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## Methodist Men's Hour

AT the recent session of the South Central Jurisdiction Conference at Wichita, Kansas, the Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities proposed and the conference adopted unanimously a radio program to be known as "Methodist Men's Hour." Fifty selected radio stations in the eight state area of the South Central Jurisdiction will have the opportunity of securing, free of charge, through local organizations of Methodist Men a series of weekly 29½ minute programs to be broadcast on a sustaining time basis.

A very interesting aspect of the program that is being planned is that Dr. Marshall T. Steel, Highland Park Church, Dallas, pastor and a native Arkansan, will be the preacher, with the music for the program to be furnished by the Highland Park Church Choir. It is now planned for the program to go on the air for the first broadcast the first Sunday in October and run through the month of May.

We went to urge local church leaders in Arkansas and Louisiana to write to "Methodist Men's Hour, 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas" for further information about securing this series for the radio station in their community. We feel that this is an opportunity that should go a long way in helping to correct the current condition that finds too many fanatical unwholesome, religious programs being aired and not enough programs that truly portray the fullness and depth of Christianity.

## Has Methodism Forgotten The Backsliders

WHEN the annual "revival meeting" was the commonly used method in our evangelistic program, there was often criticism of the fact each year it was necessary to spend quite a bit of the revival period in attempting to reclaim those who had backslidden since the previous revival. One point of the criticism was that often some of those reclaimed were people who had been reclaimed more than once in previous revival meetings.

However justifiable some of this criticism may have been, it should be said for mass evangelism that it did emphasize the fact that the backslider was as much lost as those who had never professed religion. No leader trained in mass evangelism felt that the church was ready to attempt to reach the unchurched until a special effort was first made to lead Christian people to a deeper consecration of their lives and to lead the backslider into fellowship with Christ.

We hear little today, in The Methodist Church, about the backsliders. We doubt if any thinking person would argue that they

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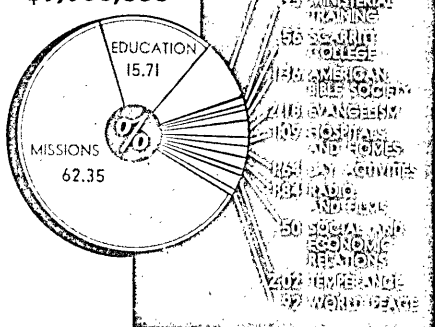
## Missions And The World Service Dollar

EVERY activity in the program of The Methodist Church has as its ultimate objective the promotion and extension of the work of the kingdom of God. To that extent the entire program of Methodism is missionary.

While part of our total program is only indirectly missionary in its purposes, the major portion of our World Service program is directly missionary as it should be. Of the \$9,600,000 ap-

### DIVISION OF THE METHODIST WORLD SERVICE DOLLAR

1952-1956  
Annual Budget  
\$9,660,000



ANNUAL FIXED AMOUNTS—PENSIONS \$186,000  
DEACONESS PENSIONS \$45,000  
THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY \$50,000

portioned to the Annual Conferences for World Service 62.35% or \$6,023,010 goes to the Board of Missions.

The apportionment for the Board of Missions is divided between four major missionary activities—Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Church Extension and the Woman's Society of Christian Service for its work at home and abroad.

No one who has studied the matter would feel that the six millions plus allotted through World Service to these basic missionary enterprises of our church is sufficient to meet the full responsibility of The Methodist Church in the program of world evangelism. However, considering the total program of our church and the anticipated income for benevolent purposes, our leaders feel that the amount designated for missions is the most liberal provision possible for this primary work.

Of this our Methodist people may be sure, the money apportioned to missions through World Service is wisely, carefully and prayerfully administered by people especially fitted by training, by a knowledge of the field and by spiritual discernment for the work.

## Misinterpreting Primary Objective Of Religion

IT has been said, "Self preservation is the first law of nature." It may just as truthfully be said that "Self denial is the first law of grace." Nevertheless, it is quite possible, and not uncommon, for us to be selfish even in our interpretation of religion.

It is selfish to think of religion primarily in terms of what it can do for us. If we measure the church, the pastor, the organizations of the church to which we belong largely in terms of what they do for us, self-interest has been substituted for self denial.

If we properly interpret religion, we will not be so much concerned about what it can do for us as we are about what religion can do through us. It was Jesus who said, "Even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Our greatest personal blessings, religiously, come through our ministry to others.

## Increased Activity At Home

WE have had the unusual privilege of attending within the past four months the quadrennial General Conference of The Methodist Church and the three annual conference sessions of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area and in these meetings have had the opportunity of seeing first hand Methodism in action on the top level as well as in the smaller but very active local level. Impressions crowd our thinking as we recall these sessions but one impression seems to stand out. When Methodists set their minds and hearts to accomplish a worthwhile goal they will with their resources and creativity reach that goal. This has been amply demonstrated on the General Conference level as well as in the annual conferences. Repeated illustrations can be given.

With this in mind we would like to point out one area where increased activity might possibly result in magnificent rewards. Each of our annual conferences has just perfected the organization of its conference boards, commissions and committees, for the new quadrennium. Each of these groups is concerned with a particular field of activity and it has a responsibility which belongs to it alone. We have observed that many of these organizations meet only once a year and that meeting is at the annual conference session. For some of these groups one meeting a year is quite sufficient to discharge fully their responsibility. Other boards and commissions need to meet more often so that adequate consideration may be given to their assignments. It should be

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# Paragould District Improving Church Buildings

Staff Article

**T**HE past few years have seen many changes taking place in the Paragould District of the North Arkansas Conference. A study of the statistical tables of the Conference Journal will reveal that all along the line of the Methodist program progress is being recorded by the Methodists in the Paragould District. While actual recordable facts tell much of what has happened and is taking place now, the whole story is by no means completely revealed on those pages. Perhaps more significant is the new spirit of appreciation of the place of the church in the life of the community that is found in many of the Paragould District towns and communities.

As is usually the case when an outstanding piece of work is done there is a leader in this movement that has spearheaded the program. While the District Superintendent, Rev. A. N. Storey, would be the last one to take credit for what has been done, those who have had a part in the program have little hesitancy in ascribing much of the credit to him. Mr. Storey, however, modestly passes on to his preachers and laymen in the district all the claim to credit, saying that they are the ones who have really done the work. We leave to the reader the task of giving credit where credit is due and hasten on to tell a few of the things which have been done.

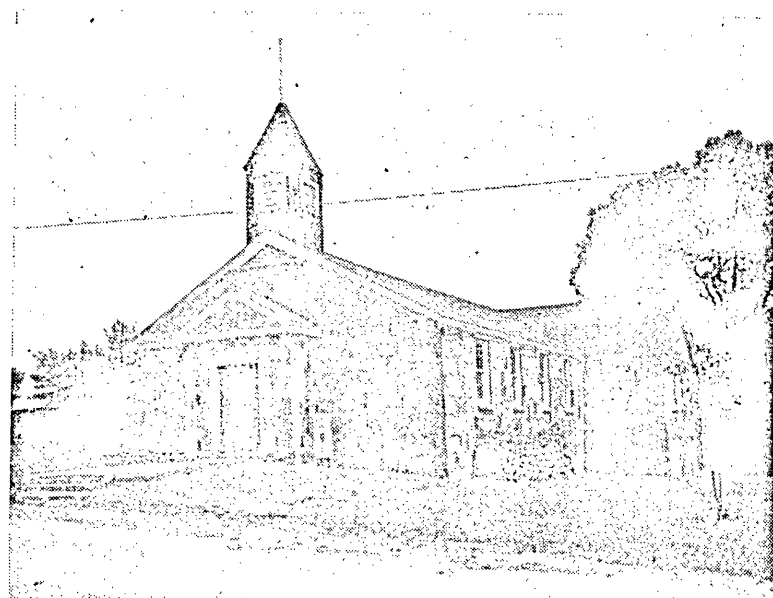
There are two underlying reasons, we think, why the Paragould District is moving with such strides under Mr. Storey's leadership: (1) the District Superintendent is making every effort to strengthen the pastoral charge setup by increasing the number of churches on many of the charges. The combined financial strength, in many instances, of several small churches will make possible the securing of better trained pastoral leadership. This makes necessary changes in the hours of services for some of the churches and it also means that the pastor oftentimes preaches three or even four times on Sunday. However, when these churches are reorganized on a stronger charge basis and thus have stronger leadership they seem to respond better to the total program of The Methodist Church, and, more important, the same churches take on new life and vision. On questioning individual members of churches which are now a part of a stronger charge setup these persons all said that they much preferred the newer arrangement.

(2) The District Superintendent has furnished excellent leadership in helping the churches to have church buildings which are a credit to Methodism. A word about the district's head and what he has sought in these church building programs will reveal something of the philosophy behind the program. Mr. Storey believes that rural churches are in a period of transition. Part of this period of adjustment concerns church buildings. The church building of yesterday oftentimes will not meet the needs spiritually and educationally of today. Oftentimes the church building is the most "run-down" building in the community and when compared with other public buildings it too often comes out on the short end. A run-down church plant reflects little pride in the fact of the church. For the non-church person a dilapidated church building has little to offer since it indicates that those who worship there really take little interest in the physical attractiveness of the plant.

Mr. Storey has planned his work around a four point program for improving the sanctuaries of the churches in the district. First, he insists that each church has a chancel or communion rail. Second, he wants the church to work toward having a worshipful pulpit and choir setting. Third, he believes that much can be done during a program of remodeling, renovating, or building for the first time to increase the atmosphere of worship if care is given in the selection of windows. Fourth, as a matter of practical means, care should be exercised in the placing of heating equipment in a sanctuary since this equipment oftentimes shuts off from view the minister, altar, worship setting.

When one has the opportunity of seeing several of the building projects which have been recently completed he can see how well these points have been carried out. It was our opportunity several weeks ago to visit in company with the District Superintendent several of these churches and see first hand what can be done, and

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THE METHODIST CHURCH, BLACK ROCK

One of many church buildings completed in recent years in Paragould District

is being done, to make Methodist houses real means of worship.

In the community of Sedgwick, between Hoxie and Jonesboro, for example, is a new white frame building that is a real credit to those who have sacrificed for it. It replaces a one room building erected in 1932, which has since been turned around and recon-verted into part of the educational building across the end of the sanctuary. The plant, now worth easily \$15,000 has a sanctuary, five classrooms, assembly room, and a butane gas system. Throughout, the building has sheetrock walls with stipple finish, the woodwork, pews and floor finished in a natural wood shade. The ceiling is of celotex and there are Florentine glass windows.

The Sedgwick Church has 51 members with an average attendance of 70 in Sunday School. At the time of our visitation Rev. J. H. Barrett was the pastor, serving his first year. Howard Vance was chairman of the Building Committee, serving with Charles Worlow and E. L. Layre.

At Cloverbend is a remarkable example of what a nearby county seat town pastor can do in helping a neighboring community get on its feet and get going—at least as far as the church is concerned. In 1949 when Rev. Lloyd Conyers was the Walnut Ridge pastor, Mr. Conyers helped to build a new church plant for the Cloverbend congregation. Left temporarily without a pastor in a charge reorganization, the Walnut Ridge pastor served the Cloverbend congregation and it was during this brief period that the congregation made plans and built a beautiful building that features a pointed spire atop its tower. Here again the furniture, woodwork and floors are finished in natural wood. There are oak pews, sheetrock walls, celotex ceiling, two classrooms, with a picture of the Good Shepherd back of the choir space and in a focal point. Bishop Martin was present when the first service was held in the new sanctuary, Sunday, February 13, 1949. Just before conference this year there was a remaining debt of approximately \$1,000 on property which has a present value of \$7,500. The Building Committee was composed of C. H. Brand, Homer Callahan and E. A. Smith. Mr. Brand also serves as Chairman of the Official Board. The Cloverbend church has been on the Black Rock Charge for the past three years.

Also opened for the first time on February 13, 1949 was the new Methodist building at Black Rock. Bishop Martin was also on hand for that service. The building is of native stone construction and features a sanctuary, four classrooms, assembly room and pastor's study. The building was begun under the pastorate of Rev. Leroy Henry and completed under the administration of Rev. Robert Sykes. Rev. Gail Anderson is the present pastor. The building has a present valuation of \$14,000 and is meeting in a real sense the requirements of the congregation.

