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A Human Interest Story Of A Missionary's Experience  
In Living In An Indian Village. The Writer Is Supported  
By First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, As An Advance Special

# We Pitched Tent In An Indian Village

By LESTER FINLEY, Baroda, India



**T**HAT was the experience we wanted—to live a while among our people in one of the villages on the “growing edge of the church.”

So “Gay” Johnson (hostel manager of our Boys’ High School here in Baroda) and I took a tent and camped for five days at Aladpura, (A-lad-poor-A). We wanted to learn of village life in a small place (it has only twenty dwellings, mud-walled, thatched-roofed). We took a desire to tell them more of Christ; we took a flannelgraph set to teach the youngsters, and a medicine kit to treat the sick.

We pitched our tent on a little knoll just at the edge of the village, overlooking a river. Of course the kids came around to “see this strange thing which had come to pass!” We thought that missionaries now-a-days come to a village and pass only too quickly! Some of the men of the village came out to watch, or help as we unfolded our cots, and made ready for the night. That evening, our school teacher in the village introduced us to the people, and we had a meeting in the village street. We gave our witness as to what Christ means to us, we sang some of the stirring Gujarati devotional songs, had a prayer, and then sat around with the people, asking them about their crops, their work, and difficulties.

We very soon felt a burden for the people, in their fears, and superstitions, darkness, and troubles. We spent time in prayer together down in a rocky place by the river bank. We read and studied the gospel of Mark together in Gujarati. And, beginning with our contact with the boys, we were accepted more and more as friends. How much we wanted to know about the thoughts and ways of their lives! Our Methodist Church mission had made contact with these people twelve years ago. But we believed that, outside of the school work, not much progress had been made in developing a local group of believers. The village leader among the Christians could not lead in prayer. Dirt and filth in the village is relieved by one bit of living brightness—a tame peacock—who sends his strident call in the darkness, and struts about in the sandy, dusty street during the day.

There is so much of beauty in the Indian scene, that by contrast, the life of the people seems terribly ugly. The cooing of the doves, the cool breezes from the river, the smell of roasted corn, the splashing of water in the bright sunlight, the laughter of kids as they played, the graceful movement of the brown fisherman as he threw his circular net—the waving field of bajari (a millet which looks like our cattails), these and many other sights, sounds, and odors are part of our remembrance of the experience.

## How Dark Can It Be?

But the life of the people in many ways is as dark as their houses at night. Only a feeble glow comes from the castor-oil lamps. Only two men in the village can read (beside the school children). There is not one person who owns his own land. When crops are ready, vigilance is required lest one steal from another. There are skin diseases from lack of cleanliness, there is

malaria, dysentery, tuberculosis, and malnutrition. There is the darkness of not knowing a God who cares and saves. Two stone goddesses in base relief stand propped up against a tree at the entrance of the village. The little oil container is rusted; seldom is a lamp lighted for the goddesses now. Every family is in debt. The people who once had land had to give it up to get cash: many were cheated (they didn’t know how to read). Very few parents think it worthwhile to send their girls to school. One day we counted eleven school-age boys out herding the cows and buffalo and goats. It cheered us to hear them singing on the hills the songs of the Lord as a Good Shepherd. Many of the people still have charms around their necks; some of the boys and men have the Hindu long strands of hair on their head. Their first need is to know a Lord who brings victory over sin, and peace and joy within. The second need is deliverance from poverty.

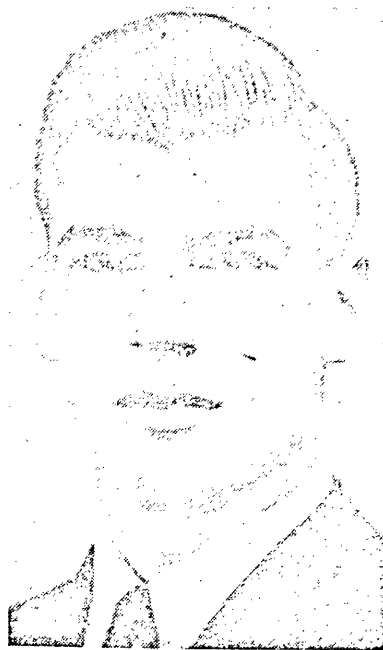
Before dawn there is the sound of the grinding wheel as the women grind the grain for the days chappatis (their bread—something like a thin pancake). After breakfast comes the procession of women going down to the river to wash the brass plates, and cups, wash the clothes, and then bring the heavy head-load of water pots back to the house. Children chase the cattle out to the hills. Men yoke the oxen and set out for the fields. There is discussion about the possibility of rain. This year the monsoon rains came all at once—not spread out over the usual ninety days—hence poor crops. For any “boughten thing” one must walk to the nearest city bazaar—about three-quarters of an hour’s hot, dusty walk. It is an effort just to keep alive—some days you have to pour hot water on your cot to kill the inhabitants there—for they come out of its wooden joints and plague you at night. Sometimes you have to

take cow-dung and mud and plaster your floor. Everyday you have to gather some wood for your fire. Often I saw a mother take one child by the hand, carry another, and set out to work cutting grass; or some other field work. The baby was slung in a cloth hammock, the toddler was left in the shade to cry or sleep. Sunday comes and perspiring men come back home—sit on a flat stone and take a bath. Cotton stalks screen off the outdoor “bathroom.” There isn’t so much laughter to be heard except when the kids play with sticks or marbles. Life is hard,

## We Shared the Light

Above all things we wanted these friends to have an experience and knowledge of the Lord of Life. The second evening we gathered the children together after they came in with the cattle, and taught a lesson with the flannel-graph. They were wide-eyed with interest and sang with zest. Each night we had a class for them for Bible study. A young mother brought a baby to us for treatment. The baby was covered with scabies. We applied ointment, prayed. More and more the people came for medication. It was a wonderful opportunity to help them, and to witness to the fact that Christ cares for us and that our Gospel is for all of life. We had our petromax kerosene lamp projector, and showed pictures on the life of Christ. People from a nearby village came to see the pictures. There was an atmosphere of awe as the scenes of the Passion Week were seen and explained.

One night, we took some of the younger men of that village, and went to a village across the river, where Christ had never been preached. We showed the pictures there in the village square. The villagers were attentive, and wanted to know more about our faith. We had to have a cup of hot milk before they would let us leave. Their hospitality is the measure of the opportunity for Christian work there. On our last night at Aladpura, most of the adults pledged that they would attend a nightly meeting for worship. We have since heard that they have kept that promise to God, and hear the word daily. We know that they will grow in grace.



REV. LESTER FINLEY

## Doubts That Communists Will Win India

While the communists have 24 seats (out of 500) in the parliament of India, and while in some sections of southern India—where poverty is greatest—the communists have had as much as 25% of the popular vote, “it is not inevitable that India will become communist,” Dr. James K. Mathews, former missionary, told the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, recently. Dr. Mathews is the Board’s administrative secretary for India and Pakistan and has recently made a survey of conditions in both commonwealths.

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the open and not underground," that they can express themselves through 24 representatives, that the government will be in power until at least 1957, and that Premier Nehru and other leaders have been outspoken and firm against communism, are all signs in favor of the free democracies, Dr. Mathews believes.

"The south, where the largest percentage of communist votes were cast, has been an area where their propaganda has been considerable," said Dr. Mathews. "It is also an area of great poverty where the droughts of recent years have added intensely to the misery of the people. It is a region, too, where there is a fairly large sophisticated middle class who have registered their discontent at the lack of greater economic progress. The elections have served to demonstrate India's democracy. They have also pointed up India's place of stress, that is, on the economic situation of its citizens."

But it must not be overlooked, said Dr. Mathews, that the communist propaganda has been intense in India—and it may even get heavier. "There is no question but that the communists desire to take every advantage. Aside from possible internal upheaval the question boils down to this: can the present democratic

government of India accomplish enough in the way of economic progress in the next four years to forestall the efforts of the communists? Surely India cannot do this without aid both moral and material from friendly democracies in the West. Fortunately, some such aid is forthcoming. In large degree, responsibility for this aid must be given to the present American ambassador in Delhi, the Honorable Chester Bowles. Ambassador and Mrs. Bowles have done much to demonstrate the essential democracy of American people. They have captured the imagination of people in India in many small, yet dramatic ways. Ambassador Bowles has seen clearly that India cannot possibly develop rapidly enough without aid in personnel and funds from our own country.

"Someone has said that India is in no mood to be 'prevented from turning communist.' The Indian people are interested in a better life for themselves and their children, but fundamental to material help from us is the need for a growing friendship between our two nations. This should not be difficult for Christian people, and in one of its aspects the missionary program is an expression of friendship to others because of our fellowship with God. In January 1952 an Indo-American technical cooperation agreement was signed between our two countries. This provided for an expenditure of \$54,000,000 in economic aid, to be matched by funds

from the Indian government. This was part of the Point Four program. A pilot scheme of rural development was established. Over a period of three years farmers of 102 villages were able to increase their food production by 46 per cent. This was through the use of improved seeds, green manure crops, better and simple tools and more scientific planning. It showed what could be done and it is the plan under this new agreement to establish 55 such centers in various parts of India. Properly manned, they should spell a great difference in India's economic welfare. Other aspects of the united program have to do with the importation and production of fertilizer, irrigation, river valley control, fisheries, soil surveys, malaria control, forestry and so on. Missionaries have shown considerable interest in such schemes, and the church has endeavored to increase within its own program activities which help to improve the economic life of the people."

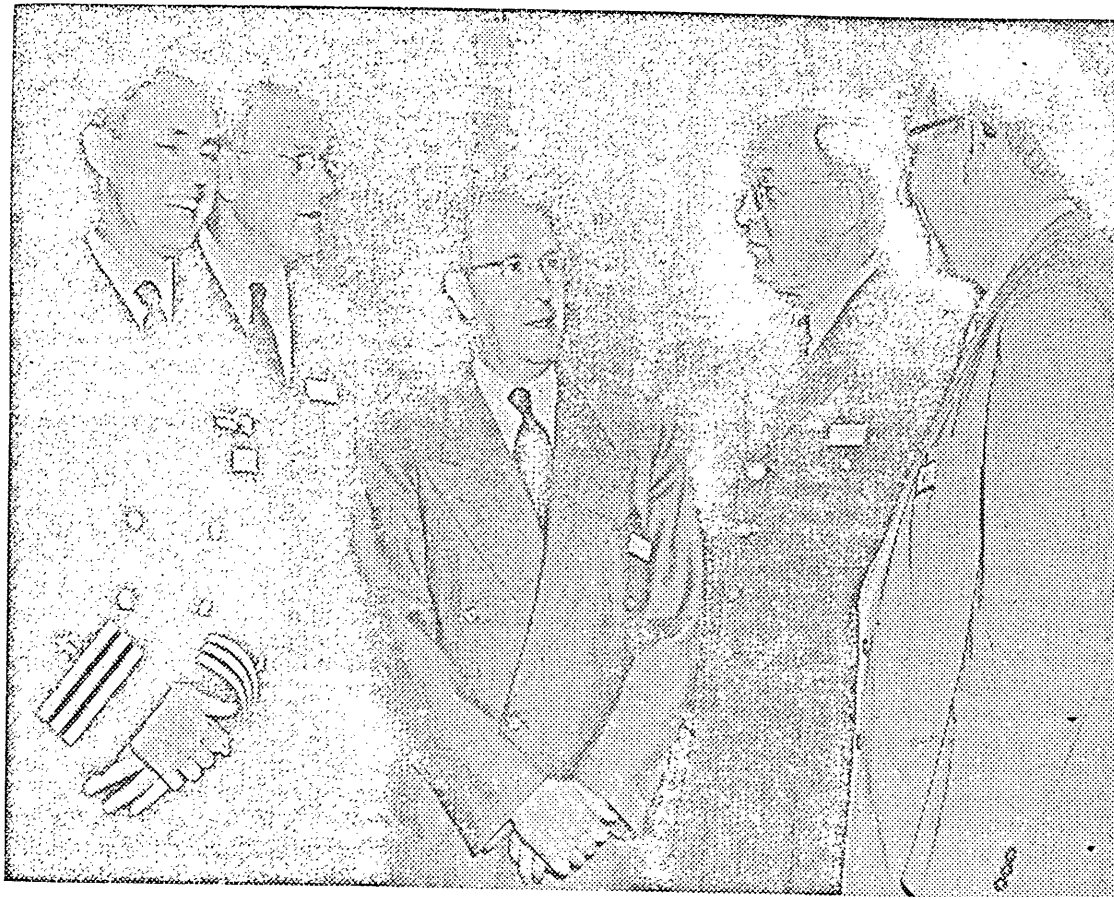
Three years ago, the Board of Missions appointed 50 young people as "three-year missionaries" to India. Dr. Mathews reports that about half of them are ready to serve as lifetime missionaries in India now, and some are back in American colleges preparing for such service. In 1952, the Board accepted 25 more young people for lifetime ministry in India. Included in the group are doctors, educators, social workers, and ministers.

## Methodist Chaplains And Methodist Leaders Confer

Washington, D. C.—Methodist chaplains and Methodist leaders get together at the second joint conference for religious leaders, recently sponsored in the Pentagon by the War Department program for the spiritual and moral welfare of the Armed Forces Personnel. Left to right: Chaplain (Commander) Merle N. Young, senior chaplain, U. S. Naval Academy; The Rev. Adlai C. Holler, Executive Secretary, South Carolina Fellowship of Churches, Myrtle Beach, S. C.; Mr. D. Stewart Patterson, Executive Secretary, The Methodist Commission on Chaplains; Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Air Force, and chairman of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board; The Rev. Arthur West, Associate Director, Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information.

## Methodist Leaders Tackle Sizable Job of Coordinating Promotional Literature

One of The Methodist Church's newest and youngest episcopal leaders, Bishop John W. Branscomb (lower left) of Jacksonville, Florida, points to a chart being considered by one of the denomination's "infant" agencies, the new Commis-



## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**THE HENDRIX COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR** will sing at Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith, on Sunday evening, April 12.

