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The Interpreter's Bible Volume I Is Ready

copy of Volume I of The Interpreter's Bible has just been received at our office. Our readers will be glad to know that it will be ready for general distribution September 30th.

September 30th, as we know, is the date for the release of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Old Testament. All volumes of The Interpreter's Bible will contain the text of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, as well as the King James Version. Volume I of The Interpreter's Bible will be the first commentary on a new version of the Bible to appear simultaneously with the new version.

Another interesting thing about the release of the Revised Version of the Bible, Old Testament and The Interpreter's Bible on September 30th is that this date comes during Bible Week and this year Bible Week commemorates the 500th anniversary of the publication of the Gutenburg Bible.

Volumes 7 and 8 of The Interpreter's Bible, which includes the four Gospels, have been available now for some time. Volume I, which has 1130 pages, contains all general articles on the Bible as a whole and general articles on the Old Testament. It also contains the commentary on the books of Genesis and Exodus. No other volume of the series will be more usable or desirable than this volume containing the articles on the Bible and the commentary on these two most controversial books of the Bible. The price of the volume is \$8.75. Order from Abingdon-Cokesbury, Nashville 2, Tenn.

Federation Moves To Accept Conference Request

O recount here all the happenings which led the recent General Conference to reprimand the Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial) would be needlessly to remind many Methodists of incidents that they would much rather forget. This "unofficial" organization composed for the most part of ultra-liberal Methodists constituted a source of embarrassment by its pronouncements on various issues. Though it had no official relationship to The Methodist Church its name was confusing (having the word Methodist in its title) to many persons, especially those who had never had the "unofficial" relationship explained. Then, too, the organization had its headquarters in The Methodist Building at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, a building which houses several of the officially related Methodists Boards and agencies. The very fact that the organization was quartered in a building under Methodist jurisdiction lent an official air to all the Federation business.

The recent General Conference took the organization to task and made two requests of it: first, drop the word Methodist from its name, a request that had been made by thousands of Methodist members and hundreds of Methodist churches and church groups; second, vacate the space which it occupied in The Methodist Building in New York, request that the Methodist General Board of Publication, which controls the building, had made months before but which had been ignored under the protection of a New York City law which prohibits eviction from office space in that city. The General Conference vote on this question was overwhelming.

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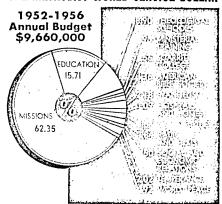
American Bible Society And The World Service Dollar

HEN we pay a dollar to World Service 1.36 percent of our contribution goes to the support of the American Bible Society. The American Bible Society, with headquarters in New York City, is a nonprofit organization which receives financial support from practically all protestant

is now one hundred thirty-six years old, being organized in 1816. Since it is a non-profit organization, the Society furnishes a large number of Bibles and portions of the Scripture to

churches of size in America. The Society

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individuals and organizations at the cost of production.

Another great service the Society has rendered is in the free distribution of more than seven million copies of the Scriptures to members of the armed

A very distinctive service for which we are indebted to the American Bible Society is the translation of the Bible and portions of the Bible into so many languages and dialects so that the people might have the Scriptures in their native language. In 1951 the Society, with other Bible Societies, translated the Scripture into fifteen languages that had not had it before. The American Bible Society has had a major part in the fact that the Scripture is now being printed in a total of 1049 languages. This is very encouraging. However, it is somewhat distressing to remember that there are still approximately a thousand spoken languages that do not have any portion of the printed scriptures.

An announcement recently reached our office stating that arrangements have been made to have the American Bible Society send 160,000 copies of the Korean illustrated Gospel of Luke to Korea for distribution to Korean schools and day Schools. The announcement stated that the Society itself will send an additional shipment of 175,000 copies of Luke for the same purpose.

In this and many other ways the American Bible Society is having a large part in spreading the Good News.

Hendrix Needs Your Help

HEN an applicant for admission to a college is turned down because of lack of room, it is naturally a disappointment for all concerned. On the other hand, as disappointed as college officials are for having to do this, there is a real sense in which they are glad because that means enrollment is good. We understand several girls have not been able to get into Hendrix College because of the lack of dormitory accommodations. Enrollment at the college is holding its own, and comparatively speaking, this speaks well for the college and what it is doing in the field of higher education.

Every since the period of post war inflationary college enrollment, sparked in a large measure by the G. I. "Bill of Rights", attendance at colleges and universities has been on a decline. So much, in fact, that college authorities have feared for the future of many of these institutions. It is indeed heartening when our own Hendrix can continue to maintain a healthy enrollment when other schools are suffering from declining enrollment. Moreover, it is a distinct compliment to the school and the character of work it is doing when its enrollment continues on a high plane. Methodists in Arkansas can point with pride to Hendrix.

Enrollment, however, is not the only major problem which colleges are facing today. In a day when the dollar is worth scarcely more than fifty cents of the pre-war dollar, the col-leges are heroically making the most of what financial support they derive from fees and outside sources. Hendrix is no exception. For example, we confidently expect that most Methodists in Arkansas would be ashamed of the salaries which members of the Hendrix staff receive if such a list were published.

The Methodist churches in Arkansas are currently engaged in an endowment campaign to raise \$300,000 in the next 21/2 years which will be matched by a like amount from the General Education Board of New York. These funds will go a long way in correcting the salary situation at Hendrix. This will be additional salary for the same staff that is rendering such a character of service that makes it necessary to turn applicants away because of lack of dormitory space to accommodate them.

Where The Real Trouble Lies

E have heard much recently, through press and otherwise, about the divorce racket said to exist in some of the border towns of our state. Courts, judges and lawyers have been soundly criticized for being a part of a divorce mill that is said to grind out divorces at so much per.

No justifiable defense can be made for anyone who would make merchandise out of marriage relationships and broken homes. It is about as shoddy and shameful a way to make

money as one could imagine.

Nevertheless, disgraceful and dishonorable as the actions may be of those guilty of making the wheels of the divorce mill go around, the real trouble goes much deeper. These are surface symptoms of a deep-seated malignancy which has been made a legal part of our state body politic. The real trouble lies in the easy-divorce law which was deliberately passed by the lawmaking agencies of our state for the expressed purpose of bringing some easy money to the

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Before The Geese Fly Southward

By R. MACK BENTLEY, Shreveport

Secretary of Evangelism, Louisiana Annual Conference

OR weeks our feathered friends far to the north have been oiling their feathers, priming their wings and gathering the derelict members of the flock for the migration. I am sure that every alert pastor will want to reorganize his Fisherman's Club and select from this group choice members for his Commission on Evangelism long before the geese fly southward.

Vacation Is Over

Vacation season is over. Both nature and religion are taking on a new coat of feathers and making the necessary adjustments for seasonal activities. Church people will be trimming their candles and getting their flickering lights back in shining order. Some will return with the normal seasonal boom, fill their empty pews which they in good faith bequeathed to the summer heat. Others will require a pastoral call or a visit from the Church School, W.S.C.S. or Fisherman's Club. Whether some of the more chronic cases survive the winter months ahead or not will greatly depend upon the tasty, palatable, digestible rations provided by the pulpit.

Personnel, Prospects, Plants

It is most heartening to know that regardless of the nature of the sermon or the distance between pastoral calls there is a great dependable group who will be in their places in season and out of season. When St. John peeped through the keyhole of inspiration into eternity it was this faithful multitude which he saw dressed in white garments under the Eternal Throne.

We are to be congratulated on the splendid educational buildings and lovely sanctuaries which we have erected in recent years; but we must not forget that the great concern of the church is people.

Several thousand new people have moved into our various communities in recent months. We cannot wait until our Spring Visitation Effort to reach these people; they will go elsewhere to church or become indifferent toward

Every pastoral charge in the great southwest that conscientiously participated in our Visitation Evangelistic Program last fall and winter has one of the best trained groups of men, women and young people the church has had in its history. They know the technique and possess the warmth of heart and understanding necessary for winning others to Christ. It will be the unpardonable sin of Methodism should any pastor or church allow their indispensable Fisherman's Club to fall by the wayside through lack of use or inactivity.

According To Your Faith

A young man approached Mr. Spurgeon one day and inquired of him, "Mr. Spurgeon, I can't understand it . . . every time you hold services someone dedicates his heart and life to Christ. I hold services and people come to Christ occasionally."

"My young friend, you don't expect them to come every service, do you?"

"No, I do not expect them every service, but

I expect them occasionally."
"My dear young friend," said Mr. Spurgeon, You expect them occasionally and you get them occasionlly. I expect them to come every service and God gives them in every service.

A mother came to Jesus one day in great concern for her daughter and Jesus told her, Be it unto thee according to thy faith." In the field of religion we succeed to the extent of our preparation for success. Our faith and response limits or expands the blessings of God. In a thickly populated community where church people and non-church people are to be had in great numbers, if the pastor and the official members of his boards have a vision for only a hundred and fifty members in their Sunday School they will make preparation for a hundred and fifty and God will bless them with a hundred and fifty. In the adjoining city block, if there is a pastor and a group of church officials in a sister church who have a vision which calls for a Sunday School of five hundred membership and a flourishing congregation, through the inspiration of this vision they will make preparation and develop a program for five hundred Sunday School pupils and God will give them five hundred; the entire church will be revitalized. This is evangelism.

Today we have an evangelistic approach and technique for which no layman or pastor has to make apologies. Human nature is such that we find it necessary to make a concerted effort of Pulpit and Visitation Evangelism on a basis that will challenge, solicit and coordinate all the human resources of the church, providing a medium through which God can express his redeeming love. Happy is that church which realizes a constant stream of newly dedicated lives to Christ. What an inspiration it is to observe a church which has so adjusted its machinery that her assembly lines are constantly turning out the much needed product. Christian churchmen and statesmen.

Local Church Program

Every pastor should read the September issue of Shepherds, Page 9, the caption of which is "The Local Church Commission On Evan-Under our new church organization members of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism are nominated by the committee on nominations in consultation with the pastor in charge. They are officially elected by the quarterly conferences, and like the other commissions, furnish officio members of the official board. This commission shall be auxiliary to the General Board of Evangelism, the Juris-dictional Conference and District Board of Evangelism.

As a goal toward which to work the local Methodist Churches will be asked to accept a ten percent increase in membership for the quadrennium. This is more than the goal set for the last quadrennium but we have several hundred thousand trained in this supreme busi-



ness of bringing others to Christ. Our National Spiritual Life Mission which meets in Washington, D. C. the latter part of November will have as its emphasis the reaching of delinquent members and the assimilation of new members through a carefully planned program by which the new convert will be developed and led into the active life of the church. We are trying to make arrangements whereby every District Secretary of Evangelism and the chairman of the Board of Evangelism in the Louisiana Conference can attend the Spiritual Life Mission in Washington. This would give every district a minister trained in this particular field of

World-Wide Communion Sunday should be of great spiritual significance. Many of our churches will make it the beginning of an Evangelistic Program. However, our greatest emphasis will come in the spring. During 1953 we will be urged to make our Pre-Easter Services expressive of the high points of interest in world-wide evangelism. The spring program will climax Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, which is also Aldersgate Sunday.

A sane, well planned program of Evangelism gives zest to our missionary dream and adds life and vitality to every phase of the local church program. Bishop Martin is calling an area area meeting in Little Rock during the month of October. I am sure that specific plans and suggestions for the local church and the districtwide program of evangelism will come out of this meeting.

AUSTRALIA'S PLAN FOR WORLD METHODIST CAMPAIGN

Australian Methodism is deeply committed to the World Methodist Campaign. At a recent meeting of the General Conference Crusade Council, under the chairmanship of the president-general, Dr. G. Calvert Barber who was at the Oxford Ecumenical Conference, plans were made for this year of preparation and next year's advance. As a result a period of heightened evangelism has commenced right across the

Four years ago a five-year Crusade for Christ was launched by Australian Methodism. It was easy therefore to fall into step with World Methodism as the climax to Australia's Crusade coincides with the 1953 World Campaign.

This year 1952, Methodism is to prepare within itself for a great "Mission to the Nation" to be held from April to September 1953. By thought, prayer and a call to renewed dedication Methodism is seeking to get ready for action.

In April of 1953, a six-months Mission to the Nation will commence. It will be the greatest attempt ever made by Australian Methodism to carry the Christian Message to every part of

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It Takes More Than Sympathy

By EMORY S. BUCKE Editor, Zions Herald, Boston

This Article Is The Second Of Three Discussions of The Work Being Done By The Agencies Constituting The Fellowship Of Suffering And Service, Made Possible By Your World Wide Communion Day Offering.

E Methodists are still bound up to the idea that religion is experience. When our hearts are warm, we are at our best; when our hearts are cold we're a rather stuffy lot! There are many long range barometers that show the truth or lack of it in what we do, and one of the surest indicators of what we are like is to be found in the twelve years of work carried out by our Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. (MCOR)

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During the past twelve years our world has been through one of its most serious illnesses. Physical and spiritual deterioration have set in everywhere; people have lost life, homes, and hope. The ministering of religion to such a world has been made more difficult than at any period in Christian history. In many places the organizations of religion have failed completely to meet the frightening demands; in other places, religion has taken advantage of the crisis to perform its most heroic work. MCOR has been one small effort of the Methodists to provide a positive alternative to the chaos of negation that has be-deviled modern man.

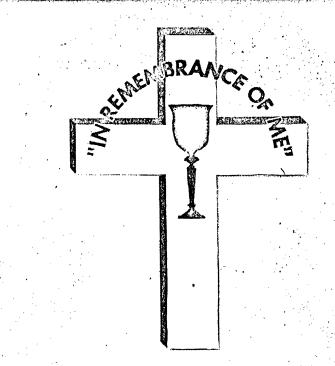
In addition to our regular world mission program, we have provided a million dollars a year during the past twelve years to help relieve human suffering. We gave much of that money when we went to the Service of Holy Communion; about 14,000 Methodists have made an annual contribution to MCOR; we gave some of it from the Crusade for Christ and His Church (1944-48) some of it during the Advance for Christ and His Church (1948-52), and a goodly share on special days which we willingly observed when some crying need was called to our attention. All of this was "extra money," really, since at no time did it become a substitute for our increased giving to the many needs of our total missionary work. It was the expression of something more than sympathy—it was, and must continue to be, the out-pouring of warmed hearted Methodists.

