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Preparation For World-Wide Evangelistic Program

AT the Ecumenical Conference of Methodism in Oxford, England, last year plans were made for all branches of Methodism throughout the world to unite, in 1953, in a world-wide evangelistic program. Our General Conference, meeting in San Francisco this year, appointed a Committee of Fifty to plan for American Methodism's part in this world-wide program.

The General Conference, in endorsing the plan for the evangelistic program, also designated the time from World-wide Communion Sunday, October 5th, to Watch Night Service, December 31, as a period of preparation for this year of evangelism.

The Methodist Church should take this period of preparation seriously. Successful evangelism is no accident. It is the result of careful preparation. We should never think of that preparation as being confined to the mechanics of the work. The preparation, during this period, which the General Conference had in mind is primarily personal and spiritual. Fortunately, being prepared for successful evangelism better fits us for service in all of the other activities of the church.

Are We More Ethical, More Corrupt, Or Better Informed

THE writer has been through many political campaigns, local, state and national. It is our feeling that in no campaign of the past has the issue of political corruption been so prominent as in the campaigns of this year.

In the words of the caption of the article, we raise the questions, "Are we more ethical, more corrupt or just better informed?" It is our feeling that "yes" is the answer to each question in this series of questions.

We do not believe that there has been a time in American history when the ethical standards for political leaders were as high as today. We now have higher standards for our political leaders; we more readily measure them by those standards and we more quickly condemn those who fall than ever before.

With the abundant evidence of corruption about us we are reluctantly forced to the conclusion that corruption in government is more wide-spread in America today than in former years. Perhaps present-day conditions are more to blame than present-day men. With our national government spending more money in the last decade than in all other years of our national history combined, there were more opportunities for corruption and more temptations to be dishonest than any group of leaders ever faced in the world's history.

It is true, also, that the American people are better informed now regarding the activities of their leaders than they have ever been before. News commentators, newspapers, magazines, television and radio have combined to make sure that America is informed regarding the public life and much of the private life of its leaders. "Pitiless publicity" correctly describes what happens to political leaders or even would-be political leaders.

We should take all of these matters into consideration in attempting to evaluate the present-day situation. There is more to encourage us than to discourage us if we properly view the situation as a whole.

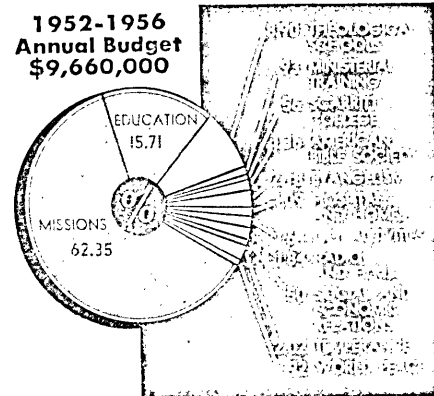
World Peace And The World Service Dollar

ONE of the consuming desires of Christian people today is that war and the threat of war may permanently pass and that the nations of earth may find peaceful means for settling international difficulties.

It was this desire for world peace which caused our General Conference to establish the Commission on World Peace. Following is the stated purpose of that Commission:

It shall be the purpose of the Commission on World Peace to advance the interests of the Kingdom of our Lord through international justice and the spirit of good will

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throughout the world; to endeavor to create the will to peace, the conditions for peace, and the organization for peace; and to organize effective action in the church for the advancement of peace."

That statement embodies the high purpose for which this Commission was established. For the support of this Commission and its work, the General Conference provided for the payment of nine tenths of one percent of each World Service Dollar to the Commission.

Methodist people must be happy that The Methodist Church is officially committed to the purpose of helping the world's people to find a way to a lasting peace. Methodism, together with all other peace loving organizations should do everything possible to prevent the ever-recurring, ever-increasing danger of war from developing into an open conflict. We would be unfaithful to our trust as a great church if we failed to take an active, aggressive part in efforts to bring peace to the world and a sense of brotherhood to the peoples of earth.

In the Commission on World Peace The Methodist Church has an official organization whose primary business is to promote peace in the world. It is manned by church-wide leaders selected because of their special fitness to lead in this work. The pittance it receives through World Service is extremely small when compared to the service it renders to the cause of peace.

We Thank Thee, O God

WITH these words Protestant Christians across America expressed their gratitude on Tuesday evening, September 30, for the publication of the new Revised Standard Version of the Holy Scriptures, which version made its formal appearance on that day. It has been estimated that more than 3,000 communities and cities across America had special services on that evening in recognition of the "best Bible news in 300 years." Several of these services were held within the bounds of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area and if they were all as helpful as the one we attended the celebrations were certainly worth every bit of the effort that went into their preparation.

We have been informed that Thomas Nelson and Company, noted Bible publisher and the company which published the RSV of the Scriptures, was not prepared for the heavy public response and demand for copies of the new version. Particularly in the better bound volumes a shortage developed even ahead of publication date as orders for copies of these volumes were received.

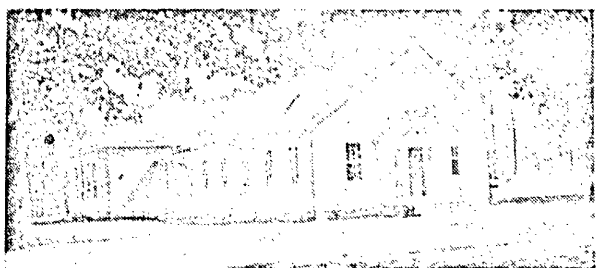
There are two comments which we would like to pass on in connection with the publication of this new version. We must never forget the many hours of exacting, scholarly, and consecrated work that went into the making of the new translation. For a few dollars any individual may have the fruits of this painstaking task. Then, also, personal ownership of a RSV copy of the Holy Bible is not enough. Spiritual possession of its more clearly understood truths should be the goal of every person purchasing a copy.

Area Honors Bishop And Mrs. Martin

WHEN it became known at the recent Jurisdictional Conference that Bishop and Mrs. Martin were being reassigned to this Episcopal Area for another four year term, delegates and friends in attendance wanted to hold a reception in Wichita to welcome them back. However, they knew that such a reception could not be attended by the larger group from throughout the Area who would want to attend. It was thought the better part of wisdom to have the reception at a later date when this larger group could be present. That reception will be held at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Monday, October 13 from 7 to 9 p. m. Every Methodist from throughout the Area is invited.

Unquestionably, a large representative group will be on hand to formally welcome the Martins back for a third quadrennium. The Area Council scheduled to convene in Little Rock October 14-15 will make possible a larger group than might otherwise be in attendance. But we are thinking just now of many Methodists who because of distance and other factors will find it impossible to be on hand. For these, we would like to say to our Episcopal leader and his gracious companion that we feel this Area is fortunate indeed to be under their leadership. The past eight years have witnessed the effectiveness of their leadership in our midst. All phases of the work of Methodism have prospered under that guidance. But more important their personal and sincere interest in the welfare of each one of us has been an inspiration to all of us. We have felt that because of this unique leadership we have done more than we might have accomplished.

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RUSTON DISTRICT IMPROVES BUILDINGS

STAFF ARTICLE

Another District Of The Arkansas-Louisiana Area Is Making Great Progress In Improving Physical Property.

CHURCH LEADERS in the Ruston District are proud of the improvements that are being made in the church buildings and parsonages and they have every right to be. Under the leadership of Rev. George W. Pomeroy and the Ruston District pastors congregations in every section of the district have been and are now engaged in improvement programs that are fast bringing the property in that district into excellent condition. Church leaders there as elsewhere are coming to realize the importance that is attached to having good physical equipment in which and with which to work.

One of the significant factors in the Ruston District building program is the fact that so much of the improvement has been done along in about the same period of time, and that, comparatively speaking, not a great deal of debt has been acquired in the process. Located in the north central part of Louisiana, the district is largely rural in nature, and the membership of the churches is not large. However, these congregations have considered their needs wisely, have planned well, and have completed their programs in a fashion that bespeaks interest in and love for their churches and the Kingdom.

More than once, in talking with pastors and laymen, we heard the expression "We wanted a building that would adequately express what the church stands for in the community." With that desire in mind congregations have gone about in their tasks of building, rebuilding or remodeling and the result has been one which is a real testimony to the vision and sacrifice necessary for the task.

To anyone who gives much time to the study of church buildings there is one observation which almost universally describes any church situation. A church building itself will almost always reveal the spiritual life of the congregation. A building that is fresh, orderly, usefully equipped, worshipful and clean tells the observer that the congregation loves the church and, more important, has reverent respect for what the church is trying to do for the community. On the other hand, a sanctuary or Sunday School room that is untidy, disarranged, unrepared, and poorly equipped reveals that the congregation that uses these facilities has some distance yet to go in its appreciation for God's house and the high calling of its mission.

It seems to be something of this comprehension that has undergirded the interest of the Methodists of the Ruston District in their improvement programs. In practically every instance where congregations have come into a deeper understanding of the great task of the church and there has been a need for improving their church buildings or parsonages, they have set about to accomplish these improvements. A possible exception to this has been where new congregations have been organized and the need for its first building or the first unit of a building program was recognized.

In many instances building programs have themselves been instruments for awakening new interest and a church has found new life as it has centered its efforts around such an undertaking. On the completion of this task the congregation would then transfer that interest to the building of a program which would take full advantage of the completed building. In

other instances a growing vital program had outstripped present building accommodations and larger space requirements necessitated the enlarging of a building or completely rebuilding the church plant. An important lesson to be learned by churches needing enlarged facilities is to have little fear that a building program will hurt a congregation or its regular church program. More times than not, the building program will be the means of solidifying the congregation and its program.

A very good example of what can be done when the people of a congregation unify on a program, even though resources and prospects are not heavy, is to be found at Antioch on the Simsboro Charge. There a one-room church had served as the meeting house for many, many years. For a number of years interest seemed to be lagging. Following a revival meeting in the early fall of 1950 renewed interest in the church took the form of a desire to do something about the church building. If the church was to go forward it was necessary that the congregation have a building which would have more to offer. Accepting the gift of a two-room school house which had been discarded in a school consolidation program, the congregation dismantled the one-room church house and rebuilt the church, using the two-room school building as the basis for an educational building. Much of the labor of dismantling the old building and constructing the new building was contributed by interested church members. Even some of the materials of the older building was used in the new construction. The congregation now possesses a beautiful building of frame construction with light brown asbestos shingle siding, hardwood floors, memorial amber colored stained glass windows, and a new set of pulpit furniture of black walnut. One hundred fifty worshippers can be accommodated in the sanctuary which has pews made by the congregation itself. In that portion of the building which was formerly a school building, there are four class rooms for Sunday School use, with a kitchen and fellowship hall. Two concrete porches complete the building.

Although more than \$3,500 in cash has been spent on the project there is no debt, but more important there has been a complete rejuvenation of spirit.

Nearby Simsboro has a redecorated sanctuary, with a new ceiling, new light green wall-board walls, new fluorescent lighting and an electric cross behind the pulpit. With this change a sanctuary which is reported to have been just another sanctuary has been transformed into a beautiful, worshipful place where one can have a more meaningful experience of devotion. Here too, a building improvement program became a means of finding a new sense of loyalty to the church.

Bienville is an old community whose history reaches back many generations. Methodism has been at work in varying degrees of prosperity through most of Bienville's history. Some months ago the congregation decided that if the church was to continue at all it would be necessary to do something about the ancient one-room building which had long since passed the stage of real usefulness for a church program. In 1951 when Rev. L. P. Moreland was pastor, a com-

Above Pictures, (L to R) newly completed Building at Antioch, Simsboro Charge; 2 year old parsonage at Chatham, soon to be dedicated; New Educational Building at Springhill, soon to be matched by new Sanctuary. (Staff Photos).

mittee consisting of Otis Poole, Kimbel Collinsworth and D. C. Perry was appointed and under their direction a new building began to take shape. The old building was dismantled, some of the material from it used, and a new building including sanctuary, three classrooms and two restrooms was erected. The sanctuary is complete with lighted cross, communion rail, fluorescent lights, gas heat and attic fans. The bell was saved and it calls the Methodists to worship in the new building as it did for so many years in the old. Bienville Methodists now have a building which is valued at \$10,000. Rev. L. E. Philbrook is the present pastor.

The need at Ringgold was for a new parsonage. In 1950 Ringgold Methodists set about to do something about it. The old parsonage was sold for \$5,000, about \$6,000 was raised, some money borrowed and a beautiful three bedroom, two bath, home was erected in another section of the town. The red-brick house is located on spacious grounds and is newly furnished throughout. Ringgold Methodists are justifiably proud of their parsonage. It was built under the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Barham. Rev. Dan Anders is the present pastor.

For several years Methodist leaders in Minden felt that the growing city should have a new Methodist church and now these dreams are about to be realized. The congregation itself has already been organized and for more than a year has been meeting weekly at the Minden East Side Elementary School under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Harvey Williamson. During this time a very desirable tract of real estate has been acquired in the Lakeview section of Minden and a most attractive parsonage has been erected. During this present month of October the Lakeview Methodist Church of Minden is engaging in a financial program of planning, cultivation and solicitation which will provide the funds for the building of the first unit in the Lakeview building program. Assistance from the First Methodist Church members has been generous and assistance from that congregation will help to make possible the realization of dreams of Methodist leaders in Minden.

Springhill Methodists are thoroughly enjoying a new educational building completed a year ago at a cost of \$48,000. Of brick and tile construction, the building houses all of the church school program, church offices and recreational hall. The congregation is looking forward to the erection of a new sanctuary on the site of the present one, a frame structure which has served for many years as the place of worship. Present plans call for the relocation of this latter building at the time of the building of the new sanctuary. Rev. W. D. Boddie is the Springhill pastor.

Rev. W. D. Milton, Haynesville pastor, led his congregation in the completion earlier this year of a three story educational building. Of brick, steel and wood construction, costing ap-

proximately \$75,000, the 9,000 square feet houses the nursery and young adults on the first floor level, the Adults and Junior Department on the second floor and the Young People and Intermediates on the third floor. The church offices, a prayer center and the ladies' parlor are also located on the second floor. The new building is complete with plastered walls, acoustical tile ceilings, asphalt tile floors and rest rooms on every floor. The debt of \$11,000 is expected to be liquidated within the next year.

Construction was begun on March 20, 1951, under the leadership of a Building Committee that included J. A. Lowe, Chairman, C. B. Miller, F. M. Taylor, W. E. Browning, Jr., J. S. Garrett, M. H. Miller and Ralph Lowe.

Another new congregation getting its building program under way is the Grace Methodist Church in Ruston, Rev. Douglas McGuire pastor. Construction of the first of two units for this congregation is expected to be started in the not too distant future. This congregation boasts a membership of 200 which is remarkable considering it is just two years old. It is presently meeting in the Agricultural Building of Louisiana Tech. The nearby building site is located at the corner of Tech Street and Hiway 80 in the James Addition. The first unit will be the educational building the estimated cost of which will be \$40,000. The congregation has already completed a comfortable three-bedroom parsonage for its pastor and family. Located but a few blocks from the site for the church location, the parsonage is beautifully furnished and is complete with breezeway and garage.