**REV. ALVIN C. MURRAY**, pastor at Marked Tree, preached last week in a United Evangelistic Mission at Sikeston, Mo. He preached each evening at the First Methodist Church.

**THE CHORUS CHOIR** of the A. M. and N. College of Pine Bluff will give a concert on Sunday, March 1, at the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, at 7:30 p. m.

**DR. C. M. REVES**, vice-president of Hendrix College, Conway, was guest speaker at services at the Mt. Olive Church on the Vilonia Circuit on Sunday, February 15.

**DR. FRED G. ROEBUCK**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, gave the address at the formal opening of the new Sparks Memorial Hospital in Fort Smith on Sunday, February 22.

**REV. ALFRED KNOX**, secretary of the North Arkansas Annual Conference, attended the Jurisdictional meeting of Conference Secretaries, Statisticians and Treasurers which was held last week in Palestine, Texas.

**REV. BARRY BAILEY**, pastor at Rison, will be the preacher in a series of services at the Hampton Methodist Church, beginning on March 22 and running through March 27. Rev. G. W. Warren is pastor at Hampton.

**JOHN T. BOLDING**, Church School Superintendent at Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado, was licensed as a local preacher by the Licensing Committee of the Camden District on January 31.

**REV. SAM G. WATSON**, pastor of the Wilson Methodist Church, writes: "Our church work here in Wilson is coming along in fine shape. Our morning and evening congregations have increased in a fine way since the flu has subsided. Our Church School is increasing in attendance."

**REV. EVERETT SHRUM**, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Texarkana, Texas, was the guest preacher at Week of Dedication services at the Mineral Springs Methodist Church, February 15-22. Rev. Woodrow Smith is pastor at Mineral Springs.

**DR. IRA A. BRUMLEY**, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference, is directing a study course in "Administration of Christian Education" at the First Methodist Church, Conway. The course is being taught once a week and will run through March 11.

**THE SENIOR DEPARTMENT** of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, honored the Woman's Society of Christian Service with an open house on Sunday afternoon, February 22, from 3:00 until 5:00 p. m. The department has recently been redecorated, and the funds were provided by the Woman's Society.

**TWO MEETINGS** relative to the Town and Country Church programs will be held in April. The Convocation of the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference will be held at Gassville on Friday, April 17, and the Jurisdictional Town and Country Convocation will be held at Palestine, Texas, April 2-23.

**THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB** of Central Church, Fayetteville, will have its next meeting on Tuesday evening, March 3, when Rev. James McClain will be the guest speaker. Mr. McClain is the former Dr. I. Q. of radio fame and now is pastor of an Episcopal Church in Dallas, Texas.

**THE METHODIST MINISTERS** of the Beebe Area exchanged pulpits on Sunday night February 15 with the following schedule: Rev. Robert Johnson, Stony Point; Rev. W. T. Johnson,

Floyd; Rev. Wayne Hill, Ward; Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., McRae and Rev. Harry Huntsman, Beebe.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH** of Marked Tree has purchased an electric organ for the Youth Chapel of the church. Other new equipment ordered by the Board of Stewards include new pews for the Youth Chapel; all new chairs for the Junior Department and play equipment for recreation nights.

**REV. JOHN W. LINDSAY** one of the associate pastors of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, was guest speaker for the joint meeting of the Board of Christian Education and the quarterly Workers' Conference at the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, on Wednesday, February 4. Mr. Lindsay spoke on "Christ and Christian Education."

**REV. LESTER WEAVER**, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, has been named as pastor's assistant at the Highland Park Methodist Church, Richmond, Va. Brother Weaver will visit prospective and inactive members and assist the pastor, Dr. J. L. Robertson, in the pastoral ministry of the church. His address is 2801 Fourth Avenue, Richmond, Va.

**JOE E. ARNOLD**, son of Rev. and Mrs. Fred L. Arnold of Little Rock, was married to Miss Helen Boone in Foley, Alabama, on January 30. Mr. Arnold is serving at the Barin Field Naval Base near Foley. The father of the groom, who is pastor of Hunter Memorial Methodist Church, Little Rock, performed the double ring ceremony in the presence of the family and a large group of friends.

**MISS ESTELLE MCINTOSH** of Cooper, Texas, was elected president of the Deaconess Association of the South Central Jurisdiction meeting on February 17 in Amarillo. The deaconess group met in conjunction with the annual jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service session at Polk Street Methodist Church. Miss McIntosh formerly served as a deaconess in the North Arkansas Conference.

**BISHOP PAUL B. KERN** is reported greatly improved following an illness of several months. He is in Burnet, Texas, for an extended rest where he and Mrs. Kern are visiting their son, Dr. J. Campbell Kern and his family. Dr. Kern is a physician. Bishop and Mrs. Kern plan to remain in Texas until late spring, and after May 1 they will be at their summer home at Lake Junaluska, N. C. Until his retirement last June, Bishop Kern had presided over Methodism's Nashville Area since 1938.

**THE FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL** will begin on March 16 and will be held each evening through March 20. The sessions will be held in the First Methodist Church, Springdale, with the following courses: "Guiding Junior Children in Christian Growth," "Methodist Youth Fellowship," "A Preface to the Bible," "The Work of the Local Church," "Ways of Teaching," and "Preparing for Marriage."

**SYMPATHY** goes out to the family of Harvey W. Nelson of Monroe, La., in his death in an automobile accident on Wednesday, February 18. Mr. Nelson was an active member of the Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, and was chairman of the Board of Trustees of the church. He was band director for elementary schools in the Monroe school system. Mrs. Nelson is the daughter of the late Dr. J. H. Riffin, long-time member of the Little Rock Conference.

**THE NEW ASBURY CHURCH**, Batesville, is nearing completion of its building program. Rev. B. W. Stallcup is pastor. A series of Stewardship services were held the week of February 1 with a different speaker each evening. Speakers for the week were Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Batesville; Rev. David Conyers, pastor of Central Avenue Church,

Batesville; Rev. James Sewell, pastor of Desha Methodist Church; Rev. R. E. Connell, district superintendent of the Batesville District and Rev. Burl Long of Newark.

**REV. JESSE L. JOHNSON**, pastor at Piggott, reports a successful Evangelistic Mission held at his church in co-operation with the east side of the Paragould District, February 15-22. Rev. Paul M. Bumpers, pastor at Clarksville, was the visiting preacher at Piggott, instructing laymen each evening Sunday through Friday. Some fifty prospects were visited with twenty-four decisions for church membership, eighteen first commitments and six transfers. Joe Pearce of Searcy was the Dedication Day speaker on Sunday, February 22.

**EUGENE WESLEY ROWE**, aged 82, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roy Houston, in Arkadelphia, on Sunday, February 9. He was a steward and long-time member of the Methodist Church at Trinity community in which he had lived most of his life. He was one of the pillars of the Davidson Camp Meeting and was said to have never missed but two meetings. He is survived by two other daughters, two sons, eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Funeral service was held on Monday by Rev. T. M. Armstrong of Nashville and Rev. E. T. McAfee of Okolona.

**THE FIFTH ANNUAL** Approved Supply Pastors' School will be held on the Duke University campus, Durham, North Carolina, during the days of June 15 through July 1, according to an announcement made by Dr. W. A. Kale, dean of the school. Courses will be offered for both traveling ministers and supply pastors who wish to complete the required courses of study as outlined by the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church, these to be led by a carefully chosen group of instructors from the Duke faculty and other institutions. Scholarship aid is available in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$50, but this aid is limited to supply pastors. Application for scholarships should be made directly to the dean.

### WINFIELD CONCLUDES FAMILY NIGHT SERIES

Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, has been having a series of Family Night meetings in which Africa has been studied. The last of this series of meetings will be held on Wednesday evening, March 4.

The Dunbar Senior High School Choir will be guests at this meeting and will give a half hour program of Negro spirituals. Following the program by the choir, a film, "Into Darkness" will be shown.

The special program will begin at 7:00 o'clock in the sanctuary. The public is invited.

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## THE FEELING OF FELLOWSHIP

Let me begin by asking: What have we in common to bind us together into a fellowship?

Of course, we all share the common purpose of making the most of our own individual lives. Each of us has but one life to live on this earth.



Each of us wishes to live his own life to the full. We all have pretty much the same physical appetites and the same heart hungers. As we say, human nature is much the same the world around. But while these common features show our likeness, they do not guarantee our liking one another. The fact that we hunger for the same things is often one of the causes of our competitions, jealousies and divisions.

Another thing we have in common is the same quality of blood. As Saint Paul said nineteen centuries ago, "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." This fact which Paul declared to the Athenians has now been confirmed by modern biology. The blood of all races is sufficiently of the same quality that science is willing to have all our citizens, regardless of race or color, contribute to the same blood banks. But this biological fact of blood similarity has not proven powerful enough to bind men together in the bonds of brotherhood. It is one thing to recognize the need of brotherhood, it is quite another to experience the feeling of fellowship.

What is this sense of fellowship? Isn't it what we feel when we belong to a common center of loyalty?

Take it in the family. Perhaps you recall some occasion, such as high school commencement, when you were put up to make a speech. The faces before you looked as uninspiring as the desert sands to a traveller dying of thirst. Your throat went dry. Your mind went blank. And then you caught sight of your parents and a sprinkling of uncles and aunts. Their friendly faces were like oases in the desert. You knew they were with you. They belonged to the same family group. They were inwardly rooting for you. You must not let them down. Yes, the family ties of blood are thicker than water.

We know, too, the fellowship we feel through loyalty to a school. If out on some South Pacific isle or in the fog of the Aleutians, you run across someone from your college, how strong that school bond is under such conditions.

I once heard of a letter written home by an American soldier from the Fiji Islands. He and another American soldier were out walking one afternoon, when they met a couple of Fiji Islanders, dressed in native costume which was quite primitive and pretty diminutive. To the American lads the natives looked strange and wild. But when our boys stopped to make some signs to them, they were greatly surprised to discover that the Fijians spoke good English. Their surprise was heightened still further when the natives invited them to church. And then the American soldier's letter added, "And Mother, would you believe it, they weren't cannibals, they were Methodists."

Consider the fellowship which comes from common loyalty to our country. When we meet a man on the street, the mere fact that he is an American may not arouse any particular bond of sympathy. Surrounded

## Bishop Says Nation Returning To Religion

NASHVILLE, TENN.—"America is caught up in a massive, nationwide return to religion," said a prominent church leader here February 18 as the 1953 Lenten season began.

Methodist Bishop Roy H. Short of the Nashville area cited evidence of "phenomenal" increases during the last year in:

1. Church and Sunday School membership.
2. Financial support of churches.
3. Numbers of ordained clergymen.
4. Purchases of Bibles and other religious books.
5. Public interest in serious Bible study.

"You don't need a crystal ball to see this trend," said Bishop Short. "It's simply a matter of comparing published authenticated statistics and then putting two and two together. The pattern of growth, embracing all creeds and denominations, emerges clearly."

He referred to the National Council of Churches' most recent "census of religious bodies"; to an analysis of religious book sales for the past year in the current issue of *Publishers' Weekly*, trade magazine which headlines the "tremendous sale of the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible"; and to the "unexpectedly high sales" of the new multi-volume commentary, *The Interpreter's Bible*, to "plain citizens . . . lawyers and doctors and housewives, in addition to preachers, Sunday School teachers, and religious scholars."

This proves the public is interested not only in mere Bible ownership, but in serious study of the

Bible, the bishop stated.

The National Council census reveals a growth of almost two million in church membership in one year's time—"which not only keeps pace with, but actually outstrips, the percentage of overall population increases," he pointed out.

It also reveals "the highest total ever recorded" of established local churches, and increases of almost one million in Sunday School enrollments, more than 15,000 in numbers of ordained clergymen, and more than \$65,000,000 in contributions to churches.

as we are in our home towns by fellow Americans, we take the relationship for granted. We compete among ourselves. We even quarrel among ourselves at times.

But I recall one Sunday in Mexico quite a number of years ago, in the turbulence of their election day, we were ordered to remain in our hotel to avoid the dangers which threatened on the streets. After four o'clock in the afternoon a few bullets began to fly outside our window, causing us to feel a bit homesick, to use a mild term. And then just at the height of the confusion a friendly voice from the American Embassy called to invite us to dinner on the following evening. At such a time that voice of a fellow American warmed the cockles of our hearts.

There are times when the mere fact of our citizenship and the sight of our flag do stir our souls with a sense of brotherhood. Here at the birthday of the aristocratic Washington and a few days after the anniversary of the humble Lincoln, it behooves us to review those common loyalties which bind Americans together despite the differences of wealth and color and creed.

"United we stand, divided we fall."

