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## Lay Leader Authors Book

ONE of Arkansas' leading laymen is the author of a book on lay preaching recently published by the General Board of Evangelism. Charles A. Stuck, Jonesboro, Lay Leader of the North Arkansas Conference, long an advocate of lay preaching and a layman who has had considerable experience in this field, sets forth his philosophy of lay preaching in a little volume, "Lay Preaching In The Rural Church," which came from the press late last year. We commend it for your reading and study.

Mr. Stuck devotes most of the book to the relating of his experiences as a lay preacher in the Jonesboro area. The author sees in lay preaching the answer to the problem of supplying rural areas with leadership needed to insure meeting the spiritual needs of rural people. He points out how an organized program of lay preaching involving the use of a number of laymen has helped to meet this need around the city of Jonesboro.

It is not every day that an Arkansas layman writes a book dealing with some aspect of organized religious work. That such a book deals with a problem which is of such proportion in Arkansas Methodism makes the volume all the more significant. We commend Mr. Stuck for giving Methodism this book.

Incidentally Mr. Stuck, who is serving this year as chairman of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church in Jonesboro, plans to visit England this spring to study firsthand the program of lay preaching in British Methodism.

## Persistence Worthy Of A Better Cause

PRESS reports tell us that the fight still goes on in the effort to build a race track in Eastern Arkansas. Whipped out of Crittenden County by a vote of its citizenship, promoters of Dixie Downs moved one county west, changed their name and projected plans for a race track in St. Francis County.

Despite opposition to the track as expressed by various groups in St. Francis County; despite the openly declared opposition to the movement by Governor McMath; despite the announced dismissal of the Racing Commission by the Governor after its members voted to receive bids for the track in St. Francis County; despite the fact that Governor-elect Francis Cherry has selected a chairman of the Racing Commission he will appoint who has announced positive opposition to a second race track anywhere in Arkansas, in the face of all of these obstacles the promoters of the race track for Eastern Arkansas doggedly, obstinately and almost defiantly insist that they be permitted to build a track in Eastern Arkansas. The stubborn, pugnacious, almost rebellious manner in which they press their case is worthy of a better cause.

It is doubtful if the better citizenship of Arkansas, in view of the total situation, have any real uneasiness about another race track in Arkansas. It is questionable whether the promoters of the idea really expect their plans to succeed. Just what they have in mind is difficult to understand. One thing we should easily understand is that the promoters of this idea are not easily discouraged. It is apparent that they will resort to any means to attain their purpose.

However, it should be said that the opposition to another track in Arkansas as expressed

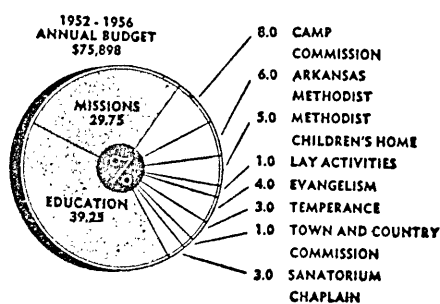
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## Conference Benevolences And The Arkansas Methodist

WITH this article, Conference Benevolences and The Arkansas Methodist, we resume the discussion of interests receiving support from Conference Benevolences. In supplemental support of The Arkansas Methodist the Little Rock Conference pays 6.0% of each Conference Benevolence Dollar for that cause. The North Arkansas Conference pays 6.03% of each Conference Benevolence Dollar to the support of the paper. The total amount produced by these percentages is approximately the same. In 1941, when we came to the paper, the Arkansas Methodist received 7.23% from the North Arkansas Conference and 8.24% from the Little Rock Conference.

Some may not understand why it is necessary for the Annual Conferences to help pay the cost of publication of our church paper. We should remember that, normally, a newspaper or magazine re-

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ceives its major financial support from the advertising it carries. Feeling that the space in the Arkansas Methodist should be used, so far as possible, for materials related to the church and its work the management of the paper makes no attempt to have the amount of advertising normally carried by publications printed for profit.

Also, it has been the policy of the management of our paper to recommend to the Joint Commission that the subscription price be kept at the lowest figure possible in a sound financial program. It is true of church publications, as of publications printed for profit, that the income from subscriptions pays only a part of the publication costs. In order to operate, additional income must be had from other sources. For the Arkansas Methodist, one additional source of income is the money received through Conference Benevolences. Without that income, if the paper continued to operate, it would be necessary to increase the subscription price above the present level, or to materially increase the amount of advertising carried or have some other source of income not now in sight.

Our leaders feel that money the paper receives from Conference Benevolences is a good investment since the total program of Methodism in Arkansas is strengthened by the Arkansas Methodist.

## Circulation Campaign At Hand

JANUARY 11-18 has been set aside in the conference programs of the Little Rock, Louisiana, and North Arkansas Conferences for the Area-wide Circulation Campaign for subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist. During this period pastors and local church leaders will be making an extensive effort to secure new subscribers to one of these publications and receiving the renewal subscriptions of those who are already subscribers. We are confident that lay people will cooperate to the fullest extent in this circulation effort so that those responsible in each local church can conclude their canvass of each congregation within the scheduled time.

Circulation is the life blood of any publication. The great circulation which these publications have in this two-state Area is a tribute to the splendid work of the leadership in local churches during past circulation campaigns. The type of circulation campaign which is held and the enthusiastic manner in which it is conducted have resulted in a list of more than 30,000 subscriptions. By conducting this circulation endeavor at one period of the year, pastors and staff of the publications do not have to give attention to a continuing program of circulation throughout the year. Then too, such a procedure enables the staff to devote more time throughout the rest of the year to the producing of a publication which will in the largest way meet the needs of the church.

At \$2.00 per year, or 4c for each week, Methodists of the Area can keep abreast of the news of their conference or state. Devotional material, feature articles, promotional materials, Sunday School helps, a Children's Page, these and many other features all go into the making of your church paper. No other conference or Area publication in Methodism of comparable size sells for less than \$2.00 and practically all of them sell for more. Renew your subscription at the earliest opportunity and help to make possible an even greater publication for your church, your home and the homes of others.

## Our Northern Friends May Now Do Some "Homework"

IT is a source of genuine satisfaction in the South that the Tuskegee Institute reports, for the first time in years, that no one was lynched in 1952. Lynchings have rapidly decreased in recent years. We rejoice that we now have a lynchless year.

Our benevolent-minded northern friends have given quite a bit of time and attention to lynchings, especially if they were in the south. It is doubtful whether their misdirected efforts have had anything to do with the fact that we have just closed a lynchless year. It is true that the South for a long number of years, has been working diligently, intelligently and in 1952 successfully at this troublesome problem.

Now that the South has attained the lynchless year, with or without the uninvited solicitude of our northern, paternal-minded friends, we would like to suggest to them that they now give some attention to some long-neglected "homework" which they have obstinately overlooked or perhaps have been unable to see because their eyes have been water-logged with tears shed over the sins of the South.

The fact remains that the most lawless, dis-

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RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE AND  
THE ARKANSAS METHODIST AND  
THE LOUISIANA METHODIST PRESENT

# RELIGIOUS YEAR IN REVIEW

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**F**REQUENT and fervent during the year have been the appeals to the name of God and the expressions of reliance upon divine providence in the most serious addresses on public affairs by eminent statesmen.

It would be cynical and unjust to suppose that this was mere verbiage used for political effect. Even if it were that, it would still be evidence that those who know the American mind best are convinced that we are a believing people. Many indications support the opinion that even the secular mind is more inclined to recognize religious values now than a few years ago.

The old theme of "the conflict between science and religion" is seldom heard. Inability to accept a particular inherited pattern of belief is less frequently a reason, or excuse, for rejecting religion. Outside critics of the churches indict them for failure to live up to what the critic thinks the true principles of religion, more often than they attack religion. It appears that religion has a better press and a higher place in popular regard now than formerly.

Church statistics are compiled in July for the previous year. At the end of 1951, membership of all religious bodies in the United States was 88,673,005, or 2.12 per cent more than a year earlier. This is 58 per cent of the total population.

Protestants number 52 million, Roman Catholics 29 million, Jews 5 million. In estimating membership most Protestant bodies count only adult or confirmed members; Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and some Lutherans include also baptized infants.

A survey of numerical growth during the past 25 years shows that, since 1926, Protestant membership has increased 65 per cent; Roman Catholic, 57 per cent. In relation to total population, the Protestant communions have risen from 27 to 34 per cent; the Roman Catholic Church from 16 to 19 per cent.

These statistics are valid as showing the general pattern and extent of church growth, but they must not be taken too literally. There is a little exaggeration, apparently fairly evenly distributed. Every church has on its rolls some inactive or lost members. It was recently reported of one very large Protestant body that one-fourth of the members included in its count were not now resident members of any congregation. Roman Catholic statisticians have a similar problem in regard to marginal or "non-practicing" members.

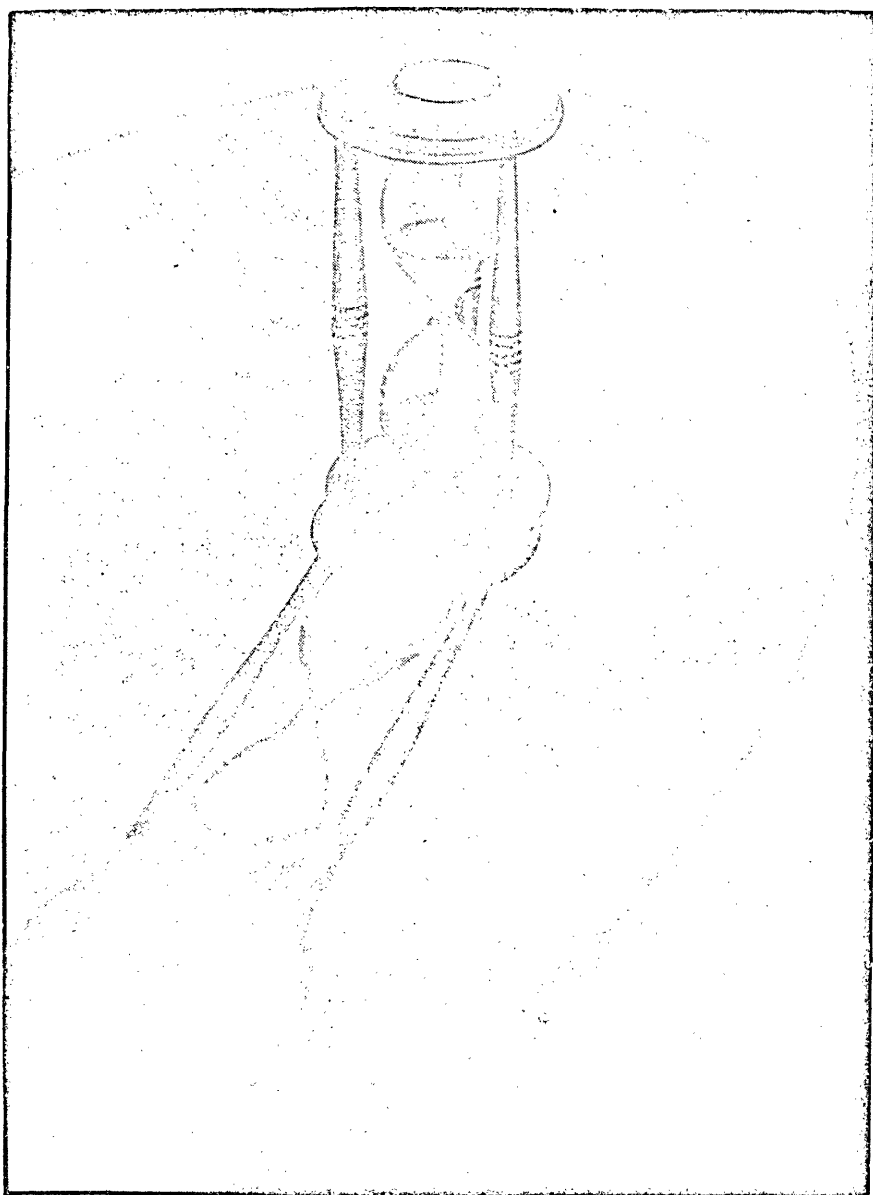
A notable event in the Protestant world was the publication of the complete Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The New Testament had appeared in 1946.

This translation, produced by a company of American scholars enlisted and sponsored by what is now the Division of Christian Education in the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, comes as near to being an "authorized" version as it is possible to have in the present divided state of the Christian world and in view of the differences of opinion as to who has the right to "authorize" a translation of the Bible.

It is a revision of the King James Version of 1611, the English Revised Version of 1881-86, and the American Revised Version of 1901. The simultaneous release of nearly a million copies, on Sept. 30, involved one of the greatest printing projects of all time.

Less publicized has been the revision of the Roman Catholic Douay-Rheims version by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The New Testament of this version was published in 1941; the first section of the Old Testament was released in 1952. A new Dutch translation of the Bible, the first since 1637, was published in January by the Netherlands Bible Society.

The World Conference on Faith and Order, at Lund, Sweden, August



15-29, was the third in the series—following Lausanne 1927 and Edinburgh 1937—and the first since the Faith and Order organization became a division of the World Council of Churches. It brought together 250 theologians representing more than 100 churches in 40 countries, not to make or discuss a specific plan for the union of the churches, but to explore the grounds of separation and the deeper grounds of unity.

Notable features were an ampler recognition than heretofore of the position of the free and non-creedal churches, the social and cultural factors which affect the structure and interrelation of churches, and the need of a deeper study of the relation of Christ to the Church, and continued stress upon utilizing fully the degree of unity that now exists.

Church World Service, channeling the beneficence of many American denominations, sent thousands of tons of clothing and medical supplies to needy areas, especially Korea, India, Greece, Germany and Lebanon. During the first seven months of the year the rate of giving and sending was one-fourth greater than in 1951. CARE continued its good work of sending food and farm equipment from private donors to selected individuals. Several denominations operate their own relief agencies. War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference channeled millions of dollars worth of relief supplies contributed by American Catholics.

Foreign missions have undergone radical change in recent years. Emphasis now is upon giving aid to and through the "younger churches"—that is, the autonomous Christian churches in mission fields. Even the unfriendly can no longer with any plausibility describe missionary operations as "religious imperialism," though of course the Chinese Communists still do so.

The International Christian University near Tokyo, with a Japanese president, was dedicated April 27. The first two million of the proposed \$10 million endowment was raised by the efforts of 14 denominations in the United States and Canada, the National Council of Churches and many individuals. Prof. Emil Brunner, famous Swiss theologian, has accepted a three-year appointment as a professor of religion. A similar university in Formosa, to be staffed by Chinese Christian scholars in exile, has been proposed.

The National Council of Churches, now in its third year, still wrestles with the question as to a permanent location—whether in New York, conveniently close to headquarters of some of the larger denominations and boards, or in the middle west where most of its constituency is. A compromise proposal for a "temporary" location in New York for ten years, with dispersion of some functions among middle western offices, awaited only final action.

Movements toward the union of churches have been paralleled by efforts of denominations to consolidate their positions, improve their internal organization and stimulate the loyalty of their members.

