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Real Church Loyalty Is Not Seasonable

THERE are many activities that are seasonable hence profitable or enjoyable only at certain times of the year. Real church loyalty, however, is not a seasonable activity. It is as important to the individual at one time of the year as another. Also the loyal support of its membership is important to the church every week of the year.

Real church loyalty is not something that can be thermostatically controlled. It does not come on or go off as the thermometer rises or falls. If there is a time which church loyalty may be more helpful to the church than another perhaps it is during the hot summer months when those who are weaker in the faith give way to the allurements of the season and the tendency to "take it easy."

Fortunately for the church it holds in its membership a multitude of people who are just as loyal to its program at one time of the year as another. It does not seem to enter the minds of these people that religion or church loyalty should in any way be affected by the seasons or the weather. Such people guarantee the progress and stability of the church.

Approved Supplies Receive Training

WE are not sure that all of the Methodist people in this area know of the fine program of training that is conducted on a Jurisdictional Conference level annually on the Perkins School of Theology campus in Dallas, Texas. While it is true that several factors limit the numbers in attendance at this school, we believe it bespeaks a greater day for The Methodist Church through a better trained ministry.

Several of our annual conferences conduct similar schools on a conference level and do a most commendable job. These schools probably reach a larger number of men per conference than the Jurisdictional School. On the other hand to take even a limited number of men from each annual conference and give them the advantage for six weeks in an experience of learning on the campus of the Jurisdictional seminary campus is most commendable.

There are 37 ministers from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area attending the Dallas school. In this Area approximately 30% of the pastoral charges are now being served by approved supply pastors. Many of these pastors are very capable ministers and are doing exceptionally fine work in their appointments. However, they have not had the advantage of an educational background which should better equip a minister to ful-

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The World Service Dollar

WORLD SERVICE is a term commonly used in The Methodist Church to describe money forwarded by the local charge to the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance and distributed by him on a fixed percentage basis to the various Boards and other agencies of our church in charge of the various activities of our world-wide benevolent program. Nevertheless, this term, so commonly used, is not so commonly understood by the average layman of our church.



Some use the term Conference Claims and World Service interchangeably as if they were synonymous in meaning. Some who know that there is a difference in the terms may not know just how the dollar is divided between World Service and Conference Benevolences. It is possible for them to know only by being familiar with the action of his own Annual Conference on this matter.

In the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences the dollar collected for our benevolent program is divided equally between World Service, which supports our general benevolent program and Conference Benevolences which support our conference programs. In the Louisiana Conference the division is 47.05% for World Service, 52.95% for Conference Benevolences.

At the beginning of each quadrennium, both in World Service and in Conference Benevolences, a restudy of the interests to be supported leads usually to a division of the benevolent dollar on a new percentage basis. We have planned a series of articles discussing the interests supported in our benevolent program and the percentages devoted to each cause.

National Candidates Square Off

WITH the conclusion of the Democratic Convention last week the political bill of fare on a national level has been determined and the men selected as nominees of the respective parties can be expected to begin their campaigns. We have been impressed with two or three factors in these conventions which seem worthy of being called to your attention. We suggest them because of their positive nature and the possible helpful effect which these factors may have on determining political courses in the future. Citizens interested in good government and in seeing that good men head our governing bodies need to be sensitive to any possible trends which will help to further the cause. We call these matters to the reader's attention without any desire to be partisan.

Perhaps as never before all citizens of the country had the opportunity of knowing first hand what was transpiring in the conventions. Through the medium of radio, television, and the press the average man had a better understanding of the actual processes at work which result in the making of party platforms and the choosing of party nominees. The role which television played in bringing the conventions to the nation cannot be overestimated. While not everyone had the opportunity (or the time) to see the television broadcasts of convention proceedings, enough people did so that the convention itself was aware that its actions in full assembly and in caucus rooms were being projected into the parlors of many American homes. This is good. The more people know about any matter under consideration the more intelligent will be their response to it.

While television, radio and the press let many more people in on the conventions and their work, they were in on the show only as spectators and not as active participants. It will only naturally follow that the more the average man knows and understands how future presidents and vice-presidents are chosen the more he will want to have a part in their choosing. Already one hears remarks that some different methods should be developed which will permit greater participation by the average person back home. We believe that the American people will welcome such a method, perhaps based on state primaries which would afford a greater expression of the will of the voters belonging to the political party concerned. This too will help to avoid possibilities of highly organized minorities getting control of affairs which concern the expressed will of larger groups.

We too were impressed with the spiritual

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CONCERNING INFANT BAPTISM

Woodrow W. Smith is a student in the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. He is a member of the Little Rock Annual Conference, having been Received on Trial in 1950. Woodrow is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Jeff Smith, Little Rock. His statement here on Infant Baptism will help to bring a clearer understanding and deeper appreciation of this Holy Sacrament of Methodism.

By WOODROW W. SMITH



IT is only natural that parents should desire their children brought into the house of God for Holy Baptism and dedication, for as members of the Church of Jesus Christ we want our children to be associated with this Christian fellowship. It is with this very idea in mind that religious bodies throughout history have devised some kind of a ceremony especially for the children. And so let us consider together the Methodist ceremony in regard to the dedication of children to the spiritual favor of Almighty God which our discipline calls INFANT BAPTISM.

As we look at this Holy Sacrament from different points of view I hope you will become more fully aware of its meaning and significance not only for the Church but for individual lives.

One of the most effective ways God has of finding His way into the heart of a young child is by example. We as parents are His ambassadors to our children. Just as Jesus revealed the love of God to the world so Christian parents reveal His love to their children by the kind of a life they live. We are truly His witnesses; and in the service of INFANT BAPTISM we affirm this conviction and declare before God and the Church that we will witness to our children not only by what we say, but even more by what we are—by just the way we live.

What a responsibility! but how much more is it a privilege.

A boy can play the game so hard and clean; a girl can be so kind and considerate among her friends; a man can be so square and diligent in his business; a woman can be so patient, poised, and unselfish in her home; that other boys and girls will say "I wish I could be like him or like her." This it seems to me is truly successful witnessing—by what we are. And as parents of children it is just this type of responsibility which you declare in the service of

INFANT BAPTISM. Sending your children off to Sunday School while you go fishing will never convince them that there is value and good to be found in the Church. But take your children to Church and Sunday School with you and they will cleave to it with all their heart because mom and dad have put their stamp of approval upon it. But this business of witnessing before our children is more than simply a Sunday affair. It is a seven day week job, twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year.

The words we say, the actions we make are every minute forming within our children the pattern of their future behaviour. How tragic it is to find a home where both parents are disappointed because their child grew up to be a no-good, a thief, a trouble-maker after they had strived for years to send him to Church and Sunday School so he could learn how to live an upright and wholesome life. No! sending a child is not enough; we have got to take them with us. But more important, we must live a Christian example before them every day.

Sir Harry Lauder tells us in one of his addresses how one evening he watched a lamp lighter engaged in lighting the street lamps in a Scotch town. Quietly he went from one lamp post to another, leaving on each corner a light to guide the traveler's feet. As he disappeared from the street, one could trace his movements by the lamps he lighted and the long trail of light he left behind him.

In the service of INFANT BAPTISM parents dedicate themselves to the business of living the kind of a life that will leave behind them a trail of lighted lamps to carry on after they have gone ahead to other activities for Christ. One can never measure the influence of a Christ-like life. It always lights the way by which others travel toward God and the abundant life which He offers. The parents' influence on their children is

tremendous; and it is their job so to live and work that they will lead their children to the right. We must remember that the lights we light in others are the best evidence we have of a light of our own.

In the act of INFANT BAPTISM the Old Testament proverb has a lot of meaning for us: "Train up your child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) This Holy Sacrament therefore is first and foremost a challenge to the parents to lead their children into the love of God and the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is they who accept the vow in answer to this challenge.

Jesus said of little children, "of such is the kingdom of God." And He took them up into His arms and blessed them.

To commit a little child to God, to Christ, and to the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism is surely one of the most sacred of all parental responsibilities.

But the service of INFANT BAPTISM is more than a dedication of parents to Christian discipleship before their children. It admonishes the Church to share in this responsibility of training the child in the ways of Jesus Christ. In a very real sense the Christian Church is the true sponsor of the child, and in recognizing him as a part of its fellowship it implicitly promises and pledges itself to see that the child is brought up in the Christian faith and within the Christian Church.

Henry Hitt Crane in speaking of the Church makes these statements which might very well be applied here: "In the House of Life, I saw an altar, with candles aglow and a cross thereon.

"And as I bowed in reverence and closed my eyes, I beheld the living Church.

"The walls were not of brick and stone, but of dedicated wills held together with the mortar of mutual dependence and common

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CONCERNING INFANT BAPTISM

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commitment to the Best yet revealed.

"The windows were not of stained glass, but of multi-colored dreams, hopes, and aspirations, through which there came the vision of infinite beauty that shone with the broken brilliance of a thousand suns..."

How true it is that the walls of the Church are not made up of brick and stone but of dedicated men and women. And surely a part of this dedication, the commitment to the Best yet revealed applies to our responsibility toward little children. The dreams, hopes, and aspirations of the future lie in the development and training of those who are to carry on in the next generation, and it is our responsibility to so train them that they will have wisdom, understanding and insight into the ways of Christian living.

When a family brings their child to the altar of the Church for the service of Holy Baptism they are in effect saying to the Church, "Won't you share with us the responsibility of teaching my child in the ways of the Lord?" The Christian Church is truly an instrument to be used in the upbringing of little children, and the service of INFANT BAPTISM is the first of a series of steps that will lead them, if properly acted upon by you and me who are the Church, to a knowledge of and a belief in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The responsibility, then, is partly yours and mine. The service of INFANT BAPTISM applies to us, the church, as well as to the parents; and it likewise admonishes us, Sunday School teachers and members alike, to so guide and direct the paths of little children that when they reach the age of accountability they, too, will want to affiliate with the Church. In a very real sense, therefore, the Christian Church is the true sponsor of children who are presented for Holy Baptism, and it shares with the parents the responsibility of leading the children into the love of God and the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The acceptance of these obligations which are implied in the service of INFANT BAPTISM by the parents and the Church will go far toward solving many of our problems surrounding religious education of children and youth. Both the Christian home and the Christian Church stand convicted of failing to bring up children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Wars and inward strife have swept over our world and the present tensions will continue until men and women come to know and follow Jesus Christ. There will be no improvement until baptismal obligations are understood and accepted.

The words of the Magna Charta of the Hebrew religion need during these days to be heeded: "Hear, O Israel: Jehovah our God is one Jehovah: and thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou risest up."

When parents realize that if they fail in keeping their solemn vows their child will lose what he ought to receive, then perhaps they will not seek to evade their obligations. And when the Church takes seriously its pledged sponsorship of the child, then it will provide an adequate teaching staff and an adequate program of religious education; it will do what Jesus did—take "a little child, and set him in the midst."



I Am Happy To Become A
Citizen Of This Country . . .

For These Reasons

By MICHAEL SCHAFIR

About The Writer

Michael Schafir is not an ordinary student. He was born in Bensburg, Poland, twenty-six years ago. At the age of fourteen he was seized by the invading Germans in 1940. The nightmare of the next five years of his life becomes apparent when one realizes that he spent them in six different concentration camps—until he was released by American troops in 1945. He has not seen nor heard from any member of his immediate family since the day the Germans entered his home—just three miles east of the Polish border. After his release, he studied at the University of Goettingen in central Germany, and came to the United States and Centenary College on an M. L. Bath-Rotary scholarship in 1951. He graduated from Centenary in 1952, with a B. S. degree, and has been accepted as a second-year student by the medical school of Tulane University, New Orleans. He plans to be a psychiatrist...

* A speech delivered by Michael Schafir to the assembled students of Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 6, 1952.

THREE weeks ago I completed the required courses for my B. S. degree at Centenary College. Any student who achieves the college degree is naturally proud and happy; but when I compare the system of education under which I studied in Europe with the American system, I am especially happy about receiving a degree from this school. As you all know, there are no under-graduate colleges in Europe. Students there, when they finish high school, either learn a trade or go to graduate school to learn a profession. As a result, young men and women who do not learn a profession do not have the chance to get a broad general education such as you get here by meeting the requirements in the humanities and in the social and natural sciences.

Higher education in Europe is thus limited to those who go to graduate schools. Consequently, the professional men and women form a class, the leading class of the country, and the broader mass of the population is dependent on this so called "high class." Since all the universities in Germany, and in some other European countries, are state institutions, they are entirely in the hands of this "high class," though they are financed by taxes paid by the whole population. This educational division into classes is based on a very unfortunate European tradition which can be traced back to the times of nobility and tenants, kings and servants, emperors and subjects.

The young tradition of the United States is entirely different. The educational system here is based upon the Mayflower Compact: "... and by virtue hereof to enact, con-

stitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony."

The first three words in the preamble of the American Constitution show the difference between old Europe and this country. The Constitution begins: "We the people of the United States . . . establish the constitution for the United States of America."

