

# Arkansas Methodist



"SERVING TWO HUNDRED TH  
Official Publication

METHODISTS IN ARKANSAS"  
Arkansas Methodism

VOL. LXXII.

LITTLE ROCK, AR

FEBRUARY 12, 1953

NO. 7

## Danger Of Substituting Programs For People

**W**EBSTER tells us that a program is "A brief outline of the order to be pursued," or "A plan of future procedure." Such a definition right well describes what we mean in The Methodist Church when we talk about the various programs under which we carry on the work of our church.

If we get things done in our church we must have a program which marks out a plan of procedure. To paraphrase a saying about books, "Of the making of programs there is no end." This is as it should be. Nevertheless, we should always keep in mind that programs are not an end in themselves but a means of reaching people.

It is not enough to be interested in rural work, we must be interested in rural people. It is not enough to be interested in a Sunday School program, we must be interested in Sunday School members. A program of race relations is largely worthless unless it results in the individuals of the different races having a better understanding of each other and a larger appreciation of each other. We should never substitute programs for people.

## Dedication Opportunities

**W**EEK of Dedication being observed next week in most Methodist churches offers to Methodist people a splendid opportunity to examine their commitments to the Christian way of life. We are happy that Methodism has set aside this week in its program and invites its members to renew their loyalty to God, to Christ and the Kingdom. This should be a time of personal intense heart searching and spiritual cultivation.

For our own sakes as individual followers of Christ we should seek out the altar and renew our dedication. As individuals we have a mission before God to fulfill and our lives will reach their fulfillment as we continually yield them to the highest that we know. We must be continually shedding off those elements in our lives that would keep us from being what God would have us be. There are those about us who have faith and confidence in us and if we are to continue to merit their devotion we must, with God's help, grow spiritually.

For the sake of many persons about us who do not profess to follow Christ we should seek out the altar and renew our dedication. God's greatest opportunity to reach the indifferent and lost is through those who profess to be followers of Christ. The Apostle Paul speaks of those who by their manner of life and shallowness of commitment hinder and thwart the grace of God. Christian discipleship blossoms into its fulness in the lives of those who because of the depth of their commitments are able to attract others to the Kingdom. God is able to use a dedicated life in a greater way than He can a life that is only partly committed to Him.

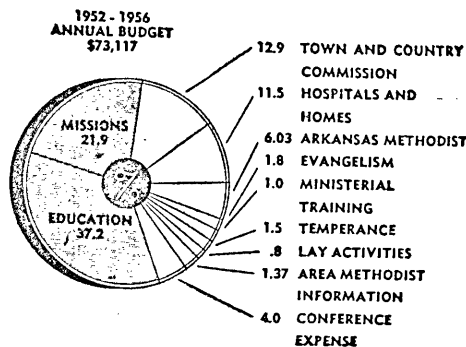
For the sake of Christ and the God He so perfectly revealed we should seek out the altar and renew our dedication. As Christ revealed God He also revealed what man through Christ can become. That revelation is ever before us, forever urging and challenging the finest in each of us. Because He perfectly loved us and gave Himself for us, we ought also to completely give ourselves to Him. He continues to love us in spite of our imperfections. A great demonstration of our love for Him is a great dedication. Week of Dedication will have meant little for us if it leaves us with a weak dedication.

## Area Methodist Information And Conference Benevolences

**F**OR many years our General Conference has provided financial support for Methodist Information, a news gathering and news disseminating agency of our church which has its headquarters in New York, and sectional offices in Chicago and Nashville. The function of this national news agency is to give publicity through the secular press to newsworthy activities of The Methodist Church. Its releases are not promotional in nature, but publicize Methodist activities in the form of news that is of such value as news that the secular press will print it and the public generally will read it.

This nation-wide news agency of our church has proved to be so valuable that

### DIVISION OF THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCE DOLLAR



now eight Episcopal Areas in cooperation with the General Commission on Methodist Information have set up a Methodist Information office on an Area level.

At the Annual Conferences of our Area last spring a resolution was adopted authorizing an Arkansas-Louisiana Area Methodist Information. Because the office of the "Arkansas Methodist" and "The Louisiana Methodist" already possessed many of the facilities needed for such an organization, the three Annual Conferences of the Area, by conference action, asked the Joint Commission of the "Arkansas Methodist" and "The Louisiana Methodist" to accept the responsibility for setting up and promoting the Area Office of Methodist Information.

Each of the Annual Conferences of the Area voted to pay \$1,000 annually for the support of the office. The general office of Methodist Information in New York is also supporting financially the Area office. The Louisiana and North Arkansas Conferences make their payments for this cause through Conference Benevolences. In the Little Rock Conference the money for this cause is raised outside the Conference Benevolences.

The Joint Commission elected Rev. Ewing T. Wayland Director of Methodist Information in connection with his work as an editor of our publications. Since January, Miss Georgia Daily has been working as Associate Director. We believe this office will be of real service to Methodism in our Area.

## Circulation Report No. 3

**R**EPORT No. 3 of the Area Circulation Campaign published elsewhere in this issue shows that a total of 26,298 subscriptions has been reported thus far to the Area publications. By comparison with Report No. 3 of last year there were 19,627 subscriptions reported to the Arkansas Methodist in that report while this year's report shows 18,341. In this year's report 399 pastoral charges are listed as having made reports, 10 more charges that had reported by the same time as last year. Seven Districts in Arkansas have reached their quota with other districts nearing their quotas. Less than 15 charges have made no report. This indicates the spirit of cooperation that has prevailed.

The leadership of the Arkansas conferences is to be commended for the splendid effort which it has made in the Circulation Campaign. The staff of your publication accepts this fine list of subscriptions as evidence that the Arkansas Methodist is continuing to meet a real need in the life and work of Arkansas Methodism and we pledge you our continued effort to produce for you a publication that will continue to serve the best interests of the Kingdom.

Every new subscriber to the Arkansas Methodist is now on the mailing list with many new subscribers receiving their first issue this week. We want also to call our subscribers attention to the fact that this is the last issue that those who have not renewed will receive. If you desire to continue receiving the Arkansas Methodist contact your pastor immediately with your subscription.

This week's report is the last full charge by charge report to be published. Supplemental reports in future issues will publish only the number of those subscriptions which are received with the revised totals, church and district, and will include subscriptions received through Saturday noon previous to the date of publication.

## Selling A Falsehood Is Not A New Experience

**M**ANY people in the free world are dumfounded that the falsehoods so patently in evidence in Communistic propaganda can be so successfully sold to multiplied millions of earth. We ask ourselves over and over again, "How can people be so deceived by a falsehood that they give themselves willingly and often fanatically to a theory of life that they would know to be false if they gave it serious thought?"

While we may deplore the fact that Communism has been more successful with millions in selling its lies than the free world has been in selling the truth, we should remember that this is not a new experience in the world's life.

For some strange reason it does not seem to be difficult for many people to be led to project their lives on a falsehood about life that has been proved to be false in life over and over again. Despite examples to the contrary without number, the alcoholic begins to drink firmly believing that liquor can never be his master. "Crime does not pay" we are told again and again. The history of crime in the past and the experiences with crime in our day establish beyond doubt that crime does not pay. Nevertheless, there are countless numbers of people in free America being led to believe every day that crime can be made to pay and they project their lives on faith in that falsehood.

Ever since we have had an America, the  
(Continued on page 5)

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Wise and faithful stewards are men who are holding the days and years as a sacred trust . . .

The Christian has the responsibility to be a good steward of time . . .

The Christian should be aware that the time entrusted to him is sacred in days of peace as well as in hours of war, in time of security as well as in hours of danger . . .

Once a moment or an hour has been wasted, it is gone forever . . .

A steward who wisely uses the time entrusted to him will always have hours available for the worship of God and for his work . . .

At few points is Christ harsher than in his treatment of those who are poor stewards of time . . .

Time that is used for worthy ends, to contribute to the general good, is an investment which will please the Creator . . .

—From: TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, by G. Ernest Thomas

## STANDING IN THE NEED OF WORSHIP

Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30; 12:1-9  
Verse for today: Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. (Ps. 55:22)

Early in the fall, before the caretaker had covered the evergreen shrubs, a heavy snowstorm came. It was one of those fall storms with sticky wet snow that clung to everything. When the snow had been falling for some time, a four-year-old daughter came and said, "Daddy, what's happened to the shrubs?" On investigating, it was found that the snow had bent them over and nearly buried them, so father and daughter put on their coats and went out and shook the snow off, letting the shrubs come up straight again. From time to time during the day the daughter reported that the snow was bending the shrubs down again, and several times father and daughter went out to shake off the snow.

That evening when they were gathered as a family for a period of devotions, the little girl asked, "Why do people go to church?" The father explained that it was something like the shrubs—that people became weighed down with worries and problems which they could not shake off alone, and so they would go to church. In that experience of worship they found that God helped them shake off their burdens, and they were able to return home feeling much better. Church reminds us that we have help outside ourselves to release us from the burdens which otherwise would crush us.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, giver of all that we enjoy, we express our gratitude that there is One to shape our burdens and help us through the difficult experiences of life. Be with us in our times of need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

—Mahlon W. Pomeroy, from  
The Secret Place

## POEM FOR THE WEEK

"I worked for men," my Lord will say  
When we meet at the end of the King's highway,  
"Walked with the beggar along the road,  
I kissed the bondsman stung by the goad,  
I bore my half to the porter's load.  
And what did you?" my Lord will say,  
"As you traveled along the King's highway?"

"I made life sweet," my Lord will say,  
When we meet at the end of the King's highway.  
"I smoothed the path where the thorns annoy,  
I gave the mother back her boy,  
I mended the children's broken toy,  
And what did you?" my Lord will say,  
"As you traveled along the King's highway?"

—Robert Davis

## MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time because the days are evil." (Eph. 5:15, 16)

SOMETIME ago I read of a note left by a young man who took his own life. The note read, "I grew weary of trying to improvise ways to spend each twenty-four hours." What a tragedy for us to consider time as just a period for which we must "improvise" some means to dispense with it. There is no more pressing question than a Christian must face than the proper use of time. A group was discussing the amount of time that we spend outside of our homes. One of the group remarked that though the Church seemed to be interested in spending more time in the home, it called for a good deal of time outside the home. The accusation was made that the Church required too much time and was thereby defeating its own purpose. The Church does require some time—some of your time! But the pressure comes when we fail to properly evaluate the demands that are made upon our time. We spend much time in recreation, which is necessary; we spend much time in social activity, which is enjoyable; but, let us never accuse the Church of requiring more time until we have made a careful evaluation of the activities to which we give ourselves.

There are vast differences in wealth. Some through careful management, hard work, and business ingenuity have accumulated far above the average in wealth. There are differences in physical abilities. Each who has a strong body should never cease to be grateful unto God for this gift. There are vast differences in talent. One individual has "very little talent", while another seems to have much. In the matter of time, however, every person is on the same level. We all have the same amount of time. The wealthy cannot buy one extra second. The wise cannot extend the rays of the sun by one moment. The talented cannot add one tick of the clock to their lives. We are all of the same wealth so far as time is concerned.

We cannot overestimate the value of time. Mr. Edison said, "Time is the most valuable thing in the world". Someone has said it this way, "Life (personality) plus time (which is impersonal) has made the world what it is today." If we are

not satisfied with the kind of world we have, then let us ask ourselves the question, "Have I given enough time to the betterment of my life, my community, and my world? Or have I been giving myself to my own selfish interests?" Every man makes his choices concerning time.

At the beginning of World War II we heard such expressions, "It is later than you think," "Five minutes before twelve", and other sayings that were trying to impress upon us the importance of time. But a Christian should not have to have it impressed upon him in this way for time is a sacred trust received from God. It is a trust committed to every man, but often overlooked by many, even those who are Christian.

St. Paul sums up the responsibilities of the Christian use of time in a phrase which we find in his letter to the Ephesians, "Make the most of your opportunities". The opportunities of life press us for immediate action. Nowhere in the Bible or in the experience of life itself do we find counsel to defer the opportunities that are ours today until tomorrow. To put off our opportunities is to lose them. As some one has so aptly said, "By the street of Bye and Bye one arrives at the House of Never". People often mistake the stewardship of time as the starting gun in a foot race. Preachers hurry about like they had the St. Vitus Dance and do much about nothing. People find themselves on a merry-go-round chasing from one thing to another and not giving enough time to successfully complete any one thing. Stewardship of time does not mean that we jump on a horse and ride off in all directions; but it does mean that we give the proper evaluation to work, rest, relaxation, worship, service, self-improvement and so on down the line. We get the demands that are made upon our time all out of proportion. Each may be of importance but none demands more than its rightful share.

It is tragic and sinful when time is wasted. Time wasted does not mean that we do not have recreation; it means that time spent for recreation really "re-creates". Sometimes we spend more time getting

ready to work than we do in actually doing the job. Time wasted reduces life to a drudgery and a bore.

Then as Christian stewards we must give our time to that which develops worthy attitudes and wholesome outlooks in our life. Work will get its proportionate share of emphasis. The satisfaction that comes from work well done is a great reward within itself. But, "All work and no play makes Johnnie a dull boy" calls for the answer to the question as to how much time we will take for play. The question that we must ask is, "Am I giving enough time to Jesus Christ and His Church?" What about this soul that shall be living when this body has long since decayed and returns to dust from whence it came? Am I giving as much time to this part of my life which shall last on as to that part which shall decay? If we are too busy to pray daily and worship God regularly, then we are busier than God ever intended that we should be. On a former charge that I served there was a fine Christian man who gave me some instructions that I will not forget. He was a strawberry farmer and knew how treacherous it would be to lose a part of his harvest. Despite the fact that often the Monday market was higher, he steadfastly refused to harvest his strawberries on Sunday. This is his testimony—that across the years it had not hurt him in any way. It is not a sign of progress when millions in America declare that they are too busy to take time to nurture their immortal souls.

There need never be a shortage of leadership in any church. There are sufficient people in every church who, if they would give enough time could be leaders and make a valuable contribution to their church. Sunday School teachers, youth workers, and the many other crying needs of our church are not filled by people who are workers of magic, but by people who in the wise use of their time, by study and fellowship with God, enrich their own lives and become a welcome blessing to others.

Wise and faithful stewards are those who hold the days and years of their lives as a sacred trust. In an old cartoon of Andy Gump is a lesson for us. Andy is asleep and begins to dream. Day appears and declares to Andy, "I am the day. I have come with my twenty-four little men to work for you. They work untiringly, willingly, and freely. You have but to command them." Each little man stepped out then passed from the scene. Father Time comes with his scythe and garners another day into eternity and it is lost. Would that every Christian would awaken to the sense that hours—valuable hours—are slipping by and unless we use them wisely they are lost.

G. Ernest Thomas sums it up in this way, "He makes the most of his time who lives in accordance with his best knowledge and thought. Life is even more serious than death; for we are not responsible for the fact of death, but we are responsible for the way we live." The writer to the Ephesians was impressing this truth upon those people.

(Continued on page 15)

## BOARD OF MISSIONS COMMISSIONS 63

By W. W. REID, Board of Missions



Sixty-three new missionaries and deaconesses were commissioned when the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church held its annual meeting recently at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore conducted the commissioning service, assisted by Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Bishop Richard C. Raines, and Mrs. Frank G. Brooks.

The foreign missionaries included teachers, agriculturists, doctors, experts in business administration, evangelists, social workers, and home economists. Thirty-four men and women were commissioned by the Board to work overseas under the Division of Foreign Missions. The Woman's Division of Christian Service had fourteen candidates for

foreign service and fifteen for deaconess work in the United States and territories. The latter are primarily teachers and social workers.

These candidates bring to 102 the number of missionary applicants accepted for commissioning in 1952. Over one thousand missionaries have been commissioned by Methodism since 1948.