The merger of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church was halted on the brink of consummation two years ago by an adverse Brooklyn Supreme Court decision. That de-

cision was reversed April 14 by the appellate division of the New York Supreme Court. Opponents of the merger have filed notice of a further appeal, and the National Council of Congregational Christian Churches voted (20 to 1) to press the case for union.

The union of the three largest Presbyterian churches—U. S. A., U. S., and United—is a live prospect. All three took favorable action this year, and a plan of union is being prepared for submission to the three general assemblies in 1953.

Northern Baptists (now called the American Baptist Convention) and Disciples of Christ held simultaneous conventions in Chicago in May with an interchange of fraternal courtesies, but specific negotiations for union have been suspended. Overtures between Episcopalians and Presbyterians U.S.A., which lapsed in 1946, have not been resumed.

The intermittent conversations between Episcopalians and Methodists are neither hopeless nor very promising. Neither the Greenwich-Cincinnati plan for the union of eight denominations nor the Stanley Jones federation plan has made visible progress during the year, but both are still under consideration.

The Methodist General Conference, meeting at San Francisco in May, after an intensive survey by efficiency experts adopted measures to coordinate the work of its several boards and agencies. It also took steps to free itself from the embarrassment caused by the independent "Methodist Federation for Social Action" by asking the Federation to drop "Methodist" from its title and find quarters outside of the Methodist Building on Fifth Avenue in New York. Both of these things the Federation has done. The Conference set up a new Board of Social and Economic Relations which, unlike the Federation, will be answerable to the General Conference.

Evangelistic activity has continued to be general and vigorous. It has included a growing use of "visitation evangelism" by local congregations, special "crusades" by several denominations, and some conspicuous city-wide undenominational "campaigns" by such popular evangelists as C. B. Templeton of Canada and "Billy" Graham.

It is questionable whether the index for religious liberty in the world at large is going up or down. Sweden's liberalized religious law, effective January, 1952, virtually abolished all limitations on the civil and religious rights of Protestant non-conformists and Roman Catholics. The only remaining restrictions are that Catholics cannot become teachers of religion in the public schools and cannot build monasteries closed to public inspection.

While Spain's tight restrictions on the activities of Protestants continue unrelaxed, Cardinal Segura Seville periodically criticizes the government for not making them tighter and responds hotly to American Catholics (e.g., the Jesuit weekly, *America*) who venture to say a good word for religious liberty. The closing of some Protestant mission churches in Italy by act of the government became an occasion for diplomatic intervention. In Colombia there have been repeated acts of mob violence against native Protestants and their church property.

At the end of November, Pope Pius XII created 24 new Cardinals, including one American, to bring the Sacred College up to its full strength of 70.

The American Cardinal-elect, Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre of Los Angeles, becomes the first West Coast prelate to be elevated as a Prince of the Church. There are now four American Cardinals. Of the new appointees 11 are Italians and 13 non-Italians, the Sacred College now comprising 27 Italians and 43 non-Italians.

Among the new Cardinals are two from Communist-controlled countries: Archbishop Stefan Wyszynski of Warsaw, Primate of Poland; and Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, who is confined to his native village of Krasic after serving five years of a 16-year sentence imposed by the Yugoslav government for alleged political crimes.

The Roman Catholic bishops of the United States in their annual statement issued in November warned that the country faces a real and imminent danger from "irreligious" decay of its social institutions.

The bishops said that the threatening disintegration of the country's social life was due to the weakening of religious influences. And they coupled their warning with a vigorous attack on secularism, particularly in the field of education, which they said is contributing to the danger.

Behind the Iron Curtain, Bulgaria was the latest Communist satellite to bring Roman Catholic leaders to trial. Bishop Eugene Bossilkoff, C.P. of Nikopol and three priests were sentenced to death by a Bulgarian Communist court in a trial involving some 40 Catholic clergy and laymen. All were charged with espionage and "anti-State activities." Those not condemned to die were given prison terms ranging from 12 to 20 years.

The action of the Bulgarian regime wiped out the effective Catholic leadership in that country in a manner reminiscent of similar action already taken in Romania and Albania. In all three countries Catholics form a small minority.

A significant development in Judaism in America was the growing interest in Jewish religious thought and practice. This was reflected in the publication of articles on the subject in Jewish magazines, the appearance of new publications, and the large audiences that attended lectures of Martin Buber, noted religious thinker, on his tour of the U. S. early this year.

Among the Orthodox a substantial growth was reported in synagogues, Talmud Torahs, and day schools. The Orthodox rabbinate made a vigorous defense of traditional Judaism and initiated steps to remove non-traditional practices from religious life in a number of communities. Conservative Jewish bodies emphasized national Sabbath observance. The Reform group stressed the training of lay leadership. The rabbinical training program of all three groups was intensified.

All three wings of Judaism in America maintained an increasing interest in the progress of Judaism in the new state of Israel. The Conservative and Reform groups took steps to establish congregations there, over the strenuous objections of Orthodox elements, both in the U. S. and in Israel.

Synagogues in America became increasingly outspoken in condemning Soviet totalitarianism and aggression and denounced especially the Soviet anti-Jewish campaign in the Iron Curtain countries.

## NEW METHODIST COMMISSION BEGINS ITS WORK

THE Methodist Church's new Commission represents a merger of two promotional agencies which formerly functioned separately and each of which carried over into the "marriage" some of its own former responsibilities.

Not all the problems of adjustment which face this new "family" were solved at the Nov. 24-25 meeting of the commission in Chicago. That would be expecting too much. However, an interested observer at the Chicago meeting must report that the commission did take several significant steps toward resolving difficulties, defining duties, and planning procedures for tackling its new opportunities.

By action of the 1952 General Conference, the new commission is charged with carrying out some of the promotional activities previously conducted by the former Advance for Christ and His Church and others which were handled by the promotional office of the Council of Secretaries.

The Advance office promoted such things as the Week of Dedication and Advance specials, while the Council of Secretaries' office was responsible for producing, among other things, the fourth Sunday World Service materials.

In the new set-up, the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation has all of these responsibilities — and others — laid on its doorstep. To discharge these duties it was authorized by the Discipline to set up a Central Promotional Office.

Such an office was established at 740 Rush street, Chicago, following action taken at the commission's organization meeting in September. The Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, who had led the four-year Advance program, was named executive director of the new commission.

Confirming temporary staff appointments made at the September meeting, the commission at its recent session elected as assistants to Dr. Mohn the following: the Rev. Dr. O. L. Simpson, editor, and Earle H. MacLeod, manager of promotional publications. The staff combines the personnel of the former Advance and Council of Secretaries' offices.

The commission decided that its chief function is to promote the financial interests of the church's general agencies and that it should regard its assignment as one of coordinating rather than creating promotional materials. Program planning, the commission conceded, should remain in the hands of the Council of Bishops and executives of the boards and agencies, who are charged with various phases of the church's general program.

Spelling this out, the commission voted:

That Paragraph 753, Section I of the 1952 Discipline shall be understood to mean that this commission is an agency to coordinate the promotional materials issued by the boards and agencies and not to create them.

Resolved that it is our understanding that the duties and powers committed to the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation under Paragraphs 750-755, 1952 Discipline, are two-fold:

1. To promote by means of the Central Promotional Office the

financial interests of the general agencies of the church;

2. To study the possibility of coordinating the materials issued by the boards and agencies, which materials are not financial in nature, with a view to eliminating all unnecessary repetition and overlapping.

It is further the judgment of the commission that these two phases of our work should be kept separate and distinct.

Taking up a topic which had been tossed in its lap by the General Conference as one of the too-hot-to-handle survey recommendations, the commission named a special committee to study the proposal of a monthly local-church program journal. Heading this committee is Ray H. Nichols, Vernon, Tex., newspaper editor and president of the General Board of Lay Activities.

Working on this task with Mr. Nichols will be Bishop Frederick B. Newell, New York; Bishop Edgar A. Love, Baltimore; Dr. Miron A. Morrill, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Ia.; Dr. Frank D. Slutz, Dayton, Ohio; and Dr. Leonard H. Cochran, Columbus, Ga. Executives of the general boards whose own publications might be affected by the proposed journal will be ex officio members.

This committee was asked to come in with specific proposals at the commission's annual meeting which was set for June 29-30 in Philadelphia, immediately following the World Convocation on Evangelism there.

In another move looking toward coordination of promotional literature, the commission asked the Council of Secretaries to review their own promotional materials and outline plans for forthcoming brochures or leaflets before a committee, which will meet in New York City April 16.

This committee will be headed by Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis. Other members are: Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Mt. Vernon, Ia.; Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Ark.; Bishop Newell and Dr. Cochran; Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Tex., chairman of the commission, and Dr. Mohn as ex officio members.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte, N. C., serving as vice chairman, contributed much to the group's thinking by having prepared in advance a syllabus of the commission's functions, which formed the basis for discussion.

A hint at the possible saving which may be effected by the new promotional agency was seen in a statement issued by leaders as the new annual budget was adopted. It shows a saving of 30 percent in the budget for promotional publications and a 23 percent reduction in administrative expenses as compared with the combined costs of these items in the two former agencies.

### A WAR OF KINDNESS

Greencastle, Ind.—A different concept of war—a war of kindness—was discussed at a recent special meeting of DePauw University's Methodist Student Movement by Glenn Harding, executive director of the Koinonia Foundation.



## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**F**RIENDS of L. Sharp Dunaway of Conway will be glad to know that he celebrated his eighty-second birthday on January 8.

**M**R.S. M. O. BARNETT writes that her new address is Lake Village where she is now teaching.

**R**EV. E. W. FAULKNER, pastor at Alpena, underwent surgery at the Methodist Hospital on Saturday, December 27. He is getting along nicely and will leave the hospital in a few days.

**T**HE BENTONVILLE CHURCH gave the parsonage family, Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Pearce and sons, a huge pounding in connection with a reception. A long dining table was stacked high with Christmas wrapped packages.

**R**EV. LLOYD M. CONYERS, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Searcy, attended the meeting of Conference Chairmen and Registrars of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications in Kansas City the past week.

**T**. W. McCOY, former resident of Benton who now lives in Sarasota, Florida, was the guest speaker at the evening service on Sunday, January 4, of the new Parkview Methodist Church of Benton. The church has sixty-nine charter members.

**B**ISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces the appointment of Rev. Woodrow Smith to Mineral Springs in the Hope District. Mr. Smith, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Jeff Smith of Little Rock, has just finished his work at the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

**F**IRST SERVICES in the remodeled and redecorated sanctuary of the First Methodist Church of Gurdon were held on Sunday, December 21. Rev. Robert O. Beck, pastor, brought the morning message on "When Love Breaks Through". The afternoon service at 5:00 was a cantata presented under the direction of Mrs. Harold Cabe.

**R**EV. FRED SCHWENDIMANN, pastor of Vantrease Methodist Church, El Dorado, has been elected president of the Ministerial Alliance of El Dorado and Union County for the ensuing year. Mr. Schwendimann was also the speaker for "Morning Devotions" during the week of December 22-26. These services are heard over radio stations KDMS and KELD of El Dorado.

**A** WATCH NIGHT SERVICE was held at the First Methodist Church of Searcy on Wednesday evening from 8:00 to 12:00. The service was sponsored by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism of the local church. Mrs. Wilma Fulbright was program chairman and Rev. Jefferson Sherman was in charge of the candle light dedication service.

**T**HE WEDDING of Benton M. Thompson, son of Rev. and Mrs. Fred M. Thompson of Waldron, and Miss Corene Callahan of Scranton took place on Christmas day in the parsonage at Waldron with Mrs. Thompson performing the ceremony. After spending the holidays with relatives and friends, the couple left Sunday for Wichita, Kansas, where Mr. Thompson is employed at the Beech Aircraft.

**E**L DORADO LODGE NO. 13, F. and A. M., held its annual lodge of sorrow service in the Immanuel Baptist Church of El Dorado on Friday night, December 12. This was a public memorial service conducted by the lodge for fifteen of its members who have died during the year. Rev. Fred Schwendimann, pastor of Vantrease Methodist Church, was the speaker for the occasion, using as his subject, "Death Be Not Proud."

**T**HE ADULT CHOIR of the Methodist Church at Hampton gave the Christmas cantata, "Glory in the Highest" by Nolte on Sunday evening, December 21. A large crowd was in attendance. The cantata was directed by Mrs. H. O.

### ARKANSAS MEN TO GO TO CUBA

Two men from Arkansas, Dr. Connor Morehead, district superintendent of the Camden District, and Dr. W. Neill Hart, pastor of the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, have been invited to participate in the Visitation and Pulpit Evangelistic Campaign in the more than thirty churches in Cuba, February 10-19.

The General Board of Evangelism is co-operating with Bishop John Branscomb of the Jacksonville Area (Florida and Cuba Conferences) in putting on the campaign.

Sixty pastors from the United States will go by twos into these churches after a few days of briefing in Miami.

### DEATH OF REV. A. L. CLINE

Rev. A. L. Cline, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, passed on Wednesday, December 31, in Siloam Springs after a long illness.

Brother Cline was a graduate of Hendrix College and for thirty years was an active minister in the North Arkansas Conference. He served as pastor of the Siloam Springs Methodist Church three different times with a total of twelve years of service.

Funeral services were held on Friday at the Methodist Church with Rev. Allen Stewart, pastor of the Siloam Springs Church, and Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent, officiating.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Lester of Billings, Montana and Orville of Siloam Springs, four brothers and four sisters and three grandchildren.

### DEATH OF DR. MARION NELSON WALDRIP

Dr. Marion Nelson Waldrip, age 79, of Kansas City, Mo., passed way in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis on Monday, December 19.

Dr. Waldrip was formerly a member of the North Arkansas Conference and also the Little Rock Conference. He was ordained in 1893 in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He took the retired relationship about seven years ago and since that time had served at times as an institutional supply minister in Kansas City. He was born in Elm Springs, Arkansas, and served a number of churches in Arkansas. After transferring from Arkansas he served pastorates in McKendress, Tenn., Kansas City, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., St. Joseph, Mo., and Lexington, Ky. At Columbia he headed the Missouri Methodist Church Foundation at the University of Missouri. He first went to Kansas City in 1922, returning there after leaving his pastorate in Lexington, Ky.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. L. Rider of Kansas City and Mrs. O. L. Harris of Alexandria, La.; three sons, Gladstone Waldrip and L. P. Waldrip of Nashville, Tenn. Funeral services were held in Kansas City and interment was in the family plot at Elm Springs.

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by various leaders and groups is only a light foretaste of the groundswell of opposition that would be heard if it ever appears that there is a real likelihood that such a track might be built. This continued agitation by Dixie Downs and its successors may finally result in no track in Arkansas, but we cannot now believe that it will result in two tracks.

Splawn with Mrs. E. T. Jones accompanist. Soloists were: Miss Barbara Childs, Mrs. H. O. Splawn, Miss Joan Elliott, Mrs. Searcy Harrell, Walter Rowland, and Morgan Willis. Rev. George Warren is pastor.

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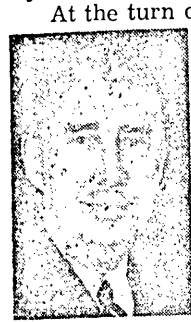
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## TAKING TIME TO SAVE TIME

While the year is yet young, may I ask each of you to say silently to God something which the Psalmist said? It is this: "My times are in thy hand."



