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Labor Reviews Its Record

NEXT Monday, September 1st, is Labor Day. On this national holiday labor reviews its record of the past and sees visions of larger triumphs in the future.

Organized labor has made amazing strides in recent years. A few decades ago the voice of labor could scarcely be heard as it protested low wages and working conditions. Today labor is one of the great powers to be reckoned with in our national life.

About the only force labor needs to fear today is its own force. It has developed a tremendous power and so long as it uses that power wisely and justly it will continue to have the sympathetic support of the masses of our American life. A misuse of its great power could be as hurtful to labor as a misuse of power has been to other groups in our national life. On this Labor Day we pay high tribute to labor as one of the foundation stones upon which our national greatness rests.

Must This Go On Forever?

ACCORDING to press reports the promoters of the Dixie Downs race track for West Memphis are bestirring themselves again. They were knocked down for a long count by the election on the question in Crittenden County. It was hoped that they would not survive. However, like the bad penny, they have turned up again.

According to reports a petition is being circulated calling for another election on the race track question in Crittenden County. In the election on the question a few months ago the church people of the county together with the better citizenship of the county outside the church, beat the proposal to the ground in the election asked for by the race track promoters.

It is not surprising that the reaction of the better citizenship of the county was in evidence immediately when talk was revived by Dixie Downs promoters. There is no question but that the forces that defeated the race track proposal in the former election will go into action again as determined as ever to keep the track out of the county.

It should be said, however, that a race track at West Memphis is not merely a local matter. We are not surprised that the better people of the county have declared by voice and vote that the track is unwanted. Nevertheless, this heroic group in the county should not be left to fight this battle alone. It is a matter that concerns the whole state, and the better citizenship of the state should lend its support morally and otherwise to

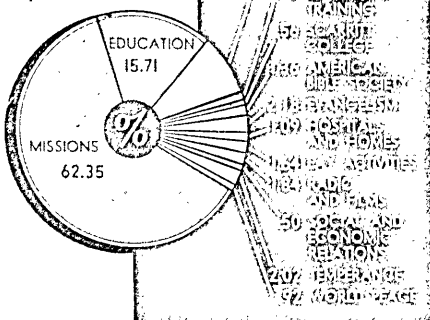
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The World Service Dollar Helps Train Our Ministers

METHODISM has always been interested in a well trained, educated ministry. It is true that from its beginning Methodism has used a large number of ministers and lay-preachers who were not highly educated. Nevertheless, the men used have been the best obtainable under the circumstances. Special training has always been provided for those who needed additional equipment.

DIVISION OF THE METHODIST WORLD SERVICE DOLLAR

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



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

This has been the policy of Methodism throughout its history. Our church has tried to supply its pulpits with a highly trained ministry. However, in order to have a pastor for all of our charges, now as formerly, we find it necessary to use some men who have not found it possible to attend our colleges and universities.

Through its ten theological schools Methodism still strives for advanced training for all of its ministers. The accompanying graph shows that 8.90% of each World Service Dollar goes to these schools to aid in that purpose. Never before has the demand for a trained ministry been so urgent as today. Today's leaders in all fields of endeavor are highly trained specialists in their work. To survive in such a world, the church must have a trained ministry.

No theological school is self supporting. Theological students cannot pay the total cost of such training. In order to survive and continue to serve the church, these schools must receive support from other sources than the student body.

Larger Page Size Next Week

THE present page size of the Arkansas Methodist will be increased approximately 26% beginning with the first issue in September. This will be a return to a former page size which was in use by the Arkansas Methodist for many years and which was used by The Louisiana Methodist for the first three months of publication beginning last October. The reduction in page size the first of January was made necessary by continued increases in publications costs without comparative increases in financial income. Rather than endanger the publications' financial standing by incurring debt, the page size was reduced.

In June of this year the three annual conferences authorized an increase in subscription price from \$1.50 to \$2.00 on the recommendation of the Joint Commission of the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist. While this increase in price has made little difference in income for the publication thus far, it will make possible the absorption in the future of the increased cost of the larger size page which begins next week. We know that many of our readers will appreciate the larger size paper and the increased opportunity for service which the additional space makes possible.

The staff of the publication appreciates the fine spirit which subscribers have manifested during this period when adjustments have been necessary. We believe that the new page size will make possible an even more attractive paper for our readers, a publication in which we can all take increased pride.

Dr. Sockman Writes Column For "Methodist"

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST takes great pleasure in announcing that Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, America's foremost spiritual leader, begins a weekly column for this publication, entitled, "A Lift For Living" this issue.

Dr. Sockman today has the largest "congregation" in the world. His program, the "National Radio Pulpit," is heard by millions of people throughout the country every Sunday morning. His popularity is so vast that it's considered a poor week when he receives only five thousand letters from listeners. Several programs have brought as many as twenty thousand.

The demand for such a column by Dr. Sockman was so over-whelming that he consented to write "A Lift For Living" once-a-week. Our readers now will have the opportunity of reading his simple articles. The

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Church Membership Reaches New High In U. S.

As Reported by National Council of Churches of Christ

NEARLY three out of every five Americans are members of a church or other religious body—a new high in the history of the nation.

New statistics for 1951, made public August 24 by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. reveal that religion, as it has during the past decade, continues to outstrip the nation's growth in population.

Religion had 88,673,005 adherents at the end of 1951, an increase of 1,842,515 over the previous year—a growth of 2 per cent compared with an estimated increase in population of 1.7 per cent. Between 1940 and 1950 church membership increased 34 per cent; population 15 per cent. Church members constitute 58 per cent of the population, compared with 49 per cent in 1940 and 47 per cent in 1930.

The phenomenal growth of the churches is delineated more sharply by numbers. The church membership grew 22,000,000 during the 1940's and only 5,000,000 during the 1930's.

"There is statistical evidence," said Dr. Benson Y. Landis, an official of the National Council of Churches, "that the people of the United States turned to the churches in a period of war, international crisis and the atomic age—1940-1950—to a much greater extent than during either the depression years of the 30's or the relatively prosperous years of the 20's."

"Church membership has increased throughout the nation's history and during the past 100 years has been steadily upward but never so rapidly as since 1940. During the past eleven years the annual gain has been about two per cent."

Dr. Landis is editor of the Yearbook of American Churches, published by the National Council annually, and now is the sole source of statistics for all religious bodies in the United States. The 1951 statistics, gathered from official church statisticians, will appear in a new issue of the annual Yearbook on Sept. 15.

Other statistics for the 252 religious bodies in the continental United States also reflect the revival of religious interest among Americans. The number of local churches rose from 281,511 to 284,592 and church pastors from 166,891 to 181,123, between 1950 and 1951.

In reporting an increase of 40,000 active clergymen since 1940, Dr. Landis observed that percentagewise, the increase of about 30 per cent has kept pace with the increased membership enrollment. Nevertheless, he said, there are thousands of vacant pulpits throughout the country. Seminaries report enrollment at the highest level in many years, but insufficient to offset both the rapid growth in membership and the backlog of vacancies. Many pastors, particularly in rural area, serve more than one church.

Encouragement for the future strength of the churches is seen by statisticians in the report on the nation's Sunday schools, 85

per cent of the enrollment of which is Protestant. The yearbook reports 258,877 Sunday schools of all faiths, with 30,658,149 members.

This represents a gain of over 900,000 members over the previous year, about equal to the annual gain that has been evident since the Sunday school enrollment started a marked upward trend in 1947. Statistics also reveal that an army of 2,998,741 officials and teachers are required for religious education.

The nations' two largest religious groups, Protestant and Roman Catholic, reflected the general gain of 2 per cent in 1951. This continues a situation, Dr. Landis said, that has existed for more than 50 years in which these two religious groups have developed in about the same relation to one another. Numerically, Protestants constitute the largest group with 52,000,000 nearly twice that of the Roman Catholic, who number 29,000,000.

Judaism is third, with 5,000,000; Eastern Orthodox fourth, with 1,858,000; Old Catholic and Polish National Catholic fifth, with 337,000 and Buddhism sixth, with 73,000.

The statistical table for these groups follows:

	Churches	Clergy Having Charges	Membership
Protestants	258,775	161,884	52,162,432
Roman Catholics.....	20,443	15,653	29,241,580
Jewish	3,876	2,577	5,000,000
Eastern Orthodox....	1,204	724	1,858,585
Old Catholic and Polish Catholic....	247	285	337,408
Buddhist		No report	73,000
Total	284,592	181,123	88,673,005

The latest statistics show that while 88 million religiously-minded Americans are identified with 252 religious groups, 98 per cent are concentrated in 70 groups.

Dr. Landis, noting that most of these religious groups are Protestant, pointed out that the divisiveness never has been as great as generally believed and during the past half century, has been considerably offset by two movements, one for organic unity, the other for cooperation. The former has resulted in physical merger of several denominations, the latter in the formation of the National Council of Churches, now the largest religious organization in the United States. The National Council embraces 29 denominations in a cooperative movement with 143,098 local churches, and total memberships of 33,691,852.

In the Protestant fellowship, latest statistics reveal that there are 15 denominations with a membership of one million or more. The Methodist Church is first with over 9,000,000, followed by the Southern Baptist Convention, with 7,373,000, and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., third, with 4,467,000.

Others in the first ten are, in order, the

National Baptist Convention of America, the Protestant Episcopal Church, Presbyterian U.S.A., United Lutheran Church in America, International Convention of the Disciples of Christ, Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and the American Baptist Convention.

In addition to these 15 Protestant groups, there are only two others in the U. S. with membership of more than one million — the Roman Catholic Church and the Jewish Congregations.

No precise comparison is possible between Protestant and Roman Catholic figures. Most Protestant churches enumerate as members persons who have attained full membership, usually at age 13. Probably 90 to 95 per cent of Protestant members are over 13 years of age. Roman Catholics regard all baptised persons, including children, as members.

Since 1926, the total membership of Protestant churches increased from 31,511,701 to 52,162,432 in 1951. Comparing figures for 1951 with those of 1926, there was an increase of about 65 per cent.

Protestants were 27 per cent of the total population of continental United States in 1926; 33 per cent in 1950; and 34 per cent in 1951.

The membership of the Roman Catholic Church increased from 18,605,003 persons in 1926 to 28,634,878 in 1950, and 29,241,580 in 1951. From 1926 to 1951, there was an increase of 57 per cent.

Roman Catholics were 16 per cent of the population in 1926; 18 per cent in 1950; and 19 per cent in 1951.

A table of the 17 religious bodies with membership of one million or more listed in the order of their numerical strength follows:

1. Roman Catholic	29,241,580
2. The Methodist Church	9,065,727
3. Southern Baptist Convention	7,373,498
4. Jewish Congregations	5,000,000
5. National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.	4,467,779
6. National Baptist Convention, of America	2,645,789
7. Protestant Episcopal Church	2,417,464
8. Presbyterian Church U.S.A.	2,364,112
9. United Lutheran Church in America	1,925,506
10. International Convention of the Disciples of Christ	1,792,985
11. Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod	1,674,901
12. African Methodist Episcopal Church	1,166,301
13. American Baptist Convention	1,554,304
14. Congregational Christian Churches	1,241,447
15. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	1,111,314
16. Churches of Christ	1,000,000
17. Greek Orthodox Church (Hellenic)	1,000,000

BRITISH EVANGELISTS TO STATES

A team of British evangelists may be brought to this country next fall to participate in the Methodist series of United Evangelistic Missions.

Before issuing an invitation, the Methodist Board of Evangelism plans to query bishops in whose areas missions are scheduled to see if the British preachers can be used advantageously.

The American and British branches of Methodism will be the chief sponsors of the denomination's world-wide evangelistic campaign in 1953.

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PASTORS' AND RELIGIOUS
WORKERS' SCHOOL AT
HAYGOOD INSTITUTE

By Dr. Clem Baker, Pastor Carr
Memorial, Pine Bluff

It was my privilege to participate in the Pastors' and Religious Workers' School, sponsored by Rev. C. C. Neal and held at Haygood Institute, Pine Bluff, August 11 to August 15.

The main building, which Brother Neal is in the process of reconditioning, was fitted up with lights and other facilities necessary for its use for serving meals for the entire school and for sleeping accommodations for the men. The girls' dormitory cared for the forty women and girls. There were sixty-one persons enrolled in the school and some forty received credit in the four courses taught.

