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Local Church Acceptances Up

ONE of the most commendable steps which has been taken by local churches of the Area since General Conference has been the acceptance, by and large, of the 35% increase in World Service apportionments. In conversations here and there with District Superintendents of the Area we have learned that when the leadership of the local churches has become acquainted with the needs of Methodism it has responded in a wonderful way to the challenge of the church. Here and there in the Area are entire Districts which have accepted the 35% increase apportioned this year. In most of the rest of the Districts there are only a few churches which have not as yet accepted the increase in their budgets. It has been six months now since the annual conferences met and for such progress to have been made in this period of time is worthy of more than mention.

We have always felt that when the Methodist people have the information, see the opportunity, and have been challenged to do something to meet that challenge, that they will respond if at all possible. The acceptance of the 35% increase in World Service acceptances is further evidence that such a feeling is more than justified.

It Is Still Good News

WHAT was hailed as the "Best Bible News In 350 Years" a few weeks ago has not turned out to be good news to a few leaders of a limited number of denominations. With the official publication date of the Revised Standard Version of the Scripture scarcely more than a month ago, denominational leaders of a few religious bodies are screaming as if their denomination had been mortally wounded by the appearance of the new translation. Indeed, some of these leaders seem to think that the new translation was made with a view of putting them out of business.

It has never been our policy to pursue any course of action through these columns which would widen the differences which exist between various denominations and faiths. But there is one line of criticism that has come from the Revised Standard Version critics which must have the attention of those who are interested in fair-mindedness. There is, and there should be, plenty of room for differences of opinion about interpretations. That is, of course, one of the reasons why we have today different denominations, many of which sincerely take points of views which differ from others. We certainly have no quarrel with those who prefer the King James Version or any other version for that matter, but the critics that we have heard speak of the Revised Standard Version do not reserve their criticism entirely for the textual translation. These critics seek to discredit the new translation by discrediting the authorizing agency in general and the men who did the work in particular.

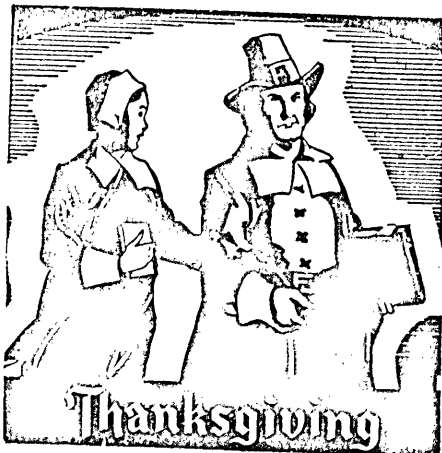
We are quite sure that the last thing in the world that the National Council or the translating committee wanted to do was to further divide Protestantism. Indeed, there is every reason to believe that the very opposite is the case. But we think it is hardly fair for their critics to question their sincerity of purpose, their relationship to God and country, and their desire to make a substantial contribution to the spiritual life of their fellowmen. Some critics

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Thanksgiving Is Gratitude Expressed

ON Thursday of next week we are to observe a national day of thanksgiving which is traditionally called Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving, stated a little differently is the giving of thanks. Hence we should remember that our annual Thanksgiving Day is not a once-a-year time for being thankful. It is a day set apart annually for a nation-wide EXPRESSION of our thanks.

It is altogether possible and proper to fix dates and places for the expression of our thanks. However, neither custom, presidential proclamations nor personal



resolutions can fix a date on the calendar at which time we can suddenly generate within ourselves a real sense of gratitude and spirit of thankfulness. Gratitude and a spirit of thankfulness within us is the result of our attitude toward life and our sense of appreciation for the countless blessings that come our way. It is the result of a steady growth born of countless experiences which we attribute to the goodness of God. Only thus can there be built up within us a sense of gratitude and a spirit of thankfulness which we may express at will, whether it be on Thanksgiving Day, on the Sabbath Day or at any other time when we feel like giving thanks.

So far as we know, America is the only nation on earth that has a national Thanksgiving Day. Whether that be true or not, it is true that America is one nation that should recognize its indebtedness to God and should publicly express its gratitude for the Providential care that has enabled it to become strong for such an hour as this. We should be thankful for the place God has given us in history and we should pray for wisdom and a spirit of brotherhood that will enable us to lead the world aright.

There will be homes on this Thanksgiving Day which can see little on the surface for which to be thankful. They may have been called on to make sacrifices in war that other homes have escaped. For such homes thanksgiving can be no superficial matter. It must be based on faith in the eternal justice and goodness of God. Even so there is a real cause for thanksgiving.

First Circulation Report In

THE first complete report from a local church in the 1953 Annual Circulation Campaign for The Louisiana Methodist was received in the office last week from the First Methodist Church, Columbia, Rev. Sam Holladay, pastor. This early report is also the first to be received from any local church in the three conferences of the Area.

This church reported 53 subscribers last year. For the new year 50 of these subscribers renewed their subscriptions and 8 additional subscribers were secured making a total of 58 subscriptions. The charge has a quota for this year of 57.

Materials are now being prepared in the office for use during the circulation campaign. Lists of present subscribers through local churches have already been prepared and will be mailed to pastors in December. Any pastor desiring this list before then may receive it by simply requesting it at the publication's office.

The Annual Circulation Campaign is scheduled this conference year for January 11-18. Pastors and local committees should begin their preparation for this effort in ample time to assure completion of the work on schedule. Well informed Methodists are active Methodists. One of the surest ways of keeping informed is through the "Methodist".

The Vital Importance Of The November Special

THE Methodist Church in Arkansas raises money for various purposes. We should be thankful that this is true. If it were not so, it would be evidence that our Methodism is in a dying condition.

All of the interests Methodism in Arkansas supports are important in their places. However, it is doubtful whether we raise money for any cause that is more vitally important to the whole program of Arkansas Methodism than is represented by the November Special for Ministerial Training and Hendrix College. This is true because these interests are so vitally related to the matter of training a leadership for our church in Arkansas, both in pulpit and pew.

One of the very promising features about the future of Arkansas Methodism is the fact that, from the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences, there are more than one hundred twenty-five men now in training for the ministry in various educational institutions.

So far as the funds collected for this purpose in the November Special will go, any of these men needing financial aid are helped, regardless of the institution they are attending. While no one would say that this aid program alone is responsible for the large increase in the number of ministerial students in recent years from these two conferences, we may be sure that it has been a major factor in that increase.

The November Special also supplies a much needed financial assistance to Hendrix College. There seems to be confusion in the minds of some regarding the relation of the current Endowment Campaign for Hendrix and the funds raised for Hendrix in the November Special. There is, in fact, no relation between these two interests. The November Special is an annual offering taken to aid in ministerial training and to supplement the budget at Hendrix College. The Endowment Campaign is for new money to match dollar for dollar a gift of \$300,000.00 by the General Education Board of New York for supplementing teachers salaries and permanent endowment.

Building Programs In The Hope District

THE STAFF IS PLEASED TO PRESENT ANOTHER ARTICLE DEALING WITH THE BUILDING PROGRAMS WITHIN ONE OF THE DISTRICTS OF THE ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA. OTHER ARTICLES ARE SCHEDULED FOR PUBLICATION SOON.

STAFF ARTICLE AND PHOTOS

NEW HOPE DISTRICT PARSONAGE

IN southwest Arkansas is located one of the strong forces of Methodism in this section of the church. Ranging over territory which was formerly part of two districts, the Hope District has made remarkable gains in all phases of the program of the church, especially since the territory has been welded into one district. Under the leadership of Rev. E. D. Galloway, now in his fifth year as Superintendent, the district has recorded progress in unifying the charges in the new district setup.

One of the fields in which much progress has been made is that of building or remodeling church buildings and educational buildings as well as church parsonages. Recently in company with the District Superintendent we made a tour of the district visiting many of these building programs. What follows is an account of what is happening in this field of church development.

One of the finer completely new church structures to be built in the Hope District is the \$24,000 plant which has been erected at Blevins, where Rev. Joe W. Hunter is pastor. Built during the pastorate of Rev. Cagle Fair, the church is now known as the Bruce Memorial Methodist Church, being named for the late Rev. H. M. Bruce, a former pastor of Blevins and later at Gurdon. Mr. Bruce later transferred to an Oklahoma Conference where he lived and served for several years before his death. This beautiful structure was made possible partly by the generous gift of N. P. O'Neal, Hope lumberman who gave \$10,000 toward its cost. The building of a new church at Blevins was necessitated by a fire that completely destroyed an earlier building which the Blevins congregation painfully recalls was not insured. The congregation worshipped in the Blevins public school for nearly two years and until the new church was completed in 1950. When a \$4,000 debt had been paid, Bishop W. C. Martin dedicated the building in July, 1951. Bishop Martin spent several years of his childhood and youth in a nearby community.

The building features a beautiful sanctuary with hardwood floors, light green plastered walls with the woodwork trimmed in white. The sanctuary seats 125 persons and has a worshipful atmosphere. The pulpit Bible is a gift of Bishop and Mr. W. C. Martin in memory of Mrs. Martha E. Smith, a grandmother of Bishop Martin. The Cross above the choir space is the focal point of worship and is a memorial to Brother Bruce, the gift of J. J. Bruce, Blevins layman. The building also has seven classrooms, three of which open in together to form a fellowship hall adjoining a kitchen. Outside the color brown has been used to a great advantage in the brick, roof and tower, atop of which is a white cross. Other churches on the Blevins Charge, McCaskill and Bethel have stone buildings which were constructed a few year ago under the leadership of Rev. Robert Core.

In early 1951 the Methodists of Nashville undertook an ambitious job of remodeling and redecorating their sanctuary and under the leadership of Rev. George Meyer, then pastor, transformed the sanctuary to such an extent that it is hard to imagine it ever having been other than

it is now. The new altar arrangement, new pulpit furniture, new carpet, new pews and a new look all cost approximately \$10,000. Since then a \$7,500 air conditioning unit has been installed to insure comfort during the warm months of the summer. The church has no debt on these improvements save a small amount of the air conditioning which is expected to be taken care of shortly. Nashville Methodists are also proud of their new parsonage built in 1950 and 1951 to replace an older one destroyed by fire in July 1950. The new parsonage was built on the foundation of the older one but is larger to provide greater comfort and utility by the parsonage family. A three-bedroom brick structure, the house has a spacious dining room, living room, two baths, and conveniently arranged kitchen. Incidentally, a new educational building is in the making for the Nashville congregation.

Mena Methodists are now completing a new parsonage at 1109 Jansen in Mena. A one-story ranch house style home, the house will have three bedrooms, two baths, spacious living room and dining room, and porch extending across a considerable portion of the front. The congregation recently sold the house, which has served for a number of years as the Mena parsonage, and Rev. and Mrs. James Edward Dunlap and children are expecting to move to the new location within a short time. The Building Committee which has directed the building program is composed of D. O. Dover, Chairman, R. A. Carver, Greer Bell, Ralph Edwards and Dyas Berry. Although approximately \$10,800 has been invested in the house and real estate, the parsonage will be valued at \$15,000. Careful management and numerous considerations in materials purchased account for a considerable saving in construction costs. Mena Methodists built an educational building three years ago under the leadership of Rev. Mark F. Vaught. Built at a cost of \$28,000, this building was dedicated in November, 1951 by Bishop Paul E. Martin after the final payment had been made on the indebtedness.

Elsewhere in Mena is a new church which is rapidly making progress in building up its physical property. The Mountain View congregation with the help of interested friends constructed in 1950 a brick tile building which houses the sanctuary and two Sunday School rooms. There has now been completed on a lot adjoining the church property the parsonage for the Mountain View pastor. Also of red brick tile construction, the two bedroom structure was built at an approximate cost of \$5,500 not including the hours and hours of labor donated by men and women of the Mt. View and Shady Grove congregations.

One of the oldest communities in southwest Arkansas is the Ben Lomond section. There the Methodists finished just over a year ago a \$5,000 frame building which replaced a former building which had served the church for more than 75 years. Built on a concrete foundation, and using some of the materials from the former building and much labor from among the members of the church, the congregation now has a building which will meet its needs. Rev. J. Wayne Mann is the pastor of the Richmond Charge, one church

of which is Ben Lomond.

Building projects at the First Methodist Church, Hope, have included a \$12,000 remodeling and refurnishing program for the Hope parsonage which included a face lifting job for the front of the house, changing the interior lines of several of the rooms, a complete newly outfitted kitchen, and many new furnishings. These improvements were made during the summer of 1951. Across the street at the church a \$32,000 program is now in motion which has included reroofing the whole church building, redecorating the whole of the interior and exterior of the church, installation of air conditioning, and acquiring of several pianos, several dozen chairs and the house and real estate located immediately south of the church proper. A growing church school has necessitated expansion to provide needed space. The entire Primary department, church office and crib nursery is housed in the dwelling recently acquired. Church leaders hope to acquire other nearby property in the near future. More than \$42,000 has been raised during the past twelve months for the building fund. These building projects have been under the direction of the Church Property Committee composed of Earl O'Neal, Chairman, Paul Lewis, W. A. Mudgett, George W. Peck and William L. Wray. The Hope church school boasts an average attendance of 523 pupils, which is seventh in the Conference, while it is eleventh in size in enrollment in the Conference.

A rapidly growing church and church program at College Hill Methodist Church, Texarkana, has made necessary the construction of a two-story, brick veneered educational unit. Now nearing completion, the new structure is joined by passage ways to the present building. The unit will house the entire Children's and Youth Divisions and two women's classes throughout its 4800 square feet of floor space. Each department within the division will have its own assembly rooms. Of brick, steel, plaster, and feather weight concrete block construction, the floors are either hardwood or asphalt tile, and there are two restrooms on each floor. The approximate cost of the building will be \$19,500 not including labor arrangements which have effected a substantial saving and certain considerations in the buying of materials. The building is easily valued at \$27,500. E. C. Black has served as chairman of the Building Committee. J. D. Shipp, Jr., Max Elrod, Ben Hunter and Floyd Nichols are other members. Virgil Lumpkin, government building engineer and inspector, has rendered valuable service in supervising construction and Mr. Elrod supervised building of materials for the building. Rev. Howard Williams is the College Hill pastor. Construction was begun after the last annual conference session and is expected to be completed shortly.

Members of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana have been improving their church property in keeping with needs and opportunities. In 1949 a three manual Moeller Organ was installed, the result of a program begun under the administration of Rev. Edward W. Harris. During the same conference year the sanctuary was remodeled with considerable altering at the pulpit ro-

1st row: left, Ben Lomond Church, Richmond Circuit, right, Mt. View Church and Parsonage in Mena.

2nd row: left, New Educational Building under construction at College Hill, Texarkana, now nearing completion, right, new Methodist Church, Blevins, completed and dedicated last year.

3rd row: left, New Methodist Church, De Queen, completed last year, right, Educational Building, nearing completion at Fairview Methodist Church, Texarkana.

4th row: left, New parsonage soon to be completed at Mena. District Superintendent Rev. E. D. Galloway and Rev. J. E. Dunlap, pastor, are looking over the construction, right, parsonage of the First Methodist Church which came in for extensive renovation and redecorating last year.