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THROUGH FEBRUARY 21ST

## ARKANSAS METHODIST

ARCADELPHIA DISTRICT—Total 1266				
Arkadelphia Ct., W. H. Watson	6	18	3	27**
HOT SPRINGS				
First Church, E. C. Rule	13	80		93
Grand Avenue, C. R. Hozendorf	17	95	4	116
Malvern, First, W. Harrell	11	105		116
CAMDEN DISTRICT—Total 1804				
Bradley, J. D. Montgomery	8	26	2	36**
Camden, First Ch., Robert B. Moore	11	99	6	116
EL DORADO				
Vantrease, Fred Schwendemann	25	70	1	97**
Union, Rhodes Chapel, Ralph S. Mann	13	17	1	31**
HOPE DISTRICT—Total 1425**				
DeQueen, Alfred I. Doss	14	59	3	76**
Lockesburg Ct., J. R. Callicott	8	25		33
Moena Ct.	1			1
TEXARKANA				
First Church, Fred R. Harrison	32	155	3	190**
Washington Ct., H. A. F. Ault	10	19	3	32**
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Total 1863				
Benton, H. O. Bolin	20	93	9	122
Bryant-Sardis, Ralph Vanlandingham	25	22		47**
Geyer Springs, Wm. J. Commer	4	9		13
Hickory Plains, C. D. Meux	1	1		2
LITTLE ROCK				
Capitol View, Geo. E. Reutz	6	36	3	45
Pulaski Heights, Kenneth Shamblin	16	77	3	96
MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Total 1284**				
Fountain Hill Ct., Arthur White	13	18		31
McGehee, D. Mouzon Mann	20	54	4	78**
Warren, First, J. Ralph Clayton	16	60	6	82
Wilmar, James Constable	6	22	4	32**
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Total 1250**				
White Hall, Curtis Monroe	5	5		10**
BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 923				
Charlotte Ct., Cave Ck., T. O. Love	1	11	1	13
Mountain Home, First, L. F. LaFavers	25	18		43*
Tuckerman, Golder Lawrence	*	37		37
CONWAY DISTRICT—Total 1360**				
CONWAY				
First, Joel Cooper	42	98	23	163
Wesley Memorial, James Shelton	7	20	2	29*
NORTH LITTLE ROCK				
First, J. Wm. Watson	65	140	2	207**
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Total 1198				
Farmington, A. L. Riggs	1	20	1	22
Vincy Grove-Weddington, Wm. D. Findt Jr.	2	9	1	12

## THE LOUISIANA METHODIST

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—Total 1095				
ALEXANDRIA				
Trinity, Wm. F. Mayo	26	36		62**
Melder, Clyde T. Shaw	2			2
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—Total 1103				
BATON ROUGE				
Ingleside, Frank C. Tucker Jr.	9	1		10
Blackwater, A. G. Taylor	21	7		28
Eliz. Sullivan Mem., Bogalusa, A. J. Cain	17	25	16	58
Ponchatoula, A. M. Freeman	17	47		64
St. Francisville, E. Lee McKay	4	7		11
LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Total 879				
Iowa, W. F. Howell	29	6		35**
LAFAYETTE				
Davidson, A. B. Cavanaugh	20	2		22
First Church, David Wm. Poole	41	21		62
LAKE CHARLES				
First Church, Carl F. Lueg	40	61		101
Simpson, Ted T. Howes	4	17		21
Leesville, J. F. Kilpatrick	7	11	1	19
Merryville, Wm. H. Sanders	3			3
Sulphur, J. C. Whitaker	52	9	1	62
Welsh, Jack Cooke	55	1		56**
MONROE DISTRICT—Total 1702**				
Bastrop-Beckman, Jack H. Midyett	43	129	1	173**

Tallulah, R. M. Bentley	6	37		43
Vidalia, George L. Cagle	4	16	7	27*2
West Monroe, McGuire, W. C. Mason	5	3		8
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Total 1198				
NEW ORLEANS				
Parker Mem., Ashley T. Law	10	21		31
RUSTON DISTRICT—Total 1584**				
Chatham, J. T. Garrett	12	41		53**
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—Total 1199				
Hall Summit, A. W. Coody	10	29		39
SHREVEPORT				
First Church, Guy M. Hicks	76	89	3	168
Noel Mem., John J. Rasmussen	34	105		139

## CHANGE IN STRATEGY

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slightly with each annual conference in the area but basically the program is the same. Authorized groups within each of the conferences determine the order of the projects and frequency of the calls upon the "Thousand Club" members.

Assuming for the moment that each of the three conferences have one full club of a thousand members and during the course of the quadrennium each of these clubs makes ten calls upon its members, that would mean that during this quadrennium a total of \$300,000 would be used in assisting new church situations. This would be, if our figuring is correct, approximately four times what the area spent last quadrennium in church extension work from funds which were raised and administered by the conferences. This \$300,000 will be in addition to those amounts which the several annual conference Extension Boards administer during this quadrennium.

Information about the mechanics of the program in each annual conference together with additional information about the use to which funds will be directed will be published in an early issue of this publication. Meanwhile, we commend the "Thousand Club" to you. Join the club at the first opportunity you have.



# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

If we were to take out of our culture all that directly or indirectly derives from Jesus of Nazareth, what we should have left would resemble some Coventry or Cologne after the dive bombers have got through with it. . .

To say that with God all things are possible is another way of saying that with God the impossible has an embarrassing way of occurring.

At the center of our religion we confront not a dogma or doctrine, not a theoretical, legalistic, or theological proposition, not a book or an organization, but a person, a life—"the Word was made flesh" (John 1:14). This fact may be oversimplified but it cannot be overemphasized. . .

This coming to know Christ is what makes Christian truth redemptive truth, the truth that transforms, not just the truth that informs. . .

Christian truth, then, is redemptive truth because it requires not simply knowledge about something, but knowledge of someone. It is personal. . .

What we really fear, though we never say so, is not atomic energy but human treachery. . .

Man is a spiritual being living in a moral universe, he is free to do anything he likes except escape the moral consequences of his deeds. . .

—from "Bearing Witness to the Truth" by Harold Cooke Phillips

## "IN THE BEGINNING"

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1.

The very first verse of the Bible declares one of the fundamental truths of our religion. To questions much discussed and disputed it supplies answers which are wholly satisfactory to us who are willing to accept the statement of God's Word.

How are we to account for this world? What is the origin of man? "God created the heaven and the earth." Heaven and earth were not formed by a collision of planets; nor has man descended from the brute in the jungle. We are grateful that not only in this very first verse, but in numerous other passages the Bible proclaims God as the almighty Maker of heaven and earth, also of man, of us.

We stand in awe before the mighty works of God. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork." We are at once both humbled and exalted as we contemplate how wonderfully God has made man. "I will praise Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

We thank Thee, heavenly Father, for the revelation that Thou didst create heaven and earth, and the many evidences that Thou dost still preserve and govern Thy creatures. Especially do we praise Thee that Thou also hast revealed Thy saving love toward us in Jesus Christ. We confess that we are not worthy of the least of all the mercies which we have received of Thy bountiful goodness. But we pray Thee, for

## GOD IS NOT DUMB

God is not dumb, that He should speak no more;  
If thou hast wanderings in the wilderness  
And findest not Sinai, 'tis thy soul is poor;  
There towers the Mountain of the Voice no less,  
Which whoso seeks shall find; but he who bends,  
Intent on manna still and mortal ends,  
Sees it not, neither hears its thundered lore.

Slowly the Bible of the race is writ,  
And not on paper leaves nor leaves of stone;  
Each age, each kindred, adds a verse to it,  
Texts of despair and hope, of joy or moan.  
While swings the sea, while mists the mountains shroud  
While thunders' surges burst on cliff of cloud,  
Still at the prophets' feet the nations sit.

—James Russell Lowell—from

THE WORLD'S GREAT RELIGIOUS POETRY

## GUIDE TO A JOYFUL HABIT

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse,  
That there may be food in my house.  
And test me now in this way," says the Lord of hosts,  
"And see if I will not open for you the windows of the heavens,  
And pour out for you a blessing until there is no more need."

—Malachi 3:10

**D**R. HARRIS FRANKLIN RALL says, "Viewed in a wide and truly Christian sense, the idea of stewardship involves nothing less than our whole belief in God and His purposes. It involves our ideas and hopes for mankind in this age of urgency." The compelling idea of stewardship goes back as far as we can trace the pilgrimage of the soul of the sincere man of faith. This is especially true in relation to material things. The feeling that a part of our material possessions belong to God was a controlling factor in the life of man as he sought friendship with his God.

Looking back we see that before the coinage of money, men came with their produce. Cain and Abel came with their offering. The kind of produce was not the point of acceptance or rejection of the offering, but the spirit with which the worshippers came. Burnt offerings were not a tithe, but a specific act of worship. Giving a tithe was a response of gratitude in which men set aside a portion of their goods for God. Many things may have entered into this giving; fear, buying God's wrath off, or purchasing special favors. But basically the idea of giving to God was corrupted and in its early feeling it was because of His goodness that men came to give. As we move further the Prophets took up the refrain and called the attention of people to their debt of love and gratitude to Jehovah.

With the use of money, produce was replaced by bringing coin as an offering. This was in practice even in the time of Jesus. A growing sense of responsibility on the part of Christian men of this sacred obligation is one of the truths that we cannot escape. Christian responsibility has not ended when the tithe has been given, but men of genuine character have felt the need for divine guidance in making their money and in the administration of

Jesus' sake, accept our thanksgiving, and let our service be pleasing in Thy sight. Amen.—Portals of Prayer

all their temporal affairs. A Christian is not only Christian in giving but in making as well.

Now the modern church divides its work into annual periods. This gives an opportunity to look back over the year and discover our failures, our successes, and where we can improve. But it gives an opportunity to plan the work of the new year. In light of successes or failures each year, we ought to plan more intelligently. A Church ought to plan for an adequate ministry locally. They should look well to the witness for Christ at home and in foreign fields. Education, evangelism, hospitals and homes, in truth the plans of a Church ought to include every mission that falls within the scope of Christian interest. A Church can no more exist for itself than can an individual exist just for himself.

The budget of a local church is the financial response of that congregation to the needs of the local community and world wide service. It is sharing the ministry of Christ at home and around the world. There is more to it however than that and this involves the Christian development of the life of every sincere giver.

Now, what motives control our giving to the Lord? Well, there are those who merely "tip" the Lord. If they receive "good service" that pleases their fancy then they tip God for that service rendered. Then there is one who gives to the Lord on the same level as paying for some amusement. A business man made a pledge to the church for so much each week and placed after the question as to how it would be paid these words, "When I am there." A Church must have some assurance as to the financial support in order that it may be effective in its ministry. A person needs the persistent concern of the Church upon his conscience in order that he may fulfill his vows to God and the Church.

But then there are those who recognize that a part of what money they make belongs to God. There

are people who do not even claim to be Christian who set apart a portion of their goods for God. These men see the sensibleness of the work of the Church, see the help it renders, realize its benefits in foreign countries and even though they do not give themselves they give their money. This is an admirable quality of life, but they must realize that above all God wants them.

The highest plane which we can share in the purposes of God is to give on the plane of love. Love answers to love and in that we make our gift to God. There is not a sincere child who loves his parents but what would give to his parents even to sacrificing his own desires. God has need of our gifts and in response to his great love we give our money.

A friend of mine asked a question, "Why pledge? Instead of making paper pledges, some of which are not paid, why not just lay a generous amount on the collection plate every time it is passed. The Lord should trust us to give as we prosper." There are many who might agree with this position. St. Paul would not be one who would agree for he said, "Put aside and store up as God has prospered you." Such giving is not any assurance as to the extent that the Church may go. Furthermore, a pledge is more than a gift; it is the assurance that the individual has thrown his personality along with his money into the work of the Church. It is Christian to decide on an amount and give it in a systematic way. There is not a doubt that a tithe is taught in the Bible. But great numbers of people feel that under the love that God has shown us in Jesus Christ that a tenth is not enough. We should study carefully our giving in order that spiritual enrichment of life may be the result.

Other than Scriptural support there are other advantages to a rule in our giving. We find a normal program rather than an emotional response to some artificial stimulant. We give, and we know why we give, and in that we find the deepest satisfaction. Not only is this so, but in setting aside a fixed percentage of income for God there is fostered in our lives a growing interest in the total program of the Kingdom. We do not go off at a tangent, but keep before our mind the great mission of the Church. Along with this we find that in the tithe giving is within the reach of every family. No family who sincerely tithes should be ashamed of what they give to the Lord. They may really desire to give more, but their conscience is quiet as they come giving honestly to His Kingdom. Here is one who says, "If I had the money, I would build a church, support a missionary," and so on they go naming what they would do if they had the money. That makes little impression unless that person is giving out of the little which he has. Giving is a joyful habit if we face it on the plane of life, give proportionately, and do it systematically. In giving of this kind we give ourselves. We find in this response a depth of spiritual enrichment that stands in good stead. Our greatest blessing comes in joyfully giving for God loveth a cheerful giver.—RB

## Seen At The Hospitals And Homes Meeting In Chicago—

### ARKANSAS AND LOUISIANA WERE REPRESENTED



Those attending the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes Meeting in Chicago February 11-12 from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area included:

(Left to right) Rev. Everette Patton, Eudora, chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, Rev. E. P. Drake, Abbeville, chairman of the Louisiana Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, Rev. Elmer Thomas, Magnolia, Golden Cross Director, Little Rock Conference, Mrs. Drake, Rev. T. T. McNeal, Little Rock, Director Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas, Mrs. McNeal, Rev. Earle Cravens, Harrison, chairman of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas. Dr. T. B. Thrower, Superintendent of the Methodist Home Hospital, New Orleans, and Dr. C. B. White, Superintendent of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage, Ruston, were unable to attend the meeting.

### HOMES AND HOSPITAL BOARD HEARS PROGRESS REPORTED

Church-related institutions must provide the "plus" of Christian service in everything for better health and welfare, according to Dr. Karl P. Meister, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes.

Addressing the board's annual meeting in Chicago Feb. 10, Dr. Meister declared: "If the church is to continue its rightful place in society it must cooperate and seek to make international, national, community and local matters in the field of health and welfare one of its major concerns."

"What the church and the whole of society do in this decade," he said, "will decide for all time the future of voluntary health and welfare services."

He challenged the church to adopt a more aggressive program, including the following items:

- Every hospital should expand its services and new ones should be built.

- Rural health centers should be built and equipped and manned by the church.

- Institutions and programs for care of the chronically ill should be motivated and undertaken.

- Child welfare services should be expanded, improved, and should include adoption and foster home care.

- Annual Conferences should provide homes for youth who have moved to metropolitan centers to work.

- The church should undertake a more elaborate program of training personnel in hospital and home administration, child welfare, service to aged, etc.

- Annual Conference Boards of Hospitals and Homes should be strong and local church committees on hospitals and homes should be activated in every church.