At the turn of the year we are especially conscious of time. Of course, we modern Americans seem always to be time-conscious. Our eyes are ever on the clock. We strive strenuously to figure out time-saving devices. Whatever our hand findeth to do, we keep looking at our wrists to see how long it takes to do it.

Yet fussily conscious as we are of time-schedules, we are not all so aware of time-sequence. We count the minutes and the hours, but we do not always stop to figure out what they are adding up to.

I do not know how many of you keep a diary. It is one of the good habits which I do not have. But the mere keeping of a diary does not matter so much as the nature of it. It aids the memory to register a daily list of the things we do, the places we visit, the people we see. Do we put down some of our reflections on the things that happen? That is the way to keep a real diary which registers our growth through the years.

Some time ago a man wrote his autobiography. A critic in appraising it said, "He has faithfully rendered his emotions without collecting his thoughts." Just to jump from engagement to engagement without stopping to reflect tends to beget a "busy-ness" without real effectiveness.

The late Glenn Frank once described a futile flustered busybody in these words: "Like a turnstile, he is in everybody's way, but stops nobody; he talks a great deal, but says little; looks into everything but sees nothing; and has a hundred irons in the fire, but very few of them are hot, and with these few that are, he burns his fingers."

Well, the Psalmist was not harried by our hurried schedules. He carried no wrist watch, and, I venture to believe, kept no engagement book. He measured the passing of the hours by the shadows on the eternal hills. But he had patience to reflect on what his days and years were adding up to. And he looked up to God with this conclusion: "My times are in thy hand."

Elsewhere the Psalmist said, "We spend our years as a tale that is told." But life is a story with a plot and a purpose and not a "tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." In a sense each of our lives seem a mystery story. Look at what and where you are now and ask yourself whether twenty years ago you could have foreseen such an outcome.

Yes, there is mystery in our lives but our life-story is not as mysterious as one of a recent thriller, which was described as having its plot so well concealed that even the author did not discover until the last page who committed the murder. Not so with the mystery of your life and mine. The Divine Author knows how we are going to turn out, he knows what we shall be doing at the end of 1953. But God's knowledge, in my opinion at least, does not foreshorten our freedom. God has to leave us free of will so that we can grow up into manhood.

The development of each individual depends on how well he gears his on-going actions with God's on-going life. For remember every day each of us is writing his autobiography and so is God writing his.

Also when at New Years we say, "I'll turn over a new leaf," it is more than turning a page in a tablet and starting to write our record on a clean sheet. When we turn over a new leaf in time's calendar, it is to read what God is writing as well as to write our own record.

The New Year's season is not a time for making light resolutions as if all depended on our good intentions and will power. This new year of 1953 is going to bring us some glad days as well as some bad days.

We mortals are prone to plead for God's help in handling our bad times. But we seem to assume that we can look after our good times without the Lord's help. This is a childish view unfair to God and unfortunate for ourselves.

We need God to help us handle our good times. Character is more severely tested by success than by defeat. And life's losses come when we are not prepared for the best as well as when we are not prepared for the worst. In 1953 let us expect great things OF God and attempt great things FOR God.

## NEW METHODIST SOCIAL RELATIONS BOARD PLANS CHICAGO HEADQUARTERS

Chicago—The new Board of Social and Economic Relations of The Methodist Church voted at a meeting here to establish its national headquarters in the Methodist Building in Chicago. The headquarters

will be opened about May 1.

Board members decided that for the time being, at least, the group would not issue pronouncements but stress research and fact-finding.

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

## OUR NORTHERN FRIENDS MAY NOW DO SOME "HOMEWORK"

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graceful situation America has ever known is, not in the South, but in the long-time, crime-infested ports and docks of New York City. There, over a period of years, plunder, graft, extortion, robbery and murder have been the daily avocation of a recognized, all but unrestricted, band of super crooks. It is commonly recognized

that, in its program of lawlessness, Murder Incorporated has been taking care of any who protested its activities too violently. A counterpart of this corrupt, incorrigible crime syndicate, which rules the docks of New York, is found in the organized criminal gangs of Chicago which have long intimidated and terrorized its citizenship and have openly defied its officials and its laws.

Now that there are no lynchings in the South for our northern friends to "deplore" we recom-

## BISHOPS CLARIFY NEW PLAN FOR MEMBERSHIP REPORTING

PASTORS reporting to annual conference should include in the church membership figure both those persons who previously have been classified as "active" and those who have been carried as "inactive." Separate categories are no longer required.

The Council of Bishops in its recent session, interpreting paragraphs 130 and 131 of the Discipline, stressed the "sacredness of church membership" and warned against the arbitrary removal of names from the rolls by the whim or personal judgment of an individual or a committee.

To do this "without the action of the Quarterly Conference violates the law of the church and the spirit of fellowship," they declared.

Grave concern was expressed by the bishops for the thousands of members "on the fringes of the church's life." They commended the Spiritual Life Missions sponsored by the Board of Evangelism for the restoration of indifferent members to vital religious activity.

Following is the full text of the message of the Council of Bishops to the churches this subject:

The following statement was adopted by the Council of Bishops at its recent meeting at Atlantic City, for distribution to the Church:

Inquiry has come to the Council concerning Paragraphs 130, 131 Discipline dealing with the roster of membership in the local church, and especially the final sentence in these paragraphs: "The pastor shall report annually to the Annual Conference the total membership of his charge as shown on his membership records." Concern has also been expressed that in some instances pastors might, through misunderstanding, fail properly to report the membership in their respective charges, in which case the statistical tables would fail to reflect the true membership of The Methodist Church.

Heretofore we have reported our membership in two categories, "active" and "inactive," and in a third column the total membership, including both active and inactive. By the legislation of the 1952 Discipline, the pastor reports only the total membership heretofore recorded in the third column under the caption, "Total Membership—Active and Inactive," and is not required to separate them into categories according to our previous classification. A pastor now reporting to his Annual Conference should include in the total figure all those who according to our former method he would have reported as "active" and "inactive" members.

The Council urges that in the revision of church rolls we shall at all times remember the sacredness of church membership. An individual or committee that arbitrarily removes names from the roll of membership, whether by whim or personal judgment, and without the action of the Quarterly Conference, violates the law of the Church and the spirit of our fellowship. Persons such as have hitherto been reported as "inactive" should be included in the total membership until they have been removed from the church roll for the reasons and by the process described in Paragraph 125 of the Discipline.

We urge all our churches to cooperate with the Board of Evangelism in its proposed Evangelistic Mission to Members, and that they labor by this and every other means to bring negligent members into partic-

ipation in the church's life and activity. Let us not in any instance relinquish what hold we have on the people who are on the fringes of the Church's life. They are members of The Methodist Church until their membership is terminated by death, transfer to another denomination, withdrawal, expulsion, or action of the Quarterly Conference.

## MORE CHURCHES NEEDED SAYS METHODIST GROUP

Nashville, Tenn.—Rapid population shifts across the country are creating a serious shortage of churches in many areas, a Methodist group reported here December 19.

In a resolution adopted by the Chicago and Nashville administrative staffs of three Methodist boards, the denomination was urged to expand its 1953 building program to meet the needs of "new and neglected communities."

Defense areas, military centers and mushrooming suburbs were cited as examples of primary concern.

The group praised numerous Methodist episcopal areas and districts which have already organized emergency church-extension programs, but implied that the resources of the whole church are required to meet the cross-country needs.

The meeting was the first joint staff conference sponsored by the three Methodist general boards: Lay Activities, Chicago, Education and Evangelism of Nashville. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss general programs of the boards, and to coordinate their activities relating to the local church.

Meeting probably twice a year, the joint staffs also will serve as an advisory group to the new Inter-board Commission on the Local Church.

Created by the 1953 Methodist General Conference to act as the co-ordinator of policies and activities of the three agencies, the commission is to be formally organized during the annual meetings of the education and evangelism boards, April 7-10, in Nashville. The lay board's executive committee will meet here at the same time.

mend that they give some attention to these and other open sores in their own back yard. These are situations which threaten the very foundations of our national life.

President-elect and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower have selected National Presbyterian church as their place of worship in Washington. Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor, said that Gen. Eisenhower has asked him to conduct a pre-inaugural service for members of his immediate family.

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### New Church Schools Being Organized

Rev. Arvill C. Brannon of the Weiner Charge writes that a new church has been organized at Fisher and the church school is averaging about 40 persons per Sunday with 49 as the record attendance thus far.

The new church at Rose City was to have their first church school meeting on December 28. The organizational meeting of the church school will be held before these materials are read in the Arkansas Methodist.

More new church schools are necessary if Methodism is to do the educational work needed.

### January Training Program

A number of training programs are to be under way in January with the one at Harrison being the first, January 11-15.

A four unit school is to be held in the Blytheville Area offering the following courses, January 12-16:

Christian Beliefs, Alf A. Eason  
Christian Stewardship, John Bayliss

Ways of Teaching, Bob McMaster  
A Guide to Bible Study, Ida A. Brumley

A three unit training school is to be held at Searcy, January 25-29, with the following courses being offered:

The Adult Division of the Church School, Mrs. V. K. Chowling.

Church and Home Cooperating, Rev. E. V. Underhill

Teaching Children, Mrs. Herbert Monday

Yarbro is to have a one unit Second Series School, January 25-29, Christian Home Making, taught by Rev. E. B. Williams.

Rev. Arvill C. Brannon is planning for a one unit school in which he is to offer the course on Educational Work in the Small Church, Tilton.

A four unit training school is to be held at Marked Tree for that area of Jonesboro District, January 26-28, with the following courses being offered:

Educational Work of the Small Church, Alvin Murray

What It Means to Be a Christian, J. T. Byrd

Friendship and Marriage, Thurston Masters

How to Teach in the Church School, Byron McSpadden

The months of February and March are also to be important training months.

### Church School Evangelism, January—March

The period of January—March is to have a large emphasis on evangelism through the church school.

Last year with the great emphasis on visitation evangelism, at least 61% of those coming into our churches in the North Arkansas Conference came through the church school. Many of the others had been greatly influenced by the church school.

It is important that pastors and church school superintendents give time to training the church school

leaders for this program of evangelism.

The church school has three major evangelistic responsibilities:

Conditioning persons through a teaching and fellowship program so that they make intelligent commitments.

Guiding them in making such definite commitments to Christ.

Helping them to grow as Christians in terms of the commitments made.

Any church that has a great evangelistic church school program will have a growing church.

### Church School Rally Day Offerings

The North Arkansas Conference reports \$4,323.69 received for this Conference Year on Church School Rally Day offerings. Four small offerings were for last year, but came in too late to get into the financial report for 1951-52, but will not appear in this report.

The following is the report by district and by local Church School Rally Day offerings received for this Conference Year: Batesville District: Batesville Central Avenue \$35.00; Cotter \$20.00; McHue \$6.00; Melbourne \$5.00; Mountain Home \$15.00; Gassville \$5.00; Mountain View \$10.00; Moorefield \$15.52; New Hope \$2.00; Newport First Church \$75.00; Newport Umsted Memorial \$12.00; Tupelo \$10.00; Oil Trough \$8.00; Salem \$10.00; Tuckerman \$33.49; Viola \$3.00; Bexar \$2.00; Hebron \$1.00; Wild Cherry \$1.00; Sulphur Rock \$5.00.

Conway District: Atkins \$20.00; Conway First Church \$150.00; Wesley Memorial \$10.00; Greenbrier \$3.25; Centerville \$4.30; Morrilton \$50.00; Lanty \$4.60; North Little Rock First Church \$100.00; Gardner Memorial \$112.00; Levy \$15.00; Sylvan Hills \$12.00; Washington Avenue \$20.00; Perry \$4.00; Perryville \$13.00; Houston \$3.00; Plumerville \$10.00; Russellville \$100.00; Vilonia \$10.00.

Fayetteville District: Berryville \$20.00; Brightwater \$5.00; Elm Springs \$8.50; Eureka Springs \$10.00; Fayetteville Central \$200.00; Wiggins Memorial \$25.00; Gentry \$10.00; Gravette \$10.00; Green Forest \$11.69; Goshen \$5.00; Lincoln \$17.25; Morrow \$5.00; Prairie Grove \$35.00; Rogers \$50.00; Siloam Springs \$50.00; Springdale Wesley \$4.80; Sulphur Springs \$10.00. Forrest City District: Aubrey \$8.53; Cherry Valley \$11.06; Bay Village \$7.25; Clarendon \$25.00; Wesley Chapel \$7.00; Cotton Plant \$25.00; Crawfordsville \$6.36; Blackfish Lake \$6.75; Earle \$30.00; Elaine \$15.00; Forrest City \$100.00; Haynes \$5.00; Helena \$75.00; Holly Grove \$20.00; Hughes \$25.00; Marianna \$75.00; Marion \$50.00; Marvell \$10.00; Lexa \$10.00; Turner \$5.00; Parkin \$20.00; Madison \$3.00; Round Pond \$5.50; Widener \$5.00; Wheatley \$10.00; Wynne \$75.00.

Fort Smith District: Alma \$15.00; Mountain View \$5.00; Gar Creek \$2.65; Booneville \$50.00; Cole's Chapel \$6.00; Clarksburg \$100.00; Fort Smith First Church \$200.00; Goddard Memorial \$100.00; Fifth Street \$15.00; Grand Avenue \$20.00; Glover Memorial \$3.00; Midland Heights \$20.00; Massard \$5.00; St. Luke's \$20.00; Bonanza \$4.00; St. Paul's \$25.00; Greenwood \$20.00; Hartford \$20.00; Hartman \$4.40; Hays Chapel \$7.00; Mt. Zion \$10.41; Spadra \$2.00; Huntington \$8.10; Lamar \$10.00; Mulberry \$12.00; New Hope \$10.00; Dyer \$2.00; Ozark \$35.00; Paris \$50.00; McKendree \$3.00; New Blaine \$9.17; Pioneer Memorial \$5.00; Scranton \$3.00; Vesta Charge \$2.60; Van Buren, First Church \$40.00; City Heights \$3.00; Bethel \$4.50; St. John's \$25.00; Square Rock \$3.67.

Jonesboro District: Blytheville First Church \$100.00; Lake Street \$15.00; Half Moon \$3.00; Wesley Memorial \$6.00; Harrisburg \$15.00; Joiner \$15.00; Jonesboro First Church \$200.00; Fisher Street \$10.00; Huntington Avenue \$16.04; Mt. Carmel \$10.00; Keiser \$11.54; Leachville \$15.00; Lepanto \$25.00; Luxora \$15.00; Manila \$25.00; Marked Tree \$50.00; Monette \$23.19; Nettleton \$10.00; Bay \$10.00; Osceola \$75.00; Trumann \$30.00; Gilmore \$5.00; Weiner \$10.00; Hickory Ridge \$5.00; Tilton \$2.00; Wilson \$10.00; Promised Land \$10.00; Yarbro \$10.00.

