methodist Church and The Forum Building, a public meeting place of the city of Wichita. The conference committee sessions were held in the First Methodist Church.

One of the highlights of the conference sessions was the report of the Committee on Episcopacy which recommended the creation of an additional Episcopal Area within the Jurisdiction. The conference voted to concur in this recommendation and later voted to fix a new Episcopal Residence in Lincoln, Nebraska, the new Episcopal Area being the state of Nebraska. This state had formerly been in the Kansas-Nebraska Area. The new arrangement makes each state an Episcopal Area. There are two annual conferences in Kansas and one in Nebraska.

Dr. H. Bascom Watts was elected a Bishop of The Methodist Church in the balloting which followed the adoption of the Committee's recommendation to elect an additional Bishop. Bishop Watts was elected on the seventh ballot which was taken on Saturday afternoon after balloting had begun Saturday morning. Bishop Watts was assigned to the Nebraska Area. Bishop Dana Dawson who had been serving the Kansas-Nebraska Area was assigned to the Kansas Area. Other Episcopal Area assignments are the same as the past quadrennium with Bishop Paul E. Martin serving the Arkansas-Louisiana Area; Bishop W. C. Martin the Dallas-Fort Worth Area; Bishop W. Angie Smith the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area; Bishop A. Frank Smith the Houston-San Antonio Area; and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt the Missouri Area.

Bishop Watts becomes the second Arkansas born Bishop. He was born in Yellville, Ark., and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt was born near DeWitt. Bishop Watts is a former pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, serving that church from 1936 to 1939. He later became pastor of the Boston Avenue Methodist Church which he served until June, 1951 when he was appointed District Superintendent of the Tulsa District, East Oklahoma Conference. Bishop and Mrs. Watts have a son, Rev. Ewart Watts who is the pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church, El Paso, Texas, and a son-in-law, Rev. Sterling F. Wheeler, Director of Wesley Founda-

tion, University of Texas, Austin, Texas. These two ministers served as sponsoring Elders during the consecration service for Bishop Watts.

Bishop Watts issued the following statement following his election and consecration; "Mrs. Watts and I are pleased that we are to be associated with the great Methodism of Nebraska and will be privileged to live in the beautiful city of Lincoln. We have long admired both the state and its capital city. We take up residence there with pride and joy. It is our desire not only to render our very best service to our beloved Methodism, but also to become a part of the larger Christian fellowship of all communions in its life. We shall expect to spend the summer at Estes Park, Colo. and move to Lincoln sometime in September." (An Episcopal Residence will have to be secured in Lincoln prior to Bishop Watts moving there.)

Bishop Smith in delivering for the Jurisdictional College of Bishops the Episcopal Address, stressed the main accomplishments of the General Conference which met in San Francisco in late April and early May; emphasized the place, function and mission of the Jurisdictional system and the Jurisdictional Conference, and pointed up the several phases of Methodist program at large and in the area of this Jurisdiction.

As is usually the rule in a Methodist conference session, a considerable portion of the business of the sessions was routed through conference committees. These several committees met for organizational purposes and the consideration of their business on Friday afternoon, the second day. Several delegates from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area were named officers of these committees. Dr. A. W. Martin, North Arkansas Conference, was elected chairman of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension; Rev. W. F. Cooley, North Arkansas Conference served as secretary of the Committee on Ministry; Rev. E. B. Williams, North Arkansas Conference was named secretary of the Committee on Hospitals and Homes; Joe J. Mickle, Louisiana Conference, served as secretary of the Committee on State of The Church.

One of the early features of the conference sessions was a Reception held for delegates and visitors at the First Methodist Church. After a number of speeches of welcome Bishop Martin responded to the welcome in behalf of the delegates and visitors. Bishop Martin also led the devotional service on Saturday morning.

Most of the memorials considered and acted upon by the conference in business sessions had to do with the election of membership in the General and Jurisdictional Boards and Agencies of the church, the setting up of goals in various areas of work, reemphasizing different aspects of the program of The Methodist Church in this Jurisdiction, and matters dealing with the Episcopacy. For the most part the presentation of these memorials occasioned little debate. The most discussion centered around the question of the creation of an additional episcopal area with the Committee's report being concurred in by the conference after a short period of debate.

The conference had originally been sche-

duled to continue through an evening session on Monday, June 30, but with the consecration of Bishop Watts being held on Sunday evening and the completion of the conference business on Monday morning, the conference adjourned Monday at noon.

One report of the Committee on Episcopacy called for a study to be made during this quadrennium with a view to recommending Episcopal Area lines for succeeding quadrenniums taking into account population, church membership and number of churches; number of ministers; number of conference; institutions to be served; missionary opportunities; feasibility and advisability of crossing state lines in forming new areas; strategic centers for episcopal leadership; distances and facilities for travel; comparative increases of population. The Methodist Discipline provides that the Bishops of the several Jurisdictions shall form the various Area lines, and the Committee set up to make this study is asked to recognize the constitutional right of the Bishops to accomplish this function. However with such recognition in mind, the committee, to save the Bishops any personal embarrassment in the suggested change of area boundaries, is requested to make these suggestions and recommendations, as well as any changes in cities of residence. The Committee will report to the next Jurisdictional Conference in 1956.

The following persons from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area were named to General and Jurisdictional Boards and Agencies and Committees by the Jurisdictional Conference:

General Board of Publication, term to expire in 1962; Dr. Connor Morehead, Camden District Superintendent, Camden, Little Rock, Conference.

General Board of Education: Dr. J. J. Mickle, Centenary College President, Shreveport, Louisiana Conference.

General Board of Lay Activities: Robert P. Lay, Gilliam, Louisiana Conference Lay Leader.

General Board of Economic and Social Welfare: Alton Raney, Little Rock Conference.

General Board of World Peace, Bryant Davidson, Shreveport, Louisiana Conference.

General Board of Missions: Dr. A. W. Martin, Dallas, Texas, North Arkansas Conference; B. T. Fooks, Camden, Little Rock Conference, Mrs. G. W. Damerson, Pineville, Louisiana Conference, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Little Rock, Little Rock Conference.

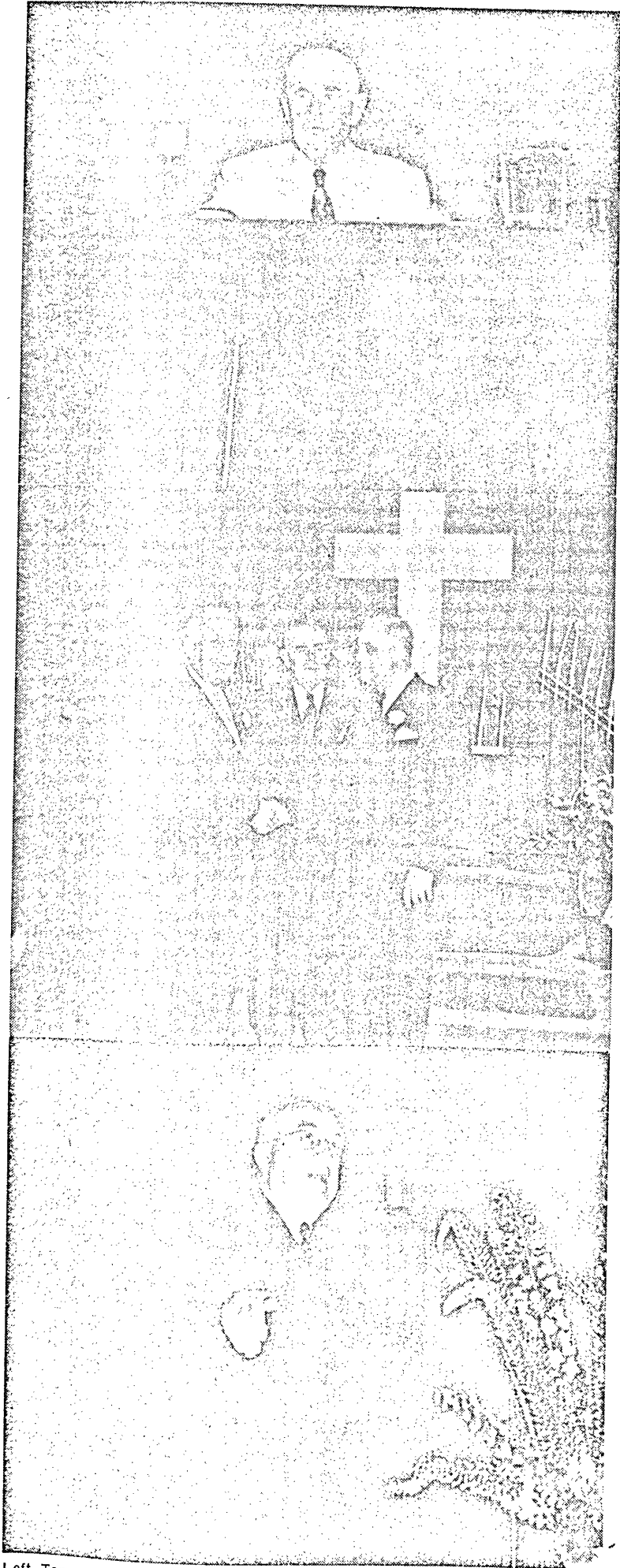
Jurisdictional Board of Economic and Social Welfare, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith District Superintendent, North Arkansas Conference; Mrs. Gen Laskey, Ruston, Louisiana Conference president W.S.C.S.

Jurisdictional Board of Missions: members of the General Board and Conference Missionary Secretaries and Conference Presidents of W. S. C. S. and one designated cabinet member from each annual conference.

Committee to Study Episcopal Areas in SC Jurisdiction: Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Little Rock, Little Rock Conference; Floyd B. James, Ruston, Louisiana Conference.

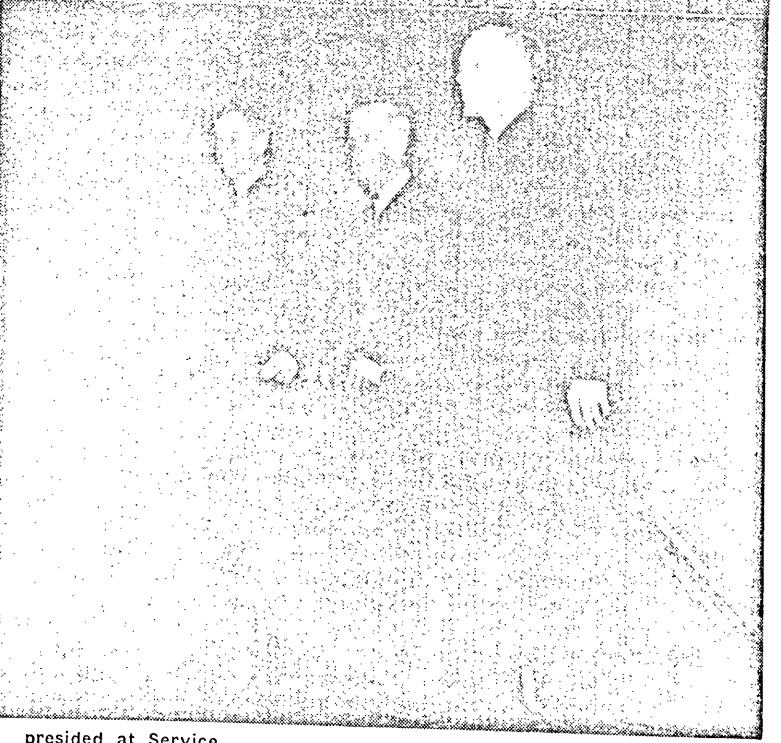
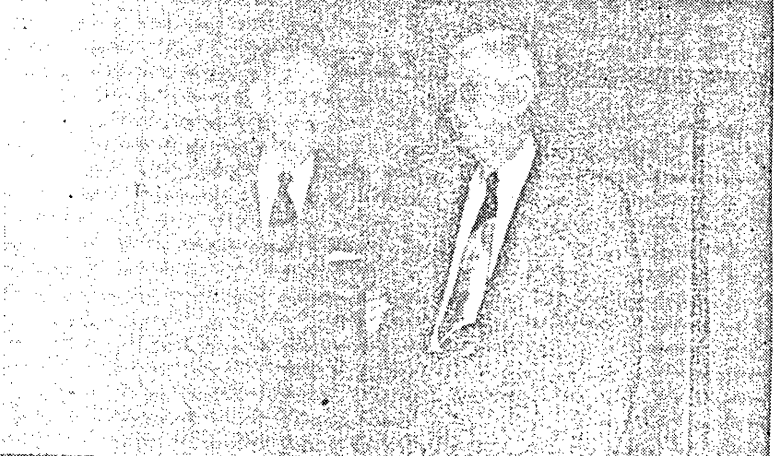
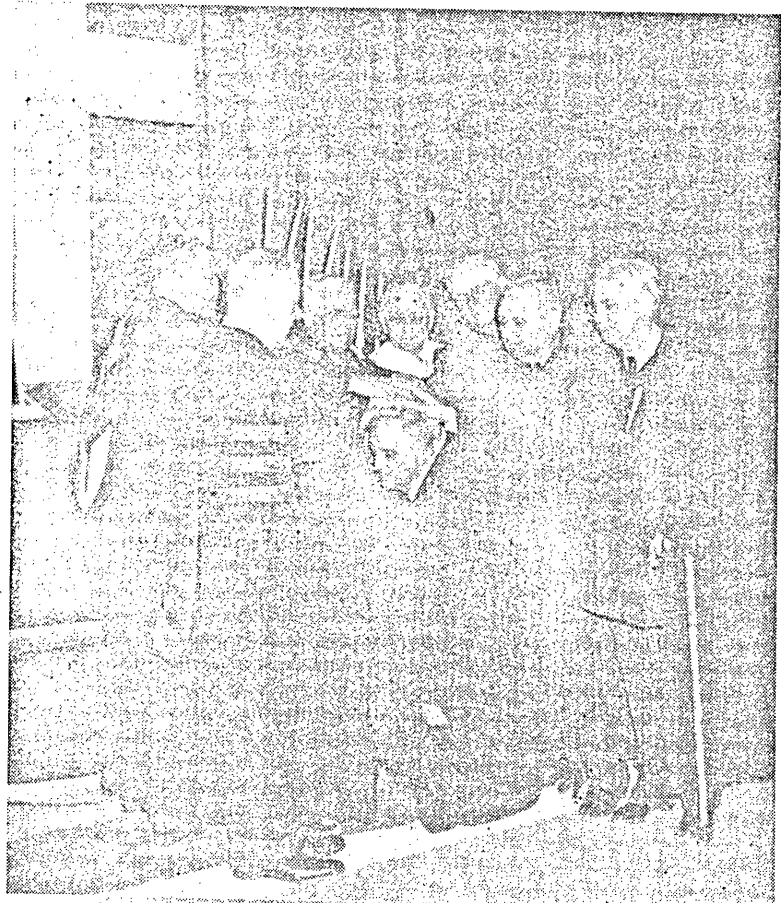
Lydia Patterson Board, (Mexican School, El Paso) Rev. V. D. Morris, New Orleans, Louisiana Conference; Mrs. Johnnie Mc-

