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Inherent Value Of The Pastors' School

THE Pastors' School for 1952 closed at the noon hour last Friday. Again the intrinsic, inherent values of the Pastors' School have been demonstrated.

The change of the time of meeting of our Annual Conferences in Arkansas could not but affect some the attendance at the School. However, the values of the Pastor's School are such that it continues to be a vital factor in the program of The Methodist Church in our midst.

Outstanding leaders of Methodism in America are brought to this school each year as instructors and platform speakers. The imprint of such personalities on the lives of our ministers and the character of work they do cannot but bring a cultural, intellectual and spiritual quickening to the lives of those in attendance. Our church is deeply indebted to those people of our two conferences who labor each year to provide our ministers this opportunity for fellowship, instruction and inspiration.

This Is America

THE past week the major interest in our American life was the National Republican Convention which met in Chicago to adopt a platform and nominate a candidate for President of the United States.

A striking thing about this Republican Convention, which parts of the world would have difficulty in understanding, is the fact that its decisions were the results of free, uncontrolled balloting.

Without raising any question regarding the merits of the two major candidates for the nomination, it is common knowledge that the inside organization of the party lost in its efforts to nominate its candidate. We would not argue whether that was desirable or undesirable. The point we want to make here is the fact that, in America, we are not necessarily obligated to follow the plans of an organization, if the will of a majority of the people lead in another direction.

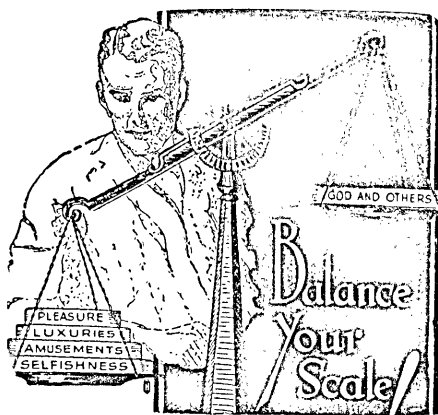
This is America where the choice of its leadership is determined by the people. Next week the National Democratic Convention will meet in the same city and in the same Convention hall to adopt a platform and nominate a candidate for President. So strictly American is this procedure that now, only a few days before the balloting for the Democratic Presidential candidate will start, no one can convincingly prophesy as to whom that Democratic candidate will be. We will know only when the delegates in that convention, by their votes, have reached a decision.

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The Well-Balanced Life

ONE of the most desirable, as well as one of the most difficult goals that challenge us, is the well-balanced life. In too many of us, because of training, environments, special life interests, in-born tendencies or the inability to see things in their proper proportion, there is a lack of proper balance in life.

The most insidious thing about the unbalanced life is the fact that, left alone, we seldom discover our "flat wheels." Furthermore, when our friends venture to tell us of our abnormalities, we are usually more re-



sentful than thankful. Jesus was concerned that we live well-balanced lives. He was describing such a life when He said, "Let your light SO shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." It is our feeling that Jesus crowded a world of meaning in the little word SO He used here. He is saying that our lives as Christians should be lived so orderly, so winsomely, in such a practical and well-balanced manner that religion may be made attractive to those about us.

It requires constant study and repeated self-examination if we are to maintain the proper emphasis on the various aspects of life. Sincerity is not enough to guarantee attractive living. There are many people intensely sincere, and whose sincerity is readily acknowledged by those about them, whose lives are so lop-sided and disjointed that they are anything but attractive.

Only a well-balanced life can reach the full measure of its powers and usefulness. Let us strive, through a candid review of our own lives, the friendly criticism of those who love us and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to make ours a well-balanced life.

Texas Methodism Organizes Church Paper

THE five annual conferences in Texas have jointly begun the publication of a church paper, *The Texas Christian Advocate*, which we have little hesitancy in predicting will become one of the strong sectional publications in Methodism. Many will recall that for a number of years the *Southwestern Advocate* served Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico Methodism, being discontinued in 1947 to effect a Texas supplement edition relationship with *The Christian Advocate*, the national Methodist weekly. This latest move which is intended to serve Texas only will succeed *The Christian Advocate* arrangement and will provide Methodism in that state with an organ all of its own.

We know of two other states in this Jurisdiction which are now contemplating organizing weekly publications, and we have been told of several areas in other Jurisdictions which have similar moves in mind. There are at the present time nine publications in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, one in the Northeast Jurisdiction and two in the North Central Jurisdiction. The *Arkansas Methodist* until last fall was the only such weekly publication in the South Central Jurisdiction, but with the new *Louisiana Methodist* and *The Texas Advocate* there are now three.

We welcome the Texas publication to the Methodist family and congratulate the Methodists of Texas on this step which we believe will meet with abundant success.

"Mitigating Circumstances"

ACCORDING to recent press reports a young man, who confessed to killing an elderly companion in northeastern Arkansas, asked the court to consider, as mitigating circumstances in fixing the penalty, the fact that he was drunk at the time of the killing.

Recently, in the *Saturday Evening Post*, there appeared a series of four articles under the caption, "The Morey Case; Why Did They Kill?" In that case an innocent nurse was robbed and murdered by one of three boys as they were out on a wild drunken spree. Earlier in the night they had drunk a case of beer in their car in company with two girls. Two of the boys were sentenced to life imprisonment in Michigan where life sentence really means "for life." The other boy received a twenty-one year sentence. The lawyers for the two boys sentenced for life argued before the court that the fact that they were drunk should be taken in account in determining the degree of a

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"Good Witch Of Ganta" Is Methodist M. D.

By WILLIAM W. CLEMES

This Story Of Dr. George W. Harley, Methodist Medical Missionary, Will Help You To Understand The Work, The Goals, And The Life Of A Missionary. The Reader Will Get A Fresh Picture Of The Opportunity Which Confronts Organized Religion in the Heart of Africa.

THE notion that the African medicine man is a pure faker just isn't true, says the only living white man to qualify as an African medicine-maker and a member of the snake society — Dr. George W. Harley, Yale-trained medical missionary of the Methodist Church in Ganta, Liberia.

"The native doctor uses a combination of rational and magical procedure in dealing with common diseases," says Dr. Harley recently returned to America on furlough after an absence of four years. "On the whole, their remedies are highly effective. It's only when the African encounters a rare disease, such as lockjaw or whooping cough that the witchcraft societies begin to look for the witch who is supposed to be responsible."

The Blacksmith Guild

This Methodist medical missionary was recently decorated by President Tubman, of Liberia, for developing a five-year medical program for that country. Physician, anthropologist, geographer, builder of roads and hospitals, and member of the snake bite society of the Mano tribe with whom he works in the interior of Liberia, Dr. Harley relates how he also became a member of the blacksmith guild.

"I wanted to set up a blacksmith shop for my mission," explains this son of a Methodist preacher from Asheville, N. C., and grandson of a railway blacksmith. When the time came for him to be initiated into the guild, Dr. Harley says, "all the local blacksmiths went into the bush with me. There we found a stone suitable for use as an anvil, resting in a stream of running water."

The quaint ceremony that followed was to make sure that the stone, that was to become Dr. Harley's anvil, would be a willing worker. Then the stone was carried to the mission compound and placed in a hut in which Dr. Harley had decided to set up his blacksmith shop.

What followed reminded the new blacksmith of a cornerstone laying back in the States. In solemn procession each blacksmith deposited under the stone anvil a precious personal item. Dr. Harley parted with a shilling and a watch charm made by his grandfather in his blacksmith shop in Columbia, S. C. To assure prosperity for the Harley shop, a chicken was killed, cooked and eaten on the spot. Then came the supreme test for the initiate. As the guildsmen watched, Dr. Harley was required to manufacture two sledge hammers, a five-pounder, and a twenty-pound double-handled tool. The guild then presented him with another hammer and the blacksmith shop of the Ganta Methodist mission was in

business.

"Of course, my participation in this initiation might be regarded by some as peculiar behavior on the part of a missionary," says the shy six-foot doctor who is one of the world's recognized authorities on native medicine. "I wanted to get to know the people and meet them at their own level. This was one of many ways I found to do it."

The Snakebite Society

It was not long after he became a blacksmith that he was invited to join the snake bite society. It was somewhat reminiscent of being initiated into an American fraternal society.

"When I joined this society," Dr. Harley recalls, "I took all the degrees until I obtained possession of what they called the 'head' or central fetish. This consists of a pot containing, among other things, a python jaw."

The man who guided Dr. Harley's early endeavors in the snake bite society was a "Bo" of medicine, roughly corresponding to an M.D. in America. He thought Dr. Harley planned to establish a chapter of the snake bite society in America, and was pleased. In the years that followed Dr. Harley shared his relics with the Peabody Museum of Harvard and still serves that university as a research associate in anthropology. He acquired from the witch doctors some unique remedies and enjoyed a sort of ex-officio entree to many of the secrets of the tribe. On his side, he frequently helped the African medicine men diagnose cases that caused them trouble.

"In one village," Dr. Harley says, "I was called on to decide whether witchcraft or some physical illness was causing the residents of that village to die, one after another. Three old women suspected of witchcraft already had been imprisoned by the village chief but he stayed their execution until their guilt could be established."

Under his microscope, Dr. Harley said, he showed the village chief the "little animals" that were killing the villagers with amoebic dysentery. "A new water supply ended the epidemic, and the three old ladies were freed," Dr. Harley smiled.

Chickens For Health

In a disease-ridden territory 170 miles from the coast, Dr. Harley established a health insurance system that is unique. When he first set up his clinic twenty-seven years ago on the screened porch of a mud-walled, mud-floored native house, he decided, he says, that each patient should pay for medical service. The uniform fee for all, regardless of their station in life, was one chicken.

"This fee — later changed to a shilling — entitled a patient to medical care for two



DR. GEORGE W. HARLEY
Methodist Medical Missionary in Africa

years. If they weren't able to raise that amount, we let them work it off on the mission compound. Today more than 50,000 tribesmen have taken advantage of this health insurance. Our tiny clinic has grown to a full-fledged hospital, along with a leprosy colony which takes care of some 250 victims of this disease."

For many years, Dr. Harley recalls, these premiums paid by the tribesmen not only maintained the mission built by the Methodist Church but also financed repairs. "The life of this mission," Dr. Harley says, "is not only a tribute to the power of prayer, but also to the economic power of the chicken."

Collects Masks

The "good witch of Ganta" as Dr. Harley is known to the natives, possesses probably the finest collection of native masks in the world.

"People brought them to me because they regarded them either as so sacred or so fearful they literally didn't know what to do with them," says Dr. Harley. Today masks are used only by an occasional dancer or acrobatic entertainment. Formerly the masks, carefully carved from wood, were used by the clan patriarch, to control his people in all the functions of religion and government. The wearer was completely concealed by an elaborate costume and lost his own identity so completely that the natives regarded him as coming from the spirit world where the souls of their ancestors dwelt. To them the natives appealed for rain in time of drouth and women prayed for fertility and many babies.

Other masks, half-human, half-animal, represented demon spirits from the forest. They were summoned by appropriate sacrifice, Dr. Harley says, to officiate at important public ceremonies. Years ago, the masks became mere relics of a by-gone era. When the tribes were subjugated by the Liberian government, the masks were permanently retired from any active part in the social control of the people.

Dr. Harley has acquired many other precious relics because of the confidence the natives have in him. There was the old wrinkled witch doctor who appeared at the Mission one day and said to Dr. Harley: "Doctor, I know this is my last illness. I want you to take my sacred and most treas-

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ured relics in remembrance of me. There is no one so close to me as you. You are like a son."

Dr. Harley Can Do It All

Necessity has made of Dr. Harley a carpenter, electrician, mechanics and road-builder. When he and his wife, the former Winifred Jewell of Merrimac, Mass., first went into the jungle in 1926, the journey to the mission site took sixteen days of arduous travel over faintly-marked trails. The medico became a road-builder. Later, with a second-hand weapons carrier, a relic of the second World War, Dr. Harley, aided by the natives, set to work. He built bridges and a ferry and slashed out a road eighteen miles long. When he and his wife left the mission this year for Thailand, and the United States the trip to the coast took only five hours.

Dr. Harley has represented Liberia at a United States international symposium on yaws, a tropical disease, at Bangkok. His reputation as a scientist is world-wide. Harvard University published his book, "Native African Medicine," which established him as an authority in that field. He also is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of Great Britain, the American Society for the Advancement of Science, the American Anthropological Association and the American Geographic Society of New York.

Dr Harley States His Mission

"The people of Liberia and of all Africa are being called upon to jump from the headload to the motorcar and the airplane, without a wheelbarrow or an oxcart in between," says the doctor-scientist. "As a Christian missionary I want to help them make this transition as painlessly and as decently as possible. I want my people to realize that these gadgets of western civilization — the motorcar, airplanes and other machines — do not necessarily bring in their train immorality and debauchery."