Competent colored instructors taught the courses on "Marriage", "Homemaking" and "Stewardship." My course was on the message of the Prophets and among the members of my class were three laymen, several pastors from Little Rock, Texarkana, Pine Bluff and five presiding elders.

A young school teacher and church worker from Nashville, Arkansas, served as registrar and did her work neatly and efficiently.

The evening inspirational messages were brought by Dr. F. A. Buddin of Little Rock, Bishop Luther Stuart, superintendent of the C.M.E. Conference in Arkansas and Dr. F. C. Sykes, director of Religious Education for the C.M.E. Conference in Oklahoma.

Brother Neal deserves the cooperation of all his friends in raising around \$20,000 which will be needed to put the first unit in good condition for caring for 100 people. This unit includes finishing the overhauling of the administration building and the addition of another dormitory in addition to the good one now in use.

When the first unit is completed steps should be taken for further use of the 300 acres owned by Haygood. Haygood in the future should provide building and equipment to serve other organizations working for the betterment of our colored friends, such as Boy and Girl Scouts, Y. M. and Y.W.C.A. Retreats, various church groups such as Sunday School workers, youth groups, Woman's Missionary Society groups, etc.

Having had this opportunity to observe at first hand the work that Brother Neal is doing at Haygood, I am more convinced than ever that he deserves the support of all of us interested in helping our colored friends.

The 1952 General Conference of the Methodist Church has voted for the four years, 1952-56, an annual budget of \$9,660,000 for World Service benevolences; in addition to \$7,000,000 per year for similar purposes by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and \$4,000,000 given to special missionary projects. It appropriated \$850,000 annually to strengthen Methodist seminaries, and in addition each of the 100 annual conferences was asked to raise 50 cents per member annually to help support other Methodist colleges, and 15 cents per member for Wesley Foundations. It likewise authorized an Interdenominational Cooperation Fund (to be raised by apportionments to local churches) providing \$200,000 for the National Council of Churches and \$85,000 for the World Council of Churches.

AUGUST 28, 1952

National Council's Labor Sunday Message

Suggested to be read Labor Sunday, August 31

1. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden—" To most of God's children these words bear the same meaning today as they did when they fell from the lips of Jesus—carpenter, teacher and Son of God—in the hills of Galilee. The majority of mankind is even now heavily laden with the burdens that must be borne merely to stay alive from day to day. It is hard for us who live in a favored land that God has so richly blessed to realize that for men and women in many other lands life is a daily struggle to obtain sufficient food to provide nourishment for them and their children.

2. Evidence is mounting that men today have both the information and the means adequately to feed and clothe the increasing populations around the world. The burden of sensitive hearts in 1952 is to find the will and the way to apply our knowledge and resources to this end. Our government has put into effect on a modest scale plans to help other peoples and their governments to learn how to increase the available supply of food and clothing. It is attempting to find ways to attract the investment of capital in enterprises and facilities so organized as to preserve human values, and to assist the peoples of those countries in the development of their own economic institutions in order to raise the standard of living of the poverty-stricken labor and farm elements in their populations.

3. This work is being done by the United States Government and through the specialized agencies of the United Nations. It is known as the Technical Assistance Program and has wide bipartisan support. Our purpose is to help break the bonds of poverty that bind teeming populations in many parts of the world and to give them an incentive for a life in which they will be to some degree free from a never-ending struggle for mere existence and have some leisure for education and for the development of a culture fully utilizing the values of their heritage. Communism has exploited the yearning for a richer and more satisfying life that goes far beyond a desire for more nourishment and clothing alone. Man must have food and raiment but his deepest longings can be satisfied only by the bread of the spirit.

4. For many years the churches have had their own "Point Four" program. They have sent to other countries as missionaries men and women trained in education, medicine, and agriculture to help people directly and to teach them to help themselves. 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 peoples of the world to shed the burden of their poverty. We are gratified that

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

5. The net benefit of the economic assistance we have given to nations in Europe and elsewhere has been substantially lowered by the reduction in the value of the dollar. Government officials and leading economists warn that the danger of inflation will continue for several years. In addition to sound public policy, 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, so as to hold back the forces of inflation.

6. "Many leaders of American industry have worked to devise means to protect their employees from injury and death. A number of labor unions have trained their members in the self-discipline needed to guard them from accidents while at work. Despite the progress achieved through safety programs the Christian conscience is shocked by the repeated occurrence of terrible accidents, such as the one which occurred last December in West Frankfort, Illinois, in which 119 coal miners lost their lives. Reports of investigations of this catastrophe indicate that our knowledge of the means to prevent such disasters has advanced far beyond our determination to take the necessary measures to keep them from recurring.

7. Our success in dealing with the problems of mutual concern to labor and the church will be deeply influenced by the integrity and vision of our future national leadership. On November 4th we will select a President and members of Congress to guide us in the perilous years ahead. The labor unions are to be heartily commended for their efforts to have their members study the issues and exercise their privileges as citizens at the polls. Any citizen who neglects to exercise those privileges fails to honor those who won for us the sacred right to have something to say about our destiny.

8. As a nation we face a major peril in our possible failure fully to interpret and accept the heavy responsibility that flows from the power we have as a result of the natural wealth that God has given us. We of the church, on this day set aside to honor the dignity of 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 our confidence in the ultimate victory of justice and brotherhood.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. A. C. BELL, district superintendent of the Texarkana (Texas) District, is the guest preacher in a meeting at Rison.

THE JONESBORO AREA METHODIST MEN will meet at Fisher Street Methodist Church on Friday evening, September 12.

ASON, Keith Gordon, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Johnson of McRae on Friday, August 8. Brother Johnson is pastor at McRae.

REV. H. R. NABORS, pastor of Harmony Grove, is holding a series of services in the church at Harmony Grove. Lee Walters is leading the singing.

JAMES L. BLAND was re-elected chairman of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church of Walnut Ridge at its recent meeting.

REV. C. Q. HALL, pastor at Star City, was the visiting preacher in a revival meeting at the Mountain Home Methodist Church last week.



A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

ARKANSAS IN OKLAHOMA

One of the pleasing things about our more than thirty years in Oklahoma has been the meeting of many fine people who have also been transplanted from Arkansas. Notable among these experiences has been our association with Reverend and Mrs. Abner Sage. Reverend Jesse A. Sage, Abner's father, was our pastor when I was a boy. Dr. James A. Anderson a long-time, distinguished preacher in the North Arkansas Conference, and for many years editor of the *Arkansas Methodist*, was the father of Mrs. Sage. I knew both Dr. Anderson and Brother Sage very well.

Abner became a preacher early in his life and took his training at Hendrix College. There he came to know Miss Laura Anderson, whom he married later on. Except for a few years when he taught Voice and Hymnology at the Southern Methodist University, he has spent most of his ministerial life in Oklahoma, his last appointments being in and about the city of Tulsa.

When I came to Tulsa as pastor of Boston Avenue Church, he was retired, due to a break in his health, but they were active members of the church. They were both gifted musicians and devoted to the church. In the meantime their three children had grown up and gone out into the world. The two married sons now live in Houston, Texas, and the daughter, Mrs. John Burdine, lives in Tulsa not far from the Sage home.

Recently, in an effort to recover his health, Brother and Mrs. Sage made a trip to the Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. After a thorough examination and exhaustive tests, the doctors found that they could give him little, if any relief. The strain and heart-breaking

REV. JEFFERSON SHERMAN of Searcy was the speaker at the morning hour at the Methodist Church of Kensett on Sunday, August 17.

REV. W. L. DIGGS, pastor at Cotter, assisted in revival services at the Yellville Methodist Church, beginning on Sunday evening, August 17. Rev. Theron McKisson is pastor at Yellville.

REV. ARNOLD SIMPSON, pastor of Wiggins Memorial Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was the inspirational speaker for Youth Activities Week at the Methodist Church of Siloam Springs, August 21-22-23.

REV. ROBERT W. JOHNSON, pastor at McRae, reports that a good revival has been held in each of the three churches on the McRae work. Eight additions on profession of faith were received into the churches.

REV. BRYAN STEPHENS, pastor at Sheridan, is doing the preaching in revival services at Moore's Chapel on the Sheridan work. Curtis E. Monroe is in charge of the music and the work with youth.

REV. E. B. WILLIAMS, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District, is the guest preacher in a series of services at the Leslie Methodist Church from August 24 through August 29. His son, Rev. Travis Williams, is pastor of the Leslie church.

REV. JACK WINEGEART, student pastor at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Springdale, on Sunday, August 17, while the pastor, Rev. H. M. Lewis, was on vacation.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK was held at the First Methodist Church, Searcy, August 18 through August 22, with classes taught by Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers and Mrs. H. H. Fulbright. Rev. Travis Williams of Leslie was the inspirational speaker.

REV. WILLIAM STEWART, pastor at Lepanto, was the preacher in a series of services at the Macey Methodist Church, beginning on August 17. Barney Threlkeld was song leader for the meeting. Rev. Frank M. Stage is pastor.

A SOUND FILM STRIP, "Adventure in Our Town," which has been produced in connection with the launching of the new Revised Translation of the Bible will be available for local church groups at the office of the Little Rock Methodist Council, 1018 Scott Street, Little Rock.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK is being held at the Clarksville Methodist Church this week with the theme "Jesus' Way, Our Way." The inspirational speaker is Rev. Charles McDonald of Ozark. Other leaders

disappointment proved too much for Mrs. Sage, herself also greatly impaired in health. A few days after returning to Tulsa, she suffered a severe heart attack and passed away early one morning about three weeks ago. The two sons, a sister, Mrs. McLendon, of Huntsville, Texas, and a sister-in-law, Miss Florence Whitesides, of Magnolia, Ark. came to attend her funeral and they laid her

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NOTICE

The first quarter's report of the Little Rock Conference treasurer will include all receipts through September 10 and will be published in the *Arkansas Methodist* as soon as possible after that date.—Fred Gantt, 916 Hickory St., Texarkana, Arkansas.

are Rev. Carl Carter of Hartman, Rev. Paul Bumpass, Rev. Aaron Barling, Frank Clemmons, Mike Hamm and Joe Curtis.

AT the First Quarterly Conference of the Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado, all suggested financial items were accepted in full, including the increase in World Service Giving. J. Estes Reese was confirmed as the chairman of the Building Committee, succeeding Joe Sanders who has moved from El Dorado to Baton Rouge.

FOUR METHODIST CHURCHES of the Texarkana Circuit have united in a Methodist Men's organization and have been given a charter by the General Board of Lay Activities. The churches making up the organization are Few Memorial, Harmony Grove, Pleasant Hill and Rondo. W. G. Wardlaw is president and Donald Halter secretary. Rev. Virgil C. Bell is pastor.

ABOUT one hundred fifty people attended the fellowship supper and food shower given for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schwendimann and children, recently appointed parsonage family for the Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado. The evening's entertainment was planned by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Progressive Men's Bible Class.

GROUND has been broken for the educational building to be erected for the College Hill Methodist Church at Texarkana at a cost of \$20,000. The building, which will adjoin the church, will be two-story, will have twenty rooms and will be of brick veneer construction. Much of the labor will be done by members of the church. The building committee, headed by E. C. Black includes Floyd Nichols, Ben Hunter, W. M. Elrod and J. D. Shipp. Rev. Howard Williams is pastor.

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HAVING A SENSE OF HONOR

A sense of honor is not one of our physical instincts. Yet it is often stronger than these.

Hunger, for instance, is a primary instinctive drive. A man will do almost anything to satisfy his bodily hunger. Almost, but not quite. The histories of battlefields and besieged garrisons and exploring parties repeat the record of men who suffer the agony of gnawing hunger rather than break over the allotted rations and poach from the common store. What keeps a person from stealing out of the common store of his companions? Fear? Not always. It is something more—a sense of honor.



Sex is another instinctive desire, so strong that some psychologists interpret it as conditioning almost all conduct. And to be sure, it has turned Caesars into silly slaves, duped Napoleons and torn countless homes up by the roots. But men have found a self-mastery able to subdue this tumultuous passion and to preserve the purity of the home. What is it that restrains the sex urge? Fear? Not always. There is also this sense of honor.

Love of money is another impulse so powerful that it has been called the root of all evil. Many would have us believe that the economic motive overshadows all others. Yet we think of Spinoza, the philosopher, living in Holland, grinding lenses for a living while he pondered his great thoughts of God. Louis XIV of France offered him a pension and patronage if he would dedicate even one book to his Majesty, but Spinoza did not approve of Louis XIV and would not prostitute his talent by using it to exalt unworthiness, no matter what the reward. And Spinoza is but one of the unnumbered many who throughout the ages have counted something higher than money. And what is that something higher? It is honor.

