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What Methodists Believe

TIDINGS, which is a department of the work of the General Board of Evangelism, has published, in a very attractive form, a leaflet, "What Methodists Believe," which should be in every Methodist home.

The subject matter of the leaflet is taken from the Episcopal Address delivered at the recent General Conference by Bishop Paul B. Kern.

Regarding the material of the leaflet it states: "This treatise is in no sense an attempt to write a systematic theology for Methodist. It does not compass the whole range of Christian belief held among us. It is only an effort to lift up in brief and simple terms the central doctrines of the people called Methodists."

The leaflet may be had at 5c per copy or \$4.00 per hundred by writing Tidings, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 4, Tenn.

The New Quadrennium

WE want to call your special attention to the article on page two of this issue which deals specially with what the General Conference adopted as program for the 1952-56 quadrennium. The text as printed is the introductory statement of the Report of the Quadrennial Committee to the General Conference, which sets forth the general policy and principles for the quadrennium. The rest of the report which set forth ways and means of implementing the introductory statement was adopted together with the introductory statement. (Text of Report, page 109, Daily Christian Advocate; adopted May 5, page 538.)

The statement as reprinted is worthy of serious study and reflection. As we have heretofore suggested, the very nature of the program for the 1952-56 period is a marked departure from procedure for the preceding two quadrenniums, in which program has been determined and promoted for the most part on a General Conference level. Program during this next four years will originate for the most part on a local level. Conference, district, and local church leaders will have an unprecedented opportunity to help determine what local congregations will be doing in the way of program for 1952-56.

The Area Council scheduled to meet in October will consider the nature of the program for this Episcopal Area. That is where ideas, suggestions, and proposed program will be aired, recommendations made, and possibly a program formulated. District Superintendents, we would respectfully suggest, would do well to gather creative suggestions in their respective districts and come to the Area Council meeting prepared to make these suggestions so that whatever

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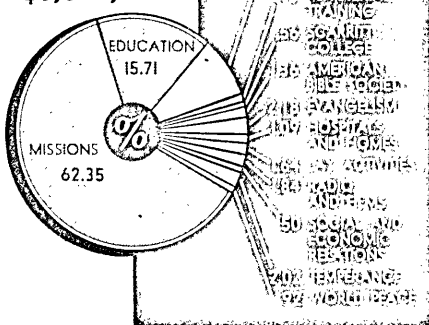
Christian Education And The World Service Dollar

FROM the very beginning of the Methodist movement a wholesome, well-balanced emphasis has been placed on Christian education. Wesley, himself a graduate of Oxford University, was anxious that his followers have a personal experience of religion, but he also wanted them to be well-informed Christians.

There was a distinct emotional element in the Wesleyan revivals. But for the wisdom and good judgement

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of Wesley this great emotional upheaval might have spent itself as such with little permanent results.

Wesley and his helpers were not only preachers; they were teachers, also, who majored in Christian education. Down across the years leaders of Methodism have continued this emphasis on religious education. Without laying too much stress on its particular doctrines, Methodism has informed its people regarding the basic truths of the Christian religion.

Because Methodism believes its members should be intelligently religious, 15.71% of each World Service Dollar goes to the General Board of Education for its work. Only the Board of Missions receives a larger amount of the World Service Dollar.

Through the Board of Education the World Service Dollar reaches all ages of the Church School directly, with a well planned program of Christian Education. Indirectly, it lifts the level of the whole church by helping to provide in pulpit and pew a trained leadership for Methodism equal to the best in Christendom.

Major War Season About Over

THE writer of the book of Ecclesiastes says, "To every thing there is a season. . . A time of war and a time of peace."

We ordinarily do not think of the seasons of the year as having so much to do with the outbreaks of international war. Nevertheless, it is true that the nations of earth do reckon decidedly with the season of the year, when considering an attack in war.

Judging from the past, the threat of a major war has about passed for this year. In modern warfare an attempt is made through a blitz to destroy the fighting potential of the enemy before he has time to gather his strength for defense. That requires more time, even if successful, than we have now before the winter season.

Let us hope and pray that before another "war season" comes around that world leaders will have been able to arrive at plans for a lasting peace.

Religious Interest And The Times

WE found rather interesting a comment which Roger Babson made last week in his weekly syndicated column concerning religious interest and the economic outlook. Under the caption "Booms and Busts are Discussed," Mr. Babson concludes his discussion on the probability of continued inflation or possible deflation with the following paragraph:

"I am especially troubled by the lack of religious interest today. This lack always precedes a financial crash. The desire to get something for nothing—so prevalent today—is a bad sign, whether by investors, employers or wage workers. When attendance at church declines and attendance at the races increases, look for trouble."

Mr. Babson, who is considered quite an authority on economic matters, national trends, etc., has here touched upon a matter which should concern every person interested in churchmanship. Mr. Babson is entirely aware we are sure that at no time in America's history has such a large percentage of its population been affiliated with some organized religious body. Well over fifty percent of the citizenship of the United States belong to some church, and this is all the more significant when one remembers that the population in the United States is increasing by leaps and bounds. This large membership bespeaks something of the evangelistic fervor that characterizes many denominations. But it is one thing to take the spiritual temperature of America by simply studying the church membership figures and

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General Conference And The New Quadrennium

From Report Quadrennial Committee to General
Conference, Page 109, Daily Christian Advocate

JESUS CHRIST is Lord. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. In him, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Through him God has spoken. In his name we are commissioned to preach the Gospel to every creature, in the certainty that he is with us always, and in the knowledge that if he be lifted up, he will draw all men unto Himself.

Under his leadership, the people called Methodists united in a Crusade for Christ and an Advance for Christ and His Church. These movements have spiritutally blessed and strengthened the church.

Under his guidance, we plan for a new quadrennium in which the spiritual life may be deepened, the local church strengthened, the missionary and educational enterprise of the church extended, and evangelism made central in our endeavor. The spiritual values and the financial benefits derived from the Crusade for Christ and the Advance for Christ and His Church should be conserved and extended. Our people should be summoned to a deepening of their spiritual life and of their social consciousness. Our boards and commissions should intensify their work in the areas of service assigned them by the General Conference.

To these ends, we believe it wise to release the creative powers of the Areas, the Conferences, and the churches. Therefore, instead of following the pattern of the last two quadrenniums, in which the General Conference outlined a quadrennial program with particular emphasis and united action, we recommend that the local church, the Annual Conference and the Area consider their primary needs and opportunities and upon their own initiative take such steps as are necessary to meet these needs and to capitalize upon these opportunities. The boards and commissions of the church should cooperate in these creative endeavors and make their resources available to Area and Conference programs.

One of the primary needs is that of church extension. The Area and Conferences should determine their programs, call upon the Board of Missions and Church Extension for cooperation, and set aside a reasonable percentage of their funds for church extension in sections less favored economically.

The world-wide yearning of the people for peace should be brought to the Areas at such times as the Areas may determine, and the people should be educated in the principles of peace, the program for peace, and the support of the United Nations.

Similarly, such great emphasis as stewardship, evangelism, our healing ministry, and social service, may become the endeavors of the Areas, as the Areas may determine.

Thousands of Methodist youth in our colleges and universities to whom the church must turn for leadership tomorrow, summon the Areas to provide adequate support for our educational institutions and Wesley foundations, thereby insuring close relation-

ship of church and school, and with its youth in all institutions of learning.

We believe that significant contributions may be made to the Church at large when the thinking of the local church, the District, and the Conference is thus focused upon immediate and compelling problems. In such a procedure we believe the church will benefit by experimentation and the church-wide thought of its creative leadership. It is not too much to hope that the achievements of the Crusade for Christ and of the Advance for Christ and His Church may be matched and even surpassed in the coming quadrennium.

The response of our people to the Crusade for Christ and to the Advance for Christ and His Church during the past two quadrenniums is proof abundant that the spirit of militant Methodism has not departed from us.

By tradition and by conviction we are a crusading and advancing Church. When the Crusade challenged the Church, near the end of World War II, to contribute \$25,000,000 toward rebuilding the institutions destroyed by the madness of war and to undergird our expanding ministry at home and abroad, we answered with 27,000,000. Four years later, the Advance was inaugurated. The Church was asked to contribute on a purely voluntary basis to the missionary program of the Church over and beyond regular World Service giving, as each local church might determine.

The General Conference expressed the hope that the benevolent giving for 1948-1952 would at last equal the total for the quadrennium preceding. Again we have exceeded the goal that the General Conference set before us. During the quadrennium now ending the Advance has brought into the treasury of the Church for the support of our world-wide missionary enterprise approximately \$14,000,000, not including Conference initiated Specials administered on the Conference level. During the two quadrenniums, 1944-1952, the general treasury of the church received, through the Crusade and the Advance, over and above all World Service contributions, a sum in excess of \$41,000,000. This represents but a fraction of the financial ability of our people, but let it be said with emphasis that in each instance they have done what the church asked of them — and more!

The world's need of Christ is no less urgent than four years ago. The commission of our risen Lord still rings in our ears: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We believe that our people desire and expect that we shall keep the channels open through which they may continue to support the Church's expanding program at home and abroad.

DO NOT FORGET THE CHILDREN

American society does well to be interested in its old people but it should not be indifferent to the welfare of its children. The future of our society does not depend on people who are over sixty-five. It depends on those who are twenty-one and under. We tremble and pray before the fact people in their young manhood are making decisions "age on ages telling." This does not deny that human destiny is now being shaped by persons over sixty-five. But these older people received their training and fixed their ideals of conduct long ago.

American society dare not neglect its children. If they receive the stamp of godless training they will build a godless society; if they receive the dollar inspiration they will carry on dollar partizanship and diplomacy. The quality of American civilization — its very existence — depends on homes and schools and churches dealing with our forty-three million children now.

The Methodist Church, from its beginning, has given attention to its children. In their christening it promises them a Christian training. They were a fundamental interest in Wesley's organized Christianity in The British Isles and Whitefield's in America. They are a particular interest in our Methodist program now.

The General Conference of The Methodist Church adopted this declaration. "To insure the future of civilization we must save the child. To save the child, we must save the home." But there are so many "unsaved" homes. Millions of children deprived of the influences of natural, normal homes must be provided with other homes where the saving influences are supplied.

Methodism has undertaken this provision for homeless children wherever in the world it has established its Christian ministry. Schools and "Homes" for children accompany our missionaries on their farthest journeys. We have that interest in our homeland too. Foster homes, adoptions, and our forty-nine homes for children and youth and special agencies in the United States provide these Christian influences for 7,447 young people and children who for one reason and another are deprived of the spiritual and educative influences of the natural American home, influences that are basic in American civilization.

No pretense is made that these figures represent our whole Methodist, Christian duty, nor that this is all that we should be doing. Methodist workers in this field rejoice in the development of that church. We do rejoice in what the Methodist people are doing and believe that by doing a little less for themselves they could do a good deal more for children.

Is television an effective medium of evangelism?

It is, increasingly so, in the opinion of the Rev. J. Edward Carothers, Methodist minister of Schenectady, N. Y., who addressed the Methodist Board of Evangelism's annual meeting Feb. 7 in Minneapolis, Minn.

"Television is so intimate that the ministers with the knack of projecting himself fervently can win scores of converts," he declared.

He urged that local churches pioneer in this new audio-visual field, to "experiment with various techniques and not be content with telecasting stereotyped chapel services."

The board voted to consult the Methodist Radio and Film Commission about co-sponsoring a trial series of TV-workshops for ministers.

Fayetteville District Reports

Property Improvements

Staff Article

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT in Northwest Arkansas is continuing to set a fast pace in new construction of church buildings and parsonages. Several churches have built new houses of worship and new parsonage homes, and others have improved or redecorated existing buildings. Practically every pastoral charge in the Ozark mountain region has been involved one way or another in some program of property improvement, according to Rev. W. F. Cooley, now in his third year as head of the district.

Noteworthy among new projects is the educational building now under construction by the Wiggins Memorial Methodist Church, Fayetteville. Organized scarcely more than a dozen years ago, this church has twice outgrown its facilities and it is now engaged in a program which will double its educational facilities and also provide additional space in the sanctuary.

More than \$12,000 is being spent in the project which extends the present building south several feet on two floors. The new construction is of concrete block for the first floor, with frame construction on the second. The lower floor will be stuccoed and the upper floor will be finished with asbestos shingles to match the present building.

The new educational space will provide for eight new classrooms, the pastor's study and church office, as well as assembly rooms. Also, several present Sunday school rooms will be enlarged. Rev. Arnold Simpson is now serving his third year as pastor at Wiggins Memorial. The church is located in the southern part of the city and has grown considerably in the past six years.

At the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, work is progress-

ing on the construction of the new sanctuary. Of Colonial style architecture the new house of worship promises to be one of the most outstanding buildings to be found in Methodism. Designed to seat more than a thousand persons, the new building is located immediately west of the present building and will be joined to it by a covered passageway. At the present time the plastering work in the interior is underway. The outside brick and stone work is largely completed, and according to the pastor, Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., the congregation hopes to be using the new sanctuary by Christmas Sunday. Noteworthy and interesting features of the building is the high tower at the front of the structure and the covered drive at the rear of the building to permit access by worshippers to the sanctuary in inclement weather.

