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College Endowment Campaign Underway

LEADERS of the current \$600,00 endowment campaign in Arkansas Methodism for Hendrix College indicate that the program has gotten off to a good start with much progress already being made in reaching the \$300,000 needed to qualify for a \$300,000 gift from the General Education Board of New York City. From what we have been able to learn what the leaders are saying is no idle boast. At the present the program is being organized on a district and county basis, although organization on these levels is being kept at a minimum. But whenever the need for the campaign is explained local leaders are responding and the outlook is good.

According to Dr. Matt Ellis and Dr. C. M. Reves, president and vice-president, respectively, of the college, almost one-third of the \$300,000 has already been pledged and these leaders confidently anticipate that reports momentarily expected will begin a series of reports that will culminate in the \$200,000 being raised in cash and pledges within a short time.

It is our understanding that the proceeds of this program will go to help the faculty salary situation at the college, a situation which needs attention badly. We would like to say in passing that this faculty has stayed by the college when the going was difficult and helped to make the college what it is today, a school in which the church can well take pride. This is a real opportunity to express the church's loyalty to the faculty.

Laymen's Day Next Sunday

SUNDAY, October 19, will be observed by many Protestant denominations, including The Methodist Church, as Laymen's Day. As a means of emphasizing the function and importance of laymen in the life of the church, laymen will be speaking in pulpits of those churches having the observance. These laymen are deserving of your attendance at these services.

Laymen's Day is, of course much more than a time when laymen conduct the service of worship. It is also more than simple recognition that lay persons have a place of responsibility in the life of the church, for there could not be churches unless there was a wholesome response by lay people to the leadership of the ministry. It seems to us that its very observance is real evidence of the church's vitality. If there were no group of laymen in the several churches to man the pulpits on Laymen's Day, that would be a sign that the church is in a weakened condition. The great host of laymen that will be speaking from pulpits next Sunday is visible evidence that the church is accomplishing its mission.

The Church, strangely enough, began as a laymen's movement. True, Jesus set apart a group of men, disciples, to shoulder the responsibility for the work of the Kingdom. But these men were not of the clerical group of that day. The clerics in the Christian movement came later when the growing Christian church needed more than lay leadership to handle the affairs of the Christian communion. The real test of the early Christian movement came when lay Christians, the first fruits of the Christian movement, were willing to publicly witness to their faith even though that witness cost them their lives. In those days of persecution every day was Laymen's Day.

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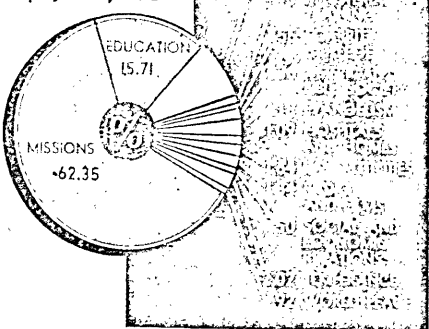
Social, Economic Relations And The World Service Dollar

IN recent years The Methodist Church has been repeatedly embarrassed by the activities and publicized statements of the Methodist Federation for Social Action. The "leftist" tendencies in this organization appeared to be so pronounced that they were out of harmony with the ideas and ideals of the great masses of people who make up the membership of The Methodist Church.

The confusing and aggravating thing about the situation was the fact that the Methodist Federation for Social Action was in no way officially related to The Methodist Church, despite its misleading name. Since it was not an official organ-

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ization of The Methodist Church, our church had no voice in directing its activities or formulating its pronouncements and, of course, had no control over them.

However, because of its interest in social and economic conditions, and because of its desire to have an official organization through which The Methodist Church could speak its mind on such matters, the recent General Conference authorized the organization of the Board of Social and Economic Relations. It provided that one-half of one per cent of each World Service Dollar would go to the support of this Board.

The General Conference also requested the Methodist Federation for Social Action to discontinue the use of the word "Methodist" in its name. The executive committee of that organization recently recommended to its membership that the request be granted. It is commonly expected that the recommendation of the executive committee will be approved by the membership.

This new agency of The Methodist Church, the Board of Social and Economic Relations, will give its time to the study of religious aspects of social and economic conditions. The General Conference acted wisely in setting up this Board and the small amount provided for its support is money well spent.

Where Does That Leave The Rest Of Us?

THE political situation, as related to the present presidential campaign, has some very disquieting aspects. The question marks being raised regarding the moral character, the honesty and the integrity of the candidates for President and Vice-President, if taken seriously, cannot but throw a shadow of suspicion over all of us, if men of the character of the present candidates must be subjected to such grueling tests.

After months of careful study and planning the Republican and Democratic parties selected out of the millions of Americans the four men who seemed to be best fitted for the office of President and Vice-President of the nation. The immediate response throughout America, especially regarding the presidential candidates, was that the men chosen were the highest type Americans chosen as candidates by either party in years. Both men were acclaimed as top-flight Americans, worthy in the highest sense, to be chosen as candidates for the Presidency by the two major political parties.

A discussion of the issues and the position of the candidates regarding the vital issues of government, national and international is, of course, naturally expected. Strange to say, regardless of the unusually high character of the candidates chosen, the campaign has turned largely from a discussion of issues to a study and discussion of the personal character, the honesty and integrity of the candidates. The public often listens sympathetically while the truthfulness, the honesty and the motives of these national leaders and crusaders are questioned and even denied by some whose voices carry across the nation.

If we listen seriously to questions like these raised about the character of men chosen out of the millions of men of America for their special fitness for the Presidency, where does that leave the rest of the millions of men in America who were by-passed when political parties select the man of all men in each party thought because of character most likely to be elected? If we cannot trust men of this type until they have uncovered and laid bare their private and business life, what is our state of mind regarding the rank and file of American manhood?

The UN After Seven Years

ON October 24, 1945 the United Nations organization came into being with the ratification by those nations which signed the original charter. With the launching of this world-wide organization the war-weary, peace-starved peoples of the world experienced a new hope that this new venture might be the means of bringing goodwill and harmonious relations between the nations of the world. During these seven years the UN has traveled untried roads, pioneering in areas of international relationships, experimenting with many methods that hitherto had remained in the realm of the impossible. What about these seven years? Have they proven that the great experiment is impractical?

We do not subscribe to the oft discussed theory that the leaders of the UN are endeavoring to build a super world government that will rob the member nations of their sovereignty and that the sooner Americans wake up to the fact that they are being taken for a ride the

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behalf of the Member States, all of whom have agreed to accept and carry out its decisions.

The five permanent members are China, France, the U.S.S.R., the United Kingdom and the United States. The non-permanent members are elected by the General Assembly for two-year terms, and are not eligible for immediate re-election.

Each member of the Security Council has one vote. Decisions on procedural matters are made by an affirmative vote of at least 7 of the 11 members. Decisions on substantive matters also require only 7 votes, but these 7 must include the concurring votes of all the 5 permanent members: this is the rule of "Great Power unanimity," popularly referred to as the "Veto". When the Council is taking measures for pacific settlement, a party to the dispute must abstain from voting.

Because the maintenance of peace requires constant vigilance and may call for prompt action, the Security Council is in permanent session and generally meets at least once a fortnight. Should it so decide, the Council may hold its meeting at places other than headquarters.

The Security Council has the right to investigate any dispute or situation which might lead to friction between two or more countries, and such disputes or situations may be brought to the Council's attention either by one of its members, by any Member State, by the General Assembly, or by the Secretary-General, or even, under certain conditions, by a state which is not a Member of the United Nations.

It has the right to recommend ways and means of peaceful settlement and, in certain circumstances, the actual terms of settlement.

In the event of a threat to or breach of peace or an act of aggression, the Security Council has power to take "enforcement" measures in order to restore peace and security. These include severance of communications, of economic and diplomatic relations and, if required, action by air, land and sea forces.

All Members of the United Nations are pledged by the Charter to make available to the Security Council on its call and in accordance with special agreements, the armed forces, assistance and facilities necessary to maintain peace and security. (These agreements are yet to be negotiated.)

Under the Security Council is a Military Staff Committee, composed of the Chiefs of Staff of the five permanent members or their representatives, which advises and assists the Council on all military matters.

The General Assembly established in January 1946 an Atomic Energy Commission which worked under the direction of the Security Council. In February 1947 the Security Council established a Commission for Conventional Armaments. At its sixth session in 1952, the Assembly decided that these two Commissions should be dissolved and that their functions should be merged in a new and consolidated Disarmament Commission.

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Working under the authority of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council seeks to build a world of greater prosperity, stability and justice.

It makes studies, reports and recommendations on international economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related matters and also with respect to human rights and fundamental freedoms for all. It prepares draft conventions on these subjects for submission to the General Assembly. It calls international conferences when needed. It gives information and assistance to the Security Council as required and, with the approval of the General Assembly, performs services within its scope for Member States.

Composed of 18 Member States, six of whom are elected each year by the General Assembly for a three-year term, the Economic and Social Council meets as often as it is required to perform its duties. It arrives at its decisions by a majority of those present and voting.

Even before the founding of the United Nations, several inter-governmental agencies were at work to deal with specific problems. Some of these have been in existence for many years, such as the International Labor Organization, founded in 1919. Others, like the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organizations, were established after World War II. One of the important tasks of the Economic and Social Council is to bring these organizations, called "Specialized Agencies" into relationship with the United Nations by negotiated agreements and to co-ordinate their activities.

New specialized agencies may become necessary to deal with special problems and, in that case, it is the Economic and Social Council which initiates the negotiations to bring them into existence.

In order to help it discharge its functions, the Economic and Social Council appoints Commissions to deal with particular aspects of its work. These Commissions are small bodies of international authorities on special subjects, and they give expert advice to the Council. New commissions may be created by the Council as required.

Representatives of the Specialized Agencies participate without vote in the proceedings of the Economic and Social Council. The Council also makes consultative arrangements with approved voluntary or non-governmental organizations, working within the sphere of its activities.

THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL AND NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

In an Article of profound significance, the Charter proclaims two principles with respect to countries which have not yet attained self-government. The interests of the inhabitants of these areas are paramount, the declaration says, and Member States which administer such areas accept certain obligations as a sacred trust; obligations to promote political, economic, social and educational advancement; to provide just treatment and a protection against abuses; to develop self-government; to further international peace and security; and to encourage constructive development.

In accordance with this declaration, Member States which administer non-self-governing territories transmit reports to the Secretary-General on conditions in these territories. These reports are studied and analyzed, and come up for discussion before the General Assembly and other organs

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SUBSIDIES AT HENDRIX COLLEGE

By DR. MATT L. ELLIS, President

A friendly sports writer in his column in a Little Rock newspaper referred to Hendrix as a college which does not subsidize students. We have to reply that the statement is not completely true. We do subsidize at Hendrix.

The sports writer's statement is clear and no one is likely to mistake his meaning. He was of course writing of the widespread practice in American schools of making special allowances, in the form of tuition scholarships, fees, books, laundry, and often some money, to students who are outstanding in athletic ability. It is common knowledge that many colleges under pressure from alumni, students and fans, have in recent years launched programs showing their determination to have "the best teams money can buy" or at least the best their money can afford. Subsidies in this sense Hendrix does not allow.

Other schools are moving in this direction. Recent steps taken by many American schools will lead toward de-emphasis of intercollegiate athletics. These moves have been influenced by statements of policy issued by such agencies as the American Council on Education, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, of which Hendrix is a member, has placed this significant quotation from the North Central resolution in its revised By-Laws: "Since colleges and universities exist to educate students, and not to sponsor athletic contests nor to entertain the public, the subsidization of athletes as athletes is disapproved." Hendrix heartily concurs in this policy.

EDUCATION IS SUBSIDIZED

But subsidization involves more than athletes. There are other subsidies in all our colleges. For at no one of our schools does a student "pay his way" completely. Since in every institution part of the expense of operation is borne by funds other than payments by students, it follows that to this extent, whether one per cent, five per cent or one hundred per cent, the students are subsidized. The per cent of the total cost which is covered by subsidies will doubtless be reflected in the schedule of student fees. Two schools having similar programs, equal in enrollment and in the ratio of faculty to students, with about the same salary scale and total budget, and with the same allowance each year for maintenance, library, etc., will probably report the same average cost per student. But one may have to charge the student a great deal more than the other because it has much less money from other sources. There is a great difference in meaning between the two terms, "the average cost per student" and "the average student fee."

In its annual operating statement a college reports expenses for instruction, administration, operation and maintenance, library, etc. Funds to meet these bills come from student fees, endowment, gifts and grants, profits from auxiliary enterprises and appropriations from parent agency, whether it be the state or the church. In state institutions public funds appropriated by the legislature pay a substantial portion of the budget, allowing very low fee charges to students. Frequently these institutions are in such financial condition that they make no charge for tuition and only a token charge for rent, subsidizing these budget items by state money. Highly endowed institutions, church owned or independent, may receive sufficient income from investments and gifts to pay a large per cent of the total budget, thus allowing their students full college opportunities for only a fraction of the total cost.

Church colleges in Arkansas receive annual appropriations from their churches but there are very great differences in the amounts allowed. One receives \$150,000 per year, another receives about \$70,000 per year. Hendrix receives from the Methodist Church about \$30,000 per year.

STUDENTS PAY ONE-HALF

Hendrix students now pay in tuition and fees about half the total net cost of their college education (52 per cent in 1950-51 while all senior Methodist colleges in America received from tuition and fees an average of 67 per cent of their total operating revenue.) When a student pays so small a part of the total cost, the balance must be made up of income from endowment, Conference benevolences, and gifts and grants. Since all these funds represent contributions from friends, every Hendrix student is the beneficiary each year of gifts from devoted men and women who have made investments in Christian education to be administered by Hendrix trustees and faculty. Young men and young women who pay, or whose parents pay, all the charges the college asks are still making a quality purchase at a bargain price.

COLLEGE PROVIDES SOME SUBSIDIES

Other subsidies at Hendrix come in the form of scholarships. The college is glad to allow ministerial students, children of ministers, and children of faculty members scholarships worth \$160.00 per year. In 1951-52, these grants totaled \$13,388.75. Other scholarships, including those in music and those awarded to high school valedictorians, amounted last year to \$3,125.00. Directed funds made up of scholarship endowments established by friends and funds supplied by the two Conference Boards of Ministerial Training provide additional funds to be administered by the college; these allowed payments for students last year totaling \$13,315.00. All special subsidies for 1951-52, including National Methodist Scholarships and Vocational Rehabilitation aids, totaled \$31,810.50.

Hendrix needs more assistance in this program of subsidization, that it might be continued and extended to a larger number of worthy students. We will subsidize ministers as ministers, scholars as scholars, musicians as musicians, ministers' children as ministers' children, and faculty children as faculty children, but we cannot subsidize athletes as athletes. Promoting this policy, we shall always want to be able to say that we do subsidize at Hendrix College.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. E. DUNLAP, pastor at Mena, has been elected president of the Ministerial Alliance of Mena.

DR. JOHN TYLER CALDWELL, president of the University of Arkansas, will be guest speaker at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Laymen's Day, Sunday, October 19.