On this furlough Dr. Harley is renewing acquaintance with his two sons, Robert, a graduate of MIT, and Eugene, a graduate of Bates, and relatives and friends. But, Dr. Harley emphasizes, he has only one home and he'll return to it next February — Ganta, Liberia.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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him to fill.

God calls people by giving them a vision of needs. Lincoln saw slaves sold on the block like lower animals. He saw the need of freeing the slaves. God called him to this task through his vision of need.

God calls leaders through the talents he has given them. "Where much is given; much shall be required." No man can please God while he buries his talents. One person has a talent for teaching, another for organization, another for farming, another for business activities, another for "winning friends and influencing people", etc. Still others have a combination of these talents. The Lord expects that these God-given abilities be used in an unselfish way for others as well as for the good of those who possess them.

Then, God calls people by inward impression. This is especially true of many who are called into definite Christian work.

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Arkansas-Louisiana Area Report

By BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN

to the South Central Jurisdiction Conference
Wichita, Kansas, June 26-30



Bishop Martin

THE Arkansas-Louisiana Area, composed of the Little Rock, Louisiana, and North Arkansas Conferences, has continued to make significant progress in all phases of Church life during the quadrennium. After wholehearted and enthusiastic cooperation in the program of the Crusade For Christ in the preceding quadrennium, the District Superintendents, Pastors, and lay members welcomed the opportunity to give loyal and hearty support to the Advance for Christ and His Church. The extent of the financial support is evidenced by the fact that the Area has consistently kept its place in the leading Areas of the Church in the matter of giving. More than \$500,000 has been contributed to the Advance during this period. The response to World Service has been equally significant.

It is a matter of satisfaction that as the benevolent giving has increased, the other activities of the Church have been carried forward with marked effectiveness. The salaries of the ministers are larger than ever before, and the payments to the retired preachers indicate an appreciation of them and of the service they have given to the Church.

I am confident that in no similar period has there been such a building program as the one that has been carried on in all sections of the Area during this time. Imposing Churches, adequate and attractive educational plants, and modern parsonages in keeping with the loveliest homes of the communities, have been erected in cities, towns, and the open country. The installation of organs, visual equipment, and other facilities make possible an enlarged program of work.

The magnificent Science Building has been completed at Centenary College, together with other outstanding improvements in the physical facilities of the institution. The T. L. James Company of Ruston has contributed \$360,000 for a building for the College, and Messrs. Paul and Perry Brown have made a substantial contribution on a fund that will make possible a Chapel. The bequest of Mr. W. A. Haynes of two million two hundred thousand dollars for endowment was one of the largest gifts for endowment ever given to a college in our Church. Mr. Haynes had previously given a gymnasium and the Dodd College campus to the College.

The Student Union Building, which includes an attractive dining hall, and the Chapel-Auditorium building at Hendrix College were finished during this quadrennium. These are lovely buildings and are valuable additions to the College. At the present time an effort is being made to increase the endowment of the school. This constitutes the greatest need just now. We can justly be proud of the two Colleges in this Area.

Student union buildings have been completed at Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake

Charles, Monroe, and Hammond, and we have an employed worker on each of nine college campuses in Louisiana. It is hoped that within the next twelve months a student union building will be provided at Fayetteville, Arkansas, and the money to make possible such a building is now being raised throughout the state. The increased emphasis on Wesley Foundation Work is a most encouraging one.

In each Conference increased emphasis has been given to the camping program. The building of a new camp in Louisiana at Caney Lake (in addition to the one at Camp Brewer), of a similar one in the Little Rock Conference at Lake Catherine, and the improvement of the facilities in the North Arkansas Conference, demonstrate the growing interest in one of the finest fields of work in our Church.

The Arkansas Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock has moved to its splendid new eighty-acre location, and five beautiful and modern homes have been constructed there, with plans being made for the addition in the next few months of another building. The Louisiana Methodist Orphanage has added four lovely new buildings to its excellent plant. Our people support with pleasure our program of care for orphan children.

One of the finest and most complete maternity hospitals in America has been constructed in New Orleans for our Methodist Home-Hospital, evidencing the concern for un-wed mothers and their babies.

During the quadrennium the Louisiana Conference has requested the editors of the *Arkansas Methodist* to provide a similar paper for Louisiana. The wisdom of that decision has already been demonstrated by the large subscription list that has been provided in Louisiana. These two excellent papers, the *Arkansas Methodist* and the *Louisiana Methodist*, under gifted leadership, are playing a major role in the work of the Church.

The United Evangelistic Mission for the Area brought to us a spiritual victory for which we are humbly grateful. The fact that almost twelve thousand persons made their commitments to Christ and His Church is a matter of profound significance. But there were other values — a reconsecration of our people to the Church, the deepening of the spiritual glow in the lives of ministers and Church members, and a determination to continue this God-given work. An Area solidarity was created that will be of lasting value.

It is impossible to list all the achievements of the quadrennium. The attention that has been given to rural work, the establishment of new churches, the vocational conferences for young people, with particular attention being given to the ministry and other fields of full-time service, the training classes that have been conducted for leaders in the local

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. WILLIAM WATSON, pastor of First Methodist Church, North Little Rock spoke to the Batesville Sub-District Meeting, at Batesville on Tuesday, July 15.

REV. ALFRED KNOX, our pastor at Goddard Memorial, was elected Chaplain of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Legion at its recent meeting.

DR. JOHN HICKS, Professor of The Old Testament, S.M.U. is holding a Bible Conference at the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, July 16, 17 and 18. Rev. J. Wm. Watson is pastor.

REV. FRED L. ARNOLD states that the Hunter Methodist Church in Little Rock has installed a new air conditioning system which adds to the comfort of themselves in the sanctuary.

REV. FRED MOORING, pastor last year of Salem Methodist Church near Conway, has been appointed pastor at Bells, Texas. He has moved, with his family, to his new charge. He will enroll in Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, this fall.

DR. R. E. GOODRICH, JR., pastor of First Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, preached at the morning worship service Sunday, July 13, on Mt. Sequoyah. He was speaking before the School of Missions in session on the mountain.

JIM GOSSETT, president of North Arkansas Conference Youth Work, and a student at Hendrix College, will be with the Young People of Harrisburg in their "Youth Activity Nights" sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship, July 16, 17 and 18.

MISS ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor of the Children's Page and Assistant to the Editors, has been confined to her home for the past two weeks recovering from a tonsillectomy. She hopes soon to return to her regular work on the staff.

REV. J. ALBERT GATLIN, pastor of First Methodist Church, Conway, is conducting a series of revival meetings at the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, July 9 to 20. Rev. Benn Underwood, Wilmore, Kentucky is director of the singing. Rev. R. H. Staples is pastor of the church.

REV. O. C. BIRDWELL writes that he and his wife have been graciously received on their return to Mabelvale charge. Members of the church have showered them with good things to eat and have added to the parsonage furnishings. He is expecting this to be a great year on his charge.

W. M. HUDSON was re-elected chairman of the Official Board and Simon Dean Chairman of the Board of Trustees in the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Conway. Calvin Shock was elected chairman of the Finance Committee; Mrs. Goad Jones is in charge of the Flower Committee.

REV. AND MRS. LLOYD M. CONYERS and their two daughters Leann and Annalee were honored in a reception following the evening service Sunday, July 6, by the members of 1st Methodist Church, Searcy. Brother Conyers was appointed

pastor of 1st Church at the recent Annual Conference.

DR. WESLEY C. DAVIS, professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, will conduct a Bible Conference in the Marion Methodist Church July 16-19 at the evening hour. Rev. Alf Eason is the pastor. Neighboring Methodist churches are expected to join in the conference.

REV. RALPH HILLIS, pastor at West Memphis, announces Youth Activities Week in his church July 20-24. The course, "Political Action" will be taught by Brother Hillis; "Faith of Our Times" will be taught by guest ministers of different faiths. Rev. Jim Gossett will be the inspirational speaker at the evening service Sunday, July 20th.

D. H. COCKE of Holly Grove asks that we make a correction of an item appearing on this page last week. The item stated that the laymen of the Forrest City District were entertained at Brinkley by the churches of Clarendon, Brinkley and Cotton Plant. The church at Holly Grove should have been mentioned in place of Cotton Plant.

REV. WILLIAM WOMACK, pastor of Fisher Street Methodist Church in Jonesboro, is to do the preaching in a revival meeting to be held at Stony Point Methodist Church on the Wilburn-Stony Point Charge in the Searcy District, July 20-27. A Vacation Bible School will be held in the morning in connection with the revival. Rev. Wayne L. Hill is pastor.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN has announced the transfer of Rev. Kermit Van Zant to the North Texas Conference. According to Bishop Martin, Bishop W. C. Martin has appointed him as Associate Pastor at Oaklawn Methodist Church in Dallas. Brother Van Zant has for the past eight years been pastor of Huntsville Methodist Church in the Fayetteville District.

REV. AND MRS. C. R. ANDREWS, newly appointed to the Huttig charge were given a reception in the dining room of the Huttig Methodist Church following the Mid-week service June 25th. More than sixty people were present. Clifton Bolding, chairman of the Official Board, made the welcoming address. Delicious refreshments were served and the pastor presented with a bountiful poultice.

DR. FRED G. ROEBUCK, Pastor of First Methodist Church in Ft. Smith, was honored with an informal reception last Sunday in Fellowship Hall of his church following the evening service. The reception was planned by Harley W. Goodman, new chairman of the Official Board and Mrs. J. K. Fraser, new president of the W. S. C. S. This is Dr. Roebuck's ninth year as pastor of First Church.

MRS. PAUL E. MARTIN who, with Bishop Martin, was reassigned to this Area at the recent Jurisdictional Conference, was honored at the meeting of the Parsonettes of the Little Rock District last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland, in Little Rock. She was given a handkerchief shower by the thirty-one members present.

NORTH CENTRAL AND WESTERN JURISDICTIONS ELECT FOUR BISHOPS

Dr. D. Stanley Coors, Dr. Edwin E. Voight, and Dr. F. Gerald Ensley, ministers of the North Central Jurisdiction, and Dr. A. Raymond Grant, Western Jurisdiction, were elected and consecrated Bishops in The Methodist Church during sessions of these two Jurisdictions last week. This makes a total of nine Bishops to be chosen during the quadrennial Jurisdictional Conferences all of which have met within recent weeks.

Bishop Coors, member of the Michigan Conference, has been pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Lansing, Michigan, since 1938. Bishop Voight has been serving as president of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, since 1942, and is a member of the Iowa-Des Moines since that date. Bishop Ensley has had considerable experience both in the pastorate and in seminary teaching and has been serving as pastor of the North Broadway Methodist Church, Columbus, Ohio, since 1944.

Bishop Grant has been pastor of the First Methodist Church, Sacramento, Calif., since 1937 and has had experience in the Federal Council of Churches and World Council of Churches. The assignment of these new Bishops were not available at press time.

Mrs. C. M. Reves of Conway and Mrs. John K. Benton, wife of Dr. John K. Benton, Dean of Vanderbilt School of Religion, were guests at the meeting.

REV. AND MRS. RAY McLESTER were honored with an informal reception last Sunday afternoon in the educational building of our church at Cabot. Mrs. W. H. Laws, president of the WSCS was official hostess, assisted by J. D. Wood, chairman of the official Board and H. M. Dodson a member of the board. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Special music was furnished by Miss Sharon Wood, Mrs. Elbert Bruner and Mrs. Charles Ross. Miss Isaac Owen was in charge of the serving of refreshments.

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MANUAL ADVISES CORPORATIONS ON AIDING RELIGIOUS GROUPS

RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A 400-page book of questions and answers as to how corporations can set up a long-range program to give five percent of their annual income to tax-exempt religious, educational, and charitable organizations has been issued here by the National Planning Association.

The planning group said that the new publication has been prepared in response to heavy demand from business organizations which literally "gobbled up" 75,000 copies of a booklet titled "The Five Percent", issued by NPA last year.

The association has been urging business executives to give the maximum five percent to charitable purposes allowed by present corporation income tax laws and

to do so on a comprehensive long-range program rather than merely as piecemeal "hand-outs."

Entitled "The Manual of Corporate Giving," the new volume has been edited, as was the first, by two eminent business economists, Beardsley Ruml and Theodore Geiger.

Corporate donations cost the companies making them as little as 18 cents on the dollar, the manual emphasizes, and bring tangible as well as intangible rewards to American business.

H. Christian Sonne, president of the planning association said, in releasing the volume:

"Our interest in the 'five percent' springs from the conviction that the maintenance of private educational, scientific, and welfare organizations and activities is

vital to the continued health of our democracy."