Because Methodists were responsible, MCOR was able to feed two thousand children in Saxony for three months! We were able to ship carloads of food to Germany and to China. We were able to send a million vitamin tablets and thousands of blankets to shivering children in Korea. We clothed 700 of the 100,000 Soviet orphans in Pskov. We have spent more than a million and a half dollars in China. We resettled 5,122 persons in this country under MCOR's displaced persons program. All of this must be thought of in wider range than this writer can describe. "All over the world" is such a vague phrase, yet through MCOR and the report of its treasurer, one quickly discovers how specific "all over the world" can be. A paragraph begins, "In China the pitiful struggle . . . In Japan and Korea . . . In Europe all cry aloud for no cessation of assistance . . . Czechoslovakia, Poland, Germany, Austria, Italy Hungary, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia . . . From them all, the helping hand of the Good Samaritan, who once rescued a stranger and an alien, cannot yet be withdrawn."

Or read this paragraph, "At last we stopped and somebody said, 'This is the village.' I got out and looked across the field. I did not see any village. I saw only some people walking around in the big field. It was a cold day and I had put on my warm coat, and my heavy boots and my thick gloves before we started. But these poor little boys and girls stood there shivering in the cold with nothing to keep them warm but old, ragged, worn out clothes; and some of the boys and girls did not even have shoes on their feet. They were barefooted. It had snowed a little that morning." It takes more than sympathy to meet that scene! Warmed hearted Methodists come up in terms of actual housing, clothing, shoes, food, gloves, hats, and firewood when they see such a "village."

Nor do we tag this "helping hand of the Good Samaritan" business with a denominational label. When Methodism set up MCOR it said that it was to work for the relief of human suffering, without distinction of race, color, or creed. When it has been efficient for our own Methodists to administer this relief we have done it. Our missionaries and other overseas representatives have administered about 60 percent of our \$12 million; but the remaining 40 percent has been distributed through interdenominational agencies like Church World Service, CARE, CROP, the Friends Service Committee, and Meals for Millions. At no point have we allowed ourselves to be competing "do gooders." Our work has been done on the basis of need, and not because we wanted to "be there too." We have also contributed to the specialized relief projects. Methodists have designated many of their gifts to go to Heifers for Relief, Shoes for Relief, Goats for Relief, Wheat for India, Polish Orphans, Service to Refugees, and just about every agency providing this emergency type of Christian service.

This writer observed the reaction of some of the Balkan countries to religion in 1947. Tito had not yet made his break with Moscow, and Czechoslovakia had not yet been taken over by the communists. Bulgaria had not yet sold out its entire independence. In trying to discover how these people and their leaders felt about religion it soon became clear that the one word which described these three nations was "suspicion." Old world, state religion had not been the minister to the people, it had been a master of the people. The battle in Yugoslavia, for example, had been in large measure a three-way war between Roman Catholicism,



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Serbian Orthodoxy, and Mohammedanism. That had not been a battle against poverty or superstition, but a battle to see which religion should have priority over the other. As a result of all of this, the people said that they were "suspicious."

It takes more than sympathy to overcome suspicion that surrounds much of the traditional religion of the world. Our efforts must be directed to a thoroughly positive demonstration of our responsibility for our brothers. Indeed, the only sure protection we have lies in the rehabilitation of masses of men who now live on animal levels. Until these shall be made to know that they are sons and daughters of God, there can be no peace in the world. The free, non-political, people-loving agencies of warmed hearted Christians have their finest hour at hand!

For Methodists it ought to be easy to understand that all of this has much more involved in it than just the giving of something we don't need. Nor is our "helping hand of the Good Samaritan" program designed as an effort to compete with communism or with fascism. MCOR is bound up with the idea that religion is experience. It is a natural outgrowth of a warmed heart. With humility we must view our giving for MCOR, for there are nine million of us and we have given just a million dollars a year. Surely more than one-ninth of us should be giving more than \$1.00 per year out of our warmed hearts!

As we approach the table of our Lord on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 5th, and lay down our gifts for those in need, let us remember that one-half of the offering for the Fellowship of Suffering 3 and Service goes to the activity of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. The remainder will be divided equally between the Commission on Chaplains, and the Committee on Camp Activities. Surely we will give from hearts that have been touched by the overflowing love of our Saviour.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DEV. A. NOGGLE, pastor of the Moreland R Church on the Pope County Circuit, was guest preacher at the evening hour at the Atkins Methodist Church on Sunday, September 14.

DISHOP CHARLES C. SELECMAN of Dallas **b** will be the principal speaker at a Pastors' Training School to be held in Leesburg, Florida, at the church's Youth Camp, October 13-17.

STUDENT RECEPTION was given on Tues-A day evening, September 9, at the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, to the students of Southern State College.

A. DULANEY of Arkansas Tech at Russell-L ville was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the Methodist Church of Russellville on Wednesday, September 17. Mr. Dulaney told of his recent trip abroad.

MRS. O. C. BIRDWELL, wife of the pastor of the Mabelvale Methodist Church, is recovering from a serious illness and is now at her home at Mabelvale. She spent some days in the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock,

STUDENT NIGHT PARTY was given by the A Wesley Foundation at the Central Methodist Church of Fayetteville on Friday evening, September 19, for all of students at the University

HARLES STUCK, North Arkansas Confer-U ence lay leader, was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the Jonesboro Area which met at Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, on Friday, September 12.

EV. PAUL BUMPERS, pastor of the Clarks-R ville Methodist Church, was the guest speaker at the Thursday, September 11, meeting of the Clarksville Rotary Club. His topic was "The Church and the Community."

REV. W. F. COOLEY, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, will do the preaching in a series of services at the Wesley Methodist Church, September 21-27. Rev. J. W. Workman, Jr., is pastor.

DR. J. T. CARLYON, of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, gave a series of lectures at the First Methodist Church, Forrest City, beginning on Sunday, September 7, and running through Monday and Tuesday. Rev. R. L. Franks is pastor at Forrest City.

D^{R.} MATT ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, is the subject of an article, written by Fay Williams, in The Arkansas Democrat magazine of Sunday, September 14, under the title 'Educator Matt Ellis Wanted to be an Attorney." This is one of a series of articles on prominent Arkansans which Mrs. Williams is writing.

DEV. ALLEN D. STEWART, pastor at Siloam $oldsymbol{\Pi}$ Springs, will speak on "The Living Word" on Wednesday evening in preparation for the official release of the new Revised Standard Edition of the Old Testament. Brother Stewart has asked his congregation to bring any unusual or old Bible translations which they may have for study and exhibit.

GET-ACQUAINTED FELLOWSHIP gather-A ing was held at the Russellville Methodist Church on Sunday evening, September 14, for the Methodist students of Russellville. An informal supper was served at 6:00 o'clock in the educational room. In charge of the affair were Miss Charles Jones and Dr. and Mrs. P. K. Merrill. Rev. Harold Eggensperger is pastor.

DEV. AND MRS. DAVID LOWRY were lunchleon guests of Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Jinske at the Methodist parsonage in Mountain View on Friday, September 12. Mr. Lowery is working on his B. D. degree at Southern Methodist University and serves a charge near Dallas. Mrs. Lowry eceived her Doctor of Medicine degree from Fulane University last June.

T is nearly three-quarters of a century since the (Wesleyan) Methodist Church in Con-

ference at Melbourne first resolved to establish a residential college at the University of Melbourne. The building was begun in Queen Victoria's Jubilee Year — it is named Queen's College — and opened in 1888, with the Rev. Dr. E. H. Sugden as its first "master."

THE METHODIST MEN of the Forrest City L District met on Thursday, September 4, at Bear Creek Lake for the annual fellowship meeting of the Forrest City District. Approximately 150 men were in attendance, representing fiftyfive churches. The meeting was held at the location of the Methodist Youth Camp which is under construction on the banks of the lake. A barbecue dinner was served to the group.

FRANCIS B. SAYRE, prominent churchman and former Assistant Secretary of State, has been appointed personal representative in Japan of Presiding Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He is expected to leave for Japan in September. Mr. Sayre resigned as U. S. representative on the United Nations Trusteeship council to accept the fulltime church post.

THE MEN of the Hecla Methodist Church. Hecla, Montana, have a practical way of celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the church's founding. They have a quarter section of land planted in oats, corn, and flax, and the proceeds of the harvest will be given the church. The contribution of the ladies of the church to the farm project is the meals they prepare in the church for the men working in the fields. The Rev. R. O. Bates is pastor.

OUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK was observed at the Tuckerman Methodist Church, September 8, 9 and 10. Speakers and teachers were Dr. Golder Lawrence, pastor, Miss Reginia Watson of Newport, Miss Marjorie Bowden of Swifton and Bobby Watson of Tuckerman. Supper was served each evening in Fellowship Hall, followed by 30 minutes of group singing. Classes were then held for Intermediates and Seniors. Bobby Watson and Alice Lou Harris directed recreation.

W. R. SCHISLER, superintendent of the Edu-cational Institute in Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil, who is at home on furlough, called at the Methodist office on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Schisler, who is spending a year in the states, will return to Brazil in December. He is a native of Arkansas, having been reared in the Bono community, near Jonesboro, is a graduate of Hendrix College, and is a brother of Dr. J. Q. Schisler of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

OUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK was observed at Y the First Methodist Church, Booneville, with an attendance of some fifty young people from Booneville and Cole's Chapel. Rev. O. D. Peters, pastor at Charleston, was the inspirational speaker and also taught one of the classes. Miss Ruby Hammonds taught one course. The week closed with a picnic and vesper service on Mount Magazine Thursday evening, September 4. Rev. W. J. Spicer, pastor at Booneville, was head of the sponsoring group.

DR. RICHARD E. WOMACK, president of Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee, retired at the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the college, after serving for twentyeight years. Dr. Womack, first president of the college, is a native of Arkansas and a brother of Rev. W. Vance Womack, pastor at Heber Springs; J. P. Womack, retired educator living at Jonesboro, and Rev. John A. Womack, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, residing at Jonesboro

THE CHOIR CLASS of the First Methodist I Church, Little Rock, has elected the follow-President, president, Miss Annie Winburne; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Marlaine Ward. The class is made up of members of the Chancel Choir who meet for a class session immediately preceding the Sunday morning rehearsal. Biblical texts of the anthems used are studied as well as other devotional material. Robert Gannaway, a member of the choir, is the teacher.

DEV. JOHN SHULER of Dallas, Texas, will N be the preacher in a meeting beginning at the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, on October 26. In preparation for meeting the pastor, Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr., is having a series of preaching services on Wednesday evenings with a guest preacher at each service. They are: Rev. Charles Cook, September 17; Rev. Dewey McCauley, September 24; Rev. Alfred DeBlack, October 1; Rev. Charles Baughman, October 8; Rev. Braska Savage, October 15 and Dr. Connor Morehead, October 22.

EV. JESSE L. JOHNSON, pastor at Piggott, ${f R}$ writes: "Our church observed Roll Call at the morning worship hour on Sunday, September 7. The response on the part of the membership was gratifying and quite encouraging. The people came to church, with some 200 present as compared to the average congregation on previous Sundays of 125. We also had the best attendance at Sunday School of the summer with 204 present. Many of the officials stated more people were at church that Sunday than had been seen at a regular service in a long time."

THE FUNERAL SERVICE of Rev. P. W. Em-I rah, who passed away on Monday, September 8, at his home in Knobel, was held by Rev. H. Lynn Wade, pastor at Augusta, assisted by Rev. Paul Lanier, pastor of the Biggers-Knobel Charge. The service was held in the Knobel Church. Brother Emrah began preaching as a supply pastor in 1921 and joined the North Arkansas Conference in 1927. He is survived by his wife, five daughters, Mrs. Jasper James, Mrs. Walter McIntosh, Mrs. Harve Parish and Mrs. Joe Box, and eleven grandchildren.

ROLAND M. SHELTON, Little Rock Conference Lay Leader, was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the Hope District which met in Mena on Sunday, September 7, at 3:00 p. m. in the First Methodist Church. Mr. Shelton spoke on the Methodist General Conference which he attended in San Francisco. He said more emphasis would be put in the local church on Evangelism and Membership, Missions, Education and Finance. Bun Gantz, president of the district organization, presided at the meeting.

THE "LARGER PARISH" PLAN, which has proven successful in ministering to a group of weak and scattered churches in various areas in the United States, is now making its debut in the Near East. Under Presbyterian auspices, seven Protestant churches in Lebanon and one in Syria have been organized into the "Co-operative Parish of Merjaiyoun." The new church buildings in the parish are now nearing completion; several missionaries, a native evangelist, and two seminary students are helping operate the parish; there is a growing work in the Sunday school and literacy-for-adults fields.

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MAKING OUR WISHES WORK

We have a common saying that "the wish is father to the thought". We mean thereby that the wish to have a thing begets the belief that it is so. We might also coin a proverb that the wish is big brother to the will. Our wills follow our wishes around as little boys trail their big brothers.

If wishes are thus so powerful that they father our thoughts and lead our wills, does not the strategy of the good life suggest giving more attention to our

Consider a schoolroom. There before the teacher is a class of pupils, each of whom is a bundle of desires. Some of those wishes are wholesome, some mischievous, perhaps bad. If the teacher sets out primarily with the purpose of restraining the pupils' wayward desires, she is likely to find herself in a nest of porcupines whose pricks of irritation will make her life miserable. The good teacher is one who dissolves the problems of

discipline by arousing new interests. To be sure, this is easier said than done, and my sympathy and admiration go out to teachers in their problems. Nevertheless, the effective principle in teaching as in life generally is to overcome evil with good.