The preservation of life itself is certainly the strongest of all man's interests, is it not? When a man is cornered, and it is a question of life or death, is there anything so powerful as his desire to live? Well, there is something which makes firemen dash into burning buildings to save sleeping children, something which has left history strewn with heroic deeds of daring sacrifice. What is that something? It is what we call a sense of honor.

Honor is so basic to life that it might almost be called the bedrock on which character is built. Without honor to undergird, love can easily become a thing of flimsy passion. It is honor which sustains the honesty of men in those dealings where the eyes of the law do not penetrate. Despite the increasing regulations of business, the long-range complexity of commercial transactions leaves more loopholes through which laws can be evaded, unless one has a restraining sense of honor.

More and more indispensable, therefore, are the men of honor—

men whom the law does not have to watch, men whose word is as good as their bond, men whom you can trust with your property or your loved ones, men who play the game, stand by a comrade, do the decent thing. These are the bedrock on which stable society is built.

Honor is as necessary in the realm of religion as elsewhere. Religious emotion without a sense of honor becomes weak and repulsive. The defender of the Bible who talks about keeping the Word of God inviolate but does not keep his own word; the enthusiast for missions who cries for the church to rescue the heathen, but does not stand by his own companions—such persons are deficient in honor and by that defect bring disgrace on the name of religion.

Yet a mere gentlemen's code of honor cannot save the world. For one thing, it is not inclusive enough. Codes of honor are usually limited to the groups in which they operate. The medieval knights treated the ladies of the nobility with all the courteous consideration of chivalry, but they would defile the daughters of the peasants without compunction of conscience or censure of their class. The college student often has a code of honor which distinguishes between the sisters of his classmates and the girls of the town. No, gentlemanly honor is not broad enough or inclusive enough to go out beyond class and country.

Our troubled, divided world needs something more dynamic than more decency. We need men who are not only upright but uplifting. It is one thing to be respectable enough to obey the law; it is another thing to be godly enough to improve the law. It is good to be a gentleman who keeps his word; it is still better to care enough for truth to find out the facts and make one's word worth keeping. When honor is blended with godliness, it becomes magnetic. That's our need today.

AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS
"UNCLE JACK TAYLOR"

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er Prison Farm, where the electric chair is located. Four men were condemned to die a certain morning. After preaching at Tomberlin the evening before, Brother Taylor went to the death cell at Tucker Prison Farm and prayed all night for and with the four condemned men. D. T. Rochelle, who took him there from Tomberlin, said that all night long he could see Brother Taylor on bended knees and dragging his artificial leg going from man to man with his arm around them praying desperately for them. One of them professed salvation and Brother Taylor baptized him in the cell.

At midnight two of the four men had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment. A quiet stillness prevailed as each of the other two walked to the electric chair the next morning. Brother Taylor held each man by the hand as he was strapped in the chair and knelt and prayed for each one holding him by the hand until he was told it was unsafe.

MUST THIS GO ON FOREVER?

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the good people of Crittenden County if it is necessary for them to fight this battle all over again.

If Dixie Downs supporters are in earnest about calling this election, opponents of the track should begin at once to perfect measures to defeat them again.

A WEEKLY MESSAGE

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to rest in Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa. At the funeral service in Boston Avenue Church, Brother Galloway paid a sincere and worthy tribute to her faith and courage, her optimism, her devotion to her family, her church and friends. He especially stressed the fact that her strong, Christian character was developed not only through her background, but through her own individual efforts. She will be mourned by a host of friends to whom she was ever an inspiration.

Brother Abner is now on a visit to his children and other relatives in Texas and Arkansas. Our hearts go out to him in the lonely days that lie ahead, until the time comes for him to join her in that Land that knows no separation. We grieve with him

and his family in their trouble and have longed to render every possible assistance.

This experience has taken us back to our childhood days and early life in the State we all claim as home.

DR. SOCKMAN WRITES COLUMN
FOR "METHODIST"

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world and its problems will provide him with his subjects.

Dr. Sockman's following is not limited but comes from every walk of life. He receives weekly letters from Catholics and Jews, as well as Protestants and from men and women of other faiths all over the world. "A Lift For Living" is non-sectarian and will concern itself with the problems of all people.

Dr. Sockman is pastor of the famous Christ Methodist Church on Park Avenue, New York City and is a professor at Union Theological Seminary. He holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University and since then, has been the recipient of several honorary doctorates.

Besides keeping up with the duties of his congregation, radio program, and teaching, Dr. Sockman also finds time to write books. He has authored 14 books, several of which have been best sellers.

The best description of Dr. Sockman can perhaps be found in his own words. "At a time when confusions are many and hearts are depressed, it is extremely important that a 'lift' be given to the people of the world."

Arkansas readers will be interested to know that Dr. Sockman will be the Raney Lecturer at the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, May 11-15, 1953.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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eousness and equity for all concerned, and that means to the good of the nation as a whole.

Then, we need to repent of our racial prejudice. No person, in a democracy, should be discriminated against because of his race, creed, or color. This prejudice, however, will have to be removed by education and religion. It can't be done by law. You cannot legislate against prejudice any more than you can pass a law to force all people to love each other.

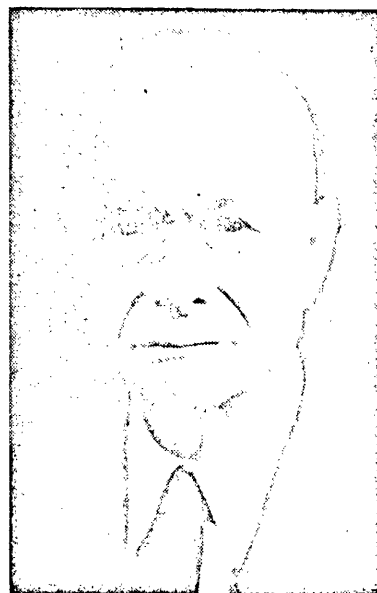
Last, but not least, we need to repent of our national prejudice. Our interest, goodwill, and helpful service must reach out to the ends of the earth. We must desire that all nations shall finally enjoy our high standard of living, and must toward that end.

Affectionately Known As "Uncle Jack Taylor"

A Brief Biography of John Fall Taylor, A Methodist Circuit Rider

For Fifty Years

By REV. BATES STURDY and REV. C. V. MASHBURN



JOHN FALL TAYLOR, affectionately known as "Uncle Jack Taylor", was born May 12, 1867, in Criena, Texas. He was the son of Dr. Daniel Thomas and Mary Louise Taylor who moved from Texas to Arkansas, settling in Garland County, near Hot Springs, where John Fall grew to manhood. Early in life he professed faith in Christ and united with The Methodist Church. Brother Taylor was Received On Trial as a preacher in the Little Rock Annual Conference at Arkadelphia in 1891. He spent his lifetime, until broken in health, joyfully serving "hard works", as Methodist preachers speak of them. (See Memoirs in 1945 Conference Journal.) He died October 5, 1945, at the age of 78.

Brother Taylor was a great servant of the Lord. He lived his preaching and expressed his love for God in unselfish service. He was a poor man as far as this world's goods are concerned, but he was rich in "spiritual" values! He gave his life and service to others. He loved the poor and the rich, the small or great, the sick and well, the learned and the unlearned. He loved people without respect to persons.

Brother Taylor was an earnest Gospel preacher. He loved to preach and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love. It was the greatest story ever told to him, and he wanted to share it with others. He did share it with people of every walk or station in life. Its charm and glory never grew old to him.

This minister of the Lord had his peculiarities. He wore a skull cap most all of the time. His head was bald. Wherever he went he asked the family or the group if they might have a "season of prayer". He would call upon everyone present, irrespective of age to lead in prayer. Sometimes children became amused at some of his ways, but he did not resent it. He walked with two canes, one of his legs having been amputated below the knee due to a fall he had while working on The Methodist Church at Winthrop. But he went everywhere he wanted to. Brother Sturdy well remembers a thing that happened as a Brother Robertson and he were taking Brother Taylor to catch the train early one morning. As they went along the highway they came to a valley. Ahead was a car and someone swinging a light. "Stop!" said Brother Taylor, "and see what they need." More gas was given the car. In a moment they were being chased by this car, and Brother Taylor couldn't get clear in his mind that it was a "hold-up".

He was fond of turnip greens, corn bread, and "pot likker". But often his hosts tried to treat him to more expensive foods. On one occasion he was having a meal with Cornelius Wallie, Umpire, Arkansas. Feeling suspicious Brother Taylor asked, "Brother Wallis, when did you catch these fish?" When the answer was that he had caught them the previous day, which was Sunday, Brother Taylor said nothing but pushed back the plate of fish and ate the other food.

Many in the State Sanatorium, hospitals, county farms, State Penitentiary, schools, jails, and other institutions, knew "Uncle Jack". He went many times immediately from jail to conduct a revival for his fellow ministers. He was in the jail conducting religious services with the prisoners when called. He came to the prisoners in the Master's name to preach to them, sing hymns, and distribute religious literature. It was not uncommon for him to have himself locked up with prisoners that he might minister to them. He won quite a number of men and women to Christ and his way of life.

This kindly soul loved children. Though he had no children of his own, yet many a boy and girl could feel a spiritual father in him. He liked to take children upon his knee and sing to them:

*"Around the throne of God are many little children;
Singing Glory, glory, glory. Glory to God on high!"*

While visiting in the home of C. V. Mashburn at Casa, Arkansas, he took Geneva, the baby upon his knee and said, "God's going to be a great dentist and put a set of teeth in your mouth." This is what God did. He spoke to tens of thousands of children and youth by his illustrated lectures in the school rooms over the country. He made a profound impression on the minds of numerous ones to whom he spoke.

To him the church was the great and sacred place of worship. The church was the Lord's channel for spreading good news. He had the highest respect for its place and work in the world. He gave fifty years to the program and message of the church. He loved its holy cause and denied himself that he might spread its influence and worth to a great number of souls. He opposed mixed dancing in private or in institutions and spoke out firmly against it regardless of where it led him.

Brother Taylor was humble in spirit and quiet in his manner. He respected and fought for the sanctity of the Christian College, sought to make Christian the homes of the people, wanted government to have high-minded officials, and desired to live in the "throne room" of the Lord and to be a blessing to all he met. Truly he lived to the honor of God and to the helpfulness of mankind. He lived well and died in the Lord. May his mantle fall on young men entering the ministry and his influence be felt by thousands.

On one occasion Clyde Coulter, Superintendent of the Temperance League of Arkansas, was speaking on prohibition at the Arkadelphia District Conference at Malvern. Brother Taylor produced a petition five or six feet long of prohibition signers he had obtained while doing religious work in the mountains of Arkansas. Clyde Coulter said, "Are you Brother Taylor? When I get through with this speech I'm going to give you the biggest hug you ever got." This he did. Then Clyde Coulter went on to say, "You know, I was at Marianna the other day and a man said, 'Saint Paul might have been as good as Brother Taylor, I don't know'."

Although Brother Taylor was a well educated preacher being trained in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, none of his appointments paid a high salary. All of his charges paid considerably less than an annual salary of \$1000.00. He would go to Conference and tell the Bishop, "If you have a charge where nobody will go, send me there." Then he would go gladly to his appointment saying, "The angels in heaven would envy me for my appointment." "Sister Lyda", as he affectionately called his wife, would prepare him some cookies to save cafe bills on his journeys. By careful economy he saved enough and gave to the cause of Missions some \$29,000.00. This fund is administered by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of The Methodist Church.

HIS WIFE

Mrs. John Fall Taylor was born Lyda Dean Smith, October 6, 1870, in Frankford, Missouri, the oldest daughter of Dr. Ferdinand Smith and Lucy Garnet Smith. She taught school until 1914, when she became the wife of John Fall (Jack) Taylor. She contributed her \$3000.00 savings from different sources to Brother Taylor's savings and at her death on March 25, 1950 their fund together became known as The Lyda Taylor Endowment Fund in the amount already mentioned of about \$29,000.00.

She spent many years serving as the wife as an itinerant Meth-

odist preacher. Their home was open to orphan children and to weary travelers.