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Left Top: Bishop Paul E. Martin Presided at Saturday Afternoon Session.  
 Left Center: Two Arkansas Born Bishops, Bishop Holt and Bishop Watts shake hands as they visit with Arkansas and Louisiana's present Bishop, Bishop Martin.  
 Left Bottom: Bishop A. Frank Smith, Senior Bishop in SC Jurisdiction, delivered Episcopal Address.

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Right Top: The Bishops consecrated Bishop-Elect Watts to the Episcopacy.  
 Right Center: Congressman Walter Judd, Minnesota who addressed Conference Saturday evening visits briefly with Bishop Hiram Boaz, retired, who presided at Service.  
 Right Bottom: Bishop-Elect Watts being ushered to Altar for consecration by Rev. Ewart Watts, his son, and Rev. Sterling F. Wheeler, son-in-law.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**T**HE JONESBORO AREA sub-district of the M. Y. F. met at Pleasant Valley Monday, July 7.

**R.** GLENN GARLINGTON was elected chairman of the Official Board of the Hazen Methodist Church, Monday, June 23, at a meeting at the church.

**M**R. HARLEY W. GOODMAN was elected Chairman of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, at a recent meeting.

**R**EV. AND MRS. VERLIE F. HARRIS were honored by members of the Greenwood Methodist Church, Wednesday, June 25, at a reception and shower at the Church.

**M**ISS LOUISE FINCHER, is youth director for the Methodist Youth Caravan week to be held in the Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, July 6 through July 13.

**D**R. E. CLIFTON RULE, pastor of First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Mrs. Rule, Rev. Richard Perry, new assistant pastor, and Mrs. Perry, were honored at a reception at the Church, June 26.

**R**EV. J. RALPH HILLIS, the new pastor of the First Methodist Church West Memphis, and Mrs. Hillis were welcomed by his congregation Friday evening, June 27, with a reception and shower held at the parsonage.

**R**EV. AND MRS. JESSE JOHNSON were honored by friends and members of the Brinkley Methodist Church, who gathered Tuesday evening, June 24, to wish them happiness and success in their new work at Piggott.

**M**ISS JESSIE MAE STELL, Delight, served as Caravan Counselor for the Youth Fellowship Caravan that was held in First Methodist Church, El Dorado last week. On Monday night, June 30, the group meeting was held at the Calion Methodist Church.

**R**EV. BARRY BAILEY, Director, announces that the Little Rock Conference Older Youth Retreat to be held at Camp Tanako, will begin with registration Friday afternoon, July 11 and run through July 13.

**R**EV. ELMUS BROWN, Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro has announced the installation of air conditioning for use in the sanctuary and the class rooms of their Church.

**S**IDNEY J. KIMBELL, Associate Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, was named Counselor for the Columbia County Sub-District M. Y. F. at a meeting held at Christie Chapel Monday, June 30.

**R**EV. JIM GOSSETT was at the Methodist Church in Trumann July 2 through July 4, holding a series of meetings with the youth of the church. Rev. Byron McSpadden is pastor of the Church.

**R**EV. AND MRS. THERON McKISSON were honored Tuesday night, June 24 with a reception and shower by the members of the Yellville and Bull Shoals Churches. Rev. McKisson returns for another year to Yellville Parish in the Batesville District.

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**R**EV. BILL MARTIN, Associate Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, has announced plans for a unique Youth Activities week to be held the last week in July in Forest Home Methodist Church where Rev. Billy Douglas is pastor.

**E**RNEST WHITE, internationally known organist conducted a forum on Church Music in the Chapel of First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Wednesday afternoon July 9. He also presented an organ recital in the Sanctuary the same evening.

**R**EV. A. B. HALTOM, a former member of the North Arkansas Conference, died June 27, 1952, after having been ill for quite a long time. Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church, Henderson, Tennessee by Rev. R. A. Bivins and Rev. David Grimes.

**D**R. WESLEY C. DAVIS, professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, will conduct a Bible Conference in the Marion Methodist Church, July 16, 17, and 18 at 7:30 each evening. Rev. Alf A. Eason is pastor of the Methodist Church at Marion.

**W**ENDELL DORMAN, son of Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Dorman of Levy was licensed to preach at a meeting of the fourth quarterly conference held in the Levy Methodist Church, May 27. Wendell will begin his studies for the ministry this summer at State Teachers College in Conway.

**R**EV. AND MRS. ALVIN C. MURRAY were welcomed by the members of the First Methodist Church Marked Tree, at a reception in the dining hall of the church. This is the first pastorate Rev. Murray has held since returning late this spring from duty in Korea as an Army Chaplain.

**B**ISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN has announced the following new appointments in the Ft. Smith District: Alix Circuit, Rev. Troy Clinesmith; Forrester, Rev. Roy Poynor; Kibler, Rev. Doyle Telaar. Dr. W. Henry Goodloe is District Superintendent of the Ft. Smith District.

**R**EV. J. R. DOWNS, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, died Sunday, June 29, at his home in Monroe, and funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 1, in the Hixson Brothers Funeral Chapel and at the Luna Methodist Church where he formerly served as pastor.

**R**EV. J. H. HOGGARD, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, and Mrs. Hoggard were honored, June 25, at a dinner and shower at the Church. Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, superintendent of the Ft. Smith district, and Mrs. Goodloe were also present, and were presented a gift.

**B**ISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces the following appointments in the Fayetteville District: Avoca Circuit: Lindsey Rolland; Morrow-Evansville: Walter Pannel; Viney Grove Circuit: William D. Findt, Jr.; Winslow: W. L. Scott. Rev. Wm. F. Cooley is District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District.

## BOOKS FOR JAPAN

The new International Christian University in Japan needs books for its library. If you have any books which you would like to donate, please write to Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, JICU Foundation, 44 East 23rd Street, New York 10, New York.

**D**R. D. D. McBRIEN, president of Henderson State Teachers College was guest speaker at First Methodist Church, Hope, Sunday, June 29, at the regular morning service. Judge James H. Pilkinton spoke at the night service. Rev. Virgil Keeley, pastor was attending the South Central Jurisdictional Meeting in Wichita, Kansas.

**M**R. B. MORRIS presented the Murfreesboro Methodist Church with a Baldwin Electronic Organ in memory of his wife, Mrs. Nell Brewer Morris on June 1. Mrs. Morris was at one time Organist for the Methodist Church at Murfreesboro. The members of the Murfreesboro Church are deeply grateful to Mr. Morris for this gift, according to a communication from one of the members.

**R**EV. J. ALBERT GATLIN, Executive Secretary, North Arkansas Conference Town and Country Commission, is the preacher for a series of revival services being held at the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, Rev. R. H. Staples, pastor. Benn Underwood is leading congregational singing. Services are being held twice daily, with the services scheduled to continue through Sunday, July 20.

**R**EV. J. ALBERT GATLIN, Executive Secretary Town and Country Commission, North Arkansas Conference, was one of the featured speakers at the Annual Rural Church Conference at the Texas A & M College, College Station, Texas, July 3-7. This is an Interdenominational meeting in cooperation with the College, Sears Roebuck Foundation, The Progressive Farmer Magazine, and several leading Protestant churches.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

ROANOKE, VA.—The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, in quadrennial session here June 25-29, elected and consecrated one bishop, retired two bishops, named members to general and jurisdictional boards, received reports and adopted a four-year program.

The blistering 100-degree weather throughout the five-day program dampened the clothes but not the zeal of the 338 lay and clerical delegates of nine states and Cuba. They represented the church's 17 annual conferences and 2,465,159 members in the jurisdiction.

Highlight of the meeting was the election of the Rev. Dr. John W. Branscomb, Orlando, Fla., to the bishopric. At 47 he becomes the church's second youngest bishop. Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Portland, Ore., is 44.

Retiring Bishop Paul B. Kern and senior Bishop Arthur J. Moore were the consecrating bishops in the Sunday ceremony at Roanoke's American Legion Auditorium.

They were assisted by other

bishops of the jurisdiction, visiting Bishop Ralph A. Ward, formerly of China, and the chosen elders who presented the bishop-elect—the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, Clearwater, Fla., and the Rev. Dr. E. J. Pendergrass, Tampa, Fla.

Following recommendations of the lay-clerical Committee on the Episcopacy, the conference assigned Bishop Branscomb to the Jacksonville, Fla., Area. He succeeds Bishop Roy H. Short, who was transferred to the Nashville, Tenn., Area to fill the post vacated by Bishop Kern.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, who has presided over the Geneva, Switzerland, Area since 1944, was assigned to the Richmond, Va., Area, where he had served as acting bishop during the illness of Bishop W. W. Peele, who was retired at the conference.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore was returned to the Atlanta, Ga., Area, and at the request of the College of Bishops he was also given supervision of the Geneva Area. He said he plans to visit Europe two or three times a year to superintend Methodist work in

countries comprising the Geneva Area.

The four other bishops were returned to their same episcopal areas: Bishop Clare Purcell, Birmingham, Ala.; Bishop William T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky.; Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte, N. C.; and Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss.

The Episcopal Address was given by Bishop Purcell. He emphasized the findings and recommendations of the General Conference, covered 13 fields of interest in the church reported a net gain of 129,633 church members in the jurisdiction since 1948, an increase of 122,687 in church school membership, and a four-year total of \$5,806,641 for World Service and benevolences.

"Methodism is an evangel in an age of pessimism, a fellowship in a world of hate, an obsession in a world of indifference," Bishop Purcell declared.

The conference adopted an annual budget of \$106,000 and set a goal of 1,000 new pastoral charges during the 1952-56 quadrennium.

A resolution was adopted calling for a jurisdiction-wide United Evangelistic Mission to be led by the College of Bishops during

two periods in 1953: April 17-26 and May 15-24. A committee of 50 will be named to plan the mission.

The conference theme was "Sources of Strength in a Nation's Life."

### Florida Town Restricts Un-Sponsored Evangelists

Restrictions on evangelists and itinerant preachers holding meetings in this resort town of Winter Haven, Fla., without the sponsorship of organized local congregations were adopted by the City Commission with the approval of the Winter Haven Ministerial Association. Under the new code, evangelists and religious groups holding tent meetings must comply with all city building code requirements and zoning laws. This means, among other things, that they must provide adequate sanitary facilities and set up their stands on sites where the meetings will not constitute an annoyance to residents. The ruling also prohibits those conducting open air meetings in the city park and elsewhere from collecting money from persons outside their immediate audiences. The ban is aimed at halting house-to-house and store-to-store canvassing by un-sponsored groups.

### JURISDICTION CONFERENCE WICHITA MEETING

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Clure, Springdale, President North Arkansas Conference W.S.C.S.

Jurisdictional Committee on Arrangement and Expense Jurisdiction Conference; Dr. Connor Morehead, Camden District Superintendent, Little Rock Conference.

Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities: Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Conway, North Arkansas Conference; Roland Shelton, Little Rock, Little Rock Conference; Charles Stuck, Jonesboro, North Arkansas Conference.

