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## Methodist Men's Hour To Begin

**R**EPORTS from various parts of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area indicate that several radio stations will be airing the new Methodist radio program which will be known as Methodist Men's Hour. This program is the outgrowth of months of planning. The first public word about the proposed program was the proposal at the South Central Jurisdictional Conference, Wichita, in July, when the Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities recommended and the conference adopted unanimously a memorial endorsing the production of such a program.

The weekly thirty-minute transcription, available on request for a certain number of radio stations throughout the Jurisdiction, will feature Dr. Marshall T. Steel, distinguished pastor of the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, and the choir from that church. The program has been planned with the laymen in mind and we are confident that in those areas where the program is broadcast it will be received with great appreciation.

We once heard it said that it is doubtful if the cause of Religion "breaks even" with the "religious" radio programs that are being broadcast today. Much that tries to pass for a religious radio ministry undoubtedly drives many prospective Christians away from the Christian Church. There is a magnificent opportunity for such a program as the Methodist Men's Hour and we urge District Superintendents and pastors to make certain that radio stations in their section have an opportunity to secure this program.

## Revised Standard Version Of Bible Release Sept. 30th

**O**N September 30th there will be released by the publishers the first authorized Revised Standard Version of the Bible printed since the publication of the King James Version of the Bible in 1611, three hundred and forty-five years ago.

Thirty-two selected scholars have been working on this revised translation for fourteen years. They brought to that task the best scholarship available and made an exhaustive research of the largest supply of ancient manuscripts ever used in a similar work.

This is the only authorized version of the Bible we have in the language of today. The modern versions of the Bible now in print and the numerous versions of the New Testament are the results of private enterprise that did not have available much of the materials used as a background for the authorized Revised Standard Version of the Bible soon to be released.

The English language in 1611 was quite different from the English language of the 20th century. The use and meaning of many words have changed since the King James Version of the Bible was printed. However, there has been preserved in this new translation something of the rhythmic beauty of the King James Version even though it is written in the language of our day. There is of course no change in the Bible as it was written in Hebrew and Greek. The change is in the English translation of these earlier documents. New discoveries and a better understanding of old discoveries have made a more correct translation of these early documents possible. Across America, on September 30th, there will be interdenominational public

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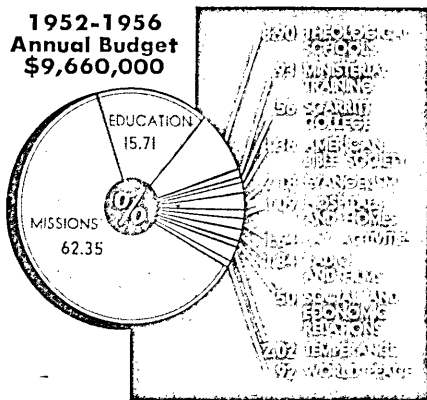
## Hospitals And Homes And The World Service Dollar

**A** World Service agency that does extensive work at home and in an advisory capacity around the world is the Board of Hospitals and Homes. Of each World Service Dollar, 1.09 percent goes to help support the work of this Board.

Methodism is in the hospital business throughout America and in most of its mission fields. Jesus was concerned about the spiritual life of those to whom He ministered. The record of His life however, shows that He was also interested in the physical ills of the people about Him.

It is in this spirit that Methodism has built great hospitals in America and in

### DIVISION OF THE METHODIST WORLD SERVICE DOLLAR



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

various mission fields. We feel that our church has an obligation to those who suffer in body. We do not feel that this ministry of healing should be left entirely to the state.

Homes for the aged is another ministry that comes under the direction of the Board of Hospitals and Homes. There are many members of The Methodist Church who have grown old in its service who have been unable to provide for old age. Some do not have relatives to support them; others have relatives who are unable to give them support. We have some homes for these aging homeless. We do not have as many as we need or will have. Nevertheless, caring for these old people is a ministry Methodism cannot afford to neglect. Without this comfortable home provided by the church, many of them would be wards of the state.

Children's Homes are among the most appealing ministries of our church. These homes receive guidance and help from the Board of Hospitals and Homes. The wave of juvenile delinquency which has swept our nation in late years gives emphasis to the need for church-operated homes for homeless children. Many of them come from broken homes. Their only real hope is in a church-operated home where body, mind and soul can develop normally. The state would care for most of these dependent children. However, the state does not furnish the character of home our church provides.

## You Are Invited To Attend

**A** reception formally welcoming Bishop and Mrs. Martin back to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area for the quadrennium 1952-56 will be held at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Monday evening, October 13, at 7:00 to 9:00 p. m., according to Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock District Superintendent, who is serving as chairman of a Local Committee working out details for the evening. Every Methodist in both states, lay men, lay women and ministers are cordially invited to attend. While it is recognized that distances and other circumstances will not permit everyone to attend, every person has an invitation to be present.

Bishop Martin was reassigned to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area at the meeting of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference in Wichita, Kansas last summer. His appointment is for a four year period. This reception will be the Area's formal welcome to Bishop and Mrs. Martin, and will be held in connection with the Area Council Meeting scheduled for October 14 and 15 in Little Rock.

Dr. Buddin also announced that any person or persons desiring to make hotel reservations for the period they are in Little Rock may write him direct for such reservations or they may make their own. Dr. Buddin's address is 424 Exchange Building, Little Rock, Ark. Other details concerning the reception will be announced at an early date.

## Hendrix Campaign Officially Launched

**W**HEN the General Education Board of New York proposed to give Hendrix College \$300,000 on the condition that friends of Hendrix would raise \$300,000 in 1952-54, there came the settled conviction at once in the hearts of our leaders in Arkansas that this challenge must and will be accepted.

Plans and methods for meeting this attractive offer by the Board have been under careful consideration since the proposal was made. Dr. C. M. Reeves, who so efficiently and effectively led the Million Dollar Campaign for Hendrix was asked to give full-time leadership to a campaign to raise the \$300,000. At the recent Annual Conference he received an appointment as Vice-President of Hendrix College. J. T. Thompson, an outstanding layman of Little Rock and a member of the Board of Trustees, was elected Chairman of the Campaign Committee which is composed of the membership of the Board of Trustees of the college.

The campaign was formerly opened with a "Kick-Off Dinner" at Hulen Hall on the Hendrix Campus last Monday evening. Every District of the state was well represented. Almost three hundred ministers and lay workers were present.

Dr. Ellis, President of Hendrix, gave the welcome address and introduced special guests. Mr. Thompson, Committee Chairman, addressed the group and announced that members of the Board of Trustees have already made pledges to the Campaign totaling \$59,990. This total will be substantially increased when all members of the Board have made a pledge. He announced also that a total of \$28,652 has been pledged by other friends of the college or a total of \$88,642 already pledged on the \$300,000.

Principal speakers for the evening were Bishop Martin and Dr. Marshall T. Steel, pastor of Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas. These gifted speakers impressed the group with

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# World Wide Communion-- World Wide Need

By NOLAN B. HARMON

The Book Editor of The Methodist Church

This Article Is The Last 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.

NO sooner will the sun come up out of the restless Pacific on Sunday morning, October 5th, than the Christians of the Fiji Islands will gather to begin World Wide Communion Sunday. They start it for all Christians since, by virtue of the international date line, it is on their land that the light of each new day first breaks. But as the sun climbs, and the day rolls on, in Japan, the Philippines, Korea, Malaya, India, and so on eastward across the earth, people go to their churches and break the Bread and drink the Wine in memory of a common Lord.

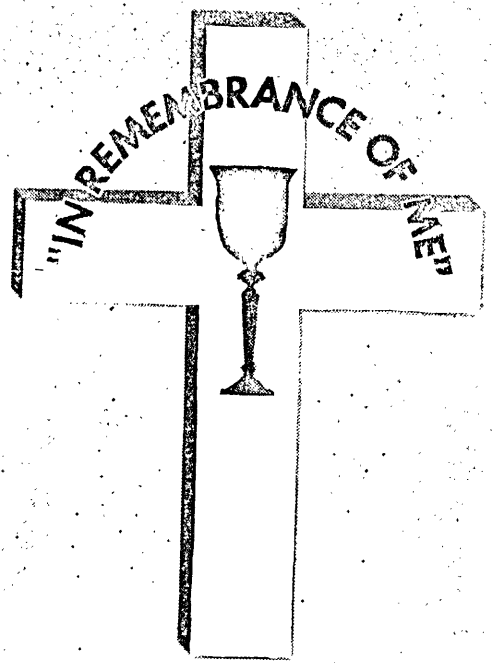
It was a noble conception which came to Christian leaders years ago that there should be a day set apart for the universal observance of the Sacrament. The oneness of all believers is nowhere better displayed than about the Communion Table. True union always comes at worship. Creeds may differ, languages vary, and the form of church organization change according to differing temperaments, and differing lands, but in partaking of the Supper of the Lord, all are at one. The oft-told story of the Duke of Wellington is pertinent here. About to kneel at the Communion rail, the Iron Duke saw a private soldier who had also approached, and who was hesitating to kneel beside his Commander-in-Chief. "Kneel down, lad," motioned the Duke; "We are all one here."

Former observances of Universal Communion Sunday have shown how true this is. Three years ago, I happened to worship on this Sunday at a church connected with one of our Methodist seminaries. Young ministers preparing for their life's service were in charge of the communion at the eleven o'clock hour. Wisely enough they had divided out the several parts of the Rite so that a youth from India read the Scripture, the prayer of consecration was in Japanese, a Brazilian bore the plate with the bread and a ruddy lad from our own mid-west administered the wine. A young Negro dismissed one of the tables with prayer, and the whole occasion was impressive in the extreme. Perhaps I haven't recalled all the parts exactly but I shall not forget the Japanese taking over and in his own tongue consecrating the elements. The offering of the day went to India, as I recall, and I left the church feeling that such words as "ecumenicity" and "communion of the saints" had been fulfilled in my own presence.

Our Methodist Church, following the custom of the Church of England, has always taken Communion as a time in which to broaden its charities and to "remember the poor". The "offering for the poor", long a part of our Communion ritual, is not a "second collection" as I have known some good Methodist Stewards to call it. In a sense it might be called the first collection since the offerings at Communion were the first regular and formal way of giving in Christian history. The bringing in of the offerings was a part of the very earliest Communion services in the long ago. "All kinds of useful things" Doctor Thomas Lindsay explains, "oil, wine, milk, honey, eatables of all kinds, the fruit of trees and the fruit of the ground . . . were all placed at, or on the Table". So the church was supported and the poor cared for. All through the Middle Ages this persisted and when our Methodist Communion office took shape in English under the pen of Thomas Cranmer at the Reformation, we kept the "offering for the poor" just as it is now. John Wesley kept it as is. So the "poor fund" has been a helpful though almost unwritten ordinance of the Methodist Church down to this day. It is one fund concerning whose distribution the Discipline gives no orders—not even asking for an occasional audit or accounting. But perhaps for this very reason it has done untold good, since it can be administered directly to the truly needy, and these needy, as any pastor can testify, are sometimes persons who would be ashamed ever to ask for financial help.

But on World Wide Communion Sunday, our Church does ask that our giving shall be generous and on this Sunday provides that three needy causes shall receive what Methodist People give.

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is to get half of the funds raised on October 5th. What stories that committee can tell of cries for help from the children of war torn Korea, or of famine wracked India! How many homeless refugees have been displaced forever from their homes by the European holocaust! Every nation in middle Europe has its countless thousands lost and trying to start over again, and as we think of the utter misery that dogs the steps of these war-torn people, we may well say "but for the Grace of God, there go we". It is a deeply written Christian principle that "no man hungers but that I hunger, no man thirsts but that I thirst". We must not forget.



## FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING AND SERVICE

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

METHODISTS WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL  
OPPORTUNITY ON OCTOBER 5

To Contribute to The

FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING AND SERVICE

which supports the:

- Committee For Overseas Relief
- Commission On Chaplains
- Committee On Camp Activities

Besides the MCOR, the Chaplains Commissions and the Committee on Camp Activities of our Church each get a fourth of what we shall give on October 5th. The Chaplains Commission has been created to look after the chaplains who in turn look after the men in the armed services of the nation. Also, it has under its care the chaplains in state or government institutions. There are today, 542 chaplains serving in the army, navy, air force, veteran's administration, federal prisons and state and county institutions. There is an annual flow of nearly one and a half million young men out of civilian life into military life. We do well to support the chaplains who are ministers to these young men and also the camp pastors and those appointed by the bishops to work under the Commission on Camp Activities. Each chaplain is a minister but while the local pastor may have a stable, steady congregation to back him up, a chaplain's congregation varies with the fluctuating orders of the armed forces. Lads who are with him today are gone tomorrow. Indeed the chaplain himself is frequently moved faster than any Methodist Bishop could possibly shuffle his appointments.

With no annual Conference or local Church to support them, it is well that the General Church is setting aside for the use of our Chaplains, a portion of our first fruits on World Communion Sunday. This, of course, is not for the chaplains themselves—the government takes care of them—but for equipment, literature, and the various needs that the preacher (meaning the chaplain) ought not to have to pay out of his own pocket.

We will worship better by giving better on this World Communion Sunday—give of ourselves—our minds and hearts, and with these our things. World Wide Communion must face up to a World Wide Need.

# The Story Of Church Cooperation In Japan

By THOBURN T. BRUMBAUGH, Associate Secretary

Division of Foreign Missions, Board of  
Missions and Church Extension



DR. THOBURN T. BRUMBAUGH

**D**ESPITE some rather serious defections, the united Church of Christ in Japan now represents over 60% of the recognized Protestant church membership in that land. According to the latest tabulation, the "Nihon Kirisuto Kyodan", as it is called in Japanese, reports its adult membership as 139,000. The next largest Protestant denomination is the Episcopal Church which approximates a membership of 30,000, counting families much as do the Roman Catholics which reports a total constituency of about 150,000. Altogether, there are at present fifty denominational brands of Christianity being promoted, the total church membership of all types being around four hundred thousand. The great majority of the Protestant groups are small, some numbering but a few hundred adherents.

## Eight Denominations Cooperate

It is in this setting that those of Methodist and other evangelical background who are now cooperating in the united Church see the greatest significance in this movement. The Church of Christ in Japan includes the largest number of formerly separate denominations of any united church in the world. It will be remembered that when the merger took place in 1940, thirty-four then active Protestant bodies officially joined forces. Though some churches of particular convictions and practices have withdrawn to establish their own various fellowships, the united Church is still the only body that functions in every part of Japan. It is thus the first Protestant church among the younger churches of Asia to gain such nationwide recognition.

If it were ever true that "in union there is strength", this would seem to be the secret of some of the remarkable accomplishments within united Church circles in Japan. Cooperating with this body are eight of the strong Protestant denominations and mission boards in the United States and Canada. Through what is known as the **Interboard Committee for Christian Work in Japan**, a total of 425 missionaries have been sent out to work with the "Kyodan" since the end of hostilities in 1945. Of these, 118 went out under short-term appointments; the others, and even some of the J-3's who have decided to stay, are regular continuing missionaries of the sending boards.

## Churches, Schools Rebuilt

Through this Interboard agency also, 214 of the 450 Kyodan-related churches destroyed in the war have been restored within the past five years, a total of \$800,000 having been contributed by the eight boards previously referred to. In addition to the amounts which local congregations contributed, in these cases where aid was needed, Japanese Christians have supplied the funds for reconstruction of sixty churches where no outside aid was required. It is also worth knowing that a total of \$152,000 has been made available from Interboard sources for the erection of new edifices in strategic locations where there was previously no church but where local interest and support have made such new work advisable.

An educational auxiliaries, the united Church and the cooperating mission boards give support to over fifty high schools, colleges, and vocational training institutions in various parts of Japan, with a total enrollment of about 50,000 students. To these schools American churches have contributed approximately \$1,500,000 for restoration of buildings and equipment since the war, and nearly \$500,000 has gone into their annual maintenance. It will be of interest to Methodists that about one-third of these funds comes

through their Division of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

## Five Hundred Studying for Ministry

One of the most striking facts about the united Church is that in five leadership training centers and theological seminaries over five hundred young people are being prepared for full-time Christian service as ministers and evangelists. For the support of such training institutions the Interboard agencies in America and Canada have provided over \$60,000 in the past five years. Of these schools, the Tokyo Union Theological Seminary is the largest. In securing government recognition as a graduate school and to provide for its proper development, this institution was obliged to secure a new campus in the suburbs of Tokyo and to erect new buildings for its needs. Of the 5207,000 required, the cooperating mission boards have provided \$115,000, the remainder coming from Japanese sources and assets. In all such cooperative projects the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church is asked for about one-fourth of the required aid.