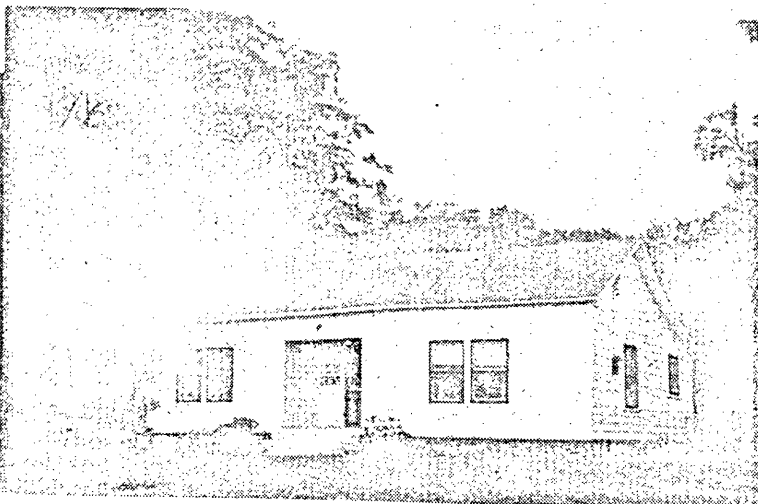
A redecoration program was completed several weeks ago by the Methodists of Prairie Grove. Approximately \$3,700 was spent in redecorating the church sanctuary, Sunday School rooms, the kitchen and basement fellowship hall. The wood trim on the stone work outside also came in for a fresh coat of paint. Of particular interest is a new pulpit and altar arrangement which includes a new communion rail, new pulpit furniture, and structural changes in the choir space. New sidewalks were added in front of the church several months ago. Rev. S. O. Patty is the Prairie Grove pastor.

The Methodists of Viney Grove, four miles north of Prairie Grove, are now completing a parsonage renovation program which has completely made over a house. Several rooms have been rearranged within, a new concrete porch added, a new bathroom installed, and new furniture added. The building will be stuccoed on the outside. Rev. E. J. Reaves, Fayetteville, conference evangelist has contributed generously of his time and leadership in this project. Rev. William D. Findt, Jr., is the Viney Grove Ct. pastor.

Elsewhere in this issue is an account of the renovation work being completed at the First Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, Rev. Allen D. Stewart, pastor. This work has been under the direction of a Building Committee composed of Dr. James D. Huskins, chairman, Titus Chinn, Richard Hodges, Wallace Stone and E. G. Sugg. The Finance Committee is Grover Harvey, treasurer,

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BELOW, top row, l to r, completed sanctuary at the Elm Springs Methodist Church, and the beginning of the Education Building. The two buildings will be connected at the front by walkway. New parsonage at Decatur, completed one year ago. BOTTOM ROW, l to r, new parsonage at Goshen, completed within the past year. Parsonage at Brightwater, owned by one of the members of congregation but made available after renovation to the church for use at parsonage.



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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

A DISTRICT-WIDE MEETING of all pastors and Church School superintendents of the Jonesboro District will be held at First Church, Jonesboro, on September 9.

REV. JOHN W. LINDSAY, one of the associate ministers of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, was guest preacher at the Central Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, on Sunday morning, August 10.

REV. ROY E. FAWCETT, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Little Rock Conference, is ill at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hot Springs where he has been confined since August 1.

MRS. JAMES MAJOR, who recently returned from Chile where she and her husband, Rev. James Major have been serving as missionaries, underwent surgery on Wednesday, August 13, at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock.

MRS. R. W. PARKINSON, who has had seventeen years of service in the Junior Department of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, has been honored by the placing of the first volume of the New Interpreter's Bible in the church library.

SUNDAY, August 17, was observed as Home-coming Day at the Buena Vista Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. H. R. Nabors in charge. A revival meeting has been in progress in the church, running from August 10 through August 17.

AN ADDITION will be built to the Methodist Church at Des Arc and it is hoped that work will start at an early date. Plans have been drawn for the addition which will include eight Sunday School rooms, two rest rooms, a kitchen and assembly room. Rev. Wesley Reutz is pastor at Des Arc.

REV. BARRY BAILEY, pastor at Rison, will be the inspirational speaker for Youth Activities Week at Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, August 25-28. The theme for the week will be "Still He Calls." Leaders for workshops are: Worship, Miss Dorothy Baber; Music, C. E. McMeans and Recreation, Rev. Pryor Cruce.

JUNIOR CHURCH NIGHT was observed by members of the First Methodist Church, Helena, on Sunday evening, August 10. Parents and friends were given chance to attend a service of the Junior Church which was organized this summer. Rev. Clint Burleson, associate pastor, preached on the subject, "More Like the Master." A special Junior choir sang.

MISS HETTIE LOU WILSON of Hot Springs has been named director of Religious Education at the First Methodist Church of Paragould. Miss Wilson served as youth director at First Church during the summers of 1950 and 1951 while completing work for her A. B. degree at Hendrix College. Rev. S. B. Wilford is pastor.

COLORED SLIDES of the Intermediate camp held at Camp Tanako for the Intermediates of the Camden District were shown at the Sunday evening service of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, on August 17. Seventeen girls and boys from First Church, Magnolia, attended the camp and made the pictures which were shown. Rev. E. L. Thomas is pastor.

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ANNOUNCEMENT was made last week that Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church would be the visiting evangelist in the camp meeting to be held at Ben Few Campground August 22 through August 31. Rev. Bruce H. Bean, pastor at Princeton, writes that Dr. Denman will be unable to be there and that Rev. David Hankins, pastor of Jackson Street Church, Magnolia, will be the preacher for the meeting.

UNDER the direction of Miss Ruth Nolze, director of Christian Education, the following members of the Senior High Department of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, had charge of the morning devotional periods over KTHS this past week: Bill Poynter, Mary Jane Parsons, Jack Harrison, Shirley Allison and Leta Jo Taylor. Buddy Coopwood, accompanied by Mrs. Richard W. Perry, sang on three mornings and his selections were; "Faith of Our Fathers", "The Lord's Prayer", and "It is no Secret." Dr. Fred R. Harrison is pastor of First Church.

MR. AND MRS. T. W. MCCOY of Benton, who will leave soon to make their home in Florida, were honored with a reception at the new parsonage in Benton on Wednesday, August 13. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have been very active in the work of the local church and the church in the conference. They have both held high offices in the conference and have served in various capacities. Mrs. McCoy held an office in the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Mr. McCoy was one of the lay delegates from the Little Rock Conference to the General Conference in San Francisco.

AT a recent meeting of the Board of Education of the First Methodist Church, Russellville, in the interest of the Boy Scout movement the following men were elected members of the Troop Committee: William Lemley, Tom Newbern, Edgar Brown, Jr., Leon Satterfield, Robert Askelson, Haskel Horton, Robert Hays Williams, Dr. Bill Young, Ike Laws and Dick Priddy. William Lemley was named Institutional Representative. These men will be responsible for a suitable meeting place for the new Troop, the selection of a Scoutmaster and assistant Scoutmaster, and will help in the organization and promotion of Scouting in the church.

REV. J. E. COOPER, pastor of Scott Street Methodist Church, Little Rock, advises that one of his members has been ill for several years of arterio sclerosis, but has at last found a physician who gives him some hope of recovery, or at least of arresting the disease. Brother Cooper says: "The members of Scott Street Church, Highland Church and the Church of Christ have helped him by raising money. He is now in great need of whatever help he can obtain. The sympathy of his many friends is great and all have helped in various ways." Those desiring to help may do so by contacting Brother Cooper at 221 E. 22nd, Little Rock.

NOTICE

In view of recent developments, it seems best that we cancel the Conference for Adult

A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A HAPPY SOLUTION OF A DIFFICULT PROBLEM

In my block, here in Tulsa, there lives a very interesting and apparently happy family. It consists of a brother and sister, left alone in life through the death of their mates and the marriages of their children. She had reared several children, but they had gone out when they reached maturity and established homes of their own. Both alone in the world, they decided to unite on a home for themselves.

Under certain conditions this may not seem an ideal arrangement, but it certainly is a big improvement on many other combinations I have known in my rather long life and ministry. Why not? They both grew up in the same home from birth to maturity, with its many similar memories, they attend the same church, have the same friends and are deeply interested in the same things.

I have visited in this home many times since I moved into the block and have been delighted with what seems to be a natural life and ministry. Why not? They both testify to the fact that they have found a convenient and happy home together for their declining years. It seems a fortunate solution for what might have been a very difficult problem.

I have wondered why other lonely brothers and sisters do not solve their difficulties in a like manner, if it is at all possible to do so. I believe it is worth a try. It has served well the purpose of my neighbors.

Workers, scheduled to be held at Camp Tanako August 31-September 1.—Roy E. Fawcett

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ISSUES STATEMENT ON LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE

NEW YORK, July 10 — An appeal to the churches to join with the labor movement for an all out effort to alleviate the suffering of poverty-stricken people throughout the world was made recently by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

The appeal was contained in the Council's annual 1952 Labor Sunday Message to be read in churches throughout the nation on Labor Sunday, August 31.

"Our purpose is to help break the bonds of poverty that bind populations in many parts of the world," the message stated, "and give them an incentive for a life in which they will be free from a never ending struggle for existence and have some leisure for education and the development of a culture fully utilizing the values of their heritage.

"For many years the churches have been sending to other countries men and women missionaries trained in education, medicine and agriculture to help people directly and teach them to help themselves and the National Council of Churches is ready to join with the labor movement and other groups in a continuing effort to aid the poverty-stricken

to shed the burden of poverty."

"We are gratified that American labor unions also have taken steps to assist free unions in Europe, Asia, and other areas to raise the living standards of working people and oppose communist efforts to gain control of workers in free democratic nations."

The message was prepared by the National Council Department of Church and Economic Life and was approved by its General Board. It pointed out that there is "mounting evidence that men today have both the information and means to adequately feed and clothe increasing populations around the world" and said that the problem of 1952 is "to find the will and the way to apply our knowledge and resources."

"The net benefit of the economic assistance we have given to other nations has been substantially lowered by the reduced value of the dollar and as the danger of inflation will continue for several years, there should be restraints exercised by all individuals in their use of funds, by business concerns in setting prices and by unions in their demands for wage increases."

The message stressed that while leaders of industry and labor

unions have devised safety programs to protect workers from injury or death, investigations of recent accidents, such as the one at West Frankfort, Tenn., in which 119 coal miners were killed, indicated that "our knowledge of means to prevent such disasters has advanced far beyond our determination to take the necessary measure to keep them from recurring."

Commenting on the coming election of a President and members of Congress on November 4, the message said, "Our success in dealing with problems of mutual concern to labor and the church will be deeply influenced by the integrity and vision of our future national leadership and any citizen who neglects to exercise his privileges as a citizen at the polls fails to honor those who won for us the sacred right to have something to say about our destiny."

The message commended labor unions for their efforts to encourage their membership to study and weigh political issues and to exercise their rights as citizens at the polls. "Any citizen who neglects to exercise these privileges fails to honor those who won for us the sacred right to have something to say about our destiny," the statement added.

"We of the church, on this day set aside to honor the dignity of

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even one single aspect of one of these areas. And then line up your allies. "The very first step is to spread the word around. Don't be a solitary thinker. Talk it over with family, friends, minister, fellow club members. Get them to think about human rights. Then get them together to do."

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labor, should pray for humility that power may not make us arrogant, for moral integrity that our abundance may not betray us into weakness and for faith that the confusion of our time may not cause us to lose confidence in the ultimate victory of justice and brotherhood."

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR OBSERVANCE OF UNITED NATIONS WEEK

"United Nations Week, 1952" is an eight-page leaflet recently published by The Church Peace Union. As an aid to churches, synagogues and other religious organizations in making plans for the observance of UN Day and UN Week, the leaflet has been issued early so as to allow communities ample time to use it in making advance preparation.

The folder contains concrete suggestions for programs to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the United Nations. It also gives ideas for worship services, themes for sermons and talks, suggestions for UN projects, and sources of materials for programs such as pamphlets, films, posters, etc. The leaflet may be ordered from The Church Peace Union, 170 East 64th Street, New York 21. Single copy, free. Rates for quantity orders.

October 24 has, by resolution of the UN General Assembly, been designated as United Nations Day. This day is observed on a world-wide basis. United Nations Week—this year, October 19 to 25—is a period set in the United States by a large number of national organizations. The world-wide observance of UN Day offers an important opportunity for all community organizations to make a concerted effort to arouse more citizen participation in United Nations activities.

The Church Peace Union leaflet states: "The religious forces of the land can be leaders in this venture to increase understanding of the United Nations, for it is the great truths of high religion that show the only way in which the essential unity of mankind can be made actual in a world still fouled by hate, self-centered nationalism,

EVANGELISM IN SE JURISDICTION

A goal of 200,000 new church members has been set by Methodist leaders of nine states for a South-wide evangelistic campaign to be conducted next Spring.