DR. CARL R. RENG, president of Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, will be Laymen's Day speaker at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro.

THE BOARD OF STEWARDS of the First Methodist Church, Malvern, has made plans to open the church doors each Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p. m. so that those who so desire may enter for a moment of prayer.

RICHARD STEFL of Conway will be Laymen's Day speaker at the First Methodist Church, Russellville, on Sunday, October 19. Mr. Steel is a brother of Dr. Marshall T. Steel, pastor of Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas.

THE HENDRIX COMMITTEE of the Fayetteville District has set aside November 9 as Hendrix Sunday in the district. Every church in the district will place emphasis on the Hendrix Campaign and some churches will wind-up the campaign on that day.

THE choir of the First Methodist Church of West Memphis took part in the dedication ceremonies of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church at West Memphis. The Right Reverend B. Bland Mitchell of Little Rock led in the ceremony of dedication.

REV. RALPH RUHLEN of the Hendrix College faculty will be the speaker on Friday, October 17, at the fifth anniversary of the reorganization of the Stoney Point Methodist Church in the Beebe area. There will be a supper and program. Rev. Wayne Hill is pastor.

REV. BILL L. ODOM, pastor at Weona, was the speaker for the Methodist Men's meeting of the First Methodist Church of Campbell, Missouri, on October 6. He was introduced by Dr. Whitaker, president of the Methodist Men. Mr. Odom spoke on "The First Missionary Journey of Saul, Barnabas and John Mark."

WENDELL DORMAN, son of Rev. Raymond Dorman, pastor of Levy Church and Mrs. Dorman, has been elected president of the Wesley Foundation at Arkansas State Teachers College. Other officers include Davis Ramsey of Heber Springs, vice-president; Ann Blythe of Shumaker, secretary and Bob Dempsey of Conway, treasurer. G. Y. Short is faculty sponsor.

JIMMIE BARNETT of Batesville addressed the Methodist Men's Club of the Mountain View Methodist Church at their regular monthly breakfast meeting on October 5. Mr. Barnett who was introduced by Buddy Lackey, president, spoke on "The Crops the Church Should Plant." Nineteen men were present which is almost double the number present for the September meeting.

REV. ROBERT L. ARMOR, a native of Springfield, was the speaker at the Pioneer Day service at the Springfield Methodist Church on October 12. Mr. Armor is superintendent of the Texas Mission Home and Training School. He has served in that capacity for seven years and has been in the Southwest Texas Conference since 1944. Rev. Vernon Paysinger is pastor at Springfield.

DR. CONNOR MOREHEAD, district superintendent of the Camden District, will become responsible for the Bradley Methodist Church, Bradley, for the next few weeks while Rev. J. D. Montgomery, the pastor, and Mrs. Montgomery, are visiting their son, James D. Montgomery, Jr., who lives in Coronado, California, and works for the San Diego Union, a leading newspaper of that city.

PRICE SHOFNER, Little Rock attorney, passed away on Thursday, October 9, in a Little Rock hospital. Mr. Shofner had been a member of Winfield Church since 1897 and had served on the Board of Stewards for many years. He is survived by his wife, a son, Girard P. Shofner of Little Rock; a daughter, Mrs. A. M. Smith of Tulsa; two brothers and two sisters. Funeral services were held on Friday by Rev. Cecil R. Culver, pastor of Winfield Church.

AN EVANGELISM PROGRAM which will be held in two missions is being planned by the Fayetteville District. Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent. The first mission will be held on October 19 through October 24 and the second on November 9 through November 14. One-half of the preachers of the district will be visiting preachers and the other one-half will be hosts. There will be a different preacher in each charge each night.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, North Little Rock, was awarded first place in the annual architectural contest of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects at the annual banquet in Little Rock last week. Approximately 100 architects from all sections of the state voted on drawings and exhibits of buildings constructed throughout Arkansas. The building of the First Methodist Church was designed by the Little Rock firm of Brueggeman, Swaim and Allen.

WORK has begun on the new parsonage for the Fayetteville District which will be located at the northeast corner within the assembly ground on Mt. Sequoyah. The lot was purchased from the Western Methodist Assembly by the Fayetteville District. The parsonage, ranch style, will consist of living room and dining area, kitchen and breakfast room, four bedrooms, two baths and office. The attic is to be floored and finished for a workshop and there will be a double garage. Rev. W. F. Cooley, the district superintendent and his family, hope to move into the new home sometime within the next four months.

BISHOP FREDERICK T. KEENEY passed away on September 24 in Miami, Florida, where he had lived in retirement the past twelve years. He was nearly ninety years of age. Elected a bishop by the General Conference of 1920, Bishop Keeney was assigned to the Foochow Area which he served four years. He then served the Omaha Area 1924-28 and the Atlantic Area (Methodist Episcopal) until his retirement in 1936. The next four years he gave as director of the Million Unit Fellowship Movement, a promotional effort in behalf of increased benevolent giving.

FREDERICK D. WISEMAN, editor of The Methodist Recorder, British Methodist weekly publication, passed away in London, England, on October 1, from a heart attack. Mr. Wiseman was well-known in Methodist Church circles in the United States. He visited the United States in February, 1950, and was given a luncheon by Vice-president Alben W. Barkley, another by The Christian Advocate and the Commission on Public Information of The Methodist Church, in Chicago, and a third by Methodist friends in New York. He attended the General Conference in San Francisco.

DR. WILLIAM E. BROWN, district superintendent of the Monticello District, was the inspirational speaker for the organizational meeting of the Pine Bluff Wesley Methodist Men's Fellowship which was held in Fellowship Hall of First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff. Dr. Brown spoke to forty men, half of whom were visitors from First Methodist Church and Lakeside Methodist Church, on the subject "It is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive." Milton Erickson was elected president; Lewis Wood, vice-president and Homer Koonce, secretary-treasurer. The women of First Methodist Church served the dinner and donated the profits to the Wesley Woman's Society of Christian Service.



Roland Shelton, Little Rock Layman Tells Why HE IS SUPPORTING THE Hendrix College Endowment Campaign

METHODISM in Arkansas has an unusual opportunity to advance the cause of its college. The General Education Board of New York has offered to contribute \$300,000 to an endowment fund for Hendrix College provided Methodists of Arkansas contribute a like amount. This means that everytime we give \$1.00 Hendrix College receives \$2.00.

Interest from this endowment will be used to augment teachers salaries. This is extremely important, since Hendrix must be in position to pay adequate salaries if it is to continue the high standards of spiritual and intellectual training it has always maintained.

Methodists of Arkansas can send their youth to Hendrix confident that they will receive academic training in a Christian atmosphere where spiritual as well as mental growth is stressed.

The challenge comes to us to strengthen and insure Methodist Christian education in Arkansas. We must not—we will not fail.

NOTICE

I plan to publish my report of Conference receipts, by Churches, in the *Methodist* of November 20th. All remittances reaching me by November 7th will be included in the report.—P. E. Cooley, North Arkansas Conference Treasurer.

HENDRIX COLLEGE AND PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE are two of the fifteen colleges of Arkansas to share in the Ford Foundation project to improve teacher education. President M. LaFayette Harris of Philander Smith has been elected to the 11-man executive state committee responsible for administering the fund to the 15-member institutions. This committee will spend a grant of more than \$600,000 during the school year 1952-53. Philander Smith, will probably receive a little better than \$25,000 on the current budget. This sum will be spent in developing a more adequate curriculum in general education, improvement books and the purchase of science equipment of guidance and counseling, purchase of library for the new science hall.

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BEING CONCERNED WITH OURSELVES

What is the most interesting word in our language? What word above all others makes us sit up and take notice? A writer on the psychology of success once said, "To each person, the most interesting word in the language is his own name."



This is only a vivid way of saying we are all very much interested in ourselves. We need not deny this fact, nor apologize for it. Jesus founded his social philosophy on the basic assumption of man's self-concern. In taking over the Levitical law "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," He did not change it to read "Thou shalt love thy neighbor instead of thyself."

We are rightfully interested in ourselves, partly because we are ever surprising ourselves. Youth is a period of wonder with every bush aflame with some new touch of heaven, "the trailing clouds of glory" not yet dispelled by the light of common day. Yet as sweet 16 ripens into the 60's there grows the wonder that one small head can carry all it knows—yes, can carry so much more than it knows. That's why we so interest and surprise ourselves. As the shadows of evening fall on our lives, the lights outside of us may dim a bit, but new lights begin glowing to illumine the mysteries within. This world within the self flashes more and more with hints of its own beyond.

These surprising self-discoveries come in various ways. When, for instance, a mind reaches wits' end and knows not which way to turn, a saving flash of higher wisdom comes like the guidance of a kindly light amid the encircling gloom. Or when human strength reaches the end of its string, a new supply of power wells up from somewhere, and a person walks out of a situation after a demonstration of endurance amazing to himself and says "I did not know it was in me." After an air raid over Paris in 1915, a paralyzed woman living on the fifth floor of an apartment found herself in the porter's lodge on the ground floor. Thus emergencies evoke unguessed energies.

Now and then we are pushed to the frontiers of routine living and catch hints of the heights and depths of our lives. While these intimations of the beyond which lie within us have beckoned men to explore their minds since the dawn of self-consciousness we, in our day, have new means and methods to aid us study ourselves. When Socrates said to his Athenian students, "Know thyself," he lacked the technical aids of the modern psychologist just as the old Greek chariot was minus the equipment of the present-day jet plane.

Today we know something about that region of the mind which lies below the level of conscious thought. We know that down there hide our suppressed wishes, our lost memories, our instinctive drives, our sources of mysterious strength which make us "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." We have discovered that this hidden dynamo of the unconscious can be made to work for us.

Centuries ago the psalmist said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" — but we have worked out modern ways of talking ourselves into new states of mind. We learned from Mr. Coue that we could sweeten our dispositions and lighten our shadows by repeating to ourselves, "Day by day in every way, I am getting better and better." We know that our minds are most susceptible to these health-giving suggestions at certain times, as for instance in the morning before we get caught in the day's rush or at night when approaching slumber evokes the mood of relaxation.

We now recognize that our minds can be made to work for us ever while we sleep, often untangling the knotty problem which has baffled our waking hours. We may even jump up in the middle of the night to jot down our brilliant flashes.

Then why call God in to help us work out our problems? Well, left to ourselves, most of us do not know how to feed our own minds properly. A Persian fable tells of a father who, departing on a long journey, left his son a mirror. When the parent returned he found the son starved to death, looking at himself. Thus introspection may often close the intakes of the mind. Thought goes round and round in vicious circles. Worries grow from mole-hills to mountains.

Do we not all know some persons who are too much shut up in themselves, starving themselves with their stale repetitious thoughts.

When God enters such closed minds, he brings the vitamins of fresh suggestions; he imparts the calories of courage — "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

so that the world is fully apprised of progress in these areas.

The Charter also set up a Trusteeship System for the administration and supervision of territories which are placed under the System by Member States. Each Member placing a territory under the Trusteeship System submits a trust agreement. The agreement may designate the Member country, any other country, or the United Nations as the "administering power" to administer the area under the terms of the trust agreement. These terms have to be agreed upon by the "states directly concerned" and to be approved by the General Assembly or, in the case of areas designated as strategic, by the Security Council.

The Trusteeship Council, which operated under the authority of the General Assembly, is the principal organ which performs these functions. As regards the strategic areas, the Security Council has to avail itself of the assistance of the Trusteeship Council on political, economic, social and educational matters.

The Trusteeship Council is composed of (1) Member countries administering trust territories; (2) permanent members of the Security Council which are not administering trust territories; and (3) as many other members (elected for three-year terms by the General Assembly) as may be necessary to ensure equality in numbers between administering and non-administering members.

The Trusteeship Council considers reports submitted by the administering authority. It accepts petitions and examines them in consultation with the authority. It may provide for periodic visits to the trust territories, and takes other measures in conformity with the terms of trusteeship agreements.

THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

The principal judicial organ of the United Nations is the International Court of Justice which sits at The Hague in the Netherlands. Fifteen judges elected independently by the Security Council and the General Assembly compose the Court.

The Court functions under a Statute which is a part of the Charter of the United Nations, and every Member State of the United Nations therefore has automatic access to the Court. Every Member is also pledged to comply with the decisions of the Court in any case to which it is a party.

The jurisdiction of the Court comprises all cases which the parties refer to it, and all matters specially provided for in the Charter or in treaties and conventions in force.

In addition to judging legal disputes which are submitted to it, the Court performs an important function in giving advisory opinions on legal matters which are referred to it by the General Assembly, the Security Council, and other organs and Specialized Agencies which are authorized by the General Assembly.

THE SECRETARIAT

The vast administrative functions of the United Nations are performed by the sixth principal organ, the Secretariat, the agency which, working the year round, services the other organs and administers the programs and policies laid down by them. At its head is the Secretary-General, who is appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Security Council.

In February 1946, Trygve Lie, then Foreign Minister of Norway, was appointed Secretary-General for a five year term. At the fifth session of the Assembly, he was continued in office for a period of three years.

The Secretariat comprises the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, a Technical Assistance Administration, and eight departments which are concerned, respectively, with the Security Council affairs, economical affairs, social affairs, trusteeship and information from non-self-governing territories, legal matters, public information, conference and general services, and administrative and financial matters.

The duties and responsibilities of the Secretariat are exclusively international. Each member of the staff, whatever his nationality, is a international civil servant who serves the world and, in so doing, serves also the highest interests of his own country.

LAYMEN'S DAY NEXT SUNDAY

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Those familiar with the course of Methodism's history know the part that laymen played in "spreading scriptural holiness throughout the land," in Methodism's early days and how, especially in recent years, more and more laymen are rising to accept the challenge of sharing the church's leadership. We are suggesting that the Christian movement had its beginning and is having its fruition among laymen. The great test of any great movement is whether or not the experience that it seeks to share finds great commitment by persons who are not professionally related to it.

Laymen's Day, then, is a visible demonstration that the Christian movement continues to challenge the best in men and women, and that they are finding soul satisfying experiences in their commitment to it.

THE UN AFTER SEVEN YEARS

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better we will all be. Neither do we feel that the UN is serving no useful purpose and that it should be discarded posthaste.

The General Assembly of the UN is meeting this week and the very fact that it is meeting with full representation from member nations should be evidence enough that member nations hold real hope in its present and ultimate role in the affairs of man. There will be differences of opinion and at times tension will mount to heated proportions. The Assembly will be used for purposes for which it was never intended, yet it will also be used to accomplish some noble goals which were in the minds of those who conceived it. Much diplomatic steam will be let off in debate and maneuvering, but psychologically, they tell us, it is much better to let such pent up feelings explode than to suppress them. It might be much better to explode

in debate in the beautiful new UN building in midtown New York than back in one's homeland where such an explosion can't be heard by the rest of the world, or if it is heard is likely to be misunderstood for something else.