Dr. Meister reported that the total capacity of the 192 hospitals and homes affiliated with the board is 26,310 and that last year they ministered to 1,144,032. The average length of stay in Methodist hospitals was 7.4 days—which is below the national average. Free and part-pay services in hospitals and homes went up from a little over six million dollars in 1951 to \$8,031,675 in 1952.

Assets of the Methodist hospitals and homes increased to \$247,064,038 and operating costs jumped from 72 million dollars in 1951 to nearly 84 million in 1952, Dr. Meister reported.

Dr. Edwin L. Crosby, director of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, told the board that when his staff went out to study a hospital "one of the first things we look for is integrity of the personnel."

Bishop William T. Watkins of Louisville, Ky., presided at the meeting, which was attended by all of the 18 board members, the staff, and several visitors. Dr. Frank Prentzel, Jr., of Philadelphia served as secretary. Dr. George H. Parkinson, research secretary on the staff, led the opening devotions. Olin E. Oeschger reported as administrative assistant and personnel secretary.

### METHODIST HALL OF FAME AWARDS MADE

Five persons were honored with membership in the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy at the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Chicago Feb. 11.

The Hall of Fame, also known as "the Honor Society of the Healing

### PERKINS RECEIVES PHILANTHROPY MEMBERSHIP



Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Perkins, Wichita Falls, Texas, were among the five persons honored this year with memberships in the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy at the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Chicago, February 11. These awards given each year by the General Board of Hospitals and Homes are the means of recognizing outstanding contributors of time, talent, and money to Methodist philanthropic institutions. Bishop Martin made the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins in behalf of the Board. Following this presentation Bishop Martin delivered the principal address of the evening's program.

### NEW HOSPITAL AND HOMES ASSOCIATION OFFICERS CHOSEN

The Rev. Harold R. Barnes, executive director of the Fred Finch Children's Home, Oakland, California, was installed as the new president of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes at the concluding session of its two-day session in Chicago Feb. 11-12. He succeeds the Rev. P. W. Selin of Chicago.

Other officers installed by Bishop William T. Watkins of Louisville, Ky., president of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, were: president-elect—J. M. Crews, administrator of Methodist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.; vice president—Rev. Clarence W. Tompkins, executive director of Friendship Haven, Fort Dodge, Iowa; secretary—William I. Lacy, executive director, Methodist Children's Home, Detroit; treasurer—A. C. Durden, superintendent of Methodist Children's Home, Macon, Ga.

Nearly 500 persons attended the convention, listening to major addresses by leaders in the field of religion, health, and welfare. Technical matters of interest to various special groups were discussed in sectional meetings which gave opportunity to hear experts in the field, to share in panel discussions, or to become better acquainted with other leaders.

In his keynote address, Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit told the conference that "we are proud of every scientific advance in the interest of human welfare, but state aid and scientific knowledge of themselves are not enough. Service to be worthy of our knowledge and spirit must be inspired and directed by a humanitarian concern."

and Helping Hand," was established four years ago by the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes as a means of recognizing outstanding contributors of time, talent, and money to Methodist philanthropic institutions.

Those honored were:

Lester E. Cox, Springfield, Mo., Malcolm Thomas MacEachern, M.D., Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Perkins, Wichita Falls, Texas, Watson S. Rankin, M.D., Charlotte, N. C.

Bishop William T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky., president of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, presented hand-engrossed membership certificates to Mr. Cox, Dr. MacEachern, and Dr. Rankin. He asked Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, Ark., principal speaker of the evening and former pastor of Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, to confer the honors upon them.

Bishop Paul E. Martin, addressing the banquet meeting, said: "We of the church who deal with hospitals and homes must avoid becoming professional in our attitude toward those to whom we minister. There is a genuine need for the sympathy, understanding and tenderness of the old-fashioned family doctor. The increase of such men would be the most effective argument against socialized medicine."

Bishop Charles W. Brashares welcomed the delegates to Chicago. Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh, and Bishop Charles C. Selecman of Dallas also addressed the group, as did numerous other leaders of hospitals and homes.



## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Vacation Church School Planning Time

It is now time for all churches that have not already started plans for a vacation church school to get their plans under way. It takes long time planning to get good results in a vacation church school.

Plan at least a two weeks of vacation church school work. We give so little time to the religious education of our Protestant children.

Now, that our North Arkansas Conference Vacation Church School Workshop has been held we are beginning our district and sub-district meetings. Jonesboro District's three sub-district meetings will have been held by the time you read this material.

The Forrest City District will have two meetings the first week in March.

The following units are being suggested for use this year:

Kindergarten: My Home and Family, Roorbach

Primary: Our Daily Bread, Baird

Junior: We would Follow Jesus, Crosby

Should you desire a unit for Intermediates you can select one from the catalogue of courses. If you do not have this list please let us know and we will send one. We are urging our churches to have CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE WEEK for Intermediates rather than a unit in the vacation church school.

### Forrest City District V. C. School Workshops

The Forrest City District is planning for two sub-district vacation church school workshops, as follows:

Helena, First Methodist Church, March 2, 10 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Forrest City, First Methodist Church, March 6, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

### Plainview-Salem School

Dr. James W. Workman, Sr., reports a good training school at Plainview, held in January, with an enrollment of 24 and 21 finishing the course on THE LOCAL CHURCH IN METHODISM.

### Gardner Memorial Stewardship Course

Rev. Irl Bridenthal of Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, reports that sixty-nine persons completed the course on Christian Stewardship with the completion of the course on February 5.

### "The Thousand Club"

Plans were completed in the meeting of the Committee on the Advance, North Arkansas Conference, for the promotion of the plan to be known as "The Thousand Club."

There has been a growing realization that there are many centers in our conference where new churches should be started. Most of these centers will need financial help to get a building in order to begin their work. Rose City Church in North Little Rock can expand rapidly if help can be given.

The plan is to invite persons to become members of "The Thousand Club", hoping that there are a thousand people in the North Ar-

## CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Nashville, Tenn. — The Church School Rally Day program for 1953 is now available, it has been announced by the Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work, Methodist Board of Education.

Written by Miss Virginia Henry of the staff of the Board's Division of the Local Church, the program is designed to emphasize the importance of Christian education and to induce Methodists to contribute to the work of their conference boards of education, as it affects Christian education in the local church.

The name of the program is "Take A Look"—at the accomplishments of Christian education as well as its need for expansion. Every effort has been made to make the program a means of promoting the effectiveness of our church schools and stimulating the offering on this day, which goes to the conference board of education for work in its local church division, it was said.

Last year the Rally Day offering was \$344,883, an increase of \$16,000 over the offering for 1951.

Order "Take A Look" by Virginia Henry (8290-BC) from your nearest Methodist Publishing House. Prices are: 10 cents each; 75 cents per dozen; \$5.00 per hundred.

...kansas Conference who will be willing to pay \$10.00 on call to help build churches for these new centers. No person is to be called upon more than three times in any one year, nor more than ten times in the period before June 1956.

A committee has been appointed to prepare publicity materials and help the Conference and district lay leadership in promoting this program. The committee is as follows: Charles Stuck, Wain Martin, R. E. L. Bearden, Paul Bumpers, J. Albert Gatlin and Ira A. Brumley.

### Study Your Membership Rolls

A study of the church school membership rolls and the church membership rolls to discover how many church school members over primary age, who are not members of the church where they are in church school; and to study church membership rolls to see how many church members are not members of the church school, will be very revealing.

One of our strong churches made such a study recently to find almost amazing facts. We hope to have a detailed report from that church soon.

There are thousands of persons in our church schools that should be brought into our churches on profession of faith.

There are more thousands who are members of our churches, but not members of the church school.

Here are evangelistic opportunities right at home in our churches.

### Quitman Training School

The Quitman Charge had a training school, Feb. 15-18, with an enrollment of 24.

Five of the six churches of the charge were represented in the school: Enders, Goodloe, Mt. Pleasant, Central, and Quitman.

## DIVISION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH EMPHASIZES EVANGELISM

Nashville, Tenn.—The Division of the Local Church of the Methodist Board of Education is cooperating wholeheartedly in the World Mission of Evangelism now under way, according to Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the division.

Sponsored by the World Methodist Council, which includes all branches of Methodism, the World Mission of Evangelism will continue throughout 1953.

In order to cooperate to the fullest extent in the movement, the Local Church Division has decided upon seven lines of action, Dr. Schisler said. They are:

1. Emphasize evangelism in all field engagements of the division's 35 staff members.

2. Interpret and emphasize evangelism through Christian education in the programs of conferences, in seminars, and institutes, and in all leadership training projects.

3. Emphasize and teach John Wesley's life, program, and purpose to the different age groups.

4. Lead teachers to do evangelistic teaching—that is, teach for a verdict.

5. Prepare special materials on evangelism for use during 1953.

6. As a part of the General Conference quadrennial youth emphasis, underscore in 1953 a strong program in youth evangelism, with the understanding that in 1954 and 1955 the bishops and others will give leadership to the other phases of the youth emphasis.

7. Undergird a strong youth evangelism program in 1953 by (1) promoting Christian Witness Missions in cooperation with the Board of Evangelism, (2) teaching and stressing evangelism in youth institutes and assemblies, and (3) building strong evangelistic emphasis in the local Methodist Youth Fellowship programs.

Already new free materials to

## DEMAND FOR LITERATURE ON CHRISTIAN FAMILY INCREASES

Nashville, Tenn.—The demand for literature on the Christian family was so great in 1952 that nearly a million and a half pamphlets on the subject were sent out on the order of pastors during that time from the Methodist Board of Education, according to Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the Board's Department of the Christian Family.

"This is not a large use of Christian family materials when you consider that there are more than two million families in the Methodist Church, but it represents progress," Dr. Staples said. The number of pamphlets sent out during 1951 was 891,000.

Less than 10 per cent of the Christian family materials were distributed free. The others were sold at cost of printing and handling. These were ordered and paid for by pastors and church school leaders.

Best sellers among the materials last year were: "Christmas Worship in the Home," 310,000; "Brotherhood Begins at Home," 100,000; and "Family Do's and Don'ts in Race Relations," 75,000.

stimulate pre-Easter evangelism in the church school have been prepared by the Division staff and are now off the press. They are: Evangelistic Teaching—Children (184-B), Evangelistic Teaching—Youth (2367-B), Win Youth to Christ (2368-B), Evangelistic Teaching—Adults (4450-B), Evangelistic Teaching (8287-B), and Teacher's Responsibility List (881-B). These can be secured from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

Also cooperating in the World Mission of Evangelism is the Joint Committee on Materials for Training for Church Membership. This committee is composed of members from the boards of Education and Evangelism and the book editor. With Bishop W. Earl Ledden as chairman, the committee has prepared four membership manuals—for boys and girls, for teenagers, for young people and adults, and for pastors. The manuals may be had from the Methodist Publishing House and its several branches.

It is a well-known fact that the church school is the pastor's chief assistant in evangelism, Dr. Schisler said. Since unification in 1940 about two million church school pupils have joined the Methodist Church on profession of faith. It is expected that through the Local Church Division's participation in the World Mission of Evangelism, a large number of persons will be brought into the church through the church school.

## USE OF HYMNS IN SUMMER CONFERENCE

The Adult Department of the General Board of Education is suggesting that young adult workers emphasize the use of hymns in their summer conferences.

In order to implement this emphasis, the department has worked out three services based upon the following themes: "What Methodists Believe," "Hymns Teach Theology," and "Methodist Churchmen."

The Rev. Robert S. Clemmons of the Adult Department staff, who works chiefly with young adults, warns that the services are not to be used as a program as such. In a letter to conference executive secretaries, conference directors of adult work and conference presidents of young adult work, Mr. Clemmons says: "It is hoped that these musical experiences will be a part of your total summer conference. They have not been planned as something special, as if you were putting on a program. Neither should they be used as something to fill up space before the speaker begins."

In a brochure on "Planning Summer Conferences" now being distributed by the Adult Department, it is stated that music education should help young adults plan and participate in worship experiences that express a vital Christian faith.

In keeping with the emphasis on evangelism now under way, the three services mentioned above are timely and offer a wide choice of materials in program building.

## VATICAN PAPER BARS LUCE LINK TO HOLY SEE

MRS. CLARE BOOTHE LUCE could not act as an unofficial U. S. diplomatic representative to the Vatican while serving as ambassador to Italy, Osservatore Romano said in Rome.

The Vatican newspaper said it had long been Vatican policy "that no person having an official mission or a diplomatic post with the Italian government can at the same time carry out diplomatic activity with the Holy See."

Mrs. Luce, a Roman Catholic, has been named by President Eisenhower to become U. S. ambassador to Italy.

In explaining the Vatican's stand against allowing diplomats to represent their nations at both the Holy See and the Italian government, Osservatore said:

"This is a norm and a practice from which the Holy See has never deviated and from which it has no intention of deviating."

"The presence of a diplomatic corps of its own, distinct from that which in Rome is accredited to the Italian authorities, is an indispensable way of avoiding dangerous confusion and at the same time is an efficient guarantee to demonstrate to the world the independence of the Holy See."

The newspaper repeated the Vatican's stand that if President Eisenhower wanted a diplomatic representative at the Holy See, he should establish "permanent and official diplomatic representation."

of London, a subsidiary of the J. Arthur Rank organization, will begin production of the movie for The Methodist Church on March 16. Mr. Spencer said that he and his associate, the Rev. Howard Trevor, will leave shortly for England to review the final script and help select the cast. He added that more than 500 U. S. Methodist churches already have booked the film for showings and that some had arranged for screening the movie at local theatres.