#### Jewish Altar Dedicated In Chapel of Four Chaplains

A Jewish altar was formally dedicated in the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia. It is a memorial to Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, of York, Pa., one of the quartet of Army chaplains who went down together, after giving their lifebelts to enlisted men, when the U. S. troopship *Dorchester* was torpedoed in the North Atlantic on February 3, 1943. The dedication, which marked the tenth anniversary of the sinking of the *Dorchester*, also honored the other three chaplains—George L. Fox, of Cambridge, Vt., a Protestant; Clark V. Poling, of Schenectady, N. Y., a Protestant; and Father John P. Washington, Arlington, N. J., a Roman Catholic.

#### Texas Drys Seek New Legislation

The United Texas Drys, which has many churchmen among its members, has announced its plans to ask the state legislature to prohibit the sale of beer at grocery stores and ban beer and liquor advertising on radio and television. Albert F. Tucker of Dallas, executive secretary, said several legislators had agreed to introduce bills on these two matters.

#### Multi-Million Dollar Business Given to Adventist Church

In the belief that "God expects His share of a man's income," Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Harris have given their multi-million dollar furniture and lumber manufacturing business to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Estimated value of the gift, said to be the largest ever received by the Church, is between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000. The gift comprises Harris Pine Mills, Inc.,

in Pendleton, Oregon, and subsidiary properties. The mills in Pendleton are rated the largest maker of unfinished furniture in the world, shipping 2,000 pieces a day. They also cut and sell 50,000,000 board feet of lumber and market 5,000,000 fruit boxes a year. The business employs some 700 men and women and operates small assembly plants at Chicago Heights, Ill., Alexandria, Va., and Cleburne, Tex. It owns 50,000 acres of timber lands in Northeastern Oregon and is under contract to cut timber on 100,000 acres of federal land in this area. Transfer of the business and property to the Seventh-day Adventist Church was completed here by Mr. and Mrs. Harris and the Church's world president, W. H. Branson of Washington, D. C. Mr. Branson said the Church would operate the business about the way Mr. Harris did.

#### Eisenhowers Become Members Of Washington Church

President and Mrs. Eisenhower were received into membership of the National Presbyterian church in Washington in a private ceremony. Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, the church's pastor, said he believed it to be "the first time a President of the United States has joined a church while he was President." After the ceremony, during which the Presidential couple were examined and confirmation of their Christian faith was made, the Eisenhowers, joined by about 50 other new communicants, received holy communion at a regular 9 o'clock service. Dr. Elson said that different procedures were applied to the President and his wife at the "very simple and modest" ceremony. The President was received into membership upon Christian baptism and confession of faith and

of baptismal vows. General Eisenhower had never been baptized before, while Mrs. Eisenhower was a baptized Presbyterian. Dr. Elson said the President's father was a member of the River Brethren Church.

#### Methodists Plan Cuban Evangelism Tour

Forty two-man teams of Methodist ministers from 25 states will tour the 800-mile island of Cuba in a nine-day intensive evangelism campaign beginning February 11, the Methodist Board of Evangelism announced in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the board, said the teams, accompanied by Cuban Methodists, will "preach in every Methodist church, school and mission station and in the cane-fields, barnyards and streets." The campaign will culminate in a mass "victory rally" at Havana on February 19, he said. Dr. Denman said the Cuban crusade will mark the opening of the Methodist worldwide "year of evangelism" in 1953. Many metropolitan and statewide missions have been scheduled, he said, and eight-state simultaneous campaigns in the Southeast will be staged April 17-26 and May 1-8. A national convocation will be held in Philadelphia June 26-28.

#### Eisenhower, Nixon Aid 'Back to God' Drive

President Eisenhower and Vice President Richard M. Nixon stressed the importance of America's "spiritual heritage" in a religious program televised and broadcast in New York, that opened the American Legion's 1953 "Back to God" campaign. The broadcast also marked the 10th anniversary of the death of the four Protestant, Roman

Catholic and Jewish Army chaplains who gave up their lifejackets to soldiers and went down with the troopship *Dorchester* in the North Atlantic during World War II. The President delivered a message, recorded earlier at the White House, expressing hope that the dedication and devotion of all Americans might "merit the great blessings that the Almighty has brought to this land of ours."

#### Report Russians Demolishing Ancient Churchyards

Ancient churchyards in the Soviet Union containing graves adorned with crosses and other religious symbols are gradually being demolished by Communist authorities and converted into parks and playgrounds, the Vatican Radio reported. "Of course, there are no longer any crucifixes in the State cemeteries," the station observed. "Black triangular plaques stand above the tombs, red stars being fixed atop of them."

#### Plows For India Aided By Church Fund

A \$10,000 check to buy more modern plows for farmers of India has been presented to the Allahabad Agricultural Institute by the Indiana Council of Churches. The presentation was made by Dr. Ralph L. Holland, the Council's general secretary, to Dr. A. T. Mosher, director of the institute, at the 22nd annual Indiana State Pastor's Conference at Indianapolis. The money was contributed by Hoosiers as part of a "Plows for India" project of the Christian Rural Overseas Program.

#### Plan Christian News Service in India

A plan to establish a Christian News Service for India has been submitted to the National Christian Council in Nagpur, India. It is expected that the larger churches and missions will sponsor this project to collect and distribute news of Christian interest from different parts of the country.

#### Report Hungarians Begin Confiscation of Church Bells

The Hungarian Communist regime has begun the wholesale confiscation of church bells, the Vatican Radio reported. The station said that "the Hungarian Home Office in agreement with the War Office made a list of all bells in Hungarian churches a short time ago and the confiscation of them has already begun." It said that despite the protests of the population, the two bells of St. Anne's church in Budapest recently were dismantled and taken away. During this action, Communist police were forced to disperse angry crowds. Confiscation of church bells in the Szeged and Bekescsaba regions of Hungary also has taken place, the station added.

#### Japan Society Distributed 1,750,000 Bibles Last Year

More than 1,750,000 Bibles were distributed in 1952 by the Japan Bible Society, it was announced in Tokyo. This brings to 12,883,023 the total issued by the Society since the end of the war. One of the Society's most successful activities during the past year was the distribution of Bibles to Koreans on Tsushima Island, off Japan's west coast. These Koreans had been deported from Japan as undesirables but they were refused permission by the Korean government to re-enter their native country.



## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL CLINIC** will be held in First Church, Jonesboro, on Thursday, February 26, from 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

**THE METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT CONFERENCE** for Arkansas will be held at Monticello, April 10-12, according to announcement.

**REV. BRADY COOK** is in Pierce, Oklahoma, in a revival meeting with Rev. C. L. Martin. Miss Fern Cook, his sister, is not with him on account of illness.

**MAYOR ROSS LAWHON** of North Little Rock was speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on February 10.

**THE CHAPEL** of the First Methodist Church, Clarksville, is open from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. daily for prayer, meditation and quiet moments. Rev. Paul M. Bumpers is pastor.

**REV. W. C. LEWIS**, pastor at Roe, who has been a patient at Trinity Hospital, Little Rock, will convalesce at the home of his son at 3001 Gaines Street a few days before returning to his home at Roe.

**REV. J. J. DECKER**, pastor at West Helena, writes: "Everything is moving along fine in the West Helena Church. The people of the charge are very loyal and cooperate in a fine way. We are enjoying our work here very much."

**MRS. GEORGE REUTZ**, wife of our pastor of Capitol View Methodist Church, Little Rock, underwent surgery at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, on Tuesday morning, February 3. She is reported as getting along nicely.

**REV. J. ALBERT GATLIN**, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Town and Country Commission, spoke to the Methodist Men of the Beebe Area in a meeting at McRae on Thursday evening, January 15.

**THE OFFICIAL OPENING** of the second unit of the Midland Heights Church, Ft. Smith, educational building was held on Sunday, February 1. The building is debt free. Rev. W. A. Downum is pastor.

**REV. L. GRAY WILSON**, pastor at Grady, writes that Bishop Paul E. Martin will dedicate the new educational building at Grady on Saturday, February 14, at 7:30 p. m. All former pastors and the public are invited to be present.

**REV. LLOYD M. CONYERS**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Searcy, will preach in a series of evangelistic services at the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, the week of March 8. Rev. Elmus C. Brown is pastor.

**THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**, Texarkana, presented Claire Coci, widely-known organist, in a concert on Tuesday, January 27, at the church. The concert was given as a cultural contribution to the city.

**A SPECIAL SERVICE** was held on Wednesday evening, January 28, when the note on the parsonage at Waldron was burned. The white brick parsonage, built during the pastorate of Rev. Elmo Thomason, is now debt free. Rev. O. J. Evanson is the present pastor.

**REV. J. M. HAMILTON**, District Superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, spoke to the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Camden, on Wednesday evening, January 28. E. B. Glaze, president of the organization, presided over the meeting.

**MRS. WILL YARBROUGH** of Perry underwent a major operation at Saint Anthony Hospital in Morrilton, February 5, and is reported to be recovering nicely. She is the wife of Rev. Will Yarbrough, pastor of Morrilton Circuit Number One.

**REV. CLARENCE WILCOX**, pastor at Brinkley, writes: "The work here is progressing nicely. The Methodist Men's Fellowship met Wednesday, January 28, with 98 present. It was a Father-Son meeting with George Kell of Swifton as speaker. He made a very helpful talk to the Club."

**A HYMN SING**, sponsored by the Northeast District of the Arkansas Federation of Music Clubs was held at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday afternoon, February 8. Four choirs participated, including a Trumpet Choir from Arkansas State College.

**REV. E. L. THOMAS**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, taught a course on The Discipline of the Methodist Church at the Village Church, Rev. D. L. McCauley, pastor, beginning on Sunday, January 25, and ending on Tuesday, January 27.

**REV. I. L. CLAUD**, pastor of Washington Avenue Methodist Church, North Little Rock, is teaching in a Training School at Greenwood, Mississippi. The school began on February 9 and will run through February 13. Brother Claud is teaching the course, "Young Adult Work in the Church."

**ANNOUNCEMENT** is made of a series of evangelistic services which will be held in The Methodist Church, Russellville, February 22—March 1, by Rev. Quay Farmer, evangelist, and Rev. Earl Ward, song leader. Both leaders are graduates of Southern Methodist University. Rev. Harold Eggensperger is pastor at Russellville.

**THE GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD** which was given to Scoutmaster Hollis Terrell and to Eagle Scouts, Kelvin Wyrick and Allen Kitchens at the morning worship service on Sunday, February 8, was given by the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, instead of Warren as announced in an earlier issue.

**REV. BYRON McSPADDEN**, pastor at Trumann and Jonesboro District Director, brought the message to the Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship which met at Bay on Monday evening, February 2. One hundred forty-nine young people and adult workers were in attendance.

**CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE**, has set Sunday, March 22, as a tentative date for the opening of its new sanctuary. Bishop Paul E. Martin will preach at the opening service in the morning and will lay the cornerstone at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Former pastors of the church have been invited to the service. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., is pastor.

**A FELLOWSHIP OF ST. ANDREW** was organized at the First Methodist Church, Clarksville, on Wednesday evening, January 14, when twenty men met together in a supper meeting. The purpose of the group is to visit regularly prospects for Christian living. Those present agreed to devote one night a month to this work for the next twelve months.

**THE PIGGOTT CHURCH** observed Boy Scout Sunday at the evening service on Sunday, February 8, with Bill Clare, District Scout Executive of Blytheville, as the inspirational speaker. The local Scout Troop and their parents, with their Scoutmaster, Andrew Wheeler, an active steward in the church and the Sunday School secretary, were all honor guests at the service.

**A NORTH LITTLE ROCK AREA TRAINING SCHOOL** will be held at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, February 22-26, with the following courses and teachers: Teaching Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel; The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Rev. James S. Upton; Work of the Adult Division, Mrs. V. K. Chowning; Christian Beliefs, Rev. Alf A. Eason, Christian Education in the Church, Rev. Howard Cox, and "A Preface to the Bible", Dr. Ralph Ruhlen.

**TRANSFER** of the title of the Fifth Street Methodist parsonage, Ft. Smith, was made

at special services at the morning hour on Sunday, January 18. Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, district superintendent, was in charge of the ceremony, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Floyd Villines, Sr. A covered dish lunch in Fellowship Hall followed the program in the sanctuary. The church is now debt free.

**TWO COURSES** were offered in a Training School held at the First Methodist Church, Searcy, the week of January 25. Mrs. Herbert Monday of Little Rock taught the course on "Teaching Children" and Rev. E. V. Underhill of Covington, Tennessee, taught "Church and Home Working Together." A film, "Angry Boy", was shown at a joint session of the two classes on Monday evening. Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers is pastor at Searcy.

**BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN**, of Dallas newly-elected president of the National Council of Churches, will speak at the installation service on Friday evening, February 13, when Rev. Gerald E. Knoff will be installed as executive secretary of the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The annual meeting of the Division is being held in Cincinnati, Ohio, running from February 7 through February 14.

**A METHODIST MEN'S CLUB** has recently been organized in the Piggott Church. Dr. Matt Ellis, president of Hendrix College was the guest speaker at the initial meeting in December. The organization was completed at the January meeting, with the following officers: Floyd Hollifield, president; E. H. Scurlock, vice-president; Allen Blankenship, secretary-treasurer. A number of committee chairmen was appointed. Rev. Jesse L. Johnson is pastor.

**REV. G. C. TAYLOR**, pastor at Osceola, writes: "Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Smith have taken over the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship and have made a wonderful start. I feel sure that they will do a good job with our young people. They have had experience in working with youth. We have raised and paid the \$15,000 due on our new sanctuary. Three more payments of equal amount and we will be debt free. The Methodists of Osceola have done a magnificent piece of work. They are to be commended for the business-like way in which it has been handled."

**DR. CONNOR MOREHEAD AND DR. W. NEILL HART** who will assist in the International Evangelistic Mission in Cuba arrived in Miami on Tuesday, February 10, where they met the rest of the sixty pastors who were invited to take part in the Mission. They arrived in Havana on Wednesday and then were sent to the thirty churches where they will work. Bishop John Branscomb and Dr. Harry Denman are personally directing the campaign. Cuba is mission territory and the project is sponsored jointly by the General Boards of Evangelism and Missions.

## Arkansas Methodist

An Official Publication of  
The Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area  
PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY  
Except the Weeks of July 4 and December 25  
SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, \$2.00 PER ANNUM  
Retired Ministers and Wives of Deceased Ministers of the  
Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference  
Complimentary.  
Office of Publication, 1136-1137 Donaghey Building  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS  
E. T. WAYLAND  
EWING T. WAYLAND  
ANNIE WINBURNE  
Editors and Business Mgrs.  
Assistant to Editors  
CONTRIBUTING EDITORS: H. O. Bolin, Mrs. Ewing T.  
Wayland, Roy I. Bagley, Forney Hutchinson.  
OWNED, MANAGED AND PUBLISHED BY  
THE METHODIST CHURCHES OF  
ARKANSAS AND LOUISIANA  
COMMISSIONERS:  
Little Rock Conference—O. C. Landers, E. Vernon Markham, Charles W. Richards, Fred W. Schwendemann, Arthur Terry, Aubrey G. Walton, Burney Wilson.  
Louisiana Conference—R. R. Branton, J. N. Fomby, George Ivey, H. L. Johns, Virgil D. Morris, Charles W. Price, Harry Squires.  
North Arkansas Conference—Joel Cooper, J. G. Moore, R. J. Rice, Robert P. Sessions, J. Frank Warden, J. William Watson, W. M. Womack.  
Entered as second-class matter, January 31, 1908, at the Post Office at Little Rock, Ark., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.  
When asking for change of address, please include charge key number, former address, new address and name of pastor.  
Articles other than editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editors of the Arkansas Methodist.

## ON BEING OURSELVES

During World War I, I began my ministry by speaking in some of the Army camps. I would quite frequently ask the chaplains in advance of a meeting for suggestions as to the message. Several times their reply was something like this: "Anything you choose to give will be appropriate, only please avoid the Prodigal Son for that parable has been overworked around here."