One of the most interesting projects we have seen in recent years is the Eli Lindsey Memorial Chapel at Jessup. This memorial to an early Methodist leader, if not the earliest in Arkansas, is a stone structure which features more than the usual amount of panel and woodwork in its interior. It has new pews, beautiful memorial stained glass windows, a handsome pulpit and communion set. The wood panelling and the light green walls together with its beautiful furnishings all taken together make it one of the most

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## PROGRESS THROUGH BUILDING PROGRAMS



Church Buildings and Parsonages in Paragould District Building Program of last few months.

Top row: 1 to r, Sedgwick Methodist Church, recently completed; St. Francis Methodist Church, completed this year; Eli Lindsey Memorial, Jessup, finishing touches just been added. Memorial to pioneer Methodist circuit rider.

Second row: 1 to r, interior view, Sedgwick Methodist Church; view of sanctuary, St. Francis Methodist Church; parsonage at

Pocahontas under construction. This parsonage has been completed since picture was taken.

Third row: 1 to r, Clover Bend Methodist Church, constructed three years ago; View of sanctuary, Clover Bend church; The Methodist Church at Ravenden, practically completed.

Fourth row: 1 to r, Walnut Ridge parsonage completed a year ago; new parsonage at the First Methodist Church, Rector, completed several months ago; the Five Oaks Methodist Church, a school house converted to a church building.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**T**HE METHODIST MEN of Bay were guests of the Methodist Men of Nettleton at their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 6.

**A**T a recent meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church of DeQueen, it was voted to install two 8-ton air-conditioning units in the church plant.

**T**HE FORREST CITY DISTRICT LAYMAN'S meeting will be held at the Methodist Church in Forrest City at 7:00 p. m. on Thursday, August 28.

**MISS MARY WARD**, secretary to Bishop Paul E. Martin, is on vacation and will spend part of the time in Galveston, Texas. Her sister, Miss Marlane Ward, will accompany her.

**REV. S. K. BURNETT**, pastor of Piney Grove Church, Hot Springs, who has been confined to St. Joseph Hospital in Hot Springs is very much improved and will return to his home this week.

**CONGRESSMAN J. W. TRIMBLE** was the speaker at the morning service of the First Methodist Church, Berryville, on Sunday morning, August 10, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Edwin B. Dodson.

**REV. J. W. MOORE**, pastor at Wheatley, writes: "I have several copies of North Arkansas Journals, running from 1915 to 1950. To anyone desiring to complete his files to date, I shall be glad to furnish them for 35 cents a copy and postage."

**REV. R. S. BEASLEY**, pastor of Tigert Memorial Church, Hot Springs, is doing the preaching in a revival at the Ebenezer Methodist Church at Tull, Rev. Earl Jacobs, pastor. The meeting is running from August 10 through August 17.

**REV. G. A. McKELVEY**, pastor at Earle, was the guest preacher in a revival meeting at Cotter which opened on August 3. Rev. and Mrs. Lee Anderson of Mountain Home were in charge of work with youth and children and Mr. Anderson had charge of the music. Rev. W. L. Diggs is pastor at Cotter.

**DR. HARRY DENMAN** of Nashville, Tenn., was re-elected executive secretary of the General Board of Evangelism at the recent meeting of the Board in Chicago. The board, which supervises the church's program of Evangelism throughout the world, held its quadrennial organizational meeting at the time of Dr. Denman's re-election.

**THE METHODIST GENERAL BOARD OF EVANGELISM**, Nashville, Tenn., soon will announce plans to launch Spiritual Life Missions across the country, beginning in Washington, D. C., shortly after Thanksgiving with ministers present from every state. Designed to follow evangelistic campaigns, the missions stress Bible reading, prayer, home devotionals and other Christian habits.

**THE YOUNG PEOPLE** of the First Methodist Church, Rector, will meet at 7:30 each Tuesday at the church for the remainder of the summer months. The first of these play nights was held on Tuesday, July 29. Games of badminton, croquet, shuffleboard,

ping-pong, and other equipment games are played, after which refreshments are served. Young people from other churches of the town are invited to attend.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK** opened on Sunday night, August 3, at the First Methodist Church, Newport, with a fellowship supper and group singing. Rev. Raymond Franks, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Forrest City, was the inspirational speaker. Miss Mary Mitchell of Conway, returned missionary from China, was the guest speaker at the World Friendship banquet held on Monday night.

**BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN** has announced that Rev. James Edward Christie has been appointed associate minister of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, La., effective August 24. Dr. Warren Johnston is pastor. Mr. Christie is the son of Rev. A. J. Christie, pastor of Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart, and Mrs. Christie is the daughter of Rev. Van Harrell of the First Methodist Church, Malvern.

**MRS. MARY STIPE MUNNS**, Minister of Music, and Mrs. Ernestine Flake Chalfant, organist at Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, are attending the School of Music at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee. They are being sent by their church. The educational fund which the church has recently set up in the budget has defrayed the expenses of delegates to all district and conference meetings this year.

**REV. FLOYD G. VILLINES, JR.**, pastor at Beebe, writes: "Early in the Conference year the Methodist Church in Beebe had the best Vacation School in its history. There were 162 persons in the school. This number included 141 children and 21 workers. The approved courses for this year were taught and loyal, efficient workers guided the activities of the week. Mrs. T. E. Abington served as director."

**PLANS** are being completed for the erection of a library building at Camp Tanako, near Malvern, in honor of Miss Fay McRae of Little Rock. Miss McRae was for twenty years the director of Children Work in the Little Rock Conference and served as a training school instructor with the General Board of Education for a number of years. It is planned to start work on the building this summer and have it ready for use for the camping season next summer.

**THE ORGAN** of the Central Methodist Church, Rogers, has been completely rebuilt at a cost of \$3,500. T. J. Williams of New Orleans, La., who installed the organ 33 years ago had charge of the work. The original organ was given to the church by E. M. Fant of Coahoma, Miss., uncle of Mrs. Annie Henderson of Rogers, in memory of Mr. Fant's father, C. H. Fant, and Mrs. Henderson's father, W. F. Rozelle. The organ was heard for the first time since it was rebuilt on Sunday, August 3.

**REV. J. L. DEDMAN**, district Superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, has announced the recent appointment of Mrs. James L. Yeates of Pine Bluff to serve as District Director of Children's Work. Mrs. Yeates is superintendent of the Junior De-

partment, in Hawley Memorial Methodist Church in Pine Bluff. She is the mother of two fine children, Jimmy and Lanny. Mr. Yeates is superintendent of the Adult Department at Hawley, and is a steward in the church.

**A METHODIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE** will be held in Kansas City, Mo., December 30 through January 1. The theme for the Conference will be "The Church and Social Responsibility." Dr. J. Richard Spann, Nashville, Tenn., educational director of the church's Commission on Ministerial Training, said 250 clergymen will attend, most of whom are deans of theological schools, chairmen and registrars of annual conference boards of ministerial training. Meanwhile, the commission will sponsor a workshop for deans of pastors' training schools October 28-29 in Nashville.

**REV. AND MRS. A. L. RIGGS** of the Farmington Methodist Church were honored with an informal reception on Friday evening, July 25, on the parsonage lawn. The reception was arranged by the members of the Official Board and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Recreation was directed by Miss Marie Brown and Mrs. Fred Kerr. Brother and Mrs. Riggs were presented with a Presto cooker. This is Brother Riggs' second year at Farmington. About \$1000 has been spent on the parsonage. The average attendance at Sunday School for July was 84 per cent of the enrollment.

**BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE**, resident bishop of the Atlanta Area of The Methodist Church, will be the speaker on the National Radio Pulpit for the Sunday mornings of August and September. The National Radio Pulpit is the Sunday morning public service radio program of the National Broadcasting Company. Bishop Moore is speaking on these sermon subjects in August: "The Church in the Storm," "What Has the Church Been Doing?" "What Must the Church Do Now?" "The King Invisible," and "Paying Our Debt to Yesterday." This program is heard on the N.B.C. network on Sunday mornings at 9:00 CST.

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## EVANGELISM BOARD ORGANIZES

First of Methodist agencies to organize for the new quadrennium, the Board of Evangelism at a meeting in Chicago Aug. 1 re-elected Dr. Harry Denman executive secretary, created two new departments, and named other officers and staff members to man its Nashville headquarters and help evangelize the world.

Carrying out instructions of the 1952 General Conference, the board also elected 12 members at large and selected a large committee to spearhead the denomination's participation in a world-wide simultaneous evangelistic mission in 1953. Methodist bodies throughout the world will share in the movement.

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, who, in keeping with church tradition, had been named president of the board by the Council of Bishops, presided at the sessions and led the opening devotions.

Dr. Denman, who has headed the board's staff since 1938, was unanimously reelected for 1952-'56. Other officers chosen were: vice president — Bishop W. Earl Ladden, Syracuse, N. Y.; treasurer — Daniel E. Jackson, Nashville; and recording secretary — Rev. Ray Ragsdale, Los Angeles. Dr. Ragsdale succeeds Dr. Weldon F. Crossland of Rochester, N. Y., who asked to be released from the secretarial duties he has carried since Methodist Unification.

Rev. Eugene Golay, a member of the Nebraska Conference, was named director of a new department of evangelism. He had served for two years as associate director of the board's department of united evangelistic missions and methods. His new department will involve responsibility for organizing and leading community crusades in mass evangelism, developing techniques of home visitation, and field testing such programs as "See You In Church Sunday" or "Give God A Chance" on an interdenominational city-wide basis.

Rev. Howard Ellis, Indiana Conference member who has been on the board's staff since 1946, takes on different duties as director of a new cooperative department of youth evangelism. He formerly headed the department of public communications evangelism, but his duties had included certain work with youth, such as work camps in evangelism. His election to the new post is subject to confirmation by the Board of Education, to whose youth and student departments he will have staff relationship, with responsibility for developing a unified program of youth evangelism.

The Board of Evangelism adopted a proposal, requesting the Methodist Radio and Film Commission to appoint a director of a special department of radio and television, subject to confirmation by the board. If carried out, this proposal would continue much of the work formerly done by the board's department of public communications. According to the proposal, the salary of the director of the new department would be paid by the Board of Evangelism, but his office expenses, travel and other budgetary items would be charged to the budget of the Radio and Film Commission. The commission is expected to consider the proposal at its Sept. 10th meeting in Chicago.

The following members of the administrative staff were reelected as directors of departments: United evangelistic missions and methods — Rev. Harry L. Williams (Central New York); Negro work — Rev. J. W. Golden (Tennessee, CJ); organization and administration — Rev. J. H. Edge (North Iowa); spiritual life — Rev. G. Ernest Thomas (New Jersey); business — Daniel E. Jackson (Tennessee Conference layman); Tidings department of evangelistic literature — Rev. George H. Jones (Mississippi); local church evangelism — Rev. C. Lloyd Daugherty, Jr. (Pittsburgh);

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worshipful chapels in the conference. New light fixtures and hardwood floors complete the furnishings. Money for the building and furnishings have been raised locally, through money allocated to the project by the Paragould District in its Advance program, and through various memorials given to the building program. We would suggest that if you are ever near Imboden you would find it most exceedingly worth your while to pay a visit to the Eli Lindsey Memorial Methodist Church, Jessup, which will become a shrine in Arkansas Methodism. Incidentally, this small church has contributed three ministers to the North Arkansas Conference: Rev. E. B. Williams, Jonesboro District Superintendent; Rev. Garland Taylor, pastor at Osceola; and Rev. A. N. Storey, Paragould District Superintendent.

The new Methodist Church building at Ravenden, six miles from Ravenden Springs, is one of the finest examples of what a community with limited resources can do which has faith, vision and a willingness to work. It is a thrilling story to hear how a few willing souls led in the construction of the building. The sanctuary will accommodate 75 worshippers for the two 10:00 a. m. services a month. It is a frame structure with sheetrock walls, celotex ceiling, and plywood wainscoting. Construction was begun in November, 1951 and the church was opened for worship January 27 of this year. It is on the Maynard-Ravenden Springs Charge, which incidentally boasts of two parsonages, one at Maynard and one at Ravenden Springs. Rev. Alvin Gibbs is continuing as the pastor.

The Five Oaks Methodist Church is a converted school building centered in the midst of large shady oak trees which name the site. A former church building across the road from present building was sold and dismantled about two years ago and since that date the congregation has been busy remodeling and rearranging the school building to meet its needs. Located six miles south of Rector, the Five Oaks church is sharing half-time services of the Fourth Street Rector pastor, Rev. H. M. Sanford. This former Methodist Protestant Church has contributed two sons, brothers, to the Meth-

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Upper Room department of devotional literature and department of family life — Rev. J. Manning Potts (Virginia.)