## Both Urban and Rural Emphasis

In the establishment of social-evangelistic centers in both urban and rural communities, the united Church has also shown alertness to the need for attention to the welfare of both body and soul. Over \$100,000 has been put into the maintenance of social work, plus about \$70,000 for two new social work institutions. In one industrial community a former Japanese Navy officers' club has become a Christian Community Center, with a church at its core and with Methodist missionary personnel in charge. In agricultural evangelism several centers have been established, one in particular being a National Rural Training Center to which the Methodist mission board has recently sent a young couple well trained for leadership in agricultural economy and home economics.

Though the Japanese church has declined direct subsidies for its parishes because it does not want its pastors to become dependent on foreign support, the interboard agencies in this country have provided over \$150,000 for relief of Christian workers suffering from war privations. Also \$75,000 has gone for scholarships for children of united Church pastors in Japanese high schools and colleges. All this is in addition to the 60% share which these American and Canadian mission boards assumed in the postwar relief program of **Church World Service** in Japan, including the value of contributed goods amounting to around five million dollars.

## Methodists Stress Evangelism, Literature

In the field of general evangelism, too, the united Church has been vigorous. Though it is difficult to tabulate such efforts and their results, it should be of interest to Methodists that, apart from Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa whose background is Presbyterian, the most effective evangelistic work in the postwar years has been done by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, and Rev. Lawrence Lacour's party of musical evangelists, all Methodists. In other direct evangelistic programs the Interboard agencies have invested \$53,000 in the past four years. To their missionaries for such work has gone an additional total of \$65,000.

Of great importance since the war has been the production and distribution of Christian literature. For leadership in this enterprise under interdenominational auspices of the National Christian Council and the Christian Literature Society, the Methodist Division of Foreign Missions made available the services of

Dr. Floyd Shacklock, of Drew Theological Seminary, for a period of two years. With him is his wife who is also working in the field of religious education. Into the production of Christian literature for such needs the Interboard agencies have contributed over \$90,000 in the past three years. A twenty percent share in such undertakings, in addition to the provision of missionary personnel, is a token of Methodism's belief in interdenominational cooperation in the great evangelistic task in Japan as elsewhere in the world. It also signifies Methodist loyalty to the Church of Christ in Japan, from which not one missionary, pastor or congregation of Methodist background has withdrawn.

## Larger Areas of Christian Unity

In this larger field of interdenominational cooperation it should also be noted that both the united Church and the Interboard agencies are active participants in the re-established National Christian Council, the National Christian Education Association, and the Christian Literature Society, to all of which they contribute support. Toward realization of the plan for making the Christian Literature Society and Bible House buildings in downtown Tokyo the Protestant Center for all Japan, these boards have contributed over \$40,000. In all such joint projects, Methodism contributes at least one-fifth, and often as much as one-third.

Projected new enterprises of an interdenominational character are the Japan International Christian University, the proposed new Radio and Audio-visual center, the establishment of Protestant evangelistic and literature centers in four other great Japanese cities, and the like. In all of these undertakings both the united Church and the cooperating mission boards will assume large responsibility.

It has been the purpose of this article to show (1) how the united Church of Christ in Japan is really meeting present-day needs in an effective and cooperative manner; (2) how the cooperating missionary agencies in this country are participating in a systematic and aggressive manner (Methodist, Presbyterian-USA, Congregational-Christian, Disciples, Reformed, Evangelical and Reformed, Evangelical United Brethren, and United Church of Canada, with the American Baptists also helping in large measure); (3) how in particular the Methodist Church and its Board of Missions are cooperating heartily in the cause of Christian unity among the Japanese; and (4) how even beyond the limits of the United Church of Christ, these bodies are working together in the larger framework of united Protestant effort for the evangelization, enlightenment and regeneration of Japan. Less concern for a progressive and brotherly Christian approach to the needs of postwar Japan would be catastrophic. Larger interest and support on the part of those not yet committed to such cooperative Protestant endeavor in this and other parts of Asia is imperative if our Gospel is to meet adequately the challenge of our day in that part of the world.



## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**D**R. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, was guest speaker at Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Sunday morning, September 21.

**B**ISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN was re-elected president of the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church at the recent meeting of the Board in Chicago.

**R**EV. EDWIN KEITH, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, preached at the First Methodist Church, Malvern, on Sunday morning, September 14.

**T**HE METHODIST MEN of Forrest City Methodist Church met on Thursday, September 11, with the Girls' Ensemble from Marked Tree furnishing the music.

**R**EV. DEWEY McCAULEY, pastor of the Village Methodist Church, spoke at the prayer meeting service of the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, on Wednesday, September 24. Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr., is pastor.

**M**AJOR NORMAN M. WARNOCK, Camp Chaffee was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of First Church, Fort Smith, on Wednesday, September 24. Lawson Cloninger, president, presided at the meeting.

**D**R. JOHN T. CALDWELL, president of the University of Arkansas, will be the speaker on International Layman's Day, October 19, in Central Church, Fayetteville, at the morning hour.

**M**RS. WILLIAM A. HICKOX has accepted a position as choir director at the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro. She will direct the adult choir and will organize a youth choir.

**R**EV. GEORGE WILLIAMS, retired member of the North Texas Conference, has been appointed pastor of the DeValls Bluff Charge. He was formerly a member of the Little Rock Conference.

**B**ISHOP CHARLES W. BRASHARES of Chicago heads the new Co-ordinating Council of The Methodist Church. He was elected at an organization meeting of the 34-member group in Chicago, September 9.

**R**EV. ROY E. FAWCETT, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Little Rock Conference, is much improved from his recent illness. He is now at home and is able to be in his office a part of the time.

**M**R. AND MRS. PAUL HUTCHINSON and daughter have been transferred from San Francisco, California, to Little Rock. Mr. Hutchinson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Forney Hutchinson of Tulsa, is a chemical engineer connected with the United States Public Health Service.

**T**HE METHODIST MEN of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, met on Wednesday, September 24 with Ranger Jim Martin of the State Forestry Commission as speaker. Don Martin was in charge of the music and Martin Hamilton had charge of the devotional period.

**M**RS. W. F. COOLEY, wife of the district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, was the inspirational speaker on Sunday evening, September 21, at open house held in the Intermediate room of Wesley Hall, honoring the new intermediates of Central Church, Fayetteville.

**M**ISS ANITA CARRAWAY, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Carraway of Smackover, was married on Saturday, September 20, in the First Methodist Church of Smackover to Clodius Harris Hill, Jr., the father of the bride performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hill will make their home in Garland.

**H**ANS FREMMING, 27-year-old student from Oslo, Norway, has entered the University of Arkansas to study electrical engineering on scholarships paid for the Wesley Foundation and the University Foundation for International Ex-

change of Students. Wesley Foundation is paying the tuition.

**R**EV. C. V. HOLIMAN, pastor of the Friendship Charge, writes: "We have just closed our last revival on the Friendship Charge with twenty-two additions to the church, eighteen on profession of faith, three from other denominations and one by certificate. The Lord wonderfully blessed us."

**R**EV. ROBERT T. McMASTER, pastor of Lake Street Methodist Church in Blytheville, will assist Rev. Bill Stewart in revival services at Garden Point Methodist Church, beginning Sunday, October 5, and continuing through Sunday, October 12. The theme of the week of special services will be "Give God a Chance."

**C**. L. DURRETT of Little Rock was speaker at the morning service on Sunday, September 21, at the First Methodist Church, Hamburg, Rev. M. W. Miller, pastor. Mr. Durrett, state agent for the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, is an outstanding religious leader in the state.

**M**ISS PEGGY JANE ALLBRIGHT, daughter of Mrs. W. W. Allbright, Heber Springs, was married on Tuesday, September 2, at the Methodist Church in Heber Springs to Dr. C. M. Pence of Converse, Indiana, the bride's father performing the ceremony. Dr. and Mrs. Pence will be at home in Memphis.

**D**R. BRYANT DAVIDSON, head of the History Department of Centenary College, was elected a member of the executive committee of the Committee on World Peace at the recent meeting in Chicago. Dr. Ralph Sockman of New York heads the Committee. Dr. Davidson is a son of the late Dr. G. G. Davidson, long-time member of the North Arkansas Conference.

**D**R. IRA A. BRUMLEY, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference, was elected to the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church at the recent meeting of the Board in Chicago. Dr. Brumley was also elected vice-chairman of the Editorial Division of the Board and a member of the Board's Executive Committee.

**T**HE LITTLE ROCK OBSERVANCE of the release of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible will be held at Robinson Auditorium on Tuesday evening, September 30. Dr. Hampton Adams of St. Louis, Mo., pastor of Union Avenue Christian Church, will be the speaker. Music will be under the direction of John H. Summers, Minister of Music at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

**R**EV. JAMES S. UPTON of Hendrix College, Conway, will be the speaker at the Newport observance of the release of the Revised Standard Edition of the Bible. Participating in the observance are the First Christian Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, First Methodist Church, Assembly of God Church, Immanuel Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Umsted Memorial Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church.

**D**R. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, New York City, was re-elected president of the Board of World Peace of The Methodist Church, at its organization meeting in Chicago, September 8 and 9. Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., of Chicago, was re-elected secretary. Appointment of Jameson Jones, Lexington, Ky., president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, as a part-time staff worker was approved.

**T**HE SUB-DISTRICT COUNCIL, composed of Church School Workers, Youth Workers and Youth Officers of the churches of McGehee, Dumas, Watson, Tillar, Kelso, Arkansas City, Newton's Chapel, Winchester and Selma in the Monticello District met on Thursday evening, September 11, when it resumed its schedule of monthly meetings. A potluck supper was served at 7:00, followed by a devotional message by the district superintendent, Dr. William E. Brown. Plans were made for the year in the departments of the Church School.

**T**HE MINISTERS WIVES of the Paragould District met at Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould, for a cooperative luncheon with Mrs. H. H. Holt as hostess for the purpose of organizing the group into a Methodist Ministers' Wives. Mrs. A. N. Storey presided and the following officers were elected: Mrs. S. B. Wilford, president; Mrs. Loyd Turner, secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Jesse Johnston vice-president. Purposes and plans for the year were discussed and tentative plans formulated for a Christmas party on December 17, place to be announced later.

**T**HE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, CONWAY, entertained the college students of Hendrix and Arkansas State Teachers at the annual fall roundup at the church on Friday, September 12, with three hundred students in attendance. Phil Dixon was master of ceremonies for the evening's entertainment. Introduced by Mr. Dixon was Rev. Joel Cooper, pastor of the church; and Mrs. Cooper, Miss Sara Brandon of Fordyce, Wesley Foundation president; Miss Sue Osment, educational director of the church and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Black, Wesley Foundation Adult Counselors. The program committee included Misses Sara Brandon, Carolyn Tull and Helen Hamilton.

**R**EV. G. C. TAYLOR, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Osceola, writes: "The week of August 11-14 was Youth Activities Week in our church. As outside helpers we had Rev. Bobbie Watson of Trumann and Miss Regenia Watson of Newport. They are both fine help. I would recommend them for any kind of youth program. On September 15, Miss Shirley Lee of Paragould came to us as our Youth Director. She comes highly recommended and our church and people have given her a warm welcome. We feel that she will be a great help to us not only in our Youth Department but in the whole church."

**D**R. LELAND C. CLEGG, Oklahoma City, was named to the executive committee of The Methodist Church's new Board of Social and Economic Relations at an organizational meeting held in Chicago, September 9. Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburg was elected chairman. According to the forthcoming Discipline, the new board has been invested by General Conference with the function of "implementing the actions of the General Conference and of the Methodist Social Creed." The board is to make available resource materials, to stimulate interest in the relation of the church's program to social and economic problems, and to establish "service projects" where Methodist youth may render Christian service.

### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions will meet at Asbury Church, Little Rock, 1:30 p. m., Monday, October 13.

All applications for aid should be in the hands of Rev. Andrew J. Christie prior to that date.—Arthur Terry

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## LIFE'S MYSTERIES

For centuries man has been mystified by people said to be mind-readers. A prominent contemporary member of this cult describes himself as a "mentalist" and indeed many of his demonstrations have been so convincing that he has become a controversial figure.



He emphatically denies that he is a fortune-teller. He does not gaze into a crystal ball, read cards, palms or tea leaves. And yet this unusual fellow can tell you—if you concentrate—the street number, street name and city of a friend or relative. He will tell you what is written on an envelope concealed in your pocket and the serial number of your watch.

No accomplice moves about his audience "feeding" him a code. He has excited the interest of scientific men who have sought to account for his inexplicable gift. That he has no "plants" in the audience has been amply proved. We marvel at such mysterious ability.

Why can't you and I be mind-readers? The fact is that we cannot clearly read our own minds. Our minds are like icebergs in the sense that about six-sevenths of each one is below the line of visibility.

Down below our conscious thought is a region called the Unconscious. Down there are the roots of our emotions, our dreams, our driving impulses. Have you ever cudged your brain to recall a name or to find the answer to some problem and then have it come to you in your sleep or wake up with you in the morning? Explain, if you can, how your mind works while you sleep. Tomorrow is a mystery. We enter each new day like a man rowing a boat, with our backs to the prow. We can only see what is behind us. We cannot see what is ahead. We buy the morning paper which tells us yesterday's news. But think how much we would willingly pay above

the established price for the paper which could give us tomorrow's news, especially the stock market.

Life is full of mysteries. Pain is often mysterious. Why did polio strike my child and miss my neighbor's boy? We talk about the mystery of evil, but how about the mystery of goodness? Why does a man lay down his life for his friends?

When we confront so much mystery on all sides, it begins to look as if the Creator designed the world that way. And he did. The old proverb has it: "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing."

And with good reason. Years ago noted theatrical producers insisted that their stars refrain from appearing in public places. Why? the public should see the actor only when playing his role. A Hamlet should never be seen eating ham after his performance. Mystery enhanced the actor's value by increasing public interest in him. An old song contained this line: "And whoever knows where the player goes, when they ring the curtain down?" Mystery does more than arouse curiosity. It relieves the monotony of life. When we drive along a straight clear road with the view stretching out unbroken for miles, it becomes monotonous after a while. Then we come to a curve, a grove of trees, a village in the valley, the spire of a country church. Something stirs us. There was no mystery in the long straight road.

We often say, "If I could only know what lies ahead, I'd be satisfied." I wonder. I know that I have come through some experiences which I do not think I would have had the courage to face if I had foreseen them. Yes, it is the goodness as well as the "glory of God to conceal a thing." Now let us hear the rest of the old proverb: "But the honor of kings is to search out a matter." Mystery has put scientists on the trail of truth, fired the imaginations of inventors, sent forth explorers like Columbus whose only map was one "which faith disciplined in the skies." We honor as kings of the mind the Galileos and the Marconis, the Edisons and the Wrights who set out to conquer mystery and became mighty servants of men.

Life is full of mystery in order that we may be full of life.

### DR. WASHABAUGH SUCCEEDS DR. ROY SMITH AS PUBLISHING AGENT

At its annual meeting September 9-10 in Chicago, the Methodist Board of Publication elected the Dr. J. Edgar Washabaugh, Morristown, N. J., as publishing agent to succeed the Dr. Roy L. Smith, who retired.

Lovick Pierce, Nashville, Tenn. was re-elected as the church's other publishing agent. A layman, he has served since 1946.

Re-elected to editorial posts were Dr. T. Otto Nall, Chicago, editor of *The Christian Advocate*; the Rev. Prince A. Taylor, New Orleans, editor of *The Central Christian Advocate*, and Dr. Nolan B. Harmon, New York, book editor of the church.

Judge William H. Swiggart, Nashville, was re-elected board chairman. He has held the post since 1940. The new vice chairman is Bradshaw Mintener, Minneapolis businessman. The Rev. Dr. Fred J. Jordan, Eau Claire, Wis., was re-elected secretary.