Evil is the absence of good as darkness is the absence of light. And just as darkness cannot be driven out of a room with a fan or sword but by turning on the light, so evil is banished by turning on goodness. To open the mind with good wishes is better than to grit the teeth against bad

In order to set our wishes to work, we are given this formula: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'

We are to bring our wishes before God in prayer. And the first step is to ask. By asking we show ourselves receptive and responsive.

Not only does our asking of God show that we are ready to receive, but also it serves to clarify our wishes. We may go around with a vague feeling that we are under par, that we want something we do not have, and yet we have not made clear to ourselves what we need. But when we

By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman put our requests into words, it helps to bring them into clearer focus.

Moreover, when we ask, we should be specific in our requests. For instance, when we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," it helps mightily to ask for definite spiritual food we desire—that breakfast food of hope which will help to face a day that does not look bright; that entree of love at noon which will sustain my brotherly spirit toward Jones who works next to me and is not very agreeable; that menu of moral courage which I shall need tonight to resist the temptations which will roam the city when darkness descends.

And when we ask God specifically for the granting of our wishes, we not only clarify them but we sift them. Some of our desires just cannot stand the light of God's presence. They are so vapid that they disappear like the morning mist before the rising sun.

Some of our popular books on prayer today treat it as if it were as simple as switching on the electric light. Just ask God for health and happiness, for peace of mind and prosperity, and presto, it is done. It's not that simple. We must ask God; we must also seek God, seek Him through the places where He has revealed Himself, in the scenes of Holy Scripture, in the lives of saintly souls, in the quiet beauties of nature. Yes, that takes time; but when prayer is treated as a time-saving device, it never becomes

A few years ago I read a little book by James Barrett, entitled, "How to Conquer Our Seven Deadly Enemies". Among these enemies he listed laziness. He said the distinguishing mark of laziness is that it is the most agreeable of all our enemies. Laziness can hang around the house and never get on our nerves. In fact, it is so congenial and friendly that we call it by pet names. Seldom do we call our laziness by its own name. But laziness, by whatever name we call it, is an enemy that keeps our wishes from working. However much we may ask God, unless we seek Him with our mind and heart and soul and strength, we shall not find Him or His answers to our prayers.

While you are waiting for God to answer your prayer, try to be an answer to somebody else's prayer. One New Year's Day a man came to me in great distress. He was so tense that he could not read or sleep. He talked and talked. But talking was not enough for he was stalled at dead center. What he needed was to put his hand to something which would start his wishes working. He began to write "thoughts" on cards to be sent to the sick and sorrowing. The idea clicked. He became a going concern. He found the answer to his own need by answering the needs of others.

BISHOP W. ANGIE SMITH WILL LEAD METHODISTS IN EVANGELISTIC YEAR

WASHINGTON, D. C .- The Committee of Fifty ordered by the San Francisco General Conference "to inaugurate, implement and carry out" American Methodism's share of the 1953 world-wide evangelistic program is organized and under way.

Meeting here at the call of the Board of Evangelism in the chapel of the Board of Temperance August 29 this widely-representative group elected Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City to lead the movement. Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia was made vice chairman of the committee and Dr. T. Otto Nall of Chicago, editor of The Christian Advocate, its secretary.

The emphasis, which coincides with the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, was launched in Oxford, England last summer at the eighth World Methodist Conference.

The General Conference last May endorsed the proposal and designated the time from World-wide Communion Sunday, October 5, 1952 to Watch Night Service, December 31, 1952 as a period of intensive evangelistic preparation.

The San Francisco legislation also proclaimed 1953 as a year of world-wide evangelism, with Pentecost Sunday, which in 1953 falls on Aldersdate Sunday, as one of the high points.

Among proposals to be developed more in detail are a Covenant Communion Sunday, January 4, 1953, and a nation-wide evangelistic convocation together with a suitable commemoration of Wesley's birth next June.

The work of the Committee of Fifty was accomplished through three committees, as follows: on Message, Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, N. Y., chairman; on Local Church Activities, Bishop W. C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, chairman; on General Work, Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston, Texas, chairman.

Fervent pleas were made by those having special concerns. D. Stewart Patterson of Washington, D. C., speaking for chaplains, urged that the spiritual needs of the 3,600,000 young people in the armed services be included in the plans. Many of them "are scared, bewildered, homesick." They need the ministry of the church.

Harold Ewing of Nashville reported 26,610,-000 youth in America of whom but 7,000,000 are related to organized religion.

Dr. F. Weldon Crossland of Rochester, N. Y. stressed the need for keeping the plans on the level of the local church. They cannot succeed unless this is done, he said.

Dr. Elmer T. Clark of New York, speaking as secretary of the World Methodist Councii, described preparations now under way in England, Central Europe and Australia. The new mission study book, he reported, is to revolve around evangelism. Bishop Gerald Kennedy is

Reasons why the Methodist program should gear in with similar movements of the National Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council were presented by Dr. Eugene Smith of New York.

A formal message to the church from the Committee of Fifty will be released later.

The Administrative Committee, which is to carry forward the program was named as follows: the chairman, vice chairman and secretary of the Committee of Fifty, presidents of the Boards of Missions, Education, Lay Activities, Woman's Division; Bishop Roy L. Short, Bishop W. C. Martin, Bishop M. W. Clair, Jr., the Rev. Truman Potter, the Rev. Weldon F. Crossland; Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Rev. Oscar T. Olson, the Rev. Elmer T. Clark, the Rev. J. Manning Potts, Dr. Harry Denman, the Rev. John Q. Schisler, the Rev. Earl R. Brown, the Rev. J. A. Engle, the Rev. John O. Gross, the Rev. Eugene L. Smith, D. Stewart Patterson, Robert G. Mayfield.

In reply to an inquiry, Bishop Smith stated that each Area and Conference is free to determine its own program and time schedule. He stressed the necessity of evangelism in every church, in every hospital and college, as well as by every Methodist chaplain in both military and civilian institutions. Special presentations will be made in the fall conferences of 1952 and the spring conferences of 1953, he said.

Bishop Smith and other bishops going abroad during this period were asked by the Committee of Fifty to carry greetings to the Methodists in mission lands and to encourage their cooperation in this simultaneous world endeavor.

Full facilities of the Board of Evangelism were offered by Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary and Bishop W. Angie Smith, chairman.

FEDERATION MOVES TO ACCEPT CONFERENCE REQUEST

(Continued from page 1) in a recent meeting voted to submit to the Federation membership a recommendation that the name be changed and its also voted to ask the Administrative Committee to secure other quarters as speedily as possible in compliance with the General Conference resolution. The Committee also stated that the Federation "has always acquiesced to the expressed will of the only group authorized to speak for The Methodist Church, the General Conference." It is unfortunate that the Federation felt compelled to wait until the General Conference acted on this issue. There could surely have been little doubt in the mind of its leaders as to the mind of Methodism on this issue. Methodists throughout the church will be glad when the Federation has completed the action the church has requested. One wonders what the next step would be if the membership rejects the committee's recommendation to change the name since the "Federation has always acquiesced to the expressed will of the only group authorized to speak for The Methodist Church, the General Conference."

WHERE THE REAL TROUBLE LIES

(Continued from page 1) state. It was a sad day when Arkansas put its honor and good name on the bargain counter for the few dirty, sin-smeared dollars it might gain by making it easier for some to complete the wrecking of their marriage relationship and make sure the complete destruction of their

Our present ninety-day divorce law was passed with the deliberate, unashamed purpose of putting Arkansas in competition with Reno and other easy-divorce centers. With this law we made Arkansas truly the "Land of Opportunity" for those who would make marriage a farce and home-wrecking a profession.

The situation we seem now to deplore was not only made possible by this law, it was made an inevitable certainty. In the quick, easy divorce law we planned for it, we provided for it, we al. but asked for it. No one who is familiar with our divorce law and has even an elementary knowledge of human nature should be surprised that it has produced a disgraceful situation.

At the first opportunity Arkansas should remedy this evil it has done itself and the neighboring states about us.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

We cannot wisely take no thought for the morrow. We can, if we trust in God, live without nerve-racking anxiety for the morrow . . .

If you become completely absorbed in moneymaking so that you have no time for anything else and indeed no other interest, you will become the kind of person which this produces—a man whose riches, if any, are all outside of him, who within is poor, starved, shrunken and mishapen . .

What Jesus warns against is not simply getting rich but the desire to accumulate great material wealth.

Jesus asked no more of His followers than he required of himself . . .

Jesus made no attempt to conceal the risks involved in his enterprise.

Let the Church count the cost of being the Church, the servant of God, and not merely the handmaid of the State . . .

Also, let the Church count the cost of not being the church . . .

It is not easy to follow Christ in a world like this . . .

from A MIGHTY FORTRESS, by Ernest Fremont Tittle

PORTABLE PERSONALITY

Verse for today: Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. (Prov. 3:27)

Scripture: Malachi 3:6-10

We were gathered in a missionary study group, and the director in charge asked me to explain "portable personality."

"Portable personality?" I exclaimed in astonishment. "Are you thinking of the money we possess as 'portable personality'?"

This was a new idea to me. I had never thought of my money as an important part of myself, or in any way expressing my real personality. Yet, as I began to consider it, I reflected that I knew several people whose personalities were dwarfed by selfishness. I recalled another whose boasting about his possessions was certainly driving away his old friends and not making new friends for him.

I thought, too, of a fine Christian layman who possesses great wealth. He uses his wealth to send many well-trained missionaries into different parts of the world. He gives generously, that the news of salvation may be carried to those in spiritual darkness. He believes that all that he is, and all that he possesses, is entrusted to him, to be used to bring the greatest possible happiness to the greatest number of people. He gives radiant witness to the truth that by the generous use of what we have, we proclaim of all what we are.

PRAYER: Our Father, we would be generous in sharing all that we have and are with others. Grant hat our own personalities may be inriched as we give of ourselves, hat Christ may be glorified through is. In his name. Amen.

—Lulu Mae Scott, from

The Secret Place

POEM FOR THE WEEK

Talk with us, Lord, Thyself reveal, While here o'er earth we rove; Speak to our hearts and let us feel The kindling of Thy love.

With Thee conversing, we forget All time and toil, and care; Labor is rest, and pain is sweet, If Thou, my God, art here.

Here, then, my God vouchsafe to stay,
And bid my heart rejoice;
My bounding heart shall own Thy sway,
And echo to Thy voice.

Thou callest me to seek Thy face—
'Tis all I wish to seek;
To attend the whispers of Thy grace,
And hear Thee only speak.

Let this my every hour employ, Till I Thy glory see; Enter into my Master's joy, And find my heaven in Thee.

> -Charles Wesley, from The Methodist Hymnal

"TALK WITH US, LORD"

The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. (James 5:16)

HERE is something that happens to us in sincere and earnest prayer that does not happen in any other way. Let us think for a little bit together about what prayer does in our lives. It is impossible to approach sincere prayer in a spirit of selfishness. Others must hold a place of deep interest in our prayers. But each one of us is a needy creature, dependent upon God's mercy and His guidance. So we ask the question, "What does prayer do in our lives?"

There are some things that we cannot expect from prayer. Prayer is not black magic whereby we manipulate God in order to get what we would like to have. Some have thought of it as a power whereby God could be forced into answering every little whim of our lives. If we approach prayer-with this attitude then certainly we cannot expect anything to happen in our lives.

We cannot expect prayer to do something for us which we can and should do for ourselves. Here is a person in school who has wasted his time, slept through his classes, and has shown a general spirit of indifference to subject matter. Examination time rolls around—it always does—and he realizes that he does not know the work that he is to be examined on. He flies to God panic-stricken because he knows that he has failed. Surely none of us would feel that God would tell this indolent person what to put down on his examination. Think of that in relationship to all of life's problems.

Neither can we expect prayer to make God violate His character. He remains true while we let falsehood rule us and control our emotions. It is the prayer of a "righteous man" that has its powerful effects. God will remain true and He is good and He knows what is best

Then what does prayer do? Think

of three things at least that prayer does in us and through us. First, prayer gives us a vision of our own sinfulness. Any man who comes in sincere prayer and does not see the sinfulness of his own life has mistaken the experience that he calls prayer. Prayer "diagnoses" our spiritual condition. Sin is the root of much of our physical ailments and the destructive force of our mental peace and serenity. Prayer—sincere prayer—reveals this sin to us.

A young prophet was very much attached to his king. The king died and the prophet made his way to the temple. We can be sure that he went there to find comfort and solace. In his prayer he came to a deep sense of his own unworthiness. Hear him, "Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts." When Isaiali found God he found himself.

Jesus draws a picture of two men that went to the temple to pray. One stands near to the altar and as we hear his "prayer" something of a spirit of disgust arises within us. He tells God how good he is and thanks Him that he is not as other men. One man would not even so much as lift up his eyes but smote upon his breast and prayer, "God be merciful to me." Jesus said this latter man went down to his house justified. It is that sense of our adoration of a great God and our unworthiness of staying in His presence.

On a recent visit to America Albert Schweitzer had a visitor. The visitor came away from Dr. Schweitzer shaken. No one had pointed a finger of accusation against him, but what he saw in the life of this great man revealed the flaws in his own life. Raise that experience to communion with God and you have a picture of something of the sin

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, open thou or lips and purify our hearts, that we may worthily magnify thy holy name; and help us to be reverent in thought, word, and act, and to worship thee now and always in the filial faith and spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-from THE BOOK OF WORSHIP

in our lives. Evelyn Underhill says, "In Revelation it is the saints and elders nearest God who cast down their crowns when they adore Him. The lesser fry, further off, are quite content to go on wearing theirs."

We are complacent in our spiritual weakness because we have fooled ourselves into believing that what we do not know does not hurt us. We take refuge in our ignorance. Yet all the while we are painfully conscious that something is wrong. Prayer awakens our sense of sin. Not only guilt for a violation of the spirit of God; but also, a sense of failure for the things we have left undone.

Moreover, when you pray—really pray—there is a deep transformation that starts within. There is a revolutionary change. We not only see what we are but we begin to see what we can be. We see the kind of a person God wants us to be and the kind He can make out of us. We are not in the depth. We can see Godly possibilities for even our own lives.