Just one year ago Bishop Martin led in dedication services for the new parsonage on the Dubach-Harmony Chapel parsonage located in Dubach. Rev. Preston Holley is the pastor of this charge. This gray one-story frame dwelling has three bedrooms, yellow shutters, is completely furnished, has a carport located at the rear and is valued at \$12,000. Harmony Chapel shared in the building cost. Much of the materials and furnishings were provided by interested merchants and friends at cost.

When the Bernice Methodist congregation decided to rebuild it sold its old building and lot and relocated in a different section of the city. Now located across the street from the public school, the congregation erected a complete plant including sanctuary and educational building at a cost of approximately \$45,000. Of brick veneer construction, the plant includes sanctuary, Sunday School rooms, kitchen, fellowship hall and restrooms. Pews from the old church were refinished, new opera seats were provided for the choir and new pulpit furniture acquired. Here too, many materials were either bought at cost or provided by interested persons. Rev. R. Roy Grant is the Bernice pastor.

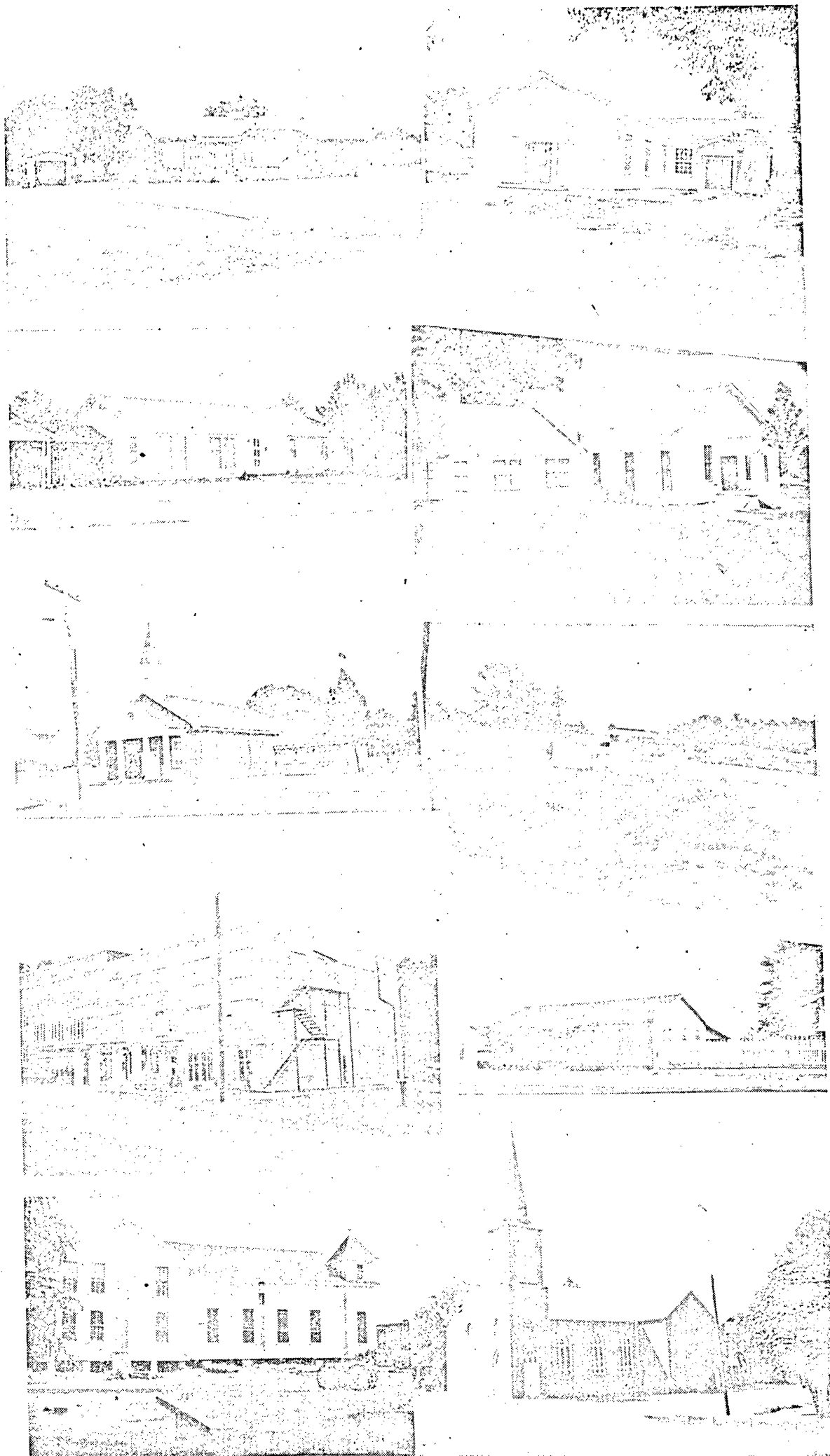
The Farmerville Methodist Church was on the skids the day we saw it but not in the usual sense of the term. It was being moved to another location on the block of ground owned by the Farmerville Methodists to make room for the erection of a \$100,000 plant being planned by the Farmerville congregation under the direction of Rev. Oakley Lee, pastor. Of contemporary American style architecture, the new building will be of brick, wood and laminated wood construction. The congregation is planning for an early Kickoff Supper and Fall Festival to launch plans for the beginning of the building program. The Building Committee includes W. F. Goss, L. S. Tettleton, A. Y. Green, Mrs. R. C. Harper, Mrs. Steen Baughman, Sr., Mrs. Cecil Read, A. A. Andrews, John Caldwell, J. G. Elliott, Mrs. B. G. Miller, Mrs. Chester Reid, Mrs. J. C. Tinsley, A. C. Dykes, Sr., T. T. Fields and R. R. James. Mr. Tettleton, Mr. Green and Mr. Dykes comprise the Executive Committee.

Chatham Methodists are the proud owner of a lovely two-year-old three-bedroom parsonage which is to be dedicated in appropriate services in the near future. Very comfortably furnished, the house has hardwood floors, an exceptionally large living room, and beautifully landscaped yards. It was built at a cost of \$8,000. Rev. J. T. Garrett is the Chatham pastor.

Another building program which has been completed in recent years is The Methodist Church at Jonesboro where Rev. W. O. Lynch is pastor. Built under the pastoral administration of Rev. A. A. McKnight, the sanctuary unit was completed in 1950 at a cost of approximately \$50,000. Of red brick, steel and wood construc-

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BELOW: 1 to r, top to bottom: New Methodist Parsonage at Ringgold, completed eighteen months ago; new church building under construction at Bienville. Since this picture was taken steeple has been added to front of structure. Parsonage of the Grace Methodist Church, Ruston. Church plant will be under construction soon. Two new Sunday School rooms have been added to building at Quitman. Entire new church plant has been erected at Bernice. Site of the new Lakeview Methodist Church, Minden. New parsonage can be seen in the distance. Haynesville Methodists have an Educational Building. View of the Dubach Methodist Church parsonage. The Farmerville Methodist Church being moved to the rear of lot to make room for the construction of a new building. The Jonesboro Methodist Church completed two years ago.



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

COACH IVAN H. GROVE, Hendrix College, will be the Layman's Day speaker on October 19 at Nettleton Church.

THE UNITED COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN of Jonesboro met at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Monday, September 29.

REV. AND MRS. CAGLE E. FAIR of Lakeside Methodist Church, Lake Village, announce the birth of a son, Newman Franklin, on September 20.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN gave the address at the dedication of seven new buildings at the Methodist Home in Waco, Texas, on Wednesday, October 1.

THE MINISTERS of the Jonesboro District met at Mt. Carmel on Friday morning, October 3, for breakfast. The work of the district was discussed.

REV. ALFRED DEBLACK, pastor of the Fairview Methodist Church, Camden, was guest preacher at the prayer meeting service on Wednesday evening, October 1, at the Jackson Street Church, Magnolia.

REV. O. E. HOLMES, pastor at DeWitt, was the preacher in evangelistic services at the Methodist Church of Star City the week of September 29-October 6. Rev. C. O. Hall is pastor at Star City.

REV. E. T. MILLER writes: "Sister and I are very happily located in our home at 729 Vandervoort Avenue in DeQueen. The folks of DeQueen and of our own church are giving us a friendly welcome."

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Winston Faulkner of Little Rock on September 17, a son, James Winston. Mrs. Faulkner is the former Martha Love of Jonesboro and Mr. Faulkner is the son of Rev. E. W. Faulkner of Alpena.

DR. THOMAS B. LUGG, treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, announces World Service receipts for the month of August amounting to \$386,271.20 which shows an increase of \$4,364.53 over August of last year.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, Conway, has been elected to a four-year membership on the University Senate of The Methodist Church. The Senate is the Methodist Church's accreditation body for its colleges and universities.

DR. JAMES W. WORKMAN, chaplain at Ft. Roots, was the speaker at the dinner of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Tuesday, October 7, at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock. Mrs. Curtis Stout, dean, presided.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces the appointment of Rev. Alfred T. Blair as pastor at Cherry Valley. The charge was left to be supplied at the North Arkansas Conference which met in June. Mr. Blair has been serving churches in the North Mississippi Conference.

REV. LLOYD M. CONYERS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Searcy, was the speaker for the Community-wide Observance of the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible which was held at the First Baptist Church in Searcy on September 30.

TOMMY COOKSEY, of Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, and a student in Hendrix College, Conway, has been recommended by the Quarterly Conference for license to preach. He will appear before the licensing committee at a later date.

THE UNION METHODIST CHURCH in the Camden District held a home-coming Day celebration on Sunday, October 5, at the church which is located three miles south of Strong. A basket lunch was served and special music was

furnished by the McGhee singers from Jackson, Mississippi.

MRS. J. A. NEWELL, wife of Rev. J. A. Newell of the North Arkansas Conference, passed away at Booneville on Wednesday, October 1. Death came unexpectedly. Mrs. Newell had attended prayer service at the Methodist Church earlier in the evening. Funeral services were held at Chidester.

REV. JAMES MAJOR, missionary to Chile, spoke at the morning service of the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, on Sunday, September 21. Mr. Major, who went out to Chile from the Little Rock Conference, is at home for a year's leave. He will do graduate work at Garrett Theological Seminary.

A SERVICE was held at the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, on Tuesday, September 30, with services beginning at 9:00 a. m. The pastor, Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr., brought a message on what a return to the Bible could do for us. Mrs. Edward Baker was organist for the meeting.

REV. R. E. L. BEARDEN, district superintendent of the Conway District, was the speaker at the community-wide service on Tuesday evening, September 30, at the high school auditorium in Russellville in observance of the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

TWO MONUMENTS were unveiled Tuesday, September 28, on St. Simons Island, near Brunswick, Ga., in memory of John and Charles Wesley who lived and preached there before returning to England. Dr. Elmer T. Clark of New York, secretary of the Methodist World Council, spoke at the dedication ceremonies.

DR. AND MRS. JOHN W. HASSLER are the parents of a daughter, Jane Elizabeth, born August 15 in Dallas. Mrs. Hassler is the former Eloise Nelson of Little Rock, active in the youth work of the Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Hassler are now at home at 4045 Dryden, Port Arthur, Texas, where Mr. Hassler is Director of Religious Education at Methodist Temple.

MRS. H. H. FULBRIGHT, secretary and Educational Assistant at the First Methodist Church, Searcy, attended the meeting of the Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism which met in Oklahoma City on August 28. Mrs. Fulbright was elected to membership on this board, representing the North Arkansas Conference, at the Jurisdictional Conference in Wichita, Kansas.

MISS MAUDE JETER THORNTON of Little Rock, who attends Centenary College, Shreveport, was elected secretary of the Inter-Faith Council. She was a delegate to the first meeting of the Council and is a member of the Steering Committee for Centenary's annual Religious Emphasis Week. Mr. Thornton is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Little Rock.

THE WORLD OUTLOOK for October carries a story, Alaska Circuit Rider, related by Rev. P. Gordon Gould, director of Methodist work in Alaska. It is an account of the adventures of Gene Elliott, the Methodist circuit rider in Alaska, who operates one of the two mobile units given to Alaska last year by the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. A picture shows Rev. and Mrs. P. Gordon Gould presenting the new mobile unit to Rev. and Mrs. Gene Elliott.

TWO new classes have been organized in the Young Adult Division of the Church School of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. One class is for young married couples under the age of 24. Teachers for the class will be Mrs. W. F. Cooley and Joe Covington. The other class is for single young people, not in school and not over 35 years of age. Mrs. Marie Evans and Miss Wincie Ann Carruth are co-teachers for this class.

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH, on the St. John and Riverside Charge, Jonesboro District, held its first Vacation Bible School from August 4 to August 14, under the leadership of Mrs. Mattie Smith. Forty children attended. Teachers were Mrs. Smith, Young People; Mrs. Willbanks, Primary; Mrs. Kilburn, Junior. Miss Margaret Ann Crews was song leader. A program was given on Sunday night by the children, showing the work done during the school. Rev. J. F. Weatherford is pastor.

THE BEARDEN METHODIST CHURCH will have its annual Home-coming on Sunday, October 12. The church is celebrating twenty-five years of worship in the present sanctuary. The dinner on the ground will be followed in the afternoon with singing. On the following Monday evangelistic services will begin with Rev. M. E. Scott of Stamps doing the preaching. The pastor, Rev. James Robert Scott, writes: "We extend a hearty welcome to all former members and friends."

FELLOWSHIP HALL of Winfield Church, Little Rock, was officially opened on Wednesday, October 8, when Bishop Paul E. Martin spoke on "The Work of a Methodist Bishop". A potluck supper was served at 6:00 o'clock. Fellowship Hall has been remodeled and redecorated and now affords a great opportunity for fellowship, recreation, visual aid program, dramatics and Christian education. This meeting was also the beginning of the fall Family Night Series, the general theme of which is "Know Your Church."

MRS. R. J. RAIL, wife of Rev. R. J. Rail, retired member of the Little Rock Conference, passed away at the home of her son, Paul Rail, in Fort Smith on Tuesday morning, September 23. Mrs. Rail lived in Arkansas County a number of years while her husband served pastorates at Gillette, St. Charles and Almyra, and after his retirement they bought a home in Almyra and lived there until a short time ago. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, a son, eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. E. Mashburn at the Almyra Methodist Church on Sunday, September 28.

RUSSELLVILLE LAYMAN HONORED

Charles G. Morehead, director of Guidance and Counseling at Arkansas Tech, Russellville, has just been admitted as a member of the American College Personnel Association as a result of his graduate study in Guidance and Counseling.

Mr. Morehead joined the Tech faculty in 1948. He is a son of the late Rev. R. C. Morehead, longtime member of the North Arkansas Conference and Mrs. Morehead who lives in Conway. He is a brother of Dr. Connor Morehead, district superintendent of the Camden District.

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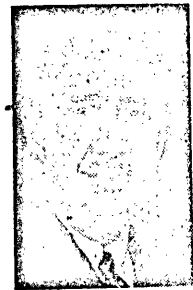
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ENJOYING OUR DUTIES

Let me suggest a simple, but fundamental test of personal achievement. Make a mental list of what you consider your duties. Beside these, place a list of what you count your pleasures. Then see how closely they parallel. How many of our duties do we really enjoy doing?