Paragould District: Beech Grove \$2.50; Biggers \$5.00; Reyno \$5.00; Lynn \$5.00; Camp Ground \$4.00; Harvey's Chapel \$2.50; Corning \$40.00; Hardy \$5.00; Smithville \$3.00; Mammoth Spring \$6.00; Marmaduke \$5.00; Bard \$4.00; Middlebrook \$4.00; Paragould First Church \$100.00; Griffin Memorial \$19.00; Piggott \$33.00; Pocahontas \$43.50; Rector First Church \$30.00; Fourth Street \$10.00; Five Oaks \$5.00; Ebenezer \$4.00; French Grove \$4.00; Ramers Chapel \$4.00; St. Francis \$5.00; Wright's Chapel \$5.00; Stanford Charge \$4.00; Stanford \$5.41; Walnut Ridge \$45.00.

Searcy District: Beebe \$10.00; Cabot \$20.00; Clinton \$20.00; Harrison \$50.00; Valley View \$2.00; Heber Springs \$25.00; Kennett \$5.57; Quitman \$10.59; Searcy \$75.00; Damascus \$10.00.

The standing by districts is as follows:  
Batesville District .....\$274.01  
Conway District ..... 646.15  
Fayetteville District ..... 477.24  
Forrest City District ..... 635.45  
Fort Smith District ..... 885.50

## TWO SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN AREA IN FIRST THIRTEEN

Nashville, Tenn.—Thirteen Methodist church schools have reported a thousand or more average attendance at Sunday school with maximum attendance running above the two thousand level, during the past conference year, it has been revealed by the Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education.

Tyler Street Church, Dallas, Texas, had the largest average attendance—1621. Second largest was Highland Park, also in Dallas, 1614. Ranking third was Polk Street, Amarillo, Texas, with 1466. In fourth place was Boston Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, with 1285.

The remainder of the thirteen churches had average attendance, as follows: First Church, Dallas, 1144; First Church, Orlando, Florida, 1127; First Church, Houston, Texas, 1120; First Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 1091; East Lake Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 1088; St. Luke, Memphis, Tennessee, 1057; First Church,

Fort Smith, Arkansas, 1032; First Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, 1028; First Church, Decatur, Georgia, 1006.

Average attendance at Sunday school for the church as a whole, for the year ending November 5, was 3,086,424, representing a gain of 74,354 over the total for the same period the year preceding.

## CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS

Nashville, Tenn. — The birth of the Christ child was celebrated in a variety of ways by students at Methodist-related colleges before they began their trips home for the holidays.

As in past years, services of music have highlighted the Christmas festivities. Handel's "Messiah" was presented by the **Williamette University**—Salem, Oregon Oratorio Society on December 14, and by the **Dillard University** choir on December 18.

Christmas arrived early this year for the youngsters in the Galilean Children's Home near Corbin, Kentucky. Carrying personal yuletide gifts and a program of entertainment three **Union College** professors and twenty-five members of the college social science fraternity visited the home recently.

A program of meditative Christmas music was given on December 7, by the **Emory-at-Oxford** glee club. Selections were chosen to assist in preparing the minds and hearts of those attending for a truly religious observance of the birth of Christ.

The annual Christmas pageant, "The Living Madonnas," was presented at **Bennett College** by the dramatics department. Taking place on December 7, the theme for this year's presentation was "Madonnas from Famous Cathedrals." The Bennett choir's Christmas concert climaxed Christmas Sisters Week, a traditional gift-giving week at the school.

The **Baker University** choir was heard in the thirteenth annual candlelight vespers on December 14. Carols from many lands and peoples were sung, including English, Negro, Early American, Swedish, Appalachian, Austrian, Slovak, French, Brazilian, Hungarian, and Catalonia carols.

"Christmas Radiance" was the theme of the traditional Christmas matins at **Nebraska Wesleyan University**. The matins, student-sponsored and utilizing student speakers, worship leaders and musicians, were held at 7:15 each morning, December 16—December 19.

With another Christmas season came the fortieth annual Christmas carol service at **Southwestern University**. Southwestern coeds formed the processional for the candlelighting service and passages from the Christmas story introduced the musical portion of the program.

**Boston University** students celebrated the Christmas season with a party for seventy settlement house children, presentation of "A Christmas Carol" by Dickens, carol singing and the traditional university convocation, when President Harold C. Case delivered his Christmas meditation.—Campus News.

## PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBER HEADS COMMITTEE

Little Rock, Ark. — Dr. Reinhart Ross, associate professor of music at Philander Smith College, was elected chairman of the musicology committee of the Arkansas State Music Teachers Association at a special luncheon for college music teachers in Hot Springs recently. Philander Smith was admitted into the association and it is believed that this new relationship will strengthen the department of music at the college. —Campus News

## "A GUIDE TO CHURCH PLANNING"

Nashville, Tenn. — How good it makes one feel to benefit from a service and to hear the benefactor say "No charge!"

This is the reply the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education makes to pastors and building committees who seek its counsel on preliminary plans for church school buildings.

Working through its committee on church school architectural counseling, the Division has reviewed annually many preliminary plans and counseled through correspondence with hundreds of pastors and building committee members, it was said by the Rev. Luke G. Beauchamp, chairman of the committee. The committee's reports on building plans cover the needs of children, youth, adults and the church school as a whole. If a local building committee wishes, a representative from the Local Church Division will afford on-the-spot counsel and suggestions as travel schedule may permit. The cost of this service is limited to travel and entertainment.

The architectural service of the Local Church Division is based on  
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Jonesboro District	731.77
Paragould District	407.91
Searcy District	228.16



# "WELL DONE . . . FAITHFUL SERVANT"

By DR. JAMES W. WORKMAN

Mrs. Sallie Tyler Clifton Wade, wife of Rev. H. Lynn Wade, died in the Searcy Hospital Saturday, November 15, and was buried in Oak Grove cemetery in Conway on Monday afternoon, following a graveside service for Conway and conference friends and relatives. Rev. Albert Gatlin gave a brief eulogy. Prayer and scripture were given by Rev. Earle Cravens, Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers and Rev. Jefferson Sherman. A service was held on Monday morning at Augusta Methodist Church attended by a congregation of devoted members alongside of a score of ministers of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences. The Augusta service was marked by the eulogy by Rev. Earle Cravens who had lived in the Wade home in student days in Clarksville.

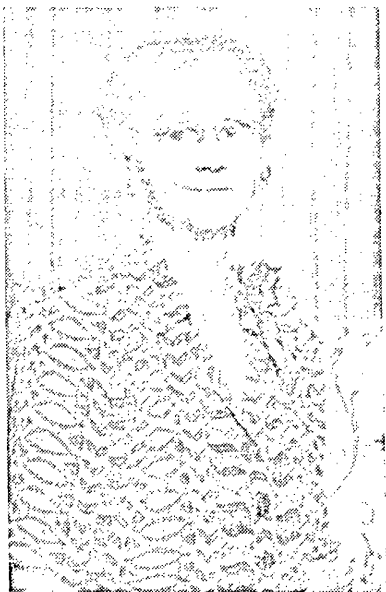
"Sister Sallie", as she was affectionately known to those closest to her, was born at Conway and attended Galloway Woman's College at Searcy and Hendrix College at Conway, 1907-08. She was married in 1908 to Rev. H. Lynn Wade. Together they traveled and ministered pastorates and districts at Atkins, Gentry, Bigelow, Clarksville, Batesville, Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Jonesboro, Blytheville, Paragould, Wilson and Augusta.

Besides her husband Mrs. Wade is survived by three children, Clifton of Fayetteville; Mary Louise—Mrs. James F. Thomas of Jonesboro; Hope—Mrs. James W. Slayden of Little Rock and five grandchildren; Mary Sue and Lynn Wade, Freddie Thomas and Sallie and Sue Ann Slayden. Also surviving her are her sister, Mrs. Annie Cureton, and two nieces, Mrs. Mary Cureton Brumley and Mrs. Willie Cureton Love of Conway. Mrs. Cureton reared Mrs. Wade who called her "mama". To her nieces she was the "Good Samaritan" friend in need when there was sickness or her services were needed in other ways.

Our own home was blessed in early marriage by the godly motherhood of this devout soul. Our first appointment in our home conference was at Fayetteville in student work with Brother Wade as pastor in charge. The Wade home very quickly became the ideal of our own family life with the devotion and affection of the parents

and children in Christian household fellowship. Mrs. Wade's spiritual devotion and insight were basic to the family harmony which has multiplied itself not only in the family life of the homes of her own children, but also in the homes of many of the younger ministers who made their apostolic decision to answer the Master's call under Brother Wade's winsome witnessing for their Master. Her joy and counsel in the birth of our two elder sons in Fayetteville drew us into the spell of her motherliness with a tender affection that we have for no other pastor's wife. Truly she was a mother in Israel, and her many spiritual children join her own family in praise of her for her Christian grace.

Her niece, Mrs. Willie Cureton Love, says of her: "My aunt, Mrs. Wade, was much like an older sister to me, as she was in our home for several years of my early life. She was most thoughtful and kind. She was a person who could not be



MRS. H. L. WADE

content to sit idly by, but must 'be about her Father's business.' She was happiest when she was up and doing, and was always on the alert to find someone she could help."

Mrs. Brumley says: "Mrs. Wade was unfailingly gentle, kind, hospitable and generous. Hour after hour, day after day, she sat by the bedside of sick ones, her own relatives and others, ministering to them. Sometimes this was done after she herself had been ill during the night before.

Many long trips she and Brother Wade made to take provisions to those in need.

Always, she wrote regularly to each member of her family, including her elder sister, even when her calendar was full. Her letters were full of the joys and sorrows, not only of the other members of her family, but of individual church members.

Names of the church membership were very familiar to those to whom she wrote though faces would not be recognized. She shared and bore their burdens with them as though they were her own.

She opened her home to anyone who needed it, even over a period of weeks and months.

Many who have been far away from home at Christmas time have been surprised with gifts from her, because she understood their loneliness.

Her highest art was the one of listening and understanding and being interested when others needed her interest and understanding.

Differ with one in theology she might, but always she was gentle and respectful of anyone who differed with her.

In life's hard hours, Mrs. Wade's example of faithfully attending the bedside of her husband's mother in her dying moments while he was preaching at the church next door; and her faithful husband's later carrying on to a fruitful completion the revival services in the midst of which her death came, the most severe blow he ever received, came with such shocking suddenness, these two stalwart souls stand one in assurance of her heroic spiritual tradition of Christian consecration, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

## An Average Day In A Methodist Hospital

By DR. KARL P. MEISTER

Executive Secretary, Board of Hospitals and Homes

**W**ERE you ever a patient in a hospital? Whether you were or not, chances are that you might be someday, and in either case you will be interested in a picture presented by Albert N. McGinniss, who for many years was superintendent of Bethesda Methodist Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. He described for us, in vivid chart form, the story of 24 hours in Bethesda.

We are constantly reading in the daily newspapers that "seven or eight babies were born yesterday" in a certain hospital; nineteen million patients were admitted to the hospitals of America last year. The outstanding factor connected with these statistics is that 1,275,000 patients were admitted to METHODIST institutions.

And what of the day-to-day activities in these hospitals of our Methodist Church? No hospital or no day can actually be called "average", for they are as different in variety as the personalities and ailments of the millions of people that they serve. But carefully checked over a period of time, certain usual routines have been noted, and certain over-all statistics compiled.

Mr. McGinniss states that in Bethesda Methodist Hospital alone 320 adults and children daily receive the services of that institution, through the direction of 54 persons in the administrative offices.

When you stop to consider the number of services required to run a hospital each day, you

will appreciate the efforts being exerted to make ours a healthy, happy Nation. In Bethesda there are, daily, 14 operations, eight births, eight blood transfusions, 105 laboratory examinations, 28 X-ray examinations, 15 physiotherapy treatments, 18 clinic examinations.

As a patient you may see two or three doctors a day, never realizing that in this hospital alone there are a total of 485 doctors who at some time may have a special interest in your illness and its case history. Sixteen residents, internes and externes are constantly on call.

During one day in the hospital you will probably see only three or four different nurses who come into your room, but there are 60 graduate nurses and 120 student nurses who have deep interest in the welfare of the patients at Bethesda. In addition, there are 55 more assistants and aides, and 18 attendants and orderlies who may come to meet your need.

As a patient you will probably go down to the laboratory for some tests or pictures. If you have an operation, and while you are still on the operating table, a technician or a pathologist may be examining the tissue that has been removed from your body. His report will be made and studied before you awake. There are 11 of these skilled technicians in this field of activity in this particular hospital.

As an important and necessary part of your recovery, food is of major concern. The services

of four trained dietitians are required to keep the proper food coming to you. Even though you are able to take only a glass of orange juice, still it requires 89 cooks and food servers to keep a steady supply of food flowing into the hospital to the patients and the personnel. You may be served food every hour, or you may receive the regular three meals a day, but daily in the hospital 490 patients' meals are served, 135 special diets must be prepared, and 943 other meals go through the kitchen.

Machinery sometimes breaks down, and all equipment must be maintained, kept clean and orderly, and the entire hospital must be spic and span. For the endless task of maintenance, there are 13 carpenters, engineers and electricians, 16 janitors and custodians in Bethesda. The average day registers 55 maintenance service calls of almost any and every nature.

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# ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA ANNUAL SIMULTANEOUS

## January 11th Through January 18th, 1934

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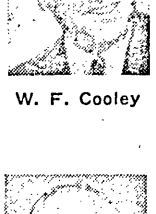
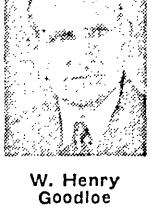

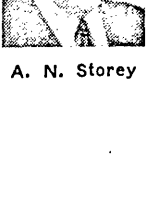

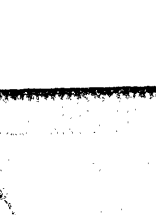
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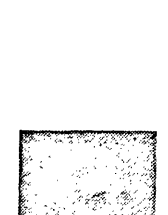
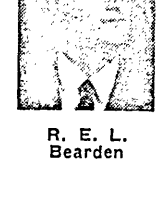

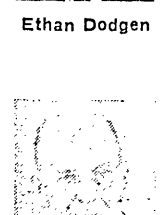
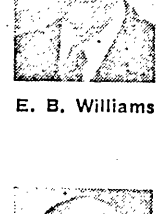

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ITS CHURCH PAPERS . . . JAN. 11th Through JAN. 18th



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## GRANNY'S GIFTS

Aunt Nell looked up from her sewing to see what it was that made her two little nieces and her nephew so quiet.

They were standing in a row by the window, watching the flurrying snowflakes as they came tumbling one after another down from the sky.

"Have you lost something?" enquired Donald. "Tell us what it is and we will help you hunt it."

"You may all help me," answered Aunt Nell. "I can't find your smiles. They seem to have been misplaced."

"Well, it's pretty hard to smile today," replied Donald. "We wanted to go coasting this New Year's morning, and now we can't go."

"But just think how much better the coasting will be when it stops snowing. I don't think it will last much longer, so let's think of something nice to do indoors," comforted Aunt Nell. "Bring your chairs over here by me, while I put on my thinking cap."

Pretty soon she exclaimed, "Oh, I know! We will give Granny Martin a birthday surprise. She told me last week that her birthday is today. She never receives any presents, although she climbs the hill to her mail box every birthday."

"Oh, goody! goody," cried the children, clapping their hands. "But what shall the presents be?" asked Edith.