Equality, and not division into classes, is characteristic of the American educational system. This can be best demonstrated at an American undergraduate college. Everybody finishing high school is given an equal chance to go to college. A college education gives every student the opportunity to reach a higher position in society. It gives him the education he needs to build upon. He differs from a free professional only in a particular special field. In other words, the college graduate is given practically the same chance to apply his ambition and initiative as the free professional. As a result, only ability determines his recognition. There is no division into high and low classes.

Everyone in America has a chance to get a college education. Evening schools and part-time jobs enable anyone to earn and learn at the same time. The son or daughter of a farmer, lawyer, common-laborer, or politician is given the same chance to apply efficiently his or her natural abilities.

This equality, the application of democracy in education makes me proud of receiving my B. S. degree at an American school. I am especially proud of receiving my degree at Centenary—a good recommendation to any graduate school in the country.

We have at Centenary a required subject through which the student learns the practical value of education, and by which his curiosity in many things is aroused. This subject is the Chapel Hour we have every Wednesday. We gather here for religious services and to hear excellent speakers—government officials, leading churchmen, scientists, and business men—who tell us about their particular fields, show us what is expected from us after we graduate, and arouse our curiosity. Famous musicians and singers come to us to perform. We not only have an opportunity to enjoy the arts, but our interest in the arts is awakened.

If I, as a student, may judge, the quality of teaching varies here as it does in Europe. You may say, as Henry Adams did: "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." Or you may very rarely say, as G. B. Shaw did: "He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches."

I would like to mention one more difference between the European and the American educational systems, and this difference explains why American students in Europe like the European school very much.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. H. HOLT of Paragould will be the preacher in a meeting at Bay, running from August 11 to August 17.

YOUTH ACTIVITY WEEK will be held at Forest Home for the young people of the Jonesboro Sub-District from July 28 to August 1.

DR. WALTER J. TURNER, dean of Arkansas State College, was the speaker at the meeting of the Bay Methodist Men's Club on Thursday evening, July 10.

REV. GEORGE W. BOYDE, pastor of the Nettleton Baptist Church, spoke to the Methodist Men of the Methodist Church at Nettleton on Wednesday evening, July 9.

REV. JOHN W. GLOVER, pastor at McCrory, underwent major surgery at the Baptist Hospital on Sunday, July 18. He is reported as recovering nicely and hopes to return to his home at an early date.

REV. CLYDE E. CROZIER, pastor of the Nettleton-Bay Charge will be the guest preacher in a series of services at the Mt. Pisgah Methodist Church, near Searcy, from August 4 to August 11.

REV. JEFF E. DAVIS, pastor of the Bauxite Church, and Mrs. Davis were honored with a potluck supper and shower on July 9 on the Community Hall lawn. About seventy-five people were present.

DR. AND MRS. OTTO DEDEN of Fort Smith have presented to the Rogers Bible Class of the First Methodist Church of Fort Smith a parlor grand piano for use in the worship service on Sunday.

REV. RALPH HILLIS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, is the inspirational speaker during Youth Activities Week at the First Methodist Church, July 28-August 1.

REV. JACK WINEGEART, minister to students at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was the guest preacher in a meeting at the Methodist Church of Simsboro, Louisiana.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, will be the commencement speaker for the summer graduation exercises at Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, on August 8.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK for the Jonesboro Area Sub-District is being held at the Forest Home Church, July 28-August 1. Courses offered are: "Friendship and Marriage"; "What Would Jesus Do?" and "The Meaning of Prayer for Our Day".

DR. D. L. DYKES, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, is the guest preacher in a series of services at the First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas. The meeting runs from Monday night, July 28, through Friday night, August 1.

MRS. W. F. BATES, Little Rock Conference Director of Children's Work, will teach in the Laboratory School for Children's Workers in connection with the Alabama

Conference Annual Leadership School at Huntington College, August 11-15.

MISS CAROLYN RICKETTS, Bauxite, a senior in Hendrix College, is serving as Youth Director at the First Methodist Church in Stuttgart this summer. The week of July 6-11 was observed as Youth Activity Week. Rev. A. C. Carraway is pastor.

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs. Vann Hooker, wife of the pastor of Massard-Barling, Fort Smith, in the death of her father, Luin Harvey, Paragould, in the Missouri-Pacific Hospital in St. Louis, on July 15.

MISS PATRICIA ANN MCKEE, who was graduated from Hendrix College this year, is the new educational assistant and youth worker at the First Methodist Church of Forrest City. Rev. Raymond Franks is pastor.

REV. JIM GOSSETT, ministerial student from Hendrix College and president of the North Arkansas Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship, was the speaker each evening during Youth Activities Week beginning July 20, at the First Methodist Church, West Memphis.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will be the guest speaker on August 3 at both the morning and evening services of the meeting of the Methodist Historical Society, Southeastern Jurisdiction, in the Methodist Assembly auditorium at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. The Society is holding its annual meeting August 2-4.

REV. H. R. HOLLAND, pastor of Pullman Heights Church, Hot Springs, was the preacher in a series of services at the Greenbrier Methodist Church, beginning on Sunday, July 6, and running through Saturday, July 12. Rev. Charles E. Martin is pastor at Greenbrier.

HARVEY MORRIS, Blytheville, was elected chairman of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, for the fourteenth term at recent meeting of the Board. Other officers are Toler Buchanan, vice-chairman; John Caudill, secretary, and Jack Owen, treasurer.

REV. AND MRS. S. B. WILFORD, their daughter, Ann, and sons, Ned and Dan, were honored with a reception on Wednesday, June 25, following the regular prayer service at the First Methodist Church, Paragould. Brother Wilford is the pastor at First Church, having been assigned there at the Annual Conference session in June.

REV. AND MRS. EARL CARTER were honored by the people of the Hartman Circuit on Monday evening, July 21, with a shower and social. Earlier in the evening services were held at the church in commemoration of the remodeling and re-decorating of the parsonage. Approximately 300 people attended the open house at the parsonage.

MRS. HELEN TRIESCHMANN GRISWOLD, wife of Nat R. Griswold of Sparkman, former Hendrix College faculty member, passed away on Wednesday, July

23, at a hospital in Camden. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold taught at Hendrix College from 1929 to 1942. Mrs. Griswold spent one year teaching at a girls' school in Seoul, Korea. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Conway, on Saturday, by the pastor, Rev. Joel Cooper.

REV. AND MRS. JAMES E. MAJOR, with their three children, arrived in Little Rock by plane on Sunday evening, July 27, from the mission field in Chile where they have spent the last five years. They will be in the states one year on leave. Brother Major will preach on Sunday morning, August 3, at Hunter Church where he was pastor when commissioned as a missionary to Chile in 1937.

AREA PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION ORGANIZES

Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, was elected chairman of the Joint Commission of the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* when the commission met to organize for the quadrennium in Little Rock, Tuesday, July 22. Rev. Virgil Morris, New Orleans District Superintendent, and Judge J. G. Moore, Morrilton churchman, were named as vice-chairmen. Rev. Fred W. Schwendimann, pastor of the Vantage Methodist Church, El Dorado, was elected secretary. Dr. H. L. Johns, Monroe pastor, Dr. Arthur Terry, pastor of Asbury Church, Little Rock, and R. J. Rice, North Little Rock banker, were named to serve on the Commission's executive committee.

Other business transacted by the Commission included the formal acceptance of the request of the three conferences of the Area to initiate and direct a program of Methodist Information for the Area. The primary purpose of the program will be the gathering and dissemination of Methodist Church news to the secular press in the two state area. Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, one of the editors of the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* was named as Area Director of Methodist Information. It was announced that the program would get under way on a limited scale in the near future.

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NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE IN QUADRENNIAL MEET

THE Methodist Church's North Central Jurisdiction, meeting in quadrennial session in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 9 - 13, retired two bishops, created a new episcopal area, and elected three new bishops. Delegates from the nine-state region also elected representatives to the denomination's general boards, heard several speakers, and assigned their eight effective bishops to episcopal areas for the next four years.

Two of the vacancies in the jurisdiction's college of bishops were created by the retirement of Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago and Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of St. Paul, Minn., both of whom had been elected at the 1932 General Conference of the former M. E. Church, whose ministerial careers have had a number of interesting parallels, and who reached the church's retirement age for bishops simultaneously.

Election of a third new bishop was made necessary when the conference acted upon revised legislation which permitted the creation of a new episcopal area. This was done by splitting the former three-state St. Paul Area in two, making North and South Dakota into a Dakotas Area and constituting the state of Minnesota as another area.

Chosen as new episcopal leaders were: Dr. D. Stanley Coors, pastor of Central Church, Lansing, Michigan; Dr. Edwin E. Voigt, president of Simpson College, Indian-

nola, Iowa; and Dr. F. Gerald Ensley, minister of North Broadway Church, Columbus, Ohio.

A family touch was added to the moving rites of consecration when Bishop Francis J. McConnell (retired) of Lucasville, Ohio, laid his hand upon the head of his nephew, Bishop Ensley, and shared with the other bishops and elders in setting him apart for the church's highest office.

Another unusual family tie in connection with the new bishops appeared in the case of Bishop-elect Voigt. Both he and Mrs. Voigt were seated as delegates from the Iowa-Des Moines Conference. This is believed to be one of the few times when the wife of a bishop-elect and he have both been delegates at the conference when he was elected to the episcopacy.

Also sharing in the consecration ceremony, along with bishops of the North Central Jurisdiction, was Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., who was the official representative of the Council of Bishops. Bishop Moore also gave one of the major evening addresses at the gathering and spoke at other times on the conference program.

Other speakers included Bishop Magee, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, president of the church's Women's Division of Christian Service; and Dr. Emory

Stevens Bucke, editor of Zions Herald, Boston.

Speakers at the 4 o'clock Hours of Evangelism were Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis and Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit. These services and the opening reception and communion service were held in First Church. All other sessions of the conference were held in the Milwaukee Auditorium.

One of the most dramatic moments of the conference came when Dr. Charles Ray Goff, minister of the famous Chicago Temple, asked that his name be withdrawn from the balloting for Bishop. He had received 117 votes on the fourth ballot and was in second place in the running. He had gained steadily on every ballot and his election seemed assured until he gained the floor and made his startling request. In appreciation for his spirit in the whole matter, the conference arose and gave him a standing ovation.

Episcopal assignments for the new quadrennium follow: Chicago Area, with episcopal residence at Chicago—Bishop Charles W. Bra-shares. Rock River, Southern Illinois, and Illinois Conferences. Dakotas Area, with residence at Aberdeen, S. D.—Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, North Dakota and South Dakota (formerly Dakota) Conferences. Des Moines Area, residence at Des Moines—Bishop F. Gerald Ensley. North Iowa and Iowa-Des Moines Conferences. Detroit Area, residence at Detroit—Bishop Marshall R. Reed. Detroit and Michigan Conferences. Indiana Area, residence at Indian-

METHODIST YOUTH FUND

Nashville, Tenn.—The Methodist Youth Fund office, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee, suggests that in all summer gatherings, the Methodist Youth Fund be emphasized and youth urged to enlist the support of every member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship when they return to their churches.

When youth give to the Methodist Youth Fund, they help in Christian literacy and literature programs, schools, city settlements and neighborhood houses, hospitals, clinics, public health work, medical training, church schools, youth programs, leadership training, rural work, mass communication programs such as radio and visual education.

The youth work which the Youth Fund helps to do in this country is carried on through the Youth Department in the General Board of Education the National Conference of Methodist Youth, and the annual conferences.

The Methodist Youth Fund office has much information and helpful materials that can be had for the asking.

apolis—Bishop Richard C. Raines. Indiana, North Indiana, and Northwest Indiana Conferences. Minnesota Area, residence at St. Paul—Bishop D. Stanley Coors. Minnesota Conference. Ohio Area, residence at Columbus—Bishop Hazen G. Werner. North-East Ohio and Ohio Conferences. Wisconsin Area, residence at Madison—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott. Wisconsin and West Wisconsin Conferences.

NATIONAL CANDIDATES SQUARE OFF

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note that was sounded not only from time to time in the many beautifully worded and expressed prayers offered at the beginning of the sessions but was also heard in the acceptance speeches of both nominees of each political party. There seems to be a general notion getting abroad that unless God can have a part in helping to shape the destiny of our nation then there is little hope. That is good. America will do well to counsel more with God in her planning.

Finally, we dare to say that we think the voters of the nation will have two good men from which to choose the next President. Political philosophies may differ in varying degrees on certain issues but it is our feeling that if these two men can keep from being dominated by certain influences and individuals then either of them could become one of America's great presidents. Whoever is elected will come to office at a time in America's history when absolute confidence in the presidency is needed. We believe that either of the two major nominees will merit that confidence.

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fill his responsibility. We feel that this splendid representation from the three conferences of this Area is indicative of the concern of these men to prepare for the largest possible service in their respective appointments.