### Congress Gets Resolutions To Establish Chapel

Resolutions to establish a chapel for meditation and prayer in the United States Capitol have been introduced by Rep. Brooks Hays (D.-Ark.) and Sen. A. A. (Mike) Monroney (D.-Okla.) in the House and Senate. The resolutions are similar to those which the two Congressmen sponsored in the last Congress. In a joint statement the legislators said they had received much encouragement from members of Congress and interest and support has developed throughout the country to an extent that they are hopeful the proposal will be approved. The chapel would be furnished with the utmost simplicity. It would not be available for formal worship services, but would be reserved for the exclusive use of Congressmen who desire to have a quiet place where they can meditate and pray.

### Methodist Bishop Calls For More Family Doctors

A Methodist bishop called in Chicago for more "old-fashioned family doctors" and said an increase in such practitioners would be "the most effective argument against socialized medicine." Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, Ark., made his plea in an address to the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes. Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit told the convention that the "dynamic" for a program of hospital, medical and home service "comes from our faith in the God of the Hebrew-Christian tradition." "We rejoice in the extension of a social conscience that prompts the State to extend its ministry to needy citizens," he said. "Likewise, we are proud of every scientific advance in the interest of human welfare. But State aid and scientific knowledge of themselves are not enough. Service, to be worthy of our knowledge and spirit, must be inspired and directed by a humanitarian concern."

### Five Named to Methodist 'Hall of Fame'

Five persons were honored in Chicago by the National Association

of Methodist Hospitals and Homes with memberships in the denomination's "Hall of Fame in Philanthropy." The Hall of Fame, also known as "The Honor Society of the Healing and Helping Hand", was established four years ago by the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes as a means of recognizing outstanding contributors of time, talent and money to Methodist institutions. Those honored were: Malcom Thomas MacEachern, M. D., of Chicago, director of professional relations of the American Hospital Association and Professor of Hospital Administration at Northwestern University. Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Perkins, of Wichita Falls, Tex., who have made gifts to the Methodist Children's Home at Waco, Tex., Southern Methodist University and several other institutions. Lester E. Cox, Springfield, Mo., business executive and president of the board of directors of Burge Hospital, Springfield. Watson S. Rankin, M. D., of Charlotte, N. C., North Carolina state health officer for 16 years and a trustee of the Duke Endowment since 1925.

### Senate Committee Approves Second Bill to Bar Obscene Matter

The Senate Judiciary Committee moved to plug another loophole in federal laws against obscene material. It approved a bill that would ban from the mails "every obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy or vile article, matter, thing, device, or substance." The measure was requested by the Post Office Department in view of a recent court decision that present obscenity statutes do not bar the mailing of questionable phonograph records, but only printed matter or pictures. The Committee recently approved a bill to close a loophole in federal law which has permitted the transportation of pornographic material across state lines by private automobile. Both bills will now be on the calendar for early action by the Senate as a whole.

### Texas Bill Hits At Obscene Magazine Covers

A bill that would ban "lewd and lascivious" book and magazine cov-

ers was introduced in the Texas Senate. Andy Rogers, a West Texas Senator, said he had sponsored the proposal at the request of ministers in his district. He explained that existing Texas laws covering literature probably did not apply to suggestive pictures on covers — only to the reading matter inside.

### Southern Baptist Head Deplores 'Silly Arguments' Over Bible Versions

Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, rapped those who "get into silly arguments about various versions of the Bible." In an address to the Houston's Baptist Pastors Conference, Dr. Grey said: "I have no use for anyone who has so little of the Holy Spirit that he will burn any portion of the Holy Bible regardless of whether he agrees with what it says or not." Instead of wrangling over various words and portions of any version of the Bible, he said, "Christians should try to live by Christ's life as the Bible gives it." He referred to the episode in which a North Carolina independent Baptist minister burned the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

### Methodists to Aid Korean Amputees

A new project to help Korean civilian amputees obtain artificial limbs was among those approved by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief at its annual meeting in Washington, D. C. Although American and Korean servicemen who have lost limbs as a result of wounds are being cared for, hundreds of Korean civilians have been left crippled and destitute, the commission was told by missionaries in Korea. In the new project, a number of amputees will be trained in the manufacture of prosthetic appliances. All amputees who are helped will be given vocational rehabilitation training to enable them to earn their own living.

### Launch Move for Daily Prayer in Ohio Schools

A resolution calling upon Ohio schools to institute daily prayer as a part of their programs has been introduced in the General Assembly by Rep. Pat Dunn of Tuscarawas County. Requiring action only by the House, the resolution would not become law if adopted. It merely calls upon the clerk of the House to transmit a copy of the resolution to the superintendent of public instruction "for promulgation among the schools of Ohio."

### New Film on Christ Has Premiere

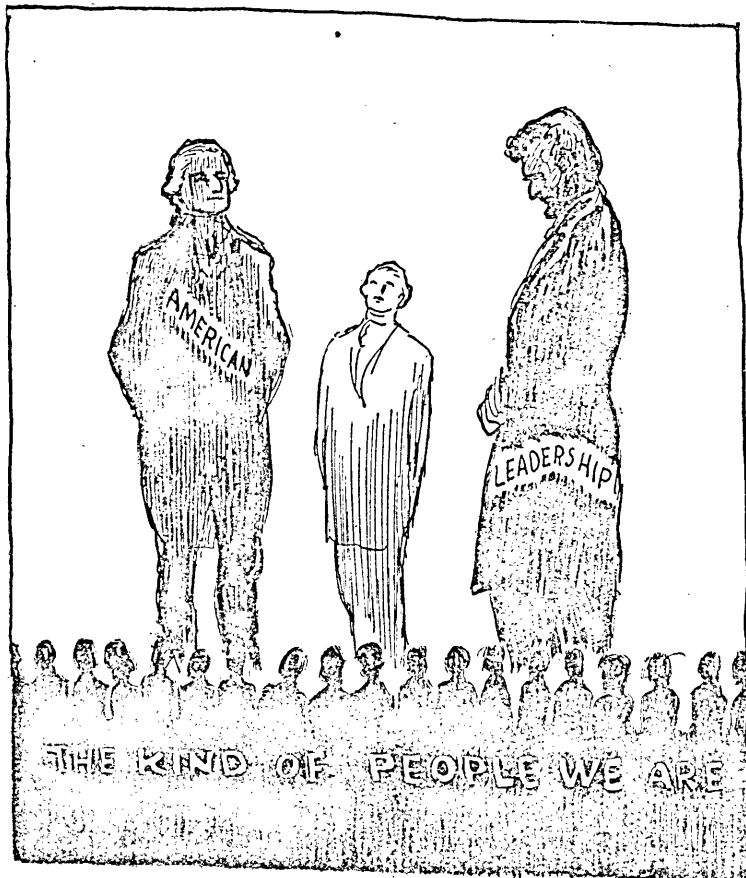
The world premiere of a new movie on the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, "I Beheld His Glory," was witnessed in Cincinnati by church audio-visual experts attending the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education. The full-length picture, based on a story by the Rev. John Evans, religion editor of the Chicago Tribune, will be released for churches, Sunday schools, educational institutions and television. It is one of 12 films in a \$500,000 serial story of the life of Christ being produced by Cathedral Films Inc. of Hollywood, Cal. Cathedral's president, the Rev. James K. Friedrich, explained at a dinner of the Visual Education Fellowship preceding the film premiere, some of the difficulties overcome in producing the movie. Chief purpose of the film, he said, was to develop a "more human and realistic" approach to the depiction of Christ based on research into the views of leading Christian educators and denominational leaders.

### Methodists Set Film On Life of Wesley

A British-made 55-minute color film on the life of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, will be ready for showing in U. S. Methodist churches next fall, it was announced in Nashville, Tenn. The Rev. Harry Spencer, executive secretary of the Methodist radio and film commission, said that Religious Films Ltd.

## LEADERSHIP WILL DETERMINE IT

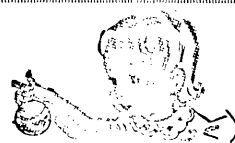
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# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## BOBBY AND THE BARN SWALLOWS

"GRANDMOTHER, why do the birds fly into the barn all the time?" asked Bobby. "I should think that they would stay out on the trees."

"Do you mean the barn swallow?" asked Grandmother. "They live in the barn."

"A bird live in a barn!" exclaimed Bobby. "I thought birds built nests."

"Oh yes, most birds built nests," replied Grandmother, "and the barn swallows do, but they build them inside the barn instead of in trees or bushes."

This was not Bobby's first visit to his Grandmother's by any means, but it was the first since he had begun to study birds, and there were so many birds to see on a farm that he was having a wonderful time watching them.

He had already found out where a pair of bluebirds were nesting, and every day he would sit near the old gnarled apple tree and watch the parent birds fly back and forth for the baby birds. And he had spied a robin's nest in the elm tree just outside of his window. But about so many birds flying in and out of Grandmother's barn he was much surprised. He didn't know the birds liked barns.

"Come up to the summer house," called Grandmother late in the afternoon. "I'll tell you something about the swallow family, and then we'll go down to the barn and watch the barn swallows."

Bobby was always on hand when anyone would talk birds with him, so they walked to the summer house together. She began:

"Swallows are some of the cleaners of the air. They fly through the air with their mouths open, catching all the flying things in their paths. There are several kinds of swallows. There are tree swallows and bank swallows and purple martins, besides barn swallows. Sometime, maybe, we shall see these kinds in different localities."

"There go some barn swallows now," said Bobby. "See how they swoop down close to the ground."

"Yes, they do great service about the fields. They catch moths of cutworms, and other insects that injure the crops," explained Grandmother, "and they fly low over ponds for the same reason."

"I like to watch them fly so close to the earth," said Bobby. "They almost touch their wings sometimes."

"Now let's go to the barn," suggested Grandmother, after they looked at some swallow pictures which she had brought with her, and after they had talked about the colors. "We'll sit quietly on this bench and watch the birds."

"Oh, there's one!" whispered Bobby. "Why, where did he go? What are those funny little squeaks?"

"Probably those are the baby swallows in the nest," answered Grandmother. "Now, Bobby, you look way up to the rafters and you will see some nests plastered firmly to them. They are made of mud or clay, and straw and feathers."

It took Bobby a while to find them, for he did not know where to

look, but finally he saw a parent bird fly right to the edge of the nest. "There he goes again! Is he going for more food?" he asked.

"Yes, birds have to work hard to feed their hungry babies. About the only rest they have is when they are asleep," laughed Grandmother. "I'm glad I'm not a bird!"

"I'm glad too," laughed Bobby, "but I'm glad that you like birds."

"All people should like the birds," replied Grandmother. "We could not live without them. If there were no birds we would be over-run with insect pests that would eat all vegetable life."

"God is good to give us birds," said Bobby. "I thank Him!"—The Christian World.

## WHEN MOTHER WENT TO TOWN

*When Mother went to town today  
I planned a big surprise,  
And when she saw what I had done  
She opened wide her eyes.*

*I put my playthings all away  
In places they belong;  
Instead of grumbling all the while  
I really sang a song.*

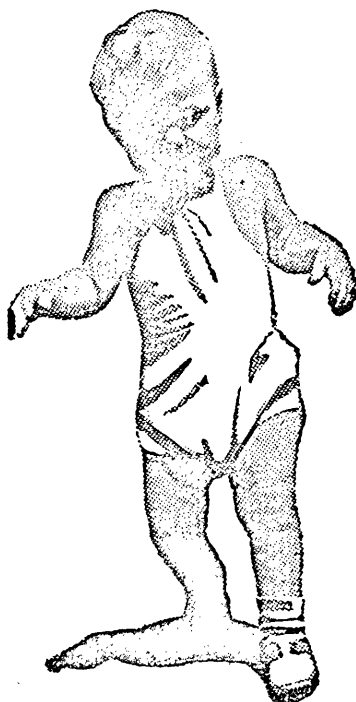
*I hung my coat upon the rack  
Instead of on the chair;  
I cleaned the tracks out on the porch  
My shoes had carried there.*

*I washed my face and combed my hair  
And looked quite happy when  
My mother smiled and said, "I think  
I'll go to town again."*

—Story World

A bride of a few weeks greeted her husband one evening with a happy smile.

"Well, dear," she said, "your dinner is going to be different tonight. A neighbor told me today that we're supposed to add water to dehydrated foods."



## A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Many years ago a little 6-year-old girl was taking a ride with her father. They came to a lowly village. The people lived in shanties that were ugly and dirty. There were no places for children to play.

"When I am grown up," the little girl whispered to her father, "I am going to live in a big house right next door to poor people, and the children can play in my yard."

The little girl was Jane Addams. When she grew up she lived just as she had said, in a big house in a very poor neighborhood, and the children came and played in her yard.

When Jane Addams was a young woman, she found a friend, Ellen Starr. Her friend became as interested in Jane Addams' plan as she was herself, and the two started together. They found an old house that had once been a beautiful mansion, and rented part of it. It had been built by a man named Hull, and so they called it Hull House. They had the ceilings and the walls plastered, and they hung new paper on the walls to make them interesting. The woodwork was repainted and the floors polished.

There were many foreigners in the neighborhood, and all were poor. Both the men and women worked in factories. The children played in the streets, for the rooms in the tenement houses were small and few. Families of five or six lived in one small room.

At first the people in the neighborhood did not visit Hull House when Jane Addams invited them. They could not understand why two women would come to live among them, so they were suspicious. But some of them, the more bold, soon came, and then others followed. They were beginning to see that Jane Addams only wanted to be a good neighbor. Then mothers brought their babies to be cared for while they worked in the factory. They came for help when they were sick, or in trouble. On cold days the children came to play in the large rooms, and to read the children's

## LEARNING TO WALK

*I am not very big  
And I'm not very tall  
But my mother thinks I am fine  
I'm learning to talk  
And I'm learning to walk  
But I can't keep on a straight line*

*If I keep on trying  
And Mummy will help  
Some day I'll walk and not fall  
I will grow big and strong  
And before very long  
My daddy and I can play ball.*

—A.E.W.