The UN by any sort of measurement is a comparatively young organization. Even in infancy it has proven itself. It is deserving of support and confidence but more than anything else the UN merits greater understanding by average people, like you and I. This year's observance of UN Day, October 24, and UN Week, October 18-25, is pointing up the need for the average citizen to have a better understanding of the UN, to learn what it is, what are its purposes and how it goes about its work. With this objective we are in enthusiastic accord. We believe that when the peoples of the world understand the UN they will see it as it really is: the one great hope, with the Christian Way of Life, for realizing peace in our world.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The fact is we all live by faith and cannot live without it . . .

Faith is the will to believe in the absence of absolute certainty, but not in the face of know facts . . .

Faith is reasonable belief expressed in action . . .

Now religious faith is like other kinds of faith in that it contains the element of venture. It is a man believing where he cannot prove and acting in the absence of absolute certainty . . .

Religious faith, although it moves in a realm where absolute proof is not possible, has ample ground to stand on . . .

At its best, religion provides the power to triumph over sin and fear and death.

Humility is a man recognizing his dependence on a higher power and therefore free from pride and arrogance . . .

The vision of God which rules out self-conceit rules in self-respect . . .

This humble desire for divine guidance does not preclude the use of one's own head . . .

Pride makes for stupidity; those only can learn who are teachable. Pride makes for tension, discord and open strife; those only can get along with one another who knew themselves to be not righteous men but sinners in need of a divine mercy and help . . .

from A MIGHTY FORTRESS
by Ernest Fremont Tittle

LIGHT

By Lorna Horner

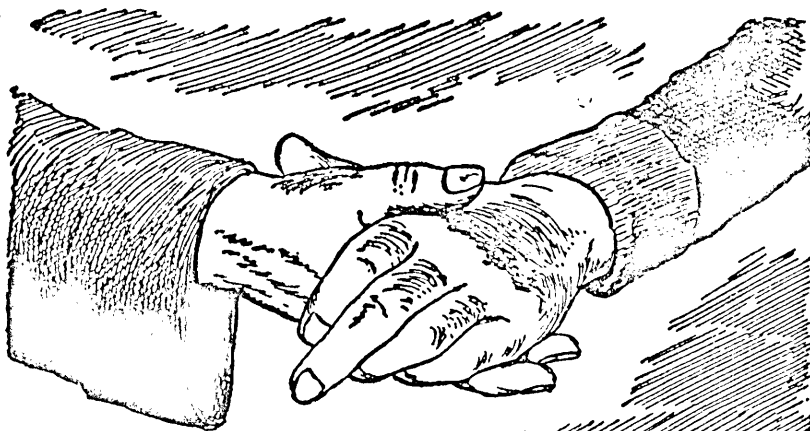
(Lorna Horner, a 15 year old school girl, wrote this theme on the first day of May 1952. While vacationing in Colorado with her family she was drowned June 19, 1952. Through her death, a theme which would have been discarded, has become a light to countless hearts in darkness, a power to many, and a comfort to her friends and loved ones.)

"God works in mysterious ways"—His light to shed abroad.

I sit here in my bedroom looking at this light and a great many thoughts are running through my mind. This is no unusual light, it is merely a three-bulb ceiling light with a pretty globe, yet, in some way it is different. It is individual. I'm quite sure there is not another light just exactly like it in the world. There may be others of the same pattern but none of them are alike. There is some little something that is entirely different from the rest.

But I don't want to write about a light made by best-known earthmen. The Light I am going to speak is far greater; it is God's light. It is Christianity.

His light has not always shone so brightly. In fact, it was a very, very slow process to start the gleam, but, just as we had Thomas A. Edison, He had His son, Jesus Christ,



To One In Sorrow

LET me come in where you are weeping, friend,
And let me take your hand.
I, who have known a sorrow such as yours,
Can understand.
Let me come in—I would be very still
Beside you in your grief;
I would not bid you cease your weeping, friend,
Tears bring relief.
Let me come in—I would only breathe a prayer,
And hold your hand,
For I have known a sorrow such as yours,
And understand.

GRACE NOLL CROWELL

A PEOPLE OF HIS OWN

"For the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous of good deeds." (Titus 2:11-14)

THE KING JAMES VERSION of this passage reads, "and purify unto himself a peculiar people." There is something illuminating about both these translations. In our commitment to God we are "a people of His own" and in that relationship there is that

as our lamp lighter.

I have heard stories of the great gladness that was caused at night when the lamps were lit. So would Jesus go out and enlighten the world with His teachings of God and His great love for us. A far greater delight was born in us when we learned of His work.

Can you imagine how wondrous it was when Edison announced he had found a method to make light at the flip of a button?

Can you even begin to imagine the wonder the people felt when Jesus told them that God would care for them and that they would never be in sorrow or grief if they would love Him and obey His commands?

The next time that you turn on a light, just stop and think a minute of how much a little light grew to be a whole world of Christianity.

which makes Christians a different people. It makes all the difference in the world what we believe in. There have been those who have said, "It makes no difference what we believe in so long as we are sincere." This is a fallacy that misleads to the damnation of our souls. We would hardly take this as an axiom for any other area of our lives. We are obligated to strive to live according to the best that we know but our obligation does not end there; we are to strive to know the best. In our search for the best in life we become people who are different.

Early Christians were different. The difference in their lives was soon noted by those around them. Paul in his trial before Felix revealed there was a real difference in his life. Though Felix stood in the place of power he was afraid as he heard the words of Paul reasoning of righteousness, temperance and judgment. The rich young ruler who came to Jesus detected something very different in Him that he did not have in his own life. In the life of a genuine Christian, people do see the difference. They are quick to see the sham of life as well. There is no counterfeit that will do.

Christians are different in their belief in God. Every man has a god. It may be the god of material things. It may even be the god of his own pride, but every man worships something. What we are devoted and loyal to is the god that controls the attitudes and motivation of our lives. Christians believe in the Christlike God who loves unto the uttermost and gives freely of His grace to redeem His people. He has spoken in multitudes of ways to His creation, but has spoken most clearly in the life of Jesus Christ His Son.

Christians believe that God's grace is extended to all people. That all men can enjoy the benediction of His presence and the redeeming power of His love. There is not a select group that will enjoy His blessing but salvation is extended to all men regardless of class, race or color. No man can be excluded. One of the accusations hurled at Jesus was that he was a friend of sinners. This accusation has become the greatest boon to all mankind. He is a friend to sinners, for those who are "sick need a physician."

God's people know that God was seeking them before they sought Him. Two men were talking of religion one day and one said to the other, "Isn't it a wonderful thought that God will forgive willful transgressions?" His friend replied, "Yes, but it is even more wonderful to know that God seeks those who have transgressed against Him just to forgive their sin." God takes the initiative in the salvation of man. He does stand at the door knocking and all who will open the door will have fellowship with Him. His love is revealed, not to condemn, but to save men.

God's people testify that He shares with them the changing scenes of life. He does not forsake when we are called to go through the valley of shadows. In truth, His presence may even be closer in that hour than at other times. In the first shock of an emergency we may have the same cry come to our lips as Jesus uttered on the cross, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" But as we are still and seek His guiding hand we can then say, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." We have the assurance that "though we walk through the valley of shadows He is with us and His rod and His staff comforts us."

Furthermore, God's own people have a different outlook on life. Christians are in training to renounce the destructive forces of life. A true Christian is able to see deeper the results of sins than he who is not a Christian. As we note that which we are to renounce we find that is only that which destroys life. There is not anything forbidden that will make for a greater joy and a deeper peace. All too frequently there has been the idea that religion was the opposite of joy in life. See those who hold to this point of view and see where it leads them. The results are all too convincing that it is the road that leads to destruction.

But some never get beyond the renouncing stage of life. All of their preaching and teaching is negative. We talk of getting people in a posi-

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LAYMEN'S DAY SET FOR NEXT SUNDAY

LAYMEN'S DAY—October 19—will be as widely observed as in previous years despite a change in date from February to October.

This is the conviction of Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Lay Activities, and is based upon first-hand contact with churches in the field and numerous letters which have been received at the board's national headquarters.

Goal of the board is to have laymen leading the service in every one of Methodism's 40,000 churches. Theme for the day is "Rise Up, O Men of God."

"This year our Laymen's Day will take on added significance," Mr. Mayfield said, "because we will be sharing with fellow laymen of many other denominations in a common observance. If we can observe Laymen's Day together it signalizes the rapid approach of a unity which will let us do many other—and even more significant—things together."

Acting upon a request from the Department of United Church Men of the National Council of Churches, the Board of Lay Activities asked the 1952 General Conference to shift Laymen's Day to the October date.

BISHOP RAINES ON MISSION TO CHAPLAINS IN FAR EAST

Bishop Richard C. Raines left Indianapolis, Indiana, his home, October 1, for a month's preaching and counseling to chaplains in Korea and Japan.

The mission, made at the invitation of Major General Ivan Bennett, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army, is to bring inspiration to chaplains who are constantly facing heavy responsibilities and living in the midst of suffering.

The plans include a five-day retreat, October 6-10, in Tokyo for Army chaplains stationed in Japan.

Each morning will open with Holy Communion to be followed by a "guided meditation" by Bishop Raines. After intermission there will be a period of instruction, followed by Bishop Raines' Retreat sermon of the day.

Afternoons will be devoted to visits to church projects and mission activities in the Tokyo area.

The evening services will take the form of usual Protestant worship and the Christian community of Tokyo will be invited to participate.

Sunday congregations at Tokyo and Oklahoma chapel centers will also hear Bishop Raines. He will probably speak at Yukosuka Naval Base and at Tokyo Union Church.

Retreats and seminars will also be held for chaplains in Korea. October 13-18 at such behind-the-lines locations as Seoul, Taegu and Pusan. While in Korea Bishop Raines will have an audience with Dr. Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic. President Rhee was a delegate to the 1912 General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BRITISH METHODIST LEADER HERE

The Rev. Donald O. Soper of London, president designate of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, is spending three intensive weeks in the United States speaking on world peace and international goodwill.

Dr. Soper's open-air preaching in Hyde Park and Tower Hill, London has made him one of the Empire's best known clergymen. His skill in meeting questions designed to trap him and in handling hecklers draws large audiences to Britain's famous outdoor free-speech forums.

BISHOP CORSON THANKS THE PRESS

Philadelphia—Oct. 4—Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, from his office here, near which young Ben Franklin first delivered newspapers, yesterday expressed the "thank you" of 25,000 Methodist ministers and more than nine million church members for America's free press and its generous service to the churches.

The Bishop's recognition of National Newspaper Week was in his capacity as President of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church. He also heads the denomination's Board of Education and is chairman of the Board of Trustees of Temple University here.

Bishop Corson's statement follows: "The churches of America have a valuable colleague in our newspapers. The generous publication of religious news by the newspapers is also a compliment to the American public.

"The freedom of the press and the community newspaper are both necessary for the maintenance of a democracy.

"The Church is grateful to a free press which recognizes the importance of religion in American life and salutes this unique American institution."

UNIVERSITY SENATE ORGANIZES

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. Goodrich C. White, president of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., was re-elected president of the Methodist Church's University Senate at the accrediting agency's quadrennial organizational meeting here October 8.

The 21-member senate sets scholastic standards for 118 schools, colleges, universities and seminaries related to the Methodist Church. It also serves as an advisory board to the denomination's General Board of Education, which has its national headquarters here.

Dr. Hurst R. Anderson, president of American University, Washington, D. C., was elected vice president. Re-elected executive secretary and recording secretary, respectively, were Dr. John O. Gross and Dr. Myron F. Wicke, both staff members of the church board. Dr. Gross is executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions, and Dr. Wicke is secretary of the Department of Higher Education.

In addition to Dr. White and Dr. Anderson, the senate membership numbers 13 college presidents, including Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas.

Kind words are short to speak, but their echoes are endless.—Optimist

METHODIST LAYMEN IN NATIONAL RETREAT

MEETING September 26-28 in Buffalo, N. Y., 100 Methodist laymen of 20 states conducted a three-day experiment in spiritual life fellowship and evangelism that may set a new pattern throughout the church.

The group adopted a resolution calling for an annual National Laymen's Retreat because "our experience here has been such a profound blessing . . . and we feel that such a spiritual awakening is in store for our fellow-laymen throughout Methodism."

Designed as a spiritual and mental advance, coupled to Christian action by the testing of witnessing techniques, the "retreat" was sponsored jointly by the General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, and the General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tennessee.

A Buffalo committee of 25 laymen and clergymen was in charge of arrangements, headed by Thomas B. Clay, Genesee Conference lay leader, and the Rev. Dr. Richard J. Davey, district superintendent. Host churches were Asbury-Delaware and Plymouth.

EISENHOWER IN DISARMAMENT STATEMENT TO RELIGIOUS LEADERS

New York—A personal conviction, held for twenty years, that permanent peace cannot come without universal disarmament, was shared by General Dwight Eisenhower with six representatives of church peace organizations September 30 in an interview at his temporary headquarters here.

The real problem, said the General, is to obtain satisfactory assurance that the Soviet Union will accept a plan of effective inspection.

The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., executive secretary of the Board of World Peace of The Methodist Church, was one of the group which collectively presented the Republican candidate with a 500-word memorandum, asking him "to make clear to people everywhere that the supreme purpose of the U. S. is to achieve a world in which its energies and resources can be devoted to human welfare—a disarmed world, free from war."

A similar appeal by this group will be made to the Democratic candidate at a meeting now in process of arrangement.

General Eisenhower recalled to his visitors that in his Silver Lecture at Columbia University in 1950 he had affirmed that "universal disarmament is essential to a stable and enduring peace" and that he "looked forward to the day when we can present to the Soviet government a just and practical plan of freeing the world from the burden of armaments."

LOUISVILLE AREA IN UEM PROGRAM

Louisville, Ky.—Mounting enthusiasm and interest throughout Kentucky and West Tennessee is reported by Methodist laymen and clergymen preparing for a United Evangelistic Mission to be launched October 24.

With headquarters in Louisville, the simultaneous campaign will embrace 1,200 churches and run through November 23. The Louisville Area mission is expected to set a pattern for a nine-state campaign by Methodist churches throughout the South next April and May.

Approximately 10,000 laymen of the Louisville Area are being trained in visitation evangelism, and 250 ministers will come from other states to serve as evangelists. Special programs will be beamed throughout the area by 40 radio stations and two television outlets.

The Rev. Eugene Golay, staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, Nashville,

The laymen mixed learning with action. They conducted a Saturday street service, and on Sunday each spoke at churches throughout the Buffalo district. Some visited homes, hospitals and prisons, and two groups appeared on radio programs.

The daily programs were climaxed by mass meetings featuring addresses by eminent churchmen.

"Since the time of John Wesley Methodism has witnessed for Christ on physical, social and economic frontiers, and there is still much to be done," declared Robert G. Mayfield, executive secretary of the lay board, at the opening session. "Our purpose here is to learn to witness for God more effectively, and to teach others in our local churches."

Teaming with Mayfield to guide the program was the Rev. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, associate secretary of the Board of Evangelism and director of its Spiritual Life department. "The time to meet God is now," Dr. Thomas said, emphasizing that "one layman afire with enthusiasm can revolutionize an entire church."