Named to the committee to promote the world-wide evangelistic mission were the board's seven bishop members, 13 other members of the board and staff, four other bishops, and outstanding pastors, laymen, and board executives.

The first meeting of the board for the new quadrennium was set for April 8-10, 1953, in Nashville, where the new national headquarters building is nearing completion and will by that time be occupied by the staff.

Elected as members at large were the following: Mrs. E. V.

Moorman, Quincy, Ill.; Rev. Guy O. Carpenter, Lafayette, Ind.; Sollie E. McCreless, Sn Antonio, Tex.; Rev. J. Henry Chitwood, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Nashville; Rev. Allen E. Claxton, New York City; Wilbert Dougherty, Freeport, Pa.; Archie E. Acey, Portsmouth, Va., chairman of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism; Rev. A. J. Newton, Marshall, Texas, chairman of Central Jurisdiction Board of Evangelism; the chairman of the boards of evangelism in the Western and South Central Jurisdictions; and the secretary of spiritual life of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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was not so enlightened as is ours. Modern leaders need to go a bit further than David did.

The various nations of the world need patriotic leaders; people who are very much in love with their own countries, but they must never deteriorate into narrow nationalists. They must have a world vision. There must be some kind of co-operation over and above the national bounds of the countries of the world. The hope of world peace and world security lies here. If we ever reach a condition like this it will be through world leadership. If we fail to reach a condition of international understanding and goodwill, the world will commit suicide. Our most pressing need today is leaders with world visions. The people in general must demand

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noted that a few groups do meet oftener than at the annual conference session and their work prospers all the more because of these additional sessions.

We are now in a new quadrennium of program when there will be increased activity on the annual conference level and the opportunity to bring into play creative forces within the annual conference has never been greater. Let us give serious consideration to strengthening annual conference groups that these forces may be brought into play. Churches will profit by this move.

such leadership. They must try to produce such leaders; discover such leaders and then co-operate with them to the fullest extent.

## HAS METHODISM FORGOTTEN THE BACKSLIDERS

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are any less numerous, in proportion to membership, today than in former periods of our church's history. It is our feeling that it is just as necessary now for the backslider to be brought back into a saved relationship with Christ as in any former day.

Perhaps there is some other word than backslider that would better describe the person who has lost the joy of service and conscious presence of Christ in his life and knows that he is following "afar off." Nevertheless, call it what you may, there is need for the leadership of The Methodist Church to renew its concern for those members of the church who readily confess that they are not vitally religious. The backslider must not be the forgotten man in Methodism.

# Higher Education

## Institute Approves Religion

### Methodist Information

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Religion soon will have a more respected place in college life and study if the 246 educational leaders who met here July 29-31 have their way.

Coming from 32 states, the college and university administrators, including 55 presidents, were here to attend the ninth annual Institute of Higher Education.

Co-sponsors of the three-day workshop on educational problems are two Nashville agencies of the Methodist Church — the General Board of Education, and Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

Cooperating agencies include the National Council of Churches, the American College Public Relations Association, and the education departments of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

"There is a cry for a college faith, but only through a theology of higher education — based on the recognition that we don't have one now — can our colleges achieve poise, purpose and power," declared Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim, dean of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.

He was the group's chief spokesman as in three addresses he sought to interpret criticisms of higher education and to provide a new campus philosophy . . . "a return to God."

Dean Cuninggim defined his "theology of education" as that which "sees the teacher as an instrument of God, the student as a child of God, knowledge as the revelation of God, and the learning process as a progressive, fuller relationship with God."

He said "the critics have failed us . . . we must make God, a dynamic God, the framework for a college's specific beliefs and objectives or keep going around in circles."

Dean Cuninggim charged that education's "dandering philosophy" has been molded in recent years by two groups: the "progressives" led by Philosopher John Dewey, and the "classicists" represented by Robert Hutchins, former University of Chicago president.

"They have made brilliant broken-field runs, but always fumbled the ball short of a touchdown," he said. "They are afraid of religion and religion's God, they have aped the past without fully understanding it — taking from it the credit without the cash and thus are bankrupt when they need to be solvent . . . they have had a large hand in placing education in the circle in which it moves, and they are powerless to get us out."

Church-related colleges are not blameless either, Dean Cuninggim stated. "Our coins declare 'In God We Trust' but a college diploma does not signify a belief that education as well as government must be founded on faith in God, or that God is the foundation

of our faith in democracy."

The majority of American colleges were founded by churches, the group was reminded by another speaker, Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., vice president of Florida Southern College, Lakeland. "Education has become so secularized that most Protestant colleges no longer stress their religious ancestry," he said.

There were humorous notes:

"Higher education today is sort of like teaching someone to appreciate red raspberry pie without eating it," chided Raymond F. McLain, general director of the National Council of Churches' commission on Christian Higher Education. He urged a "spiritual rebirth in education, led by Christian colleges."

Methodist Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, quipped that "a college catalog is like a college campus . . . it lies about the campus."

Asserting that God bears a vital relationship to all life, Bishop Warner said "church-related colleges are obligated to graduate Christians as well as holders of degrees."

A "Report From Washington" was given by Francis J. Brown, staff associate of the American Council on Education.

He reviewed the new law providing educational rights for servicemen and predicted that 500,000 veterans will enroll in colleges, the peak to come after 1953.

Brown warned the educators that colleges may become victims of militarization: "The expansion of ROTC, government contracts in colleges and universities for research — largely military and atomic energy, totaling more than \$1,000,000,000 annually — are but two symptoms of the danger of militarization of our institutions of higher education."

He told the group that "it must be our supreme task to seek constantly to prevent these relationships from usurping control, from restricting the freedom of higher education, from turning it from intellectualism to materialism,

perhaps even militarism."

Brown said "the trend is obvious, but I do not know the answer." Universal Military Training will be pressed again in the next Congress, he added.

Between platform addresses, the educators discussed mutual problems and aims in five fields

— business, academic, personnel, public relations and fund raising.

The institute was directed by Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the Methodist board's Division of Educational Institutions, and Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, Scarritt College president.

### PARAGOULD DISTRICT IMPROVING CHURCH BUILDINGS

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odist ministry, Rev. Alvin and Albert Gibbs, both serving in the North Arkansas Conference. Considerable progress has already been made in the renovation work and the plant promises to be one of great usefulness. The congregation plans to place new pews in the sanctuary when all other work is completed. R. W. Poppy and Virgil McClure led in the remodeling work.

One of the most progressive rural churches in Northeast Arkansas is the St. Francis Methodist Church, where until Annual Conference met in June, Rev. John F. Wilson, former school teacher, Fuller Brush salesman, and electrical contractor, was pastor. Mr. Wilson gives full time to the Methodist ministry and was recently appointed to the Paragould Ct. Construction on the new St. Francis building was begun last fall with the wrecking of a former building erected in 1889. More than \$1500 worth of materials were salvaged from the old building. The new building was begun immediately and while it was under construction, the congregation visited other points on the charge, Mt. Zion, Langley, Wright's Chapel and Gravel Hill. The formal opening of the new church was observed the first Sunday in December, 1951, after \$11,500 had been expended, not including a considerable amount of labor which had been donated by the congregation. Pews are yet to be bought and the floors finished in the educational building. The frame building consists of the sanctuary, pastor's study, children's department room, Youth division room and adult classroom.

This building is tangible proof of what can be done when rural people get a vision and is challenged by good leadership. The building committee was composed of Alvin Odell, chairman, J. C. Culp, Herschel Nichols, Mellard McCrellis and Manuel Dover. Rev. Kern Johnson is the present pastor.

The Paragould District is boasting of three new parsonages. Final payments were made recently on a new parsonage at Walnut Ridge, built in 1950 at a cost of approximately \$15,000 including furnishings, the three-bedroom buff brick home would be a credit to any church or charge. Rev. Oscar Evanson was pastor when we last visited Walnut Ridge. Rev. Elmo Thomason succeeded Brother Evanson at the recent annual conference session.

Rev. John Bayliss and family have recently moved into a new home in Pocahontas. Erected free of debt and on the same block with the church, the parsonage is of brick veneer construction, with living room, kitchen, breakfast nook, three bedrooms, two baths, screened porch, car-port and a rear concrete terrace. Many built-in features, extra closet space, floor furnaces, attic fan, Youngstown dishwasher and waste food disposal all add to the usefulness of the home. Total cost of the project, including lots and payment of debt on old parsonage (\$900) is approximately \$15,500. The committee in charge of planning and building was C. E. Olvey, E. C. Cox, Clifford McNabb, J. W. Snodgrass, and Ben. A. Brown. The W. S. C. S. and W. S. G. have been responsible for furnishing of the parsonage. This committee has been composed of Mrs. Everett Bates, Mrs. E. C. Cox, Mrs. A. L. Wright, Mrs. J. R. Jackson and Mrs. Carrie Duval.

The First Methodist Church of Rector completed last fall its new parsonage, built across the street from the church, at a cost of \$10,000. Of red brick veneer construction with attached garage, the house has two bedrooms with a semi-finished attic which has a third bedroom. The house has beautiful furnishings, is well insulated, and the yard is already landscaped. The former parsonage was sold with the proceeds applying on the new building. The Building Committee was composed of W. H. Irby, Curtis Houston, Tom Ford, and Don M. Hardin. The Finance Committee is composed of Clayton Hardin, Jewel Marlar and Lawson Swindle. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hardin and Mrs. Ellen Harden gave the lots on which the new parsonage was built.

These are but some of the building programs which have given rise to the progress in the Paragould District. Of course, many other factors enter into the growing spirit of success which characterizes the work in that area. But any congregation which takes seriously its job of ministering to the spiritual welfare of those in its community will do wise to provide physical facilities that will be representative of the great task which the church has as its mission.

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# Louisiana Conference In Town And Country Meet

## Staff Article

**T**HE second annual Town and Country Conference of the Louisiana Conference concluded a four-day session Thursday, August 7, at the Methodist Center, Houma, with approximately fifty ministers, laymen, and lay-women registered and in attendance. Every district of the conference was represented in the meeting, the first since 1950 as the 1951 meeting was not held to permit greater attendance at the National Town and Country Conference in Sioux City, Iowa. The 1950 meeting was held at Gulfside, Mississippi.

Rev. Jolly Harper, Alexandria District Superintendent, as Dean of the school headed a faculty consisting of Dr. Bentley Sloane, Executive Secretary, Louisiana Conference, and Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Louisiana Conference Rural Worker, Houma, who taught the course "Literature For The Small Church"; Rev. Virgil D. Morris, New Orleans, District Superintendent, "The New Legislation and The Small Local Church"; Dr. Aaron Rapping, Professor, Department Rural Education, Hiwassee College, Madisonville, Tenn., "The Group Ministry"; Mr. Harper's course was "Financing The Rural Church."

One of the interesting features of the conference was that all those registered were in attendance in all the classes, so that all features of the training program presented were available to everyone.

Preaching services conducted in the evenings were led by Rev. C. B. Krumnow, pastor at Raymond; Rev. R. C. Carter, Covington pastor, and Rev. Virgil D. Morris. Morning devotional service were led by Rev. R. A. Pickett, Houma Heights pastor, Houma; Rev. J. H. Sewell, Franklinton pastor, and Rev. Rex Squires, Hall Summitt pastor.

The Conference met on the campus of the MacDonell Methodist Center with Mrs. Nettie Thornton, Superintendent, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Deaconess and Conference Rural Worker and Miss Neoma Windham, Conference Worker stationed at MacDonell, serving as hostesses. Conference session were held in the School Building on the Campus, with those attending being quartered in the School Building and McCoy Building. Meals were taken in Downs Hall, the MacDonell dining hall.