5th row: left, New Nashville parsonage, completed two years ago. Extensive redecoration has also been done at the Nashville Methodist Church, right, new parsonage at Foreman, completed last year.

trum, in the choir space, and altar. This was all done in the organ installation program, at an overall cost of \$40,000. In 1950 the congregation added an air conditioning unit in the main building, a combination heating and cooling unit, at a cost of \$21,000. During the year 1951 the entire Education Building was redecorated at a cost of \$5,000. Future plans at First Church call for the addition of a third story to the educational building and a one-story annex, a plan which will add some 5000 square feet for church school use. The plans include a rearrangement of the first floor to provide large dining and recreational areas, and the new third floor will be used by the Intermediate and Older Youth Departments.

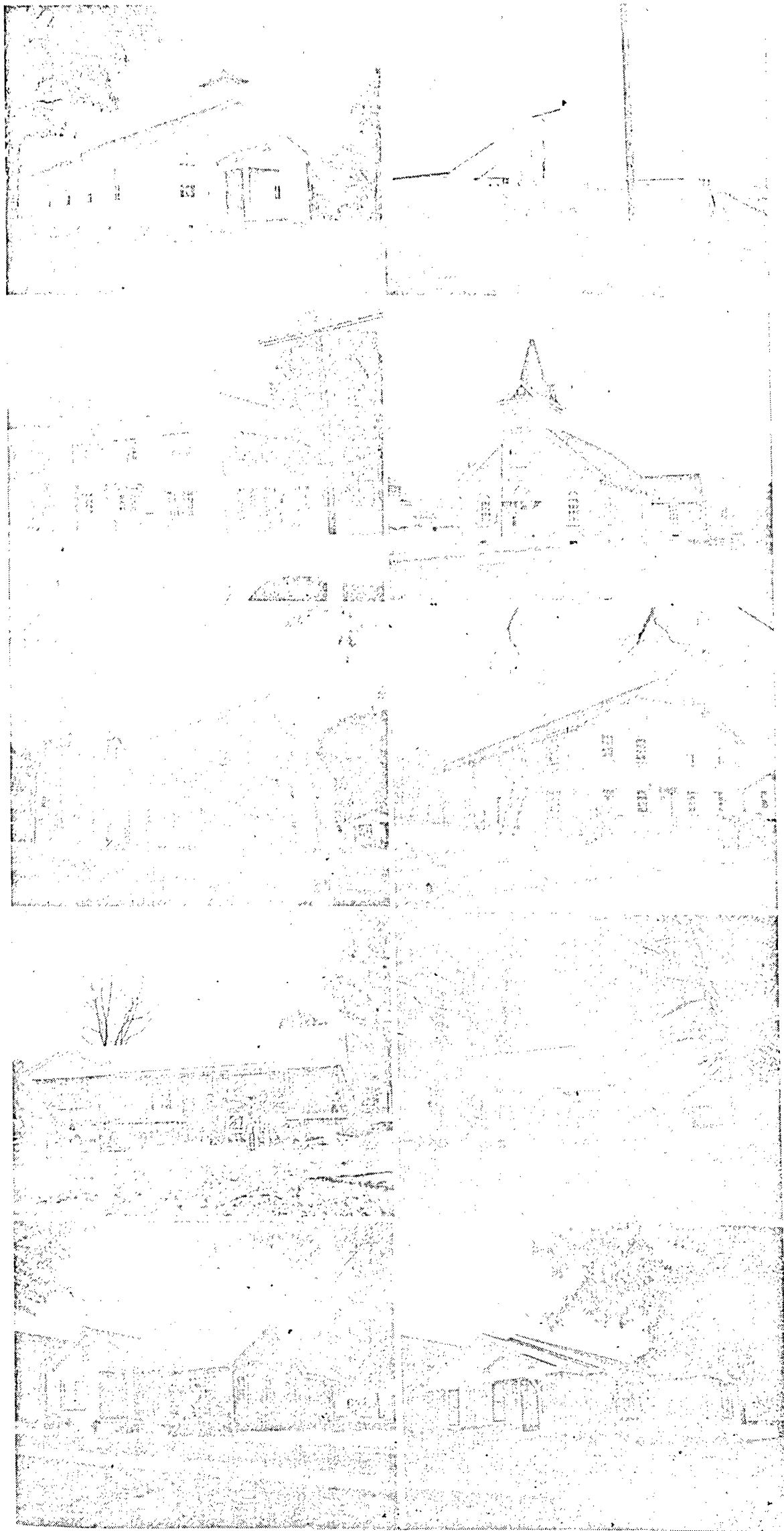
This contemplated expansion will cost approximately \$100,000. The church has a December 1-November 30 fiscal year. The fourth Sunday of November, this year, has been set as pledge Sunday for the church budget which will include \$25,000 for the expansion program. Present plans call for the borrowing of the additional \$75,000 needed for the program which will be repaid at the rate of \$25,000 per year through the regular church budget. The Planning Committee which directed the building program is headed by William L. Locke, Church School Superintendent. Mr. Lock is the Superintendent of the Arkansas Public Schools in Texarkana. The program also included minor repairs in the sanctuary building and a new lighting system in the sanctuary proper.

This church will celebrate its 50th anniversary the week of December 14. Bishop Martin will deliver the anniversary sermon on Sunday morning, December 14, and the following week former pastors will preach during the week of services. Those scheduled include Dr. F. M. Freeman, Shreveport, Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Little Rock, Dr. C. M. Reves, Conway, and Rev. Edward W. Harris, Baton Rouge. Dr. Fred R. Harrison is the Texarkana First Church pastor.

Another Texarkana church which is currently engaged in building an educational building to meet the needs of a growing church school is the Fairview Methodist Church, where Rev. Clint W. Good is pastor. This 8000 square feet of construction is the first unit of a completely new church plant which the congregation envisions. South of the present structure, the two story

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RECENT BUILDING PROGRAMS HOPE DISTRICT



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. W. C. HUTTON is pastor of the Oakley Chapel Methodist Church, near Rogers, instead of Rev. W. C. Smith as stated in an earlier issue. We are glad to make this correction.

THE METHODIST MEN of Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith, met on Thursday evening, November 13. Rev. Clarence Pruett of Van Buren spoke on his trip to Australia.

THE ministers of the Jonesboro District and their wives will have their regular breakfast meeting on Friday, November 21, at Trumann.

DR. GEORGE S. BENSON, president of Harding College, Searcy, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, on Wednesday, November 12.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces the following newly assigned pastors in the Conway District: Rev. J. A. Newell, Pope County Circuit; Rev. Edwin Sooter, Ola Circuit and Rev. Oscar Hicks, Plainview.

REV. MILTON LARK of Cotter was the speaker for morning worship service at Wesley's Chapel on the Mountain Home Parish on Sunday, November 9. He spoke on "The Importance of the Christian Home."

REV. J. M. HAMILTON, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church of Russellville on Thursday, November 19.

REV. JOHN M. McCORMACK, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the Jonesboro Area on Friday evening, November 15.

ON SUNDAY EVENING, November 16, Rev. W. M. Womack, pastor of Fisher Street Methodist Church, Jonesboro, and Rev. Clyde Crozier, pastor of Nettleton Methodist Church, exchanged pulpits.

A UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE for the Methodist Churches of Little Rock will be held at Winfield Church on Thursday morning, November 27, at 10:00 a. m. Rev. J. E. Cooper, pastor of Scott Street Church, will be the preacher for the service.

J. LEWIS TALIAFERRO from the Memphis Junior Chamber of Commerce, was guest speaker at the Marianna Methodist Church on Sunday evening, November 9. Mr. Taliaferro spoke on "This is Our Problem." Rev. W. O. Scroggin is pastor.

THE WILBURN METHODIST CHURCH observed its second anniversary on Saturday evening, November 8, when a supper and program was held at the church. Guest speaker was Rev. Harold Wilson, pastor of the Quitman Methodist Church. Rev. Wayne L. Hill is pastor of the Wilburn Church.

A UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE of all Protestant churches of North Little Rock will be held on Wednesday evening, November 26, at Gardner Methodist Church, at 7:30, with Rev. Joseph Sefcik, pastor of the Park Hill Presbyterian Church, will be the speaker. Music will be furnished by the Gardner Choir.

DR. IRA A. BRUMLEY, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference, will be guest preacher at the evening service of the First Methodist Church, Harrison, on Sunday evening, November 23. The pastor, Rev. Earle Cravens, will be teaching in a Training School at Cotter.

LAYMEN assisted with the worship service held at the Arkana Church of the Mountain Home Parish on Sunday evening, November 2. Claud Roane of the Mountain Home Church led the singing, and Claud Veal of the Fairview Church showed the film, "The Growth of the Christian Church." Mrs. Lee Anderson brought the message.

MRS. MAGGIE MOSS CAMP, age 78, mother of Dr. Dolph Camp, president of Southern State College, passed away in her sleep at her home in Magnolia on Monday night, November 10. Mrs. Camp was an active member of the First Methodist Church of Magnolia. She is survived by her son, a daughter, Mrs. Cecil Waller and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church on Wednesday by the pastor, Rev. Elmer L. Thomas.

GODDARD MEMORIAL CHURCH, FORT SMITH, Rev. Alfred A. Knox, pastor, will be host for the annual Union Thanksgiving Service for the churches in the southern part of Fort Smith, on Thursday, November 27, at 10:00 a. m. Rev. D. C. McAtee, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, will be the preacher for the service. Music will be furnished by the Goddard Chancel Choir. Four other services will be held in other parts of the city, in keeping with the custom of the churches cooperating with the Ministerial Alliance.

THE last in a series of Family Night services was held at the First Methodist Church, Conway, on Wednesday, November 5. A discussion was held on the improvements in the economic and cultural situation of Conway's Negro population. Recognized as the most outstanding recent advance was the new Pine Street school building for Negroes now nearing completion. Participating in the discussion were Mrs. C. J. Greene, Mrs. M. E. Mitchell, Mrs. Richard E. Yates, Miss Ethel Millar and Mrs. E. W. Packard. Rev. Joel Cooper is pastor.

OAKLAND METHODIST CHURCH on the Naylor Circuit has recently built a new church which was dedicated at a special service on Friday evening, November 14, with Rev. J. Albert Gatlin in charge, assisted by Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, district superintendent, and Rev. Thomas Nation, pastor. The \$15,000 building has three Church School rooms, a fellowship hall and the sanctuary. It is erected on the site of two previous churches, the first built in 1850 and the second in the 1890's. W. E. Parsons served as the Building Committee representative during construction of the church.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN has announced that Rev. Virgil D. Morris, District Superintendent of the New Orleans District has been named to the South Central Jurisdiction Commission on Finance in place of Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, and that Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix College, Conway, would succeed Robert P. Lay of Gilliam, Louisiana. Dr. Walton and Mr. Lay were named to the Commission at the recent session of the Jurisdictional Conference, but because they are also members of agencies deriving funds through the Commission on Finance church law made it necessary to replace them, Bishop Martin said.

REV. WINSLOW BROWN, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, writes: "The Wesley Methodist Church held its first indoor services on Sunday, November 9. The congregation has been meeting in the grove of trees on their building site since June 22. The first Sunday in the new building was the first Sunday that it had rained in Pine Bluff since the church was organized in June. They had met outside for twenty consecutive weeks while the building was under construction. All phases of the work are progressing nicely, including the Boy Scouts, the Methodist Men and the Woman's Society of Christian Service which is now composed of two circles."

MISS GEORGIA DAILY of Texarkana is a member of the technical staff in charge of the presentation of a pageant-drama based on the life of Belle Harris Bennett to be given at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, on November 21 when the college will observe its first Founder's Day. The observance will also mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Miss Bennett, out of whose dreams and work the college

DEATH OF MRS. H. LYNN WADE

Mrs. H. Lynn Wade, wife of Rev. H. Lynn Wade, pastor of the Augusta Methodist Church, passed away in a Searcy hospital on Saturday, November 15, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage in her home in Augusta on Friday. Mrs. Wade was the former Miss Sallie Tyler Clifton and was married to Brother Wade in 1903.

Survivors, in addition to her husband are one son, Clifton Wade of Fayetteville; two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Slyden, Little Rock, and Mrs. James F. Thomas, Jonesboro; four grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Annie G. Cureton of Conway.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a. m. on Monday in the Augusta Methodist Church by Rev. Earle Cravens, Harrison, Rev. Lloyd Conyers and Rev. Jefferson Sherman of Searcy. Burial was at Conway.

CLEVELAND YOUTH INSTITUTE HELPS PUERTO RICO

Sunday school lessons in Spanish for an entire year could be provided for Puerto Rican children for \$350, missionary Kenneth Vincent told members of the Cleveland District Institute at Lakeside, Ohio. The 325 high school students gave an offering of \$500 and the Methodist printing press in Puerto Rico will soon begin production of the materials.

The Rev. Howard Brown, pastor of Mayfield Church, was dean of the Institute. Mr. Vincent, "home" missionary on the island of Vieques, off the coast of Puerto Rico, spoke daily. Another mission counselor was Miss Isabel Kennedy, field representative for the Division of Home Missions. The Institute was divided into five model Methodist Youth Fellowships.

SERVED MISSIONS 35 YEARS

Thirty-five year service pins were awarded by the Board of Missions, Methodist Church, to two employees of the New York office and one from the Philadelphia office at the annual dinner of the employees association on September 25. The dinner was held at St. Marks Methodist Church, 49 Edgecombe Ave., New York City. Miss Ada V. Clouden and C. D. Harris, New York, and Mrs. Lora K. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, received the awards for 35 years of service. In addition Mrs. Robert Stewart, New York received the award for 25 years of service.

The presentation was made on behalf of the Board by Miss Margaret Billingsley, an executive secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

was created for the preparation of Christians who have dedicated their lives to full-time service in the work of the church in this country and abroad. James A. Warren, a graduate of the college, and instructor of speech and drama, is author and director of the play. The role of Miss Bennett will be played by Dolores Vardell of New Bethlehem, Pa.

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SUITING OUR OWN CONVENIENCE

If we were asked how our present American civilization is superior to former modes of living, would not most of us mention at once our physical comforts and conveniences? Our houses are more commodious. Our house-keeping has been delivered from so much of its drudgery. Hours of work are shorter. Travel is swifter.

Ours has been called a "sitting civilization". We can hear voices and music from the ends of the earth. Soon we shall be seeing events televised to us from Europe. And we can do and have all these things while we are seated in comfortable chairs in our living rooms.

Some years ago a summer camp in northern New England put out a descriptive booklet to lure patrons. It bore the intriguing title, "Roughing It Smoothly". Whatever that means, that is what we seem to want.

Do we not measure our personal advancement by the increase of our comforts? Have we not heard self-made men say, "I do not want my children to have it as hard as I had it"?

John Macmurray in "The Clue to History" said: "The individualistic struggle for freedom is a struggle to escape from work . . . It is the underlying ideal of modern society. Universal freedom signifies to us universal leisure."

