

Hendrix Must Have Strong Faculty

ONE of the determining factors in Hendrix College being what it is today is the strong faculty which it has. Hendrix has received recognition from near and far and in most instances the basis for this recognition can be traced either directly or indirectly to those who teach on the staff of Hendrix. Certainly whatever the individual student receives during his or her course of training on the Hendrix Campus is determined by the quality of the leadership in the classroom. As a matter of fact, the success or failure of any school can be measured in terms of its faculty.

Through the years our school has been fortunate in having the fine staff that it has had. Loyal, industrious, creative, and consecrated to their tasks, there are thousands of students who readily testify to the fine character of the members of the Hendrix faculty. But the time has come when Methodism can no longer expect to have such a faculty at Hendrix unless better provision is made for its support financially. By comparison with other schools faculty salaries at Hendrix are low. Salaries are as high as present endowment and operational funds will permit. Thus other funds must be had.

The General Education Board of New York knows that Hendrix must have a strong faculty. It has challenged the church to meet it halfway in providing means for keeping a strong faculty at Hendrix. Your support of the current Hendrix Endowment Campaign will insure the keeping of a strong Hendrix faculty and make possible the continuation of the contribution that the school is making to Methodism, the Kingdom, and our land.

Arkansas Already Has One Race Track Too Many

AND now comes the proposal to build a race track in St. Francis County. St. Francis County is the first county west of Crittenden County which voted to reject the race track proposed for West Memphis.

The St. Francis Valley Turf Association (such a harmless sounding title) is headed by the same people who so miserably failed in their efforts to build a track at West Memphis. They now move their activities over into St. Francis County as the second-best site for a race track which, if built, would expect to draw most of its support from neighboring states which refuse to allow race tracks within their borders.

We have had quite a furor raised in recent months in Arkansas about marriage rackets said to have grown up in border cities of Arkansas as a result of our lax divorce laws. In this, Arkansas faces a disgraceful situation which we believe will be remedied when the next legislature meets.

This semi-border race track proposition, which also expects its largest support from outside the state is of the same nature, and will directly reflect on the moral character, the interstate honesty and the sense of fairness of our beloved state.

Arkansas has one race track and that is one too many. Arkansas, for the sake of its own good name, should be more concerned about eliminating that track than the licensing of another. About the only good thing that can be

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Give To World Service And Advance Specials

IN this column we have published a series of articles, running over many weeks in which we have discussed the various interests supported by World Service and the percentage of the World Service Dollar each interest receives through this quadrennium.

This was done with the hope that our readers generally might have a better understanding of the way in which the World Service Dollar is spent. We believe that greater joy and deeper satisfaction accompanies our gifts for World Service when we better understand that the term "World Service" is only a symbol for the



great, service-program Methodism supports in sixteen different areas of benevolent work outside the local church.

There is no better way to have a part in one of the greatest benevolent programs being promoted anywhere than to contribute to the World Service program of The Methodist Church. Methodism is literally serving the world through its World Service Dollar.

Our church has many lay workers to whom God has given a special talent for making money. We believe it can truthfully be said that those who possess such talents are "called of God" to accumulate and properly administer material possessions. The proper use of such a talent is just as necessary and just as important and just as religious as preaching the gospel. In fact, a man whom God has called to aid in kingdom building through his God-given talents for making money would be out of line with God's plan for himself if he tried to preach.

If one has the ability to make money and, in so doing, does not have the time or opportunity to determine the most effective ways it may be used to promote the kingdom, it is our feeling that he can, with complete confidence, trust Methodism's program for World Service and the Advance Specials as a channel through which his gifts may serve as effectively as anywhere.

"Getting Back To Christ"

IT is not at all uncommon to hear people who are deeply concerned about the spiritual life of the church say, "We must get back to Christ."

We must never forget that Christ is far out in front of all spiritual progress by His followers. We do not go "back" to Christ. If we are not as well satisfied with our spiritual lives now as in former years, it is not because we have moved on before Christ and felt Him behind. It is simply that we have moved backward in our spiritual development and must move up again to the standards we once attained if we are to improve our way of life.

The fact is that Christ, two thousand years ago, gave us the world, by His life and teachings, a model of the perfect man and the perfect way of life. We have been moving forward toward that ideal for two thousand years and yet are so far removed from it even today that we cannot but be ashamed of the small progress we have made. We cannot find Christ by going backward. We may always become more Christlike by moving forward toward the goal He set before us.

Pray And Vote

NEXT Tuesday will climax the political campaigns of 1952. This year has seen a campaign on a national scale which in many respects differs from such campaigns of the past and yet it has continued to mount in interest until the very last. Perhaps never before a larger percentage of people have become intensely interested through the various media of publicity and propaganda that have been employed by political parties. Now the day of decision is at hand and the citizenship of the land will make its choice for governmental leaders. We would like to suggest that every person qualified to vote seriously consider the privilege which voting in itself is.

We have been disturbed by published reports of the number of qualified voters who stay away from the polls on election day. In this year when a record interest in national elections seems to be in evidence, it is predicted that less than 70% of the qualified voters will take the trouble to cast their ballot. By comparison with other countries this is a comparably low percentage. The privilege of registering a personal choice for candidates is a God-given right which should not be lost by default.

We have the feeling that, if voting were interpreted in the light of its spiritual significance many of us would take voting more seriously. Christianity teaches the infinite value of the individual in the scheme of things and that personality is the crowning jewel in God's creation. Society must have order and the direction of this order must be vested in individuals who offer their leadership. When citizens become less and less concerned about their leaders they forfeit the right to criticize the leadership which they did not help to choose.

Christian people believe in prayer and the power of prayer. When a person takes the matter of his vote to God in prayer he does at least two things: a prayerful consideration of a choice will help to clarify in the voter's mind all the implications of one's vote; but equally important that prayer will strengthen the spiritual stature of those who have offered themselves for office. Pray and vote and by following this formula the essence of Christian democracy will be insured.

This suggestion is by no means implying that
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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

A. B. CONE, JR., of Wilnot spoke on Laymen's Day at the Scott Memorial Methodist Church of Eudora on the theme "Rise Up, O Men of God".

REV. HUBERT PEARCE, pastor at Bentonville, spoke at the vesper service at the Methodist Church of Berryville on Sunday, October 19, at 6:00 p. m.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of Fort Smith has received gifts of pianos, one from Mr. and Mrs. E. Hoyt Bruce and the other from Mrs. Annie Cupp who now lives in California.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club on Friday, October 24, at the First Methodist Church of Alexandria, Louisiana.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, was designated as membership Sunday at the First Methodist Church, Russellville, for all Methodist students at Arkansas Tech. Rev. Harold O. Eggersperger is pastor.

GIRL SCOUTS, Troop 27, attended the service at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Sunday morning, October 26. Sunday was the closing day of Girl Scout Week. The troop is directed by Mrs. Clyde Shibley.

TOMMIE COOKSEY of the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, and a student in Hendrix College, was granted local preacher's license by an ad interim committee in called session on Saturday evening, October 11.

JOHN PARKS ALMAND of Little Rock was guest speaker on Laymen's Day at the First Methodist Church, Winnfield, Louisiana. Mr. Almand was architect for the new church which was recently built by First Church, Winnfield.

DR. R. K. BENT, of the School of Education of the University of Arkansas, was the Laymen's Day speaker at the Lincoln Methodist Church on October 19. Rev. Thomas R. Whiddon is pastor at Lincoln.

DR. A. M. SHAW, JR., professor of English at Centenary College, Shreveport, was the Laymen's Day speaker at the First Methodist Church of Texarkana on Sunday, October 19. Dr. Fred R. Harrison is pastor.

CHARLES A. STUCK, chairman of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, spoke at the evening service of First Church on Sunday, October 26. Rev. John M. McCormack is pastor.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES are in progress at Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, with Rev. John Shuler doing the preaching. The pastor, Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr., has charge of the music. The meeting which began on October 26 will run through November 2.

CHAPLAIN JAMES A. BURRIS of the Veterans' Hospital at Fayetteville, was guest preacher at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Sunday evening, October 19. Chaplain Burris was recently elected secretary of the Fayetteville Ministerial Alliance.

DR. W. HENDERSON BARTON, Field Secretary of the National Temperance League, spoke at the morning service of the First Methodist Church of Jonesboro on Sunday morning, October 26. He was introduced by Clyde C. Coulter, superintendent of the Temperance League of Arkansas.

RAY OWENS of the El Dorado Gideon Camp spoke in the Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, Sunday night, October 26. Mr. Owens was recently nominated by the Ministerial Alliance to receive a copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible as representative of the great host of Christian business men of the city.

NOTICE

The Little Rock Conference World Service and Finance Commission and the District Superintendents of the Conference announced, following a recent meeting, that all Conference funds should be directed to Fred Gantt, Conference Treasurer, 916 Hickory St., Texarkana, Ark. This notice is especially directed to local church treasurers.

THE MENA METHODIST MEN'S CLUB sponsored a revival meeting at the Cherry Hill Church the week of October 12. Rev. J. E. Dunlap, pastor at Mena, did the preaching and was assisted in the services by the Mena Methodist Men. D. O. Dover is president of the club and Alec Lindey was chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

MEMBERS of the Youth Division of the First Methodist Church of Searcy had charge of the evening service on Sunday, October 19. As a continuation of the Laymen's Day theme, the program was built around the theme "We, Too Would Build." President Jimmy Chandler presided over a service which presented the work of the four commission of the Methodist Youth fellowship. Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers is pastor of First Church.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK was held at Arkansas Tech at Russellville, ending on Friday, October 24. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was the principal speaker, speaking at 10:00 a. m. each morning on the theme "In the Beginning God." Other speakers included Rev. Harold O. Eggersperger, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Russellville.

BEGINNING on Sunday morning, November 2, the Wesley Foundation at Fayetteville will devote its Sunday morning sessions to a Bible Study Course, "Getting Acquainted with the New Testament." Three speakers will direct the course, Mrs. A. W. Blake, W. F. co-counselor; Rev. Jack Winegeart, minister to students and Mrs. W. F. Cooley, wife of the district superintendent of the Fayetteville District. The course will run for the remainder of the semester, or about nine Sundays.

MRS. J. WILSON CRICHLLOW, wife of Rev. J. M. Wilson Crichlow of the Methodist Board of Pensions, passed away at her home in St. Louis on Wednesday, October 22. Dr. Crichlow, a member of the Northeast Arkansas Conference, served a number of pastorates in Arkansas. Funeral services were held at St. John's Church in St. Louis and burial was in Conway on Saturday. Mrs. Crichlow is survived by her husband, a son, William Robert, and a daughter, Miss Isabelle Crichlow.

SYMPATHY goes out to Rev. Alfred A. Knox, pastor of Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, in the death of his mother, Mrs. Hattie McCloud Knox, on Monday, October 27, in Fort Smith. Mrs. Knox has lived in Conway for the last several years. She is survived by her son; two daughters, Mrs. T. B. Taylor of Conway and Mrs. J. S. Easter of Birmingham, Alabama; two brothers, J. B. McCloud of Los Angeles and H. L. McCloud of Van Nuys, California, and nine grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Paragould, on Tuesday by Rev. S. B. Wilford.

THE regular Quarterly Family Night of the Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church of El Dorado was held on Thursday night, October 16. One hundred thirty seven friends attended this meeting which was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Progressive Men's Bible Class of the Church. A delightful chili and hot tamale dinner was served, having been made available by the Austex Chili and Hot Tamale Company of Austin, Texas. Cartoon comedies were shown for the children. The evening closed with the singing of several hymns, led by J. E. Reese, class song leader, and Mrs. A. B. Sellers, pianist.

NOTICE—Regarding Special Session of Little Rock Conference

It is necessary to call a special session of the Little Rock Annual Conference for 9:30 a. m., Thursday, December 11, 1952, at Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, to discuss the program of our Church during the coming quadrennium. In keeping with Paragraph 627 of the 1948 Discipline, after consultation with and on the approval of the District Superintendents, I am calling this special session of the Annual Conference at the time stated above.

The matter mentioned will be before the Conference, together with any other matters that the Conference would care to consider.

Paragraph 627 says that a special session shall be composed of the ministerial members of the Annual Conference and of the lay members elected for the previous session of the Annual Conference.

PAUL E. MARTIN
Bishop, Arkansas-Louisiana Area
The Methodist Church

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Layman Tells Why
HE IS SUPPORTING
THE
Hendrix College
Endowment
Campaign

I heartily approve of the \$600,000 Endowment for Hendrix College for the following reason.

I. Hendrix College has a real need for the monies involved in this fund raising campaign.

A. Our Methodist Church College in Arkansas must be supported in a comparable manner to other colleges in our State. Hendrix has always stretched their dollars beyond what could be expected of them.

B. The \$500,000 for permanent endowment is a must for the future of our Arkansas Methodist College.

C. The \$100,000 to be spent for salaries over the next three years cannot be ignored. The quality of the instructional program must be maintained; this is our way to do it.

As a Methodist layman I want to urge your full support of this campaign. Let's give Hendrix the support it deserves.