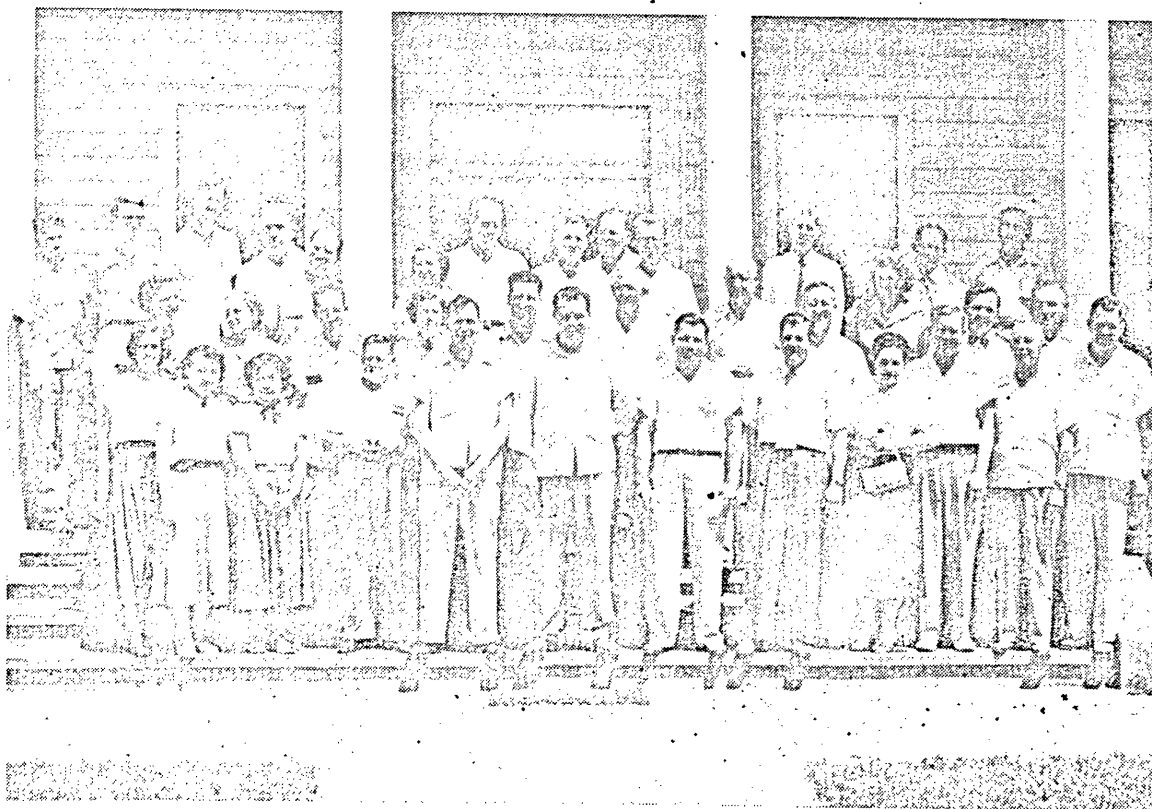
Rev. Robert B. Carter is Chairman of the Louisiana Conference Town and Country Commission and Rev. John H. Sewell is Conference Secretary of Town and Country Work. An informal session of the Commission was held on August 5 at which time plans were discussed for the holding of next year's school.

Those attending the conference

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Leaders at the Second Annual Town and Country Conference, Louisiana Conference, 1952, includes, l to r, Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Alexandria District Superintendent, Dean; Rev. Robert C. Carter, Covington pastor, chairman of the Conference Town and Country Commission; Dr. Aaron Rapping, Hiwassee College, Madisonville, Tenn., longtime authority in rural church work; Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Louisiana Conference Rural Worker, who had charge of local arrangements at MacDonell Center, Houma; Rev. Virgil Morris, New Orleans District Superintendent, and conference faculty member; Rev. John Sewell, Franklinton pastor, and Conference Secretary, Town and Country Work; and Dr. Bentley Sloane, Conference Board of Education Executive Secretary who with Miss Thompson taught a course on Literature in Small Church.



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**Baton Rouge District:**—Rev. Calvin Lapulade, Rev. and Mrs. Webb Pomeroy, Rev. John Sewell;

**Lake Charles District:**—Rev. Karl Tooke, District Superintendent, Miss Molly Faulk, Mr. John Hoffpauir, Rev. James Knight, Rev. and Mrs. D. T. Williams, Rev. C. B. Krumnow, Mr. J. B. Tubb;

**Monroe District:**—Mrs. R. K. Allen, Rev. Don W. Alverson, Rev. A. W. Coody, Mrs. D. F. Edwards, Mr. W. P. Edwards, Mrs. O. B.

Higdon, Miss Ruth Holley, Mrs. J. H. Lusk;

**New Orleans District:**—Rev. Virgil Morris, District Superintendent, Mrs. Evest Arceneaux, Miss Vivian Arceneaux, Miss Barbara Bergeron, Rev. Robert C. Carter, Mrs. Selina DeRoche, Rev. J. P. Frederick, Rev. E. A. Keasler, Mr. F. J. Matherne, Rev. Robert Miller, Rev. Sam Nader, Rev. Ross Pickett, Mrs. Abbie Porche, Rev. Eskel Tatum, Mrs. Irene Yelverton, Mrs. F. J. Matherne, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Martin, Mrs. Mildred Bergeron,

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Landry, Miss Carol Matherne, Miss Vallie Matherne, Miss Gloria Arceneaux, Miss Doris Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy DeLaune, Miss Betty Matherne, Miss Edna Bowers, Rev. J. C. Rousseaux, Buddy Matherne, Howard Martin, Robert Tatum, Marion Selita.

**Ruston District:**—Rev. Lael S. Jones, Rev. Leroy Philbrook;

**Shreveport District:**—Rev. Don Learner, Rev. Bentley Sloane, Rev. Rex Squyres.

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## ATTENDANCE AT LEADERSHIP SCHOOL FROM LOUISIANA

A full quota from Louisiana attended the Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah, July 21 - August 1. The following were enrolled:

Rev. Garland Dean, Shreveport  
Mrs. Garland Dean, Shreveport  
Mrs. David McMahon, Lake Charles

Miss Dorothy Douglas, Gilliam  
Mrs. J. W. Richardson, Ruston  
Mrs. Vernon C. McFarland, Shreveport

Mrs. Mary C. Kent, Gilliam  
Mrs. Martha Williams, Shreveport

Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Alexandria

Rev. James Christie, Alexandria  
Mrs. James Christie, Alexandria  
Mrs. Loyd Beall, Shreveport  
Mrs. Lillian Jackson, Lecompte  
Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, New Orleans.

## "OUTLINE OF ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM OF THE METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOL"

Nashville, Tenn.—Church school workers may now discard their worn copies of the "Outline of Organization and Program of the Methodist Church School" they have used during the last quadrennium — because a new edition for the quadrennium 1952-1956 is now available from the Methodist Publishing House. The price is ten cents.

Prepared by the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education, the booklet reflects the changes made by the last General Conference, including the new Commission on Education and the new assistant superintendent for membership cultivation.

Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division, suggests at the beginning of the booklet four things he thinks it would be well for church school workers to keep in mind.

"1. Nothing will take the place of earnest, patient, and persistent work to get a program and organization that meet the needs of your own church.

"2. A complete organization for education in the church involves many people and many details. People grow religiously through serving other people and the Church.

"3. We don't expect your church to do everything in this book.

"4. A perfect organization is not important except as it helps your church to reach the basic aims of

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Pastors and Church School Superintendents of Fayetteville District Meet

A meeting of pastors and church school superintendents of the Fayetteville District was held at Rogers, Thursday evening, July 31. Twenty-five superintendents and twenty-seven pastors attended this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to explain the plan of the Church School program for the Conference year.

Church School Rally Day programs together with certain other guidance materials were placed in the hands of the church school superintendents. They were also given guidance about the plans for getting ready for the beginning of the new church school year.

### Other Districts To Have Meetings

Planning meetings for the other seven districts have been set as follows:

Ft. Smith District, September 2, 7:30 p. m.

Searcy District, September 5, 7:30 p. m.

Forrest City District, September 5, 7:30 p. m.

Paragould District, September 8, 7:30 p. m.

Jonesboro District, September 9, 7:30 p. m.

Batesville District, September 11, 10 a. m. at Mt. Home and 7:30 p. m. at Batesville

Conway District, September 12, 7:30 p. m.

These meetings are to be for pastors and church school general superintendents.

### Church School Rally Day

Sunday, September 28, is to be Church School Rally Day in the North Arkansas Conference. Six copies of the program, "THE WORD OF GOD", will be furnished each church.

### New Youth Publications

The publications for youth in the church school will appear in

Christian education, the salvation—in the fullest sense—of people, and the redemption of our world."

The staff of the Local Church Division are confident that when the end of this Quadrennium arrives copies of this edition of 89-BC that will be used by church school workers throughout the Church, will be just as worn by constant use as those that are now being discarded.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

Nashville, Tenn. — Christian Education Week, September 28 through October 5, will mark the climax of the celebration of the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible which will be released September 30.

The publication of the Revised Standard Version will be another momentous episode in the story of man's longing to comprehend the Word of God for his own day. It is expected that the availability of the Bible in modern language will mark the beginning of renewed interest in the Scriptures.

The new version is being published by the Division of Chris-

new forms with the first of October. Highroad, Workshop, Boys Today, Girls Today are out. The youth publications will be as follows:

For Intermediates: Lessons for Intermediates, Our Intermediate Fellowship (This will appear as a 48 page quarterly), and Twelve/Fifteen.

For Seniors: Studies in Christian Living, Roundtable, and Classmate.

For Older Youth: Christian Action, Roundtable, and Classmate.

For Youth in Small Churches: Bible Lessons for Youth, Teacher's Quarterly Bible Lesson for Youth, and Program Quarterly.

Workers With Youth is the monthly for adult workers with youth.

Then there is a free booklet known as PLANBOOK, which can be secured from the Methodist Publishing House by request. This booklet is to help youth and their adult leaders in the planning of their work.

All youth groups should secure adequate materials in September and be ready for the beginning of the new church school year before October arrives.

### Enlistment Week In North Arkansas

We have set the week of September 28 - October 5 as a special period to bring more people into our church schools. Each church is being asked to prepare prospect lists and train visitors in order to be ready for a real program of enlistment during Christian Education Week.

### Good Attendance Reports

Many of our Church schools are reporting excellent attendance through the summer months, some reporting that they have had very little summer let down.

tian Education of the National Council of Churches.

Methodist church schools will be among the 50,000 to 100,000 churches and church schools in the United States and Canada that will join in celebrating this event, the theme of which is "The Word of Life in Living Language."

From year to year Methodists have interpreted Christian Education Week in terms of the particular things to be accomplished within the denomination, and this year will be no exception. A free leaflet has been prepared by the Department of General Church School Work of the General Board of Education, affording suggestions and guidance for churches wishing to observe the week as a part of the celebration of the publication of the new version of the Bible. Entitled "Christian Education Week — 1952," the leaflet (No. 8274-B) may be had from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

Churches that observe Rally Day in the fall will no doubt want to use the Methodist Rally Day program on one Sunday during Christian Education Week. Adapted from the program prepared by the National Council of Churches, the Methodist program is entitled "The Word of God." It may be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House. The prices are: Single Copy, 15 cents; 85 cents per dozen; \$6.00 per hundred.

Christian Education Week in the Methodist Church is promoted by the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education. It is the desire and hope of the Division staff that from this year's observance people will gain increased gratitude for the Word of God, will find more joy and comfort in its pages, and dedicate themselves more fully to the Christian way of life.

## SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE AT CAMP BREWER, LA.

The Annual Church School Superintendents' Conference will be held at Camp Brewer, Saturday afternoon and Sunday, September 13 and 14.

This conference is for General Church School Superintendents and Superintendents of the Adult Division.

There will be sessions for large and small churches.

Send these two superintendents from your church to this helpful and inspiring conference.

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## NEW ORLEANS MINISTER IS PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

A Methodist minister who also is a professional artist plans to show his work at the Biennial Exhibition of American Artists at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington next year. The minister-artist is the Rev. Ashley T. Law, new pastor of the Parker Memorial church in New Orleans. He will display a painting, "Youth at Prayer," of his 15-year-old daughter Sarah. Mr. Law, a native of Mississippi, started to draw at the age of five. When he was 14 his sister was killed and he searched the Scriptures to find consolation for the tragedy. Subsequently he felt that God had entered his life. After graduating with honors from the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, Mr. Law led his class at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia for portrait painting. Until America entered the first world war, he maintained a studio in New York City. Following service in France, Luxemburg, Belgium and the Army of Occupation with the Second Mississippi Regiment, he studied at the AEF Art Center at Bellevue, a suburb of Paris. Artist Angel Zarraga said that the Methodist's painting of a French girl was the best of the center. Later, Mr. Law worked in studios in Chicago and Memphis while struggling with the conviction that he should enter the ministry. He went back to school and in 1927 became a Methodist minister. Since that time he has held nine pastorates in Louisiana and Mississippi.