It is a revolutionary change because it brings forth deep and sincere repentance. Our consciences are remade. Someone says, "Let your conscience be your guide". That may be well if your conscience is stamped with the presence of God and has not been whipped down to fall in line with selfish desires and ambitions. Some people handle their conscience like a wheelbarrow, they push it before them wherever they

want it to go.

New insights are born. We may have the same problems, but we look at them in a different light. We see our problems from the standpoint of God's guidance and not from the hopelessness of our own entanglement. Insights are like wings that help us to soar above all the information that we have and see its vital relatedness.

Conscious communion with God results in our becoming more like Him. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is." Conscious communion with our Heavenly Father helps us to be more like Him day by day.

Finally, a new power is born within us in sincere prayer. We find power to forgive where hatred once reigned. We find power to overcome prejudice. We find power for service. Those reluctant to give their talents into the service of Christ and His Church because of their sense of weakness will find power to fill their place in His Church. This power is for every humble Christian.

Yes, prayer does do something for (Continued on page 14)

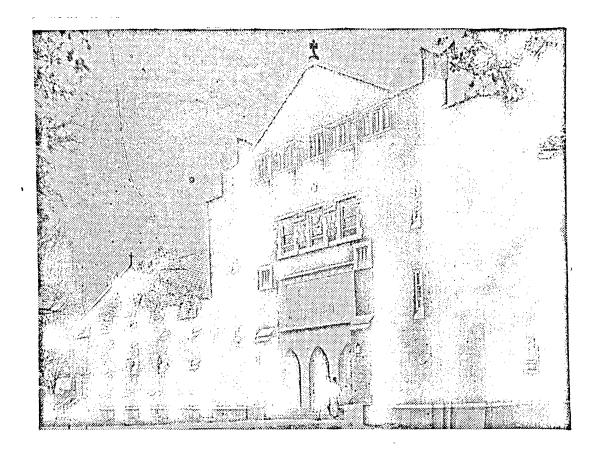
ARKANSAS METHODIST

HENDRIX \$600,000 ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN



JOE T. THOMPSON, Chairman Campaign Committee

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Again The Methodists Of Arkansas Are Challenged

By DR. C. M. REVES, Vice-President, Hendrix College

N the last forty years the General Education Board of New York has seen fit to invest more than \$800,000 in our Methodist School in Arkansas. The gifts, or grants, ranging all the way from \$1500 to \$200,000 and given for several different objects, have come to Hendrix, without any strings on them, as an expression of the Board's unselfish interest in our school as a' Christian college and of its great confidence in the institution as a power for good in the field of education. In other words, these grants from the General Education Board are to be taken as great compliments to our church school. Few schools anywhere have had such recognition at the hands of the Board as Hendrix has had. And without this help it would not have been possible for us to reach the position which we occupy among the colleges of the nation today. Truly, the General Education Board has been our friend, and we deeply appreciate all that has been done for us.

Now, instead of saying to us that we have received all the help we can reasonably expect from this source and that we must expect in the future nothing more than sympathy and good wishes; the General Education Board, seemingly well pleased with the investments made in our school and desiring to do even more for the college, proposes to give us another grant of \$300,000 on the condition that we ourselves raise \$300,000 in 1952-54, the total of \$600,000 to be used as follows: \$33,000 each year for three years for increases in faculty salaries and \$500,000 for Endowment.

Let it be said, before we go any further, that this is one of the most generous propositions that the General Education Board has yet made to us—in fact, one of the most generous ever made to any college. For example, in the Million Dollar Campaign of 1946-48 we received help from the Board in the amount of \$1 for each \$4 we raised—that is, one in five. We raised \$800,000 and the Board gave us \$200,000. But in this latest proposal we are to receive a dollar for each dollar we raise—that is, one for one. We are to raise \$300,000 and get \$300,000. Or, to put it in terms of profits, we are to make a dollar on every dollar we invest up to \$300,000. That means

100% profit, and that is pretty good business, isn't it?

And not only is the proposition of the Board extremely generous but it comes at a time of real need. It is a condition of the grant of \$300,000 that the money be used for the benefit of the teachers in the college. And here is one of the most serious of our problems right now in Hendrix—the problem of making salaries what they ought, to be in these days of stress and strain. We must keep a strong faculty if we are to keep Hendrix a great church school, but we cannot hope to hold our capable faculty members without paying them a living wage.

What are we going to do about this unusual offer from the General Education Board? Of course we are going to accept it. We can't afford to do anything else. It is a bargain that we must not pass up. It is a matter where we have nothing at all to lose and much to gain. It is altogether in our favor.

How are we going to go about it? What is the plan to raise our part of the \$300,000? The Board of Trustees of Hendrix has taken the initiative in the matter, after voting unanimously and whole-heartedly to accept the offer, and has gone about the task of setting up machinery for the job. The Boards of Education of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences have heartily approved the undertaking and have pledged support in carrying out all plans that may be made for the Campaign. In June the Board of Trustees of Hendrix constituted themselves a Campaign Committee and selected the following as leaders: J. T. Thompson, chairman; R. T. Steel, vice chairman; E. W. Martin. secretary and treasurer. An executive committee composed of the following will give direction to the Campaign: Leslie E. Bryant, H. F. Buhler, Ethan Dodgen, Matt L. Ellis, Albert Graves, E. W. Martin, Connor Morehead, Alton B. Raney, C. M. Reves, Fred G. Roebuck, R. T. Steel, William R. Stuck, J. T. Thompson, and H. F. Trotter. A special committee was appointed composed of Dr. J. S. Rushing, H. F. Trotter and R. T. Steel to work with the Board. An alumni committee was appointed composed of Arthur Terry, W. Henry Goodloe and Lillian D. McDermott.

Bishop Paul E. Martin, whose leadership is so powerfully felt in all that we Methodists in Arkansas do, will serve as the over-all leader, and will give himself unreservedly to the Campaign. And Dr. Matt Ellis, with the full strength and power of his great leadership, will play an important part in all that is done. Other leaders in fact, the leadership of Arkansas Methodism-will be available for service. But the man to whom we will look as our leader, will be Mr. J. T. Thompson, a great Methodist layman and outstanding business man whose love for the Church and whose devotion to Hendrix move him to accept the place of leadership as a labor of love. Well known and highly esteemed throughout Arkansas for his spirit of service, Mr. Thompson will give the Campaign an aggressive and efficient leadership that will insure success from the very beginning. Both preachers and laymen will follow him with wholehearted enthusiasm and loyalty.

Already several meetings of a preparatory nature have been held, and the organization for the Campaign is steadily taking form. The program will be officially launched on September 22 in a great state-wide rally at Hulen Hall on Hendrix campus, when Dr. Marshall T. Steel of Dallas and Bishop Paul E. Martin will be the principal speakers. To this meeting will come a layman and a pastor from each county in Arkansas, a lay leader from each of the fourteen districts of the two Conferences, all members of the Board of Trustees, and many other prominent leaders. It is predicted that this will prove to be one of the truly great gatherings of our educational forces in the history of Arkansas.

And so Arkansas Methodism is in another great campaign for Hendrix. While the pattern of the Million Dollar Campaign will not be followed completely it is the aim and purpose of the leaders to have much the same kind of effort as we had before, and certainly it is expected that we will have the same spirit of co-operation and loyalty that we had in such a marked degree, every Methodist in Arkansas taking full advantage of the opportunity to be of service to our church school. This is a campaign in which you can bring to the college a dollar for each dollar you give, so that your dollar given is two dollars for the cause. In reality, you are giving \$10 when you give \$5, you are giving \$1000 when you give \$500. And the sooner you act the better it will be, for the General Education Board promises to match our money just as fast as we raise a unit of \$10,000.

This is your campaign for your college. Come along, as you did so heroically in the Million Dollar Campaign, and do your part. All of us together will raise \$300,000 by December 15, 1954 and claim \$300,000 from the General Education Board to make \$600,000 in all. We can do it and we will.

MEETING OF CRUSADER CLASS

The monthly meeting of the Crusader Class of the Levy Methodist Church was held on September 10 with a weiner roast in Burn's Park. The following officers were elected for the new year:

Teacher, Madison Bryant; assistant teacher, Ralph Dailey; president, Mrs. Nathan Berry; vice-president, Curtis Dare; secretary- treasurer, John Haywood; assistant treasurer, Nathan Berry; hospitality chairman, Mrs. Harold Piper.

Twenty-two members and their children were present. Guests were Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Dorman.—Mrs. Nathan Berry.

METHODIST AND BAPTIST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Union Vacation Bible School of the Methodist and Baptist churches of Crigler, closed August 1 with 96 enrolled and an average daily attendance of 84. Music and devotional periods were under the leadership of our Methodist pastor, Rev. L. Gray Wilson. Pianists were Mrs. Virgie Fish and Donna Goggans.

The Kindergarten Department, under the leadership of Mrs. J. B. Williamson, Mrs. Nelson Craig, Mrs. Donald Frizzell and Mrs. Woodrow Pounders, studied "Stories About Lesus"

The Primary Department, under the leadership of Mrs. Guy Roberts, Mrs. Ernest James and Mrs. Jack Owens, studied "Jesus the Friend."

The Junior Department, under the leadership of Mrs. J. R. Morris, Mrs. Curtis Erwin and Mrs. Louie Parrish studied "People Who Lived in Jesus' Day."

The Intermediate Department, under the leadership of Mrs. Lester Nickels, Mrs. Jas. Morgan and Mrs. White studied "Exploring the Bible with Intermediates." Mrs. John D. Robinson, Jr., was the general superintendent.

A picnic lunch was served at the church on Friday and the school gave its closing program on Friday night

A revival meeting was held by the Methodist Church in connection with the school with the pastor, Rev. L. Gray Wilson, conducting the services.—Mrs. John D. Robinson, Jr.

SCHOOLS AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN KOREA TO RECEIVE GOSPELS

Arrangements have been made for the American Bible Society to send 160,000 copies of a Korean illustrated Gospel of Luke to Korea. The books will be turned over to the Korean Bible Society in Pusan for distribution to Korean schools and Sunday Schools. These Gospels have been produced in the new spelling (Han Kuhl) a simplified form of the language more easily understood by the man in the street and used by the Government in the schools

The Bible Society's plans call for an additional shipment of 175,000 copies of this Christian textbook for the Koreans.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Installation Service

Many of our church schools are preparing for a very effective service for the installation of church school workers.

The pastors of the Conference are being provided with a copy of Leaflet No. 8171-H, "Workers Together With God." We are hoping that your church school will find these materials helpful in planning for the installation service, to be held on Sunday, September 28 or October 5.

District Christian Education Meetings

Eight district-wide meetings of pastors and church school superintendents have been held in the North Arkansas Conference for the purpose of interpreting the emphasis on Christian education for the Conference Year of 1952-53.

The attendance on these meetings and the interest shown by those in the meetings has been most encouraging.

Reports being made indicate that many of our church schools are already making progress in membership and attendance, and that many others are making plans for an expansion program in the near future.

Enlist Them Now

We have suggested Christian Education Week, September 28 - October 5, as Enlistment Week. Many of our church schools are making plans to use this special period as a time for visiting the prospects, which they have carefully listed for church school membership. Some of our church schools are making plans, not only for one week of visitation, but for a visitation plan to be carried on continuously as new prospects are discovered.

Pastors have been provided with copies of the Church School Membership Prospect Card, which may be secured from The Service Department, P.O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee, price 25c per hundred, money to be sent with order.

YOUNG ADULT ASSEMBLY IN LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

The weekend of August 2 and 3 brought together approximately 80 young adults and their leaders at Camp Brewer. All seven districts were represented.

The program included addresses by Miss Virginia Stafford of Nashville, Tennessee, buzz and discussion sessions, worship, recreation, and business sessions. The theme of the Assembly was "Living As Christians in Today's World." Mrs. Bert Denham of Maplewood, was director of the Assembly, and Miss Elizabeth Thompson represented the Conference staff.

The following officers were elected to serve during the 1952-53 Conference year: Mrs. James Kennedy, President; Carl Martin, Vice President; Howard L. Cromwell, Vice President; Donald L. Aswell, Secretary; Miss Marleen Arnold, Treasurer.

YOUTH WORK TO BE STRESSED IN QUADRENNIUM

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Autumn is always a strenuous season for the staff members of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, but the fall season this year will be an especially busy one because it will usher in a new quadrennium.

In addition to further strengthening the program of Christian education already in force, the staff will be engaged in implementing new legislation enacted by the recent General Conference.

Of the new legislation affecting the Local Church Division, that pertaining to youth work is of paramount importance, according to Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the division. The General Conference called upon the Methodist Church to place a special emphasis upon youth work during the forthcoming quadrennium and called upon the Division of the Local Church to assume administrative responsibility for planning and promoting the movement. In cooperation with the Division of Educational Institutions the Local Church Division was authorized also to sponsor the National Conference of Methodist Youth which has hitherto been a separate organization.

Another special emphasis to be promoted by the Local Church Division will be the Christian home, with a national Methodist conference on family life slated probably for the third or fourth year of the quadrennium. The division is to constitute a special committee to plan this conference made up of representatives from all the boards of the Church.

One of the big jobs ahead of the division staff is the preparation of new manuals which will carry the details on divisions and departments of the church school. Some of these manuals are already in process of preparation, it was said.

Disciplinary provision was made for an assistant superintendent for membership cultivation in the church school and a local church director of music. Both new offices will be promoted by the Local Church Division. Legislation further stipulated that the division "shall provide guidance for local churches in equipment arrangement and de-

in equipment, arrangement, and design of church school buildings or rooms." Another "first" will be the incorporation in the Discipline of an order of service for the consecration of certified directors of Christian education.