With 5,218 churches of Methodism's Southeastern Jurisdiction participating, the main phases of the United Evangelistic Mission are to be held April 17-26 and May 15-24.

The closing date, Pentecost Sunday, will feature 200 mass meetings throughout the South. May 24 is also Aldersgate Sunday and leaders believe that other Methodist areas may join to make the 214th anniversary of John Wesley's "heart-warming experience" the occasion for Nation-wide mass meetings.

The nine-state mission will be the church's first simultaneous jurisdiction-wide campaign since the evangelistic series was initiated in Philadelphia in 1949. Since then, metropolitan and regional campaigns, embracing 319 districts and 12,095 pastoral charges, have netted more than 200,000 new members, including 117,084 by profession of faith. The rest were transfers.

Led by the jurisdictional College of Bishops, groundwork for the South-wide project was laid by a 33-member planning committee which met recently in Atlanta, Ga., chosen the "headquarters city."

The committee will work with the

economic isolationism, and fear."

Many national leaders agree that synagogues and churches have a special responsibility to fire the imagination, deepen the thinking, and make invincible the will of their people for world order through international organization.

church's General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn. The Rev. Harry Williams, associate secretary of the board, was named campaign director.

"Our aim is to get the Gospel out of the pulpit and onto the streets and into the homes," said Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the evangelism board. "Organized lay visitation is the key to a successful mission."

THE NEW QUADRENNIUM

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program is adopted it will have truly come from grass-roots Methodism. If you, as a minister or layman, have a suggestion to make concerning what should concern local churches during the next four years tell your District Superintendent.

RELIGIOUS INTEREST AND THE TIMES

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it is quite another thing to gauge that temperature by testing other indications of religious interest—church attendance for instance.

Elsewhere in this issue is a quotation from a statement that Dr. John Q. Schisler made before a group recently at Lake Junaluska. He takes the position that the recent political conventions indicate to him that religion has altogether too little influence upon the national character as reflected in the statements and platforms of these conventions. Whether or not we are headed for a "bust" economically we must wait and see. We do know, however, that altogether too few people have a real interest in those things about which the church is greatly concerned.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ORDERS CHANGES IN ANNUAL REPORTS

SEVERAL important changes will appear on the statistical blanks on which Methodist pastors report their church's work to the annual conference, according to the Rev. Albert C. Hoover of Chicago, director of the Statistical Office.

These changes, growing out of new legislation adopted by the 1952 General Conference, will appear for the first time on the annual conference report blanks to be used at the spring conferences in 1953. They will not be used for the 1952 fall conferences.

Inactive members are no longer to be reported in a separate column. Only the column for active members will appear. Just how pastors are to interpret this revised record-keeping remains to be seen. Whether inactive members, reported previously in a separate column, will be absorbed into the total membership figure or be dropped completely from the statistical returns is a question yet to be settled before the 1953 reports are submitted. General Conference did not explain how the change is to be carried out. The Council of Bishops has been asked to consider the problem involved and to issue a statement for the guidance of pastors.

For the first time, pastors will be asked to report on the number of chartered Methodist Men groups on their charge or circuit and to list the number of members of Methodist Men. Also appearing for the first time will be a column to report attendance at the "Sunday Evening Fellowship".

In view of the fact that a number of churches put in their

budgets a travel or expense allowance for their pastors, this figure will make its first appearance on the report under the title, "Pastor's Travel and Expense Fund."

There will also be a new column for "Interdenominational Cooperation Fund," involving the church's contributions to the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches.

METHODIST MEN PRESS TOWARD GOAL

Aiming at a goal of 10,000 organized groups of Methodist Men by 1956, the Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church has now chartered 4,300 clubs, according to Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, executive secretary of the board.

At the end of the quadrennium, 4,055 groups had been chartered. Of this number, 1,285 were organized prior to the beginning of the last quadrennium in 1948, but 2,770 were new groups formed and chartered by the general board during 1948-'52.

Robert C. Williams, assistant secretary, is the staff member assigned to the department of Methodist Men.

MAKING PROGRESS ON WESLEY FILM

Progress is being made toward the production of a motion picture on the life of John Wesley, according to a recent announcement made by Rev. Harry C. Spencer of New York.

Representatives of the Radio and Film Commission will have a final conference Aug. 13-14 in

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT SCHEDULED

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The Methodist Church's first national "Spiritual Life Retreat" is to be held here September 26-28 for 300 selected laymen from throughout the country.

Designed to train lay leaders in Christian action, the retreat is sponsored by two national Methodist agencies—the General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, and the General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

Sen. John J. Sparkman, Democratic nominee for the vice presidency, is to be one of the principal speakers. He was formerly Methodist lay leader in Alabama and teaches a Sunday School class in Washington.

New York City to go over the script of the Wesley film with Capt. Norman Walker, who will be director of the film, which is to be produced by J. Arthur Rank of England.

Looking toward the final revision of the story as it will be filmed, Radio and Film Commission leaders hope to have sufficient funds in hand to begin production in the near future. At present \$84,000 of the \$120,000 budget is in hand. The commission will meet Sept. 10 in Chicago Temple.

POLITICAL CONVENTIONS REVEAL CHRISTIANITY WEAKNESS

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. — The recent Democratic and Republican conventions demonstrated "the weakness of Christianity as a power in the affairs of men," a leading Methodist educator declared here August 11.

"We are not Christian in America because we have never fully understood and accepted the Christian way of life . . . for the most part our political and economic leaders seem incapable of realizing that the world's need is primarily a spiritual need," said Dr. John Q. Schisler, Nashville, Tenn.

He is executive secretary of the

Other speakers will include Robert G. Mayfield, Chicago, executive secretary of the lay board, and Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism.

The three-day retreat will feature workshops in evangelistic methods, field assignments throughout the Buffalo area, and two mass meetings in cooperation with local churches.

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, associate secretary of the evangelism board, will direct the program. He said the laymen will be trained in organized visitation, street preaching and personal evangelism.

Working in teams, the delegates will visit homes, hospitals and jails, and preach and teach in Methodist churches and Sunday Schools in Buffalo and nearby towns. In turn, they will train laymen of their home areas in a series of regional retreats planned by the church, Dr. Thomas said.

He was here to confer with local lay and clerical officials of the church. Thomas B. Clay, Buffalo, lay leader of the denomination's Genesee Conference, has been named chairman of the local committee on arrangements.

Methodist Board of Education's division of the local church. The board sponsored a Christian Education (Continued on page 7)

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT REPORTS PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

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and Tom Whiteside. The \$26,000 program has made possible greater utilization of existing space, providing space for the Primary, Junior and Intermediate Departments of the Church School, a new Chapel, a second nursery, and redecoration of pastor's study. A new roof will be added in the near future.

An interesting feature of this program has been its method of financing. The Official Board led the congregation in making pledges of 5% of one's income to the Building Fund. For the most part no specific amount was pledged by members toward the overall goal of \$26,000, but rather 5% of income. Since last December more than \$12,000 of the building program budget has been raised in cash. Titus Chinn is the General Contractor on the project and Paul Young, Fayetteville, is the architect.

Finished one year ago in May, a new parsonage at Decatur is the pride and joy of the members of the Decatur congregation. Of white stucco, plaster and Heidite block construction, the two bedroom home is located adjoining the church building. The house also features a large basement, central heating, hardwood floors, and a large living room with picture window. The valuation of the parsonage has been placed at \$9,000 but it was built for considerably less because of the contribution of much labor and buying materials at a discount. The building is free of debt save for the transfer of an old obligation on the former parsonage to the new building.

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The small debt of \$250 is expected to be liquidated shortly.

When the Pea Ridge-Brightwater charge decided several months ago for each church to have a full time pastor it became necessary for the Brightwater church to make arrangements for a parsonage for its pastor. Buying or building a home seemed quite a problem for the congregation until Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clawson, loyal members of the Brightwater Church, made available a house they owned with the proposition that they would furnish all the materials necessary for making the house into what the congregation wanted for a parsonage if the congregation would furnish the necessary labor. This arrangement proved to be a most satisfactory one, and now Miss Fern Cook, Brightwater pastor, is living in the new parsonage. The work was finished only a short time ago and the congregation gathered one evening at the parsonage for a fellowship meal which was concluded with a Service of Dedication.

Another new educational building under construction is to be found at Elm Springs, where Rev. Woodrow Woods is pastor. The church only recently completed the first unit of its building program, the sanctuary. Work is going forward on the educational building which is being constructed next to the sanctuary. The new buildings are on the site of the former church building which was sold and removed to make room for the new construction. Eighteen Methodist ministers have come from Elm Springs. Both units are of similar design and are of Hedite stone and brick construction. Jim Cheyne, Fayetteville, is the architect, and the Building Committee includes Preston Anderson, Chester Burks, Mrs. A. McKrum, Mrs. Curtis Austin, C. V. Steele.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

Formal Opening Of David Haas Memorial Church

By W. L. DOSS, JR.

SUNDAY, August 10, was a great day in the history of the Methodist Church of Bunkie, Louisiana. This was the time of the formal opening of the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church which was erected by Col. and Mrs. W. D. Haas, Jr., as a memorial to their son, David Haas, and to the glory of God. Capacity congregations were present at both the morning and the evening services. In the morning the sermon was given by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Doss, Jr. Mr. Doss was assisted in this service by Rev. Jolly B. Harper, District Superintendent of the Alexandria District, and Rev. John G. Snelling, beloved retired member of the Louisiana Conference, who grew up in this community and who is now making his home here again. The impressive ritual for the opening of a church for worship was used. In the evening the sermon was brought by Dr. John J. Rasmussen, of the Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport. Dr. Rasmussen is a former pastor of the Bunkie Church and his many friends were glad to have him with them again.

The movement for the erection of this church was begun during the pastorate of Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr., now pastor at the Mangum Memorial Church of Shreveport. Some \$60,000 was pledged under his leadership for the erection of the church and a parsonage. Delays caused by World War II, prevented the carrying out of the building program dur-

ing the pastorate of Bro. Townsend. During the time of this delay building costs continued to increase.

The contract for the church and certain alterations and additions to the Educational Building, was let to E. E. Rabalais and Son, of Bunkie, in the latter part of April, 1951. Construction was begun about July 1st, 1951.

The church is of gothic type of architecture and is very beautifully finished. The architect was H. M. King, of Louisville, Ky. The local supervising architect was Charles Roberts, of Alexandria, La. Both architects have done a very fine piece of work. The contractors and their workmen have done themselves great credit in the splendid workmanship that has been done in the construction of this beautiful house of worship.

The furniture is of Apalachian Red Oak finished in dark walnut and was constructed by a popular Texas church furniture manufacturer.

The sanctuary is completely air-conditioned, and will be most comfortable on the most extremely hot days. The beautiful memorial windows and the exquisite lighting fixtures add to the beauty of the sanctuary. The very atmosphere is one that induces a spirit of worship.

In addition to the sanctuary there has been added an extension to the Educational Building to provide for a pastor's study and additional space for the church school. The cost of this, together

with the air-conditioning and the church furniture, has been provided by the members of the church at an outlay of approximately \$35,000. Col. and Mrs. Haas have expended some \$85,000 or more on the erection of the sanctuary. The memorial windows, which were installed by different individuals as memorials to loved ones represent an additional outlay of \$10,500. Lighting fixtures have been placed by Col. Haas as a memorial to his late father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. William David Haas, at a cost of some \$4000.

The grounds are to be beautified and landscaped. The Educational Building is now undergoing a complete renovation. Last spring the congregation subscribed \$31,500 for this renovation and the erection of a new parsonage. The parsonage will now soon be completed at a cost of approximately \$25,000. It is a brick veneer and the brick will match the church.

When the parsonage is completed the whole church property will represent an outlay of something in excess of \$200,000. A two manual Moller organ is being built for the installation in the sanctuary. We have been advised that this will be ready in the spring of 1953.

The following memorials have been given:

The downstairs windows have been placed in the sanctuary in memory of loved ones as follows: Silas Augustus Townsend, by W. Belmont Townsend; David Price Lyles, by Mr. and Mrs.

Loyd Lamar Burns; Mrs. Martha Caldwell, by Mr. W. L. Caldwell; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mantiply and of Mrs. Sally Fisher Mantiply, by Thad Mantiply and the Mantiply Family; Mr. and Mrs. James R. Kavanaugh, by Mr. J. Gordon Kavanaugh and family; Mrs. Nora Fletcher Bubenzer, by Mr. Harvey Kemper Bubenzer and family; Dr. and Mrs. Edward Green Sewell, by the Daughters, Mrs. Lucille Sudduth, Mrs. Reviere Hausey and Mrs. Mary Leigh Taylor; Harvey J. Wier, Jr., by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Wier. The east side tower window in memory of Miss Sallie Tanner Audebert and Miss Mary Louisiana Audebert by Mrs. Sarah C. Henning.

The balcony window in memory of Dr. and Mrs. William David Haas by Mrs. Maccie Haas Harrison.