Jurisdictional Board of Temperance: Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Conway, North Arkansas Conference; Charles Stuck, Jonesboro, North Arkansas Conference.

Jurisdictional Commission on Finance: Bishop Martin, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Little Rock, Little Rock Conference; Robert P. Lay, Gilliam, Louisiana Conference Lay Leader.

Jurisdictional Council: Dr. Guy Hicks, Shreveport, Louisiana Conference; Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Hope, Little Rock Conference.

Jurisdictional Court of Appeals: Dr. H. L. Johns, Monroe, Louisiana Conference; Reserve: Dr. A. W. Martin, Dallas, Texas, North Arkansas.

Jurisdictional Board of Education: Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Little Rock, Little Rock Conference; Homer E. Elder, Louisiana Conference; Rev. George W. Pomeroy, Ruston, Louisiana Conference; Charles W. White, Shreveport, Louisiana Conference; Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Conway, North Arkansas Conference; J. H. Wiseman, Searcy, North Arkansas Conference; Youth, Bob Edwards, Springdale, North Arkansas Conference.

Trustees, Southern Methodist University: Dr. B. C. Taylor, Shreveport, Louisiana Conference; B. T. Fooks, Camden, Little Rock Conference; Dr. E. Clifton Rule, Hot Springs, Little Rock Conference.

Jurisdictional Board of World Peace: Dr.

Francis Buddin, Little Rock, Little Rock Conference; W. D. Murphy, Jr., Batesville, North Arkansas Conference.

Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism: Rev. R. M. Bentley, Shreveport, Louisiana Conference; Rev. Cecil R. Culver, Little Rock, Little Rock Conference; Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Searcy, North Arkansas Conference.

Jurisdictional Board of Hospitals and Homes: Rev. T. T. McNeil, Little Rock, Little Rock Conference; Floyd B. James, Ruston, Louisiana Conference.

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the church was lax in its attention to their needs, devoting most of its time to children, young people, and adults.

It is to the everlasting credit of Christian education leaders that emphasis is now being given to providing leadership opportunities to these older adults. In many instances their problems are as real and their needs as great as younger people. Reports coming from Older Adult Assemblies indicate that from every point of view the work there is most rewarding and is deeply appreciated. It is to be hoped that work in this field will be extended to reach greater numbers of these who are in the golden years of life.

### SC JURISDICTION IN QUADRENNIAL MEET

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capita basis, the progress recorded in membership gains, in attendance, in giving to benevolent causes and local church support, in leadership training compares more than favorable with other Jurisdictions of the church where less emphasis is placed on a Jurisdictional program. The work of the Jurisdictional Council, the Executive Secretary of the Jurisdiction, and the Bishops of the Jurisdiction is responsible in a large measure for the Jurisdictional spirit that is

developing. We feel too that the Jurisdictional Conference is contributing to this consciousness. This is evidenced by the large number of visitors who were on hand to witness the proceedings of the conference in Wichita, in spite of the HOT weather that prevailed throughout the five day meeting. There were, for example, more Arkansas and Louisiana people attending the meeting than ever attended a Jurisdictional Conference before, even though there have been earlier sessions which met closer to this Episcopal Area.

We have no hesitancy in predicting that the work of our Jurisdiction will take on increasing importance during this and succeeding quadrenniums.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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the power it gives them. That is true in every realm of life, even including the church.

Yet another false god is pleasure. Paul was once admonishing about the care of widows. He insisted that worthy widows should receive every consideration and then he went on to say "But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives." That is not only true of "merry widows" but it is true of all others who give pleasure the first consideration in life.

Space will not permit us to go further. Note that all these things are good if rightly used.

DR. T. D. ELLIS, for many years a Methodist leader in the south, died Sunday, July 6, in Macon, Ga., after a long illness. Dr. Ellis retired in 1942 after a half century of distinguished leadership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was elected Executive Secretary of the Board of Church Extension of that church in 1920 and held this position until his retirement.

# Was General Conference Cool Toward Temperance?

By Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker

Bishop Hammaker has long been an ardent advocate of Temperance and Sobriety. Although in a retired relation officially, he is presently serving as the Executive Vice-President of the General Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church, with headquarters in city of Washington, D. C. Bishop Hammaker is qualified to discuss the topic of this article, and his analysis of the General Conference action on Temperance will help to clear this matter in the minds of many.

**T**HOUSANDS of Methodists are asking that question in one form of expression or another; maybe, tens of thousands, or even, hundreds of thousands. Wherever I have gone since the 7th of May, people have asked me "Just what did the General Conference do with reference to Temperance?" Many troubled inquirers "have taken pen in hand." Because there is such widespread misunderstanding and deep interest, I am venturing a brief reply.

Let me say at once, that the General Conference did not have the slogan "TREAT 'EM ROUGH". The exact contrary was the case. No General Conference within my memory (and I have been in all of them officially for the last 32 years) has been more concerned in the Cause of Temperance than the one that adjourned May 6, 1952.

## Wrong Impressions

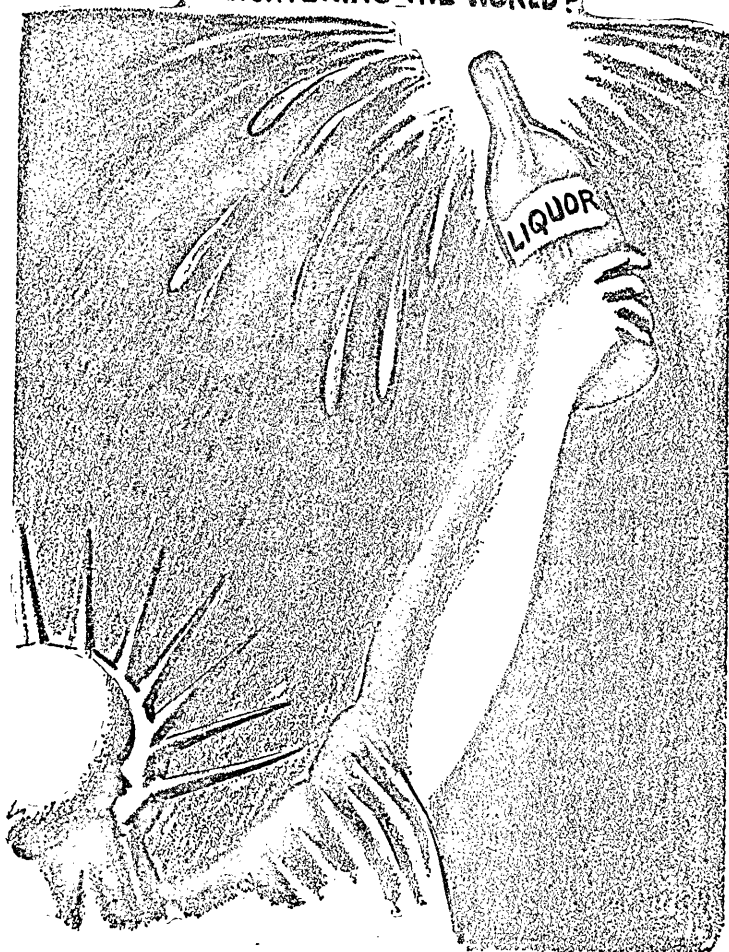
Unfortunately, some extensively published reports of a specific action gave a wrong impression. Stories appearing in daily newspapers, big and little, from one end of the land to the other, carried such headlines as, "Methodists Shelve Demand Board Members Be Dry," or "Methodists Now Willing That Board Members Be Moderate Drinkers," or "Motion on Drink Is Sidestepped by Methodists," and so on, with all sorts of variations on the same theme. Even so sympathetic a paper as "The National Voice," published by that well-known advocate of Temperance a Fellow-Methodist, Miss Ethel Hubler, ran a story under the last of these cited headlines and ended the brief account with the words: "Some observers said reference was tantamount to killing the motion."

## What Happened

All such interpretations and implications were, in a sense, fairly reasonable inferences. It is not probable that any of the news people wanted to mis-represent. There is no likelihood that they wanted "to take a dig" at Methodism or even at the Cause of Temperance. What they reported did happen. That is, an amendment made by Mr. Chester Smith of the New York Conference and a related one made by Doctor Edwin E. Voight of the Iowa-Des Moines Conference were "referred" to the Temperance Committee. Mr. Smith moved to amend a section of a report coming from the Quadrennial Commission on the Study of the Local Church, by adding to the sentence, "All lay members of the Official Board shall be members of the Methodist Church," the following words: "and shall be total abstainers from the use of intoxicating liquors." Doctor Voight moved to amend this amendment by substituting: "And shall avow their readiness to adhere to Paragraph 95 of the General Rules" for the words in the Smith Amendment. On motion the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

That Committee brought in a report which was adopted by the Conference as a satisfactory answer to the entire question raised by the Smith and Voight amendments. The report reads: "All lay members of the Board shall be members of the local Methodist Church; and, in nominating and electing persons to such membership the utmost care shall be taken that only morally disciplined persons shall be so nominated, and with special reference to total abstinence from alcoholic beverages." The General Conference not only gave wholehearted approval to this, but also adopted a similar

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report dealing all-inclusively with any official serving in the Church in any capacity or in the Church School. It directs that "no member be nominated for, or appointed to, any official capacity in the Church or Church School who is not a morally disciplined person, with special reference to total abstinence from alcoholic beverages."

## Conference Strengthened Program

The General Conference did absolutely nothing to mark down the Cause of Temperance; rather the reverse. The key note caught by the body and held onto until the end was the magnificent section on Temperance in the Episcopal Address, which had been aptly captioned: "Our Ancient and Unceasing Battle with Intemperance." Both the Bishops and the Conference commended without reservations the work being carried on under the leadership of The Board of Temperance. The Bishops said: "We pay our tribute to The Board of Temperance for the vigorous, intelligent, and constructive battle it has waged, especially during this Quadrennium. It has exposed the spectacular growth of the liquor menace since repeal; it has fought for decency and sobriety around our military camps; it has carried the battle into Congress for the Langer Bill, prohibiting the advertising of beverage alcohol; it has promoted Commitment Day and has the names of more than 3,000,000 Methodists who have signed a pledge of total abstinence. Thus, the battle goes on continuously, relentlessly, religiously."

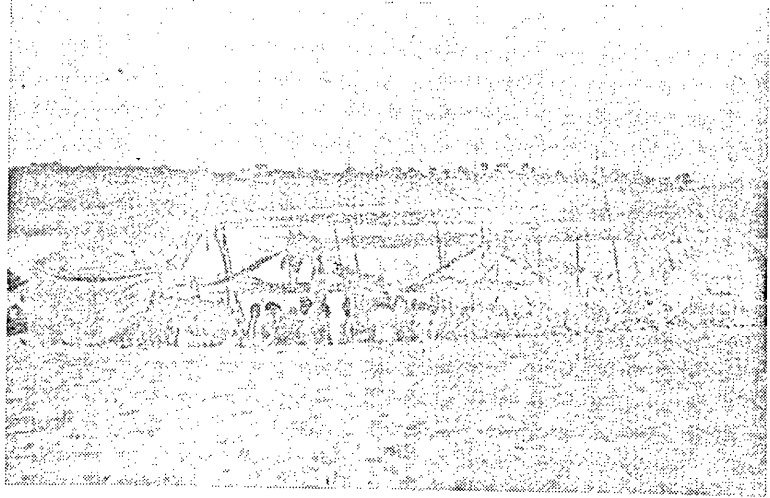
In line with this attitude were all the actions taken by the Conference with reference to Temperance. No request or suggestion made by The Board, via the route of Memorials, was turned down. No report from the Temperance Committee of the General Conference was rejected. Only one was modified, and that by a very slight change. All and in all, the Conference seemed to recognize that the giant among our social foes is liquorism. It towers above all the enemies of the good life. As such, it deserves and receives the heavy blows which a great Church like ours can strike.

## Program Moves Forward

Arnold Toynbee, the greatest living historical analyst of our time, said this a year or two ago: "The two great menaces to the life of civilization are racism and alcohol." Are you a bit surprised that he made alcohol one of two supreme menaces to the very life, not only of a country, but of civilization itself? I confess that I was for the nonce. But on reflection, I came to see as he sees. Methodism's sure instinct and reasoned judgment have guided her aright. She has searched and found a true way — a high way. On it, we Methodists move forward carrying on "Our Ancient and Unceasing Battle with Intemperance."



UPPER: Rev. Simon Macwan, Rev. Lester Finley, Rev. Jethala; all work in Gujarat Conference.



BELOW: At the Jatra, The Mandap—meeting tent.

THE first annual Christian jatra to take place in Gujarat was held April 2nd through 6th, Palm Sunday, on the banks of the Mahi Sagar River near Vasad. Those who attended were Methodists of the Baroda District, mostly pastors and village workers. It was for the purpose of coming apart for hearing the word of God, spending time in prayer, and waiting for the power of the Holy Spirit that they had come.