## REST

*God made the dark, so day time  
Could close its tired eyes  
And sleep awhile in comfort  
Beneath the starry skies.*

*The daytime, just like children  
Needs rest from work and play,  
So it can give us children  
Another happy day.*

*God made the dark for children  
And birdies in their nests,  
All in the dark He watches  
And guards us while we rest.*

—Author Unknown

## HER QUILT

*"I made it all myself," said Bess  
"My quilt so warm and cozy,  
Now this is grandma's wedding dress  
And this is a gift from Rosie;  
This little piece of polkadot  
Was sent by Cousin Ella;  
When I was just a little tot  
This was my silk umbrella.*

*"I sewed my quilt in summer time,  
Out in the orchard resting;  
I read a little nursery rhyme  
And saw the birds a-nesting;  
And when they wanted cloth or thread  
For nest I let them take it;  
I love my quilt upon my bed,  
So many helped to make it."*

—Child's Gem

books Jane Addams had provided. At night the older folks came to read and talk and study.

Jane Addams' friendly house was known to people in many lands. They called it Hull House, but the Italian women in the neighborhood had a better word for it. It was "la casa di Dio—the House of God."—Sunshine Magazine.

## JUST FOR FUN

"Now," explained the architect, "suppose you give me a general idea of the style of home you want."

"Well I think . . ." the husband began, but his wife interrupted him. "We're not particular," she said, "but we want something to go with a doorknocker I picked up last summer in Vermont."

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Boarder: "I found a nickel in my hash."

Landlady: "Yes, I put it there. You've been complaining about the lack of change in your meals!"

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The young couple, recently married, were in front of the cheery glow from the fireplace, and just sat and sat and sat. Finally, he turned to her and said:

"Honey, you are going to say something beautiful and soulful. I can see it in your lovely eyes."

"Yes, I am thinking of asking you something," she responded.

"Yes, yes! Anything! What is it, honey?" he asked.

"Won't you begin wearing a rubber band around your head at night, so as to train your big ears not to stick out?"

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## FIVE ARK.-LA. WOMEN CHOSEN JURISDICTION OFFICERS

### Large Delegation From Area At Amarillo Meeting

Five women from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area were elected to offices in the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service at its 12th annual meeting Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Amarillo, Texas.

They are:

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, 710 North Vienna Street, Ruston, La., recording secretary; Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, 110 North Cedar, Little Rock, Ark., secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; Mrs. Neill Hart, 314 Summit, El Dorado, secretary of children's work; Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Fayetteville, secretary of literature and publications; and Mrs. Sam Dunbar, 2238 Valmont, New Orleans, secretary of supply work.

Mrs. Laskey and Mrs. Dunbar are members of the Louisiana Conference; Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Hart of the Little Rock Conference; and Mrs. Cooley of the North Arkansas Conference.

They will serve in the jurisdiction offices for the next four years.

The Woman's Society meeting convened Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Polk Street Methodist Church in Amarillo, with Mrs. C. A. Barr of Austin presiding. Programs during the three-day session developed the theme, "Christ Shall Reign."

Mrs. Laskey is president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society, and former recording secretary of the conference. She was a delegate to General Conference in 1948 and 1952.

Mrs. Henderson, who was reelected to her office, is also cochairman of the jurisdictional committee making plans for the 1953 School of Missions and Christian Service to be held June 20-July 7 at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas. She is a member of the National Committee on Christian Social Relations of the General Department of United Church Women and a representative of United Church Women on the Department of Inter-racial and Inter-cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches. She is a member of the Little Rock Methodist Council, one of the founders of Aldersgate Camp, and was a delegate to the recent meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Mrs. Hart, who was reelected, has served as conference secretary of children's work and is an accredited teacher for children's work for the Board of Education.

Mrs. Cooley has served as secretary of promotion and as secretary of literature for her conference.

Mrs. Dunbar is secretary of supply for the conference, and has served as conference secretary of missionary education, and district secretary of promotion.

Other new jurisdictional officers are:

Mrs. W. E. Horton, Houston, president; Mrs. Harold Soulen, Hutchinson, Kans., vice president; Mrs. Wayne Harrington, York, Nebr., treasurer; Mrs. E. H. Farmer, Glas-

## NATIONAL GUILD SECRETARY TO SPEAK

Miss Lillian Johnson, National Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, will be one of the principal speakers at the Wesleyan Service Guild Conference to be held March 14-15 in Baton Rouge. It is the second annual conference of the Guild held immediately preceding the Woman's Society of Christian Service Conference.

Among other speakers will be Miss Gertie Stiles of Ft. Smith, Ark., the newly elected Jurisdiction Secretary who will speak on Sunday morning.

Registration will begin at 10 a. m. followed by an executive committee luncheon. The afternoon session will convene at 2 p. m. in the Chapel of the First Methodist Church with Miss Mary Gladys Page, Amite, Louisiana Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild presiding.

Miss Johnson, who assumed her responsibilities on Dec. 1, 1951 as Executive Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild in New York will deliver her address at the Saturday evening session.

Miss Johnson is from Ansonia, Connecticut. She holds a B. S. Degree from Hartford Seminary Foundation and an M. A. Degree from Columbia University. After teaching in Ansonia Public schools she was Director of Religious Education at



MISS LILLIAN JOHNSON

Trinity Methodist Church, Albany, New York from 1942 to 1949, and served on the Religious Educational Council of the Federation of Churches in Albany. In 1949 she became dean of women at Wood Junior College, Mathiston, Mississippi. Miss Johnson was also teacher of Education and Bible, and head of the guidance department.—La. Conference Guild Publicity.

## ZONE MEETS AT NATCHITOCHES

Zone number One of the Alexandria District met at Natchitoches January 29th. for a business meeting, at which time reports were heard from the societies of the District.

Mrs. E. L. Richardson, Zone chairman presided over the meeting, with Mrs. Burton Weaver serving as secretary. Mrs. George Powell, district president brought greetings from the district officers, along with reports from Mrs. Richardson, children's director; Mrs. S. Tubau of Bunkie, district secretary of Literature; Mrs. H. Groves of Boyce, secretary of Spiritual Life.

Mrs. H. A. Barr, president of Natchitoches WSCS, warmly welcomed the group, followed with prayer by Rev. B. A. Galloway, pastor of the Natchitoches Church. At the close of the business session, Mrs. Glen Phares of Many Wesleyan Guild gave a beautiful devotional message using the topic, "Proclaim the Good News".

At noon delicious luncheon was served by the hostess church. Following the luncheon the ladies visited the new Methodist church now under construction adjoining the present one. Oak Grove Methodist Church will be host to the Zone Meeting, which will be April 23rd. —Reporter

## FINANCIAL REPORT—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE THIRD QUARTER—1952-53

Balance brought forward	\$ 3,088.20
RECEIPTS:	
Undirected Pledge to	
Missions:	
W.S.C.S.	\$12,019.81
W.S.G.	1,454.74
Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	531.68
W.S.G.	405.05
McKimney Fund:	
W.S.C.S.	422.20
W.S.G.	12.00
Stahley Fund:	
W.S.C.S.	539.20
Conference Rural Work:	454.00
Special Memberships:	
Hon. Baby:	
W.S.C.S. (11)	55.00
W.S.G. (1)	5.00
Hon. Youth:	
W.S.C.S. (3)	45.00
Adult Life:	
W.S.C.S. (17)	425.00
In Remembrance Gifts:	
W.S.C.S.	76.00
W.S.G.	5.00
Little Rock Meth. Council	360.70
Credit on Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$14,928.59
W.S.G.	1,861.79
Total Credit on Pledge	16,810.38
Youth Fund	508.99
Children's Service Fund	35.76
Total on Appropriations:	\$17,355.13
Cash for Supplies:	
W.S.C.S.	1,071.16
W.S.G.	133.61
Cultivation Fund:	
W.S.C.S.	250.65
W.S.G.	77.35
Week of Prayer:	
W.S.C.S.	1,479.50
W.S.G.	21.50
Student Loan—W.S.C.S.	127.95

Alcohol Fund:	
W.S.C.S.	170.55
W.S.G.	3.00
E. T. W. Fund—W.S.C.S.	229.98
Other Receipts—W.S.C.S.	2.40
Total Receipts:	
W.S.C.S.	\$18,812.53
W.S.G.	2,370.75
TOTAL Receipts from Districts	\$21,183.28
OTHER RECEIPTS:	
From Taylor End. Fund	310.00
Ark.-Okla. Coop. Rural	
Work	453.00
TOTAL Receipts	\$21,946.28
DISBURSEMENTS:	
To Division:	
Undirected Pledge to	
Missions:	
W.S.C.S.	9,605.96
W.S.G.	1,466.74
Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	2,659.00
W.S.G.	405.05
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	580.00
W.S.G.	5.00
Remembrance Gifts:	
W.S.C.S.	76.00
W.S.G.	5.00
Conference Work	150.00
Credit on Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$13,080.96
W.S.G.	1,861.79
TOTAL Credit on Pledge	14,962.75
Youth Fund	508.99
Children's Service Fund	35.76
TOTAL on Appropriations	\$15,507.50
Week of Prayer	1,761.00
Foreign Supplies	937.11
Home Supplies	277.66
Division Cultivation Fund	30.74
Supplementary	270.00
TOTAL to Division	\$18,784.01
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:	
Administrative Expense	225.41
Cultivation Fund:	
W.S.C.S.	250.65
W.S.G.	77.35
Student Loan Fund	127.95
Alcohol Education	173.55
Guild Retreat	28.49
Buck Hill Falls Meeting	215.00
Ark. Council Church	
Women	25.00
Board Luncheon	21.25
Other Disbursements	18.10
TOTAL Disbursements	\$19,947.26
Balance Feb. 12, 1953—\$5,087.22	

### SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT: Honorary Baby: Joan Carol Burnett, Catherine Strong Keith, Malvern First Church. Adult Life: Mrs. Howard A. Brooks, Malvern First Church.

CAMDEN DISTRICT: Honorary Baby: Doris Deen Harwell, Donald Ray Carter, Jackson Street; Linda Sue Martel, Magnolia First Church; Richard Wayne Love,

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. John Rasmussen of Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport was the guest speaker for the regular monthly meeting of the society of the Sulphur Methodist Church. He used as his subject, "What do Ye More Than These?" The business session was presided over by the president Mrs. Elvin Daigle.

The Executive Committee of the Pine Bluff District Woman's Society met in Altheimer in the home of Mrs. O. C. Landers at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday February 11th. There were eleven officers present. Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Field worker for the Woman's Division and Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference President were the guest speakers. They both gave inspiration and help to the officers. At the close of the meeting there was a period of fellowship during which time delicious refreshments were served.

Parkers Chapel. Adult Life: Mrs. Audrey Sheppard, Mrs. John Wharton, El Dorado First Church; Mrs. D. W. Harrell, Mrs. E. W. Copeland, Mrs. Claude Horne, Mrs. Frank Long, Camden First Church; Miss Olive Etta Hurd, Lewisville.

HOPE DISTRICT: Honorary Youth: Billy Gentry, Bennie Jean Edmiston, Hope. Adult Life: Mrs. J. B. Koonce, Hope; Mrs. Dave Cooke, D. Queen.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT: Honorary Baby: Tommy Travis Tullos, 23th Street; John Stephen Warden, Pulaski Heights W. S. G. Adult Life: Mrs. Susan Tillery, Henderson; Mrs. Emma Sharp, 23th Street.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT: Honorary Baby: David Lamar Dingler, Newman Franklin Fair, Lake Village; Nancy Jane Harrison, Wilmet. Honorary Youth: Miss Carolyn Wells, Wilmet.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT: Honorary Baby: David Franklin Reese, First Church, Pine Bluff; Carol Ann Grabbe, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart. Adult Life: Mrs. B. R. Tyler, England; Mrs. Harry Duke, Mrs. J. L. Longino, Lakeside, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Creed Haigh, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart; Mrs. J. R. Simmons, Rison.

—MRS. C. I. PARSONS, Conference Treasurer

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## BISHOP MARTIN ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

Rev. John A. Bayliss, pastor since 1950 of the First Methodist Church, Pocahontas, was named pastor of the First Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, Ark., which has been without a pastor since the death of Rev. Allen D. Stewart, January 25, according to an announcement today by Bishop Paul E. Martin, of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. The announcement followed a meeting of the District Superintendents with Bishop Martin on Tuesday evening, February 17, in Little Rock.

Rev. Mr. Bayliss will be succeeded at Pocahontas by Rev. Edwin Bland Dodson, present pastor at Berryville, the announcement continued. Rev. Archie N. Boyd, serving now as a Chaplain with the United States Air Force, has been appointed to the Berryville Church. Rev. Mr. Boyd has been serving as a Chaplain with the Air Force since 1943.

These three changes will be effective Sunday, March 1, according to Bishop Martin.

Rev. Mr. Bayliss, a graduate of Hendrix College and the School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, has served previously as pastor of the Washington Avenue Methodist Church, North Little Rock, was associate pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Phoenix, Arizona, and the Oak Cliff Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, and served as pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church in Fort Smith before being appointed to Pocahontas.

Rev. Mr. Dodson is also a graduate of Hendrix College and the Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Tex., and has served as pastor of the Widener-Round Pond Methodist Churches and has been serving at Berryville since 1951. Mr. Dodson's father was the late Dr. F. M. Dodson, long time Methodist leader in North Arkansas.

Chaplain Boyd was serving the Second Methodist Church, Fort Smith, now St. Paul's, when he entered the chaplaincy.

## DR. GORDON GOULD IN MISSIONARY INSTITUTES IN ARKANSAS

Dr. P. Gordon Gould, director of Methodist work in Alaska, who made a tour of the districts in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area two years ago, is to hold a series of Missionary Institutes in Arkansas.

The Arkansas-Louisiana Area is supporting the work in Alaska as an Advance Special.

Dr. Gordon is showing pictures of the work in Alaska and is telling of the great advance which has been made by the Advance contributions to the work.