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, St. Louis, also urged the laymen to witness for Christ out of personal experience. "The only way we can obtain peace and security in the world today is by finding it in the spirit of Christ and make more people conscious of their relationship to Him," he said.

"Every great spiritual movement has been a lay movement," the group was told by Dr. Harry Denman, executive of the evangelism board. Emphasizing what laymen can do, he urged the delegates to build more education buildings, organize more Methodist Men groups, and campaign to bring more young couples with children into the church.

"One reason the Communists are taking the world is because they believe in something and are willing to die for it . . . we need more men and women who are willing to take such a stand for Christianity," Dr. Denman declared.

The laymen summed up their weekend experiences in an "hour of sharing" at the last session. "I have spent more time on my knees here than ever before," one young lay leader said. "I felt inadequate before, but here I found the answers and am prepared to do a better job," said another.

Tenn., is directing the Louisville Area campaign. Bishop William T. Watkins, Louisville, has named several special committees to organize the evangelistic program, and similar organizations have been set up by district superintendents.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

Church School Rally Day

We have many splendid reports on Rally Day, both as to the attendance and interest shown, and also the offerings being received in our office. We plan to give the first report on offerings next week. All Church School Rally Day offerings are to be sent to Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway.

Any church school that has not yet observed Church School Rally Day can secure programs from our office.

Membership and Attendance Reports

We are receiving many fine reports on Membership and Attendance. There went out to each church school superintendent a request that a report on membership, Oct. 5; and the attendance for Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, be sent to us. Many of our church school superintendents have responded to this request. If you have not reported for your school we hope you will do so soon.

Leaflet No. 89-BC

We have tried to get to each pastor and each church school superintendent a copy of booklet No. 89-BC, Organization and Program of the Methodist Church School, 1952-56. This booklet gives the plan for church school work for these four years. Each church school should have copies of this booklet to go into the hands of its workers, especially the general leaders, divisional and departmental leaders. The Methodist Publishing House will furnish them at 10c per copy.

No New Membership Roll

Many of our church schools still think they must drop all names with the last Sunday in September and begin a new roll the first Sunday in October. This is not wise. All persons enrolled in your church school in September should be considered members the first of October. As you begin the records for your new church school year all names from the old records should be carried to the new records except such as have been removed by order of the Board of Education (Now Commission on Education). There are five groups of names that should not be continued on the rolls: persons who have died, persons who have moved away to stay, persons who have joined another church school, persons who have asked that their names be removed, persons who have been absent for six months (have been visited and will not return). Why should a person who has been a member of your church school for years and happens not to be present the first Sunday in October have to be thought of as a new member when he comes back on the second or third Sunday in October?

Marvell Charge Training Schools

Under the leadership of Rev. Porter Weaver, the pastor, the Marvell Charge is planning for two training schools to be held in November: Marvell and Lexa. The pastor will do the teaching. Brother Weaver is making extensive plans to make these two schools be of real service to his charge.

Many other pastors who are certified for training courses should

TRAINING SCHOOL AT CAMPBELL'S CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Beginning on Sunday afternoon, September 21, and ending on the following Thursday evening, Miss Anna Rose Miller and Mrs. Frances Winter, District Directors of Children's Work for the Fort Smith District, conducted a five-session training school for those interested in the Church School at Campbell's Chapel A. M. E. Church in Fort Smith. Included in the sessions was an observation class with children of the church, which lasted for an hour during each of the four evening meetings. The stories and activities for the children were based on the teachings of Jesus about being friendly.

Campbell's Chapel has a membership of only 60, including the children of the Church School, but attendance at the training school averaged between 15 and 20.—Frances Winter

follow his example. Three other pastors in Forrest City District are now holding schools in their churches or plan to do so soon.

Vacation Church School Reports

We have received a large number of reports within the last month, but we feel certain that a number of vacation schools have not yet been reported. Please check the list below to see if any of your schools have not been reported.

Should you need report forms for reporting your school, please let us know.

The following are the reports:

Batesville District: Batesville, First Church; Batesville, Central Avenue; Evening Shade; Mountain Home; Fairview; Norfolk; Wesley's Chapel; Newport, First Church; Tuckerman; Moorefield; Cotter; Salem; Umsted Memorial, Newport. Conway District: Wesley Memorial; Morrilton; North Little Rock, First Church; Levy; Washington Avenue; Russellville; Gardner Memorial; Ola; Sylvan Hills; Centerville (Ola Charge); Bluffton.

Fayetteville District: Berryville; Elm Springs; Harmon; Farmington; Wiggins Memorial; Gravette; Green Forest; Pea Ridge; Prairie Grove; (Continued on page 9)

Requests For Materials For Children Of England

Miss Margaret Marshall, rural worker in the Arkadelphia District, has received a request for materials which are needed in many of the Sunday Schools in England. In this country depleted by war, many things are needed, but the following materials were specifically requested and may be gathered together by a number of our children's groups. Out of date Primary and Kindergarten leaflets are needed particularly. Many of the children of England have so little that the bright colored pictures on the leaf-

DR. DAVIS IN NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL

THE New Orleans Training School for Christian Workers will be held in the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, October 20-24.

Dr. Wesley C. Davis, of the Perkins School of Theology, will teach the Bible Course. Mrs. A. A. Barber, Director of Religious Education in First Church, Dallas, will teach courses on adult work. Rev. Roy Farrow, executive secretary for the Texas Methodist Colleges Assoc., will teach a course on Stewardship and Church Finance.

Mrs. C. E. Mehaffey of Beaumont, Texas, will teach courses on Children's Work, while Mrs. Edgar Cayard and Rev. L. L. Booth, both of the Algiers Church, will teach the youth courses.

Dr. Davis will teach two identical Bible courses, one at each period, every night for five nights. Each pupil in the School will be asked to take the Bible course at one period, and a methods course at the other period.

In the school last year Canal Street had the largest enrollment



DR. W. C. DAVIS

with Carrollton Avenue and St. Mark's tied for second place.—Henry A. Rickey, Dean of the Training School

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE RECREATION WORKSHOP

Plans are maturing for the Louisiana Conference Recreation Workshop, to be held in First Methodist Church, Alexandria, December 4-6.

Registration will begin at 2 p. m. Thursday, December 4, and the Workshop will close at 5 p. m. Saturday, December 6.

The Churches of Alexandria and Pineville will furnish bed and breakfast, and the registration fee will be \$2.00.

This workshop is for high school students, college students, camp leaders, young adults, and anybody else, who wants to come, and have fun.

The headliner on the staff, is Rev. Harold Hipps, associate minister of West Market Street, Greensboro, N. C. He was formerly a clown with Ringling Bros., and today is one of the nation's best, in the field of church recreation.

A. C. Voran, of Centenary College, will lead the singing and conduct

COOPERATIVE TRAINING SCHOOL HELD IN MENA

The Presbyterian, Christian, Nazarene and Methodist Churches of Mena cooperated in a training school which was held the week of September 14th. The school was held in First Methodist Church of Mena, Rev. Ed Dunlap the host pastor. Rev. W. C. Cumming, Presbyterian minister of Mena, served as dean for the school. A fine spirit of cooperation prevailed among the workers of the participating churches, and all agreed that the school had furthered the spirit of brotherhood in the community.—Mrs. W. F. Bates

the song leading classes. Professor Chris Miller, also of Centenary, will lead the Church Drama group.

Mrs. W. T. Boyd, of Baton Rouge, formerly with the Leisure Crafts and Leather Supply Co. of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Jolly B. Harper, of Alexandria, will lead the crafts section.

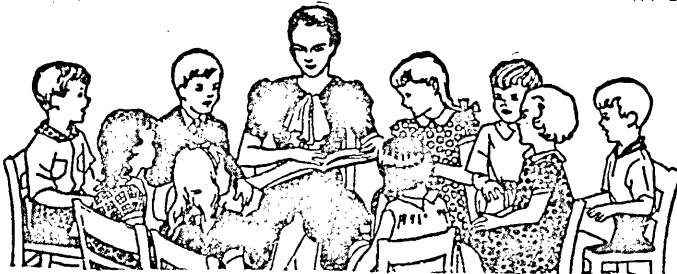
Other staff members in church drama, party games, home fun, and the philosophy of recreation, will be announced later.

Registrations should be sent in, with the \$2.00 fee, to Rev. Bentley Sloane, Box 4156, Shreveport, La. Registration will be limited to 100 from outside the Alexandria area, on the basis of first come, first served.

Our First Conference Workshop was held last year, in Carrollton Avenue Church, New Orleans. Ninety-five enrolled and had a wonderful time.

Suggestions as to courses and staff members will be welcomed, by the Dean, Rev. Henry A. Rickey, 1125 Fern Street, New Orleans, or by Rev. Bentley Sloane.

This Workshop is sponsored by the Board of Education of the Louisiana Conference, with both the Conference M. Y. F. and the Conference Student Movement actively assisting with the promotion.—Henry A. Rickey



METHODISTS LAUNCH NEW TYPE RETREAT PLAN

A new type of retreat intended to bring spiritual vitality to U. S. population centers was launched in Buffalo, N. Y., by more than 100 Methodist laymen. The first national Methodist Layman's Spiritual Life Retreat evolved methods for personal evangelism to be used by nearly 3,000,000 laymen in this country. The new retreat plan is built on the idea that "strong faith comes not from getting apart from the world, but by going out into the world and influencing others," said Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Nashville, Tenn., Methodist director of Spiritual Life. "Instead of going into seclusion for our retreats, Methodist men will invade the cities," he explained. Putting on a preview of what they plan in other cities, about 30 Methodist men held a street meeting in downtown Buffalo. Among participants were a North Carolina manufacturer, a New Jersey surgeon and a West Virginia insurance executive. They prayed, sang, read scripture passages and told of personal experiences that have strengthened their faith. Dozens of passersby paused to listen.

The retreat plan also calls for home visitation and pulpit preaching.

At the Buffalo retreat 45 laymen occupied pulpits of area Methodist churches Sunday morning. This procedure will be followed at other weekend retreats.

Grand Canyon To Have First Permanent Chapel

Plans for the erection of a \$150,000 community chapel at the rim of the Grand Canyon were announced by the Shrine of the Ages Corp. at Grand Canyon, Arizona. Site of the chapel will be near the shrine from which Easter sunrise services have been broadcast for the past 18 years. The proposed chapel will seat 350 worshippers and have picture windows with a view of the canyon, which has been described as "one of the world's most inspirational sights."

93-Year-Old Minister Still Active

At 93, the Rev. Charles F. Smith is still active in church work. He is the oldest minister in the Texas Methodist Conference. Although he retired from pastoral duties in 1934, the aged minister is the official custodian of records for the Conference. As such he gathers and compiles historical information for the many churches in the Conference. He has his office in Houston's St. Paul's Methodist church, of which he is listed as associate pastor.

America's Tallest Clergyman Gets New Pulpit

In civilian life or in the Army, everyone looks up to the Rev. A. Roy Ogborne. He's 6 feet 9 inches tall and claims to be the tallest clergyman in the U. S. Mr. Ogborne is the new minister of Ellwood United Presbyterian church in Buffalo, N. Y. For the last two years he was chaplain of the Army's 21st Division, Camp Atterbury, Ind. Mr. Ogborne weighs 245 pounds and is so tall he has to duck through most of the doors in his new manse. However, he usually finds that being tall is an advantage. "At big church gatherings I can always keep my eye on the flock and I never get lost in the crowd," he said. In World War II he was a chaplain with the 41st Division on Leyte and Mindanao. Regulation Army uniforms wouldn't fit him and special ones had to be made.

New Orleans Churches Hold Prayers For Guidance

Prayers for divine guidance in the nation's affairs were said in church-

"The Church is grateful to a free press which recognizes the importance of religion in American life and salutes this unique American institution."

Important Archeological Finds Made In Nazareth Church

The remains of an early Byzantine fourth century church was unearthed at Notre Dame church in Nazareth by an engineer working to strengthen its foundations. Under the ancient church, the ruins of a synagogue probably dating from the first century B.C. were found. The discoveries are believed here to be among the most important in recent times. The mosaic floor of the Byzantine church showed an Aramaic inscription, as yet undeciphered, similar to those of the earliest churches, Sephoris and Cana, built by Emperor Constantine's governor Joseph. The newly-discovered synagogue, it is thought here, may be the one in which Christ preached. Further excavation work has been suspended pending instructions from the Vatican which is expected to send one of its experts to the site.

Youth Leading 'Criminal Army' Says FBI Head

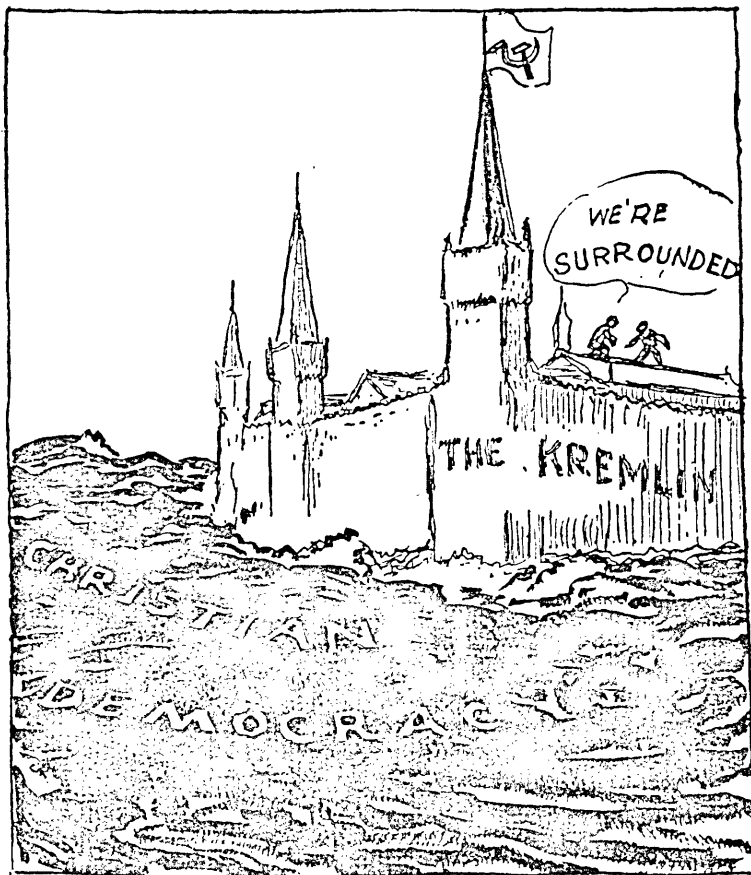
Behind statistics of a rising national crime rate lies a tragic story of parental neglect, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a message prepared for National Catholic Youth Week, Oct. 19-26. Pointing out that more than one million crimes were committed in the first six months of this year alone, an increase of 6.4 per cent over the number in the same period a year ago, Mr. Hoover stressed that "youth led the criminal army." "Almost 30 per cent of all persons arrested were less than 25 years of age," he said, "and they were responsible for 55 per cent of all robberies, 60 per cent of all burglaries, 69 per cent of all auto thefts, and 43 per cent of all larcenies. "Behind these figures lie tragic stories of parental neglect, broken homes, immorality, adult delinquency, and public apathy—pain-

es of all denominations in New Orleans in accordance with a proclamation by Mayor deLesseps S. Morrison. The call was issued by Mayor Morrison at the request of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the New Orleans Methodist district and the New Orleans Council of Church Women. It said that "in these times of uncertainty and peril, the people of America must pray to God for divine guidance," and that the "Holy Bible offers to all people the most powerful and effective remedies for the difficult problems confronting the world."