There were eight tents pitched in the sand beside the river in a semi-circle, and a meeting tent in the middle. All who came had common mess. About 75 stayed throughout the five days, making their homes in the tents, and almost daily crowds came from Baroda and other towns to attend the meetings for one day or more. At some of the meetings there were as many as 155. A large number of students from the Baroda "hostels" came for part time.

The two speakers were J. T. Seamands, missionary-evangelist of The Methodist Church for all India, and Barnabas Mallappa, approved lay evangelists of the Hyderabad Conference. At the first meeting, Mr. Seamands announced that this is the fourth evangelistic jatra to be formed in India. The first was in Hyderabad state, of the Hyderabad and South India conferences, started by his father 27 years ago. It is now attended annually by about 5000 people; a large number of them laymen. The second one was of the Nazarene Church in Berar. The third, formed about four years ago by himself is for the Methodists of two districts in the South India Conference, and is now attended by about 5,000 people. There are other Christian jstras with varied programs, not wholly evangelistic.

He said he hoped that this fourth jatra may soon be for the entire Gujarat Conference and that laymen may attend in large numbers. Rev. Lester Finley, Baroda District Superintendent, and the rest of the committee who planned the jatra are also planning for that and looking for an attendance in the thousands in future years.

The place was of significance, for the Mahi River is considered sacred by many Hindus and anamists, and that spot is a place of pilgrimage and worship for many. Where for centuries the river has been worshipped, those who came now witnessed for the first

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District Madura  
South India  
May 29, 1952

Dear Bishop and Mrs. Martin

This is to send you greetings from the South India Hill station where we have come to get away a bit from the Baroda heat. We did appreciate your Christmas letter very much, but there has been a lot of activity in our Baroda Dist. this Spring, and I did not answer your letter. We are glad to say that the work of the high school building has smoothed out, and we are ready to open it for use this June. We had to borrow Rs 45,000 from Conference funds, and will still have to borrow Rs. 15,000 from the Executive Board here, I expect, in order to finance the cost of the High School. But the part of the program which I am most happy to relate, is the Jatra we held this April. I am enclosing an account of it as it appeared in the INDIAN WITNESS. Since that Jatra, many of our men in the district have a real evangelistic note in their message. I have seen the difference as I went into the district. Many were working for the mission, not for the Master. A number of layman, also now really want to bring others to Christ. I believe that a living, witnessing layman's movement will send our work forward here.

Yours in His Service,  
Lester Finley

## Evangelistic Retreat In Gujarat Conference

From the "INDIAN WITNESS"

Rev. Lester Finley, writer of the above letter, is District Superintendent of the Baroda District, Gujarat Conference, India, and is supported on the mission field by the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro. This is a project of that church as an Advance for Christ Special. The Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences having been contributing to the support of various Advance Specials in the Gujarat Conference during the past quadrennium and it is hoped will continue during the 1952-56 period.

time a Christian jatra on its banks, and the word of the living God and of His Son Jesus being preached there. At almost every meeting a number of Hindus were in attendance.

Mr. Seamands pointed out that we were not there to ask for revival for someone else, but to find it for ourselves, missionaries, circuit pastors, preachers, teachers, students. Those who attended found that the words of both the speakers seemed to apply directly to their sins and attitudes and negligence in proclaiming the word of God. Many resolved that henceforth they would do that to which Christ had called them. Many of these things were revealed in the testimonial meeting the last evening. One man confessed that he had been in the work mostly for the money. "From now on I will preach for the glory of God." One man said, "I always used to ask Christ's guidance in everything, but lately I have thought I was too busy to pray, and I've found life hard. From now on I'm always going to do my work only with Christ." One missionary said "Since coming to India I've found my spiritual life going backward instead of forward, temper becoming shorter, and life having less joy. I've found here that I'll have to take more time for prayer if I am going to be able to make any contribution." One woman offered to become a Bible woman.

We hope to make this an annual jatra, to make it conference-wide, and to have it for laymen, as well as ministers. God has richly blessed us.

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## JURISDICTIONAL LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

Nashville Tenn.—Theme for the two jurisdictional leadership schools promoted by the Department of Leadership Education, General Board of Education, to be held this summer, will be "The Bible in Christian Education," it has been announced by the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the department.

The theme is in harmony with the celebration this year of the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible by the National Council of Churches.

Co-sponsored by the South Central and Southeastern jurisdictions, the schools will be held at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, July 21 - August 1, and at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, August 4 - 15.

At each school Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Board's Division of the Local Church, will deliver the address, "Christian Education in the Future." Also, each school will consist of general and laboratory sections and will feature a town-hall meeting with the Rev. Walter Towner, of the Local Church Division staff, serving as moderator.

Program features with emphasis upon the Bible at the South Central school at Mt. Sequoyah, include an address, "The Bible the Church School Teacher's Textbook," by Dr. C. A. Bowen, executive secretary of the Editorial Division of the General Board, who will also lead an interest group on "The Bible in Methodist Materials." Dr. Ernest W. Saunders, of the faculty of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois, will deliver two evening addresses on the Bible in Christian education and will conduct a week's course on "Bible Backgrounds for Children's Workers."

Also scheduled for the Mt. Sequoyah school are two one-week courses on Bible themes. They are: "Interpreting the Bible to Youth" taught by the Rev. Irvin McDonough of the Leadership Education department staff, and "Using the Bible in Teaching Adults," taught by Mrs. Howard Grimes, specialist in audio-visual resources, Dallas, Texas.

Of outstanding interest will be two courses offered during both weeks of the Mt. Sequoyah school—"Major Issues in Christian Education" conducted by Dr. Donald M. Maynard, of the Boston University faculty, and "The Church and State in America" led by Mr. Claud D. Nelson, of the staff of the National Council of Churches.

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## YOUTH CARAVAN IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

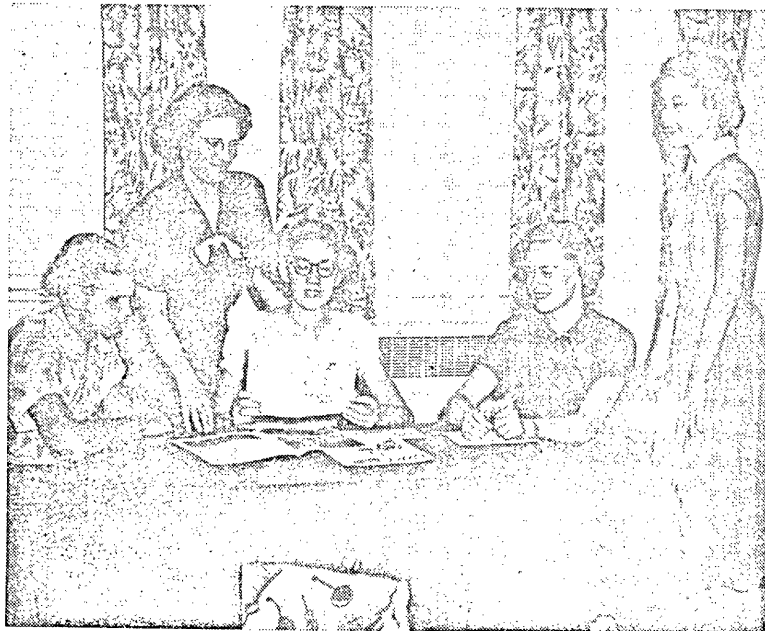
From left to right: Bobby Joe Dennis, Miss Jessie Mae Stell, Karlene Cason, Peggy Holland, and Dorothy Smith.

Bobby Joe Dennis is from Troy, North Carolina and is a ministerial student in High Point College. Bobby Joe has been a leader in the M. Y. F. program of his local church and in the activities of the college campus. He will serve as resource person in the area of worship for the senior group.

Miss Jessie Mae Stell, the adult counselor, is from Delight, Arkansas, and is an active worker in the youth program both of her local church, and the district. Teaching is her profession.

Karlene Cason is from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is doing her college work at Oklahoma A & M. She has served as editor of the Wesley Foundation Newspaper, as president of the M. Y. F. in her home church, and as assistant sponsor of both the intermediate and senior groups of her local church. She will be resource person in the area of Missions and World Friendship, with special responsibility for the older youth group. She plans to be a home economics instructor.

Peggy Holland is a neighbor from Minden, Louisiana. Peggy is a student in Southern Methodist University where she has been



active in the student movement, and in other campus activities. She has been a leader of the youth group in her local church where she has served as M. Y. F. president and as a Church school teacher. She will serve as resource person in the area of recreation with special responsibility for the intermediates. Her vocation is to be that of a director of Christian education.

Dorothy June Suttle is from Goliad, Texas. She, too, is a student in Southern Methodist University where she is studying

for the teaching profession. She has served as president and secretary of her local M. Y. F. Her Caravan responsibility will be with intermediates in the area of Community Service.

Schedule of the team is as follows: July 5-11, Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs. July 14-18, Camp Aldersgate for Fellowship Team Laboratory. July 19-25, First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff. July 26-Aug. 1, Highland Methodist Church, Little Rock. Aug. 2-8, First Methodist Church, Magnolia.

## ATTENDS NA CHILDREN'S WORKERS CONFERENCE

The following persons attended the North Arkansas Children's Workers' Conference, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, June 17-19, 1952:

Mrs. J. A. Gatiin, Conway First Church; Mrs. E. O. Newson, Fort Smith, Goddard Memorial; Mrs. H. L. Clark, Conway First Church; Mrs. C. C. Boen, Conway First Church; Miss Vera Rush, Evening Shade; Miss Cora Lou Barnett, Evening Shade; Mrs. J. C. Eaton, Conway, First Church; Mrs. A. R. Hixson, Conway First Church; Mrs. B. A. Hodges, Conway First Church; Mrs. Maurice Webb, Vilonia; Mrs. Doyce Henry, Salem, Conway; Mrs. A. J. Irons, Conway, Salem; Mrs. George Reeves, Conway, Salem; Mrs. Grady Mathis, North Little Rock First Church; Mrs. C. L. Nations, North Little Rock First Church; Mrs. Charles Berger, North Little Rock First Church; Mrs. Charles Hart, North Little Rock First Church; Mrs. Randall Steward, North Little Rock First Church;

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## SENIOR ADULT ASSEMBLY

The two Conferences in Arkansas are again joining in the sponsoring of a Senior Adult Assembly, at Hendrix College, July 14-16. This assembly is planned for those of retirement age, 65 and above, and is designed to help our honored seniors find their place in the church and the type of service they can best render.

The Assembly is fortunate in having Miss Virginia Stafford who is in charge of this program for the entire church, as the General Board leader. Miss Stafford is admirably fitted for this type of work, and those attending will find association with her to be worth the trip to the Assembly. It will be a most rewarding experience for those who are able to attend. The Assembly will begin with registration Monday afternoon, July 14 and will close at noon on Wednesday the 16th.

—Roy E. Fawcett

Progress is usually based on an honest philosophy of life.—Ex.

## YOUTH CARAVAN NOW IN LOUISIANA

A Methodist Youth Caravan is now busy at work in an itenary in the Louisiana Annual Conference, according to an announcement by Rev. Bentley Sloane, Conference Executive Secretary. The Caravan under the direction of Miss Eloise Mounger of Oakdale, Counselor, received its training at Abilene, Texas.

The Caravan was at Harmony Chapel, Duback, last week, June 28-July 4, and has been working at the First Methodist Church, Monroe, July 5-11. The schedule for the rest of its program includes Winfield, July 12-18; Iowa, July 19-25; Blackwater, July 25-August 1; Elysian Fields, New Orleans, August 2-8.

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## OXNAM PLEDGES FIGHT FOR MORALITY IN WASHINGTON

**M**ETHODIST BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM said in New York that he will make the voice of "America's largest Protestant denomination" heard in Washington for peace, morality and political righteousness. Bishop Oxnam made the pledge at a dinner in his honor attended by more than 600 persons. It was his farewell message to the New York Area Methodist constituency before leaving for the nation's capital where he will have charge of the Washington Area. The bishop expressed hope of making "creative contributions" to Washington thought and life by reaffirming that "no nation can long endure without a firm moral foundation."

Referring to the need for greater political morality, Bishop Oxnam urged church laymen to engage in a "mission of transformation" by "penetrating" city and national administrations from within. Bishop Oxnam recently was assigned by the Methodist Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference to serve the Washington Area. He replaces Bishop Charles Wesley Flint, who is retiring. The Conference, at its quadrennial meeting in Harrisburg, Pa., consecrated Dr. Frederick B. Newell as new bishop of the New York Area.

### Czech Government Official Calls Churchgoers 'Traitors'

A new campaign against religious groups in Czechoslovakia was foreshadowed by Information Minister Vaclav Kopecky in an address which labeled churchgoers "traitors" and "simpletons." The address made to the opening session of a congress for "spreading political and scientific knowledge," was reported in the official Czech Communist newspaper Rude Pravo. According to the newspapers, the Communist leader called most churchgoers "traitors," and added: "We shall not hesitate to punish these traitors and to trample on the so-called sacred ground of churches and monasteries to smoke them out of their dark holes." Mr. Kopecky referred decisively to people "who make the sign of the cross in place of the fascist salute."