The windows in the tower have been placed in memory of loved ones as follows: Mrs. Lena Odom Earnest, by Mr. Curtis Earnest, Sr., and Family; Departed Loved Ones, by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson; Jack Kavanaugh and Shirley Ann Kavanaugh, by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kavanaugh; Bessie Murph Snelling, by Rev. John G. Snelling and Family; Leila Dove Townsend, by Abner and Jim Townsend.

The rose window over the choir has been placed in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Townsend by Mrs. Mildred Townsend Pierce and Mrs. May Townsend Nettles.

Furniture has been placed in the church as follows: The pulpit, by Mr. John Ab Boatner, Jr., in memory of his grandfather, John A. Williams; Baptismal Font by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. One pew each as follows: by the Butler Bible Class; By Tucker, Danny and Suzanne Melancon; In memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Elliott, by their children; In memory of Mr. Daniel Sandefur, by Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Garnett.

The vestibule table and one flower stand were presented by Mrs. Robert G. Eason.

One flower stand by the Mattie Eiland Bible Class in memory of Mrs. Mattie Eiland.

One flower stand by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Moore in memory of Mrs. May Mullens.

One side pulpit chair in memory of Mrs. Mattie Eiland by her son, R. I. Eiland, Jr., and her daughter, Mrs. R. R. Beal.

One side pulpit chair in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. McCormick, John McDonald and John W. Glass.

The center pulpit chair by Mrs. Lucile Doss in honor of Rev. W. L. Doss, Jr.

A beautiful desk for the pastor's study by Mr. J. W. Sudduth.

The communion service by Dr. and Mrs. J. O. LaPrairie.

The lights in the sanctuary in memory of Dr. and Mrs. William David Haas, by Col. and Mrs. W. D. Haas, Jr.

The drapes in the pastor's study and the beautiful flower containers were placed by Mrs. W. D. Haas, Jr.

Window tower by Mrs. C. B. Strouse in memory of her sister, Mrs. Nanie Haas Porkoney.

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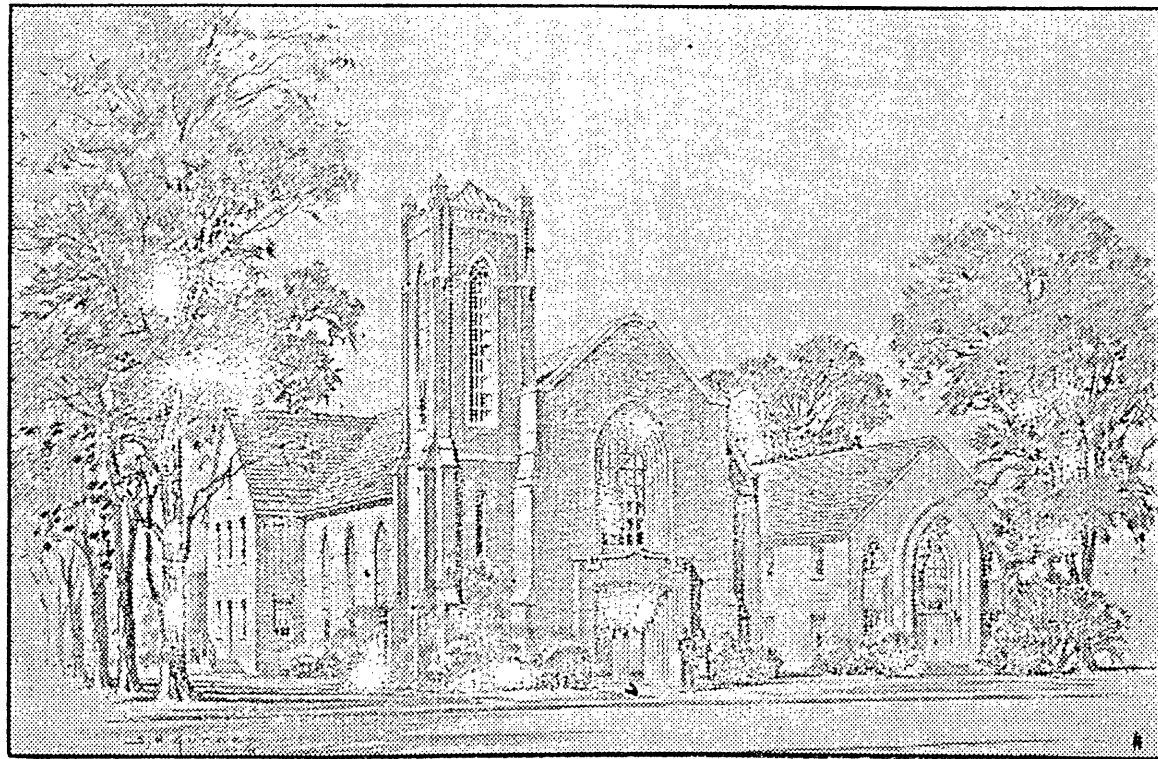
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cation Conference here at the church's South-wide summer assembly grounds, and a leadership training school for 400 church workers.

Though his subject was "Christian Education in the Future," Dr. Schisler also looked backward and "wondered what would have happened if during the 175 years of our nation's history we had provided effective Christian teaching for every child.

The committee adopted a program calling for seven months of intensive preparation, the eight episcopal area organizations to be formed by October 2.

Preparatory projects include compilation of a list of 600,000 prospects, training of 120,000 lay visitors and the planning of an intensive promotion campaign.



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VACATION SCHOOLS IN THE CONFERENCES

The Hardy Methodist Church enrolled 72 in its Vacation School with an average daily attendance of 65. Mrs. W. B. Yount served as superintendent and teachers and courses were: Kindergarten, "Stories About Jesus", Mrs. Robert Clay; Primaries, "We Go to Church", Mrs. Troy Berry; Juniors, "People Who Lived in Jesus' Time", Mrs. Yount; Intermediates, "Exploring the Bible With Intermediates", Miss Betty Jo Daugherty. The children had charge of the evening service on Sunday evening and the parents were invited to the basement of the church to view the children's work. The offering was sent to the Methodist Children's Home.

The West Lake Methodist Church held its annual Vacation Church School August 4 through August 15. Mrs. E. D. Adams served as superintendent of the school. Workers were: Kindergarten, Mrs. Don Stallard, director, assisted by Mrs. J. T. Padgett and Miss Marlene Brown; Primary, Miss Marjorie Pulliam, director assisted by Mrs. W. H. Burris and Miss Ann Marble; Junior, Mrs. L. E. Butts, director, assisted by Mrs. Joe Fair, Larry Butts and Bud Marble; Intermediate, Mrs. Vera Pulliam, director, assisted by Miss Fern Hebert. Chappelle Arnett served as secretary of the school.

The New Iberia Vacation School is being held at the First Methodist Church of New Iberia, running from August 11 through August 22. In charge of the school is the pastor, Rev. Louis Hoffpauir and Mrs. Beldon C. Fox. The Kindergarten group is studying "The World About Us", under the direction of Mrs. David Phillips and Mrs. Earl Hall, Jr. The Primary group is studying "Our Daily Bread" with Mrs. John Morris and Miss Beverly Campbell in charge. The Juniors are studying "Praise Ye the Lord" under the direction of Mrs. Dalton Rice and Mrs. W. P. Councille. "God's World and Ours" is the course which the Intermediates are studying under the direction of Mrs. Bessie Fairley and Mrs. Frank Reynaud.

There are three requirements necessary to the establishment of resolute, enduring character: A faith to live by, a self you can live with and a purpose to live for. — Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, pastor, Fifth Ave. Presbyterian Church, N. Y. C.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Youth At Mt. Sequoyah

The following young people from the North Arkansas Conference attended the Jurisdictional Youth Workshop, August 6-15: Winnie Henderson, Harrison; Elmo Hancy, Atkins; Jerry Wilson, Greenbrier; Bobby Jackson, Blytheville; Robert Gibbs, Brinkley; Noma Green, Russellville; Vestal Womack, Janis McCormack, and Ray Wood, Jonesboro; Sally Wernitte, Ft. Smith; Barbara Nance, Van Buren; Donald Bratton, Forrest City; Bob Edwards, Damascus, Shirley Russell, Ozark.

Rev. James S. Upton completed three First Series Bible Schools on Thursday night, August 14, at the following places: Mountain View, Salem, Cave City.

Rev. Ralph Ruhlen completed three First Series Bible Schools on Tuesday night, August 19, at follows: Ozark, Charleston, and Booneville.

The following have recently been certified to serve as Dean in training schools: N. Lee Cate of Manila and Thomas R. Whiddon of Lincoln.

Dr. Davis Completes Bible Conferences

Dr. Wesley C. Davis of Southern Methodist University will complete a series of eight Bible Conferences on Friday night, August 20. He has held Bible Conferences at the following places: Marion; Heber Springs; Wynne; Atkins; Paris; Newport, Umsted Memorial; Brinkley; and First Church, Paragould.

Dr. Hicks In Bible Conferences

Dr. John H. Hicks of Southern Methodist University completed his ninth Bible Conference this summer in the North Arkansas Conference on August 19. He has conducted Bible Conferences at the following places: Conway, First Church; North Little Rock, First Church; Osceola; Luxora; Manila; Pocahontas; Harrison; Eureka Springs and Siloam Springs.

Dr. Carlyon In Bible Conferences

Dr. J. T. Carlyon of Southern Methodist University has been secured for a series of four Bible Conferences to be held between September 7 and September 19. The location of these Bible Conferences will be announced at a later date, as the schedule has not yet been worked out.

Bible Schools

A number of Bible Schools are being planned to be held in the

ADULT CLASSES GIVE TO WORK OF CHURCH

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—In order to refute the statement frequently made that all adult Bible classes do is to raise money and spend it on themselves, the Rev. M. Leo Rippey, director of the Department of the Christian Education of Adults of the General Board of Education, sent out questionnaires to 5000 classes both large and small.

Returns were received from 1133 classes, with an average membership of 67. Mr Rippey had hoped to get returns from a great many more, especially from the smaller classes. However, the reports received show that the giving of this particular group of Bible classes was directed chiefly toward the work of the church, general as well as local, and probably represents a fair cross section of the giving of Methodist Bible classes having the average membership of those reporting. It is evident from the returns that adult Bible classes do raise money but they do not spend it on themselves.

During the year 1951 these classes contributed \$743,357 to all causes. A breakdown of this total revealed that \$46,910 went to the

Fourth Sunday offering for World Service and conference benevolences and an additional \$23,978 was given at other times to World Service; \$16,276 went to Advance Specials; \$68,203 for Social Service; \$70,856 to orphanages; \$95,662 for their church debts; \$24,790 for scholarships to educational institutions; \$186,578 for the support of their local church schools; \$37,290 for class socials; \$28,334 for class promotion; \$144,476 for other work. The average amount contributed per class was \$656.

The \$743,357 raised by these classes is quite a sum of money—considerably over a half million dollars. And it is to be noted that only \$37,290 was spent on class socials and \$28,334 on class promotion.

Of the 946 classes reporting on the use of lesson materials, 542 used the *Adult Student*, 279 the *Wesley Quarterly*, 37 used the *Learning for Life Series*, and 31 used the Bible itself. The rest used widely varied materials—from three using David C. Cook literature to one using *The Christian Advocate*.

Youth Activities Weeks

This summer there have been more Youth Activities Week programs held in the North Arkansas Conference than in any previous summer. Perhaps the most unique of all these programs was the one conducted in the Jonesboro Area Sub-District. This program was held in one of the small rural churches of that section, at Mt. Carmel Church. Jonesboro First Church made a large contribution in personnel and in material resources to make this program possible, but instead of having it at their own church, sponsored the idea of having it in one of the rural churches as a means of city-rural church co-operation. The reports coming to our office indicate a most successful program.

It is not too late to plan an early Youth Activities Week program. Lincoln and Prairie Grove carried out such a late summer program last year and are working on plans for a similar program this year.

We are not attempting to list the churches that have had Youth Activities Week programs, as we do not have an accurate list.

We still have a few copies of the May Workshop which lists guidance materials and program plans for Youth Activities Week.

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BISHOP TO CONFER ON WESLEY CHAPEL RESTORATION

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, will leave by plane on August 19 for England and the Continent. He will preach in Wesley's Chapel, the Mother Church of Methodism, on August 24 and confer with British churchmen regarding its post-war restoration in his capacity as vice-president of "The Friends of Wesley Chapel." In London, he will be joined by a fellow Philadelphian, Ralph G. Luff, prominent industrialist and Methodist layman, who was designated by the Bishops' Council along with Bishop Corson to represent The Methodist Church at the Evangelical Church Day observances at Stuttgart, Germany. The two will go to a Methodist assembly at Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 31. They will return by air to the U. S. on Sept. 5.

Minister Nurses Blistered Feet After Treading Hot Coals

A Methodist minister was reported at Colombo, Ceylon to be nursing a pair of badly blistered feet at his home in south Ceylon after becoming the first Christian to walk across red hot coals in a Hindu religious ceremony. The Rev. Eric Robinson was standing among a crowd of Hindu "sadhus" watching the ceremony in a jungle shrine near Kataragama when he suddenly pulled off his shoes and socks, walked the length of the bed of glowing embers, and then immediately left the shrine. The clergyman was said to be confined to his bed and unable to leave home for at least a week.