Methodist Bishop Praises America's Free Press

Praise of America's free press and its services to the nation's churches was expressed in Philadelphia by Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, president of the Council of Methodist Bishops, in a statement for National Newspaper Week. Speaking for the denomination's 25,000 ministers and more than 9,000,000 members, Bishop Corson said: "The Churches of America have a valuable colleague in our newspapers. The generous publication of religious news by the newspapers is also a compliment to the American public. "The freedom of the press and the community newspaper are both necessary for the maintenance of a democracy."

UNDERNEATH ARE THE EVERLASTING ARMS Chas. A. Wells



ful proof that our nation is suffering from spiritual starvation."

161 New Church Buildings Erected In St. Louis Area

Church construction in the St. Louis metropolitan area since the end of World War II has exceeded \$44,250,000, it was reported in a special publication issued by the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce. The total amount represents \$26.33 for every man, woman and child living in the area. In St. Louis and St. Louis County (they are separate), 161 new church buildings have been erected since 1945. Building permits have been issued by municipal authorities for 214 new religious structures, churches and educational buildings, and 356 more permits have been given for additions to, or alterations, of other church buildings. "Four million dollars worth of new construction is in progress at the present time, and plans for additional millions are on architects' drawing boards," the Chamber of Commerce reported.

Chapel Of Four Chaplains To Give Scholarships

Three university scholarships will be awarded by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia, it was announced by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, chaplain of the chapel and editor of the Christian Herald. A Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish candidate for the ministry will each be presented a \$1,000 scholarship this year, he said. Applicants must be recommended by a pastor, priest or rabbi and endorsed by their high school principals. The three ranking chaplains of the Army Chief of Chaplains office will select the award winners from this group. The chapel is a memorial to four Protestant, Catholic and Jewish chaplains who died together on the torpedoed troopship Dorchester in World War II. Dr. Poling's son, the Rev. Clark V. Poling, was one of the four.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

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Springdale, First Church; Wesley, Springdale; Sulphur Springs; Siloam Springs; Alpena; Centerton; Rogers. Forrest City District: Helena; Wesley's Chapel; Colt; Cotton Plant; Elaine; Wabash; Marianna; Marion; Cherry Valley; West Helena; Wheatley; Round Pond; Wynne; West Memphis.

Fort Smith District: Booneville; First Church, Ft. Smith; Fifth Street; Huntington; Mansfield; Ozark; Van Buren, First Church; Waldron; St. Luke's; New Hope; Charleston; Midland Heights.

Jonesboro District: Brookland; Caraway; Dell; Harrisburg; Joiner; Manila; Marked Tree; Monette; Osceola; Trumann; Weiner; Yarbrough; Keiser; Blytheville, First Church; ton Avenue; Jonesboro, First Church.

Paragould District: Biggers; Reyno; New Home; Marmaduke; Hoxie; Paragould, First Church; Piggott; Pocahontas; Stanford; Griffin Memorial; Hardy; Walnut Ridge.

Searcy District: Bald Knob; Bradford; Cabot; Harrison; Leslie; Valley Springs; Beebe; Marshall; Augusta; Jacksonville; McCrory; Searcy. Wilburn; Stoney Point; Higginson.

We hope that churches that have had schools, but not listed in the above lists, will report same to us at an early date.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



TRIXIE'S FIND

"GAIL, please leave Trixie alone. You have been bothering that poor dog all day. Can't you see she doesn't want to be bothered?" scolded Gail's mother.

"Well, what can I do?" answered Gail. "I'm tired playing house and school and weddings with my dolls, and Trixie really doesn't mind. She has nothing to do either, and sometimes she wags her tail and that tells me it's O. K."

"Never mind what Trixie tells you. I have something I think you might like to do. I'm going to bake some cookies and you can beat the eggs, and butter the pans, and cut the cookies out for me. How do you think you would like to do that?"

Gail didn't have to answer, because there was nothing in the world Gail liked to do better than to help bake cookies, so without answering her mother she was off to wash her hands and get a clean apron.

"You see I can find something for you to do," said her mother as she tied Gail's apron, "but I think while you and I are busy baking, Trixie had better go outdoors and play a little while. She hasn't been out all day and a little fresh air won't do her a bit of harm."

Without another word Gail's mother called Trixie, but she wouldn't come, so she took hold of her collar and had to drag her to the door.

Trixie usually liked to go out to play, especially if Gail were going too, but she didn't want to go today. It had been snowing almost all day, the snow was deep, and it was cold, too.

Trixie stayed huddled near the door, but as it didn't open again she walked slowly to the backyard. She looked all around for something to chase but couldn't see a thing, so she just ran round and round and round in the newly fallen snow, and when she stopped to rest she buried her face in it up to her eyes. It was nice stuff to play in.

Then she thought she heard something. "Was it a cat?" Quickly she pulled her head out of the snow, and without stopping to shake the snow off she ran to the back fence.

There sat a little grey kitten all curled up like a soft furry ball.

"Oh, here's some fun!" thought Trixie so she barked and barked. But the kitten never moved.

"Ugh, she's stupid," said Trixie to herself. "I'll get her down and chase her." She jumped up to her but couldn't reach, and the kitten just sat.

"You're a funny cat," called Trixie. "Maybe you aren't a real cat after all! Why don't you move?"

"If I move, where can I go?" asked the kitten. "Every place is covered with snow, and snow is so wet and cold!"

"It isn't if you play in it. Come on, get down. You can jump. The snow's soft and you won't get hurt. I won't hurt you, either. Come on, try it," coaxed Trixie.

The little kitten stood up, and after much teasing and coaxing she jumped, but the snow was so very soft she went right under it.

Well, was Trixie surprised! She could see where the kitten had fallen but she couldn't see her, so she poked her nose into the snow up to her eyes and pulled it out again, but when she came out she held the little grey kitten in her mouth. Her face and mouth were full of snow but she didn't shake herself. She trotted up to the back door, set the kitten carefully on the step, gave a little sharp bark, picked the kitten up again and waited.

Gail rushed to open the door, but when she saw Trixie she called "Mother, Mother, Trixie's caught something. She has it in her mouth."

"Don't let her in, Gail. It might be a rat!" called her mother and she came running to the door.

"Well look what she has—a kitten! Where did you ever find it, Trixie? The poor little thing is so wet I don't wonder you didn't know what it was, Gail."

Trixie dropped the kitten on the kitchen floor and stood wagging her tail.

"Where did you find her, Trixie? I wish Trixie could tell us, don't you, Mother?" said Gail.

"I certainly do," answered her mother, "but she looks as though she is enjoying her secret. Run and get a cloth from that box in the basement and perhaps we can dry the kitten a bit before we give her some nice warm milk to drink."

"I found something for you to do to keep you happy, but Trixie found something all by herself and she looks very happy, too. I think she deserves an extra biscuit for that."

"May we keep the kitten, Mother?" Gail called from the basement.

"We will unless we can find out the people who own it, dear, and if we find them then we must give her back."

Gail and Gail's mother and Gail's father told all their friends about Trixie and the kitten, but nobody

PRISCILLA'S RED-LETTER DAY

By Inez Wilson

September 5 in the long, long ago was a red-letter day for blue-eyed, curly-haired Priscilla Crosby, for it was to be her first day in school. How big she felt as she helped mother to get all her belongings ready to take!

"Hurry, Martha and John," she called to her sister and brother as she started down the path to the gate. She was carrying a bright, new tin pail that held her lunch, and, as a special treat, mother had put in a gingerbread man with currant eyes.

Priscilla also had a slate and a primer. She had already learned her A B C's and could spell such simple words as "cat" and "pat" and "mat." Her new primer was neatly covered with pink muslin to match her pink bonnet. Her slate and pencil were new, and she was very proud of them. Some children did not have a new book and slate, when they started to school, but had to use those that had belonged to other members of the family; so Priscilla had an extra reason to be happy.

"I'm going to try hard never, never to break my slate or my pencil," Priscilla said to mother, when she kissed her good-bye. "I'm going to take very good care of them."

When they got near the schoolhouse they saw boys and girls coming from other directions. Priscilla felt timid. Then Prudence Alden, whose sister Faith was the teacher, came and put her arm very gently around Priscilla and made her feel

had heard of anybody losing one. And so the kitten stayed on at Gail's house. Everybody was happy, but nobody was any happier than Trixie. —The United Church Observer.

A PRAYER FOR SCHOOL

By Grayce Krogh

Dear Father, help me do my best
When I'm at school each day
That I may do my lessons in
The very nicest way.

Help me to play at recess time
With fairness, win or lose,
So that each of my memories
Will be of pleasant hues.

Help me to make things easy, Lord,
For teacher every day,
So she may teach her very best,
For Jesus' sake, I pray. Amen.

—Girls' World

better.

When Faith came to the door of the schoolhouse and rang the bell which she held in her hand, the children came running and marched inside. Prudence took Priscilla by the hand and led her to her seat in the front row. The little tin pail and the pink bonnet had been hung in the back room with those belonging to the other children.

Prudence had a new slate, too, but when she looked for her pencil it was gone. There were tears in her eyes. How could she write her lessons without a pencil?

Priscilla looked at her new, long pencil for a minute. Then she broke it and gave Prudence one piece. When they ate their lunch outside beneath a tree, Priscilla was sitting beside Rebecca Smith. Rebecca did not have anything but cornbread for her lunch, so Priscilla gave her half of the gingerbread man.

"Mother, mother," called Priscilla, as she ran to her after school was out and threw her arms around her neck. "I've got only half a pencil now, because I divided it with Prudence. But half a pencil writes as well as a whole pencil. And I gave Rebecca Smith half of the gingerbread man, because she only had cornbread for her lunch."

"You have learned a good lesson this day at school," mother said, as she kissed Priscilla. —The Sunbeam.

JUST FOR FUN

Little Helen had been coaxing to be allowed to go to the College Club dinner with Mother and Daddy.

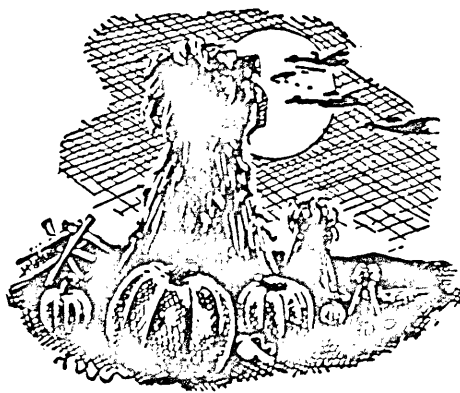
"No, dear," said her mother "we cannot afford to take you. The banquet costs two dollars and fifty cents a plate."

"But, Mother," urged Helen, "I could take my own plate." —Pearl E. Brown.

"What has your boy learned at school so far this term?"

"He has learned that he'll have to be vaccinated, that his eyes aren't really mates, that his teeth need repairing, and that his method of breathing is entirely obsolete." —Copied.

A bus driver was filling out a report about a highway breakdown. When he came to the line: "Disposition of Passengers," he wrote: "Mad as hornets."



HARVEST DAYS

The harvest days are now at hand
With rows of fruit and grain,
These gifts of God are sent to us
Through sunshine and the rain.

We thank Him for His love and care,
And may we share always
The many blessings that we have
Which come through all the days.

—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

NATIONAL GUILD RETREAT HELD

A National Wesleyan Service Guild Retreat was held at Camp Aldersgate, October 11 and 12 under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hall, Quaker Retreat Leaders. Miss Lillian Johnson, National Secretary, was in charge of the Retreat, and had as special guests Mabel Ruth Nowlin, Kansas City missionary; Mrs. J. W. Bunche, Oregon, Chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee; Mrs. George Dismukes, Oklahoma, Co-Chairman Standing Guild Committee; Mrs. Charles W. Mead, Nebraska, Board of Missions; and Miss Gertie Stiles, Fort Smith, new Jurisdiction Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild.

There were twenty states represented by the 61 persons attending, from the six Jurisdictions of the Church.

On Sunday evening the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences had a dinner meeting at the Hotel Marion honoring Miss Johnson. Miss Velma Oakes and Mrs. R. B. Thomas, North Arkansas and Little Rock Conference Secretaries, respectively, presided, and introduced the guests, many of whom were guests from other states who had attended the retreat.

Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Associate Secretary of the Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, assisted in the arrangements, and the decorations were done by Miss Ollie Hall, Little Rock, and Mrs. Homer Taylor, North Little Rock. Mrs. Mary Munn, North Little Rock, sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd".

Miss Stiles presented Miss Johnson, who spoke to the hundred and twenty guests of the purpose of the Guild, the program of the New Quadrennium, and the unique opportunity for Christian Service which the Guild presents to gainfully employed women.

NEWS IN BRIEF

De Ridder Society continued its study on the book "Mission to America" in six circles September 30, meeting in the homes with different leaders in each group.

Henning Memorial Church at Sulphur planned an additional church supper October 22 at its circle meeting on September 25. A bazaar will be held for the church November 15.

In presenting the study "Churches for our Country's Needs," the Searcy Society has presented several interesting debates. One on "Is There a need for another Methodist Church in Our Community?" was participated in by Mrs. A. J. Neel, and Mrs. Elzie Darden, Jim Wiseman and Elmer Yancey. The final debate was given September 25 on "Do Radio Broadcasts keep Church members away from regular services." Mrs. Frank M. Headlee, Mrs. Frank Carder, Jr., Mrs. Howard Edwards and Mrs. R. P. Powell were on this panel.

The Eunice Society gave a farewell party for Mrs. I. W. Ussery

A MESSAGE FROM WANDA STAHLEY

(These excerpts from letters written by Wanda Stahley are shared with us by her mother; we deeply appreciate this.)

Mission Rd., Nadiad
Kaira District, India

Dear Mommy,

For the last three days I have been squeezing an old Avon tube trying to get enough hand cream out to moisten my hands a little. I looked at the tube and thought of Abraham's words, "God will provide himself a lamb." I guess if He wants me to have hand cream, He'll provide. But then I felt a bit guilty because hand cream is such a non-essential. Some people do not have food. So I just figured I'd look around in the bazaar and see if I could not find something to serve the purpose and not bother God about it. Then yesterday your package came. Three tubes of hand cream. I felt humbled. Why should He provide not only my needs but my wants as well.

This is not the first time since I have been in India that I have had revival in my soul. Several times new light has come to me. It has to be that way.