### Stresses 'Critical' Shortage Of Churches In U. S.

The United States is experiencing "the most critical shortage of churches in its history," the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches was told at its biennial meeting at Claremont, Cal. "Judging by current standards of accessibility, more people in America are today beyond the reach of existing churches than ever before," Dr. Truman B. Douglass of New York, executive vice-president of the denomination's Board of Home Missions, said. He attributed the shortage of churches in part to the growth of population, and to migration to newly-settled communities. "A new city of seventy-five hundred

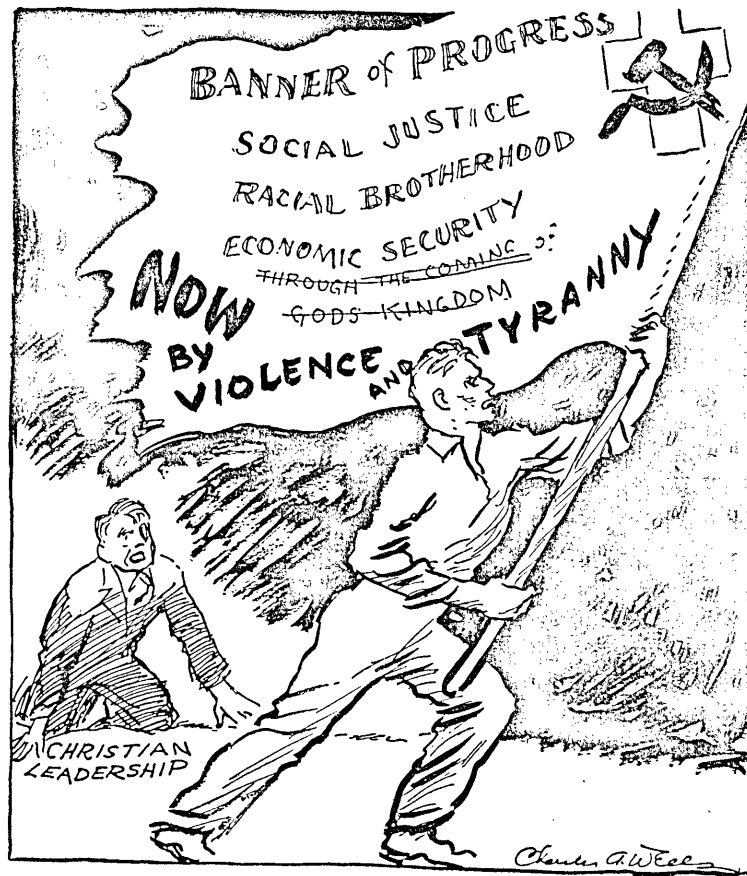
people every twenty-four hours—that is the magnitude of the expansive thrust of this nation's life," he said.

### Rules Church Chimes May Not Be Banned

The tower chimes of churches may not legally be banned by cities in regulating or prohibiting the use of public address systems that emit "loud and raucous" noises, Assistant Attorney General John B. Browning ruled at Frankfort, Ky. To be valid, such ordinances must establish that the "loud and raucous" noises disturb, annoy or distract persons so as to constitute a "nuisance," Mr. Browning said. A Central City, Ky., ordinance banned the use of any loud speaker system. The ordinance was used against members of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers District 50, which sought to unionize store clerks in Central City. In turn, labor organizers claimed that the chimes of First Baptist Church, of which the Rev. Francis R. Tallant is pastor, constituted a violation of the anti-noise ordinance. Mr. Tallant then submitted the question to the state attorney general's office.

### Methodist Conference Admits Chinese, Korean Churches

Chinese and Korean Methodist churches of the Southland were received formally into the Southern California-Arizona Conference at its annual meeting here in a new step breaking down the pattern of segregation in the denomination. The California Oriental Provisional Conference, under which these churches have been gathered, was dissolved formally during a meeting at Oakland in May. This action followed passage of an enabling act by the denomination's 1948 General Conference. Fourteen West Coast churches are affected by the move, 11 joining the California-Nevada Conference, one the Pacific Northwest Conference, and the other two the Southern California-Arizona Conference. The Rev. Wun Bew Wong is pastor of the Chinese Methodist Church, Los Angeles, and the Rev. Henry C. Oh is pastor of the Korean Methodist church in the same city.



We are losing much ground in our struggle with communism because we will not face the nature of the Marxist appeal. In plain words, they take what we urge as the ultimate aims of God's kingdom—and which we often do little in a practical way to accomplish—but they offer to fulfill these aims here and now. However, human society cannot be changed so quickly and unalterably without violence, oppression and tyranny, so the Communists freely admit the use of these forces. We make much of their evil excesses but often dodge the fact that their basic promise is but a distortion of the aims and promises emblazoned on our banners. To meet their violence with more violence, their tyranny with the surrender of our freedom to military extremism and political fanaticism, will bring us no victory. Inasmuch as we devote ourselves to the fulfillment of God's kingdom here and now, we snatch the banner of leadership back from their hands.

### Ecumenical Work Camps Planned In Japan

American college students will join young Christians of the Philippines, Korea and China this summer in five ecumenical work camps to be conducted on the Japanese home islands. A total of 150 college youth from the five countries will engage in the project, it was announced here by the Youth Commission of the National Christian Council. In addition, high school work camps will be held in two areas, a "Youth in Industry" project will be carried out in Tokyo, and youth caravans will travel in two areas visiting local churches, aiding vacation Bible schools, holding evangelistic meetings and directing recreation. The Rev. William Des Autels, Methodist missionary who is directing these activities for the Youth Commission, said that three students from the U. S. would participate in the college work camps and American missionaries here would join them. Ten American students of high school age, he said, also are coming to observe the high school operations and other young people's activities in Japan.

### Louisiana Bill Seeks Registration Of Clergy

Here's what happens when ministers don't write plainly. The Louisiana House of Representatives has unanimously approved a bill which would require all ministers who perform marriage ceremonies to register with parish clerks of courts. In New Orleans ministers would register with the city health department. Rep. Albert Keorie of New Orleans told the House that the state health board asked for the law because it receives over 100 marriage certificates a month with the names of the officiating clergymen illegible. "The board doesn't know how to locate them", he said.

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ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### MAMA DUCK'S RETURN

One day while Papa and Mama Duck were swimming in their little pond Mama Duck suddenly hopped out onto the grass and went waddling down the lane and slipped through a crack in the fence that Papa Duck didn't even know was there. She went just as fast as her little short legs would carry her towards the house out of which Janice always came to feed them. Papa Duck all but had a fit because he and Mama Duck had never been on that side of the fence before. "Quack, quack; you'd better come back; quack, quack, you'd better come back" he called, but Mama Duck didn't pay a speck of attention to him. She went straight up under the house and stayed quite a while. "I'll jump into the pond," said Papa Duck to himself, "and then she'll come; she always wants to race me across the pond," but he had to wait for her this time.

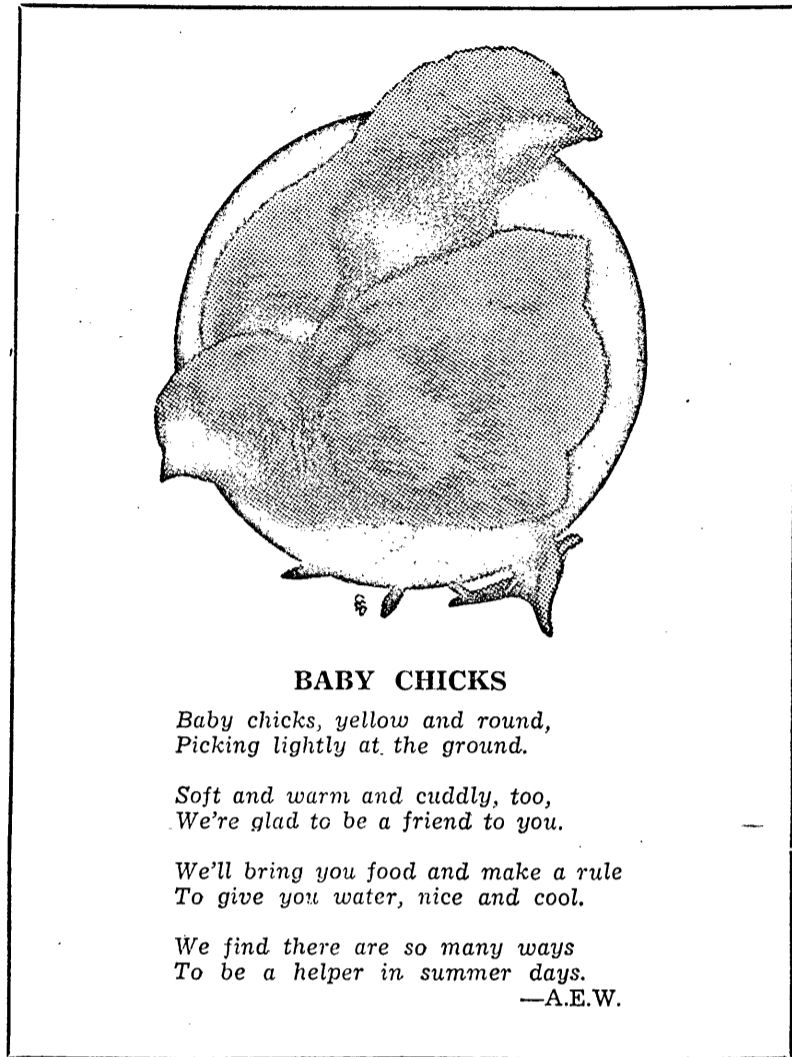
When Mama Duck finally came, Papa Duck said, "Where have you been and why did you run away?" "I'll just let you guess," said Mama Duck.

Every day for more than a week Mama Duck acted just the very same way and Papa Duck was about to become angry because she wouldn't tell him why. "Janice hasn't missed feeding us a single time since we came to live with her, and she always keeps fresh water in our pond for us, and now it is time for us to show her that we love her for being so kind to us," said Mama Duck. Papa Duck laughed because he felt sure he knew now why when Janice came with their feed she couldn't find Mama Duck anywhere, and Papa Duck wouldn't tell her a thing because Doggy Woggy always came with Janice at feeding time and Papa Duck sure didn't want Doggy Woggy to know one thing about Mama Duck's business. "Doggy Woggy might take all of the fun out of the surprise gift that Mama Duck had for Janice if he knew about it," he said.

Janice and her parents decided that sly Mr. Foxy-Woxy had caught Mama Duck and made a dinner out of her and they were plenty angry with Mr. Foxy-Woxy even though they never had seen him.

Many days went by, then one

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### BABY CHICKS

*Baby chicks, yellow and round,  
Picking lightly at the ground.*

*Soft and warm and cuddly, too,  
We're glad to be a friend to you.*

*We'll bring you food and make a rule  
To give you water, nice and cool.*

*We find there are so many ways  
To be a helper in summer days.*  
—A.E.W.

morning when Janice carried feed to Papa Duck she let out such a scream her parents almost turned somersaults (tumble-seats) getting to the pond because they felt sure a big snake had Janice. When they reached the pond there stood Janice gazing down into the water, clapping her little hands and laughing like all forties, and what do you think she was laughing about? Well, I'll tell you. There in the water was Papa Duck, Mama Duck herself, and ten of the cutest little baby duckies you ever saw, and they were all taking their baths. Mama Duck had put her precious eggs way up under Janice's house where nothing could harm them and then she had hatched the ten darling baby duckies to be Janice's own pets because Mama Duck knew that no one would be kinder to them than Janice would. Janice was about the happiest little girl in all the world and Mama Duck and Papa Duck were plenty proud of their baby duckies too.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

## JUST FOR FUN

A small boy came home from school one day proudly exhibiting a book, which he said he had won for accuracy in natural history.

"However did you do that?" asked his mother.

"The teacher asked how many legs an ostrich had and I said three."

"But an ostrich only has two legs," his mother replied.

"Well, all the rest of the class said four."—Balance Sheet.

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The young bride announced to the grocer, "I want to buy some oysters."

"Large or small, madam?" he asked.

Faced with an unexpected decision, she studied a moment. "Well," she reasoned, "they're for a man with a size 15 collar."—Ohio Motorist.

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A man bought a canary from a pet shop. You're sure this bird can sing?" he asked suspiciously.