"Oh, I'm sure we can find something," answered Aunt Nell. "Donald you bring me those boxes out of the top of my trunk. Janet, get me a pair of scissors, and Edith bring that tissue paper and ribbon from my room while I see what I can find."

In a few minutes they were all back again.

"Now," said Aunt Nell, as she started cutting some gray paper, "let me show you how to wrap these oranges to make them pretty. Donald, you pack these pieces of candy neatly in a box while Edith wraps these handkerchiefs in pretty red paper. I will put this shawl in a box, and then you may wrap it, too."

"There!" exclaimed Edith, as they finished tying the ribbons, "aren't they lovely?"

"See! it has stopped snowing. Shall we take the packages out now and put them in Granny Martin's mail box?" asked Donald. "We will let Janet sit on the sled and hold the packages, while Edith and I pull."

Soon they were trudging through the snow.

"Here we are," said Donald. "I guess I shall have to stand on the sled, for the box is pretty high. You girls can hand me the packages."

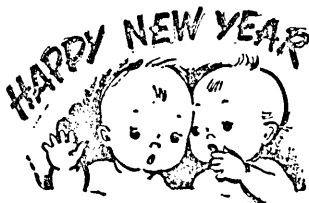
"Be careful of that loaf cake," warned Edith.

"Now let's run home and watch from our window," said Janet.

They had no sooner reached home than they saw Granny start slowly up the hill. Her eyes grew wide with surprise when she reached something in the box.

"Look!" said Aunt Nell. "She has found something in the mail box."

"What is it?" asked Janet. "I don't



## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

*There were three little folks, long ago,*

*Who solemnly sat in a row  
On a December night,  
And attempted to write  
For the New Year a good resolution.*

*"I will not make so much noise,  
And be one of the quietest boys,  
Wrote one of the three,  
Whose uproarious glee  
Was the cause of no end of confusion.*

*"I resolve that I never will take  
More than two or three pieces of cake,"*

*Wrote plump little Peter Pete,  
Whose taste for the sweet  
Was a problem of puzzling solution.*

*The other, her paper to fill,  
Began with, "Resolved that I will—"  
But right there she stopped  
And fast asleep dropped  
Ere she came to a single conclusion.*

—In Exchange

## AN ELEPHANT FARM

Children who live on farms or visit farms or drive along the country and pass farms, frequently see men and women using tractors to plough up the land, disc it, and so prepare it for sowing seeds. Perhaps we have seen a team of horses being used to plough up the land. And some have seen pictures of oxen pulling a plough and preparing the soil for planting. But who ever dreamed of elephants being used by farmers!

Well they are in South Africa. They use the wildest, the largest and strongest elephants that can be found anywhere. Every year about twenty young elephants are caught to replace the twenty full-grown animals that have been trained to work on the farm and sold to farmers.

The large, trained elephants are used to help capture the new ones. When a herd of elephants is running, some of the younger ones lag behind and are lassoed and tied to a tree. Later they are freed from the tree and tied to two well-trained elephants, one on each side.

It takes about two years to train an elephant, and the men who train them look like soldiers all dressed up in uniforms. They use 120 men on each elephant farm, and after training the elephant for two years the animal is gentle and quiet and

see anything."

"She found the smiles that you put in the box for her," answered Aunt Nell.

"Oh, I never thought of that!" exclaimed Edith. "I'm going to see if I can't find some smiles for every one I see all through this whole year."—Our Little Ones.

## WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR

"TELL me a story, Grandpa Old Year, please," begged the little boy.

"I will tell you all I can tonight, little New Year," said the old man, "but at 12 o'clock I am leaving and you will have to take charge of things and make your own record. Let me see, where shall I begin? What can I tell you in such a short time?"

"Oh, tell me about the children," said little 1953. "I have never seen children; what are they like?"

"You will soon see them now, and hear them, too," promised old 1952, "and you will see them do many lovely, helpful things. I remember one little girl in the hospital. She was away off from home and was very lonely. Then, one day, some other little girls came in to see the hospital-child. They brought some scrapbooks which they had made in Sunday school. Each little visitor gave a book to a little crippled child and told about the lovely pictures and stories of Jesus. After that the little far-from-home girl was not so lonely for she knew that she had friends in the city and remembered that 'Jesus is a friend of little children'."

"Little children must be very thoughtful to each other," whispered little 1953.

"I must tell you about a little boy who rescued a tiny kitten from some older boys who were trying to cut its tail off. The poor kitty was so frightened that it nestled close up against the little boy. Now that little kitten is a big cat and is the best friend and playmate the little boy has. I wish I could see that boy grow up, for I know he will be a great man. A kind little boy like that will never do wrong things when he is a man."

"Little children must be very good to animals," whispered little 1953.

"You should hear the children laugh. They ride around on their skates and sleds and wagons and laugh and chatter until everyone around them feels happy. Then these children take their laughter into their homes with them and share it with tired fathers and mothers. That is one of the best ways which grown people have of resting."

"Children must be a cheerful lot," whispered little 1953.

"But that isn't all you'll enjoy about children. You should hear them sing. On Sunday thousands of them sing their praise songs and songs of love for Jesus. At school they sing many, many songs about birds, flowers, squirrels, dogs, cats, springtime, snow and all kinds of

seems to thoroughly enjoy his new mode of living.

It would seem strange to us to have oxen pulling our ploughs, but what would we ever do if we saw seven of these huge beasts pulling a monstrous plough! Some of us might look in amazement. A few would jump up and down in glee, but most of us would set off for the open fields and run, and it wouldn't surprise me if the leaders in the race might not be the grown-ups too.—The United Church Observer

joyous things. At home they sing nearly all the time. Singing children will brighten many gloomy days for you."

"Children must be very happy," whispered little 1953.

"Little children love to pray, too. Every night they kneel and thank God for His many blessings and ask Him for His love and protection for themselves and for everyone in the world."

"Little children must want to share with all the world," whispered little 1953.

"Oh, they do. I could show you how they love their parents and each other and many other things, but the time is too short. Listen, there's the first whistle. That means I must be going to my rest; you must be starting out. Farewell and Happy New Year, little 1953. Go and be happy with the world's children."—Phebe Plato, in Exchange



## THE NEW YEAR

*They say the old year leaves  
And the New Year takes its place,  
So I slipped out of bed  
To try and see its face.*

*I heard the bells ringing  
And the whistles as they blew,  
But I didn't see the old year  
And I didn't see the new.*

*But early the next morning  
My Daddy joyfully  
Said "Happy New Year" so I guess  
It just slipped right by me.*

—A.E.W.

## JUST FOR FUN

An old lady fell down the stairs and broke her leg. The doctor put it in a cast and warned her not to walk up or down the stairs. The leg was slow in mending. Finally after six months, the doctor announced it was all right to remove the cast.

"Can I climb the stairs now?" asked the old lady.

"Yes," answered the medical man.

"Oh, I'm so glad," she chortled. "I'm sick of climbing up and down the drainpipe all the time."—Marilyn Corley, Pageant

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I wonder how old Miss Jones is. Quite old, I imagine. They say she used to teach Shakespeare.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## MISS LEEPER TO SEEK HOME MISSIONARIES

Miss Alpharetta Leeper, former director of the Wesley Foundation at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla., is now a secretary of missionary personnel for the Methodist Board of Missions. She succeeds Miss Alice Murdock, who resigned to become pastor's assistant at Washington Avenue Methodist Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

Since 1941, Miss Leeper has been student counselor and director of the Wesley Foundation at Florida State University. As secretary of missionary personnel her duties will include visiting colleges and universities to recruit young people for Christian service, particularly in the home missions projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Miss Leeper, a native of Kansas, attended Muskogee Junior College and received the A. B. and M. A. degree from Scarritt College. She was girls' club worker at Wolf Settlement, Tampa, Fla., a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, for eight years. A deaconess, she is experienced in the youth and student work program of the Woman's Division.

In 1944, Miss Murdock became one of the three secretaries of the Board of Missions' Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel. She had joined the Board in 1941 as hostess to all incoming and outgoing missionaries of the Methodist Church.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. A. B. Sellers, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Vantrease Church, El Dorado, and Mrs. Fred Schwendimann entertained the ladies of the church with a Christmas party, December 16.

Mrs. W. W. Paxton was guest speaker at a Christmas party of the Marion Walker circle of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, December 18 in the home of Mrs. Gus Quinn. "The Uninvited Guest" was her topic. Mrs. Frank Brame led the singing of Christmas carols, accompanied by Mrs. Karl Tooke. A Christmas offering was sent to Miss Marion Walker, who is a missionary serving in the Philippine Islands. Mrs. N. H. Neville was co-hostess for the meeting.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena, met December 15 at the church for the annual Christmas party. Mrs. Otis W. Spinks read a Christmas story with Miss Rosemary Cannon playing organ music as a background.

Mrs. W. B. Savage, Mrs. T. H. Jones and Mrs. Marvin Fincher were hostesses for the Christmas meeting of the Waldo Woman's Society of Christian Service on Monday evening Dec. 22nd. The parsonage was aglow with Christmas decorations of red and green. Mrs. Savage gave the devotional which was preceded by an instrumental prelude by Mrs. D. C. Perry who played "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Mrs. George Kitchens gave "A Christmas Meditation" portraying Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mrs. Glen

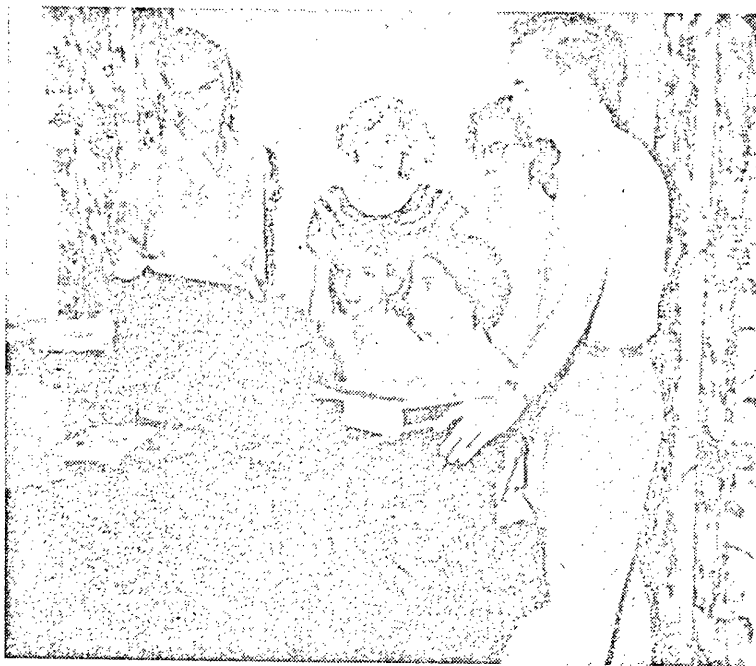
## TWENTY-EIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE SERVE NATIONAL MISSIONS

By VIRGINIA WINTER and DOROTHY MARIE WATSON  
(Two of the "U. S.-2's")

SIX men are among the twenty-eight young people who trained under the 1952 Methodist "U. S.-2" program (missionaries who will serve two years in the United States) at National College, Kansas City, Mo., July 14 — August 22. The Division of National Missions joined the Woman's Division of

to the Erie School, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Others are going alone to places far from their homes, especially the Tennessee girl who will be a house-mother at Jesse Lee Home, Seward Alaska; the girl from Georgia who goes to Chicago; and the Texas boy who goes to Utica, New York.



Christian Service of the Board of Missions in sponsoring the "two" project for home missions, started last year as an exclusively female project.

The homes of the recent college graduates, most of them members of the class of 1952, range from Vermont to California and from the Canadian border of the Rio Grande. Appointments cover an even wider area, going beyond the United States to the territories of Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Those assigned to these "outpost missions" will serve three years.

"U. S.-2's" are rural workers, teachers, social workers, and youth workers. Their assignments include Methodist community centers, schools, kindergartens, rural projects, and settlements in cities. Five of them, the largest group going to any one place, will teach at the George O. Robinson School, San-turce, Puerto Rico. Two of the boys are going to Hawaii to do youth and student work. Houchen Settlement at El Paso, Texas, will have two girls while three have been assigned

Boswell sang, "There's a Song in the Air", after which she gave a biographical sketch of women who have helped to advance Christianity. Following the program a delicious refreshment plate was served, carrying out the Christmas colors. Little Hal Felty and Sarah Lou O'Daniel sang Jingle Bells. The group sang Happy Birthday to Mrs. Grady Fincher. Mrs. George Kitchens presented a 54 piece set of lovely china to the pastor's wife, Mrs. W. B. Savage, as a gift from the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. —Reporter

Among the most popular of the educational activities at National College this summer were the discussions, formal and spontaneous. These helped clarify ideas on race relations, theology, Christian marriage, prayer, and suffering. Not all the time was spent in talking. The "U. S.-2's" went on many trips; to a children's home, a community house, camp, the Goodwill Industries, a synagogue, Unity Farm, an art gallery, and the musical "Carousel."

They visited a museum and a planetarium where their astronomy student "shone." Future rural workers went with the group to visit an Episcopal rural project for theological students one afternoon, and remained for the entire week-end seeing the rural church at work. Outstanding speakers included Dr. Lewis Carpenter, president of National College; Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, president of Scarritt College where "twos" trained last summer; Dr. E. L. Hobbs, Kansas City, Missouri, district superintendent; and several speakers from the Board of Missions.

Miss Alice Murdock, a missionary personnel secretary for the W. D. C. S., was in charge of the training program. Staff for the morning classes included Miss Margaret Young, Scarritt College; Dr. Ruth Decker and Miss Dale Keeler, National College; and Dr. Walter Hearn, University of Missouri. Program coordinator was Dr. Frieda Gipson.

Each day began with morning worship in Kresge Chapel where music of the new pipe organ was an important part of the devotional period planned by the students. Four

## WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

Two New England sisters, Miss Grace Hannah Stowe and Miss Mary Elizabeth Stowe, who together have given a total of 76 years of service as Christian educators under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Japan, are now in America for retirement. Before they left Japan, the Misses Stowe were presented by the Japanese government with the decoration of the Fifth Order of the Sacred Treasure in a special ceremony at Kobe College, Japan, where Miss Grace has been teaching. Miss Grace, who is 70, and Miss Mary, who is 74, were born in Enfield, Conn.; both attended New Britain Normal School and both are graduates of Mt. Holyoke College. Both were teachers in the United States before going to Japan. Miss Mary sailed first to Japan in 1908. Miss Grace went to teach in Capron Hall, Madura, India, during World War II, and served there under the American Board for five years before going back to teach in Kobe College in 1947.

The "abundant life" for which man is striving is much more than bread, though bread is primary," warns Miss Flemmie P. Kittrell, economics authority on the staff of Howard University, and a former Fulbright professor at the University of Baroda, India. Says Professor Kittrell: "The abundant life implies that one has a true knowledge of the laws that govern the universe, and possesses techniques and skills in knowing how to deal with his environment for his best physical, social and spiritual needs. He will be concerned not only with the how of living but with the why of living. The individual will direct his activities to social ends of a high order and will share his resources wholeheartedly with all members of the human race. The abundant life means also that there will be time for fine social intercourse, enjoyment of the arts, and spiritual reflection." Prof. Kittrell believes that "Point Four" or any other program of assistance to the world's underprivileged, must begin with education of the child in the home — "with the activities of the home as a whole and the development and organization of family life in all its aspects: physical, biological, economic, social, aesthetic, spiritual."

organists were in the group. Morning classes followed worship. Afternoons were devoted to study and workshops. The group was guest of local churches on Sundays. Grand Avenue Temple Methodist Church proved that Southern hospitality exists in Missouri. As guests of that church, "twos" attended a picnic for the Kansas City District Young Adult Group. One Sunday the training group held devotional services at Grand Avenue Youth Fellowship meeting and spoke about the "U. S.-2" program.