### European Baptists Map Evangelism Crusade

A crusade to evangelize Europe was mapped by the European Baptist Congress at Copenhagen, Denmark. Speakers and leaders indicated that American evangelistic methods would be used in the campaign. Theme of the Congress, first general meeting of European Baptists since 1913, was "Baptists and the Evangelization of Europe." An American observer at the Congress said the Baptists were departing from the "defeatist theology prevalent in Europe which emphasizes the futility of human effort" and were espousing an "activist faith."

### U. S. Churches Increasing Relief Shipments To India

American Protestant and Roman Catholic church groups poured a steadily mounting stream of relief supplies into India during the first six months of 1952, the Rev. Donald E. Rugh said at Bombay, India. Mr. Rugh is chairman of the India-American Agreement Relief Council and representative in India of Church World Service, relief agency of the National Council of Churches in the U. S. A. He cited a mid-year report showing that during June alone relief goods valued at \$114,593 had been received from America as compared to a total of \$113,806 for the entire 10-month period up to May 1. No complete figures for July are available yet, Mr. Rugh said, but he estimated that approximately

1,000,000 pounds of food had been received during the month.

### Churchman To Direct Louisiana State Institutions

A noted Richmond churchman this fall will become director of Louisiana State Institutions, a post recently created by the legislature at the request of Governor Robert F. Kennon. He is Dr. Edward D. Grant, for 18 years executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern). Dr. Grant will have charge of 17 prisons, hospitals and mental institutions, which have an operating budget of \$50,000,000 for the biennium.

### Urge Religion Have Stronger Place In Colleges

Religion today holds a precarious position in the American college curriculum, the ninth annual Institute of Higher Education was told in Nashville, Tenn. "The problems of teaching religion have been handed back to the local churches, and it is unfair to expect them to meet college standards in educational work," said Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., vice-president of Florida Southern College, Lakeland. He addressed two sectional groups of the three-day Institute, sponsored by Scarritt College for Christian Workers here, the division of educational institutions of The Methodist Church's board of education and the Commission on Higher Education of the National Council of Churches. "Education," Dr. Thrift said, "has been so thoroughly secularized that even denominational schools and colleges, at least so far as the Protestant churches are concerned, do not stress religious ancestry. To survive, church related colleges have been forced to adopt the education patterns of state schools."

### Television's First Religious Husband-and-Wife Show Being Filmed

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, New York minister, writer and radio speaker, and his wife, Ruth, are

engaged at Hollywood, Calif., in filming television's first religious husband-and-wife show. They are making a series of thirteen 15-minute television films under the general title of "What's Your Trouble?" In largely "ad libbed" dialogue Dr. and Mrs. Peale will demonstrate how spiritual counselling, in conjunction with psychology, is used to handle human problems at the clinic operated by New York's Marble Collegiate church of which Dr. Peale is pastor.

### Bible Production Growing In Germany

The "Privilegierte Wuertembergische Bibelanstalt," Germany's largest Bible society, has distributed a total of nearly 37 million complete Bibles and Scripture portions since its founding in 1812. This was reported at Stuttgart, Germany at observances marking the society's 140th anniversary. The report said there has been a constant increase in Bible production since the end of the war. Nearly 500,000 complete Bibles and portions were produced during the current year as against 433,000 in the previous year, and 350,000 in 1949-50.

### Urge Church To Aid Young Adults

A National Conference on Young Adult Work at Williams Bay, Wis., called upon the Church to prepare young people for marriage and parenthood. Some 100 delegates to the conference, sponsored by the Division of Christian Education of the National Coun-

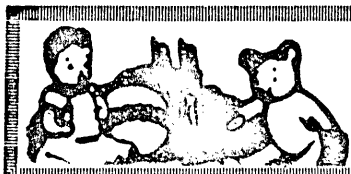
cil of Churches, said they looked to the Church for guidance in establishing Christian homes and in solving family problems. The conference was unanimous in its conviction that the Church needed to take a "realistic" view regarding divorces. The Church, it said, should recognize that many of its young adults had "marriage trouble" and when divorce occurred it must be ready to help them. The delegates also declared that a positive program of assistance to unmarried mothers, on the part of the Church, was long overdue. In addition, they urged that a Christian code of sex ethics be developed.

### Minister Stops Circulation Of Whiskey Petition

Circulation of a petition calling for a referendum on legalized whiskey in Morgan County, Alabama, apparently ceased after a Methodist minister announced on his regular Sunday radio broadcast that the names of all persons appearing on it would be read on the program. The announcement was made by Dr. T. J. Chitwood, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Decatur, Ala. Alabama law requires that a petition of at least one thousand names must be filed in the county probate judge's office before an election can be called. The same law specifies that the list of names on a petition must be made available to the public. After Dr. Chitwood's announcement, the petition, which had acquired more than 700 names in a few days, died quickly.

## DESTROYING HER FOUNDATIONS





# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## TAKING THE AFTERNOON OFF

MARK went down the lane whistling like a black bird. He could do anything he pleased the whole afternoon, or nothing at all if he'd rather. And if you are a little boy of a handy age and live on a farm, you know that afternoons when you don't have to weed the garden or plant Irish potatoes or dig sweet ones, or help oil the pigs or dip the sheep or salt the cattle, don't come often, and you have to make the most of them when they do! So Mark guessed he'd go by and see Granny a few minutes and then make his way through the alders and elderberry bushes to the creek and swim.

Granny's house was small and old and sweet like herself. Mark loved to go there. She was busy in the front yard when Mark came up. "Hello, Gran," he called.

"Dear boy, I'm so glad to see you," said Granny. "Sit down. I've just baked a fresh batch of caraway seed cakes!" She hurried in, and when she came back she had a plate of the cakes in one hand and a mug of cold milk in the other.

"My, Gran!" said Mark, admiringly, "you always do have something good on hand, don't you?" Granny beamed at him over her specs. When he finished Mark got up to go to the creek. "What you doing out there, Gran?" he asked.

"Well, just job work," said Granny. "I'm trying to fix that trellis for that running rose. It's ready to fall down. And I've been trying to stop that hole in the fence. Just see here, Mark, how that pesky pig has rooted my cannas!"

"I can fix it," said Mark. "Where's the hammer and nails?"

"Right here," said Granny.

Mark hunted up a stout board and sawed it the right length, and then with good, manly licks he nailed it firmly in place. When he finished it was a shipshape job, a neat, sturdy bit of fencing that half a dozen pesky pigs couldn't undo!

"I do declare," said Granny. "It's a downright comfort to have a man about the place for such jobs as that!" She brought him some water in a yellowed gourd from the well close by. Mark drank thirstily. He was hot, as one is apt to be after working with hammer and saw an hour on a July afternoon.

But when he had rested a bit he said: "Better show me how you want that trellis, now while I'm started."

"Well, you see," said Granny, "it's rotted out here, and if I don't get a new piece put in it's all going to topple over. But it is a bad job on account of this rose being so thorny."

It was rather a bad job sure enough, but she cut away some of the worst runners and Mark crawled under and braced it very securely. Then he nailed back some loosened cross pieces, so it had a new, trim look about it.

"I do know, Mark," said Granny, excitedly, "you're the handiest boy I ever saw!"

"That's all right, Gran," said Mark, grinning and wiping his damp face on his sleeve. It was getting kind of late by then, but Mark thought he'd go on down to the creek and have a little swim. But as he went out the back gate he saw that it was hanging by one hinge. The lower one had pulled out.

He went back and got the hammer and nails and went at it. Just as he finished Granny called: "Now, Mark, you've done enough. You come here and eat supper; it's six o'clock."

Supper at Granny's was different and nicer than anywhere else. There was a blue-checked tablecloth and a bowl of little yellow roses on the table. There was a loaf of bread Granny had baked that day, and pale white clover honey in a blue pot and a pat of butter printed with pineapple and a yellow stone pitcher of fresh cold milk. Mark ate practically everything on the table and then he said:

"Gran, I'd better go, I reckon. I'll be back tomorrow."

He let her kiss him on the cheek and presently went back along the lane toward home, whistling like a black bird.

"Well, son," said his mother, smiling when he came in, "how about it? Did you have a big

time spending your afternoon off?"

"Yes'm," said Mark, in a contented way, "I had a first class time."—Christian Observer

## ALWAYS HELPING

This little girl does nothing but play;

This little one will have her own way;

This is a girl—strong and tall,  
This little girl will not help at all.  
But this baby one is kind and true;

Always helping—just like you.

### Directions

Hold one hand in an upright position and touch each finger with a finger of the other hand as each little girl is mentioned.—Author Unknown.

## A LITTLE BOY'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, look down from heaven  
And hear me while I pray;  
I am just a little child, Lord,  
Who plays about all day.

And if I have been naughty, Lord,  
Or said a wicked word,  
I hope you will forgive me  
And forget you ever heard.

Forgive me when my parents say  
I worry and annoy;  
I am so glad you picked me out  
To be their little boy.

And if I try real hard, Lord,  
And you will help me, then—  
Tomorrow I am sure I'll be  
A better boy. Amen!

—Annabelle Stewart Altwater,  
in The Christian Advocate

## A WISE ELEPHANT

A story that shows the wisdom of the elephant is told by a British road officer. During the unloading of steel tubing from a ship, it became the elephant's task to carry the pipes, by means of his trunk, from one part of the wharf to another.

The pipes had been oiled to prevent them from rusting, and when the elephant took one up, it slipped from his grasp. He tried it again with the same result, and at last seemed to know what was the reason for his failure, for he soon afterward pushed the pipe with his foot to a spot where there was a pile of sand and then rolled the pipe backward and forward. The sand, owing to the oil, adhered to the tube, and the elephant then put his trunk around it and carried it with ease. He applied the same process to other tubes without aid from his driver.—Apples of Gold.

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## THE SEVEN LITTLE PIFFLESNIFFS

ABINGDON - COKESBURY PRESS announces a new book for children which came from the press on August 11. Regarding the book they say: "Pure fun to tickle the funny bone of any 5- to 9-year old—or of a grownup reading aloud—bubbles out of the adventures of The Seven Little Pifflesniffs.

Everything that this family of individuals does becomes extraordinary. When Papa orders a vanilla ice-cream cone, Patsy wants peppermint stick, Peggy wants maple pecan, Pam wants chocolate, Patrick wants strawberry, Percy wants macaroon

crunch, Paul wants fudge ripple, and little Pimm wants pistachio nut! They never argue over their differing tastes, but they have amazing adventures because of them. With Mamma and Papa, seven children, two kittens, goldfish, a parrot, a turtle, a puppy, and a white rat the Pifflesniffs don't have to hunt far for adventures. Adventures come to them naturally whether at the circus, in the woods, spending an evening at home, in bed with colds, or at a birthday party."

Margaret Stimson Richardson is the author and John Teppich is the illustrator.



From: THE SEVEN LITTLE PIFFLESNIFFS  
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# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## LOUISIANA GUILD WEEK-END

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Louisiana had its Sixth Annual Week-End at Camp Brewer, July 26-27, under the leadership of Miss Mary Gladys Page, Amite, Conference Guild Secretary.

One hundred and twenty-eight women attended the meeting which opened Saturday morning with Hobby groups led by Mrs. C. P. Staples and Miss Dorothy Dunbar. Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton gave the three imperatives of Jesus as the opening message "Come Unto Me, Abide With Me, and Go." Mrs. Sam Dunbar reported the Missionary Educational work of the Conference for the past year, and the Introduction to Study Courses was presented by Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Mrs. Mildred Baxter and Miss Lillian Kennedy.

Workshops were led by Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. Minza Rabun. Departmental Clinics were held as follows: Presidents, Mrs. Glenn Laskey;

Recording Secretaries, Miss Mary Gladys Page; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Minza Rabun; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. J. B. Shearer; Promotion, Mrs. Lee Tidwell; and Vice - Presidents, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick.

Miss Fannie E. Burch led the Vesper Service and Morning Watch at Vesper Point.

The evening meeting featured the work of Miss Elizabeth Thompson, the Guild Project in Louisiana, and Miss Mildred Ann Paine, missionary to Japan, who spoke on the Guild project in Tokyo.

The prayer group was led Sunday morning by Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton, and Miss Mildred Anne Paine led the morning service with a talk "Power Through the Cross."

The Week-End closed Sunday afternoon following District meetings.

## A YOUTH WORLD FRIENDSHIP WORKSHOP AT WORK

Never again will the 40 youth and adult workers with youth at Camp Tanako, July 21-25, say that the work of the commissions on Missions and World Friendship is uninteresting and intangible.

On Monday afternoon every member was an individual, on Friday they had become members of a fellowship. On Monday a Missions and World Friendship Workshop was a name, on Friday it had become an experience. On Monday the plan for developing the program of Missions and World Friendship in the local church for 1952-53 was vague, but on Friday it had become definite, with concrete plans for study and action.