Salvation Army Officers In Sweden Now Can Solemnize Marriages

Salvation Army officers in Sweden have been officially granted permission, under the new Religious Freedom Act, to solemnize marriages. About 140 officers, including 30 women, have been authorized to conduct marriage ceremonies. So far, 25 marriages have been performed entirely for Salvation Army persons.

nel, although the new authorization permits the designated Salvation Army officials to marry anybody.

Methodists Plan National Spiritual Retreat

Some 300 selected laymen from all over the country are expected to attend The Methodist Church's first national Spiritual Life Retreat at Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 26-28 to train lay leaders in Christian action. The retreat is jointly sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, and General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, associate secretary of the evangelism board, will direct the program under which laymen will be trained in organized visitation, street preaching and personal evangelism. Working in teams, the delegates will visit homes, hospitals and jails and will preach and teach in Methodist churches and Sunday Schools in the Buffalo area. Leaders trained at the retreat, Dr. Thomas said, will pass on what they have learned to laymen of their home areas in a series of regional retreats planned by the Church.

'Mile of Pennies' Aids Underprivileged Girls

Youth for Christ raised more than \$1000 in a "Mile of Pennies" project at Pasadena, Calif. With the permission of city officials, the young people laid a mile of tape in the downtown section and invited the public to contribute. The proceeds were used to help 50 underprivileged girls attend a nearby camp. Some 30 personable young women carried signs describing the aim of the drive and watched strangers "lay it on the line." Quite a few people got so interested that they wrote out generous checks which, added to the pennies, made a tidy sum.

Methodists Set Up New Evangelism Departments

A department of community evangelism and a cooperative department of youth evangelism were created by the Methodist Board of Evangelism at a meeting at Chicago. The Rev. Eugene Golay of the Nebraska Conference was named director of community evangelism. This department will be responsible for helping to

organize and lead community crusades in mass evangelism. It also will be in charge of home visitation and will test the denominational value of city-wide interdenomination programs such as "See You in Church Sunday" or "Give God a Chance." The Rev. Howard Ellis, Indiana Conference member, was named director of the youth evangelism department. In another action, the board adopted a proposal requesting the Methodist Radio and Film Commission to appoint a director of a special department of radio and television. Dr. Harry Denman, of Nashville, Tenn., was reelected executive secretary of the board. Bishop W. Earl Ladden, of Syracuse, N. Y., was chosen vice-president.

New Navy Posters Promote Religion

A new set of posters carrying the slogan "Why Religion?" has been designed by Navy Department artists and will be displayed in navy installations around the world, under auspices of the Chaplains Corps, it was announced at Washington, D. C. The posters, strikingly illustrated, call the attention of servicemen to the reasons why religion is important in human life. Among the slogans selected are these: "Why Religion? Gives Strength and Guidance;" "Why Religion? Unites the Peoples of the World;" "Why Religion? Teaches Standards of Conduct;" "Why Religion? Preserves the Roots of Freedom." The new poster will be erected each 30 days starting in Septem-

ber on bulletin boards in every Navy building and ship and at prominent places in crew's quarters.

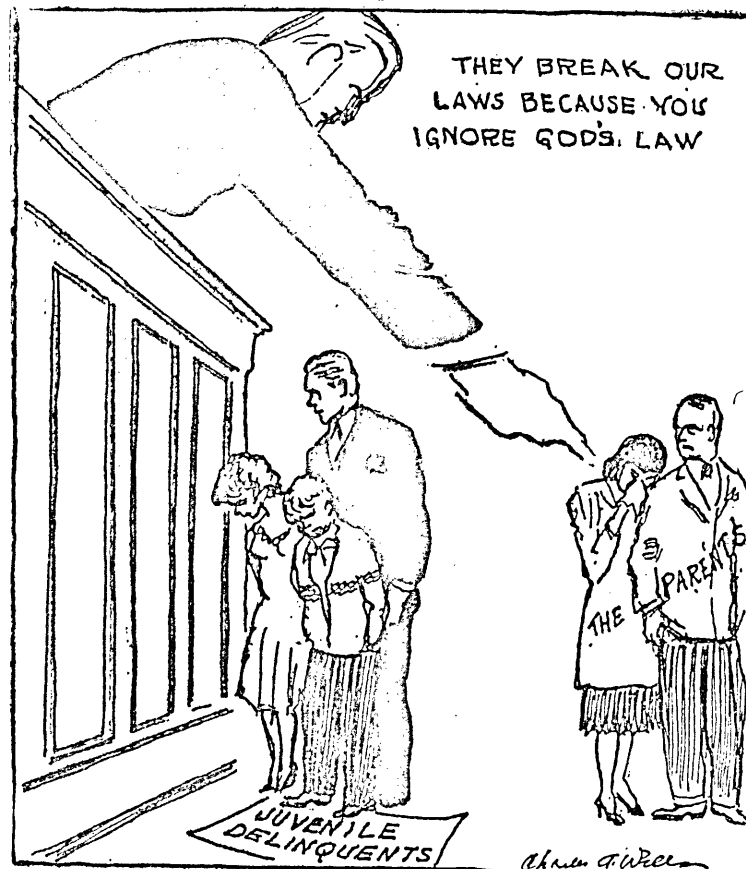
Miami Group To Offer Prayer Against Hurricanes

Special prayer services to keep hurricanes away were scheduled on the roof of a local hotel at Miami, Fla., by the Hurricane Control Prayer Group. The group, headed by the Rev. James R. Adams, 87, and his wife, the Rev. Elsie C. Adams, offered similar prayers last year. Mr. Adams recalls that South Florida escaped tropical storms in 1951. This year's prayers will petition that hurricanes avoid all land areas where property and life may be endangered. An announcement by the prayer group said: "If 10 righteous people could have saved Sodom and Gomorrah from destruction, surely 10 praying Christians can save Miami and Miami Beach from deadly storms."

Filmstrip Illustrates 'Art of Church Ushering'

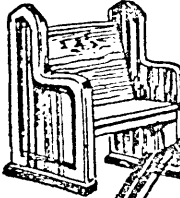
A filmstrip on "The Art of Church of Ushering" has been produced at Lincoln, Neb., by the extension division of the University of Nebraska. Dr. Elmer G. Million, director of the audio-visual and radio education department of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education, said the film would be used by his department during the coming year in regional audio-visual workshops. The filmstrip illustrates 13 rules for increasing the dignity and efficiency of church ushering.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY INCREASES



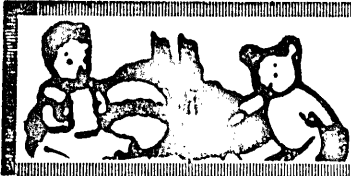
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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



MAYBELLE TAKES A TUMBLE

MAYBELLE was a good deal like Mary's Little Lamb, because everywhere that Mary Louise went Maybelle had to go, too. She couldn't follow her to school, for she was just a doll. But such a dear, blue-eyed, curly-headed dolly! Oh, I know that you would have loved her all to pieces if you could just once have held her close to your heart.

One day Mary Louise started out for a walk in the woods back of her home. As she went down the porch steps, Maybelle held tightly in her arms, a frisky little dog barked joyfully at sight of her, and ran to her.

"Oh, Colleen, would you like to go for a walk with us?" asked Mary Louise, patting the dog's head.

Colleen barked again more joyfully, if that were possible.

"Come along then, and we will go to the lake, and I will teach you to chase a stick," said Mary Louise.

It was a beautiful bit of woodland through which they passed. Spanish oaks and white oaks and fragrant pines were all about them. Such sweet, spicy smells! It made you sniff, and wrinkle up your nose. At last through the trees Mary Louise spied the blue waters of the lake sparkling in the sunshine.

"Let's race to the shore, Colleen," she cried.

Away they went, Maybelle's curls flying, and her pretty skirts all fluffed out in the breeze.

A dock had been built out from the shore, and Mary Louise ran out on it.

"There," she said, seating Maybelle near the edge, "my beautiful child, you may sit here for a while. I want to teach Colleen to chase a stick."

"Perhaps you would like to sit nearer the edge. Then you can make believe that you are paddling." Mary Louise moved Maybelle until the doll's feet stuck out a few inches over the water.

"Now, Colleen," called Mary Louise, "we'll have heaps of fun chasing sticks. Here, you funny dog, smell this. Now then, away it goes. Chase it, Colleen; go after it!"

She threw the stick into the water as far as she could. For a moment Colleen stood still. Then she leaped into the water and swam toward it.

"Good Colleen! Fine dog!" encouraged Mary Louise.

Back came Colleen, the stick in her mouth, and laid it at her mistress' feet. Again and again

the little girl threw the stick in, and again and again Colleen went after it.

Suddenly a terrible thing happened. Maybelle had been sitting perfectly still watching the game. The breeze had stiffened, and now one extra strong gust toppled the lovely Maybelle over! Head first she fell into the lake! It was quite a splash.

Mary Louise heard it, and turned just in time to see her beloved dolly sink under the water.

"Maybelle, my precious Maybelle!" shrieked the little girl, and great, scalding tears filled her eyes. She rushed out on the dock.

"What shall I do? Oh, what shall I do?" cried the frightened little mother.

Just then Colleen, standing on the shore, gave a short bark. Mary Louise fairly flew back to the dog.

"Go get her, Colleen; get May-

belle!" she cried. "Mind me; go, go!" She started to push the dog into the water. But Colleen sprang in of her own accord.

The wind was carrying Maybelle farther and farther out, but not so far that Colleen could not reach her. She caught the doll between her teeth and swam back to the shore. There she dropped the dripping Maybelle at Mary Louise's feet.

"Good Colleen!" cried Mary Louise. "Oh, Maybelle, what a careless mother you have. You might have drowned. I shall have to put you in the sun to dry. Oh dear, I do hope you won't catch cold!"

Very gently Mary Louise undressed Maybelle and hung her clothes on a nearby bush. She dried the doll's face with her handkerchief and laid her down.

"Colleen," she said to the dog, "I want to pet you a bit, and tell you what a fine doggie you were to do just as I said. You really do know how to obey—"

At that word obey Mary Louise stopped short. That was what her own mother had told her many times, that she must learn to obey. She had never wanted to obey before, but now—she looked over at Maybelle drying in the sun. Right then and there she made up her mind that she would never let a dog, not even dear Colleen, get ahead of her in obedience.—Maud Wilcox Niedermeyer, in Exchange

HIS BED

*His little bed
Was straw, they said,
So was it hard
To rest his head?*

*I think mayhap
His little nap
Was taken on
His mother's lap.*

By Mary Moser—In The Christian Advocate

A LONG LIST

List the things you're thankful for,

*Write them in a row;
Extra paper you will need,
First thing you know.*

*You'll be very much surprised.
(Another pencil please!)*

Start with things you love outdoors—

Roses, birds and trees.

*Add the sun, the moon, and stars,
Don't forget the brook;*

*Goodness me, before you're through,
You will fill a book.*

Keep right on and go inside

*Look around awhile;
All your playthings, home itself,
Mother's loving smile.*

*Mind you, don't leave out a thing,
Write it down in ink;*

*Every blessing, big and small—
Did I see you blink?*

You can't do it possibly!

Row on row on row—

*Well, I didn't think you could!
Aren't you thankful though?*

—Daisy Stephenson in Druid Hills Methodist Messenger

JUST FOR FUN

A gallant young husband was trying to teach his new wife to drive a car.

They were on a narrow country road, and the wife had been driving for only a short time when she exclaimed:

"Take the wheel quickly, darling — here comes a tree!" — Clipped.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

GOD PLANNED IT THAT WAY

A new book from Abingdon-Press has the title, *God Planned it That Way*. This book is planned to appeal to 3- to 7-year-olds. It tells of Bobbie, who looks at the rain pouring down and wonders about it. His mother tells him that God planned the rain "so the birds can wash their feathers, and flowers take a drink, and the leaves have a bath, and the grass grow green and tall". Bobbie asks her other questions, and in answer his mother tells him other wonderful things which God planned—the wind, the sunshine, and the dark. Bobbie learns that he, too, is a part of God's beautiful plan.

The author, Carolyn Edna Muller first wrote the story for her little nephew, who wanted to know "more about God." Three-color pictures add to the beauty of the book.



From: GOD PLANNED IT THAT WAY
by Carolyn Edna Muller
Abingdon-Cokesbury Press

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

FORREST CITY DISTRICT GUILD SEMINAR

The Fall Seminar for the Forrest City District Guilds will be held at the First Methodist Church, Forrest City, on the evening of August 27th, beginning at 7:30. The Guest Speaker, Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro, will use as her subject "Why Study." The studies and the teachers who will present them are as follows: "Home Missions and Human Rights", Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Wynne; "Africa", Mrs. J. W. Burrow, West Memphis; "Preface to Bible Study", Mrs. Oscie Walker, Round Pond.—Mrs. Julian H. Vogel.