This school is a joint enterprise of the Jurisdictional Conference, the Perkins School of Theology, and the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. We feel that we speak the mind of the churches of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area when we express appreciation to the participating groups which make possible this school, and especially to Highland Park Church which contributes generously in a financial way to make the school what it is.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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must be enforced by the law and police action. If it be true that nations are simply an aggregation of individuals, whatever makes for peace among individuals will also make for peace among nations.

Our greatest need is world loyalty. We need world-minded people whose interest, goodwill, and love reach out beyond all lines of color, race, class, denomination, and nation.

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At a European university the student has to undergo only one or two comprehensive examinations during all his years at school. This, at least, is one freedom the Europeans have and the Americans do not have.

With that exception, we have here an invaluable democratic freedom. This freedom is evident in the discovery and elimination of corruption in government. One of my best Centenary teachers pointed out in a class in American history that discovery and elimination of corruption are signs of the morality of the American people. Only when corruption is not being discovered and eliminated is morality low. Ernest Hemingway says: "... What is moral is what you feel good after and what is immoral is what you feel bad after." We surely feel good after having discovered and eliminated corruption.

Comparing the United States with Germany, Spain, or Russia and her satellites, we must say that the discovery and elimination of corruption are not only a sign of high morality but also striking signs of true democracy. Corruption on the largest scale in history has been going on in Russia for thirty-three years; in a state where the

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citizen not only does not have the right to ask what the national income is spent for, where the citizen does not have the right to try to discover corruption, but where he also has to be satisfied with any reward the government gives him for his work. There is no such thing in Russia as legal expression of dissatisfaction, neither through oral protest, nor through strike. In Hitler's Germany there was not only financial corruption, but there also was corruption of human life to an incomparable extent. During the war, honest German military leaders made clear to Hitler that there was no use to go on fighting in the East and West at the same time, that there was no use to let hundreds of thousands of German soldiers die without hope for victory, and there was no use to let the beautiful civilian cities be bombed by the Allies. The dictator answered: "We fight until either complete victory for the great German Reich or until complete destruction without survival for anybody."

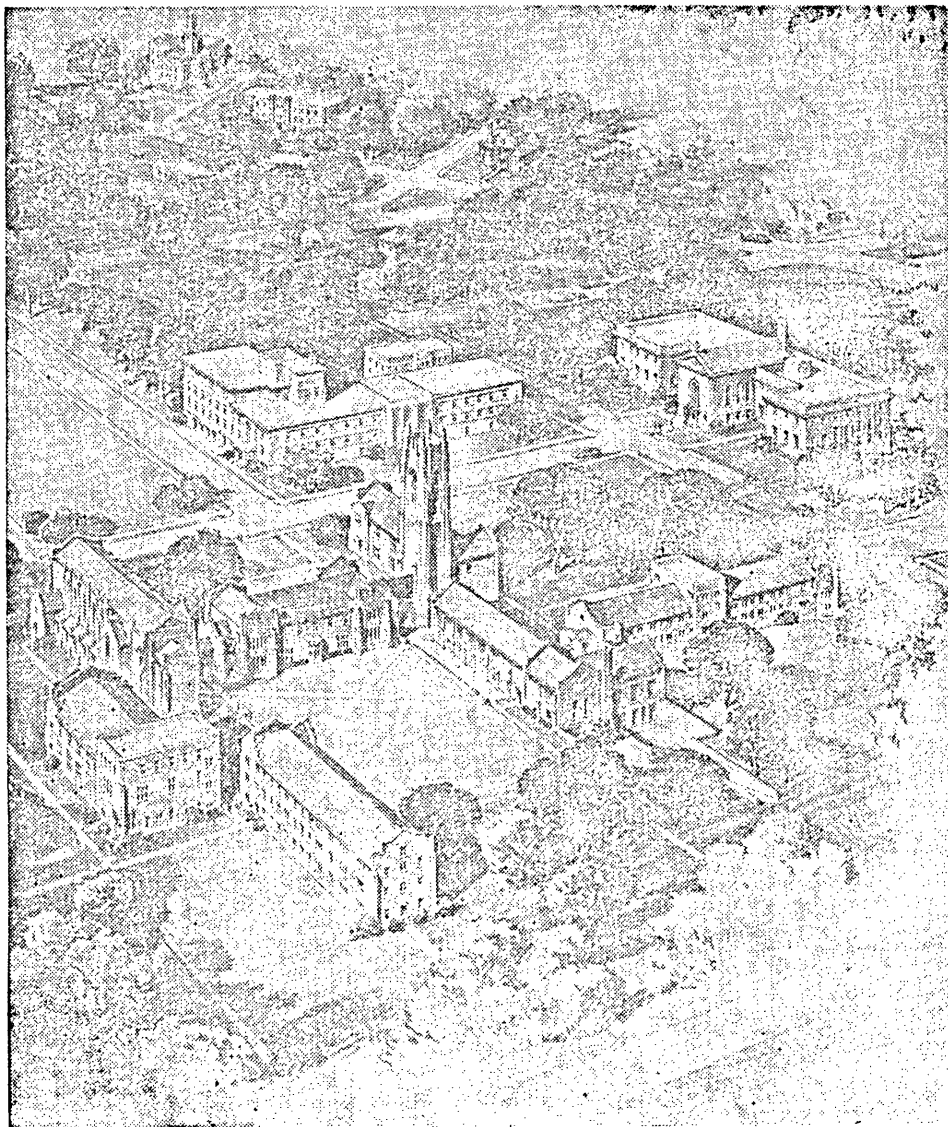
Yes, human life was very cheap. Here in the United States the most expensive thing is human life. In this respect America differs greatly from almost all other nations. Hitler expressed, in one of the Nazi congresses, how he felt about himself: "The Fuehrer (Hitler) is the Party (Nazi party) and the party is the Fuehrer. Just as I feel myself only as a part of me." Such statements were believed unfortunately by many people in Germany. This cannot happen in the United States. Whether or not the present-day Western Germany will be much better is hard to predict. One cannot be too optimistic.

In Spain, as in Russia, a dictator is head of the government. Franco, like Stalin since the Russian revolution in 1917, has ruled the Spanish people under dictatorship since the Spanish revolution in 1938. Neither the Russians nor the Spaniards can elect their leaders. Both have to accept what they are told. There is no democracy. In short, the government is not to serve the people, but the people are to serve the government—and the dictator. In the United States the government is and will be the servant of the people. Nobody can yet estimate what dictatorships in Europe and elsewhere may cost humanity.

The old Greeks are said to have planted the roots of democracy, and we are much obliged to them for our culture and civilization; but we have something they did not have. We have the practical application of their ideas. Unlike the Americans, they did not apply the scientific knowledge they already had. They were refined, but impractical; and that is why their civilization reached a relatively rapid end. Civilization and culture can flourish only in a country where democracy and practical application of science are combined for the benefit of the people. Only in such a country can there be a fruitful reconciliation between religion, which in this country is the religion of love, and science. The United States is such a country. Ancient Greece was not; and neither are Germany, Russia, and Spain.

In conclusion I would like to point out that, *contrary* to the opinion prevailing in Europe, the average American is not lazy. He is a good and efficient worker—not only the industrial worker and the farmer, but the American millionaire whose work is mental. I believe it was Henry Kaiser who, within a short time during World War II, transformed a civilian steel industry and

Methodist Center At Nashville



SCARRITT COLLEGE for Christian Workers, The Board of Education and The Board of Evangelism are shown in this segment of the University Center of Nashville.

In lower center of drawing is the Grace L. Bragg Dormitory; to its upper left is Fondren Hall; above it is the Wightman Chapel; to its right are the social rooms and Assembly Hall; right of the Assembly Hall is the Belle Harris Bennett Memorial Tower; behind the tower in the picture is the library and administration building; on this side of the tower is the Susie Gray Dining Hall; immediately to the right is the Gibson Memorial Dormitory. Across the street in the center is the new General Board of Education headquarters building. To the right and at the end of the street is the

produced a warship per day. Only ambition, initiative, and hard mental work can make such a success possible.

The American is not ashamed to be a manual or mental worker. That is one of the reasons why this country is so prosperous. Americans have proved what Booker T. Washington said: "No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem."

For these reasons I am very happy to become a citizen of this country. I am very proud to become a member of the nation which is rightfully an example of good to all mankind.

Board of Evangelism building now under construction.

Estimated Value Of Methodist Properties

Scarritt College for Christian Workers	\$2,200,000
Board of Education	1,100,000
Board of Evangelism	850,000

Scarritt College was granted \$50,000 per year for the next four years for current operating expenses by General Conference in session at San Francisco. This will enable the college to extend its services to The Methodist Church at home and abroad. "It is most significant," said Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, president of Scarritt, "that the program of the college is being strengthened at the very time when the headquarters of the Methodist Board of Education and the General Board of Evangelism are being moved to new buildings across the street from the Scarritt campus. There is a possibility that staff members of these Boards will provide special instruction for Scarritt students."

The University Center of Nashville is composed of George Peabody College for Teachers, Scarritt College, Vanderbilt University and the University of Tennessee School of Social Work. Students enrolled in any of these institutions may take courses in any or all of the others with a minimum of red-tape.

Symbolic of the University center co-operative arrangement is the Joint University Library serving all of the students in all of the institutions.

Missionary Conley Returns To India

From A Letter To The Editors Of
This Publication

Methodists in Arkansas will remember Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Conley's visit to this state in January and February of this year. Methodists of this Area will enjoy reading this account of Dr. Conley's work in India since his recent return. His address is Mission Board, Nadiad, India.

AFTER finishing our tour through the various Districts of the two Arkansas Conferences Mrs. Conley and I drove over to New York to complete arrangements for our trip to India then by train returned to California to pack up and settle our affairs. When we were ready to leave our son Clyde, who lived in our town, Banning, drove us to Los Angeles where we had two days with our eldest son, Hugh, and his family. Then they saw us on the plane for New York, where we were met by our youngest son, Keith, who also saw us off a few days later (April 20th) for our two day flight to India. Of course we were very glad we could have visits with all our sons. The trip was a great experience, though tiresome. We were delayed by some trouble with one motor, so that we arrived in Bombay at 11 P. M. instead of five, and after two more hours with customs and other red tape, we were eager to get to bed. Bombay was very hot and we were glad to get into lighter clothing than we wore on the plane.

We spent a day in Bombay then took a night train to Nadiad where we arrived about 5 A. M. In spite of the early hour we were warmly welcomed by our fine friends, and we soon felt very much at home. Dr. Aldrich, whose family is in the hills, took us to his home until such time as our former bungalow could be divided into two apartments. My first work was the supervision of the alterations in connection with the apartment we are to use, and into which we have now moved. Another job was the making of a large ward at the hospital for what had been an office and two smaller wards.

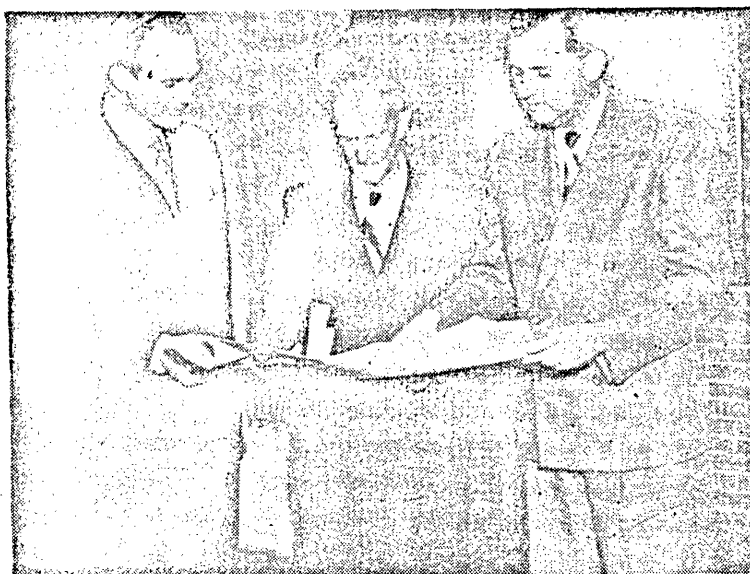
While this work was progressing, we received bids on the new building for nurses' home and training school, and let the contract. The contract had to be written up and signed, and now we are in the process of marking out the site, and getting some materials together. As it is now the rainy season the excavations cannot be started for a while, but we have to get Government permits for cement, steel, etc., which takes time. The building will be of brick, which can be had without delay but there is considerable reinforced concrete work as well. You may be interesting in knowing that the cost of building here is much less than in America. Brick come to about forty rupees per thousand. I believe you would pay about that many dollars, or five times as much as we do. Masons and carpenters can be had for the equivalent of one dollar a day, while labor is thirty to forty cents a day.

Many Arkansas Methodists have taken a keen interest in the work of our hospital here, so I shall give you a translation of some stories told by our chaplain, Rev. Ishwardas (Servant of God) Narsinh:

"A deep impression is made on the non-Christians by the service rendered by our doctors and staff, for the following reasons; (1) Each morning before beginning work they gather in a chapel service for prayer. At this time there is a song and prayer and a brief exhortation. As a result the people realize something of the greatness of God's love for man and His wonderful work for humanity, so they buy copies of the Bible, New Testament and other literature in order to learn more.