The annual report showed a record high in Methodist Publishing House sales of \$15,500,000, an increase of \$1,500,000 over the previous year. The board allocated \$450,000 for the support of retired ministers and widows of ministers. This exceeds by nearly 13 per cent any previous appropriation.

As authorized by General Conference, the board considered abolishing the dual positions of publishing agents in favor of a single representative. However it was decided to retain two men in keeping with Methodist tradition to employ a minister and a layman as agents.

The board placed business management of its publishing interests under Pierce, and assigned equal responsibility to both agents in all matters of policy and church relationships.

With central headquarters in Nashville, the publishing house has branches in 13 cities and printing plants in Cincinnati and Nashville. Pierce and Dr. Washabaugh will maintain principal offices in Nashville and contact offices in New York.

A member of the Newark Annual Conference, Dr. Washabaugh has served as pastor and district superintendent and has long been associated with Methodist publishing activities. He was a member of the publishing board of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, managed the New York regional branch of the Methodist Publishing House from 1940 to 1949, and for the last three years he has been special assistant to the publishing agents.

The retiring agent, Dr. Smith, was honored by the board at a testimonial dinner, along with Dr. C. A. Bowen, editor of church school publications, who also retired.

Dr. Smith was editor of *The Christian Advocate* when he was elected publishing agent in 1948. A church editor for 27 years, Dr. Bowen

### PLANS MADE FOR NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF LAYMEN

A national convocation of Methodist laymen, probably to be held in 1954, is to be a feature of the quadrennial program of the General Board of Lay Activities.

The board met September 8-9 in Chicago, along with 16 other general boards and agencies of the church, to elect officers and organize for the 1952-56 quadrennium.

Ray H. Nichols, newspaper publisher of Vernon, Tex., and president of the board since 1944, was re-elected. He is vice president of United Church Men, National Council of Churches.

Other officers are Fran H. Faber, Minneapolis, Minn., vice president, and Carl W. Haggard, Lexington, Ky., recording secretary.

Robert G. Mayfield was re-elected executive secretary of the board, which has its national headquarters in Chicago. W. Rolfe Brown, treasurer, and all other staff members were also re-elected.

"Methodist Men as Builders of the Kingdom" is to be the theme of the church-wide Laymen's Day on October 19. This is a change in dates of the annual observance to conform with the church calendar of the National Council of Churches.

The board voted to intensify its efforts to organize 10,000 chapters of Methodist Men by 1956. Nearly 5,000 chapters are chartered now.

### DR. STOODY AGAIN HEADS METHODIST INFORMATION

The election of Holt McPherson, a North Carolina newspaper editor, to the vice presidency of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, marked the only change made in officers or staff of this official news gathering and distributing agency of The Methodist Church. The organizing and annual meeting was held in Chicago September 9.

Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis, had been renominated by the Council of Bishops and elected chairman at the 1952 General Conference. Mr. McPherson who is from Shelby, N. C., succeeds Dr. W. A. Bailey, editor and manager of the *Kansas City Kansan*. Dr. Bailey, vice president since the organization of the Commission in 1940, is ineligible to continue on the Commission because of membership on another general agency.

Dr. Miron A. Morrill, professor in Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, was re-elected secretary and Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, executive secretary of the Department of International

was requested to serve as "acting editor" until his successor is named later this year.

### HENDRIX CAMPAIGN OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

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the generosity of the offer Hendrix has received and the imperative urgency that Arkansas Methodism meet the challenge. Those present Monday evening believe it will be done.

Lutheran missions have been started in seventeen different areas in and around Hong Kong, the population of which has grown from 700,000 to 2,300,000 due to the influx of refugees from communist China in recent years.

### REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF BIBLE RELEASE SEPT. 30TH

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meetings commemorating this milestone in religious progress. Many of these meetings will be held in both Arkansas and Louisiana in population centers.

### HOSPITAL BOARD REORGANIZES

The Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church held its organization meeting for the new quadrennium at the Palmer House in Chicago Sept. 8 and 9.

Bishop William T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky., was reelected chairman. The Rev. Dr. Frank Prentzel, Philadelphia, secretary, and the Rev. Dr. O. J. Carder, St. Joseph, Mo., treasurer, were reelected.

The board reelected Dr. Karl P. Meister of Chicago as executive secretary and Olin E. Oeschger, Chicago, administrative assistant and personnel secretary.

Justice and Goodwill of the National Council of Churches, treasurer.

Dr. Ralph Stooddy, executive secretary, with headquarters in New York, the Rev. Arthur West, associate secretary and manager of the Chicago office and O. B. Fanning, associate secretary and manager of the Nashville office were all re-elected.

The following representatives to other agencies were named: to the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Dr. Morrill; to the Radio and Film Commission, Dr. Stooddy; to the Inter-board agency, Dr. Van Kirk.

Discussion centered about the enlargement of responsibilities of the Commission implied in the addition of the words "Public Relations" to its title and the expansion of functions as defined by the recent General Conference.

Further grants-in-aid to encourage the establishment of Area public relations offices were authorized and plans were made for additional seminars to aid pastors and other church workers in their public relations problems.

## PLANS FOR CHILDREN'S WORK IN THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

(The following plans were made by the Council of Children's workers, in their planning session July 7, 1952.)

I.—Plans for increasing enrollment and attendance.

1. Encourage continuation of plans for regular visitation in the homes of all children for whom the church is responsible.

2. All children's workers are encouraged to participate in the Conference-wide program of visitation for the church school September 28-October 5, visiting all children's division.

II.—Plans for improving the work of the Nursery Department include:

1. Encourage every church to elect at least one Nursery worker—more where needed. Find and enroll every baby for which the church is responsible.

2. Plan for regular monthly, or quarterly, visitation of all homes that have members enrolled in the Nursery Department.

3. Plan for at least one institute or observation class on Nursery work in each district.

III.—Plans for cooperation in the Missionary Education of children.

1. In each Woman's Society in the conference, a secretary of children's work be elected who is a worker in the Children's Division of the Church School, and who is interested in the work of the Woman's Society.

2. That District Secretaries of Children's Work of the Woman's Society and District Directors of the Board of Education, work closely together in carrying out plans for the missionary education of children.

3. That training for presentation of the missionary units be provided in each district, either through the Coaching Seminar provided by the Woman's Society, or in a special institute for children's workers sometime in November. The District Secretaries and District Directors in each district will be responsible for working out plans for the training to be given in their districts.

4. District Director and District Secretary work together to list the hospitals in their district and make a list of needs which the churches might fill, such as: regular visitation of children's wards, story hours in hospitals, provision of reading or other materials.

5. It is recommended that each local Society of Christian Service send their Secretary of Children's Work to Camp Tanako next summer.

6. More additional sessions, where missionary units are used, should be provided for the children.

IV.—Ways for improving work with children in the smaller churches.

1. Week-end observation classes for small churches.

2. Institutes for workers in the small churches.

V.—Plans for improving class spaces and equipment used for children in the local churches.

1. Area conference on buildings and equipment for ministers and children's workers, if approved by Bishop Martin.

2. Suggest that time be allowed

in Pastor's School for the discussion of Church School Buildings and Equipment.

VI.—Plans for further promotion of summer opportunities for children.

1. A Vacation Church School in every church—a minimum of one in each charge for next year—average for the conference.

2. Coaching Conference for District Teams, February 10-11.

3. April 13-18, Vacation School institutes to be held in each district.

4. A Conference-wide training camp to be held for all camp leaders, including Junior Camp Leaders, sometime in April.

5. That the Junior Camps in the Little Rock Conference conform to National Camping standards.

6. Plans were made for Junior Camps to be held in the following districts and places: Arkadelphia District, Camp Tanako; Monticello District, Camp Keener; Little Rock District, Aldersgate Camp.

VII.—Plans for meeting the needs of handicapped children.

1. District Secretaries and District Directors urged to work out plans for reaching all handicapped children for whom our church might be responsible with a program of Christian training and service.

IX.—Continue cooperation with Negro Methodists of our area.—Mrs. W. F. Bates

## VACATION SCHOOL AT NEW HOPE

The New Hope Methodist Church closed a very successful Vacation School on July 20, under the direction of Rev. Uriah Smith. Fifty-eight students were enrolled. Forty-five received certificates.

The faculty included: Beginners, Mrs. Hal Brewer and Miss Juanita Dyer; Primary, Mrs. Walter Lee Kaylor and Mrs. Alvin Pinkerton; Juniors, Mrs. V. Clegg and Miss Ruth Gregory; Intermediates, Mrs. Ernest Kaylor and Mrs. D. C. Biggerstaff. Commencement exercises were held at the close of the school with a program for each class. Colored slides were shown by Walter Lee Kaylor.—Mrs. Uriah Smith

## SHORTAGE OF MINISTERS

High Point, N. C.—Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, High Point College president, has just announced the establishment of what is to be known as The General Ministerial Students Scholarship Fund. The fund will help young men and women prepare themselves for full-time employment in Christian service. Judge D. E. Henderson, Charlotte, began the fund with a \$1000 contribution. He expressed the hope that a far larger amount could soon be raised and has already obtained \$2500 from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Judge Henderson and others planning for the fund recognize the shortage of educated ministers as a grave problem and that too often inability to overcome financial difficulties has caused an outstanding student to defer or give up the idea of securing an adequate education.

## LIST OF CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Nashville, Tenn.—Church school superintendents are important people. They are so important that the Board of Education and the Methodist Publishing House use a mailing list of the superintendents of the entire church, and each Conference Board of Education keeps a list of those superintendents in its conference.

In the past, each of these agencies has secured the names and addresses of the church school superintendents in its own way. Because this method wasted time and money, a number of conference executive secretaries requested that the procedure for securing the lists be simplified. Therefore legislation was passed by the last General Conference to the effect that the district superintendent will secure the names and addresses of the church school superintendents in his district on forms furnished by the General Board of Education. When the lists are received in the Board of Education office, they will be duplicated and copies sent immediately to the Methodist Publishing House and to the conference executive secretaries concerned.

Of course, this is one more chore for the busy district superintendent, it was said at Board headquarters. However, it is the hope of the Department of General Church School Work that designed and is distributing the forms that filling in the name will require only a moment of time as he makes his quarterly rounds. For it is the consensus of opinion of those who have seen it that this is the last word in forms. It is so constructed that it can be easily folded and mailed back to the Board of Education, postage prepaid.

With this new procedure in force each church school superintendent in the Methodist Church can be sure that his name is really "written there."

## COLLEGE RECEIVES BEQUEST

Adrian, Mich.—Adrian College is in receipt of a bequest of \$22,353.63 from Miss Hettie E. Davey, Lake Linden, Michigan. After individual bequests she left one-third of her estate to the college and one-third to a Methodist home for the aged. The bequest is unrestricted.

Miss Davey, who died February 28, 1952, at the age of 88, had been interested in the college and established a \$1,000 memorial to her sister, Miss Arvina Davey, in 1945.

## MUSIC WORKSHOP AT SCARRITT

Nashville, Tenn.—The function of music in developing Christian ideas and promoting Christian experiences through the music program of the church was emphasized in the workshop on music in the church held at Scarritt College during August.

Sponsored by Scarritt and the Division of the Local Church of the Methodist Board of Education, the workshop was designed for pastors, organists, choir directors, church school superintendents and directors of Christian education.

Among the leaders were J. Ed-

## GLEANERS BIBLE CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. H. C. Marsh was elected president of the Gleaners Bible Class of the Methodist Church of Haynesville, La., at the first fall meeting of the class on Tuesday, September 9. Other officers are Mrs. M. J. Peabworth, vice-president; Mrs. J. C. Byars, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. R. T. Pritchett, teacher and Mrs. F. M. Graves, assistant teacher.

Mrs. H. C. Marsh and Mrs. R. T. Pritchett were hostesses for the meeting which was a luncheon meeting in Fellowship Hall of the church. Rev. W. D. Milton, pastor, gave the invocation.

The business session was conducted by Miss Winnie Mai Camp. Plans for class activities for the next Sunday School year were made.

## TRAINING CLASS OPENS FOR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

A six-weeks training class for teachers and prospective teachers in Lake Charles First Methodist Church's Sunday school junior and intermediate departments was inaugurated at 9:30 a. m. Sunday, September 14, at the church, Miss Bonnie Mae Smith was the instructor.

The class meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m. each Sunday for the full term of the course.

Enrolled are Mrs. F. E. Kuder, Mrs. Karl Tooke, Mrs. D. V. Doane, Mrs. Henry Bowden, Glenn Bradford, Mrs. Herman Miller, Mrs. Janie Hebert, Mrs. Georgia Nell Hanson, Mrs. Carl Taylor, Miss Charlice Adams, Miss Julia Reid, Charles Carwile, and Lamar Robertson.

## SOCIAL HOUR OPENS OBSERVATION SCHOOL

A social hour at 4:30, Sunday afternoon, September 21, in the Emma Owen Bible Class room officially opened the 1952 Observation School for Children's Division workers at First Church, Alexandria.

Reverend Jolly B. Harper, District Superintendent, and Mrs. Harper, Dr. and Mrs. J. Henry Bowdon, Dr. and Mrs. George W. Dameron, Rev. and Mrs. William Mayo, and Rev. Andy Foreman were in the receiving line.

Registration and distribution of texts took place in the foyer of the Educational building during the social hour. Mrs. S. E. Richardson, First Church Children's Division Superintendent, is registrar and Observation School General Secretary. Her assistants are Mrs. Robert Laborde, Mrs. George W. Currie and Q. J. Seeling. Mrs. T. L. Cappel, First Church, Secretary of the Planning Committee, is serving as literature secretary assisted by Mrs. Neva Rye, First Church, and Mrs. Lois Meadows, Pineville.

ward Moyer, minister of music, Hamline Methodist Church, Washington, D. C. and professor of music and speech at Westminster Theological Seminary and Miss Edith Lovell Thomas, author of church school song books. Discussions concerning religious ideas as they are expressed in music were led by Dr. S. Paul Shilling, professor of systematic theology at Westminster Theological Seminary.



## NEW METHODIST SOCIAL RELATIONS BOARD ORGANIZED

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburg, Pa., was elected chairman of the official Methodist Board of Social and Economic Relations at an organizational meeting in Chicago.

Selection of an executive secretary and of a national headquarters site for the Board was deferred until later.

Creation of the agency was authorized by the Church's General Conference which met in San Francisco last May.

Its purpose is to stimulate Christian social thinking and action within the Church membership and to work with other general agencies towards this same end.

A stated aim of the new board is "to establish 'service projects' where Methodist youth may render Christian service and express their Christian convictions in pioneering and other endeavors at home and abroad."

Establishment of the board was taken as the General Conference's answer to the unofficial Methodist Federation for Social Action, a controversial left-wing group which it asked to drop the word "Methodist" from its name and to move from the Methodist building in New York. At a recent meeting in New York the federation's executive committee acted to comply with both of these requests.

### Bishop Oxnam To Visit Every Church

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Washington Area will visit all 211 churches in the Peninsula Methodist Conference. The visit will be unprecedented in this region. No complete tour of Conference parishes ever has been made by any Methodist bishop, according to local church officials. Bishop Oxnam, who visited every parsonage in the Omaha and Boston areas when he had jurisdiction there, plans to call personally on each minister and his family and to inspect every church. The trip will be made by automobile, and will terminate on September 26. On that date Bishop Oxnam will be given a public reception at Wesley Methodist Church, Dover, Del.

### Methodists Plan Movie On John Wesley

Plans for the production of a motion picture based on the life of

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, were announced by the Methodist Radio and Film Commission at an organizational meeting at Chicago. The film, costing \$144,000, will be produced in England by the J. Arthur Rank productions. The cost will be privately financed, the commission revealed. It was also decided to set up, for the first time, a national headquarters and staff to be located in the newly-constructed Methodist Board of Education building in Nashville, Tenn. The Rev. Harry C. Spencer of New York will head the staff as executive secretary. Associate secretary and director of program and production is the Rev. Howard Tower of Nashville. The headquarters will have a modern audio-visual department with studios, workshops and recording facilities.