On Monday a Mexican was a migrant, a Turk, part of an expression, a Chinese, a laundryman, an African, an unknown. On Friday a Mexican had become Oscar Escamilla, who without hesitation asked permission to send the gift of \$25.00 to him from the campers to Mexico to help in building a youth camp. The Turk had become a modest but charming little major, a doctor in the Turkish army studying in the Army and Navy Hospital. The Chinese had become Francis Wong, a student in the University who possessed all the qualities of a young Christian gentleman. And as for Africa, it will always mean Gregory, a

young man studying in Philander Smith College, attending on government expense, chosen because of high scholarship — one who gave a picture of Africa which dispelled many antiquated conceptions and made Africa live as a new vital part of the world.

The Camp was a real Workshop experience from beginning to end. The original ideas evolved on posters, in skits, as table decorations, etc., demonstrated the ability of challenged Youth. This was climaxed on the closing evening when a primitive African Festival including the entire camp was presented.

The Workshop closed at Friday noon, but every youth and adult pledged himself to start a continuing Workshop in the local church — The campers committed themselves to promote the study of "Home Missions and Human Rights" and "Africa" in encouraging the paying of a sacrificial Methodist Youth Fund pledge, to help all youth to become Friendship minded, and to take every opportunity possible to make Christ known to the world beginning in the local community. — Margaret Marshall, Camp director. P. S. ATTENTION — Woman's Societies of Christian Service — Include this item in your budget for next year — Camperships for one youth and one adult.

## NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED AT PINE BLUFF

Eighteen women of the Wesley Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, met at the parsonage Tuesday, July 22, to organize a Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. J. L. Dedman, wife of the Pine Bluff District Superintendent, directed the program of organization and presented the new society with a cash gift to begin the treasury. Mrs. John Rose was elected president; Mrs. W. C. Wayman, Vice President; Mrs. Lewis Wood, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Milton Erickson, Treasurer. Other officers are: Mrs. Homer Tiner, Promotional Secretary; Mrs. Winslow Brown, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. W. H. Walker, Secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Tom Anderson, Secretary of Literature and Publications and Secretary of Supply; Mrs. Harold Camp, Secretary of Children's Work; and Mrs. C. P. Lee, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. Secretaries of Student Work, Youth Work, and Status of Women are yet to be elected.

In appreciation for her interest and assistance Mrs. Dedman was voted an honorary member of the society. The first meeting of the new WSCS was held Monday, August 4, at the church's building site, and an officers training session was held August 7, led by Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference President. — Winslow Brown, pastor.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

A young woman who spent the summer of 1949 as member of a Methodist youth "caravan" in Hawaii is returning to the islands as a full-time worker. Miss Elaine Hessel, El Monte, Calif., will become director of religious education at Harris Memorial Church, Honolulu. Miss Hessel, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Hessel, is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles where she received a degree in Kindergarten and primary education in 1948. She taught for a year in Long Beach, Calif., before entering Boston University School of Theology where she is now a candidate for a master of religious education degree. Harris Memorial Church, Harry Komuro, pastor, has the longest continuous history in the Hawaii mission. Started as a Japanese language church, it pioneered in English-speaking services for young people and now has members of many races.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Wesley Memorial Church, Conway, met July 21 in the church for the program "Let the Earth Be Glad" given by Mrs. F. D. Rhode, Mrs. Simon Neff, Mrs. Vernon Paysinger, Mrs. R. J. Hammonds, Mrs. Paul Jobe and Mrs. A. H. Langford. Mrs. W. E. Paysinger, mother of Rev. Vernon Paysinger, a Hendrix College student, was a guest. An Officers Training Day was held at the church July 28th.

Mrs. Jenola Googe was the guest speaker at the Broadmoor Guild, Shreveport, July 16 in the home of Mrs. L. G. Thomas. Her subject was "Tension in Our Everyday Lives." Mrs. Hoyt E. Mayes, president, presided over the meeting, and Mrs. Harry Truly gave the devotional.

The Area meetings of the Forrest City District closed with the meeting at Hughes with 178 local officers having attended from the churches in the district. Pastors gave devotionals at each meeting, and the officers of the District gave the goals and conducted workshops at each area meeting. Hostess churches were Elaine, Parkin, Clarendon and Hughes.

Miss Mary Hajiyannaki of Salonica, Greece, was the guest speaker at the meeting July 25 of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge at the home of Mrs. Ford H. Longadorf. Miss Hajiyannaki is a student in the home eco-

nomics department at L. S. U., and plans to assist her father, a doctor, with her dietetics studies.

Miss Eleanor Fleming, president, presided at the meeting, and Miss Lillian Kennedy led the devotional "Proclaiming Christian Principles for Daily Living." Miss Kennedy is the new secretary of the Baton Rouge District Guild.

On recommendation of Mrs. Fred Veard, the treasurer, the balance from the last year was transferred to the Guild's Scarritt Scholarship Fund.

Eloise Butler Martin writes from Jabalpur, India, that she is studying ten to twelve hours daily, preparing for her second exam in Hindi this September. The written exams will come in October. She says that it is a real test as to "whether one has dedicated the mind to serving Him." It is also interesting to learn from her letter that the UPPER ROOM is available from the church store in Lucknow, and her husband gets it in quantity for members of the church.

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## NEWS FROM ALMYRA

We have been well received on our new charge. Soon after our arrival the people met at the church and brought us a big pounding. They gave us a lovely reception. L. G. Stephens, chairman of the Board of Stewards, spoke words of welcome and introduced the pastor, his wife and family. Just a week before the good people at Glenwood gave us a going-away shower and party, presided over by Homer Pinkerton, chairman of the Board.

When we came to Almyra the workers in the Church School were closing out a Daily Vacation School in which forty-one credits were issued.

Our officials have met and adopted the budget as worked out by them and the district superintendent, Rev. J. L. Dedman. The church has just installed a cooling system in the parsonage. We feel like we are going to have a good year in the Lord.—C. V. Mashburn, Pastor

## MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR SALEM CAMP MEETING

C. E. McMeans, supervisor of music of the North Little Rock Public Schools, and Director of Music of the Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, will be in charge of the music at the Salem Camp meeting beginning August 22, and continuing through August 31.

Rev. George G. Meyer of the Oak Forest Methodist Church in Little Rock will be the camp meeting preacher.

Two services of special interest are the Home-Coming service at 3 p. m. Sunday, August 24, with Bishop Paul E. Martin the preacher, and the Memorial Service on Sunday, August 31, at 3 p. m. when Dr. Aubrey G. Walton will deliver the sermon.

Services will be conducted each afternoon at 3 o'clock Monday through Friday by the following ministers: Rev. Jeff E. Davis, Rev. Wesley Reutz, Rev. Ralph Vanlandingham, Rev. W. R. Burks, and Rev. H. O. Bolin. Rev. Kenneth Goode is the pastor-host.—Reporter

## TWO MORE CHURCHES INSTALL AIR-CONDITIONING

Included among the Methodist churches in Arkansas which have recently installed air conditioning systems are the Hunter Memorial Methodist Church, Little Rock, Rev. Fred L. Arnold, pastor, and the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Rev. Elmus Brown. The eleven ton unit at

## METHODIST MEN ORGANIZED AT SYLVAN HILLS

Twenty-one men of the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church, North Little Rock, met on Monday evening at the Sylvan Hills Community Building and organized a Methodist Men's Club. This is a Men's Club which is to be formally chartered under the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Tilmon Waters; Vice-president, Bernard Olds and Secretary, Ernest Gragson.

At each meeting the men, two or three at a meeting, are volunteering to furnish and serve the meal. Next month the meeting will be on the third Wednesday night and will be held at the picnic ground of the church.

Tilmon Waters and Jim Dent will be in charge of the dinner.—Reporter

## ALMA-MOUNTAIN VIEW

We were returned to the Alma-Mountain View Charge for our third year. We are happy to serve this charge another year. No finer people in Arkansas than the people who make up the loyal and faithful membership of this charge, composed of Alma, Mountain View and Newberry. During the two years just passed the salary at Alma has been raised \$500. A Methodist Men's Club has been organized on a Parish plan with more than thirty members, with Vernon Basham president. We have W. S. G. with 27 members, Mrs. Tony Christelo president. Thirty-seven members have been added to the roll. Since conference the church and parsonage at Alma have been painted and new roofs added. Some repair has been made on parsonage and two rooms repapered. Our revival will begin at Mt. View Aug. 11. Bro. Hoggard, pastor of First Church Van Buren, will be the preacher. Our revival at Alma will be sometime in October.

This charge is well known from the ministers it has sent out. The Larks Nest is in the Mountain View community. Three Lark brothers went out from Mountain View Church as Methodist ministers. Dr. C. M. Reves, now vice-president of Hendrix College, went out from the Alma church.

Hunter was installed about two weeks ago and the ten ton unit at Huntington Avenue was used for the first time Sunday, July 6.

## PERRYVILLE DEDICATES ORGAN

Perryville Methodists dedicated the Hammond organ, purchased over a year ago, with a special service on Sunday morning.

Included in the service was a message on "Worship In Music" by the pastor, Rev. K. K. Carithers. Special numbers on the organ were played by Mrs. Ben Risce of Jacksonville, former resident of Perryville, and anthem was sung by the choir, under the direction of the Minister of Music, Mrs. Taylor Cox. A dedication hymn was sung by Kenneth Vandervort.

Purchase of the organ was sponsored by the Ladies Bible Class of the church school and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Through their efforts the final payment was made within a year after the purchase.—Fletcher Dodson

As these ministers are well known in the North Arkansas Conference it bespeaks of the fine citizenship which makes up this charge.

We expect another good year for our people are faithful and loyal.—T. C. Chambliss, pastor

## FELLOWSHIP SUPPER AT LESLIE

A potluck fellowship supper was held at the parsonage of the Leslie Methodist Church on the evening of Friday, July 25, at 6:30.

Forty-eight people attended, including the pastor's parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Williams, and sister, Marthell.

This was the first of a series of fellowship suppers which are being planned by the church, and we know that each of them will bring us closer to each other and to God, so that both our play and our prayer may be more meaningful.—Travis Williams, Pastor

## PICNIC AT BLANCHARD SPRINGS

Twenty-one children, between the ages of 12 and 15 years, were treated to a big picnic on Tuesday afternoon, July 22nd, at Blanchard Springs, near Mountain View. They were chaperoned by Mrs. Erma Dean Grigsby, sponsor of the class, Mr. Grigsby, and Mrs. Ralph Roush.

The children were treated to a picnic lunch, swimming, and many outdoor and water games. Later in the evening they drove back to the Methodist Church and continued their party there.

## Formal Opening Of St. John's Church

MEMBERS of St. John's Methodist Church in Van Buren reached the halfway point in their current building and expansion program with the formal opening for worship on Sunday, July 27, of the church's redesigned and remodeled sanctuary. Construction of a new educational building, already under way, will be completed early this fall.


Virtually a "new" sanctuary has been created within the walls of the present St. John's building. New double doors at the front of the building open into a new vestibule, which in turn opens into the sanctuary. A round reproduction in stained glass of Hoffman's "Christ in Gethsemane" highlights a new arch over the choir in the front of the sanctuary. Floor and ceiling have been refinished, and the walls and woodwork redone in light and medium rose. Eight new stained glass windows, all memorials, have been installed in side walls. A new pulpit platform and arrangement, new chancel furniture, and new hardwood pews complete the present work, although carpeting and other improvements are planned later.

An unusual and much-discussed feature in the remodeled building is a large new nursery at the rear of the sanctuary. A speaker with volume control in the nursery and a large thick plate glass window opening onto the sanctuary make it possible for nursery attendants to see and hear the service while nursery noise is kept at a minimum.

Opening services in the "new" sanctuary were attended by large crowds. An informal open house was held from two to five o'clock Sunday afternoon, so that friends from other churches might see the work which has been done, and special observances marked the morning and evening worship services.