The following is his schedule for Districts in the North Arkansas Conference: Searcy, March 8; Jonesboro-Paragould, March 9; Batesville, March 10; Fayetteville, March 11; Ft. Smith, March 12; Conway, March 13; Forrest City, March 22. In the Districts of the Little Rock he will speak on the following dates: Monticello, March 15; Little Rock, March 16; Arkadelphia, March 17; Pine Bluff, March 18; Camden, March 19; Hope, March 20. The places for the District meetings have not been announced. The place of the meetings will be published as soon as they are announced.

Dr. Gould is the first native Alaskan ever ordained as a Methodist minister.

## REV. RODNEY SHAW APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE OF FEDERALISTS

Rev. Rodney Shaw, formerly a member of the North Arkansas Conference, has been given the job of working "explicitly and exclusively for peace through the establishment of just and enforceable law." His parents live in North Little Rock.

The Rev. Mr. Shaw is serving the Federalists on special appointment from the Wisconsin Methodist Conference. He is said to be the first minister in the history of any church to receive such an appointment. It is stated that they "seek to end war

and communistic aggression through changing the United Nations from a league based on a treaty, into a limited world government based on just and enforceable law."

The Rev. Mr. Shaw served as chaplain in Europe in World War II. He is a graduate of the North Little Rock High School, Arkansas Teachers College at Conway and the Methodist Seminary at Northwestern University.

Men must be decided on what they will NOT do and then they are able to act with vigor in what they ought to do.—Mencius

## VANTREASE METHODIST CHURCH HONORS BOY SCOUTS

Commemorating the forty-third birthday of Scouting in the United States, Vantrease Methodist Church of El Dorado, honored the Boy Scouts of Troop No. 10 and other visiting Scouts in a special church service and birthday party on Sunday night, February 15. Troop No. 10 is sponsored by the Men's Progressive Bible Class of the Church. Charles Herrington is Scoutmaster; Donald Tomlinson is assistant; and Buster Herring is Junior-Assistant. Members of the troop committee are Dwight Starritt, Chairman; George Rea, Institutional Representative; W. B. Self; L. L. Herring; Frank Waller; K. K. Cottrell; and Gordon Morgan.

The church service began with the presentation of the United States Flag, and the troop flag, the pledging of allegiance to the same, and the singing of "America" by the congregation. After a congregational hymn, the members of troop gave in turn the different Scout Laws. The El Dorado Boy's Club choir, under the direction of Alva Waddell, sang "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" as special number; Mrs. Ralph Mann accompanied at the piano.

The Reverend Fred Schwendimann, pastor of the church, used as the sermon subject, "The Worth of a Lad". He read the scripture from a Bible belonging to Milton Myers, little five year old boy in the church who said to the pastor one day, "Brother Schwendimann, if you ever wear your Bible out, you can use mine". The Boy Scouts pronounced the Benediction, using the Scout Oath in Unison.

After church, a fellowship period was held in the educational building, where the Boys Club Choir sang again. After the Happy Birthday song for the Scouts, Spudnuts and cold drinks were served, and the meeting ended with the showing of a colored cartoon.

## GRIFFITHVILLE CHURCH REBUILT

The Griffithville Methodist Church is proud to announce the opening of its newly rebuilt church. The sanctuary was rebuilt. Hardwood floors and carpets were added. Two class rooms were added to the sanctuary.

We completed the Week of Dedication with a series of services. Sermons were delivered by Mrs. H. H. Fulbright of Searcy; Rev. Jefferson Sherman of Searcy; Rev. Roy Moyer of Kensett and Rev. Lloyd Conyers of Searcy. The services closed Friday night. We are deeply grateful for the cooperation we have received from the members here and elsewhere on the charge. —Ray Edwards, Pastor

Service to a just cause rewards the worker with more real happiness and satisfaction than any other venture of life.—Carrie Chapman Catt.

Faults of the head are punished in this world; those of the heart in another; but as most of our vices are compound, so is their punishment.—Colton

## UNUSUAL BOY SCOUT DAY AT FOREMAN



The accompanying picture was taken Sunday, February 8, after the morning service at Foreman Methodist Church. The service was concluded with a Court of Honor, at which eleven Scouts received recognition, advancement, and merit badges.

The picture shows the Riggins scout family.

Beginning top row, left to right, Robert L. Riggins pastor, father of the three boys, and Lone Scout Advisor and Counselor, member of the Order of the Arrow; Mrs. Bettie M. Riggins, Counselor for the whole family; Dale N. Riggins, Explorer with Life rank, Order of the Arrow, Thirty Merit badges; Bottom row: Don L. Riggins, Star rank, and Fifteen Merit badges; Dean F. Riggins, a Webelos who received his Tenderfoot badge at this time.

It was a rare privilege for the Father and pastor of these boys to award the "God and Country" medal to Dale and Don. This is one of the most coveted awards in Scouting.—Reporter

## BATESVILLE CHURCHES COMPLETE BUILDING PROGRAMS

(Continued from page 13) building. Opened at the same time as the First Church educational building, the Central Avenue Methodists have by this time become adjusted to a beautiful addition to their church plant. Constructed of Batesville marble, the same material as the original building, the two story addition provides approximately 5,000 additional feet of space, all of which is used for church school work except the church parlor. The new building has fourteen classrooms and was erected at a cost of \$24,000. Since the completion of the building, other work has been in progress in rearranging the church school space in the main building, enlarging areas for several of the departments where more room was needed.

According to the Central Avenue pastor, Rev. David Conyers, the area south of the church will be improved for parking facilities. Earl McMillan, chairman of the Official Board, served as supervisor of construction for the educational building. The Building Committee included King Sims, chairman, Edgar Baker, Charles Buchanan, Ed Campbell and Otha McSpadden.



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The North Arkansas Conference  
The Town and Country  
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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

**SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION TOWN AND COUNTRY  
COMMISSION SEMINAR APRIL 21-23**

The South Central Jurisdiction Town and Country Commission Seminar will be held at the Lake View Methodist Assembly at Palestine, Texas April 21-23. This meeting is called by the Chairman and the Executive Committee of the Jurisdiction Town and Country Commission.

The following personnel comprise the delegation: Chairman of the Town and Country Commission; Secretary of the Town and Country Commission or the Conference Secretary of Town and Country Work; Conference Missionary Secretary; President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; One Lay member from the Town and Country Commission; The Conference Executive Secretary for the Board of Education; One District Superintendent from each Conference; All members of the Jurisdictional Town and Country Commission; One rural pastor from each district in the jurisdiction and one rural layman from each district in the jurisdiction. All persons interested in the seminar and in the work of the church in Town and Country are welcome to attend.

Each conference group will be expected to defray the expense of its delegate to the meeting. It is hoped that our Conference will have its usual fine representation in such meetings. Much lasting good may come from such a group of persons meeting together to make larger plans for common tasks throughout

the rural areas of this Jurisdiction. We also wish to call attention to the fact that our annual Town and Country Church Convocation will be held at Gassville Friday, April 17. A full report of program will be published in the near future.

**Sunday, February 15**

Sunday morning it was my privilege to be back on the Naylor charge at the Bethlehem church, where Thomas Nation is pastor. A goodly number was in attendance at the service. The people were most cordial and friendly. This is one of the older churches in Faulkner County. There is a spirit of hopefulness for the future of the church. Interest in repairing the building seems to be growing in the minds of the people. There were a number of visitors in the congregation. The noon hour was enjoyed in the very gracious home of the pastor and his family.

Sunday night I visited the Vilonia church, Maurice Webb, pastor, and his fine people. There was a splendid fellowship after a very helpful message by the pastor. Plans are on foot to redecorate their church and install new pews.

It is interesting to note that both Bro. Nation and Bro. Webb entered the ministry after having begun their work as lay preachers. There will be more and more of our fine laymen launching out into the ministry of the Master as they begin standing up to witness in His behalf as laymen.—J. Albert Gatlin

**BATESVILLE CHURCHES COMPLETE  
BUILDING PROGRAMS**

Two Batesville Methodist churches had special services last Sunday, February 22, which marked the completion of steps in their building enterprises. The First Methodist Church, Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, pastor, formally opened on Sunday morning a completely remodeled and renovated building which in its new arrangement features a beautifully designed sanctuary and the conversion of approximately 5,000 feet of floor space to educational purposes. The Asbury Methodist Church, Rev. B. W. Stallcup, pastor, a relatively new church, formally dedicated its structure in appropriate services at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Bishop Martin was the preacher for both of these services and led in the service of dedication of the Asbury Church.

Former pastors of First Church that participated in the morning service with the pastor and Bishop Martin included Rev. H. Lynn Wade, Rev. Raymond L. Franks and Rev. Vance Womack. Rev. Mr. Franks was the guest preacher at the evening service.

Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent of the Batesville District, presented Bishop Martin at the

morning service, and assisted in the Dedication Service at the Asbury Church.

The Asbury Church was erected in 1948 at an approximate cost of \$6,000 not including contributions made in materials, etc. Constructed of native stone, the building was erected under the pastoral leadership of Rev. M. L. Kaylor. The building includes the sanctuary, four classrooms and fellowship hall. The congregation recently completed payment on a \$2,500 loan made by the Methodist Board of Church Extension. The First Methodist congregation contributed \$1,500 toward the original cost of the building and has assisted in many ways in helping the congregation complete its organization.

McKinley Huddleston is chairman of the Asbury Official Board, Farrel McSpadden is Church School Superintendent, W. W. Lawhon is chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. William Burks is president of the Woman's Society. W. W. Lawhon, B. W. Speed and Edward Rohrschick constituted the Building Committee.

Opening of the First Church sanctuary marks the completion of

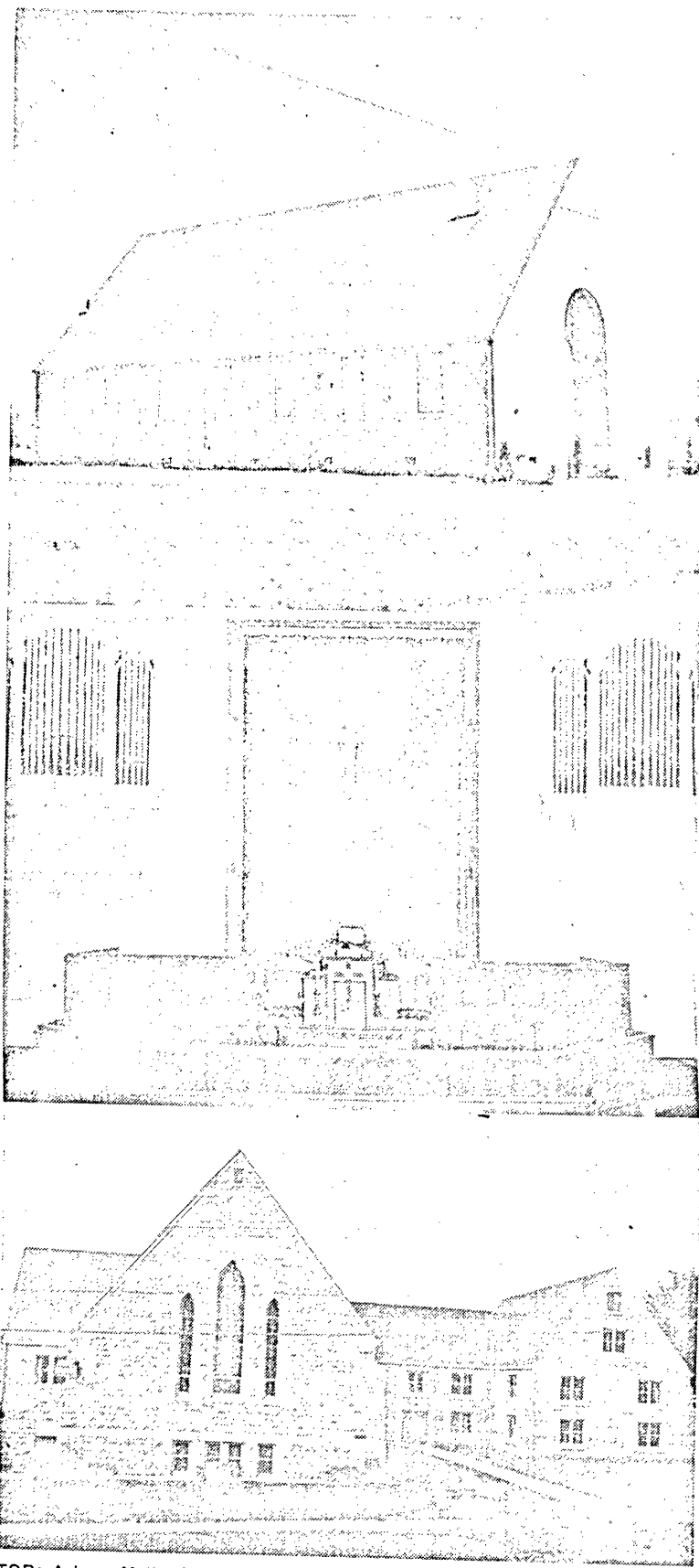
a building program that began seventeen months ago when ground was broken for the educational building which was completed late last summer and formally opened for use on Thursday evening, August 21. Work was immediately begun then on remodeling the main building with a view to utilizing the available space in the older building to a greater degree. Improvements include the installing of a corridor from the educational building extending across the sanctuary building to the west entrance, with partitions being erected on the north side of the corridor providing church school space. A church parlor, church school secretary's office and church library rooms were provided on the east side with the church office and the pastor's study on the west side. A balcony was provided about this corridor and extending south over part of the sanctuary

area, having a capacity of 150 persons.

The sanctuary has been completely renovated with new color scheme, new pulpit furnishings, new communion and choir rails, new carpets, 21 foot dorsal drape behind choir space, and rebuilt pipe organ. This work has been done at an approximate cost of \$40,000 which with the \$125,000 new educational building completes the program at a cost of \$165,000. Approximately \$50,000 is owed on the improvements.