### Cherokees Improve On Church Paint Problem

Funds were pretty low when the Cherokee Indian members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Cherokee, N. C., finished putting up their \$10,000 building. Everything was completed but for a coat of paint. The problem, however, was solved quickly. The members painted their church for only \$2 and gave it a rich, dark brown hue that looked like old mahogany. They got burned motor oil from a

nearby filling station and mixed it with brick dust to make their own home-made paint. Many Cherokees for years have been using the brick dust and burned motor oil mixture to paint their homes and barns. Indian Agency farm agents report the result not only is attractive but also waterproof.

### Jordan Abolishes Moslem Guardian Of Holy Places

The Jordan government has abolished the post of Moslem Guardian of the Holy Places in the Old City of Jerusalem. The post was created early in 1951 by the late King Abdullah. Representatives of Christian churches have agitated for its abolition on the ground that the Holy Places should not be under the guardianship of a Moslem official.

### Predicts Religious Upsurge In Soviet Union

Admiral Alan G. Kirk, former United States ambassador to Russia, predicted at Boston that in the foreseeable future the Soviet Union will experience "an upsurge, a recrudescence of human faith in a higher power." Two hundred million Russians, controlled by only three per cent of their fellows, cannot forever tolerate the "iron-clad" rule of a dictatorship, he told the

churchmen. Admiral Kirk warned against the American tendency to "overplay" and build up the Soviet leaders as "supermen" capable of world destruction. At the same time he insisted that the threat of Communism must be met with "a certain amount of armed force."

### Sale Of Methodist Publications Sets Record

Sales of Methodist publications during the past year reached a new high of \$15,500,000, it was reported by the Methodist Publishing House at its annual board meeting in Chicago. This was an increase of \$1,500,000 over the previous year. The board appropriated \$450,000 for the support of retired ministers and widows of ministers. The Methodist Publishing House, founded in 1789, is the oldest publishing group of its kind in the United States. It has main offices in Chicago and Nashville, branches in 12 other cities and operates printing plants in Cincinnati and Nashville. Judge William H. Swiggart, of Nashville, was re-elected board chairman for a four-year term. Dr. J. Washabaugh, of New York, was elected Methodist publishing agent to succeed Dr. Roy L. Smith of Chicago, who is retiring. Lovick Pierce of Nashville was re-elected as second publishing agent.

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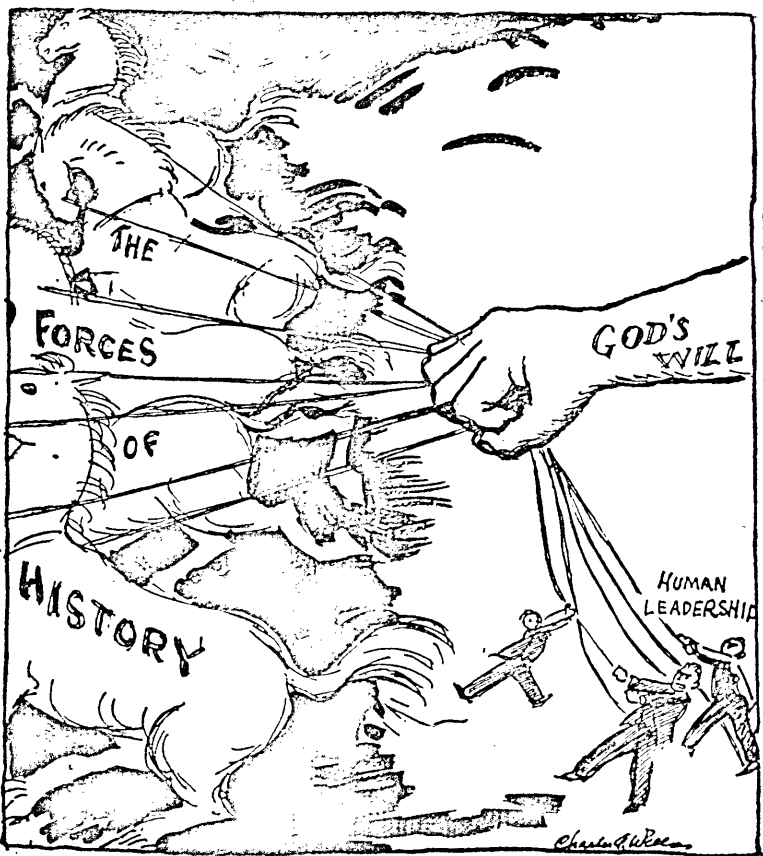
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Charge and Church	District Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	W. Service & Conf. Benev.	4th Sunday W. S.	Gen'l & Juris. Conf. Expense Fund	Charge and Church	District Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	W. Service & Conf. Benev.	4th Sunday W. S.	Gen'l & Juris. Conf. Expense Fund
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT							LOUANN CT.						
ARKADELPHIA	\$ 135.00	\$	\$ 202.50	\$ 300.00	\$	\$	Liberty		8.00				5.00
ARKADELPHIA CT.							Louann	25.00	18.00	12.50			5.00
Hollywood	20.00	7.00	10.00	15.00			Silver Hill	60.00	11.00	72.00	67.50		5.00
Mt. Pisgah	4.00		4.00	8.00			MAGNOLIA, First Church	175.00	52.50	450.00	928.00		38.75
Mt. Zion	12.00	3.00	10.00	9.00			Jackson Street	105.00	18.38	157.50	150.00		15.00
BISMARCK CT., Oma	10.00	2.00	10.00				MARYSVILLE-FREDONIA						
Bismarck	30.00	10.00	30.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	Bethel	12.50	2.35		22.87		
DALARK CT., Bethlehem	35.00	6.00	42.00	82.00		9.00	Fredonia	25.00	17.50	32.00	54.00		14.00
Dalark	24.00						Friendship	10.00		13.00		2.50	14.00
Manchester	21.00	15.00	25.00	25.00		18.00	Marysville	60.00	21.00	72.00	28.51	33.99	15.00
Manning		4.00				4.00	NORPHLET		10.50	72.00			
Rock Springs		6.00				7.00	PARKERS CHAPEL						
FRIENDSHIP CT.							Parkers Chapel	54.00	35.70	100.00			20.00
Friendship	22.50	4.00	22.50	40.00		6.00	Pleasant Grove	49.00	8.50	73.50	62.50		5.00
Leau Frais	16.62	2.91	16.62	38.00		5.00	PRINCETON CT.						
GURDON	112.50	20.62	168.75	350.00		19.99	Princeton	3.00		2.00	3.00		
HOT SPRINGS CT.							Providence	2.00		1.00	1.00		
Mt. Pine	48.00	8.00	38.00	57.00			Waverly	2.00			3.00		
New Salem	37.50	5.00	30.00	45.00		10.00	Zion	4.00		2.00	4.00		
HOT SPRINGS							SMACKOVER	70.00		105.00	110.00		
First Church	180.00	43.95	382.50	1000.00		34.35	TAYLOR CIRCUIT						
Grand Avenue	127.50	89.00				80.00	Pine Grove	2.50	.50	2.75	6.25		2.75
Gardner	50.00	8.00	40.00	40.00		8.00	Taylor	31.25	5.50	34.25	37.50		
Oaklawn	55.00						Welcome	16.25	2.75	18.00	18.75		
Pullman Heights	112.50	20.00	170.00	200.00		10.00	TIMOTHY-WEST SIDE						
Bethlehem	5.00	1.00	4.00	5.00			Timothy	20.00	3.50	20.00	25.00		2.50
MALVERN							West Side	15.00	1.75		18.00	15.00	11.25
First Church	300.00	105.00	584.00	750.00		60.00	UNION-RHODES CHAPEL						
Keith Memorial	65.00	11.25	84.50	50.00		11.00	Rhodes Chapel	15.00	6.45	60.00	25.00		7.50
MT. IDA CT.							Union	25.00	5.00	25.00	25.25		7.50
Mt. Ida	155.00	54.25	108.50	71.25		25.00	VILLAGE CT.						
Norman	6.25	2.19	5.00	5.00			Ebenezer	10.00	2.00	12.00	25.00		2.00
Oden	15.00	2.63					Lydesdale	10.00	2.00	12.00	20.00		2.00
MURFREESBORO	60.00		72.00	150.00			Village	40.00	7.00	48.00	35.00		3.00
OKOLONA CT.							WALDO-WILLIESVILLE						
Bierne	10.00	2.00	12.00	12.00			Williesville	80.00					
Center Grove	30.00	10.50	28.65	24.88			DISTRICT TOTALS	\$2123.00	\$ 784.78	\$3379.84	\$5016.72	\$ 224.42	\$ 520.27
Okolona	25.00	10.00	40.00	25.00			MINIMUM SALARY—PERSONAL: Lakeside .75c, Harmony Grove \$6.00, Junction City Ct. \$1.00, Magnolia First Church \$17.50, Norphlet \$12.00, Pleasant Grove \$9.80.						
Trinity	20.00	5.00					TOTAL \$47.05						
PINEY GROVE	22.50	4.00	20.25	12.50		2.50	MINIMUM SALARY—CHURCH: Bearden Ct. \$16.50, Buckner Ct. \$37.40, Fairview \$20.00, Chidester Ct. \$15.00, Dumas \$20.00, El Dorado First Church \$156.00, Vantrease Memorial \$84.00, Harmony Grove \$4.00, Junction City Ct. \$14.00, Lewisville \$22.00, Louann Ct. \$41.00, Magnolia First Church \$60.00, Jackson Street \$21.00, Marysville-Fredonia \$56.00, Taylor Ct. \$3.00, Village Ct. \$12.00.						
ROCKPORT CT.							TOTAL \$581.90						
Butterfield	30.00	5.00	24.00			8.00	AREA FUND: Bearden \$1.00, Buckner Ct. \$4.00, Fairview \$4.00, Chidester \$3.00, Columbia Ct. \$1.00, Dumas-Calion \$3.50, Centennial Ct. \$3.00, El Dorado First Church \$15.00, Vantrease Memorial \$5.00, Emerson Ct. \$2.00, Harmony Grove \$2.00, Holly Springs Ct. \$2.25, Junction City Ct. \$1.50, Lewisville \$6.00, Louann Ct. \$3.00, Magnolia First Church \$3.00, Jackson Street \$1.25, Marysville-Fredonia \$3.00, Norphlet \$3.00, Parkers Chapel-Pleasant Grove \$5.00, Taylor Ct. \$2.00, Timothy-West Side \$2.00, Union-Rhodes Chapel \$2.00, Village Ct. \$3.00.						
Magnet Cove	15.00	3.00	30.00	35.00		5.00	TOTAL \$80.50						
Rockport	80.00	14.00	88.00			12.00	WESLEY FOUNDATION: El Dorado First Church \$700.00, Stephens \$100.00.						
SHOREWOOD HILLS	30.00	5.25	30.00				TOTAL \$300.00						
TRASKWOOD CT.							CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: Holly Springs Ct. \$3.00, Taylor Ct. \$8.75, Timothy \$1.25, Vantrease Memorial \$35.00.						
Congo	25.00	5.00	27.00		31.00	7.00	TOTAL \$48.00						
Traskwood	16.26		11.50		10.00		METHODIST INFORMATION: District \$70.00						
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$1963.13	\$ 494.55	\$2371.27	\$3359.63	\$ 56.00	\$ 346.84	INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION: District \$151.25.						
MINIMUM SALARY—PERSONAL: Bethlehem \$4.00, Rock Springs \$7.00, Pullman Heights \$12.00.							ADVANCE: Atlanta \$1.00.						
TOTAL \$23.00							CAMP FUND: West Side \$1.00.						
MINIMUM SALARY—CHURCH: Bethlehem \$7.00, Manchester \$17.00, Manning \$5.00, Gurdon \$22.50, Hot Springs First Church \$48.00, Grand Avenue \$102.00, Pullman Heights \$25.00, Malvern First Church \$112.00, Keith Memorial \$13.00, Norman \$2.50, Congo \$5.00.							RETIRED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Calion \$22.50, Jackson Street \$75.00, Smackover \$135.00.						
TOTAL \$359.00							TOTAL \$232.50						
AREA FUND: District \$90.00.							DISTRICT TOTAL \$14,062.23						
RETIRED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Arkadelphia \$150.00, Tigert Memorial \$20.00, Norman \$2.00.													
TOTAL \$172.00													
METHODIST INFORMATION: District \$120.00.													
CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: Dalark Ct. \$17.00, Hot Springs First Church \$125.00, Grand Avenue \$50.00, Pullman Heights \$35.00, First Church, Malvern \$100.00, Keith Memorial \$20.00, Mt. Ida Ct. \$16.00, Piney Grove \$2.50, Rockport Ct. \$10.00.													
TOTAL \$383.50													
INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION: Pullman Heights \$10.00.													
NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Mt. Ida \$1.00.													
CAMP GROUND: \$1.00.													
TOTAL \$4.00													
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT \$9,763.92													
CAMDEN DISTRICT							HOPE DISTRICT						
BEARDEN, Bearden	\$ 75.00	\$ 13.12	\$ 97.50	\$	\$ 80.00	\$ 6.25	BINGEN CT.						
Lakeside	7.50	1.31	9.00	5.00		1.25	Averys Chapel	\$ 7.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 6.00	\$ 22.50	\$	\$ 2.00
BUCKNER CT.							Biggs Chapel	2.00	.75	7.00	6.75		.50
Buckner	90.00	14.75			6.93	5.00	Bingen	10.50	1.75	8.50	32.50		2.50
Mt. Vernon	16.00	6.30					Doyle	3.25	.50	2.50		8.25	.75
Oak Grove	25.00	4.50	15.00				Friendship	3.50	.50	2.50	9.50		.75
Sardis	16.00	6.30					Sweet Home	3.25	1.00	2.50	9.50		.75
CAMDEN, Fairview	100.00	17.50	150.00	168.75		10.00	CENTER POINT CT.						
CAMDEN, First Church	187.50	95.00	174.50	850.00			Bluff Springs	1.00		1.00	3.00		
CHIDESTER							Center	3.00	1.00	2.00	4.00		
Chidester	100.00	39.00	50.00			16.00	Center Point	3.00	1.00	1.00	3.00		
Missouri	5.00	2.00	5.00	10.00		2.00	Trinity	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00		
Rocky Hill	10.00	2.00	9.00	13.00		1.00	Wakefield	2.00		2.00	3.00		
Shady Grove	18.00	3.00	16.00	13.00		4.00	DeQUEEN	112.50	19.75	168.75	350.00		18.75
Silver Springs	13.00	6.00		5.00			DODDRIDGE CT.						
COLUMBIA CT.							Doddridge	8.00	1.25	6.25		15.00	1.50
New Hope	18.00	7.87	16.00	8.13		5.00	Fouke		2.40	16.80	25.20		2.40
Philadelphia	20.00	5.00	30.00	30.00	6.00	5.00	Olive Branch	27.50	5.00	22.00	35.00		4.50
DUMAS MEM.-CALION							EMMET CT.						
Calion	22.50	15.75	22.50	37.50			Holly Grove	21.00	4.00	5.00			
Dumas													



Charge and Church	District Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	W. Service & Conf. Benev.	4th Sunday W. S.	Gen'l & Juris. Conf. Expense Fund
Springhill	15.00	2.75	12.00	22.75		2.25
TEXARKANA CHURCHES						
College Hill	60.00	15.75	135.00		187.50	11.25
Fairview	102.00	18.00	154.00	322.00		16.25
First Church	30.00	57.00	425.00	1200.00		37.50
TEXARKANA CT.						
Harmony	40.00		50.00	8.00		
Pleasant Hill	5.00	3.00	4.00	30.00		6.00
Rondo	30.00	8.50	43.00	45.00		
WINTHROP CT.						
Brownstown			12.00		35.00	4.00
Winthrop	10.00		16.00	10.00	5.55	5.00
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$1140.50	\$ 247.76	\$1811.80	\$4011.70	\$ 331.05	\$ 208.40
MINIMUM SALARY—PERSONAL: Doddridge \$1.50, Hope \$15.00, Texarkana First Church \$22.50.						
TOTAL						\$39.00
MINIMUM SALARY—CHURCH: DeQueen \$22.50, Holly Grove \$4.00, Foreman \$5.00, Hope \$30.00, Mena \$7.50, Nashville \$21.00, College Hill \$18.00, Fairview \$20.50, Texarkana Ct. \$20.00.						
TOTAL						\$148.50
AREA FUND: Bingen Ct. 50c, DeQueen \$11.25, Doddridge Ct. \$4.65, Hatfield Ct. \$1.00, Hope \$45.00, Horatio Ct. \$1.25, Mena \$3.75, Springhill Ct. \$1.75, College Hill \$8.75, Fairview \$11.25, First Church \$20.00, Texarkana Ct. \$3.00, Winthrop \$2.00.						
TOTAL						\$114.15
CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: DeQueen \$12.50, Hope \$85.00, Springhill \$2.50, Fairview \$10.00.						
TOTAL						\$110.00
RETIRED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Hope \$125.00, V. D. Keely \$30.00, Mt. Moriah \$6.00, Texarkana First Church \$411.00.						
TOTAL						\$572.00
DISTRICT TOTAL						\$8,734.86

#### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

AUSTIN CT.						
Mt. Tabor	\$ 210.00	\$ 18.38	\$ 157.50	\$ 270.00	\$ 19.31	\$
BAUXITE						
BETHLEHEM CT.					4.00	
Bethlehem						
Providence	25.00	4.40	40.00	5.00	10.00	4.60
BENTON	135.00	24.00	202.00	600.00		49.00
BRYANT & SARDIS						
Bryant	30.00	5.25	33.00	25.00	6.25	4.50
CARLISLE	112.50	20.00	175.00	206.00		22.50
DES ARC					10.00	
HICKORY PLAINS CT.						
Crossroads	5.00	2.00	10.00			
Hickory Plains	5.00	2.00	2.00	5.00		2.00
LITTLE ROCK						
Asbury	125.00	25.00	350.00	950.00		70.00
Capitol View	66.65			200.00		
First Church	300.00			725.00		
Henderson	280.00	100.00	200.00	100.00	200.00	
Hunter Memorial	120.00	57.00	83.00	120.00		
Oak Forest	120.00	21.00	180.00	99.94		
Pulaski Heights	180.00	31.50	270.00	900.00		62.49
Scott Street	112.50	19.70	168.75	337.75		21.25
Twenty-Eighth St.	93.75	16.50	150.00	150.00		18.75
Winfield	350.00	83.16	722.50	2500.00		104.13
LONOKE-EAGLE						
Lonoke	100.00	65.00	100.00	100.00		80.00
MABELVALE	82.50	14.44	123.75	87.50	6.75	
MT. PLEASANT-CHENAULT CHAPEL						
Mt. Pleasant	3.00			10.00		
MT. VIEW	50.00	18.00	45.00	30.00		
PRIMROSE	90.00	15.75	135.00	118.75		18.75
SALEM-MT. CARMEL						
Salem	35.00	8.00	35.00	55.00		5.00
Mt. Carmel	15.00	2.50	15.64	22.50	4.71	1.89
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$2645.90	\$ 553.58	\$3198.14	\$7617.44	\$ 261.02	\$ 484.86
MINIMUM SALARY—PERSONAL: Little Rock, Asbury \$18.75, Oak Forest \$16.00, Gerald C. Dean \$40.00.						
TOTAL						\$74.75
MINIMUM SALARY—CHURCH: Bauxite \$84.00, Benton \$27.00, Bryant \$6.00, Carlisle \$25.00, Little Rock, Asbury \$50.00, Henderson \$96.00, Hunter Memorial \$20.00, Oak Forest \$8.00, Pulaski Heights \$36.00, Scott Street \$22.50, Twenty-Eighth Street \$18.75, Winfield \$95.00, Lonoke \$74.00, Mabelvale \$16.50, Primrose \$18.00, Salem-Mt. Carmel \$11.00.						
TOTAL						\$607.75
AREA FUND: District \$188.00.						
METHODIST INFORMATION: \$250.00.						
RETIRED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Carlisle \$200.00, Henderson \$200.00, Scott Street \$25.00, Winfield \$500.00.						
TOTAL						\$925.00
ADVANCE: Hickory Plains \$2.00, Henderson \$100.00, Lonoke \$60.00, Mabelvale \$50.00, Salem \$25.00, Mt. Carmel \$7.50.						
TOTAL						\$244.50
WESLEY FOUNDATION: Mabelvale \$8.75, Salem \$5.00.						
TOTAL						\$13.75
INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION: Mt. View \$15.00.						
NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Scott Street \$25.00, Winfield \$375.00.						
TOTAL						\$400.00
DISTRICT TOTAL						\$17,646.69

#### MONTICELLO DISTRICT

CROSSETT	\$ 165.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 247.50	\$ 550.00	\$	\$ 25.00
DERMOTT	125.00	22.00	185.00			15.00
DREW CT.						
Lacey	10.00	7.00	11.00	13.25		2.00
DUMAS	120.00	21.00	180.00	405.00		17.50
EUDORA	90.00	15.75	135.00	150.00		20.00
FORDYCE	150.00	25.00	225.00	455.00		15.00
FOUNTAIN HILL CT.						
Fountain Hill	12.00	3.00	10.00		15.00	1.00
Extra	10.00	2.00	8.00	13.00		1.00
Hickory Grove	3.00	1.00	3.00	5.00		1.00
Pine Hill	5.00	2.00	4.00	5.00		1.00
Waller's Chapel	12.00	4.00	12.00	15.00		3.00
Zion	6.00	2.00	4.00	12.00		1.00
HAMBURG	115.00	81.00	172.50	300.00		50.00
Snyder	10.00	7.00				
HAMPTON						
Harrell	17.50	3.50	26.25	25.25		2.50
Faustina	12.50	1.75	18.75	11.75		1.25
HERMITAGE CT.						
Hermitage	12.00		12.00		16.00	
Jersey	12.00	2.00	12.00	15.00		
Ingalls	10.00	2.00	10.00	15.00		
Palestine	10.00	2.00	10.00	15.00		
HUTTIG	52.50		10.00		22.00	
Bolding	4.00	3.00	4.00		10.00	
KINGSLAND	22.50	4.00	20.00	33.75		
New Edinburg	19.00		18.00	17.00		
Hebron	15.00	5.00	11.00	10.00		4.00
LAKE VILLAGE	99.99	17.49	150.00	249.99		12.48
McGEHEE	135.00	23.75	202.50		450.00	16.25
PORTLAND	60.00	10.50	84.00	105.00		7.50
Montrose	30.00	5.25	42.00	23.75	15.00	3.75

## FORMER GERMAN NAVY VESSEL BECOMES CHURCH

A former German navy vessel has been rebuilt and launched at Hamburg as a church and youth club by the Lutheran congregation of river-boatmen. Dedication ceremonies are scheduled for early October.

The floating church was reconstructed at a cost of about 50,000 marks (\$11,900) nearly half of which was contributed by Lutherans in other countries. Hamburg ship-owners, shipbuilders, businessmen

and sailors provided the balance.

Refugees from East Germany comprise the majority of the river-boatmen's congregation. It is estimated that some 80 per cent of the 6,000 boatmen plying small craft in and around Hamburg harbor are refugees, many of whom fled East Germany in their boats and now use them as living quarters.

The church will seat 140 worshippers. It will have painted glass windows illustrative of East German areas and cities from which its congregation came.

Charge and Church	District Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	W. Service & Conf. Benev.	4th Sunday W. S.	Gen'l & Juris. Conf. Expense Fund
STAR CITY	60.00					
STRONG	90.00	15.75	145.00	50.00		7.50
THORNTON CT.						
Thornton	28.75	5.00	28.75	25.00	5.75	1.25
Stony Point	2.50	7.00	2.50	3.00		1.00
Temperance Hill	10.75	2.00	10.75		10.00	2.00
TILLAR	37.50	6.50	37.50	75.00		5.00
Winchester	10.50	1.75	13.00		25.00	1.50
Newton's Chapel		14.00				6.00
Selma	7.00	2.00	6.00	9.00		3.00
WARREN	150.00	26.25	225.00	525.00		24.99
WARREN CT.						
Martin's Chapel	12.51	2.25	10.05	20.10		
Wagnon	5.25	.75	4.05	6.27		
Wheeler Springs	4.50	.75	3.54	7.50		
Good Hope	6.75	1.26	5.52	5.30		
WILMAR CT.						
Wilmar					15.00	
Rock Springs	55.20	11.00	25.00		22.00	6.00
Mt. Pleasant	20.00	7.00	16.00		25.00	4.00
WILMOT	100.00		90.00	100.00		
Miller's Chapel	10.00	1.65	9.00	16.67		1.65
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$1956.20	\$ 406.90	\$2449.16	\$3297.58	\$ 630.75	\$ 264.12

MINIMUM SALARY—PASTOR: Hamburg \$50.00, Hampton-Harrell \$3.25, Monticello \$20.00.

TOTAL \$73.25

MINIMUM SALARY—CHURCH: Crossett \$33.00, Dermott \$25.00, Dumas \$24.00, Eudora \$18.00, Fordyce \$30.00, Hamburg \$92.00, Hampton-Harrell \$6.00, Lake Village \$19.98, McGehee \$27.00, Portland-Montrose \$18.00, Strong \$18.00, Thornton Ct. \$2.00, Tillar-Winchester \$28.50, Warren \$30.00, Wilmar Ct. \$4.00.

TOTAL \$375.48

AREA FUND: Crossett \$66.00, Dermott \$12.50, Dumas \$12.00, Eudora \$10.00, Fordyce \$10.00, Hamburg \$50.00, Harrell \$2.00, Lake Village \$7.50, McGehee \$13.50, Portland-Montrose \$3.75, Strong \$6.25, Warren \$15.00.

TOTAL \$208.50

RETIRED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Fountain Hill Ct., Extra \$20.00, Pine Hill \$4.00, Warren \$96.00.

TOTAL \$120.00

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: Dermott \$9.00, Drew Ct. \$3.00, Hamburg \$35.00, Hampton-Harrell \$50c, Lake Village \$7.50, Portland \$5.00, Thornton \$1.75, Tillar-Winchester \$7.00, Wilmar Ct. \$7.00, Millers Chapel \$2.67.

TOTAL \$78.42

NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Dermott \$18.75, Drew Ct. \$3.00, Fountain Hill Ct. \$6.00, Hamburg \$75.00, Portland \$6.25, Tillar-Winchester \$22.50, Warren \$125.00, Wilmar Ct. \$5.00.

TOTAL \$261.50

DISTRICT TOTAL \$10,121.86

#### PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

BAYOU METO	\$	\$ 24.00	\$ 189.00	\$	\$ 140.00	\$ 15.00
CARTHAGE	60.00	20.00	36.00		31.00	12.00
Tulip	18.00	3.00	18.00	8.00	10.00	4.00
DeWITT	250.00					
ENGLAND	105.00	73.50				70.00
GRADY	25.00		25.00	100.00		
Crigler	5.00	10.00		7.00		
HUMPHREY	70.00	31.50			44.76	11.00
KEO	33.75	6.00	40.50	65.25		2.50
LEOLA	110.00	19.00	88.00	143.00		10.00
PINE BLUFF						
Carr Memorial	120.00	50.00	100.00	180.00		
Hawley Memorial	70.00	62.50				25.00
Lakeside				153.41	283.88	
Sulphur Springs	15.00	2.64	1.50	8.25	4.50	1.02
RISON	56.66	9.92	85.00	83.66		6.66
ROE CT.						
Shiloh		5.00	10.00		10.00	3.00
ST. CHARLES	29.25					
Pleasant Grove	15.50					
SHERIDAN						
New Hope	10.00	3.50	8.00	17.00		3.00
SHERRILL	30.00	32.00	70.00			20.00
Tucker		7.00			7.15	5.00
Tomberlin	45.00	8.00	68.00	31.00		5.00
STUTTGART						
First Church	125.01	21.90	187.50	400.02		20.01
Grand Ave.	125.00	29.00	187.50			25.00
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$1318.17	\$ 418.46	\$1114.00	\$1196.59	\$ 531.29	\$ 238.19

MINIMUM SALARY—CHURCH: Bayou Meto \$27.00, Tulip \$4.00, England \$84.00, KEO \$6.75, Leola \$22.00, Rison \$11.33, New Hope \$4.00, Sherrill \$36.00, Tucker \$8.00, Tomberlin \$2.00, Stuttgart First Church \$25.02.

TOTAL \$237.10

RETIRED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: England \$37.08, Carr Memorial \$100.00, Stuttgart First Church \$23.01.

TOTAL \$160.09

METHODIST INFORMATION: England \$10.00, Hawley Memorial \$5.00, Sherrill \$5.00, Stuttgart First Church \$10.00.

TOTAL \$30.00

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION: Bayou Meto \$5.00, England \$22.00, Leola \$5.00, Hawley Memorial \$10.00, Sherrill \$20.00.

TOTAL \$62.00

AREA FUND: Bayou Meto \$2.00, Carthage \$2.00, Tulip \$2.00, England \$8.00, Humphrey \$3.00, KEO \$2.00, Leola \$2.00, Hawley Memorial \$3.00, Sulphur Springs \$1c, Rison \$50c, Roe Ct. \$2.00, New Hope \$1.00, Sherrill \$3.00, Tucker \$2.0



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## THE MAGICAL MUSIC

PLEASE play another song on your flute," Little Saha begged his father, Big Saha.

"All right," Big Saha replied, "I will play one more song and then we must carry the sheep back to the fold. We must get them back before dark."

Big Saha smiled as he began the tune which he knew was Little Saha's favorite. Little Saha listened for a few minutes; then, in a clear and lovely voice, he began to sing the words to the song. How he loved these late evenings when his father would play the flute and he could sing!

Big Saha was a shepherd in a country far away from our country. The country was named Palestine. Each morning he would take his sheep to the mountains and let them eat the tender grass and sweet leaves. Then he would lead the sheep to a small stream where they could drink water. When darkness came, Big Saha would lead the sheep home and put them in the fold. On long summer days when Big Saha did not have to take the sheep very far, Little Saha would go with him; and how Little Saha did love to go! Some day he, too, would be a shepherd; and his father showed him how to pick a good field for the sheep to graze in or a good stream.

Big Saha finished the song and put his flute down. "That is all, my son. Now we must carry the sheep back home."

"Will I be able to play the flute some day, Father?" Little Saha asked. How he did want to play the flute and to make lovely, clear music as his father did!

"Little Saha, this is a magical flute. I hope that some day you will play it."

"A magical flute?" Little Saha looked at Big Saha with surprise. "Do tell me more about it. I did not know it is magical."

"Many, many years ago," began Big Saha, "a man made four fine flutes. They were the best flutes in this country, for he had spent many, many months making them. He sold the four flutes, and my father was able to buy one of them."

"Was that this flute?" asked Little Saha holding the flute in his hand and looking at it closely.

"Yes. Soon after the man had sold all four flutes, he asked the four men to come together and to see which man could play the most beautiful music on the flutes. The four men came together and the first man tried to make some beautiful music. But his music was low, sour and not at all beautiful. He tried again, but he could not make beautiful music. He could not understand it. Then the maker of the flutes asked him, 'What were you thinking of when you tried to make beautiful music?' The man replied that he really was thinking about his neighbor and how much he hated that neighbor. The maker of the flute said sadly, 'You can never make beautiful music until you have beautiful thoughts.'"

"But what about the other men?" Little Saha wanted to know.

"The second man tried to make beautiful music. But his flute

would not play at all. He tried again and again, but still no notes would play. Finally, the maker of the flutes said, 'You paid for that flute with money which was not yours. When you try to play the flute, you think about that money and you cannot make beautiful music. You can never make beautiful music unless you are honest.'"

"Could your father make beautiful music?" asked Little Saha.

"Of the four men who had fine flutes my father was the only one who could make beautiful music. He had such a beautiful character and such beautiful thoughts that he could make beautiful music. He did not have to think about hating his neighbor or the dishonest way he paid for the flute."

"But when did you get the flute?"

"One day my father called me into his room and gave me the flute. He said, 'My son, be sure that you can always play this flute. Always be able to make beautiful music.' Some day, Little Saha, I'm going to give you this flute and I want you to always be able to make beautiful music. Would you like to begin now and learn to play a flute? It is not quite dark, yet, and we do not have far to carry the sheep tonight, so I will have time to teach you one short song."

How excited Little Saha was! At last his father would teach him to play the flute! Very quickly he raised the flute to his mouth. Then he raised his hand to make a note. But as he raised his hand to put on the flute, he realized how swollen his hand was. It was so swollen he couldn't play a note on the flute!