NEW ORLEANS GUILD FORMS CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Formation of a National Circle of Prayer was announced August 8 by Mrs. Arlene Christian Hawkins, president of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, and by Miss Emma Kunta, secretary of the New Orleans District Wesleyan Service Guild.

Everyone, of every race, color and creed, is urged to join in this circle of prayer for God to give our leaders wisdom in the affairs of our government. The Guilds urge every American to pray daily for Divine guidance in the presidential election.

Letters have been written by Mrs. Hawkins and Miss Kuntz to newspapers, radio and television stations over the country.

YOU HOLD THE KEY TO HUMAN RIGHTS

"It's easy to throw up your hands at this troubled world and decide that nothing big enough to matter can be done. It's just as easy to hold forth righteously on all that really could be done — and then wait for 'someone' to do it. It's harder to push up your sleeves and start the ball rolling yourself. But that's the one way you can be sure it will start . . ."

This is the opening paragraph of a new and provocative social action handbook, **YOU HOLD THE KEY TO HUMAN RIGHTS**, published by the Woman's Division of The Methodist Church and written by Sonya F. Kaufer and Ethel C. Phillips. Based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, this book is a challenge to every citizen anxious to do something about democratic freedom, but uncertain where to start. Here is a step-by-step program for individual and community action in the three most

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Centenary College, Shreveport, August 25-29

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference is sponsoring its Annual School of Missions at Centenary College, Shreveport, August 25-29 in connection with the Louisiana Conference Pastors' School. Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Conference President, will hold a Clinic for Presidents and lead the Workshop on Administration and Publicity, assisted by Mrs. E. E. Stewart and Mrs. Lee Tidwell.

Other Workshops will be: "Channelling Missionary Information", Mrs. E. H. Farmer; "Program Building" Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick and Mrs. P. D. Lambert; and "Study and Action"; Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait and Mrs. Warren Constant.

The Three Approved Studies for the year will be presented by the following teachers: "A Preface to Bible Study", Dean R. E. Smith, Shreveport, Professor Emeritus, Centenary College; "Home Missions and Human Rights", Miss Emma Burris, New York, Executive Secretary Social Welfare, Department of Work in Home Fields, Woman's Division and Miss Margaret Marshall, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Deaconess, Arkansas-Oklahoma Cooperative Rural Work; "Africa", Mrs. E. H. Farmer, Glasgow, Missouri, Secretary Foreign Work, South Central Jurisdiction and Mrs. B. F. Harrison, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Departmental Clinics will be conducted by the following officers: Vice Presidents, Mrs. Kilpatrick; Recording Secretaries, Mrs. E. E. Stewart; Promotion, Mrs. Lee Tidwell; Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Warren Constant; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait; Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. W. Paxton; Literature and Publications, Mrs. P. D. Lambert.

important areas of personal liberty; equal opportunity, freedom of expression, and full and equal education.

While stressing achievements already made, the authors point out that ". . . Even now, many Americans are still encountering discrimination in employment, housing, public services, and at the polls . . . Many Americans are . . . reluctant to say what they think about domestic and foreign affairs, lest they be branded 'subversive,' socially ostracized, discharged from their jobs . . . Many young Americans



MRS. GLENN LASKEY

Mrs. W. W. Paxton will lead the quiet hour each evening, and the School of Missions will join with the Pastors' School at the Preaching Hour to hear Dr. Bachman G. Hodge, Centenary Methodist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mrs. Warren Constant, Dean, announces that registration will begin at 10 a. m., Monday, August 25 and continue until 2 p. m. in the Student Union Building. The Registration fee is \$2.00 and the Room and Board is \$7.50. All women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Wesleyan Service Guild, and those of other denominations are invited to attend the school. Classes will be held in the new Science Building, and the Assembly and Preaching Hour will be held in the air conditioned Dramatics Workshop. Mrs. E. E. Stewart is the Registrar and Mrs. P. D. Lambert the Librarian.

are not getting up-to-date training full enough to meet today's problems . . . and teaching services equal to those given their neighbors . . ."

"Are some of these Americans living in your town?" This is the pointed question posed by the book. "What can you do to help them, and thus help yourself, your country and your world toward a more hopeful tomorrow?"

YOU HOLD THE KEY TO HUMAN RIGHTS, proceeds with the answers: how to get people interested in human rights proj-

NEWS IN BRIEF

The George O. Robinson School, Santurce, Puerto Rico, started as an orphanage by women of the Methodist Church at the turn of the century, is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary year. The school trains Puerto Rican children from grammar school through high school. It has eleven outpost day schools which help lessen the crowded conditions in schools on the island. Robinson graduates include many of Puerto Rico's teachers, nurses, doctors, accountants, and missionaries. Over 50% of the graduates come to the U. S. for further training.

Women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Van Buren Church heard Miss Alice Boyer, Methodist Missionary to Nagasaki, Japan, who spoke at a coffee held by the women of the church at 9 o'clock, August 5. Miss Boyer told of the religious and other conditions in Japan. Circle No. 3 was hostess at the coffee, Mrs. J. Y. Dollar, Chairman of the Circle. Mrs. Edwin Buckelew, presided at the monthly business meeting.—Mrs. Fay Williams

The Sager Brown Circle of the University Church, Lake Charles, met August 7 at the home of Mrs. J. H. Ohlinger, and brought gifts for the Mother Jewel's Home, Nebraska, and Sager Brown School, Louisiana. Mrs. Carl Lueg presented the program "The Earth is the Lord's", assisted by Miss Alice Gaunt and Mrs. Ralph Carmical.

ects; how to organize for action; what kind of action to consider; what information to gather, and how to get it; what to do about publicity, legislation, follow-up, and the dozen and one other details that go into successful community action.

Do you still feel insecure about your own abilities? **YOU HOLD THE KEY** offers convincing proof — examples of effective citizen action in communities throughout the country, all accomplished by men and women without expert training, but with plenty of determination, spirit and perseverance.

Does it seem too big a job to tackle? The book makes clear that you don't have to tackle it all and you shouldn't tackle it alone. Pick your targets one at a time, is the tip — equal opportunity, freedom of expression, or full and equal education — or

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

NEWS FROM FIRST CHURCH, JONESBORO

A busy summer program has been carried on at the First Methodist Church, by the pastor, Rev. John M. McCormack and the associate pastor, Rev. Bill Martin.

Youth Activities Week was a great success. It was held this year at Forrest Home Church, about five miles from Jonesboro. A large trailer loaded with hay carried First Church young people out each evening. The churches in the country and other churches were invited to bring their young people.

Four classes were taught: "What Would Jesus Do?" a discussion led by Bill Martin; "Friendship and Marriage", taught by Rev. Thurston Masters, pastor at Tyronza; "The Power of Prayer in Our Time", taught by laymen Travis Nash, George Delaney, Eric Rogers, Jr., and Bill Lacy from First Church, with discussion led by college freshman, Janet Evans. The fourth class was "Religious Drama" taught by Mrs. Bill Hickox. The last Friday evening the Men's Bible Class served a fine barbecue meal for the youth. The cost of the week's activity amounts to almost \$200.

The entire group felt that the week should be repeated next year. The gulf between town and country churches simply did not exist here. The one hundred ten young people each night worshiped together, studied together, played together and knew for sure that "in Christ there is no east or west, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth."

Following Youth Activities Week First Church made use of Wayland Springs Camp for various groups. The camp had been reserved for the entire week. The Intermediates went, the

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZES

The Co-ordinating Council ordered by the North Arkansas Conference in its June session at Blytheville, met for its organizational meeting at Hendrix College, Conway, July 8. The meeting was convened by Rev. Paul M. Bumpers, Clarksville pastor, named convener by the conference.

Rev. Mr. Bumpers was elected by the group as the permanent chairman, with Charles Stuck, Jonesboro layman, named vice-chairman and Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., secretary.

According to Rev. Mr. Villines the purpose of the council as stated in conference action is "to enable the Boards, Commissions and other organizations of the conference to clear dates and to work cooperatively." The council is composed of representative members of the boards and commissions of the conference. In its meeting in early July the discussion centered around various ways of helping to coordinate the work of the conference groups.

The council voted, Rev. Mr. Villines stated further, "to meet again in October to work out a unified program for the conference. Members of the council are expected to bring dates and data relative to each conference group to the meeting and the council will consider this material, a calendar will be set up and definite ways and means of working together established."

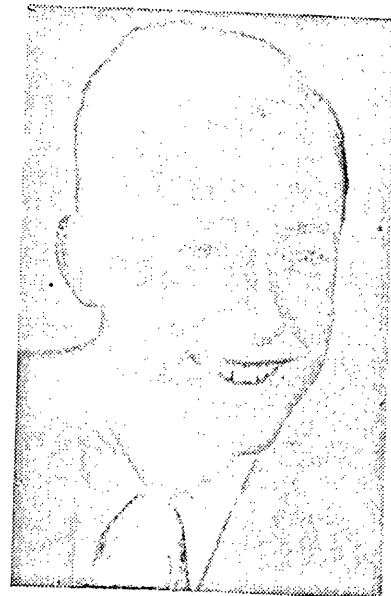
Golden Agers were taken for an over night camping trip, the Children's Christian Fellowship was taken for an over night camping experience and the Senior Hi group is going August 18-19.—Reporter

MISSIONARY IN SURPRISE VISIT

THE congregation of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, had a pleasant surprise on Sunday morning, August 10, when William Gilkey, returned missionary from China, visited First Church, and on invitation of the pastor, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, spoke words of greeting.

Mr. Gilkey taught in the university at Soochow and was later on the faculty of the music department at Yenching University at Peking. His safe arrival in Hongkong out of Communist China on May 14 was announced by the Board of Missions in New York. He came to the United States by freighter and has been visiting his mother in Chickasha, Oklahoma. His visit to Little Rock was made on his way to New York to report to the Board of Missions.

Mr. Gilkey was partially supported by the First Methodist Church for three years until his



WILLIAM GILKEY

work was shut off by the Communist regime.

ROE CIRCUIT

At the Annual Conference I was appointed for the second year to the Mena Circuit. I had succeeded in building a lovely tile brick parsonage there and had just moved into it. It is modern in every respect. On Sunday night, June 22, Rev. E. D. Galloway, district superintendent, called me and said the cabinet had decided that I was needed here at Roe more than at Mena so I accepted this lovely charge of four churches. I preached here on the fifth Sunday in June and moved here on July 4.

I have four well organized churches easily reached and a very good parsonage. I was given a hearty welcome at all the

churches and showers were given me by the Roe Church and the Elm Church. It is good to be here with these fine people.

The people want to remodel or rebuild the parsonage, and last week they installed an automatic pressure pump and put running water into the parsonage and dining room of the church.—W. C. Lewis, Pastor

INDIA NATIONAL TO BE AT WASHINGTON AVENUE

Rev. I. L. Claud, pastor of Washington Avenue Church, announces that Rev. Itheil V. Master, Indian national who is district superintendent of the Umreth District of the Gujarat Conference in India, will be in his church from August 24-31.

Mr. Master is the district superintendent of the native pastor Rev. Benjamin Punjabhai, who is supported as an Advance Special by Washington Avenue Church. He has been in the states since April and is working on his M.A. at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. He has a few days' vacation between summer term and the regular term and he is thus able to be in Arkansas at this time.

The following additional speaking engagements have been arranged by Brother Claud:

Washington Ave. - Sunday morning 10:00, August 24

Gardner Memorial - Sunday evening 7:30, August 24

Cabot - Monday evening 7:30, (Continued on page 13)

SILOAM SPRINGS CHURCH REMODELED

THE Methodist Church of Siloam Springs has recently been remodeled and redecorated with Titus Chinn as the contractor. E. C. Lauer was decorator.

The ladies lounge in the west portion of the sub-story has new false mantle with gas logs and terra cotta asphalt tile blocks on the floors. Above, on first floor west wing the Adult Department has one classroom, and on second floor, are four more class rooms, a powder room and lavatory in aqua and pale apple green shades. All departments of the Sunday School have beautiful and useful new worship

centers. They are plywood natural finish cabinets for storage, with doors, shelves and check-sections. The pianos in all departments are painted to blend with the walls and furnishings. Each department has its own dressing room appointments adjoining toilet facilities.

All departments have built-in bulletin boards and blackboard to suit the heights of the users. The nursery is in pink and blue with three beds, three play pens, infant size plumbing, coat hangers, rack and upholstered chairs.

The Senior and Intermediate Department rooms and the Beginner and Primary Departments

have also been redecorated in harmonizing colors with complete furnishings planned for utility and beauty.

The new chapel, in soft turquoise green, is perfect for small weddings, with its natural wood finish chancel rail and kneeling bench and its spinet piano on the raised pulpit platform and private outside entrance and exit into the church willow garden on enclosed north exposure. The four art-glass windows on the north depict Jesus Praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Thy Word a Light Upon My Feet", "Come Take Up Thy Cross and Receive a Crown of Glory" and "The World is My Parish."

Rev. Allen D. Stewart is pastor at Siloam Springs.