"One morning in the chapel service I read and spoke on the Bible story of the ten virgins. After the prayer a woman asked me for 'that Book' and I sold her a Bible. I noticed that her face lighted up with joy when she took it.

"A few days ago I sat down beside a man and read to him the sermon on the mount. A woman nearby heard this and asked for a copy of the book. I told her we had no more in stock now except the one from which I had read. She said, 'Give me that one and you can order another'. She at once brought the price, one



Left To Right: Dr. Arthur Terry, Chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension; Rev. C. H. Conley, Methodist missionary in India; and Rev. J. Edward Dunlap, Little Rock, Conference Missionary Secretary for conference year 1951-52. Missionary Conley traveled and addressed Methodist congregations in Arkansas early this year. He and Mrs. Conley have since returned to the Gujarat Annual Conference, India. The above picture was made during Dr. Conley's visit in Arkansas and shows him conferring with Dr. Terry and Rev. Mr. Dunlap about his itineracy in the Little Rock Conference.

and a half rupees, and I let her have the book.

(2) "The Lord works through prayer. One young woman was very seriously ill and badly in need of a blood transfusion. She was an only daughter, was married and had one child. The parents were poor, the father a village carpenter. She had been ill a long time and showed no improvement. The doctor said the only hope was to find a blood donor. The parents made an effort, and offered payment if anyone in the village would give the blood. There was no response. The husband was called, his blood tested and found to be the right type. He said he was going home but would come back. He did not return. The woman's condition was serious, the parents in debt and discouraged.

"One day they asked me to get permission from the doctor for them to go home, as they had spent two months with no results. I said, 'Be patient, and if you wish I shall pray to the Lord Jesus. Wait another week, then if there is no improvement, go home'. I stood by the patient and prayed. In a week she showed improvement, came to believe on the Lord, and said to me, 'Give me a picture of Jesus and I shall take it with me. He has made me well'. I gave her the picture. In a month she was able to be up and about and went home.

(3) "A young man spent three months in the hospital. After going home he wrote me as follows: 'I shall never in all my life forget the prayers you offered for me, and especially for my health. I shall indeed cherish in my heart always the love you have shown me. When I fell ill I came under the influence of a good man and received wisdom. You have satisfied my soul hunger. You gave me such spiritual food that I am permanently satisfied. I have found that for which I was seeking. You have shown it to me. I am now reading the books which you gave me'.

"This man has taken a Bible and I am sure that through it he will become strong in faith.

"In the past five months we have sold 3 Bibles, twelve Testaments, and over 100 Gospel portions. Each week we show stereopticon slides on health, and on the Life of Christ, giving addresses on the same. Through the Hospital the Gospel is being extended to places where we have no evangelists and where the Gospel message has never before been heard."

These are the stories told by the chaplain, and I am sure that many are influenced who make no report to him, or to the rest of us, but whose lives are changed for the better, and they get a new understanding of the Christian teachings and life.

Mrs. Conley and I have many happy memories of our visit in Arkansas, and we both want to be with you again when we return to the homeland. The fine help given to our work along various lines in Gujarat, and the wonderful response to our appeal for help to get back to Nadiad, have all been much appreciated by all concerned.

We send our loving salaams to you all.

VANTREASE INTER-MEDIATES CONDUCT EVENING WORSHIP

The Sunday evening worship service of Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado, July 20, was under the direction of the campers who had attended the Camden District Camp Tanako the week previous. Mrs. Claude Baker, Church School teacher who had served as one of the Camp Counselors, presided and led the service. Various experiences of the Camp were presented by Mary Ann Wilkins, Connie Gathright, Joan Slayter, David Hendricks, and Freddy Schwendimann. The theme of the service was "Our Part in God's Plan", and the people were urged not only to dedicate their lives for stewardship but to remember that God has entrusted all natural resources to man and calls upon man to take care of them.

One interesting story was the story of Mr. Walter Lowdermilk and his trip to the Holy Land where he saw how the natural resources had been wasted. In the presence of Mt. Sinai Mr. Lowdermilk wrote "The Eleventh Commandment" which had to do with the care and preservation of God's great outdoors.

The service closed with a candlelight altar service, with the people coming to re-dedicate themselves as trustees and stewards of God's gifts. It was a glorious hour as these Intermediates brought their messages of inspiration and faith. — Fred Schwendimann, Pastor

NATIONAL METHODIST YOUTH PLANNING CONFERENCE

Nashville, Tenn. — Under the sponsorship of the General Board of Education, presidents of 103 annual conference youth organizations and of state Methodist Student Movements will meet with bishops, conference adult workers with youth, and representatives from the general boards of the Methodist Church, at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, August 17-21.

The meeting, the first of its kind to be held, has been designated the National Methodist Youth Planning Conference. Its purpose is to evaluate the youth work of the church, see wherein it falls short, and plan to remedy its shortcomings.

This will not be a conference built about speakers or a great mass meeting. It will be a working conference where each person will contribute ideas, experiences, and suggestions, and share

CHANGES IN YOUTH PUBLICATIONS

When the youth publications for October, 1952, and following are received in local churches, considerable newness will be observed, according to Dr. C. A. Bowen, Editor of Church School Publications, and Dr. J. Emerson Ford, Editor of Youth Publications. The editors in co-operation with staff members of the general and conference boards of education, pastors, directors, and writers, have sought to discover needs and possibilities for improvement. In this process officials of The Methodist Publishing House have co-operated fully and have made available all their facilities in the interest of the best possible program.

Major changes affect curriculum publications for seniors and older youth and the story paper for intermediates. *Highroad* and *Workshop* are being discontinued and are replaced by two new publications. One is called *Studies in Christian Living*, a 64-page book issued quarterly, and will contain in expanded form the group graded lessons for seniors now appearing in *Highroad*. The other new periodical is *Roundtable*, a monthly, which will contain evening meeting programs, council plans, and MYF interpre-

in the planning. The leaders will be those youth who are leaders in their own groups and the adults who are working with them now in local church and conference—folks who will be sharing the background of their own practical experience.

tation, combining and expanding materials in the present *Highroad* and *Workshop*. *Roundtable* is for seniors and older youth.

A new story paper, *Twelve-Fifteen*, replaces *Boys Today* and *Girls Today*. It will contain many many types of material now printed in the separate papers, but will provide new features. For example, guidance and resources for Bible reading and for daily personal devotions will appear regularly. Local churches should consider the paper a *must* for intermediates in addition to the formal curriculum.

Other changes include a new quarterly format for *Our Intermediate Fellowship*, increases in the number of pages in *Workers With Youth* and *Program Quarterly*, and many additional improvements in the content and arrangement of all the periodicals.

During the past several years twelve periodicals for youth have been published. In the new program there will be eleven, in addition to closely graded and undated publications. All youth from twelve through twenty-three years of age and all adults working with youth will be served by these publications.

It is expected that this will be a most significant conference in terms of results and that from it will come a strategy for youth work in the nation, conference, district, sub-district, and local church to meet the needs of youth today.

Vacation Schools In The Conferences

The Springhill Methodist Church held its Vacation Bible School from June 3 through June 9. Sponsored by Mrs. Claud Clark, her helpers were: Mrs. Arch Turner, Mrs. Tom Clark, Mrs. John Starks and Miss Audrey Light. Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes were held. Primary group studied "Jesus, the Friend"; the Juniors studied "Followers of Jesus" and the Intermediates took for their study, "Exploring the Bible."

Moorefield Methodist Church enrolled forty-eight boys and girls in its Vacation School. Mrs. M. E. Moore was superintendent of the school, assisted by the pastor, Rev. B. W. Stallcup, four teachers, Miss Ruth Parks, Mrs. Wesley Goff, Mrs. Marvin Moore and Barbara Meacham. Refreshments were served to the group and on the closing day a truck was provided by Y. M. Mack to

carry the children and teachers to a nearby party to enjoy a picnic lunch.

The Collinston Methodist Church closed its Vacation School on Friday, July 18. Forty-eight were enrolled, 44 children and 8 teachers. A large group received certificates. Mrs. A. H. Harper was superintendent of the school. Miss Ann Boyd, Mrs. B. W. Hopgood and Mrs. David Herrell were in charge of the music.

The Oak Grove Methodist Church enrolled 60 children in the Vacation Bible School which closed on Friday afternoon, July 18. Rev. R. L. Clayton, pastor at Oak Grove, was superintendent of the school. Children from the age of two through sixteen attended. Teachers were Mrs. Jewel Head, Mrs. W. D. McCormich, Mrs. Elon McCasland, Mrs. Lonnie James, Mrs. Ellis Womack, Mrs. Floyd Weems, Miss Aline Holland and Mrs. R. L. Clayton.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Vacation Church Schools

The following churches have reported Vacation Schools:

Batesville District: Central Avenue, Batesville; First Church, Batesville; Evening Shade; Mountain Home; Fairview; Norfolk; Wesley's Chapel; First Church, Newport; Tuckerman.

Conway District: Wesley Memorial, Conway; First Church, Morrilton; First Church, North Little Rock; Levy; Washington Avenue; Russellville.

Fayetteville District: Berryville; Elm Springs; Harmon; Farmington; Wiggins Memorial; Gravette; Green Forest; Pea Ridge; Prairie Grove; First Church, Springdale; Wesley, Springdale.

Forrest City District: Cotton Plant; Elaine; Wabash; Marianna; Marion; Cherry Valley; West Helena; Wheatley; Round Pond; Wynne.

Fort Smith District: Booneville; First Church, Fort Smith; Fifth Street; Huntington; Mansfield; Ozark; First Church, Van Buren; Waldron.

Jonesboro District: Brookland; Caraway; Dell; Harrisburg; Joiner; Manila; Marked Tree; Monette; Osceola; Trumann; Weiner; Yarbrough.

Paragould District: Biggers; Reyno; New Home; Hoxie; Marmaduke; First Church, Paragould; Piggott; Pocahontas; Stanford.

Searcy District: Bald Knob; Bradford; Cabot; Harrison; Heber Springs; Leslie; McCrory; Valley Springs.

Bible Conference Dates

The following is the schedule for Dr. J. H. Hicks.

Osceola, July 27-29; Marked Tree, July 30-August 1; Manila, August 3-5; Pocahontas, August 6-8; Harrison, August 10-12; Siloam Springs, August 17-19.

This leaves two dates on the schedule of Dr. Hicks to be filled. The schedule of Dr. Davis, beginning with August 3, is as follows:

Atkins, August 3-5; Paris, August 6-8; Umsted Memorial, Newport, August 10-12; Brinkley, August 13-15; Paragould First Church, August 20-22.

A number of Bible schools are being worked out to be conducted by Rev. James S. Upton and Rev. Ralph Ruhlen. To date:

Mountain View, August 3-5; Salem, August 9-11; Ozark, August 6-8; Charleston, August 10-12.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

MODERN NOAH'S ARK TO AID AFRICAN NATIVES

A modern Noah's Ark, equipped for physical and spiritual reclamation work, will soon be on its way to Liberia. The war-surplus LSM, converted for ocean-going use and the constructive work of peace, is being loaded at a Mississippi landing 10 miles south of Vicksburg. Its cargo will include tractors, farm machinery, and a complete sawmill for taming the jungles of Africa for the benefit of man. R. G. LaTourneau, industrialist who has turned his talents and financial resources to the service of religion, is sponsoring the latter-day Ark. "Hungry natives will listen to us about God," he says, "if we can show them a field of grain with a combine harvesting more in a day than they can eat in a year." Mr. LeTourneau placed his plan before the State Department, which cleared it with the government of Liberia. He now has permission to carry out the plan as a demonstration of the Gospel and of American technology. A carefully chosen crew — "technical missionaries" as Mr. LeTourneau calls them — will make the voyage. The "Ark" will carry food and supplies for 20 people for a year. Mr. LeTourneau's son-in-law and daughter, Gustave and Louise Dick, will head the group. Both have been active in religious work since their youth. Accompanied by their three children, they are prepared for an indefinite stay in the Liberian jungle. Mr. LeTourneau intends to lease half a million acres of undeveloped jungle land. If he can improve the tract substantially within 30 years, the Liberian government will extend his lease for another 50.

Gideons Pushing Bible Distribution In Britain

Since they began work in England three years ago, the Gideons have placed 23,000 Bibles in British hotels and hospital rooms, Montague H. Knott, secretary of The Gideons for the British Isles, said in Montreal. Mr. Knott, on his way to the International Gideons convention at St. Louis, Mo., told the Montreal Camp of The Gideons that the aim of the British organization is to place a Bible in every hotel room in the United Kingdom. Great persistence and patience is needed to accomplish this, however, he said. Hotel proprietors have shown some resistance to having the Bibles in the rooms, but this resistance is being overcome.