By many work is looked upon as the necessary hardship by which we earn money to do what we want to do and the sooner we get it over with, the better.

We are told that the church should give the people what they want. Every now and then some bright person with a flair for promotion appears to tell the churches how they can sell religion to the people. An advertising man once analyzed the desires of people and sought to sell his findings to the churches. He listed the various popular desires in the order of their appeal. I forget the exact order but the list included such desires as: how to be happy, how to be well, how to get ahead in the world, how to get along with people. His point was that if preachers would study what people want and then fit their messages to popular desires, the churches would be full.

Well there seems to be some logic in the argument. The church is to serve the people. It must therefore reach the people. Religion should be made winsome and attractive. Make the church as beautiful and comfortable as possible. Cushion the pews. Condition the air. Improve the music. Popularize the themes. I know of one preacher who began his service by telling his listeners to relax and put themselves at ease in order to be more responsive. How far we have gone in our efforts to sell religion to the people by appealing to their comfort and convenience was made vivid to me by contrast when I attended church in Russia six years ago.

Having been sent to the Soviet Union on an official mission to learn what had happened to the relief supplies sent to that country during the war, we were under the guidance of a government agency. When we asked to visit the churches, the government agents advised against it, thereby clearly showing their indifference, even their hostility to the church. Nevertheless we insisted on going.

There are no signs out in front of the churches announcing the services or the preachers. No cushioned pews. The worshipers stand, and the services in the Orthodox Churches last three hours. When I saw the long queues waiting to get in, and then when I contrasted the discomfort endured by those poorly dressed Russian people with our American efforts to secure congregations by advertising our services as brief, breezy and brotherly, I could not help but wonder if we in this so-called Christian land take our religion as seriously as some of those Russians under a godless government.

I assume my readers are as much opposed to the Russian communistic system as I am. I think it is deadly. But if it is to be overcome, it will be by a strong, hardy disciplined religious faith. The love of comfort cannot

WASHINGTON EVANGELISTIC MISSION SCHEDULED

MORE than 400 Methodist ministers, representing every state, will meet in Washington, D. C., November 28-December 5 to conduct a new experiment in evangelism.

"We are not seeking new church members, but how to reclaim inactive and indifferent members," said the Rev. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Nashville, Tenn., who will direct the program. He is a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

Called a Spiritual Life Mission, the Washington program will be based at downtown Hamline Methodist Church and fan out to 317 churches of the area.

Dr. Thomas said that the Washington project will serve as a test pattern for metropolitan Methodist churches throughout the country.

Washington ministers and laymen will team with the visitors to conduct an intensive home visitation campaign among Methodists throughout the area.

Every church member will be urged to observe "holy habits," Dr. Thomas said. The covenant pledges church attendance, family devotions, daily Bible reading and prayer, support of church finances, and participation in Methodist organizations.

The mission will open with an address by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, resident Methodist bishop of the Washington Area.

Two visiting prelates, Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, and Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Ia., will give a series of six daily lectures each, starting November 29. Bishop Werner's subject will be "Spiritual Needs in the Contemporary World," and Bishop Ensley will speak on "Basic Essentials in the Spiritual Life."

Host and guest pastors will attend a spiritual life school each day. Speakers during training sessions will include Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.; Bishop Edgar Love, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville layman and executive secretary of the evangelism board, and the Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, missionary to India.

Added impetus will be given the mission when guest ministers preach Sunday, November 30, and five successive nights in the 317 host churches.

The denomination's 106 secretaries of conference boards of evangelism will hold their annual meeting during the mission.

Seven ministers of Arkansas and eight ministers of Louisiana have been selected to participate in the Washington Area Spiritual Life Mission.

Those from Arkansas are: the Rev. Harold O. Eggensperger, Russellville; the Rev. J. H. Hoggard, Van Buren; the Rev. Fred Harrison, Texarkana; the Rev. Fred Schwendimann, El Dorado; the Rev. Paul Bumpers, Clarksville; the Rev. H. R. Holland and the Rev. J. H. Oliver of Hot Springs.

Those from Louisiana are: the Rev. W. D. Boddie, Springhill; the Rev. Porter Caraway, Winnfield; the Rev. John Kilpatrick, Leesville; the Rev. Cleburne Quaid, Shreveport; the Rev. W. Merrill and the Rev. William R. London, New Orleans; the Rev. R. Mack Bentley, Tallulah; the Rev. I. A. Love, Wisner.

counteract the force of communism. Maybe we have carried our cult of comfort and convenience to the point where it is making us soft and complacent. Maybe with all our pious talk about "putting on the whole armor of God", we have been thinking of it as a tailor-made costume cut to our measure. A faith which is made to suit one's taste and comfort is not strong enough for times like this.

We are mistaking the Biblical word "comfort" for the modern word "comfortable". When the prophet cried, "Comfort ye, my people", he did not mean to coddle them into comfortableness but to put strength and heart into them. Our prayer should not be to escape all life's hardships but to have strength to face life's inevitables.

Unless we take some pains to put ourselves out, we shall not take worthwhile things in. The man who will not sometimes put himself out for us is not a friend. The person who will not put himself out for God is hardly worthy to be called his child.

NEW INSIGHTS FROM THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION

By
DR. ROY L. SMITH

GREAT LIVING NEVER COMES EASY

For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life. —Matthew 7:14.

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life.—King James Version

Let's get it straight, young folk, for it will be sure to save us untold heartbreak a few years from now. The greatest rewards of life come to those who are able to discipline themselves.

Life is an exact process, governed by inflexible laws. Infections in the bloodstream destroy our health; poisonous thoughts make mental cases out of us; spiritual mistakes wreck all happiness and destroy us on the top levels of life.

It's true in athletics. Great stars like Nurmi, Gil Dod, Jackie Robinson, and Doak Walker do not try to juggle the rules. They take no chances with their physical upkeep. No men in America live more strictly than they do. You could not pass enough laws to make them live the correct lives they compel themselves to live, because they know the rules of life. Narrow gates and hard ways!

It's true in business. No one in the business demands more of himself than the boss does. If he does not, the business soon goes to smash. It's the outfit that can hold itself most steadily in line that survives. Ask your banker! He's watched them go down!

It's true everywhere else. Those who are able to govern themselves find liberty at its best. Those who are unable to keep their word, play the game according to the rules, and dictate their own attitudes become the victims of life, and miss everything except trouble.

Seven times nine is sixty-three; two molecules of hydrogen and one of oxygen combine to produce water; four tones in an exact ratio of vibration result in a perfect chord. All these are exact. No special consideration, no variations for old time's sake, no extra privileges between friends. God is absolutely impartial. The way

is hard and strict!

But it leads to life! That is the way all the great ones have arrived. No hunting for shortcuts, easy ways out, alibis, or evasions.

And you will forget the hardness when you have found life!

IT IS STILL GOOD NEWS

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are claiming that the translation committee was not qualified from the standpoint of scholarship, a point of view which would be very difficult to prove since some of the most able Biblical scholars were on the committee. Others go so far as to claim that the translators deliberately twisted verses and textual material in such a way as to destroy its original meaning. And so, on and on.

Such criticisms come from a relative small number and their cries of protest can hardly be expected to affect much influence, especially when they prefer to keep it on such a personal basis. We would like to point out, however, that the fate of the translating committee is far more secure than the fate of earlier translators has been.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The Bible is not a series of phonograph records traced on helpless human wax by a compulsive needle, but genuinely an inspiration from which new light breaks age on age under the leading of that selfsame Spirit

A reader who casts his eye on a line of scripture and accepts what it "seems to mean" is dealing in astrology or pre-copernican astronomy rather than in the present wonder of heavenly truth. Truth depends, not alone on accuracy of meaning, but on its total setting — on what a word or phrase meant for its original speaker in the original time and occasion

The Holy Spirit does not denature a writer's personal traits or make him utterly independent of his time

There is only one Book, that Book is the noun; other books are but poor adjectives

There are signs that our era is turning from ruinous doctrines of self-help to a new obedience to God's will and power, from man's exploitive skill to a trust in God's mercy in Jesus Christ

From THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE
Editor's Introduction by George Arthur Buttrick.

"THEY DID COME"

The other day I was talking with a member of our church and she was telling me of an invitation she had extended to some neighbors. After telling of meeting them and of the invitation she had extended she said, "They did come." There was evidence of genuine satisfaction in the experience which this member had had in inviting her neighbor to attend the services of the church.

There is something definite that you do when you take it upon yourself to invite friends, neighbors, strangers, and newcomers to attend your church. You add moral and spiritual strength to the life of the community. Our problems, individually and socially, would be reduced to a minimum if every member of the church decided that insofar as was possible he would be true to his vows to the church by being loyal in his prayers, presence, gifts, and service. It would make a marked difference in every town.

In being an ambassador for your church you strengthen the influence of the church and increase its word of testimony. It is evident, no matter how large a staff a Church may employ, they are unable to contact everyone just at the right time. Therefore, in the name of your church you are extending its helpful influence far beyond what your minister or paid worker might be able to do.

Furthermore, confidence, joy, assurance, and a deep satisfaction comes in to your own life. In other words, you do something for your own spiritual life as you make it a part of your responsibility to speak a word of encouragement and invitation to those you meet.

Finally, but not least of all, you

HUMANITY

There is a soul above the soul of each,
A mightier soul, which yet to each belongs—
There is a sound made of all human speech,
And numerous as the concourse of all songs;
And in that soul lives each, in each that soul,
Though all the ages are its lifetime vast;
Each soul that dies, in its most sacred whole
Receiveth life that shall for ever last.
And thus for ever with a wider span
Humanity o'erarches time and death:
Man can elect the universal man
And live in life that ends not with this breath;
And gather glory that increases still
Till Time his glass with Death's last dust shall fill.

—Richard Watson Dixon

"MY BROTHER"

"Where is Abel your brother?" . . . "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9)

WHEN Cain's anger flared against his brother, and when he went further than he had intended to go, he came at last to recognize that sin always brings its guilt and it haunted him. His experience is not uncommon to us all. Each has known something of that tremendous feeling of guilt that makes us say, "I wish I hadn't done it." In the little epistle of James there is a description of what sin does, "Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full grown brings forth death". Something happens to the individual who permits sin to lead him on.

The urgency of the moment brushes aside the quibbling over words. It is not whether we are "our brother's keeper" or "our brother's brother", but, the penetrating truth is that we have an obligation to each other. This obligation can and should become a privilege. The history of the world points to the fact that this obligation has not died but becomes more evident every day. History has vindicated this responsibility.

The barriers that are built are but walls that imprison our souls and eventually lead to destruction. Apart from the threat of atomic warfare and all the other Frankensteins of modern strife, the spirit of isolation spells doom just as certainly as an explosion. Can we ever see that our failure to meet this responsibility is the infection that poisons the whole human race. It is not seen just in color lines, but in class distinctions as well, and God help us, the church is not free from the infection. When religious groups feel that they are the ones, and the only ones, who possess the keys to the kingdom, they violate the spirit of brotherhood. No one religious group, nor all groups combined, are sufficient to contain all the truth of God.

do something for God. There are many ways in which He has left His testimony writ large for all His children to read. But we know of no better way than through the life of His followers. He speaks to each and every one. They will come if we will but extend the cordial, heartfelt, Christian invitation to those about us.—R. B.

No amount of bravado, nor insincerity will cover the neglect of this privilege and responsibility. It recurs again and again and will not be put down no matter how desperately we may try to absolve ourselves. Whether we like it or not this truth forces itself upon our attention. We cannot hide our guilt in the awareness of our neglect. The spirit of God persistently asks, "Where is thy brother?" This is a question the unrepentant wants to evade. Our only hope is to face it squarely as a world, as a nation, and as individuals. The thousands of young lives cut short through war plead with us to heed the merciless history of this attitude of caprice in the human relationships.

Who would dare to say that his soul is entirely clear? Perhaps we have not been as vicious as Cain, but our sin has been none the less deadly. An unruly tongue that traffics in gossip, filching the good name of a neighbor, is a deadly enemy to happy human relationships. A cold and unfriendly attitude that doctors self-vanity works havoc with our fellowman.

Indifference to the need of others eats like a cancer until the living fellowship among men is dead. On and on we might go but certainly there is enough to send us to our knees in a spirit of repentance seeking the forgiveness of our Father whose love is extended to all men. If we have not wilfully ignored our responsibility, then, we feel our conscience ache for our thoughtfulness that has wounded the soul of another. Further, all feel the deadening sin of neglect in which we have had our part.

The ways and means to accept this responsibility; the opportunities to enjoy our privilege will constantly unfold. One thing we may be certain of and that is, it can never be a sentimental attitude that will overcome the hard influence of those forces that work to destroy brotherhood. Only stronghearted men and women feel their part of personal responsibility. The weak, the selfish, and the unchristian hide behind flimsy pretext. Then, our spirit of repentance coupled with an earnest desire for brotherhood will point the way.

We might think in summary of

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

In a world where brotherhood is threatened, where Thy Word is ignored and where men are suffering from their sins, help us, our Father, as Thy children to be awake to every opportunity to witness for Thee by action and word of mouth. Grant us Thy Spirit in great power to lead us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life that we may lead others. We pray humbly in the spirit of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING ONE ANOTHER

VERSE FOR TODAY: WITH all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love. Eph. 4:2.

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:10-18

It was during days still tense with war. Boom of business mingled with heartaches and sorrows.

On a crowded bus a confident voice declared all too cheerfully, "Well, I'm sitting pretty if only the war lasts long enough."

This was too much for a father whose hopes had been crushed when his son was lost in battle. In a flash, he rebuked the man who dared to say this, and poured out his anger in sharp words. The driver stopped the bus and came back as a mediator. Instantly the braggart voice changed to apology. "I'm sorry," he said. "I was foolish to talk that way. You see, we've an afflicted daughter for whom we've never been able to provide the special treatments which can restore her life to usefulness. Only my increased wage now has made this possible. But I shouldn't ask this at the sacrifice of your son. I apologize."

The angry father relaxed and extended his hand to the other man. His anger had passed, and now he spoke with tears in his eyes and voice: "If only people could know and understand one another's problems and sorrows, we would all live the best for all our children."

The bus moved on. The two men sat together and talked quietly.

PRAYER: O God, our Father, increase our understandings of other's problems, of those near and of those faraway. Teach us to overcome our selfishness and give us wisdom to rebuild the world in love. In Jesus' name. Amen.—Mrs. Emory Ross.—from The Secret Place.