In 1934 Brother and Sister Taylor chose to make Malvern their home where they lived at 611 East Page Street until their deaths. Just one year after the death of Brother Taylor, in 1945, Mrs. Taylor suffered a fall which resulted in a broken hip and was taken to The Methodist Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas. After being released she suffered a stroke of paralysis in 1948 that left her helpless. She was taken again to the Methodist Hospital where she remained until her death.

SOME INCIDENTS FROM THE LIFE OF JOHN FALL (JACK) TAYLOR

Brother Taylor was a modest man and never boasted of himself. We have worked at odd times for four years to obtain the information for this brief biography of his life. All the information came from sources other than Brother Taylor. It is doubtful if he ever took time off from Bible study and prayer and Christian work to tell the incidents of his life, even to his loyal wife.

Praying at Night in a Cemetery

This incident happened in one of the seven years Brother Taylor was pastor of Umpire Circuit in Howard County. Late at night he was coming by Bethel Cemetery from his appointment. Looking for a quiet place to pray he dismounted his horse, Charles Wesley, and went and knelt by the grave of a friend. There he prayed aloud. At this late hour of the night some young men were returning from a dance. They heard this talking from the grave and ran home breathless from fear.

Faith in Immortality

When Brother Taylor was assisting Rev. C. V. Mashburn, in a revival at Mountain Valley, a few miles from Hot Springs, they walked into the woods one evening to pray. Suddenly he stopped and it seemed that his face shone as the face of an angel when he said, "Brother Mashburn, I'm as sure that I will be with Saint Paul in glory as I am that I'm standing here."

Gives Mr. Woodall His Horse

During a testimony service at the revival at Mountain Valley, mentioned above, a Mr. Woodall arose and said, "Brother Taylor, forty-five years ago I was making a crop near Mountain View, in Saline County. My horse had died and I was finishing my crop with a hoe. You came by and gave me your horse to finish my crop. Then you went walking on your circuit. I am grateful to you."

On Time in His Services

On one occasion when he was riding his horse, Charles Wesley, to preach at Wesley's Chapel, in Saline County, he was busily engaged in reading as was his custom. He met W. C. Taylor who informed him that he was on the wrong road. He turned Charles Wesley in the right direction and left in such a rapid fashion that his coat tail sailed along on his shoulders like the wings of an airplane.

Slapped by a Drunkard Whom He Gets Converted

During his revival at Maumelle, out about twelve miles from Little Rock, Brother Taylor walked back to invite a drunkard to the altar. The drunk man slapped Brother Taylor. But Brother Taylor prayed for him there and went home with him for the night. Before the revival was over the drunk man was converted and embraced Brother Taylor as he said, rubbing his hand over his face gently, "The other night when you came to me I thought this was the ugliest face I had ever seen, but tonight I think it is the most beautiful face I have ever seen."

Gives Man His Suit

He wore very inexpensive clothing but went clean. A Hot Springs family of wealth bought him a new suit and dressed him otherwise expensively. Later he was walking along a railroad track with his two canes. He saw a shack by the side of the track, went in and had a "season of prayer". The family was poor and he gave the head of the household his new suit for a pair of old trousers. On he went having prayer at other houses.

At Bedside of Dying Man

Several years ago Rev. John L. Hoover, now pastor at England Methodist Church, went to visit a man who was dying of cancer in an humble home in the suburbs of Hot Springs, Arkansas. The odor of decayed flesh could be smelled almost as one entered the gate. On entering Brother Hoover asked, "How long have you been here, Brother Taylor?" To which Brother Taylor answered, "Since yesterday," as he continued to fan the flies away from the sick man with a limb of peach leaves.

Prays All Night in Death Cell at Tucker Prison Farm

Brother Taylor was holding a revival at Tomberlin, near Tucker. (Continued on page 5)

Each Conference To Face Own Building Needs

A CHALLENGE to annual conferences to initiate their own church extension projects to care for shifting millions of Americans was one of the important forward steps taken by the General Conference of 1952.

Dr. Earl R. Brown, general executive secretary of the Division of National Missions, (as the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension was renamed by the Conference), presented to the Conference the statement on church extension signed by representatives of the Council of Bishops and the staff. His speech called attention to the "imperative need to reach the unchurched multitudes for Christ. We have no alternative except to build our share of the new sanctuaries for America and to provide pastoral leadership for these new churches."

Annual conferences, according to the new operation, will promote conference-initiated specials in conference-wide campaigns to take care of their own church extension needs. It is recommended that each conference-wide appeal set aside 10 per cent of the amount raised for general church extension to provide for the "weaker and more urgent situations outside the conference." These funds are to be sent to the Division of National Missions to be administered as general specials for work among minority groups and in outpost missions.

National missions needs were dramatically highlighted at the Conference in the Episcopal Address which called for "creative imagination . . . strategy which shall marshal the total leadership of the church and adequate financial resources to get the job done." In their statement on church extension needs, the Bishops said, "Our Board has done well with the resources in personnel and funds at its command. But these have been pathetically inadequate. The time has come to restudy our total approach to this pressing problem which holds nothing less for us than the place of Methodism within the life of America in the immediate and distant future."

More than 1500 new churches should be organized in the 1952-56 quadrennium if Methodism is "to maintain her position of leadership" at home and abroad, according to the report of the General Commission on World Service to the Conference. An adequate building program for Methodism in the next four years calls for \$219,215,900. This includes new churches, expansion, rebuilding, reopening of abandoned churches, new Wesley Foundations, and all other church extension needs.

"Over fifteen per cent of our 1300 abandoned churches—most of which are in revived rural areas—should be reopened for divine services," says Dr. Brown's report, based on a wide survey conducted by the office of church extension. "At present more than 600 new congregations are worshipping in temporary quarters or public buildings and must have new church edifices."

"The Division of Home Missions

and Church Extension is anticipating requests for donation aid and salary support for new churches in an amount over nine times the funds which will be available," the request for a conference-initiated plan stated.

Recommendations endorsed by the General Conference included:

"1. Seeking Divine guidance in development of effective church extension strategy to the end that the effort to establish new congregations be accepted as a primary objective of each annual conference of the Methodist Church for the quadrennium 1952-56.

"2. Urging pastors and church members to give full support to the new program, reminding them that existing churches never suffer from establishment of new societies. (The Episcopal Address especially called for city churches to sponsor new congregations in the suburbs.)

"3. Requesting each annual conference to make a careful survey of its church extension opportunities and, if practical, to set up a priority list of these opportunities that needs may be met in order of strategic importance.

"4. Urging each annual conference to set adequate financial goal (based on actual need) to finance new congregations under plan for Conference-initiated specials. These goals should be vigorously promoted in each conference with the Division of National Missions expanding its services where necessary to provide leadership for conference surveys and financial efforts.

"5. Urging each annual conference to utilize services available through the Division such as supervision of research and survey; consultation for architectural planning; direction in conducting Conference financial crusades; guidance in financial program for individual building projects; granting of aid in form of dona-

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ARKANSANS AT YOUTH MEETINGS AT PURDUE

Benny Kittrel of Austin, Ark. and Vice President of the Arkansas Methodist Student Movement, Jim Gossett, of Blytheville, Ark., and President of the North Arkansas M.Y.F. and James S. Upton, Professor at Hendrix and North Arkansas Conference Youth Director and Director of the Arkansas Methodist Student Movement are among nearly 200 youth delegates and conference directors attending the series of national Methodist youth meetings at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., this week.

Youth presidents and directors of youth and intermediate age workers from 103 annual conferences are meeting with the youth department staffs of the Methodist General Board of Education to determine greatest needs of youths. In response to the request of the Methodist General Conference for increased emphasis on youth work, this first national Planning Conference was

called by the Rev. Harold W. Ewing, Nashville, Tenn., head of the local church division youth department staff of the board. Results of this meeting will form the youth program of the denomination for the next four years.

Youth presidents will join with some 40 state student movement presidents on the campus in the annual meeting of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, ending Aug. 24. This body, representing two million Methodist youth, will nominate youth members to general boards of the church. The National Methodist Student Commission, or student section, met earlier in the week.

Many young people will be staying on the campus another week for the Christian Youth Conference of North America, directed by their own National Conference president, Jameson Jones, of Lexington, Ky. More than a thousand delegates will represent 40 denominations.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S DIVISION, FIRST CHURCH PINE BLUFF

Superintendents meetings have been held monthly and plans formulated for the work of the division.

This year we have at last acquired a home visitor. Even though our teachers visit, we have needed the services of the Nursery Home Visitor.

The Vacation Church School was held May 26th through June 6th. The Woman's Society served refreshments each day.

In October our Kindergarten superintendent decided to try a Family Night with open house for parents of that department. Much planning was made and invitations were mailed and children were informed to bring Mother and Daddy, and phone calls were made the day before. When parents arrived they were invited to be a Church School boy or girl again. The plans used in a regular Sunday School Session were carried out. The parents enjoyed this and expressed surprise at the new methods being used in the department. At the time of the meeting there were 49 children enrolled in the department. There were 25 homes represented in the meeting, with 45 persons attending.

In December the annual Christmas party for Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary Departments, was held. There was a Christmas tree with candy and gifts for all.

The Junior Department seems to enjoy skating parties. Our Junior Superintendent has entertained them several times this past year. The music and refreshments are always enjoyed.

Mrs. Earl Barnett, our District Director, asked that the Vacation School institute for this area, be held in First Church. Our workers cooperated with the institute. There were 45 persons attending the all-day meeting.

In April the Junior Department had an open house, with 60 parents attending. Each class had a part on a very interesting program. A social hour was enjoyed at the close of the meeting, and plans made for other parents meetings.

This year, at the pastor's suggestion, the Membership Class was limited to members of the third year Junior class. All but three of the children were already full members of the church. The new book of Mary Alice Jones **MEMBERSHIP MANUAL OF THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR BOYS AND GIRLS** was used by the children, and was found to be most helpful. Four from the Children's Division took the vows of the church on Mother's Day.

Our visual-aid program has grown. Each department has purchased film strips from their funds. These are being used, and appreciated, by the boys and girls. — Mrs. Frances Grauman, Supt. of the Children's Division.

EMPHASIS ON TRAINING OF ADULT WORKERS WITH YOUTH

Nashville, Tenn.—In keeping with the recent General Conference legislation to "recruit and train thousands of adult workers with youth," "to provide guidance to youth for the establishment of Christian homes," and "to discover new and more effective means of ministering to the youth of this generation," the Department of Leadership Education of the General Board of Education is planning to give special emphasis to the training of adult workers with youth in planning coaching conferences, according to the Rev. J. Irvin McDonough, staff member in charge of the certification of instructors.

Of the 9500 instructors for leadership education courses certified by the department, 2000 are registered to teach one or more of the sixteen courses offered in the youth field.

A check of instructors revealed that more are certified to teach the course on "The Methodist Youth Fellowship" than any other course in this field, with

"Teaching Youth" a close second and "Youth and Worship" a still closer third.

Because the main emphasis of the leadership program for 1952-53 will be on training workers to understand, use, and interpret the Bible, the course on "Interpreting the Bible to Youth" will receive particular attention. Plans are under way to promote this course in the coaching conferences for leadership education instructors and to encourage its inclusion in the leadership schools and classes in all areas of the Methodist Church.

By these means it is expected that many new youth leaders will be recruited and many of the 19,328,000 unchurched youth gained for Christ and the Church.

There are too many easy-going Americans who are up in arms against nothing because they have no fixed standards of right and wrong. Tolerance is less than a virtue if it weakens the instinct for what is just.—Dr. Robert J. McCracken, pastor, Riverside Church, NYC, American Organist

A SUCCESSFUL ADVENTURE IN TOGETHERNESS

WE are happy to have completed our first Vacation Church School, at Miller's Chapel, in the Dry Bayou Community, on the Wilmot-Miller's Chapel Charge, July 28 - August 8, with thirty-four children receiving Certificates of Recognition.

In planning the school we were sure of a half dozen, all Beginners and Primaries. Some said that we might have a dozen if nearby Baptist children came. We sent cards to twenty children. Twenty-two came the first morning — ages five to sixteen! So we counted from the the smallest "up" for Stories of Jesus — and from the biggest "down" for We Go To Church, and kept the plan as attendance increased to thirty-four.

You would be surprised how well the texts fitted, this loose grouping. The bigger ones helped in each department. The teachers taught the children in front of them, and not just a textbook, so nobody felt out of place. In fact, we think it might be good for some adults to take the course.