Mailmen Take Children To Sunday School

Two postmen, Earl K. Campbell of Yorktown, Ind., and Clarence DeWitt of Muncie, Ind., decided to do something about the children on their mail routes who did not attend Sunday School. So, last October both men started taking the kiddies to church school. They are now escorting more than 100 children to school every Sunday morning. Two buses transport the youngsters to and from the postmen's church each week. The mailmen emphasize that they never take anyone to their church who is already

enrolled in another church. Only those who have no regular Sunday School are invited.

Dr. Jones Plans Rural Evangelistic Mission

An evangelistic mission in rural New England from Sept. 11 to 17 was announced here by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, internationally known evangelist and author. It will be sponsored by the New England Town and Country Church Commission. Dr. Jones said that he hoped the mission, which will launch his fall and winter program of evangelistic campaigns across the country, would spark a nationwide movement to rekindle interest in evangelism in rural areas.

Report Chinese Communists Bar Prayers For Pope

Chinese Communist authorities have ordered Roman Catholics of the Tingchow diocese, Fukien Province, to alter the prayers of the Mass, the Vatican Radio reported. The station said that "the name of the Pope is to be omitted from the Mass because, according to the Communists, a Chinese must not pray for the Holy Father."

Play Hymns At Chicago Amphitheatre

When delegates and visitors to the Democratic National Convention here entered the Chicago International Amphitheatre it was to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers" and other familiar hymns. The music was provided by the Chicago Gospel Crusade, which erected a large exhibit immediately opposite the entrance to the hall under a banner asking "who will pilot the ship of state?" Supporters of the Crusade are distributing literature urging delegates to "turn to Christ" regardless of which nominee is chosen and to make Him the nation's "pilot."

Approve British Office Of World Methodist Council

Setting up of a British office of

the World Methodist Council was approved by the Methodist Conference of Great Britain at its annual meeting held at Preston, Lancashire. The Rev. E. Benson Perkins, was named secretary of the office. The conference elected the Rev. Walter J. Noble, former secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society, as president of the British Section of the World Methodist Council in place of the late Dr. Wilbert F. Howard of Birmingham. Also approved was the establishment of a world Methodist center at Oxford for the convenience of Methodist visitors to Great Britain.

Communists Seeking To Abolish Religious Instruction Classes

Efforts are under way in Eastern European satellite countries to restrict or abolish religious instruction classes for children. Definite action toward this end appears to be emerging as the result of statements by Communist officials and organs. The Budapest Radio boasted that the number of children registered for religious instruction in the Orsod-Abauj-Zemplen district, "has declined considerably."

Religious TV Course Planned By Yale

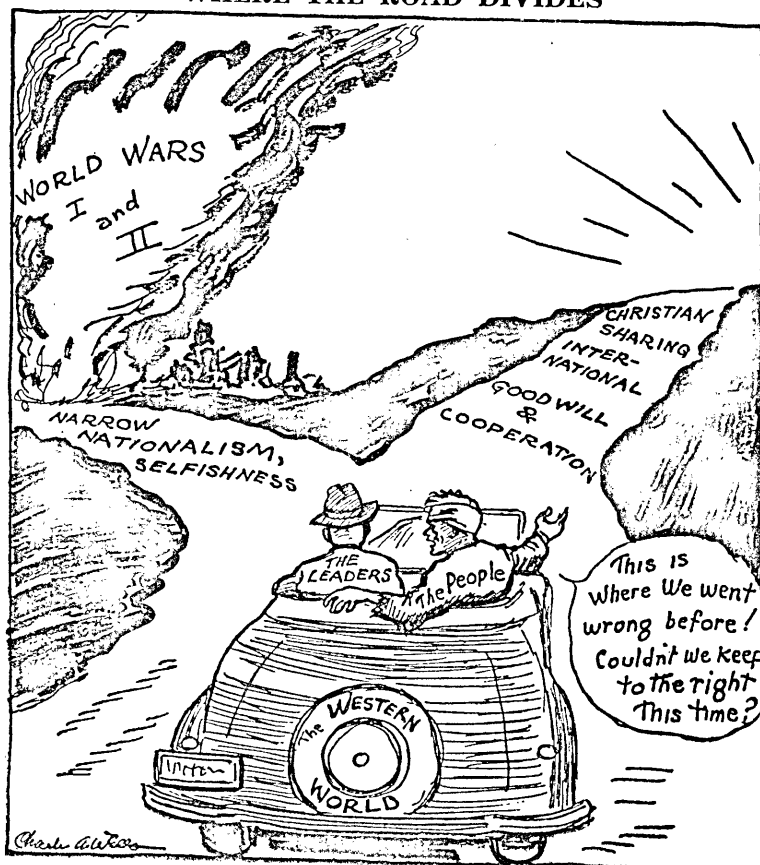
An experimental course in religious television will be given next fall by Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Conn. It is believed to be the first course of its kind ever offered at a theological school. The course will be given in cooperation with New Haven's Station WNHC-TV and enrollment will be limited to 15 stu-

dents in the try-out year. Dr. Liston Pope, dean, said that the course was a "natural extension" of the religious radio course the school has given for the past six years. The Rev. Everett C. Parker, lecturer on radio and television at the school, will head the course and be assisted by David Harris, production chief of the television station.

Brethren Study Program For Older Church People

A program aimed at conserving the talents of older church adults is being studied by the Christian Education Commission of the Church of the Brethren under authority voted by the denomination's General Brotherhood Board. Dr. C. Ernest Davis, the commission's executive secretary, said the group would: — List the areas of need in which special talents of those over 65 years could be used. — Establish a list of qualifications for the several types of services that could be rendered. — Develop a plan of enlistment of older people who have time and talents to give. — Propose an administrative plan for the program. "It is time for the Church to recognize a new age group," Dr. Davis said. "Even a casual glance at the leadership of the Church of the Brethren over the past 50 years convinces one that many men and women beyond retirement age were able to render it outstanding service. "Unless a program to conserve specialized talents among older individuals is established, the Church will suffer great loss."

WHERE THE ROAD DIVIDES





THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

DONKEY PICTURES

When Mother tucks me in my bed
And I my evening prayers have said,
She makes me pictures on the wall,
And one I like the best of all,
I ask her for 'most ev'ry night—
A donkey picture that can bite.

He opens wide his mouth, and I
Just push my finger in. And my!
He snaps his jaws just dreadfully,
But doesn't hurt a bit, you see,
Then Mother laughs and 'fore I know
That naughty donkey's grabbed my toe.

I pull my foot up under me
And right there on the wall I see
That selfsame donkey laughing now,
Just 'cause I hollered, "O-oo-ow!"
Then Mother kisses me goodnight
And finally turns out the light.

—Margaret Brown Elms, in
Zion's Herald

GOD'S BIRD

The educated daughter of an Omaha chief tells the following story. It illustrates the method by which the red man trains his children:

I remember the first time I ever heard the name of God. I was a very little girl, playing about the tent one summer day, when I found a little bird lying hurt on the ground. It was a fledgling that had fallen from the tree and fluttered some distance from the nest.

"Ah," I thought, "now this is mine." I was delighted, and ran about with it in my hand.

"What have you there, Lugette?" said one of the men who was at work in the field.

"It's a bird. It is mine," I said.

He looked at it. "No, it is not yours. You must not hurt it. You have no right to it."

"Not mine?" I said. "I found it. Whose is it then?"

"It is God's, you must give it back to him."

I did not dare to disobey. "Where is God? How shall I give it back to him?"

"He is here. Go to the high grass yonder near its nest, and lay it down, and say, 'God, here is thy bird again.' He will hear you."

I went to the tall grass, crying and awed, and did as he bid me. I laid it down on the grass in a warm, sunny spot, and said, "God



FUN WITH THE FAMILY

We always look forward to this time of year
With a lot of joy for the time is here

When we pack a lunch and hurry away
To a shady spot to spend the day.

There is fun for all as the family
Spreads the lunch under a tree.

When the day is over we thank one another
For a happy day spent with dad and mother.

—A.E.W.

JUST FOR FUN

A thrilled 5th-grade pupil confided in her teacher: "I'm going to be on the program at the next patient Teachers meeting." — Michigan Education Association Journal

"I just heard that the students have a nickname for Professor Smith, and I think that it is very nice," said Professor Jones. "It shows a real intimacy and comradeship. I sometimes wish they

here is thy bird again."

I never forgot that lesson.—
Christian Observer

would give me a nickname."

"The students have a nickname for you," said his son. "It's Sanka."

That night about midnight, after thinking the matter over many times, the father got up, went down to the kitchen and hunted until he found a can of Sanka. Then he read on the label: "More than 98% of the active portion of the bean has been removed."

Passenger: "Conductor, what's the name of this station?"

Conductor: "Fishhook — they call it that because it's the end of the line."

"Is Bob a confirmed bachelor?"

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

MUSIC FOR THE PLAYGROUND

(A True Story)

Jeanette had just finished her music lesson and was standing at the window watching the school children next door. They dashed joyously from slide to merry-go-round, from swing to sand-tray. They enjoyed feeding and watching the birds in the trees and on the ground. They marched and they danced and they played games.

Having just finished her lesson, she was thinking of what her teacher had said about the "Climbing" she so loved to play. "Why! that is what the music does," thought Jeanette, "like the children on the slide, as they go up and come down, over and over... What fun to try to make folks SEE the playground as I play my pieces!"

And this is the program that Jeanette memorized and played for the children, who seemed to enjoy the music as much as they had been enjoying their out-of-doors fun.

Program played by Jeanette to the children of "Page Private School" in May, 1952.

(The Slide, climbing up and dashing down)—"Climbing," Mach-Lachlan

(The Merry-Go-Round, the left hand, round and round) —

"Spinning Song," Ellmenreich (The birds, flying and feeding) —

"Wings in Flight," Felton (Relaxation, the noon nap) —

"Lullaby," Brahms (The empty schoolroom) — "Val-

ley Echoes," Felton

(A delightful dream, to guess what) — "Silent Night," German folk song

As Jeanette played this song (her own arrangement) the children began to hum their "guess" and could hardly keep still until it was finished. Eager hands waved their recognition and happy faces made the singing of our best-loved Christmas song the perfect closing of a long-to-be-remembered program of "Music on the Playground."

(Note to mothers and teachers: Try it for your children in home or school.) — North Carolina Christian Advocate

"He is now. He sent his photograph to a Lonely Hearts Club and they sent it back with a note saying 'We're not that lonely'." — Los Angeles Times

ARKANSAS METHODIST

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

NEWS FROM MARY McSWAIN

May, 1952

Dear friends:

You are cordially invited to come with me to discover some secrets of the romance in living within the People's Central Institute.

A new building brings with it a new vantage point, and a fresh outlook, so let's climb up through the scaffolding to the second floor and take a look at the neighborhood. To the east, over the clinic roof, stately palms lead up from the street and speak of life's dignity and upward look. Through the doors of the Tucker Building 307 children are entering for the day primary school; 123 for high school classes; 336 for the social work department; and 200 for the night primary school. (You didn't see them all at once? Why, it seems to me their footsteps are firmer and firmer as April closes.) Beyond this are roofs and walls of tenement houses, warehouses, oil deposits; on 6-block-long Livramento Street, forty-six different families send their children to the Institute. That huge building under construction is the home of Brazil's best-known magazine, "O Cruzeiro."

House #48, Rua Bonto Teixeira, is on the west slope of the hill, and a bit difficult to locate until a small boy offers to help. He takes us down a narrow ally, skirts a garbage pile, climbs a steep rocky incline, and after negotiating a curve, points to a gate and says — "That's it." We clap our hands, and Albertina's mother opens the gate, apologizing for the rickety steps leading to her home. The one-room hut is freshly painted pink, and clean as a pin. Her two children help entertain us, and she tells how she wanted to choose carefully the place where Albertina could learn to read. Her home is built in the "shadow of a rock" literally, and we cannot help looking to the future with the hope that Albertina may learn to read the principles of Christian living.

About four blocks further on, we shall walk up eight flights of steps at a government housing project, and attend the first mothers' club meeting of the year. In the days when Dr. Tucker first dreamed of serving Samboia and Saude districts, housing was no ones' concern. As we stop for a short talk with the administrator, there is a lift in knowing that others are concerned; and we appreciate his comment, "This is so important. Can't you begin to

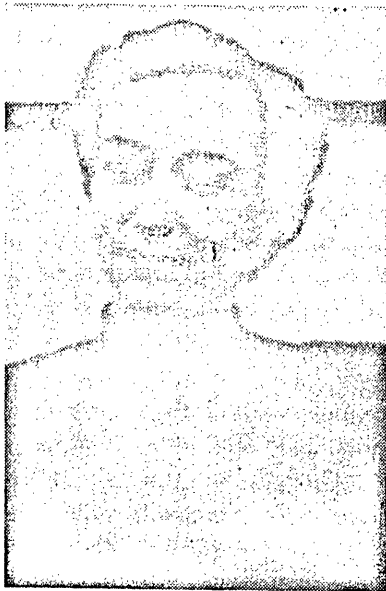
LILLIE RANEY MAJOR TO SPEAK

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Winfield Church in Little Rock is inviting all Methodist women in the Little Rock Conference and any others who would like to come to hear a special program on Monday, August 4, at eleven o'clock in the air-conditioned sanctuary.