At a church Thanksgiving party several years ago the evening ended with a fellowship circle and each was asked to say what he was especially thankful for. Many of the usual blessings were mentioned, but I particularly remember the pale-faced young girl, who said: "Oh, I'm just thankful that I am thankful."—Marirovone Thompson, Family Circle.

our personal relationship to God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord. We seek guidance from the New Testament and find it as we come humbly seeking. In the situations each day His Eternal Spirit will guide us. Certainly no better words could be used than the words of Jesus, "I am the way, the truth, and the life".—RB

ARKANSAS METHODIST

MISSIONARY BISHOP HONORED ON 90TH BIRTHDAY

A \$10,000 check representing contributions from all over the world was presented to Methodist Bishop Herbert Welch at a luncheon in New York celebrating his 90th birthday. Dr. Welch, oldest of The Methodist Church's 76 bishops, said that he would turn the money over to agencies fostering missionary work in Korea. Sixteen of his 20 years (1920 to 1936) as an active bishop were served in China and Korea. The Church recalled Bishop Welch from retirement in 1940 to head the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and during the next eight years he raised more than \$7,000,000 to help the needy abroad and supervised its distribution. In presenting the check, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ church where the luncheon was held, said that it was made up of gifts from friends in many countries toward a Bishop Welch Testimonial Fund and that other gifts were still coming in. The fund was organized, Dr. Sockman said, to enable Bishop Welch to further "causes dear to you" by distributing it to whatever benevolent or philanthropic agencies he desired. With the check, Dr. Sockman also handed Bishop Welch a certificate of tribute from his friends around the globe. Messages of greeting were read from churches and church groups in Korea and other countries and from the Methodist Central Conference of Latin America.

Urges Rural Churches Modernize Programs

Rural churches must modernize their programs to equip people more adequately for present-day life, a protestant leader said in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Claude J. Snyder of St. Louis, Mo., chairman of the Department of the Town and Country Church of the National Council of Churches, spoke at a National Convocation of the Church in Town and Country. "The church in the open country and in towns has lagged in awareness of amazing change," said Dr. Snyder, who is executive director of town and country work for the Evangelical and Reformed Church. More obvious changes, like the growth of the automobile and the decrease in size of the average family, have been noted, he said. But more significant changes have gone unnoticed. "Far too often," he said, "the church goes on in mistaken assurance that the loyalty of bygone years will continue even though there has been modernization of everything else except the program of the church." Dr. Snyder said the church's "offer of salvation must be directed toward the sins of today's people and the communities of today." The rural church, he said, must offer opportunities for cultural, emotional and ethical growth to capture the "interest and loyalty" of the community. And it must "give guidance which will more adequately equip its people for life today." "The rural church," Dr. Snyder continued, "must cherish the past; but her program must be directed to today's situation while her leadership is already planning for tomorrow's opportunities."

Seek Funds To Print Hymnals For Korea

A drive for funds to print 15,000 hymnals for Korea was launched by the World Literacy Inc., an agency of the National Council of Churches' Committee on Literacy and Christian Literature. Wallace C. Speers, president of World Literacy said that an urgent request for the hymnals was received from the Christian Literature Society of Seoul, a branch of the National Christian Council of Korea. The Society reported, he said, that virtually all Christian hymnals in Korean churches and all the Society's reserve

announced at headquarters of The Methodist Church in Germany at Frankfurt. The seminary is located temporarily at Klosterlaunitz, Guringia, and will continue there under the direction of Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Meyer until a suitable permanent site is found, the announcement said. Establishment of the seminary was authorized by German Methodist leaders at a conference held last September in Leipzig, East Germany. Another Methodist seminary is located here. About 41 per cent of the German Methodist Church's 65,000 members live in the Soviet Zone.

Seminary Faculty Members Resign Over Ban on Negro Students

Eight faculty members of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. have resigned their academic positions because Negro students are not permitted to enter the university's School of Theology. Sewanee is owned by 22 dioceses of the Protestant Episcopal Church in ten southern States. Included among the eight who resigned are the dean and five members of the teaching staff of the theology school, the university chaplain and the head of the Department of Religion of the College of Arts and Sciences. All but one are Episcopal clergymen. Dr. Edward McCrady, vice chancellor of the university, disclosed that a joint letter

of resignation had been submitted on October 6. He said that it has been accepted "regretfully."

Korean Protestants Map 1953 Program

One hundred chaplains for the Korean armed forces will be trained under the 1953 program of the National Christian Council of Korea, it was announced at Pusan. The program also calls for emphasis on reconstruction in war-devastated Korea, strengthening of mutual-aid relationships with U. S. and European Christian churches and a request to the United Nations command for relief and reconstruction aid to Korean churches. Plans have been made by the Council for producing new religious motion pictures and broadcasting 15-minute sermons twice a week over the Korean national radio station.

"What is salt?" Johnnie was asked. To which he repl'd, "Salt is what spoils the potatoes when you leave it out."

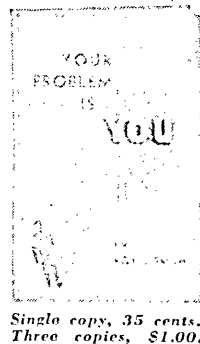
What is religion. Religion is what spoils life if you leave it out. Religion is what spoils the home if there is not any in it. It is what destroys character if it is deleted. It is what leaves life flat and tasteless when it is omitted.—Alfred W. Swan, Watchman-Examiner.

A New Book by Roy L. Smith

YOUR PROBLEM IS YOU

Fifty-six selections of the famous *Little Lessons in Spiritual Efficiency* directly related to personal problems of the spiritual life. Dr. Smith writes with keen insight and with a full awareness of the values available for personal help through the resources of the Christian faith.

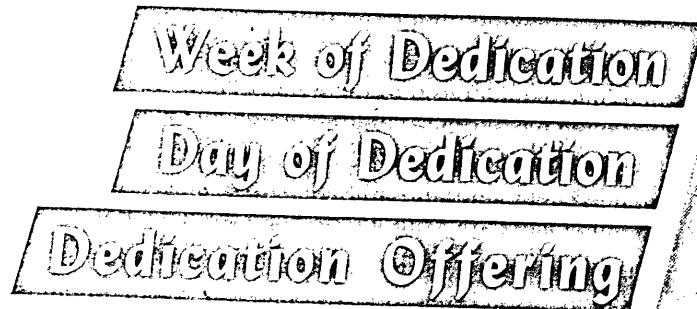
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German Methodists Open Soviet Zone Seminary

Opening of the first Methodist seminary in the Soviet Zone was

In the light of experience

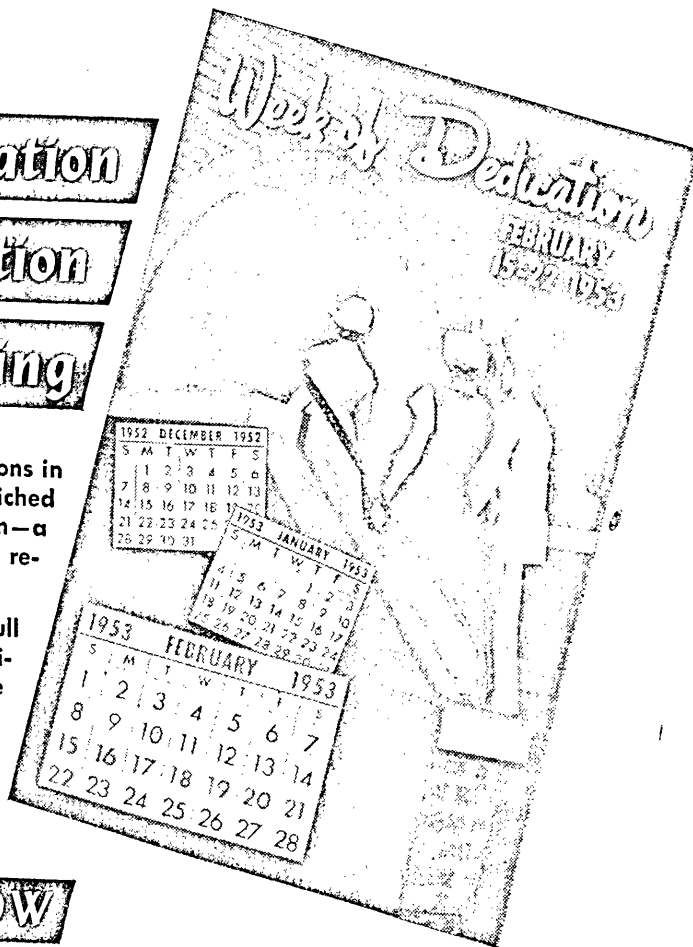


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And now . . . The Week of Dedication (one full week) followed by The Day of Dedication (first Sunday of Lent) is in the calendar of your Church (Discipline 1952, Par. 761)

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North Arkansas Conference Treasurer's Report

JUNE 16, 1952 TO NOVEMBER 7, 1952

	World Service and Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Dist. Supt's. Fund	Gen. & Jurisd. and Inter-denom.	Minim. Salary Fund	Meth. Youth	World Communion		World Service and Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Dist. Supt's. Fund	Gen. & Jurisd. and Inter-denom.	Minim. Salary Fund	Meth. Youth	World Communion
BATESVILLE DISTRICT																	
BATESVILLE: First	\$1000.00	\$30.00	\$360.00	\$225.00	\$52.10	\$67.10	\$43.98		Elkins	10.00		21.00					13.00
Central Ave.	375.00	29.15	266.65	166.65	38.75	40.00	25.00		Nickells Memorial								.50
BETHESDA			50.00	60.00					St. Paul								1.00
CALICO ROCK			70.00						MORROW	34.00	9.00	40.00	25.00	9.00	2.00		22.37
PALESTINE	10.75		10.50						Evansville	24.00	7.00	16.00	10.00	7.00			
GRANGE	12.50	2.20	20.00	12.50	1.50				PEA RIDGE	21.00	6.50	60.00	37.50	5.00	4.00		11.00
Gray's Chapel	3.25	.50	4.40	2.75	1.00				PRAIRIE GROVE	315.00	25.00	220.00	137.50	18.75	25.00		30.00
Hickory Valley	1.75	.35	3.00	1.35	1.00				ROGERS: Central	337.50	44.00	437.50	250.00	41.50	73.50		41.00
Lee's Chapel		2.65		4.00					SILAM SPRINGS	438.00	22.00	200.00	125.00	22.00		5.00	77.00
Mt. Tabor	5.00	1.00	8.00	5.00	1.25				SPRINGDALE: First	1100.00		32.50			45.00		55.00
CHARLOTTE	14.53			7.00					Wesley	50.00		18.00					
Cave Creek	13.00	2.37	19.20	12.00	2.00				Zion	12.25	1.25	12.00	7.50	4.00	1.00		1.75
Oak Ridge	25.00		25.00						SPRINGTOWN			50.00					
Sharpe			10.50	5.50					Highfill		9.00	20.00		7.00			
COTTER	100.00	11.00	100.00	62.50	25.00	39.75			SULPHUR SPRINGS	112.50	17.50	140.00	87.50	13.75	20.43	3.00	23.50
JAMESTOWN	10.00	1.75	6.25						VINEY GROVE	40.00	7.00	32.00	20.00	11.00			
Salado	17.50	2.84	26.00	13.75					Weddington	5.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	1.00		4.00
EVENING SHADE							17.00		DIST. SUPT.			45.00			65.00		
Ash Flat	13.00	2.00	15.00	11.00	1.00		11.00		TOTAL	5040.90	483.74	3766.72	2322.46	454.38	580.76	92.35	576.07
Liberty Hill							5.00		ADVANCE FOR CHRIST: Elm Springs, 10.00; Rogers, Central, 42.45; Siloam Springs,								
FORREST CHAPEL	11.00	.72	6.60	4.00			5.00		75.00; Sulphur Springs, 80.00.								
Wiseman	27.00	6.73	10.00		7.00	7.00	6.25		STUDENT DAY: Farmington, 5.00; Rogers, Central, 22.00.								
MOOREFIELD	62.50	6.50	60.00	37.50	4.25				FORREST CITY DISTRICT								
Asbury							10.00		DISTRICT SUPT.	\$	\$	\$35.00	\$	\$	\$25.00	\$	\$
FAIRVIEW							5.72		AUBREY				10.00			10.00	
Gassville	75.00	7.00	16.00	20.00	8.00	17.40	5.35		Moro				24.00				
Galatia	10.00		10.00	5.00					Rondo				12.00				
Norfolk		4.37	10.00	15.00		1.00	11.60		BRINKLEY	168.75	17.06	156.00	97.50	17.50	23.25		
Wesley Chapel							4.00		CHERRY VALLEY		3.94	36.00	22.50	2.75	3.00		
ST. JAMES	5.00	.62	6.00	3.75	1.00	.88			CLARENDON		54.60	200.00	100.00	72.00			25.00
NEWARK		8.75	75.00		8.75				COLT		18.00	20.00	36.00				
NEWPORT: First	525.00	26.25	240.00	150.00	51.25		50.00		Forrest Chapel		20.00	2.00		2.00			
United Mem.	50.00	32.00	72.00	45.00	20.00	25.00			McElroy		25.00			3.00			
Oil Trough	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00			16.25		Wesley Chapel		5.00	10.00	10.00				
Weldon	37.50	3.15	28.80	18.00	8.60				COTTON PLANT								17.00
Tupelo	25.00	12.00	30.00	19.00	14.00				CRAWFORDSVILLE	13.06							14.04
PLEASANT PLAINS	12.50	2.18	18.75	13.75	1.00				Blackfish Lake							7.23	
Cedar Grove	16.88	2.19	20.00	12.50	1.25	1.50			EARLE	125.00	68.25	124.00	90.00	84.00	10.50	3.54	57.41
Corner Stone	16.87	2.18	20.00	12.50	1.25	1.50			ELAINE	75.00	8.00	74.00	46.25	8.75	10.50	5.00	
SALEM	65.00	36.75	65.00	87.50	37.00				Mellwood	50.00	5.00	50.00	25.00	5.00	6.00		15.00
Camp	3.00		3.00	3.00					Wabash	75.00	7.00	64.00	40.00	10.00	9.00		17.65
SULPHUR ROCK	5.00	.88	8.00	5.00					FORREST CITY	1000.00	43.75	400.00	250.00			37.50	100.00
SWIFTON	22.44		82.00	23.00	27.50				HAYNES								5.00
Alicia							(3.98		LaGrange	22.00	9.50	21.50	30.00	5.00	3.00		6.00
TUCKERMAN	33.49						9.35		HELENA	1099.98	42.60	522.48	272.40	120.00	120.00	4.20	71.25
Hope							3.00		HOLLY GROVE	500.00	53.00	480.00	300.00	48.00	88.00		27.00
VIOLA	26.00	5.00	40.00	25.00	4.00	2.00			HUGHES			63.00					
Bexar	24.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	2.00	1.00			MARIANNA	939.42	45.00	408.00	255.00	45.00	75.25		140.00
Mt. Calm	17.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	2.00	1.00			MARION	250.00	78.75	180.00	112.50	84.00	129.50		75.00
Wild Cherry	5.50	1.00	8.00	5.00	1.25	.50			MARVELL	200.00	26.25	240.00	150.00	15.00	44.00		16.00
Hebron	4.50	.50	4.00	2.50	1.00	.50	1.00		Lexa								10.00
YELLVILLE	42.50	10.50	96.00	60.00	5.50	12.00	12.95		Turner	40.00	5.25	48.00	30.00	6.00	8.80		5.00
Bull Shoals	45.00	9.00	80.00	50.00	5.00	14.00			PARKIN	131.25	15.75	135.00	99.00	12.50	21.00		
MOUNTAIN VIEW							10.00		VANNDAL	85.00	21.00		20.00	7.50	19.25		
TOTAL	2778.96	279.08	1971.65	1296.50	314.70	259.63	2.00	331.41	Ellis Chapel	20.00	8.75	20.00	10.00		9.00		
CONWAY DISTRICT									Central	30.00	8.75	24.00	25.00	3.25	9.00		
DIST. SUPT., et al.	\$	\$	\$18.45	\$	\$185.00	\$	\$	\$	Pleasant Hill	10.00	1.50	17.50	13.75	2.00	2.00		
BELCANOR SUB-DIST.							25.00		WEST HELENA		31.50	288.00		30.00	42.00		12.50
ATKINS				67.50					WIDENER	20.00							9.20
BEACON	9.00	4.00	62.50	38.00	5.00		21.25		Round Pond	24.57							40.00
BELLEVILLE									Madison								5.50
BETHEL	33.00	10.00	96.00	60.00	10.00	2.00	12.92		WYNNE	1125.00	63.00	576.00	360.00	90.00	105.00		50.00
CONWAY: First	1500.00	40.00	360.00	225.00	55.00	80.50	7.95	120.31	TOTAL	6072.03	620.20	4192.48	2440.90	673.25	752.55	67.47	718.55
Wesley Memorial	83.38	15.00	1														

FIRST CHARGES PAY HENDRIX
ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN IN FULL

DR. C. M. REVES
Endowment Campaign Director

Two charges in Ft. Smith District have the distinction of being the first in Arkansas to report in full on the \$600,000 Endowment Campaign for Hendrix College. These two charges are Prairie View-Scranton, a five point circuit, and First Church of Van Buren. The report of the former, which gets credit for being the first, was only twelve hours ahead of Van Buren. Both charges paid their full apportionment in cash.