Take, for instance, the simple matter of kindness, which is perhaps the most basic duty of human nature. Do we always delight in being kind, or do we often get satisfaction in the cutting remark and the cruel little act of getting even? Consider generosity, which I suppose we would also admit to be a duty. Yet which do we enjoy, giving as much as we can or getting as much as we can?

Roughly speaking, there are three attitudes toward duty. There is, first of all, the dislike of duty and the refusal to do it. We may kick over the traces of conventions, cut loose from moral obligations and do as we like regardless of the haunting inner voice which whispers, "You ought." But such seeming freedom is very misleading. The gay adventurer who starts out dodging the strait gate and the narrow way of disciplined duty ends up a lonely vagabond, begging morsels of satisfaction for his hungry soul from the back doors of life!

The second attitude toward duty is to dislike it and yet do it. We grin and bear it, as we say, but our smile is mirthless. We drag out steps toward duties with the unwilling aim of a schoolboy who trudges toward his classes while he says his comrades heading for the fish-filled stream. In such mood we may win through, but we make the struggle a dour affair.

The third attitude toward duty is enjoying doing it. Those who have this attitude face up to their moral responsibilities, however exacting, and find in the struggle the exhilaration expressed by Lord Nelson at the Battle of the Nile, when he turned to a captain and said, "This is not work! It may mean death to us at any minute, but I wouldn't be elsewhere for thousands."

Such persons do not give the impression of being moral acrobats, tensely trying to walk the taut line of the Ten Commandments without falling off, but rather of being moral athletes, carrying their virtues with such grace and surplus strength that they make goodness seem attractive to others.

It is duty done in the last fashion which is effective. Only when we enjoy doing the good deed does our deed do much good.

If the friend who comes to stay with us in our illness drops a hint of the pleasure he is foregoing elsewhere he spoils the flavor of his visit. If the teacher does not enjoy her work with children, she is not likely to inspire her pupils. If the worshiper is on his knees unwillingly, he is not in the mood to appropriate God's blessing or to impart a devotional spirit to others. It is radiant goodness which gives the contagious glow.

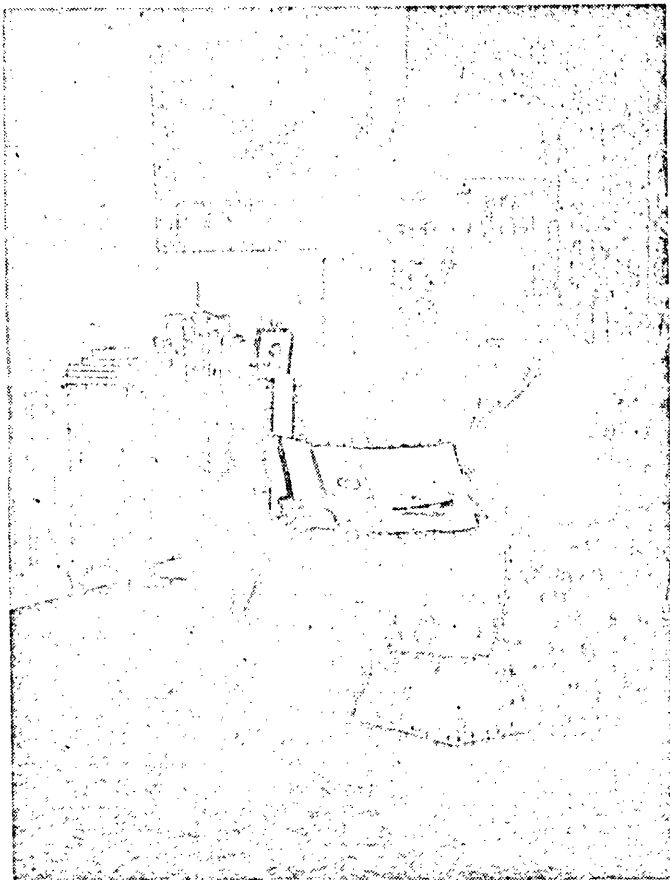
We are becoming a people less and less inclined to put ourselves out to develop our spiritual welfare. But the trouble with all this is that when we refuse to put ourselves out we find ourselves drawing in. When we do only what we like to do, we find the range for our liking growing shorter; and the thing which requires the least effort to do is the one which after a while grows most burdensome.

No, this easy way of doing only what we like to do ends in not liking what we do. On the other hand, by forcing ourselves to do some things which at first we do not like, we find our range of likes enlarging.

If we would learn to like our duties we must start ourselves with an initial, even unpleasant, act of will which breaks the inertia of ease. Our demand for labor-saving devices has affected our methods of self-development.

We seek to make our spiritual progress easy, somewhat in the spirit of the Harvard student who came back after signing up for the semester and said to his roommate, with a twinkle of satisfaction, "I'm lucky this term. I haven't a class before 10 o'clock in the morning, or up more than one flight of stairs!"

Thus in our personal habits we are disinclined to do nothing disagreeable to ourselves. If we do not feel the desire to read the Bible, or to go

BISHOP AND MRS. MARTIN
TO BE HONORED AT RECEPTION

Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin will be honored guests at a reception Monday evening, October 13, at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock. The occasion will be the welcoming of Bishop and Mrs. Martin back to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area for the 1952-56 quadrennium. Bishop Martin was reassigned to this Area at the recent Jurisdictional Conference at Wichita, Kansas. Bishop Martin was first assigned to the two-state area in 1944 and will be serving his third quadrennium as the head of Methodism for this Area.

Dr. Francis A. Buddin is heading a local committee which is planning the evening and he emphasizes that every Methodist in Arkansas and Louisiana is cordially invited to attend. Dr. Buddin also states that any person or persons desiring hotel reservations may write him indicating the day or days they will be in Little Rock and he will be glad to handle such reservation. Dr. Buddin's address is 524 Exchange Building, Little Rock, Ark.

Included among those in the receiving line with Bishop and Mrs. Martin will be the District Superintendents of the Area and their wives, and the Conference Lay Leaders of the Area and their wives. The local committee also stated that the reception will be informal.

to church, or to lend a helping hand to a burdened brother—well, we do not do it.

If there be some of us who still have not learned to like our duties, let us remember that although the road of duty runs uphill at the start and requires initial effort, there comes a point in the journey when the Pilgrims' Progress is changed from a human push to a divine pull and we are drawn by Him "who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us."

AREA HONORS BISHOP AND
MRS. MARTIN

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plished otherwise. Through their guidance we have come into a better understanding of the mission of the church in each community and in the world.

Those of us who will not be able to be present on next Tuesday night also want you to know, Bishop and Mrs. Martin, that we look forward to these next four years under your guidance. We do not know, of course, what these next years will bring in the way of Methodist program, goals, or even post office addresses. But we look forward with confidence, knowing that with your guidance whatever is set before us will be accomplished in good time. We want therefore to pledge our continued cooperation in full assurance that together we will have a great experience in Kingdom building for the Glory of God.

"The Word of Life" is the theme chosen by the American Bible Society for its 1952 observance of the worldwide Bible reading program. The program will start on Thanksgiving Day,

November 27, and end on Christmas. The 29 suggested daily readings were found to be the favorite selections of 1,096 ministers.

The Young Adult Fellowship of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, is sponsoring a Bible Study course which meets for one hour on Sunday evening, following the regular snack supper at 6:00. During October the studies are being led by Rev. J. Edwin Keith, associate minister. The class is open to anyone interested in such a Bible study course. The first study was on the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

RUSTON DISTRICT IMPROVES
BUILDINGS

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tion, the sanctuary features a worshipful atmosphere and a lofty church spire with a cross atop. An educational building was erected earlier and the congregation now has a complete plant valued at \$100,000 on which less than \$12,000 is owed. It is making regular payments in liquidating this obligation.

Quitman Methodists have recently added

several Sunday School rooms to their church plant and now have facilities for its growing program. The accompanying picture shows how neatly this addition has been made to complete its church building. Rev. W. R. Aken is the Quitman pastor.

Still other improvements in the Ruston District include the recent exterior painting of the Ansley Church and the Clay Methodist Church. The Ansley church building is shared with the Baptist church. This church is supported by employees of the Davis Bros. Lumber Co. of which Mrs. Glen Laskey, Conference president of the W. S. C. S. is a co-owner. A recent fire which destroyed much of the lumber mill makes the future of this church uncertain. Rev. J. W. Boyd who has served the Clay-Ainsley Church for the past two years has been assigned to Gilbert.

What we really have to fear is man himself, not the weapons he has invented. Man must always pull the triggers.—Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Director, Department of Trusteeship, United Nations.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

We can differ from people, keep our honest convictions, believe in their importance, and yet recognize the good that is being done by persons and groups with whom we definitely differ at this point or that...

Christians belonging to different denominations must learn to work together in a common cause...

In today's world the individual church may be ignored but not the churches if they present to the community anything approaching a united front...

Difference of opinion does not necessarily mean difference in aim and outlook on life...

Intolerance of difference is the mark of dictatorship. To refuse to cooperate except on the basis of absolute agreement is to be a dictator at heart...

A man actually becomes what he seeks and does in daily work...

A man's primary obligation to society is to do well the work that is his to do...

Daily work, provided that it is of real value to society, offers the opportunity of fellowship with God...

The simple truth is there is no human salvation apart from right aims and faithful performance in daily work...

—From A MIGHTY FORTRESS
By Ernest Fremont Tittle

CHRIST IS ABLE!

Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Matt. 9:28

Scripture: Mark 8:13-21.

How much does it take to wake us up, to make us spiritually aware of life's meaning? The disciples had witnessed a stupendous miracle. They had seen Jesus take in his hands five small loaves and two fish, and with them satisfy the hunger of a multitude. But the significance of the event somehow had not registered.

For a little later we see Jesus and his disciples pushing off from shore in their boat, and we hear Jesus begin to speak to them of spiritual concerns. But the thought of food looms uppermost in their minds; they had forgotten to get bread, and they have only one loaf, so when Jesus mentions "loaves," they suppose he is thinking of their lack of provision. Then it is that he flings at them the series of questions that Mark records, and tries to make them understand that, having witnessed miracles, they should be alert to his spiritual pre-eminence, not troubled about a lack of bread.

We wonder at their dullness. But why are we ourselves so often blind to the greatness of Jesus? Why do we fail to see that in his mighty power he is able to do for us all that we need? Why do we fret about material lacks, when all the spiritual richness of the universe is ours in

THE EVERLASTING MERCY

The eyes of Saul Kane, blurred by a drunken orgy, but aided by the early morning light, began to see. The sight of Old Callow plowing in the field humbled Saul Kane. He says:

*"I kneeled there in the muddy fallow,
I knew that Christ was there with Callow,
That Christ was standing there with me,
That Christ had taught me what to be,
That I should plough, and as I ploughed
My Saviour Christ would sing aloud,
And as I drove the clods apart
Christ would be ploughing in my heart,
Through rest-harrow and bitter roots,
Through all my bad life's rotten fruits.
O Christ who holds the open gate,
O Christ who drives the furrow straight,*

*O Christ, the plough, O Christ, the laughter
Of holy white birds flying after,
Lo, all my heart's field red and torn,
And Thou wilt bring the young green corn,
The young Green corn divinely springing,
The Young green corn forever singing;
And when the field is fresh and fair
Thy blessed feet shall glitter there,
And we will walk the weeded field,
And tell the golden harvest's yield,
The corn that makes the holy bread.
By which the soul of man is fed,
The holy bread, the food unpriced,
Thy everlasting mercy, Christ."*

—John Masfield, "The Everlasting Mercy and the Widow of the Bye Street," The Macmillan Company, 1913.

CURE YOUR BACKSLIDING

"Write down these words; for it is on the basis of these words that I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." (Exodus 34:27)

TRUE friendship carries with it the responsibilities of two responsible persons. Fellowship is broken when those responsibilities are neglected. Friendship with God, so far as the Hebrews were concerned, was dependent upon them keeping their part of the covenant. Material and spiritual blessings were dependent upon the integrity of their relationship with Jehovah. No doubt too much emphasis has been placed upon being true to God in order that there might be great material blessings, but to dig deeper one will find the social and spiritual emphasis contained in the covenant writings of the Old Testament. "Write down these words; for it is on the basis of these words that I have made a covenant with you and with Israel"; these are the words found in Exodus in God's dealing with Moses.

What was true of friendship with God in those days is certainly true today. The ceremony that dramatized these great social, moral, and spiritual obligations was necessary. Our eternal truths are dramatized in the life and the teaching and the death of Jesus Christ our Lord. In

Jesus Christ.

PRAYER: O God, our Father, we have failed to see the unique greatness of Jesus, and failed also to lay hold on his mighty power. Teach us to know that thy love in Christ can supply all our need. In his name. Amen.

Edward A. Acheson
in The Secret Place

Him we find the obligations resting upon us for fellowship with God.

Too long have we joked about backsliding. It is a dangerous and serious business. There are those who deny the possibility of backsliding, and if there is backsliding these say it is impossible to return. The figure of physical birth is used. Physical birth is the result of biological sequences. Spiritual birth is a result of individual choices. Physical and spiritual analogies can be carried to the point of absurdity. Practically all believe in backsliding. The debate across the ages has raged as to "how far" a person can backslide. There are those however who believe that it is possible for a person to fall from grace and unless he repents and rededicates his life he will be lost and damned. If you are away from God and show no evidence of concern for His Kingdom you are a backslider. We cannot pass judgement upon the experience of any person. They may have known the love of God in redeeming power and then have fallen away. It is their own testimony that they once knew the Lord.

The Word does take root and grow and then withers away. In the parable of the sower and the soil which Jesus told, some of the seed never took root. Others took root on stony ground, sprang up and then withered. There were still other seed that grew and they were choked by the thorns. The point is, they grew. There was life, the seed were accepted and took root.

We cannot point to one act and say this was my downfall. It is

possible to look back on experience and find where the downward road was entered upon. Many are like Samson. Their strength has gone out and they know it not. Backsliding is not like turning a bucket of water over and spilling all of its contents at one time; rather, it is as if a hole comes in that bucket and the water leaks out. By our choices, contrary to God's will, we continue wandering into a strange and foreign country.

Downfall in our lives begins when we feel security in material things. Demas forsook Paul because of his love for the present. Material security is short-sighted for it promises only that which is temporary and not that which is eternal. The man who made a bumper crop was called a fool because of his trust in material things.

Further, our failure to understand the terms of our covenant with God oftentimes results in our backslidden condition. Some people seem to feel that it is sophisticated to be ignorant of the Bible. Don't you admire a farmer who tries to learn more and more about farming? Do you not have greater confidence in a doctor who is trying to be informed on all of the latest discoveries? But how can we smile in toleration upon church members who boast of their ignorance. It just doesn't make sense. We need to dig deeper into our relationship with God.

Correct belief is important, but it must be belief that issues in right living. Christian attitude must be formed.

Backsliding is not any indication of a less love of God. Nor is it any indication of weakness upon His part; but, it is an indictment against our rebellion and the stubbornness of our own souls. God does not leave us. We leave God.

We are blind to the fact that to neglect the avenues of growth and strength makes us pale and anemic members of the Church and will finally terminate our happiness with God. Take the vows of the Church for example. They say oftentimes that the vows of the church are necessary for the life of the church; this is true. There is another reason and that is the loyalty and devotion to the vows which you made when you stood at the altar of your church are essential to your own life. Your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service is your participation in the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Loyalty to the Church is sharing in the building of Christ's Kingdom.