"More private support of such activities is imperative today when private institutions are increasingly confronted with the dilemma of fixed incomes and rising costs."

The NPA manual, in addition to being of interest to businessmen, will be of considerable value to leaders of religious, educational, charitable, and welfare groups who have the responsibility of directing fund raising.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS AGAIN TOP BILLION DOLLAR MARK

Contributions to 46 U. S. Protestant and Orthodox communions topped the billion-dollar mark for the second successive year, reaching an all-time high of \$1,166,437,357. This was disclosed in New York by the Rev. Thomas

K. Thompson, executive director of the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolences of the National Council of Churches. He also reported contributions of \$41,460,951 to seven Canadian Protestant and Orthodox Churches. This brought the combined total for U. S. and Canada to \$1,207,398,308 and marked the third successive year the combined total had exceeded the billion-dollar mark. Mr. Thompson said that some 36,000,000 U. S. church members, in spite of rising living costs, had increased their contributions by nearly 67½ million dollars over the total of \$1,099,109,855 reported a year ago.

A child makes the family ties stronger, days and nights shorter, and bank accounts smaller, clothes shabbier, home happier, life busier and the future worth living for.—*American Eagle*, American Forest Products Corp'n



A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A SAINT OF GOD GOES HOME

In the summer of 1904 I went to Fordyce to fill a vacancy in that delightful pastorate. Dr. C. J. Greene had resigned to become a professor in Hendrix College. He spent the summer making special preparation for his new field of work.

I had a room at the parsonage and took my meals across the railroad track with Miss Mary Chandler and her aged mother. The mother was practically an invalid and Miss Mary maintained the home by keeping a few boarders. She was a wonderful daughter and ministered to her mother with the tenderest care. She had a lisp in her speech and was somewhat hard of hearing, but in spite of these handicaps her spirit was beautiful. She was a great reader, but confined herself largely to devotional books. She loved to go to church and especially enjoyed revival meetings. As a student of the Bible, she was unusually well informed and sought in every possible way to teach the word of God to the spiritually neglected of her community.

One evening, when I came to supper, I found Miss Mary and her mother sitting on the front steps. Miss Mary was planning a little visit to her brother, who lived at Tulip, just a short distance from Fordyce. As I came up, I heard Sister Chandler say, "Of course, Mary, you can go if you want to, but remember **You are all I've got.**" Miss Mary remembered and called off her trip. **Her mother always came first.**

Just before her mother died, she placed in Miss Mary's hands a purse containing five twenty-dollar gold pieces. Miss Mary consecrated the money to the Lord's cause and asked me to place it where it would do the most good. I sent it to Bishop Lambuth, then our Missionary Secretary, to be used in the

School of Missions located in Nashville, Tenn. The school was later absorbed by Scarritt College. Miss Mary attended the school one year herself, did missionary work in various Arkansas communities, and for a long time taught a Bible class in her old home town of Fordyce.

For several years she made her home with her brothers and other relatives who needed her help, always doing what she could for the church in the towns where she lived. After reaching the advanced age, she lived with a niece in the city of St. Louis. Just recently, I had a letter from a relative and very dear friend telling me of Miss Mary's death in a convalescent home in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where she had been confined for two years.

I have never known a better Christian than Miss Mary Chandler. She has often been in our home and was always a benediction. No one who knew her will question that she has been transferred from a **Convalescent home in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to a mansion in the skies.** I will meet her again in the "sweet by and by." That, I am assured, will be a "happy meeting."—Forney Hutchinson.

"MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES"

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homicide.

It was stated, in the series of articles that, when the crime was discovered and it was determined that the murder was committed by school boys on a wild drunken spree, "everybody started to blame everybody else." It was stated that "everybody" made a scapegoat of the tavern keeper who sold them the beer. His license was revoked and the circuit judge sentenced him to a year's probation, the first fifteen days in jail, and two hundred dollars costs.

Who is really to blame when young men, normally peaceful, become robbers and murderers when under the influence of liquor? The one who suffers most is the lad who, with intellect stupified and inhibitions dulled by drink, actually commits the crime. However, for the people who make it possible for the state to license the liquor dealer to sell the lad liquor which makes him temporarily insane and capable of murder there are no defendable mitigating circum-

stances. We may piously make a scapegoat of the lad who actually commits the crime and think that we, as citizens, have met our responsibility in the matter but we may be sure that the books of justice are not closed there.

THIS IS AMERICA

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No informed American would claim that our government is ideal. There are many things that do not measure up to the proper standard. Nevertheless, we as citizens of this great nation should thank God that it is our privilege to live life in this generation in America. Furthermore, we should each accept a personal responsibility to help make of this good land a better nation.

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA REPORT

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church, are some but not all of the worthy enterprises that have received enthusiastic support during the four-year period. Throughout the Area the Woman's Society of Christian Service has rendered, in the three Conference, significant and outstanding service to the entire program of the Church. The devoted and capable District Superintendents, Pastors and other Ministers, and the loyal and consecrated laymen and lay women deserve abundant praise for their work.

I cannot close this report without expressing again my deep and abiding appreciation for the many courtesies extended Mrs. Martin and me by the friends in these three Conferences. No Bishop has ever been privileged to work with a finer, more cooperative, and more gracious group.

REV. AND MRS. GEORGE J. KLEBB were welcomed back to the Pea Ridge Church at their regular Fellowship Meeting on July 9th. It took several men to carry the good things to the parsonage after the evening was over. The parsonage has been completely modernized and remodeled. Plans for landscaping the yard are being considered.



DR. PAUL V. GALLOWAY

Therefore Get Wisdom

A Sermon By DR. PAUL V. GALLOWAY

Boston Avenue Methodist Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma

This Sermon Was Delivered By Dr. Galloway Over CBS's "The Church Of The Air" March 2. Dr. Galloway, a native Arkansan, is presently serving the Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa. Among Arkansas pulpits he has served are Fayetteville, Winfield Memorial, Little Rock, Forrest City, Osceola and Clarendon.

Proverbs 3:13-26
THE TEXT: Psalms 111:10

DO you remember the verse from the Proverbs which says, "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather than to be chosen than silver?" Some folks will say that this is too idealistic or old fashioned. Many people doubt that wisdom is even as good as the merchandise that gold and silver can buy. They seem to feel that gadgets and "know how" are more important than understanding. Others go even further and say, "It's not what you know, but who you know" that counts today.

We Believe In Wisdom

Yet as a nation we definitely believe in gaining knowledge and wisdom. We are constantly trying to improve our schools and colleges. We spend much money in all of our states for education. According to an educator friend of mine, the average amount spent per pupil in 291 cities for 1950 was \$209.84. For a twelve year period that totals more than \$2500. (\$2518.08). Another man by counting the cost of buildings, state and national supervision, and other additions, figures that it costs us between eight and ten thousand dollars to educate each boy and girl. With further college training we can add ten to fifteen thousand dollars more for each one. Why don't we wait then and hand each boys and girl from ten to twenty thousand dollars when he comes to the age of 21, instead of spending money on education? We do not give them the cost of their education because we still believe that training, knowledge and wisdom are more important than just money.

I do not mean that money is not important. It can accomplish many worth-while things, such as enabling the Red Cross to do a great work, and this being Red Cross Sunday brings this to our minds. But wisdom is even more important. Not only do our schools see its worth, but all of our great churches spend much time and effort in increasing Christian knowledge and wisdom.

The Biblical writers certainly saw its need and value. No less than 356 times does the Bible extol its virtues. It admonishes us to be wise and pleads with us to get wisdom; and above all else, get understanding. What is wisdom? Wisdom is enthroning God at the center of life. Wisdom gives knowledge and spiritual insight. It creates justice, righteousness, good sense, prudence, wise counsel plus strong and Godly character. Wisdom is the great essential of good living. This attribute is not large mentality, cultured intellectualism, and great academic knowledge with their quiz-answering ability. It goes further. It includes moral insight, true discrimination of values, and an understanding of what is worth living for. Wisdom is not something that man particularly builds up and accumulates; it is more of a discovery than a possession. It is more spiritual than factual. Wisdom is the integration of facts, knowledge, godly virtues and insights. It is more than the achievement of education; it is a divine quest and commission. It is no wonder that the pages of the Bible ring out: "THEREFORE GET WISDOM!"

How Receive Wisdom

After considering the value we place on it and our definition of wisdom, our next step is HOW MAY WE FIND IT, or by what method shall we achieve, discover or gain it? Some feel that it is obtained by traveling, and others rate good reading as the way to win it. An idea, launched decades ago, was that wisdom came with the first Dens Sapientia (or Dens Sapientiae), the molar that we call the Wisdom Tooth. This experience of understanding was supposed to have started after about twenty years on earth. If one would just live to get a back molar, wisdom would be his.

There have been others who indicated that wisdom is being

worldly wise. In order to have complete knowledge and complete understanding of life, one should be careless — "let yourself go" — and they have seemed to sing: "The Way of the Libertine Leads Home."

But we feel that wisdom comes some other way. We can all agree that we must want it. We must have a great urge and longing for such divine discrimination, insight and righteousness. We must sincerely ask for it and seek it!

The story of Solomon is interesting and enlightening. "In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee." That was a wonderful promise. Solomon came through with his part. He spoke in gratitude to God for showing mercy to his father, David, whenever and wherever he had walked in truth and righteousness. And then the new King showed a humility that was beautiful when he said: "And I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in." There is no better pre-requisite for great wisdom than such humility and longing. His prayer followed: "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?" God's answer was abundant: "Because thou . . . has asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment: Behold, I have done according to thy word: lo, I have given thee a wise and understanding heart."

Righteous Fear And Wisdom

This is a wonderful story to show the glories of wisdom, but Biblical writers clearly let us know that wisdom comes usually as a by-product and as a result of devotion to and recognition of God, and, unless used wisely and unselfishly, will deteriorate and vanish as it did for Solomon and Rehoboam. The ultimate way of being her host or dwelling place is not by coming to so many years, nor by traveling and attaining high academic rank, and neither by seeking and asking for it alone. There is something else to be done. Time after time the Bible carries the ideas and words: "The Fear of the Lord." A Psalmist has it: "The fear of the Lord is beginning of wisdom." We have most often misunderstood this great truth. The word fear was originally looked upon as dread and even terror. We know today that not all fear is necessarily evil. The fear of ignorance stimulates study, the fear of poverty often causes thrift and saving, and the fear of bad health tends to lead people to obey the physical laws. This type of fear become more of an awareness. In such manner is "the fear of the Lord" something more than being afraid. It is the lofty consciousness of God. No doubt this writer had in mind the same idea as a prophet when he wrote: "Say unto the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'"

The Psalmist saw God as great and powerful — A Power to be looked up to — but he did not mean for people to cringe and shrink as being afraid of a vicious, an unmerciful and unrelenting foe. The term, "The fear of the Lord" does not only include the awareness and consciousness of a great and powerful God, but also carries the thought of a helpful and glorious companion; a God of love and mercy. The 103rd Psalm reads, in part, "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him" (those who hold Him supreme), "And his righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them." In the same Psalm in which our text is found, Psalm 111, we read: "Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart . . . The works of the Lord are great . . . His work is honorable and glorious; and his righteousness endureth forever."

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URGES CHURCHES DEMAND NEW BAN ON WEAPONS

Religious News Service

LONDON — Churches should demand new international agreements banning "some methods of weapons" of modern warfare, Dr. Cyril Forester Garbett, Archbishop of York, told the York Diocesan Conference.

"The Churches," he said, "should call, at least, for the international prohibition of nuclear weapons, which in a minute may wipe out thousands and leave tens of thousands in agony, of the napalm (jellied gasoline) bomb, which causes exceptionally horrible and indiscriminate suffering and death, of obliteration bombing and of bacteriological warfare."

Dr. Garbett categorically disclaimed any better belief in charges that United Nations forces had engaged in germ warfare.

Defining the Church's attitude, Dr. Garbett said that it condemns war as a method of settling disputes because war is "contrary to the will of God," because "in it brother kills brother" and because it is the result of sin.

"The Church affirms that it is God's will that men should live together in peace," he said. "The fact that Christians believe that injustice may be a worse sin than war, that freedom is more important than peace, that it may be right to support war as the lesser of two horrible evils must not allow us to forget that the Church condemns war and works and prays for peace."

It is the duty of the Church, Dr. Garbett said, to "promote opinions which make for peace and defeat those which lead to war."

"Communism is not a blind movement of force and violence," he said. "It is inspired by a creed which has called forth the passionate devotion of millions. Victory in the field may suppress and drive it underground, but force, by itself, cannot finally defeat it."