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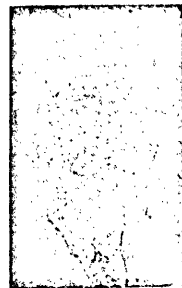
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PLAYING IT SAFE

In simple words the phrase "Playing it Safe" means taking no chances. Consider a couple of cases. Forty years ago two young men on Long Island—neighbors in fact—had contrived to save a few hundred dollars each. Both of them were married to thrifty girls who perhaps, had never heard of sables or mink. Neither employed a "hired girl".



Each of the men worked in lower New York as clerks. Commuting in those days meant a long train ride to Long Island City and a ferry trip to Manhattan with an additional journey on the elevated.

One night when the two young couples were together, one of the husbands said, "Tom, I think I can buy a 20-acre piece of land on Long Island. It's way out but it might be worth something some day."

"What with?" his friend asked. "Well," replied the other, "with what cash I have and of course, a mortgage."

"Not for me," said Tom, "I've got a good steady job and if I were you I wouldn't risk my savings. Why take such a chance?"

But the young man DID take a chance. He struggled with his payments and interest and left more than a fortune to his heirs. He also bequeathed to them a robust spirit of courage. He didn't play it safe and he won. His cautious friend remained in his job and was eventually retired on a small pension.

Two young men were railway postal clerks. They had been in railroad wrecks together before safety devices were in use. On one occasion while a Big Four mail train was speeding through the night from Cincinnati to Chicago, one said to the other, "John, how much money have you?"

John replied, "About \$1,200."

"Good," said his co-worker, "then we can start a nail factory."

"A nail factory!" exclaimed the second postal clerk.

"Yes," said his enthusiastic friend, "I've got \$1,500 and together we can start making nails."

John said, "Charlie, I'd like to do it but I have two small children and I can't afford to take a chance."

And then what happened to Charlie could only happen in this great country of ours. Such things as dreams are made of. He started his nail factory alone and ultimately became president of a successful steel company which was later merged with the United States Steel Corporation.

What are we to conclude about this business of taking chances? There is a difference between allowing for chance and relying on it. The farmer takes every precaution to insure his crop by proper cultivation. And then he has to take a chance on the weather. On the other hand, the gambler at the roulette table or race track counts on chance. Even the best driver runs some chance of being hit on the highway by reckless drivers who are ever taking chances. But the fellow who is afraid to start out will never get anywhere. To take necessary chances is the part of wisdom and courage. To count on chance instead of prudence and preparation is foolhardy.

There are few more subtly dangerous destroyers of morale today than the gambling spirit. It invades at times our sports, our business speculations, even the ranks of those commissioned to enforce the law.

But the risks of courage are necessary for great living. There is a prudence that is small; there is also a prudence that is large. There is the short foresight of the sheep which looks a few feet ahead of its nose as it nibbles the grass, frightened at the slightest sound and yet frequently wandering into pitfalls. There is also the long foresight of the eagle which sees its food and its danger from the distant crag and wheels its course in wide circles. The symbol of the United States is the eagle, not the sheep.

For America has been made by eagle-spirited men. Columbus did not

play it safe with petty prudence when he sailed fearlessly into an unknown sea. The Founding Fathers took the chance of being hung as traitors when they signed the Declaration of Independence.

The western frontier was opened by pioneers who pushed their way through shadowed forests and perilous mountain passes. The Master of Life condemned the timid soul who buried his talent in a napkin and commended the courageous men who put their talents out and doubled their investments.

Is life a lottery? No, it is what the late Justice Holmes said: "Life is a romantic business. It is painting a picture, not doing a sum; but you have to make the romance. And it will come to the question of how much fire you have in you."

A CHURCH OUTLIVES THE BEARS

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heard loud knocking. Upon investigation they learned that the faithful minister had begun to dismantle the old structure of 1900, asking for no assistance from anyone. However good people of the entire community gave wholehearted assistance. Families who came to the aid of the church now—as always—included the Boddie family, the Lees, the Whitneys, the Cummings family, the Suttons, and Baileys, Tilley and Sanders, the Bott family, and friends of Arcadia, Bryceland and Bienville.

After the church was moved, not enough money had been raised in order that the dedication might be made on the appointed date. The people gathered but noticed that Rev. Mr. Coon was not present. Later, it was learned that he had knelt alone among the trees on a hill overlooking the new church. When he came into the church to try to raise the money before the arrival of the hour for dedication, old and new members as well as friends were deeply moved. The money was raised within thirty minutes. The church was dedicated.

This building was a great improvement over the structure of 1900. It had a sanctuary with a choir loft and lovely church school rooms. Electric lights displaced the old kerosene lamps. Butane Gas was installed for heating.

With all of the improvements the new church had no altar. One who might be pointed out as another type of character which is needed in building a church found the missing altar to be a source of regret to him. This man was Tom

Lee who was the type who would never surrender or leave a task unfinished. His son-in-law, Virgil Greer, had built a pulpit and a communion table. But Tom did not consider a Methodist Church complete without an altar. During the latter days of his life Tom spoke to another who had never been willing to accept defeat. She was his sister-in-law, Lela McCurry Tilley. He begged of her to refuse to give up until an altar could be built.

In 1951 Lela conceived the idea of building a fund with contributions from the children of grandchildren of Uncle Ben Tilley with which to erect the altar. After several months sufficient money was in hand and the beloved pastor, Rev. J. L. Beasley began the carpenter work.

On Sunday, March 30, 1952, a beautiful altar was dedicated to the glory and service of God in loving memory of Benjamin Wesley Tilley, the baby boy of Hannah Moore Tilley, and to Uncle Ben's wife, Betty.

After the dedicatory service, prayer was offered by Rev. B. P. Durbin, after which those children and grandchildren of Uncle Ben along with the children and grandchildren of other early leaders and a host of friends and members of the church knelt around the altar to offer thanks to God for the blessings which have come to them through this old church.

The angels and arch. angels of heaven join these good people in rejoicing for the faithfulness and long-suffering of the old saints of early days whose vision and undying, unfaltering love of God made possible the Bear Creek Church.

The pastor at the time of dedication of the altar was Rev. James L. Beasley. The present pastor is Rev. L. E. Philbrook.

NEW INSIGHTS FROM THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION

By
DR. ROY L. SMITH

SOME QUESTIONS CANNOT BE ANSWERED

As you do not know how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.—Ecclesiastes 11:5

As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child; even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

—King James Version

He was a brilliant young college man who had grown up in a religious home, but he was adrift because he could not find the answers to some unanswerable questions.

"I would like to believe," he said, "but religion does not give me scientific answers. As a thinking man I insist upon answers; I think I have a right to them."

But his unbelief was not providing him with answers, for the very good reason that there are some questions which the finite mind of man cannot answer, being finite. The answers are all over on the divine side of the line, beyond the reach of man's understanding. Unbelief has more questions to answer than faith has, and leaves many more questions unanswered.

The book of Ecclesiastes is, perhaps, the most cynical writing in all the scriptures, but occasionally it declares for a great principle of faith. This remarkable text is one such declaration.

How does that strange, indefinable thing, called personality, get inside the body of the unborn?

How can it be that mashed potatoes, black bread, and a bit of roasted mutton can be transferred into a Beethoven symphony or a Bach Chorale?

Why is it that a man—"an animal like all the other animals"—will die for a cause, will fight to protect other men's young, is able to create that which has never before existed, lives for ideals, makes moral choices, dreams of a better world, and shares with His Creator the powers of creation?

If any man could explain these problems, or answer these questions, he would be God himself. These are queries whose solutions are to be found in the mind of the Infinite. Faith is willing to wait.

ARKANSAS ALREADY HAS ONE RACE TRACK TOO MANY

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said about the Hot Springs track is that it is located somewhat near the geographic center of the state, and hurts Arkansas more than it does neighboring states.

May we also say that, in our judgement, there is but one redeeming feature about this persistent effort to build another race track in Arkansas. It is the hope it generates that the continued agitation about building another race track in Arkansas may arouse the better citizenship of the state to bring about legislation prohibiting all pari mutuel gambling in the state which would clear another blot from the fair name of our state.

PRAY AND VOTE

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through prayerful consideration of how one is to vote the end result will be everyone voting the same. There is honest, sincere difference of judgment as to what is best for everyone. This is as it should be. The Lord never intended that every man should be cut from the same pattern and think in the same line. But prayer will make way for a generous unselfish acceptance of the verdict of the people when they have expressed themselves on election day.

A Church Outlives The Bears

By GERALDINE MUNDO

THE BEARS had immortalized their name. For so numerous were they, that trapping and hunting greatly enhanced the value of a section in Louisiana located ten miles south of Arcadia now the Parish seat of Bienville Parish. Because of the gains made possible by these animals which roamed the forest along one of the large streams, the settlers named the stream and the surrounding area Bear Creek.

This was only a few years before the great struggle which came as a result of many transactions such as one which was specifically recorded in the Bienville Parish records in 1848. This record was the sale of a slave who brought the handsome sum of six hundred forty-five dollars.

Hannah Moore Tilley was one of the mothers who was called upon to pay a terrible price. She saw seven of her sons go to war. Her husband, William, was a doctor. To serve the people required much of his time, for he was the only physician in the sparsely settled area. Many hours were spent in riding horseback to and fro. The constant physical strain soon weakened him and he was called to his reward before the return of his sons. Now Hannah was indeed alone. But she would not accept defeat. Very few men remained and the women sought comfort and help from God. Food was scarce. Much time had to be spent in spinning and weaving to supply clothing. The good women accepted such responsibilities with anxiety. But the grief which they were called upon to endure was their greatest problem. They had to find a source of comfort. Their worn Bibles pointed to a way.

Few churches existed. Holder Methodist Church was across the Saline swamp. But the faithful women of Bear Creek Community felt the need of joining with others to find fellowship with God. They arose early on Sunday morning and walked some four or five miles to worship in the Holder Church. But many were the weeks when Saline Creek forbade their crossing. It was necessary for them to organize their own little band into a congregation for worship.

Hannah Moore Tilley called upon Betsy Brown of Arcadia to join her and the two, with Susan Tilley Gardner, knelt together to ask God for His guidance.

Before many weeks had passed these women with the help of the few men who remained, had organized a Methodist Church. This was in the year 1868. The congregation met in the school building where Jesse Tilley was serving as principal.

With the growth of the church and school a larger house was needed. Two acres of land were purchased and a large one-room log structure 40 x 20 feet was erected. A huge rock fireplace was the only heating system. Two doors opened to welcome all who would worship God or endeavor to prepare themselves to be better citizens. A peep

hole in the wall was the lighting system. A huge brush arbor was built around the church where many grand circuit riders lifted souls to the throne of God. Rev. Miller McCoy was the first preacher.

The church was dedicated to the service and glory of God by the district superintendent, Rev. Mr. Miller. It too bore the name of Bear Creek.

As the church grew the need for a church school was felt. In about 1880 the first of such an organization gathered. There was no building for such purpose; so one of the families offered a house and the Jess Taylor home was the first meeting place of the Bear Creek church school. There was no literature. The Bible was the only textbook until Aunt Becky Nelson began to teach a class of children the catechism. Uncle Frank Warren continued with the adults or Bible Class.

There was no musical instrument but Jim McDonald led a class in singing.

The Baptists and Methodists knew no doctrinal bounds but all joined hands for the glory of God.

Among the saints of the Baptist faith were Uncle Croff Calhoun and his family who won untold esteem among the Methodist people. The Ross and Gray families labored untiringly. Granny Gray was at the bedside of all who suffered. Mrs. Winnie Day and her family were valuable contributors to the newborn church.

Most of these workers were members of Mt. Gilliad Baptist Church. But they too felt the need of a place of worship within their own community and of their faith and a Baptist Church was organized. A brush arbor sheltered the early worshippers. Charity Bullard gave the church its name, calling it "Good Hope." The organization of the new Baptist Church did not separate the Baptists and Methodists. They continued to work as a unit for God.

More space was needed to take care of the expansion of this Methodist Church. In 1888 two more acres were purchased and the last to be added was in 1908, when one acre was purchased.

Great progress was considered to have been made when the citizens of the community gathered and displaced the huge logs on which they had been sitting with split logs which were held off of the floor with large wooden pegs.

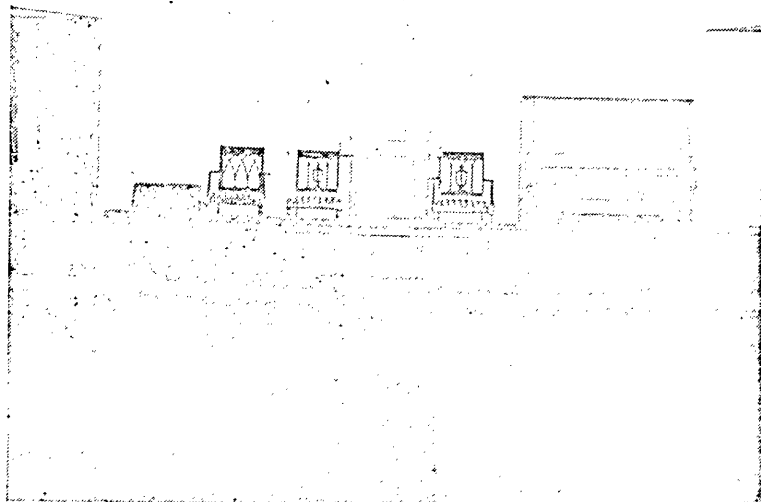
One of the early romances which sprang up as the church and school worked together was that of a teacher Miss Ellen Beard who gave her heart to Jim Boddie, the son of Mrs. Nancy Boddie.