We become conscious that we have lost our fellowship with God. He has not left us. We have left Him. No man has snatched us from His hand, but we have walked out ourselves. We have ceased to make choices that kept our lives in His love. We have forgotten the basis of our covenant with Him.

But there is another side to this which is the hopeful and encouraging side. Man can and does backslide, but he can repent and rededicate his life to God. Disgust over sin, a deep resolution to quit that sin, and a new commitment of our lives with our surrendered will restores fellowship with God. To take up our Christian responsibilities and

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JEWS RELEASE SPANISH CITY FROM 460-YEAR-OLD PLEDGE

URBAN EXPANSION of this Basque center has forced the city fathers to abrogate a pledge, kept faithfully for 460 years, to "preserve unto eternity" the Jewish cemetery located at Vitoria, Spain. Consent to the clearing of Judiz-Mendi cemetery to permit construction of a badly needed housing project was obtained by city officials from a group of Frenchmen, descendants of men to whom the vow was made in 1492. As workmen broke ground for the housing project's first building, four representatives of the French Jewish group recited Shephardic prayers in 16th century Spanish. The promise to keep the cemetery intact was made to Vitoria's 2,000 Jewish residents when Ferdinand and Isabella, in the year that Columbus discovered America, decreed the expulsion of Jews from Spain. It was a gesture of appreciation by city officials for the service that doctors from the ghetto had rendered Christians eight years earlier when an epidemic of bubonic plague swept this capital of Alava province. Vitoria's mayor made a special trip to Bayonne, France, where the refugee Jewish community settled, to ask that descendants of the group release the city from its pledge. They accepted his substitute offer to erect a memorial structure and preserve in it any remains found in the cemetery.

Warns of Competition Between Church, Sunday School

A warning against competition between the church and the Sunday school was given delegates to the 153rd annual session of the Evangelical United Brethren Church's East Pennsylvania Conference at Hershey, Pa. It was issued by Dr. Reuben H. Miller, executive secretary of the National Board of Christian Education. He said: "The Sunday school should not exist in competition with the church, but the Sunday school is the place to teach and inculcate worship in the minds and hearts of the people."

Mexican High Court Upholds Church Marriages

The validity of church marriages, insofar as legal indemnity is concerned, was recognized in a decision handed down at Mexico City by the Mexican Supreme Court. It was the first time since 1857 that a Mexican court had accorded any kind of legal status to a church marriage. Separation of Church and State, effected in the civil war of that year, established civil ceremonies as the only legal marriages to be recognized in Mexico.

Says People Pass Church Doors Seeking Psychiatrists

People with marriage problems are passing church doors seeking psychiatrists because they believe ministers will condemn them, Baptist pastors were told at Nashville, Tenn. "Many ministers forget that counseling is not giving advice, it is not preaching what people should do," said Dr. Hugh A. Brimm of Louisville, Ky., executive secretary of the Southern Baptist social service commission. Dr. Brimm, who addressed a family life clinic sponsored by the Nashville Baptist Association, also said that pastors "are very careless about personal illustrations used from the pulpits." "There should be a rule that no confidence ever be betrayed by the minister unless written permission is given by those involved," he said.

Rome Police Relax Ban On Churches of Christ

Italian authorities permitted the Rome congregation of the Churches of Christ in Italy to hold Sunday morning worship in Rome after having barred its religious gatherings

for two weeks. The American Protestant missionary group had been ordered in mid-September to close its 22 churches in Italy until such time as they were granted official government permission to operate. The order was based on laws passed in 1929 and 1930. Relaxation of the ban followed action by the U. S. Embassy which informed the Italian government that closing of the missions was creating an unfavorable impression in the U. S.

218 Decorations Awarded Korean Chaplains

A total of 218 decorations for gallantry have been bestowed on clergymen serving as chaplains with the armed forces in Korea, the Department of Defense disclosed. The Department listed 28 Army chaplains as killed, wounded, or missing in more than two years of combat on the Korean peninsula. Six are known to have been killed in action, the Department said — three Protestant chaplains and three Roman Catholic. Decorations bestowed for gallantry include Silver Star, 22; Bronze Star, 149; Distinguished Service Cross, 1; Legion of Merit, 8; Soldier's Medal, 2; Commendation Ribbon, 15; and Purple Heart, 21. Listed as missing in action and possibly held prisoner by the Communists, although no word as to their fate has been received by the Defense Department, are two Catholic and three Protestant chaplains.

Government Pays \$25,000,000 In Shipping Costs For Church Relief

More than \$25,000,000 has been spent in the past four years by the United States government to defray shipping costs for relief packages sent abroad by religious and other voluntary agencies, an official report disclosed. The Mutual Security Agency, and its predecessor, the Economic Cooperation Administration, gave a total of \$25,237,800 in Marshall Plan funds to reimburse shipping lines for moving 867,344,000 pounds of food, clothing, and other supplies to Europe and Asia between July 1, 1948, and June 30, 1952. The greater part of this relief material was collected by churches and other religious organizations. Under the law, if the donors deliver the relief supplies to ports in this country, the government will pay overseas transportation costs. This is designed to encourage voluntary efforts, and evidently has succeeded in its purpose.

Korean Methodists Warn On Political Situation

The Korean Methodist Church has warned South Koreans that a

growing lack of political morale might result in "psychological collapse" of their war-weary country. A statement issued sharply criticized public apathy and the "occasional abuse of power by the government." "South Korea today is confronted with another crisis—psychological collapse," the Church leaders said. "It stems from deterioration in responsibility on the part of the administration and, worse, the public's willingness to take this situation for granted." The churchmen added that "at no time in Korean history has want of political morale been felt as acutely as today. 'Korean politicians, however, are engrossed in seizing power, whereas not many concrete and democratic policies have been presented and carried out,' it said. The Methodists said that exercise of power without wise policies would "lead to disaster."

Clergymen On Ship Shelled By Chinese Communists

An American Methodist minister and a Canadian Roman Catholic priest were aboard the British passenger ship Takshing which was shelled and boarded near Hong Kong by Chinese Communists. The clergymen, the Rev. William F. Asbury, a Religious News Service correspondent in Japan, and Father Leo Bourassa, S. J., of Toronto, were the only Anglo-Saxon foreigners aboard other than the ship's officers. Both were held at machine-gun and pistol point by the boarding party while the Communists took off two Chinese they accused as "spies and troublemakers." The Takshing had left Hong Kong a short while earlier bound for the Portuguese colony of Macao, oldest Christian settlement in China and one of the only two areas not held by Communists. The clergymen expressed surprise later at not being imprisoned and forced to "confess crimes."

Youth Court To Handle Teen-Age Traffic Violations

A Youth Traffic Court composed

of 12 boys from the city's four public and two Roman Catholic high schools has been set up at Tulsa, Okla., to handle minor traffic violations by teen-age offenders. The steering committee sponsoring the experiment includes school board officials, police and juvenile court officers, Junior Chamber of Commerce representatives and religious leaders. Each of the schools elected one senior boy to serve as a court officer and another as his alternate. A rotating system of service in the top court office will assure each school fair representation. They will sit in judgment on cases of parking violation, careless driving, speeding and running through stop lights and signs but will not handle more serious violations such as reckless or drunken driving, hit-and-run accidents or felonies.

Miss. Drys 'Inspect' Night Spots

Some 500 members of the Forrest County United Dry Association, including a number of clergymen, made an "inspection tour" by motor caravan of county night spots near Hattiesburg, Miss. It was the latest development in a "war on whiskey" declared recently by county dry forces. Earlier, 14 Protestant clergymen accompanied law officers on two raiding parties that turned up one case of unlawful possession of liquor. Churchmen spearheaded the campaign throughout Mississippi to defeat a recent proposal to substitute county option for the state's 62-year-old prohibition law. The proposal was turned down by a substantial majority. A clause in the referendum, authorized last April over the protests of church and dry leaders, provided that defeat of the proposal would constitute a mandate upon the legislature to enact rigid enforcement of the dry law. Enforcement had been lax and, during the past few years, the state has been levying a 10 per cent "black market" tax on illegal liquor sales. Church groups oppose the tax as hypocritical and demand its repeal.



LEADERS NEEDED?



ROBERT G. MAYFIELD
Executive Secretary
General Board of Lay Activities

Leadership Training In The Little Rock Conference

Our largest training enterprise is the Little Rock School sponsored cooperatively by the churches of Little Rock and North Little Rock, and nearby communities. The opening session of the school will be at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon, October 19. Dr. Francis A. Buddin is Dean and Rev. Kenneth Shamblin is Chairman of the Board of Managers.

With the splendid faculty and the largest enrollment of recent years, the schedule of courses is as follows:

1. Toward a Christian World Community—Dr. Karl Quimby.
2. Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Church—Dr. Robert W. Goodloe.
3. Christian Living—Mr. Robert G. Mayfield.
4. Helping Adults Learn—Dr. Robert Clemons.
5. Teaching Youth—Rev. Paul Cardwell.
6. Guiding Intermediates — Rev. Earl Emmerich
7. Preface to the Bible (For Young People only)—Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden.
8. Guiding Nursery Children in Christian Growth—Mrs. J. H. Monday.
9. Guiding Kindergarten Children in Christian Growth—Mrs. J. T. Carlyon.
10. The Use of the Bible with Primary Children—Mrs. R. M. Randle.
11. The Use of the Bible with Junior Boys and Girls—Mrs. H. M. Tomlinson.

A number of other schools and conferences are in the process of being arranged in various churches over the conference. Dr. J. T. Carlyon was with us for two Bible Conferences in the late summer and is scheduled for a return engagement during the winter quarter.

In addition to courses on methods and techniques for the age-group workers, we are emphasizing the studies in Stewardship and the discipline with particular reference to the reorganization of the local church as worked out at the recent session of the General Conference.

We have as our goal the making of a training opportunity available to every church in the Conference during the present church year. Those interested should contact us at the office of the Board, 525 Exchange Building, Little Rock.

Opportunities For Formal Training

The Methodist Church now provides many opportunities for formal training. The Annual Conferences of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area seek to give members of local churches as many opportunities as possible to secure better training for the work which the church has asked them to do. The following are some of the ways through which formal training work may be taken.

The area training school, many of which are held in these three conferences, offer to the leadership of many of our churches at least one opportunity per year for such training. These schools range from one to many courses per school.

The local church one unit training school has become an outstanding means for training local church workers. Many of our churches have one or more certified instructors and can have regular training schools without the problem of securing an instructor. The large number of certified instructors in these three conferences make it possible for many more one unit schools than have been held. Perhaps more than half of the certified instructors did not teach in a school last year. Many of these persons are ready to give of their time to nearby churches as well as in their own churches, if called upon for a school. Some of our churches are having a formal training class on Sunday morning or evening. Some ministers are teach-

ing such a class in their own churches. Others are having one session per week over a number of weeks. This is becoming a very popular plan of formal training.

The Laboratory School has become one of the outstanding methods of training. The Observation School also has become very popular. The difficulty of getting leadership for such schools prevents many places having such program.

The Correspondence school plan offers any worker the opportunity to take training work. The person that cannot go to a training school can secure SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDY from the Department of Leadership Education, General Board of Education, and carry on a study program at home in the moments than can be used for such a study. Persons interested in such a plan should write the Conference Executive Secretary, or the Department of Leadership Education, General Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Each of our three conferences offer many opportunities for formal training on the conference level.

Our greatest formal training opportunity comes at Mt. Sequoyah each summer. It is hoped that many will begin now to make plans to get in on one of these programs at Mt. Sequoyah next summer.

Opportunities For Informal Training

Much of the training of our church school leadership must be on an informal basis because most of our churches will not be able to provide enough formal training for their leaders to give them the training that is needed. It is true that some of the finest possibilities can be found in informal training as a means of developing leaders. The opportunities for sharing through guided experiences and the time element make this type of training much in demand.

We would like to call attention to some of the informal methods and possibilities for such training.

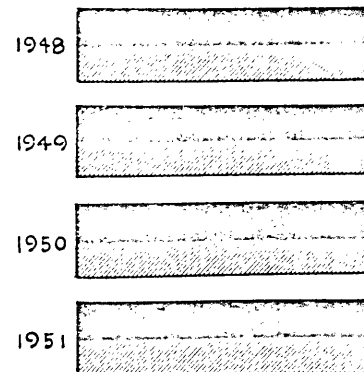
Every meeting of the Board of Education (Now the Commission on Education) offers an opportunity for informal training. The same is true with the general worker's council and the departmental and divisional council meetings. Each of these meetings give opportunity for sharing

OCTOBER TRAINING MONTH

The month of October has been designated as the training month for Arkansas and Louisiana. During this month a special program for Arkansas and Louisiana schools will be held during October, the fall and winter.

We have seen more interest in training in these weeks than we have ever seen before. Certified instructors in these conferences are meeting the demands for formal training.

OVER 400,000 WORKERS
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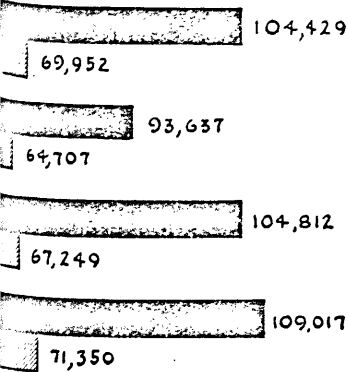
The Arkansas-Louisiana Area reported more training work in 1951. The regional General Board of Education reported that the conferences of the South and Louisiana Area reporting more training work than the total for the Jurisdiction.

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Training in service is a very adequate means of helping new workers prepare for their work as leaders in Christian education. This method gives the new worker an opportunity to do the work under the guidance of the more experienced worker. We certainly do learn by doing. Some churches are having two leaders for each class or group, one more experienced and one who is new. This plan always keeps some new persons in training.

The guided reading of books is one of the fine informal methods of training leaders. Some churches are providing a worker's library and a librarian who guides the workers in the selection of books for study.

Visual aids have been a very helpful informal plan of training, as well as to be used in formal training schools. When a group is prepared to see a picture, filmstrip, etc., then given an opportunity to discuss the things they have seen in the picture, this becomes a very practical means of training.

The guided reading of curriculum materials and promotional materials provided by our General Board of Education offers our leaders the means of learning about their work.

The plan of visiting other churches where good work is being done and also visiting in the public school to see the methods used in general education provide new insights for our leaders.

Some of our churches are now having Sunday morning or evening classes on an informal basis for their prospective leaders. This makes up a group being prepared to do the future work of the church.

These Annual Conferences offer many informal training opportunities through conference, district, sub-district, and local church institutes where the local church leadership have the opportunity for training.

Leadership Training In North Arkansas Conference

The North Arkansas Conference has had a great summer of informal training with a few formal training enterprises. A

total of twenty-eight Bible schools and conferences were held during the summer, under the leadership of Drs. J. H. Hicks, W. C. Davis, J. T. Carlyon, Rev. James S. Upton and Rev. Ralph Ruhlen.

The fall formal training program got under way the last Sunday in September with a school beginning at Osceola and one at Green Forest. Schools have been held at Gravette, Siloam Springs, and Prairie Grove.