The pastor of Prairie View-Scranton is Rev. C. R. Nance, and the churches of the charge are: Prairie View, Scranton, New Blaine, Pioneer Memorial, and McKendree. The pastor of First Church in Van Buren is Rev. J. H. Hoggard.

One other church in Ft. Smith District has sent in its full apportionment in cash, Bethel of the City Heights-Bethel charge, of which Rev. Felix Holland is pastor. Several other churches in this district report that they have reached their goal, and throughout the state many churches are announcing that their askings have been pledged. But the three above named charges are the only three that have actually sent their money to the Campaign treasurer, Mr. E. W. Martin of Conway.

The Campaign Director, Mr. J. T. Thompson, and other leaders are highly pleased with the progress which is being reported from all parts of Arkansas, and it is predicted that many charges and some entire districts will be able to report in full by the time of District Conference. The Methodists of Arkansas are moving with the mind to do another great job for Hendrix College.



Rev. C. R. Nance left and Rev. J. H. Hoggard looking over reports of the Hendrix Endowment Campaign in the Fort Smith District with the District Superintendent Dr. W. Henry Goodloe. Rev. Mr. Nance is the pastor of the Prairie View Circuit, Fort Smith District, the first charge to pay its amount in full to the Hendrix Endowment Campaign. Rev. Mr. Hoggard is the pastor of First Methodist, Van Buren, the next charge to pay in full. Both charges are in the Fort Smith District.

World Service and Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Dist. Supt's. Fund	Gen. & Jurisd. and Interdenom.	Minimum Salary Fund	Methodist Youth	World Communion
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GOLDEN CROSS: Huntington, 3.25; Pioneer Memorial, 5.00; New Blaine, 5.00.
RACE RELATIONS: Branch, 7.00; Ft. Smith First, 150.00; Pioneer Memorial, 2.00; New Blaine, 2.00.
ADVANCE FOR CHRIST: Branch, 10.00; Ft. Smith First, 350.00; Goddard Memorial, 10.00; Midland Heights, 25.00; St. Luke, 38.00; St. Paul's, 150.00.

JONESBORO DISTRICT

BLACK OAK	\$ 135.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 9.00
Delfore	135.00	16.00	144.00	90.00	20.00	18.00	9.00
BLYTHEVILLE: First	2000.00	115.00	400.00	400.00			2.10
BLYTHEVILLE WEST: Half Moon			64.00				4.68
Wesley Memorial							5.00
BONO	10.00		11.66	9.34			
Trinity	40.00	8.75	40.00	13.25	15.00		
BROOKLAND	83.00	11.55	40.00	26.50	14.40	6.60	
Pine Log	6.25		8.40	5.25			
Pleasant Grove		6.30	57.60				
CARAWAY	150.00	32.00	288.00	180.00	30.00	18.00	
DYESS							1.00
HARRISBURG	200.00	17.50	160.00	100.00	12.50	12.00	5.55
JONESBORO: First	1850.00	58.00	528.00	330.00	72.00	101.50	49.25
Fisher Street	100.00	13.00	120.00	75.00	8.75	13.75	10.92
Huntington Ave.	300.00	67.00	380.00	56.00	90.00		6.05
KEISER	320.00	42.00	240.00	25.00	64.00		31.40
LAKE VIEW	150.00	16.00	144.00	90.00	15.00		
LEACHVILLE							6.00
Macey	17.50		20.00	12.50			
UNION GROVE	12.50	1.75	16.00	10.00	5.00	.40	
MANILA	151.12	70.00	16.00	50.00	117.00		47.18
MARKED TREE	1500.00	78.75	772.00	450.00	86.00	129.50	60.00
MONETTE	166.68	20.40	186.68	116.48	11.68		20.00
MT. CARMEL	100.00	21.00		20.00	10.00	12.00	
NETTLETON							12.00
Bay	108.00	13.00	127.00	75.00	11.00	22.00	10.00
OSCEOLA							62.00
ST. JOHN	60.00	15.00	71.00	45.00	21.00		
LUNSFORD	25.00	3.50	32.00	20.00	10.00		
TRUMANN	250.00	27.00	240.00	150.00	40.00	29.00	3.60
TILTON		4.37	40.00	25.00	10.00	6.00	3.00
Hickory Ridge	100.00		160.00				7.00
WEONA							14.00
YARBRO							10.00
Promised Land							10.00
HERMAN		1.33	12.00	7.50			
TOTAL	7970.50	675.20	3866.34	2960.82	543.33	657.75	87.40

GOLDEN CROSS: Fisher Street, Jonesboro, 7.50.
ADVANCE FOR CHRIST: Jonesboro, First, 1825.00; Leachville, 37.50.
STUDENT DAY: Lake View, 6.25.
WESLEY FOUNDATION: Whole District, 485.44; Black Oak, 25.00; Delfore, 25.00; Keiser, 50.00; Lake City, 26.00; Osceola, 235.00.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

BEECH GROVE	\$ 77.70	\$ 6.12	\$ 52.50	\$ 35.00	\$	\$	\$ 9.15
BIGGERS	77.70	13.00		38.30	9.00	5.00	
Knobel	75.00						
Peach Orchard	50.00						
PORTIA	41.00	3.60	32.00	22.00	4.25		
BOYDSVILLE	5.00	.50	5.00	5.00	.50	.50	
Cummins Chapel	56.70		48.00			3.00	
Mars Hill	56.70	5.25	48.00	30.00	6.00	3.00	
Cache Lake	48.00	3.50	32.00	20.00	5.00	2.00	
CAMP GROUND		8.75	20.00	25.00			
Harvey's Chapel	40.00						
CORNING							57.50
HARDY	25.00	7.22	66.00	41.25	2.50		6.00
HOXIE							
IMBODEN							9.25
Smithville							8.80

RECAPITULATION	World Service & Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	District Supt's. Fund	Gen., Jurisd. and Interdenom.	Minimum Salary Fund	Methodist Youth	World Communion	Golden Cross	Race Relations	Advance for Christ	Student Day	Wesley Foundation
BATESVILLE DISTRICT	2778.95	279.08	1971.65	1296.50	314.70	259.63	2.00	331.41					
CONWAY DISTRICT	5676.70	387.82	3049.80	2006.74	430.55	810.75	52.23	526.63	56.75	6.25		210.00	
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT	5840.90	483.74	3766.72	2322.46	454.38	580.76	92.35	576.97			207.45	27.00	
FORREST CITY DISTRICT	6072.03	620.20	4192.43	2440.90	673.25	752.55	67.47	718.55	35.00	24.25	815.75	33.59	
FORT SMITH DISTRICT	10284.46	574.17	4632.41	3163.82	699.09	850.36	37.00	402.16	13.25	161.00	583.00		
JONESBORO DISTRICT	7970.50	675.20	3866.34	2960.82	543.33	657.75	87.40	938.60	7.50		1862.50	6.25	846.44
PARAGOULD DISTRICT	2773.86	224.62	1465.68	939.69	167.41	167.41	39.05	396.27			116.68	22.21	
SEARCY DISTRICT	3194.94	402.47	3122.59	2320.15	393.10	421.92	14.00	496.50	75.00	50.00	3585.38	299.05	846.44
TOTAL	\$ 44592.35	3647.30	26067.67	17451.08	8731.72	4501.13	391.50	4387.09	187.50	241.50			
(30.5% of Askings)													

NOVEMBER 20, 1952



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



PETE'S THANKSGIVING

PETE Johnson was glum during dinner, that night. "No, Peter," his mother said. "You just can't invite Dave and his family to our Thanksgiving dinner party next week."

"Aw, Mom, why not?" begged Pete. He wanted so much to have his friend Dave Rosen over to the party.

"Because, as your father told you, we've never met Dave's family and they don't know our friends, and ... well, we can't have them."

"But Dave's swell, honest," plead-

ents met. I don't even know their names."

Pete felt worse than ever. Dave was so shy; he would hate being with strangers. How Pete wished he could ask all the Rosens to his house tomorrow!

Thanksgiving Day was bright and sunny; but Pete was not. As the Johnsons' guests began to arrive he stood near the door with his parents, finding it hard to smile a welcome at everyone. Each time he thought of Dave and his family, he



ed Pete, "and his family only just came here to Centerville a couple months ago. I'll bet they don't know anybody in town yet, and they might have to be all alone on their first Thanksgiving here."

"We understand," said Pete's father. "But Dave's family would surely think it odd if we invited them here — we're complete strangers to them!"

"But Dave's already asked me to come to his house next month. His folks are having a party for his friends."

"A birthday party?" asked Mrs. Johnson.

"No," replied Pete. "It's for Hanukkah. Dave's Jewish, and Hanukkah's a Jewish holiday, a big day of celebration. Dave told me all about it."

"How nice!" said Mrs. Johnson. "Of course, you may go; but that still doesn't mean we can ask Dave's family for Thanksgiving. The Hanukkah party is for you children who know each other; but ours is for grown-ups, and we don't know Dave's parents at all."

Pete sighed. He was thinking of how lonely Dave and the Rosens would be on Thanksgiving Day. Dave was one of Pete's best friends. The first day Dave had come to school, looking shy and a little scared of all the new faces, everyone had liked him, and Pete most of all.

The day before Thanksgiving, the boys were playing after school. "Guess you'll be having a big Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow," Dave's eyes had a far-away look.

Pete shuffled his feet. "Nothing much," he muttered. "Wh-what are your folks doing?"

"We're going to some old party," Dave said unhappily. "Just grown-ups, I guess — some people my par-

felt more unhappy.

Suddenly, the doorbell rang again. Pete heard voices behind the door — and one of them was a boy's voice. It sounded just like — but no, thought Pete, it couldn't be! Just then, Mrs. Johnson opened the door, and standing there, next to his parents, was Dave! Both boys stared at each other open-mouthed. "But — how come?" they squealed. Pete's mother looked just as surprised. Then she clapped her hands together.

"So this is your friend Dave!"



ANN AND THE LITTLE PUPPY

PART 5 The Little Puppy

The little animal was shivering as it lay in the doorway. Its paws were covered with snow and its coat was soaked and bedraggled. Ann had never seen anything so pathetic. Forgetting her own troubles, she picked the little puppy up and tried to warm it. "You poor little thing!"

she cried. The little dog was so cold that it could only wag its tail feebly. Ann knew that unless it had food and warmth it would die. "I shall take you home," she said, "and give you some warm milk." And tucking the puppy under her arm, she ran all the way home.

THANKSGIVING

*The ripe, rosy apples are all gathered in;
They wait for the winter in barrel and bin;
And nuts for the children, a plentiful store,
Are spread out to dry on the broad attic floor;
The great, golden pumpkins, that grew such a size,
Are ready to make into Thanksgiving pies;
And all the good times that the children hold dear
Have come 'round again with the feast of the year.*

*Now what shall we do in our bright, happy home
When the annual feast of Thanksgiving is come?
And what do you say is the very best way
To show we are grateful on Thanksgiving day?
The best thing that hearts that are thankful can do
Is this: to make thankful some other hearts, too;
For lives that are grateful, and sunny, and glad,
To carry their sunshine to lives that are sad;
For children who have all they want and to spare,
Their good things with other little children to share;
For this will bring blessing, and this is the way
To show we are thankful on Thanksgiving Day.—Ex.*

HOW LONG CAN A SEED LIVE?

Strange things can happen to seeds; at least I think it very strange. Whenever we plant flower seeds we have to use such care if we hope to have flowers. The soil has to be prepared. The seeds can't just be dropped on top, neither can we put too much earth on top of them. If we put water on them too often, we rot the seeds. If we forget to water them, then they just shrivel up and die. Some seeds need a lot of sun-

shine, and some seeds don't like sunshine. Even then some seeds we plant won't grow no matter how much we care for them.

Some ladies built a house, and after the lawns were all plowed up, the weather got very hot so they decided to wait until fall to plant the grass seed, or until the sun would just dry them up.

Well after a few weeks their lawn began to look green, not a pretty grass green—but green. It was full of plants. At first the ladies didn't know what the plants were, so they asked the man who had plowed up their lawns. He went and looked and said, "Well you have a beautiful patch of rag-weed. The seeds have been under the ground, probably for years, waiting for a chance to grow. Now they have their chance. In plowing the ground, the earth was turned over and the seeds were on top where they received plenty of sunshine and so the rag-weed seeds flourished." Then before the grass seed was planted every old rag-weed plant had to be pulled up by the roots and destroyed. How many years those seeds had lived under the ground I do not know. But we do know that wheat seeds can live for 16 years. Now that seems a long time, but in Paris they planted a seed in the Museum that had lived for 87 years and it grew. China did even better than that though, because there they planted a seed that was 147 years old and it grew. But the Museum in England had the oldest seed, a lotus seed that was 240 years old. That seed was planted and it also developed and grew into a thriving lotus plant.

So nobody really knows how long a seed can live. Maybe there are seeds hidden way, way down deep in the earth that nobody knows about, that may some day grow if they are brought up into sunshine and air, but we do know one seed lived 240 years, and that is really a long time to be asleep, isn't it?—The United Church Observer.