Mrs. James Major, who returned from a mission field in South America only last week, will speak at the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Society. She will tell of the work which she and her husband have been doing in Chile during the past five years.

Mrs. Major, with her husband, the Rev. James Major, has been living in Santiago, Chile, and serving at the Sweet Memorial Institute. This is the first trip home from the field for The Majors.

Mrs. Major is the daughter of Mrs. T. J. Raney of Little Rock, is a graduate of Hendrix College and the mother of three small children. Mr. Major was a member of Winfield before entering



MRS. JAMES MAJOR

the ministry and members of his family still attend this church.

Brother and Mrs. Major will later do graduate work in Chicago.

CAMDEN DISTRICT GUILDS MEET

The Camden District, Wesleyan Service Guilds, met in quarterly session Sunday afternoon, July 20,

meet every week, instead of just once a month?" D. Maria Jose, herself a People's Institute product, is the natural leader eager to interest others. She lingers with the others after the meeting closes, reluctant to leave and realizing anew that she is a living part of the Institute and somehow it depends upon her.

"The Saude, Gamboa, Santa Criste sections were considered Rio's worst. Today, they present the aspect of peaceful dwellings of all types . . . How did this happen? Exactly as you think: the children of the Institute, with its dynamic social department, its courses, its mothers' clubs, its church, achieved this transformation. The man on the street is sure of this, even though the directors of the institution do not proclaim this through an understandable modesty. It is that a great number of students come down the hill, day and night, and go back up with a new comprehension of human values and a new vision for the future." Sincerely yours, looking to the future.

Mary McSwain
Rio de Janeiro, D. F.
Brazil

1952, at the Vantrease Memorial Church, El Dorado, with Mrs. Gordon Morgan, president of the hostess Guild, and Miss Aurelle Burnside, district secretary, alternating as presiding officers. Mrs. Norma Rose Dean, the district associate, served as secretary.

Mrs. Morgan presented the Rev. Fred Schwendimann, newly assigned pastor of Vantrease Memorial Church, who gave the devotional and opening prayer. Music was furnished by Mrs. A. B. Sellers, church organist, and Misses Patricia Starritt and Nell Lea.

Mrs. M. E. Scott, Little Rock conference secretary of missionary education and service, gave a preview of the approved study courses for the current year on Africa, Home Missions and Human Rights, and Preface to the Bible.

Miss Burnside reported on the Guild jurisdiction week-end at Mt. Sequoyah July 11 - 13, and urged attendance at the conference week-end scheduled for Camp Aldrsgate, July 26-27.

Mrs. Martha Hedgecock, Mrs. Giles Hatfield and Mrs. Becky Meyers registered approximately 50 members. Mrs. J. R. Sisson and Miss Isa Kinard provided flower arrangements for the church.

Following the meeting, Mrs. Schwendimann received the guests at the parsonage for an hour of fellowship.

The Stamps Guild will be hostess for the next quarterly meeting.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Each One Win One" is the slogan for the membership drive of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Minden. Mrs. Davidson Brown is the President; Mrs. R. W. Stringer, Vice-President; Mrs. W. B. Jones, Secretary; Mrs. J. B. Williams, Treasurer; and Mrs. E. L. McDonald, Secretary of Promotion. Every officer is a subscriber to the METHODIST WOMAN.

The Executive Board of the Forrest City District met at the home of Mrs. W. F. McCracken, July 17 for lunch. The following officers were present: Mesdames McCracken, Williamson, Mixon, Hall, Burrows, Turner, Ellis, Walker, Caplena, Jernberg, Morris and Kinder.

Discussion was held on the area workshops to be held over the district at the following towns: Parkin—July 23; Elaine—July 28; Clarendon—July 30; Hughes—August 5. The Fall Seminar will be held at Forrest City August 27 at 9:30. Miss Mildred Osment will be the guest speaker, and the teachers will be Mrs. J. W. Burrows, West Memphis on Africa; Mrs. Harold Womack, Hughes, Human Rights; and Mrs. T. Walker, Round Pond, Preface to the Bible.

An enthusiastic group of women of the Northwise Methodist Church, Monroe, met July 15 in the home of Mrs. John S. Brown to make plans for the organization of a Woman's Society of Christian Service. Rev. Benjamin Oliphint, pastor, gave the inspirational talk on the role of women in the church, and Mrs. W. D. McGee was elected temporary chairman and Mrs. G. M. Mott temporary secretary.

The group will meet August 12 to elect officers and circle chairmen for three circles. The nominating committee is composed of Mrs. A. S. Gunter, Mrs. A. J. Speer and Mrs. Joe Powell.

Boss Mitchell, vocational training teacher in the Danville High School, was guest speaker at the July meeting of the Danville W. S. C. S. in the home of Mrs. C. W. Comfort. He spoke on the Four Point Programme. Mr. Mitchell is the superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School.

The Alpena Society honored Rev. E. W. Faulkner and his bride at a reception July 17 at the parsonage. Appreciation was expressed for having the Faulknors.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

First Church Helena Organizes Junior Church

A Junior Church, for children in the Primary and Junior Departments, has been started here this summer under the direction of Rev. Clint Burleson, the associate pastor. The services are held each Sunday morning at the regular 10:55 hour in the basement of the church, with Bro. Burleson delivering the sermon.

Fifty-five children have enrolled as members of the Junior Church. A Board of Stewards, composed of twelve members, and a Board of Trustees, composed of five members, have been elected and these two Boards carry on the business of the church. Five Committees, Finance, Evangelism, Projects, Music, and Altar Arrangements, have also been elected and every member of Junior Church is on one of these committees.

The order of worship for the service is very much like that of the regular church service. Bulletins are printed especially for the Junior Church and are handed out by the ushers. All of the boys wait anxiously to be given a chance to serve as one of the ushers. A choir of eight voices render a special anthem at each service and over half of the membership of the church wait their turn to sing in this choir.

The children have entered enthusiastically into the Junior Church program. Special interest groups have been provided for them. One such group is the Photography class, taught each week by Mr. Ivey Gladin. Here the children learn the correct way to take pictures, plus the fundamentals of camera structure and developing technique.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT SET-UP MEETING

The Batesville District Set-Up meeting was held July 14 in First Church Batesville with Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent in charge. David Conyers led in singing and W. L. Diggs the invocation. Brother Connell, newly appointed District Superintendent addressed the meeting.

An open forum was held relative to the 35 percent increase in World Service giving. Both laymen and ministers were asked to state their views. After discussion Rev. Guy Ames, Pastor First Church New Port, made a motion that the Batesville District accept the increase. The motion

carried. Apportionments are to be made to individual churches in due time.

A very interesting feature of the program was a report by Mrs. Nels Barnett who was a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference at Wichita, Kansas. Mrs. Barnett is also the district president of the W.S.C.S.

At the conclusion of the business session the Methodist churches of Batesville sponsored a reception at the Marvin Hotel in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Connell and the new ministers and their wives, who were in the receiving line. Soft music and refreshments added much to the pleasure of all who participated.—H. W. Jinske.

S.M.U. SUPPLY PASTORS' SCHOOL IN SESSION

The following men are attending the school for approved supply pastors at S.M.U. It is being conducted in the Perkins School of Theology. The first term closed July 10. The second term is July 15-Aug. 14.

First Term: June 10 - July 10

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE — Bean, Bruce Hayes, Princeton; Clark, Claude, Rt. 1, Hope; Lancaster, Irl Scott, Holly Springs; Lawrence, Charlie Elon, Box 181, Taylor.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE — Brooks, Cloward K., West Monroe; Lankford, Frank Clemons, Marthaville; Lipe, Carl Lorimer, Effie.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE — Conner, William Grant, McCrory; Polard, James Marion, Dyess; Smitherman, Cave Monroe, Jonesboro; Stegall, William George, Hunter.

Second Term: July 14 - August 15:

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE — Crow, William Matthew, Horatio; Mann, Ralph Sidney, 805 E. Elm, El Dorado; Robbins, Connie Alton, Tichnor; Thibault, Miss Lucy, Scott; Watson, William Henry, Arkadelphia.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE — Akin, William Ray, Sibley; Brock, Mrs. Eunice, Marion; Conerly, Abe Milton, Kinder; Crofoot, Raymond Melvin, Ville Platte; Davis, M. L., Choudrant; Deen, Daniel Ray, Crowville; Grant, Robert Roy, Box 85, Bernice; Shaw, Lee Graffon, Winnfield.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE — Abee, A. Walter, Rector; Adams, Carl B., Lamar; Edwards, Ray Hamilton, Griffithville; Johnson, David Kern, St. Francis; Kleeb, George John, Pea Ridge; Noggle, Augustus A., Scotland; Parmenter, T. B., Rt. 2, Jonesboro; Richardson, John Henry, Vandalia; Rolland, Lindsey Andrew, Rogers; Strayhorn, Carl Vinson, Evening Shade; Thompson, Marvin A., Bethesda.

Rev. Kenneth F. Renfro, Valley Springs, Arkansas, and Luther L. Turner, Paragould, both members of the North Arkansas Conference, are attending and working on the Conference Course of Study. All others are approved supply pastors.

The school is made possible by the cooperation of SMU, the Commission on Ministerial Training,

MINISTERS WIVES MEET

The Ministers Wives of the Hope District, under the leadership of Mrs. E. D. Galloway, met in the City Park at Mena, Arkansas on July 15, for their first meeting of the Conference year 1952-53. Mrs. W. D. Golden, who was Vice President last year, presided over the meeting. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President, Mrs. W. D. Golden, Prescott, Arkansas

Vice President, Mrs. Virgil Keeley, Hope, Arkansas

Sect.-Treas., Mrs. Howard Williams, Texarkana, Arkansas

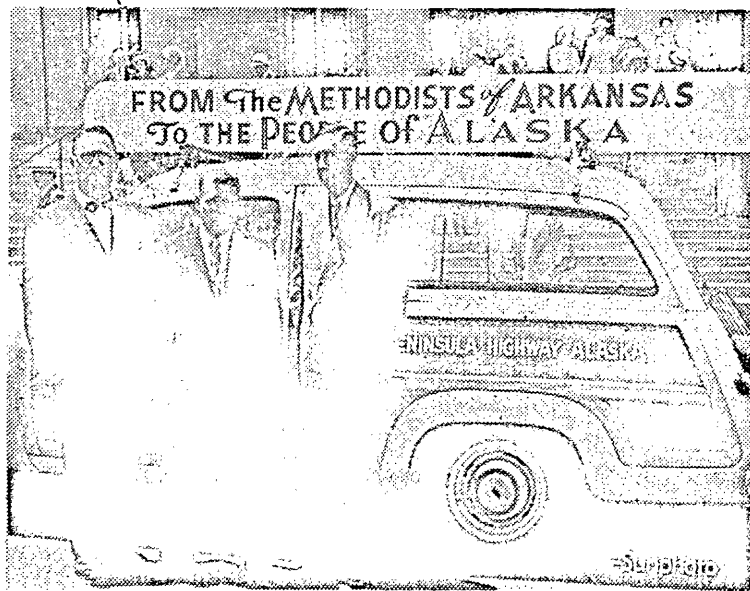
At the noon hour a picnic lunch was spread and shared by all the ministers families of the District. During the noon hour the new ministers, their wives and children were introduced by Rev. E. D. Galloway, Superintendent of the Hope District. — Mrs. Howard Williams, Secretary.

and Highland Park Methodist Church. Together they provide 155 scholarships each summer to care for room, board, and assistance on travel.

The faculty is composed of J. Edmund Kirby, superintendent of the Pampa district; Professor E. H. Steelman of Southwestern University; Dr. A. W. Wasson, retired, of the Board of Missions; Dr. Alfredo Nanez of San Antonio; and Professors Ben O. Hill, Robert W. Goodloe, and A. W. Martin of the S.M.U. faculty. Dr. Martin is the dean.

Studies are provided in Bible, worship, preaching, Methodism, church administration, counseling, and Christian doctrines.

Alaskan Methodist Minister Visits Arkansas



STATION WAGON EN ROUTE TO ALASKA

Rev. F. Gene Elliott, of Moose Pass, Alaska is to be a visitor in Arkansas from August 1-15. He is to be a guest while in Arkansas in the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. Connor Morehead in Camden.


Brother Elliott is pastor of the six Methodist churches on Kenai Peninsula in Alaska. He has been in charge of the Mobile Highway Ministry there for the past four years. In his work he has used one of the station wagons sent to "The Methodists of Alaska by the Methodists of Arkansas." The station wagon on the Kenai Peninsula has been used to serve a circuit which is about three hundred and fifty miles long.