A number of one unit schools are being held this month with the Batesville and Supply School beginning on October 27 and continuing until Nov. 5. We are not ready to announce all the courses for that school. We are to have Dr. J. T. Carlyon and Rev. Ralph Ruhlen in that school. A special youth course on Choosing a Vocation will be offered by Rev. Lee Cate.

Our North Little Rock churches expect to have a great delegation in the Little Rock School, October 19-23.

The Ft. Smith School has been planned for November 2-6 with seven courses to be offered, as follows:

The Use of the Bible with Children, Mrs. W. A. Wooten.

Guiding Junior Children in Christian Growth, Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson.

Understanding Ourselves, Instructor to be announced.

Guiding Seniors and Older Youth, Rev. Paul M. Bumpers.

Helping Adults Learn, Mrs. Howard Grimes.

The Church and Its Work, Dr. Matt L. Ellis.

Preface to the Bible, Mrs. James S. Upton.

Five schools are being planned in the Batesville District: Viola, Cotter, Calico Rock, Melbourne, Pleasant Plains.

Schools are being planned at Blytheville, Jonesboro, Monette, and Marked Tree.

Schools are being planned at Damascus, Clinton, Searcy, and Augusta.

The Paragould District is planning schools at Mammoth Spring, Corning, Walnut Ridge, Rector, and Paragould.

Hartman is to have a school for the Arkansas Valley Area.

Conway District and Helena District will have a number of schools planned at a later date. Earle, Helena and Marion are having one unit schools under the leadership of their pastors.



DR. MATT L. ELLIS, President
Hendrix College

Bible Training Schools

The report of the General Board of Education shows that Bible courses were offered 1700 times in the four years, 1948-51, enrolling of 60,000 persons in these Bible courses in Leadership Education schools.

This is a good time to offer Bible courses in training schools, or for individuals to take Bible courses through the correspondence school of our Department of Leadership Education. The following are the Bible courses being suggested for training schools:

First Series

216a Children and the Bible, textbook—Whitehouse, Opening the Bible to Children.

316a Interpreting the Bible to Youth, textbook—Harkness, Toward the Understanding of the Bible; Craig, Use of the Bible in Teaching (free).

Second Series

216b The Use of the Bible with Children.

316b Interpreting the Bible to Youth.

416b The Use of the Bible in Teaching Adults.

Two New Courses

120a Understanding the Bible, text—Harkness, Toward understanding the Bible.

120.1b The Making of the English Bible—text, May, The English Bible in the Making.

Some of these courses will not be ready until about the end of this calendar year.

There are a number of other general Bible courses that could be offered with much value just at this time.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

HOW GOUNOD WON THE ROMAN PRIZE

Charles Francois Gounod, the world famous composer, who was born July, 1818, once wrote a brief account of how he became a musician.

It was before the boy was thirteen years old that the spirit of music stirred in him. He was a pupil at the Harcourt school, where his mother had sent him to get a good education. But Charles wanted to be a musician, for he felt that only through music could he live his real life.

Charles' mother worked hard to give him an education, trudging through deep snow in winter and in the hot sun in summer to make enough money to pay for his education. So Charles longed for the day when he could pay her back. His mother wanted to send him to a university, for she would do anything rather than see her son a "vagabond musician."

To please his mother, Charles told her, "I will stay in school if you wish it, but one thing I am determined on, I will not become a soldier."

"Do you mean you will not obey the law, which says that you must become a soldier?" his mother asked.

"No," Charles replied, "but I mean that the law shall be a dead letter, so far as I am concerned. I will win the Roman prize, which will free me from becoming a soldier."

His mother saw that he was in earnest, and went to the school principal, Father Pierson, to lay the matter before him. This pleasant old man sent for the lad.

"So, my little fellow," he said, "we are going to spend our life among musicians."

"Yes, Mr. Pierson," was the answer.

"But is music a profession?" asked the instructor.

"What about Mozart, Meyerbeer, and Weber?" replied Charles.

The good principal was somewhat taken aback.

"Oh, Mozart! That is a different matter altogether," he said. "He gave proof of genius when he was only your age. But you, what can you do? Let us see."

With these words he scribbled on a piece of paper Joseph's ballad beginning, "When my childhood was past." He handed Gounod the sheet. "Come, let me have some music for these words," he requested firmly.

The boy ran off, and two hours later came back with his first musical composition.

"Good gracious!" said the old gentleman. "You are a terrible fellow. Go ahead and sing your song now."

"Sing without a piano?" remonstrated the boy.

"What do you want a piano for?"

"To play an accompaniment. It is impossible in any way to set forth the true harmony without a piano," pleaded the lad.

"Nonsense, I don't care a fig for your harmony," said the old gentleman. "What I want to know is

whether you have any musical ideas. Go ahead."

The boy began to sing, and when he had finished he glanced timidly at his critic. Tears stood in the old man's eyes, and more rolled down his cheeks. He was so strangely moved that the boy composer was not surprised to find himself the next moment in his arms.

"It is beautiful, beautiful, my boy," he said "We will make something of you. You shall become a musician, for the real fire is in you."

Three years later Charles Gounod took the "Prix de Rome," and accomplished his heart's desire.—Sunshine Magazine

AUTUMN LEAVES

My, aren't the trees beautiful in the Autumn! They look so gay in their green, brown, red and gold leaves. Some look like red leather and others like thin yellow silk. They flutter about on the trees, in the air, or across the lawns and streets. All the leaves do not blow off the trees at the same time. My, I'm glad of that! Just think how dreadful it would be to see a tree all red and gold one day and naked and bare the next!

No, they fall off a few at a time. From day to day there isn't much difference in the bareness of the trees, yet some day soon the leaves will be gone.

The beautiful oak trees seem to dislike to give up all their lovely leaves, and often keep some through the winter snow and storms until the new leaves begin to form in the spring.

Small beeches do not lose all their brown-colored leaves either, but keep some until the new green ones develop in the spring. The older beeches lose the leaves on all the new little twigs first, while the birches and poplars keep those until the last and shake off all the older leaves first.

The autumn leaves will soon be



HELPING MOTHER

*When fall days come my Mother starts
With dust cloth, broom and mop,
It's time to do housecleaning,
It seems she'll never stop.*

*Since I am such a little girl
There's not much I can do,
But I can help by bringing her
A useful thing or two.—A.E.W.*

JUST FOR FUN

Junior had a sore throat but did not care to gargle the antiseptic solution which mother was urging on him.

Mother tried to explain.

"Junior, you have a bunch of little live bugs in your throat, and this antiseptic will kill them."

This failed to dent Junior's resistance.

"Humph!" he snorted. "I'd rather have a bunch of live bugs in my throat than a bunch of dead ones!"

Jerry: "There's nothing like cheerfulness. I admire anyone who sings at his work."

Larry: "How you must love a mosquito"

Professor's wife: A truck has run over your best hat!

Absent-Minded Professor: Was I wearing it?—Ex.

"Is it very efficient?" asked a farmer who was being shown a new idea in scarecrows.

"Efficient?" echoed the demonstrator. "Why, when first we tried it one crow was so frightened that he brought back corn he had stolen three days before."

Sam: Give me two eggs.

Waiter: How do you want them cooked?

Sam: Is there any difference in price?

Waiter: Nope!

Sam: Then fry'em with a slice of ham.

covering up the flowers and seeds that lie hidden under the ground, but they are beautiful now, and let's enjoy them and appreciate them while they last.—The United Church Observer

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

SOME NEW BOOKS

Speckles Goes To School, the most recent of the popular "Easy-to-Read" books, is planned especially to help the beginning reader. Grace Berquist's story tells of a "new boy" who brought his hen to school and how Speckles and her chicks made friends for him. It is written with familiar words in short sentences and paragraphs. The bright yellow and black pictures by Kathleen Elgin and the large, clear type help to make reading an easy and pleasant experience. The breathless wonder of waiting for the chicks to hatch will keep the slowest reader interested.

Poplar Street Park, will be welcomed by seven to eleven-year-old girls who have read the other "Judy" books. Girls who meet Judy for the first time will enjoy her activities in this book. Judy is a naturally active girl who finds excitement in the people and events around her. In the new book, she spends a second eventful summer visiting her crotchety old aunt in a small southern town. Frances Fitzpatrick Wright is the author and Margaret Ayer the illustrator.

Treasure In The Andes by Alfred Lewis will help children seven to twelve-years-old to understand other lands and people. Its hero is a young Peruvian Indian with a talent for drawing. His adventures involve a trip to an ancient Indian city, a runaway llama, the discovery of silver ore in the mountains, and plans for going to school in the city. An added value of the book lies in its true picture of the every day life of the Peruvian Indians. Zhenya Gay drew the pictures.

Lafayette, Friend of America, brings children of seven and up the inspiration of a great life, important in the history of this country. Alberta Powell Graham, author of *Christopher Columbus, Discover*, tells the story of the dashing young Frenchman who helped to win America's freedom. From his boyhood to his honored old age, she shows how he endured the disapproval of friends, the rigors of war, and years of prison with unshaken belief in the cause of freedom. Ralph Ray made the dashing illustrations.

Party For Suzanne by Cecile Pepin Edwards, for girls eight and older shows the importance of a true sense of values. A French-Canadian girl learns of the foreign heritage of which she can be very proud. The story has a warm family background and includes interesting details of the French-Canadian way of life. Jane Castle is the illustrator.

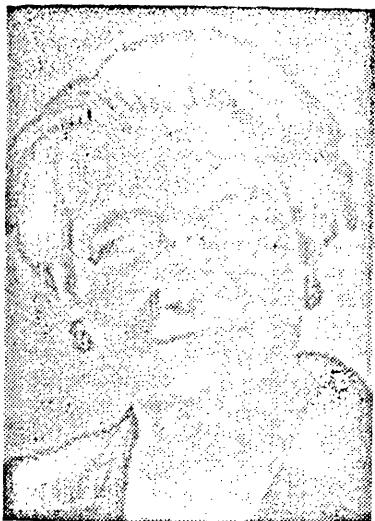
Cherokee Bill, Oklahoma Pacer, written by Jean Bailey and illustrated by Pers Crowell, for all young people eight and older is a thrilling new horse story. The kindness of young David Rutledge brings his family a valuable horse. Horse and boy take a responsible part in building a real home along the wild Cherokee Strip.

The above books are all published by Abingdon-Cokesburg Press.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

Miss Lydia E. Gerhart In North Arkansas



LYDIA E. GERHART

Miss Lydia E. Gerhart, field representative of the Department of Work in Home Fields, is visiting the North Arkansas Conference, having arrived October 5. Having spoken already this week at Sulphur Springs, Springdale, Alpena, Mt. Hebron, Gravette, Lincoln, and Morrilton, the schedule for the remainder of her stay is given in order that all who can will come to hear her.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Zone No. 1 of Alexandria District will meet at Winfield, October 23, promptly at 10 a. m. Mrs. E. L. Richardson of Many is Zone Chairman; Mrs. Burton Weaver, Flora, is Secretary. Routine business will be discussed. Mrs. J. L. Groves, Spiritual Life Secretary will give "Highlights on use of Week of Prayer materials." Special music will be given by the Many Society, and Jena Society is to be in charge of the devotion.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport, will sponsor a Bazaar October 31 at the church. All organizations of the church will have booths and a wide variety of entertainment, delicious foods, and lovely handmade gifts will be offered to the public. Proceeds from the Bazaar will be used to purchase furnishings for the new church sanctuary.—Mrs. F. C. Boston.

All Methodist women and their friends are invited to take part in the "African Safari" which is being held each evening 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, through October 16. The final goal of the Safari will be the discovery of the Christian Mission in Africa.

The First Methodist Church, Bossier City, will soon have the formal opening of its new library, which is being sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Members of the library committee are Mrs. Marguerite Allen, Mrs. Carol Bender, Mrs. Barbara Key, Mrs. Louise White and Mrs. Mildred Rogers, librarian.

A new Circle of the WSCS of the

- Oct. 9—Dardanelle, Conway District W. S. C. S., 10:30-2:30—School Girl Lunch
- Oct. 10—Searcy First, Searcy District
- Oct. 11—Searcy, Free day
- Oct. 12—Kensett, Morning worship, 11:00
- Oct. 12—Newark, Evening worship, 7:30
- Oct. 13—Gasville, Area W. S. C. S., Afternoon
- Oct. 13—Batesville First, Area study, 7:30
- Oct. 14—Paragould District, to be announced
- Oct. 15—Pocahontas Church, Paragould W. S. C. S., 10:00
- Oct. 15—Jonesboro First, Combined Guild and W. S. C. S., 7:30
- Oct. 16—Osceola, Jonesboro District W. S. C. S., 10:00
- Oct. 16—West Memphis, Forrest City District Guild, 7:30
- Oct. 17—Forrest City, District W. S. C. S., 2 p. m.

Those who heard Miss Gerhart at the School of Missions in June have recommended her highly to their friends; her subject "Home Missions and Human Rights" will be one of benefit to each local woman, society and Guild.

WOMEN MINISTERS SERVE THOUSANDS OF CHURCHES

According to a survey based largely on the reports in the 1951 Year Book of American Churches, a tabulation of the ordained and licensed women and women serving as pastors reveals that 73 Protestant denominations in the United States number women in their clergy. Forty-two of these denominations listed a total of 4,648 ordained or licensed women and 1,930 women pastors in 1951. Including Jewish and Spiritualist bodies the total number of women ordained or licensed was 5,791, and the number of women pastors was 2,896. These figures do not include women serving in 31 sects which license or ordain women, but from which no report was available.

The largest number reported by any Protestant group was 481 women pastors and 622 ordained or licensed women reported by the Church of God (Tomlinson). The Christ Unity Spiritual Science body has 850 women pastors and 912 ordained or licensed women preachers.—World Outlook.

Proctor community held its first meeting Tuesday, September 16th., at 7:30 P. M. at the home of Mrs. W. I. West, Sr. All women of that community who were interested in joining this circle were invited to attend the meeting.

The Wesleyan Guild of First Church, Winnsboro, has begun regular meetings following the dismissal for the summer months. Mrs. Charles Price was elected president and Mrs. George Wiggers, secretary. Those present were: Mrs. T. W. Stodghill, Mrs. W. H. Bengsson, Mrs. Louis Westerburg, Mrs. Charles Wiggers, Miss Roxie Killian and Miss Eunice Heitman.

SEMINARS IN THE AREA

RUSTON DISTRICT

One hundred and eighty-six women from twenty-six churches in the Ruston District, Louisiana Conference, attended the District Seminar which met in the First Methodist Church in Haynesville, on Sept. 24, for an all-day session, thus making a complete total of one hundred and eighty-six.

An interesting and informative program, under the leadership of Mrs. R. T. Pritchett, District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, was presented. A unique feature of this program was the "Broadcast and Television" of a preview of the approved studies for the year 1952-'53. Mrs. Sidney Sale, of Haynesville, acted as "broadcaster", and fourteen women and children appeared in the "television", which depicted migrant cotton-pickers, oilfield workers, migrant children at play in the church nursery, a woman at prayer, a designation of the Methodist work in Africa, and "Aunt Dinah", as she sang a Negro spiritual as an accompaniment to her weekly wash.