Then Little Saha thought about last night. He had gotten mad at a playmate, Lah, when Lah would not do what Little Saha had wanted to do. Little Saha hit him. It had hurt his hand a little, but not enough to notice. At least he had not noticed until he began to play the flute.

Big Saha looked at Little Saha. "Play one note for me."

"I cannot play one note. It hurts my hand to play." Then Little Saha told his father what had happened last night.

"No, my son, you cannot play the flute today. Perhaps tomorrow you can play without hurting your hand. But remember, I want you to be able to make beautiful music one day. You cannot do it with a hand that is sore from hurting some friend."

Little Saha was quite sad. How he did want to play the flute. How he did want to play it tonight. He looked at his hand.

"Or, Father, will I ever be able to make beautiful music? I get mad easily and hit people or throw things. I hurt my hand. I'll never be able to make beautiful music."

My son, it took me many, many years to learn to make beautiful music. I tried many times, but made only sour notes. But gradually I learned. If you keep trying, if you try hard, you will be able to make beautiful music."

"I will try!" promised Little Saha.

"And you'll have many fine friends, too."—Religious Herald.

## A FRIENDLY SMILE

*I had a friendly smile,  
I gave that smile away;  
The milkman and the postman  
Seemed glad of it each day.*

*I took it to the shop  
I had it in the street;  
I gave it without thinking  
To all I chanced to meet.*

*I gave my smile away  
As thoughtless as could be;  
And every time I gave it  
My smile came back to me.*

—Trinity, Waycross Bulletin

## THIS LITTLE BOY WAS RIGHT

*Said Peter Paul Augustus: "When  
I am a grown man,  
I'll help my dearest mother the  
very best I can.  
I'll wait upon her kindly; she'll lean  
upon my arm;  
I'll lead her gently and keep her  
safe from harm.  
But when I think upon it, the time  
will be so long,"  
Said Peter Paul Augustus, "Before  
I'm tall and strong,  
I think it would be wiser to be her  
pride and joy  
By helping her my very best while  
I'm a little boy."—Selected*

## NOT QUITE

By HELEN L. TONER

IT was such a beautiful morning that Tom Adams paused to have a last romp with his new puppy before going to school.

His mother called from the front porch, "Tom, you'll be late for school again."

Sure enough, he was the last one in his place in the classroom, and Miss Williams asked, "Tom, must you be late every morning?"

"I was almost on time. The bell rang just as I came in," Tom mumbled defensively.

Later that day he handed his arithmetic problems to Miss Williams, but she turned them back saying, "You didn't do all the problems, Tom."

He explained impatiently: "I almost finished them. I'm in a hurry to get out to the baseball diamond."

After staying to finish the last problem, he hurried out to the ball field and took his turn at the bat. He knocked the second ball across the field and into a vacant lot. Trotting toward first base, he thought, "Shorty won't find it right away."

When he passed third base, he saw that Shorty had the ball. The fellows on his team shouted, "Hurry, Tom. Hurry!" But Tom didn't change his pace because he felt sure that Shorty couldn't throw that far. Before he knew it, however, the catcher had touched him with the ball and he was "out."

"Almost, but not quite," the coach said sarcastically.

On his way home Tom saw a fire engine speeding toward the edge of town. There was his father's car by the post office. Tom ran over in time to meet him coming out of the building with his hands full of mail.

"Dad, let's go to the fire," he urged.

"All right, son, it isn't quite dinner time yet." The two climbed into the car and drove away after the fire truck.

A mile down the road they found that a truck carrying gasoline had caught on fire. While the firemen worked at putting out the blaze, the fire chief talked with the truck driver. He was pointing to the back of the truck and Tom edged closer to hear what the men were saying.

"That last link on your safety chain was gone. It was static electricity that caused the fire," said

the chief.

Tom turned to his father. "What is a safety chain?"

"It's the chain you see dragging under certain trucks. It acts as a conductor and carries off accumulated electricity. Unless it touches the ground it doesn't work."

"But, Dad," Tom pointed out as he walked closer to the truck, "look, the chain's almost to the ground."

"Yes son, almost—but not quite."

That sentence sounded vaguely familiar to Tom. Those were the words of the coach and of Miss Williams.

It seemed to Tom that there was a meaningful twinkle in his father's eyes as he continued: "It's like some people, Tom—almost people, I call them. They're almost on time, almost honest, almost kind, almost there when you need them. They're the folks who make this an almost happy world."

As the two climbed back into the car, Tom didn't say a word. They drove home in silence. Pulling into the driveway, Mr. Adams asked, "What's up son? You haven't said a word all the way."

"Oh, nothing," grinned Tom a little sheepishly. "I was just thinking about the safety chain that didn't do any good at all because it wasn't quite long enough—and about those 'almost people' you spoke of. Dad, would you say I'm an 'almost' person?"

Mr. Adams put a friendly hand on his son's shoulder. "Sometimes lately I've thought you might be leaning that way."

"I'm glad you told me," Tom spoke thoughtfully. "Miss Williams was trying to tell me that at school, I guess, and the coach, too. But somehow I didn't really get the point till I saw that safety chain!"

—The Christian Advocate

## JUST FOR FUN

The busy executive asked his secretary where his pencil was.

"It's behind your ear," she replied. "Come, come!" snapped the big shot, "I'm a busy man. Which ear?"

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## CONWAY DISTRICT SEMINARS

The first Seminar of the Conway District was held at Pottsville, August 28th. Mrs. R. J. Goss, district secretary of Missionary Education for the district presided and gave the devotional, using the subject "Proclaim the Good News."

Mrs. Doyle Baker, District Promotional Secretary, presented the Goals for the new Quadrennium. She was assisted by Mrs. Rife Hughey, who presented the six point program with a skit. Several women participated in this part of the program.

The studies for this year were presented as follows: "Home Missions and Human Rights, by Miss Ethel Miller, and Mrs. Rife Hughey presented the study on Africa.

A school girl lunch was served and enjoyed at the noon hour. At the afternoon program Mrs. Claude Wilson presented Program Building, discussing the program for the year, and special days, rather than any particular monthly program. Mrs. M. D. Johnson outlined the Study "Preface to Understanding the Bible" and closed with a devotional.

Eight societies and three Wesleyan Guilds were represented, with an attendance of forty-four.

The second Seminar was held at Gardner Memorial, North Little Rock, on August 29th, with an attendance of 51. Rev. Irl Bridenthal, pastor host gave the devotional, using as his subject, "The Great Commission." Mrs. Doyle Baker and Mrs. Rife Hughey presented the Study Books for the new year, and also the new Quadrennial Theme with several assisting with the skit, "That the Kingdom of God May be Realized." Home Missions and Human Rights was given by Mrs. Perry Nelson. Following the lunch hour the program was concluded with a review of the study of Africa, and "Preface of Understanding the Bible," by Mrs. R. J. Goss.—Reporter

## FT. SMITH DISTRICT FALL SEMINAR

The ladies of the Ft. Smith District met for the Fall Seminar at the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, September 12th, with Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, of Ft. Smith, in charge of the program. Mrs. D. G. Hindman had charge of the devotional, using as her subject "Proclaim the Good News."

There were 125 ladies present from: Ft. Smith, Greenwood, Clarks-ville, Alma, Booneville, and Magazine churches.

## FOREMAN SOCIETY

The Foreman Woman's Society of Christian Service has resumed regular activities in September after meeting only once each month during the summer.

Mrs. Raymond Harris is president and presides over all business meetings. Mrs. T. F. Bowman, secretary of Missionary Education, has announced her plans for the studies.

The society sponsored a reception in the form of a Fellowship and "pounding" for the new pastor, Rev.

## HOLD HIGH THE TORCH

Hold high the torch!  
You did not light its glow—  
'Twas given you by other hands, you know.  
'Tis yours to keep it burning bright,  
Yours to pass on when you no more need light;  
For there are other feet that we must guide,  
And other forms go marching by our side;  
Their eyes are watching every smile and tear  
And efforts which we think are not worthwhile,  
Are sometimes just the very helps they need,  
Actions to which their souls would give most heed;  
So that in turn they'll hold it high  
And say, "I watched someone else carry it this way."  
If brighter paths should beckon you to choose,  
Would your small gain compare with all you'd lose?  
Hold high the torch!  
You did not light its glow—  
'Twas given you by other hands, you know,  
I think it started down its pathway bright,  
The day the Maker said: "Let there be light."  
And He, once said, who hung on Calvary's tree—  
"Ye are the light of the world." . . Go! . . . Shine—for me.

—Selected

## "MRS." IS A MISSIONARY, TOO

By MRS. LAWRENCE H. ROBINSON

Jadotville, Belgian Congo, Africa

WHEN the Bishop appoints a missionary's wife to "Women's and Girls' Work" in her husband's district, there are many things that enter her mind. What is the best way to meet the tremendous need? Should you spend more time with girls, because they are the future Africa, or should you spend more time with the women, because they are the Africa now?

I think the first thing one needs to recognize is that she is just one person and needs to pray for help to realize each day of her life that God gives the strength for each day. The next is that I have always put my home and family first. So when I plan how I can best work with the women and girls, I can't have a fixed schedule.

So to meet the need with the girls, we found a fine Christian woman who had had one and a half years schooling and two years in an evening school for sewing. We examined her work, and she knew how to do many complicated stitches, as well as simple work. We also enlarged the school program to allow each class of girls to have one hour of sewing five days a week.

I try to get out to the school twice a week, but if I can't make it, once a week has to do. Then one night a week, I have Girl Guides. Last year I worked with a few girls all year and this year they are all leaders. At Christmas time Girl Scouts from one of our churches in America sent Christmas presents for the girls. I wish that you could have seen the look on the girls' faces as they saw the presents all wrapped in Christmas paper. They were all

R. L. Riffin and his family. They are very happy to have them as their leader for the new year. Bro. Riffin has a well planned program of work and has already accomplished a great deal by his untiring efforts.—Reporter

thrilled, and then when they realized that the things were for them, they all clapped their hands in appreciation. Then they wrote thank-you letters to their sister scouts in America. Now the girls are looking forward to making something they can send back to them. As we try to meet the needs of the girls, we would like to do a lot more to help them to be ready for a new Africa. Perhaps a school emphasizing the home would be much more practical for the girls and perhaps they would stay longer in school.

While the girls need to be led, the women are beginning to develop their own leaders in a very fine way. Some of the best spiritual talks that we've heard in our district have been given by the women leaders in their own groups. One of the finest talks I have heard was given by a woman who can speak only her own language, and the devotional message had to be translated from her language into Swahili. Out of her deep experience she helped us all to trust God more, and to improve our own faith. Many of the women don't know how to read or write, and they are crying for schools. But there are many obstacles in the way of their studying, so we are emphasizing that they start their daughters in school and help to keep them there.

The women have meetings once a week in their churches. Each group has its own officers, who direct the work. Then from each place there are two women who serve on an executive council which meets once a month with me to plan the work ahead. Also once a month there is a large meeting of the women from all over Jadotville sub-district. They bring in their offering for the missionary work that we want to do in our district, our Conference, and in other places.

Recently, we sent \$20 to help the work in a district that has no missionary, and another \$40 to buy material to make sheets for our

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT SEMINAR

The New Orleans District of the Woman's Society held its Fall Educational Seminar, Monday, September 10th. The Seminar was held at the Munholland Memorial church.

Mrs. Warren Constant, of Bunkie, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education presented the study on Africa. Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, New Orleans, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations spoke on "Home Missions and Human Rights." Mrs. Frank Levy, New Orleans District, Spiritual Life secretary talked on "Preface to Bible study."

A program building session was conducted by Mrs. D. C. Dickert, New Orleans, district vice president.

## WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

Alarmed that there are only 41,667 young women admitted to nurse-training in American hospitals this year, while actual needs call for 58,000, the Montana Conference of the Methodist Church has placed upon its ministers and the presidents of its Woman's Societies of Christian Service "a quota of one student nurse to be recruited each year."

For 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. Bishop Richard C. Raines, of Indianapolis, is the new president of the Board's Division of Foreign Missions. 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 years 1952-56. Bishop Raines has recently visited the mission fields in both India and Europe. The Division of Home Missions has elected Bishop A. Frank Smith, of Houston, Tex., as president for a fourth four-year term. Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, has been renamed president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; and Bishop W. Angie Smith, of Oklahoma City, is president of the Division of Education and Cultivation.

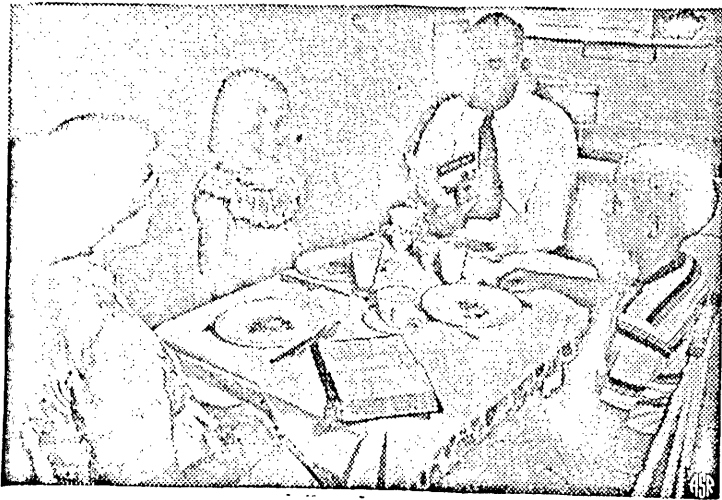
hospital in Kapanga, about 500 miles from here in our Conference. In these ways I have four or five meetings a month with the women. We are happy to know that the Christian women are helping to abolish old customs. A man told me the other day, that the women are helping a lot, particularly when a person died. They go right in and help take care of the person, they go to the funeral, they don't wail. Women are witnessing by their words, their acts and their thoughts, what a good life they have and others can have.

We are finding that if we have schools for a month or two at a time, the women will come. We have used this method with Bible classes near Christmas, when two from each place came, and then returned to their churches and taught the other women.



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## START THE DAY RIGHT



The importance of starting the day with a good breakfast to fortify our bodies with the needed energy for the tasks of the day is now well recognized by housewives and meal planners. But what of the importance of a spiritual tonic to give inspiration and stamina for the mind and soul?

Thousands of families have found that breakfast time is the ideal occasion for a brief period of meditation and prayer which gives a spiritual touch to the whole day. With the aid of a devotional guide and the Bible, any family can have a meaningful, inspirational, and helpful family worship. It proves to be an important factor in strengthening family ties and in giving a feeling of family unity to have father and mother or one of the children read a Bible passage, a devotional message, and a brief prayer.

## DR. HARRIS ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ADVANCE COMMITTEE

Two familiar emphases of the 1948-52 quadrennium — Advance Specials and the Week of Dedication — will continue to be major Methodist projects during the next four years.

Though the four-year Advance for Christ and His Church is over, General Conference created an Advance Committee to carry on the church-wide program of special gifts and service.

The committee met at Chicago September 11 to organize its quadrennial program. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte, N. C., was elected chairman, Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, vice chairman, and Frank E. Baker, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., secretary.

Serving with the officers as an executive committee are the Rev. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock, Ark., the Rev. George L. Poor, Seattle, Wash., and Pat Thompson, Bay City, Tenn. The committee will not have a paid staff, but is to serve in an advisory capacity to the new Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

## MORRILTON CIRCUIT NO. 1

Morrilton Circuit Number 1 met at Overcup Methodist Church, Sunday, September 14 for the first quarterly conference of the new church year. The four churches of the circuit, Houston, Overcup, Solgohachia and Lanty were well represented at the conference.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Robert Bearden brought an inspiring, timely message at the morning service which was enjoyed by all. A bountiful and enjoyable basket lunch was served at the church at the noon hour. The business session of the Quarterly Conference was held in the afternoon. There was

## NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING, FIRST CHURCH, ARKADELPHIA

The Official Board of First Methodist Church in Arkadelphia has authorized a campaign for funds to erect a new educational building.

Plans call for a two-story, fire proof, brick and tile structure which will be forty by eighty feet, with floor space of 6720 square feet. The new building will be connected to the present building by a covered portico. A Building Committee has been appointed and a Steering Committee set up for the building fund drive.