"Along A Country Road"
**The Town and Country
Commission**

The Methodist Church
The North Arkansas Conference
Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas
Paul E. Martin, Bishop Mr. Lester Hutchins,
Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Vice-President
President Rev. David P. Conyers,
Secretary
Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION
A CO-ORDINATING BODY**

The Methodist Church of necessity must direct its work through many agencies. Each great field of endeavor must have directing leaders to bring to bear upon its particular areas the message of the Church. While there can be no lines of absolute difference drawn as to the particular work of different boards with never any overlapping entering in, yet there are very clear and understandable fields of service occupied by every board in which special emphasis is given.

The Church, realizing the need of a closer cooperation in general and conference approach, especially in rural areas, set up a Town and Country Commission to coordinate the work of all boards and agencies within the conference. The Commission is made up of representatives from the greater part of the boards of the conference and the W. S. C. S., also the youth group. The Bishop and the entire cabinet are members of the Commission. The Bishop is of course responsible for the general direction of the work of the Commission. It is his duty to call the Commission together at the first session of the Annual Conference after the General Conference for organization. The Commission selects its officers, who give directions to its work over the conference.

The Annual Conference through the recommendations of the Commission selects the Executive Secretary to give leadership to the total program of the Commission. Thus the Town and Country Commission is the clearing house, planning body, and directing agent for all the interests of the conference pertaining to town and country work. The executive secretary has the privilege of helping expand the work of all boards and organizations in the conference. Thus he can, without the difficulty of infringing on any other group or individual, feel free to counsel, advise, and suggest ideas and methods for meeting needs in given areas. Not only is this true, but he is privileged to lift up those groups or persons who are making good contributions for others to see in order to give further expansion to ideas that are working.

The Town and Country Com-

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mission bears the responsibility of enlisting the aid of community leaders in other fields in bringing a total vision to community needs. Also of greatest importance in this respect is the bringing into the picture the vital importance of the church to the community life. The Church after all is the most important body in the community. To be sure all other interests worthwhile stand or fall in proportion to the vitality of the church.

The Town and Country Commission has become a great factor in the work of our conference. Its growth has been steady and sure. It is the responsibility of all of us to see that this great body continues to give good leadership to the Church in our conference.—J. Albert Gatlin

**BIBLE COURSE AT
MOUNTAIN VIEW**

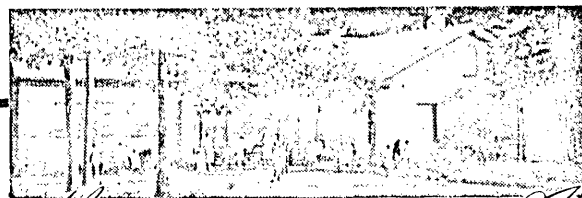
Rev. James S. Upton of Hendrix College taught a fine Bible course in the Mountain View Methodist Church, August 3 to 5. The course was entitled "The New Testament in the Life of Today." Twenty-three were enrolled and fifteen earned credit or a "Course Card of Recognition". Brother Upton gave a very wholesome interpretation of its message and its meaning for us today. We are also grateful to the Conference Board of Education and its efficient executive secretary, Dr. Ira A. Brumley.

Tuesday Brother Upton and the pastor went to see Blanchard Springs.

Some nice cabins are there and it would be a nice place for a District Methodist Camp.—H. W. Jinske, Pastor

**INDIA NATIONAL TO BE
AT WASHINGTON AVENUE**
(Continued from page 12)

August 25
Jacksonville - Tuesday evening 7:30, August 26
Conway - Wednesday evening, 7:30, August 27
Plummerville - Thursday evening 7:30, August 28
Mayflower - Friday evening 7:30 August 29
No Service Saturday, August 30
Highland (LR) - Sunday morning 10:50, August 31
Lonoke - Sunday evening 7:30, August 31



Methodist **CHILDREN'S** *Home*

REPORT OF JULY, 1952

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

Mrs. L. C. Mathis, 1412 Fair Park—fish
Miss Elizabeth Roth, 21 West 100th Street, New York City—scrap books
Mrs. Vernon Rodgers for the Vacation Bible School, Mena Methodist Church, dish towels, wash cloths and miscellaneous gifts
The Bethany Class of Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock—food
Dr. Thurman Smith, Little Rock—deep freeze
Franklin Paint and Wall Paper Co.—tickets for circus
Mr. Chas. R. Baber, U. S. Veterans Hospital, Bldg. No. 4, North Little Rock—gum
Dyke Bros. (Nathaniel Dyke, Jr.)—Circus tickets
Friendly Couples Class, Winfield Methodist Church—Birthday presents for July
Mr. C. C. Collie, c/o L. N. Leigh Co., General Agents, 210 Louisiana—Circus tickets
Cordell's Exclusive Fine Foods, 6001 Kavanaugh, L. R.—Candies
W. R. Rhodes & Sons, Inc., North Little Rock—Circus tickets
Mrs. Oliver Higgins, Dermott—Meat, fruit, vegetables.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:
Mrs. Martha Shafsky by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Collard, Jr.
R. W. Grigsby by Gussie Carmical
Mr. Roane Lee by The Leola Methodist W. S. C. S.
Mrs. Hammie E. Scaife by Roy E. Cashion; Mrs. Mary G. Thach
Mr. Douglas Hawley by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Boggs
Mrs. G. N. Cannon by Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Monroe, Jr., and Miss Alice Monroe
Mrs. Hammie Scaife by Scott Memorial Methodist Church, Eudora
Mr. Robert Luther Wood by Rev. and Mrs. Robert O. Beck
Mrs. Hammie Scaife by Mrs. Sol F. Meyer
Linda Sue McGriff by Mrs. O. R. Dial, Mrs. Jewel Smith and Miss Ollie Thornton
Mrs. A. T. Cotham by Helen Glayton
Mr. P. W. Boggs by Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Tucker
William Rogers by Wm. L. Brown, M. A. Brown and Alice Brown
Mrs. R. A. Shearer by Mrs. H. K. Smith and Son, H. K. Smith, Jr.
Mr. S. O. Boone by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gillham
Mr. Homer Alexander by Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Barwick
Mr. S. O. Boone by Mr. and Mrs. Rife Hughey
Mrs. L. H. Shearer by Mrs. Andrew Flora, Mrs. Ben C. Flora, Mrs. L. H. Stout and Miss Jewel Minnis
Mr. J. D. Hawley by Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bratton
Mrs. Clara B. Shearer by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilkin
Mr. P. M. Dearing by Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McNeill; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Calloway; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Calloway; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gordon; Mr. and Mrs. Garland E. McDonald; Holly Grove Methodist Church; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Williams and Girls; Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Patterson.
Mrs. Willene Fawcett Tedford by Adelia and Franklin E. Loy
Mrs. Etta Aunspaugh McDaniel by Adelia and Franklin E. Loy
Mr. P. M. Dearing by W. C. Dearing
Mr. P. M. Dearing by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sanders
Mrs. Nell McElhannon by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sanders
Mr. P. M. Dearing by Mr. and Mrs.

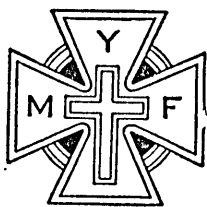
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Mr. Sam E. Henry by Mr. and Mrs. Arlin E. Jones
Mr. P. M. Dearing by Mrs. Louise Thomas
Mr. P. M. Dearing by Mr. and Mrs. James C. Perry
Mrs. Kenneth Turner by Mrs. John Mann
Mr. P. M. Dearing by Glenda and June Davidson
Mr. P. W. Boggs by Gould Methodist Church; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boren; Mrs. T. H. Legg and Miss Fannie Carrie Legg; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shepherd; Mrs. Belle Joslyn
Mr. J. T. Thompson by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson
Mrs. Myron Lasher by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barton
Mr. P. W. Boggs by Mrs. Paul D. Phillips and daughters
Mr. P. M. Dearing by W. S. C. S., Holly Grove
Mr. Russell Harrison by Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Simmons

OTHER GIFTS

Mrs. John H. Wharton, El Dorado—\$25.00
Evelyn Whitcomb Class, Asbury Methodist Church, L. R.—\$10.00
The Village Vacation Bible School, Methodist Church—\$9.40
Second Mile Class, Jonesboro First Methodist Church—\$30.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sullivan, Searcy Methodist Church—\$10.00
Young Couples Class, First Methodist Church of Camden—\$10.00
Builders Class, Paris Methodist Church—\$10.00
Pine Bluff District Intermediate Camp—\$18.50
Advance S. S. Class, First Methodist Church, El Dorado—\$30.00
Frost Bible Class, Texarkana First Methodist Church—\$10.00
Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean, Russellville Methodist Church—\$10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wade W. Bell, Asbury Methodist Church, L. R.—\$10.00
Arch Jones Bible Class, Batesville Central Methodist Church—\$10.00
Heber Springs Methodist Church Sunday School—\$45.00
The Fellowship Class, Henderson Methodist Church—\$10.00
Mrs. Warren S. Wiley, First Methodist Church, El Dorado—\$10.00
Bay Methodist W. S. C. S.—\$10.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Robison—\$1.00
Horatio Methodist Vacation Church School—\$10.41
Yancey S. S. Class, Marianna Methodist Church—\$10.00
Vacation Bible School, Mt. Tabor Methodist Church—\$2.75
Men's Bible Class, Russellville Methodist Church—\$10.00
Ebenezer Methodist Church Vacation Bible School, Village Ct.—\$5.40
Vacation Bible School, Butterfield Methodist Church—\$5.00
Friendship Class, Mena Methodist Church—\$10.00
Susanna Wesley Class, First Methodist Church, Texarkana—\$5.00
Clinton Methodist W. S. C. S.—\$10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Heimbach, El Dorado First Methodist Church—\$10.00
The Beebe W. S. C. S. of Methodist Church—\$10.00
Forrest City Methodist Men's Bible Class—\$30.00
Humnoke Methodist Vacation Bible School—\$11.12
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FORREST CITY YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK

The Forrest City Youth Activities Week was held from July 28 through August 1. Young people from the churches of the Sub-District were invited and the attendance each night was from 65 to 70. Courses were offered for Intermediates, Seniors and Adult Workers.

Rev. Ralph Hillis, pastor of the West Memphis Methodist Church, the inspirational speaker, spoke on the theme, "Christ in a Divided World."

Intermediate Courses were "Understanding Ourselves", taught by Mrs. Roger Bottoms, and "The Bible in a Modern World," taught by Rev. W. O. Scroggin of Marianna.

Senior courses were "Choosing a Vocation," taught by Rev. Raymond Franks of Forrest City and "Religions of Mankind", taught by Rev. Clarence Wilcox.

A Galilean service was held on the last night at Gates Lake. The speaker, Mr. Hillis, was brought across the lake in a boat as the choir, also in boats, sang softly. When they reached the shore where the group was gathered the speaker stood and began his sermon. As he finished the consecration prayer the choir lighted candles and sang as they rowed back across the lake. When they reached the middle of the lake they floated the candles which were on paper plates on the lake.

The meetings were inspirational to all who attended.—Mary Dodgen.

RONDO HOLDS OFFICERS MEETING

The Ronda M.Y.F. Officers' Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Boehmen recently with the president presiding.

A discussion was held as to the showing of the "Second Change" on August 17. It was planned to help a needy family and to hold meetings in the home of a shut-in member of the church.

A discussion of the duties of officers was led by Jean McClemens.

The following were present: Fred Neal, President; Patsy Craig, Secretary; Frank Neal, Vice-President; Mrs. B. Phillips, Mrs. B. Ball, Worship and Evangelism Committee; Mrs. V. Neal, Community; Mrs. J. Jones, Donna Fitzwater, Recreation Committee; Mrs. Boehmer, Mrs. Billy Phillips,

WORKCAMP AMONG OKLAHOMA INDIANS

Because members of the Methodist Student Movement in Oklahoma were interested in their region, a Methodist Work Camp has been established in the Cookson Hills of eastern Oklahoma, where many Indians live. The six weeks camp began June 25.

In the summer of 1951 a group of twelve Oklahoma Methodist young people under the direction of the Rev. John C. Gingerich, Wesley Foundation Director at Oklahoma A. and M., Stillwater, and his wife, labored for a two-weeks session in the rural community of Cookson in the foothills of the Ozarks.

They appealed to the Department of Student Work of the Board of Missions to make their experiment one of the regular six weeks summer camps sponsored by the Board and other agencies of the church. The Indian Mission of Oklahoma, Dr. D. D. Etchieson, superintendent, cooperates in the plan.

The Rev. Claude Singleton, student work secretary of the Board of Missions, visited the community to set up plans for the camp. "The Board of Missions," he says, "was especially interested that college students learn something of the difficulties American Indians experience today and that they have an opportunity to alleviate these problems."

Young men and women of college age from Massachusetts to Texas are participating in the interracial camp. In the rural area they have constructed a baseball diamond and varnished

Council; Anna Martin, Program Committee. Visitors were Mr. Boehmer, Billy Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Tomblin.—Jean McClemens.