Our own children were there 100% (ten of them!). The others were children of Baptist and Pentecostal background. All were nice children with whom it was a

privilege to work, play, and worship.

Mary Dell McKee and Betty Jane Englerth worked together with the smaller children and directed the recreation. It was rewarding to discover the fine qualities for leadership in these two young people.

Pearl Metheny helped with the registration and served as secretary; and Janett Crain, from the Baptist church, was a great help in the handwork for the older group and most cooperative wherever needed.

A Health Clinic at our church every Tuesday made us lose time and harvested a crop of sore arms, but the children were good. We brought our lunch on Friday and made up the time lost.

The mothers took turn in serving refreshments each day. With the thermometer hitting a high mark this was especially appreciated.

The closing program and fellowship supper brought everybody out. It was a happy occasion and we believe the school will mean a growing love and friendship between all the families of Dry Bayou, and that the churches will work together for a good community.—Mrs. C. D. Cade.

NEWSPAPER LAUNCHES DRIVE FOR DOWNTOWN CHAPEL

Shreveport, La.—The Shreveport Journal has started a campaign to raise \$5,000 for the opening of a interdenominational chapel in a downtown business building.

It asked that 5,000 people each donate one dollar "in order that many persons may have a direct interest in the chapel."

The daily said that the money will be used to alter and equip a second floor section of the Texas Eastern Building with an altar, pews and prayer rails for visitors as well as a meeting room for church groups of all denominations.

Dibelius Says Christians Won't Fight Fellow Germans

German Christians will "never" take up arms against their fellow Germans, Evangelical Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin said in addressing 20,000 church people from East and West Germany at a Home Mission meeting in Berlin. "We Christians will never allow ourselves to be pressed into a sentiment of hatred," he said, "and we will never take weapons into our hands if (they are to be) directed against another part of our people. The Church and the German people will never tolerate

a part of Germany being referred to as a 'hostile foreign power'." The Protestant leader, chairman of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany, said that, although Christians throughout the world are united in praying for peace, "in his everyday life the Christian will not shun a fight because if the Church has no other desire than to be left in peace, it fails in its mission."

Church Of The Moon And Stars

Interdenominational open air services called "The Church of the Moon and the Stars" have been drawing an average audience of 350 persons to Wilson Park at Okolona, Miss., each Sunday evening during the summer months.

Instituted eight years ago, the services are jointly sponsored by Okolona's Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches.

Each group is assigned, on the basis of its local membership, a number of Sunday evenings when it provides the featured speaker. This year the Methodists had seven nights, the Presbyterians five and the Episcopalians two. Methodist Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of Jackson, Miss., was the mid-August speaker.

Music is furnished by an adult choir and a junior singing group comprising members of all three denominations.

European Methodists Stress Increased Evangelism

The need for an intensified evangelism program and increased social responsibility was urged at a European conference of The Methodist Church at Frankfurt on Main, Germany. The meeting, attended by Methodist leaders from 11 countries, was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Friedrich Dunderlich, director of the denomination's seminary in Frankfurt. German Methodist Bishop Dr. Ernest Sommer, originally scheduled to preside over the conference, was unable to attend because of illness.

President Not Considering Recess Appointment Of Vatican Envoy

President Truman has apparently decided against making a recess appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. In response to a question at his weekly press conference as to whether he expects to make a recess nomination, Mr. Truman said that the matter is not being considered at this time. He said that he had no further comment to make. Confirmation by the Senate would be required for

REPORTS RUSSIAN CHRISTIANS SHOWING SPIRITUAL VIGOR

London — Christians in Russia are showing an impressive spiritual vigor and steadfastness, it was reported here by the Rev. Marcus James, Overseas Secretary of the British Student Christian Movement, following a month's visit to the Soviet Union.

He went as the personal representative of Canon John Collins, Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral, to study the religious situation there.

While in the Soviet Union Dr. James was received by Patriarch Alexei of Moscow, head of the Russian Orthodox Church. He attended a service in Moscow's Cathedral of the Epiphany and visited the theological academy

at Zagorsk as well as three monasteries.

He also met Pastor Jacob Zhidkov, Chairman of the All Union Council of Baptists and Evangelical Christians, Dr. Solomon Schleffer, Chief Rabbi of Moscow, and the Rev. Joseph Buturovich of the Roman Catholic chapel in Moscow. On a visit to Tashkent, capital of the Uzbek Soviet Republic he interviewed the Inman, or spiritual leader, of all Moslems in the Central Asian Soviet Republics.

Dr. James was received by several members of the Soviet government including officials of the State Council on Church Affairs and the Ministers of Health and Education.

any ambassadorial nomination. Unless Congress is called into special session, the Senate will not meet again until January 3, 1953.

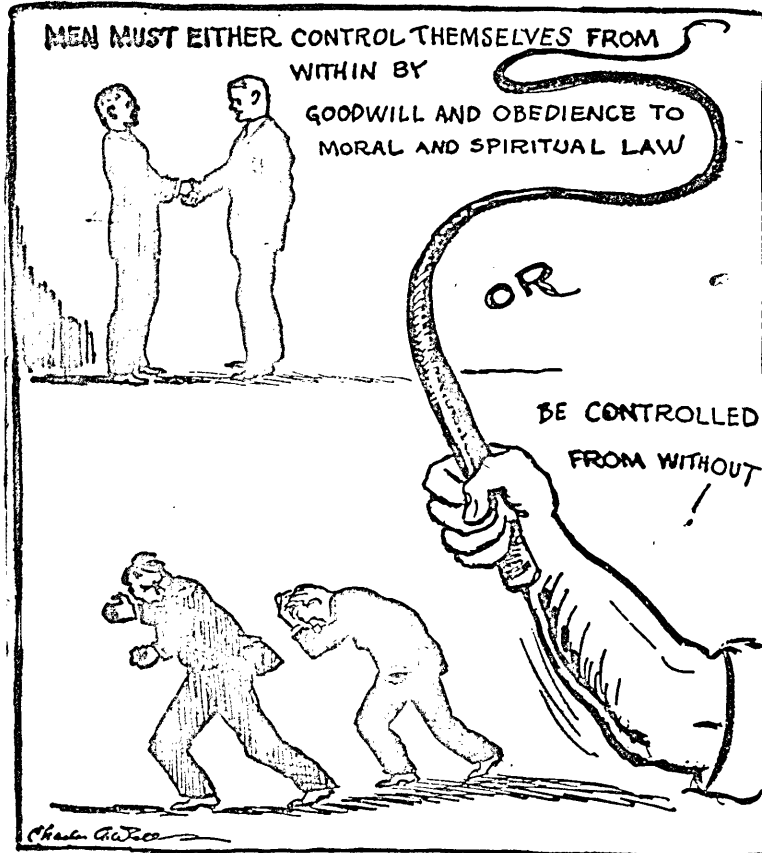
Seek Views Of Presidential Candidates On Vatican Envoy Issue

Pressure is being brought by some Protestant sources on the Presidential candidates to give their position on the sending of an ambassador or other envoy to the Vatican. President Truman's statement that he is not giving consideration to a recess appointment to the Vatican ambassadorial post apparently will leave the

decision to the next President. Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, has queried General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Governor Adlai E. Stevenson on their views. In identical telegrams to the candidates, he said: "In view of President Truman's statement that he is not giving any consideration to a recess appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican and in view of the American people's widespread expressed interest in this issue what is your position on the question of sending a diplomatic representative to the Vatican?"

IT'S ONE OR THE OTHER

By Chas. A. Wells



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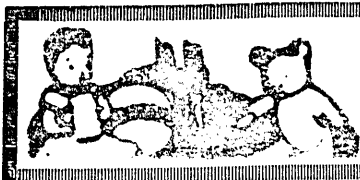
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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

"IT WAS A SWEET JUNE MORNING"

Peggy Parker's Aunt Elsa Norton was sick, and Mrs. Parker took her little niece, Madge Norton, home to stay for a while till her mother should get better. Madge was a dear little four-year-old, but she was an only child, used to being amused a great deal, and Peggy found her rather bothersome. She was willing to play at dolls with Madge and swing her in the swing and hammock and race with her to the barn to look for eggs and to take her strawberrying down in the south field and draw her in her little cart and do a great many other pleasant things for her; but she did wish that Madge would let her have enough time to herself to learn her recitation for Children's Day.

But that was something that Madge could not seem to do. Since she never took a nap, and since she made grandmother's head ache after a few minutes, and since Mrs. Parker had no time for her, the task of taking care of her fell on Peggy. To be sure, she could have crept off to the attic or out on the high-heaped clover mow of the barn and hidden from her little cousin; but that would only have made trouble for her mother. So she tried to make the best of it as it was.

The poem that her Sunday School teacher had asked her to recite was a long one, for Peggy recited uncommonly well. But it seemed to her that she could never get it learned so long as Madge was about, chattering and asking for stories and for help in dressing her doll or hunting up the kitten or doing something else. But finally she did learn it—every line. And she said it over and over to herself after Madge had gone to bed and before she woke in the morning.

The concert was to be from seven to half-past eight o'clock in the evening. Since it closed so early, Mrs. Parker said that Madge might go. She could easily stay awake as long as that.

Madge was delighted. "I'll thee Peggy thepeak her pieth. Won't I, Peggy?" she cried over and over. "The'ss be on the pwatform in her white dreth! And the'll begin, 'It wath a Thweet June morning!' Won't you, Peggy?"

At the church as she waited for Peggy to go up on the plat-



CAMPING TIME

Along about this time of year
When Autumn days are drawing near,

We go away and set us camp
Where trails call for a nice long tramp.

Sweet song birds call and squirrels play
And breezes blow throughout the day.

There is much to do and much to see,
It's a happy time for our family.

—A.E.W.

form she was so excited that she could hardly keep still. But when Peggy's name was finally called she sat very quiet and her eyes shone like stars.

Peggy stepped to the front of the platform, bowed and smiled. She opened her mouth to begin her piece, and then something strange happened—strange for Peggy, anyway, though it had happened more than once to some of the other pupils. She couldn't remember the first line of her recitation! And she had not brought the book. It was very large and heavy, and besides she had felt perfectly sure of herself. She turned as red as a tomato. Peggy bit her quivering under lip and turned to leave the platform.

Then suddenly a sweet little voice from the audience said, "Peggy, Peggy, 'It wath a thweet June morning!' Member?"

Everybody laughed, and Madge hid her face on Mrs. Parker's arm. But Peggy turned and bowed and

JUST FOR FUN

"Oh, mother," the little girl called from the spring-house, "there's a mouse swimmin' round and round in the biggest pan of milk."

"Goodness," said her mother, "did you take it out?"

"No," said the little girl, "I throwed in the cat."

* * *

Two men went into business together—one an optimist, the other a pessimist. Their enterprise was a success from the start.

"Well," said the optimist, "our first month has been wonderful.

smiled all over again and said her recitation from start to finish without a single mistake. The people in the audience clapped and clapped and said that Peggy had never recited so well before. —Youth's Companion

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

WHERE DO STARS GO?

I wonder what becomes of stars
When morning rays appear
Do they visit China Seas
When other skies are clear?
I hope that they return again
When nightfall clouds the sky,
For I would miss those twinkling lamps
Which fairies hang so high!

Carolina Christian Advocate
—Everett W. Hill, in North

THE BIRDS' BATH

The little birds chirp in the trees,
"We want a bath, oh please, oh, please.
We've had so very far to fly
And it was dusty, hot and dry.

Just any pan or any dish
Where we can bathe, is all we wish;
For towel or soap we have no need
Nor bathing suit; oh, no, indeed.

Make us a bath; all summer long
We'll sing to you our sweetest song;
Out on the air our songs will go.
We'll be your little radio."—
In Our Dumb Animals

THE SLEEPY MAN

Nurse says the sleepy man
Is coming—let us run,
And watch him through the key-hole;
'Twill be such glorious fun.

So they softly crept to the play-room,
Little Ted and blue-eyed Nan—
And waited long and patiently
To see the sleepy man.

At last it came their bedtime,
And nurse looked all around
For Baby Nan and Little Ted,
But neither could be found.

So then she sought the playroom,
And lo, behind the door,
The sleepy man had caught them both
And laid them on the floor.
—Selected

We have had a continual run of customers."