About the middle of June Brother Elliott, with his wife and little son, Freddie, left Alaska for their first vacation in four years. He will remain in Arkansas while his wife and son visit her mother in Sugar Grove, Pa. Brother Elliott is a graduate of Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.; Mrs. Elliott received her training in Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

While in Arkansas, Brother Elliott will visit a number of our churches and will show his color slides of the work of Methodism in Alaska and other scenes of interest there. He will also bring a message about his work in Alaska.

Churches visited by Brother Elliott will be fortunate indeed to have this first-hand report of our work with our Alaskan neighbors. When Methodists of Arkansas better understand the marvelous work made possible in Alaska by the station wagons our people have provided, they will likely want to send another and another station wagon to Alaska until the need for an adequate means of transportation has been provided for our workers there.

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"Along A Country Road"

The Town and Country Commission

The Methodist Church

The North Arkansas Conference

Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas

Paul E. Martin, Bishop	Mr. Lester Hutchins,
Rev. Floyd G. Villines,	Vice-President
President	Rev. N. Lee Cate,
	Secretary
Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary	

REPORT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION ADOPTED BY NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The following program for the Town and Country Commission was adopted by the annual Conference at its recent session at Blytheville. (Continued from last week)

11. Continue the weekly Arkansas Methodist Column. Through the medium of the Arkansas Methodist we are privileged to enter the homes of the thousands of people every week. It would not be possible to have a mailing list, secretarial help and office material to reach this many people week by week. The many people who tell me they follow our program through this medium encourages me to continue this effort.

12. Continue bulletin service for the student pastors at Hendrix. Also urge each pastor to open his church office to the rural pastors about in the rural churches for this service where possible. One of the outstanding developments of our program began the past year when we initiated bulletin service through our office for student pastors at Hendrix. This means much to our people. We wish that it was possible that every charge could have this service.

13. Have a Town and Country Committee in each district, with district Town and Country Institutes conducted each year. We will not be able to have proper coverage of the conference until we do more in district organizations and meetings in the districts for the extension of our program.

14. We recommend that the Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission be given the official responsibility of directing and counselling field work of ministerial students and supply pastors of charges paying less than the minimum salary.—Even though we have pilot charges that does not mean that the Secretary of the Town and Country Commission is limited to efforts in those particular charges. By working with other Conference leaders we should be able to help strengthen the work in all of our charges that need to be brought to a fuller program of service.

15. The Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission, representing the Board of

Ministerial Training and the Cabinet, should be the Liaison man between the seminaries and a clearing house through which they can be contacted for student appointments when they go to seminary. This contact to be continued while they are in seminary and until they return to the conference.—There is a definite need for some one to be a clearing house of information and help for the conference in the matter of students being placed in the seminaries and kept in conference contact while they are away. Since most of the students are serving charges and since many of them will return to rural charges it would seem practical for the Town and Country Commission office to be available for such help as can be given in this matter.

16. We recommend to the Board of Ministerial Training and the Board of Education that the School for Supply Pastors be held at Hendrix College, in conjunction with the Pastor's School if possible, and that all supply pastors, students and otherwise be urged to attend in order to create a closer conference spirit. The Supply School should begin in mid-week before the regular Pastor's School in order that the proper accreditation on courses might be given.—It would soon be practical that the student have the privilege of attending the supply school on the Hendrix Campus along with the pastor who comes to the regular Pastor's School. By doing so a deeper fellowship may be developed as well as the use of the Hendrix College Facilities be employed in guiding them.

17. We recommend that J. Albert Gatlin be appointed Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission for the 1952-53 Conference Year.

REVIVAL AT WESLEY METHODIST, PINE BLUFF

An eight-day, open-air revival closed Sunday July 13th at Wesley Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas with good crowds in attendance. At noon on the last day an old fashioned dinner-on-the-ground was spread under the trees. That afternoon, Rev. Louis Averitt, evangelist for the meet-

Methodist Children's Home To Have Wedding

By Georgia Daily

THERE'S going to be a wedding at the Children's Home. And the family, like all families, is pretty much excited about it, doubly so since it's the first time one of the children has been married while still at the home.

The bride-to-be is pretty, 17-year-old Carolyn Wingfield. The bridegroom is Bobby Cash, 2720 South Harrison, Little Rock.

"We met a long time ago," Carolyn says, smiling, but if you pin her down she admits it's been only two years. They met at Oak Forest Methodist church, and the church family, like the Children's Home family, is playing a big part in wedding plans.

The ceremony will be at the church, of course, at 5 o'clock Friday evening, August 1, and all the attendants are members of the youth group at Oak Forrest. The bridesmaid, Betty Conkle, lives in the cottage next to Carolyn's at the Home. Jim Blackstone will be best man and ushers will be Billy Gene Jones, a member of Carolyn's Home family, and Scrappy Brown.



MISS CAROLYN WINGFIELD
Bride-Elect

Just as he did at the weddings of his own two daughters, the Rev. T. T. McNeal, director of the Children's Home, will give the bride away. Then he will step up to assist the Rev. George Meyer, pastor of Oak Forest, in performing the marriage ceremony.

Behind the scenes, Carolyn's cottage family is getting ready for the reception, to be held Friday night in the living room of the administration building.

If you didn't already know the occasion, Carolyn's room would give the secret away. The wedding gown, a lovely white formal, hangs on the door of the closet. The bed is covered with gifts from the latest bridal shower, including a white robe from her house mother, Mrs. Grace Barnett; a satin comfort from the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hicks; a set of silver, towels, kitchen utensils, and other articles.

Then there's a cook book, gift of the Rev. and Mrs. Meyer. Carolyn expects it to come in handy, because up to now she has avoided home economics as much as possible. "And Bobby can cook better than I," she says, her brown eyes sparkling.

The bride has another year at Little Rock High, but she promised her Home parents that she would finish. Bobby graduated in June from Tech, and is employed at Bale Chevrolet Company.

Carolyn came to the home seven years ago, when the late J. S. M. Cannon was director. She remembers Mr. Cannon fondly, from the days when she used to sit on his lap.

Her bridesmaid, Betty, is the only girl who was at the Home when Carolyn came with her two sisters. One sister, Dorothy, was to be matron of honor, but she will not be able to come. Dorothy left the Home after she graduated and got a job. She now lives in Arkadelphia with her husband, Tommy Hays.

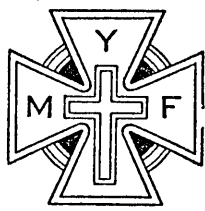
Carolyn is disappointed also because her roommate is out of town and cannot attend the wedding, but there is one consolation. "We have a big family here. They'll all be there."

ing, gave instructions to several visitation teams who secured commitments from six additional persons that afternoon. This brought the total additions to the church through the meeting to 14.

The ladies of the church conducted a Daily Vacation Church School during the first five days of the revival. On Friday evening at the close of the school the children presented a short program at the evening service and examples of their work were placed on display. The total enrollment for the school was 55 with an average attendance of 50. The staff for the school was composed of Mrs. W. C. Wayman, Mrs. W. H. Walker, Mrs. Tom Anderson, Mrs. H. E. Camp, Mrs. John Rose, Mrs. Corwin Lee, Mrs. Winslow Brown, Annette Tiner, Rev. J. C. Van Horn, Rev. Winslow Brown.

Plans for our new building are progressing, and we hope to break ground for the first of our units in the very near future. Over fifty members are now on roll.

The preaching of Bro. Averitt, and the singing of Bro. Van Horn were greatly appreciated by all who attended our meeting. — Winslow Brown, pastor



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WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Buffalo Island Sub-District met on Monday evening, July 14, at Caraway. Caraway had charge of the program on the theme, "The Opening Door." Terry Ballard, president, presided. Churches represented were Caraway, Delfore, Lake City, Leachville, Manila, Riverside, St. John and Lake View with 95 present. Delfore received the banner. The next meeting will be held at Lake City on August 11.

The Eastern Sub-District of the Ruston District held its monthly meeting on June 28 at Harmony Chapel of the Dubach Charge. The highlight of the afternoon was the Youth Caravan who was in charge of the worship program. The following newly elected officers were installed: President, Frank Jones, Ruston; Vice-President, Glene Neaville, Clay; Secretary, Iola Farrar, Farmersville; Treasurer, Benny Head, Quitman and Reporter, Jehnell Farley, Hico. Frank Jones of Ruston, will go to the Mt. Sequoyah Youth Conference as a delegate from the Sub-District.

The Western Sub-District of the Ruston District held its monthly meeting on June 30 at Lisbon with 155 in attendance. The following newly elected officers were installed: President, Glynn Lamar Haynes; Vice-president, Ina Claire Atkins; Secretary, Rosalind Smith; Treasurer, Mary Hunt; Recording Secretary, Janie Almond; Reporter, Jane McDonald; Counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Searles of Minden. The next meeting will be at Homer on July 28.

The Sadie Mecom Sub-District meeting was held in the Wisner Church on July 7. New officers are: Manzy Brown, Mangham, president; Don Chapman, Archibald, vice - president; Bobby Wright, Crowville, secretary; Leo Bondrant, Wisner, treasurer; Bobby Rogers, Gilbert, publicity chairman; Margie Bengston, Winnsboro, recreation chairman; Mrs. D. R. Knight, head counselor and Rev. Lael Jones, Mangham, assistant counselor. Margie Bengston, who had attended the Young People's Camp at Camp Brewer, gave an interesting report. Rev. I. A. Love, pastor at Wisner, announced a Youth Revival to be held in Winnsboro, July 28 through August 3. Rev. Robert Taylor of West Monroe is in charge of the services.

The Paul E. Martin Sub-District held its July meeting at the Mid-

land Heights Church in Fort Smith with 83 present. Midland Heights took the plaque with 25 present. Sally Wernett, president, and Barbara Nancé, World Friendship Chairman, were selected to represent the Sub-District at Mt. Sequoyah. The August meeting of the council is to be held at Lake Fort Smith.

The Tangi-Helena Sub-District met at Pine Ridge on Monday evening, July 7, with the Pine Ridge group presenting an impressive program on "Faith". President Betty Jo Woodard presided over the business meeting. There were 103 present with Pine Ridge having the largest attendance and Bluff Creek second. Rev. Ted J. Smith, Pine Grove, was elected counselor. Audrey Blades was elected vice-president. The next meeting will be held at Pipkins Chapel on August 4.

The Phillips County Sub-District met Monday night, July 14, at Elaine. On the program were Bette Bumpers, Bob Harris and Elvin Bruner. The following officers were elected: Jerry Lowrie, Elaine, president; Clara Ivy, Mellwood, vice - president; Patsy Meyer, West Helena, secretary; Doris Fielder, Helena, treasurer and Peggy Wilkes of Elaine, reporter.

The Monticello Sub-District met on July 7 when a picnic supper was served, followed by an impressive program. David Scoggin, president, presided over the business session. There were 92 in attendance. Harvey Thompson discussed the camp at Little Rock and the Senior Retreat at Camp Keener in August. The next meeting will be held at Lacey on August 4.

HARRISON YOUTH IN CHARGE OF SERVICE

The youth of the Methodist Church in Harrison conducted the morning service Sunday, July 27. This service was designed to give the entire church a feeling of responsibility in bringing the youth to feel that they are an essential part of corporate worship.

Robert Rogers, and John Henry Marsh served as ushers, while Ronald Jones, Jo Ann Boyd, Audra Reid, Dickie Porter, Eddie Milburn, and Carolyn Sager conducted the Scripture reading, the prayers, and the responses. Calvin Roetzel delivered the morning message entitled, "Doctor's Orders".—Reporter

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 16—The role of Christian youth in politics, in labor and management, and in raising U. S. moral standards are among the topics to be discussed at the fourth quadrennial Christian Youth Conference of North America, to be held Aug. 25 to 30 on the campus of Purdue University here.

The meeting is sponsored by the United Christian Movement of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

During the five-day convention some 2,000 young people and their adult leaders from all parts of the U. S. will try to discover how better to apply the message of Christianity to their own lives and to problems facing the U. S. today.

The young delegates, of high school and college age, will represent youth fellowships of more than 30 denominations, as well as state councils of churches affiliated with the UCYM, and other youth-serving agencies.

Among the prominent speakers to address the youthful delegation will be Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee; Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon; John Ramsey, staff member of the national C. I. O., Atlanta, Ga.; and Miss Marjorie Penney, director of Fellowship House in Philadelphia.

Other conference speakers include the Rev. Charles Templeton, National Council of Churches evangelist; Dr. James Robinson, pastor, Church of the Master, Presbyterian, New York City; and Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, executive secretary of the National Council's Division of Christian Education.

The convention will open Aug. 25 with a pageant, "This Moment", dealing with cooperative youth work, and will close with a religious drama on the Purdue Music Hall stage, in which the young actors will interpret Christian fellowship.

SPRINGDALE-WESLEY M. Y. F. ENTERTAINS OAK HILL GRANGE

Friday, July 11, the Wesley Methodist Youth Fellowship met and worked up a program under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Workman, Jr., to entertain the Benton County Oak Hill Grange. The program consisted of songs, a Scripture reading, litany, and prayer. This was followed by recreation.—Paul Arthurs

The teaching of religion is one homemade product that cannot be mass produced.—Kenneth E. Nye, Nat'l. Parent-Teacher.