Those remarks, I guess, gave me a kind of mental set against using that greatest of Our Lord's parables. But there is one aspect of that ancient and timeless story which throws light on one of our most timely modern attitudes. The record tells us that when the Prodigal Son "came to himself he said I will arise and go to my Father."

Did it ever strike you that maybe the young man left home in the first place because he was trying to find himself? We commonly assume that the fellow was a

gay care-free spender who called for his patrimony that he might go forth into an orgy or self-indulgence. But it seems quite legitimate to imagine that the lad may have found the company of his elder brother rather stifling and restrictive. The brother was a stilted, self-centered person and no doubt the atmosphere around him may have been too conventional and insincere. I can therefore picture the younger brother saying to himself: "If I am to be myself I must get away from here. I want to live my own life. I am going away."

This desire to be one's self, to live one's own life, is normal to all persons and not limited merely to prodigals. Most of us are haunted at times by the feeling that we are not quite ourselves. We are conscious that there must be more to us than the part we see outwardly. Some of us are not sure that we have yet found ourselves in our work. And we know that often we are not expressing our real selves in our conversation and our social companionships.

There do come to many, though not to all, those experiences when a man feels that he has discovered the work that fits him and the calling that brings his whole being into play and he says, "I have found myself."

This search for the true self within us has been one of the major emphases of our twentieth century. Along with the Wright brothers and the Lindberghs who have explored the air, along with Peary of the North Pole and Byrd of the Antarctic, along with Einstein and Eddington, Millikan, Compton and our other pioneers of physical science, have been the explorers of the mental regions within us. Having pushed our paths up into the air and out to the poles, we are still lured by the feeling that there is more beyond, and many are now seeking within for that way beyond.

To be ourselves — yes, that is what we want. If there is one vice we denounce above others, it is insincerity; if there is one virtue we exalt above others it is genuineness. What is it to be ourselves? Is it to let ourselves go with the current of our moods or to rise above them? When an impulse of anger surges up in us does sincerity demand that we vent it in words or deeds and is it untrue to ourselves to restrain our wrath. When one of those sullen, churlish moods settles down upon us, is it being true to ourselves to snap and snarl and is it insincere pretense to pull ourselves out of it by looking pleasanter than we feel? What is the real self to which we should be true?

To be true to one's self is not to surrender to the feeling of the moment but to be honest with the self which will feel proud or ashamed when the impulse of the moment has passed away. To be ourselves, we should be natural, yes, but naturalness does not mean mere rawness. The wild strawberry has a natural flavor, but so has the large red luscious berry which is the result of long cultivation. The girlish singer, we say, has a natural voice, but that naturalness is not necessarily lost by training. If the training is good, the full-throated richly mellowed tones of the opera singer still retain their naturalness. The rich natural grain of mahogany or walnut is not destroyed but rather brought out by proper dressing and varnish.

Let these facts be remembered by those who forget that good manners and polite refinements help to preserve the real integrity of personality. Lincoln talked about the "better angels of our natures." Let's give them a chance to be seen for the sake of those persons who have to live and work with us.

## SELLING A FALSEHOOD IS NOT A NEW EXPERIENCE

(Continued from page 1)

Christian church has been promoting a way of life that is based upon undisputable, time-tested truth. Everyone who has sincerely tried this way of life knows that it is a better way than man can possibly work out left to his own devices.

It has been a failing of humanity since the dawn of creation to frequently see falsehood as more attractive than truth. For some that deception is only temporary. For others it becomes a permanent life fixture. Communism's success in propagating a lie is nothing new in the world. Nevertheless, falsehood there as everywhere can be conquered only by a sincere presentation of the truth.

FEBRUARY 12, 1953

## WEEK OF DEDICATION OBSERVANCE SET

A Week of Dedication, leading up to a day of personal dedication the first Sunday in Lent, will be observed by most of the Methodist churches of the Arkansas-Louisiana area February 15-22.

Funds received during the week will be used for emergency missionary projects at home and abroad and for the work of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Gifts this year are expected to total one million dollars. In the last four years, more than three and a half million dollars was raised.

Commending action of the 1952 Methodist General Conference in making the week a permanent part of the life of the church, Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana episcopal area said, "Every week should be a period of dedication, but it is most helpful at the beginning of Lent to provide for our people an opportunity to dedicate themselves to spiritual living and to sacrificial giving in the days before Easter."

More than nine million Methodists in 40,000 local churches throughout the country are expected to participate in the fifth annual observance. Many services will be conducted by lay leaders.

MCOR funds will be distributed in Korea for keeping orphans and Methodist workers alive, rehabilitating amputees, and providing emergency shelter; in India for fighting hunger and the ravages of tuberculosis; and in other countries for emergency assistance.

Special projects in national missions to be aided by gifts during the Week are: Latin Center parsonage, Miami; Harris Memorial Church, Honolulu; five mobile units; Latin American church, Alpine, Texas; Filipino church, Vallejo, Calif.; Indian mission parsonage, Lawton, Okla.; new parsonage at Nome, Alaska; Latin American church, Sequin, Texas; Mexican church, San Jose, Calif.; Indian mission church, Petarsy, Okla.; Indian mission church, South San and Fox, Okla.; Japanese church, Fresno, Calif.; Williams-Anderson Indian mission church, Hugo, Okla.; new church, San Juan Moderne, Puerto Rico; Latin American church, Pecos, Texas; parsonage, Paola Valley, Hawaii; and Good Shepherd Fold day care center, St. Elmo mission, Chattanooga.

The Division of World Missions will direct \$100,000 to Crusade scholarships for students from foreign countries now studying in the United States under the sponsorship of the church. The remainder of its share will go to Leonard Theological Seminary in India; church and hospital reconstruction in Germany; Iquique School, Chile; Ganta hospital, Liberia; Immanuel Church and Central Church, Norway; Kwansei Gakuin, Japan; and residences for missionaries.

newly-formed committee, said here today that the agency will be primarily concerned with aiding churches located near military installations.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS BUDGET

New York, Jan. 30—The two-year-old National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. ended its second year with all its bills paid, reported its general undesignated income had nearly doubled in two years, and began its third year with an operating budget of \$7,838,044.

The Council's General Board, at its bi-monthly meeting at New York's Brick Presbyterian Church, in addition to adopting the operating budget, authorized a provisional budget for new work, amounting to an additional \$766,294. It specified, however, that items in the provisional budget would only be undertaken when sufficient new income is on hand to support them.

Because of the heavy load of business since its first brief meetings in Denver last December, the Board for the first time held sessions covering two days.

## RELIGIOUS MISSION TO MILITARY

New York, N. Y., February 5:—Growing concern in American churches for the welfare of young men and women in the armed forces was indicated here last week by the establishment of a committee in the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. to coordinate denominational and local church council programs for free-time activities of service personnel.

This new unit, the Committee on Ministry to Service Personnel, has been constituted as a special committee of the General Board, and is an outgrowth of the recently-dissolved Commission on Emergency Services. The Rev. Willard M. Wickizer, of Indianapolis, Ind., has been designated chairman. Mr. Wickizer is executive secretary of the United Christian Missionary Society, International Convention of the Disciples of Christ.

The Rev. Marion J. Creeger, of New York, staff executive of the

## OPERATION PARSONAGE COMPLETED

Cincinnati —(RNS)—Operation Parsonage, begun 17 months ago, has been completed and the Rev. Forrest F. Hubbell of suburban Anderson Hills Community Methodist church is comfortably housed in the new two-story colonial-type home, which cost about \$16,000.

Dedication brought out all of the 150 men and women of the congregation, Boy Scouts, who gave generously of their time to help build the home, and many other persons of the area who had watched construction progress under Operation Parsonage Chairman William M. Judd.

Situated on a seven-acre tract, the parsonage is part of a building program that includes a \$150,000 edifice, now half complete. The congregation now worships in the township school building.

## SOVIET ZONE COURT SENTENCES PASTOR

Berlin—(RNS)—An Evangelical clergyman of Chemnitz was sentenced to six years in prison by a Soviet Zone court for alleged "agitation" against the East German Communist government.

He was identified only as Pastor Schumann of the Lutheran Church of Saxony, which is one of the Lutheran Land Churches within the Evangelical Church in Germany.

It was reported that East German police arrested Mr. Schumann last year during a sermon in which he cited the example of a wealthy Englishman who had given his fortune to a Christian youth movement.

The court ruled that this story was a "glorification of capitalism."

Sometimes the best gain is to lose.—Herbert

# Methodist Children's Home Report

## FIRST REPORT OF THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We submit the first report of the Christmas offering for the Methodist Children's Home.

We are deeply grateful to all churches, pastors, District Superintendents, District Commissioners, Local Church Commissioners, and individuals who have had a part in making this the greatest offering the Home has ever received.

—T. T. McNEAL, Director

### CHRISTMAS INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barker, Sr.	\$ 10.00
Mr. O. D. Hadfield	5.00
Mr. C. W. Trigg	5.00
W. D. Sessoms, M. D.	10.00
Brady and Irene Cook	40.00
Mrs. R. H. Wolfe	12.50
Mrs. F. B. Chidester	5.00
Maymie Smith	10.00
Mrs. J. P. Johnson	2.50
Mrs. Ruth Wallace	5.25
Mrs. Lillian M. Buck	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Seifres	25.00
Mr. Robert W. Worley	2.50
Mrs. J. C. Kister	1.00
G. E. Travis	1.00
Mable Finley and Wayne Ford	1.00
Mrs. Edna Steigler Watson	10.00
Clinton L. Cheek	40.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sulcer	10.00
Miss Margaret Wilburn	25.00
T. L. Norsworthy	25.00
Jack Stiel Dante	15.00
Mrs. Arch Haltom	5.00
Mrs. O. M. Lewis	1.00
Arkansas Valley Sub-District, Clarksville	50.00
Sub-District Danville M. Y. F., Shirley Walker	11.45
Sub-District Rector, Grace Curtis	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$343.20</b>

### LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Charge and Church	Annual Offering
<b>ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT</b>	
Amity Ct.:	
Amity	\$ 16.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16.38</b>
Arkadelphia	603.00
Arkadelphia Ct.:	
Hollywood	15.75
Hart's Chapel	13.60
Mt. Pisgah	8.00
Mt. Zion	19.80
Smyrna	7.13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64.28</b>
Bismark Ct.:	
Bismark	5.00
Christian Home	5.00
Oma	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15.00</b>
Dalark Ct.:	
Bethlehem	36.00
Dalark	32.00
Manchester	27.50
Manning	8.00
Rock Springs	18.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122.00</b>
Delight Ct.:	
Antoine	11.25
Delight	102.00
Saline	4.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117.75</b>
Fountain Lake	50.00
Friendship Ct.:	
Friendship	6.00
Social Hill	8.00
Leau Frai	15.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29.30</b>
Gardner-Morning Star:	
Morning Star	4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.00</b>
Glenwood Ct.:	
Glenwood	50.00
Grant's Chapel	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70.00</b>
Gurdon-Whelen Springs	
Gurdon	307.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>307.62</b>
Hot Springs Ct.:	
Gum Springs	4.00
Mt. Pine	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14.00</b>
Hot Springs Churches:	
First Church	632.76
Grand Avenue	314.04
Gardner	9.25
Oaklawn	5.00
Pullman Heights	100.00
Bethlehem	14.09
Tigert Memorial	5.00
Malvern Churches:	
First Church	764.57
Keith Memorial	15.00
Mt. Ida Ct.:	
Mt. Ida	38.10
Norman	9.61
Oden	8.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55.71</b>
Murfreesboro	75.00
Murfreesboro Ct.:	
Boto	7.12
Japany	6.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13.12</b>
Okolona Ct.:	
Bierne	12.00
Center Grove	12.00
Okolona	37.05
Trinity	19.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80.15</b>
Piney Grove	18.75
Rockport Ct.:	
Butterfield	34.00

Charge and Church	Annual Offering
Magnet Cove	43.50
Rockport	28.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105.75</b>
Shorewood Hills	20.97
Sparkman-Sardis	
Sparkman	81.83
Sardis	31.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113.07</b>
Traskwood Ct.:	
Congo	5.00
Ebenezer	30.00
New Hope	5.00
Traskwood	7.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47.00</b>
Mt. Valley	10.00
Toler's Chapel	10.00
<b>TOTAL FOR DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$3822.57</b>

### CAMDEN DISTRICT

Bearden-Lakeside	
Bearden	\$ 82.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82.70</b>
Bradley	75.00
Buckner Ct.:	
Buckner	35.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35.00</b>
Fairview	260.00
First Church	1350.21
St. Luke's	23.51
Chidester Ct.:	
Chidester	53.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53.00</b>
Columbia Ct.:	
New Hope	5.50
Philadelphia	19.00
Sharon	10.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34.96</b>
Dumas Memorial:	
Calion	80.00
El Dorado Churches	
First Church	4399.80
Vantrease	139.43
El Dorado Ct.:	
Centennial	20.00
Ebenezer	6.00
Lisbon	12.63
Quinn	22.00
Wesley's Chapel	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70.63</b>
Garland	36.50
Harmony Grove Ct.:	
Buena Vista	52.00
Harmony Grove	58.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110.00</b>
Holly Springs Ct.:	
Holly Springs	11.00
Mt. Carmel	7.00
Mt. Olivet	12.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30.00</b>
Junction City Ct.:	
Beech Grove	7.00
Blanchard Springs	2.35
Junction City	34.60
Olive Branch	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48.95</b>
Lewisville-Bethel	
Lewisville	260.00
Old Lewisville	12.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>272.50</b>
Louann Ct.:	
Louann	21.15
Silver Hill	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22.15</b>
Magnolia Churches:	
First	583.25
Marysville Ct.:	
Bethel	16.00
Fredonia	590.70
Friendship	10.00
Marysville	13.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>629.70</b>
Norphet	139.75
Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove	
Parker's Chapel	33.25
Pleasant Grove	32.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65.25</b>
Princeton Ct.:	
Princeton	29.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29.00</b>
Smackover	354.23
Stamps	175.88
Stephens-Mt. Prospect	197.40
Mt. Prospect	12.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>209.40</b>
Taylor Ct.:	
Piney Grove	3.00
Taylor	30.70
Welcome	10.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43.95</b>
TIMOTHY-WESTSIDE	
Timothy	50.00
Westside	17.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67.30</b>
Village Ct.:	
Ebenezer	15.78
Lydesdale	25.00
Village	9.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50.18</b>
Waldo-Willisville	
Waldo	203.40
Willisville	23.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>226.86</b>
Union-Rhode's Chapel	
Union	30.00
Rhode's Chapel	12.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42.70</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$9741.84</b>

### HOPE DISTRICT

Ashdown-Wilton	
Ashdown	\$ 283.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>283.35</b>
Bingen Ct.:	
Avery's Chapel	20.40
Bigg's Chapel	5.00
Bingen	24.70
Doyle	5.50
Friendship	6.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62.10</b>

Charge and Church	Annual Offering
Blevins Ct.:	
Blevins	104.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>104.25</b>
DeQueen	100.00
Dierks Ct.:	
Dierks	18.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18.64</b>
Doddrige Ct.:	
Doddrige	19.00
Olive Branch	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29.00</b>
Emmett Ct.:	
DeAnn	15.00
Emmett	180.00
Holly Grove	15.00
Midway	22.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232.50</b>
Foreman	72.00
Hatfield Ct.:	
Cove	25.00
Gilliam	4.80
Hatfield	25.00
Vandervoort	2.85
Wickes	17.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74.71</b>
Hope	1570.00
Horatio Ct.:	
Horatio	53.41
Walnut Springs	11.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64.41</b>
Locksburg Ct.:	
Locksburg	91.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91.00</b>
Mena	281.22
Mena Ct.:	
Dallas	6.53
Cherry Hill	10.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17.39</b>
Mineral Springs Ct.:	
Brown's Town	6.45
Mineral Springs	15.80
Sardis	6.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28.90</b>
Prescott	400.00
Prescott Ct.:	
Prescott	30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30.00</b>
Richmond Ct.:	
Ogden	22.00
Wade's Chapel	15.32
Wilton	1013.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1052.32</b>
Springhill Ct.:	
Springhill	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.00</b>
Texarkana Churches:	
College Hill	81.04
First Church	1540.27
Texarkana Ct.:	
Few Memorial	34.39
Pleasant Hill	11.00
Rondo	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70.39</b>
Washington Ct.:	
Ozan	10.00
St. Paul	9.00
Washington	17.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36.00</b>
Winthrop	10.00
Langley-New Hope	6.00
<b>TOTAL FOR DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$6265.49</b>

### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Austin Ct.:	
Concord	\$ 16.00
Mt. Tabor	13.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29.75</b>
Bauxite	93.50
Benton	500.00
Bethlehem Ct.:	
Bethlehem	8.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.00</b>
Bryant-Sardis	
Bryant	50.00
Sardis	26.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76.00</b>
Carlisle	236.70
Carlisle Ct.:	
Hamilton	8.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.30</b>
Des Arc	20.00
DeValls Bluff Ct.:	
DeValls Bluff	77.00
Pepper's Lake	10.00
New Bethel	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97.00</b>
Douglasville	100.00
Geyer Springs	45.00
Hazen	236.62
Hickory Plains Ct.:	
Cross Roads	2.63
Hickory Plains	7.00
Johnson's Chapel	5.76
Hebron	2.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17.89</b>
Little Rock Churches:	
Asbury	3217.76
Capitol View	200.00
First Church	1650.24
St. Paul's	116.96
Henderson	210.50
Hunter	100.00
Oak Forest	49.85
Pulaski Heights	587.19
Scott St.	100.00
Twenty Eight St.	101.65
Winfield	1854.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35.00</b>
Lonoke-Eagle	
Lonoke	130.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>130.04</b>
Mabelvale	135.58
Mt. Pleasant	4.00
Mt. View	24.00
Primrose	145.41
Roland Ct.:	
Martindale	1.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.11</b>
Salem-Mt. Carmel	
Salem	55.00
Mt. Carmel	50.00

Charge and Church	Annual Offering
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105.00</b>
Ebenezer	5.00
Point View	10.00
Park View	22.54

**TOTAL FOR DISTRICT** \$10,285.23

### MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Crossett	\$ 428.92
Drew Ct.:	
Green Hill	5.00
Prairie Chapel	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.00</b>
Dumas	356.03
Eudora	103.90
Fordyce	998.75
Fountain Hill Ct.:	
Fountain Hill	2.00
Extra	12.00
Hickory Grove	3.00
Pine Hill	5.00
Waller's Chapel	2.00
Zion	2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26.00</b>
Hamburg-Synder	
Hamburg	292.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>292.00</b>
Circuit:	
Hampton	15.00
Harrell	30.00
Faustina	13.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58.50</b>
Hermitage Ct.:	
Hermitage	32.32
Jersey	10.00
Ingalls	10.00
Palestine	6.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59.00</b>
Huttig and Bolding:	
Huttig	62.00
Bolding	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67.00</b>
Kingsland	13.00
Hebron	6.00
Lake Village	220.18
McGehee	250.00
Portland-Montrose	
Portland	383.12
Montrose	130.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>513.12</b>
Star City Ct.:	
Star City	30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30.00</b>
Strong	80.00
Thornton Ct.:	
Thornton	38.00
Chambersville	18.15
Temperance Hill	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71.15</b>
Tillar	106.35
Winchester	26.25
Newton's Chapel	52.00
Selma	15.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200.00</b>
Warren	361.42
Warren Ct.	24.00
Watson	50.00
Kelso	8.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58.00</b>
Wilmar Ct.:	
Wilmar	31.00
Rock Springs	15.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46.45</b>
Wilmot	58.75
Millers Chapel	7.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65.75</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$4339.17</b>
<b>PINE BLUFF DISTRICT</b>	
Almyra	\$ 40.60
Altheimer	45.62
Wabbaseka	30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116.22</b>
Bayou Meto	41.81
Lodge's Corner	88.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129.81</b>
Carthage	22.00
Mt. Zion	5.00
Tulip	5.00
Willow	4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36.00</b>
DeWitt	180.00
England	400.80
Gillette	5.00
Good Faith	50.00
Gould	15.00
Crigger	13.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28.00</b>
Humphrey	50.00
Keo	40.00
Humnoke	20.12
Tomberlin	33.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93.45</b>
Leola	26.03
Hunter's Chapel	6.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32.03</b>
Little Prairie Ct.:	
Campshed	23.00
DeLuce	20.00
LaFargue	4.70
Prairie Union	22.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69.70</b>
Pine Bluff Churches:	
Carr Memorial	300.00
First Church	1100.00
Hawley Memorial	85.00
Glendale	20.75
Lakeside	711.61
Rison	50.00
Roe Ct.:	
Roe	31.00
Shiloh	10.00
Ulm	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56.00</b>
Rowell Ct.:	
Prosperity	10.00
Union	12.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22.50</b>
Sheridan	107.36
Moore's Chapel	6.75
New Hope	14.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>128.11</b>
Sherrill	50.00

### ARKANSAS METHODIST





REPORT NO. 3—THROUGH SATURDAY NOON, FEBRUARY 7, 1953

# ARKANSAS METHODIST



New Ren. Due Total

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 2557

Austin Ct., J. R. Martin	3	22	1	26
Baunite, Jeff E. Davis	18	24	3	45**
Benton, H. O. Bolin	20	87	9	116
Benton, Park View, H. O. Bolin	28	4		32**
Bethlehem Ct., C. O. Vanzant	13	26	1	40**
Bryant-Sardis, Ralph Vanlandingham	24	22		46**
Carlisle, Curtis Williams	5	33	3	41
Carlisle Ct., Eugene Gilliam	4	12		16
Des Arc, F. W. Reutz	5	21	2	28
Douglasville, J. R. Sewell	15	28		43**
Hazen, Harold Sadler	1	54	1	56
LITTLE ROCK:				
Asbury, Arthur Terry	41	160	7	210
Capitol View, Geo. E. Reutz	5	33	3	41
First Church, Aubrey G. Walton	28	152	16	196
Henderson, Kirvin Hale	27	51		78**
Highland, Rufus Sorrells	35	52	8	95
Hunter, Fred L. Arnold	12	39		51
Pulaski Heights, Kenneth Shamblin	16	72	3	91
St. Paul, C. W. Richards	40	45		85**
Scott St., J. E. Cooper	2	40		42
Twenty-Eighth St., Clyde Parsons	14	26		40**
West Markham St., Howard Childs	11			11**
Winfield, Cecil R. Culver	40	114	7	161
Little Rock Ct., Fred Arnold		7		7
Lonoke, W. R. Burks	20	38		58**
Mabelvale, O. C. Birdwell	26	26	1	53**
Mt. Pleasant, James H. Sewell	2			2
Primrose, Charles H. Giessen	8	24	1	33
Salem, Kenneth Goode	8	16		24
TOTALS	471	1230	66	1767

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Quota 1084

Crossett, Dan R. Robinson	20	83	1	104**
Dermott, Clint M. Atchley	11	48		59**
Drew Ct., James Swain	1	27		28**
Dumas, R. A. Teeter	11	60	2	73**
Eudora, C. Everett Patton	2	23	1	26**
Fordyce, L. W. Averitt	6	86	2	94**
Fountain Hill Ct., Arthur White	13	17		30
Hamburg-Snyder, M. W. Miller	3	60	4	67**
Hampton-Harrell, G. W. Warren	8	36		44**
Hermitage, S. W. Mooty	8	27	2	37**
Huttig, C. R. Andrews	5	37		42**
Lake Village, Cagle E. Fair	20	40	1	61*2
McGehee, D. Mouzon Mann	20	53	4	77**
Monticello, Roland E. Darrov	5	45	2	52
New Edinburg Ct., P. D. Alston	3	23	1	27
Parkdale, Joe H. Robinson		22		22**
Portland, Robert B. Moore Jr.	8	37	1	46*2
Star City, Claude O. Hall	3	33		36**
Strong Ct., W. T. Bone	13	17		30**
Thornton, W. W. Barron	8	32		40**
Tillar-Winchester, J. C. Van Horn	17	47		64**
Warren, First, J. Ralph Clayton	15	59	6	80
Watson-Kelso, Omma Daniel	8	2		10
Wilmar, James Constable	3	13	4	20
Wilmot-Miller Chapel, C. D. Cade	2	28		30*2
TOTALS	231	994	33	1258**

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1219

Almyra, C. V. Mashburn	3	13	1	17**
Alzheimer, Harold Scott	17	37		54**
Bayou Meto, Horace M. Grogan	9	29	1	39**
Carthage-Tulip, L. R. Sparks	9	32	1	42*2
Center Grove, G. W. Robertson		1		1
DeWitt, O. E. Holmes	22	74	2	98**
England, John L. Hoover	8	73	2	83**
Gillett, Everett Vinson	6	16	1	23
Glendale-Tucker, Carr D. Racop Jr.	2	10		12**
Good Faith, B. F. Fitzhugh	4	27	1	32**
Grady-Faulk, L. Gray Wilson	9	54	1	64**
Humphrey-Swan Lake, O. W. Hoover	2	11		13
Keo-Humnote, Palmer Garner	5	18		23**
Leola, J. W. Carnell	2	20	2	24
Little Prairie Ct., Connie Robins	3	28		31**
PINE BLUFF:				
Carr Mem., Clem Baker	4	57		61**
First Church, Kenneth Spore	7	47	7	61
Hawley Memorial, George W. Kerr	17	31		48**
Lakeside, Otto Teague	45	46	7	98
Rison, Barry L. Bailey	4	36	3	43**
Roe Ct., W. C. Lewis	4	19	1	24**
Rowell Ct., J. R. Diffie	23	23	1	47**
Sheridan, Bryan Stephens	11	41	5	57
Sherrill-Tomberlin, W. M. Moore	4	19		23**
St. Charles, Claude R. Roy	10	2		12
Stuttgart, First, A. C. Carraway	6	60	2	68
Stuttgart, Grand Ave., A. J. Christie	5	105		110**
Wesley-Sulphur Springs, W. Brown	22			22**
TOTALS	253	937	40	1230**

ARKANSAS METHODIST DISTRICT SUMMARY  
Report No. 3

District	Quota	New	Re- newal	Not Due	Total	% of Quota
Camden	1883	328	1420	46	1767	94%
Little Rock	2557	471	1230	66	1767	69%
Jonesboro	1487	293	1161	42	1496**	100%
Fort Smith	1819	272	1182	37	1491	82%
Hope	1357	286	1085	44	1415**	103%
Forrest City	1204	327	1039	31	1397**	116%
Conway	1306	262	986	62	1310**	100%
Monticello	1084	231	994	33	1258**	116%
Pine Bluff	1219	253	937	40	1230**	100%
Arkadelphia	1305	238	924	38	1280	98%
Fayetteville	1271	202	893	62	1157	91%
Paragould	970	235	758	31	1024**	106%
Searcy	1018	182	698	35	915	90%
Batesville	1006	179	689	19	887	89%
TOTAL	3759	13996	586	18341		

THE LOUISIANA METHODIST

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—Quota 1375

ALEXANDRIA						
First Church, Henry Bowdon	38	57			95	
Trinity, Wm. F. Mayo	24	36	2		62**	
Wesley, James W. Roland		1			1	
Atlanta	8				8	
Ball, Harvey D. Fisher	19	9			28**	
Boyce, James R. Woodward	14	9			23**	
Bunkie, W. L. Doss Jr.	2	31	1		34	
Colfax, C. W. Bell	13	10			23	
Effie, Carl L. Lipe	3	6	1		10	
Elizabeth, Geo. A. LaGrange	5	22			27	
Glenmora, R. E. Carter	8	24			32**	
Grace, W. A. McCann	7	1			8**	

FEBRUARY 12, 1953

New Ren. Due Total

Jena, Otis W. Spinks	10	45		55**
LeCompte, E. W. Sandel	4	28	1	33*
Many, George D. York	3	20	2	25
Marksville, J. B. Shearer	7	35		42**
Melville, Minns S. Robertson	12	32		44
Montgomery, E. A. Keasler	4	21	1	26**
Krotz Springs, J. C. Zerrangue	7	5		12*2
Marthaville-Robeline, Frank Lankford		14		14
Mt. Zion, C. T. J. Cotton	5	23		28**
Natchitoches, B. A. Galloway	25	93		118**
Natchitoches Ct., J. F. Kellogg	4	7		11**
Oakdale, E. J. Barksdale	3	25		28
Oak Grove, J. W. Lee	8	12	1	21**
Olla, W. H. Carroll	9	15		24*
Opelousas, R. E. Walton	22	17		39
Palestine, J. B. McCann	9	42		51**
Pineville, Geo. W. Dameron	8	11		19
Pollock, R. H. Harper		18		18**
Shamrock, W. E. Anding	1	1		2*
Trout, Fred Kelly	6	11		17*
White Chapel, Raymond M. Crofoot	9	9		18
Winnfield, P. M. Caraway	3	53		56
TOTALS	311	732	9	1052

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—Quota 2051

Amite, Donald M. Risinger	2	18		20
Angie, A. D. George	4	16	1	21**
Baker, Marvin H. Corley	4	23		27**
BATON ROUGE:				
First Church, Warren Johnston	26	185		211
Istrouma, James T. Harris	9	40		49
Reilly Memorial, W. E. Trice		37		37
Winbourne Ave., Albert A. Collins	2	2	3	7
North Baton Rouge, J. L. Stovall	16	6		22
Blackwater, A. G. Taylor	20	6		26
Bluff Creek, A. J. McLean		4		4
Carpenter's Chapel, Karl D. Wood	7	1		8**
Clinton, G. W. Harkins	6	10	1	17
Deerford, W. D. Pomeroy	4	11		15**
Densham Springs, Edward R. Thomas	15	20	4	39
Fisher, W. B. Hollingsworth	8	12		20*
Franklin, J. H. Sewell	28	32		58*
Gonzales Ct., G. H. Corry	6	18	1	25**
Hammond, F. S. Flurry	15	22	3	40
Greensburg, H. R. Hine	11	10		21
Jackson, W. R. Irving Jr.	4	28		32
Kentwood, Garland Dean	3	14		17
Livingstone-Gonzales, C. O. Lapuyade	1	13	1	15
Live Oak, Clifford E. Davis Jr.	4	5		9
Lottie-Rosedale, C. D. Pinkard	9	24	2	35**
New Roads, Wm. J. Vanderpool	4			4
Pine Grove, T. J. Smith	6	7		13
Plaquemine, C. R. McCammon	9	34		43*2
Ponchatoula, A. M. Freeman	15	46		61
St. Francisville, E. Lee McKay	3	7		10
St. Helena, John N. Lambert	10	20		30
Slaughter, Dale M. Sibley	3	8		11
Springfield, R. W. Sibley	7	14		21
Tangipahoa, Angus L. Carruth	10	1	1	12
Tickfaw, James M. Wilkes	1	3		4
Walker, Geo. M. Horne	4	5		9
Wesley Chapel, E. W. Corley	9	5		14
Zachary, J. W. Ailor	9	25		34
TOTALS	292	695	17	1004