Sooner or later Communism would emerge again with destructive violence unless "its falsehood had been conquered by the truth," Dr. Garbett said, asserting that it was precisely in this field that the Christian Church had a "great and distinctive work."

"It must defeat the false teachings of class warfare, violence, tyranny, cruelty and fraud by teaching justice, truth, love, pity and mercy," he said. "Every victory won in practical life for justice, truth and love drives the frontiers of falsehood farther back. In this spiritual conflict, the Church has a direct responsibility for leadership which it does not have in politics of questions of rearmament."

Louisiana Older Adult Assembly

FOR MONROE, RUSTON, AND SHREVEPORT DISTRICTS

(Special to Ark.-La. Methodist)

IN the delightful atmosphere of the Methodist Camp at Caney Lake, the Second Older Adult Camp began, June 4 with registration at 10:00 o'clock. From then until the closing moments at 1:00 p. m. Friday, each moment, each hour, was filled with helpful, instructive and inspirational activity. The credit is certainly due the excellent staff we list below: Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr., Director, Rev. Preston Holly, Assistant Director, Dr. Ira

Those in attendance we list as follows:

First Church, Shreveport, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. R. H. Dillard, Mrs. J. R. Crawford, Miss Flora Coffman, Mrs. George Beacham, Mrs. A. J. Fowler, Mr. J. Harwell, Mrs. J. Harwell.

Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, Mrs. W. G. Horton, Mrs. Sally Herring, Mrs. W. C. Barnett, Mrs. H. R. Cupples, Mrs. J. C. Abel, Mrs. Alice Odell, Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs.

Crews, Mrs. A. M. Crews.

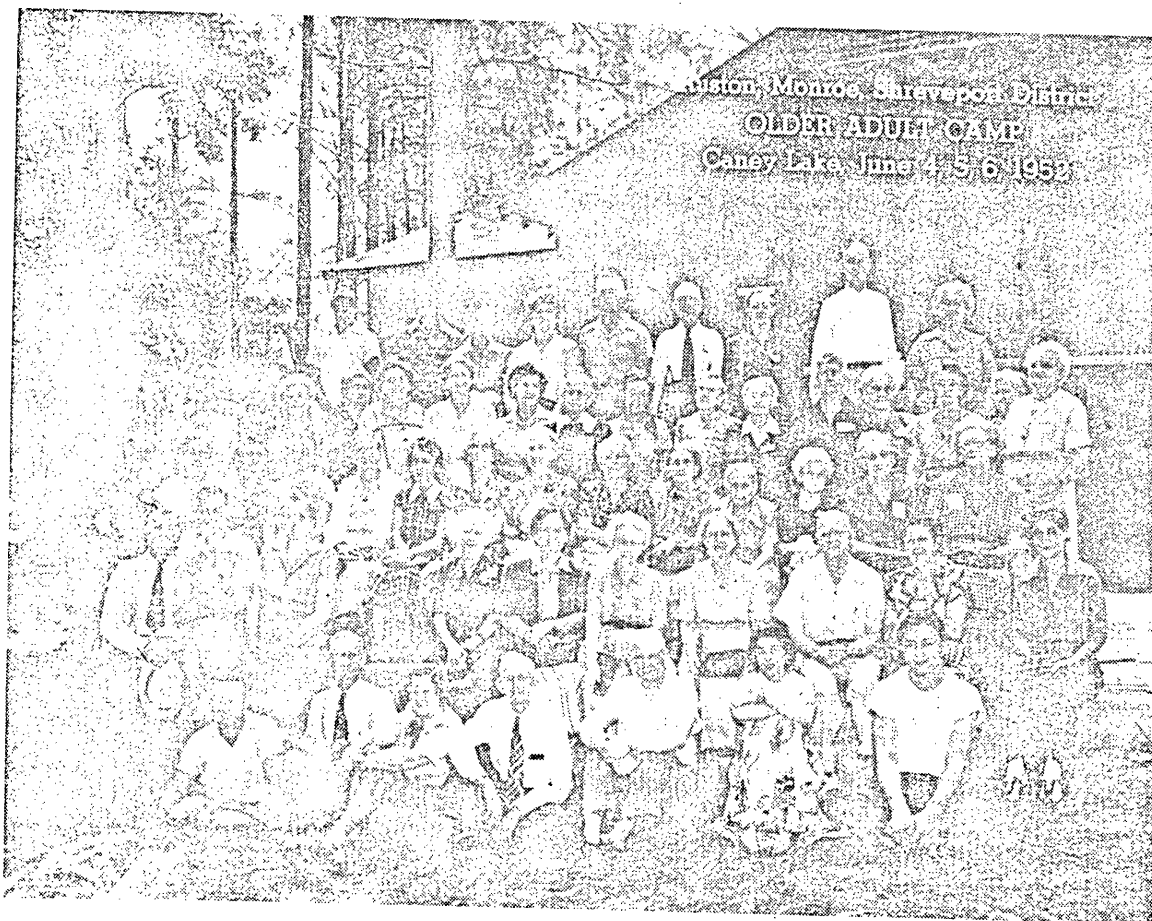
Athens Church, Ruston District, Mrs. Floyd Dillon.

Arcadia Church, Mrs. J. F. Nelson, Mrs. T. A. Law.

Sicily Island, Mrs. Carmack, Mrs. Laurie Yancey, Mrs. Lee Mathews.

Memorial Church, Monroe, Mrs. J. S. Brooks, Mr. J. S. Brooks, Mrs. C. M. Kinead, Mrs. Annie Laurie Cheesman.

The wonderful meals, the de-



LOUISIANA OLDER ADULT ASSEMBLY

Barnett, from the General Board, Mrs. Bryant Davidson, Interest Groups, Crafts and recreation, Mrs. Robert E. Mattet, Registrar and Crafts, Mrs. J. W. Hudson, Dietitian, and Mrs. W. C. Barnett, Pianist.

There were 13 churches represented. The enrollment was 44. The oldest man was 76. The oldest woman 86½. The average age, including workers was 68½%. The average age of those over 48 years was 71.6%. Mrs. Fowler of First Church, Shreveport, started a move to buy a new stove for the Camp. \$33.25 was donated.

Willie Lea, Mrs. J. S. Richardson, Mrs. J. W. Cunningham.

Morningside Church, Shreveport, Mrs. J. F. Herring, Mr. J. F. Herring.

Cedar Grove Church, Shreveport, Mr. D. M. Stovall, Mrs. D. M. Stovall, Mrs. J. F. Rainer, Mrs. Biggs.

Bethany Church, Mr. Walter Neeley, Mrs. Walter Neeley.

Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, Miss Rosa Mixer, Mrs. Salley Burton.

Mangham Memorial Church, Shreveport, Mrs. Corrine Elliott.

Springhill Church, Mrs. Trammel, Mrs. G. L. Cobb, Mr. A. M.

lightful and helpful recreation, the congenial fellowship could not be surpassed. But out of it all, the spiritual refreshment and guidance from the staff will send us to our homes, communities and churches, richer in purpose and desire. More determined to fulfill that mission in life for which we have been brought to these days when the shadows of life are lengthening. We leave with the thought of returning another year, and bringing many more to share the rich experiences of the Older Adult Camp.—Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport.

PRESIDENT FREE TO MAKE RECESS APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR

Congress has cleared the way for President Truman to make a recess appointment of an American ambassador to the Vatican, if he so desires. The Senate passed and sent to the White House the State Department appropriation bill without the Preston rider which would have banned the use of funds for any new diplomatic mission the first chief of which had not been confirmed by the Senate. The State Department indicated that it had allotted \$70,000 in its 1952-53 —fiscal budget for the establishment of an embassy at the Holy See. The Department now has that money without any strings. The rider introduced by Rep. Price H. Preston (D.-Ga.) was adopted by the House when the bill originally passed that body. Subsequently, the Senate, in considering the appropriation measure, deleted the rider and in a conference between the two chambers, the House accepted the Senate version of the bill.

President Truman, who withdrew the nomination of General Mark Clark as first ambassador to the Vatican in January at the general's request, has indicated that he will make a new nomination. Such a nomination, if made while Congress is in recess, would take effect immediately, but would be subject to Senate confirmation in 1953. The President, however, might follow the precedent set by President Roosevelt who sent Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative to the Vatican. No Senate confirmation is required under this procedure and the State Department now has the funds for such a mission. Informed circles here expect a nomination of an ambassador or personal representative before fall.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION STARTS DROP IN FIRST HALF

With the affects of the nationwide steel strike yet to be recorded, starts on construction of new churches in the first half of 1952 were 19 percent under the value of such construction started in the first half of 1951. During the first six months of this year new church edifices to cost an estimated \$179,000,000 were begun, according to a report prepared by the Departments of Commerce and Labor. This compares with \$221,000,000 worth of construction started in the first half of 1951. New churches to cost \$32,000,000 got under way in June, the report disclosed, compared with \$41,000,000 in a year ago.

PROHIBITION PARTY HONORS BISHOP HAMMAKER

Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker of Washington, D. C., was named "Prohibition's Man of the Year" by the national convention of the Prohibition Party in Winona Lake, Ind. Bishop Hammaker is executive vice-president of the Methodist Board of Temperance and president of the National Temperance and Prohibition

Council of America. Also receiving citations were Miss Elizabeth E. Smart, of Washington, D. C., legislative secretary of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and Dr. Sam Morris, known as the "Voice of Temperance." Dwight Wiebe of Hillsboro, Ky., was appointed permanent director of the new national prohibition youth organization which will replace the American Youth for Political Action ousted from the party last September for alleged leftist activities. Stuart Hamblen, of Arcadia, Cal., who was chosen last year as the Prohibition Party's presidential candidate for 1952, formally accepted the nomination at the meeting here. He then led a parade of 100 cars to Warsaw, Ind., three miles from here, where he was welcomed by city officials. Mr. Hamblen is a Youth for Christ evangelist and composer of the hymn "It Is No Secret What God Can Do." The platform of the 1952 campaign of the Prohibition Party includes planks favoring religious liberty, honesty in government, public morality, separation of Church and State, and opposition to the appropriation of public money for any sectarian purpose.

EWING BACKS SOCIAL SECURITY FOR CLERGYMEN

Social security for clergymen would not violate the principle of Church-State separation, Oscar R. Ewing, Federal Security Administrator, told nearly 500 Orthodox rabbis attending the 16th annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America in Pittsburgh. Social security is typically American," Mr. Ewing said, "and the nation's clergy should be included in the program which has no relation to the larger issues involving separation of Church and State. He added that rabbis, ministers, priests, and other clergymen should have social security benefits "the same as any other working man in the country. Clergymen can be given

the opportunity," he said, "to be included under the government insurance program on a voluntary or elective basis just as lay employees of churches were so authorized by Congress in 1950."

SELECTIVE SERVICE CAUTIONS ON EXEMPTION OF LAY WORKERS

A 4-D (ministerial) classification will be given by draft boards to unordained laymen only on the basis of special consideration of individual cases, Selective Service headquarters have announced. A Selective Service spokesman noted that a number of appeals had been received following a recent liberalization of this classification to include lay workers for religious groups. The spokesman said that no comprehensive national ruling has been made on the subject nor is one anticipated. "In some particularly meritorious cases 4-D classification may be granted," he said. "However, each individual case is to be weighed on its own merits. The local draft board has merely been given discretion to do this, and it does not follow that each and every young lay worker will

be classified 4-D. For obvious reasons we are not going to make such a blanket exemption." In general, lay missionaries who have shown special preparation for their field of work and an invitation to devote their career to missionary activities are being classified 4-D. In certain cases, also, exemption is being given to full-time lay workers for churches and religious bodies in the United States. But the exemption is neither mandatory nor blanket.

San Diego Schools To Launch Spiritual Values Program

Public schools in San Diego, Cal., will begin instruction in morals and spiritual values when classes resume in September, the board of Education has decided. The instruction will replace released-time programs previously conducted but dropped after court decisions had cast a shadow over the legality of religious training in any way connected with public schools. The new program has the unofficial approval of the San Diego Council of Churches, but it will be reviewed by ministers who will be invited to make suggestions for its improvement.