Recreational activities ranged from Ping-pong to reading the campus favorite, "Winnie the Pooh." Dramatic talent was shown in a one-act play with a Vermont farmhouse (Continued on page 14)



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## BEQUEST MAKES POSSIBLE WALTREAK METHODIST CHURCH

Work is almost completed on the Waltreak Methodist church. This church was given by "Aunt Jennie" Buchanan, who died September 20, 1950.

The will of John Buchanan, who died March 17, 1936, left all of his estate to his wife, Jennie Buchanan. He requested that at her death, if any residue was left, that it be used to build a Methodist Church at Waltreak.

That church now is near completion, and the dream of "The Buchanans" is a reality. The main auditorium of the building is 30-38, which does not include the pulpit, choir loft or organ pit. At the front of the building on either side of the foyer are two 9-10 classrooms; at the rear is an activity room 31-18, a kitchen, two rest rooms an office, and three classrooms. There is also a heating plant and pump house.

When completed it will cost approximately \$40,000 and the endowment trust fund is around \$40,000 which will take care of future needs of the church.

The trustees are Mrs. Lucy Mitchell Kitchens, Mrs. Sue Watson, Mrs. Agnes Mitchell and Mr. Thurman Damond, all of Waltreak.—Reporter

## REV. C. H. GIESSEN RECEIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION

At the thirty-second Conference on the Ministry, sponsored by the Department of In-Service Training of the Board of Education, held Dec. 30—Jan. 1, 1953 in Kansas City, Mo., the Reverend C. H. Giessen, Registrar of the Little Rock Conference Board of Ministerial Training, was on the program to lead a discussion of Registrar's records. It was announced at the conference by Dr. J. Richard Spann, the Director, that his office had selected Brother Giessen as one of two registrars in the entire Church who had sent in the best record, and whose efficiency stood out above the others. The other Registrar selected was the Reverend E. A. Houldridge of the Illinois Conference.

The Chairmen and Registrars of the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training had been invited to the Conference, and all but three conferences in American Methodism were represented. Dr. Fred R. Harrison, Chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board, was also in attendance.

## PARSONAGE DAMES OF BATESVILLE DISTRICT ENTERTAIN

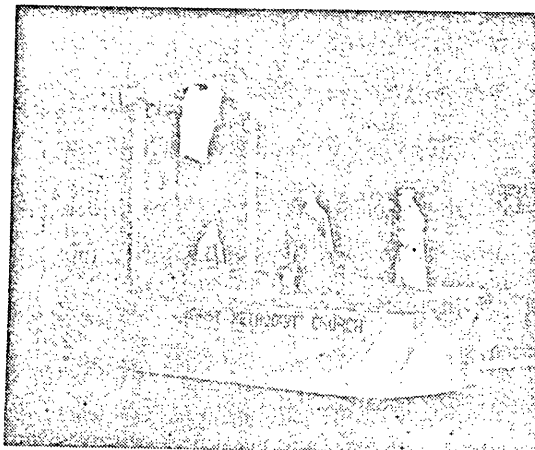
The Parsonage Dames of the Batesville District enjoyed a fine Turkey Dinner with their husbands in Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church, Batesville, December 11th.

Following the dinner Brother Connell met with the ministers in the new chapel to discuss the District Program of the church. It was suggested that on some Sunday in the spring, ministers exchange pulpits,

## NATIVITY SCENE, FIRST METHODIST CHURCH HELENA

The First Methodist Church of Helena had as its theme for Christmas Observance, "Putting Christ into Christmas". One of the outstanding features was a float of The Nativity Scene entered by the Zephia House Wahl Sunday School Class in the Annual Christmas Parade sponsored by the Lion's Club. After the parade this Nativity Scene was placed on the grounds of the First Methodist Church, where it remained until after Christmas.

Scores of persons made it a part of their Christmas observance to see the scene as it was lighted up by spot lights each night during the Christmas Holidays. The Annual Christmas Program sponsored by the Sunday School had this as its theme with the entire pageant built around the portrayal of Mary and



Joseph and the Christ Child. The Gospel Story is told by song, by sermon, and in many different ways. The Church at Helena is convinced that this portrayal of the Good News is so worth while and was so effective that it will be continued and added to each year at Christmas.

## ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY AT VANTREASE

Members and friends of the Vantrease Methodist Church of El Dorado joined in an all church fellowship supper and Christmas party on Tuesday night, December 23. The men of the Progressive Bible Class and the ladies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service sponsored the meeting which began with a pot-luck upper being served to a capacity crowd.

Christmas carols were sung by members of the children's department of the church school, after which the congregation, led by J. E. Reese, joined in singing others. The traditional Christmas story was read by Freddy Schwendimann, and prayer was offered by Brother J. T. Bolding.

A Christmas tree, gaily decorated by the youth of the church, was in evidence for the party, and gifts from the church for each child present were piled high about the base. A Christmas Cartoon Carnival, consisting of "Mickey House in Toyland", "Woody Woodpecker Plays Santa Claus", Dicken's "Christmas Carol", "Merry Christmas", and the traditional "Twas the Night Before Christmas" was shown for the children, young and old.

No sooner were the pictures shown than the tinkling of the sleighbells was heard outside, and Ole Santa Claus made his appearance, to the delight and joy of all present. After greeting those present, Santa distributed the gifts, and left because of business elsewhere. It was indeed a happy night in the life of Vantrease, and one which will not soon be forgotten.

The group accepted the idea. Brother Connell appointed Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, pastor of First Church, Batesville, and Rev. Guy Ames, pastor at Newport, First Church to work out plans for a Batesville-Newport, (Continued on page 13)

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT SULPHUR SPRINGS

The Sulphur Springs Methodist Church of the Wesley Sulphur Springs Charge observed the Christmas season with two different programs, both of which were outstanding and a credit to any rural church.

On Monday, December 22nd an outdoor pageant was presented which pictured the various scenes of the Christmas Story. The narration was read by Mr. David Watson who also wrote the script. A choir sang appropriate Christmas carols to assist in presenting the story. All participants were well costumed. The entire presentation reflected much hard work and planning.

Parts were played as follows: Mary; Winnie Ruth Watson; Joseph; Bobby Wingard; Wise Men, Mickey Nix, J. W. Moss, Billy Shultz; Shepherds; Billy Frank, Lloyd, and James West; Inkeeper; Fred Divine; Angels; Catherine West; Margaret Greenwood, Mary Helen Dennard, Clara May Bailey. David Watson, Mrs. Fred Divine and Mrs. Vernon Green were responsible for the planning and presentation. The musical background was furnished by a choir of some twenty voices.

On Wednesday night an appropriate candlelight service consisting of carols and scripture was presented in the sanctuary of the Church. Both of these programs were planned and presented entirely by local talent without even the assistance of their pastor.

The Wesley Church also observed the Christmas season with a special service on Sunday night the 21st by the new Junior Choir consisting of twenty-eight voices. They did a splendid job, having been trained by Virgil Howard of Pine Bluff. The service closed with the service of Holy Communion. On Tuesday night the Wesley Sunday School arranged for a filmstrip, "Christmas Around the World," followed by a visit from Santa.—Winslow Brown, Pastor

## JONESBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE MEETS

The Jonesboro District Conference met in session December 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the Manila Methodist Church with N. Lee Cate as host pastor. There were 34 clerical members and 86 lay delegates present.

A composite report was read by Rev. Alvin C. Murray, (prepared by a previously delegated committee of laymen and ministers) pastor at Marked Tree. The report gave information as to what the Church had done and made recommendations for the future work of the Church. The report emphasized the various needs of our church and made recommendations in the following fields: The Arkansas Methodist, Christian Education, Evangelism, Methodist Children's Home, Golden Cross, Missions, the new organization of the work of the Church through the Official Board "In the Local Church," The W. S. C. S. and the Wesleyan Guild, Methodist Men, and the place of the pastor and the District Superintendent in the work of the Church.

The following persons spoke to the report: Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Dr. C. M. Reves, Mr. Charles Stuck, Floyd Villines, Jr., Mrs. H. D. Castleberry, Mrs. Wm. Hickox, Dr. E. T. Wayland, Rev. T. T. McNeal, and Mr. P. E. Cooley.

Mr. Cooley reported that we were 63% paid out on World Service and that we reported more paid at our District Conference than the other conferences in our Annual Conference. Part of this is due to the time of the conferences—it was pointed out.

Dr. C. C. Neal was present at the Conference and spoke to the conference about the work at the Haygood Institute, and received a nice offering for his work there.

One of the highlights of the conference was the message brought by Rev. W. F. Cooley, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District.

We, of the Jonesboro District are grateful for the efficient manner in which the work our District Conference was carried on under the leadership of our District Superintendent, Rev. E. B. Williams, and for the fine hospitality and Christian Spirit shown by the host pastor and the good people of the Manila Methodist Church.—Byron McSpadden, secretary

## WIDENER-ROUND POND CIRCUIT RIDERS MEET

The Young Married Circuit Riders of the Widener-Round Pond charge met for the December meeting at the parsonage in Widener. There were twenty-four adults present and nine children. Mrs. William Hall read the story, "The Mansion," which was the highlight of the Christmas program.

The members brought enough food and toys to fill three baskets for the needy families of the community. These were distributed by Rev. D. P. Remaley. The group took the lead in raising the \$135.00 needed for the Methodist Camp at Bear Creek Lake near Marianna, Arkansas. Our pastor's wife served delicious refreshments and we adjourned to meet again in January with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Clark.—Reporter

## ARKANSAS METHODIST



## METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 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 November, 1952.

Mrs. Chas. B. Thweatt, Little Rock—clothes  
The Berean Class, Paris Methodist Church—quilt  
Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Newland, Little Rock—2 bicycles  
Wesleyan Service Guild, First Methodist Church, Stuttgart—books  
Optimist Club, Little Rock—books and records  
Sears, Roebuck & Co.—shoes  
Leon Burch—puzzles  
Chas. R. Baber, Veterans Hospital, N. Little Rock—gum  
Primary Dept. and Young Adult Class, Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, fruit and canned goods  
Evelyn Whitcomb Class, Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock—house shoes  
Pottsville Methodist Church—fruit  
Mothers Bible Class, Heber Springs Methodist Church—quilt  
Decatur W. S. C. S. Methodist Church—quilt  
Smackover Methodist Church—assorted fruit and groceries  
Winfield Methodist Church—groceries and assorted gifts  
W. S. C. S., Methodist Church, Chidester—assorted gifts  
"We Will Bible Class," Stuttgart First Methodist Church—quilt  
The Second Mile Class, Jonesboro—cookies and assorted gifts  
The Friendly Couples Class, Winfield Methodist Church  
Circle No. 1, Ozark Methodist Church—canned fruits, vegetables and quilt  
Waldron Circuit Harvest Festival—fruits canned, canned vegetables, miscellaneous gifts.

### MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:  
Dr. H. E. Cockerham by Mr. and Mrs. M. S. O'Neal  
Miss Virginia Slemons by Helen Clayton  
L. T. Barnes by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham  
John Thatcher by the St. Paul Methodist Church  
George Morris by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tom Caplinger  
John Shepard by Mrs. M. F. Slayton  
Mrs. Nina Gurley by Madison Methodist Women's Group (WCSG)  
William D. Fogg by Forrest City Circle No. 1  
Mrs. W. A. Deleno by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cox  
Mrs. Varnell by Paris Methodist Builders Class  
Bertran Kirsch by Mrs. May Ellen Watson  
Mrs. H. Lynn Wade by Pastors and Pastors' wives, Searcy District  
T. F. Laney by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Roth  
Mrs. H. Lynn Wade by W. S. C. S., Wilson Methodist Church  
Mrs. Wright by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wagner  
Mrs. H. Lynn Wade by Mrs. C. S. Cortwright  
Mrs. H. Lynn Wade by Reverend and Mrs. H. M. Lewis  
Mrs. Nina Gurley by The Madison Methodist Church and School  
Mrs. H. A. Bain by Odenbaugh Families  
TOTAL Memorials \$109.00

### OTHER GIFTS

Trumann Methodist W. S. C. S. \$ 10.00  
Cabot Methodist W. S. C. S. 10.00  
El Dorado Wesleyan Berean Sunday School Class 10.00

Walter R. Phillips 5.00  
P. E. Cooley, Treasurer N. Arkansas Conference 318.98  
Evelyn Whitcomb Class, Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock 10.00  
Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Robison 1.00  
Lexa-Telford Sunday School Class, Fordyce Methodist Church 10.00  
J. M. Hutchins, Gravette Methodist Church 50.00  
Yancey S. S. Class 10.00  
Mrs. Warren S. Riley, First Methodist Church, El Dorado 10.00  
Mena Methodist Friendship Class 10.00  
Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean, Russellville Methodist Church 10.00  
Jett B. Graves Sunday School Class, Hope Methodist Church 10.00  
Fellowship Class, Henderson Methodist Church 10.00  
Frost Bible Class, Texarkana Methodist Church 10.00  
Dr. Jessie Cavener 25.00  
Aubrey Summers, Ozark Methodist Church 10.00  
Ozark Methodist Church 20.00  
Wesley Couples Class, Fayetteville Central Methodist Church 60.00  
Homes Builders Class, Fayetteville Central Methodist Church 6.00  
Marion Methodist Church 55.45  
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whitmore 25.00  
Progressive Sunday School Class, El Dorado First Methodist Church 10.00  
Wills Bible Class, First Methodist Church, North Little Rock 10.00  
First Methodist Church, Morrilton 142.00  
Cabot Methodist W. S. C. S. 10.00  
Anonymous 20.00  
Midway Union Church 1.00  
Robert Moore, Brinkley Meth. Ch. 5.00  
L. K. Brown, Brinkley Meth. Ch. 5.00  
W. S. C. S., Methodist Ch., Bethany 5.00  
Susanna Wesley Class, First Methodist Church, Texarkana 5.00  
H. A. Thomas, Jr. 22.00  
Lydia Wesleyan Service Guild, McCrory Methodist Church 10.00  
H. W. Richards 40.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sullivan, Searcy Methodist Church 10.00  
Mrs. Esther Crain, Springfield 5.00  
W. S. C. S., Methodist Ch., Rector 25.00  
W. S. C. S., Beebe Meth. Ch. 10.00  
Adult Class, First Meth. Ch., El Dorado 30.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rogers, First Methodist Church, Little Rock 10.00  
H. L. Robison, Luxora Meth. Ch. 35.00  
The Service Class, First Methodist Church, El Dorado 10.00  
Primary Dept., Gardner Memorial Church, N. Little Rock .75  
Primary Dept., Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock 2.00  
Mrs. Warren S. Riley, First Methodist Church, El Dorado 10.00  
Maymie Smith 5.00  
Adult Class, Pear Ridge Meth. Ch. 25.50  
Mountain Valley Methodist Sunday School 10.00  
Brownstown Meth. Sunday School 6.45  
Kate Campbell Sunday School Class, Augusta Methodist Church 10.00  
Fred Gantt, Treasurer Little Rock Conference 327.68  
Fred Gantt, Treasurer Little Rock Conference 100.00  
Russellville Methodist Church Men's Bible Class 10.00  
Truman Methodist W. S. C. S. 10.00  
Carol Hampton, Wynne Meth. Ch. 5.00  
Miscellaneous Collections 145.24  
Memorials 109.00  
TOTAL COLLECTIONS \$1923.05

T. T. McNEAL, Director

## WIDENER-ROUND POND CIRCUIT RIDERS MEET

(Continued from page 12)

Area Fellowship. Rev. W. L. Diggs, pastor at Cotter and Rev. Lewis LaFevers, pastor at Mountain Home, were appointed to develop plans for the Mountain Home Fellowship Area.