A young couple had just finished shopping. "Here," said the wife, handing the baby to her husband, "you carry him and give me the eggs. You might drop them."—Porquoi Pas?, Brussels

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

EDITH MARTIN WRITES DEVOTIONAL

M. M. C. C. Tunda Station
par Kibombo, Congo Belge,
October 28, 1952.

Dear Friends,

I took some of the girls from the boarding school to an outvillage this afternoon to give a devotional program and to help the women and girls. The way the girls talked and sang before children and adults was an inspiration to all. Their faces radiated joy and happiness which seemed to permeate the atmosphere. This was a contrast to many of the women and girls who were present because they seemed to be burdened with the cares of the world.

When we went into the building which is used for a school and church, we found a woman holding her child crouched in the corner of the room by a bookcase. She seemed to be trying to hide from someone. When I asked why she was there she said, "My husband became angry with me and said that he was going to kill me. I came here because I knew that he would not come here to kill me." When I asked the cause of the trouble, she replied that her husband had forbidden her to go home to get her child by a former marriage and she went anyway. The husband came into the village before I left and we had quite a talk together. He promised me that he would quit drinking wine and that he would treat his wife better. I realized anew what the unchristian woman endures, and I also realized the wonderful opportunity that a Christian leader has in this country to help make life worth living for others. He is not only the preacher and teacher but he writes the letters as well as reads them for all who cannot write, comforts the sad and lonely, the poor, and is the adviser for all.

In all the years that I have spent in the Congo, I have never seen as many houses where the spirits are supposed to dwell as I have seen in my travels over the Tunda District. Neither have I seen as many beautifully decorated houses built over the graves of the departed. In one village where I spent the night, there were clumps of trees throughout the village where the spirits were supposed to dwell. No one dared be found too near the places after dark. One of these places just across the street from the school and church and I suggested that the trees be cut and the ground cleared for a playground for the children. Not one person said a word of approval or disapproval. They were afraid lest the spirits harm them. It will take years of Christian education to give them the courage to destroy any of the places that have been sacred to them in the past.

I am still spending most of my time working on Church School literature for the children and lessons for the week-day Christian Education classes for the children. At the last meeting of the Field Committee, I was asked to be the editor for a daily devotional book similar to our Upper Room. We do not have even one daily devotional book in this language and the people need it so much to help strength-

Attention - All Secretaries of Spiritual Life

1. You are urged to give special emphasis all of November to the Religion in American Life campaign. (See The Methodist Woman, Page 12) current issue, and The Christian Advocate, page 12, Nov. 6)

All Methodist women are obligated to "Proclaim the Good News" to all people everywhere. Let each of us use in our own communities this slogan of this great churchgoing effort—"Show Them the Way."

2. Write NOW to the American Bible Society, Dept. U, 450 Park Avenue, N. Y. City, for the FREE Bookmarks and join in the Worldwide Bible Reading period from Thanksgiving until Christmas Day. Every member should have and use this fine aid for her spiritual life.

The Biblical illiteracy of the younger generation is to be blamed upon the family as well as the Church School. Sunday Schools have little opportunity for Christian Education when a child (if he is a regular attendant) spends only 52 hours out of the 8760 hours of each year in a Sunday School! We would not expect our children to achieve a well-rounded education, one calculated to fit them for successful positions in life; if they attended public school only one hour a week!

Is their spiritual education any less important? Form the habit of daily Bible reading; and lead, not send, your children to church. "SHOW THEM THE WAY" in November.—Mrs. H. E. Pearce, Secretary Spiritual Life, North Arkansas Conference

"THE WORD OF LIFE"

These 29 readings were listed by 1,096 ministers as their favorite selections on this theme.

November

27 Thanksgiving Psalms 103
28 Psalms 91
29 Psalms 121
30 Sunday Psalms 1

December

1 Psalms 27
2 Psalms 46
3 Psalms 90
4 Isaiah 40
5 Isaiah 55
6 Matthew 5:1-26
7 Sunday Matthew 5:27-48
8 Matthew 6:1-18

9 Matthew 6:19-34
10 Matthew 7
11 John 14
12 John 15
13 John 17
14 Universal Bible Sunday Psalms 23
15 Luke 15
16 Romans 8
17 Romans 12
18 Ephesians 6
19 Philippians 4
20 Revelations 21
21 Sunday John 1:1-18
22 Isaiah 53
23 Hebrews 11
24 I Corinthians 13
25 Christmas Luke 2:1-20

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Cherry Valley Woman's Society met Wednesday, October 29 in the Methodist Church in observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Four members of Circle Two of the Wynne Society, Mrs. Harold Womack, Mrs. V. E. James, Mrs. Faye Vann and Mrs. G. G. Dorris assisted in the services.

The meeting began with a Quiet Hour conducted by Mrs. Womack. At noon a covered dish luncheon was served by the hostess society.

The afternoon program consisted of Cherry Valley members and some from Wynne. Mrs. Earl Stacy, president of the hostess society, thanked the Wynne ladies for their cooperation.

The Woman's Society of Van Buren met November 4 at the church

on their spiritual lives. This is a tremendous task but I am happy to be of service to the people in this way. I am planning to use some of the money that was given to me for literature to print the first edition.

I am grateful to you for your interest and prayers. Continue to remember the Africans in this period of transition that they may be thoroughly Christian.

This may reach you about Christmas; therefore, I want to send the season's greetings. May God especially bless you at this time.

Yours and His,
Edith Martin

for a luncheon and regular business meeting, with Mrs. Edwin Buckalew, president, presiding.

Mrs. J. Y. Dollar had charge of the devotional and Circle 3 was hostess to the 26 members and one guest present.

The Society sponsored a pancake supper at the church November 7, furnished by the Pillsbury Flour Co.

The new chapel of the Siloam Springs Methodist Church was used for the observance of the Week of Prayer, October 29, under the leadership of Mrs. C. G. Chandler for the morning and Mrs. Milo Roth for the afternoon.

Music was furnished by Mrs. Tom Whiteside, Mrs. Dick Hodges, Mrs. Karl Beaman and Mrs. Dale Robinson.

A Quiet Hour was observed at noon when a lunch of sandwiches, pie and coffee were served by Mrs. W. Y. Grove and Mrs. Ben Garst. Mrs. J. B. Ames and Mrs. Chandler read from devotional booklets during the lunch hour.

At a study of "Home Missions and Human Rights" on October 24, Mr. Storm Whaley was the guest speaker, and Mrs. Stewart Springfield gave the devotional. Mrs. J. L. Morris, president, introduced the speaker; Miss Floy Dodgen is Secretary of Missionary Education.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church

DISTRICT GUILD MEETINGS

Camden

Mrs. J. P. Carpenter (Stephens), president of the Camden District, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Camden District, Wesleyan Service Guild, October 26, 1952, at the First Methodist Church of Stamps. Introduced by Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. Carpenter spoke on the topic "Quadrennial Emphases and Goals".

Preceding the address, Mrs. Richard Lovell, president of the hostess Guild, welcomed the visitors; Rev. M. E. Scott gave the devotional; and special music was furnished by L. C. T. S. Girls Glee Club.

Mrs. W. H. Knight was organist; and Miss Aurelle Burnside, district secretary, presided. Miss Helen Martin of El Dorado gave a report on the joint Conference dinner October 12, honoring Miss Lillian Johnson, National Guild Secretary.

The invitation for the next meeting extended by Mrs. Virginia Smith, president of the senior Guild of the First Methodist Church of El Dorado, was unanimously accepted; and an invitation has been extended Mrs. R. B. Thomas, Little Rock Conference secretary, to pay her official visit to the Camden District at that time.

Guilds of the District are located at Stamps, Junction City, Smackover, Camden, Magnolia, and three in El Dorado.—Aurelle Burnside.

Fayetteville

With singing of Guild Hymn followed by thoughts in prayer by Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, the fall meeting of Fayetteville District Wesleyan Service Guild began in Lincoln on October 26th with Mrs. Velma Oaks, North Arkansas Conference Secretary presiding.

Bentonville; Fayetteville, Nellie Dyer, Pearl McCain; Lincoln; Rogers and Siloam Springs answered roll call.

Mrs. Audrey Adams, Fayetteville, was elected District Secretary; with Mrs. Jarrel Smith, Bentonville as associate secretary.

Miss Betty Letzig gave Quadrennial Theme and Emphasis, explaining the six points of the Compass of the Goal.

Miss Pearl Trowbridge made the group very conscious of "Quadrennial Goals".

Lincoln Guild presented "Middle Village W. S. G. charts its Course".

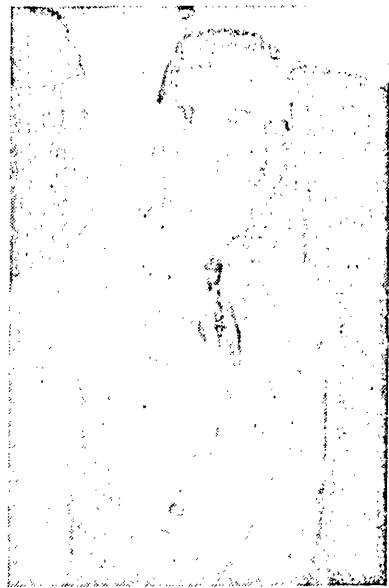
Mrs. Smith led the "Covenant of Discipleship" which dismissed us.—Mrs. Gregg Wilson.

in Welsh, Louisiana have recently completed a joint study of the course on "Home Mission and Human Rights". The course was presented in a very interesting manner by Mrs. Frank Bryan, Secretary of Missionary Education for the W. S. G., and a member of the Lacassine High School Faculty. Twenty-seven members of the two organizations attended the meetings and took part in the discussions. Mrs. Eva Stocking is president of the Guild, and Mrs. D. W. Abbott is president Woman's Society, and Mrs. T. C. Simmons Secretary of Missionary Education for the Society.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

EDITH ZINN BIBLE CLASS

Accompanying this article is a picture of the president of the Edith Zinn Bible Class of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church. He is doing a wonderful piece of work. Under his leadership the class now has an enrollment of ninety-five and the average attendance is about sixty-five. We meet in a barber shop since our church was destroyed by fire. On rally day we had them sitting on the sidewalk, and there were eighty-five present. We are



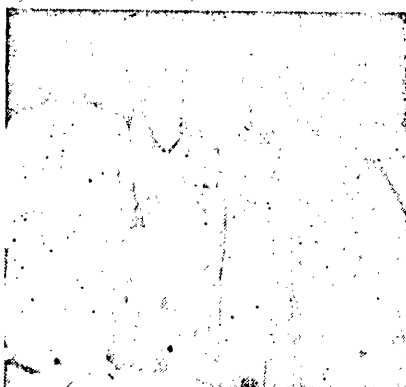
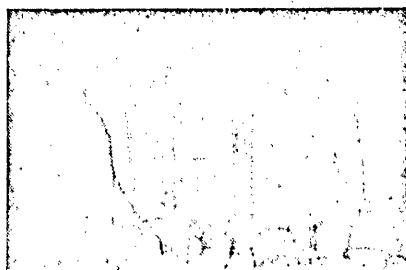
DR. PLEDGER COMPLETES ITINERARY IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

DR. W. Ferrell Pledger, Missionary to India, completes his itinerary in the Little Rock Conference on Sunday November 23. When he completes the services in Pine Bluff that day he will have spoken to forty three groups in thirty two days. He has traveled throughout the Conference from DeQueen to McGehee, from Magnolia to Pine Bluff and from Little Rock to El Dorado. On November 11 he traveled to Conway to speak to students at Hendrix College.

At every local church and group

Top: Dr. W. Ferrell Pledger and Rev. Osborne White with display in foreground.
Bottom: Native Indian dress modeled by young people from Mt. Ida Methodist Church.

where he has spoken he has challenged and inspired his hearers through his vivid portrayal of the conditions in India and the need for continuing to send Missionaries, special advance gifts and food parcels. The reaction has been the same



in all locations, "when can we hear him again."

One of the advantages of his tour in Arkansas has been that he has gone into local churches with his message. Some of the congregations have never had a missionary in the church. His clear portrayal of the mission field and the need stimulated interest in World Service and Advance Specials.

Dr. Pledger's display of articles from India created interest and aided in his description of life in that country. In many cases the native costumes were modeled by young people in the church. The clothing typical of India are shown in the picture by four young people of the Mt. Ida Methodist Church: The Shepherd, the Princess, the King and the woman of the village.

The other picture shows Dr. Pledger and Rev. Osborne White, pastor of the Mt. Ida Methodist Church with a portion of the display in the foreground.

Dr. Pledger's stay in Arkansas was arranged by the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions, Rev. Arthur Terry, Chairman, and Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, Missionary Secretary.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT PARSONETTES MEET IN BENTON

The Parsonettes of the Little Rock District held their regular monthly meeting at the lovely new parsonage in Benton, Thursday November 13th, with Mrs. H. O. Bolin, the wife of the local pastor as hostess. The following were co-hostesses: Mrs. O. C. Birdwell, Mrs. J. R. Sewell, Mrs. Jeff Davis, Mrs. George Meyer, and Mrs. S. T. Baugh.

Following a most delicious lunch, a short business session was held with Mrs. T. T. McNeal, President, presiding. Mrs. G. F. Hyde, chairman of the Yearbooks, reported and presented the members with a very attractive book for the coming year. The committee was given a rising vote of thanks. The Parsonettes were invited to the home of Mrs. Hyde for the December meeting, which is to be held on the 4th.—Reporter

held at the First Methodist Church in Prescott last Wednesday night. The WSCS served supper to more than 150 members of the church family.

The devotional was led by Rev. Warren D. Golden, pastor, and the recreation was led by Mrs. Charles Thomas. Mrs. Thomas led the group in several songs and several games. The entire group participated in the recreation.

Miss Margaret Hunter Scott sang "Bless this House." She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Hulia Smith. Joe Smith and Brother Golden sang "I Surrender All" as a duet, and were accompanied by Mrs. Lera Johnson.

It is the plan of the church to have a "Family Night" once each quarter during the year. Mrs. James McMahan, president of the WSCS, was in charge of the arrangements for the evening.—Charles Thomas.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Church School Membership Increases

Reports to our office indicate that a large number of church schools are showing a membership increase over last year. The largest increase has been Central Church, Fayetteville, which has had an increase of 301. Other churches showing an increase are as follows: Dyer an increase of 3; Cummings Chapel, 3; Brookland, 5; Gilmore, 5; Pleasant Valley (near Lake City), 7; New Hope (near Bono), 1; West Helena, 2; Parkin, 12; Paris, 37; Parks, 9; Fifth St., Ft. Smith, 16; Midland, 7; New Home (near Bentonville), 1; Avoca, 4; Green Forest, 15; Plumerville, 4; Perry, 10; Moreland, 13; Garner Memo., 43; Mayflower, 3; St. James, 30; Evening Shade, 25; Bear Creek, 1; Camp, 3; Central Ave., Batesville, 2; Cornerstone, 16; Mt. Home, 19; Charlotte, 14; Salem (near Conway), 15; Liberty Hall (near Dardanelle), 14; Sylvan Hills, 8; Bellville, 14; Corinth, 10; Rogers, 58; Mt. Hebron, 17; Brightwater, 16; Rhea, 14; Gravette, 6; Wheatley, 1; La Grange, 6; Forrest City, 5; Turner, 17; Gar Creek, 15; Mansfield, 2; Denning, 60; Scranton, 13; Mt. Pleasant, 8; Grenade's Chapel, 16; Glover Memo. (Ft. Smith), 10; Alma, 17; Pioneer Memorial, 4; Mt. Zion (near Hartman), 16; Hartman, 11; New Blaine, 11; Prairie View, 2; City Heights (Van Buren), 8; First Church (Van Buren), 3.