Tell all my friends there to pray with us that this revival which has started in our hearts may reach the lost millions of India.

The letters of Paul have taken on new meaning for me since I have been in India because I realize that he faced the same problems and difficulties in the first century A. D. that we face today, but somehow he had more fire. Perhaps "we have not because we ask not."

Two weeks ago I started teaching a Sunday School class. There are four girls and four boys just out of high school and have come to Nadiad to study to be lab technicians. I can do the teaching in English. Hannah Gallagher, who teaches them during the week in the lab classes, said that she felt that they needed just a general getting acquainted with the contents of the Bible. So that is what I set out to do. The first Sunday was mostly introduction. The second Sunday, which was today, was to be a quick glimpse at Genesis. We only got as far as the place where God provided himself a lamb and Isaiah was not sacrificed. After we had dismissed and had gone outside, one of the boys said "Sister, we like studying the Bible but we have had that in Sunday School for a long time, sometimes I wish we could discuss Communism and Christianity."

So this afternoon instead of reading a novel, I'm going to have to get out my old political science notes and get a little of the philosophical background of Communism.

October 1; Mrs. Ussery had moved to Baton Rouge.

The Little Rock Council of Church Women is sponsoring the study "Home Missions and Human Rights", with Mrs. J. R. Henderson as leader. The sessions will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 5th and Scott Streets, Little Rock October 17, 24 and 31 at 10 a.m., and November 7 with the World Friendship Day Luncheon at 11:30.



WANDA STAHLEY

However, that is not what they want. Philosophical communism is ONE thing and the way it is working in different countries is a completely different thing, and it is the latter that I want them to have not the least doubt concerning. This is something that all of us who are missionaries to India have to be on our toes about. They think they can be Christian and Communist. I know exactly what will happen. They are not very well rooted in the Christian religion anyway, and they are just dying to give themselves over completely to some cause. Christianity will lose out because we are not presenting it in such a way that it challenges them, and believe me, the Communists are using all their tricks to win his age group.

So I have to get down to work, prayer, and study because I really feel that this is almost a matter of life and death. I'm not sure that there is anything I can do to turn the tide, because the communists have on their side one of the greatest contributors to communism; that is the people are dissatisfied with their own government.

So keep me in your prayers; therein is my only hope of making a contribution, because all of you know that in myself I cannot do it, but with God's help, I may be able to present Christ so vividly that He will grip their bodies, minds and souls, and they will go out to present Him to others.

Love,
Wanda

The annual Educational Seminar of Woman's Society of Christian Service for part of the Monticello District was held in Fordyce Methodist Church September 19th. Registration began at 9:30 followed by a devotional, "Thy Kingdom is Coming" given by Mrs. John Valentine of Fordyce.

The three studies were presented as follows: Home Missions and Human Rights by Mrs. Louis Averitt, Fordyce; Africa by Mrs. Victor

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HOLDS FALL MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met October 8 and 9 at Highland Methodist Church, Little Rock, with Mrs. T. S. Lovett, President, presiding. There were twenty-three members of the committee present, and four workers.

The opening devotional was given by Mrs. Curtis Williams. Mrs. Lovett introduced the new members of the committee: Mrs. Robert Topp and Mrs. Joe Simpson.

Mrs. L. B. Tooley was appointed Chairman of the Program Committee for the Annual Meeting of the Conference, which will be held in April.

Mrs. Louis Ederington, Jr., Warren, was elected Secretary of Missionary Personnel for the Conference, filling the unexpired term of Mrs. John Hefley, who has moved to Louisiana.

Mrs. Ashley Ross gave the plans of the Children's Secretaries, and spoke of the close cooperation which is being carried on with the District Directors of Children's Work.

Plans for the E. T. W. Student Fund were presented by Mrs. Ewing Wayland; they include a Workshop, Itineration of speakers and conference officers, the Fellowship Team Laboratory and two Missionary Personnel Tours.

Rev. Rufus Sorrells, host pastor, opened the meeting the second day with a welcome and devotion.

The Executive Committee, accepted with gratitude the gift made by Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Birdwell of their home, which is to belong to the conference society after their death for the purpose of Christian education of young people.

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Committee voted to send the president to the annual meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, at Buck Hill Falls, in January.

Personal letters from Wanda Stahley were read by Mrs. Erik Jensen, and warm greetings were to be sent to Miss Stahley in India.

Mrs. J. S. Holt gave a vivid account of her visit with Orlene McKimmey in Mexico City, and told of the many needs there.

Mrs. M. E. Scott told of the Institute of Missions at Aldersgate and the Seminars; then told of the plans for the School of Missions in 1953 which will be held July 21-25.

All of the officers gave brief reports of their work, and each of the workers told something of her projects.

A delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of Highland Society, with Mrs. J. L. McGaughey as Chairman.

Mrs. Robert Topp was Chairman of the Courtesy Committee.

Hanelton, Pine Bluff; and Preface to Bible Study by Mrs. M. E. Scott, Stamps, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education. Program building was presented by Mrs. H. H. Littrell of Fordyce. Luncheon was served at Hotel Kilgore to the 61 delegates registered.—Mrs. DuVal Purkins, Secretary, Monticello District.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

NEW METHODIST CHURCH AT SHOREWOOD HILLS

In the fall of 1947 the Rev. J. D. Baker, retired, was asked to accept the pastorate of the then community church at Shorewood Hills.

On June 5th 1949 Rev. R. B. Moore, District Superintendent, assisted by the pastor, organized a Methodist Church here with forty-two members. The Sunday School attendance that day was eighty-seven.

Early in this year, 1952, the Shorewood Hills Realty Company donated ground upon which a Methodist Church could be located. A few days later, Rev. J. M. Hamilton, the present District Superintendent, with the assistance of the pastor, broke ground for the new church building.

At the time of this writing, Oct. 11, we are placing the roof on this church. The building is of tile brick. The plant includes the sanctuary, seven Sunday School rooms, a kitchen and rest rooms. The Sunday School rooms are so arranged that they may be thrown together to form a fellowship hall, recreation room for the MYF and other gatherings.

Leland Johnson, a fine layman who belongs to the church, is Chairman of the Building Committee. Robert Banks is Secretary and W. Noble Kitts is Treasurer. They are both members of the church.

The membership of the church, together with other people of the community, have donated much free labor and have given liberally of their means in this very worthy undertaking. They hope to have the building completed by the time the next Annual Conference is in session.

This is the fifth year the present pastor has served the congregation.—J. D. Baker, Pastor.

MINISTERS' WIVES OF JONESBORO DISTRICT MEET

The ministers' wives of the Jonesboro District met October 3 for a breakfast and organization meeting in the home of Mrs. E. B. Williams, wife of the District Superintendent.

Twenty-one ministers' wives were present. Following a delicious breakfast Mrs. John McCormack of Jonesboro First Church led the group in a get acquainted song. Introductions were then made.

Officers for the current year were elected during the business session. They are: Mrs. Alvin Murray of Marked Tree, President; Mrs. Lee Cate of Manila, Vice-President; Mrs. Bennie Jordan of Monette, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. John McCormack of Jonesboro First Church, leader of recreation. These officers succeed Mrs. J. T. Byrd of Harrisburg, President; Mrs. Bill Womack of Fisher St. Jonesboro, Secretary-Treasurer.

The next meeting date is to be announced.—Mrs. Bennie Jordan, Secretary

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT ENTERTAINS

The fifteen members of the Primary Class and the Kindergarten Class who were promoted into the Primary Department of the Sunday

MONETTE METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

On September 1 the Methodists of Monette launched a four fold program for the remaining months of the Conference year.

1. To pledge the regular budget of \$7,000.
2. To "sell" the church and its program to the Methodists in Monette.
3. To train children, young people, and adults to take regular responsibility for the program of the church.
4. To promote a spirit of Christian fellowship.

After two weeks of planning and preparation a pledge day was observed on September 7. \$5,990 of the \$7,000 budget was pledged. An effort is now under way to secure additional pledges on the goal of \$7,000. A finance committee composed of R. B. Watkins, Carmack Nelson, and Clyde Evans working in cooperation with the Official Board is in charge of this phase of the year's program.

As part of the emphasis to sell the church and its program to the Methodists in Monette a Building and Improvements Committee and a Memorial Committee have been set up. The Building and Improvements Committee will inform the church membership of needed improvements in church and parsonage property and will plan and promote all buildings and improvement projects. The Memorial Committee will keep the congregation informed about prospective memorials and will receive all funds paid in for memorials.

As part of the emphasis to train children, young people, and adults to take responsibility for the program of the church the Church Commission on Education authorized the organization of a new Church School Class for Young Married Couples. The class organized Sunday, October 5, with ten charter members. A combined Junior and Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship was also organized October 5. Church School Rally Day and visitation during Christian Education Week were observed as a part of this training emphasis. A Leadership Training School for the Buffalo Island Area is to be conducted in the Monette Methodist Church April 13, 14, and 15. These activities and others to come are sponsored by the Commission on Education.

The month of October will see the first of a "once a month family night" program for all ages. The purpose is to promote a spirit of Christian fellowship within the congregation.

Monette Methodist Church is in the Jonesboro District. E. B. Williams is District Superintendent and Bennie F. Jordan is pastor.—Reporter

School, First Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, were entertained with a weiner roast at the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. Allen D. Stewart on North Wright on Monday of last week at 3:30 to 5:00 p. m.

Introduction and get acquainted mixer games were played by the group under the direction of the teachers, Mesdames Richard Hodges, Barton Groom, C. A. Phillips and Titus Chinn.—Reporter,

Board Of Trustees Of Children's Home Meets

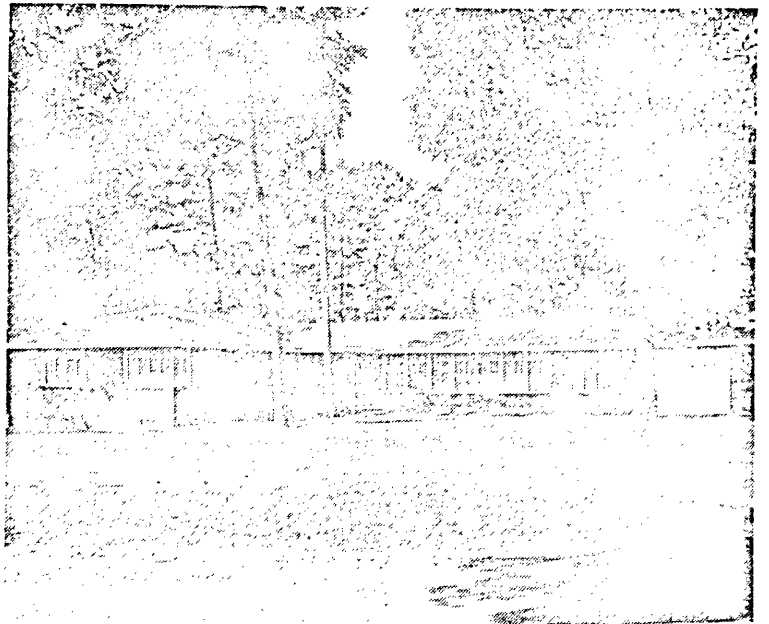
THE annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home was held Tuesday, October 7th, 1952. The board is composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen from each of the annual conferences in Arkansas. Bishop Paul E. Martin, who by virtue of his office is a member, was present, and participated in the business session. The officers of the Board are Dr. W. Henry Goodloe of Ft. Smith President, Rev. H. M. Lewis of Springdale Secretary. This meeting was held in the new home of the Superintendent, which was recently finished, and is located on the grounds of the institution.

The new superintendent's home meets a long felt need. It is a credit to the institution, and to the Methodist Church in Arkansas. It is beautiful, ample, practical, and furnished in good taste.

The Board authorized the construction of this home at the meeting on January 7th, 1952. After much

discussion it was decided to limit the total cost to \$27,500.00. We were delighted to learn that total construction costs were well within the limits set up by the board. The architecture of the home blends with that of the other buildings on the ground. Its location fits into the landscape Architects' plans for the future development of the home. It was the expressed opinion of the business men on the board that the building is well worth what was paid for it.

Superintendent McNeal's report of conditions at the home indicated a harmonious relationship among the children and in the staff. We feel that the purpose for which the home was established, as well as the intention of the church, are being carried out in the administration of the affairs of the home. The board expressed appreciation and entire satisfaction with the work of the superintendent and his staff in caring for the children of the home.—H. M. Lewis, Secretary of Board



SUPERINTENDENT'S NEW HOME

LAKESIDE, PINE BLUFF, FORMALLY OPENS EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

The new \$150,000 Educational Building of the Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, was formally opened Sunday morning, October 12, with Bishop Paul E. Martin, Dr. J. L. Dedman, Pine Bluff District Superintendent, and Rev. Otto Teague, Lakeside pastor leading the service. The building has been in use since September 21, but Sunday's observance marked the formal opening. A large crowd heard Bishop Martin's sermon after a record attendance had been recorded at the Sunday School session.

The building is of one story buff brick, and its 15,000 square feet of floor space will accommodate a Sunday School attendance of more than six hundred, which with the facilities in the main building will make possible an attendance of over nine hundred persons. Leslie Helvie headed a Building Committee of twelve Lakeside members who supervised the construction. Charlie Quinn, Lakeside member was the building contractor, and Don Reed,

another Lakeside member was the architect for the building program.

On Sunday afternoon from 2:30 until 5 several hundred people called at the church to inspect the new building during a reception.

Although built at a cost of more than \$150,000 less than \$22,000 debt remains on the structure. Besides having accommodations for the Children's and Youth Divisions, and two adult classes, the new building also has a chapel capable of seating ninety persons, and offices for the Director of Religious Education, the church secretary, and the pastor.

The church also plans some work in the near future in renovating the lower floor of the main building to provide social rooms and further improvements for the Adult Division.

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FALL MEETING TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION OCTOBER 21-22

Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning—First Methodist Church.
Tuesday evening Fellowship Dinner—Hulen Hall, Hendrix, 6:30.

2 p. m. Devotional—Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, District Superintendent, Fort Smith District

2:15 Statement of Purpose of the Meeting—Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Secretary, Town and Country Commission, North Arkansas Conference.