In 1888 the church had grown to sufficient strength to own its building. The entire community joined in offering free time to erect a one room structure.

Following the winter of 1889, God called Hannah Moore Tilley to meet her husband and a son who had been killed in the war. Rev. Mr. Miller who had dedicated the church which she had assisted in organizing conducted her funeral serv-



THE BEAR CREEK METHODIST CHURCH OF TODAY



THE ALTAR WHICH WAS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN WESLEY TILLEY

ice. Her boys who were spared after the defeat of the South took up the torch left by their mother and added strength to the Bear Creek Church as the years slipped by. By this time other valuable workers had joined the band of Christian followers. Through efforts of Henry Suttan who taught singing, the Bear Creek Church choir gained outstanding reputation. Henry's brother, Steve, assisted with the music. Bear Creek school had grown too and Jack Sutton held a very important place in promotion of this interest.

As the years passed new and better lighting and heating equipment were installed. Beautiful kerosene lamps were swung from the ceiling and wall lamps were hung along the walls. An organ was purchased. A large iron heater was set near the center of the building.

Grand old revival meetings left everlasting imprints in the community. Some of the outstanding pastors who arranged for these spiritual blessings were Bro. Bloss Williams, Rev. Mr. Cargill, Rev. Mr. Franklin, Rev. Mr. Porter, who moved the church from the Arcadia District to the Ruston District in 1915, and L. P. Moreland who so efficiently and faithfully rendered two terms service to the church.

Great spiritual strength was added to the meetings by the shouting of Mag Boddie, Georgia Whitley, Banny McCoy, Zurie Simmons, Jess and Jim Boddie, Toad Warren and

the two Betty Tilleys. Indeed the gates of heaven seemed to swing open and the choir of the heavenly host join these saints as they made heaven ring with their praises.

Great characters led the congregation to the feet of God with their prayers. Among these will be remembered men and women fondly known as Uncle Jess Boddie, Uncle Ben Tilley, Uncle Pomp Durbin, Aunt Mag Boddie, Aunt Georgia Whitley and countless others. Many men and women, boys and girls were inspired by these prayers. Two of the boys have given themselves into full-time service for God. J. B. Roper the son of Callie Tilley Roper and Paul Durbin the son of Uncle Pomp Durbin are now ministers of the gospel. Both claim to have found God in the old Bear Creek church.

An example of character which gave strength and life to the church might be cited in one lovingly known as Uncle Joe Boddie. He was not the vociferous type. He usually kept quiet in meetings. But he was always ready to support any forward movement.

Before Uncle Joe went to his reward the cemetery had been filled to overflowing. It was agreed by the membership that the church must be moved across the road.

One summer day the good pastor Rev. Mr. Coon led out in the important task. As some of the members were passing the church they

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METHODIST FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE ORGANIZES

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Following its organizational meeting here October 17, the Methodist Church's new Family Life Committee voted to meet November 22 in Chicago to plan a four-year program and select the date and site for a national convocation.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, is chairman of the committee. He was named by the Council of Bishops following action by Methodism's General Conference last spring establishing the body and authorizing it to "promote and administer a special program of family life emphases" throughout the church.

The committee is seated in the Methodist General Board of Education's Division of the Local Church, but its membership includes representatives of other general boards and agencies.

Bishop Werner headed a similar committee during the church's 1948-52 "Advance for Christ" campaign. Success of the 1951 national Family Life Conference, held in Chicago, and the more than 300 regional follow-up meetings, led to creation of the quadrennial committee.

At the Nashville meeting the committee elected as vice chairman the Rev. J. Manning Potts, editor of *The Upper Room*, daily devotional guide. The Rev. E. D. Staples, head of the Division of the Local Church's Christian Family Department, was named secretary, and the Rev. C. W. Loughlin, Board of Education treasurer, was elected treasurer.

"We must get the total church family-centered," Bishop Werner told the group. "It is increasingly difficult today for families to find time to worship together, but if we permit religion to die in the home then the church itself is doomed," he added.

The thousands of dislocated families—stemming from military service and the mushrooming defense industries—challenge the church to an all-out effort to better its family relations programs, the committee agreed.

Cited as examples of new problems were the 90 miles of trailer camps at the Savannah River atomic research project in South Carolina, and similar "boom areas" in Paducah, Ky., and southern Ohio.

The lack of church facilities and a definite program to serve such

migrant families will be a prime consideration of the new committee. The group also will seek ways and means of strengthening church-home ties through established channels, such as the Methodist church schools, laymen's organizations and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Meanwhile, the executive committee will meet November 4 in Cincinnati to map plans for the Chicago meeting. In addition to officers, members are the Rev. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary, Nashville, of the Division of the Local Church; the Rev. C. R. Hooton, Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the Board of Temperance; W. Rolfe Brown, Chicago, Board of Lay Activities, and Miss Thelma Stevens, New York, Woman's Division of the Board of Missions.

BISHOP LORD HEADS MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Nashville, Tenn.—The task of keeping Methodists "missionary minded" will continue under the leadership of Bishop John Wesley Lord, Boston, Mass., for the next

Bishop and Mrs. W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, aboard the S.S. Brazil which sailed for South America, September 4. Included in Bishop Smith's itinerary are: Port of Spain, Trinidad; Rio De Janeiro and Santos, Brazil; Santiago, Chile; Montevideo, Uruguay; Bariloche, Argentina. Bishop Smith is the fraternal delegate of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church to the Quadrennial Latin American Central Conference which meets in Santiago, November 2-9.

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four years.

He was re-elected chairman of the church's Interboard Committee on Missionary Education when the agency met here October 13-15 to plan its quadrennial program.

The Rev. Horace W. Williams, Nashville, continues as executive secretary.

The committee is an affiliate of the Board of Missions, New York, and the Board of Education, Nashville. It has charge of churchwide educational programs relative to activities and needs of Methodist missionary projects.

EDUCATION EXECUTIVE TO SOUTH AMERICA

Nashville, Tenn.—The Rev. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions at the Methodist Church's General Board of Education headquarters here, is en route to South America on a month's tour of Methodist

schools and colleges.

He will spend one week, November 6-14, in Santiago, Chile, as a fraternal delegate to sessions of Methodism's Latin America Central Conference.

While in Santiago, Dr. Gross also will attend a meeting of directors of 13 Methodist institutions in Latin America. He will speak to the educators November 11 on "Religion and Education," and next day on "Church-Related Schools in the United States."

Traveling by plane, Dr. Gross plans to visit nine other cities to confer with church leaders and meet with faculties of Methodist schools in Panama City, Panama; Lima, Peru; Cochabamba and La Paz, Bolivia; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; Porto Alegre, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He will return to Nashville November 25.

CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY IN THE 1952 ELECTION

STATEMENT PASSED BY THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A. AT ITS BI-MONTHLY MEETING SEPT. 24, 1952, IN NEW YORK CITY.

EACH election year is a year of decision. How the American people vote on November 4th will determine to no small extent the over-all direction of our country in the years ahead. Decision we as a people make affect profoundly, for good or for ill, not only citizens within our borders, but millions of persons throughout the world.

As Christians we believe that God cares what happens in politics, because politics affects His children everywhere. Therefore we believe that Christians have a responsibility to participate in the political process by voting and by seeking to apply Christian principles in their voting. Intelligent and conscientious voting is the moral duty of every American citizen who is genuinely concerned about his neighbor, whether that neighbor lives next door or half way around the earth. A free election at its best should be an expression of a whole people saying what they believe most deeply about the direction they want their country to take.

The issues at the polls are often obscure and confused. Therefore, the responsible voter must make an earnest attempt to know the facts, understand the issues, and express his convictions at the polls. An election is not a popularity contest. It is a struggle between alternative policies and programs which affect each one of us.

The responsible Christian voter will study all the basic issues at stake in the election in the light of his religious convictions and will judge candidates and parties accordingly. He will study the voting record of candidates and

their parties, the party platforms, as well as what the candidates themselves say.

The responsible voter will base his decision on what he considers best for the total community, the well-being of all the people. He will not respond to sectional, racial or class appeals. He will take into account the total program of the candidates and parties seeking power, rather than base his decision on one single issue, however important that issue may seem to him.

There are many issues at stake in the current election. On a number of these issues Christians in America have spoken. They have expressed their convictions through their own denominations and through national church associations. The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. has dealt with the following issues. In foreign policy it has stated that "the United States must cooperate with all nations and dependent areas in their struggle for freedom and justice," and that our country should "continue and increase its support of the United Nations and its specialized agencies." It has commended "the action of the United Nations in resisting aggression in Korea." The National Council has supported the U.S. "program of economic aid and technical assistance to the underdeveloped areas of the world," and the principles embodied in the Reciprocal Trade Agreements which seek to promote economic health in the world community by eliminating excessive tariff barriers. It has urged the revision of our immigration and naturalization laws so that a larger number of refugees, re-

gardless of color, creed or national origin, can begin a new life on our soil.

Here in America the National Council of Churches has supported efforts to preserve and extend civil rights and civil liberties for all our people. It has spoken against racial discrimination and segregation in all sectors of our society. It affirms the necessity for a free exchange of ideas in our democracy, and condemns the attempt to impose conformity or to silence people by character assassination, guilt by association, or the use of unfounded charges. The National Council supports efforts to improve the standards of ethical conduct in public office, local, state and national.

We urge all citizens to study the position of their churches on major public questions as they face this election. It is equally important that we pray and urge others to pray for guidance. When we are honest with ourselves, we have to confess that we have all, to greater or less degree, come short of the full glory of Christian citizenship. We find it difficult to be fully honest with ourselves as partisans, but when we kneel before God our Father, we know He looks upon the heart. Let us kneel before Him in penitence and ask for the cleansing power of His forgiveness, for wisdom in making right political choices and for moral strength and Christian humility for those on whom the fearful responsibilities of political power are presently to fall. Let us pray to the Heavenly Father, who knows no nation and no party, to help the Christian people and the churches of this country to impress upon all citizens the need that His will be done. By taking seriously the privileges and responsibilities of living in a free society we can work together in the common task of making America worthy of its heritage as a nation under God.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

Ft. Smith Training School

The Ft. Smith-Van Buren Area is to have a training program, November 2-6, which will have in it a faculty equal to any faculty for any Ft. Smith School. Seven excellent courses with outstanding faculty members have been arranged for this school. The courses and faculty are as follows:

Guiding Junior Children in Christian Growth, Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson.
The Use of the Bible with Children, Mrs. W. A. Wooten.

Youth and Evangelism (Only youth), Rev. O. D. Peters.

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

Teaching Adults (Helping Adults Learn), Mrs. Howard Grimes.

The Methodist Church, Dr. Matt L. Ellis.

A Preface to the Bible, Mrs. James S. Upton or Rev. James S. Upton.

Rev. Alfred A. Knox will be Dean of the school.

The school is to be held at Goddard Memorial Methodist Church in Ft. Smith, beginning at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, November 2, and closing on Thursday night.

Rev. Roy I. Bagley has been certified as Dean for training schools.

Rev. William Wilder has been certified for How to Teach in the Church School (First Series); and for Ways of Teaching (Second Series).

Dr. Matt L. Ellis has been certified for the course on The Church and Its Work (First and Second Series).

Vacation Church School — and Camping Workshop

We are planning for a Vacation Church School Workshop and a Camping Conference to be held at Conway, February 9 and 10, for the purpose of giving guidance to district leaders in these two fields of work. Each district will have a vacation school team. Each camp is to have two representatives in the program.

Batesville Training School-Supply School

The ten-day training program for Batesville Area and Supply and Undergraduate ministers got under way this week and will continue until Nov. 5.

An outstanding program has been worked out this year and the indications are that this is to equal or surpass any former like school.

We hope to give a better report just a little later.

This program has been made possible by the churches of Batesville, The Board of Education, Board of Ministerial Training, and the Board of Evangelism.

Batesville District Training Program

The school at Batesville is only a part of the total program in training work in the Batesville District.

Earlier in the year Rev. James S. Upton conducted three Bible Schools: Mt. View, Salem, and Cave City.

Last week Mrs. Waldo Wettengel of Oklahoma held two one unit training schools: Pleasant Plains and Viola; and held a week-end institute at Cotter.

A three unit training school is to be held at Cotter, Oct. 23-25.

Plans are complete for a one unit

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Dr. Rasmussen Speaker for Religion-in-Life Week

Dr. John J. Rasmussen, pastor of Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport, La., was the principal speaker at Religion in Life activities held on the Hendrix College campus October 26-30. The student and faculty committee on religious activities was in charge of the week's plans.

Dr. Rasmussen spoke at the First Methodist Church of Conway on Sunday night. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights he spoke for the Hendrix student body in the Chapel. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, he appeared on programs in the Auditorium. Dr. Rasmussen was also available for personal interviews with students.