Mrs. J. C. Byard, at the console of the organ, rendered a beautiful program of music as the women assembled, and accompanied soloists from four different churches as they appeared in "television". She also accompanied little Miss Sylvia Sale as she sang the welcome song.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, District Secretary of Literature and Publication, presented in a very clever way, the publications used in the Woman's Work. Accompanied by soft music, she interpreted the latest creation in fall fashions, modeled by Mrs. F. C. Haley. The dress, hat, gloves, and handbag were designed from the cover pages of all the publications that make up the reading materials used in all of the different societies over the United States and other parts of the world.

A covered-dish lunch was served at the noon hour; when the guests enjoyed a fine fellowship as they partook of the delicious food.

Sale of literature and a study period, when the Conference officers, Mrs. Warren Constant, Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, and Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Jurisdiction Secretary of Missionary Education, outlined the approved studies for the year. Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick discussed Program Building, and Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Conference president, brought a timely message on the theme, "Looking Ahead".

Mrs. George Sexton, Past-president of the South Central Jurisdiction, closed the meeting with an inspiring and thought-provoking meditation, using as her theme, "The More Abundant Life"—Mrs. R. T. Pritchett.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Over a hundred women attended the eastern half of the Lake Charles District Seminar held at Gueydan September 17, which was held under the direction of Mrs. A. J. McGrede.

The studies were presented by Mrs. Warren Constant, Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait and Mrs. W. W. Paxton. Mrs. P. D. Lambert spoke on Program Building.

MONROE DISTRICT

The Monroe District W. S. C. S. Educational Seminar held at Rayville, La. drew a record attendance of 252 members Thursday, Sept. 25.

Mrs. Don Alverson, District Secretary of Missionary Education presided over the day's program which included lesson plan and teaching techniques for promoting the three approved studies for 1952-'53. Mrs. Warren Constant, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, led the discussion on "Africa", the Home Missions and Human Rights study was outlined by Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations, and the Preface to Bible Study was presented by Mrs. Dewitt Henry, District Secretary of Status of Women. Mrs. Hurvie Moak, district president displayed a chart and gave pointers on how to improve your W. S. C. S. programs.

The closing feature of the day's program was a brief talk by Dr. Gladys Falshaw, returned missionary from India, and K. K. Chandi of India who is director of Youth Christian Council of India and is described as one of India's greatest Christian leaders.

Monroe District W. S. C. S. is represented by 53 societies and 13 Wesleyan Service Guilds. Rev. and Mrs. Earl B. Emmerich and the members of Rayville W. S. C. S. were hosts on this occasion.—Mrs. M. L. De Freese.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT GUILD

Springdale, Fayetteville, Siloam Springs, Bentonville and Rogers were represented at the Fayetteville District Wesleyan Service Guild Seminar at Central Methodist church in Rogers Wednesday.

Mrs. Velma Oaks, district secretary, presided. Mrs. Bessie Andrews of Bentonville spoke on "Seminar Relationship to the Total Program of Study." Mrs. E. H. Hook of Fayetteville spoke on "Home Missions and Human Rights" during the first portion of the study presentation. Mrs. W. F. Cooley of Fayetteville spoke on "Africa". "Preface to Bible Study" was the topic chosen by Mrs. R. K. Bent of Fayetteville.

"Thy Word is a Lamp" was the topic of the playlet presented by Mrs. Blanche Brown and Mrs. Ethel May Craig, members of the Rogers Guild.—Mrs. Gregg Wilson

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Ozark Methodist Church was host to the Fort Smith Fall Seminar September 12, when Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe presented the studies for the year with the assistance of Mrs. Sam Roberts, Mrs. W. J. Spicer, Mrs. W. T. Bacon, Mrs. Richard Smith, of Booneville; Mrs. Paul Bumpers, Ozark; Mrs. Earl Carter, Hartman; and Miss Ruth Hamilton, Ozark; Mrs. W. A. Downum and Mrs. Earl Burty of Fort Smith brought the closing worship and Mrs. D. G. Hindman gave the opening worship.

Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, district president, made the necessary announcements.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

MINISTERS' MEETING IN JONESBORO DISTRICT

The ministers of the Jonesboro District met Friday morning, October 3 in the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, Rev. Billy Douglas, host pastor. A delightful breakfast was served by the ladies of the church after which time ministers retired to the sanctuary for their business session.

Rev. E. B. Williams, District Superintendent, called the meeting to order. After a song, Rev. Robert McMaster led in prayer. The following items, regarding the work of the District was called to our attention by Brother Williams: 1. the matter of publicity for the work done on churches and parsonages new and old; 2. the observance of Christian Education Week; 3. World-wide Communion Sunday; 4. a "work Day" at Wayland Springs on October 17th, with "pot luck" lunch; 5. the conference-wide "Week End Institute for M. Y. F. District leaders at Hendrix College, November 7-8; 6. regarding connectional claims, pastors were urged to collect these claims this fall unless they are in the budget.

It was announced that Miss Lydia Gerhart, field worker for the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions would speak at Jonesboro First Church, October 15th at 7:30 p. m., and at Osceola on October 16th at an all-day meeting of the W. S. C. S.

The November Special for ministerial training and Hendrix College was brought to the attention of the group. It was suggested that this movement be called the "Ministerial Special" this year to avoid confusion with the Hendrix Endowment Campaign. The work of the Endowment Campaign was presented by Noble Gill. Dates were announced for the county meetings: Osceola, October 20th at 7:30 p. m.; Marked Tree, October 21st at 7:30 p. m. and Jonesboro First Church, October 7th at 8:00 p. m.

Dr. I. A. Brumley addressed the group regarding the program of Christian Education in our church.

Attention was called to the Area Reception for Bishop and Mrs. Martin at the First Methodist Church in Little Rock on October 13, 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. The date for the District Conference meetings at Manila on December 11th was announced. The group voted to hold its next meeting at Truman on November 21st at 8:00 a. m. The meeting closed with benediction by Rev. Alvin Murray.—Byron McSpadden, Secretary

HUNTER MEMORIAL CHURCH MEMBER HONORED

Mrs. Jennie B. Hart was honored in a birthday party by members of Hunter Memorial Methodist Church, Little Rock, recently when she received many nice gifts. An orchid from her Circle was presented by Mrs. Claude Harrison. She received a mixed box of flowers from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and a large birthday cake from her Sunday School Class was presented by Mrs. Dinah Shaw.

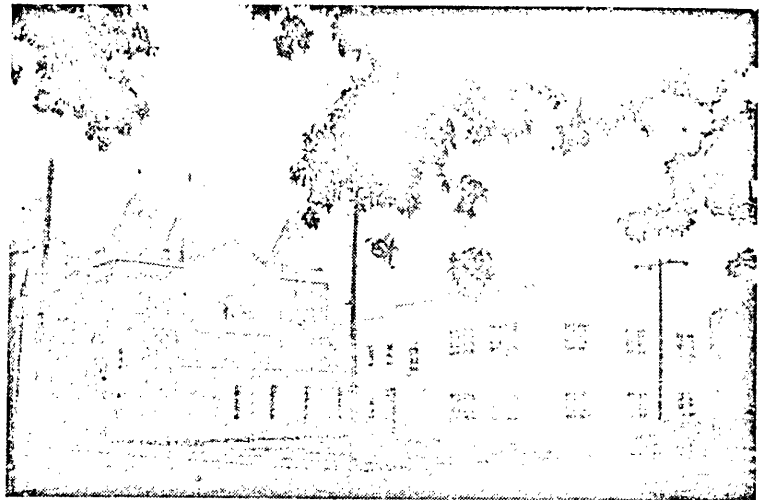
Refreshments were served by her Circle. Prayer was led by her pastor, Rev. Fred Arnold.—Reporter

New Educational Building At Lake Side To Have Formal Opening

ON Sunday, October 12, Bishop Paul E. Martin will deliver the message for the formal opening of the new \$150,000.00 educational building at Lakeside Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff District. Rev. J. L. Dedman is the District Superintendent, Rev. Otto W. Teague is the pastor.

The building is a two-story, buff brick with fifteen hundred square feet of floor space. On the first floor there is the Nursery, Beginners and Primary Departments; two adult class rooms for couples; office of the Director of Religious Education and the furnace room which holds the heating unit for the building. The chapel, designed to seat ninety is also on the first floor and will be a thing of beauty when furnishings are installed. On the second floor is the church office, the pastor's study and the Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Older Youth Departments.

The new building is connected with the sanctuary by an all-weather ramp. The floor is covered with asphalt tile. Charlie Quinn, a member of the church and a member of the building committee, was the builder and contractor. Don Reed, also a member of the church, was the architect. Through the efforts of these men and the chairman of



SANCTUARY AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING, LAKESIDE

the Building Committee, Leslie Helvie, the building was erected at a considerable savings to the congregation. As a result of this service, there will be only a small indebtedness on the building at the time of the formal opening.

The new building is designed to take care of an attendance of six hundred. This, together with the space formerly used in the basement of the church building, will make it possible for Lakeside to accommo-

date nine hundred in the Sunday School.

Brother Teague is in his eighth year as pastor at Lakeside. During this time seven hundred sixty members have been added to the church. The congregation now has almost fourteen hundred active members.

In addition to this building program, a new, six room, brick parsonage was completed in April, 1950 and is now free of indebtedness.

WORK AT THE SANATORIUM

To share a thing is worthwhile. Good reports encourage. The spirits of men are lifted through friendship. Appreciation and thanksgiving arise in the heart because of the kindnesses of others. As one knows as they share with another the desire to give is sharpened.

Through the generosity of friends over the State in both Conferences the work in the Sanatorium goes on. These friends have sent packages and boxes of good Christian literature almost continuously. This literature has been placed in the hands of patients, who have enjoyed it. It is wonderful how many copies of the Upper Room come through the mail for distribution. There are groups who have standing orders and others send the Upper Room as they have occasion. All participating in this ministry of the Upper Room are "Casting their bread upon the waters." And speaking of generosity of friends from the standpoint of the Methodist Sunshine Fund, much could be said. Out of this Fund many are benefited. Both men and women patients are helped from the Sunshine Fund. I wish to thank everyone who has made and is planning to make contributions to the Sound System for use in Steward Building. We hope to be able to have sufficient to get the set in the future.

Not alone is the work here made possible through friends in the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences, but also through the lovely cooperation from the doctors, supervisors, nurses and others here in the Sanatorium. It is very inspiring to enjoy such interest and help as is given me in this great Institution. For such am I grateful.

I request the prayers of all of you for us here daily. Prayer is a

UNITED NATIONS WEEK

The North Arkansas Conference Commission on World Peace of which Rev. Golder Lawrence is Chairman and Rev. Henry W. Jinske Cultivation Secretary wishes to call attention to United Nations Week October 19-25. Ministers can get excellent material from the Methodist Commission on World Peace located at 740 North Rush Street Chicago 11, Illinois. Dr. Charles F. Boss is its Executive Secretary. Another good source of information is "The Church Peace Union" 170 East 64th St., New York 21, N. Y.

As the Conference Cultivation Secretary for World Peace I might offer the following suggestions in observance of United Nations Week:

1. The preaching of a sermon on the "The Role of the Church in laying a basis for World Peace"
2. Five minute talks might be made by laymen on the Structure of the U. N. or the Purpose of the U. N.
3. "What the U. N. has or is accomplishing" would be a good theme for the Men's Club or the W. S. C. S. It has done a fine piece of work in health and education and in giving expression to some universal Human Rights. It has and is strengthening collective security, even though it has had some difficulties. It is helping to make possible International Broadcasts to peoples dominated by Communistic Governments, thereby helping to lay the intellectual and spiritual basis for peace.

4. Ministers and laymen might be invited to speak to high school and college Assemblies on the history,

tie that makes strong the morale of every follower of Jesus.—Bates Sturdy, Chaplain

structure, and purpose of the U. N.

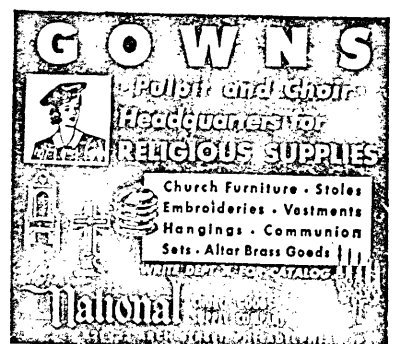
5. Playlets might be given by grade and high school children in which each child represents a certain country.

6. Some churches might want to designate one evening of this week to pray for World Peace. Peace is a continuous program and it will require continuous working and praying and planning.—Henry W. Jinske, Cultivation Secretary, North Arkansas Conference Committee on World Peace

REPORTS PROGRESS IN AUSTRALIA

Methodists are the fastest growing group in Australia, the Rev. Arthur Preston, visiting minister from "down under" told a group of church officials in New York. He is pastor and superintendent of the West End Mission and Christian Community Center in Brisbane.

On a round-the-world preaching and study mission, Mr. Preston is being booked in the St. Louis Area, in Chicago, New England, North Carolina, Arizona and California by the Rev. Dr. Karl Quimby, who heads exchange preacher relationships for the Board of Missions.





"Along A Country Road" The North Arkansas Conference The Town and Country Commission

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"STOPS ALONG THE ROAD"

This has been indeed a "hot" and "busy" summer. The word concerning the weather is not necessary, as all who read this column can well say, but the latter word regarding the writer may be in order since it is impossible for the writer to be as general in application as the weather. Absence from some places does not mean absence from all places. In addition to the meetings attended in the Conference and other areas there has been the usual experience of going hither and yon helping where possible in the strengthening of our work.

At Oakland on the Naylor charge, which is our pilot charge in the Conway District, where Thomas Nations, Hendrix student, is pastor, a long needed building program is under way. The old building has been taken down and a beautiful native stone structure is now going up. This project is one of the most important in the rural sections for the year. The pastor and the fine people at Oakland deserve a pat on the back for launching this program. The drouth has done its work well in limiting crops. A number of people have been away at work. However, the faith and courage of the people is equal to the occasion. A splendid cooperative program is under way in Faulkner County, stemming from First Church Conway, under the direction of Joel Cooper, pastor, and J. H. Flemming, Chairman of the County Methodist Men's Association. Ken Estes is the regular lay speaker from Conway serving at Oakland. His fine leadership has been a major factor in encouraging the building program. R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., the District Superintendent, has given fine counsel and leadership in the project. There will be many who can say "we" at the completion of this work.

At Salem where Jim Gatlin, Hendrix Student is pastor, a fine program is under way. Outstanding is the opening of the road in front of the church. This thoroughfare has long been grown up with bushes and trees and closed to travel. The church building has been lost to view. With the cooperation of the County Judge, Mr. Faber Watson, the passageway will soon be open and in use. The church will be more accessible and grounds much more attractive. It was the writers recent privilege to preach a week in this church.

At Centerville where Carlos Martin, a Hendrix Student, is pastor, we labored a week. The attendance and interest was good. The church was encouraged to continue on its way, of being of service to the community. The loss of their school, the moving away of many substantial people has handicapped them, but they are going right along with their fine program.

The fourth Sunday in September found us again on the Branch charge. The other churches assembled with us at Branch for the worship service.

A record attendance was on hand for Sunday School. The spirit was fine. The parsonage has been brought up to date and made attractive and livable. Though there is no resident pastor, the work, under the leadership of Dr. Goodloe, is making progress. The Branch church with enthusiasm voted to care for all of their benevolent claims. The writer is privileged to have this charge as pilot charge in the Ft. Smith District. It is a great joy to be able to give help to these fine people.