The Division of the Local Church works closely with the following interboard agencies, which were left intact by the General Conference: Joint Committee on Missionary Education in Foreign Fields, Interboard Committee on Missionary Education, Joint Committee on Architecture, Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, Committee on Materials for Training in Church Membership, and the Methodist Radio and Film

Commission.

words of commendation to both the class and the teacher for their remarkable growth and their consistent loyalty, with a challenge to further growth and a greater and deeper loyalty to the church and Jesus Christ. Mr. Ed Scurlock, one of the charter members and one of a few who were instrumental in getting the class organized, offered words of praise to all present, and commended highly the teacher, Brother James, for his ability as a teacher and his consecrated Christian life as he lived among the men of the church and community. The evening's program was ended with the singing of the class theme song: "Take The Name Of Jesus With You."

The Men's Bible Class of the Piggott Church is the largest such class in the Paragould District, and is making substantial growth each year. Average attendance during the summer months has been between 45 and 50, with the attendance on last Sunday, September 7, reaching 54. At one time last year the attendance was 101.—Reporter

The dignified old lady, a pillar of the congregation, shook hands with the pastor after services. "Wonderful sermon!" she exclaimed. "Everything you said applies to somebody or other I know."—Rev. Brock T. Sutton, Pageant

PIGGOTT MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The Men's Bible Class of the Piggott Methodist Church of more than one hundred members came together for a fish fry fellowship supper in the fellowship room of the church on Wednesday evening, September 10, with eighty-two members present.

A planning committee had been appointed in advance to plan the meal, program, etc. After the group enjoyed a delicious fish supper, a brief program was presented, with the class president, Loren Robinson, presiding. Suggestions for further growth of the class were offered by the president. Brief talks were made by the class teacher, Rev. Roy James, a retired United Brethren minister, who has been teaching the class since its organization some five years ago, and who has endeared himself in a very helpful way to the entire class membership, several of whom are not members of the Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. Jesse L. Johnson, offered

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BISHOP SMITH TO LEAD METHODIST

ISHOP W. ANGIE SMITH of Oklahoma City was named at Washington, D. C., to lead an American Methodist evangelism campaign to Among the special features of the American program will be a Covenant Community Sunday on Jan. 4, 1953, a nation-wide evangelistic convocation, and a commemoration of Wesley's birthday next June. The General Conference of The Methodist Church has designated the period from Worldwide Communion Sunday, Oct. 5, to Watch Night Service, Dec. 31, as one of preparation for the campaign.

Advance Orders Pour In For Revised Bible

Meigs Publishing Co., leading Indianapols religious bookstore, says it is getting "orders for as many as fifty a day" of the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible. So many advance orders have been received that the store doubts it will have any of the first shipment of the Revised Version to sell over the counter on September 30, official publication date.

Plan Protestant Foreign Service School In Washington

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam has disclosed plans for a substantial expansion of American University, a Methodist institution at Washington, D. C., and its future specialization in the fields of government and foreign relations. Newly-arrived in his post as Methodist Bishop of the Washington Area, the former head of the New York Area said: "One of our future hopes for American University is a school of training for the diplomatic and public service fields, where students will learn such subjects guided by a conception of freedom as interpreted and understood by the Protestant Church." The Methodist Church has made available \$50,000 a year for the next four years to expand the university under the direction of its new president, Dr. Hurst R. Anderson.

Couple Give Mining Community \$200,000 Church

The Presbyterians in this iron range community of Crosby, Minn., dedicated a new \$200,000 church, but the building didn't cost the congregation a cent. Ernest Wilbert Hallett, 70, only survivor of the 15 organizers of the 41-year-old congregation, and Mrs. Hallett paid the entire cost. The other 140 members of First Presbyterian church did, however, give some \$20,000 to provide all the furnishings of the church — except the pipe organ. That was purchased with a \$4,500. gift which the Halletts had given the congregation some years ago and which they had all but forgotten. The gift of a church by one couple is believed unique in Minnesota history. Although he had less than three years formal schooling, Mr. Hallett has organized enterprises which are now engaged in multi-million dollar projects.

EVANGELISM CAMPAIGN

be conducted next year. The campaign will be part of a world-wide Methodist evangelism program during 1953. Bishop Smith is president of the Methodist Board of Evangelism. He was elected to head up the drive by a committee of fifty which met here. This group will spearhead the American evangelistic effort. Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia was named vice-chairman of the committee and Dr. T. Otto Nall of Chicago, editor of the Christian Advocate, secretary. The world evangelism program was decided upon last summer by the World Methodist Conference, which met in Oxford, England. It will coincide with the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

Methodists To Establish East German Seminary

Establishment of a seminary in the Soviet Zone was approved by Methodist leaders at a meeting in Leipzig of East Germany. Until a suitable site is found the seminary will operate in Klosterlaunitz, Thuringia, beginning the end of September. The meeting was attended by Bishop Ernest Sommer of Frankfurt, West Germany, head of The Methodist Church in Germany, who was granted an entry permit into the Soviet Zone by East German authorities.

Brethren Ship Million Pounds Of Soap

One million pounds of soap have been shipped from the Church of the Brethren service center here at Napanee, Ind., since soap-making for relief purposes was started in 1947, according to Ed Eastlund, director. The soap has been shipped to a score of countries around the world where it has been distributed to needy families and institutions.

Downtown Chapel Fund Exceeds Goal

A campaign to raise \$5,000 for the establishment of a non-denominational chapel in downtown Shreveport, La., has exceeded its goal by more than \$400. The Shreveport Journal, which sponsored the campaign, said that "never in the history of the city has an appeal for funds met with such generous support." The chapel will be located in the new Texas Eastern building which is under construction.

Missouri Synod TV Series Gets World Premiere

A new television series described as "a revolutionary step in the propagation of Christianity" had its world premiere at New York City. Designed to reach the more than 65,000,000 non-church going Americans, the series, produced by Lutheran Television Productions of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at a cost of \$500,000, consists of 26 dramatic motion picture films. The one-half hour films treat simple moral truths as they affect an average home in an average community. Each represents an episode in the life of the Fisher family and the application of Christian principles to the problems and difficulties that arise in their daily lives. According to the Rev. L. C. Wuerffel of St. Louis, Mo., chairman of the Lutheran Television Productions Committee, 32 of the nation's 107 television stations have already agreed to show the series, entitled "This Is The Life," as a public service program.

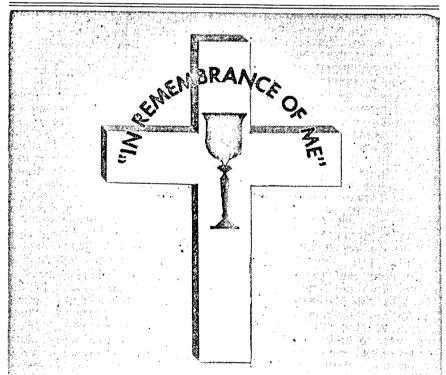
Gutenberg Bible Insured For \$300,000 In TV Appearance

The largest insurance policy ever



issued on a Bible covered a volume of the Gutenberg Bible owned by the Library of Congress when it was shown on a national television program at Washington. A oneday policy for \$300,000 was taken out by the National Broadcasting Company which televised the famous book from its studios here: When the volume left the Library it was accompanied by guards and a motorcycle escort from the United States park police. This was only

the second time the Bible had been out of the Library since it was acquired in 1930. The first occasion was during the war years when, along with priceless manuscripts, it was stored in the deep vaults of Ft. Knox, Ky., as a precaution against possible enemy bombing. Many experts value the Gutenberg Bible at more than \$500,000 but the Library of Congress lists the value at the acquisition prices of \$300,000.



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CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



WHISKERS AND THE TURTLES

HERE was no school because it was Sunday, so Susie and Terry hurried over to Donnie's house to see Donnie's brand new puppy-Whiskers.

The children patted him, and held him in their arms, and then they tied a thin rope to his collar and each had a turn taking him for a short walk up and down the street. Instead of just one dog they wished that Donnie had three so they could all go for a walk together. But Whiskers wasn't the only dog on the street. So Susie borrowed Joe's dog and Terry borrowed Tony's dog, and the three children with the three dogs walked up and down, up and down the street. Just as they started down the street for the ninth time. the policeman's boy Dick came out of his house and called, "Want to see my turtles?"

The three children and the three dogs hurried back to Donnie's house. The three_dogs were tied to the veranda rail and the three children

ran over to Dick's yard.
"Watch 'em go," shouted Dick as he put them on the ground. The children had never seen such large turtles. They were as big as tea plates. As soon as they were on the ground, one crept and crawled slowly along, the way most turtles do, but the other seemed to hustle along until Dick had to go and bring it back.

"I never saw a turtle go like that," said Susie. "Where did you get them?"

"My father got them for me," answered Dick, "and he's going to bore a hole in their shells so I can put a string through the hole and tie them up outside."

As soon as the children left the dogs, Whiskers began to bark. He wanted Donnie back with him. Then all of a sudden he smelled a strange smell. It wasn't a child smell, or a dog smell. It wasn't even a cat smell. It was a brand new smell that Donnie was holding in his hands. Whiskers wanted to see it, too, and he set up such a barking that Donnie and Susie and Terry went back, untied the dogs and took them to the houses where they belonged.

The next day Donnie was in school. So were Susie and Terry. Whiskers was all alone. He was tied to the veranda rail. He missed Donnie and wanted him home to play with, so he barked and cried. Donnie didn't come, but Donnie's mother came. She was very cross and scolded Whiskers. So because he had nothing to do he went to sleep. While he was sleeping he smelled that new strange smell again. It was in Dick's yard. Whiskers pulled and tugged and jumped, but the rope was tied too securely for him to get away. So he sat down to think about it, and he chewed and chewed on that rope, and in almost no time at all the rope was chewed through. Whiskers In a hurry he was off to find out about that smell. But what a funny thing it was!

It looked like a rock with a head, four tiny feet and a tail. Whiskers barked at it, and the head, feet

and tail were gone. He pushed it with his nose. It didn't move. He turned it upside down. That was funny! It didn't smell like a rock. It didn't look like any rock Whiskers had ever seen before, but Whiskers decided it must be a rock. He lay down and looked at it a long time, and then he saw another just like it. He went to that one, ran around it, barked at it, hit it with his paws but it didn't move. So Whiskers went off. It was fun to be free anyway. He ran around and around the yard. He ran in between the houses, in and out of people's gardens, across the road and into the woods. He had such a good time! The birds flew about in the trees, and squirrels ran up the trunks of the trees and scolded him for entering their private playgrounds. But on he went. He jumped a little creek. He jumped an old log-but that time he slipped and landed on something hard. Whiskers sat still a moment to get his breath.

"Watch where you're going," said a voice. Whiskers looked around. He couldn't see anybody, but somehow he felt tired so he sat still and began to scratch his left ear. "Will you get off me to do your scratching. It's hard enough going over this rough ground without you sitting on top of me and pounding me with your feet."

Whiskers moved. Then he saw that he had been sitting on top of the same kind of a rock that had been in Dick's yard.

'What's your name?" Whiskers. "Mine's Whiskers."

"I have no name," answered the strange-looking rock.

"What, no name! Well what are you then?'

"I'm a turtle. I'm the grandfather of those two turtles Dick has tied up in his yard. I'm so unhappy because they are so unhappy, and they are unhappy because they don't like to be tied up. I went over to help them last night but I couldn't do a thing. I saw you tied up, too, then. How did you get away?

"Oh, that was easy. I just chewed my rope," answered Whiskers. "Why don't they chew on their ropes? Rope is easy to cut. It isn't nearly as hard as a stick on even a bone.

"It might be easy for you, but turtles cannot chew rope. I never even saw anybody chew a rope. It must take a very, very long time," said the sad old turtle.

"No, just two good chews and it is cut." boasted Whiskers. "Come on and I'll show you how it's done.' Without waiting, Whiskers was off. He stopped at the edge of the woods and looked back. "Aren't you coming?" he called.

"I am hurrying, but I cannot go any faster," answered the poor turtle. "My legs are short and my shell is heavy.'

"Do you want me to go and cut the ropes?" asked Whiskers, and in just one big jump he was standing beside the turtle again. "If I wait for you," he continued, "it will be next year before we get there."

"That is very kind of you," answered grandfather turtle, "and when you cut the ropes tell them

to hide, hide under the veranda, in the garden or among the bushes, and tell them to be sure to tuck away their tails and feet and heads, and just wait until it gets dark before they try to get home. Then when it gets dark they can cross the road and I will meet them at the edge of the woods here."

Whiskers didn't wait to hear anything more. He was off and with just a few fast runs and a few high jumps he was again in Dick's yard. He found the turtles and told them all the things their grandfather had said. He chewed the ropes, and without waiting to see what they did and because he suddenly felt very tired, he walked almost as slowly as the turtles to his own veranda, lay down and went to sleep.

When Donnie came home from school, he was surprised to see Whiskers' rope was broken. But he wasn't as surprised as Dick was when he discovered the turtles ropes were cut and the turtles gone.

Susie, Terry, Donnie, and Dick's mother all patted and praised Whiskers for being such a good dog and not running away after his rope had broken. Donnie's mother said that he had been such a good dog he need never be tied up again. Whiskers just blinked his eyes and wagged his tail, but he didn't mention his secret.

Then Susie, Terry and Donnie all helped Dick hunt for his two naughty turtles that had run away, but they never found them. Whiskers just lay on the veranda with

TWO'S COMPANY

There's a little boy over the garden

As big as me, and about as tall; His name is Jack.

And as I was playing one day with my ball,

It fell upon his side, over the wall-He threw it back.

So that began it—and now we play, Both on the same side every day.

-The Children's Newspaper

A CHILD'S PRAYER

"Now I lay me down to sleep I pray Thee, Lord, the souls to keep Of other children, far away, Who have no homes in which to stay

Nor know where is their daily bread Nor where at night to lay their head But wander through a broken land Alone and helpless-Take their hand!"

(Contained in a printed message of thanks from the German children we found the prayer printed above. We do not know the author's name. It was taken from a printed leaflet printed by Das Hilswerk, and address to "Dear Christians in America, dear helpers big and small."-Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.)

his head between his two front paws and watched them hunt, but he never said a word. It was such fun to keep secrets!-The United Church Observer

NATALIE'S PSALM

was "just foolish," Natalie thought, for her mother to have her learn a Psalm each week. What other girl did she know who did the same thing? Why, not

Mother was firm, however, and every Sunday afternoon Natalie was expected to know and recite the number of verses which had been given her the week before.