The music department furnished special music for the services. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, the chapel choir sang under the direction of Billy Paul Hays of the music faculty.

Worship services were held in the residence halls each night during the week. These services were arranged by the hall councils.

Dr. Rasmussen appeared at Hendrix last January as the speaker for the district-wide rally of the United Evangelistic Mission. Born in Austria, he came to America to be educated at Emory University, expecting to return to Europe and minister to his own people. But fortune decreed that he should spend his life in this country, and he has had a brilliant career in Louisiana.

The committee on religious activities, which brought Dr. Rasmussen to the campus, is headed by Frank Warden of Little Rock. Other members of the committee are Russell Brown, Pete Curtiss, Dick Ezell, Gerald Hilton, Monte Tubb, Charlie Wright, Dennis Lucy, Bill Pryor, Tommy Hall, Leonard White, Nancy Legg, Virginia Speaker, Nelson Westmoreland, George Tanner, Martha Meneas, and Freda Wilson.

Religion in Life Week is a tradition on the Hendrix Campus. Each year, outstanding ministers are invited. Some of the speakers who have appeared in the past few years are Dr. Warren Johnston of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, La., who spoke last year, Rev. Kenneth Shamblin of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, and Dr. D. L. Dykes of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville.

Cast Announced for Play

The cast for the first major production of the Hendrix College Players has been announced by Mrs. Capp Shanks, head of the speech department. The play "Arms and the Man", by George Bernard Shaw, will be staged on the nights of Nov. 21 and 22.

Major roles will be played by Dot Christopher of Conway, Mary Buthman of Conway, Dick Ezell of Pine

school for the Tuckerman Area under the leadership of Mrs. Wettengel, November 5-7.

The Newport Area is planning for a school after first of January.

Requests have been made for additional one unit schools in the district.

SEMINAR ON FAMILY LIFE

FOR three weeks during July, the Department of the Christian Family of the General Board of Education conducted at Boston University a seminar to train leaders in the field of family life. Thirty-one persons from twenty-eight annual conferences east of the Mississippi river participated in this study. Each was nominated by his conference executive secretary.

A seminar for leaders in the mid-west and west is being planned for next year.

The full report of the seminar may be secured by sending 15 cents to the Department of the Christian Family, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn.

During the seminar a marriage code for ministers was developed by those who participated. It was not considered a finished document but is released for study and action by

EVANGELISM IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Nashville, Tenn. — Since approximately 60 per cent of Methodist church members come into the church through the church school, evangelism is an important part of the church school program.

The Rev. Luke G. Beauchamp of the staff of the department of general church school work has responsibility for this program in the Board of Education. He works in close cooperation with the three age-group departments of the Local Church Division, with the National Council of Churches through the National Teaching Mission, and with the Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church.

Effort is continually being put forth to popularize the idea that every church school teacher should be an evangelist, and cultivation through special literature, field contacts and correspondence focuses each year on the pre-Easter evangelism season.

Closely allied to evangelism is the matter of starting new church schools, especially in areas having mobile populations. This will receive special emphasis during the next four years.

Bluff and Raymond DeClue of Little Rock. Others in the cast are Mel Scott of Little Rock, Genie Comer of El Dorado, Eugene Ebird of Little Rock and Jim Pierce of Conway.

Conway Seeks \$19,000 for Hendrix Drive

Conway and Faulkner County citizens will be asked to contribute \$19,000 in the current \$600,000 campaign for Hendrix, W. D. Cole, chairman of the local drive, announced recently. The figure was released at a meeting of campaign workers at the First Methodist Church of Conway. Rev. Joel A. Cooper of Conway is co-chairman of the drive which will be conducted Nov. 3-9.

The General Board of Education will contribute \$300,000 if a like amount is raised by the college. This money will be used for increasing faculty salaries and adding to the endowment. —Hendrix Public Relations office.

other ministers groups. The code follows:

"In view of the general public opinion and concern for the homes of the future reflected in state laws that have been passed placing certain restrictions on marriage, it behooves the clergy to make a united stand on marriage with a view to conserve the sanctity of matrimony and family life. Therefore:

"We believe the ministers have a sacred obligation to: (a) Carefully impress upon all couples requesting marriage the sanctity of the vows; (b) Seek to determine that the marriage is seriously considered and earnestly undertaken as a moral and ethical contract; (c) Prepare couples for married life through classes or interviews; (d) Present each couple with inspirational and informative books or booklets on marriage; (e) Help parents to realize that homes of today are preparing people for marriage tomorrow; (f) To know the marriage code and laws of his state; (g) Refuse to go back to a former charge to officiate at a wedding. He may justifiably assist the minister in charge at such a wedding.

"We believe that any minister is justified in requiring: (a) Advance notice of the request for marriage; (b) Evidence of preparation for marriage; (c) At least one interview of considerable length with each person or couple; (d) An interview with parents of unusually young persons; (e) Evidence of a satisfactory agreement about religious questions.

"We believe that any minister is justified in refusing to marry (a) Persons unable to comprehend the significance of the marriage vows; (b) Persons believed to be intoxicated; (c) Any person believed to have willfully broken previous marriage vows and showing no evidence of a change of attitude; (d) Persons obviously not serious; (e) Couples desirous of making a public "stunt" of their wedding; (f) Couples obviously attempting to evade the laws of their state; (g) Any person not acting under his or her own free will."

CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Nashville, Tenn. — How nearly does church school membership approach church membership?

The answer to this question is that church school membership is 67 per cent of church membership for the Methodist Church — the same as it was in 1950, according to the "Statistical Record of Progress and Analysis of Membership in Methodist Church Schools—1951" prepared by the Department of General Church School Work of the General Board of Education.

In considering this relationship, two factors are to be taken into account: (1) Not all church school members are church members (many are too young); (2) not all church members are enrolled in the church school.

The ideal situation, of course, would be for the church school membership to be greater than the

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THE MINISTER'S PLACE IN POLITICS

SHOULD a Christian minister have his say on politics?

Dr. Louis H. Evans, pastor of Hollywood Presbyterian church in Los Angeles, Calif., believes that wherever politics become entangled with moral issues, a minister should have the right to step in and voice his beliefs. "The Church in this age cannot sit back and simply sing Psalms and quote Proverbs and let governments decay and atrophy," he said. "Where moral and religious principles are at stake, let the Church speak out, strike out and step out." What should be the minister's attitude towards political campaigns? "He has the right to encourage the election of men to power who can uphold the morality and sobriety of the nation. But he must always remain a 'voice', not a 'vote-getter'." Should a minister be for capital or labor?

"He should be for everything that is Christlike in labor and against everything that is un-Christlike in labor. Likewise he is for everything that is Christlike in capital and against everything that is un-Christlike in capital."

Should a minister favor the Republican or Democratic parties?

"The answer to the previous question holds true. He is for all that is Christlike in both parties, against all that is un-Christlike in both parties."

How should a minister react toward the various candidates?

"In preaching principles of high ethics and religious implication, let the Christian minister allow his people to interpret those principles in terms of candidates they believe most clearly exemplify these principles. Let the minister take care not to 'play God' here, supposing his individual judgment better than anyone else's."

TV Program Shows Sunday School Class At Work

A Sunday school class meets weekly in the studios of Station WTVJ in Miami, Fla., in a unique television program. Believed to be the first of its kind in the U. S., the half-hour program aims to encourage Sunday school attendance. It is televised each Sunday morning at 9:30 from a studio set designed to represent a typical church school room.

Dr. Garbett Warns Against 'Sensational' Healing Missions

A warning against "the hysterical and emotional atmosphere and unjustifiable claims" of "sensational and much advertised" healing missions was sounded by the Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Forster Garbett, at the opening session of the Convocation of York. Dr. Garbett made it clear that he was referring not only to missions sometimes sponsored here by American evangelists but also to those held "occasionally in our own Church." "There is sometimes a danger of making a sharp distinction between scientific and religious healing, as if one came from man and the other from God," Dr. Garbett said. "The Christian should claim that all that is best in the art of healing comes from God."

Congregation Pledges \$57,111 For Missions

A new high of \$57,111 was pledged for foreign mission work by worshippers at Colonial Hills Baptist church in Atlanta, Georgia — the largest amount pledged by any church in Georgia, according to the Rev. Paul R. Van Gorder, pastor. Fifty-five missionaries are supported by the congregation.

Says Today's Youth Concerned With Christian Living

Young people today are much more serious about living Christian lives than most people think, in the opinion of Dr. Marcus C. Rieke of Columbus, O., youth director of the

American Lutheran Church. Speaking at a Lutheran youth rally on the campus of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, Dr. Rieke said that "no one should sell youth short" because "there lies deep in the consciousness of our young people a seriousness of purpose that belies what is often apparent in youth behavior. The rally was held in conjunction with the ALC's 12th biennial today choosing their life's work carefully, prayerfully, and with determination that in their decision they will honor Christ and serve Him and fellowman in and through that decision."

200-Pound Candle To Burn For War Prisoners

A huge 200-pound candle, carved with the heraldic arms of six parishes in the Guebwiller Valley of Alsace Lorraine, will burn 12 months for the intentions of parishioners whose sons or husbands are still prisoners in Russia. The candle was lighted in the Church of Bergholz-Zell during a special ceremony attended by religious and civic leaders. During the war, occupational authorities drafted many young men from Alsace Lorraine into the German Army. Several thousand

were taken prisoner by the Russians and have not yet been freed.

Religious Leaders Hail UN As Best Road To Peace

Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders lauded the United Nations as our best road to peace but warned that it can bring peace only if men and nations sincerely work for it. Statements commemorating United Nations Day (Oct. 24) were issued by the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church and president of the National Council of Churches; Dr. Raymond F. McCoy, president of the Catholic Association for International Peace and a member of the Executive Council of the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO, and Dr. Maurice N. Eisen-drath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. All praised action by the UN against Communist aggression in Korea and its attempts to strengthen the economic and social fabric of the world community. Bishop Sherrill reminded critics of the UN that there is "no magic formula that will solve the world's problems, but ourselves." He pointed out "that the UN can go only as far as its sovereign members are willing to go" and "the successes of the UN are our successes and its failures are our failures."

Protestants Hold Bible 'Read-A-Thon'

In a unique marathon, Protestant clergy and laymen are reading the entire Bible aloud to passers-by in the heart of the business district in Albany, New York. The "read-a-thon" marks the 500th anniversary of the Gutenberg Bible, the first book printed with movable type. The new Revised Standard Version of the Bible is being read from a display window of a local furniture store. A public address system carries the readers' voices into the street. Reading will continue from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. every day except Sundays until the project is completed. It is estimated it would take 90 hours to read the Bible through. Clergy and lay members, both men

and women, of a dozen Protestant denominations are working together on the project. Two speakers are scheduled for each hour of the day. Each reads for 15 minutes at a time.

Washington Congregation Hears Prophetic Prayer By Martyred Bishop

A prophetic prayer written by the martyred Bishop Francis X. Ford, Maryknoll missionary from Brooklyn, N. Y. who died last February in a Chinese Communist prison, has been brought to light in Washington, D. C. The prayer was read in St. Matthew's Cathedral here by Bishop Ford's friend and college classmate, the Rev. John J. Considine, M. M., Maryknoll missionary. Father Considine said the prayer was composed about 25 years ago when Bishop Ford was a young missionary priest. "Lord, let me be the doorstep by which the multitudes may come to worship Thee," the prayer said. "And, if in the saving of their souls we are ground underfoot and spat upon, and worn out, at least we shall have served Thee in some small way in helping souls, and shall have become the King's Highway in pathless China."

Beauty Contests Flop After Attack By Church Leaders

Beauty contests scheduled in Patras and Halkis Greece failed to draw a single candidate after the Orthodox Metropolitans of those cities attacked the competitions in Sunday sermons. Earlier this year Metropolitan Pandeilemon of Thessalonica denounced the contest held to select a Miss Greece for the international Miss Universe competition in Hollywood.

Religious Groups Aid Mental Hospital Patients

Patients at the Central Louisiana Mental Hospital in Alexandria are receiving help from the community following the formation of the Patients Service Organization by Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders and civic clubs. A number of church and civic groups have started activities and visitations at the hospital following tours and orientation courses at the state institution. More than 200 books have been donated to the hospital library and contributions have been received from out-of-town individuals and organizations.

Atlantans Call Church 'Community's Top Asset'

A man-on-the-street poll conducted by an Atlanta newspaper on the subject "What's Your Community's Top Asset?" brought an almost 100 per cent response that the church was that top asset. The poll was conducted by Orville Gaines, reporter for The Atlanta Journal, among persons chosen at random in the downtown section of the city.