"He's a grand singer," said the

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### NECK AND EARS

*Richard Reed at the end of day  
Washes his hands when he comes  
from play.*

*He washes his neck and he  
washes his face*

*And his ears that are in such a  
troublesome place.*

*And he moans, "Oh, dear! I really  
wish*

*That I weren't a boy, but a little  
fish!*

*If I lived in the river and bathed  
all day*

*I needn't wash when I come from  
play!"*

*And never once does it enter his  
mind*

*That he might have ears of the  
elephant kind;*

*And never once does he chuckle  
and laugh*

*That he hasn't a neck like a long  
giraffe.—Eleanor Hammond in  
Ex.*

### THE BOY WHO LAUGHS

*I know a funny little boy—  
The funniest ever born:  
His face is like a beam of joy,  
Although his clothes are torn.*

*I saw him tumble on his nose,  
And waited for a groan—  
But how he laughed! Do you sup-  
pose  
He struck his funny bone?*

*There's sunshine in each word he  
speaks:  
His laugh is something grand;  
Its ripples overrun his cheeks  
Like waves on snowy sand.*

*He laughs the moment he awakes,  
And till the day is done;  
The schoolroom for a joke he  
takes—  
The lessons are but fun.*

*No matter how the day may go,  
You cannot make him cry:  
He worth a dozen boys I know,  
Who pout and mope and sigh.*

—Wide Awake

proprietor.

The customer left. A week later he reappeared. "Say! This bird you sold me is lame."

"Well, what do you want—a singer or a dancer?"

\* \* \* \*

"What did you give the baby on his first birthday?"

"We opened his piggy bank and gave him an electric iron."—Manchester Oak Leaves

ARKANSAS METHODIST

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### Fayetteville

The Executive Board of the Fayetteville District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. Lillian Fountain in Sulphur Springs with every member present. Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, president, called the meeting to order and Mrs. R. K. Bent led the opening prayer.

Three new members were introduced: Mrs. Hubert Pearce, Secretary of Supplies; Mrs. M. L. Austin, Missionary Education; and Mrs. Lillian Holt, Christian Social Relations.

Mrs. D. N. Misenheimer brought greetings from her sister, Pearle McCain, at Seiwa College, Japan. Mrs. W. F. Cooley led the prayer for all of the North Arkansas missionaries.

Mrs. Bessie Andrew, Secretary of Promotion, reported 100% reporting and the organization of two new societies at Morrow and Presley's Chapel, making a total of 33 societies in the district. A net gain in membership of 200 for the year was reported.

Mrs. Sam McNair, treasurer, reported \$9,284.46 sent to the Conference on a pledge of \$8,000.

Miss Betty Letzig, Deaconess, told of the twelve area meetings held recently to explain the work and goals for the next quadrennium, with inspiration not only to the 265 members and the 75 officers who attended, but also to the seven district officers and the deaconess who conducted the meeting. Mrs. Bent and Mrs. Andrew attended each meeting.

Plans were made to attend the schools of missions during the summer.

A delicious luncheon was served by Dr. Fountain's mother and sister.—Mrs. D. N. Misenheimer.

### Fort Smith

The Fort Smith District Woman's Society of Christian Service held its first Board meeting of the conference year at First Church, Fort Smith, June 4 with Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, President, presiding.

Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Spiritual Life Secretary, led the devotional, on the theme, "That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized."

The new officers, Mrs. Donald Poe, Vice President, Mrs. Sam Roberts, Christian Social Relations, Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Spiritual Life, and Mrs. Arrie Dickerson, Status of Women, were introduced.

After the work of the District Caravan was discussed, Mrs. Chambliss announced that the

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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE W. S. C. S. FINANCIAL REPORT—June 1, 1951-May 31, 1952

RECEIPTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.
Pledges to Mission	\$38,742.93	\$ 8,890.90
Special Memberships	3,945.00	910.00
Missionary Projects	2,015.09	442.13
World Federation	34.81	1.80
Children-Gift to Missions	105.49	
In Remembrance		
Gifts	301.00	
	45,144.32	10,244.83
Total Credit on Appropriations	\$55,389.15	
Narcotic Education	836.65	159.96
Week of Prayer	3,577.82	591.55
Membership Pins	41.50	3.25
Supplies	6,537.42	620.00
Refund	45.00	
District Scholarship	10.00	
Exchange	18.30	
Morris Scholarship		50.00
	11,116.69	1,424.76
		12,541.45
Total Received from District Treasurers		67,830.60
OTHER RECEIPTS		
Methodist Youth Fund	907.77	
Car Payments	450.25	
History Books	8.50	
Membership Pins	8.50	
In Remembrance		
Gifts	10.00	
School of Missions	76.28	
W.S.G. collection at Conference	287.50	
W.S.C.S. collection at Conference	431.60	
Gift for Supplies	500.00	
		2,680.40
Total Receipts for Year	70,611.00	
Add balance June 1, 1951	12,849.21	
Cash to be accounted for	\$83,460.21	
DISBURSEMENTS TO DIVISION		
Pledges to Missions	\$34,678.84	\$ 8,210.37
Special Memberships	4,015.00	1,180.00
Missionary Projects	2,015.09	523.83
World Federation	44.81	1.80
In Remembrance		
Gifts	311.00	
Meth. Youth Fund	907.77	
Children—Gifts to Mission	105.49	
	42,078.00	9,916.00
Total Credit on Appropriations		51,994.00
Cash Supplies	6,373.58	
Week of Prayer	4,169.37	
Norris Scholarship	50.00	
Membership Pins	20.25	
Division Cultivation	35.48	
Bonding of Treasurers	42.93	
		10,691.61
Total sent to Division		62,685.61
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS		
Narcotic Education	1,000.00	
Town & Country		
Commission	750.00	
Conf. Youth Work	100.00	
Ark. Legislative League	29.00	
Ark. Council Church Women	25.00	
Booneville Project	75.00	
Workers Car Expense	2,800.23	
Administrative	4,908.23	
Miscellaneous	1,151.18	
		10,838.64
Total Disbursements	73,524.25	
Add balance May 31, 1952	9,935.96	
Cash accounted for	\$83,460.21	
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS		
BATESVILLE DISTRICT: Memorial: Mrs. E. R. Kelly, Newport 1st Church. Adult: Mrs. Jessie Williams, Mrs. Gay Lacy Sr., Mrs. Paul Webb, Newport 1st Ch.; Mrs. Dora Kaylor, Newport Umsted; Mrs. Mamie Russell, Calico Rock; Mrs. J. E. Linam, Swifton. Youth: Kathryn Graham, Mary Ann Penix, Penny Mahle, Nancy Jo Williams, Peggy Bogle, Gretta Ann Barret, Nancy McDonald, Mary Ella Coe, Billie Zoe Billingsly, Mildred Jarvis, Newport 1st Ch. Baby: Ed Freeman Travis, James Reid Holden, Newport 1st Ch.; James Bernard Hinkle, Pamela Cassey, Batesville 1st Ch.		

## NEWS IN BRIEF

The Zachary Woman's Society completed its study on The Book of Acts, having given it at the M.Y.F. hour on Sunday afternoons to enable the young people of the church to take part in it.

Instructors were: Rev. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge, Mrs. John Piker, Mrs. N. B. Evans, Mrs. T. L. James, and the local pastor, Rev. J. F. Stone. Mrs. A. W. Monteguda, Sr., Spiritual Life Secretary, was in charge of the study.

Mrs. Edwin Buckalew was installed as president of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, Society; she will be assisted by a full slate of officers.

Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Byrd, and their children, Ann, Pat and Bob, were honored at a reception given June 8 by the Woman's Society of the University Church, Lake Charles. Mrs. William Leake and Mrs. Fred Knispel presided at the punch services.

Mrs. W. W. Paxton talked of her trip to Cuba, and her visits to the institutions of the Woman's Division, at the meeting June 19 of the Sager Brown Circle of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles.

Officers Training Day was held in Dell for Area 1 on Thursday, May 29, and for Area 2 in Tyronza on Friday June 6 with 177 women representing 40 churches in attendance. After short devotionals, Mrs. Wm. Hickox, President of Jonesboro District W.S.C.S. presided and introduced speakers presenting the Quadrennial Goals 1925-56. Mrs. W. M. Womack—Spiritual Growth; Mrs. Geo. Disinger—Widening Fellowship, Mrs. Olin Shockley—A World Church, Mrs. H. L. Mills—Peace, and Miss Mildred Osment—Missions. Mrs. Elmus Brown talked briefly on "General Statement of Plans" and led the "Covenant of Discipleship".

The afternoon session was opened with roll call by societies. The secretaries of the various lines of work presented her line of work and conducted work shops.

tribut W.S.G. Youth: Nancy Nickles, Walnut Ridge. Baby: Laura Ann Connell, Sarah Lynn Kirk, Paragould 1st Church.

SEARCY DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. K. L. Davenport, Clinton; Miss Ethel Jones, Harrison W.S.G.; Miss Helen Stephens, Searcy District W.S.G. Baby: Barbara Jean Bull; Gail Meyers, McRae; Betty Ann Akers, Harrison.

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## NEW PERRYVILLE-PERRY PASTOR RECEIVED

Members of the Perryville Methodist church were hosts at a family-night supper last Thursday evening honoring the Rev. and Mrs. K. K. Carithers, new pastors of the Perryville-Perry churches.

Also in attendance were members of the Perryville Baptist church and their pastor, the Rev. P. C. Church, and Mrs. Church.

The supper, and a brief program of welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Carithers, was held in the educational building which is undergoing extensive remodeling and redecorating. An estimate showed that practically every Methodist family in Perryville was represented at the supper.

The Rev. and Mrs. Carithers were assigned to Perryville at

the recent session of the North Arkansas Conference after transferring from the Camden District of the Little Rock Conference. They had previously served the Marysville-Fredonia Circuit, making their home at Mt. Holly.

For the first time in many years Perryville has a resident Methodist pastor, the result of a greatly expanded program in the church. The Rev. and Mrs. Carithers plan regular services in Perryville, with services on two or more Sundays each month in Perry.

The parsonage in Perry will be occupied by a student in Hendrix College who will serve the Perry county Circuit, in cooperation with the Rev. and Mrs. Carithers. That circuit is composed of the Houston, Bigelow, Adona and Casa churches.—Reporter

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Be it resolved that we as members of the courtesy committee in behalf of the North Arkansas Conference of children's workers, express our sincere appreciation and thanks for the privileges and courtesies extended us during our stay on the Hendrix campus.

We thank all of those who have had a part in making our school a success. We especially wish to thank Dr. Ellis of Hendrix College for the use of the campus, the classrooms, the lovely chapel and Galloway Hall;

Mrs. Hulen and her helpers for the delicious meals that have been served us;

Mrs. Sadler, Mrs. Engstrom and Miss Ann Terrell for their help in making our stay enjoyable and pleasant;

Mrs. Gatlin, Mrs. Davis and other Conway workers for the cooling refreshments served in the evenings;

Judge Camille Kelley for her entertaining and helpful message; Miss Sarah Bagley, Mrs. Wooten, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. Winters, Miss Miller and Miss Gogardus for their inspirational leadership and guidance;

Miss Elizabeth Workman for her instructions of games for children;

Mr. Joe Fleming for his rendition of lovely and uplifting organ music;

Dr. and Mrs. Brumley for their untiring efforts in planning this conference in order to make it one of the best schools that we have had.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Gibbs  
Mrs. Lanier  
Mrs. Conyers  
Mrs. Whitmore

Courtesy Committee of N. Ark. Children's Workers Conference

## CROSSETT TO HOLD BI-CENTENNIAL SERVICE

The Crossett Methodist Church will hold a bi-centennial service in celebration of its fiftieth (50th) anniversary on Sunday, July 13.

A committee of churchmembers met Monday to make plans for this "home coming" event which is expected to attract all the living pastors, churchmembers, and friends. The church was founded in 1902, early in the history of the town of Crossett.

The bi-centennial service will begin at 9:45 a. m. and last through a big part of the day. After the 11:00 service there will be a dinner on the ground followed by a songfest in the afternoon.

The W.S.C.S. ladies will prepare the food, and the members of the Men's Bible Class will act as hosts and serve.

Several hundred out-of-town Methodists are expected to attend this celebration and to visit with their former friends and pastors.

According to Rev. Dan Robinson, current pastor of the Crossett Methodist Church, Bishop Paul E. Martin will be the principal speaker of the occasion.

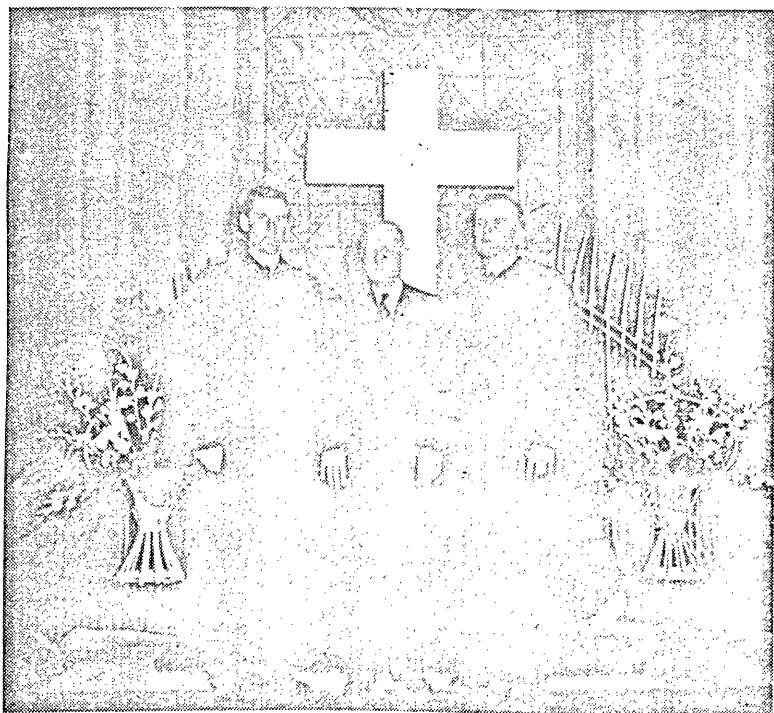
## BATESVILLE DISTRICT PREACHERS MEET

The ministers of the Batesville District met June 24 in the First Methodist Church, Batesville with Rev. R. E. Connell, new District Superintendent, in charge.