INSTEAD OF REPENTANCE

Chas. A. Wells



There was once a time when men had an awareness of sin, and when they were overtaken by it, they recognized that restoration could only come through repentance and forgiveness. Men also knew that divine forgiveness had the power to restore character and recommit a life to respect and usefulness. It was not uncommon in the past for men to reach a high station in life after a bad start. Today the atmosphere is different; rarely does any one admit guilt. The modern custom, springing out of an era of neglect of religious teaching and Christian truth, is to shout defiance at any revealing light that might disclose the most damning and overwhelming evidence. The prevailing thesis is, "Anything is right if you can get away with it," and "Everybody else has been doing it too, so why blame me," etc., ad infinitum. This attitude, in business and private life as well as in government, is undermining our entire society. The only cure is a revival of sound doctrines of confession, repentance and divine forgiveness.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

COMMUNISTS BLOCK CHURCH LIFE ON EAST GERMAN BORDER

Church authorities in West Germany are aroused over the hampering of church life by recent Communist measures aimed at sealing off the border between West Germany and the Soviet Zone. The Communist action followed signing of the West German Peace Contract. The resulting restrictions on travel have worked particular hardship on church people at the outskirts of West Berlin where parishes frequently extend over the boundary of the Soviet Zone. Under the new Communist regulations residents of West Berlin must apply to Soviet Zone officials for permits to enter the East Zone. Neither Evangelical nor Roman Catholic pastors have been granted any of these permits, church circles reported there, and clergymen living in West Berlin no longer are able to carry out pastoral functions in the Soviet Zone.

The Evangelical parish in Staaken, which has its church entirely within West Berlin, has invited members of the St. Franziskus parish to use its building for services. Blocking of the border also has resulted in barring West Berlin residents from entering the large cemeteries in Stahnsdorf, in the Soviet Zone, just outside Berlin, which are the burying grounds for many West Berlin Evangelical parishes. East German authorities told the management of the Evangelical Church in Germany that funeral services must be held in West Berlin. The Communist officials said that the coffins then could be "turned over to a Soviet Zone collection point which will arrange for burial" in the Stahnsdorf cemeteries. Pastors and relatives of the deceased, they said, may attend the services if they obtain special travel permits.

He who is not liberal with what he has, does not deceive himself when he thinks he would be liberal if he had more.—W. S. Plummer, Forbes.

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Christian Education

ARKANSAS PASTORS' SCHOOL

DR. IRA A. BRUMLEY

The Arkansas Pastors' School was held on the Hendrix College Campus, July 7-11, with one of the best programs of recent years. Those who attended expressed many words of appreciation of the fine program being offered.

Dr. John W. Rustin of Nashville, Tennessee, did an excellent type of work in his platform addresses. He brought very challenging messages.

The classes were just as fine as could be expected in a school of this kind. The following courses were offered:

Personal Counseling, Dr. John K. Benton of Nashville, Tenn.

Christian Doctrine, Dr. Edward T. Ramsdell of Nashville, Tenn.

Church Administration, Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Gospel of John, Dr. Chester Warren Quimby, Kentucky Wesleyan.

There were about one hundred and fifty who attended at least part of the time.

Rev. Roy Fawcett of Little Rock, served as Dean of the School.

CONWAY DISTRICT YOUTH ASSEMBLY

The Conway District is to have an assembly on the Hendrix Campus during the period of July 21-25. It is chiefly for intermediates, ages 12-14, but special plans are being made to provide for some fifteen year old persons in a special group.

Rev. Robert Bearden, District Superintendent of Conway District, is to be Director of the assembly.

Persons desiring additional information should get in touch with the Director of the Assembly.

All who attend should get the health certificate form and have it filled out before coming.

The cost of the program is to be \$11.50 including registration fee and insurance.

NORTH ARKANSAS IN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

The North Arkansas Conference expects to have a large delegation in the Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah, July 21 - August 1. It seems now that the persons from each district of the Conference will attend and that at least half of the district directors of Christian education will be in the school. One or more districts hope to have each of the three age group workers. There will be a number of local church workers from over the Conference in the school. The Fayetteville District

expects to have a large number in the school. There are five persons already enrolled from the Paragould District.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT MT. SEQUOYAH

There are to be two programs at Mt. Sequoyah this summer for youth of the South Central Jurisdiction.

The first of these is the "Workshop," August 6-15. This is for youth and adults who are officers in the Conference, District, or sub-districts. Such persons must be sixteen years of age and senior in high school or beyond.

We have already been receiving applications for this program. There may be space for a limited number when these materials are read.

Then there is to be a program for local church youth, August 18-25. This is for persons who do not hold any office or do not hold an office beyond the local church. Our Conference has a quota of 28 for this program. Interested persons should write for information.

LOUISIANA METHODIST YOUTH ASSEMBLY MEETING

The annual Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Assembly is in session this week, July 14-19, at Camp Brewer, with Rev. Roy Mouser, Blackwater serving as Dean. One hundred fifty young people and adult leaders from the seven districts of the conference are in attendance, exploring the theme "Still He Calls."

Faculty for the assembly include Rev. Don Wineinger, Delhi, Vesper Counselor; Mrs. Roy Mouser, Blackwater, Morning Watch Counselor; Rev. Luther Booth, Algiers, Dean of Men; Miss

Louisiana Pastors' School And W.S.C.S. School of Missions Announced

The Annual Pastors' School and W. S. C. S. School of Missions will be held the week of August 25-29, on the campus of Centenary College.

The Rev. E. R. Haug, dean of the Pastors' School, has announced are following faculty:

Dr. J. V. Thompson, New York—"Religious Education"

Dr. Robert Goodloe, Dallas Texas—"Methodist History"

Dr. John C. Irwin, Garrett Biblical Institute—"The Preacher As Interpreter"

Dr. Otto Baab, Garrett Biblical Institute—"The Old Testament"

HYMN STORIES IN "TRAILS FOR JUNIORS"

Nashville, Tenn.—An interesting and useful series of hymn stories has been running in Trails for Juniors in 1951 and will be continued in 1952. These have been prepared by Miss Marion Armstrong who is the editor of the weekly and a specialist in work with juniors. The hymn for December is "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," and the story tells how Phillips Brooks came to write this beautiful carol. The hymn for January is "We, Thy People, Praise Thee," by Kate Stearns Page. As we sing it we join with people of every land in praise of the God of every nation. The music is by Haydn, and the harmony for the words helps to interpret a beautiful message for the beginning of a new year. The hymn for February is "O Brother Man," by John Greenleaf Whittier, a Quaker who worshiped in a Friend's Meeting House where hymns are never sung, but many of his poems have been set to music. Whittier hated war and this hymn was written during the time of the Mexican War. This is a good hymn for Brotherhood Week.

Lillian Lay, Hammond, Dean of Women; Rev. James Christie, Alexandria, Registrar; and Mrs. Edgar, Miss Sybil Durbin, Rev. Benedict Galloway, Mrs. Edward Harris, Rev. Charles Rother, A. C. Voran, Rev. R. E. Walton, Rev. Ted Weber, counselors.

Teaching is an art, not a science . . . Teaching is not like inducing a chemical reaction; it is much more like painting a picture or making a piece of music, or on a lower level like planting a garden or writing a friendly letter. You must throw your heart into it, you must realize that it cannot be done by formulas, or you will spoil your work, your pupils, and yourself.—Gilbert Highet, The Art of Teaching (Knopf).

Mrs. Sam Dunbar, dean of the School of Missions, has announced the following instructors:

Mrs. E. H. Farmer, Jurisdictional Foreign Secretary—"Course on Africa"

Miss Emma Burris, Woman's Division Staff member, "Home Missions and Human Rights"

Dean R. E. Smith, Shreveport—"Preface to the Bible"

Room and board will be provided on the College campus.

Your pastor and one or more representatives of the local W. S. C. S. should attend this stimulating school.

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Evangelistic Needs And Opportunities

By

DR. HARRY DENMAN

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TODAY there are many needs and opportunities for evangelism. We have crime, corruption and confusion. We have fears, frustrations, and phobias. We have greed, godliness and gambling. We have drunkenness, destruction and death on our highways. We have war, wantonness, and waste. We have deceit, divorce and distrust. We need to do our best creative, courageous and Christian thinking in the field of evangelism.

1. **We need personal evangelism.** The glad news of Andrew, "We have found the Messiah" should be on our lips as we speak to individuals. We need an evangelistic movement which will cause all those who know Christ to witness to those who do not know Him whether they be relatives, neighbors, friends or co-workers. We need "contact" evangelism, by "conversation" evangelism, or "each one reach one" or "individuals win individuals."

We are making progress in organized visitation evangelism and we need to intensify this work but we need an unorganized personal evangelism. This should come from the glad hearts of those who have found the Christ and go and find another person for Him. If we have found Christ we will find others. If we know Him we will tell others about Him.

The message of Andrew, "we have found the Messiah," was not said to the multitude or to the congregation but to one person. It must become normal and natural for Christians to speak to individuals about the power of becoming a new creature in Christ. From the press and the pulpit we must urge the pew to practice personal evangelism.

2. **We need parental evangelism.** The New Testament speaks of persons and their entire household believing in Christ. Today there are 51,000,000 persons in America under 18 years of age. What an evangelistic challenge! If America is to live we need parents who know Christ as their Saviour and will teach their children about Him and live the Christ life in the home. A man this week told me that he would provide for the physical, material, and mental needs for his children but he was expecting the church to take care of their spiritual needs. The church cannot do this without the help of the parents in the home. There must come a holy concern on the part of parents for the spiritual birth of their children.

3. **We need pulpit evangelism.** What a great day this is to preach the gospel of our living Lord. The American people are determined to have a mass movement and I am anxious for the church to be in the vanguard. We have been surprised at the

crowds which attend the regular preaching services. Many churches have two, and some have three, services on Sunday morning. Crowds come to the Sunday Mass

Meetings in our United Evangelistic Missions. The sessions (program and business) and the hour of Evangelism of the General Conference at San Francisco were crowded by visitors who wanted to know what the church had to say to meet the problems and needs of the day.

At every service we used to lift up Christ and give the opportunity for all persons to be drawn and yield themselves to Him.

Sunday evening affords an opportunity to have a warm-hearted evangelistic service.

Jesus came preaching, "repent and believe" and that is the message for this generation which is enslaved by sin and secularism.

4. **We need public evangelism.** The newspapers are predicting that by 1960 there will be sixty million television sets in the homes of the American people. What an opportunity to present the glamour of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As people sit Christ can come to their homes over the screen and the radio.

5. **We need a penetrating evangelism.** By this we mean an evangelism which penetrates all our various activities in all the areas of our lives. We need an evangelism that penetrates our economic, our social, our domestic, our political, and our educational and our church life.

6. **We need power evangelism.** This will come through the daily discipline of prayer and reading of the Holy Scriptures and devotional books. Dr. Luccock in "Marching Off the Map" says that we do not need the power of Pentecost unless we have the task of Pentecost.

7. **We need a pedagogical evangelism.** Today our Church School faces the great responsibility of reaching all the young adults and their children. The Church School can reach more persons for Christ and the Church if we can get all the teachers and adults concerned about reaching children, youth, and young adults.

8. **We need a peoples evangelism.** The fields are white unto the harvest. There are communities everywhere which need church schools and churches. We need to reach all peoples. We must reach the favored few but also the unfavored masses. We must not neglect one class but reach all classes of society. Dr. Halford Luccock in

the booklet, "The First Careless Rapture" said, **We must reach out or pass out.**

More and more we must see that evangelism is a primary activity for the pew and not for the pulpit. The function of the pulpit is to inspire, teach, lead and work with the pew in the great work of evangelism. A preacher testified through the secular press that his church was able to secure more than 800 members this year due to the monthly evangelistic activity of his laymen. Methodism spread to South Africa, Australia, and United States because of the witnessing of immigrants and soldiers.

Bishop Kennedy in his sermons at the Nebraska Annual Conference helped me greatly. He said, "There is no permanent victory," and that "victory is an imposter." We must not depend on the victories of the United Evangelistic Missions but go on from victory to victory. He said we need an idea which is too big for us and then God helps us. He stated further that the supreme blasphemy is "A man is hopeless." This means that we do not believe in God. This means that America is not hopeless. God can save America if we will let Him.

One day last week I visited with a young preacher from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. The next day we were at it again. We went to see the hard ones. This young preacher had been working with them for two years. He loved them. He was concerned. We spent 30 minutes with a man trying to help him to start the Christian life. He refused our invitations. After leaving the home, I noticed out of the corner of my eye this young preacher was shedding some tears. He was broken hearted. We did not talk about it but I saw a preacher weep over the unconverted of his community. This was a lesson and a reproach to me. We need to be so concerned that we are broken hearted as Jesus was on the first Palm Sunday.