We hope to report additional churches next week, which show membership gains over last year.

Should your church show membership gain please report to us your present membership of church school.

The reports coming to our office still indicate that many of our church schools have no Nursery Home program or Adult Home Pro-

gram.

One church school, Lake St., Blytheville, reports that both Nursery Home Program and Adult Home Program have recently been organized.

Reports of the Ft. Smith Training School indicate that the school held last week was the best school in Ft. Smith in a number of years. There was an enrollment of 200 and 150 credits were given.

Cotter Area Training School

A three unit training school has been planned for the Cotter Area for the period of November 23-25. The following courses are to be offered:

Friendship and Marriage, Earle Cravens

A Preface to the Bible, James S. Upton

How to Improve the Church School, Ira A. Brumley

The school will begin at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, November 23.

It is to be held in the Cotter Methodist Church.

Paragould Area Training School

The Paragould Area is to have a four unit training school, Dec. 1-3. The following courses are to be offered:

A Preface to the Bible, Ralph Hillis

Guiding Seniors and Older Youth, Harold Spence

Teaching Children, Mrs. W. A. Wooten

What It Means to Be a Christian (Youth only), J. T. Byrd.

The Dean of the school is to be S. B. Wilford.

The school is to be held in First Methodist Church Paragould.

The school will begin at 7 p. m., Monday, December 1.

We are announcing the annual coaching conference for March 9-10, (Continued on page 13)

OZARK METHODIST MEN OBSERVE FAMILY NIGHT

Dr. Henry Goodloe, District Superintendent of the Ft. Smith District, was guest speaker at Family Night, sponsored by the men of Ozark Methodist Church November eleventh. Approximately one hundred and fifty people met for pot luck supper and program. Mark Woolsey, president, was in charge of the program.

Following the dinner a men's quartet sang several numbers. Those composing the quartet were: Greer Nichols, Rue Caulk, Demos Anderson, and Dr. Duane Brothers. Group singing followed.

A program of motion pictures was shown by Dr. H. O. Clark for the children while the adults heard Dr. Goodloe's address.

At the next meeting of the men's group they will officially organize according to the recommendations from the Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church. Rev. Charles P. McDonald is pastor.—Reporter

FAMILY NIGHT, FIRST CHURCH, PRESCOTT

A "Family Night" meeting was



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

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE

Through the courtesy of the office of the Conference Board of Christian Education at Hendrix College, we have arranged a display of Literature for the small church in the Town and Country Commission Workshop. For a long time I have been wanting to say a constructive word about our Church School literature. This is a good time for it, I think, since we are beginning to give the ministerial students at Hendrix College an opportunity to better acquaint themselves with our material through the display, and since our hope is to encourage all of our rural churches to have better appreciation of our literature.

In the first place our literature is God, Christ, and Holy Spirit centered. The purpose and motive back of it all is to lead people into a closer walk with God, to let God be the first and supreme loyalty to their lives. Certainly as we are a great Trinitarian Church, that motive of seeking to make people God-centered implies the making of them Christ and Holy Spirit centered. There can be no understanding of the one person without the other. While it is true our finite minds cannot grasp all of the underlying truths as to God and His company, we can understand and experience enough to make life livable on a glorious level.

Our Church School literature being God centered would naturally lead us to the understanding of the plan of the Bible in such a program. From our literature display in the workshop I pick up a Kindergarten leaflet. The first thing that strikes my eye is a picture depicting a Bible scene. The reading is about Jesus. Two wonderful Bible verses are lifted up which can never be forgotten when it is driven home through work, picture and sharing. These verses—"And the child grew and became strong" (Luke 2:40) and "Let us love one another" (I John 4:7)—open wide doors to Christian living.

On down I move to the Primary and again I see first of all a Bible picture scene. The story is "Gifts for the Tabernacle", among the fine scripture verses are the following, "Bring an offering, and come into his courts" (Psalm 96:8b).

From the Junior quarterly, I immediately come to the truth from the main heading, "This is My Father's World". Scriptures impressing this great truth such as "The heavens declare the glory of God"—"The earth is full of His riches", with many other references given cause us to rejoice in that our literature

is so God-centered through the Bible.

Then one is greatly impressed as he moves on to the Intermediate section. What a wonderful Bible narrative is used to lead our youth into the meaning of true friendship. Jonathan and David will never be forgotten by those young people and real and true friendship principles will be instilled in their hearts and minds.

In the youth section our minds light immediately upon the truth—"God is eternal". The Psalmist reaches out anxious hands to us inviting us into the presence of the Eternal God with the very first verse, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations, before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." Verse after verse reaches forth to lift the house of God high and above all other beings and things. Our youth will be taller spiritually after walking among such noble truths.

In the adult area of our literature just as for the children and youth, minds that know the needs of human beings at their age levels, have brought forth mighty truths to challenge, provoke, and inspire the lives of a great body of men and women who are responsible for present day affairs. The fine memory verse, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalms 33:12), brings us into an adult evaluation of the course of events in our national life. No punches are pulled. The Bible speaks out plainly and realistically. The scriptures are there in our literature, line upon line, precept upon precept. Our literature relates the word of God to everyday living.

One cannot in such brief space go all the way in evaluation of our literature. The home materials, leader's helps, devotional aids, board publications, conference organs, etc. all are striving to lead us into greater experiences with God that we may live better lives.

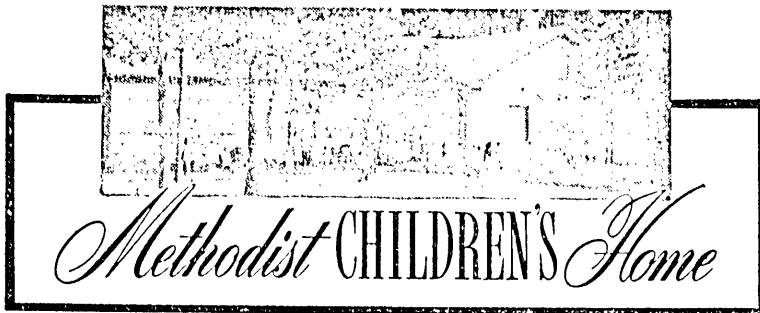
May I suggest that every single church have a church literature appreciation service. Put on a table, or pew, if there is no table, a sample copy of every field of literature and let our people really know what they are missing in not reading enough of every section from the kindergarten through the adult to have a great appreciation for the greatest body of Christian literature being published in the earth today. That will help us to love the church more and serve God better.—J. Albert Gatlin

QUINN METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINS

Quinn Methodist Sunday School, on the Camden Circuit, held an interesting party in the home of Mrs. T. L. Banister. A Chili and Tamale supper, compliments of Walker's Auztex Co., of Austin, Texas, was served to more than sixty persons.

The young people presented the program for evening, which was enjoyed by all. At the close of the evening an auction sale was held of articles that had been made by members of the church. A nice sum was realized. The money from this is to be applied on the new class rooms that have been erected this summer, and are already being used.

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REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1952

We want to express our sincere thanks to the groups and participants listed below who have rendered a service or presented gifts to the Home during the month of October, 1952.

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Mrs. Thurston Runyan—Clothing
Home Appliance Distributors of Arkansas—Circus tickets
Mr. C. J. Garner, Nashville, Ark.—Book on Etiquette
W. S. C. S. of First Methodist Church—Cookies
Asbury Methodist Church—Weiners and buns
Mrs. Harold Sadler—Swing for play grounds
Mr. Andy Stafford, El Dorado, Ark.—Circus tickets
The Friendly Couples Class, Winfield Methodist Church—Birthday gifts
Mr. Foster, 1420 S. Tyler, Little Rock—Yard furniture
Rev. W. S. Cazor for Mr. Buie and family, Keith Memorial Church Malvern—Clothes
Mr. Chas. R. Baber, N. Little Rock, Ark.—Gum

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C. R. McKennon by Mrs. Ray Meadors, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowles
C. R. McKennon by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Price
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Mrs. Jo Hulsey Seahorn Grise by Mrs. R. F. Tucker, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Tucker, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phillips
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James Lloyd Bland III, by Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Ruff

James Lloyd Bland III, by Mrs. Ben A. Brown
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Mrs. J. J. Wilcox by the Brinkley Methodist W. S. C. S.
William Dean Fogg by Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Butler
William Dean Fogg by Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Turner

OTHER GIFTS

Mrs. G. J. Forabaugh, First Methodist Church Camden	10.00
W. S. C. S. of Leola Methodist Ch.	9.25
Ewing Smith, Heber Springs Methodist Church	45.00
Young Couples Class, First Methodist Church Camden	10.00
Builders Class, Paris Meth. Ch.	10.00
Advance Sunday School Class, First Meth. Ch., El Dorado	30.00
Lexa-Telefore Bible Class, Fordyce Methodist Church	10.00
Jett B. Graves Sunday School Class of Hope Methodist Church	10.00
Wesley Berean Sunday School Class, El Dorado First Meth. Ch.	10.00
Mrs. Warren S. Riley, First Methodist Church, El Dorado	10.00
Frost Bible Class, Texarkana First Methodist Church	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Robison	1.00
Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean, Russellville Methodist Church	10.00
Fellowship Class, Henderson Methodist Church	10.50
Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Heimbach, First Methodist Church, El Dorado	10.00
Friendship Class, Mena Meth. Ch.	10.00
Beebe Meth. W. S. C. S.	20.00
Susanna Wesley Class, First Methodist Church, Texarkana	5.00
Progressive Sunday School Class, First Meth. Ch., El Dorado	10.00
Aubrey Summers, Ozark Meth. Ch.	10.00
W. S. C. S. Bay Meth. Ch.	10.00
Gordon Wilson	500.00
Winsome Workers Class, First Methodist Church, Batesville	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wade W. Bell, Aubrey Meth. Ch., Little Rock	10.00
J. C. Portis	21.00
R. Burney Wilson	16.80
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rogers, First Meth. Ch., Little Rock	10.00
Francis Asbury Class, First Meth. Ch., El Dorado	45.00
Little Rock Conference, Fred Gantt, Treasurer	192.86
Mrs. G. J. Farabaugh, First Methodist Ch., Camden	10.00
Men's Bible Class, Russellville Methodist Church	10.00
W. S. C. S. Clinton Meth. Ch.	10.00
Miscellaneous Collections	138.64
Memorial Collections	150.50

TOTAL COLLECTIONS\$1400.55

T. T. McNEAL, Director

WILMOT BUILDING NEW CHURCH

The Methodist congregation in Wilmot is now engaged in the construction of a new church plant. The new building, which is estimated to cost approximately twenty five thousand dollars, will be erected on the site which the old building occupied.

The old building, which has been moved back to the alley line, was built about the year 1904, and is now being used as the place of worship until the new house is finished. Part of the old church will be connected with the new one for social and recreational purposes until a better building takes its place.

The concrete has been poured for the foundations and lower walls of the new building which occupies a space approximately 80 x 33 feet. The walls will be built of red brick veneer, and the floor of reinforced concrete.

The following men compose the

Building Committee: C. E. Larrison, Dr. M. C. Crandall, W. R. Kirkwood, R. C. Wells, and M. D. Hughes. W. A. Swanson of Hot Springs is the architect.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

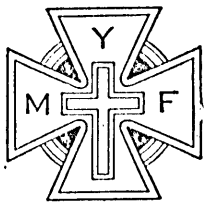
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to be held at Hendrix College, with M. Earl Cunningham of the Department of Leadership Education, as the leader. The courses this year are to be Educational Work, and Christian Education in the Church.

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A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT



The Capitol Sub-District gave a play at the University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, on Tuesday, October 28, the proceeds from which will go to the local Negro orphanage as our annual Community Service project.

The theme of the show was "Guiseppe Discovers America" Guiseppe, as played by Mr. George Brian, was an immigrant, and the entire show

was a review of his first impressions of America. His first stop was New York with opera, Tin Pan Alley and his first American friend, then on to Washington, Louisiana, New Orleans and finally to Hollywood. The show ended with the whole cast singing as a finale, "God Bless America." Proceeds amounted to \$55.00 —Emily Learner

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Galloway Sub-District met at Blevins on Tuesday, November 4, with the Council held in advance of the meeting. Blevins had charge of the program with Martha Stevens reading the scripture. Shirley Rhinehart sang a solo. Rev. E. D. Galloway, district superintendent, introduced Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, one of the editors of the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist who gave a very interesting talk. Carter Ferguson, president presided over the meeting. Blevins, Bingen, Hope, Emmett, Friendship, Nashville and Prescott were represented. Sixty-three young people and fifteen adult counselors were present. The time of meeting of the Sub-District was changed to each fourth Monday night. The next meeting will be on November 24 at Hope.

A Sub-District was organized on November 9 at the Clinton Methodist Church, made up of Clinton, Damascus and Leslie. Officers elected were as follows: President, Page Thomas, Leslie; Secretary, Donna Alumbaugh, Damascus; Treasurer, Donnie Couch, Clinton. The next meeting will be held at Damascus on Sunday, December 14 at 2:30 p.m.

The Searcy Sub-District met at Beebe Methodist Church on Monday, October 27, with approximately 300 young people and sponsors representing the twenty churches in the district. The Beebe group had charge of the program. James Jackson led the devotional service after which a drama on the Methodist Youth Fund was given by the local members. Cecil Alexander, Sub-District president, presided over the meeting. A period of recreation and group singing led by Rev. Floyd Villines,

VANTREASE YOUTH BEGIN EXPANDED PROGRAM

Mrs. Claude Baker and Mrs. J. T. Joiner, counselors of the Intermediate and Youth Fellowships of the Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado, are in charge of an expanded youth program which began on Sunday night, November 2. The Sunday night theme is "Faith, Fun and Fellowship". The Woman's Society of Christian Service is cooperating in the project which was set up on an experimental basis. Each circle of the Woman's Society is responsible for furnishing the snack from Sunday to Sunday.

The program is as follows: Recreational equipment is available for the use of the young people as they arrive for the Sunday evening meetings. A light snack is then served by the church which is followed by the regular M. Y. F. meeting. During the evening worship service of the church the young people sing in the choir, and the pastor, Rev. Fred W. Schwendimann, brings a message suitable for all ages but of particular

Jr., was enjoyed in Fellowship Hall. The Methodist Crusaders' Sub-District meeting was held in the Springhill Methodist Church on Monday, October 27, with 217 young people and their counselors in attendance. Miss Hope Williams of Springhill presented the speaker of the evening, Rev. Kennon Moody, ministerial student at Centenary College, who spoke on "Citizenship." Glynn Haynes presided over the business session. A recreation period was enjoyed in Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be in Arcadia on November 17.

COUNCIL MEETING OF RONDO M. Y. F.