"Natalie!" called her mother, one day, "I wish you would take this package of yarn down to Grandmother Cheswick's for me; and ask if you cannot do something for her."

Natalie was glad to go, for Grandmother Cheswick was a dear old blind lady who was grandmother to all the village. Her daughter, who lived with her, went out sewing and so had to be away all day. Natalie was always pleased to go to see the dear old lady, for besides the delightful stories Grandmother Cheswick could tell, there was always a jar of deliciously hard, hot peppermints for refreshments.

"Well, Miss Natalie, I am glad to hear your voice again," cried the old lady in answer to Natalie's knock and her "May I come in?"

"Here is some yarn mother sent you," answered Natalie, placing the package in Grandmother Cheswick's hands, "and she told me to ask if I could not do something for you."

"Thank you, dear; that is very kind, perhaps you would be willing to read to me?"

"I will do my very best, but I'm afraid I can't read very well. What shall I read?"

"How I wish I had my Bible! But you know it was lost in the fire last summer, and although my daughter has promised me a new one, I haven't it yet. I miss it, for I do so long to hear the Psalms."
"You do!" cried Natalie in sur-

prise. "I cannot bear them." "Don't say that, dear," Grand-

mother Cheswick replied. "Well, I only mean that I get so tired of them, for I have to learn one every week," explained Natalie, 'but I tell you what I might do: I cannot read them, but I could recite some to you."

"That would be better still. I wonder if you know my favorite, the 91st?"

"Yes, indeed, I had that only last week," and Natalie began "He that and Natalie began, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High."

She recited several more Psalms until it was time to go home. When Grandmother Cheswick bade her good-bye she drew her toward her and gently kissed her saying, "Thank you, dear child, you have no idea how much happiness you have given me this afternoon. Never grow tired learning God's Word for you will one day realize how much comfort one finds there."

And Natalie never again thought of it as "foolishness" and "no use" to learn her verses each week .- The Sunbeam

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Batesville District had three area meetings during the month of August. One was at Mountain Home, one at Tuckerman and the third at Batesville. Most of the societies in the district were represented at one of the meetings, and four or five district officers attended each one. Using the theme "That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized", the Quadrennial Goals were explained and emphasized. A skit was presented by a local society and the meetings closed with the Covenant of Discipleship. The spirit of enthusiasm for the work and renewed consecration to the task that prevailed, in these meetings indicates a good year for the Batesville

Sunday, August 24, the Woman's Society of Christian Service was emphasized at First Methodist Church, Minden. The guest speaker was Miss Emma Burris, Executive Secretary of Social Welfare, Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Pangburn Society had guest musicians at its monthly meeting August 28; they were Misses Jamie Johnston, Rachael Lewis and Nancy Josephine Johnston. Mrs. Ethel Pickens led the program, assisted by Mrs. Minnie Henderson. Hostesses were Mrs. Easterwood, Mrs. Ora Boyles and Mrs. Sadie White-

Three women were honored with Life Memberships at the meeting September 2 of the Van Buren Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. A. E. Hastien was given her membership by the Fort Smith District Society, and Mrs. George Crofton and Mrs. J. H. Butler received theirs from the local society. Circle No. 1 was hostess at the coffee that day; Mrs. Edwin Buckalew presided at the meeting, and Mrs. Cabal Rhodes had charge of the devotional.

Pine Bluff District will have two seminars. Sub-districts 1 and 2 will meet at Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, September 23rd. Sub-districts 3 and 4 will meet at Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, September 24.

Mrs. Sam T. Evans, Gallatin, Missouri, who is the South Central Jurisdiction Secretary of Promotion, was elected a Member-At-Large of the General Board of Missions from the South Central Jurisdiction at the Board's Organization meeting at Lake Junaluska.

PRAYER RETREAT TO BE HELD

The Fort Smith District of the Woman's Work in the North Arkansas Conference will have a Retreat at Shore's Lake Camp, October 6-8, 1952.

Women' of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the District are invited to attend.

Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, Pastor of

EDITH MARTIN RETURNS TO AFRICA

M.M.C.C. Tunda Station. August 18, 1952

Dear Friends,

Many things have happened since I left Arkansas and I hope that I shall be a better Missionary because of some of the opportunities that I have had. The Conference on African Affairs which had 39 delegates from the continent of Africa and representatives from Belgium, England, Portugal, Scotland, Holland, Canada and the United States was good. Some of the most inspirational and challenging messages were delivered by the Afri-Some of them were Oxford graduates. For ten days we talked, planned, and thought of Africa and the African people as they emerge from their secluded life to take their place among the most civilized nations of the earth. We were greatly challenged by their longings for their people. All of them had received their early training in the mission schools and were most grateful for what the missions have done and are still doing. They urged the missions to help them prepare for the new day. Shungu John Wesley, our delegate to General Conference, was present. I sincerely hope that a new day is dawning for Africa, but Africa needs the best leaders to lead her through this period in her history.

I arrived on Tunda Station July 9 and went to Wembo Nyama the 11th for an Institute in Christian Education. On the 15th annual conbegan and continued through the night of the 20th. The Atetela people have grown in their Christian lives and are assuming more responsibility for carrying forward the work of the church. They are getting under the financial burden of the church and are doing more to reach their people. The women are advancing with the men and we have five women on the Field Executive Committee. This is the first time that we have had that number on this committee. There are an equal number of Africans and missionaries and they have their representatives to the Board of Missions just as the missionaries have. We are trying in every way possible to help them feel that they are a member of the World-Wide Church and that they have something to give to the world. Five young men were ordained as deacons and one as elder. The two superannuated ministers of our conference were present and they gave most encouraging and inspirational



MISS EDITH MARTIN

messages to these six young ministers.

On July 21st I went to Minga Station for a workshop on Christian Education with Miss Freddie Henry from Scarritt College. For twentythree days we worked on a program of Christian Education correlating the work of the Church School, the Day School, and the Church. Much was accomplished but much remains to be done. I am beginning to write the children's lessons for three years, but it will take time to complete this task. I have been asked to write a reader for the first grade and to be responsible for translating four books of the Old Testament. In addition to these opportunities, I have charge of the Girls' Boarding School here. All of these are challenging and could be full-time work for a missionary. If someone can take the girls' work later I shall give full time to the production of literature. At the present, I am giving my mornings to the literature work and thoroughly enjoying it.

I am deeply grateful to each of you for the generous gift for the work and all that you have done to help me do a better job. I am so grateful for the multigraph and the Speed-O-Print which will be most helpful in getting literature into the hands of our people.

May God bless each one of you! Continue to remember us in your prayers.

Yours in building His Kingdom into the hearts and lives of people,

Edith Martin

the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, will be the inspirational speaker. Mrs. J. H. Moore of Conway, Conference Secretary Spiritual Life of the Wesleyan Service Guild, will be the worship

The expense for the Retreat will be five dollars per person. Send \$1.00 registration fee at once or by Oct. 1st. to Mrs. J. W. Daniel, 2009 So. "G" St., Ft. Smith, Ark.

The Retreat will open October 6th. at 3:00 P. M. and close Oct. 8th at 10:30 A. M.—Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Dist. Sec'y., Spiritual Life.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

Reports from the war-cramped city of Pusan, Korea, are that the four colleges of Ewha Woman's University, missionary school driven out of Seoul by fighting in recent years, are now carrying on "on six levels of a hillside outside Pusan." These colleges are liberal arts, education, fine arts, and the nursing school. Dr. Helen Kim, Americantrained Korean patriot, who has headed the University in Seoul, is "staying with the stuff" in Pusan,

GUILD HAS SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR

Inaugurating Educational Semi- nars for the Guilds of the Forrest City District, the first of such Seminars was held on August 27 at the Forrest City Methodist Church with 60 present.

Mrs. Julian Vogel of West Memphis, District Secretary, was in charge and had arranged the evening meeting, which was held on the same date as that of the W.S.C.S. to take advantage of the guest speakers' presence in the city.

Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro, W.S.C.S. Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, spoke on "Seminar Relationship to Total Program of Study;" Mrs. T. M. Ellis of Wynne, District CHR & LSA Secretary, presented the study, "Home Missions & Human Rights;" Mrs. J. W. Burrow of West Memphis, presented the study on "Africa;" and Mrs. Oscie Walker of Round Pond, talked about "Preface to Bible Study."

Other special guests were Rev. Ethan Dodgen and Rev. Raymond Franks, district superintendent and pastor, and Mrs. W. F. McCachren, of Round Pond, W.S.C.S. District President.

The planning committee was pleased with the enthusiastic response to the First Seminar held for Guilders of the District, and appreciation was expressed to the W.S.C.S. officers for their cooperation in presenting the approved studies of the year.

Preceding the meeting, Mrs. Raymond Franks entertained special guests with a delightful supper party in her home.—Virginia Hine

and so are the faculty members. Some 1,500 young women are on the "campus", a hillside, and classes and dormitories consist of wooden barracks, with tent roofs and dirt floors. In addition, the college of Education has opened a Kindergarten practice school that enrolls 200 children. Says a Pusan report: 'Also uprooted and called upon to do what they would not choose, American men of the armed forces in Korea are helping in gathering up orphans and lost children; and no one can measure the value of the aid given everywhere."

Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, secretary for Africa in the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Board of Missions, is in Leopoldville, Africa, on the first lap of a secretarial visit to Methodist Church work in the Belgian Conga, Southern Rhodesia, the Transvaal, Portuguese East Africa (Mozambique), Angola, Liberia, Algeria; and then to Italy and France.

Urging church women to discuss, think, vote, and work in political life for the welfare of the nation and the world, Mrs. James D. president of the United Church Women (National Council of the Churches) adds: "The role of the church woman is a distinctive one. It is a dedication of life and resources to live at our best. When women wanted the right to vote

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LITTLE ROCK METHODIST COUNCIL MEETS

The Little Rock Methodist Council held its regular quarterly meeting at Scott Street Church at 2 o'clock September 10th.

There were 50 members registered representing 21 churches. pastors were present in addition to the president, Dr. Francis A. Buddin.

The chairman of the finance committee, Mrs. E. B. Matkin, reported that the treasurer's books had been audited and found in good condition.

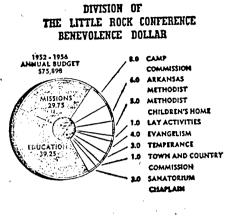
Mrs. Mike Willis gave a resume of her work as dietician at Camp Aldersgate for the summer. She reported a total of 963 campers and visitors. The amount received, including some love gifts to the camp was \$5165.55 and the end of the season showed a balance of \$1175.42.

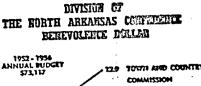
Mrs. J. E. Cooper who had represented the Council at an Urban Institute, held each quadrennium at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., was presented and spoke of the inspiration she had received as she saw the Church in action through the Urban workers of the Woman's Division. She quoted Dr. Charles M. Laymon as saying these workers are putting the deed in the Creed. Mrs. Cooper attended the discussion group on personnel policies and reported that a policy of Board-staff relationship was of vital interest and concern, not only to this one discussion group, but that it was often injected into the discussion in general meetings. She said there is a real concern on the part of Board members that living conditions and salaries of workers be improved. She paid tribute to the workers of who give Woman's Division themselves untiringly and without thought of the long hours required of them. Christian work is not the kind where a person can lock an office door at 5 o'clock and call the day's work done, therefore more consideration should be given to vacations and days off for people engaged in this kind of work. Mrs. Cooper concluded her report with an appeal for greater cooperation and interest in the work of the Woman's Division as it relates to the total program of the church.

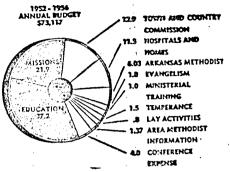
Rev. James Major, missionary to Chile, was presented as a former president of the Council. Mr. Major spoke of the efforts of the Council in obtaining Gilliam Park as a principal item of consideration during his tenure as president of the Council. In speaking of his work in Chile, Mr. Major referred to his constant embarrassment as he spoke of the need of certain social action in Chile and he would be reminded of problems needing Christian action in the United States. This was especially true in connection with racial prejudice. He said he had framed, and hanging in his office, a plaque given to him when he left Council presidency to go to . Questions about the plaque Chile. gave him many opportunities to tell of the work of the Little Rock Methodist Council, and emphasize the deep concern of the members of this Council in working out a Chris-tian solution to the racial situation existing in this community. Mr. Major urged the members of the Council, of both races, to continue their efforts to this end, and not of the work of the Little Rock

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REVIVALS ON THE WALDRON CIRCUIT

We have just closed our third revival on this charge. We do not have a very large attendance at of our five churches, the largest running into the fifties. But the Lord has blessed in a mighty our meetings. during spirit and fellowship have been fine. The song service has been excellent.

We began our meeting at Bird's View with only twenty four present, but by the closing night we had around eighty-five present.

We began our revival at Parks Monday night September 1 with twenty-four present and it was raining outside. Tuesday night we had forty-six present. The attendance kept growing from night to night until we reached a record attendance of 108. The good Baptist and Nazarene came out as enthusiastic about the services as the Methodist. People told us that this was the best spirit of fellowship and coopera-tion they had seen there in ages. Cars and trucks were going here and there providing ways for people to to church. One man who has been sick and in bed for about six months got out of bed and came to church two or three nights.

We had two conversions and three additions by vows. The pastor and associate did the preaching.—Mrs. Fred M. Thompson, Associate pastor

TAYLOR REVIVAL

Rev. C. V. Mashburn did the revival for us in our preaching which closed September 7th. Great crowds attended the evening ser-From thirty-two to forty attended the week-day morning services.

presence of the Holy Spirit was felt. There were five additions

loose the larger vision tunity for developing interracial goodwill, understanding and coopinterracial eration through the work of the Council.

staff, Miss Alice The Council Rogers, Mike Willis and Miss Grace Thatcher had mimeographed copies of the report of their summer activities which were distributed in order to give more time to the special speakers of the day.—Grace Thatcher, Director Little Rock Methodist

Pastors And Church School Superintendents Meet

Two meetings were held September 11 in the Batesville District of pastors and church school superintendents — one at 10 A. M. at Mountain Home and the other at 7:30 P. M. in First Church Bates-ville. Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent was in charge at both places. Rev. M. L. Kaylor opened the meeting with prayer. Brother Connell had each pastor to introduce his Church School Superintendent.