No one can make us jealous, suspicious, unhappy or discontented. These are attitudes we choose, and no matter what the circumstances we have the right to choose other and better attitudes. But it is well for us to remember that when we choose the lower instead of the higher, that the choice is never forced upon us.—Roy L. Smith, "You Must Make the Decisions," Christian Advocate,

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AT ALDERSGATE



Miss Elizabeth Johannaber

The Little Rock Conference will hold its School of Missions at

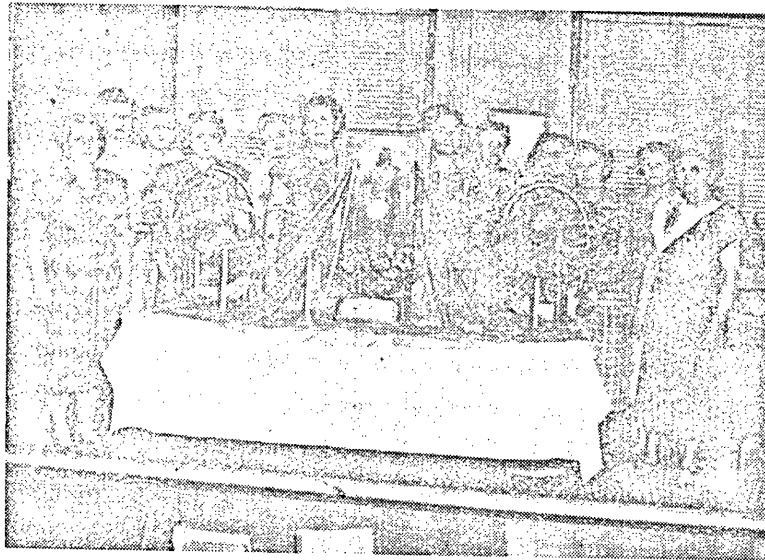
Aldersgate, July 23-25, with registration, under the direction of Mrs. Rufus Sorrels, starting at 1 p. m. Mrs. George Meyers is in charge of Arrangements; Mrs. Herbert Stephens, Literature; Mrs. Curtis Williams, Devotionals, and Mrs. Ewing Wayland, Dean. Mrs. M. E. Scott is Chairman of the Summer School Committee.

Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of First Methodist Church, will teach the course "Preface to Bible Study". Mrs. Leo D. Wylie, Pine Bluff, Conference Secretary of Supplies, will teach the course "Africa." The course "Home Missions and Human Rights" will be taught by Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Jurisdiction Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

The Platform Speaker will be Miss Elizabeth Johannaber, Forest City, Iowa, who served as a missionary for two years in China.

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INSTALLATION SERVICE AT PARAGOULD



On June 5th an Installation of Officers of the Elizabeth Trice Circle was held at the First Methodist Church, Paragould, with Mrs. Frazier Hammond, Mrs. Paul Phillips and Mrs. Marcus Morrow as hostesses. Mrs. L. D. Barfield was in charge of the program, and music was under the direction of Miss Wirta Potter and Mrs. Joe E. Wilbourn. Mrs. Lee Ward was in charge of the Installation and the worship center was arranged by Mrs. Dick Woodward and Mrs.

Barfield.

Officers installed were: Mrs. Ed Dollins, chairman; Mrs. Harvey Ferrell, vice-chairman; Mrs. Nellie Berry, secretary; Mrs. Frazier Hammond, treasurer; Mrs. L. D. Barfield, reporter; Mrs. Paul Phillips, flower; Mrs. R. P. Worley, kitchen; Mrs. Fred Berryhill, communion; Mrs. R. E. Cox, sunshine; Mrs. Bob Dover, penny; Mrs. Fuller Jenkins, devotional; Miss Clara Stepp, missionary education.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Oak Park Society, meeting July 3, voted to assist in sending children to the camp at Camp Brewer. Mrs. W. Wenner was the hostess for the meeting, and Mrs. George Pittman led the program. Mrs. Roy Dugas, Lake Charles District Promotion Secretary, instructed the group in the requirements of a newly organized society, and outlined duties of the officers and committee chairmen.

The Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Walnut Ridge Church honored Rev. and Mrs. Elmo Thomason and nephew, Simon, with a "rainbow" reception on June 27. At the foot of the rainbow was the traditional pot of gold — a very generous number of gifts. Mrs. R. B. Warner, co-ordinator, presented a unique "wagon-wheel" program.

A new circle has been organized in this society, of young adults.

A Wesleyan Service Guild of the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church, North Little Rock, was organized in June with 14 members. Rev. William Wilder is the pastor.

Mrs. Emmalean Lawrence is the President; Miss Fentem Utley, Vice-President; Mrs. Vinita Harrison, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Olen Thomas, Promotion Secretary; Mrs. Dell Jenkins, Treas-

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD AT BEEBE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Beebe met in the Sanctuary of the church June 12 for general business and a Pledge and Memorial Service.

The president, Mrs. C. V. Olmstead, read the scripture and followed with prayer. The society voted to give ten dollars a month for the expense of a child in the Methodist Children's Home. Mrs. Hugh Garrett and Mrs. Burton Ham read the names of the circle members for 1952-53. Mrs. Joe Bealeu collected the pledge cards.

Mrs. Garrett presented the Life Membership Certificate of Mrs. Dement Williams, dated 1905, to her grand-daughter, Mrs. Roland Shelton. Mrs. Shelton, Little Rock Conference Secretary of Status of Women, gave a talk on her visit to the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Mrs. Garrett, assisted by Mrs. E. B. Doss and Mrs. Burton Ham, conducted the Memorial Service for Mrs. Bettie McIntosh, Mrs. Lela Roberts, Mrs. B. M. Smoot, Mrs. Mildred Crill and Mrs. Fern Patterson.

Mrs. Mildred Robbins sang "The Beautiful City."

The meeting was closed with the Benediction. — Mrs. Lena Reid.

urer; and Mrs. Imo Jean Wilder, Co-ordinator.

NORTH ARKANSAS SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The North Arkansas Conference School of Missions and Christian Service was held at Hendrix College, Conway, June 23-27.

Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe served as Chairman and Mrs. H. H. Bumpers as Dean of the school. 89 persons registered for full time in the school, and 35 registered for part time.

Mrs. E. H. Farmer, Secretary of Foreign Work of the Jurisdiction, taught the class on Africa in which 27 were enrolled and 24 credits were issued.

Miss Lydia Gerhart, Field Worker of the Division, taught the course "Home Missions and Human Rights" in which 23 were enrolled and 21 credits were issued.

Dr. A. M. Serex, pastor of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, taught the course "A Preface to Bible Study"; 39 enrolled and 36 credits were issued. A total of 89 enrolled in the classes, and 81 credits were issued.

Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe and Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell led workshops on Program Building with Circles

and Program Building without Circles. Mrs. Farmer led the workshop on Channeling Missionary Information. Miss Mildred Osment and Mrs. Walter Jimeron led the workshop on study and action. Departmental clinics and leaders were as follows: President, Mrs. Johnnie McClure; Vice-President, Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. Couchman; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Elmus Brown; Missionary Education, Miss Osment; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Walter Kimerson; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Monroe Scott; Literature and Publication, Mrs. Paul Bumpers and Mrs. Homer Williamson; Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Gertie Stiles.

Vesper and Morning devotions were held in the lovely new chapel, with Dr. Serex leading. Vespers were led by Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Miss Betty Letzig, Miss Mary Chaffin and Miss Lydia Gerhart.—Reporter

"May the Lord be with you always—and may you always be with the Lord." — Benediction quoted by J. Warren Kinsman, v-p, E. I. dePont de Nemours & Co.

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

HENDRIX COLLEGE CAMPAIGN PLANS PRESENTED

(Special to Ark. Meth.)

Hendrix College trustees will take the lead in the college's \$600,000 Faculty Endowment Campaign, according to an announcement from President Matt L. Ellis. Leading the group in the campaign will be Joe T. Thompson, prominent Little Rock insurance executive and Methodist layman.

Thompson a Hendrix trustee since 1948, presented purposes and plans of the campaign last week to Methodist pastors from throughout the state assembled at the college for the annual Arkansas Pastors School. Pastors have been meeting for the first time in the new Hendrix Chapel, which was one of the results of the Million Dollar campaign successfully waged by Arkansas churches for the college about six years ago.

The General Education Board of New York, a Rockefeller philanthropic agency, has made a grant of \$300,000 to Hendrix, conditional upon the college's obtaining an additional \$300,000 from other sources. It is this \$300,000 which Thompson will lead the Hendrix trustees in an effort to obtain.

One hundred thousand dollars of the total sought would be used during the next three years to enlarge the Hendrix faculty and to improve faculty salaries. The other \$500,000 would go into permanent endowment for the same purpose. Thompson told the pastors that the dollar for dollar basis of the GEB grant was unusually liberal and that "100%



Miss Thelma Bowden, soon to go as missionary to India, visits with Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, at North Arkansas Conference. (Staff Photo)

profit is attractive business in any man's language."

No elaborate church organization will be set up for the drive such as was set up for the million dollar campaign, Thompson said, but Methodist pastors and laymen throughout the state will be called on for help.

To keep Hendrix great, Thompson declared, the college must keep a great faculty. President Ellis pointed out that with the low salaries now in effect at the college there is constant temptation for faculty members to go to other, better paying positions.

Bishop Paul E. Martin also participated on the program for the pastors. He sketched the background of the previous campaign,

pointed out the many strengthened features at the college resulting from it. He urged the pastors to "talk Hendrix as they have never talked it before."

Dr. C. M. Reves, who led the million dollar campaign, also spoke in the interest of the current one. A long-time leader in the Arkansas church, he retired last month to become a vice president of the college.

MARION METHODISTS COMPLETE BUILDING PROGRAM

(Special to Ark. Meth.)

The congregation of the First Methodist Church, Marion, worshiped for the first time since early in March in the sanctuary of its church building on Sunday July 13, when the church was formally declared to be open for worship at the completion of a \$21,000 program of remodeling and redecoration which involved the entire church building. The capacity crowd attending the first service led by the pastor, Rev. Alf A. Eason, saw a completely remodeled and redecorated sanctuary, featuring a divided chancel arrangement, new pulpit furniture, carpets, lights, and a new entrance to the church. The entire Educational Building and the Pastor's study have been redecorated.

An Open House was held at the church on Sunday afternoon when members of the church and friends were shown throughout the church plant. The opening day's activities were concluded with the evening worship service. Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, one of

Miss Thelma Bowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowden, Swifton, is now training at the Hartford Seminary Foundation, preparatory to taking up her duties as a missionary of The Methodist Church in India. Miss Bowden along with 52 other young persons between the ages of 21-28 will serve special three year terms in the countries of Japan, Korea, Malaya, Philippine Islands, India and Pakistan.

Miss Bowden is a recent graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, where she received a B. S. degree in Home Economics. She has been very active in youth work in Swifton and in Conway while attending school. Her father is a farmer and her mother is a teacher in the public schools at Swifton. She has a brother now attending school at the University of Arkansas.

Miss Bowden attended the recent session of the North Arkansas Conference and was presented to the Conference during one of the sessions. While at the Conference she had the opportunity of meeting Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, Bishop of the Delhi Area, India. After completion of the six weeks period of training at Hartford, Miss Bowden will sail in early September for India.

the Arkansas Methodist Editors was the guest speaker for the morning service, and Rev. Ethan Dodgen, Forrest City District Superintendent, delivered the sermon at the evening service.

A fuller account of the formal opening will be published in an early issue of the Arkansas Methodist.

HOME DEPARTMENT WORK OF SEARCY METHODIST CHURCH

The Home Department of the First Methodist Church, Searcy, has been very active since its organization in 1936. Mrs. Erby Blackburn is now the efficient Superintendent of the Department.

Regular meetings are held each quarter with the committee to plan for the forthcoming program and to sum up the value of what has taken place.

The department has a membership at this time of 44 members. They are people who, for different reasons, cannot attend the church services regularly. Some (Continued on page 13)

WORKING THIS SUMMER IN TEXAS

(Special to Ark. Meth.)



MISS FRANCES KELLEY

Miss Frances Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelley, North Little Rock, is serving six weeks this summer as a student summer service worker at Valley Institute, Pharr, Texas. Miss Kelley, a graduate of Hendrix College, is one of a group of fifteen college students taking part in work of this type under the auspices of the Methodist Student Movement. Such programs, according to Miss Kelley, are a means of giving students experience in religious education and social work.



"Along A Country Road" The Town and Country Commission

The Methodist Church
The North Arkansas Conference
Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas
Paul E. Martin, Bishop
Rev. Floyd G. Villines, President
M. J. Lester Hutchins, Vice-President
Rev. N. Lee Cate, Secretary
Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

It was the writer's privilege to attend the Seventh Annual Rural Life Conference conducted at the great Agriculture and Mechanical College at College Station, Texas. The meeting was held in the new Memorial Student Center, a building erected at a financial outlay of \$2,000,000. The Rural Life Conference was inter-denominational. The spirit was on a high level. Dr. Daniel Russell, Professor of Rural Sociology, was the director of the conference. The subjects under discussion were pertinent to the real needs prevailing in community life across the nation. Economists, Sociologists, College Professors, and Ministers all combined to bring a well rounded presentation of the matters on the agenda. The welcome address by the President of the College was indicative of the importance the College attached to the meeting.