"Yes," replied the pessimist dourly, "we have had good business. But look at those front doors. If customers keep shoving through them, the hinges will be worn out in another week."—
American Eagle.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

GUILD PRESIDENTS OF HOPE DISTRICT MEET IN DeQUEEN

A dinner meeting for presidents and vice-presidents of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Hope District was held at Hill's Wednesday evening, August 13, with Mrs. J. W. Patterson, Jr., of Hope, district secretary, presiding.

The resignation of Miss Lucille Durham of Texarkana as program chairman was accepted. Plans for the year's work were discussed and it was decided to have three district meetings at Hill's during the conference year rather than two as has been the custom. At least four Guilds will be represented on each program.

Presidents and vice-presidents from the Guilds of the three Methodist churches in Texarkana, Prescott, Hope, DeQueen, Ashdown and Mena were in attendance.

The next meeting will be held September 23.

BUILDING LASTING PEACE

"Peace, like freedom, is not won once and for all; it is fought for daily in many lands and is the result of many individual efforts," Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said in an address on the United Nations recently.

Answering those who ask "What can I as an individual do to help the United Nations and to help in the struggle for a peaceful world?" she suggested, "Make your own country the best possible country for all its citizens to live in and it will become a valuable member of the neighborhood of nations." And this work for peace among nations, she added, should begin "in our homes and in our communities."

In many ways the speech summed up the feelings of hundreds of thousands of U. S. Christian women who will observe World Community Day on Friday, Nov. 7, under the theme "Building Lasting Peace."

World Community Day, sponsored annually on the first Friday in November by the United Church Women of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., is observed by women in hundreds of state and local councils of church women. It is the day when the women particularly remember that they are part of "the neighborhood of nations"—and offer their prayers and their gifts as neighbors in the community of the world.

To the World Community Day services in November, the women

CHRIST BELONGS TO ALL

*Christ belongs to the whole earth
Even as He belongs to me—
Unto every nation He calleth
Longing to set them free!*

*He is seeking the soul of the sinner
The ruler and the slave,
He spans the mighty ocean
In His desire to save!*

*Christ belongs to the whole world
And He loves us, every one
For He is of God's own kingdom
And is His beloved Son.*

—Margaret S. Connelly

will bring the gifts they have been making ready all summer—cartons of diapers, snowsuits, baby blankets and socks, shirts, sweaters, dresses—that will be dedicated as their contribution to peace in the world.

Some of the things will be new, others will be clothes in good condition that have been outgrown by more fortunate youngsters here. The bundles are destined for children overseas—war orphans in Korea and Japan, DP and refugee children in Trieste, Belgium, Germany, Greece and Lebanon.

The women also will make an offering at the service, part of which will be used to send medicines and vitamins to children overseas, and part for their own Action Program for Lasting Peace.

First suggested in 1942, the initial observance of World Community Day was held in 1943, when 100,000 Christian women signed cards pledging their support of U.S. participation in a world organization and their willingness to accept rationing at home.

Within a few years following the inauguration of World Community Day they sent overseas more than a million diapers, bundles of shoes, clothing, towels, soap, school supplies for children and teenagers, and had contributed more than a quarter of a million dollars to support their work for a peaceful and orderly world. By 1948 their project had grown to a point where the bundles of yard goods and sewing equipment alone totalled 350 tons.

And from lands throughout the world, letters have poured in to the New York headquarters of the United Church Women—letters indicating what it means to the homeless and the hungry, the refugee and the DP, to be remem-

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

Miss Marjorie Minkler, executive secretary of the Department of Town and Country Work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Mission Board, is on a three-month tour of Europe to investigate rural projects there. On part of her trip she is a member of a rural life tour conducted by Professor Rockwell Smith, rural sociologist, at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill. Miss Minkler will visit cooperatives and folk schools in Scandinavian countries, work communities in France, and headquarters of the UN Food and Agricultural Organization in Rome. Miss Muriel Day, executive secretary of the Bureau of Educational Institutions, WDCS, is making a European tour to investigate educational procedures on the continent.

"Most readers would rather see a dramatic religious story than an article on crime in their favorite magazine," Miss Michael Drury, writer and editor, told a group of church editors in New York recently. "Evil gets a little dull. Crime has a shock value that wears off in time. But religion has inherent dramatic value, and a lasting appeal to people's desire to believe in God and goodness and themselves. . . . I think there are 'religious' stories in places where no one has looked for them. Religion isn't a separ-

bered.

Typical is a note from a refugee camp in the U.S. zone of Germany, thanking the church women for gifts to the children there, which ends: "And when there are people who do their best to understand and help us, that gives us courage to fight for our liberty and know we are not alone."

ANOTHER GROUP OF US-2's PREPARE FOR SERVICE

With vocational experience ranging from truck driving to horticulture and geographical distribution from Philadelphia, Mississippi to Philadelphia, Pa., the second group of "US-2's", young Methodist missionaries who will serve in this country for two years, gathered at Kansas City, Mo., for training, July 14-August 22.

Begun in 1951 as the answer to the "us too" appeal of national missions stations for short term missionaries similar to the "I-3" and "J-3" (India and Japan for three years) foreign program of the Board of Missions, the US-2 program is sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Division of National Missions. These lay workers are between 21 and 28.

Thirty-one young men and women from small towns and cities, farms and suburbs, came together at National College for Christian Workers. Most of them are college graduates of the class of 1952. Some have been working for several years. They will serve in home missions stations in this country and territories as school teachers, social workers, youth leaders, agriculturists, librarians, office workers, and in other phases of mission work.

Training features classroom work in religion, institution work, and special techniques. A workshop in the local church was held. Field trips included visits to mission institutions in the area, factories, Goodwill Industries, and a rural mission project of the Episcopal Church and the American Friends Service Committee Internes in Industry program.

ate thing, but a way of life that permeates everything we do." She pointed out that the churches are interested in the things that readers and editors are: marriage, family, children, prayer, social questions.

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW PINE BLUFF CHURCH

Construction was formally begun on Sunday afternoon, August 24, for the new Wesley Methodist Church building, Pine Bluff, when Dr. J. L. Dedman, Pine Bluff District Superintendent, and Rev. Winslow Brown, pastor, turned the first spadeful of dirt. In appropriate services late Sunday afternoon in a beautiful grove of trees at the corner of 31st and Hazel, Pine Bluff, the congregation participated in a special order of services for ground breaking and heard Dr. Dedman deliver the sermon.

Also appearing on the program were other Pine Bluff pastors, Dr. Clem Baker, Carr Memorial, Rev. Otto Teague, Lake Methodist Church, Rev. George Kerr, Hawley Memorial, and Rev. J. L. Nethercutt, retired.

The new building to be constructed is the first of three units which the congregation envisions and will be used both as an educational building and sanctuary. Eventually, a sanctuary and additional educational facilities will complete the building program. The first unit will be a two story brick veneer structure to cost approximately \$15,000, according to Rev. Mr. Brown, and will cover an area 34 by 62 feet.

More than a hundred persons were present for the service, representing all the other Pine Bluff Methodist churches as well as the Wesley Methodist congregation. The Wesley Church was organized last spring but held its charter membership open until the close of the first revival services in July of this year when a total of more than fifty members were reported. Rev. Mr. Brown is the first regularly assigned pastor of the new congregation, being assigned at the June session of the Little Rock Annual Conference.

The new location consists of four acres of real estate located in the southwestern part of Pine Bluff in a fast growing residential section. Thus far the congregation has been meeting for regular services in a beautiful grove of trees at the location. The congregation recently acquired a parsonage for the pastor and his family. Located at 1310 West 33rd street, it is approximately ten blocks from the building site.

The Board of Trustees of the Wesley Church is serving presently as the building committee for the building program. The Trustees includes Homes Tiner, chairman, Carl Welch, and J. Baker Goodman. Mr. Tiner is also

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FIRST CHURCH BATESVILLE OPENS EDUCATIONAL UNIT

Central Avenue, Batesville,
Also Has New Building

THE First Methodist Church, Batesville, Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, pastor, formally opened a new \$125,000 Educational Building with appropriate services on Thursday evening, August 21, with several hundred members and friends in attendance. A formal service of opening was conducted in the church sanctuary at 7:30 after which members and friends went to the Educational Building for a period of fellowship and inspection of the building.

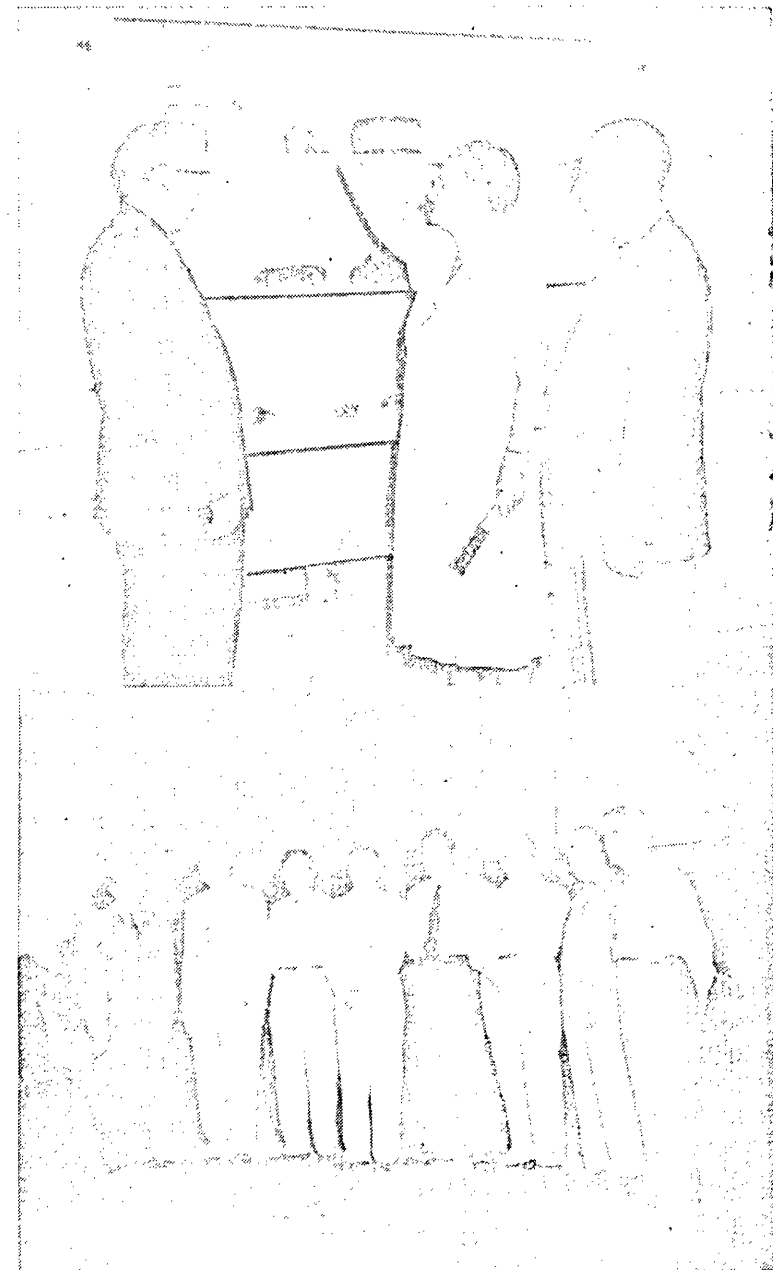
At the building opening service led by the pastor, short statements were made by Nels Barnett, Chairman of the Building Committee, Guy Swaim, Little Rock, Architect for the building, Rev. H. Lynn Wade, former pastor, S. Harvey Chaney, Church School Superintendent, Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, Arkansas Methodist Editor, and Rev. David Conyers, pastor of the Central Avenue Methodist Church, Batesville.

The new building features a chapel capable of seating one hundred persons, a fellowship hall approximately 50 by 60 feet in size, a kitchen, and church school facilities for all pre-school age children and the several departments of youth division. Costing approximately \$125,000 including furnishings, the building is two stories in height, of brick, tile and steel construction, and is joined to the main building, being located on its south side.

Members of the Building Committee include Nels Barnett, chairman, Dr. O. T. Johnston, S. Harvey Chaney, John Polk and W. D. Murphy, Jr. Swaim and Allen, Little Rock, has been the architectural firm for the building program, and Ernest Jones, Batesville contractor, has been the General Superintendent for the building project.

An interesting feature of the chapel is the number of memorials and honoring gifts that have been placed in it as furnishings. A pew has been placed in the chapel honoring every living former pastor of the church: Rev. W. Vance Womack, Rev. Allen D. Stewart, Rev. Horace Lewis, Rev. H. Lynn Wade and Rev. Raymond Franks.