The building committee in charge of construction and remodeling is composed of F. L. Campbell, Leo Bennett, and S. E. Smith, while J. N. Evans, Jr., Gervas Lee, and Grady Putman make up the Finance Committee. Trustees are J. Frank Adkins, Charles Gullette, and Mr. Smith. Robert Paul Sessions is pastor. Miles Blevins, Van Buren contractor, has supervised the work, much of which was done by volunteer labor.—Robert P. Sessions

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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, Vice-President
Rev. Floyd G. Villines, President	Rev. David P. Conyers, Secretary
Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary	

### THE TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION HAS A PROGRAM

The outline of the Town and Country Commission program appearing in the *Arkansas Methodist* two successive weeks is indicative of the interest shown by the Annual Conference in advance in the rural areas. However, the fact of Conference adoption does not suggest that the program has been put into effect. Nor does the fact that the Conference has a full time executive secretary guarantee that the rural church problem is solved and the harvest fields gleaned. There must be an acceptance in heart and mind of all of the pastors and laymen of the Conference of this program and the willingness to help put it into effect.

The Executive Secretary is of natural consequence the incarnation of the idea and ideal of the total program. It is indeed imperative that he more than any other person carries the burden in his heart and the vision in his mind. To that end he will naturally spend hours of thought, planning, and dreaming of the total program in actual effect. This program will succeed in proportion to the number who share in this burden, vision, dream, and actual labor. In the next few weeks it will be the task of the executive secretary to interpret each phase of the program through this column. He will be greatly pleased to have comments and helpful suggestions by both ministers and laymen as to this work. Ours is a great and tremendous task as Methodists as we go out to build and rebuild church interest throughout the Conference. Letters requesting information as to our program are coming in from other sections of the Church. We in turn are writing for help to others over the Church in order that we may ever improve and strengthen our own work.

Although it is impossible for me to accept every request for help that comes from our pastors and laymen over the Conference, it shall be my hope to go everywhere possible and give myself without reserve to help carry the Gospel to every area of the Conference, build up the churches already organized and give attention to all of the interests of

the church. Beginning in next week's column we will give more adequate attention to the different phases of the program.

We have been given the days of October 21st and 22nd by our Bishop for the Fall meeting of the Town and Country Commission. Careful planning will be made in order that we may have a well rounded program and due attention given where needed most. A complete copy of the program for that meeting will be given through this column in the very near future.—J. Albert Gatlin

### NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING AT GRADY

Members of the Grady Methodist Church met for the first time Sunday, August 3, in their new educational building. The building, a dark buff hollow tile structure costing approximately \$10,000.00 is joined to the rest of the church by two small halls at the rear of the sanctuary. There are five classrooms, one of which will later be converted into a kitchen; a 20' by 40' assembly room; and two rest rooms.

Construction began in April, and the building is now completed except for minor interior finishing.

Completion of the building fulfills a thirty-five year old dream on the part of members of the church. When the church was first built in 1917, plans were to build an educational building when the need arose.

Rev. L. Gray Wilson has been pastor of the church since June of 1950. H. R. Wood is chairman of the building committee, and B. I. Harvey is chairman of the finance committee.

Much of the building was financed by personal pledges. The various Sunday School classes, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Methodist Youth Fellowship all pitched in to help with stationery and greeting card sales, a Fellowship Supper, Come-As-You-Are Breakfast, Pie and cookie sales, serving the Grady Men's Club, and a Variety Show the M.Y.F. plans to give later this month.—Betty Jo Bittering

### DR. DENMAN TO BE IN CAMP MEETING

The annual camp meeting of the Ben Few Campground will begin on August 22 and run through August 31. We feel honored in having as our evangelist Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church. He will not, however, be with us until August 25 through the remainder of the meeting. Dr. Connor Morehead, Rev. Alfred Doss and Rev. Nathaniel Griswold will supply until Dr. Denman arrives. Rev. Alfred Doss, pastor of the Methodist Church of Stephens, will lead the singing and direct the work with young people. Miss Ruth Ann Parham of Fordyce will be pianist.

We are anticipating one of the greatest soul-stirring revivals this community has ever known and we welcome everyone who can come and be with us. We covet

### GARDNER'S ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

Garner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, is getting all ready to have a lot of fun at the annual church-wide picnic which will be held on Wednesday, August 27, at Boyle Park, Little Rock. Tom Fulton is serving as general chairman for the big event and has a large committee assisting him in arranging for the soft ball game, horse shoe pitching contest, sack races, etc., fried chicken basket picnic and all the trimmings and the entertainment.

A variety show will be presented after the picnic supper which will include everything from a barber shop quartet, featuring the pastor, Rev. Irl Bridenthal, to a puppet show.

The picnic is an annual affair and is attended each year by more than 500 people.—Reporter.

the prayers of all the Christian people. — Bruce H. Bean.

## HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

### Fall Term To Begin September 8

Hendrix College's 69th session will open September 8 with the arrival of the freshman class. Upperclassmen will register several days later and classes will begin September 13 at 8 a. m.

Freshmen will arrive early in order to participate in a variety of orientation activities. Included will be sessions on the college's curricular organizations and social activities.

The group will also take a special series of guidance tests, results of which will be used by students and their academic advisors when they register for their classes.

The 10-week summer session closes August 9.

Beginning with the fall term, Hendrix will become affiliated with the Columbia University School of Engineering in a program aimed at producing engineers with a broader, more humanized education. Under the plan, engineering students may take three years at Hendrix, continue with two years at Columbia, and at the end of the five years receive both the bachelor of arts and an engineering degree, according to Dean W. C. Buthman. Recommendation by Hendrix will guarantee its students acceptance by Columbia. Hendrix is one of about 40 American colleges and universities selected for affiliation with Columbia in the program.

Hendrix will also participate in the new state-wide Ford Plan of teacher education if the plan is approved by the Ford Foundation in time for the forthcoming year. Hendrix was the first college of the state officially to approve the foundation's proposal of an experiment in improving teacher education. According to Presi-

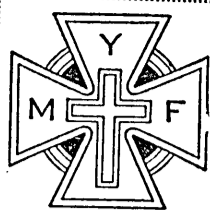
dent Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix will operate one of the state's fifth-year interne centers if the state committee's plans recently submitted to the foundation are approved.

Heading the list of faculty and staff changes is the appointment of Dr. C. M. Reves of Conway, former district superintendent of the Conway District of the Methodist Church, as vice-president with special responsibilities in finance.

Other changes include Harry J. Olmsted of the economics staff who will return to the college after doing graduate study under a Ford Foundation grant; George Thompson of Little Rock, history and political science; Albert M. Raymond of Nashville, Tenn., natural sciences; Mrs. Capp Shanks of Batesville, speech; and Billy Paul Hays of Muskogee, Okla., music.

On September 5 the faculty will go to Petit Jean Mountain where they will hold their annual pre-semester retreat.

Activities in the \$600,000 endowment campaign for Hendrix will become intensified in September. The drive is being conducted by the Hendrix board of trustees, with Joe T. Thompson, prominent Little Rock insurance executive, as campaign chairman. The drive seeks to obtain \$300,000 in order to qualify for a \$300,000 conditional grant from the General Education Board of New York, a Rockefeller philanthropic agency. Dr. C. M. Reves of Conway, long-time leader as a pastor in both Arkansas conference of the Methodist Church, who was named vice-president of Hendrix in June, will also devote a major portion of his time to the campaign.—Mary Moore



## ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA

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### WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Poinsett County Sub-District met on Thursday, July 10, at Weona, with 119 members present. Weona M.Y.F. was in charge of the program. Recreation in the form of a weiner roast and group singing followed. The August meeting will be held at Harrisburg with Pleasant Valley in charge of the program.

The Monticello Sub-District met on August 4 at Lacey. A picnic supper was served with recreation in the park. A program was given at the church. President David Scoggin presided over the business session. There was an attendance of 144. Rev. Dan Robinson, pastor at Crossett, was a visitor. Brother Robinson gave an invitation to the Senior Retreat on August 24.

The Searcy Sub-District met at Augusta on July 28. A play, "Bearers of the Cross," was presented by the Augusta M.Y.F. Cecil Alexander, newly elected president, presided over the meeting. The following commission chairmen were named: Program, Victor Harvey, Stoney Point; Evangelism, Mike Roberts, Searcy; Community, Thelma Dean Rice, Cabot; Missions and World Friendship, Harold Wells, Russell and Recreation, Joy Parker, Jacksonville. There were 242 present.

### M. Y. F. TO BUY BOOK RACKS

On Friday night, July 18, the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Sylvan Hills Church, North Little Rock, gave an ice cream supper on the lawn of the W. T. Reynolds home. The M.Y.F. made the ice cream and the church members furnished cakes, pies, and other donations.

The total amount raised above expenses was \$75.00. This money is to be used to furnish book racks that will fit on the backs of the church pews.

Officers of the Sylvan Hills M.Y.F. are: President, Shelby Reynolds; Vice-president, Hugh Donnell and Secretary, Sue Collins.—Reporter.

### METHODIST YOUTH WORKSHOP

A program of workshop training, worship and recreation for the Methodist youth of New Orleans was held at the Elysian Fields Methodist Church on August 3 through August 8, under the leadership of five trained workers.

In the Caravan were Miss Sunshine Hollar, Newborn, Tenn., a student at the Martin branch of the University of Tennessee; Miss Diane Broiles, Fort Worth, Texas, student at Southern Methodist University, Dallas; Miss Ruth Ma-

## FELLOWSHIP TEAMS AVAILABLE

ARRANGEMENTS may be made with district directors of youth work for the services of the fellowship teams which trained at Aldersgate Camp during the week of July 14-19.

The fellowship team laboratory was directed by Mrs. Frances McLean. Team members represented the six districts of the Little Rock Conference.

Each team participated in a two-day study of the total program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, with emphasis on the duties of officers and the responsibilities and action of the four commissions. The teams then worked for three nights with local church groups in the Little Rock District on methods of improving their own MYF program.

Churches served by the teams included Mabelvale, St. Paul's, Salem, Scott Street, Douglasville, Mt. Tabor, Geyer Spring, Capitol View, Bauxite, Mark's Chapel and White Memorial.

Assisting the fellowship teams was the caravan team assigned to the Little Rock Conference, Miss Peggy Holland, Miss Dorothy Smith, Miss Karlene Cason, and Bob Dennis.

Adult workers were Miss Mary Sue Sheppard, John Butler Hays, Miss Grace Thatcher, Mrs. Maude Monday, Miss Georgia Daily, Mike Willis, Billy Joe Hogue, and Miss Alice Rogers.

Young people who worked on the teams were Bill Keith, Ralph Artigas, Mary Sue Gipson, Sue Hudson, Dorothy Ricketts, Jane Brown, Ann Rice, Alice Miller, Jim Anderson, Virginia Ellison, Wanda Brewer, Billy Hoskyn, Martha Williamson, Virginia Bird, Wayne Waller, Mary Grace Boyd, Janice Miller, Earl Cantrell, Barbara Teague, Betty Pullen, Pat Allen, Amanda Black, Mary Lou Harris, June Harris, Linda Kirkpatrick, Jean Hyatt, Mansell Baker, Judy Sullivan, Anita Higginbotham.

honey, Sioux City, Iowa, student at Iowa State College; George Nichols, Charleston, S. C., ministerial student at the College of Charleston and Miss Mounger, public school teacher at Oakdale, La., adult counselor for the group.

A program for young people, 12 through 14, was held daily from 4:00 p. m. to 7:00 p. m. and for those 15 through 23, from 6:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m.

Rev. J. W. Matthews, Jr., is pastor of the church, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schleinger are youth counselors.

### FORT SMITH DISTRICT SENIOR CAMP

The Fort Smith District Senior Camp was held at Shores Lake camp on July 28-August 1. With good planning and an adequate staff and a good group of campers, the week proved to be a great week of fellowship, training, fun and inspiration for all.

The many activities, under the direction of Rev. Alfred Knox, the counselors, nurse, dietitian and the counselors, were meaningful and will be remembered by the campers. Our inspirational speaker was Dr. Henry Goodloe, district superintendent. His messages at our morning worship period, "What Kind of God?"; "What About Prayer in My Life Today?"; "What About Human Suffering?" and "What Will You Do With Jesus?" were enlightening and highly inspirational.

Each camper received helpful training through study in one of the courses offered: "Friendship and Marriage", Rev. Alfred Knox; "What We Believe", Rev. J. H. Hoggard and "Choosing a Voca-

tion", Rev. Aaron Barling.

Interest groups were held in the afternoons with Art, Dramatics and Archery offered. Following interest groups recreation was enjoyed.

A vesper service was held in the evening followed by folk games, relays, quiet and active games, closing with singing and a friendship circle.

On Thursday evening Rev. Paul Bumpers led in the commitment service. Brother Bumpers spoke on "When is a Man Great?" and the invitation was given asking for all who would commit their lives to part time and full time service and over 20 came forward to accept the challenge.