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Quota 1763

Bell City, Ted Howe	3	7		10
Cameron, J. A. Knight	11	16		27**
Crowley—First Church, Alfred M. Brown	5	2		7
Crowley, Wesley, Leroy Dickerson		1		1
DeQuincy, E. W. Day	3	40		43**
Euencie, Ned L. Stout	20	1		21
Gueydan, D. B. Boddie	3	31		34**
Iowa, W. F. Howell	26	6		32**
Jeanerette, A. M. Martin	2	8		10
Jennings, R. B. Crichtlow	10	15	1	26
Kinder, Abe M. Conerly	3	4		7
Lafayette—Davidson, A. B. Cavanaugh	9	2		11
Lafayette First Ch., David Wm. Poole	20	21		41
Lake Arthur, Robert M. Brown	3	20		23
LAKE CHARLES				
Lake Charles, First Church,				
Carl F. Lueg	16	60		76
Simpson, Ted T. Howes	1	14		15
University, John B. Hefley	10	28	1	39
Leesville, J. F. Kilpatrick	3	11	1	15
Maplewood, Louis G. Hunter	1	2		3
Oberlin, V. L. Westbrook	3	5		8**
New Iberia, Louis Hoffpauir	12	21		33
Raymond, C. B. Krumnow	12	5		17
Rayne, Douglas T. Williams	6	9		15
Vinton, I. O. Donaldson	4	9		13
TOTALS	186	338	3	527

MONROE DISTRICT—Quota 1632

Bastrop-Beekman, Jack H. Midyett	42	129	1	172**
Bonita, W. F. Ragsdale	6	13		19**
Columbia, Sam S. Holladay	20	39		59**
Crowsville-Baskin Ct., D. R. Deen	4	8		12*
Ferriday, Don W. Alverson	2	29		31**
Gilbert, J. W. Boyd	17	24		41**
Goodwill, Geo. P. Goodwin	5	14		19*2
Grayson Ct., S. P. Emanuel	5	39	1	45**
Jonesville, V. M. Culpepper	6	19		25
Lake Providence, T. M. Lancaster	14	22		36**
Lapine Ct., C. K. Brooks	10	14		24**
Mangham Ct., Lael Shama Jones	6	37		43**
Mer Rouge-Bonne Idee, F. M. Durham	5	35	2	42**
MONROE:				
First Church, H. L. Johns	93	38		131
Gordon Ave., M. David Felder	27	49		76**
Memorial, Ralph Cain	30	66		96**
Mission, Miss Lea Joyner	43	1	3	47*2
St. Paul, B. R. Oliphint	10	4		14
Stone Ave., I. L. Yeager	7	18		25
Oak Grove, R. L. Clayton	4	19	1	24
Oak Ridge, J. M. Poole	5	35		40**
Pioneer Ct., Isaac A. Patton Jr.	13	32	2	47
Rayville, Earl B. Emmerich	20	53	1	74**
St. Joseph, Alvin P. Smith	4	12		16*
Sidley Island, J. J. Davis	1	39		40**
Sterlington, J. A. Jones	10	17		27**
Tallulah, R. M. Bentley	6	36		42
Vidalia, Geo. L. Cagle	3	16	7	26*2
Waterproof, John G. Geick	11	29		40*2
WEST MONROE				
First Ch., R. H. Staples	70	101		171*
Brownsville, T. A. Brown	6	8		14
Claiborne, F. L. Hearne	10	22		32*
McGuire, W. C. Mason	3	3		6
Winnsboro, W. H. Bengston	8	48		56**
Wisner, Ira A. Love	7	29	1	37**
TOTALS	533	1097	19	1649**

New Ren. Due Total

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Quota 1775

Berwick-Patterson, Clayton Bennett	35	50		85*2
Buras-Triumph, R. Friedrick	24			24**
Covington, Robert C. Carter	9	31		40*
Donaldsonville, Ross Pickett	10	13		23**
Franklin, E. R. Haug		30		30
Golden Meadow, J. W. Keller Jr.	4	5		9
Houma: First Church, Sam Nader	29	51	4	84**
Houma Heights, Rex Squyres	13	26	1	40
Lacombe, Fred Campbell	5	3		8*
Lutcher-Reserve, Edwin E. Sylvest Sr.	4	12		16**
Morgan City, Eskel L. Tatum	6	8		14
NEW ORLEANS:				
Algiers, Luther L. Booth	12	5		17
Aldersgate-Ch. of Redeemer,				
P. Pallotta	4	17		21*
Canal St., Merlin W. Merrill	19	21		40
Carrollton Ave., H. A. Rickey	68	33	1	102
Eighth St.-St. Bernard, C. H.				
Snelling	5	25		30
Elysian Fields, J. W. Matthews	5	5		10</



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## VALENTINE SHOES

"HASN'T that child any shoes?"

When Florita heard this she looked down at her battered sandals and at her pink toes showing through. She knew very well that the Pretty Lady was talking of these sandals and of these toes. She seldom thought of their bareness since these little toes were used to the chilly air with which they came in contact so often.

The Pretty Lady had been teaching them all sorts of drills and exercises which the children were to do in time to music on the last day of school. Florita had proved to be one of those who learned most quickly, and so she was to lead a group of her school mates, and was to be all dressed up in fairy dress which her teacher, Miss Elizabeth, was to make for her. Florita had not thought of her shoes until she heard the question which the Pretty Lady asked—

"Hasn't that child any shoes?"

The little girl's heart was filled with a kind of confused shame because of her toes which were uncovered and dusty. But her shoes were better than the shoes of some of her little Mexican friends, and for her there was no hope of getting any better ones. Her grandmother, with whom she lived, was barely able to find food for them both.

Florita's shame was made more acute, too, when Miss Elizabeth came to her after school that day, saying, "Dear are those little shoes the only ones you have?" The tone and eyes were so kind that no one could have been hurt. But just the same, little laughing Florita hung her head a tiny bit as she replied, "Yes, ma'am—these are all!"

"How do you spell 'love'?" or "F\*O\*R" is that 'for' Miss Elizabeth?"

There was to be a real party—a Valentine party—and each little Mexican pupil in Miss Elizabeth's room was to make several valentines and drop them secretly into a big red heart which served as a post-box.

Such excited drawing and pasting and printing! Such hurrying to get them done!

Finally the day itself arrived. Faces beamed at other beaming faces, and excitement filled the room. Florita was radiant and smiling, as she usually was. She had many hearts and printed many names upon them. She had cut out especially a lovely red rose which she pasted with care upon the most important valentine of all. This went to the Pretty Lady who had taught her to be a fairy.

At last lessons were over! The big heart box was set upon the table, and name after name was called as the valentines were brought out. This was followed presently by a gift to each of a big red apple.

The pile of valentines upon Florita's desk grew until there was little room for more. They came so fast that she could not open them at once.

She was filled with curiosity over one red wrapped parcel which was

given to her. There was no name upon it, of course, as is the way with valentines, and she could not imagine its contents. So she hurried to carry them all home and open them there where her Mexican grandmother might exclaim over them too.

The next day she sought Miss Elizabeth.

"Miss Elizabeth—oh, those beautiful shoes! Where they come from? Who should think to tie little red heart to each string?"

Her teacher could tell by the little girl's look that she herself was suspected of being the giver of the cherished gift. So she hastened to say, "Florita, I did not do it. Maybe Saint Valentine just wished you to have them—and you did." There was a twinkle in the eyes of the speaker.

"Oh, I shall be fairy now—REAL one! Just wait and see!"

So that afternoon when the Pretty Lady watched Florita's feet, they flew back and forth all clad in neat leather, with not a toe in sight.

"You do it very well, Florita," and she smiled, still looking at the little girl's feet.

Suddenly, the child who tripped about, being a play-fairy for a little while, seemed to gain a fairy's power of knowing things. She knew from whom those shoes had come. The Pretty Lady had sent them. But Florita could not ask her. It would be better, she felt sure, just to be silent. But to Miss Elizabeth she said:

"Did they come from the Pretty Lady?" And her teacher did not answer "No."—Exchange

## OUR HANDS

I wonder how many of you have ever looked at people's hands—those of your father, mother, the doctor, as well as your own hands.

Hands are interesting, because no two people in the whole wide world have hands that are exactly alike. And as you grow older, your hands will tell others a great deal about you.

The hands of a man who works on engines look different from the hands of a farmer, or a musician. A woman who goes out to scrub and clean has hands entirely different from the lady who sews or nurses or teaches.

The kind of work people do shows somewhat in their hands, and hands were given to us for service. It doesn't really make any difference what service, just as long as it is useful.

The hands of the man who repairs automobiles are as important as the hands of the violin player. We must have all kinds of useful hands in the world. What kind of a world would this be if everybody's hands were used only to heal the sick, or build houses, or use a typewriter? No, all kinds of hands are needed and important; that is if they are useful hands.

The Bible talks about hands. Jesus used His hands to cure the blind man. He placed His hands on the little children and blessed them. He broke the bread that was used to feed the five thousand hungry people. He raised His hand and quieted the angry waves when there was a storm. His hands were the most useful this world has ever known. They were always being used to help somebody.

If we want strong, useful, gentle

## WASHING THE DISHES

By Marjorie Allen Anderson

*I start in working with a smile,  
I have the water sudsy-hot;  
I stack the dishes in a pile,  
And quickly wash each dish and pot.*

*Then rinse, and dry, and put away,  
And while I work I hum a song;  
Then when I'm done, I'm off to play;  
That way it doesn't take so long.*

## GRANDMA'S VALENTINE

By Aix Thorn

*I bought a lovely valentine  
For Grandma, and as clear  
The little golden letters said—  
"I'm thinking of you, dear."  
But, oh, I wanted something else,  
So hard I almost cried.  
So just before I sealed it up,  
I dropped a kiss inside.*

—Exchange

hands like Jesus, then as children we must begin by using them to help others. We don't want cruel hands or dishonest hands. We want them to be useful, and then we can be proud of them, and in the sight of God they will be beautiful.

Let us remember that our hands not only talk to us but they talk to others, too, telling them what kind of a person we really are.—The United Church Observer

## JUST FOR FUN

A traffic expert at a dinner party was explaining to the tender-hearted elderly lady next to him the hazards of motor travel. "According to statistics," he stated, "a pedestrian is run over in New York every half hour."

"How horrible!" remarked the aged lady. "The poor man!"—Great Britain, London

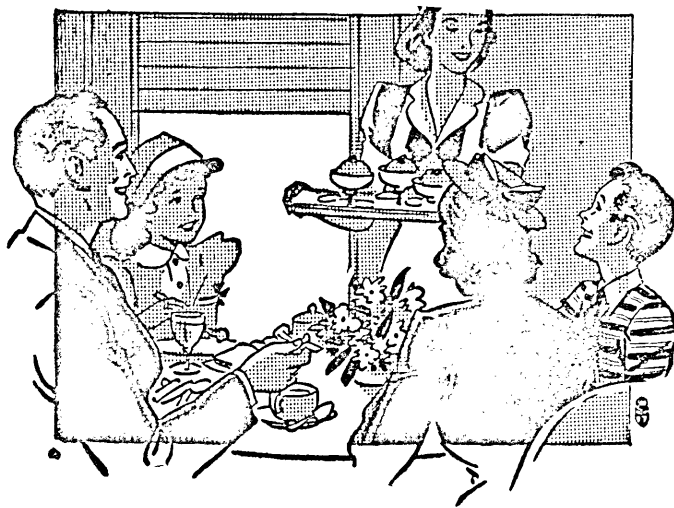
The town's oldest inhabitant was 93. Marking the veteran's birthday, a local newspaper editor sent a reporter to interview the old man.

"If you had your life to live over," the newsman asked, "is there anything you would do differently?"

The old-timer, with a far-away look in his eyes, replied: "Well, yes; yes, I think I would part my hair on the left side."—Frances Rodman

It was little Bobby's first day starting to school. He started bravely out the gate, then came back to his weeping mother, put his little arms around her and said, "Don't cry, mom, maybe I'll be deferred and not even have to go."—Imp.

The story I told to my 4-year-old son Charles was about a little boy who had exciting adventures. When the story was finished, Charles asked, "But where was the boy's mother?" "The story didn't mention his mother," I said, "so perhaps he didn't have a mother. Maybe she was dead. Charles commented dramatically, "I'll bet she was killed in a nervous wreck."—Dixie Roto Magazine



## A HAPPY TIME

*It's a very special time  
When the family eats out.  
We like to plan ahead for days  
Before it comes about.*

*We do our chores before we go  
To have the evening free,  
We also have our school work done,  
We do it thoroughly.*

*So we look forward to this time  
As the very finest treat  
When mother, dad, brother and I  
Go down town to eat.—A.E.W.*

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## FORT SMITH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The lovely home of Mrs. Alfred Knox, Ft. Smith, was the setting for the regular meeting of the Ft. Smith District Executive Board on January 19 when the Ft. Smith women of the board were hostesses at a dinner meeting.

The President, Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, led the group in prayer, and presided over the business meeting at which time reports were given by those present; Mrs. Sam Roberts, Booneville; Miss Gertie Stiles, Ft. Smith; Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Ft. Smith; Mrs. Dwight Hawk, Ft. Smith; Mrs. W. J. Spicer, Booneville; Mrs. E. E. Sexton, Ft. Smith; Mrs. George Colville, Paris; Mrs. Arrie Dickerson, Ozark; Mrs. Alfred Knox, Ft. Smith; Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Ft. Smith; Mrs. Alex Mitchell, Paris; Mrs. L. W. Blakely, Ft. Smith; Mrs. Lawrence Nance, Ft. Smith; and Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Greenwood.

Tentative plans for the District Prayer Retreat for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild to be held at Shores Lake sometime during the summer months were discussed, and a District Spiritual Life Committee was appointed with Mrs. D. G. Hindman as chairman.

The highlight of the evening came when Miss Gertie Stiles, South Central Jurisdiction Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild gave a very interesting report of her experiences at Buck Hill Falls.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Mrs. Hindman.—Mrs. W. H. Lewis

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. J. B. Clements reviewed the book "The Protestant Faith" at the January 19 meeting of the Vivian Society. Mrs. C. H. McEachern is the president.

Mrs. J. W. Pullen was hostess January 18 to the Melville Woman's Society of Christian Service. The group served a benefit barbecue supper on January 19, and is selling copies of "One Hundred Household Hints" for the building fund.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Minden, met February 2 in Fellowship Hall for its annual conered dish luncheon in honor of new members and guests. Mrs. Don Hinton, assisted by several ladies, gave the program entitled "Unto the Perfect Day."—Mrs. W. B. Jones

March 22 has been set as the tentative date for the opening of the new sanctuary of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. Two special gifts to this are the Baptismal Fount given by the Young Wives Circle and the Altar Ware, consisting of two large candle holders and a Bible stand, the gift of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, rural worker for the Louisiana Conference, spoke to the Gueydan Methodist Church on February 1 at 2:30, telling of her work.

The Woman's Society of Christian

## GOD'S WORD

*I paused last eve beside the blacksmith's door,  
And heard the anvil ring, the vesper's chime,  
And looking in I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.  
"How many anvils have you had?" said I,  
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"  
"Just one," he answered. Then with twinkling eye:  
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."  
And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word  
For ages skeptics' blows have beat upon,  
But though the noise of falling blows was heard  
The anvil is unchanged; the hammers gone.*

—John Clifford

## CHRISTMAS AT HIROSHIMA

*(Miss Mitchell served as a missionary to China for two years before finding it necessary under the Communist regime to leave. After spending a year in graduate work in the United States, she sailed in September, 1952 for Japan, where she has been working with Korean people, until she was permitted to go to Korea.)*

Hiroshima, Christmas night

Dear friends,

We've just come in from Nagarekawa where we had Christmas dinner with the rest of our mission group—thirteen in all, counting Kōbori San and Miss Hirose. It just completed our Christmas for us. The feeling of "family" was strong tonight; we had a good time. Soon after Thanksgiving Christmas decorations began to appear in some of the stores downtown. They say the number of Nisei folks who live here have brought a lot of Christmas in with them. Dottie Seest, one of the J-3's, helped by going around and offering to fix creches in several stores.