The church is also planning to improve the present building. According to present plans the auditorium will be air conditioned, a chapel added and the Men's Bible Class room enlarged. The estimated cost of the entire project is \$100,000.00.

When the new educational building is completed and the other improvements planned have been made, it is felt that First Church will be able in a better way to serve both the educational interests of the city and the growing population of Arkadelphia. Rev. W. O. Byrd is the pastor.—Reporter.

## GLENWOOD REVIVAL

A revival meeting is planned for the Glenwood Methodist Church. The meeting will begin Wednesday evening, September 24 and continue through Sunday, October 5th.

Hollis Simpson, the pastor, will be assisted in the revival by his brother, Rev. James A. Simpson, pastor at Nashville. Present plans indicate that a good meeting is in prospect.—Reporter

an excellent spirit of cooperation in evidence. It was indeed a great day on the circuit that will long be remembered. — Will Yarbrough, Pastor.

## Bishop Martin and Dr. Schisler Re-Elected To Positions on Board of Education

**M**EETING in Chicago September 9 to organize for the new quadrennium, the Methodist General Board of Education re-elected Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, president and chose three other bishops as vice presidents and divisional chairmen.

They are: Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Ark., Division of the Local Church; Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., Division of Educational Institutions, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh, Pa., Editorial Division.

The board re-elected two laymen, Dennis Snapp of Paris, Ky., and C. W. Loughlin, Nashville, recording secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Also re-elected were two executive secretaries — Dr. John Q. Schisler, Division of the Local Church, and Dr. John O. Gross, Division of Educational Institutions. Departmental secretaries and editors also were re-elected.

Dr. C. A. Bowen, executive secretary of the board's Editorial Division and editor of church school publications, was asked to serve on temporarily until his successor is chosen. He was due to retire at the meeting after 27 years of editorial service.

Dr. Bowen and Dr. Roy L. Smith, Chicago, were honored at a testimonial dinner given by the Methodist Board of Publication at its annual meeting. Dr. Smith retired as publishing agent of the Methodist Publishing House.

## REPORT FROM WIDENER

The work of the church is progressing nicely on this circuit composed of churches in Widener, Round Pond, Madison and Tuni, Arkansas. The pastor, D. P. Remaley, commuted from Dallas, Texas, every week end during the summer months, returning each week to Dallas where he was finishing his work on his Bachelor of Divinity at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Upon receiving his degree at commencement exercises August 29, he moved his family to the parsonage in Widener.

During the summer months, Mrs. Letha Remaley, and their two children, Paul and Paula Rae, vacationed in Oil City, Pennsylvania with Mrs. Lana Remaley, mother of the pastor. While the pastor and his family were absent, the parsonage was completely redecorated inside and out. It was fitted out with a study in an heretofore empty room, which makes the work more pleasant and enjoyable. The entire parsonage is one of which to be proud.

Attendance at all four churches has remained steady throughout the hot summer months. Plans are made now for a record attendance in all churches and church schools on both Promotion Day and Rally Day. Quotas for attendance and for new members have been set, and all indications are that those quotas will be filled.

There was a workers council meeting in the home of Mrs. Jim Caldwell of Widener on the night of September 10. Twenty-two workers were present, with every church school worker from Widener there. Plans were made for a period of visitation to be held the week of September 21 in connection with Christian Education Week the following week. Programs were arranged for church on Promotion Day and Rally Day.

The Rev. Leo Fong, of Widener and a student at Perkins School of Theology, was guest preacher in Widener and Madison on September 14. His message made a strong appeal to the membership to take the road of service and sacrifice to salvation, and was very well received by the large crowds present. Brother Fong was admitted to the North Arkansas Conference as a

## ARKANSAS VALLEY MINISTERS MEET

A regular meeting of Arkansas Valley ministers of the Fort Smith District was held in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Charles McDonald at Ozark, Monday morning, September 15th, with breakfast. Those present were: Dr. W. H. Goodloe, Ben C. Few, C. R. Nance, Carl Adams, Dewey Dark, Jr., O. D. Peters, Chas. McDonald, and Paul Bumpers.

The following officers were elected: President, O. D. Peters; Vice-President, Ben C. Few; Secretary, Paul M. Bumpers.

This fellowship meeting is one of three that meets regularly in the Ft. Smith District. After the very fine breakfast a brief business session was conducted. The next group meeting will be at Shores Lake Camp, October 22nd.—Reporter.

member on trial at this year's conference session.

The young married couples from the entire charge met on September 16 at the parsonage in Widener to organize a Young Married Couples' Fellowship. The program consisted of a devotional service, business meeting, entertainment, and refreshments. Thirteen couples were represented at the meeting with an attendance of twenty-two. Fourteen small children were present with their parents, and participated in their own games. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21.

At present the membership at Round Pond is contributing to a fund to purchase air conditioning equipment or fans for their church building. At Madison, meanwhile, the building fund continues to grow slowly but steadily. The membership there is looking forward to the time when they can finance a new church building.

Asked how he felt to be back in Arkansas, Brother Remaley simply said that "every morning when I awaken and look out the window, I think that I have died during the night and gone to heaven. Then it dawns on me that I am just back home in Arkansas after an extended stay in Texas. The Lord has been good to me to let me work with such wonderful, enthusiastic people as we have here on this charge."—Reporter



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

## A FURTHER WORD ABOUT LAY SPEAKING

While we are on the subject of the use of Lay speakers in the conducting of worship services, it is good to add this further word. In the reading of the inspiring book, "Signs of Hope," by Elton Trueblood, it is worthy of note to see that he has an entire chapter devoted to the subject of "The Emergence of Lay Religion."

I quote from his most stimulating book: "Exciting as the new theology is and wonderful as it is to live in a day when the intellectual buttresses of our faith are so strong, there is something that is still more exciting, the springing up of lay religion in so many spots. We are living in one of the times when a development seems to come spontaneously and independently at many points at once. Lay religion is one of the chief marks of the Christian Renaissance in Japan, but it is appearing likewise in Europe and America. It appears in both Catholic and Protestant circles, the Catholic movement of greatest hope in this regard being the Christopher movement and the Protestant development being a vigorous reassertion and new appreciation of the thrilling Protestant principle of the priesthood of the believer."

Everywhere the movement is based on the recognition that the crisis is too serious to be met by the clergy alone. The task is so great that it cannot be met unless it is faced resolutely by the common efforts of all the members at once. This means, necessarily, a noticeable dimming of the distinction between clergy and laity and in some areas it leads, gloriously, to the acceptance of the early Christian ideal of the complete abolition of the laity—with all Christians as recruits in a common cause. Many have begun for the first time in their lives to ask seriously what it means to be a minister. Is a minis-

ter one who is called by the title "Reverend" or is he one who serves as "Christ's man" whatever his means of making a living? Is a minister, some are bold enough to ask, one who has been "ordained," who has had some words said over him, or is he simply one who ministers?

Mr. Trueblood goes on to emphasize the fact that the Christian movement was a Lay movement in the beginning. He gives examples of the different lay movements that are now making a vital contribution to the advancement of the cause of Christ. In his definition of a good minister he says, "The good minister is not one who desires to be the whole show or the center of attention. He desires rather to be a catalytic agent, stirring up lay members to activity and perfectly satisfied if his contribution is not seen or known. The best minister makes himself progressively unnecessary." Certainly, we who are ordained ministers must conceive it our duty and privilege to be trainers of disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In his stimulating book Mr. Trueblood gives the following lift to those of us in the Methodist ministry. He says, "Today some Methodist ministers are recruiting able laymen so that a different one may preach each month on the great essentials of faith." We rejoice as members of the great Methodist body of believers in the fact that we are out in front in this matter of training and leading our laymen into the fields of service, whether it be in personal evangelism, lay speaking, Sunday School teaching, service in the WSCS, or any other of our great fields of activity. Methodist preachers will rejoice in the ever widening scope of endeavor on the part of the laity.—J. Albert Gatlin

## HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

The College opened its 1952-53 session here Monday, Sept. 10 with the arrival of the freshman class. Upper-classmen registered several days later and classes began Sept. 13. Enrollment this fall, the College's 69th year, will be somewhat larger than last fall's total of 431.

Freshmen were given a two-day series of guidance tests, results of which were used by students and their advisers in planning schedules. Dr. John P. Anderson of the psychology department is chairman of the guidance program.

A new orientation program, adopted by the Student Senate last spring and approved by the faculty, supplanted the customary initiation program. It features no hazing, paddling, silly tasks or other such stunts. The aim of all parts of the program, which lasts the first five weeks of school, will be to acquaint the new freshmen with all phases of Hendrix life. The final and fifth

week of the program will be designated Help Week. During this week the freshmen will perform some task set by the student orientation committee for the benefit of the college and community.

Closing the week's social and orientation activities, was the annual induction of freshmen into the Student Association Saturday evening. It was followed by the annual President's Reception and a "Merry mix-up" at Hulen Lounge.

### New Programs

This fall Hendrix became affiliated with the Columbia University School of Engineering in a program aimed at producing engineers with a broader, more humanized education. Under the plan, engineering students may take three years at Hendrix, continue with two years at Columbia, and at the end of the five years receive both the bachelor of arts and an engineering degree. Recommendation by Hendrix will guarantee its students acceptance

## BETHEL CAMP-GROUND

Perhaps I shouldn't write this, but its long the song that rings and rings in your ears for days sometimes, when you hear a good singer sing it. So goes the ringing in my ears of the memories of long ago at this time of the year. Come October, the second Sunday, was always the week for camp meeting at Old Bethel Camp Ground one mile east of Umpire, Arkansas in North Howard County in the Ouachita Mountains.

As my husband says I was water bound in Arkansas for the first twenty years of my life. I have deep regard and respect for that dear old state and when some one wants to cast stones at its glass windows I am always ready to stand up in arms and defend it. I was born and reared there. Since my marriage I have lived in the Sooner State, and I feel that these are two of the grandest states in old U.S.A.

However, I started to tell you about Old Bethel. I have always cherished the memories of this dear old camp ground, and held a soft spot in my heart for it. In fact I was converted there at the altar fifty years ago this fall. It is a truly hallowed spot.

I have not been there for forty-four years, but I never missed camping there each year for twenty years before my marriage. Afterwards I would cry each year when the time came for camp meeting because I could not go back and attend. But transportation then was such that we just couldn't go places as easily as we can at the present time.

The people for twenty-five miles around always rushed up their harvesting of crops and picked a few bales of cotton. Marketing was in Nashville, Arkansas, where they picked up extra clothes, shoes and food planning to have everything ready and in order so they could take off a week for camp meeting. They wanted nothing on their minds but to worship God and have a good revival. Also it was the only vacation the farmers ever had.

They would turn the calves out side with the milk cows, or in the pasture together. Where they lived close enough, some would ride

horseback several times and feed the stock.

Mr. Will Ross from Gilliam, Arkansas would always blow the old cow horn for services. We had prayers before breakfast; 9:00 o'clock testimony services; preaching, 11 a. m.; 3:00 o'clock services; grove meeting at sun set and services again at 7:00 o'clock at the shed. It would be lighted up with lamps and lanterns. The grounds were lighted with pine knot fires, elevated four feet from the ground on scaffolds covered with dirt.

What wonderful revivals we would have. It seemed that heaven and earth almost met there sometimes. If we were having a cold or luke warm meeting those dear old saints would go on a fast for from twenty-four to forty-eight hours, and what good meetings they would have afterwards.

You would see so many of the dear old families of the mountains there who were the salt of the earth, and people from far and near. Often presiding elders and preachers from Little Rock, Prescott and Texarkana in addition to the circuit riders and local preachers were present.

There were about twenty or thirty cabins. There were as many families or more that attended and camped regularly, also many of the rank and file of the mountain folks who lived near would attend daily from home. The names of many who camped there and others who attended from near by homes come to me as I write.

Cousin Ben and Emma Green came from Antimony. Could Cousin Emma Green and Aunt Marg Wakley really sing treble? It was the sweetest I ever heard. Just sounded heavenly with all those good singers among the mountain folks.

It reminded me of what my old colored wash-woman said. I asked, "Aunt Rachel do you colored folks have an organ in your church?" She said, "No, Miss Maudine we don't need none. Our moufs is our organs." So it was with the mountain people of Old Bethel. You never heard better singing than we had there. Me-thinks I can still hear them singing, "Big Camp Meeting Over Yonder."—Maudine Wakeley.

by Columbia, one of the nation's outstanding engineering schools. Hendrix is one of about 40 American colleges and universities selected for affiliation with Columbia in the program.

Hendrix is also participating in the new state-wide Ford Plan of teacher education, approved by the Ford Foundation in time for this school year. Hendrix was the first college of the state to officially approve the foundation's proposal of an experiment in teacher education.

### New Staff Members

Ten additions have been made to the College staff.

New members are Miss Laurachel Bumgarner of Lucasville, Ohio, Assistant Professor of Music; Miss Johnnie Wallace of Conway, Assistant Professor of English; Miss Nancy Vance of Sheffield, Alabama, Instructor in Health and Physical Education; Paul Harding, Jr. of Perry, Oklahoma, Associate Professor of Natural Science; Mrs. Jane Williams of Conway, co-counselor at Galloway Residence Hall for women; Mrs. Edna Patterson, College Nurse; George Thompson of

Little Rock, Assistant Professor of History and Political Science; Albert M. Raymond of Nashville, Tennessee, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biology; Mrs. Capp Shanks of Batesville, Assistant Professor of Speech; and Billy Paul Hays of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Assistant Professor of Music. Harry J. Olmsted, Assistant Professor of Economics, returns to the college after doing graduate study under a Ford Foundation grant.

### Endowment Campaign

The College's \$600,000 Endowment Campaign got into motion officially Monday, Sept. 22 with a kick-off dinner.

The state-wide, 200-member Campaign Council, which includes representatives from every county in the state, met on the Hendrix campus. Aim of the campaign is to provide about \$30,000 annually during the next three years to enlarge the faculty and improve faculty salaries, and \$500,000 in permanent endowment for the same purpose.

Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, and Dr. Marshall Steel, pastor

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## ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA

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### BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Friday night, September 5 the "M.Y.F. Back to School" party was held at the First Methodist Church, Winnsboro.

The color scheme used was purple and gold, the M.Y.F. colors. Games reminiscent of school days were played.

Refreshments of punch and home-made cookies were served to the following guests and members: Mary Evelyn Durr, Judy Durr, Myra Ann Moore, Joan Bennett, Lissa Kiper, Carol Lynn Smith, Beverly Martin, Dorothy and Margie Bengston, Sherman Ann Smith, Nike Poulos, Drew Margaret Hatfield, Mary Francis Southern, Marileon Gravelle, Ann McCaleb, Velma Ruth Moore, Billy Sullivan, Bobby Ray Cheek, Betty Boutwell, Dan Morse, Willie Morse, Skipper Wollerson, Fay Wilson, Rev. W. H. Bengston, and Mrs. Clarence Moore.

### GROUP MAKES VISIT TO HOME FOR AGED

The Young People of the M.Y.F., First Methodist Church, Winnsboro, visited the Riley Old Folks home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This was a Community Service project.

The group met at the church at 2:30 p. m. in preparation to go out to the home. They made ice cream and took cake to be served to the patients at the home.

The refreshments were served and while they ate the M.Y.F. group sang.

Those visiting the home were: Margie Bengston, Mary Evelyn Durr, Dan Morse, Willie Morse, Red-dock Windham, Ann McCaleb, Lissa Kiper, Carol Lynn Smith, Drew Margaret Hatfield, Marileon Gravelle, Myra Ann Moore, Mrs. L. S. Gravelle and Babs, Mrs. Nell Windham, Mrs. S. E. Lee, Sr., Rev. W. H. Bengston and Mrs. Clarence Moore.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK AT TUCKERMAN

Youth Activities Week, sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Tuckerman closed on Wednesday night, September 10, at the monthly Sub-District meeting at Swifton.

On the previous nights, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the program ran from 6:00 to 9:30, with supper, group singing, discussion groups, worship service and recreation.

Group singing and recreation were led by Bobby Watson, a member of the Tuckerman M.Y.F. and a ministerial student at Hendrix College. Discussion groups were led by Dr. Golder Lawrence, pastor at Tuckerman, and Regina Watson, youth leader at First Church, Newport.