The total building program at First Church includes certain remodeling work in the older building which will provide space for the Primary and Junior groups of the church school on a second floor being installed over which is now part of the overflow sanc-



AMONG THOSE PRESENT at the Batesville First Church formal opening of its new educational building are, l to r, Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, pastor; Rev. H. Lynn Wade, former pastor, now of Augusta; Ira Sherrill, Electrical and Heating Contractor; Guy Swaim, Little Rock, of architectural firm, Swaim and Allen; Ernest Jones, Batesville contractor who is general superintendent of the building program; Dr. O. T. Johnston, member Building Committee; S. Harvey Chaney, member Building Committee and Church School Superintendent; and Nels Barnett, chairman, Building Committee. John Polk and W. D. Murphy, Jr., also members of the Building Committee were not present for picture.

Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, Mrs. I. N. Barnett, Sr., and S. Harvey Chaney inspect one of sections of the Beginners Department of the Children's Division in the new Educational Building.

tuary space. This arrangement which in the older building will also make possible a wiser use of the remaining space which heretofore has served all the church school, according to Rev. Mr. Kaetzell, the pastor.

Also, a part of the building program is the renovation of the church sanctuary. Architects have not yet completed plans for this phase of the program but is expected that the entire program will be completed by Christmas of this year. The total cost of the


program is expected to reach approximately \$160,000. A total debt of \$50,000 is contemplated by the time that the program is completed.

Central Avenue Unit Opened

The Central Avenue Methodist Church, also in Batesville, used for the first time last Sunday its new educational building. Built of the same type Batesville marble that was used in the original building, the new unit is joined to the older building on the east

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"A SHINING EXAMPLE . . . OF THE LASTING BEAUTY AND BRIGHTNESS OF STAINLESS STEEL"

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This article taken from the "Country Gentleman" is one of which I call your attention. While reading this, my mind goes back two thousand years at which time there came One with "Lasting Beauty and Brightness". He may be seen in the churches, in schools, in hospitals and in the life of in-

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dividuals.

Wherever you find beauty, love, and Christian service, whether it be in the town or in the country side, you can truly say that in these there is the "Unseen Friend" even Christ.

This is influence through the church goes out to other agencies making them more stable and durable — and more worthwhile in the life of the community.—J. Albert Gatlin

THREE DENOMINATIONS HAVE JOINT PRAYER MEETING

We have one thing in this old historic town of Washington, Arkansas, that every town does not have, that is, all three denominations have prayer meetings at one church each month. This month we are at the Methodist Church. The Presbyterian pastor, Dr. Williams, who is 93 years old, conducted our first two Wednesday night worship services in August and the Baptist pastor is finishing out the other two Wednesday night services this month. We then will be back next month at the Baptist Church when the Methodist and Presbyterian pastors will conduct the month of September prayer meetings.

Since coming here we have received eleven people into two of the six churches. We have built or repaired two rooms at the parsonage; installed new 1952 hot water heater; put all hot water lines in; new screens all over the house with a new roof on the two rooms; built a clothes closet; inside painting, and covered floor with linoleum. Our total cost runs a bit over \$700.00.

The people are responsive to this great work and it looks as though we may have a very fruitful year here.—H.A.F. Ault, pastor

ULM CHURCH BEING REDECORATED

The little Methodist Church of Ulm in Prairie County is a small but progressive one. The members have worked diligently in cooperation with the Sunday School and Woman's Society of Christian Service to redecorate the interior of their sanctuary

REPORT ON WORK AT SANATORIUM

I wish to thank all who have participated in the work at the Sanatorium. The response to the need for more **Upper Rooms** has been fine. Because of this help there will be sufficient number of copies on hand, I believe, for distribution to the patients. I can use many **Upper Rooms** of each issue. Through the medium of this little book many are inspired and benefited.

The Sunshine Fund continues to come in from various churches, Sunday School classes, members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Youth Fellowship and individuals. The fund is not large enough to take care of all worthy cases, but through it a number are helped. Often I wish for a larger amount in the fund to do more for the ones I contact here. Any wishing to send contributions may send them to me here at the Sanatorium.

The literature which comes through the mail is very helpful. Packages and boxes of used and surplus literature are received and this literature is given out as I make my rounds over the hill. How eagerly many receive this reading matter.

Sometime ago I mentioned in an article that we needed a sound system at Steward Building for making possible services to patients on the two floors. Just this morning a check from the Grand Avenue W.S.C.S. at Stuttgart came in the mail, starting this fund. I am grateful for this. With others making contributions this device for carrying a worship service can be purchased. What a blessing this would be to those who want religious services so badly. Almost every week some in this building mention how much they would like to have services. One of these record playings and mike attachment machines costs some \$200.00 or more.

Day by day the personal contact of patients goes on through personal ministry. The services held on the hill offer worship privileges. Placing New Testaments and portions in the hands of patients gives them the word of God.

I want to express my personal appreciation and gratitude to both Conferences. May the blessings of our Father in heaven by years. —Bates Sturdy, Chaplain.

this year. The floor has been sanded and varnished, and the walls, ceilings and pews have been painted white and pale blue.

Two more projects are underway. One is to provide some method of heating the church instead of the wood-burning stove used here-to-fore. The other is to remodel the communion rail.—Reporter.

GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW PINE BLUFF CHURCH

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chairman of the Official Board of the new congregation. Louis F. Wood is Church School Superintendent, J. G. Nethercutt is the chairman of the Finance Committee and Mrs. John Rose is the President of the Wesley W.S.C.S.

The new building will have an assembly room which will accommodate 125 persons that will service also a sanctuary. It will also have ten classrooms, a kitchen and two restrooms. Charlie Quinn, member of the Lakeside Methodist Church, is the builder.

The new church is the outgrowth of a movement begun by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, but has received support from the four Pine Bluff Methodist congregations, with First Church taking the lead in the program. Dr. Dedman, Pine Bluff District Superintendent, has been quite active in leading the new congregation in the early stages of its organization and building program.

According to Rev. Mr. Brown, the church already has under way a program of providing recreational facilities for the children and youth of the surrounding community. A softball diamond is being used and a tennis court will be approved within the next few days as well as several barbecue pits.

FIRST CHURCH, BATESVILLE, OPENS EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

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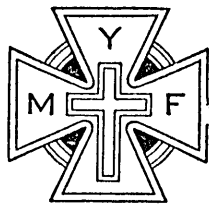
side and extends from the northeast corner over an area formerly used as a playground on the church campus.

The cost of the two story structure is approximately \$24,000, according to Rev. David Conyers, pastor, and provides an additional 5000 square feet of space which is devoted to class room space, assembly rooms, a ladies parlor, and church school secretary's office. There is also some re-arrangement of space in the older building which will provide larger quarters for classroom work for classes meeting there. A frame building which stood north of the original building has been dismantled and the space there and extending behind the new educational building will be used for a parking facility.

A more detailed description of the new educational building will be published in an early issue of the *Arkansas Methodist*.

(Editor's note: It is not every Sunday that new educational units are opened on the same Sunday by two Methodist churches in the same city.)

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK AT VANTREASE

A modified Youth Activities Week was observed in the Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado beginning on Sunday night, Aug. 17. The leadership was provided by a team of youth especially trained during the week of July 14-19 at Camp Aldersgate and consisted of Pat Allen, Martha Williamson, Jim Anderson, and Wayne Waller. Young people from Parker's Chapel and Dumas Memorial Churches were invited to participate. Mrs. Claude Baker and Mrs. J. T. Joiner, youth counselors of the host church, led in making arrangements for the week.

The young people met on Sunday evening at 6:15 for fellowship snack supper provided by members of the Rainbow Sunday School Class. Then followed the regular M. Y. F. meeting in which the Fellowship team led discussion and forum hour. The 7:30 evening worship hour was under the direction of the team, with each member sharing his or her experience of Christian faith with the congregation; youth present made up the choir and led the singing. After church, the group assembled on the lawn and enjoyed a period of recreation.

After recreation on Monday night, the group arranged themselves before the outline of a rugged cross upon which a spotlight had been fixed. They then heard the story of the Crucifixion,



Left to Right, Martha Williamson, Jim Anderson, and Wayne Waller. Pat Allen was absent when picture was made.

transcribed, from The Greatest Story Ever Told.

Tuesday night activities consisted of the discussion period, recreation, and refreshments, after which the group retired to the sanctuary lighted by a cross. The worship center was a picture of Sallman's Head of Christ about which lighted tapers flickered. The Team then led in a dedication service using as a theme the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be, Consecrated Lord to Thee". The service closed with an altar prayer service of renewed consecration.

It was a great experience and these young friends of the Fellowship Team are recommended unreservedly as ambassadors of good will for Christ and His Church in the strengthening of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. —Fred Schwendemann, Pastor.

SENIOR AND INTER-MEDIATE CAMP AT HOT SPRINGS

The Senior and Intermediate Departments of the First Methodist Church in Rector, spent August 15-16 at Wayland Springs camp at Imboden.

A full camping program was carried out during the week-end. The program included various kinds of recreation; classes on "The Meaning of Worship", the Senior class being led by Jim Beal and the Intermediate class by Mauzel Beal, who is the summer youth director at the Rector church; a hike and nature study

led by Ralph Parks; and morning and evening worship services. Just before returning home Saturday night there was a beautiful and inspirational dedication service led by Jim Beal.

There were 21 attending the camp including 4 adult counselors: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parks and Rev. and Mrs. Jim Beal.

Finances to cover expenses of the camping trip were raised by a Topsy Turvy Talent Show given by the MYF Tuesday evening, August 12.

We are grateful for Wayland Springs and for the camp authorities that make it possible for groups to take advantage of

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Buffalo Island Sub-District met on Monday night, August 11, at Lake City with Mr. Bonds speaking on "Modern Israel." Terry Ballard, president, presided over the meeting. Churches represented were: St. John, Riverside, Black Oak, Caraway, Delfore, Lake City, Leachville, Macey and Manila. Leachville received the banner. The next meeting will be held at Riverside Church on September 15.

The Zone No. 1 Sub-District of the Ruston District held its monthly meeting in Homer on July 28. A youth revival was in progress there and the service was used as the devotional service. The song service was led by Byrl Moreland, Jr., and Tracey Arnold delivered the message. There were 203 M.Y.F. members who attended the business meeting which followed. It was voted that the Sub-District pay half of the president's expenses to Mt. Sequoyah. The council met and decided that the Sub-District will be named at the next meeting which will be held in Minden.

The Batesville Sub-District met at the Moorefield Methodist Church for its August meeting. One hundred five young people were present. The program, based on the four M.Y.F. Commis-

sions, was led by Marjorie Stuart of Batesville. Others participating were Faye Shoemaker, Virginia Buchanan and Kay McSpadden. Group singing was led by Barbara Meacham of Moorefield Church. Plans were made for a Sub-District Retreat to be held at Wayland Springs Camp. Recreation was led by Kay McSpadden. The next meeting will be at Mountain View Church.

The Harvey Spillman Sub-District meeting was held at Slaughter on July 28. The meeting was held on Comit. Rev. Dale Smith led the group in a sing-song. John Piker read the constitution and it was adopted. After the business meeting John Piker had charge of the devotional service. Mrs. Dan Rice sang a solo. A Friendship Circle was formed.

The Tri-Parrish Sub-District of Monroe District met with the Waterproof M.Y.F. on Lake St. John at the California Oil Co. guest house and lawn on August 11. Waterproof was in charge of the program and the recreation followed by a watermelon supper served to 90 young people of the following churches: Ferriday, Vidalia, Jonesville, Sicily Island, St. Joseph and Waterproof. The next meeting will be with Jonesville on September 15.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK AT NEWPORT

Youth Activities Week at the First Methodist Church in Newport was held August 3-6. About 80 young people and their adult workers met at the church each evening for a fellowship supper, followed by group singing, discussion groups, special features, recreation and worship.

The theme of the week was "Still He Calls". Discussion groups on "What It Means To Be A Christian" and "Prayer—a Mighty Force" were led each evening by Rev. Guy C. Ames, pastor of Newport First Church and Rev. M. L. Kaylor, pastor of Umsted Memorial in Newport.