In the afternoon the parsonage couples reassembled in Fellowship Hall for a program which was in charge of Mrs. M. L. Kayler, President of the Susanna Wesley Club of Parsonage Dames of the Batesville District. Mrs. Golder Lawrence gave a reading of the Christmas Story. After singing Christmas Carols, Mrs.

Kayler, Mrs. J. W. Johnson and Mrs. Caig directed the exchange of gifts which were placed around a beautiful Christmas tree. Rev. W. L. Diggs directed the group in a few games to close the program. This was indeed one of the most enjoyable occasions for parsonage families, and the fine fellowship experienced will be long remembered.—Reporter

## NEW POLISH ARMY OATH OMITS GOD

London (RNS)—The Polish Communist government has sanctioned a new oath for members of their Armed Forces which omits all reference to God.

According to reports reaching

## VANTREASE CHURCH FLOAT IN CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Ministerial Alliance sponsored this year for the first time a Christmas-Parade for the citizenship of El Dorado, Arkansas. The subjects of the floats were restricted to events around the birth of Jesus. The churches of El Dorado and Union County participated in this parade which was well received by those who saw it.



L. to R.: May Frances Bradshaw depicting Mary; Connie Gathright depicting the angel; Scene—the Annunciation.

Vantrease Methodist Church's subject was "The Annunciation", telling of the announcement of the angel to Mary of the forthcoming birth of the baby Jesus. Miss Mary Frances Bradshaw acted the part of Mary, and Miss Connie Gathright the part of the Angel. The truck used was furnished by the Brown Motor Company; green covering for the bed of the truck was furnished by Rumph Mortuary. Mrs. Hollis Harris was general chairman of the float committee. Assisting her in the planning and decorating of the float were Mrs. Chester Davidson, Mrs. Charles Thornton, Mrs. Perry Bolding, Mrs. Charles Herrington, Mrs. Gene Baggett, Mrs. Fred Schwendemann, Mrs.

W. B. Self, Mrs. Steve Williams, Mrs. Frank Meeks, Mrs. Lonnie Herring, and Mrs. James Bradshaw.

Carpenters assisting in building the frame for the truck were Malcolm Duke, John Rickey, Lonnie Herring, and Perry Bolding. Films of last year's parade in Little Rock were shown in preparation for the decorating of the float. Christmas seemed to mean more to the citizens of the city, and to the people of Vantrease because of this Christmas Parade telling the story of the Birth of Jesus.

## METHODIST CHOIRS OF ARKADELPHIA RENDER CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Chancel Choir, Girls Choir, and Junior Choir of the First Methodist Church at Arkadelphia gave a wonderful program of Christmas music Sunday night, December 21.

Each choir was presented in its own numbers, and the younger groups supported the senior choir in other numbers throughout the evening of song.

Mrs. H. Grady Smith was both organist and general director, a dual duty only a few are qualified to perform. Only a person of great talent and sincere devotion could possibly produce such an excellent and satisfying program as was heard by the capacity audience that evening.

Young Miss Amy Mackey directed the Junior Choir, and Miss Barbara Halliburton was acting director of the Girls Choir. Miss Sue Etchieson was at the piano, and Miss Pat Hunter was flutist.

Soloists for the Chancel Choir were Miss Nell Allen, contralto; Mrs. Boyce Drummond and Miss Ola Mae Lemons, sopranos; Tom Greer, tenor; Eugene Kuyper, bass; and Ted Jones, baritone.

Girls Choir soloists were Miss Amy Mackey, Miss Penny Feters, and Miss Margaret Yates, all sopranos. Patricia Byrd and Tommy Headley were the Junior Choir soloists.

The program was given in a most beautiful setting of Christmas greenery, the season's flowers, and scores of lighted candles, arranged by Mrs. James Patterson.

The members of the three choirs entered the auditorium bearing lighted candles and singing "O Come

here, Polish officers and soldiers will in the future swear to "guard the frontiers in friendly cooperation and alliance with the Soviet Union against imperialist attempts."

All Ye Faithful," until all were seated, after which the invocation was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Bill Byrd. At the close of the program the benediction also was pronounced by Mr. Byrd. The audience remained seated until the choiristers had filed out singing, as they had come in.

The congregation and the choirs opened by singing "Joy to the World." The invocation and the offering followed.

The traditional, also some of the less frequently heard Christmas songs, were used in the program, including the old favorite, "Silent Night," "The Seven Joys of Mary," and a Christmas Fantasy made up of a number of beautiful Christmas songs which were sung by the combined choirs. One of the outstanding features of the program was the solo, "Cantique Noel," sung by Miss Allen.

Just prior to Christmas many were deploring the commercialization and desecration of our Saviour's birthday anniversary. Nevertheless, the millions of Americans who attended such beautiful programs as the one heard at the Arkadelphia church could not escape the fact that the Bethlehem Babe's natal day was also observed in a most sacred and approved manner.—Reporter

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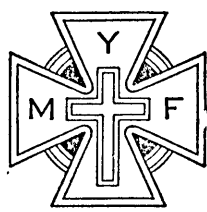
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### BATON ROUGE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

A Baton Rouge District M. Y. F. Council meeting was held at Hammond on December 8. Emily Learner, president, opened the meeting with prayer. Miss Barbara Meades was named chairman for "Meals for Millions".

A rally will be held at the Hammond Music Hall on February 24 from 7:30 to 9:30. Rev. W. E. Trice of Baton Rouge will be the speaker. Bill Mann will sing.

An African Festival in the Sub-District has been suggested for January. Each local M. Y. F. is urged to have an interdenominational sunrise service for Easter.

The next council meeting is to be at the home of Emily Learner.—Reporter

### STUDENT RECOGNITION SERVICE

Student Recognition Day service was held on Sunday morning, December 28, in Vantrease Methodist Church of El Dorado. Calvin Fudge of Southern State College, Magnolia, presided and directed the service. Dan Samford, graduate student in the University of Arkansas, brought the message of the morning, using as his subject "What Is This Younger Generation Coming To?" Bobby Rogers of Southern State College, Magnolia, and Bill Baker, Senior in El Dorado High School, served as ushers.

It was indeed a splendid hour of worship in which the youth of the church were honored.—Reporter

### YOUNG PEOPLE SPONSOR CAROLING PARTIES

It has become a tradition at First Church, Texarkana, for the Senior High Department to have a caroling party during the Christmas season. For the last three years they have visited homes of shut-in members of the church. This year, however, they made their carols a part of a worship service in the homes they visited.

At the close of the annual music program, on Sunday, December 21, forty-two members and guests of the Senior High Department ate a snack supper in the Educational Building and proceeded from there to nine homes of shut-in members. In each home they sang a few carols, read the Christmas story from Luke, and repeated the MYF benediction, led by their president, Shirley Allison.

Following the caroling, they went to the parsonage for a Christmas party. Miss Ruth Nolze, Educational Director, supervised the committees in charge of caroling plans and the party. Adults who assisted were: Dr. and Mrs. Fred R. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright, Mrs. Eugene Allison, Mrs. Henry Hunt, Mrs. R. H. Williams, Mrs. J. G. Jarvis, Mrs. Clarence Coopwood, Mrs. Curtis DuVall, Mrs. David McGhee, Mrs. Herion Ross, and Miss Charlie Mae Chapel.—Reporter

### DISTRICT M. Y. F. MEETINGS IN JANUARY

The Baton Rouge, Ruston and Shreveport Districts are planning district-wide M.Y.F. meetings in January.

Dr. W. E. Trice will be the speaker at the Baton Rouge District Rally in Hammond, Monday, Jan. 12. The meeting will be on the campus at S. L. C.

Rev. Raybon Porter, well-known leader of church recreation, will conduct recreation workshops for the Ruston and Shreveport Districts, Jan. 12, 13.

On Monday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 P. M. the Ruston District Workshop will be at the Girls' Gym, La. Tech. The Shreveport District meeting will be at First Church, Shreveport, Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 4:30 P. M. All youth, adult workers with youth, pastors, and others interested in recreation are urged to attend.

### WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Buffalo Island Sub-District met at Macey on December 15. The Macey group was not organized at the time so the Leachville Methodist Youth Fellowship helped them with a very impressive Christmas program. Christmas carols were sung and Sonny Defrees of Macey sang a solo. There were 30 members present with Caraway winning the banner with 582 points. A council meeting was held after the business meeting. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The next meeting will be at Manila on January 9.

### "A GUIDE TO CHURCH PLANNING"

(Continued from page 6)

Par. 1397 (1) of the 1952 Discipline—"The division shall provide guidance for local churches in equipment, arrangement, and design of church-school buildings or rooms."

In cooperation with the Joint Committee on Architecture, the Local Church Division committee has produced a free leaflet "Your Church School Building" and "A Guide to Church Planning." "Your Church School Building" may be ordered from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee. "A Guide to Church Planning" is published in three booklets—one for the small church, one for the suburban church, and still another for the large church. A limited quantity of these is available through the Department of General Church School Work, at the above address, to churches undertaking building projects.

### TWENTY-EIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE SERVE NATIONAL MISSIONS

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locale and two Southerners in leading roles.

But "U. S.-2's" learned too that life isn't a frivolous thing. It can have meaning and fullness when spent in serving God through ser-

## THE RELIGIOUS THINKING OF A "J-3"

By ELIOT R. SHIMER, Yokohama, Japan

BY far the most important development in my religious thinking during my period in Japan has been the definite realization of my part in work for the Kingdom.

When I finished college and began thinking about coming to Japan, I could not actually put into words why I wanted to come. Indeed, I was not really sure myself. And this seemed to be the case with many of the "J-3's" (to Japan for three years of service). But here, in this country, I believe I have found part of the answers. It has to do with God's plan for my life. I felt at first that God would speak to me in some mysterious way, that I would hear His voice and then know His Will. Yet, when I started for Japan, this had not happened—or, at least, I did not think it had.

But now I feel that I have heard God's voice, that I do know His Will for my life. He did not speak as I thought He would, but rather He spoke to me by making me realize a need in His Kingdom. Since I have come to Japan the needs of the people here have struck me over-poweringly. And I now interpret this awareness of the needs of others in this land as God's direct "call" to me . . .

The most important and critical issue of our day is in the international realm—the impending war that will destroy the world. In Japan I have had a chance to study the people, especially the young people, to follow their thinking, to see their shortcomings. Especially, I have seen their spiritual vacuum, their bewilderment in the face of insecurities—houses built on the sand, flickering candles that can easily be blown out. I can understand now how a Christian, baptized just last Sunday, could, several years before, have flown the suicidal kamikaze planes. I can see and understand the utterly incomprehensible—how a Bible class student now, could have been fanatically "faithful" in his worship to the Emperor.

Japan was a country of opposites to me before—of extreme hatred and extreme love; of injustice; of rudeness and over-whelming kindness. Her people were mysterious, bewildering. They still are that, but not quite so much so. I can see reasons now, a pattern. And the key to the mystery lies in the spiritual realm. It is this key that I want to use in this land. I can understand those who follow the communist doctrine now. I can sympathize with the Chinese reds. There is a spiritual lack in Asia, which won't be filled on the battlefields, or even in the U.N.

I must say that every principle of Christian teaching has grown strong and now holds far deeper meaning for me as a result of my term of service here. When once I spoke parrot-like concerning God as the Father of all people, when once I said lightly that we must love our enemies and do to others as we

vice to others. These twenty-eight short-term missionaries declared their consecration to God's will and work at their closing service of communion and dedication, led by Bishop Glenn Phillips.

Each one felt then, even more, the truth of the song they had been singing all six weeks, "I know the Lord has laid His hands on me."

would like them to do to us, when once I echoed that we must all grow in understanding: now I know what it means. I have seen the Power of God at work. I have felt myself grow a great deal even as I tried to help others grow a little. I have really come to love my neighbor, enough to want to spend my life here. A change of scenery, from America to Japan, has opened many curtains for me and allowed me to see Truths which earlier had only seemed superficially true.

This realization, awareness, this sensing of the needs of these people is God's command to me. This deepening of Christian beliefs and teachings, which I have seen on God's field of action here in Japan, is, again, a command for me to return. And, finally, the deepening of my own faith in God is my encouragement that I can do the job. After a few months on the field, the difficulties of living arrangements, the discouragements in my work, the perplexities of facing an entirely new life situation made me question my own good judgment in coming to this strange land. But during the past many months, I have felt as though I really belong. My own faith and understanding have grown so that the little troubles of life are seen in their true perspective. I feel a new strength come into my being as I study and work together with God—a strength and conviction that I have never known before in my life. I feel as though I know where I'm going, as though I am a little closer to my Guide than I have ever been before.

We are all one in Christ. I find it difficult for me to return to America and forget what I have seen here. The standard of living—formerly a cold, calculating term found in economic books—now holds a different meaning for me. Today I gave only two-thirds of one month's salary to one of my high school students. Now she can go to college for two years—something she had never hoped for. So little means so much. I have the feeling of uneasiness in my heart when I see such injustices, such disparity, inequalities. It is an uneasiness that won't be cured except by working here to help right a wrong situation.

I had read before that we are all members of one body in Christ, but I had never before felt the importance of my membership so strongly.

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## EISENHOWER CALLS FOR STRONG RELIGIOUS FAITH

**P**RESIDENT-ELECT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER told the Freedoms Foundation in New York that "a deeply felt religious faith" is this nation's key to victory in the ideological war against Communism. General Eisenhower said that he had requested the opportunity of speaking at the Foundation's annual dinner because he "wanted to make public testimony" of his belief that "the great struggle of our times is one of spirit." "It is a struggle for the hearts and souls of men—not merely for property or even merely for power," he said. "It is a contest for the beliefs, the convictions, the very innermost soul of the human being. Consequently, if we are to be strong, we must be strong first in our spiritual convictions. And those convictions must be those that appeal to men." The general said that, if the United States is to win this struggle, it will have to "go back to the very fundamentals of all things—and one of them is that we are a religious people."