The last stop for a series of services was at Williford on the Hardy-Williford charge in the Paragould District. At the invitation of the pastor we spent a week there. Williford, like many other small communities, knows the meaning of the loss of an industry. At one time a rock quarry was in full swing, employing a large number of men. It has been inoperative for some time. The small band of Methodists has tried to carry on. The church has been changed about from one charge to another which has not been too helpful. It seems that placing them back with Hardy, by Rev. A. N. Storey the District Superintendent, is a wise move. Brother Young preaches there two Sunday mornings each month at 9:45. Plans are being made for more services under an enlarged program. Since Hardy-Williford was my second charge to serve as a Methodist preacher, there was more than ordinary satisfaction in the week of services. It was a joy to be in the home of the Younts again.

What greater fun is there than being a Methodist preacher, preaching week after week, visiting among the brethren, encouraging the work of the Lord, in the "good old summer time!"—J. Albert Gatlin

WORLD SERVICE RECEIPTS

Methodist World Service receipts for the first third of the current fiscal year show a 3.27 percent increase over the same period last year but are far short of meeting the increased working needs of the church's general agencies, according to Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, executive secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

September receipts were \$504,594.59, bringing the total World Service figure from June 1 to Oct. 1 up to \$1,447,901.70. The apportionment for the year is \$9,660,000.

World Service specials for the first four months of the fiscal year total \$20,031.22, a drop of 18.88 percent over the same months last year. General Advance funds for September amounted to \$166,521.70, bringing the four-month total to \$892,965.05, which represents a drop of 21.65 percent over the same months last year. Week of Dedication receipts for September were \$4,228.58, bringing the total receipts since June

DINING HALL DEDICATED AT ALDERSGATE

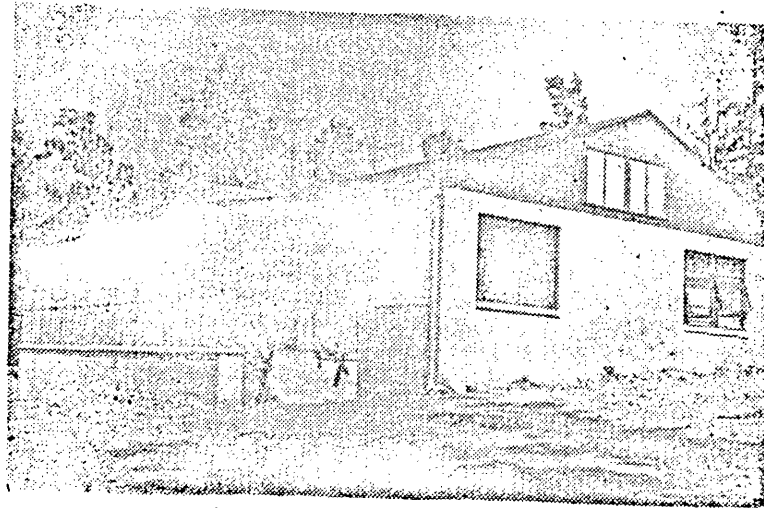
THE new dining hall of the Methodist Aldersgate Camp, located six miles west of Little Rock, was dedicated in appropriate services Saturday afternoon attended by the camp committee members and several friends. The new structure is one of several buildings being constructed in a building program that includes a group of boys' cabins, girls' cabins, an auditorium and the dining hall. The boys' cabins were completed last year and have been in use this year.

The service of dedication was led by Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock District Superintendent of The Methodist Church. Others taking part in the service included Bishop Paul E. Martin, Bishop Matthew Claire, Presiding Bishop of the St. Louis area of the Central Jurisdiction, Mrs. Mable Garrett Wagner, staff member of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, national organization of Methodist women, Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Grady, President of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and

Mrs. Jane Cotton, Little Rock, chairman of the Camp Committee which has had charge of the building program. Rev. Mike Willis is the Camp Director.

Aldersgate Camp is a project of the Methodist Woman's Division and has been in operation since 1947. It is used for various assemblies and groups as well as by other denominational and interdenominational groups.

The new dining hall replaces a wooden structure which has been in use as a temporary dining facility since the camp began. The new structure is of concrete block, steel and wood construction, is 64 by 50 feet in size, is capable of being used by 100 persons at a time, and has been built at a cost of approximately \$12,000. Other than Mrs. Cotton and Dr. Buddin, the Camp Committee includes Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Dr. M. Lafayette Harris, Rev. E. F. Wallace, Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, Rev. Rufus Sorrells, Rev. George Meyer, Rev. Charles Richards and I. H. Brummett, all of Little Rock.



ALDERSGATE DINING HALL

MRS. JOHN R. MOTT

Methodism's most widely known layman, Dr. John R. Mott, has lost the companion of sixty years,—his wife, the former Leila Ada White.

Mrs. Mott, taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Montreal following a fall which she suffered at their Canadian summer home, died September 28. She was 86. Dr. and Mrs. Mott have been making their home in Orlando, Florida in recent years.

Bishop Herbert Welch, an intimate friend of the Motts, who also recently celebrated with Mrs. Welch their sixtieth wedding anniversary, conducted the funeral service (10-2-52) in First Methodist Church, Montclair N. J. where Mrs. Mott has had her membership for many years.

Mrs. Mott was graduated from

the College of Wooster (Ohio) with Phi Beta Kappa honors and taught before her marriage in 1891. She accompanied her distinguished husband on many of the journeys which, collectively, resulted in his receiving decorations from numerous countries, the Nobel Prize and the honorary presidency of the World Council of Churches. Mrs. Mott, herself, was one-time a member of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Surviving, besides her husband, are two sons and two daughters.

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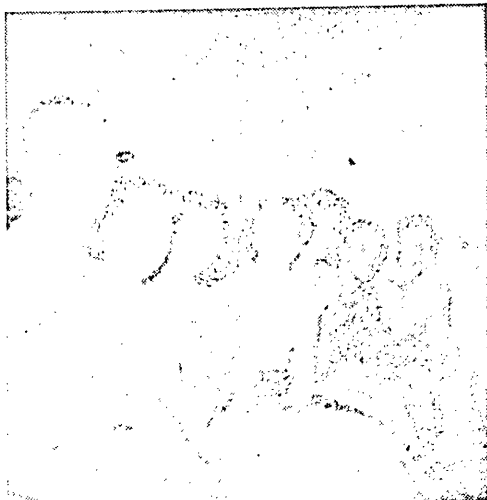
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NEWS

NATCHITOCHES SUB-DISTRICT OFFICERS

Picture of Officers taken at the July meeting of Natchitoches, La. Sub-District MYF, held in the Oak Grove Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Natchitoches, La. Shown, from left to right, are Earl Breedlove, Adult Counselor; Hallie Lee, World Friendship Chairman; Virginia Oliver, President; Carla Tolar, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Otis Wilkerson, Counselor, Oak Grove MYF; Thomas Gray, Vice-President; and Arlie Wilkerson, Recreation Chairman. Not shown are Jane Lee, Publicity Chairman, Tommie Williams, Worship Chair-



man, and Billie Norsworthy, Community Service Chairman.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Natchitoches Sub-District held its regular monthly meeting at Faith Methodist Church at Natchitoches, La., on Monday night, September 15. Virginia Oliver of Davis Springs Church, president of the Sub-District, presided. Tommie Williams, Worship chairman, presented a program consisting of a song by Doyle Barnhill of Martha-ville Church and three skits, "Essentials of a Good M. Y. F. Meeting", "Mixing With Other Groups", and "Cooperation With Other Denominations", presented by the M. Y. F. of Faith Church, First Church, Natchitoches and Martha-ville Church. There were 116 present representing Faith Church and First Church of Natchitoches, Robeline Church, Martha-ville Church, Many First Church, Mt. Zion Church, Davis Springs Church and Lotus Church.

The Crusader Sub-District of the Ruston District held its monthly meeting at Ringgold on September 22. Mary Jane Hitchcock of Centenary gave an inspiring devotional meditation, following the song service led by Tracy Arnold. Bettie Rea Fox showed some pictures of interesting sites she visited on her European tour during the summer. The name, The Methodist Crusaders, was selected for the Sub-District. It was also decided to help support a Korean orphan as a mission project. At future meetings, "Meal for Millions" cups will be placed on the refreshment table as a reminder of others and that donations may be made that they also may eat. Approximately 90 people attended the meeting. The next meeting will be Springhill on Monday, October 27, at 7:30 p.m.

A Sub-District Retreat was held at Caney Lake on September 27 for the two Methodist Youth Fellowships of the Ruston District. Bettie Rea Fox gave the dates of several conferences and meetings and also told of other plans for the year. The council decided to hold a District Spiritual Life Retreat on the weekend following Thanksgiving, the place to be selected. It was also

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Unique in Methodism, and rich in tradition, symbolism, and appointments, the Children's Chapel of Children's Village, Methodist Children's Home Society, Detroit, was officially dedicated during the week of Sept. 21-28.

Methodist leaders of this outstanding children's home had long recognized the essential need for spiritual nurture of its children, and it was with this purpose in mind that the chapel was built.

Designed and built especially for children, the beautiful new chapel lends a peculiar spiritual completeness to the already happy Village, where children live in comfortable cottages like family units, and enjoy the many pleasures that abound in private homes.

The chancel and balcony windows depict scenes in the life of Christ which are within the interest, imagination, and understanding of children. The nave windows portray children of every nation, thus achieving a world-wide feeling.

The week's program of dedication was climaxed on Sunday, Sept. 28. Dr. Karl P. Meister, executive secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, attended the ceremony and addressed the group. He pointed out the universal appeal of childhood in connection with the theme of the chapel.

Construction of the chapel was made possible through gifts of interested citizens and funds from the Kresge Foundation. Sebastian S. Kresge, who started the Foundation and has been a benefactor of the Children's Home Society and the Children's Village, was present at the dedication.

William I. Lacy is executive director of the Society, and Henry A. Lacy is supervisor of Children's Village.

voted to have a district rally during January. There were eight young people and four adults attending this retreat.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT M. Y. F. COUNCIL MEETS

On the call of Betty Disheroon, district MYF president and Rev. Robert Beck, district director, the Council met at Arkadelphia on October 17. Barbara Teague presided in the absence of the president.

The Council considered the challenge given by the General Conference and after hours of discussion faced up to the fact that the needs of the youth in the district were not being adequately met. They agreed that:

1. An accurate picture of youth in every church and community should be obtained by sending a questionnaire to each church which would form the basis of further study.

2. The Sub-Districts as they now exist are reaching youth only from the larger churches, therefore additional groupings are necessary if present Sub-Districts are not able to bring all youth into their fellowship.

3. Meetings which only bring youth together do not necessarily influence youth for Christ and His church, therefore all meetings should have definite planning and purpose.

4. Adult workers with youth need training and will be asked to meet in sectional groups to study program materials, methods and needs of youth.

The Council adjourned to meet on call after having time to collect facts, think, and pray for the advancement of the youth program in the Arkadelphia District. The Youth Council was supported in its planning by the district superintendent, Rev. J. M. Hamilton.—Reporter.

ELECTED TO NATIONAL OFFICE



TRACY ARNOLD

Tracy Arnold, Haynesville, La., was elected Vice-Chairman of the Council of The National Methodist Youth at their meeting at Purdue University, Indiana in September. He will attend the Council meeting to be held in New York City in January. Mr. Arnold is a graduate of Centenary College and is now attending Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

The only reliable guideposts to conduct are the old virtues that time has never changed—kindness, industry, a capacity for human understanding, integrity, and a sense of responsibility to others. These are the keenest and most wonderful of all tools for living.—Frank W. Abrams, chmn, bd of directors, Standard Oil Co., Lamp, hm, Standard Oil Co.

HOT SPRINGS GROUP MAKES FALL PLANS

ON Tuesday, September 23, the Hot Springs Sub-District held its first meeting of the fall at Mt. Ida with 100 youth and workers with youth in attendance. The youth, through a program of worship, pictures and exhibits, introduced the New Revised Standard Edition of the Bible. They also pointed up the units of study of the Bible to be used in Sunday School lessons and evening meetings during October. Emphasis was given to Bible reading on the part of youth. Betty Disheroon and Rev. Noel Cross were chairmen of the committee.

The October meeting will be workshop on "Home Missions and Human Rights," using the text "How?" It was voted in the World Friendship Workshops, held at Aldersgate and Tanako during the summer that this study be held on Sunday nights during November. The young people will meet at Grand Avenue Church at 6:00 p. m. on October 21. After supper and a recreational period, they will divide into three workshop groups. Chairmen of this committee are Judy Sullivan and Miss Louise Fincher.

The November meeting will be an "Action Meeting" as a part of Home Missions. It will take the form of a booth festival, having as its theme, "How Home Missions Work for Human Rights". Every church in the Sub-District will choose one project which they are helping to support through the Methodist Youth Fund and will present it in a booth, showing how it functions to promote human

rights. Special gifts for all of the chosen projects will be brought by all the churches participating. This project is being led by Betsy Stone and Rev. Richard Perry.

Officers of the Sub-District are Betty Disheroon, president; Billy Hunter, vice-president; Judy Sullivan, secretary, Bill Clerk, treasurer; Joan Williams, chairman of the Commission on Worship; Jimmy Manville, chairman of the Committee on Missions and World Friendship; Don Warren, chairman of the Commission on Community Service and Romona Smedley, chairman of the Committee on Recreation.

The following churches are members of the Sub-District: First Church, Grand Avenue, Oaklawn, Pullman Heights, Tigert Memorial, Fountain Lake, Gardner Memorial, New Salem, Morning Star, Piney Grove, Mt. Ida, Bethlehem and Shorewood Hills.—Reporter.

COMMUNITY PARTY SPONSORED BY M. Y. F.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Deerford Methodist Church sponsored a party on Monday, Sept. 27, for all the young people of the Deerford Community between the ages of 12 and 23. The party was a part of the special series of youth programs and services to be held at the church during the month of October.

Ike Pears is president of the sponsoring youth group and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hawkins are the adult counselors.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Students Serve 65 Churches

More than sixty-five Methodist churches of the state are being served this year by ministerial students attending Hendrix College, Rev. James S. Upton, Professor of Religion has announced.

Most of the students carry full academic courses at the college during the week, Mr. Upton said, and devote their week-ends to their churches. The majority of the "week-end pastors" have been appointed to a circuit of several churches among which they distribute their time.

Churches served by the students are mainly in the Little Rock and Pine Bluff Districts of the Little Rock Conference, and the Conway and Searcy Districts of the North Arkansas Conference. Some of the student ministers travel as far as 200 miles weekly to serve their charges, Mr. Upton said.

Those serving churches in the Conway Districts include Bruce Broilier of Los Angeles, California, Plummerville; Lamar Davis of Trumann, Belleville-Havana; Jim Gatlin of St. Louis, Missouri, Salem; J. G. Greening of Camden, Fourche Valley Circuit; Carlos Martin of Greenbrier, Greenbrier; Thomas Nation of Lamar, Naylor Circuit; Vernon Paysinger of Evening Shade, Morrilton Circuit No. 2; Grady Sibley of Springfield, Louisiana, Oppelo; Don Smith of North Little Rock, Bethel-Cato; James Shelton of Conway, Wesley Memorial of Conway; Ed Thompson of Fort Lee, Virginia, Vilonia Circuit Associate; and Maurice Webb of Conway, Vilonia Circuit.