Dr. Ira A. Brumley was present and outlined the following program for the next quarter:

1. He stated that as soon as possible he would like for the church schools to make adjustments to the revised Methodist Discipline which will be out about November 10.

2. Methodism's emphasis this year to be placed on Christian Education. Brother Brumley said that we must do a good job in Christian Education if we are to take the country for Christ.

3. Make careful study this month

of church school needs. Prepare prospect lists and send items from active church school members to interview them.

4. Select the leadership for the

new Church School year which be gins the first Sunday in October.

5. Plan Installation service for the newly elected officers.

6. Plan and render a good Church School Rally program September 28 or as near there to as possible.

7. Strengthen the Nursery Home and the Adult Home Departments.

8. Increase efforts to enlist more of the youth, where emphasis seems to be needed at the present time. According to Brother Brumley we are on the eve of a great influx of youth and the church must be concerned. By 1960 three times as many youths as now will be trying to enter high schools and colleges. We must also seek to enlist them for Christ and the Church. Youth needs to accept the challenge of the Kingdom. We should do things with youth rather than for youth.

Brother Connell in his closing remarks called attention to World wide Communion Sunday October 5 and the purposes to which the offering will go. He also mentioned Methodist Children's Home, the Hendrix November Special, the need for aid to Ministerial Students, Race Relations, Layman's Day, etc.-H. W. Jinske, Reporter

to the church, two of which were on profession of faith. Brother Mashburn preached on tithing at Pine Grove early Sunday morning to a small congregation. Three promised to tithe for a period of time. The churches of the charge are meeting their financial obligations on time and Taylor has a surplus in the treasury.—C. E. Lawrence, Pastor

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS HOLDS BIBLE EXHIBIT

A special Bible exhibit, featuring the only perfect copy of the Gutenberg Bible in the United States, has been opened to the public by the Library of Congress to mark the 500th anniversary of the first printed book on September 30.

The Gutenberg Bible, produced at Mainz, Germany, in 1452, was the world's first printed volume.

Also on display is the 500-year-old Great Bible of Mainz an illuminated manuscript that was being written at the same time that Gutenberg was printing the Bible.

Oldest item in the exhibit is a

LAKE STREET METHODIST **CHURCH**

Methodist Street The Lake Church, Blytheville, has begun a series of studies, "The Beliefs of The Methodist Church," conducted by the Rev. Bob McMasters. The series will run for eight weeks for the help it may be to those who are interested in a better understanding of what Methodists believe.

The first meeting which was held September 7 at 6:30 p. m. was well attended by twenty-five members. A light lunch was served preceding the meeting.—Mrs. Paul Lipford.

fourth century fragment of papyrus of the Book of Isaiah in Greek. Another ancient item is the Book of Kells, an early Irish Christian manuscript presented to the Library by the government of Ireland, last year.

On exhibit, also, is an ancient outch Bible, Biblia Pauperum Bible, Biblia Pauperum Man's Bible), a so-called Dutch (Poor printed from wooden block book blocks in 1470 and used to teach the Bible to the illiterate.

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JURISDICTIONAL BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES MEETS IN OKLAHOMA CITY

The South Central Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities met in Oklahoma City, August 28, 1952. The meeting was convened by Bishop Dana Dawson. The writer was privileged to attend the meeting as a member. I am especially happy to serve in this capacity because of my interest in the part our laymen take in our rural church program. The fellowship of duty and friendship with the great laymen of this section of the church will be inspiring and helpful.

The laymen are becoming more and more vitally concerned about the moral and spiritual condition of our present day. The consecration and zeal of many whose lives are dedicated and who spend a great amount of time in service to the church is indeed heartening to those of us who are in full time Christian service.

There are many fields of service open to the laity of the church. There are many positions in the church which offer them full time employment. There are of course multitudes of positions throughout the church organization which offer opportunity to laymen to express their loyalty to Christ in voluntary service. When we think of the enormous number of voluntary workers in the Sunday School, in the official boards, in the W.S.C.S., youth work etc., we are made to ponder in awe and respect before the face of God and the Blessed Saviour. The grip held upon the lives of so many people by the Carpenter of Nazareth is indeed enthralling. The power of His life is increasing daily. Every time I attend a great church meeting and rub shoulders with great leaders, and great followers in the church, I go away with a deeper feeling of respect for Jesus of Nazareth. The laymen who know Him and love Him are taking an ever greater part in His work and in the advancement of His Kingdom.

It was a source of great joy to the writer to hear the laymen speak of desiring to help in opening every pulpit in Methodism every Sunday. Hundreds and thousands of them are standing by ready to help that great dream become a reality. With proper instruction and guidance through the official conferences and leadership, Methodism can man every preaching place in the nation every Sunday. Our nation can be changed within a decade by our own church if every avenue of approach is seized and used. Our church lends itself to complete coverage of every need of every individual and every community everywhere. With all moving together as an inspired unit, we can cover the earth with the gospel as the waters cover the sea.

The laymen are on the march. Personal evangelism, and pulpit evangelism along with all other roads will more and more hear the sure and steady tread of the feet of Methodist laymen and laywomen. It is indeed a great joy to be more closely related to the lay program in our Jurisdiction.—J. Albert Gatlin

BEN FEW ENDS FIFTY-FOURTH ENCAMPMENT

At the Ben Few Campground, on the Princeton Charge, only the echoes remain as we who spent ten wonderful days there have returned to our homes. This fifty-fourth encampment will long be remembered because of the closeness of our fellowship with one another and with our Heavenly Father.

Rev. David Hankins of the Jackson Street Church in Magnolia brought the messages at the morning and evening worship services. Rev. Alfred I. Doss of the DeQueen Church was the song leader and director of the Youth Group. Visiting ministers from the various churches in this vicinity filled the pulpit for the afternoon services. The morning and evening prayer services were led by men and women on the grounds.

Yes, at Ben Few only echoes remain, but we who left the echoes have returned our nomes strengthened and enriched spiritually. We feel a joy that because of this "Closer Walk With God" we are privileged to take up our work in the service of our Master.—Bruce Bean, Pastor

ROE CIRCUIT

Sunday, September 7th, was a red letter day on the Roe Circuit. It was the occasion of our first Quarterly Conference. At the eleven o'clock service we dedicated four children by baptism and received three members into the church by baptism. Brother J. L. Dedman, our District Superintendent, in his usual, forceful manner brought us a great message which will long be remembered by all present.

At the noon hour the ladies served a wonderful lunch in our dining room in the recreational building. After an hour of fellowship the Quarterly Conference was convened. The four churches of the charge were well represented. Each had a wonderful report. The report from Roe showed that each first Sunday we received members into the church and dedicated children by baptism.

All finances are up to date. A resolution was passed recommending the building of a new parsonage and the appointing of a building committee. Brother Dedman passed the plate for a nest egg with which to begin. The plate offering amounted to \$268.00. This with the spirit it indicated means that we will build



REPORT OF AUGUST, 1952

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DAVIDSON CAMP MEETING

The Davidson Camp Meeting held from August 15-24 was a great success. Rev. H. O. Bolin was the evangelist and brought wonderful and powerful messages twice daily. Visiting ministers preached at 9 o'clock each morning and were inspiring.

Large crowds came both to the morning and evening services. The attendance was large also at the children, youths, and adult special services. At one count during the camp meeting there were 292 campers who were there for most all the services.

A wonderful time was had by all. There were lasting results as we listened to the true Gospel preached in such a powerful way by Brother Bolin, who was there for his second year.

There were forty-two rededications, eight first commitments, and eight giving their names for church membership.

We went to the camp meeting with heavy hearts, for just a few days before the camp meeting we lost our faithful leader by death, Mr. B. Murry, who had carried the spirit of the camp meeting for many years. He was the life of the campers, but the people rallied and remembering his spirit, we had a good meeting.

Mr. E. H. Murry, the son of B. Murry, was elected to take his father's place as the Chairman of the Camp Ground Committee.

The choir director was Mr. Bud Morris, pianist, Miss Jo Ann Kelly. Mrs. Daisy Carroll was in charge of the love feast. Teachers for the Sunday School lessons were Roy Houston and E. C. Mathis. Mrs. Austin Capp had charge of Children's Services, and Rev. W. H. Watson was in charge of Youth meetings.

Other Ministers assisting were, W. O. Byrd, J. M. Hamilton, E. T. McAfee and Rev. Fray Moorman.

It was indeed a good camp meeting, enjoyed by all.—E. T. McAfee, Reporter

REVIVAL ON VANNDALE CHARGE

Our community was spiritually blessed and inspired by the wonderful sermons and fellowship during the revival which began at Ellis Chapel Sunday, August 31, and continued through Sunday, September 7. Brother J. H. Richardson, our pastor from Vanndale, was the preacher for the meeting.

another parsonage. The work of the entire charge is moving on in a wonderful way.—W. C. Lewis, pastor

Services were held each evening at 7:30. There was a wonderful, uplifting song service. Margaret Irene Thompson, age 10, and Charlie Lee Brown, age 11, were pianists throughout the services.

The interest and attendance was good through the entire meeting. Several commitments and rededications were made. There was one addition to the church on profession

An enormous attendance Sunday morning and a "dinner on the ground" at the noon hour climaxed the revival.—Reporter



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YOUTH ACTIVITIES' WEEK AT EARLE

This is to report a full and interesting Youth Activities Week held at our church August 24-31.

The theme for the week was "Give God a Chance". On Sunday night a song program was held and the pastor preached on "Give God a Chance." Monday night folk games were played and Rev. H. L. Robinson of Luxora was the speaker. Tuesday night was beadcraft and Intermediate night. The Seniors carried religious services to shutins. Wednesday night was stunt night and Senior night. A great deal of humorous talent was displayed after which the seniors gave a splendid devotional meditation.

Thursday night was talent and parent night. The youth served all their parents a chicken dinner. Next came an exhibition of varied and interesting talents, after which the MYFers explained the various functions of their organization. Friday night both Intermediate and Senior groups visited the Reformed Jewish Temple at Memphis and worshiped with them.

Saturday night a vesper hour was held and a watermelon feast was enjoyed. Rev. Bill Martin of S. M. U. was speaker. On Sunday night a candlelight consecration service was held. A worship center was flooded with colored light. The soft light of candles added beauty and reverence to an atmosphere of real worship.

Attendance ran into the nineties on three nights. On the other nights there were from fifty to sixty-five present.

Mrs. Euleta Hood is adult sponsor for the Seniors and Mrs. Evelyn Garey is adult sponsor for the Intermediates. Katherine Garey is Senior president and Dorothy Harris is Intermediate president.—G. A. McKelvey, Pastor.

RONDO M. Y. F. HOLDS OFFICERS' MEETING

The monthly Methodist Youth Fellowship officers' meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Henry Lee McClemens on September 8. The president, Fred Neal, presided over the meeting. It was decided to sell Christmas cards for money for the treasury. The announcement was made of the showing of the film, "Cross Roads," which was shown at the church on Sunday night.

The recreation committee is planning a hike and wiener roast in the near future.

Present at the meeting were: Fred Neal, Frank Neal, Viola Smith, Mrs.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Sub-District M. Y. F. met Monday night, September 1, at the Wilmar Methodist Church. A picnic supper was served preceding a good program and business meeting. There was a total attendance of 116. Ralph Calhoun was elected treasurer. A recreation period was held. The next meeting will be at Monticello on October 6.

The Sebastian Sub-District met at the Mansfield Methodist Church on Thursday evening, August 14, with about sixty in attendance. Francis Thomas was leader, using the subject "Truth Always Pays". Ruth Riddling, president, presided over the business meeting. A social hour followed.

The Union County Sub-District met in Vantrease Memorial Church, El Dorado, on Monday evening, September 1. Pat Allen, president, presided over the business meeting. The theme of the worship service was "Purity of Heart" with the following taking part: Arleta Adams, Patricia Joiner, Dan Sanford, Nell Lea, Connie Gathright and Bill Baker. Mrs. J. T. Joiner and Mrs. Claude Baker, youth counsellors of the Vantrease M.Y.F., made plans for the meetings. Churches included in the Sub-District are: Junction City, Smackover, Parker's Chapel, First Church, Norphlet, Pleasant Grove, Calion, Dumas Memorial and Marysville.

The Batesville Sub-District held its September meeting in the Methodist Church of Mountain View on Monday evening, September 8. About seventy young people were present. Mrs. Edward Grigsby, counselor of the Mountain View group, was presented by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Jinske. She introduced Van Rosa who welcomed the group. Mrs. Paul McNealy, counselor for the Sub-District, presided. Devotional reading was given by Carol Ottinger. Rev. R. E. Connell, district superintendent, spoke in behalf of improvements at Wayland Springs. The groups from the different churches presented stunts portraying sidelights on human nature and behavior. Miss Marjorie Stewart, president announced that the next meeting would be held on October 13 at Bethesda. Mrs. Connell and Rev. James Sewell, pastor at Desha, were also present.

Robert Boehmer, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Jones, Donna Fitzwater, Kathy McClements, Anna Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee McClemens.—Mrs. Henry Lee McClemens, Reporter.

"TALK WITH US LORD"

(Continued from page 6)

us and through us. Our only way to know what it can do is to try it and see.

In the fourth chapter of Acts we find a prayer of the early Christians when two of their number had been released from prison. It is not

a prayer to shield them nor to take away their opposition. It is a prayer for boldness and courage to do His work. The Book of Acts is a record of the answer to that prayer. So will ours be today when we seek real communion with God. "The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects", yes, even within our own lives."—RIB

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

(Continued from page 11) they were confident that if that privilege were granted, we would clean up politics. We have not done a very good job! A man said some years ago, 'Bad men are put into office by indifferent good people who stay at home on election day.' Many of those 'good people' are church women who 'just do not understand politics' and so stay away from the polls. We must make democracy work at the local levels if it ever works in Washington."