Items of business considered by the group included the World Service and Conference Benevolence program, other connectional financial items, the pastors' school, the Senior Camp at Wayland Springs, July 21-25, the Conference Group Insurance program, and the first District Set-Up Meeting scheduled for July 14, at 7:00 p. m. Following this latter meeting a reception is planned for Rev. and Mrs. Connell and new ministers and wives in the district.

In his opening remarks Brother Connell stated that "Every minister should have a vision of the scope of the church and its work in building the Kingdom of God. The Church is not receding. It is advancing. It recedes only where we are forced to do so by world conditions. Even so it is expanding much more than receding. Business and industry are going forward. The Church too must go forward. This calls for additional outlays in both financial and spiritual resources. In the past Methodist people have risen to the challenge and I feel confident they will in the future."—H. W. Jinske

## BISHOP WATTS PRESENTED BY TWO SONS FOR CONSECRATION



Pictured above is Bishop H. Bascum Watts with his son (left) Rev. Ewart Watts, pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church, El Paso, Texas, and his son-in-law, Rev. Sterling F. Wheeler, Director of Wesley Foundation, U. of Texas, Austin, Texas. Rev. Mr. Whittler is the husband of the former Miss Dorothy Dell Watts, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Watts. Bishop Watts was pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, 1936-39, being appointed to the Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, in 1939, where he served until June, 1951, when he became District Superintendent of the Tulsa District. Bishop Watts' son and son-in-law were the sponsoring elders at the

consecration service in Wichita, Sunday evening, June 29, when Bishop Watts was consecrated a Bishop of The Methodist Church.

Bishop and Mrs. Watts will reside in Lincoln, Nebraska, which will be the seat of the newly created Nebraska Area of the South Central Jurisdiction. Bishop Watts' first official act as a Bishop was to fill the pulpit of Asbury Methodist Church, in El Paso, where his son is pastor.

Complete '51 figures are not yet available but it is expected that nation's industrial loss in wages, accidents and cost of institutional care and support due to liquor will exceed \$1.4 billion in '51.—Survey Bulletin

## NEW PINE BLUFF CHURCH BEGINS PROGRAM

The newly organized Wesley Methodist Church held its initial services Sunday June 22nd with good crowds in attendance at all services; according to the pastor, Rev. Winslow Brown.

Services are being held each Sunday under the beautiful grove of trees on our building site at 31st and Hazel streets in Pine Bluff. It is hoped that actual construction of the first unit will begin in the near future.

A series of revival services in conjunction with a Vacation Church School began Sunday, July 6th. The Reverend Louis Averitt of Fordyce is doing the preaching. The Reverend J. C. Van Horn of Tillar is leading the singing.—Reporter



"Along A Country Road"

## The Town and Country Commission

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Mr. Lester Hutchins,  
Vice-President  
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Secretary

Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary



### COMMISSION EXPANDS PROGRAM FOR NEW YEAR

By action of the Annual Conference the Town and Country program will go forward to greater fields of service during the coming year. The responsibility of the Commission during the past few years has been largely in promotion of work in special mission projects and in the cooperative program in natural areas also promotion of cooperation among agencies working toward the betterment of community life. This approach to our work has been given special emphasis during the past two years with the additional emphasis placed upon lifting the total church life and special charges over the Conference assigned by District Superintendents. This has proved in most cases a very splendid way to strengthen our Churches in rural areas. That program will be continued this year. Also, the annual meeting of the Town and Country Commission on the Hendrix Campus and a joint meeting of the Commission and the Pre-Theological fellowship will be held again this year. The annual Town and Country Convocation will also be on the calendar. The Commission has been invited to meet at Gassville in Baxter County. One of the highlights of the meeting will be the recognition of the pastors who have been produced in this county which will include some of the outstanding leaders of our Church.

The close cooperation of other boards and agencies will again prevail in the work of the commission. In addition to this large area of service we have been given the high privilege by the Annual Conference of a closer contact with student pastors with a special reference to serving as contact officer for the seminary and ministerial students who wish to continue their studies. In this new effort we hope to make contacts easier for the ministerial student, cabinet and seminary and encourage them to return for continued service in the great field of the North Arkansas Conference.

Through the courtesy of Hendrix College we have had additional office space assigned in order that we may enlarge the service rendered the student pastors on the Campus. In co-

operation with the Department of Religion, headed by Rev. James S. Upton, we have begun counseling in field service which includes preparing a weekly bulletin service for the student pastors. The larger room assigned will be the workshop for student pastors. In addition to the bulletin service we plan this year to add a film service through which student pastors may have advantage of great films on church music, stewardship and other relative interests of the Church. This will bring a greater inspiration to the rural churches in this area. One of the greatest experiences of the Secretary of the Commission is the fellowship with the faculty and students at Hendrix.

With a continual development of our parish program and the undergirding of our rural churches there will be greater incentive on the part of our young men to return to us. In the building of the church life in the country there will be greater inducement on the part of other fine young leaders in agriculture, education, medicine and other fields to find their life work in these great areas of our state.

The Secretary of the Town and Country Commission urges the support of all of our people during this quadrennium in the great program laid out by the General Conference which is a program left in the hands of local churches, Districts and Annual Conferences. Already there is a fine spirit of cooperation and vital interest on the part of many. It is indeed a great and grave responsibility to be the director of the rural church program of our Conference. It is the deep and earnest prayer of his heart that all ministers and laymen of all Districts and Charges of the Annual Conference will stand back of this great program that we may serve our Heavenly Father in the finest and best way possible. With deep joy and anticipation we face the new year and the new Quadrennium. —J. Albert Gatlin

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### NEW CHAPEL AT HUNTER

A beautiful new chapel within the present building of the Hunter Methodist Church, Little Rock, has been completed and was dedicated with appropriate services Sunday evening, June 29, by the pastor, Rev. Fred L. Arnold. The chapel was dedicated in memory of deceased members of the church.

The project was first begun by the Hunter W. S. C. S., but most every organization within the Hunter Church contributed gifts and work to complete it. The altar cloth and pads, Bible, Sallman's picture "Christ Knocking at The Door," and other articles were among the special gifts presented. A pulpit was built and presented by several men of the church.

### REPORT ON WORK AT SANITORIUM

Throughout the past year I have experienced joy because souls have been won to the Lord through my ministry almost every week. These converts were instructed and also admonished to unite with the church of their choice. Quite a number have affiliated with the Methodist Church.

I have had wonderful co-operation from the staff, employees and patients as well as from churches of both Conference the past year.

It has been a privilege to enter into the sorrows, loneliness, problems, needs and suffering as well as the blessings and victories of the patients. These people desire friendship, understanding, sympathy and help. They are worthy of the best one can give them. The Lord has been gracious to me and the Bishop's Cabinet kind in making it possible for me to give all of my time and effort.

A number of services are conducted by the chaplain. Regular services include the Sunday School classes, vesper hours, church service in the Masonic

### FORREST CITY DISTRICT MINISTER'S WIVES ELECT OFFICERS

Mrs. J. C. Wilcox, Brinkley, was elected President of the Minister's Wives Fellowship Club of the Forrest City District when the group met Monday, June 23 at the District Parsonage in Forrest City. Mrs. G. A. McKelvey, Earle, was elected vice-president, and Mrs. W. O. Scroggins, Marianna, was named as secretary-treasurer.

Rev. Ethan Dodgen, Forrest City District Superintendent, led the group in a devotional service in the First Methodist Church prior to the business session. A social hour followed the business session.

### PARSONAGE FAMILY AT MOUNTAIN VIEW HONORED

The Methodist Church of Mountain View gave Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Jinske a shower of groceries and cash Sunday evening, June 29. Prior to the presentation of the gifts an informal reception was held on the church lawn. Mrs. Walter Brewer, president of the W.S.C.S., directed the guests through the lovely parsonage which has just been reconditioned.

building with the children, employees, on the floors of Nyberg and in Brown-Sibley.

I express my gratitude for reappointment to the chaplaincy for another year. I hope to do a better job and reach more for the Master. Already a number of encouraging things and expressions have cheered me. I desire an interest in your prayers. Many sent letters, cards and packages of literature last year. Please write me often as I want to be of service at all times. Just address my mail to the State Sanatorium. Pray for us here at the Satatorium.—Bates Sturdy, Chaplain.

## ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

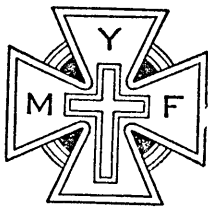
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# ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA

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## North Arkansas Holds Youth Assembly

**T**HE annual North Arkansas Conference Youth Assembly which was held on the Hendrix Campus, was attended by a near-record 181 young people. Not only the dormitories were filled but also the program of scheduled activities was overflowing. From the beginning, registration at noon on Tuesday, until the close, communion and dedication Saturday morning the group was busily engaged in worship, study, and play.

The morning classes offered instruction for a variety of interest. The afternoon interest groups were operated on a rotation basis in order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in each group. Both morning and afternoon sessions were well directed and offered to the participants much helpful instruction.

Rev. Harold Ewing, Nashville, Tenn., was available as a counselor and resource person. His knowledge of the Methodist youth program and its literature was a great aid to the entire meeting.

The inspirational speaker for the Assembly was Dr. D. L. Dykes from Fayetteville. His messages were both inspired and inspiring. His contribution to the spiritual aspect of the meeting was immeasurable. Rev. Joel Cooper, pastor at First Methodist Church in Conway, also a guest speaker, gave us a very wonderful message on belief in God.

Officers elected to serve for the year 1952-53 are as follows:

President, Jim Gossett, Burdette, Arkansas

Vice President, Nancy Smith, Helena

Secretary, Mary Wakefield, Fort Smith

Treasurer, Ann Terrell, Conway

Worship, Winnie Henderson, Harrison

Recreation, Mary McFall, Pocahontas

Stewardship, Jerry Wilson, Greenbrier

Community Service, Tommy Sims, West Memphis

Evangelism, Elmo Haney, Atkins

Missions and World Friendship, Martha Harris, Tuckerman

—Reporter



**JIM GOSSETT**  
New North Arkansas  
M. Y. F. President

### HOPE INTERMEDIATE OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

The Intermediate MYF of the First Methodist Church, Hope, installed its new officers on Sunday evening, June 22. New officers include Joe Polk, president; Pat McGill, vice-president; Marian McQueen, secretary; Carolyn Lewallen, membership chairman; Bobbie Turner, recreation chairman; and Rebecca Plumley, publicity chairman.

### WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Ouachita County Sub-District met June 16 at Mustin Lake for a swimming party and monthly meeting. 74 attended and heard talks by Miss Olivia Bradley, educational director of the Camden First Methodist Church and Gerald Fincher, Perkins School of Theology student who is serving as pastor this summer of the Westside and Timothy church, near Camden. The next sub-district meeting is scheduled for Harmony Grove on July 22. Homera Anderson, Secretary, reported for the group.

The Buffalo Island Sub-District had its June meeting at Delfore, Monday evening, June 16 with the Delfore group presenting an impressive program on "Prayer." 91 were present from Delfore, Manila, Caraway, Riverside, Leachville, St. John, and Black Oak. This sub-district is presenting a ping-pong set to the

### ATTENDS NA CHILDREN'S WORKERS CONFERENCE

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Mrs. Oscar Goss, North Little Rock, Gardner; Mrs. R. J. Goss, North Little Rock, Gardner; Rev. Irl Bridenthal, North Little Rock, Gardner; Miss Elizabeth Workman, Conway First Church; Miss Lula Doyle Baird, Morrilton; Mrs. W. I. VanPelt, North Little Rock, Washington Avenue; Rev. I. L. Claud, North Little Rock, Washington Avenue; Mrs. Gale Walters, North Little Rock, Washington Avenue; Miss Berdie Ross, North Little Rock, Washington Avenue; Mrs. Ralph Hammond, North Little Rock, Washington Avenue; Mrs. I. L. Claud, North Little Rock, Washington Avenue; Mrs. Jane Williams, Conway First Church; Mrs. Joel Cooper Con-

Wayland Springs Camp. It was announced that the next meeting will be held at Caraway. Terry Ballard is the president, and Margaret Ann Crews reported for the group.