Christmas really began, though, when Grace Wilson directed the community Messiah on the 14th. A number of choirs and choral groups joined in the production and with

Service and the two Wesleyan Service Guilds of Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, held a joint dinner meeting at the church February 10, with Miss Marquerite LeGrande in charge of the program, which featured Mr. and Mrs. Mike Willis, Camp Aldersgate. Mrs. Girard Shofner gave the devotional and a quartet composed of Bob Taylor, Gilbert Trussel, Bill Erwin and David Craft sang. Circle No. 2, Mrs. Wylie Hall chairman, prepared the dinner.

In listing those attending the meeting of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service February 17, 18, 19 at Amarillo, the name of Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Little Rock, was inadvertently omitted. Mrs. Henderson is Jurisdiction Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, and co-chairman of the Jurisdiction School of Missions for this year. Miss Georgia Daily, Associate Director for the Arkansas-Louisiana Area Methodist Information, will also attend the meeting.

the exception of two American soldiers who sang solos everything was done in Japanese. Miss Hirose made the opening words and led us into a real worship experience. . . I had hoped that Wi-bu, one of our Korean young people would be able to sing. But because he works in a factory and could not attend all the rehearsals, he didn't feel sure enough of himself to sing. Wi-bu's one of our most earnest young people. His brother and sisters were killed in the Atom Bomb and his mother terribly scarred. Just before the Messiah began Wi-Bu came in, straight from work, and joined me in the audience. Afterwards he said the music made his heart feel so good.

The next evening Ki-ho came over and we had "Operation: Santa Claus" getting ready for our Fukushima children. Peggy drew bells and stars on paper sacks and Ki-ho wrote the children's names. Then we filled the sacks with tangerines, sen-bei, cookies, candy and a Christmas card. Afterwards we tied two colorful pencils and an eraser together for each child. When Thursday came we had to take a taxi to carry everything. It was a semi-cloudy day and the wind was blowing, but the street was full of children. Ki-ho called them all inside the fence and arranged them by size. We began by singing Christmas songs; then I told the Christmas story using a flannel graph. It's a good aid with children; they watch spell bound. But when the wind blew the angels out of the sky it was a little difficult! We played games and then Ki-ho called out the names and gave each child his gift. I wish you could have seen the happy faces.

Even with the extra sacks we ran out, and Ki-ho out of the goodness of his heart bought another basket of tangerines to give to those who had come for the first time.

On Friday Peggy and I had the young people of our Korea church over for a Christmas party. About eighteen came. Ki-ho brought his new wife. She isn't a Christian and hadn't been out with Ki-ho before, so she was rather shy; but I was glad they came together. The young people stayed long past the time for the last bus, so after refreshments, carols and worship they all started out on the long walk home.

Several times during the week we heard carolers out in front, and ran to throw open our gate. Then they would cluster in our gateway, surrounded with the evergreen trees and sing us our favorite Christmas carols, their faces lighted by the

## CAMDEN DISTRICT BOARD

The Camden District Executive Board of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in business session January 29 in the parsonage home of Mrs. R. B. Moore in Camden.

The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Harry Wadsworth, vice-president.

Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, president, welcomed the officers and guests, three local presidents, and presided over the business. Mrs. Carpenter read letters from Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference President and Mrs. Wayland, concerning the annual conference meeting at Hot Springs in April.

The District voted to divide the district into three sub-districts, and invited Mrs. W. B. Landrum to address the members and pastors of these sub-districts as follows: Camden, February 24, Magnolia, February 25 and El Dorado, February 26. A chairman for each sub-district is to be elected from the sub-district.

It was voted to have the Research Committee serve as the Nominating Committee to secure the new District Officers, the committee to be ready to report at the annual District meeting to be held in Stamps in April.

A delicious lunch was served to the sixteen guests by the hostesses, Mrs. R. B. Moore, Mrs. Connor Morehead, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. J. F. Rennicks, Mrs. W. Rushing and Mrs. Nelson Thornton.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Connor Morehead.—Mrs. Jamie Talley

candles they held.

At Kang-o-machi we found seventy children sitting on the floor in Mrs. Kim's home. It was a six mat room which makes it about 9x12. Can you visualize that many children in that size room? They were as quiet as could be thru the whole time; singing songs, listening to Mrs. Pak tell the Christmas story. Then as each child went out the door, Myon Chol's mother gave them their Christmas present. That was all there was of Christmas for those children.

The main event for the young people was the drama they presented on Christmas Eve. It portrayed the life of the people at the time Jesus was born. It wasn't what you would call a Broadway production, but they had curtains, backdrops, spot light, costumes, make-up, music between the scenes, program. The church people couldn't help laughing when they saw the young people in the play, but when it came to the most serious part everyone was very attentive. Afterwards the young people had refreshments and then late at night went caroling to the homes of the church members.

Nak-ku's mother took care of the "eats" for the young people. When I gave her the money she was saying thank you to me, but I told her the money came from Christian people in America. She asked me to tell you thank you when I wrote. And I do want to thank you, not only for helping with Christmas, but for making all my work possible.

The next time you write address the letter to: Methodist Mission, Box 112, Pusan, Korea.

With love,  
Mary Mitchell



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## MINISTERS WEEK AT SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Approximately 1,200 Methodist preachers attended the annual Ministers Week on the campus of Southern Methodist University, Feb. 2-5. They came from the 18 Conferences in the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction.

Highlighting the program were three series of lectures delivered by prominent churchmen.

The Fondren lectures, established by the late W. W. Fondren of Houston and Mrs. Fondren, were given by Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta on The World Task of the Church. Bishop Moore has served in all parts of the world as a missionary bishop since his election in 1930.

Dr. R. B. Y. Scott of the Divinity School of McGill University, Montreal, Canada, gave the Jackson Lectures under the title The Old Testament and Ourselves. This foundation was established by the children of Robert Malone Jackson of Tennessee Colony, near Palestine.

The Peyton lectures were brought by Dr. Albert C. Outler of the Perkins School of Theology of SMU. His subject was Psychotherapy and the Christian Evangel. The lectureship was set up by Mrs. George Peyton of Mexia.

In addition to lectures there were teas, receptions, dinners, and numerous group meetings.

Arkansas had a good attendance at Minister's Week. Bishop Paul E. Martin was present. The following from the North Arkansas Conference were reported in attendance: A. N. Story, S. B. Wilford, R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., W. F. Cooley, W. Henry Goodloe, Ethan Dodgen, E. B. Williams, Carlos Martin, W. L. Diggs, R. L. Franks, E. J. Holifield, W. O. Scroggin, H. O. Eggensperger, William Wilder, Irl Bridenthal, Orval Brannon, J. J. Clark, G. A. McKelvey, J. W. Moore, D. L. Dykes, Jack Winegeart, Arnold Simpson, O. L. Cole, Olen R. Findley, J. W. Workman, Jr., O. D. Peters, C. B. Wyatt, Martin Bierbaum, Charles P. McDonald, J. H. Hoggard, Maurice Webb, Miss Fern Cook, Brady Cook, J. Hillman Byram, C. H. Harvison, Luther K. Wilson, James Elkins, William Findt, C. P. McDonald, Jr., H. C. Minnis, E. H. Hook and I. A. Brumley.

Reported in attendance from the Little Rock Conference were: J. M. Hamilton, E. D. Galloway, J. E. Dunlap, W. D. Golden, J. W. Mann, Fred R. Harrison, Virgil Bell, Jeff E. Davis, D. Mouzon Mann, J. Ralph Clayton, Otto Teague, A. C. Carraway, A. J. Christie and O. E. Holmes.

It is quite probable that there were others in attendance whose names were not reported.

## MR. PIERCE ADDRESSES MEN'S CLUB

Sunday February 1, Mr. Joe Pierce of Searcy spoke to the Methodist Men's Club at Mountain View on his experiences as a delegate to the General Conference held in San Francisco last May. At the eleven o'clock hour he spoke from the pulpit on some of his experiences as a lay leader. He invited all men to dedicate themselves to God and the

## ARKANSAS MINISTERS AID IN CUBAN MISSION

Dr. Connor Morehead, superintendent of the Camden District, and Dr. Neill Hart, pastor of First Methodist Church, El Dorado, arrived in Havana Wednesday to begin the International Evangelistic Mission scheduled for Cuba February 10 to 19.

The two Arkansas ministers arrived in Miami Tuesday, where they joined the rest of the 60 pastors invited to participate in the mission. They met at Trinity Methodist Church Tuesday night, going on to Havana Wednesday.

The campaign is being directed by Bishop John Branscomb of the Jacksonville area of the Florida and Cuba conferences and Dr. Harry Denman, of the Methodist Board of Evangelism.

"Cuba is mission territory and the project is sponsored jointly by the General Boards of Evangelism and Missions with the exception that these general boards are bearing no part of the expense," Dr. Morehead said. "The expense is borne by each individual participating: in the case of pastors, their churches provide the few hundred dollars necessary and consider it an investment in missions. In other cases, generous individuals have provided the funds necessary and it is regarded as missionary contribution. The participating pastors are giving eight days and nights of preaching and evangelistic work, in most cases under rather rugged circumstances."

## DOCTOR HAWK'S BOOK ON SPEECH TROUBLES

By Lester Weaver

Sara Stinchfield Hawk's SPEECH THERAPY FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED is an excellent book on the treatment of both children and adults having speech defects. It calls attention to the fact that many people having other physical handicaps also have speech defects.

The author has as a clinical worker devoted a lifetime to the study of speech troubles. She has not only studied multitudes of those who stuttered, lisped, and could not speak plainly. She has cured vast numbers of them.

Speech is such an important element in one's life that all parents and teachers ought to be helping their children with their speech. In this rather large book there are many collections of exercises for the practice work that is necessary in the correcting of speech defects and in the improvement of speech generally. Any parent or teacher who is trying to teach a child or an adult to speak more plainly will find this book of great value.

This book is published by Stanford University Press, Stanford, California. Price \$4.00. You can order it from The Methodist Publishing House, Dallas or Nashville.

church as this was the only way to find life in its fullest. His message was uplifting and interesting.

Our Methodist Church at Mountain View has redecorated the sanctuary and installed new pews. About fifteen hundred dollars was spent in addition to much donated labor.

## CROSSETT USES LAYMEN IN WEEK OF DEDICATION SERVICE

Lay leaders, both youth and adults, will have a major part in Week of Dedication observances February 15-20 at Crossett Methodist Church.

The pastor, the Rev. Dan R. Robinson, said that the services beginning Sunday morning and continuing each evening through the week, were planned by a carefully selected group of laymen and will be conducted by laymen. Special cultivation and attendance committees were formed, headed by Mrs. Richard Jones, president of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service, and her six circle leaders, and by W. B. Anderson, board chairman, and six appointed stewards. Young men will act as ushers.

The pastor will have charge of the dedication and communion service on Friday evening.

A recording by the Highland Park Methodist Church choir and a sermonette on stewardship by Dr. Mar-

shall T. Steel of Dallas will be heard at the Sunday School hour opening the week. Silas D. Snow will direct the introductory service at the morning worship hour. The combined choirs of the church, under the leadership of Richard P. Meredith, will provide the evening program.

L. T. Sandborn will serve as moderator for a panel discussion on general rules of the church and of church vows at the Monday evening service. A quartet will sing. On Tuesday, Mrs. Jones will speak on "The Christian Home." The choir will be composed of women.

A panel discussion on "Youth and the Church" Wednesday will have Mrs. R. D. Tucker as moderator. Mrs. Wade Tull will direct the youth choir.

William C. Norman will speak on "A Christian at Work in Crossett" Thursday. The men's choir will sing.

## FORESTRY CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION AT ALDERSGATE

Church youth groups and Boy Scouts in the Little Rock area have been invited to a forestry conservation and management demonstration sponsored by the Crossett Lumber Company at 10 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Camp Aldersgate.

The camp is located six miles west of Little Rock on the 12th Street Pike.

The demonstration will be sponsored jointly by the lumber company under the supervision of Alvin Hallgren, conservation forester, and the extension service of the University of Arkansas, represented by Harold A. Howell, extension forester.

Arrangement for the demonstration will be handled by W. F. Spivey, Pulaski county agricultural agent.

He said that through the cooperation of Ranger Jim Martin of the State Forestry Division, the demonstration would include a display of forest fire fighting equipment and use of short wave radio in fire fighting and control. The lumber company will operate its big tree seedling planter and the Scouts will be given instruction in planting and care of seedlings. The Crossett firm has sponsored similar educational demonstrations in forestry management for several years.

M. W. Willis, director of Aldersgate Camp, said that the forestry demonstration is a part of the long range forest conservation program established three years ago by the Little Rock Methodist Council which manages the camp. Since that time Methodist youth using the camp have planted 2000 pine seedlings in selected sites on the 120-acre area and the camp committee of the council has constructed fire breaks to protect the camp.

The camp is owned by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Board of Missions.

Hugh Hay, Little Rock Boy Scout executive, has invited all Scout troops of greater Little Rock to attend and participate in the demonstration.

## ST. PAUL'S COMPLETE FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

St. Paul Methodist Church, Little Rock recently completed a successful financial campaign for \$200,000 which will make possible the construction of the first unit of its new church plant at 2300 Durwood Road in the Kingwood-Queen Manor section of Little Rock. The first unit is expected to cost approximately \$80,000.

Rev. J. Edwin Keith, associate minister of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, served as campaign director. Dick Finch was the general chairman of the campaign. Rev. Charles W. Richards is the pastor.

## PERHAPS PROVIDENCE AIDED

A near tragedy was averted at the First Methodist Church in Conway recently by a very unusual force of circumstances. Mrs. Imon Bruce, a faithful teacher in the Primary Department who rarely misses teaching her class, called her department director Saturday night to say that it would be impossible for her to teach her class the next day.

When classes assembled Sunday morning Mrs. Bruce's class met with another class in another room. Shortly after 10:00 a. m. a steam radiator hanging from the ceiling directly over the position in the class room usually occupied by Mrs. Bruce and her class fell to the floor, crushing a number of small chairs, and knocking a large hole in the table used for the class. Hot water and escaping steam filled the room.

The radiator weighed several hundred pounds. Had this accident occurred while the class was in session it would have been a miracle indeed if the teacher and members of the class had escaped serious injury. Perhaps Providence had a hand in the transfer of the class to another location for the morning—Reporter



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

**The Methodist Church**  
Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas  
Paul E. Martin, Bishop  
Rev. Floyd G. Villines, President  
Mr. Lester Hutchins, Vice-President  
Rev. David P. Conyers, Secretary  
Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

**TITHING MONTH IN NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE**

In churches large or small the people must constantly be aware that, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

During the month of February we are being definitely reminded that a part of the material means with which we have been intrusted, shall be set aside for a definite purpose. The needs for the use of such giving are great throughout the world.

Here are some statements from the Roy Farrow Plan of Finance, that might be of help to all of us as we enter the special month of tithing.

**The Way to Make Tithing Easy**

We frequently hear people talk as if tithing is a hard job. As a matter of fact, tithing the income to the Lord is a very easy matter. The reason that tithing is hard for some people is because they have the wrong motive in doing it.

I do not tithe because someone else tithes. I do not tithe because the church needs money. I do not tithe because I fear the curse of God if I do not. I do not tithe in order that we may have a new church building and better equipment. I do not tithe because the Bible teaches it (though I know that is the reason I should tithe). I tithe because I love my Lord and want to do His will.

When we tithe for any other reason than love for God, then tithing becomes legalistic and irksome. We give the most to the objects of our love. I love my Lord supremely, therefore, I want to give Him the most. When once the love of God burns supremely, in an enlightened heart, tithing ceases to be a legalistic task hard to fulfil and becomes a joy not to be denied. Let the love of God dwell in your heart and try

tithing the income to Him, and you will experience a joy closely akin to the joy of your salvation.

**What Tithing Does**

**TEACHES** the tither to put first things first by accepting the scriptural doctrine of (1) Divine ownership, (2) Man's Stewardship, (3) Translation of both into Christian Service.