The monthly council meeting of the Rondo Methodist Youth Fellowship was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Ball. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Jean McClemens, past president, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Ball opened the meeting with prayer.

It was voted to take a Thanksgiving program to an elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Griffin. Each member will bring a gift for a sunshine basket.

Ways to improve our Sunday

interest to youth. From time to time a fellowship hour of recreation is held following the evening service.

The young people of the city have been invited to take part in this venture.

night programs were discussed. Mrs. Robert Boehmer and Mrs. Billy Phillips have the program for the next month. The meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Jones in December.

Refreshments were served to the fourteen members and guests. — Reporter.



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BUILDING PROGRAMS IN THE HOPE DISTRICT

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building will house all the church school program upon its completion and will also serve as the sanctuary when the present sanctuary is leveled to make room for the new one. Of brick Hedite block construction and steel construction, the building was begun in 1951 under the pastorate of Rev. C. H. Farmer, now a pastor in the North Arkansas Conference. A remarkable feature about the building program is the fact that such a large proportion of the labor has been contributed by members of the Fairview congregation and the further fact that at no time during the process of construction to date has there been any debt on the building. The building is now in the final stages of construction and according to the pastor, Rev. Mr. Good, the congregation will have the use of the building by the first of the year. Bun Gantz has served as Chairman of the Fairview Building Committee. Other members include C. W. McMellow, Clyde Cutts, L. L. Miller, Secretary, and L. J. Thompson.

Another parsonage to be added to the growing list of comfortable homes for the pastors in the Hope District is the Foreman parsonage completed almost a year ago during the pastorate of Rev. Howard Williams. This three bedroom brick veneered home is located on an adjoining lot to the church property, a new location for the Foreman parsonage. The floor plan is most practical, making use of all the space to a remarkable degree without crowding. The building was constructed for \$7,200 not including money saved in the purchasing of certain materials. The back porch of the house is soon to be glassed in to provide an additional room, and a brick veneered garage is soon to be erected. Jimmy McTuyre, Chairman of the Official Board, served as chairman of the Building Committee. T. F. Bowman, Sr., and E. L. Tipton also served on the committee. Rev. Robert I. Riffin is the present pastor.

The pastors and church leaders of the Hope District have not been content to improve their church buildings and parsonages without at the same time making sure that the home for the District Superintendent and his family is comfortable. Indeed, the new district parsonage in Hope is one of the finest district parsonages we have had the opportunity of seeing. Of brick, plaster and wood construction, the home is well situated in the city which centers the work of the district. The spacious living room and dining room are entirely suitable for the number of occasions when guests and visitors are entertained in the district parsonage. The master bedroom, District Superintendent's office and a guest bedroom with separate bath are all on the main floor. Other bedrooms are on a second floor. The home is beautifully furnished and has been attractively decorated. One of the features of the home, found on the upper floor, is a worship center which invites reverent meditation. There is immediate access to the brick carport from a side entrance. The yard is beautifully landscaped. The home was constructed in 1950 shortly after the Prescott and Texarkana Districts were consolidated in part when one of the Little Rock Conference Districts was eliminated. Brother Gallo-

way who had been the District Superintendent of the Prescott District became the first Superintendent of the newly created Hope District.

This is in part the story of another Methodist District in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area which is making remarkable progress in a program of improvements of physical properties. Other such articles will be published from time to time.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

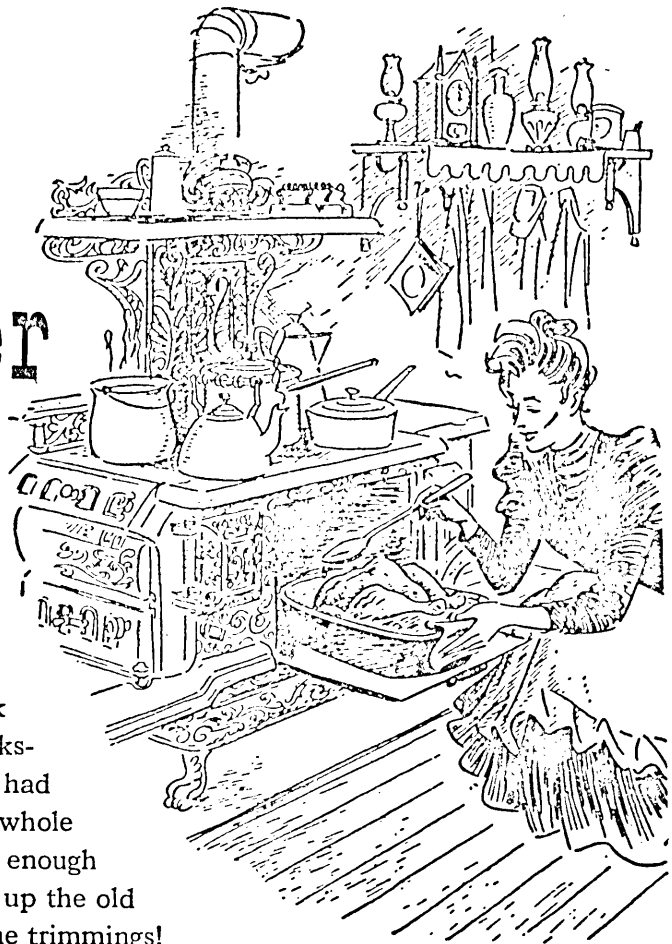
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who are under the influence of liquor. Ours is the most drunken nation that the sun ever shone on, and we are still heading in the wrong direction. When will we call a halt? Will we continue in this direction until destruction comes upon us?

God forbid! We talk about the dangers of Communism, we also face this great danger. We hear a lot in these days about "man's inhumanity to man", but the person who has really taken time to think this matter out and yet continues in this traffic for sordid profit alone, blood money, is committing one of the greatest modern sins against humanity.

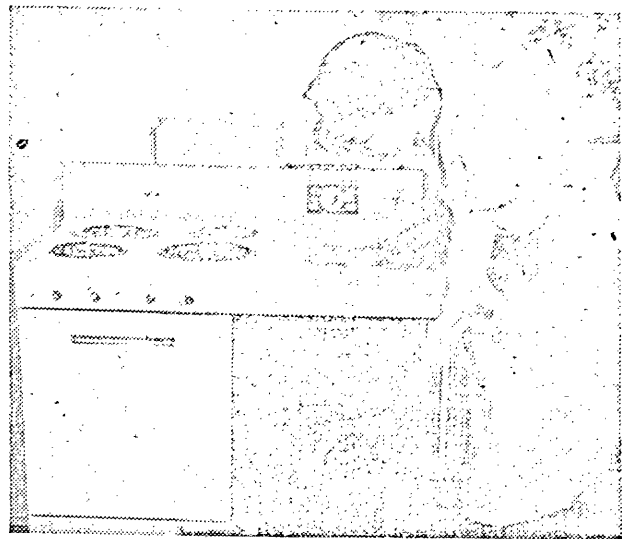
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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 30, 1952

MEN OR PROFITS FOR THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Matthew 12. Printed Text: Matthew 12:1-14.

GOLDEN TEXT: Do not imitate evil but imitate good.
He who does good is of God; he who does evil has not seen God. (III John 11)

We are beginning a new unit of study today (Unit III). This unit consists of five lessons. The general theme is "CHRISTIANITY FOR THE GOOD OF MEN". Aim of the unit: "To lead adults, through a study of passages from the Gospel of Matthew, to consider the benefits of Christianity for mankind and ways and means whereby they can help spread these benefits."

A Look at the Scriptures

This is our quarterly temperance lesson. The events of the lesson took place in the summer of A. D. 28, in and near Capernaum. It will be remembered that Christ made this little city, which was located in Galilee near the northern end of the Lake of Galilee his headquarters during most of his active ministry.

On the occasion of our lesson the Lord and his disciples were walking through a grainfield and we are told that the disciples began to pluck ears of grain and eat them. We must not get confused through the fact that the grain is here called "ears". It was not corn as we know it. Corn had its origin in America, and the events of our lesson took place hundreds of years before the discovery of America. It was really heads of wheat that they were plucking and eating.

The Pharisees were always on hand to give trouble, and they were present on this occasion. They called the Lord's attention to what his disciples were doing and accused them of breaking the sabbath. They accused them of gathering and thrashing grain on the sabbath. These men were hungry and were only getting a little grain to eat as they passed through the field. The condemnation did not come about over the fact that they were gathering and eating grain which perhaps belonged to someone else. The law permitted travelers to satisfy their hunger from grain and fruit along the way, and this was an established custom in Palestine. The trouble was they were doing this on the sabbath. The Pharisees had carefully listed 39 different types of work that could not be done on the sabbath. They were more anxious that people keep the law in the strictest sense than they were that human needs be met.

The Lord answered the accusation of the Pharisees by calling attention to an experience of David. On one occasion he and some companions were traveling and became hungry. They went into a place of worship and took the bread of the Presence and ate it. This bread was thought to be very sacred. No one was supposed to eat it except the priests, and they could partake of it only after it had been exposed on a table before God in the sanctuary for a week. In reading between the lines we might imagine the Lord as saying something like this to the

Pharisees: "You accuse my disciples of breaking the law because they satisfied their hunger by gathering grain on the sabbath. David and his companions broke an even more sacred law, that of eating the bread of the Presence, when they were hungry, and they were not condemned."

The Lord then proceeded to give another illustration. He called attention to the fact that the priests constantly profaned the sabbath in their work in the temple, and yet they were held guiltless. The law of the temple service on the part of the priests was held, even by the Pharisees, to be greater than the law of the sabbath. Christ went on to tell them that there was an even greater law than that which had to do with service in the temple, it was the meeting of human needs.

Christ and his disciples continued on their journey until they reached one of the synagogues in Capernaum. There he saw a man with a withered hand. Again, the scribes and Pharisees were present. From past experience, they knew that Christ would heal the man. They felt that it was wrong for him to do so on the sabbath. They tried to prevent him from performing this miracle by raising with him the question, "Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath?" The Lord knew that their implication in the question was that it was wrong. They looked upon Jesus, the best and only absolutely perfect Person who ever lived on the earth, as a common law breaker. To them holiness was the keeping of the law not only in spirit but in letter as well. They felt that Christ was very unholy. The Lord answered their contention by pointing out the fact that the law permitted them and even enjoined them to help a dumb animal on the sabbath. Even oxen and sheep must be watered and fed on the sabbath and pulled out of ditches into which they might have fallen. Then the Lord made a strong statement, "Of how much more value is a man than a sheep!" He then proceeded to heal the man. This made the Pharisees very angry, and from that moment they determined to destroy him. He not only had shown them up in their teachings but had put his own convictions into action. This was more than they could bear. The Lord then laid down the great principle, "It is lawful to do good on the sabbath. The sabbath was made for man and not man for the sabbath." The greatest of all values is human value.

The Lesson Applied

At first glance one might not see the connections between the printed passages of our lesson and the liquor traffic, but nonetheless they are there. The connection comes about through the idea of values. The greatest value in the universe is

personality. That is why all the great religions of the world — Christianity chief of all — think of God as a Person. The human mind can conceive of nothing greater or of more value than personality. Since this is true, the greatest evils on earth are those things which injure persons. In our Scripture passages today the Pharisees were willing to see persons neglected or injured, and excused themselves for so doing through their loyalty to the letter of the law. The Lord harshly condemned them for this attitude. They were permitting legalism to come between them and their duty to humanity.

There is a similarity between the attitude of the liquor people today and that of the ancient Pharisees; both groups have closed their eyes to the greatest of all values — human. Both groups excuse themselves on the ground of legalism. The writer has heard any number of participants in the liquor traffic insist that they were in the traffic because it was legal. It is a sad day indeed when any nation legalizes that which greatly injures its own citizens. Let the liquor traffic group realize that though they can get by the law, and even boast of the fact that they are doing this inside the law, they cannot get by the judgment of Christ. In a way it is unfair to compare the Pharisees with our modern liquor traffickers. No fair-minded person feels that they were as selfish as is this modern group. At least their motive was not blood money as is the profit from the profit from the liquor traffic, and yet Christ said they were hypocrites. He insisted that the publicans and harlots were going into heaven ahead of them. These Pharisees were law-abiding citizens, and so are some — certainly not all — of the liquor traffickers. The Pharisees based their hope on legalism but in spite of this fact Christ condemned them more harshly than any group on earth. They were neglecting and destroying human values. The modern liquor traffickers are a thousand fold greater sinners at this point than were the Pharisees. Let them not imagine that they will escape the condemnation of God.

*The Evil of Liquor

Liquor is an unmitigated evil. Even moderate drinking is a great evil. The liquor people themselves insist that drinking be done in moderation. They know that even morons can see the evil of drunkenness. They hope that no one will stop to consider that all hopeless alcoholics of today began their downward career by moderate drinking. Back in 1940 there were some 600,000 people in our nation whose lives had been completely ruined by drink. By 1950 the number had grown to 950,000, and the end is not yet. Mind you, these are not just drunkards. There are far more ha-

bitual drunkards in our nation than that. These are people whose health has been ruined and whose wills have been completely broken by this evil. They are very sick people. Made so by alcohol. Most of them will die prematurely. They will fill drunkards' graves. In many cases it will be a great relief to their closest relatives when they are gone.

Moderate drinking is more dangerous in the matter of wrongly influencing children and youth than any other kind. When a young person sees an individual helplessly wallowing in a gutter like a pig, or be smeared with his own vomit, he has a feeling of aversion. He says in his mind, "I will never imbibe a thing that can do that to me." While on the other hand, if he sees a person drink moderately and seem to get by with it, he may be influenced to do likewise.

Moderate drinking is more dangerous in our machine age than is heavy drinking. No person, while completely intoxicated, can ever attempt to operate a machine. He is helplessly down and out for the time being. Where as the moderate drinker feels that he has everything in hand and will attempt to operate machinery. He does not realize that the alcohol he has imbibed has impaired and slowed-up the most sensitive part of his brain; that which controls reaction. Thus handicapped he brings about an accident which may prove fatal either to himself or others. This is also true in the matter of driving a car. The moderate drinker drives; not the person who is completely soused. The records show that a daily average of 740 people are killed on our highways by automobile accidents alone. They also show that one-fourth, or 185 of these are directly attributable to drinking. The number is really much greater than this, for the 185 does not include the number of sober people who are killed daily on our highways by those who drive while they drink.

The drinking of intoxicating liquor greatly adds to crime. If one doubts this, let him go to any penitentiary in our nation and raise the question with individual prisoners as to why they are there. The records show that at least 75% are there for crimes they committed while under the influence of liquor. Some years ago a man was elected as governor of a certain state. One of his first acts was to visit the penitentiary. In that institution there were 16 men awaiting execution. The new governor raised the question concerning their crimes. Without a single exception all said that they were under the influence of intoxicating liquor when they committed the crimes for which they were to give their lives.

Stop and think for a moment of the millions of lesser crimes and sins that are committed by people

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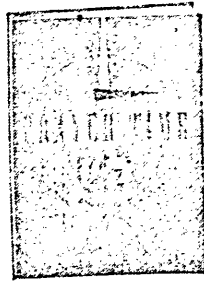
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