Special features each evening included: Monday night, a World Friendship Banquet with Miss Mary Mitchell of Conway, returned Missionary from China as speaker; Tuesday, a film, "Crossroads"; Wednesday night, Community Sing. A Sunrise Communism Service and breakfast were held at the cliffs for the young people on Wednesday morning at 5:30.

Recreation for the four-day period was led by Bob Watson of Tuckerman, Junior ministerial student at Hendrix College.

Rev. Raymond Franks, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Forrest City, was inspirational speaker. Presiding at the inspirational hour were: Sunday, Bobby Biggadike, Monday, Billie Anne Beaumont, Tuesday, Buzzy Shaver and Wednesday, Nancy McDonald.

The climax of the week was the (Continued on page 15)



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THE CHURCHES ARE CROWDED IN KOREA

By REV. WILLIAM A. LINTON
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THERE is a movement into the Christian church in south Korea such as has not been seen in forty years. Churches are crowded, old buildings are being repaired and added to, and new buildings are being erected.

In a city of about thirty thousand in southwest Korea, two beautiful new buildings have just been completed and paid for entirely by the members of the congregations. Absolutely no mission money has gone into either. One is constructed entirely of granite and the other of brick trimmed with granite. Each will seat four or five hundred people on seats or about a thousand on the floor. (Most churches plan on moving the seats out when special meetings are being held.) A new church of from fifty to a hundred can be started in almost any village of two hundred population when workers are available. One exception must be mentioned here: it cannot be done in or near guerrilla territory.

Many factors explain this new interest in the gospel. The fact that religious liberty has obtained under the Republic government is one. The presence of many Americans during the U.S. occupation is another. Though all of our GIs did not bear a good Christian witness, some did, and the Koreans believe that Christianity has made America the power she is. But by far the largest contributing factor is the Christian witness borne by the faithful during the Red occupation, July, August and September, 1950. Non-Christians found them patriotic, steadfast in their Christian faith, and trustworthy in their dealing with others. Many Christians looked death squarely in the face during those days and were unafraid. More Christians in proportion to numbers lost their lives during those terrible days than any other group. Such testimony needed no explanation to their fellow citizens.

When Mr. Kim Ka Chun, the Christian governor of North Chulla Province, died very suddenly last October, Korea lost one of its ablest executives. He was reared in a Christian home, became a minister in the church, and was Bible teacher in a mission school for years. He brought high ideals into the government. Honesty and straightforwardness were encouraged. He took no part in drinking parties and served no drinks in his home. His funeral will not soon be forgotten by the tens of thousands who attended. It was Christian in every detail. Even non-Christians

tian officials as they stood in front of the coffin to offer condolences to the great throng of citizens, said, "Mr. Kim was indeed a great man and a good man. He is surely in heaven."

Last spring a missionary went to a country church on Sunday morning unannounced. When services began, the building was crowded with people sitting on the floor and standing against the walls. The windows and open doors were also filled with listeners who were unable to get in. At the end of the service the elder arose and said to the congregation, "We'll just have to do something about our building before summer. We'll not be able to meet here when it gets hot." The missionary had heard this elder make exactly the same statement a year earlier. In the meantime the building they now used had been built. Although it was twice as large as the former building, it was too small. The new building had not really been completed. Some of the plastering had not been done.

The missionary asked the elder to explain this phenomenal growth in the church. "Well," he said, "the attitude of unbelievers toward the church has changed. Formerly they didn't trust the Christians. Now they know that we Christians are different from other people. Preaching to non-Christians on the streets and in their home is different from what it used to be. They all say, 'Yes, I know I should be a Christian.' Formerly we Christians found it necessary to exhort people week after week to believe in Jesus, but now only a casual invitation to be a Christian fills the church." Since then a much larger building has been provided and it is rapidly filling up.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK AT NEWPORT

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Candlelight Dedication Service held the last night in the sanctuary with almost 100 youth in attendance. Miss Regina Watson, Youth Director of Newport First Church, was the director of the week's activities.—Reporter

DANVILLE'S AUGUST SOCIAL

The Danville Methodist Youth Fellowship had its regular monthly social at Spring Lake on August 4 with twenty-one members present. Swimming and a picnic supper were enjoyed.—Emily Millsap, Reporter

OBITUARIES

WALLS—Mrs. Charlotte Ellen Walls was born on October 5, 1889, in London, England. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin West. At the age of twenty-one she came to America and later became a naturalized citizen.

She was converted at an early age, united with the Methodist Church and lived a consistent Christian life. On May 19, 1925, she was married to Rev. Robert L. Walls and two daughters came to bless their home. Her husband preceded her in death by six years. She passed away on August 3, 1952.

Mrs. Walls is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Roberta Harkey, Belleville, with whom she made her home, and Mrs. Edith Gillespie, Trowbridge, California, four grandchildren and a sister. She was active in Christian work, was a devoted mother, good neighbor and will be greatly missed in her community.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Fred Thompson of Waldron and Rev. Lamar Davis at the Methodist Church in Belleville. Interment was in the Russell cemetery.—Mrs. Lora Hunt

BLACKWOOD—Mrs. Reva Coolley Blackwood was born on August 14, 1877, at Sweet Home in Pike County, Arkansas. She professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church in early life and remained a faithful member until her death on July 12, 1952.

At the age of twenty-three she was married to Drew Blackwood who preceded her in death some years ago. Five children were born to this union, all of whom survive. They are: Mrs. Ray McLaughlin, Sweet Home; Bob Blackwood, Sweet Home; Mrs. Floyd Thompson, Bingen; Mrs. Herbert Powers, Ashdown and

Mrs. Clark Hipp, Texarkana, Texas. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Blackwood was a real Christian. She loved her church and its works and was faithful to its services as long as she was able to attend. She suffered great affliction in her later years and was thus prevented from attending all services.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Clyde Swift of Bingen, assisted by Rev. A. N. Youngblood of Highland and Rev. A. J. Bearden of Ashdown, her former pastor.

Interment was in the Sweet Home cemetery.—A. J. Bearden

EACH CONFERENCE TO FACE OWN BUILDING NEEDS

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tions and loans so far as the fund will permit."

A quadrennial survey of church extension needs by each annual conference and district with special emphasis on unchurched areas and the over-all financial objectives was among the new legislation enacted. "Due consideration shall be given to the responsibility of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension for areas requiring home missions and church extension aid beyond that which the conference is able to provide. From this study an adequate conference-initiated financial program shall be formulated with a view to meeting these needs."

Dr. Brown thinks the new plan will enable the local churches, districts, annual conferences, and general agencies to mobilize to meet the challenge of a changing nation in which seventy million Americans have changed their residence in the last decade. "This unprecedented mass migration of people has created a church extension challenge which we simply cannot avoid and dare not neglect," he says.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 1952

WHAT DOES GOD WANT?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:

II Samuel 12:1-7, 13-15; 18:32-33

GOLDEN TEXT: Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me. (Psalms 51:10)

This is the sixth lesson on the general theme "LARGER LOYALTIES". There is one more lesson in this unit. It will be remembered that all materials for the unit are selected with the idea of helping students to see how the Hebrew people grew in the matter of loyalties, with the purpose of helping them to make a similar growth. The hope of the world today lies in this growth. We will become one world or no world. There must be an international spirit of understanding and good will before permanent peace can ever come to the world.

A Look At The Scriptures

The first passage of the lesson (II Samuel 12:1-7 . . . 13-15) tells of a great sin that King David committed and how he repented of it. The Bible is a very realistic book. It gives the account of many great heroes of the faith, but it never glosses over or covers up a single sin in their lives. Call the roll of the great Bible worthies. Remember what the Bible has to say about them. You will note that the shortcomings of all except Christ have been revealed, and he had no faults. No other book deals so realistically with its heroes. This leads us to believe that the Bible is indeed the Word of God.

There can be no question about the seriousness of David's sins. They were wholly uncalled for and without a mitigating circumstance. Both the law and the custom of that time permitted a man to have more than one wife, and in addition to a number of wives the kings had a harem of concubines. At the time David took Uriah's wife, he had seven wives of his own and sixteen concubines. Uriah had but one wife, and David, exercising his power as an absolute monarch, took her. When he learned what would be the consequences of his act with Batheshba he tried to cover up his sin by having her husband Uriah to visit her. When this failed he committed a still greater sin. He saw to it that Uriah was put out of the way. One of the ugliest features of the whole sordid mess was the fact that David sent the sealed message to Joab by Uriah that would mean this faithful man's death. He knew that Uriah was too loyal to break the king's seal and read the message before arriving at army headquarters. We note here that one sin led to another on the part of David until he had stooped as low as his evil heart could take him. So it is with sin today. A person commits a sin and then a dozen more in an effort to cover up the one with which he began his downward course.

David was a great sinner, but at the same time he was a great repenter. We recall how the prophet Nathan came to David

with his parable of the "one ewe lamb." He told this story in such a realistic way that David thought the event had taken place in his kingdom just as Nathan had related it. We are told that the king became very angry and went on to say, "As the Lord liveth this man shall surely die." Nathan replied, "Thou art the man." Nathan was no timeserving parson. David was an absolute monarch. He could have had the prophet killed without the formality of a trial. Nathan took his life in his hands when

he warned David of his sins. He was not willing to permit his parishoner to be lost through any cowardice on his part, though that parishoner was a king with absolute power. This is a very good lesson for us preachers of today.

David so thoroughly repented that Nathan assured him that God had forgiven his sins. He warned him, however, that the sword would not depart out of his house. Nathan knew that David had set adrift influences that would prove a great hurt to his family. None of David's children suffered directly for the sins he committed, but through his evil influence he led them to commit sins of their own for which they did suffer. A close study of the history of this family will reveal that the sword really did not depart from the house of David.

The last passage of the lesson (II Samuel 18:32-33) gives the closing episode of the life of Absalom. Absalom was one of David's sons. He had slain his own half-brother, Amnon, who had ravished his sister, Tamar. Through fear of punishment by his father, he fled from the land. Later he returned home and rebelled against his father. He was killed in battle. This particular passage tells of the report of his death to David. This broke David's heart. He felt responsible, in a way, for the sins of this young man. With a wail that would almost awaken the dead we hear the cry of the king: "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would I had died for thee. O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Lessons From The Above Passages

David was a great sinner but he was also a great repenter. This was the chief difference between him and Saul. Saul never sinned as grievously as David but he never could bring himself to repent. It is always easier to sin than it is to repent. As soon as David became aware of the enormity of his sins with a breaking heart he cried out, "I have sinned against the Lord." Even in his day he realized that sins against his fellowman were sins against God. He knew that God identified himself with the human race. Later Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you did it unto the least of these, you did it unto me."

Repentance is one of the great needs of the world today. There can never be permanent world peace without repentance on the part of the nations of the world. This repentance will have to be personal. Nations as organizations have no souls, but individuals who make up organizations do have souls, and as such they are capable of repentance. Many times we talk about what a nation ought to do and thus salve our conscience of individual responsibilities. It is foolish to talk about a nation repenting and say nothing about the individuals who make up the nation.

Before David would or could repent he had to be convinced of his sins. The same is true with us. We will have to be convinced of our sins as individuals and we will have to realize that the sum total of those sins make up the evil of the nation. When individual citizens of this country repent in large numbers the nation will be repenting. When the various nations of this world repent then they will be able to come together in unity and goodwill.

Like all individuals, all nations are sinners. It is said of individuals, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Since nations are aggregations of individuals, that same thing must be true of nations. Like all the others — but in many cases not to the same extent — our nation is a sinner and needs to repent. By many, we are looked upon as the leading country of the world. That is quite an honor but it carries a great responsibility. We should use our influence to bring the nations of the world together, but we can never do this so long as we continue to assume the "better than thou" attitude. It is easy for us to see the sins of others and confess their wrongs, but it is hard for us to see our own. The world is full of prejudices that keep it apart. Our own nation is cursed with some of them. We need to repent of them.

For example, there is prejudice that exists in our country between management and labor. These two forces are parts of one whole. They belong together. Neither can get along without the other. There should be harmony between them. There was a time when management ground the face off of labor. Then labor organized for self protection. In many respects it now holds the whip-hand. Will it be fair in its demands — a just day's wage for a just day's work — or will it through political pressure demand more than what is right and thus throw the economy of the nation out of balance? That is a question that all might ponder prayerfully. The writer has always been on the side of labor. For the good of the nation, he wants to see labor get all that the traffic will bear. But let this be remembered, nothing is ever permanently settled until it is settled in right.

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