Students serving churches in the Searcy District are: Bob Edwards of Blytheville, Van Buren Circuit No. 1; Wayne Hill of Somerville, Massachusetts, Wilburn-Stoney Point; W. T. Johnson of Beebe, Antioch-Ward; Robert W. Johnson of Jersey, McRae; Travis Williams of Jonesboro, Leslie; and Harold Wilson of Quitman, Quitman Circuit.

Little Rock District pastors are Fred H. Arnold of Little Rock, Little Rock Circuit and Gene Efrid of Little Rock, Chenault's Chapel.

Those with charges in the Pine Bluff District are Palmer Garner of Sheridan, Keo-Humnoke, and Carr Dee Racop of Pine Bluff, Glendale-Tucker.

Richard Ware of Conway, student preparing for the ministry in the Baptist church, serves two Baptist churches in Faulkner County.

Leadership Groups Elect

Blue Key and Cardinal Key, na-

tional honor organizations, have announced newly elected members this fall.

New members of Cardinal Key are Jackie Ballew, Conway; Jackie Bell, Fort Smith; Mary Margaret Byrd, Earle; Dot Christopher, Conway; Martha Lou Grove, Conway; Ruby Hutto, Conway; Sara Jernigan, Malvern; Jo Littell, Heth; Beth Rhiddlehoover, Hot Springs; and Tommie Wilson, North Little Rock.

Blue Key members are Joe Bates of Little Rock, Eddie Coffman of Fort Smith, Dick Ezell of Pine Bluff, Tom Pryor of Fort Smith, Guy Shannon of Carlisle, Norman Smith of Benton, Bill Steel of Dallas, Texas, Bobby Thompson of North Little Rock, and William Wilson of Little Rock.

Mary Moore of Conway is president of Cardinal Key, and Tom DuPree of England is president of Blue Key.

Thomas Robinson to Jonesboro

Thomas M. Robinson, assistant to the treasurer at Hendrix during the past four months, has resigned in order to return to his former home at Jonesboro.

Robinson will assume management of his family's farming interests in Craighead County.

Dr. Ellis Elected to University Senate

President Ellis has been elected to a four-year membership on the University Senate of the Methodist Church. His election came at a recent meeting of the General Board of Education in Chicago. He has been serving on the Senate since May 1951 in place of Dr. T. S. Staples of Conway, former Hendrix dean, who resigned at that time.

The senate, composed of about 25 members, is the Methodist church's accreditation body for its colleges and universities. It is the oldest accreditation body in America.

Revised Bible Reviewed

Publication of the revised standard version of the Bible and the 500th anniversary of the first printed Bible were observed Sept. 30 in a program at the college.

The history of the many translations of the Bible, together with the characteristics of the new version and the reasons for its preparation, was recounted by President Matt L. Ellis.

If it were as easy to arouse enthusiasm as it is suspicion, just think what could be accomplished. —Grayson County (Ky) News.

OBITUARY

WILCOX—Nancy L. Wilcox was born on June 7, 1971, at St. James, Arkansas, and passed away September 28, 1952, at Batesville, Arkansas. She is survived by four sons, Palmer of Dardanelle, Derfie and Marvin of Pleasant Grove, Rev. Clarence Wilcox, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Brinkley; five daughters, Mrs. Zona Farrer and Mrs. Beulah Watts of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. R. L. Flint of New London, Texas, Mrs. C. D. Myers and Mrs. Hugh Wilson of St. James; nineteen grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren.

Sister Wilcox was loved by all who knew her. To the building of the Kingdom of God she gave not only of her material resources but also of her fine spiritual qualities. During the last three months of her life I was her pastor. Mrs. Jinske and I visited her in her home a number of times during the past summer and she always rejoiced to see us. We could see in her face and heart the glow of God for she had lived well in the keeping of her Saviour. She really did not have to die to go to Heaven for Heaven came to her. Although she was not

rich in the things of this world, she was rich in the things of the spirit. She knew and valued very highly the things that really count, both here and hereafter.

As she had not lived alone neither did she die alone for the Lord was her Shepherd. She knew not only the Shepherd's Psalm but also the Shepherd.—H. W. Jinske.

CURE YOUR BACKSLIDING

(Continued from page 7)

press forward is the road that leads across the way home. You do not walk this road alone for the Father is near you. Anxiously He calls and watches for the backslider's return. There is an urgency about the rededication of life. Hearts grow hard, vision becomes dim, our ears become deaf to his plea, we settle back into a sad state. Today, hear His voice, repent of your waywardness, and enjoy His fellowship in the rededication of your life. Then, His spirit will bear witness with your spirit that you are His child.—RIB

We are not what we think we are, but what we think—we are! —Harvester, hm, Internat'l Harvester Co. of Canada.



Am I My Brother's Keeper?

IN INDIA I asked myself this question when I saw thousands of homeless sleeping in the streets of Calcutta and Bombay. When I saw half starved children and "hunger limp" babies like the one above.

IN KOREA (My schedule did not permit me to examine the 28 orphanages in which CCF assists Korean children). There is only ugliness and misery in Korea. Wandering refugees, little ragged children, destroyed homes. There is hardly a family not broken, fathers taken prisoners or shot, mothers abused and carried off or left dead behind a broken wall. A destroyed country of rubble, rage, disease, hunger and human misery.

IN JAPAN in the Elizabeth Saunders Home for GI babies, deserted by their American fathers, and 18 other CCF orphanages, all over-crowded. IN GERMANY where I saw some of the several million people who are refugees in their own country. Those who escaped from East Germany won their freedom at great cost. Few families escaped intact. Children, parents, wives and husbands shot down or dragged off to labor camps. Those who escaped are destitute. They can't find work and have inadequate food and shelter.

The sick little children of India, the wandering orphans of Korea, that flaxen haired German miss, who saw her father killed, does God charge me with their plight? I have returned from overseas with the realization that the Communists care enough to make very successful capital of democracy's failures and with the strong conviction that we Americans can not close our eyes or stop our ears to the cry of a hungry child anywhere in the world — black, brown, yellow or white. The hungry children of the world are more dangerous to us than the atom bomb.

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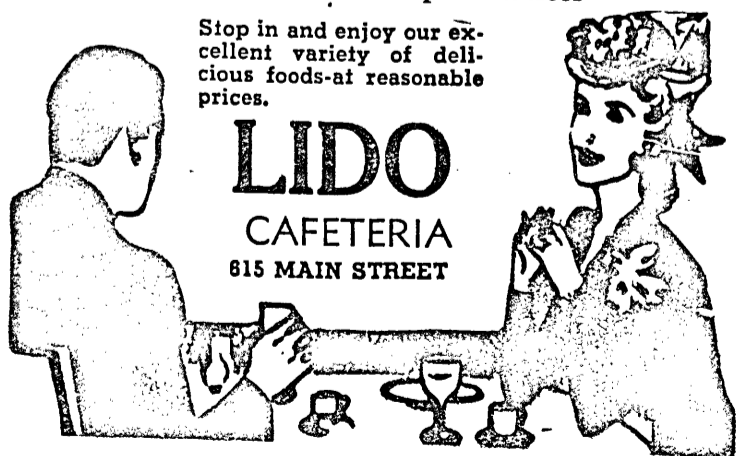
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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 19, 1952 HOW CAN I AVOID OSTENTATION?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
The sixth chapter of Matthew. Printed text: Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: When you pray, go into the room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (Matthew 6:6)

This is the third lesson of Unit I. It will be remembered that the general theme of the unit is:

"Qualities of the Christian Life"

The themes of the last two lessons were "Is My Life Dedicated?" and "What Makes a Man Happy?" One notes immediately the facts that "Dedication" is a quality of the Christian life and so is "Happiness". The quality that will be emphasized today is that of motive. Why do people live righteously? Is it because of their love for God and fellow men, or is to be seen of men?

A General Warning

The first verse of our printed text gives a general warning. The warning is against doing good with the motive of only being seen of men. Ostentation, or doing things merely to show off was a great danger when Christ was here in the flesh and this evil is still with us. This sin is especially prevalent among church people. There were three ways in which it was generally practiced in that ancient time — in alms giving, fasting, and prayer.

Specific Cases

"When you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites in the synagogues and in the streets." Some scholars feel that these words are to be taken figuratively; that the Pharisees did not actually get out and sound a trumpet to draw a crowd before making gifts to the poor. The statement is pretty much like our modern advice "Don't toot your own horn." There were times, however, when they did sound trumpets on the streets before making gifts. In the time of extreme drouth the people were in the habit of assembling on the streets to pray for rain. They did make gifts to the poor feeling that if they failed to do so God would not answer their prayers, and at such times trumpets were sounded. Let that be as it may, the thing Christ is arguing against and condemning is the doing of a religious act merely to be seen of men and to be praised by them. The Lord goes on to insist that such alms-givers have their reward. They are seeking only to be seen by men and praised by them. They obtain these results and that is the end of it. God is left out of the picture. They are seeking nothing from him and will get nothing from him. They have rendered helpful service but it was rendered with a wrong motive. This service would have been definitely Christian had it been rendered from the motive of love for God and humanity. One cannot even have a cup of cold water in the name of Christ and as a disciple of the Lord and miss his reward,

but the deed must be done in the spirit of Christian love and not merely to be seen of men.

Several years ago a man was traveling in a mountainous country. He was caught out in a snow-storm. After trudging on for many hours he was overcome by the cold and fell upon the earth. When he was almost dead another man came by and rescued him. He carried him to a place of safety. When all was finished and the good man had done his turn he started to leave. The other insisted on knowing his name. The man raised the question, "Do you know the name of the Good Samaritan?" "No," replied the other. "Then it isn't necessary that you know my name" and with that he turned and walked away. He was not looking for credit for himself. Through the spirit of Christian love he was rendering service to his fellow man. He was fulfilling the injunction that Christ gave in our lesson today, "Do not let your right hand know what your left hand does." Remember, Christ is not, in this case, discouraging the matter of alms-giving. He is only insisting that it be done with the right motive.

The next specific case the Lord mentions here is that of prayer. One of the greatest activities in life is prayer, but if it is to bring about the desired result it must be done with the right motive. The Lord warned against ostentation in the matter of prayer. The Pharisees were in the habit of praying in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen of men. We recall the one whom Christ mentioned, as standing proudly in the synagogue and thanking God that he was such a good man. He even called attention to another who was present at the same time — a publican — and went on to say, "I thank thee that I am not as this man." In his humility the publican would not dare to lift his face toward heaven, but with head lowly bowed and in deep humility cried out, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." Christ went on to say that the publican rather than the Pharisees went down to his house justified.

The Pharisees were not in the habit of deliberately going out on the streets to pray, but they had their regular prayer hours as the Mohammedans do today, and when the time came for prayer they proceeded with it regardless of where they were. Some of them would actually continue in prayer for as much as three hours at a time as they stood on the corners of the streets. The Lord insisted that they put on all these pious acts merely to be seen of men. It is also said that they so arranged their daily

schedules that they would be caught out on the streets at the time of prayer.

Let it be noted that the Lord is not condemning prayer. He is anxious that all pray. He gives every possible encouragement to lead people to pray. The things he is condemning here were the manner and motives that were back of the prayers offered by these hypocrites. He warned against the use of the repetition of empty phrases. He called attention to the fact that the Gentiles were guilty of this evil. These people were in the habit of memorizing prayers and saying them over and over again without even thinking of what they were saying. Many people use the Lord's Prayer in that way. They think there is a great virtue in the number of times they repeat this wonderful prayer. They say it as fast as they can to get in as many repetitions of it as possible during the allotted time. The trouble is they say it without even thinking about what they are saying. So far as they are concerned it becomes a group of empty phrases; vain repetitions. This is the greatest of all prayers but to those who thus use it, it is not prayer at all.

The last specific case the Lord mentions here is that of fasting. These hypocrites were in the habit of putting on great acts in the matter of fasting. They tore their garments, put ashes on their heads, bared their feet, and refused to wash their faces. They tried to look as dismal as possible. Then they paraded themselves in public. Large groups of people saw them in this woebegone condition and felt that they were very pious. Jesus knew that they were only putting on a show. It must have seemed perfectly ridiculous to him.

It will be noted that the Lord did not condemn any of these acts. It was merely the manner of and motive for doing them that he condemned. There are times when people get spiritual matters so much on their minds that they forget to eat. For the time being they are wholly absorbed in things of more importance. Such was the case with Christ during the forty days he spent on the mount of temptation in the wilderness. Fasting is well and good under such circumstances, but to make of it merely a show to lead people to believe that one is exceedingly pious is an evil.

Ostentation Is Still With Us

We still have people who like to show off. The Pharisees did not all die in that distant day, neither are they all among the Jews. Judaism had and still has its Pharisees but Christianity does too. There are many in all walks of life whose chief object is to put on a big show; they want to be seen of men.

One thing we must bear in mind, however, and that is the fact that we cannot get along without church leaders. It is very easy for the rank and file of the membership to sit back and criticize those who are in places of responsibility. Constructive criticism is well and good; we need more of it, but destructive criticism is a great evil. One can do the bigger business on the least capital in this field than any other. A moron can soon tear down a building in a few days that an efficient carpenter worked for months to construct. It is a fact that a few leaders are holding high places in the church merely to be seen of men; to be in the lime light, but

that is not true with the vast majority of our leaders whether in the pulpit or in the pew. Most are there for the good that they can do. They are there because they love God and humanity. They desire, in deep humility, to help build God's Kingdom on earth.

The Subtlety of This Evil

There is no temptation in life that is more subtle than that of ostentation. One has to know another's inner life to realize whether or not he is guilty of this evil. Since it is impossible to thus know another, we can never be sure whether his motive is good or bad. That is why Christ warns us against judging others. One may have every outward appearance of a show-off and yet deep down under the surface his motives may be pure.

This evil is so subtle that one has to be very careful about himself. People can be self-deceived at this point more than at any other. One might imagine his motives to be pure when deep down under the surface of life they might be otherwise. It, therefore, behooves us to constantly take stock of ourselves, raising such questions as, "Why am I making this choice? Why am I engaging in this activity? Why do I belong to the church? Why am I faithful to the church? Why am I attempting to be a leader in the church?" Or on the other hand, "Why am I refusing to assume responsibility as a leader? Why am I failing to carry out the vows I made before God and the assembled congregation at the time I joined the church? It is very important to periodically examine ourselves by raising these and similar questions, otherwise we may easily become self-deceived.

The Cure of This Evil

There is but one cure for this evil and that is for the individual to live close to the Lord. When we compare ourselves with others, who are not doing so well in the spiritual life, we feel like saying with the Pharisee of old, "Lord, I thank thee that I am not like other men", but when we look to Christ we simply cannot utter such words. We see our own faults and shortcomings so vividly that with the Apostle Peter we feel like saying, "Depart from me, O Lord, for I am a sinful man", are like the great Apostle Paul when he spoke of himself as the chief of sinners. No person who is thus conscious of the presence of the Lord can possibly go out to do good merely to be seen of men. The great power that moves his life will be love for Christ and through him love for man. The evil is cured. The disease has gone. The spirit is made humble. The motive is pure.