**GIVES** the tither an enlarged vision, a willing mind, a liberal heart, and a closer partnership relation with Christ.

**CREATES** within the tither's soul a growing appreciation of spiritual values, a spirit of liberality, an attitude of cheerfulness.

**RETURNS** to the tither constantly growing spiritual dividends.

**CLEANSSES** the heart of the tither from selfishness, covetousness, self-centeredness, substituting more durable satisfaction of life.

**RESULTS** in more careful spending of the other nine-tenths.

**DEVELOPS** Christian character.

**Sunday February 1 at Morrilton**

Due to the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. J. Couchman, because of illness in his family, it was my privilege to preach at Morrilton both the morning and evening services. This was indeed a joyous experience as I renewed acquaintance with old friends whom I had served as pastor a few years ago. They still go forward in their program which reaches communities throughout the county. The coming of a radio station has made it possible for them to broadcast their morning worship service. Through this agency the ministry of this church is greatly extended.—J. Albert Gatlin

**HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS**

"Antigone", a Greek tragedy by Sophocles, will be presented this spring at Hendrix College as the major dramatic production of the semester. Mary Virginia Speaker of Conway and Walter Workman of North Little Rock have been selected to play Antigone and Creon in the drama, which will be presented March 20 and 21.

Mrs. Capp Shanks, head of the speech department at Hendrix and director of the play, stated that the production will be presented with as much of the original Greek interpretation as possible. Costumes will be designed after the Greek style and the setting will be centered around formal white columns. A modern translation of the play by Dudley Fitts and Robert Fitzgerald will be used.

Other members of the cast are Susie Lane, Conway; Ann Wilford, Paragould; Sanders Clatworthy, Little Rock; Jim Price, Conway; Bette Bumpers, Wabash; Fred Disheroon, Hot Springs; Wayne Hill, Somerville, Massachusetts; Sue Fulmer, Conway;

Sara Lauterbach, Hope; Meredith Miller, DeWitt; Donna Wasson, North Little Rock; Marilyn Chambers, Ft. Smith; Patsy McGinnis, Rondo; Mary Nell Clayton, Gould; Anne Abel, Dallas, Texas; Mary Sue Smith, Pine Bluff; Frank English, Ft. Smith; Bob Watson, Tuckerman; Jerry Delleney, Dallas, Texas; Bill Sargo, Hot Springs; Fred Price, Little Rock.

**Enrollment Nears End**

Enrollment for the second semester had reached 394 at the end of the first week. The total is expected to reach or pass the figure of 403 reached for the second semester last year, according to Registrar Victor Hill.

San Francisco — (RNS) — Church leaders and businessmen are mobilizing to end horse-race betting in California.

They have joined forces in a move to outlaw pari-mutual wagering through a constitutional amendment. The alignment of business and church groups constitutes the most

**Christian Education:**

**NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES**

By I. A. BRUMLEY

**Conway District Institutes**

The Conway District recently held four sub-district institutes at the following centers: Levy, Conway First Church, Morrilton, and Dardanelle.

These were under the direction of the District Superintendent, Rev. R. E. L. Bearden and the three age-group workers: Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, District Director of Children's Work; Rev. Raymond A. Dorman, District Director of Youth Work; Rev. I. L. Claud, District Director of Adult Work.

Even though these were held in the midst of the "Flu" period and difficult weather conditions, there was a total of 150 church school workers taking part in these meetings.

Rev. Robert Paul Sessions of Van Buren has recently been certified for the first series course on How to Teach in the Church School, and the second series course on Ways of Teaching.

The months of February and March are to have a number of training schools in the North Arkansas Conference. Three of the larger schools of the conference are to be held during this time: North Little Rock, Jonesboro, and Springdale.

The North Little Rock School, which is to be held Feb. 22-26, will be a six-unit training school, with the following courses being offered: Teaching Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Rev. James S. Upton

Work of the Adult Division, Mrs. V. K. Chowning

Christian Beliefs, Rev. Alf A. Eason

Christian Education in the Church, Rev. Howard Cox

A Guide to Bible Study, Rev. Ralph Ruhlen

Rev. William Wilder is Dean of the school

The Jonesboro School will be a four-unit school, with the following courses being offered:

Teaching Children, Miss Olive Smith

Ways of Teaching, Rev. Byron McSpadden and Mrs. Elmus Brown

Home and Church Working Together, Dr. Clark Ellzey

A Guide to Bible Study, Ira A. Brumley

Rev. E. B. Williams is Dean of the school

The Springdale area school is a six-unit school, with the following courses being offered:

Teaching Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel

Methodist Youth Fellowship, Rev. Paul Cardwell

A Preface to Bible Study, Rev. Walter Hearn

The Work of the Local Church, Rev. Joel Cooper

Ways of Teaching, Rev. Alfred Knox

Preparing for Marriage (Youth only), Rev. James W. Workman, Jr.

Rev. W. F. Cooley is Dean of this school

A one-unit training school is being planned for Quitman during February.

A one-unit school is being planned at Briggsville during March.

The Morrilton area is working on plans for a three-unit school to be held soon.

**Conference Youth Rally**

Plans are being worked out for the North Arkansas Conference Youth Rally for young people, ages 15-23, and all adults who work with youth (Intermediates, Seniors and older youth).

It is not too early for your church to begin making plans to have a good delegation attending this conference-wide rally.

This rally is being held as a background for the promotion of the special emphasis on youth work during the month of April and on through the four years of emphasis which the Methodist Church is placing on youth work.

The rally will be held on Hendrix Campus beginning at 7:00 p. m., March 27.

**Conway Training Project**

The Conway area is planning for a different kind of training enterprise this year.

There is to be only one unit of study which, will be centered in an emphasis on improving the local church program of Christian Education.

The program is to be held at the First Methodist Church, Conway, beginning at 7:30 p. m., February 11.

The class is to meet each Wednesday night for five Wednesday nights.

The program is to be worked out through committee assignments and reports.

It is hoped that this program will make it possible for not only the church school officers and teachers but the total official life of the church to discover what the Church School program is.

**DR. CARLYON TO BE IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE**

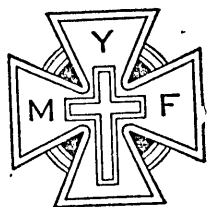
Dr. J. T. Carlyon, professor at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, will be the guest instructor for two church school studies in the Little Rock Conference, according to an announcement by the Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretary of the conference Board of Education.

serious attack against pari-mutual betting since it was legalized in 1933.

Dr. Carlyon will teach a course on "Christian Beliefs" at First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, February 15, 16 and 17, and a course on "Christian Stewardship" at First Methodist Church, Camden, February 18, 19 and 20.

The classes will meet at Pine Bluff at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, February 15, and at 7:15 p. m. Monday and Tuesday. The Camden studies will begin at 7:15 p. m. each of the three nights.

The courses are offered primarily for church school workers, Mr. Fawcett said, but any person who is interested is welcome to attend.



## ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA

Methodist

Youth

Fellowship

NEWS

### WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Buffalo Island Sub-District met in Manila on January 19. A recreation period was held in the recreation room and refreshments were served. A film was shown and group singing was enjoyed. The president, Terry Ballard, presided over the business meeting. A constitution for the M. Y. F. will be discussed at the next meeting which will be held in Monette on February 16. A program was presented by the Manila group. A cross was placed in the center of the pulpit with a spotlight shining on it. Millie Johnson sang a solo. Caraway won the banner with 639 points.

The Polk County Methodist Youth Fellowship met on Monday, February 2, at the First Methodist Church in Mena. Ralph Joe Edwards led a program on "Our Place in the Kingdom of God." Archie Jones, president, presided over the business session. Roll call showed the following present: Cherry Hill 20, Hatfield 18, Shady Grove 9, Mena 28, a total of 75. Each group reported on the progress made toward the cabin fund. Mary Kate Simpson was in charge of the recreation period. Refreshments were served by the Mena group. The next meeting will be at Hatfield on March 2.

### GOODWILL M. Y. F. INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Goodwill Methodist Youth Fellowship held its meeting on Sunday night, January 25.

Taking part on the program were Elma Jean McIntyre, Helen Crews, Annie B. Husbands, Georgia Ann Lawrence, Jerard Allen and Ezra Husbands. Helen Crews, president, presided.

The center of worship was the picture of the "Guardian Angel" on a background of M. Y. F. colors. On a table in front of this was an open Bible with candles on each corner of the table, representing the four corners of the earth into which we are spreading the gospel.

The officers were installed by Mrs. E. R. Allen. Mrs. Higdon led in the installation prayer. A pin was given to R. K. Allen for outstanding work in the organization. "Take My Life and Let It Be" was sung as a dedication hymn.

Refreshments were served with thanks going to Mrs. Shopher for baking the cakes.—Ezra Husbands, Reporter

I have, like other people, made resolutions which I have broken or only half kept; but one which I send you . . . is the keynote of my life. It is this—always to regard as mere impertinences of fortune, the handicaps which were placed upon my life almost at the beginning. I resolved that they should not crush or dwarf my soul, but rather be made "to blossom, like Aaron's rod, with flowers."—Helen Keller, NEA Jnl.

### WORKSHOP ON WORSHIP

Has your Sub-District tried a Workshop on Worship? Well, the New Orleans Sub-District did at its January meeting on January 27 at the Napoleon Avenue Church, and we feel that it was most successful.

The meeting opened with the youth and workers joining in singing, "O Worship the King"; Mary Law accompanied at the organ. With Delton Pickering presiding, numerous announcements were made concerning the Alcohol Essay Contest, activities planned for April—Youth Month in the Louisiana Conference, The M. Y. F. State Conference in Alexandria on May 2, State Assembly at Camp Brewer July 20-25, a new Sub-District newspaper, an offering to help pay expenses of delegates of the Central Jurisdiction to the Mount Sequoyah Workshop next summer, and means of paying our share for the new tabernacle at Brewer. M. Y. Fund reports were given. Two youth took the regular offering. Vice-president Dick Morris had an interesting display of worship materials set up in the vestibule of the church.

To begin the Workshop the president introduced Rev. W. Spencer Wren, pastor at St. Luke's, who gave an eye-opening and heart-warming message on "Why Worship?" The group then divided into three seminar groups: "Music and Worship", "Worship through Art", and "Visual and Audio Aids to Worship" led by Rev. Clarence H. Snelling, Jr., Eighth Street, Rev. Ashley T. Law, Parker Memorial, and Rev. Ben Petty, Rayne Memorial, respectively. During this time the council met with Rev. J. W. Matthews, Jr., pastor counsellor and the workers with youth met with Mrs. Cayard, District Director of Youth Work. After the host church served refreshments, the meeting closed as the group, in a friendship circle, sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and prayed the M. Y. F. benediction.

Each M. Y. F. had been asked to bring lists of the names and addresses of its officers and active members to help compile the mailing list for the Sub-District newspapers and other publicity, but since so few did so, we are using this as another means to remind the counsellors to send these lists to your Sub-District publicity chairman, Mary Law, 1125 Eleonore, N. O. 14.—Mary Law

No one can teach more than he is.—Indiana Teacher.



## INDIA ADOPTS THE MYF PROGRAM

THE adoption of the Methodist Youth Fellowship—as it exists in the United States—as the official Methodist organization for young people of the Church, was one of the principal actions taken by the Southern Asia Central Conference which closed its sessions in Bangalore on January 16. The meetings were well-attended by Indian and missionary delegates, the former being in the large majority. Presiding officers at the various sessions were Bishops S. K. Mondol, J. Waskom Pickett, Clement D. Rocky, and John A. Subhan. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, of St. Louis, was a conference visitor and speaker.

For the past twenty-one years, the Christian Endeavor has been the official youth organization of Methodism in India and Pakistan. In 1931 it had succeeded the former Epworth League in its ministry to young people. Since the C. E. is interdenominational, Methodism found it an inconvenient channel for the activities and expressions of its youth; and now some of the younger missionaries have helped direct the local church groups of youth into the official Methodist body.

The Conference W. S. C. S. was asked to study the desirability of extending the deaconess movement to India.

The Central Conference also took action generally favoring plans for church union in North India, but there was considerable opposition from some conferences. It was voted to still consider union plans, to negotiate with other churches, but to submit all proposals to the next Central Conference before decisive steps are taken.

The Conference voted to participate in the world-wide program of evangelism inaugurated by the World Methodist Conference and by the General Conference. Said one observer: "Evidence was submitted from every annual conference that the evangelistic opportunity today is extraordinarily promising. Undoubtedly multitudes in India are beginning the study of religion with a new freedom, and with a new sense of individual need, and the necessity of judging religions by their value in meeting personal needs."

The Central Conference appointed its Executive Board as the commission to conduct the centenary celebration of Indian Methodism in 1956. One of the projects of the observance will be the publication of the story of the first hundred years of the Methodist Church in

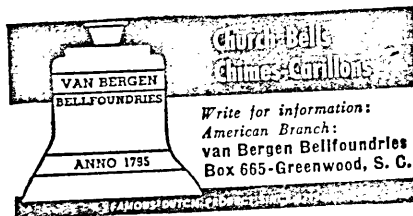


BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT  
Conference Visitor and Speaker

India, Pakistan, and perhaps in Burma. Dr. John Hollister, of Ohio, long a missionary in India and now principal of Ingraham Institute, has been named to write this history. With him will be associated a number of missionaries and nationals especially qualified for such a major undertaking.

The excitement of electing a new bishop—usually present in a jurisdictional or central conference—was absent from this one this year, since all four bishops are continuing to serve. The Conference did vote, however, to make the Indus River Annual Conference, which is in Pakistan, a part of Bishop Rocky's Lucknow Area; hitherto it has been part of the Delhi Area under Bishop Pickett. The Central Conference voted an expression of belief that there should be a separate episcopal area for Pakistan, because of political and Moslem tension, and this matter will probably be before the General Conference of 1956.

There are two great realities in the vast universe, the heart of God and the heart of Man, and each is ever seeking the other.—Bulletin-board quotation, Church of The Ascension, N Y C.

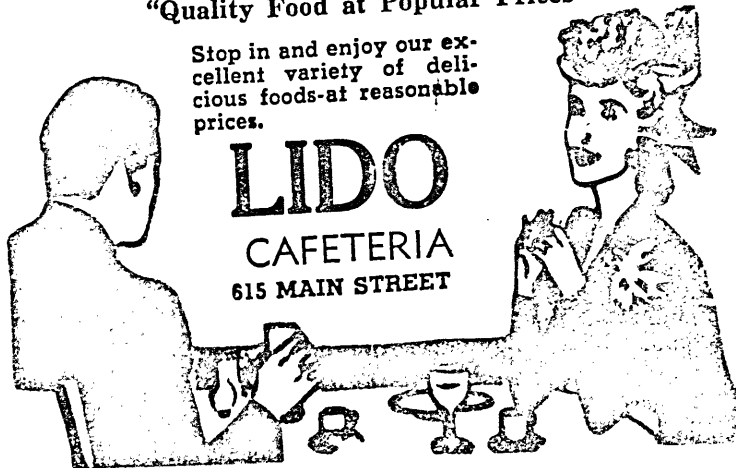


### Little Rock's Favorite Eating Place

"Quality Food at Popular Prices"

Stop in and enjoy our excellent variety of delicious foods at reasonable prices.

**LIDO**  
CAFETERIA  
615 MAIN STREET



ARKANSAS METHODIST



## OBITUARIES

**GLOVER**—Rev. James F. Glover, aged 77 years widely-known retired Methodist minister died Tuesday, January 27, after a short illness.

Funeral service was held at the First Methodist Church in Paris Thursday afternoon, January 29, at 1 o'clock with Dr. Henry Goodloe, of Fort Smith, district superintendent, Rev. Earle Cravens of Harrison, Rev. Roy Poyner of Fort Smith, and Rev. B. C. Few of Paris officiating. Burial was in McKendree cemetery.