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OBITUARIES

WOOD—Robert Luther Wood, father of Mrs. Fred Schwendimann, wife of the pastor of Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church in El Dorado, died Thursday night July 3, in Conway Hospital, following an illness of about four years.

Mr. Wood was born November 28, 1883, in Morrilton, the eldest of seven children of J. Hampton and Emma J. Wood. He taught in the school of Conway, Faulkner, and Van Buren Counties until 1920, when he entered the postal service at Morrilton. After serving in Little Rock and Russellville, he transferred to Conway in 1926, where he remained until his retirement in May, 1951.

He married Miss Laura Collums on December 28, 1913 and to this union were born two daughters: Mrs. Floyd Morse of Conway, and Mrs. Schwendimann of El Dorado. In addition he is survived by three sisters: Mrs. D. S. Dickson and Mrs. R. L. Cargile of Morrilton, and Mrs. Laura Fryer of New Orleans; one brother, Charles B. Wood of Morrilton; and five grand children, Danny, Skeet, and Leann Morse, and Freddy and Bobby Schwendimann.

Mr. Wood was a member of the First Methodist Church of Conway, and served for several years upon its Board of Stewards, resigning because of failing health. Active in the Masonic Fraternity, he was a member of the Green Grove Lodge 107 F. & A. M., the Little Rock Consistory, and Palmetto Chapter 47, Order of the Eastern Star. He served as Worshipful Master of the Conway Lodge in 1930-31, and passed through successive offices until in 1940, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

Funeral services were conducted in the McNutt Funeral Home, Sunday afternoon, July 6, by Rev. Joel Cooper, pastor of Conway's First Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Othar Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Morrilton, where graveside services were conducted by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, led by Woodlief A. Thomas of Little Rock, Grand Secretary; Rev. Conrad A. Glover, Sheridan, Past Grand Master gave the address of tribute; Roy Bolling of Alma, present Deputy Grand Master pronounced the benediction.—Fred Schwendimann, his son-in-law

HOOVER—Miss Dora Hoover, retired Methodist deaconess, died Thursday, July 10, in a Little Rock Hospital. Miss Hoover, who was born in Clarks Creek, N. C., September 14, 1873, had made her home in Monte Ne, Arkansas since her retirement in 1938. Survivors are a sister, Mrs. D. F. Propst, Maiden, N. Carolina, a

brother Dan Hoover of Illinois Bend, Texas, a foster son, Dr. James C. Frady of Fayetteville, Tenn., and a nephew, Fred T. Hoover, Bethany, Oklahoma.

Miss Hoover attended Rutherford College, N. C. for four years and received additional training at Scarritt Bible School, Kansas City, Mo. She worked as a deaconess from 1909 until 1938 in Mississippi and Alabama. Funeral services were held at the Central Methodist Church in Rogers, Monday, July 14. The district superintendent, Rev. W. F. Cooley, conducted the service; Miss Betty Letzig, the District Deaconess, read the obituary and made a few remarks regarding Miss Dora's life and Rev. Vernon Chalfant, pastor of Central Methodist Church, brought the message. Burial was in the Rogers Cemetery.

Tribute was paid to Miss Hoover at the service that "in her contact with people she charmed those who listened to her reports, recounting both hardships and successes with a joyous love of her work and her Lord, laboring ever, as John Wesley said, 'To persuade men to put Christ at the center of their relationships.' She was completely unselfish, never asking anything for herself, but not even accepting it when given. Constantly she gave unceasingly of her time, her money, and her love—in whatever way she could meet the needs that she saw and felt so keenly. Whether she was working as she did in her early years in a community center, in rural work in other areas, or here in our midst, with a thought only of serving others, she lived for her Master".

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend."—Mrs. A. W. Anderson

SAGA OF A SUITCOAT

Religious News Service

Minneapolis, Minn. — This is the saga of a suitcoat.

It was owned and worn originally by Rangvald E. Nygaard, Minneapolis. Sometime in 1946, he brought it to his church, Gethsemane Lutheran, and donated it to the Lutheran World Relief clothing drive.

With other clothing, it was sent to a displaced persons' camp in Wuerzburg, Bavaria, Germany. In the camp, it was given to a young Latvian DP, Juris Zankevics.

In December, 1950, Zankevics was "resettled" and came to the Twin Cities. He lived for five months in the Lutheran Welfare Society's DP center in St. Paul. Then, by chance, he was assigned to one of the society's boarding homes — which happened to be the Nygaard home.

A few days after he arrived there, Zankevics unpacked his trunk and hung some of his clothes out for an airing in the Nygaard back yard. Mrs. Nygaard saw the suitcoat on the line, thought she recognized it and called her husband. Sure enough, it was the one he had given to the clothing drive. By unusual coincidence, the coat had come back to the same house whence it was sent — with the new owner along.

But there is a sequel to the story.

Knowing how badly clothing is still needed in Europe's refugee camps, Zankevics has donated the coat again to the Lutheran Welfare Society's spring clothing drive for Lutheran World Relief. Nygaard went along as Zankevics brought the coat to a collection center at St. Petri Lutheran church here.

Zankevics, now 18, is a high school junior here and hurrying

to catch up with the education he missed while living in Europe's DP camps. He currently makes his home with the Rev. Paul Bredow, pastor of St. Petri Church, and Mrs. Bredow.

His parents are still in Germany — his mother ill with tuberculosis and his father, who once served in the Latvian interior ministry, in an old people's home. He hopes eventually to bring them to this country.

PULASKI HEIGHTS GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

The Junior High Methodist Youth Fellowship of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church elected its new officers for the ensuing six months, at a recent meeting. They are: Pat Lewis, President; Clara Dean Stoddard, Vice President; Lynn Hansen, Secretary-Treasurer; Jean Kizzia and Derranna Price, Joint Chairmen of Worship; and Jack Sanders, Chairman of Recreation. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Simmons are counselors for the group.

ALASKA CHILDREN AID KOREA

Boys and girls at vacation church school in Douglas, Alaska, sent an offering for relief to Korea, the Rev. Robert R. Rings, Methodist minister, reports.

Nearly ninety children attended the ten day school held in a quonset hut. They ranged in age from four to fourteen. Christian education for youth in Alaska is extremely important, the minister says.

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WHAT HINDERS WORLD-WIDE LOYALTY?

LESSON FOR AUGUST 10, 1952

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:

I Samuel—chapters 9 through 13; Printed text in quarterlies: I Samuel 9: 1-2; 10:24-27; 13:5-7, 19-22.

GOLDEN TEXT: Whoso harkeneth unto me shall dwell securely, and shall be quiet without fear of evil. (Proverbs 1:33)

AIM OF UNIT: To lead men and women to see in the growing nation of the Hebrews how loyalties must constantly become larger and larger as experience grows and to extend their own loyalties.

This is the second lesson of the seven-session unit. The theme of the lesson is in the form of a question—"What Hinders World-Wide Loyalty?" Our time together will be well spent if our study succeeds in answering this question. Certainly the matter of world-wide loyalty is the most important question before the world today.

A Look At The Scriptures

If time will permit it would be well for the student to read all of the five chapters assigned above. We have here the beginning and development of the monarchy in Israel. It will be remembered that these people started out as a family—that of Abraham. Then they became a clan, or tribe; then twelve tribes. For many years these tribes were ruled by judges. During this period they were very loosely organized. In fact there was no political organization to speak of. The only unity there was came about through religion, and during much of the time this was at a mighty low ebb.

Saul, The First King Of Israel

Saul, the son of Kish of the tribe of Benjamin, started out to seek some strayed asses and wound up by finding a kingdom. He certainly came in as a "dark horse" for his choice as king was a greater surprise to him than to any one else.

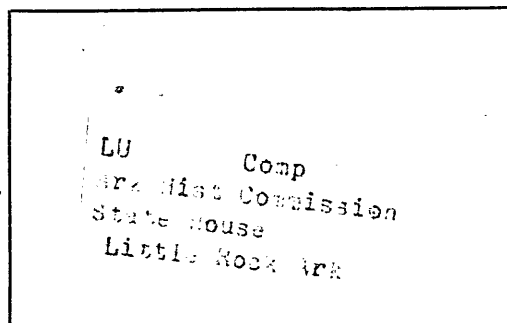
Saul began his career as a very fine person. The Bible gives a graphic description of his appearance. "From his shoulders upward he was higher than any of the people." "There was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he." He was chosen by the Lord himself for this high task. The prophet Samuel was told to anoint him.

Not only did Saul come from a good family and was a clean moral person but he also began his active career in direct fellowship with God. We are told that the Spirit of the Lord came upon him; his life was changed and he became a new person. He prophesied and was even numbered among the prophets. He was a man of great courage, deep sympathy, and a sense of justice. When Nahash, king of the Ammonites, threatened to enslave the men of Jabesh-gilead and jab out their right eyes, Saul, in righteous indignation, rose up against him and so defeated him and his army that we are told that no two were left together.

Another fine quality of this man's life was his humility. He did not seek to be king; the office sought him. He realized something of the weight of responsibility that would rest upon him. Finally, when at a great public assembly of the nation he was elected king, he could not be found. He had gone out and hidden himself. So long

as Saul remained humble he succeeded in spite of the great odds that were against him. This is one of the most important qualities of any leader. Only the humble will seek and can receive help from God. It was only when Saul became cocksure, self-exalted that he began to fail. Many leaders are ruined at this point. They begin in deep humility, but they get a taste of power and it goes to their heads and ruins their usefulness. They come in on their knees depending on God and go out depending on themselves and strutting like peacocks.

In the early part of his reign Saul was adept in choosing the men around him. It was not a matter of government by crooked



cronies whom he felt called upon to uphold in spite of their wickedness and corruption. In I Samuel 10:26 we read, "And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched." In this time of crisis the world's greatest needs are leaders who are filled with the Spirit of the Lord and who associate with themselves a band of men whose hearts God has touched.

It is true that Saul finally failed, but let it be noted that he failed God before he failed his nation. So long as he humbled himself God exalted him, but when he exalted himself; lifted himself up; became filled with self-sufficiency and a feeling that he could get along without God, he was abased. But be it to his everlasting credit that in the early part of his reign he succeeded and he started Israel out on the path of larger loyalties. He took a dozen jealous, isolated, bickering tribes and welded them into a nation. His was an almost impossible task, but so long as he kept close to God he succeeded.

The Lesson Applied

There was but one object in the selection of the material for this lesson and it is stated in the aim: "To lead men and women to see in the growing nation of the Hebrews how loyalties must constantly become larger and

larger as experience grows and to extend their own loyalties."

For countless generations the trend of the world has been toward the increase of loyalties. It began back yonder with the family, then came the clan, the tribe, the nation, empires, and now we are thinking in terms of the federation of nations. Many of the greatest thinkers of the world are insisting that the road to permanent peace lies only in such federation. The same rules that apply to individuals also apply to nations. In fact a nation is simply an aggregation of individuals. We have learned by long experience that the only way to keep a maximum of peace among individuals is to have courts of law and a police force to which such individuals render allegiance. If there is to be world-peace there must be some over-all organization to which citizens of various nations render allegiance, and which has something of the power of law courts and a police force. The League of Nations failed at this point. We trust that the United Nations may profit by the experience of this organization. Thus far the trouble has been the fact that the various nations of the world were not willing to surrender enough of their own sovereignty to make an over-all organization work.

Hindrances To World Loyalty

There are many hindrances to world loyalty. One that comes to mind is the failure to realize its importance. The whole world longs for peace, but there can never be peace without world loyalty. Many are seeking permanent peace on a world-wide basis along lines that have been tried before. These are false hopes. They have failed in the past and will fail again.

Narrow nationalism is another hindrance. It is well enough to be patriotic toward one's country provided that such patriotism does not lead to national selfishness. It must be remembered that nations can be selfish as well as individuals and selfishness always leads to trouble. It is said that most of the wars of the past have been brought about through greed and selfishness on the part of nations. Many of them have wanted more than their just share of the good things of life.

Narrow nationalism is to the State what narrow denominationalism is to the Church. It is well enough for one to be a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc. and be very loyal to that particular denomination so long as his denominational loyalty does not interfere with the larger loyalty that he owes to the entire Church. He must realize that his group is only a part of the whole Church and his love must reach out beyond the bounds of his denominational lines. If this be true then his denomination may be a blessing to himself and to others, but if not, it is a curse. The same is true in the matter of nationalism. It is fine to be a patriotic citizen of this great nation provided one's patriotism does not stop with the nation. He must realize that he is a citizen of the world, and his love and interest must reach out beyond the bounds of his nation, otherwise his patriotism may prove a curse instead of a blessing. To some this may seem to be putting the fodder pretty high, but how else can we come to a condition of permanent world-wide peace? Experience has taught us that peace between individuals is based upon mutual understanding, mutual respect, mutual goodwill, and mutual love. Where these obtain peace naturally reigns. Where they are absent, whatever peace there is

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