Methodist churchwoman Miss Edna F. Bair, of Philipsburg, Penn., edicts and publishes a daily newspaper "in keeping with her Christian ideals" — and she makes a success of the venture. Crime news is played down, local juvenile delinquents are not mentioned by name, few court cases are featured. On the other hand Miss Bair, whose father was a singing evangelist, differing from the national average of 11/2% of the editorial space for church news, devotes 10% to this cause. Because she does not believe them to be in the public interest, she turns down lucrative liquor and Sunday sports and entertaining advertising. Her principles apply also to the news columns. "We have been particularly careful to omit the type of pictures and stories that might be harmful to our younger readers," she says.

SPRINKLE NEW EDITOR OF WORLD OUTLOOK

(Continued from page 15) international circulation of more than 120,000.

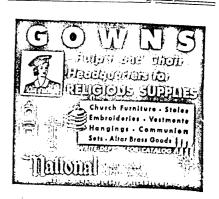
He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Elmer T. Clark, who is retiring from the Mission Board after 34 years' service to devote full time to his work as executive secretary of the World Methodist Council and the Association of Methodist Historical Societies. Dr. Clark said offices of the two organizations will be established here at the Lake Junaluska Assembly, summer program headquarters of the denomination in nine southeastern states.

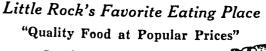
The Board re-elected Miss Dorothy McConnell woman's editor of World Outlook.

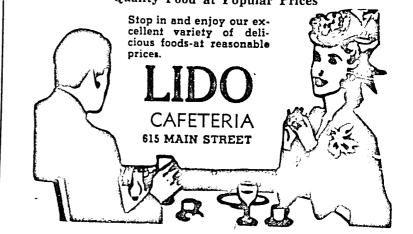
Widely known in church circles, the monthly magazine received two awards last year from the Associated Church Press of the United States and Canada. It was rated first for general effectiveness and pictorial qualities.

Before going to New York Dr. Sprinkle was editor for four years of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, Methodist weekly published in Greensboro. Previously, he has served Western North Carolina pastorates in Rocky Mount, Belmont, Black Mountain, Kings Mountain and West Asheville.

We say "Don't kick a man when he is down," as though we had a right to kick him at other times.— Local Government Service, London







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Bishop Moore Again Heads Mission Board

A. W. Martin Named Vice-President National Mission Section

¬OR the fourth successive term of four years, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, has been elected president of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, Methodist Church.

The election of all Board and Division officers was held in connection with the organizational meeting of the new membership of that body, named by the recent jurisdictional conferences and on the basis of numbers and regulations set down by the General Conference of 1952. Bishop Frederick B. Newell, of New York, convened the Board by appointment of the Council of

Bishop Richard C. Raines, of Indianapolis, was elected president of the Division of Foreign Missions, Board of Missions, of the Methodist Church, at the organizational meeting. He and other division presidents become vice-presidents of the Board. Bishop Raines succeeds as Division president Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, formerly of New York, now of Washington, D. C., and will serve for the four years 1952-56. Bishop Raines has recently visited the mission fields of the Methodist Church in both India and Europe, and has long been active in missionary leadership of the church.

Elected vice-presidents of the Division of Foreign Missions were Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex., Charles V. Adams of Montoursville, Penn., and Dr. Merrill Johnson of New York City.

Bishop A. Frank Smith, of Houston, Tex., was reelected president of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension for the succeeding four years. He has served in this capacity since 1940. Vice-presidents of this Division are Bishop Frederick B. Newell of New York, Bishop Edgar Love of Baltimore, Dr. A. W. Martin of Southern Methodist University, and Dr. Donald R. Youell of Hiwassee College,

The Woman's Division of Christian Service has re-elected Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, as its president for the second term of four years. Vice-president of the Division and chairman of its Foreign Department is Mrs. Charles E. Wegner of St. Paul, Minn.; vicepresident and chairman of the Home Department, Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver of Winona Lake, Ind.; vice-president and chairman of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. J. Faunt Tillman of Lewisburg, Tenn. Mrs. Paul Arrington, of Joelsson, Miss., was elected first vicepresident: and Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins, of Chicago, recording secretary. The Woman's Division named Miss Grace Gatewood, New York City, as assistant secretary of missionary education in the Division of Education and Cultivation.

The Division of Education and Cultivation elected Bishop W. Angie Smith, of Oklahoma City, as president; Bishop John Branscomb, of Jacksonville, vice-president; Mrs. Charles W. Mead, Omaha, Neb., recording secretary.

In the Division of Foreign Missions, the Rev. H. Burnham Kirk-

R. E. WOMACK RETIRES

At a recent meeting of the board of trustees of Lambuth College, Jackson, Tenn., in Memphis, Dr. Richard E. Womack, first president of the college, who was elected to the office four months before the institution was opened in 1924, announced his early retirement. This will take place as soon as his successor can move to Jackson and take over the duties of the office, probably in October.

Dr. Luther L. Gobbel, for the past seventeen years president of Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C., was elected to succeed Dr. Womack, who recommended him for the position, and who will now become president emeritus.

When Dr. Womack was invited to become president of Lambuth College the Memphis Conference had an equity of about \$60,000 in the property which consisted of 20 acres of land and the administration building, which was not furnished. There was an indebtedness of more than \$100,000 on the property. Since then the men's dormitory, the music building and student center and the physical education building have been built, the chapel has been half completed, and over \$200,000 of endowment has been secured. Additional land has also been purchased. It is estimated that the physical property of the college is now considerably more than a million dol-

Dr. Gobbel, the president-elect is a native of North Carolina. He is an A.B. graduate of Trinity College and holds the M.A. degree from Duke University. He received the Ph.D. degree from Yale University. Before becoming president of Greensboro College he served for several years as executive secretary of the board of education of the North Carolina Conference. Dr.

land, of New York City, was elected treasurer for the years 1952-56, succeeding Charles V. Adams who has been acting treasurer since the death of Dr. Albert E. Beebe more than a year ago. Mr. Kirkland has been associate treasurer for some years.

The Board approved 32 candidates for missionary service. Of these, thirteen are regular-term foreign missionaries, two each for home and deaconess service, five transfers from special term to regular term status, four special term missionaries, and one reinstatement.

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Gobbel's success as a college president is outstanding. He comes to the presidency of Lambuth College with the endorsement of high officials in the church and of outstanding educators. He is lay leader of the North Carolina Conference.

Dr. Womack is a native of Arkansas and a brother of Rev. W. Vance Womack, pastor at Heber Springs; J. P. Womack, retired educator living at Jonesboro, and Rev. John A. Womack, retired member of North Arkansas Conference, residing at Jonesboro.

SPRINKLE NEW EDITOR OF WORLD OUTLOOK

A former North Carolinian editor, pastor and chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., was elected editor of the missionary periodical, World Outlook, at the quadrennial organizational meeting of the Methodist Church's Board of Missions held recently at Lake Junaluska,

A native of Pineville, N. C., Dr. Sprinkle has been associate editor of the magazine since 1949. It is published in New York and has an (Continued on page 14)

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 1952 WHEN POWER DESTROYS

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:

I Kings 4:20-26: I Kings 11:4-8.

GOLDEN TEXT: A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. (Luke 12:15)

This is the last lesson of Unit III. It will be remembered that the general theme of the unit is "THE DANGERS OF POWER". The aim is "to lead adults to see how dangerous power can become and to understand how it can be handled to further the kingdom of God."

The theme of the last Sunday's lesson was in the form of a question—"How Do You Use Power?" We noted there that power can be used for either good or evil. Power is one of the greatest blessings of life when properly used, but it is one of the greatest curses if wrongly used. Power is wrongly used when it is used for the selfish advancement of the individual or the group to the hurt of the others. This might be on the level of the individual, the family, or the nation. At first Solomon wisely used his power and it proved a great blessing both to him and his nation.

A Look At The Scriptures

In the first passage of today's lesson (I Kings 4:20-26) we read of the condition of the nation when Solomon began to reign. This was the golden age of Israel's history. David, Solomon's father, had been a great warrior. He had conquered various nations and tribes and had extended the borders of his country. He had made Israel the greatest nation of the world of that day. Egypt had declined and Babylon and Assyria had become weak. This gave Israel its chance and at the time Solomon took over the reins of government it stood at the head of the list of world powers. Many subservient people paid tribute to Israel. Solomon's income from this source alone amounted to \$20,000,000 a year. Only one present from the Queen of Sheba amounted to \$3,500,000. He made shields of pure gold and also buck-lers of gold. His throne was made of pure ivory overlaid with gold. All the vessels of the palace were gold. The Queen of Sheba traveled for many miles to see the splendor of Solomon's palace and to witness his wisdom and when she had seen and heard she was simply dazzled. She went on to say that in her country she had heard of this wisdom and splendor but when she had seen it with her own eyes she insisted that "the half had never been told."

The next passage (I Kings 11:4-8) tells of the terrible decline of Solomon. David had set a rather bad example in his relationship with women. Even Solomon was born to a woman to whom David had no right. He had taken her from Uriah and had him put in the front of the battle and killed to get rid of him. That was all bad and David sorely repented of it, but when it came to women Solomon

made David look like a piker. He had a harem of seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines. These wives were for the post part princesses who were daughters of rulers of surrounding heathen nations. These wives all had heathen religions and Solomon not only tolerated the practice of these religions but went so far as to build places where these women could worship their heathen gods. It is said that these gods were worshiped in the very palace itself. Solomon built one such sanctuary on the Mount of Olives; the place that later came to mean so much to Christ and from which he ascended into heaven.

Solomon not only permitted these women to worship these false gods but he began to worship them himself. Some of the gods and goddesses mentioned here in the passage were deities of fertility and sexual love. They were worshiped by acts of immorality and all types of vulgarity. Other gods mentioned here were Chemoch who was the patron of deity of Moab and Molech who were worshiped by infant sacrifice, usually the first born.

Solomon did not wholly forsake Jehovah but he divided his allegiance between him and these heathen gods and goddesses. This led to his loss of religious zeal. His worship came to be a mere matter of ritual. He was very punctual in attending the Temple services and making his offerings, but his religion had become a mere form without power. This in turn led to the moral deterioration of his character. Morality cannot be sustained very long without vital religion. In spite of all of Solomon's wisdom and fine beginning he came to be a mere shadow of his former self. There is not a more pitiable case in all literature. The man of glory had tarnished and faded; the man of wealth became an indulgent libertine; the man of wisdom became a foolish creature helplessly led around by wicked companions. With his wealth and power he had created the circumthat destroyed him. He misused his God-given powers and they proved his undoing.

The Danger Of Power

God is the source of power. Aside from God, man could have no power at all. The Bible tells us that man lives and moves and has his being in God. The Lord gives men power intending that they use it wisely and for the good of all concerned, but they misure it and do harm in the place of good with it. God gives man strength that he may lend a helping hand to his neighbor, but he can use that God-given strength to destroy his neighbor. God gives man speech that he might praise

him but man can use that speech to blaspheme the very name of God. Most evil is good misused. God gives man power with which to do good and he does evil with it. We read the Bible, "It is God who giveth thee power to get wealth". Man proceeds to get wealth and then many times uses it to damn his own soul. It does not have to be that way. Wealth might be used to build the Kingdom of God on earth. It isn't money itself but the "love of money" that is the root of all kinds of evil. Money is a good servant but a poor master. The trouble is people make money their god.

What People Will Do For Money

There are various reasons why people want money. Some are just misers and they like to get money that they may hoard it. Others have a great sense of insecurity and they like to lay by far more than is necessary to take care of them during adverse circumstances. But the vast majority of people who place too much emphasis on money want it because of the power it brings.

As to what people will do for money, think of the thousands who are engaged in the liquor and the narcotic drug traffics. These people are trafficking in that which they know hurts others and they are doing it primarily for the profit they get out of it.

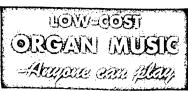
Then there are all kinds of organized crime—gambling, thievery, white slavery, etc. Why do people engage in these hurtful things? For the most part, they do it for money. Some years ago there was a group of people scattered over this nation known as "Murderers Incorporated". The business of these people was to murder. You could hire one of them to kill anybody provided you paid a high enough price for the job. For money, they would kill people who had never harmed them in the least and whom they had never seen before.

The Cycle Of Destruction

Some of our literature on this lesson calls attention to this vicious cycle. It is a four-point affair—power, wealth, luxury, and ruin. This was the course that Solomon took. First he had power and this power enabled him to secure great wealth, with this wealth he purchased luxury and this luxuary led to his ruin. Study his life carefully with these four points in mind and you will see that these were the steps which led him to ruin. This course not only led to his downfall but it also led to the downfall of his nation. He lived in such luxury that he was forced to place a great burden of taxation on his people. This led to the revolt of ten of the twelve tribes which took place im-

mediately after Solomon's death. We might think that the policy of some of our present-day politicians "to tax and tax and spend and spend" is a modern trend but such is not the case, Solomon ruined Israel with that system nearly three thousand years ago. If we are not careful history will repeat itself with regards to our own country. In fact many of our best thinkers see a close parallel in the present condition of our nation and the condition of Israel at the time Solomon took over. His nation was prosperous. It was the leading nation of that time. It wielded a great influence over other countries. Peo-ple visited Israel from all parts of the world. But in spite of all of that the nation went down. It traveled the road of power, wealth, luxury, and then came ruin.

Not only did Israel fall by following this cycle of destruction, but many other nations and civilizations have gone by the same way. Call the roll of those nations and think for a moment what led to their destruction. It was the case with ancient Babylon. We all recall Belshazzar's feast. It was also true with ancient Greece, Egypt, and Rome. If space permitted we could easily show that all of these nations failed for the same reason as did Israel—the misuse of power.



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