The Galloway - Tolleson Sub-District was the guest of the Cotton Plant MYF on June 9 when 60 young people and counselors from Holly Grove, Brinkley, Des Arc and Cotton Plant were present. The Des Arc group were visitors. Part of the program was a report of the North Arkansas Youth Assembly by Shirley Mae Gibbs, Brinkley. New officers were installed by Rev. Jesse Johnson. Robert Gibbs is the new president.

The Searcy District MYF met with the Heber Springs MYF on Monday evening, June 2 for worship, election of officers and fellowship. New officers include Cecil Lewis Alexander, Heber Springs, president; Mary Beth Cook, Searcy, vice-president; Carolyn Fryar, Beebe, secretary; Wanda Covington, Bald Knob, treasurer; Sharon Wood, Cabot, publicity chairman; and Rev. Harold Spence, Jacksonville, counselor. Churches represented in the meeting included Augusta, Antioch, Wilburn, Quitman, Heber Springs, Searcy, Beebe, Bald Knob, Cabot, and Jacksonville. The Heber Springs group had charge of the program. The district organization will meet this month in Searcy.

The Grand Prairie Sub-District had its May meeting with the Des Arc Methodist Youth Fellowship with Carlisle, DeValls Bluff, New Bethel, Hamilton and Des Arc groups present. Total attendance was 67. Mike Willis, Aldersgate Camp Director, and J. Russell Henderson, District Youth Director, gave talks about Aldersgate Camp and Camp Tanako. Officers elected at the meeting for the new year included, Jane Patton, Carlisle, president; Mary Sue Gipson, Des Arc, vice-president; and Joe DeVore, Des Arc, secretary-treasurer.

way First Church; Miss Jane Pickthorne, Morrilton; Miss Sherye Sadler, Morrilton; Mrs. B. E. Whitmore, Augusta; Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., Batesville; Miss Laddonna Bogardus, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. Ralph Read, Helena; Mrs. Walter Barker, Helena; Mrs. Henry Wenzel, Helena; Mrs. Dick Leavitt, Fort Smith First Church; Mrs. Victor Manchaca, Fort Smith First Church; Miss LaVaughan Johnston, Pangburn; Miss Pat Henderson, Pangburn; Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson, Memphis; Miss Helen Hetherington, Jonesboro First Church; Mrs. H. D. Castleberry, Jonesboro First Church; Mrs. Neal Little, Jonesboro First Church; Miss Shirley Barton, Tyroneza.

Mrs. Ward C. Glenn, Rogers, Central Church; Mrs. Thomas R. Whiddon, Lincoln; Mrs. E. J. Blanchfill, Lincoln; Mrs. W. P. Gibbs, Poplar Grove; Mrs. Russell Owen, Marked Tree; Mrs. Carl Burns, Marked Tree; Mrs. W. A. McClendon, Marked Tree; Mrs. W. A. Wooten, Memphis, Tennessee; Mrs. Paul Lanier, Biggers; Rev. John McCormack, Jonesboro First Church; Mrs. John McCormack, Jonesboro First Church; Mrs. Ira A. Brumley, Conway First Church; Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Conway First Church; Mrs. David Conyers, Batesville, Central Avenue; Miss Anna Rose Miller, Fort Smith First Church; Mrs. Frances Winter, Fort Smith, Goddard Memorial; Miss Sara Bagley, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. Clifford Vance, Gravette; Miss Ethel Henderson, Conway, Wesley Memorial; Rev. Paul Lanier, Biggers; Mrs. Audra Basham, Morrilton; Mrs. R. L. Holloway, Conway, Wesley Memorial; Mrs. Charles Anderson, Conway First Church; Mrs. M. C. Davis, Conway First Church; Mrs. Saddler, Conway First Church.

### DISTRICT MEETING

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following would serve on this team: Mrs. Chambliss, Mrs. George Colville, Mrs. Sam Roberts, Mrs. D. G. Hindman and the incoming Secretary of Missionary Education.

Mrs. Sexton, Treasurer, presented Life Memberships to Mrs. E. A. Haistens, who has served four years as Vice-President, and to Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Recording Secretary.

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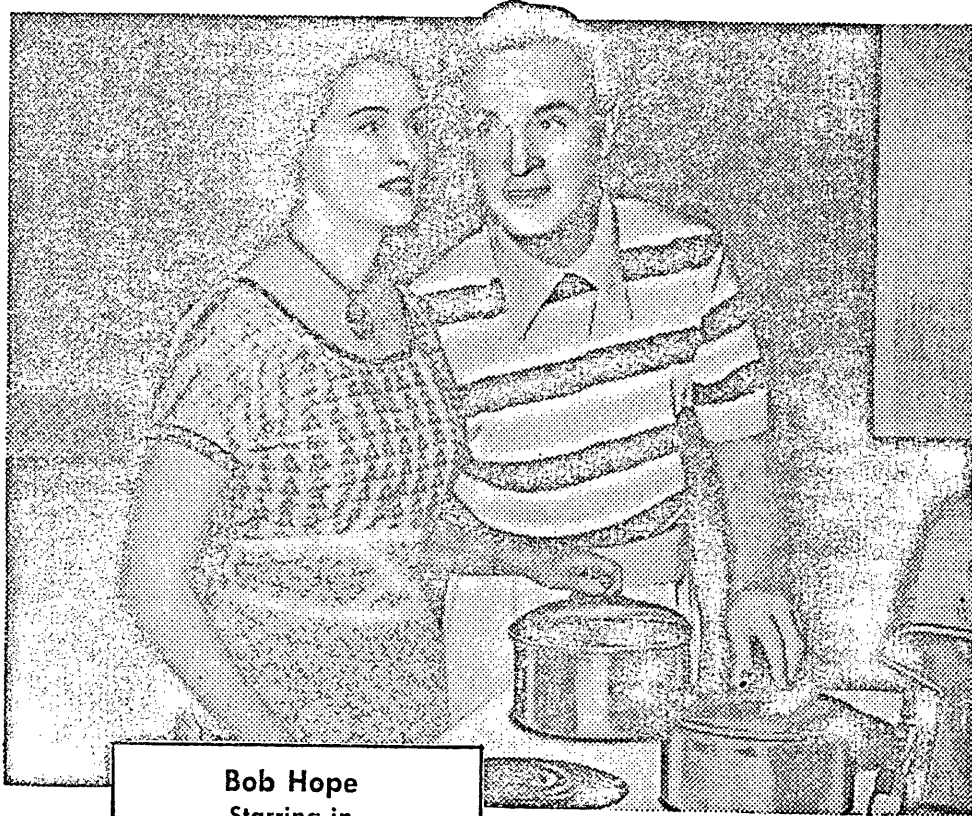
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LESSON FOR JULY 20, 1952

## HOW DOES GOD LEAD OUR NATION?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:

Judges chapters 6 through 8; Psalms 44; Psalms 118:6-14.

GOLDEN TEXT:

Teach me thy way, O Lord; and lead me in a plain path. (Psalms 27:11)

In teaching each lesson of this unit it is well to keep the general theme constantly in mind — "LEADERS FOR THE TIMES". The aim 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 the people wisely, and that even foolish leaders can be used by Him to achieve His purpose."

### A Look At The Scriptures

Our last lesson dealt with Israel under the leadership of Deborah and Barak. These two outstanding leaders freed the Israelites from bondage to the Canaanites under King Jabin and his general Sisera. After this liberation the nations enjoyed 40 years of freedom. But when these leaders passed away, as was their custom, the Israelites went back into sin. They again took up the worship of the false gods Baal and Ashtoreth, male and female respectively. This in turn weakened the nation and it was brought into bondage by the Midianites and Amalekites. This bondage lasted for a period of seven years.

The Midianites were a nomad tribe. They had no settled life of their own and lived by plundering others. They were a Semitic group and were akin to the Israelites. It will be remembered that they were the offspring of Abraham and his second wife, Keturah. There were quite a number of these people. They had a strong army. In emphasizing their number the Scripture compares them to a host of locust or the sands by the sea-shore. These people greatly oppressed the Israelites. They destroyed their crops and their animals. They drove them from their homes and forced them to live in caves. They were reduced to a state of destitution. Famine was on every hand. This was the condition of Israel when deliverance finally came.

### God's Chosen Leader

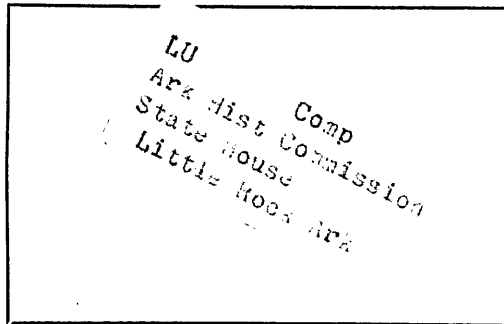
Deliverance finally came to the Israelites through a man by the name of Gideon. God called him to this task. At the time the call came he and his servants were hidden in a wine press thrashing wheat. We are told that they were taking this precaution to prevent the wheat from being taken by the Midianites. The Scriptures listed above tells of this call and Gideon's response to it. They also tell of the wonderful victory he and his men won under the direction of the Lord. There are a few things we should note about this man Gideon.

Gideon was dissatisfied with conditions as they were. He realized that his nation had forsaken Jehovah and that as a result of this backsliden condition this evil had come upon them. Deep down in his heart he wanted

to do something about the situation. It was at a time like this and under these circumstances that the call came.

Then, Gideon was a busy man. God has never yet called a loafer or one who was triflingly employed to accomplish a worthwhile task. John Wesley was giving some good advice to his young preachers when he said to them, "Be not unemployed, and be not triflingly employed." God always has to depend on busy folks to get things done for him. That is true in the church today.

Gideon was a humble man. When the call of Jehovah came he replied in these words: "My family is the poorest in Manas-



seh, and I am the least in my father's house." He seems to have remained humble throughout his career. When victory finally came and the people wanted him to become their king he refused to do so. He went on to say "I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the Lord shall rule over you."

Gideon was a man of much faith. It is true that he put the Lord to the test but when once he was convinced his own faith stood up under the strongest pressure. He realized that the Midianites and the Amalekites had a great army. When he issued his call for volunteers 32,000 men responded. The Lord told him that that was too many men. Gideon told all of his men who were fearful to return home and 22,000 left him. The Lord then told him that the army was still too large. It was further reduced by the manner in which the men drank water, until there were only 300 left. With this mere handful Gideon went out, by the help of the Lord, to win a great victory. This event showed both his courage and his faith.

Again, Gideon was a man of obedience. Some one has said that to be a successful commander one must first learn to obey. Gideon knew the lesson of obedience. He carried out the commands of the Lord to the letter and the promised victory came.

Gideon was a man of wisdom. He realiz-

ed that religion is both a negative and positive matter. Before he built an altar to Jehovah he tore down the one that had been built to Baal. It is not enough to merely put the evil out of one's life, but life must be filled with good. A man of less wisdom might have been satisfied with merely tearing down the altar that had been built for the worship of Baal, but not so Gideon. He followed the negative step in the matter by the positive. Christ once told of a man who had been cleaned up morally. The evil spirits had been cast out of him, but the life was left bare and the evil spirits returned and the last state of the man was worse than the first. So it is with all purely negative religion.

Gideon will never be forgotten. Wherever the Bible is read his name will be remembered with much favor. His memory is being perpetuated by a group of Christian business men who call themselves the "Gideons". These men have assumed the task of distributing the Scriptures throughout the world.

### Our Present Day Needs

We need some leaders like Gideon in our nation today. Men who see that the nation is trending the wrong direction and are willing to do something about it. Men who are busy with the affairs of life but are willing to sacrifice time, talent, and energy for the good of the country. Men with faith; men with courage; men of obedience and wisdom — that is the type of leaders we need today.

### Following False Gods

The trouble with Israel was she followed false gods and found herself in a bad way. We find ourselves ready to criticize this ancient nation for not using better judgment. Were they not the chosen people? Then, why did they habitually turn their backs on Jehovah? The Lord had done a lot for them but they seemed to forget about it. That is the way we sometimes look upon Israel, but what about ourselves? There has never been a nation more richly blessed than ours. And, too, we have opportunities to know and realize facts that Israel never had, and yet we have our false gods. Our Sunday-School literature for today gives a list of those false gods, may we note some of them briefly.

Let it be remembered that a person's god is whatever he puts first in his life. It may be material possessions; it may be power; it may be pleasure; it may be one's family; or it may be the living and true God.

It is an admitted fact that literally millions of people in this nation today are making material possessions their god. The Bible tell us that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Note the fact that it says "the love of money", not money in and of itself. Money rightly used may prove a blessing. It makes an ideal servant. The trouble is that sometimes it masters the man. Then it proves his undoing. Note the corruption throughout the social, political, recreational, and economical life of this nation today. Where does it come from? The answer is simple; it comes from the love of money.

Power is another of our false gods. Thousands of people are selling their souls for power. Some one has said that "All power is corrupting and absolute power is absolutely corrupting." That may be going a bit strong, but there is certainly an element of truth in that statement. Many times people only want wealth for the power it gives them. Many seek office not for the service they can render through the office but for

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