Perhaps one of the outstanding factors in the whole realm of the Rural Church Movement is found in the interest of educational, agricultural, medical and other groups. There seems to be the sense of feeling of deep need for spiritual undergirding all of our life. If that feeling can be widespread enough there will be a better day ahead. It was indeed a rare privilege to be in such a conference.

A Day At S. M. U.

On the way home from College Station I stopped off at S. M. U. and spent a day at the School for Approved Supplies at S. M. U. It was a high privilege to sit in on the class discussion conducted by Dr. A. W. Martin and to have the opportunity of speaking to the class. We enjoyed lunch together in the dining hall at Perkins School of Theology. The Department of the Local Church headed by Dr. Martin is doing a most splendid job in developing a practical program at the university for the students. There was not a dull moment during the time I was on the campus as all were busy in class, in work shops, at chapel, or lunch. The Perkins School of Theology is breath taking in its outlay of buildings, beauty of architecture, and general environment. Truly there should be a feeling of gratitude and appreciation on the part of Meth-

odists for this wonderfully established and forward moving institution.—Rev. J. Albert Gatlin

FORT SMITH CHURCH CHANGES NAME

The Towson Avenue Methodist Church, Fort Smith, recently changed its name to Glover Memorial Methodist Church, honoring its pastor, Rev. J. F. Glover, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, under whose leadership the congregation has made great progress in recent months. The church building has been relocated at a new address about two blocks nearer Fort Smith proper, and Sunday School rooms are to be added to the building in the near future. Brother Glover has served this church since June, 1951.

HOME DEPARTMENT WORK OF SARCUS METHODIST CHURCH

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are ill, and are shut-ins, some are aged, others live too far and have no way to get to the church services. At present there are two children in this department who in a few months will be able to take their places again as regular attendants in the Sunday School. These members are visited regularly each month by some of the committee.

The Home Quarterly and the Upper Room are taken to each member at regular intervals. Birthday greetings or a small gift is sent to each one on his birthday. Sometimes a birthday party is given in which games are played and refreshments served. At times when church wide fellowship suppers are given, plates are carried to those who cannot attend.

The pastor visits these members and administers the sacrament of Holy Communion. At times special services are held in the church for those who can attend. The morning worship services are participated in by all through the medium of radio.

Everything is being done to let these members know that they are still welcome members of our church and Sunday School. Although they may not be able to come to the church the church

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(Staff Article)

CORLISS R. ARNOLD, Director of Music, First Methodist Church, El Dorado, has been granted an indefinite leave of absence from his duties at the church to complete the degree of Doctor of Sacred Music at the School of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary, New York. Mr. Arnold has been serving as Director of Music and Organist at the El Dorado church since 1948. He is a graduate of Hendrix College, high honors, 1946, and taught at the Methodist college for one year, going in 1947 to the University of Michigan for a Master's Degree.

Mr. Arnold will be succeeded during his absence by his sister, Miss Eloise Marie Arnold, who received her Master of Sacred Music degree this spring from the School of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary. She is also a graduate of Hendrix College, finishing her course with Honors in 1950. Miss Arnold, a native of Monticello, will assume her duties this fall.

There are at the present time nine choral groups at El Dorado First Church: the Motet Choir, Handel Choir, Wesley Choir, The Choristers, Men's Chorus, Ladies' Chorus, Cherub Choir, Carol Choir, and the Oratorio Choir.

feels its responsibility to go to them.

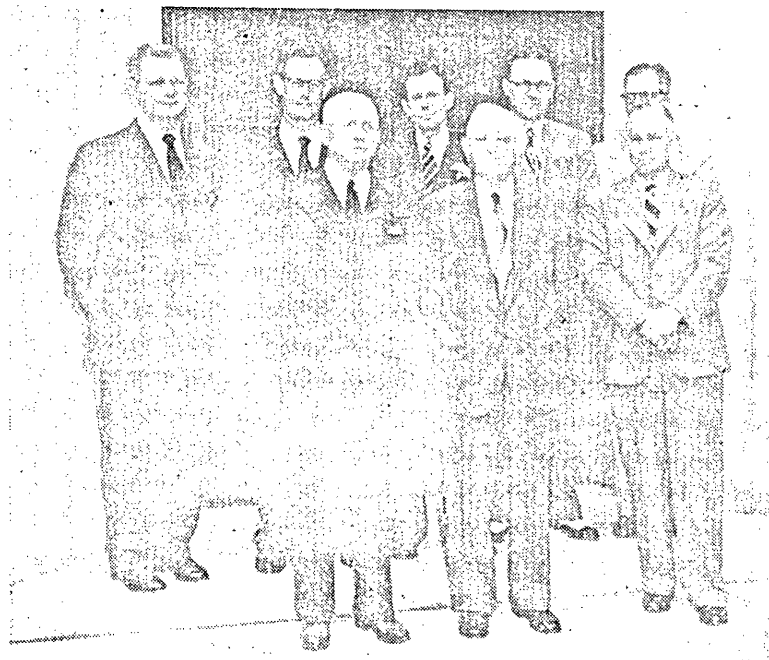


CORLISS R. ARNOLD

The Choristers sing at the Sunday morning 8:15 service and the Motet Choir at the 10:50 service. The Sunday evening services are divided between the various other choirs except for the Cherub Choir (primary boys and girls) which sings on special occasions, and the Oratorio Choir which has done special concert work.

During the 1948-1952 period a total of 55 recitals have been presented, featuring several famous guest choirs, soloists, organists, and work of local choirs and Mr. Arnold. The Motet Choir repertoire consists of 90 anthems, and 6 oratorios.

Blytheville Construction Committee



The Construction Committee of the beautiful new Sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, where the recent session of the North Arkansas Conference was held: 1 to r, first row: B. A. Lynch, Dr. James L. Guard, Jesse Taylor; second row: Rev. Roy I. Bagley, pastor, R. A. Nelson, Harvey Morris, J. W. Adams, J. L. Gunn. (Staff Photo)



REPORT FOR JUNE, 1952

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

Susanna Wesley Circle of First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, cookies.

Mrs. A. N. Youngblood, Pike, Arkansas, quilt.

Mrs. Wm. Winkler's 3rd grade vacation Bible School, First Methodist Church, N. Little Rock, scrap books and served ice cream and cake.

First Grade Class, Primary Department Vacation Bible School, Siloam Springs Methodist Church, Miscellaneous gifts.

Children of Vacation Bible School, Salem Methodist Church, miscellaneous gifts.

Drs. Alstadt & Smith, L. R. Ark. Tickets for carnival.

Mr. Chas. R. Baber, U. S. Veteran's Hospital, N. Little Rock, candy bars.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

Mrs. Theo Frank by Mrs. Robert Haverly

Mrs. Anna Page by Burt Pickens Memorial Methodist Church Sunday School

Mr. Robert Buckley by Mrs. Mary McG. Nobles

Mr. L. L. Kerr by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Collard, Jr.

Mrs. Mary Lilly King by Mr. and Mrs. Amos Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richard and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Richard of the St. Paul Methodist Church

Mr. W. G. Mazers by Gray and Gary Butler

Mr. W. T. Joyner by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rhodes

Mrs. Sarah E. Baird by Mabel Scurlock Pope

Rev. James T. Randle by Lois and Charles McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McDonald, Sr.

Mr. H. T. Ferguson by W.S.C.S. First Methodist Church, West Memphis

Rev. Sam Yancey by Matron Class of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville

Mr. John Cornatzer by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barton

Mr. J. N. Cornatzer by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nance

Rev. Sam Yancey by Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Melton, Garland and Betty

Mr. Wm. Rogers by Sains Dairy School Class, Holly Grove Methodist Church

Mr. William Rogers by Mr. and

Mrs. James C. Perry
Rev. James T. Randle by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fogleman

Mr. Jno. N. Cornatzer by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fogleman

Rev. James Randle by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith

OTHER GIFTS

Evelyn Whitcomb Class, Asbury Church, L. R. \$ 10.00

C. E. Hayes, Treasurer, Little Rock Conference 336.99

Henderson Methodist Ch. Fellowship Class 10.00

Mr. O. G. Robison 1.00

Yancey S. S. Class, Marianna Methodist Ch. 10.00

Builders Class, Paris Methodist Church 10.00

Frost Bible Class, First Meth. Ch., Texarkana. 10.00

Lockesburg Meth. Ch. Vacation Bible School 5.00

Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Heimbach 10.00

Men's Bible Class, Russellville Meth. Ch. 10.00

Mr. and Mrs. Wade W. Bell 10.00

Rev. Richard Perry 46.83

Arch Jones Bible Class, Batesville Meth. Ch. 10.00

Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean. 10.00

C. E. Hayes, Treasurer of Little Rock Conference 291.16

Star City Vacation Bible School 30.00

Susanna Wesley Class, First Meth., Texarkana 5.00

Bay Meth. Ch. W.S.C.S. 10.00

Trumann W.S.C.S. Meth. Ch. 10.00

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Memorials 88.50

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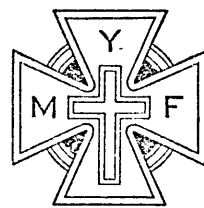
T. T. McNeal, Director

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AT ALDERSGATE

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She will speak Wednesday evening on: "Proclaim the Good News" and on Thursday her address will be "Communism Challenges Christians." Miss Johannaber leaves in September for the Philippines.

Three workshops will be held: Program Building, Mrs. Wadsworth, Camden, District Vice-President; Channeling Missionary Education, Mrs. Scott; and Advertising and Publicity, Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference President.



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Emogene Dunlap, Little Rock Conference Director of Youth Work, announces that due to the change of plans for the summer the two local Church Council Retreats have been cancelled. One was for the Arkadelphia, Camden and Hope Districts scheduled for July 19 and 20, and the other for Little Rock, Monticello and Pine Bluff Districts scheduled for August 2 and 3.

METHODIST YOUTH GROUP INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Officers of the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship of Grand Avenue Methodist church, Hot Springs, were installed at the evening worship Sunday, June 22, by the pastor, Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf.

The officers are: Miss Judy Sullivan, President; Jimmy Keith, Vice-president; Miss Betty Lynn Pullen, Secretary; Miss Emma Garland Smith, Treasurer.

Miss Elinor Coombe, chairman of worship and evangelism commission; Miss Charlene Boote, chairman of recreation commission; Miss Melvia Sheets, chairman of missions and world friendship commission; Charles Davis, chairman of community service commission; Miss Myrtle Sheets, chairman of publicity; Mrs. Walter McGonagill, counselor; Miss Louise Fincher, director of youth activities.

EBENEZER GROUP ORGANIZES

The young people of Ebenezer church meet with Mrs. D. L. McCauley and Mrs. Ralph Hines at 7:00 p. m., June 29, 1952 to organize their Methodist Youth Fellowship. The following officers were elected: President, Nancy Rogers; Vice-President, Mavalene White; Secretary-Treasurer, Billy R. Rogers; Worship and Evangelism, Janice Rogers; World Friendship, Martha Sue White; Community Service, Sally Jo Rogers; Recreation, Tommy Foster; Counselor, Mrs. Ralph Hines.—Reporter

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FRANCIS LEE SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

Benham Jones of Marianna was elected president of the Francis Lee Sub-district, Methodist youth organization at a meeting Monday, June 23, at Bear Creek Lake, site of the new Forrest City district camp.

Other officers elected were: Elizabeth Morgan of Round Pond, vice president; Jimmy Randle of Marianna, secretary; Donald Bratton of Forrest City, treasurer; and Mary Dodgen of Forrest City, reporter.

Commission chairmen are: Pat-sy Russell of Forrest City, commission on recreation; June Stills of Aubrey, community service; Ann Franks of Forrest City, worship and evangelism; Larry Bunch of Aubrey, missions and world friendship. The adult counselor is Mrs. J. W. Maxwell of Aubrey.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

JULY 25-AUG. 3—
Mt. Zion Church
Montgomery, La.
Rev. C. J. T. Cotton
AUG. 4-AUG. 10—
Mitchell, La.
Rev. L. A. Boddie
AUG. 11-AUG. 20—
Mt. Carmel Church
Rev. W. L. Douglas

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OBITUARIES

J. D. McBride, Sr.

Funeral services for J. D. McBride, Sr., age 75, were held at the Jonesboro, (La.) Methodist Church, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, June 19, with Rev. W. O. Lynch, pastor and Rev. G. A. Morgan, former pastor and long-time friend, officiating.

Mr. McBride was born Novem-

ber 21, 1878 and gave to his church long years of loyal, devoted service.