We are grateful that our church can plan and provide summer camps for the youth of our church, for as we enjoyed the rich experience of Senior Camp we are convinced of the great worth of summer camps and trust that such camps will continue as a part of our plans for the youth in our church.—Aaron Barling.

### STUDENT WORK CAMP IN THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

The Student Work Camp was held at Houma and Dulac, June 16 - July 12. Seven college students were enlisted in this Home Mission project. These students worked at various tasks in the mission schools such as recreation, teaching in vacation church schools, repairing furniture, visiting the people of the bayous, and caring for children at the Methodist Center.

This project was sponsored by Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Con- (Continued on page 15)

### MISS OR MATCH?

**D**ID you ever play the game of Miss or Match? Last week 40 youth and workers with youth in a World Friendship Workshop at Tanako did. It's easy — if your heart is right. Here's how. A bank in the form of an empty tin can, encircled with the words, Miss or Match, is placed at the canteen. Every camper puts an amount into the bank to equal to the amount spent for refreshments or does not buy anything. It works — when campers vote 100 per cent to play. Result? \$25.00 (including extra gifts).

Recipient? Oscar Escamilla, our young Mexican friend, student from Holding Institute, working at Tanako this summer.

Response? Oscar came before the group with words of appreciation: "Thank you every one, but I am working to make my expenses. Will you give me permission to send this gift to the youth of Mexico for their Camp

Fund? The Methodist youth in Mexico have been working enthusiastically toward building a camp in northern Mexico. After a six-year campaign, they have bought the camp site, which is a fifteen acre section, mostly wooded with a brook running through it. This summer they are working in collecting donations to start the construction of the camp. Next summer they are going to have a work camp in which people from the United States will be helping. If anyone is interested, write to Miss Anna Belle Dych, Apdo. 446, Monterrey, Mexico. She is a Christian worker from the United States, who is serving as youth director and deaconess in the Monterrey Methodist Church."

As a Youth Fellowship would you like to play the game of Miss or Match and help make this camp a reality? Or will you follow Oscar's example and give because you care? — Margaret Marshall.

## SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On July 20 at 4:00 p. m. in the dining room of The Methodist Church of Carlisle, Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Williams were reunited in holy matrimony in celebration of their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Dr. F. A. Buddin, district superintendent of the Little Rock District, performed the ceremony. Dr. Buddin married the couple in 1927.

The room was beautifully decorated with white gladioli, white asters and silver candles. Lighted tapers and baskets of white gladioli and asters flanked either side of the improvised altar. Mixed gladioli and garden flowers were used in the entrance hall.

Miss Janet Young played the wedding march as the couple entered the church. The bride was beautifully dressed in a blue lace dress. DeWitt Baker, son-in-law of the couple, and J. W. Abbott lighted the tapers. Mrs. Baker and Miss June Williams, daughters of Brother and Mrs. Williams sang, "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Miss Young.

Mrs. Truman Jennings gave an original and clever poem in tribute to the occasion. She presented Mrs. Williams with a white orchid and Brother Williams with a white carnation. Billy Cazer sang, "Turn Back the Hands of Time." Charles Hunt, chairman of the Board of Stewards, presented the couple with a gift of twenty-five silver dollars.

A reception was held following the ceremony. The two daughters were presented with white carnation corsages. They presided at the lovely appointed table. Guests were led to the table by the two granddaughters, Carmen and Nancy. They were also presented with flowers, white carnation wristlets.

During the reception music was furnished by Misses Young, Dixie Lee Dawson, Marilyn Swears, Jane Patton and the Misses Patton, Dawson, Swears, Roebuck, Sims and Simmons.

Mrs. A. H. Hunt had charge of the guest book where ninety-five guests registered. Out-of-town guests, other than Dr. Buddin, were Mrs. Buddin and Mrs. M. E. Couch of Little Rock and Mr. and Mrs. Baker and children of Rapid City, S. D.—Reporter

Success is achievement. The reward—incidental. — Baraca-Philathea News, published by World-Wide Baraca-Philathea Union.

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## ARKANSAS ENTERTAINER HONORED



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Mr. Zuko, one of Arkansas' foremost entertainers, was elected International Secretary of the International Brotherhood of Ventriloquists at their recent convention in St. Louis. Mr. Zuko is Logan Pritchett, a member of The First Methodist Church in Little Rock and public relations representative for the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. He is a former resident of Clarksville, Ark., where he was a steward of the First Methodist Church and teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

Mr. Zuko, with his dummy friend, Wes Tinghouse,—Charlie McCarthy's favorite cousin—was the only ventriloquist to appear at the magicians' convention. He also appeared at the ventriloquists' convention. He was the only Arkansan to appear on any of the convention's shows.

Many church groups have been entertained by Mr. Zuko, who

prides himself on presenting a show full of good, clean fun and enjoyment for the entire family. Churches receive special rates for Mr. Zuko's limited number of personal appearances which range from a fifteen minute act to a full-evening show. Besides his church shows, he appears at schools, fairs, celebrations, conventions, civic clubs, veterans' organizations, etc. Mr. Zuko's Little Rock address is Box 1067.—Reporter

He who has learned to disagree without being disagreeable has discovered the most valuable secret of a diplomat.—Bert E. Eastabrook, Good Housekeeping.

## STUDENT WORK CAMP IN THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 14) ference Rural Worker, and Miss Lillian Hay, Conference Director of Student Work.

Students who served in the project are Agnes Jones, Monroe; Jo Ann Leatherman, Amite; Claribel Brown, Elton; Juanita Schultz, Ponchatoula; Stella Lowe, Minden; Betty Sue Boydston, Natchitoches; Sarah Cook, Laurel, Mississippi.

Other adult counselors were Mr. and Mrs. William Furner, Dulac; Mrs. Nettie Thornton and Miss Naomi Windham of MacDonell Methodist Center.

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## LESSON FOR AUGUST 24, 1952

## WHAT DO THE PEOPLE WANT?

**READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:**

*I Samuel 18:1-5; I Samuel 22:1-2; II Samuel 5:1-5.*

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. (I Samuel 16:7)*

This is the fourth lesson on Unit II entitled "LARGER LOYALTIES". Let us ever bear in mind that the materials for these lessons were selected with the idea of enabling the students to see how the loyalties of the Hebrew people grew larger and larger as time went on. It is hoped that this will lead people of this generation to increase both the number and scope of their loyalties. Nothing short of world-wide loyalties will solve our present-day problems.

## A Look At The Scriptures

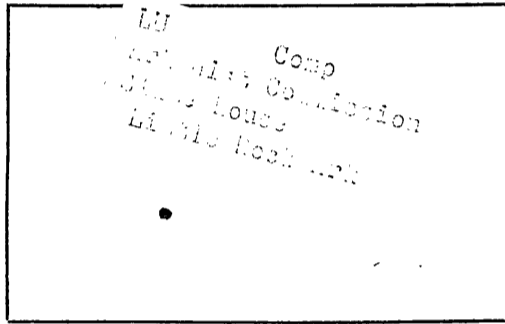
The first assignment (I Samuel 18:1-5) recorded some events that took place just after David had returned from his victory over the giant Goliath. At first Saul was very favorable toward him. He took David into his own house and would not let him go home. Jonathan, the oldest son of Saul, was also deeply impressed by David. We are told that the souls of these two young men were knit together, and again, that Jonathan loved David as he loved his own soul. They made a covenant together. Jonathan loved David so much that he was perfectly willing to play second fiddle to him. He gave his own princely robes to David and even went so far as to give him his sword, his bow, and his girdle. On one occasion he frankly told David that he would be king after Saul and that he, Jonathan, would be second to him. The record goes on to say that "Saul set him over the men of war." David behaved wisely. He did not let this sudden promotion go to his head. His wisdom and graciousness won the hearts of all who met him, both small and great. David immediately became a favorite around the king's court.

The latter part of this passage (verses 14 through 16) tells of the beginning of Saul's jealousy of David. Saul began to realize that this young fellow was a man of parts. David became so popular that he feared that he might try to dethrone him and he was quite sure that so long as David lived his son, Jonathan, would never succeed him on the throne. He once warned Jonathan that this would be the case. In spite of all this Jonathan remained true to David.

Before the events of the next passage (I Samuel 22:1-2) Saul's jealousy of David had ripened into hate and a determination on his part to kill him. David realized that his life was at stake and dwelt in the cave of Adullam. This cave was some miles south of Bethlehem, David's home town. We are told that all of David's close relatives went to live with him in the cave. No doubt this was brought about through the fact that Saul would persecute them as relatives of David. Not only did these relatives go to him but

also a lot of people who were in distress or were discontented. This group included a number of debtors who were about to be sold into slavery for their debts. This matter of selling debtors into slavery was the established custom of Israel at that time. There were some 400 of these men. We are told that David became their captain. All of these people, including David, were naturally listed as outlaws by King Saul. He sought to destroy them.

By the time of the next passage (II Samuel



5:1-5) many events had taken place, Saul and Jonathan had both been slain. Abner, the general of Saul's army, had taken Saul's son Ishbosheth and had anointed him king to succeed his father. The Tribe of Judah had rebelled and set up their capital at Hebron where they anointed David king. David ruled over this tribe for seven and a half years. Then representatives of all the other tribes came to him and requested that he be king of all Israel. He accepted this request and was anointed king by them. David's reign lasted forty years and six months. Seven and a half years he ruled over the tribe of Judah at Hebron and for 33 years he ruled over all the twelve tribes of Israel, making Jerusalem his capital.

## The Lesson Applied

Remember, we are thinking in general terms of larger loyalties. The lesson material above was given to illustrate this theme. David was a great man indeed. The Bible speaks of him as being a man after God's own heart. It is true that he was a great sinner but he was also a great repentant.

Probably, the one outstanding quality of David's life was loyalty. The chief difference between him and Saul was at this point. This loyalty of David was an ever increasing loyalty. He began by being loyal to his family. They responded to this loyalty. We recall how that when he was driven out as a fugitive they went to be with him and help him. Then he was loyal to the unfortunate; the distressed; the debtors; and the discon-

tented. David was loyal to his tribe. At the request of the tribe of Judah he reigned over them for seven and a half years in Hebron. Note how his loyalty was growing; the next step was loyalty to the whole nation. At the request of the twelve tribes he became their king. He did not seek the position. The people sought him.

This man of great loyalty even went to the extent of being loyal to Saul yet he was his rank enemy. We recall how that time and again he spared Saul's life. Finally when Saul was dead a young man, an Amalekite, came to report the matter to David. Knowing that Saul was David's enemy and hoping to receive a reward from David he claimed that he himself had killed Saul. He received his reward all right, but it was death. He lied about killing Saul but the lie cost him his life. We recall how David mourned for many days over the death of Saul and Jonathan.

## David As A Leader

Every leader must have certain qualities that commend him to the people. David had more of these qualities than any man we meet with in the Old Testament. The trouble with Saul was the fact that he was limited in these qualities of leadership. He seems to have possessed but about two of them. He was a large handsome man of good appearance and he was brave. David was also a handsome man. We are told that he was ruddy of countenance and good to look upon. Good looks alone will not get a person through but they are never in his way. Other things being equal this quality adds to the attractiveness of one's personality. David was also a man of great courage. All people are more or less inclined to be hero worshipers, and David was a great national hero.

We have already mentioned David's loyalty. That quality in him greatly endeared him to the people. Not only was he loyal to the various groups mentioned above, but he was also loyal to God. He realized his own human weakness and he looked to God for guidance and leaned upon him for strength. It was Saul's disloyalty at this point that finally led to his rejection.

David was gracious. He was filled with kindness, benevolence, and goodwill; in brief, he loved the people. He was interested not only in the favored few but in all classes. He began his public career by showing interest in the distressed, the debtors, the unfortunate, and the discontented, and this interest stuck with him throughout his life. He never lost the common touch with the people and he never abused his power in dealing with them. All during his long reign he championed the underdog. The Prophet Nathan tricked him into passing the sentence of death upon himself with his parable of the ewe lamb. You will recall that this parable came in connection with David taking Uriah's wife. When Nathan went on to tell David how a rich man with his numerous flocks and herds had taken the only lamb a poor man had, with much feeling David said, "As the Lord lives and as my soul lives that man shall die." Nathan replied, "Thou art the man."

## Modern Leaders

The subject of today's lesson is in the form of a question—"What Do the People Want?" The good people of the world want righteous leaders; leaders who have something of the qualities that David had. It is true that David, with all of his fine qualities, was a man of his day, and his time  
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