Inspirational speakers were Dr. Lawrence, Bobby Watson and Marjorie Bowden of Swifton who is going to India in October as a missionary.

Supper was served each evening by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Newport M.Y.F. was the guest of the Tuckerman young people during the week.—Annabeth Lawrence.

### WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The W. W. Holmes Sub-District of the New Orleans District met at the Gretna Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, September 9, and installed the following officers for the year 1952-53: President, Delton Pickering, Rayne Memorial; Vice-president, Dick Morris, Rayne Memorial; Secretary, Pat Rickey, Carrollton Avenue; Treasurer, Chas. Payn, Elysian Fields. Commission Chairmen are: Worship Commission, Steve Andry, Carrollton Avenue; Community Service, Ann Coker, Elysian Fields; World Service Commission, Fred Carter, Gretna; Recreation Commission, Eugene Thomas, Gentilly; Publicity Agent, Mary Law, Parker Memorial; Adult Counselor, Rev. J. W. Matthews, Jr., Elysian Field. The new council will begin making plans immediately for the program of activities covering the entire field of M.Y.F. work for the whole year.

The Sub-District meeting was held at the Boeuf Prairie Church on Monday night at 8:00 p. m. Monsey Brown presided over the business session. Worship was led by the Boeuf Prairie group. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by the following churches represented: Mangham, Crowville, Winnsboro, Boeuf Prairie, Little Creek, Gilbert and Wisner.

The Shreveport Sub-District met on Tuesday, September 9, at the Cedar Grove Methodist Church. The message for the evening was given by Bob Shirley. Mary Armbrust gave an account of her trip to Mt. Sequoyah. Ed Lucas of Baton Rouge discussed with the group the "Meal of Millions" campaign. Bob Shirley led the group in recreation.

The Arkansas Valley Sub-District met Monday evening, September 8, at Spadra Methodist Church, with 106 in attendance. The Ozark Methodist Youth Fellowship presented a dramatization of Charles M. Sheldon's book, In His Steps. Shirley Russell, Sub-District president, gave a report on the M.Y.F. Jurisdictional Workshop that was held at Mt. Sequoyah on August 6-14. The next Sub-District will be held at Hays Chapel on October 12 with the Spadra M.Y.F. in charge of the program.

The Newport Area Sub-District met at Swifton, Wednesday night, September 10, with eighty-five members present. Miss Marjorie Bowden, Swifton, who is leaving this fall for India was guest speaker at the beautiful candlelight worship service based around the theme "The Light of the Cross". A short business meeting was held and the council was invited to a supper and planning session September 17 at Newport First Church. After group singing and recreation led by Bob Watson of Tuckerman, Hendrix ministerial student, the group enjoyed refreshments provided by the host church. Churches represented were: Umsted Memorial, Newport; First Church, Newport; Tuckerman; Swifton and Alicia.

### BUFFALO ISLAND M. Y. F.

The Buffalo Island M. Y. F. met Monday night, September 15, at Riverside Methodist Church. Riverside presented a very impressive program.

Terry Ballard, our president, presided over the meeting. Represented were Black Oak, Caraway, Leachville, Manila, Riverside and St. John, with 69 present. Caraway received the banner.

Skits were presented by each M. Y. F.

Refreshments were enjoyed by everyone.

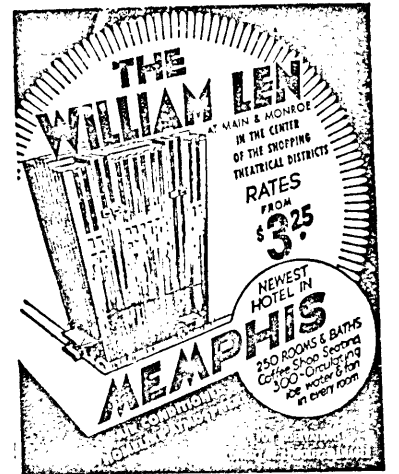
The next meeting will be at Lake View.—Reporter

### JUNIOR CAMP AT WAYLAND SPRINGS

Thirty-seven Juniors from Newport First Church, Umsted Memorial, Swifton and Alicia, enjoyed a four-day camping experience, August 20-23 at Wayland Springs, Methodist Camp site near Imboden. The camp was planned and directed by Miss Regenia Watson, Youth Director of the First Methodist Church in Newport and her helpers, Mrs. Bob Cook, Junior Counselor, Mrs. Paul Logan, Mrs. Joe Brownd and Mrs. John Worthen.

Six older Intermediate youth from Newport First Church, Joyce Cook, Lindley Williams, Billie Anne Beaumont, Alice Lee Jarvis, Anne Williams and Sonny Erwin, directed group singing, recreation and special features. Rev. Guy C. Ames led the morning discussion group on

"What It Means To Be A Church Member." Rev. Joe Linam of Bono was inspirational speaker. The camp was well balanced and well planned and gave the boys and girls an experience of real "camp life."—Reporter



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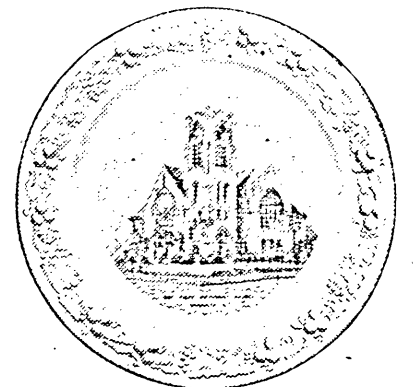
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Russian-Speaking people now living in other lands for Scriptures in their language. Through the Paris office of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and Canada the Bible Society made a grant of 1,000 Russian Bibles for

distribution to Russian Orthodox displaced persons in that great cosmopolitan city and throughout France.

Promises to God should be as binding as those made at a bank.—Religious Telescope

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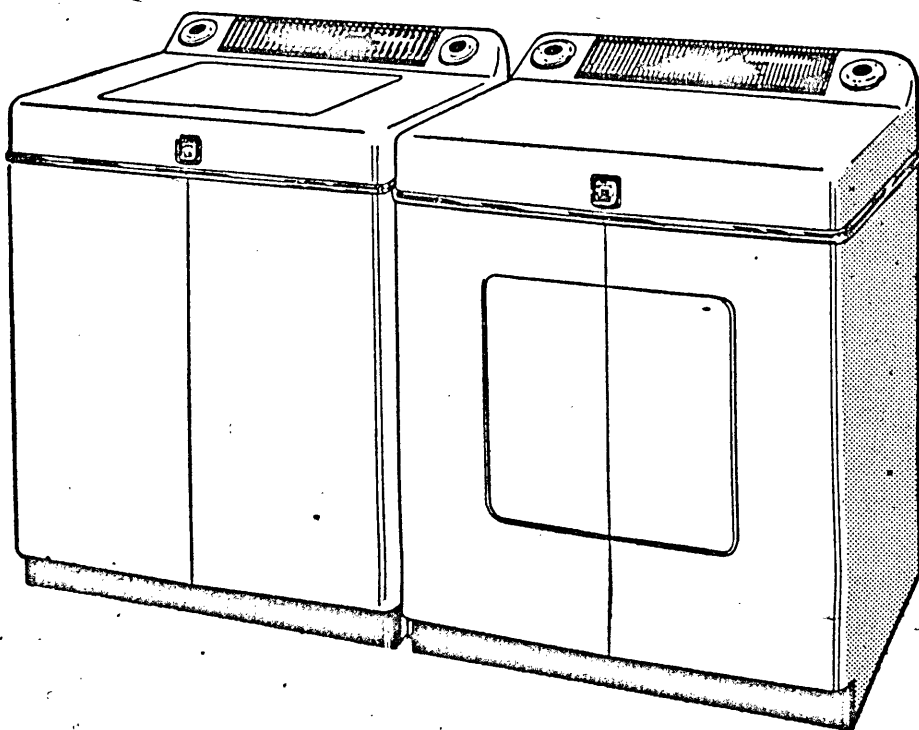
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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 5, 1952

IS MY LIFE DEDICATED?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Matthew 3:13 through 4:11.

GOLDEN TEXT: Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.  
(Hebrews 10:7)

Today we are beginning a new unit of study—"Unit I". The general theme of the unit is "QUALITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE."

## A Look At The Scriptures

The Scripture of the lesson begins with the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. A lot of argument has been made pro and con concerning the mode of this baptism. Those who believe that immersion is the only mode of baptism contend that the Lord was immersed. They base their conclusion on two main points: first, the fact that Christ was baptised in the Jordan River, and second, the fact that the King James, or Authorized version of the Bible says "And Jesus, when he was baptised, went up straightway out of the water." Now, neither of these points prove just how Christ was baptised. To the Jews, running water represented life and still water, death. It is perfectly natural that they would perform baptism, whatever mode was used, in running water. The fact that the King James version states that Christ went up straightway out of the water proves nothing concerning the mode by which he was baptized, for the same Greek preposition that is here translated "up out of" is more often translated by the English preposition "from".

Another point that is sometimes used in this connection has to do with Philip baptizing the Ethiopian eunuch. There the record says that the eunuch went down in or into the water. But if one contends that that means under the water, then the same record says both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water. That is if the eunuch went under the water so did Philip, and the writer knows of no religion where both the candidate for baptism and the preacher are simultaneously immersed.

The sixth chapter of Romans is sometimes used to prove baptism only by immersion. Space will not permit us to go fully into that passage. The writer wishes to call attention only to this fact, if the baptism spoken of there is only water baptism then it does for the candidate all that he needs to have done in a spiritual way. Read the passage carefully with that thought in mind. Surely the baptism spoken of there is the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and water baptism is only the sign or symbol of spiritual baptism.

The only place to get at the true meaning of baptism is to note the word itself. Our English word "baptize" is a borrowed word. It comes directly from the Greek language, and there it is "baptizo". In that language the word has three meanings and may be performed by three separate modes—dip, sprinkle, or pour. There are many words like that in any language. Take for ex-

ample the word "travel" in the English language. There are three modes or ways to travel—walk, ride, or fly. A man is traveling if he goes from place to place by either of these modes. By the same token, a person is being baptized if he is sprinkled, has the water poured on him, or is immersed in the water. The Bible itself definitely recognizes pouring as baptism, for example, in speaking of the baptism of the Holy Spirit in some places it is said the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples and in other places in speaking of the same act it is said that the disciples were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Anyway, the question is not worth arguing over. Not more than one per cent of the Christian people of the world believe that water baptism is absolutely essential to salvation. So why argue about the mode when water baptism itself is not essential to salvation? The Methodists simply take the meaning of the word and note the fact that it can be accomplished in any one of three modes and they permit the candidate choose his own mode. The Quakers who are among the most spiritual people in the world do not accept water baptism at all. They place all their hope on the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

## An Act Of Dedication

Our Scripture passage goes on to tell how Christ came to John the Baptist to be baptized. At first John refused to perform the act upon the Lord, insisting that the order should be reversed. In the place of baptizing Christ, John felt he needed to be baptized by him. John was baptizing people as a sign or symbol of purification. Christ needed no purification. The Lord's baptism, therefore, differed from that of others in that his baptism was an act of dedicating his life to the great task of redemption that the Father had sent him to accomplish. It will be remembered that he did not begin his active ministry until after his baptism.

This dedication of Christ to the task of his active ministry was of great importance. It is mentioned by all four of the gospel writers. Two events figured prominently on the occasion; one was the coming of the Holy Spirit upon him in the bodily shape of a dove. After this special anointing with the Spirit, Christ began to perform miracles. On several occasions he insisted that he was doing these mighty works through the power of the Spirit that was within him. The second special event was the heavenly voice. The voice went on to say, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

## Temptation In The Wilderness

The next Scripture passage (Matthew 4:1-11) tells of the temptations

of Christ. Immediately following his baptism, Christ was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of Satan. We are told that he fasted there in the wilderness for some forty days. It will be remembered that both Moses and Elijah underwent fasts of this same length. One of these men represented the law and the other the prophets. Both the law and the prophecies of the prophets were fulfilled in Christ.

One of the chief reasons for Christ going into the wilderness was to make up his mind once and for all as to his method of procedure in carrying out his God-given task. He realized that his task was the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. But in order to do this there must be salvation; salvation of the people and salvation of society. The Kingdom of God on earth is purely and simply a saved people in a saved social order. People must not only be saved individually but all of their relationships must be based on Christian principles. It seems that Christ already knew this, but the question in his mind was what method he was to use in bringing this condition about. It was at this point that Satan tempted him.

The first two of the three temptations, in addition to trying to get Christ to use wrong methods in establishing the Kingdom, also tried to place a doubt in his mind as to his true Sonship. Both of them began with the phrase "If thou be the Son of God." "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." No doubt, the fact that Christ was God's Son or the promised Messiah came to him gradually, reaching its culmination point at the time of his baptism when the voice spoke from heaven declaring that he was God's Son. Before that declaration took complete possession of the mind of Christ, Satan tried to make him doubt. Then, too, in this same temptation Satan tried to get Christ to use a wrong method of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth. He tried to convince him that he could become a great world leader by feeding the people. That has been more or less true in every generation. The hungry masses have been willing to follow any leader who could give them bread. Russia, today, is trying to use the very plan that Christ rejected. It is trying to build a kingdom on materialism alone. Christ realized that the Kingdom of God must have a spiritual foundation. "Man cannot live by bread alone". Pigs can, but men are not pigs.

The second temptation is also dual in its outlook. It suggests a doubt as to Christ's Sonship as well as an enticement of the Lord to use a wrong method. This time he is on the pinnacle of the temple. Satan insists that the Lord cast himself down and thus in a spectacular way prove his Messiahship to the people. Christ said that such procedure would be to tempt God. Isn't it sad that our modern-day snake-handlers can't see that they are falling for the same temptation the Lord rejected? They are tempting God, and many of them die as a result of their foolhardiness. Christ knew that the Kingdom the Father had sent him to build could not be built on the spectacular. Christ never performed a miracle simply to satisfy the whim or the curiosity of the people. Such use of power is a sin against the God who gave it.

The last temptation has to do with the matter of worship. More than

by any thing else, a person's character is determined by what he worships. All the outstanding religious people of past history have been individuals who were great worshipers of God. Think of Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah, Paul, and most of all Christ himself: all have been great worshipers of God. The sad part of the situation is the fact that the majority of the people in the world today are worshipping Satan and the things for which he stands rather than God.

Christ overcame all of these temptations. He had his life thoroughly dedicated to the Father. He met and overcame each of these temptations by quotations from the Bible. Christ is God's Son in a unique way. He is stronger than any of us ever will be. Yet he felt it necessary to do a lot of praying and Bible study in order that he might meet and overcome the temptations of life. If this were necessary for Christ, how can we weaker creatures hope to overcome in any other way? The Bible is constantly talking about Christ's prayer life and the Lord is forever quoting Scripture. He had made a close study of the Old Testament; the New had not been written. The Gospels give some seven statements that he made from the cross while dying, and most of them are quotations from the Scripture.

Our lesson would have each individual raise the question, "IS MY LIFE DEDICATED?" The Scripture assigned pictures for us the most completely dedicated life in all the history of the human race. We, too, can reach a high state of dedication if we walk in his footsteps, use the same means of grace that he used, and practice his methods in overcoming temptations. Remember this, the dedicated Christian life is the only satisfactory life on earth. It is the privilege of every Christian to have it. Suppose we seek this highest type of life now. God is waiting to pour out his richest blessings upon us.

## PRESIDENT TO BE INAUGURATED

Jackson, Miss. — Alumni and friends of Millsaps College are to witness the formal inauguration of President H. Ellis Finger in ceremonies on Wednesday night, October 29, and on Thursday, October 30. This announcement was made by Dean W. E. Riecken, chairman of the faculty committee on arrangements.

Methodist ministers of the area will be the guests of the college at a dinner on Wednesday evening, at which time Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia Area, will speak.

## HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

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of Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, spoke at the dinner. Campaign Director Joe T. Thompson, Little Rock insurance executive and Hendrix trustee, presided.

The Hendrix Board of Trustees also held its full meeting on Sept. 22. The Board officially assumed responsibility for the campaign at its meeting last April.

Only half the \$600,000 campaign goal will have to be raised locally. The General Education Board of New York, Rockefeller philanthropic agency, has offered \$300,000 on the condition the college match the grant dollar for dollar.

ARKANSAS METHODIST