2:30 Lay speaking in English Methodism—Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, District Superintendent, Conway District

2:45 The Natural Area Approach—Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Beebe The Lay Speaking Program—Charles A. Stuck, Conference Lay Leader, Jonesboro

Resource persons:
Judge John G. Moore, Morrilton

Mr. W. H. Flemming, Conway
Mr. Ken Estes, Conway
Rev. Joel Cooper, Conway
Rev. Herchalle J. Couchman, Morrilton

Mr. Joe Pierce, Searcy
Rev. Loyd M. Conyers, Searcy
Mr. Lester Hutchins, Damas-

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Dr. Pierce K. Merrill, Russellville

Mr. W. E. Stevenson, Oakland

Mr. Ed Parsons, Oakland

Rev. Harold Wilson, Quitman

5:30 Adjournment

Evening Meeting at Hulen Hall

6:30 Fellowship Supper With Hendrix Pre-theological Fellowship

Invocation—Rev. M. L. Kaylor, Newport

7:05 Group Singing—Miss Betty Bolton, Hendrix Student

7:10 Greetings from Pre-theological Fellowship—Rev. Howard Childs, President, Pre-theological Fellowship

7:20 Special Music—Hendrix Quartette, Phil Dixon, Arthur Sears, Fred Arnold, Richard Hudson

Reading—Mrs. Capp Shanks, Department of Speech, Hendrix College

The Challenge of Service in the North Arkansas Conference—Rev. James S. Upton, Department of Religion, Hendrix College

The Importance of the Church in Community Life—Dr. A. W. Martin, Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., Dallas, Texas

Words of Greeting—Bishop Paul E. Martin
Benediction

Wednesday

9 a. m. Devotional—Rev. A. N. Storey, District Superintendent, Paragould District

9:15 Worship in the Sunday School—Dr. Ira A. Brumley

9:45 The Woman's Society of Christian Service in Every Rural Church—Mrs. Jonnie McClure, Pres. W. S. H. S., North Arkansas Conference

10:15 A Sound Financial System for the Rural Church—Rev. Gaither A. McKelvey, Earle and Rev. Winfred L. Diggs, Cotter

11:00 My Plans for My District in the Days ahead—Rev. R. E. Connell

11:30 Methodism and Rural America—Rev. Glenn F. Sanford, Secretary of Town and Country Work, General Board of Missions, New York
—J. Albert Gatlin

Dr. Martin will attend the meeting and will hold personal conferences with any of the students who wish to discuss the matter of attending Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. Senior students attending other colleges over the conference are invited to attend the session and have the privilege of conferring with Dr. Martin. Students who wish to attend should contact Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Secretary of Town and Country Commission, Hendrix College, Conway, Ark.

Bill Steel of Dallas, Texas.

Mary Moore of Conway, president of Cardinal Key, listed the ten new members as Jackie Ballew of Conway, Jackie Bell of Ft. Smith, Mary Margaret Bird of Earle, Dot Christopher, Martha Lou Grove and Mrs. Ruby Hutto of Conway, Sara Jernigan of Malvern, Jo Littell of Heth, Beth Rhiddlehoover of Hot Springs and Tommie Wilson of North Little Rock.

Fall Concerts Announced

Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, head of the music department, has announced the department's series of fall concerts. The events on the list are a piano recital on October 14 by George Mulacek of the music faculty, an organ recital on November 3 by Miss Laurachel Bumgarner of the music faculty, the annual Christmas concert of the Hendrix Choristers on December 17. —Hendrix News Bureau.

CONSTRUCTION SOON AT PULASKI HEIGHTS

A \$213,000 contract was let by the Building Committee of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church Saturday afternoon, October 11, to the M. O. Branton Construction Co., Little Rock, successful bidder for the construction of the new educational building of that church, according to an announcement made Sunday, by the Pulaski Heights pastor, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin.

The new building will be constructed immediately east of the present Pulaski Heights sanctuary which was finished about two years ago at the corner of Woodlawn and Monroe in Little Rock's Pulaski Heights section. This new building will complete a half million dollar building program begun several years ago.

It is expected that construction for the educational facilities will begin in the very near future, according to Rev. Mr. Shamblin.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Addition to Business Staff

Philip Bumpers of Conway, a former staff member, will rejoin the business staff, on which he served from 1947 till 1950. Since that time he has been in business in Conway.

Mr. Bumpers also holds a first lieutenant's commission in the national guard and is commander of Conway's Company G of the 153 Infantry. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bumpers are graduates of Hendrix.

Honor Groups Select Officers

Blue Key and Cardinal Key, national honorary organizations, have announced newly elected members for this fall.

Nine upperclassmen have been elected to Blue Key, according to Tom DuPree of England, president. They are Joe Bates of Little Rock, Eddie Coffman of Fort Smith, Dick Ezell of Pine Bluff, Tom Pryor of

Norman Smith of Benton, Bobby Thompson of North Little Rock, Fort Smith, Guy Shannon of Carlisle, William Wilson of Little Rock and

Thompson of North Little Rock, William Wilson of Little Rock and

Ground Breaking Service, New Educational Building, Vantrease Memorial

THE congregation of the Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado, broke ground for its new educational building, soon to be constructed, during the Sunday morning service of September 14. Following a statement by J. Estes Reese, Chairman of the Building Committee, and a message by Fred Schwendimann, pastor of the church, the congregation adjourned to the site of the building where the worship service was concluded. Those taking part in the service, in addition to the

pastor and Mr. Reese, were Rankin McCarty, Chairman of the Board of Stewards; Mrs. A. B. Sellers, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; M. D. Carmichael, Superintendent of the Church School; Mrs. Gordon Morgan, President of the Wesleyan Service Guild; K. K. Cottrell, President of Methodist Men; and Miss Patricia Starritt, President of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Each representative of an official group of the church turned a spade of dirt at

the proper time.

The new building will be a two-story brick veneer structure, connecting with and extending on either side of the present church building. In it will be contained space for children's division of the Church School, Fellowship Hall, Ladies Lounge, Kitchen, Pastor's Study, and rest room facilities. The Building Committee hopes to let contracts in the very near future with the building to be completed within the next twelve months.



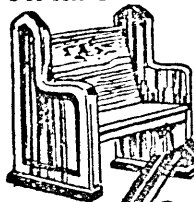
Part of the congregation attending the ground breaking services Education Building of the Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church. The temporary frame building now being used for Sunday School classes may be seen in the background.

Officials participating in the ground breaking service for new educational building, Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, Sunday morning, September 14.

Left to right: Fred Schwendimann, Pastor; K. K. Cottrell, President Methodist Men; Rankin McCarty, Chairman of Board of Stewards; J. Estes Reese, Chairman Building Committee; M. D. Carmichael, Superintendent of Church School; Miss Patricia Starritt, President Methodist Youth Fellowship; Mrs. A. B. Sellers, President of Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. Gordon Morgan, President Wesleyan Service Guild.

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LESLIE RE-ORGANIZES METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

At a fellowship-supper meeting on Sunday evening, October 5, the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Leslie Methodist Church was completely re-organized.

The group was sub-divided into the Senior and Intermediate Fellowships and officers were elected for each.

Officers for the Senior Fellowship are: President, Maxey Lack; vice-president, Page Thomas; secretary and treasurer, Mary Lou Hatchett. The Commission chairmen are: World Friendship, Roberta Graham; Community Service, Jack Lack; Worship and Evangelism, Cornelia Redwine and Larry Smiley; Recreation, Sally Seeger. Mrs. Maude Rodgers is the Adult Counselor.

The Intermediate officers are: President, Jimmy Dorsey McBride; vice-president, Susan Seeger; secretary and treasurer, Jacqueline Gibbs; reporter, Madeline Graham. The Commission chairmen are: Community Service, Sarah Sue Redwine and Sara Jo Fendley; Recreation, D.

CORNERVILLE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday night, September 28, the Cornerville Methodist Church had a meeting to organize a Methodist Youth Fellowship with ten young people in attendance. The following officers were elected: President, Leon Tucker; vice-president, Gerald Majors; secretary and treasurer, Marion Sue Morrison; reporter, Mary Ruth Weatherford; recreation leader, Martha Sue Weatherford. Chairmen of Commissions are: Community Service, Janis Tucker; World Service, Dale Majors; Worship and Evangelism, Max Raymond Lindsey. The group will meet each Sunday night.

We are looking forward to a very successful year.—Mary Ruth Weatherford, Reporter.

W. Hatchett and Bill Derickson; World Friendship, Charlene Gibbs and Danna Smiley; Worship and Evangelism, Willene Gibbs. The Adult Counselor is Mrs. Jo McBride.—Travis Williams, Pastor.

CAROLYN RICKETTS SERVES AT STUTTGART

FOR the first time in its history Stuttgart First Methodist Church had a full time paid youth worker during the 1952 summer.

Through the leadership of Rev. Mark Vaught, pastor, Miss Carolyn Ricketts of Bauxite, finishing her junior year at Hendrix, was hired by the Board of Stewards and Rev. A. C. Caraway ably cooperated with the execution of her well outlined plans. Carolyn immediately impressed all with her over-flowing effervescence and confidence peculiar to our wide-awake youth, explaining that she purposed to exemplify and demonstrate how to develop youth work so that those in the church could ably carry on when she would leave this fall to return to college.

Carolyn had had no special training for this work other than a music major and a minor in psychology. But she had stored-up experiences in living from having taken advantage of every opportunity which came her way from childhood on, to attend every Methodist camp, assembly or conference (such as at Cleveland). What she had learned she applied.

She was one of 24 chosen from eight candidates to attend the Methodist Student Work Camp at New York City. She attended the Church of all Nations, a settlement house which is said to be the most expensive project of Methodism. She was a counsellor for the first Intermediate Camp under Margaret Marshall and on the first fellowship team training laboratory at Aldersgate.

So interested did adults become in her program, that sixteen turned out at a meeting to learn more of youth activity technique, when Carolyn with her fingers crossed had hoped for five. Her first move had

been to seek and locate Church School teachers and substitutes. She labored to build up a summer class for college students, but this experience showed how much students get away from their childhood habits of Sunday School attendance. By installation of many new games the large new educational building has become a hive for recreation and the walls are full of educational posters. A six-day youth activity program attracted some 100 youth to one or several sessions with a boy expressing the wish that something like this could be held three nights a week all summer. This included nightly games, folk games, snack suppers, an hour of discussion on "Boy and Girl Relationships", in groups according to age, concluding with a well planned devotional in the sanctuary. Of the discussions one girl expressed that she had learned more here than in any similar group which she had attended. Leaders were all members of the WSCS and WSCS, of course, served the snacks.

Two young people were moved to dedicate their lives for full time Christian service. Carolyn also held many private consultations with the young people on their problems.

Since Carolyn left the MYF has again entertained the Sub-District and taken over evening church services twice. A pageant on the new revised standard version of the Bible was given under the direction of Mrs. Frank McCormack and the pastor.—Jessie Lowe Knoll

No one is educated who is ignorant of, or indifferent to, the rich religious traditions of human-kind and the multifarious ways in which the values achieved, conserved, and passed on by religious groups have provided roots for our democratic way of life today.—Clarence Linton, "Religion in Public Schools,"

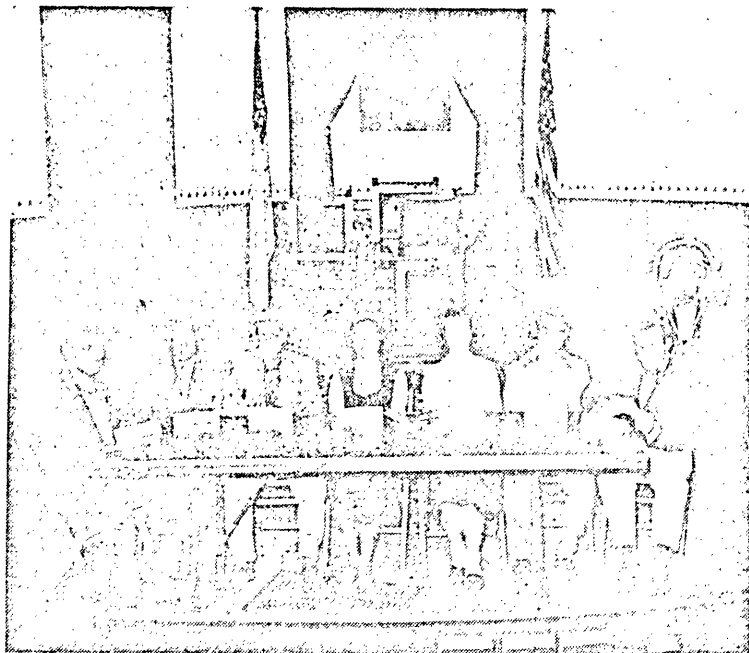
MONTICELLO SUB-DISTRICT PLANS U. N. CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

THE youth of the Monticello Sub-District M. Y. F. met for a Christmas party at the First Methodist Church in Monticello on last Monday, Oct. 6th. This Christmas party was held this early so that the youth could bring presents for overseas children and youth and that they could be mailed so that the recipients might have them by Christmas.

There was the traditional Christmas tree with the windows and tables decorated with Christmas

articles of clothing are the usual thing. Winnie spoke of the Christmas services which are similar to ours since she and her brother are Christians.

Federico Marrero, who is from San Juan, Puerto Rico, told about the Christmas eve mass in the cathedrals in his country and about the other Protestant festivals and services. Here, as in the United States, is Santa Claus a great hero to the children. Federico said that they enjoyed the large dinners as



greenery and small Santa Claus and reindeers. The many presents for the overseas youth were piled at the foot of the Christmas tree.

The feature part of the evening's program was a panel discussion of Christmas customs around the world. To make this discussion realistic there was a panel of seven young people from the Arkansas A & M College to tell about their home lands.

Don Jeter, representing Texas, U. S. A., was the leader. His first question was asked of Mahmud Adasani from Beirut, Lebanon, a Moslem. Mahmud told about the festivals and customs in his country and how they also recognized the celebration of the Christians as they also gave gifts and had feasts in celebration. He related that there are similar festivals, paralleling the Christian festivals, and that the familiar Santa Claus and his reindeers are much in evidence in his country. Mahmud gave some interesting comments on the fine work done by the Christian missionaries and their splendid hospital service to his people.

The next national interviewed by Don Jeter was York Wong from Hong Kong, China. York was enthusiastic in his description of the Christmas custom in his land, particularly the fireworks. York told that there was the traditional service on Christmas with the giving of gifts, the large dinner, and the usual family gatherings. He remembered with glee, his excitement with the police and fireworks as he perhaps celebrated with extra loud noisemakers. Winnie May Wong, sister of York, told about some of the family customs in the giving of gifts. Often the parents give the children money with which to buy their own selection of presents. At other times useful gifts such as ar-

well as the many presents. He said that the reindeer, so familiar to us, are a solid part of the thinking of the Puerto Ricans.

Ursula Mueller, from Germany, told of Saint Nicholas who came in at the door instead of down the chimney. She said that the children were kept from the room while the Christ child and the angels came in and decorated the Christmas tree. There was the usual giving of gifts to the good children and the traditional Christmas dinner was expectantly waited for.

Don Jeter drew Leonard Inouye into the admission that a swimming party was a big event on Christmas day afternoon in Hawaii. After the usual early church services, the giving of gifts, and the dinner, all went to the beach for a swim.

These young people from Lebanon, China, Germany, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii, all representing different nationalities, all agreed that the religious significance of Christmas was not lost in the giving and getting of gifts. All agreed that the religious significance was very high in their memories.