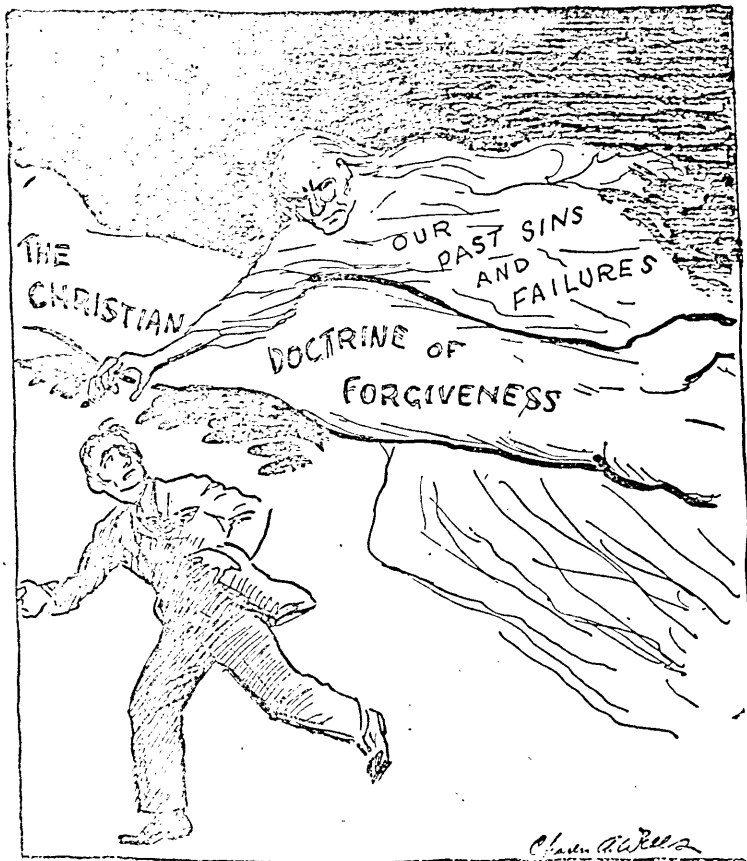
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HOLD PRAYER MEETINGS

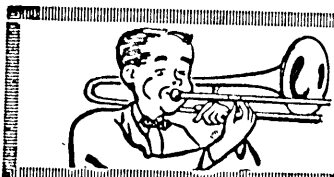
Prayer meetings held before the day's classes begin at Rocky Mount High School in North Carolina, are drawing good-sized crowds each day.

Three days each week a student or a minister leads the service at the school cafeteria, and on the other two days there are sessions of singing followed by group prayer.

GOD'S PROTECTING ARM

Chas. A. Wells





THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



HALLOWEEN AT THE WITCH'S CAULDRON

BETTINA looked fearfully out of the cabin window. The dusk of this lonely Halloween, which she and her mother were spending at their summer camp, was settling down over the forest and lake. Through the partly-opened door saucy little red and gold leaves rustled in, making a crackling sound as they tripped along. A squirrel dropped a nut on the roof, and Bettina jumped. The Witch's Cauldron, that swirling part of the lake where the falls were, had dark shadows along the edge that moved through the twilight like spectres.

"Where is mother?" cried Bettina to herself. "Oh, I wish that she would come home!"

The girl left the window and began to set out their camp supper on the hickory table. Mother loved being at camp; even loved the Witch's Cauldron. So they were staying at the camp while their apartment in the city was being cleaned and redecorated. Bettina would rather have been home for Halloween, although she remembered father's words last week.

"Mother wants to stay another fortnight," he had told Bettina, "and it will give me a chance to have the apartment done over. Take care of her, and don't let her turn into a witch of the woods."

Of course father had been joking, but Bettina remembered his words now and wished mother were back.

What was that? Bettina set her pan of apples down on the table and listened.

On the roof of the cabin she could hear a tapping, then a sweeping, rustling noise as if there were some one up there. Who could it be?

Swish, swish! There was the odd sound again. Bettina carefully bolted the door and then kept very still. But the sound on the roof went right on.

When it stopped it was rather dark. Bettina lighted a candle and went fearfully to the door at the back of the cabin. She held the candle high and peered up on to the roof. Dear, dear! There, on the edge of the roof, was a broom, a lively-looking broom that had a long enough handle for any witch to ride. The witch was not in sight, but it might have been she who had been prancing around on the roof.

Bettina went back in the cabin and sat down in front of the fireplace. All the forest was very still, so that the wind in the trees seemed to be talking. But all at once Bettina heard something else. Real footsteps came up on the front steps of the porch. The front door latch rattled. Then it was quiet again.

Bettina wanted to cry. "Suppose," she said to herself, "mother did turn into a witch because she went for such a long walk on Halloween. Suppose that it is her broomstick up there on the roof! Suppose—" but suddenly the girl stood up, brave and decided. "If mother is in trouble, I must go and help her," Bettina said to herself.

She put on her cap and coat, light-

ed the cabin lantern, and went outside.

"Bettina!" came the call, and there was mother coming through the trees with her arms full of red and gold bittersweet. With her was Jean, the boy whose father was the camp guide.

"Your eyes are as big as saucers," laughed mother. "Did you miss me? I was getting this bittersweet to make you a Halloween wreath. And here is Jean. Did you find his Halloween surprise?"

"Father and I have been sweeping the leaves off all the cabin roofs," said Jean. "Father doesn't want them to catch fire; the weather is so dry. I thought you would be lonely up there in the woods this Halloween, so I hung a basket on your door latch."

Fat chestnuts, big lumps of molasses taffy, some sparkling bits of crystal, and a pebble that had a shiny spot like gold, Bettina discovered in Jean's basket. She had forgotten the boy and his father, who lived at the other end of the camp. That was one of their brooms on the roof, and it was Jean's footsteps on the porch of the cabin that had startled her.

"I was lonely," Bettina told Jean.



TIME FOR FUN

Halloween is a happy time,
We plan a nice surprise,
And when the girls and boys arrive
They can't believe their eyes.

A frightening witch is at the door
Who speaks in hollow tones,
A black cat stares with steady gaze,
A ghost gives sighs and moans.

The jack-o'-lanterns are about
With wide and funny grins,
And when we put the candles in
The fun really begins.

So we look forward to this time
Of fun with all our friends,
The time flies by so rapidly,
We're sorry when it ends.—A.E.W.

WE ARE FRIENDS

I saw a tiny robin
Come tumbling from its nest,
With gentle hands I placed it back
Beneath its mother's breast,
And now we are friends.

I found a frisky little squirrel
Beside my kitchen door.
I gave him lots of big brown nuts
To fill his winter's store,
And now we are friends.

I found a little crippled fawn
Half buried in the snow;
I kept him warm till he was well,
And gave him food to make him grow,
And now we are friends.

—Daisy Ridings, in The United Church Observer

"He is going to have supper with us," said mother, "and afterwards we will light all the candles and bob for apples and tell stories around the fire. Oh, Bettina, isn't it fun to spend Halloween in the woods?"

And Bettina decided all at once that it really was.—Selected

GRACES FOR MEALS

Thank you, God, for milk and bread
And other things so good;
Thank you, God, for those who help
To grow and cook our food.

Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat;
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you, God, for everything!

God, we thank You for this food,
For rest and home and all things good;
For wind and rain and sun above,
But most of all those we love.

Before I eat this food today,
I'll bow my head and softly say,
"Dear God, all good things come
from Thee;
Help me to thank Thee lovingly."

For health and strength and daily food
We praise Thy name, O Lord.

God is great and God is good,
And we thank Him for our food.
—Anon.

THREE ANIMAL CHUMS

One of our readers send us an account of a quaint friendship between a horse, a dog, and a pigeon on a farm at Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, England.

Every morning the horse is harnessed into the milkcart, and this is the signal for the pigeon to fly down from the cote and the dog to run out and jump into the cart. Sometimes the pigeon will take a ride on the cart, but often it just flies along the road keeping close.

At one house there is always a cup of tea waiting for the milk-woman. The dog comes into the house for his tit-bit and the pigeon waits on the step for his crumbs, while at the garden gate the horse neighs to his friends not to forget him. Every day the milk-woman arrives at this house with her oddly-assorted trio of chums.—The Children's Newspaper

I WONDER

I wonder—I wonder
If anyone knows
On a cloudy day
Where the sun goes.
I've been told it chooses
The queerest of places—
The hearts of good children—
And shines on their faces;
On their lips it lingers
A loving smile,
In their eyes it dances
All the while.—Scrapbook

JUST FOR FUN

"If you refuse me," he vowed, "I shall die."
She refused him.
Sixty years later he died.

First Salesman: "In these days I have to push my sales."

Second Salesman: "So do I."

First Salesman: "Yes, what do you sell?"

Second Salesman: "Used cars."

ARKANSAS METHODIST



ANN AND THE LITTLE PUPPY

PART 2

Money For Christmas

Ann was happy because she loved her grandmother. They were very poor and the only way they could get money to buy food and clothing was by making and selling rag dolls. Ann would take the dolls grandma had made and sell them on the streets. The prettiest ones cost 50c. Ann hoped she could soon help her

grandmother make the dolls for the old lady's eyesight was not too good and they needed money so badly! Especially now, for Christmas was coming, and there was a tree, a dinner and little gifts to buy. "Buy my dolls," Ann said, and today people DID buy them! Ann was happier than ever.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

TOWARD LASTING PEACE

THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN came into being as a national organization in 1941—the year of the disaster at Pearl Harbor.

All during World War II and during the smoldering "cold war" years that have followed, one of the church women's greatest concerns has been finding ways they could establish peace in a troubled world.

Their concern was formulated last year in a five-point "Action Program for Lasting Peace." This fall it is underscored again by three events: Publication of a small book, "Toward Lasting Peace," in which 12 noted Christian women discuss the contributions that can be made in different fields of activity; an October schedule of seven regional conferences at which the church women will discuss, among other things, their role as Christian citizens in the community and the nation; the 10th annual observance, on Friday, November 7, of World Community Day, the day the women have set aside as a special reminder of their role as part of "the neighborhood of nations."

Both the book and the suggested order of service for World Community Day include a reiteration of the five-point action program for peace: to pray "that we may be used for peace;" to "live democracy in our home town every day;" to know and support the United Nations as "next to the churches, today's best instrument for peace;" to share "our abundance of spiritual and material resources" with the needy of the world; and to study and discuss with family and neighbors the issues of the peace.

At the regional conferences, women from 34 states will take up special aspects of the five-point program: the United Nations, technical assistance programs in relation to the missionary enterprise overseas; race relations and civil liberties in

this country; and the need for voting and acting as Christian citizens in local and national politics.

The three-day conferences, under the general theme of "Righteousness Exalteth a Nation," are being held this month at Hutchinson, Kansas, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, St. Paul, Minnesota, Jacksonville, Florida, Richmond, Virginia, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

On November 7, in more than 1800 communities across the country, women will observe World Community Day with dedications of cartons of infants' and children's clothes they have packed for youngsters in refugee and D.P. centers abroad.

In previous years, they have sent overseas millions of bundles of diapers, shoes, clothing, towels, soap, school supplies and sewing materials for relief, and contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to support their work for a peaceful and orderly world.

This year their offerings will be used in part to send medicine and vitamins to children overseas and partly for their own action program for peace.

In their new book, "Toward Lasting Peace," there is a description of the women's action program in terms of the entire Christian Church, written by Dr. Georgia Harkness, professor at Pacific College of Religion.

In addition to the church, the book's essays cover the contributions to peace that can be made in the family, the schools, the arts, agriculture and other fields.

The book's distinguished contributors include such Christian women as Mrs. Douglas Horton, a vice president of the National Council of Churches and former president of Wellesley College; concert singer, Marian Anderson, and Sen. Margaret

PACKETS FOR PEACE

World Community Day will be observed Friday, November 7, in most of the cities of the United States under the auspices of the Council of Church Women. "Packets for Peace" is the name of the project, in which all are urged to participate. Clothes, whether new or old, which are warm, clean and usable, for children up to six years old, will be packed to be sent over the world where needed.

Offering taken on that day will be used to buy medicine and vitamins.

If there is no observance of this day in your community, and yet you wish to share in this project, contact Mrs. C. F. Goldthwaite, New Orleans, Mrs. Jimerson, Augusta, Arkansas, or Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, 2023 Schiller, Little Rock. These are the three conference secretaries



of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sympathy is extended by all in the Little Rock Conference to Miss Rebecca Busch, Rural Worker for the Arkansas-Oklahoma Rural Work, in the death of her father, Rev. S. B. Lester, District Superintendent of the Indianapolis District, Lexington Conference. Mrs. Lester is in a Ft. Wayne hospital with critical injuries suffered in the same accident in which Mr. Lester died.

The women of the society of St. Paul's church, Monroe, are planning an unusual Shrubbery sale on November 7 at Bill's Produce market

Chase Smith of Maine.

In her essay, Dr. Harkness urges that the Church put forth an effort for peace as total as the effort a nation puts forth to wage war.

But, lacking this, she adds, "even a dedicated minority can make a

vast difference."

"The Christian women of our churches," Dr. Harkness predicts, "could turn the present tide of hysteria, hatred and fear into courses of constructive good will for all mankind."—Beata Mueller at the corner of No. 4th and Pine Street. Mrs. Slade Brown, chairman of the sale, is assisted by Mrs. Henry Mayo, Mrs. John Sherrouse, Jr., chairman of the Christmas corner, where Christmas decorations will be featured, and Mrs. Charles Garretson, chairman of the gift wrappings service.

The final session of the study "Home Missions and Human Rights" which is being sponsored by the Little Rock Council of Church Women at Christ Episcopal Church, will be combined with World Community Day, November 7. Mrs. George Trapp and Mrs. Eugene Stewart will present the devotional at 11:30, and the speaker at the luncheon at 12:15 will be Rev. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock.