### Bible and Missionary Groups Get \$1,600,000 Estate

Some \$1,600,000 will be distributed to 13 Bible and missionary organizations from the estate of Mrs. Leona Brookman, it was disclosed with the filing of her will in County Court in Denver. The wealthy 75-year-old widow died Dec. 21. Mrs. Brookman's will left the bulk of her own \$1,233,000 estate to the religious groups, and her death also released for distribution a \$371,149 fund set up as a lifetime trust for Mrs. Brookman by her late husband, Frank, Denver realtor who died in 1949. The latter sum will be shared equally by the American Bible Society, New York, and the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Bequests of \$100,000 each to these two organizations and smaller ones ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 to the other 11 Bible and missionary groups were made in Mrs. Brookman's will. In addition the 13 groups will share proportionately in the remaining \$850,000 of her estate not covered by specific gifts.

### Church School Attendance Gets Students Electric Organ

There's a new electric organ in the Greensburg High School in Greensburg, Ind., auditorium. And the high school pupils won it by going to church school. Money from a trust fund was offered to buy the \$2,600 organ if the youngsters had an average church school attendance of 75 per cent for four consecutive weeks or 70 per cent for five consecutive weeks. By setting an 80 per cent record for the fifth week, they brought the average to 72 per cent and to victory. Prior to the special drive, less than half the high school pupils of the town were regularly in church school.

### Tribesmen To Stand Trial On Murder of Preacher

Nine Kikuyu tribesmen have been ordered to stand trial before the Kenya Supreme Court in connection with the murder of a native lay preacher of the Africa Inland Mission. The preacher, Joseph Kibunja, was found dead in October at Thomson's Falls, northwest of here. His head, arms and legs had been hacked off. Earlier, Mr. Kibunja had been reported missing from the farm in the Leshau district where he was employed. The Mau Mau, dreaded native secret society, has been especially active in Leshau. Three of the kikuyus were charged with Mr. Kibunja's murder, the others with being accessories after the fact.

### Laymen Get Distinguished Service Citations

Three citations "for distinguished lay" service were presented at a dinner of United Church Men of the National Council of Churches in connection with the Council's biennial assembly in Denver. Honored were: J. Howard Pew, Philadelphia, former president of Sun Oil Co., who is chairman of the national laymen's committee of the National Council and member of the board of managers of United Church Men. Judge Gay H. Brown, Troy, N. Y., retired jurist and chairman of United Church Men, who now devotes most of his time to interdenominational church work and lecturing. Robert S. McCollum, Denver, president of an auto equipment company and president of the United Church Men of Denver. Speakers at the dinner were Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, and Rep. Walter H. Judd.

### Life of Christ Parade Held in Little Rock

Religious education directors of Greater Little Rock were joined in staging the third annual Life of Christ Christmas parade by the Negro Ministerial Alliance, Y. W. C. A., Catholic Youth Organization, Chamber of Commerce, Veterans' Hospital and school groups. The mile-long procession of 37 floats and

choir sections passed through downtown North Little Rock and Little Rock and ended at the state capitol where a manger scene was lighted on the front steps. Thousands witnessed the parade and state capitol ceremonies. The whole state listened over 25 radio stations while Betty Lou Carmon, 11, polio patient in Arkansas Children's Hospital, threw the switch that turned on thousands of state capitol lights including those of the Nativity scene. This was the 16th annual Christmas lighting event originated and promoted by Secretary of State, C. G. Hall. Choirs of Little Rock and North Little Rock High Schools sang appropriate selections. The Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce provided the heralds who rode at the head of the procession playing "Joy to the World" on silver trumpets.

### World Christian Youth Conference Opens

The third World Conference of Christian Youth opened in Kottayam, India, in a beautifully decorated Pandol, or meeting hall, built for the conference by native Christians. More than 300 delegates representing Christian youth and student organizations of 55 nations heard a speech of welcome from the Rajphamukh of Travancore-Cochin. The fact that the welcoming address was delivered by the ruler of this Indian state testified to the interest developed in South India in the first world church meeting held in the area. The Rajphamukh credited Christian missionaries with helping the people of Travancore gain their reputation for high standards of education and culture. A third of the state's 12,000,000 citizens are Christians. Miss Sarah Chakko, one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches, urged the delegates to apply the Conference theme, "Christ — the Answer," to the tensions and problems which still separate the peoples of the world.

### LeTourneau's Ark Leaves For Second African Trip

"LeTourneau's Ark" left Vicks-

burg, Miss., on its second missionary voyage to Africa loaded the gunwales with a cargo that would have nonplussed occupants of its biblical counterpart. The ark is a war-surplus Navy landing barge purchased and converted by R. G. LeTourneau, industrialist and evangelist, to supply the physical and spiritual reclamation project he set up in September on a 500,000-acre tract leased from the Liberian government. Lashed firmly to the decks of the vessel were three airplanes, an automobile, a jeep, huge oil and gasoline storage tanks and a deep-freeze unit containing two whole beef carcasses. More conventional ark cargo were several big wooden pens with seven cows and a bull. In the hold were many tons of heavy machinery to carry out the mechanized farming program through which Mr. LeTourneau hopes to induce Liberian natives to accept Christianity. "Hungry natives," he has said, "will listen to us about God if we can show them a field of grain with a combine harvesting in a day than they can eat in a year." The ark is scheduled to arrive in Liberia about mid-January.

### Citizens Restore Negro College Wrecked at Natchez College

Hundreds of white citizens pitched in at Itta Bena, Mississippi to help restore a Nativity scene on the campus of Mississippi Vocational College, Negro educational institution, after it had been wrecked by teen-age white vandals. Four boys who toppled over the Christmas scene erected by the college's students eluded a night watchman. But when news of the vandalism spread, Dr. J. H. White, president of the college, was swamped with telephone calls and messages from white residents expressing regret over the incident and offering financial and manual help. The creche was reconstructed in two days of joint effort by Negroes and whites.

### Charge Immoral Literature Sold at Thousands of Stands

A Congressional investigation into pornographic literature opened in Washington, D. C., with a charge that publications harmful to morals are being sold at thousands of newsstands and drug stores throughout the country. The investigating committee, headed by Rep. E. C. Gathings (D-Ark.) announced that representatives of religious groups would be called as witnesses before the hearings have concluded. In a report on its six-month staff investigation, the committee declared that "the most conspicuous offenses against common decency were found to be contained in the low-cost paper-bound publications known as 'pocket-size books'; in so-called 'cheesecake' magazines; and in the flagrantly mis-named 'comics.' " "The so-called pocket-size books which started out originally as cheap paper-bound reprints of standard works," the committee said, "have to a great extent deteriorated during the past decade into media for the dissemination of artful appeals to sensuality, immorality, filth, perversion, and degeneracy."

### Church Honors 50-Year Members

Blockley Baptist church, West Philadelphia, honored 20 members of its congregation for 50 years or more of continuous attendance. The record is held by Mrs. Charles Addis, who has been an active member for 80 years. Six others have been members for from 60 to 70 years.

MAN vs. GOD

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# The Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 18, 1953

## VISIONARY OR SERVANT?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Matthew 17. Printed Text: Matthew 17:1-8, 14-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: *I am among you as one who serves.*  
—Luke 22:27

We are still dealing with Unit IV: "INNER RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING". The aim of the unit is to aid students in discovering these resources that they may use them in building Christian character. This is the third lesson in the series. There is one more lesson in the unit.

As implied by the name these lessons really form a unit. They belong together; so much so that before passing to each new lesson we should have the gist of those already used before us. The theme of the first lesson of the unit is in the form of a question: "WHAT ARE THE ROOTS OF CHARACTER?" One of the roots of character is thought. A person will largely live tomorrow like he thinks today. One cannot make a mud puddle of his mind and have a clean life. Another root of character is imagination. Imagination is a rare gift indeed. It belongs only to the human family. Motive also is a root of character. The moral or immoral content of an act is determined by the motive that produced it. A study of the Sermon on the Mount will prove the truth of this assertion. Still another root of character is attitude. No one can possibly build Christian character without the proper attitude toward God and fellowmen.

The title of the second lesson of the series is also in the form of a question: "HOW FACE SUFFERING?" This is a very pertinent question, for all must face suffering. There are several types of suffering. There is pain which serves a useful purpose. Many people are alive today because of their ability to feel pain. It served as a warning to them. Then there is the type of suffering that comes from inherited weaknesses. We cannot inherit disease but we do inherit weak organs which make the coming of disease easy. Still another type of suffering is that which the individual brings on himself by the breaking of God's laws. All are acquainted with the law of gravity and the evil results which always come in the attempt to break it. God has laws of health which are just as immutable as is his law of gravity. Those who make a habit of violating these laws bring suffering upon themselves and in many cases premature death. They have no one to blame but themselves for their suffering. Then there is the type of suffering that is brought upon one through the wrong attitudes or activities of others. A good parent suffers untold agony because of the waywardness of some child. The highest type of suffering is that which one is willing to undergo rather than surrender some high ideal or give up some worthy cause. It was this type of suffering that Christ experienced on the cross. It was a voluntary suffering. That is

the type of suffering that Christ referred to when he insisted that all who would be his disciples must take up their crosses and follow him. This is not some disease or thorn in the flesh that one might have whether he is good or bad. The chief point in this type of suffering is the fact that it is voluntary. It is something that one could escape were he willing to surrender his high ideals. One thing we need to bear constantly in mind is the fact that all suffer. The difference between the suffering of the Christian and the non-Christian is that in the midst of his suffering one is conscious of the presence, sympathy, and help of a Being who is bigger than all of his problems, while the other attempts to bear the burden in his own strength alone.

This brings us to our lesson for today the title of which is also in the form of a question: "VISIONARY OR SERVANT?"

### A Look at the Scriptures

The Scriptures for this lesson were well chosen. This is especially true with regards to the title. There are two selections. The first (Matt. 17:1-8) deals with the visionary idea of the title. While the second (Matt. 17:14-18) has to do with the servant idea.

The Transfiguration took place about four months before the crucifixion of the Lord. The scholars are pretty well agreed that the place was Mount Hermon in the extreme northern part of Palestine. There are several great lessons that come to us from this event.

The first is the matter of this inner circle of friends. We are told that Christ took with him Peter, James and John. There is no question about the fact that these men belonged to a distinct group. There were three occasions; crises periods in the life of Christ when—of all his disciples—these men alone were present with him, and that at his own special invitation. They were with him in the chamber of death when he raised Jairus' daughter back to life. They were with him on the occasion of our lesson today. They were also with him in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of his arrest which was followed the next day by his crucifixion. The Lord was not impartial. As far as possible he treated all of his disciples alike. The reason why these men were set apart was because they knew him best and loved him most. They were ready for these experiences. They belonged to an inner circle. They had paid the price to do so. Even Judas could have belonged to it but he would not pay the price. The Lord still has an inner circle. It is every Christian's privilege to belong to it. Few, however, pay the price to do so.

The chief purpose of the Transfiguration was to strengthen the faith both of Christ and these three disciples. They needed this experience to prepare them for the ordeal through which they were about to pass. The Lord was not only about to die on the cross which was a very shameful and painful ordeal, but in his death he was carrying the burden of the sins of the world. The Prophet Isaiah tells us that God laid on him the iniquity of us all. We know that this was the purpose of the experience so far as Christ was concerned. We are told that he, Moses, and Elijah talked about his approaching death. These three disciples also needed this experience to help them realize the divinity of the Lord. They had accepted him as the Messiah, but for centuries the Jews had been taught that the Messiah was to be only a great man, not a divine Person. They thought he was to establish a material kingdom. To their minds a dead Messiah was a contradiction of terms. His death would end all hope that Jesus could ever be the Messiah. If, on the other hand, they could be convinced that Jesus was a divine Person then they might feel that he could conquer death. The voice of God speaking to them out of the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son; hear ye him."

This was the greatest meeting that ever took place in all the history of the world. There are three outstanding ages of the world; that of law, prophecy, and grace. These ages are headed by persons; Moses, Elijah, and Christ. These ages had one thing in common; the salvation of the human race. The first two of them culminated in the last. When the cloud was gone and the vision was over they saw no man save Jesus only. Christ is sufficient to meet the problems and needs of every age of the world.

The next lesson from the event — and this probably greatest of all — is the connection between vision and service. There is no conflict between the idea of vision and that of service. They belong together. The trouble occurs when people try to separate the two. Those who stop with vision alone become idle dreamers. They see what needs to be done but never come to grips with the task. On the other hand, those who try to act without vision, work in their own strength alone. This event is a good illustration of the truth we are trying to make plain here. The work that needs to be accomplished in life is in the valley. Nine of the twelve Apostles tarried there. They had the first opportunity of accomplishing the task, but they failed. They failed because of the lack of faith and spiritual strength which can only be obtained through mountaintop experiences. Had they been ready for these experiences Christ would have invited them to be with him along with the other three. These nine men were practical. They tarried in the valley where the problems of life arise, but they lacked the power to meet them.

On the other hand Peter was about to make the opposite mistake. He had climbed the mountain with Jesus and had had the greatest experience of his life. His faith had been greatly increased and his spirit strengthened. He was ready for the work of the valley but he wanted to tarry on the mountain. He would have become a visionary; an idle dreamer. He wanted to build three tents or tabernacles; one for Christ,

one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

Several years ago the great evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, was in the midst of a revival meeting. An old-time testimony meeting was in progress. A man arose in the audience and remarked, "I have been a Christian for thirty years and all that time I have been on the mountain-top with Christ." Mr. Moody raised the question with him, "Have you won any one for Christ during that time?" At first the man tried to evade the question, but finally replied, "No". Mr. Moody then went on to inform him that he had missed the whole mark of mountain-top experiences. Such experiences are to be sought only that one may render greater service in the valley below. Christ did not permit Peter to build three tents on the mountain-top, but he led him immediately to the valley where a task was waiting. The nine who tarried below failed to heal the epileptic boy through the lack of faith and spiritual strength. The three who climbed the mountain with Christ would also have failed, not for lack of faith and spiritual power, but through failure to come to grips with the problem of the valley. Christ joined the two forces together; worship and work. Worship without work becomes visionary. While on the other hand, work without worship is powerless.

The greatest need of the modern Church is a combination of these forces — worship and work. We are living in an age of haste and hurry. We need to hear again the admonition of God, "Be still and know that I am God." We do not fully know God today because we have not been still. We are attempting to do his work without his power. Christ said to the early disciples, "Tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." They did tarry and on that Pentecost of the long ago the Power came and they went out to work. They labored as no group ever before or since has labored. They accomplished great things for God and his Kingdom. Their enemies "took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." They turned the world of their day upside down. They lifted wicked empires off their hinges and turned the forces of evil backward in their flow. These early Christians joined together worship and work; duty and responsibility; vision and reality. The Church of today needs to repeat that experience. It needs to climb the mountain of spiritual experience to obtain power to do the work of the valley.

All of us recall the great old hymn, "Take Time To Be Holy". This hymn expresses one of the greatest needs of our age. Spiritually speaking, people must "be" before they can successfully "do". The great Prophet Isaiah gave the same admonition, "They who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." We need to walk in the path of duty. We need to run to the tasks that lie before us. We need to fly in the face of every difficulty. But before we attempt to do these things we must not forget to wait on the Lord. In our memory selection Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves." But let it be remembered that the service he rendered was always preceded by worship. He climbed the mountain to renew his power with God, but he went back to the valley to serve.