Brother Glover was born in Logan County. He entered the ministry at an early age and had served the Scranton-Prairie View, Adona, Magazine, Plainview, Imboden, Harrisburg, Augusta, Wynne, Piggott, Cabot and Booneville charges. He retired from the ministry in 1944 and came to Paris to reside. He took on part-time ministerial duties while here. After the death of his wife he remained in Paris later going to Fort Smith to live in the home of his foster-daughter, Mrs. J. E. Taylor. While in Fort Smith he served as pastor of the Old Townson Methodist Church which was later named the Glover Memorial Methodist Church.

Brother Glover was a Christian who lived for his loved ones and his friends. He was always ready with his words of cheer and helpfulness, and no task was too great for him to lend a helping hand. He was loved by all who knew him.

When God called Brother Glover home, he chose a man of genuinely good character who had proved his worth in many ways for many years. Brother Glover "is just away", resting in the Garden of God's love. He has joined his loved ones just across the river, and is awaiting the coming of those he loved.—Written by a friend, Vela Kinney

**CLINE**—Rev. Artie Lee Cline was born in Williamsville, Missouri, June 25, 1877. Since 1934 he had lived in retirement, a semi-invalid, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. He passed away at his home in Siloam Springs on December 31, 1952.

Brother Cline was a graduate of Hendrix College and did some theological work at Vanderbilt University. He was ordained deacon in Fort Smith on November 18, 1900, by Bishop Charles B. Galloway. On November 26, 1905, Bishop Joseph S. Key ordained him elder at Annual Conference in Russellville. He was an active member of the North Arkansas Conference until his retirement. Among his pastorates were the Methodist Churches of Mountain Home; Cotter; Yellville; Springdale; Midland Heights, Fort Smith; Van Buren First Church; and Siloam Springs. The Midland Heights church in Fort Smith was built during his pastorate. While pastor at Van Buren, Brother Cline negotiated a large and valued gift to Hendrix College. His pastorate at Siloam Springs was served in three different periods of four years each. After his retirement, he was constantly as active as his health permitted in the support of the Siloam Springs church. Several pastors there remember his support and counsel with gratitude. Brother Cline was the first conference missionary evangelist appointed by the North Arkansas Conference.

During his thirty years of membership in the North Arkansas Conference of his church, the activities of the church demanded most of his

time and attention. However, he was a Master Mason, and member of Key Lodge Number 7.

The funeral service was conducted Friday, January 2, 1953, in the Siloam Springs Methodist Church by his pastor, Rev. Allen D. Stewart, assisted by his district superintendent, Rev. W. F. Cooley. The burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Siloam Springs.

**COLLINS**—Mrs. D. S. Collins, Sr., founder and for many years owner and manager of the Collins Floral Company, Texarkana, departed this life January 23, 1953, after a useful and fruitful life of nearly 82 years. She was born in Little River County, but moved to Texarkana early in life and lived there till her marriage in 1888, when she moved to Foreman where her family of six sons and daughters was reared. Some 30 years ago she moved back to Texarkana, where she lived until her death. During that time she was an active member of the Fairview Methodist Church. Her entire adult life had been devoted to the church.

It was as a member of the Missionary Society that she began the project that became and still is a flourishing business. Each woman of the Society was to invest one dollar of the Society's funds and seek to make it earn more dollars for the church. She invested in potted plants and was so successful that the business she established has continued almost half a hundred years. She always returned the tithe to the church, and was generous in supplying flowers for the services of the church.

For many years she was organist for her church, and as a teacher of music made a large contribution to the cultural, social, and religious life of her community. She always loved her music, and a part of the last day of her life was spent at the piano. On the last Sunday of her life she attended the services at her church, just as she was accustomed to do.

Fairview Church and Texarkana will miss her, but they are rich in memories of her long and beautiful life.

Her long day over, her work done, "at the evening time there was light." She sat down in her easy chair, went to sleep, "and had another morn than ours."—Her Pastor, C. W. Good

**McBRIDE**—Mrs. Mona Fox McBride, a resident of Havana, passed away on Tuesday, January 20 at the Danville Clinic following a long illness. Survivors include her husband, Audice McBride of Havana; a son, Jerry, of the home; her mother, Mrs. J. A. Fox; a brother, R. W. Fox of Oklahoma; two sisters, Mrs. Winfred Hopper of Plainview and Mrs. C. H. Cyrus of Cherokee, Oklahoma.

In her passing the Methodist Church at Havana lost one of its most devout members. She had taught the Young Peoples' Class for the last eighteen or twenty years, served on the Official Board, and as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Besides her family, the church was always her first concern. Everyone knew there was something wrong if she was not at Sunday School, church and prayer meeting. When in conversation with other members of the congregation, she was making plans for the church.

She was also active in community affairs. When there was illness

in a home she was there doing what she could to help. She loved flowers and enjoyed sharing those from her garden with others.

Funeral services were held on January 21 at the Havana Methodist Church by Rev. Lamar Davis, pastor. Burial was in the Havana Cemetery.

## MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

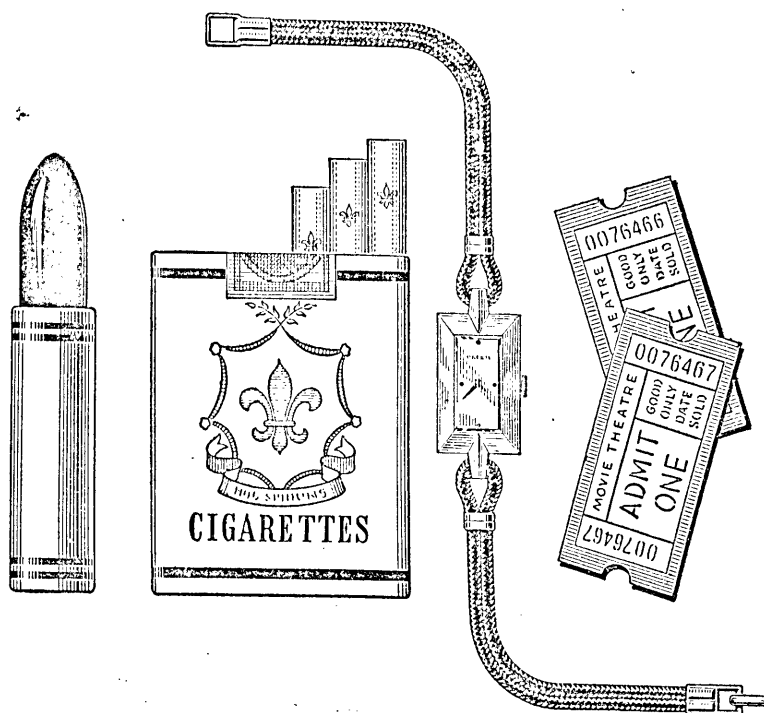
(Continued from page 2)

ple when he said, "Be very careful how you live and act. Let it not be as unwise men, but as wise. Make the most of your opportunities for

these are evil times."

Every day presents its own problems but every day furnishes time whereby we may work to the best of our ability for an answer to that question. Every Christian is responsible to use each hour as if it was his last on earth. Time is important. We can live only one moment at a time and what we do with that moment has significance beyond our wildest imaginations. Then, fill every flying moment with something that is good, rich, and abiding. Life will give back to us that which we put into it.—RB

## When you buy any of these...



## you help pay someone else's electric bill

**IN FACT**, when you buy *any* item that has a federal tax on it — you're helping people you don't even know get electricity **AT YOUR EXPENSE!**

You see, with your taxes, the federal government supports electric power projects that sell electricity to their customers *for less than it costs to produce it!*

No normal business, of course, can operate at a loss for very long — but this is *government-in-business!* And when government needs to make up its losses — well, there's always tax money. **YOUR** tax money!

And it's *you* who can put a stop to it!

Arkansas  
**POWER & LIGHT**  
Company  
HELPING BUILD ARKANSAS

# The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

Lesson based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.



LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 22, 1953

## WHAT IS THE BASIS OF CHRISTIANITY?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Matthew 22:15-46. Printed Text: Matthew 22:15-22.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

We have come to the fourth and last lesson in Unit V: "SOME PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING". The question is, "Have we really carried out the aim of the unit?" We have been trying "to help students discover some of the basic principles of Christian living."

### Brief Review

The first lesson of the unit dealt with the rich young ruler. He wanted eternal life and felt that he could have it by doing some good deed. He learned that this life could only come by getting rid of those things that he was inclined to put ahead of God in his life and following Jesus. He felt that the price was too high, and went away sorrowfully.

The theme of the second lesson was "DISTINCTIONS AMONG CHRISTIANS?" The Scripture was the parable of the householder who hired workers for his vineyard at various hours during a certain day. When the day was over all received the same amount of pay though some had worked twelve times longer than others. Not only so, but those who worked the shortest time received their pay first. This is more or less of a comparison between the Jews who had long looked upon themselves as the chosen people of God, and who had for years expected to earn salvation through the works of the Law, and the Christians who were coming into the Kingdom of God by grace through faith. It is an illustration of the truth of the statement made by Christ just prior to the parable: "But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

The theme of the next lesson is "HOW DO WE GET INTO THE KINGDOM?" The Scripture of this lesson is also in the form of a parable. In this particular case a certain householder gets a vineyard all ready for fruitfulness and lets it out to tenants. The rent was to be paid with a portion of the fruit. At the time of harvest the householder sent servants to collect the rent. The tenants mistreated these servants; killing some of them and sending all away empty-handed. The householder finally sent his son feeling that these tenants would surely reverence him. They killed the son feeling that in doing so they would get possession of the vineyard. This parable was spoken against the Jews. They were the first tenants of the vineyard of the parable (the Kingdom of God on earth). God had sent his servants to them, the prophets, but they had refused to hear them; even going to the extent of killing some of them. Finally the Son was sent. The "Son" here represents Christ himself. These same people who had rejected the prophets were now about to become the instigators of the death of the

Son. The vineyard of the parable (the Kingdom of God on earth) is now in the hands of the Christians, who get into it, not by the works of the Law, but by grace through faith.

### A Look at the Scriptures

The printed portion of the lesson today deals with two passages both of which have to do with questions. The first question raises the issue as to whether or not it is right to pay taxes to Caesar or the Roman Government. This question was asked by the disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians. It was asked, not for information, but to trap Christ. The question was of such a nature that they felt the Lord could not answer it at all without getting himself into trouble. They knew that if Christ said it was right to pay tribute to Caesar he would get himself into trouble with all the patriotic Jews. This was a poll tax that all adult males had to pay. The loyal Jews hated it. They insisted that the paying of it was a direct rejection of God as Ruler of Israel and an acceptance of Caesar as their ruler.

These Pharisees were anxious to get Jesus in bad with the multitude. They were anxious to have him put to death, but they knew this could not be done so long as the multitudes followed after him. Had Christ answered "yes" to the above question these people would have ceased to follow him.

On the other hand, had Christ answered "no", he would have gotten himself in bad with the Roman Government. The Pharisees were anxious to find something that they could bring against him before this Government. These people were working very definitely for the death of Christ, and they obtained their goal before this week was over. This event took place on Tuesday of Passion Week on April 4, A. D. 30. On Friday of that week, Christ was nailed to the cross.

Christ escaped the trap. Even his enemies marveled at his wisdom in so doing. He noted that the likeness and inscription of Caesar was on the coin that was used to pay the tax. His comment was, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This statement has become famous in history. Many point to it as the opinion of Christ on the question of the separation of Church and state. The refusal to pay this tax would have meant rebellion on the part of the Jews against the Roman Government, and Christ advised no such rebellion. Christ was no anarchist. He saw no real conflict between the right kind of government and religion. Government has its part to play in the world as well

as religion, and neither of them can exist without financial support. The government gets its support through taxes. Christ was not putting obligations to Caesar on an equal footing as those to God. Wherever there is a conflict between these two sets of obligations, duty to God and his cause must always come first. Christ stood by this principle before that week was over and by order of the Roman Government was nailed to the cross.

This event ties into the theme of our lesson ("WHAT IS THE BASIS OF CHRISTIANITY") through the fact that our great religion stands for both God and government. As Protestants, we see in the statement the idea of the eternal separation of Church and state. We owe allegiance to both. This is especially true where there is no conflict between the two. In case of serious conflict, then the true Christian is under obligation to put God and his cause first. There was such conflict back in the early days of Christianity and thousands of disciples suffered martyrdom rather than be disloyal to their Lord.

In this matter of separation of Church and state we must not get the idea that Christ felt that God had no interest in the governments of the world. The reverse is true. God is interested in all phases and activities of life. His Kingdom includes all.

### The Two Great Commandments

The second scripture passage of the lesson has to do with the two great commandments. These two commandments were not original with Christ, except in the fact that he brought them together. They are not only not together in the Old Testament but they are not even in the same book. The first, which has to do with supreme love to God is found in Deuteronomy 6:5; while the second, which deals with one's love for his fellow men is found in Leviticus 19:18.

It will be noted that the lawyer asked for but one commandment: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" In answer the Lord gave him two commandments. The simple reason for this is that no person can live up to one of these commandments while ignoring the other. No person can really and truly love God unless he also loves his fellow men. We have a very strong statement along this line in I John 4:20-21: "If any one says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also."

The theme of our lesson today is in the form of a question: "WHAT IS THE BASIS OF CHRISTIANITY?" This question is answered fully by these two great commandments. The basis of Christianity is love—supreme love for God and love for one's fellows. The word "all" in the first of these commandments is one of the most important of the passage. God will have "all" or nothing.

The individual is commanded to love God with all of his heart. When the Bible speaks of the heart it doesn't refer to the organ within the physical body that pumps blood. It refers to something that is comparable to that in the spiritual life. As the physical heart is the source of physical life so the spiritual heart is the center and source of spiritual life. Little wonder that one of the Bible writers would insist, "Keep the heart with all diligence for out of it

are the issues of life." To love God, therefore, with all the heart means to love him with all the inward powers of one's being.

While the heart refers to man's inward being, the soul refers primarily to his emotional nature. To love with all the soul means to love with ardent feeling.

One is also commanded to love God with all his mind. This means a love of truth and a thirst for knowledge. In speaking to the Father in prayer Christ once said, "This is life eternal that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." Paul was loving Christ with all of his mind when he went on to say (Phil. 3:8-10), "Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection."

Last, we are to love Christ with all our strength. We are to love him with the very physical side of our nature. We must be willing to spend and be spent in service to others because of our love for him.

Some one has summed up these various ways of loving God as follows: "With his heart man appreciates God's mercies; with his soul he appreciates God's holiness, the living impulses of His Spirit; with his mind he appreciates the majesty and order of God's thoughts; with his strength he adores and imitates the constancy of God's will, the righteousness of his rule; but it is very possible for one of these principles or affections to be in a state of high vitality, while others are torpid and unused." One might well examine himself to see whether or not he is fulfilling this greatest of all commandments by loving God supremely in all of these ways—heart, soul, mind and strength.

In his answer to the lawyer, Christ went on to add a second command, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." As stated above, it is impossible to carry out the first commandment while one ignores the second. The two belong together. One can't be obeyed without obedience to the other.

Some tell us that it is impossible to carry out this second command; that one simply can't love his neighbor as he does himself. Note the fact that the Lord doesn't say for one to love his neighbor as he does his child or his wife or his parents or other close relatives. The command is "Love your neighbor as you do yourself." That can be done. No true child of God is self-centered. He is Christ-centered, which means others-centered. There is, however, a healthy type of self-love, self-respect, and the command would have us love both self and neighbor.

Men are too often busy building a wall around their own garden when what they need most to do is to make a path to the place where their neighbor is sitting. Instead of setting up the supreme court of the universe under our own vine and fig tree, we need to view the world from the standpoint of other folks' vines and fig trees.—Frederick Brown Harris, Spires of the Spirit (Abingdon-Cokesbury).