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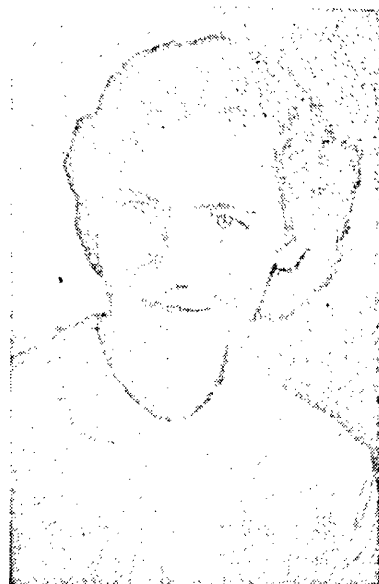
"To follow truth as blind men
long for light,
To do my best from dawn of
day 'till night,
To keep my heart fit for His
holy sight,
And answer when He calls . . .
This is my task."

Paul said, ". . . for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." We, like Paul, must learn to be content with what our circumstances are.

We are given talents, each his own special talents, and it is up to us to use them to the best of our abilities.

Often we think that, because John didn't speak to us, or Mary didn't ask us to be on the program, we are not wanted or needed. But do we ask ourselves what job we could find to do?

Christ gives an invitation to follow Him, and guides in the paths of service. By trusting and depending on Him to lead, we will be able to do and want to do the tasks which we are asked to do, as well as other tasks, suited to our talents, which we can find. Sometimes this guidance comes indirectly, through others who seem to know us and our abilities better than we know ourselves. We need open minds and hearts to accept this guidance, not as something to be followed blindly, but as an aid to our



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choice of routes.

As members of Methodist Youth Fellowships, we realize that the group is only as good as the individuals of which it is composed. With this realization we find the things which need doing and which we are able to do, and, having used our abilities as well as we are able, we come into a feeling of contentment and of worth-while tasks well done.

doors at the school house where they are making their headquarters, built concrete porches for the Methodist parsonage, and painted the parsonage. Community visitation with Miss Ruby Laeger, missionary nurse of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is another principal activity.

A Vacation Bible School was held in the Indian community of Malloy Hollow. At the completion of the camp-sponsored youth week five commitments for Christ were received by the Cookson Methodist Church, the Rev. Harvey Kaufman, minister. Camp-

ers have also helped Miss Leager with a class for illiterate adults.

Campers include Jeraldine Apple, Cushing, Oklahoma; Bobbie Nell Johnson, Houston, Texas; Konnabel Marie Green, New Orleans, La.; Joan Wingeier, Lowell, Michigan; Jean Purinton, Needham Heights, Mass.; Jean Cobb, LaGrange, N. C.; Anne Powers, Inola, Okla.; Mary Esther Brown, Asheville, N. C.; Robert Sewell, Belvidere, Ill.; Harold A. Vine, Albany, N. Y.; Dorothy Clark, Silver Lake, N. Y.; and Ed White and Ray Stratton, both of Oklahoma A. and M., Stillwater.

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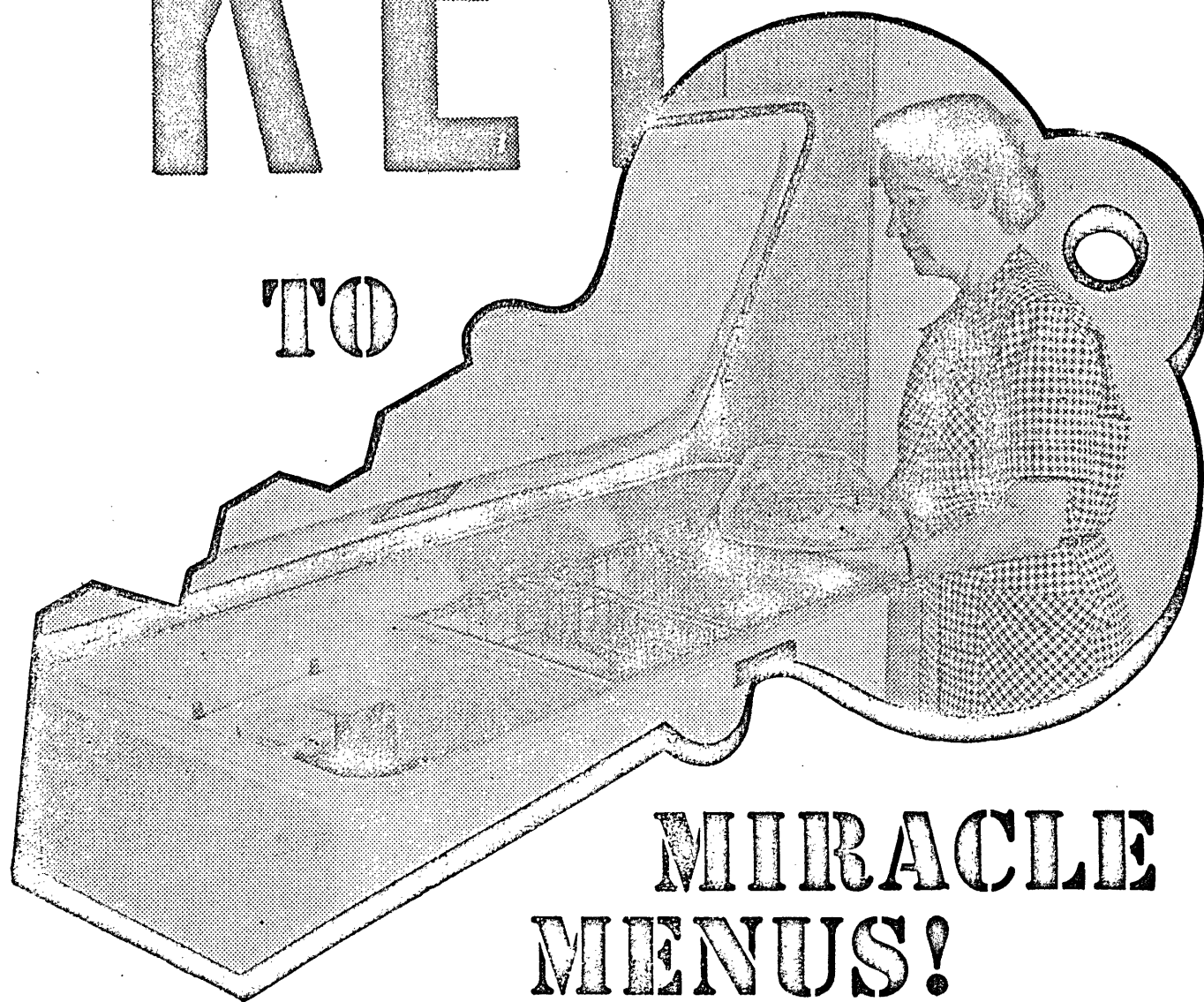
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LESSON FOR AUGUST 31, 1951

WHAT KIND OF STATESMEN DO WE NEED?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:

II Samuel 8:15 through 9:7

GOLDEN TEXT: As for God, his way is perfect: The word of the Lord is tried; He is a shield unto all them that take refuge in him.—

II Samuel 23:31

This is the fifth lesson on Unit II which has to do with "LARGER LOYALTIES". There are two more lessons of this unit. Bear in mind the fact that all the materials of these lessons are selected with the purpose of helping students to reach a state of larger loyalties with regards to the world of our day. It will be noted that these materials bring before our minds the ever increasing loyalties on the part of the Hebrew people. The theme of the lesson today is well taken — "WHAT KIND OF STATESMEN DO WE NEED?" All will readily admit that a condition of present-day world loyalty will depend to a great extent on world leadership.

A Look At The Scriptures

In the beginning of the Scripture assignment for today (II Samuel 8:15-18) we note the fact that David has become well established in his kingdom. It will be remembered that he began reigning when only 30 years of age. He reigned 40 years. The first seven and a half years of his reign was only over the tribe of Judah. His capital was Hebron in the southern part of Palestine. Before the beginning of our lesson today, David had increased his authority over the other 11 tribes and had united the nation. He had conquered the Jebusites driving them out of Jerusalem which he made his capital.

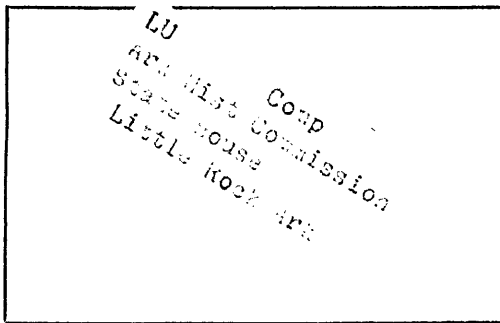
As soon as David was well established on his throne he began reigning in a very wise way. We are told that he "executed justice and righteousness unto all his people." He showed no partiality. Before him, the poor got justice as well as the rich; the small as well as the great. He could not be bribed.

David was unspoiled by power. He differed greatly at this point from Saul. He came at a time when kings were absolute in their power but he did not use this authority arbitrarily. He kept in close touch with the masses of the people as well as the leaders and tried to do what was best for all concerned. He associated with himself outstanding leaders and often listened to their advice even against his own wishes. This was especially true in the case of devoutly religious men such as the Prophet Nathan.

Not only did David use his authority for the good of all concerned, but he was magnanimous toward his enemies. He came at a time when custom demanded that in the case of a change in dynasties all members of the former ruling family be destroyed. This was done to keep any of them from later laying claim to the throne. In the place of David following this custom he began to search for the remaining members of Saul's family that he might show kindness to them. We note in this connection how the lame son of Jonathan, Mephibosheth, was discovered and how David took him

into his own home and treated him as a son.

In speaking of the magnanimity of David an outstanding Old Testament scholar had this to say: "David was a man of strong feelings. He was a musician and a poet. His lament over Saul and Jonathan (II Samuel 1:19-27) is one of the gems of the world's literature and perhaps more truly reveals the real David than anything else we know of him. One who could thus write of the man who had sought his life was a rare spirit indeed."



David's Good Qualities

David was a man of outstanding qualities. He greatly impressed the people of his day. When they came to think of terms of an ideal Kingdom which would be ruled over by the promised Messiah, they could think of nothing better than to insist that he would be a ruler like David. He was to be David's son according to the flesh.

Not only did David impress the people of his day but even we look back over a space of 3000 years to him as an example. He had many of the qualities that modern statesmen need. May we note some of them:

1. David was a man of great courage and determination. He met and overcome serious difficulties. When once his mind was made up nothing could turn him aside.

2. He was a humble man. Power never turned his head. Some one has said that "All power is corrupting and absolute power is absolutely corrupting." No doubt this statement has much truth in it, but it did not work out in that way in the case of David. He had absolute power but it did not seem to corrupt him.

3. In recent years we have heard a lot about the "New Deal" and the "Fair Deal", David gave his people a righteous deal. The wise writer of Proverbs went on to say, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." That is equally true of rulers. David was kind and considerate to both friend and foe. He had the

ability of turning rank enemies into loyal friends.

4. David knew men. He was able to select men who could carry responsibilities and he delegated authority to them. He realized that he could not carry all the burden alone. He knew how to inspire men to be loyal to him and the kingdom. He was a wise administrator and a good organizer.

5. David was fair and impartial in his judgments. He had no favorites when it came to rendering justice. His common interest in all the people gave them great confidence in him, and added greatly to his popularity as a ruler.

6. Last and most important David was a religious man. He sought the guidance of God in all of his dealings with the people. He never felt sufficient in his own strength alone. He listened carefully to the voice of the prophets as they made known to him the will of God. Jesus once said to his disciples, "Without me, you can do nothing." David seemed to have felt that way with regards to his relationship with Jehovah. He did not dare to attempt any important task without first seeking the help of the Lord. It is true that he sinned grievously. The writer of sacred history does not attempt to cover up this vile sin. He makes David out to be a great sinner, but he is also a great repenter. The fifty-first psalm is the greatest expression of repentance to be found anywhere in literature.

Modern Application

The world is in sore need of leaders of the right kind today. We have plenty of politicians but very few statesmen. The chief aim of a politician is to remain in office while that of a statesman is to render service to the people. The people in general have a great responsibility in determining the type of leaders. Even mere politicians know that if they are to remain in office they must meet with the approval of the majority of the people. If the majority of the people want decent, honest politics and if they are careful to exercise their voting privileges, they will soon weed out the corrupt politicians.

We need statesmen with world vision today. Men who love their own country? Yes, but who also love the world. We are all aware of the fact that selfishness causes a lot of trouble between individuals. We easily see the great sin of this evil between individuals, but do we realize that it is just as harmful when it is practiced between nations? There can be no question as to the fact that many nations of the past have thought far more about their rights than they have of treating other nations right. It is well enough for favored nations to boast of their high standard of living. There is no harm in having such standard provided it has not been brought about at the expense of less fortunate people. Take our own nation for example, much of our advancement has been brought about through the "American-know-how". This is well and good, but this know-how should be carried as rapidly as possible to the ends of the earth. It is the writer's candid opinion that the general living standard of the world will be lifted or our own standard will be brought low. The world is a unit. We have but one world today, and this world is rapidly becoming one great neighborhood. The nations of this world will finally rise or fall together. The good of the whole world should be the abiding interest of each nation. We need statesmen with this type of vision.

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