Rev. Morgan, in tribute to his memory said Mr. McBride's sterling christian character and his unfaltering stand for the right at all times was an inspiration to his family and to all who knew him.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Maggie Culpepper McBride, two

sons, Rupert McBride, of Port Arthur, Texas., J. D. McBride, Jr., Hammond, three daughters, Mrs. Paul F. Stinson, Jonesboro, Mrs. Carl Leug, Lake Charles, and Mrs. Tommie Floyd, Natchez, Mississippi.

Mrs. W. R. Jones

Mrs. W. R. Jones (Lillie Carter) of Yellville, Arkansas was born Sept. 28, 1871 near Flippin, Ark., and passed from this life June 8, 1952 at her home in Yellville. She lived the majority of her long years in Yellville where she as a girl of eighteen years joined the Methodist Church and was always active in it's service.

She was married Apr. 12, 1895 to W. R. Jones who preceded her in death in 1930. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sam Duren of Yellville, and Mrs. J. B. Ward of Russellville, a brother Wm. Carter of Edcouch, Texas, a grandson, Robert Duren of Yellville, a granddaughter, Mrs. Sydney Watson of Dallas, Tex., a sister, Mrs. Ida Padgett of Texarkana, Tex., and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Jones served the church in various capacities of the women's work, and gave moral and financial support to worthy causes in her community and state.

Funeral services were conducted June 10, at Yellville Methodist Church by the pastor Rev. Theron McKisson, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. Glen Bruner of Elaine, Ark. A beautiful floral offering bore eloquent testimony of the high esteem in which Mrs. Jones was held by all who knew her. Her loyalty and service to her church will live long in the memory of this congregation.—Theron McKisson, Pastor.

Mrs. Joe M. Johnson

Mrs. Mildred Stuart Johnson was born at Columbus, Hempstead County, Arkansas August 3, 1870. She died at Ashdown November 29, 1951, at the age of 81 years.

Mrs. Johnson moved to Ash-

down in 1891, and was the last charter member of the church here. She was active in the church all of her life and was a charter member of the WSCS and was given a life membership several years ago. She was very active in the garden club, the United Charities, and a good many other civic organizations, but her church was her first love.

Several years before her death Mrs. Johnson lost her hearing, but she never missed a service at her church until her health began to fail some months before her death, and then she would continue to come to the services, often when she was not well enough to attend. I have never seen one who loved her church as she did, nor have I ever seen one so faithful to all of its program. As did Enoch of old, Mrs. Johnson truly walked with God all through her life.

"She lived for those who loved her,
For those who knew her true,
For the heaven that smiled above her,
And waited her coming, too,
And the good that she could do."

These words are truly a picture of this great woman of God. Always she remembered those who were sick. She has sent thousands of cards to her friends who were ill, and many a heart has been cheered by flowers from her garden.

She walked with God, and came to the place where she could be more at home with Him in heaven and now she lives with Him in that "house of many mansions."

She is survived by two sons, James Edward Johnson, of Ashdown, and Joe Miller Johnson, of Alabama, and one daughter, Mrs. Eva Merrill, of Ashdown.

Services were held for her in the church that she loved and served so faithfully here at Ashdown on December 1, 1951 by her pastor. —Warren D. Golden, pastor

As you pray, remember that God is not a cosmic bell hop.—Bishop W. E. Hammaker, Christian Advocate.

THEREFORE GET WISDOM

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Man does not write like that about a God that he dreads, but one whom he loves. He saw God as something more than powerful and mighty; "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion." He was a God to be revered, loved and followed. But he went further than just recognizing the eternal truth and goodness of God. Hear his words: "The works of His hand are verity and truth; **all his comandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever.**" All of the ideas of greatness and goodness lead up to our text, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." It comes, this idea of fear, up from the lowlands of dread and terror to the heights of respect, honor, reverence, love and worshipful awe. This kind of lofty recognition and awareness of God leads to wisdom. It was that which Solomon wanted in order to be a true and good judge of the people. No man can judge any one or anything wisely and properly without a great love and reverence for God. Reverence creates a right estimate of the worth of people. Love for God and his people gives consideration that is just and right. The writer or preacher of this idea shows clearly that holding God supreme includes even more than reverence and love. Justice and righteousness are demanded. **There is something final in God's commandments and in His eternal and universal laws of righteousness.**

Obeying Brings Understanding

To the first phrase, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom," was added for explanation and enlargement: "A good understanding have all they that do his commandments." This is not a note of sternness and severity, but a summary to show the final source of righteousness, judgment and wisdom. **Man finds wisdom and life here as he becomes aware of and follows God's Statutes and calls.** You and I do not attain great understanding and wisdom by following every urge that we have or by deciding the course we shall take according to personal whims and social mores. We do not drift into wise judgments nor have them bestowed upon us because we live in the United States. **Nations are not laws unto themselves.** There is God before whom we must bow and with whom we must walk IN HIS WAY. "It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pastures." (Psalm 100). **He it is who is the directing** as well as the protecting Shepherd. It is His moral quality and spiritual superiority to which we must look and give ourselves.

Our failure to see life's finalities in God and His righteousness is an indication of our sin and lack of wisdom. Our awareness of God, our holding Him supreme, our devotion to Him, and our following His laws all unite to bring wisdom. The opposite is true also — Wisdom creates awareness, awe, reverence, and even fear or consciousness of the great and powerful. The scientist who holds the glory, the majesty, and wonders of the Universe holds God's laws in great respect. Men who know the power and might of military force are in terror. Atomic research leaders and makers of the bombs cry out for proper control and use of this tremendous power. Their knowledge and understanding make them scared to death. **LIKEWISE**, men of great religious knowledge and spiritual insight stand in respect and awe of God and His laws.

It is good sense to recognize the vast powers of God. Man cannot abuse the eternal laws of righteousness. **He must hold them in reverence and at the same time know that they have the last say here on earth.** The laws of the Lord will have the last word.

To hold God supreme, to recognize the laws of righteousness and their Maker, to be obedient to His ways, and to devote ourselves in complete love to Him is to attain unto full wisdom and understanding.

God-fearing Christians are men who see the Lord and follow Him. They are those who put God at the center of their thinking and living.

Truly we can say: "The holding of God supreme in life is the beginning of wisdom: A good understanding have all they that do His commandments."

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HOW DOES GOD CALL LEADERS?

LESSON FOR JULY 27, 1952

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
I Samuel 1:20, 24-28; I Samuel 3:1, 15 through 4:1.

GOLDEN TEXT: The child Samuel grew on, and increased in favor both with the Lord, and also with men. (I Sam. 2:26)

With this lesson we are concluding a four-session unit, the general theme of which was "Leaders for the Times." The subjects of the last three lessons were "How God Acts Through Leaders in Accomplishing His Purposes"; "The Meaning Of True Courage for our Times"; and "The Difference that God makes in the Leadership of a Nation". It is very appropriate that the unit close with the subject of our lesson today — "How Does God Call Leaders?"

A Look At The Scriptures

Our lesson today is taken from the life of one of the greatest men of all history — Samuel. Dr. Clarence Macartney, a great Presbyterian minister, has a sermon based on the life of Samuel entitled "Samuel, the Noblest Man in the Old Testament." That is giving him a high place indeed for it will be remembered that both Abraham and Moses came during that period.

Samuel was a transition character. He came at the time of the closing of the period of the judges and the beginning of the monarchy. He was the last and the greatest of the judges and the first of the prophets. He was a king-maker. After he had ruled the country for several years, he anointed Saul to be the first King of Israel. He also had the honor anointing David to succeed Saul.

Influence Of A Good Home

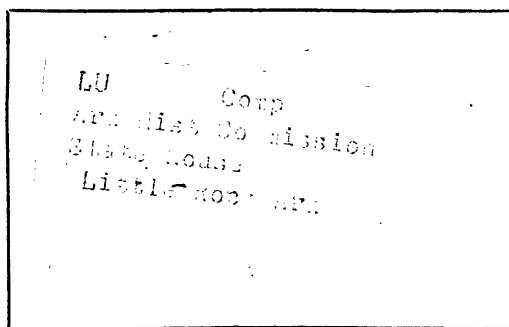
Samuel had religious parents. At that time the Tabernacle was at Shiloh, and we are told that Elkanah, who later became the father of Samuel, was in the habit of going there every year to worship God and offer sacrifices. His mother, Hannah, was also very religious. For many years she was barren. This greatly disturbed her. She longed for a child. She made this desire a matter of prayer. She promised the Lord that if he would give her a son she would dedicate him to God all of his life. We recall how she prayed in the Tabernacle. At first, Eli, the priest, thought she was drunk but on learning that she was praying for a child he pronounced a blessing upon her. In due season Samuel was born and Hannah, true to her vow, made preparation to dedicate him to the Lord. This she did when he was only three years old. She took him to the Tabernacle and left him with Eli, the priest.

We have here an illustration of the home and the church working together in producing religious character. It is said that the first seven years of a child's life are the most important in the matter of character building. The first three years of this period Samuel spent with his religious parents. No

doubt that during that time he received impressions that stuck with him through life. These impressions begin much earlier in the life of a child than most parents think.

Even after turning Samuel over to the church his parents continued to exercise influence over him. They visited him regularly and it is said that once a year his mother made him a coat from cloth which she had woven with her own hands. This so impressed Samuel that even after he became a man and his mother was dead, he continued to have coats made for himself of this same kind of material and pattern.

It is a fact that Eli lost his own sons, Hophni and Phinehas. But blame him as



you may for this failure he has it to his everlasting credit that he gave Samuel the best possible training. We are led to believe that he was too soft and indulgent with his own sons. He spared the rod and spoiled his own children. It may be that he learned his lesson through experience at this point and was thus better prepared to bring Samuel up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Our memory selection goes on to say, "The child Samuel grew on, and increased in favor both with the Lord, and with men." We may rest assured that older people, and chief among them, Eli, had something to do with the wonderful development of this child.

A Sad Task Indeed

The latter part of the lesson goes on to tell how Samuel received his call from God. At first young Samuel thought it was the voice of Eli calling to him. The old priest had an idea that it was God trying to commune with Samuel and instructed him how to respond. The instruction was carried out and God gave Samuel a message. The message had to do with the call of Samuel to special service and the destruction of the house of Eli. At first Samuel hesitated to tell his old teacher the sad news but he insisted and he told him all. Eli accepted it

with good grace, simply submitting to the will of God.

Lessons For Our Day

Israel was in a bad way. A crisis was upon the nation. Her greatest need was leadership. God assumed the responsibility of calling Samuel to head the nation. The world today is in a crisis period and the outstanding need is leadership. Many people are offering themselves as leaders, but all too often they are doing so with the wrong motives. Some are selfish in their wishes. They are seeking power that it may be used for gain, or they are seeking fame and prestige. God, too often, is left entirely out of the picture. Samuel felt that God called him to his task. It made a great difference in his life. Such a feeling would make a difference in the lives of would-be leaders of today. May we note some results of such feeling.

If leaders feel that they are called of God they will look to him for power to carry out the task. There are many tasks that are too heavy for the strongest of leaders if they depend upon themselves alone. Abraham Lincoln felt that and he insisted that often he was driven to his knees in seeking help from God, realizing that both he and his Cabinet were unable to bear the burdens that rested upon them.

Again, if leaders feel called of God to accomplish certain tasks they will realize immediately that the tasks are important. The work is God's work. They are simply co-operating with him in accomplishing it. That was the way Nehemiah felt when he was rebuilding the broken-down walls of Jerusalem.

If leaders feel called of God they will realize that they are accountable to him for the effort they put forth to accomplish the task in hand. Altogether too many leaders are mere politicians. They lack qualities of leadership and statesmanship. Their chief aim in life is not to do what is best for the largest number of people but they yield to pressure groups who demand more than what is just and right and who control a large number of votes. These politicians are determined to keep in office even if they have to do so at the sacrifice of moral principles. They twist the truth; they doctor the records; they smear the characters of their opponents; they deceive the people. They may fool part of the people all the while, but they can't fool God. They are accountable to him. How badly they need to realize this fact.

How God Calls Leaders

This brings us back to the theme of the lesson: "How Does God Call Leaders?"

First, may we note that God calls people to various tasks of life. We have been too much inclined to divide life up into the sacred and the secular. God makes no such division. He is interested in the whole of life. Down through the years ministers have felt that they were called of God, and they have gotten a great deal of courage, strength, inspiration, and zeal from this feeling. The chances are that this call is a bit different from any other calls in life, but we need to realize that God does call people to other tasks — practicing law, teaching school, farming, selling goods over the counter; in brief, doing anything that is legitimate and right and that adds to the comfort or well being of others. Any person will get strength and inspiration by feeling that he is filling the place in life that God wants

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