Miss Grace Thatcher, Deaconess, Little Rock Methodist Council, received word October 22 of the death of her father, at Bellevue, Kansas. Miss Thatcher left that afternoon for Kansas, and the sympathy of her many friends goes with her at this time.

CHANGE IN CONFERENCE OFFICE

Mrs. Hubert Peace of Bentonville, has accepted the office of North Arkansas Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Monroe Scott, Bonanza, who resigned.

It is with deep regret that we accept Mrs. Scott's resignation but we heartily welcome Mrs. Pearce to this office.—Mrs. H. J. Couchman, Conference Recording Secretary

Dedication Of Dining Hall At Camp Aldersgate



Pictured at the dedication of the Dining Hall at Camp Aldersgate, October 4 are at the left: Bishop Paul E. Martin, Arkansas-Louisiana Area; Mrs. Mabel Garrett Wagner, Secretary of the Urban Bureau, Woman's Division of Christian Service; and Bishop Matthew Clair; Presiding Bishop of the St. Louis area of the Central Jurisdiction. In the picture to the right are: Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Chairman of the Camp Committee; Mrs. Wagner; Mike Willis, Director of Aldersgate Camp; Mrs. T. S. Lovett, President of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service; and Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Superintendent of the Little Rock District.



Until we have prayed, responsibility for failure or success rests

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

BISHOP AND MRS. MARTIN IN FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin spent a full week-end in the Fayetteville District recently. In company with the District Superintendent and Mrs. Cooley, the Martins began Saturday, October 18, with breakfast with Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Dykes, Jr., followed by a "guided tour" through the nearly completed new Central Methodist Church. From Fayetteville they journeyed to Elm Springs where Rev. Woodrow Woods showed the party through the new Elm Springs Church and partially completed educational building. The next stop of the day was at Bentonville, where Rev. Hubert E. Pearce and members of the "church family" were present for a tour of the recently begun new church building. Following a brief "break" for coffee and cookies, the tour continued to Siloam Springs.

Lunch was ready for the party at Siloam Springs, where Rev. and Mrs. Allen D. Stewart and a number of members of our church there met with the Martins in a beautiful setting. After lunch the pastor and church school workers took delight in showing the Martins the completely redecorated and remodeled facilities of their church.

The next stop of the day was at Cincinnati, where the people of that little community have built, largely with their own hands, a lovely little church. The recently enlarged and remodeled Lincoln parsonage was next visited. Here the party was greeted by Rev. and Mrs. Thomas R. Whiddon and their children who informed the Martins of additional improvements in the church. The Prairie Grove church was next on our itinerary, where the sanctuary, kitchen, and educational rooms have undergone recent renovation. Rev. and Mrs. S. O. Patty and a number of their members were in the "receiving line" for the Martins there. Accompanied by Dr. W. H. Mock of Prairie Grove, the party visited the parsonage at Viney Grove. This parsonage has recently been completely rebuilt, modernized, and furnished. Rev. E. J. Reaves of Fayetteville gave inspiring and active leadership to this project. Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Findt, Jr., welcomed the Martins to their home.

The last "leg of the journey" took the group to Farmington, where Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Riggs and several of the church members proudly showed their parsonage and church to Bishop and Mrs. Martin. The Farmington parsonage has recently been modernized and improved, and the basement of the church has been sealed and painted.

Saturday Night was a full night for the Martins and a big night for many of the Fayetteville District. About 60 ministers and laymen from various parts of the district met with Bishop and Mrs. Martin for dinner. The informal dinner was enjoyed about the tables and Bishop and Mrs. Martin each spoke briefly to the group. At 7:30 Bishop Martin preached in Wiggins Memorial Church and officially opened the educational unit. This church has recently remodeled and greatly improved its church school facilities.

GROWTH OF SPARKMAN METHODIST CHURCH

METHODISTS of Sparkman have justifiable pride in their Church plant which has recently undergone major changes in the sanctuary and a complete redecoration of the entire educational facilities. Under the leadership of the Building Committee composed of James Taylor, Sam B. Horne and C. E. Hays, the Finance Committee composed of James Taylor, Benton Taylor and Arthur Green and the pastor, Rev. Orrie L. Thompson the program has just been completed. The congregation used the building the first time Sunday, October 5, 1952 with Home Coming for all former members, pastors and friends. The sermon at 11 o'clock was by Rev. J. L. Dedman, District Superintendent of the Pine Bluff District a native of Dallas County and a friend of Sparkman Methodists. During the week of October 5th through 12th former Pastors and District Superintendents shared in the evening services as follows: Monday, Rev. R. B. Moore, Pastor First Methodist Church, Camden; Tuesday, Rev. R. F. Sorrells, Pastor Highland Methodist, Little Rock; Wednesday, Rev. R. C. Walsh, now retired, residing in Bearden; Thursday, Rev. J. M. Hamilton, District Superintendent, Arkadelphia District; Friday, Rev. R. M. Crain, Pastor of the Dalark Circuit; Satur-

The members are justly proud of their enlarged sanctuary and increased facilities.

The Sunday services began with the morning worship-hour at Central Methodist Church in Rogers. In this impressive service, presided over by Rev. Vernon E. Chalfant, Bishop Martin preached and dedicated the education building which has been named "The James T. Randle Hall," in memory of this beloved, former pastor. As soon after noon as possible parsonage families and laymen from several places in the district met at the Decatur Methodist Church to enjoy an old-fashioned church dinner with their bishop and his wife. Following this very elegant meal, Bishop Martin dedicated the lovely parsonage. The Decatur parsonage was built last year during the pastorate of Rev. O. R. Findley. Rev. and Mrs. J. Hillman are its proud occupants now.

Sunday Night, following a lovely informal supper in the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Hook, Bishop Martin preached in the Goshen Church, and dedicated both the church and parsonage. Rev. and Mrs. O. R. Findley and their congregation were gracious and thoughtful hosts for this occasion. Delicious refreshments were served at the parsonage, by members of the newly organized Woman's Society of Christian Service, following the dedication services.

The Fayetteville District, robed in the brightest fall colors to be found anywhere in the state, bade its bishop and his charming wife farewell Monday morning. The brilliant red and yellow maples tried to help us say how much we appreciated the Martins and how grateful we were for their strenuous but helpful visit with us.—Reporter.

day, Rev. J. A. Newell, retired; Sunday Morning, Dr. N. R. Griswold; Sunday Evening, Rev. Homer Ault, Washington Circuit.

The Sparkman Methodist Church has a glorious history. It began about 1914 when the Rev. Tom Hughes, Pastor of the Holly Springs Circuit preached at union services in the community of Sparkman, "A Town With A Spirit On New Railroad." Early in 1915 Sparkman Episcopal Church, South, was born with ten members and became a part of the Willow Circuit. Rev. Thos. D. Spruce was the first pastor. Rev. B. A. Few, for whom Ben Few Camp Ground was named, was the first Presiding Elder. The pastor, Bro. Spruce began plans for a modern building, which was constructed in the heart of the beautiful residential section in the South-Western part of town. The seating capacity of the new church was about five hundred. The Rev. Tom Crowder became the second pastor. During the first year the membership grew to be about thirty with a live Sunday School of about seventy-five. In Epworth League and a Missionary Society was also organized. The present membership is three hundred and six.

Mrs. J. J. Burdine was the first president of the Missionary Society, and Miss Alyce Bakely, now Mrs. Walter Taft of Chicago was the first president of the Epworth League. The late W. P. Sinequelfield served as the first Sunday School Superintendent. J. S. Harvey is the present superintendent. The Sunday School has steadily grown in interest and membership. Mrs. Mae Sinequelfield, Mrs. Annie Arnold and Mrs. J. E. M. Taylor are the only three Charter members of the church who now reside in the Community.

By 1923 the original building was inadequate. Under the leadership of its Board of Stewards the church building was enlarged with the addition of several Sunday School rooms. Constantly growing, by 1937 again the building was "too small". The original building was torn down and in its stead a building, new in design, containing more Sunday School rooms, an enlarged auditorium and a pastors study was completed late in the year. Dedication services were held with a Fall Homecoming, when the building was dedicated by Bishop Charles C. Seleckman, with dinner being served

for all out of town friends, members and pastors at the spacious home of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. M. Taylor. The Building Committee for the 1937 program was under the leadership of Rev. R. C. Walsh and was composed of James Taylor, Mrs. E. L. Richardson, Mrs. Neil Wood, Mrs. E. E. Fohrell and Eric Walsh.

The following pastors have served the Church: Rev. Thos. D. Spruce, deceased; Rev. Tom Crowder, deceased; Rev. W. S. Butts; Rev. B. F. Scott, deceased; Rev. Homer Ault; Rev. J. D. Rogers; Rev. S. B. Mann; Rev. R. P. James, deceased; Rev. C. D. Cade served two appointments: Rev. R. P. Doak, deceased; Rev. R. C. Walsh; Rev. Rufus Sorrells; Rev. George W. Warren; Rev. J. A. Newell; Rev. C. B. Wyatt; Rev. Everett Patton, and the present Pastor, Rev. Orrie L. Thompson.

The present Church Officials are: Stewards: Benton Taylor, chairman; Dr. J. E. M. Taylor, Isaac Taylor, S. B. Horne, James Taylor, Arthur Green, Douglas Green, C. E. Hays, J. S. Harvey, Guy Shirron, Carroll Wood, Norman Leamons, Nolan Groce, Zola Denton, Homer Cox. Trustees: S. B. Horne, W. F. Amis and Benton Taylor; President of the W. S. C. S., Mrs. Carl Deere; Communion Steward, Mrs. James Taylor; President M. Y. F., Jimmie Taylor; Church Treasurer, Mrs. Douglas Green.

With the coming of even-tide Sunday, October 5th, members of the Sparkman Methodist Church, its friends and former members, closed a day of sharing in the realization of dreams and plans which began early this year. Another chapter in the long and glorious history of that church came to a close at another mile-stone in its progress of "Christian Love and Fellowship."—Reporter.





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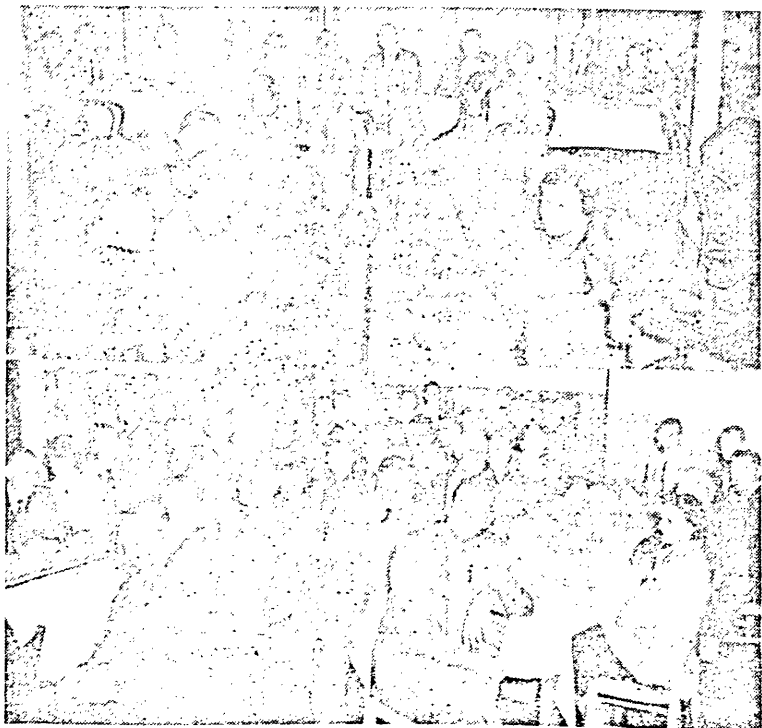
THE FALL MEETING OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION

The fall meeting of the Town and Country Commission went far beyond our hopes and expectations for interest and inspiration, information, and good fellowship. The attendance was very gratifying. Every District Superintendent with the exception of one, Rev. Coy E. Whitten, who was ill, attended the meeting and continued throughout the sessions. A large number of laymen from over the Conference were present and brought thrilling reports in regard to their work in a number of areas over the Conference. They were helped by key pastors in these presentations. The devotional messages were outstanding. The great fellowship dinner with the Hendrix Pre-Theologs went beyond our fondest dreams in interest and response. The music directed by Hendrix students and the messages of the evening were on a very high level. Every session was filled with the kind of inspiration and guidance that will be helpful in carrying out the Conference program. The meeting was splendid in spirit and fellowship and lifted us to a high level because of a testimony from people who are actually doing things throughout the conference. The

Findings Committee brought in recommendations which will offer a pattern for us to follow in the complete coverage of every area of our Conference with the great program of the Christian Gospel. While we have much to accomplish in the days ahead, we rejoice in the fine work that is being done in the North Arkansas Conference in the rural areas.

We regret very much that Bishop Martin was prevented from being with us because of illness. This is the first time he has had to miss one of our meetings. We appreciate his personal interest in the work and know that his continued guidance and leadership will be of great help in carrying on our work.