Young people from Star City, Wilmar, Rock Springs, Lacy, Green Hill, Cornerville, Crossett, and Monticello, as well as other visitors, enjoyed this "United Nations" observance of World Friendship in such a practical way and then adjourned to the Education Building to enjoy folk games directed by Rev. Dan Robinson, of Crossett, and Harvey Thomasson of Monticello. Christmas refreshments were served. During the program, directed by Dr. Norman M. Wadsworth, Christmas carols were sung from colored slide scenes and the film story of "When the Littlest Camel Knelt" was given. Green Hill will be host to the Sub-District group in November. The theme will be Community Service. —Roland E. Darrow.

OBITUARY

RUSSELL—Caspar Ferdinand Russell, who died in Alexandria, La., Sunday, September 14, 1952, was born March 6, 1894, near Brandon, Mississippi, the son of Isaac Preston Russell and Cora Baker Russell. In 1917 he was married to Mary Elizabeth Ford in Memphis, Tennessee. The Russells moved to Alexandria, Louisiana, where they have been active members of First Methodist Church for many years. He is survived by Mrs. Russell, their daughter, Mrs. Bransford Russell Narrow, and granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth (Mollie) Narrow.

Brother Russell traced his Methodist ancestry back to the time of John Wesley, and family tradition says his first Methodist forbear was converted by the founder of Methodism himself. He was to be found every Sunday in his regular pew, half way back on the preacher's right, at worship services, morning and night. And just as the preacher knew where to look for him at worship, so everyone knew where to look for him on any question of right.

His love for Christ's Church found expression not only in faithful attendance at worship, and in stewardship of material possessions, but in the work of his hands. In off hours from his railroad work he employed his talent as a skilled cabinet maker for the glory of God in His sanctuary. His last act, after months of retirement enforced by illness was to make receptacles for the foyers of the church in which the congregation might place requests for favorite hymns.

His life was characterized by genuine goodness with no tinge of self-righteousness, love for family, friends and his church that constantly sought to give, labor that without fail gave good measure, and undergirding all else a firm faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.—Virgil D. Morris.

A PEOPLE OF HIS OWN

(Continued from page 6)

tive frame of mind to secure their commitment to Christ. This is not just to get them to saying "yes" so that they will also say "yes" to the important question. The reason is far deeper than that. It is that Christianity is a positive power and it must be a positive affirmation before we find the blessing of His presence. Titus was admonished to live a "sober, upright, and godly life". Christianity can never be victorious by simply "holding the fort".

Moreover, God's own people can never be pessimistic. This is not a blind optimism, but certainly life is not the dismal affair that many so-called prophets of our day picture it. The darkness may come and the

sun may be eclipsed but there is always the eternal star of Christian hope that lights the darkened sky. Christians are fired with the assurance that there shall be "a new heaven and a new earth". This hope has been expressed in many different ways, but however it may be expressed, it speaks to us of the power of our God overcoming the forces of evil both in the life of each individual and in our society.

Good deeds spring from a heart devoted to following Christ. Our good deeds do not "earn" for us a place in His family; but forwards His cause in the world. "A people of His own!" How it ought to fill our hearts with a new imperative to consecrate all our power to Him that the fullness of His joy may fill our hearts.—RB

The forces of Christ must arise and

march forward bravely to meet the evil of our day.

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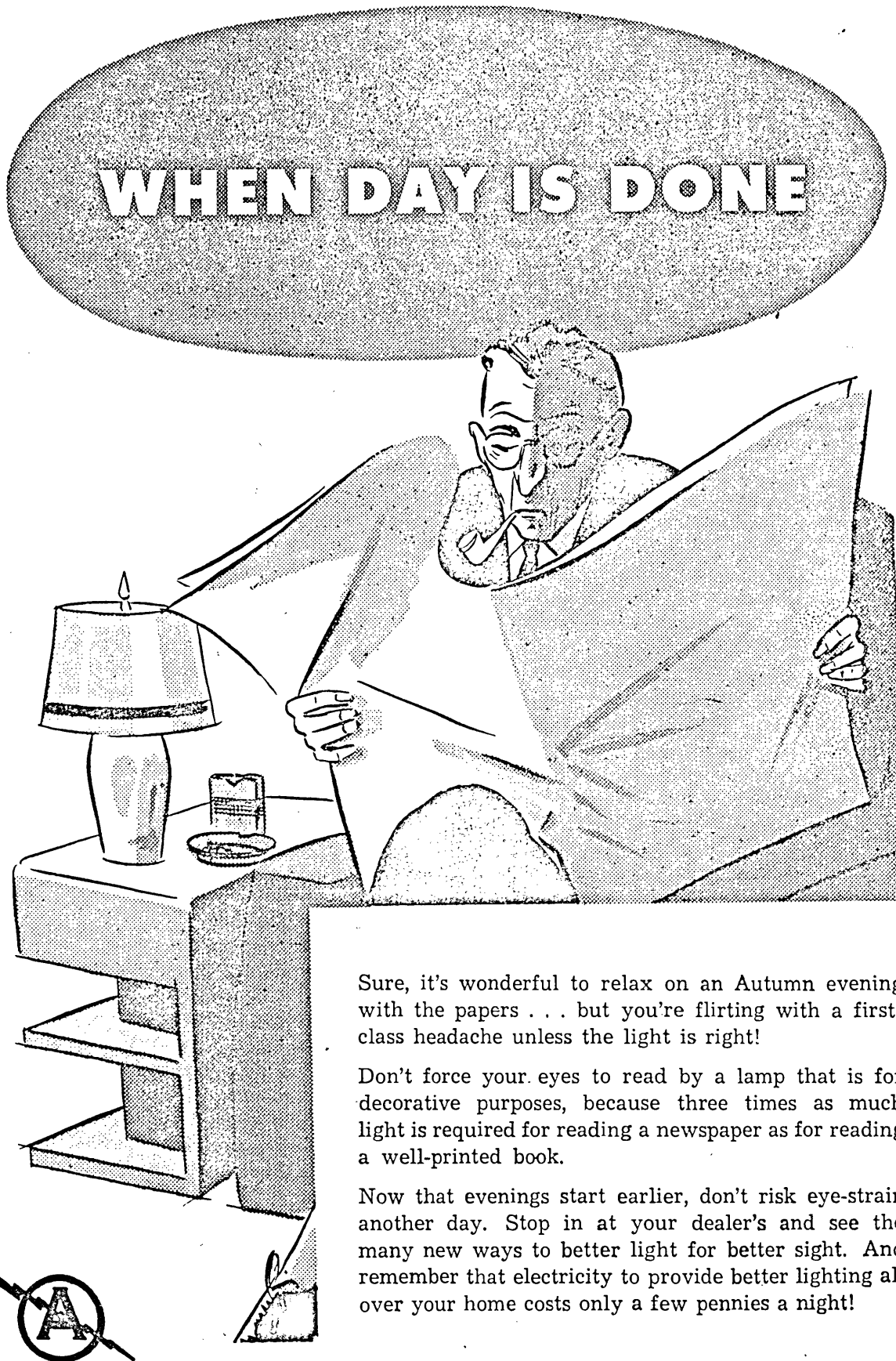
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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 26, 1952 HOW CAN I DO THE WILL OF GOD?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
The seventh chapter of Matthew. Printed text: Matthew 7:12, 21-27.

GOLDEN TEXT: Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 7:21)

Keep in mind the general theme of Unit I: "QUALITIES OF THE CHRISTIANS". The aim of the unit is to lead adults to appreciate some of the fundamental qualities of a Christian and to strive to achieve these qualities for themselves.

This unit consists of four lessons. The lesson today is the last one of the unit. May we review for just a moment the three preceding lessons. Title of lesson one: "Is My Life Dedicated?" The Scripture of the lesson dealt with the three distinct temptations of Christ. Christ had come to establish a kingdom. Satan tempted him to carry out this endeavor by filling people's stomachs (turning stones to bread), by amazing people through a feat of magic (jumping off of the pinnacle of the Temple), or by worshipping the Evil One. Satan insisted that the kingdom of the world belonged to him and that he would turn them over to Christ if he would worship him. Christ overcame all of these temptations because he was fully dedicated to the Father. The theme of the next lesson is also in the form of a question: "What Makes a Man Happy?" All want to be happy; contented; satisfied. That is the chief quest of the human race. The great trouble is that people blindly seek happiness where it can never be found. The lesson material deals with the Beatitudes. In this series of statements, Christ tells where true happiness can be found. According to these Beatitudes happiness is found where the world would never look for it. It is a state of character and not possessions that produces happiness. Next lesson: "How Can I Avoid Ostentation?" This term means outward show or vulgar display. The Scripture of the lesson calls attention to three ways in which church people sin along this line—the giving of alms, prayer, and fasting. It is well and good to practice these things but the motives must always be to please God and serve people rather than to be seen of others. All need to be careful of the sin of ostentation. It is still present with us. The Church must have leaders but they must be careful that their motive is to serve God and people rather than to be in the limelight. One can avoid ostentation by keeping close to Christ. So long as one compares himself with others, he may feel rather egotistical about himself, but when he looks to Christ he is immediately humbled. This brings us down to our lesson for today.

A Look At The Scriptures The Golden Rule

The printed text of our lesson begins with the Golden Rule. This is one of the greatest statements as to how one is to treat his fellow men to be found anywhere. It was not

wholly original with Christ. It had been used by other teachers before he was born. But it was usually given in the negative form. The Chinese Philosopher Confucius, who was born 551 B. C. said, "You must not do to others what you would not they should do to you." The great Greek Philosopher Plato who was born 427 years before Christ said, "May I, being of sound mind, do to others as I would that they should do to me." This is the earliest statement of the precept in the positive form. It is said that a Gentile, who was interested in the Law of Moses, came to the Jewish Rabbi Hillel and requested that a summary of the whole Law be given to him in one sentence while he stood on one foot. Hillel replied, "Whatsoever thou wouldst that men should not do to thee, that do not thou to them. All our law is summed up in that."

Let us note the fact that the Golden Rule is inadequate unless the person who is practicing it is thoroughly Christian in his heart. In commenting on this matter James Hastings has this to say, "To make the Golden Rule adequate and true, we must have some guarantee that what we wish to receive from others is what we ought so to wish. Suppose that you have fallen into some gross sin, and incurred a very severe punishment, what may we assume you would wish that men should do to you? In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the answer would be, 'Let me off the penalty.' Are we, then, to assume that it is your duty to remit all punishment, however deserved, because of your sense that you would wish it to be remitted if you were in the wrong-doer's place? It is not a question of what you might happen to wish if you were simply an irresponsible and religiously uneducated being, but of what you would wish if you were subject to the spirit and discipline of Christianity." Among Christians this is a great rule of conduct, but it is inadequate among a group of hardened sinners.

It will be noted further that the Golden Rule says nothing about God. The Ten Commandments were written on two tables of stone. One had to do with man's relationship to God while the other deals with his relationship to his fellow men. The Golden Rule deals only with the second group of these commandments. The man who insists that his religion consists only in the practice of the Golden Rule is falling far short of being a true Christian.

Ritualism Versus Obedience To God

Our next passage (Mat. 7:21-27) warns against ritualism taking the place of true worship and obedience.

In this passage the Lord aligns himself with the great prophets of the Old Testament period. They were constantly warning the people against making ritual rather than obedience to the will of God the end and aim of their religion. Rivers of oil and numerous burnt offerings and sacrifices would not put the worshiper right with God unless he was anxious to do his will. In the present passage the Lord goes even further than the Old Testament prophets. He goes on to say that prayer, preaching or prophesying, and the doing of mighty works will avail the would-be worshipers nothing unless their hearts are right with God. In our day we might say that beautiful church buildings, the divided pulpits which bring the altar to the forefront, great and beautifully robed choirs and ministers, wonderful anthems, and groomed ushers will not suffice unless the worshipers are seeking harmonious contact with God and power to do his will. All of these things are helpful if they are kept in their proper places. We ought to have more, not less of them. But one thing must be constantly borne in mind and that is they are the means rather than the ends the worshiper seeks. If properly used all of these things will help the worshiper to become conscious of God's presence, learn his will, and get power to do it.

The later part of the last passage of the lesson gives the closing of the Sermon on the Mount. This is the greatest sermon ever preached; the greatest treatise on character building in all literature. The most important things that any human can do are to build right character in himself and assist others in doing the same. The only permanent possession that any person has is his character. This is the only possession that he can carry into eternity with him. We are all builders. In our characters, we are building for eternity. One can't choose whether or not he will build character. His only choice in the matter is what kind of character he will build. The wicked, as well as the righteous, are building character. The trouble is they are building on the sand while they might build on the rock.

In these concluding words of this great message Christ set forth himself and his teachings as the rock upon which true character is built. The Lord is here speaking in a figurative way. Suppose we paraphrase his statements so we can get their true meaning for us: "Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his character upon Christ and his teachings; and temptations, losses, disappointments, diseases, sorrows, persecutions, misunderstandings, criticisms, and heartaches came and beat upon that man's character and it fell not because it was built on Christ and his teachings. And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his character upon the sands, that is the shifting things of life; wealth, pleasure, social standing, political preferment, and fame; and temptations, losses, disappointments, diseases, sorrows, persecutions, misunderstandings, criticisms, and heartaches came and beat upon this man's character and it fell because it was founded on the shifting things of life. The fall was great indeed because it meant the doom of his eternal welfare.

Learning and Doing God's Will
The two most important things

that a person can do on this earth are to learn God's will and then do it. We hear people speak of breaking the laws of God. That cannot be done. They merely attempt to break God's laws. What really happens they break themselves on his laws. The law of gravity is one of God's laws. Can a person break it? Let him step off of a high precipice without anything to sustain his weight and he will learn pretty soon what gets broken. The same is true with God's moral laws. People do not break them; they get broken on them. Since this matter is so important, we might well raise the questions, How can a person learn God's will? and How can he do God's will?

In the matter of learning and doing God's will love comes first. Unless one really and truly loves God he will not seek to learn his will and will care nothing about obeying him. We see the love of God as manifested in Christ, and as John goes on to say, "We love because he first loved us."

Again, if we are to learn and do God's will, we must practice meditation and prayer. The Father says to us, "Be still and know that I am God." We are living too rapidly. Meditation and prayer have largely become lost arts. "They who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength". We need to do more waiting on him in prayer and meditation if we would learn and get power to do his will.

Another necessity, if we would learn God's will and get power to do it, is the study of his Word. God's will is revealed in his Word. Above all things else Christ is God's Word; the expression of God's mind and will for men. We learn of Christ as we study the Bible. The Lord said, "Man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Lower animals can live by the material things of life alone, but man is more than a lower animal. When he attempts, however, to live by the material things of life alone he places himself in the class with the lower animals.

The greatest single event that has taken place during the past 341 years is this new authorized translation of the Bible. This is the first authorized version of the Bible since the King James' Version of 341 years ago, or 1611. Why do we place this as the greatest event of recent years? Because it makes the Bible more understandable to the rank and file of the people; this in turn will lead to a greater study of it, and from this study — along with meditation and prayer — will come a deepening of the spiritual lives of the people, a greater knowledge of God's will, and more power to do that will.

Religion is nothing but spiritual trappings unless it is concerned with the needs of society. — Editorial, Christian Register