The theme of the meeting this year was, "The challenge of service in the North Arkansas Conference." We rejoice with great hope as we see the interest of our fine young people in the work of our church. The fellowship among the conference leaders and the youth at our annual fall meeting will do much in cementing the ties between youth and adults in the common tasks of the kingdom. —J. Albert Gatlin.



Town And Country Commission Enjoy Luncheon Fellowship

HENDRIX HOMECOMING NEXT SATURDAY; QUEEN BUTHMAN WILL REIGN

The annual Hendrix Homecoming celebration is slated for November 1 this year. A full schedule of events has been planned by the various committees responsible.

Guests arriving on the campus will begin by registering in Hulén hall in the lounge. Kick-off time for the game is 2:00. The Warriors will play the Quachita Tigers. Preceding

the game will be the coronation of the Homecoming Queen, Mary Buthman, by Dean Buthman. Leonard White, co-captain of the Warriors, will serve as the queen's escort. Susan Woodford, maid of honor, will be escorted by Phil Dixon. The remainder of the court will be composed of senior maids, Ruby Hutto and Mary Moore, escorted by Dave Lee and Bennie Wilson; junior maids, Carolyn Colvert and Sara Jernigan, escorted by Ed Moore and Eddie Coffman; sophomore maids,

MISSIONARY FROM INDIA VISITS CHURCHES IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

DR. W. FERRELL PLEDGER, Methodist Missionary to India for thirteen years, will be in the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Church from October 23 through November 23rd in the interest of missionary education. His itinerary has been arranged by the Board of Missions of the Little Rock Conference, Reverend Arthur Terry, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, Chairman, and Reverend C. Ray Hozendorf, pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Conference Missionary Secretary. Dr. Pledger will speak of his work in the Gujarat Conference of India of the Methodist Church and display interesting articles from the land of India.

Dr. Pledger is a native of Tyler, Texas, having secured his high school training here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pledger. He attended Southern Methodist University for two years, and then transferred to Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, where he received his A. B. and M. A. degrees. He received his B. D. degree from the Divinity School of Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, in 1937, and his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Kennedy School of Missions at Hartford, Conn., in 1939. During his first five years he was Superintendent of the Boys' High School at Baroda, India, and the last eight years were spent as a District Superintendent in the Gujarat Conference of the Methodist Church in India.

Dr. Pledger's itinerary during the

thirty days he is to be in the Conference is as follows: Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, October 23; Glenwood Methodist Church, October 24; First Methodist Church, Malvern, October 26 at 11 a. m.; Oaklawn Methodist Church, Hot Springs, October 26 at 7 P. M.; First Methodist Church, Prescott, October 27; Little Rock District Conference, at 11 a. m., October 28; First Methodist Church, Texarkana, October 29; Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, November 2 at 8:30 and 11 a. m.; Pullman Heights Methodist Church, Hot Springs, November 2; at 7 p. m.; Parker's Chapel Methodist Church, El Dorado, November 3; Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, November 5; The Methodist Church, Mt. Ida, November 6; The Methodist Church, Amity, November 7; First Methodist Church, Fordyce, November 9, at 11 a. m.; First Methodist Church, Warren, November 9, at 7:30 p. m. and at 2 p. m. November 10; First Methodist Church, Dumas, November 10 at 7:30 p. m.; The Methodist Church, Thornton, November 12; First Methodist Church, McGehee, November 13; First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, November 16; Vantrease Methodist Church, El Dorado, November 19 (tentative); Pine Bluff District Conference, November 20 at 11 a. m.; in the Pine Bluff District for two services, November 23.

If there are additional churches that would like to have Dr. Pledger there are several week nights available. Write C. Ray Hozendorf, 841 Quapaw Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Susie Lane and Mildred McCuller, escorted by John Coleman and Luke Quinn; freshman maids, Betty Cook and Mary Bess Flack, escorted by Bob Wilson and Joe Bates. The queen and court were chosen by members of the Warrior squad. The Hendrix Band will play during the game and at the half.

Immediately after the game there will be a reception and coffee in Hulén hall sponsored by the Social Committee. Everyone is invited.

The Men's Club is sponsoring a coffee in Martin Hall for men guests at 7:30. The final event of the day will be a party sponsored by the Booster Club. It will begin at 8:30 in Hulén Lounge. The queen and her court will be presented and there will be music by the Troubadours.

ANNUAL BANQUET, ROBERT MOORE BIBLE CLASS

Rev. Curtis Williams of Carlisle was the speaker at the Robert Moore Bible Class annual banquet, held in the Bale Room of Asbury Church Friday evening, October 24. Other features of the program included vocal numbers by the Palinettes, a trio of Junior high girls; a chalk talk by George Fisher and a number entitled "Let the ladies speak," engineered by Bill Jones, versatile member of the class. This feature consisted of a rebroadcast of a re-

cording of what some of the wives in the class think of their husbands.

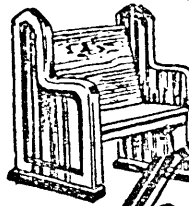
The Robert Moore Class was organized by Rev. Robert B. Moore and taught by him when he was pastor at Asbury. It now has an enrollment of 98, an average attendance of more than 50 per Sunday and is one of six young adult classes in Asbury Church school. Mrs. Harold Ford is superintendent of the Young Adult Department.

More than ninety persons attended the banquet which was served by members of the Evelyn Whitcombe class which class will in turn be served by the Robert Moore class at their forthcoming banquet, another manifestation of the cooperative spirit of Asbury members.—Reporter

We are on the right track if, each day, we find ourselves saying "That's good" at least twice as often as we're saying "That's bad." —Norman G. Shidde, editorial, SAE Journal.

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NEW METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

A Methodist Youth Fellowship has been organized at L'Eau Fraiss. An officers' meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Quinn of Rolla on October 15.

Meetings for the next three months were planned and it was decided to present a play at Christmas.

An Intermediate and Young People's Methodist Youth Fellowship have been organized at the Sterlington Methodist Church. Rev. J. E. Jones is pastor.

JACKSONVILLE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship at Jacksonville has begun the year in a fine way. Since Promotion Day the group has greatly increased in both attendance and interest.

On October 5 the following officers were installed: Charles Van Nost-rand, president; Kenneth Griggs, vice-president; Virginia Thomas, secretary and treasurer, and Louis Clements, publicity. Rev. Harold Spence and Wesley High are Adult Counselors. Commission chairmen will be announced later.

Preparatory to the coming year the group studied "The Organization of the M.Y.F.", using as text material The M.Y.F. Handbook.

A hayride and weiner roast were planned for Saturday, October 1.

With our new officers, much study

AREA METHODIST YOUTH ORGANIZE

In an organizational meeting at the Delhi Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, October 12, Methodist youth of the northeastern corner of the state of Louisiana elected Juan Watkins, Delhi, as president. Max Allen MacDonald, Tallulah, was elected vice-president; Elsa Emmerich, Rayville, secretary treasurer; Harriette Haley, Rayville, publicity agent; and Roy Horseman of Tallulah, Adult Counselor.

The worship service was directed by Harriette Haley, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Rayville. The group voted to meet quarterly on a Sunday afternoon, with the next meeting being in Tallulah Methodist Church in January or February. The district director of youth work in the Monroe District explained the use of the new Planbook, and showed sample copies of new literature available to Methodist Youth Fellowships.

Following the meeting, a period of recreation was directed by Mrs. Pat Lane. Refreshments were served by Mrs. John Bradley and Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson.

Present were representatives from Floyd, Epps, Tallulah, Campbells Chapel, Rayville and Delhi.

and prayer, we are sure we will have the best youth group our church has ever had.—Lois Clements, Publicity Chairman

Success is not a destination; it is a process.—Rev. Mouzon Bass, Christian Advocate

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Columbia Sub-District was organized at a meeting on Sunday, October 5, in the Methodist Church of Columbia. Groups from Kelly, Hebert and Columbia were present at the meeting. A program was presented by the Columbia group and a special program by the Kelly group. The following officers were elected: President, Julia Chappell of Kelly; vice-president, Joe Ann James of Columbia; secretary and treasurer, Danny Brown of Hebert. Commission chairmen are: Worship, Dot Thomas of Kelly; Recreation, Lind Minard of Columbia; Publicity, Charlie Traylor of Columbia and Adult Advisors, O. C. Hebert of Hebert and Laurie Pine of Kelly. The next meeting will be held in the Columbia Heights Methodist Church the second Sunday in November.

The Mississippi County Sub-District met in Osceola on October 13 with seven churches represented. It was decided to have meetings once every two months. Pledges for the Sub-District will be made at the next meeting. A panel discussion was led by Mr. Leroy Brownley. Members of the panel were Pat Hearn, Blytheville; Joe Bob Gentry, Luxora; Mary Abbott, Wilson and Calvin Czeschin, Blytheville. Recreation was held under the direc-

tion of Miss Shirley Leigh, Osceola's Youth Director. Refreshments were served, followed by a short worship service.

The New Orleans Sub-District held an inspiring meeting at the Elysian Fields Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, October 14. The officers of the Sub-District emphasized the Methodist Youth Fund by presenting a demonstration pledge service. The purpose of the service was to give the M.Y.F.s an idea of how they could make the M.Y. Fund real and important in their individual local churches. After the service the group divided into small seminar groups to discuss the fund, the questions and problems connected with the pledging, collection and sending of it, to whom and where it went and why. Vice-president Dick Morris presided over the meeting in the absence of President Delton Pickering. Eight churches were represented. Three representatives were elected to the New Orleans Council of the U.C.Y. M. They are Mary Law, Stephen Andry and Dick Morris. Refreshments were served. The November meeting is planned as a Stunt Night with each church contributing to the entertainment. The Recreation Commission will be in charge.

YOUTH DIRECTOR FOR OUTPOST MISSIONS

JAMES McGIFFIN, youth director for the Hawaii Mission Conference, has been named director of Christian education and youth work for the "outpost missions" of Alaska, Puerto Rico and for other mission conferences according to announcement by Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, executive secretary of the Section of Home Missions, Methodist Board of Missions.

His first undertaking in the new post is a conference with all Methodist ministers in Alaska concerning youth work there. Mr. McGiffin will continue his responsibilities in Hawaii where his headquarters are.

Former executive secretary of the Board of Education of the California-Nevada Conference, Mr. McGiffin trained a special caravan for youth work in Hawaii in 1948. That year he surveyed the religious education needs of the islands and in 1949 he took over his present duties.

Since Mr. McGiffin's arrival the youth and student work in Hawaii has been greatly expanded. Short-term missionaries, "H-3's", have come to Hawaii to participate in the program. Methodist student work

has been begun at the University of Hawaii and is now under the direction of an "H-3". The Methodist Youth Fellowship has grown greatly. Visual aids, recreation, and lesson materials are being utilized by children in plantation camps in a program directed by "H-3's".

Leadership education is emphasized by Mr. McGiffin. In his work in Alaska, the Japanese Provisional Conference on the west coast, and other missions, as well as in Hawaii, Mr. McGiffin will stress training of indigenous leadership for a strong youth program.

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

—Matthew 19:14

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OBITUARIES

SHOEMAKER—When the psalmist said, "The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore—" it was the voice of experience no less than that of inspiration—a record of fact no less than inspired insight. Many reach the age of seventy, but fewer the outer limit of eighty-five. Among this group was Mrs. Mary Wimberly Shoemaker of Plaquemine.

Our church and town will miss the living presence of so noble a woman. Her efforts were untiring in her home, church and the town and the influence of these efforts will never die.

She was born of religious parents and grew up in a religious home. She learned her A. B. C's from the Christian Advocate. At the early age of twelve she gave her heart to God, and began then the practice of Christlike principles. Mrs. Shoemaker was a member of the Plaquemine Methodist Church for many years, and was ever active in all the departments of the church, freely giving of her talents and gifts.

Funeral services were held in the church with Rev. Bob McCammon, officiating, assisted by Rev. D. H. Rockett, Baptist minister, and Rev. W. Willcox, Jr. Episcopal minister. Interment was in Roselawn cemetery in Baton Rouge.

She leaves to mourn her death one son, Louis F. Shoemaker of Baton Rouge, one daughter, Mrs. E. M. Lanier, of Plaquemine, and a host of relatives and friends.

"BETTER HYMNS" THROUGH 30 YEARS

The year 1952 marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of The Hymn Society of America. One of the co-founders was the late Carl F. Price, Methodist hymnologist, organist, and author; he was its first president. The Society is devoted to the production and singing of better hymns—both poetry and music in American churches. It is interdenominational and inter-faith in membership.

Through the years it has been an important factor in the writing and use of better hymns (and the elimination of poorer ones), in the production of better hymnals, in the observance of "hymn festivals" and anniversaries, and in directing pastors and organists to plan better materials in worship services. Every major hymnal now issued has new hymns produced by writers at the suggestion of the Society or in its search for new texts.

Whether you write hymns, whether you are musical, if you are interested in hymn texts and tunes, and their origins and stories, why not send for your free copy of the leaflet *What Is The Hymn Society?* It tells you what membership enables you to enjoy: the quarterly magazine, *The Hymn*, the papers of the Society, service bulletins, hymn festival suggestions—and the fellowship of kindred minds and spirits. For further information write to: Lee H. Bristol, Jr., Room 1260, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York 20, N. Y.

CLERGYMEN SHOULD TALK POLITICS, SAYS DR. POLING

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actively identify himself with all civic movements, politics included."

Dr. Poling had just returned from

a Christian Endeavor meeting in Rome, Italy. This group, he said, mapped an important anti-Communist program with the aid of two persons smuggled in from behind the Iron Curtain.

He would say no more except that information about the program would be released gradually. Dr. Poling is president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

DRUNKEN DRIVERS TO GET CHURCH SENTENCE

Drunken drivers in Mesa, Arizona, will have their choice of spending 10 days in jail or 10 Sundays in church.

Justice of the Peace Jack Hunsaker announced that hereafter all convicted drunken drivers in his court will have to take a "church

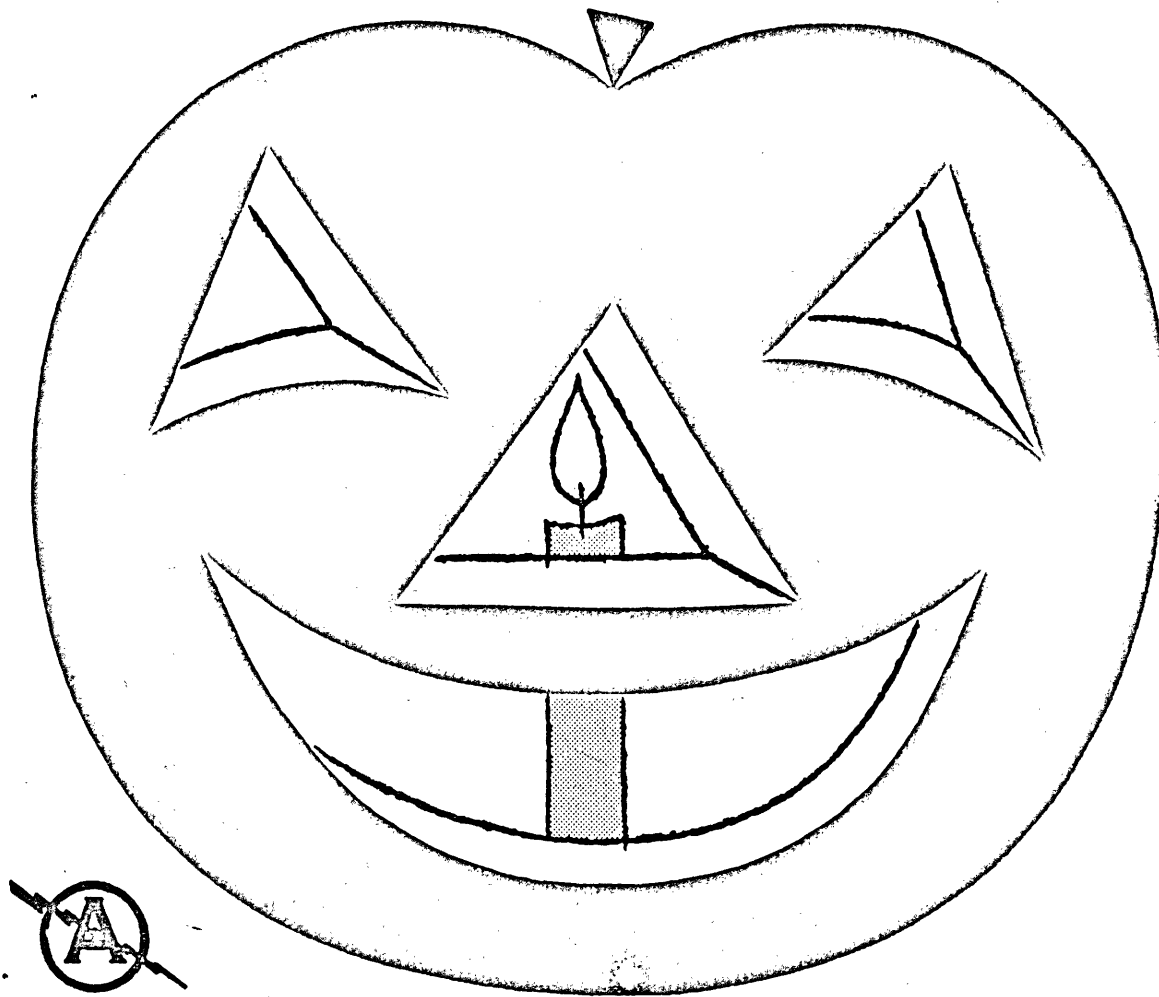
sentence" if they want to say out of jail. In addition, all will pay fines of at least \$125, he said.

Justice Hunsaker said he got the idea after realizing that jail sentences were not reducing drunken driving and were working a hardship on wives and children. "We want something that will keep these people from getting behind the wheel of an automobile," he added,

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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 9, 1952

SHOULD OUR CHURCH EVANGELIZE?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Matthew 9. Printed Text: Matthew 9:1-9; 35-36.

GOLDEN TEXT: When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matt. 9:36)

This is the second lesson of Unit II the general theme of which is "SOME FUNCTIONS OF THE CHURCH". The purpose of the unit is to help adults understand the functions of the Church and to take a greater part in carrying them out. The unit consists of four sessions. In studying these lessons one should keep in mind the general theme as well as the theme of each particular session.

A Look At The Scriptures

The events recorded in this lesson took place in the summer and autumn of A. D. 28. It will be remembered that Christ began his active ministry in A. D. 27. These events occurred in the city of Capernaum on the northern end of the Lake of Galilee.

Healing And Saving The Paralytic

The first event of the lesson (Mat. 9:1-8) tells of Christ healing and saving the paralytic. There are some good lessons for us in this account:

The first is the fact that Christ is interested in the entire person; both soul and body. The friends of the paralytic brought him to Christ that he might heal him, but the Lord did not stop merely with healing the man's body, he also forgave his sins. The Church, as the Body through which Christ now operates in the world, must also be interested in the whole of man. It must administer both to his spiritual and physical needs. It must attempt to influence, for good, all that touches human life. This includes politics, economics, recreation, social functions, and spiritual activities. We must never forget that the Gospel is for our social order as well as for individuals. Above all things the Kingdom of God is a social order. The hearts of individuals must be changed, however, to enable them to make their relationships with others Christian.

The second thought we wish to note is the fact that this man was helpless. He could not come to Christ without the assistance of others. It is said that 54 per cent of the people of our Nation are now affiliated with the various churches of the country. But in spite of that fact there are some 68,000,000 who are entirely out of the Church. Most of these people are like the paralytic; they will never be able to come to Christ without the help of others. It is not only foolish but also sinful for church members to sit back and say, "They know the church is here; let them come if they will, otherwise, it is no concern of ours." Suppose the four friends of the paralytic had taken that attitude?

Another thought worth noting is the fact that the faith of these friends was very encouraging to the sick man. No one can be saved through another person's faith. He must exercise his own faith, but the

fact that these men had faith increased the confidence of the paralytic. The record goes on to say "When Jesus saw their faith"; the faith of the friends as well as that of the sick man.

Some scribes who were standing by thought very critically of the words of Jesus. They thought he was assuming to himself a prerogative that belongs only to God — that of forgiving sins. They were right when they insisted that God only can forgive sins. Their error was in the fact that they did not realize that in Jesus they were in direct contact with God.

Calling Of A Disciple

Verse nine of this passage tells of the calling of Matthew. He was a tax collector. The Jews were then under the Roman Government. Matthew was collecting taxes for this foreign government. Jews who accepted jobs like this were looked upon as traitors by their countrymen. The Lord was calling Matthew to be an evangelist. The fact that he had this particular job made him a poor prospect for such a task as this, but with spiritual insight and looking beneath the surface, the Lord saw great possibilities of service in this man. Matthew responded immediately to the Lord's call. This leads us to believe that there had been other contacts prior to this time between them.

The Lord Evangelizes

Verse 35 of our lesson goes on to tell us of the strenuous work of Jesus in the matter of evangelism. "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity." His work consisted of a three-point program — teaching, preaching, and healing. The modern Church must never neglect any one of these items. Those who go to the foreign mission fields are constantly calling attention to the fact that the way is often open to the hearts of individuals and communities for the spiritual phase of the Gospel through the fine work done by our hospitals in those countries.

The Driving Motive

We next learn (verse 36) of the motive that was back of the strenuous activity of Jesus. It was compassion. This word has been defined as "the pain of love". It is a love that suffers with and for others. In the four Gospels the statement is made over and over again, "When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them." The Lord felt drawn to people. He longed to share their burdens with them. He longed to heal their diseases, instruct their minds, forgive their sins, and bring peace and satisfaction to their hearts.

He had compassion for them; the pain of love.

Let each of us raise the question with himself, "How am I affected by the crowds?" Am I filled with compassion for them? If so, then I have the Spirit of Christ. If not, then my claim to such possession is empty and worthless. In the eighth chapter of Romans Paul insists that they who have not the Spirit of Christ are none of his. Far too many modern church members are like the man who sang "I'll go to the west and build a little nest and let the rest of the world go by." One can't be a Christian and let the rest of the world go by. There is no point in following blind-alley or entertaining false hopes. We either have this compassion; this pain of love, or we don't have the Spirit of Christ. The presence of this compassion in our lives will be manifested in our trying to reach others and bring them to Christ.

The record goes on to say that Christ had compassion on these people because he saw that they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd. He saw that they were sadly in need of leadership. It was a case of the blind trying to lead the blind.

The greatest need of our modern Church is compassion; the pain of love for others. A love that suffers and sacrifices for others. The poet sang of a love that would not let him go. He was speaking, of course, of God's love. We, too, need a love that will not let the people go until the last and the least are safely in the fold of God. Nothing on earth will take the place of love as a motive power in building the Kingdom of God. If we really and truly love Christ and the lost we will be constantly trying to bring them to him. Our love will manifest itself in deeds.

Evangelize Or Die

The Church is here for a purpose, and that purpose is to carry on the work that Christ began. He came to seek and save the lost. The Church, filled with his Spirit, must carry on this work. It is not a matter of whether or not it is wise or best for the Church to do this work, it must do it or die. The spiritual life of the Church depends upon its carrying out this commission. The Church has been falling short at this point. The year 1951 was one of the greatest years of evangelism in the Methodist Church, but even during that year it took 28 members to win one on profession of faith. Nine million members won 319,978 on profession of faith.

The Field Of Evangelism

The field of evangelism is broad. It includes all activity that is necessary to lead people to Christ and help them to become like him. Various methods are used such as teaching, evangelism, visitation, evangelism, and mass revivals.

Who Should Be Evangelists?

Parents should be evangelists. No one on earth has a better chance than they do in leading their children to know Christ and to follow in his footsteps. Many parents try to shunt this responsibility entirely on the shoulders of the Church. There is no question about the fact that the Church should assist the parents in this all-important matter, but still they must do their part. Many parents look to the Church to evangelize their children while they neglect this task, and not only so, but they shed round about them the wrong kind of influence in the home

and create the wrong kind of environment. The Church cannot overcome these forces. It does not have the children long enough each week to do so. If the home expects the Church to do a lot in helping the children in the way of building Christian character, it will have to co-operate. The two working together can go a long way toward the building of such character.

Teachers in the church school should be evangelists. No teacher has discharged her full duty when she merely teaches children about Christ. Her task is only done when she, through her teaching and example leads her pupils to accept Christ as Lord and Master.

The preacher should be an evangelist. Methodism was built on evangelistic preaching. For a while our great church slipped a bit at this point, but it is now on the way back. Methodism has a great liberal spirit, a tendency toward co-operation with other denominations, and a congenial atmosphere that is second to none. This type of church can really go places, if coupled with these qualities it has the spirit of evangelistic zeal. This spirit is slowly but surely returning to Methodism. The day will come, and that in the not too distant future, when the evangelistic fervor and zeal which characterized the early Methodists will return to our church. Then it will assume its share in the evangelization of the world. We are already making great strides along this line but the speed will be expedited as the spiritual tide rises.

There is a real sense in which all Christians should be evangelists. Paul admonished Timothy, "Do the work of an evangelist". That is good advice, not only to young ministers like Timothy, but to all Christians. In the early days of Christianity all the disciples were evangelists. We recall how they were scattered abroad during the persecution which arose at the time of the death of Stephens. The record goes on to say that they went everywhere preaching and bearing testimony to the work of Christ in their lives. During that time the Church grew by leaps and bounds. The enemies of these early Christians insisted that they were turning the world upside down. They radiated spirit that was contagious and a power that swept everything before it. The Church should evangelize. The fields are white to the harvest. Laborers in the vineyard are needed on every hand.

CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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church membership because all church members could be enrolled in the church school but not all little children and babies could be church members.

The Portland Area of the Western Jurisdiction approaches nearest to equality in this area of statistics. Its church school membership is 84 per cent of its church membership. Other areas having large church school percentages of church membership are: Washington, 80 per cent; San Francisco, 79 per cent; Los Angeles and Nashville, 77 per cent each; and Charlotte, 75 per cent.

In youth we learn; in age we understand.—Marie Ebner-Eschenbach, Cincinnati Enquirer.

ARKANSAS METHODIST