Members of the First Church Building Committee include Nels Barnett, chairman, Dr. O. T. Johnson, S. Harvey Chaney, John Polk and W. D. Murphy, Jr. Swaim and Allen, Little Rock architectural firm, has been the architect for the entire program.

Another Batesville church is enjoying the use of a new educational  
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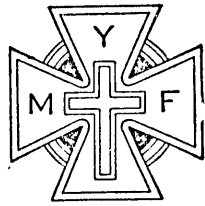


TOP: Asbury Methodist Church, Batesville.

CENTER: View of First Methodist Church sanctuary, Batesville.

BOTTOM: Central Avenue Methodist Church with new educational building.





## ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA

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### WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The McGehee Sub-District meeting was held at Tillar on February 2 at the Methodist Church. Margaret Ann Haley of Tillar was the leader of the program. Talks were made by Irene Lilli, Dumas; Billie Faye Dickson, McGehee and Marian Smith, Watson. Mrs. Frances McLean of Pine Bluff talked on the MYFund. Tillar won the attendance banner with 27 present. One hundred ten members attended. Representatives from Selma attended for the first time. They had a large number present. Refreshments were served after the business meeting. The next meeting will be at Watson on March 2.

The Arkansas Valley Sub-District held its monthly meeting at the Clarksville Methodist Church on February 9 with Clarksville in charge of the program which was based on The Use of Alcohol. There were 82 in attendance. The Valentine theme was carried out as the program for the meeting was written on Valentines. The next meeting of the Sub-District will be held on March 9 at the Spadra Methodist Church.

The E. Clay Bumpers Sub-District met on February 9 in the West Helena Methodist Church. A film entitled, "One God," was shown. Jerry Lowrie, president, presided over the meeting. The Worship Center at the Bear Creek Lake M. Y. F. Camp was discussed. There were 92 people in attendance with West Helena leading with 32. Helena will be host to the Sub-District in April. A recreation period was held and refreshments served.

### MANGUM YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE VALENTINE BANQUET

The Senior and Young People's Departments of the Youth Division of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, had their fifth annual Valentine Banquet, Saturday, February 14, at 6:30 p. m., with ninety-five young people and their leaders present.

One of the highlights of the evening's festivities was the Valentine Court which consisted of Maid Sarah Hindman, Duke Glen Hindman, Maid Becky Warner, Duke Eddie Beckom, Princess Jocelyn Townsend, Prince Don Guynes, and Queen Mildred Ann Branch and King Fred Westergaard. Rev. Roy Mouser, pastor of Cedar Grove Methodist Church, was the speaker. Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr., pastor of Mangum Memorial was master of ceremonies.

### CONFERENCE YOUTH MEETING

North Arkansas Conference Youth Assembly will be held June 2-6.

An outstanding program is being planned as a part of the Quadrennial Emphasis on Youth Work.

Major emphasis will be given to the training of leadership for the local church Methodist Youth Fellowship and Youth Activities Week Leadership.

Provision has been made for a

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

Nashville, Tenn.—The Joint Department of Missionary Education will again serve summer institutes, assemblies and camps of the Methodist Church, by sending them international students and missionaries to participate in their programs next summer, it has been announced by the Rev. Horace W. Williams, executive secretary of the department.

The Joint Department is a unit of both the Board of Education and the Board of Missions. It has handled the itineraries of students and missionaries for the past twelve years and has received nearly four hundred requests for them each year.

"It is the universal testimony of youth, workers with youth, and of young adults that the presence of an international student or missionary in a summer meeting is good missionary education and good ecumenical education," Mr. Williams said.

Missionaries and international students serve as speakers, interest group leaders, resource persons and in other ways.

Because of the large number of requests that are usually received from deans of summer institutes, assemblies and camps, it is highly important that these requests reach the office of the Joint Department of Missionary Education very soon. The address of the Joint Department is Post Office Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

### CONFERENCE YOUTH RALLY

The North Arkansas Conference Youth Council has set the date of Friday evening, March 27, for the holding of a Conference-Wide Youth Rally, to be held on the Hendrix Campus, for Seniors and Older Youth, and adult workers with youth: pastors, church school super-

limited number of adult workers with youth in this assembly.

## SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE SUB-DISTRICT PROGRAMS

By J. RUSSELL HENDERSON, Director of Youth Work  
Little Rock District

A great amount of the adverse criticism of Sub-District MYF programs is probably justified for the simple reason that youth and adult workers have forgotten: The Sub-District organization exists primarily to help local churches in their youth program and all Sub-District activities should be directed toward this purpose.

Programs, which get most of the criticism, should herald or present coming events; introduce a study unit soon to come up; present conference and district goals and objectives; feature some phase of youth work in which a particular MYF is doing a good job; work out cooperative projects too large for a local MYF, such as a booth festival; and, always, serve as a model for local groups.

The need for regular council meetings and long range planning is a must for the Sub-District as well as for the local church. Why not a conference-wide calendar of suggested Sub-District programs for the year, including, of course, an MY Fund emphasis, a camping program, presentation of goals and objectives, and cooperative service projects.

A Sub-District meeting should offer a balanced, well rounded program. That is, it should provide opportunity for recreation and fellowship, as well as information, instruction and worship. Business sessions should be held to a minimum; this work can be done at council meetings.

Don't be afraid to try something new, and avoid a sameness pattern. Use speakers, forums, panels, films, slides, and discussion methods.

Suggested Sub-District programs for the rest of the year:

March: Grass roots roundtable on "What Can We Do to Strengthen and Improve our MYF?" The council should plan carefully, asking each church to present some special idea, and allowing time for a summary

intendents, and youth counselors, including all youth teachers.

This will probably be the first of a large number of such youth rallies to be held across The Methodist Church in the next twelve months.

period. Findings should be recorded and made available to all churches.

April: Present all possible details of summer camping activities of district and conference. Use slides and posters. Have registration blanks available.

May: Election and installation of officers. (All District and Sub-District officers should be elected before summer camp, so they can attend for training.)

June: The MYFund at work. Use available slides, film strips and posters. See how much the Sub-District paid last year, decide on a pledge goal. Discuss methods of pledging, a pledge service and have MYFund packet available for each church.

July: Pastors' Night. Ask pastors to serve on panel to discuss "What Does a Vital, Well Balanced Youth Program Include?" Include them in the recreation, of course.

August: Planning a Youth Activities Week. The new MYF handbook will be available in May, and this session might be given to a study of the new commissions.

September: Roundup Time — a Sub-District picnic with well-planned, outdoor recreation session. Plans will be presented for a special project of youth evangelism for the first two weeks in October.

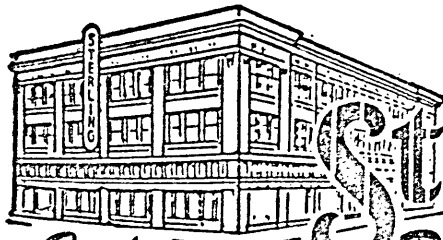
October: "Let Us Pray". A service of worship, meditation, prayer and witnessing, that will help to deepen the spiritual life of MYF members. Information on the Christian Witness Mission will be presented during summer assemblies and camps.

November: "Sharing Together for Others". Annual community service projects such as booth festival or United Nations Fair, with the proceeds to go to a selected project.

December: "The Right to a Christian Home". Special program for youth built around the work of the Methodist Children's Home with emphasis on the annual Christmas offering for the Home.

Alternate programs: Week-end retreat; a session on choosing a vocation, with film or speakers; a full evening devoted to fellowship, learning new games and new songs; discussion of home missions and human rights, using the booklet, "How."

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## OBITUARIES

**GREER**—Russ R. Greer was born near Lisbon, La., on May 7, 1887, and had lived in this vicinity all his life. He was married to Mrs. Lou Melton who preceded him in death several years ago. To this union were born three daughters, namely, Mrs. W. A. Scribner, Lisbon, La.; Mrs. E. D. Pogodzins, Williams, Mass.; Mrs. S. D. Parker, Centralia, Illinois and Ralph Greer of Baton Rouge.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. L. U. Sales, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Miss Fannie Greer of Shreveport; eleven grandchildren, eight nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Brother Greer united with the Lisbon Methodist Church at an early age where he remained faithful until his passing on February 4. He was a very devout and humble man all his life. He loved people, he loved children, his own, his grandchildren and others. He loved the church and while he was in church in Shreveport, on February 4, thus showing to the world that he was on God's side, he became ill.

As Brother Greer goes to that better home above, he leaves a good influence in our community that will live forever. So we say with our Father God, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for they shall rest from their labors, but his works do follow them."—B. P. Durbin

**BOYD**—L. D. Boyd was born on December 12, 1872, at Okolona, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Boyd. He died at the home of his son near Emmet on January 15, 1953, at the age of 80 years. He was baptized in infancy by the late Rev. Sandy Winfield. At the age of 17 he joined the Artesian Presbyterian Church when the Rev. W. D. Sullivan was pastor. Later in 1897 he joined the Dickey Chapel Methodist Church when the late Rev. J. M. G. Douglas was pastor.

On January 17, 1897. Mr. Boyd was united in marriage to Miss Rosie Lee Riddle who preceded him in death in September 1952. Three children were born to this union.

Mr. Boyd served as a steward at Dickey Chapel for twelve years when the church was dissolved and the membership moved to the Emmett Methodist Church. When Boyd's Chapel was erected Mr. Boyd was made a steward and he served his church in any capacity he could. He loved his church and was a faithful member until his death.

Surviving are three children, Vern Boyd, Mrs. Ruth Breed, Mrs. Estelle Hodges; three brothers, John Marvin and Pinckney Boyd and two sisters, Miss Lucia and Miss Dolly all of Emmet.

Services were held at the Emmet Methodist Church on January 16, 1953, and were conducted by his pastor, Rev. John W. Rushing.—John W. Rushing.

**GARLAND**—Thomas J. Garland died on January 18, 1953, at his home in Emmet. He was born at Falcon, Arkansas, August 24, 1878. He was the son of Robert R. and Josephine Garland. On September 7, 1904, he was married to Miss Junie Trotter. Two children were born to this union.

Mr. Garland moved to Emmet when he was three years of age and joined the Emmet Methodist Church when he was twelve years of age. He was a staunch and faithful member all the days of his life. On Sunday morning, January 18, he had attended Sunday School and church and died of a heart attack as he was sitting down at the dinner table. He gave of himself and his material possessions wherever they were needed regardless of whatever the need might be.

Mr. Garland was a member of the Board of Stewards and Board of Trustees of the Emmet Methodist Church for many years and diligently served his church at all times. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Lula Garland Nelson of Texarkana; a son, Ramley Garland of Emmet; two grandchildren, Harvey Nelson, Jr., and Junie Nelson of Texarkana; also three brothers, W. W. and J. M. of Emmet and E. B. Garland of Des Arc; one sister, Mrs. Joe Youmans of Emmet.

Funeral services were held at the Emmet Methodist Church, Monday, January 19, by Rev. John W. Rushing and Rev. M. E. Scott.—John W. Rushing.

## FIVE ARK.-LA. WOMEN CHOSEN JURISDICTION OFFICERS

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Lovett, Grady, Mrs. Erik F. Jensen, Stuttgart, Mrs. C. I. Parsons, Texarkana, Mrs. M. E. Scott, Stamps, Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Little Rock, Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland, Little Rock, Mrs. M. W. Willis, Little Rock, and Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Hope.

Louisiana Conference: Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston, Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Minden, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Shreveport, Mrs. Warren Constant, Bunkie, Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Sulphur, Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Crowley, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Houma, and Mrs. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge.

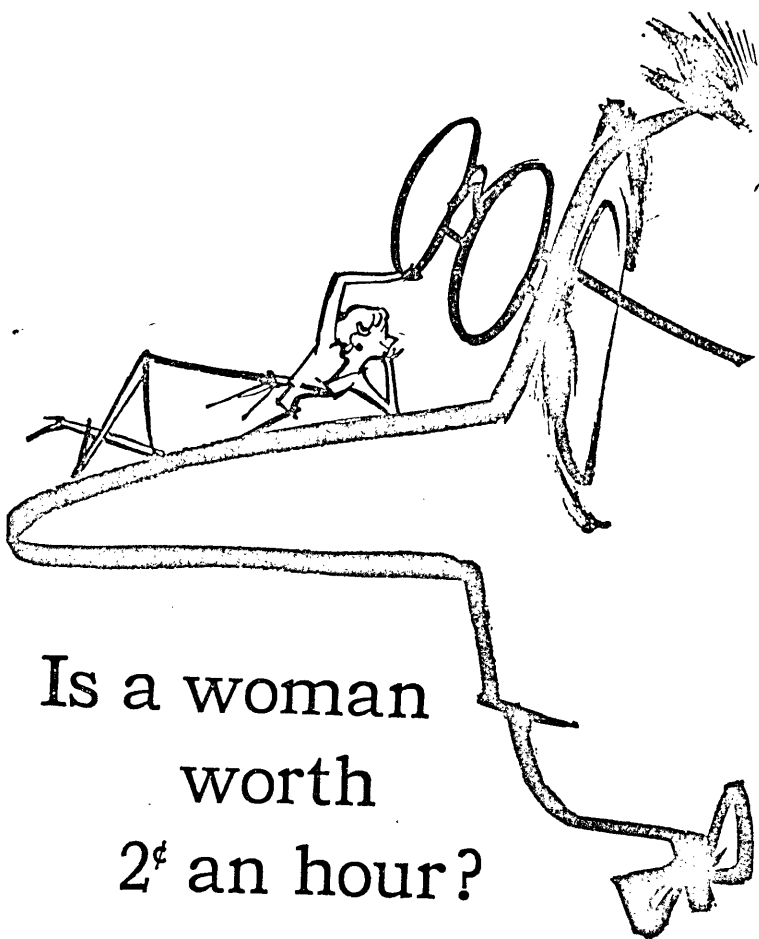
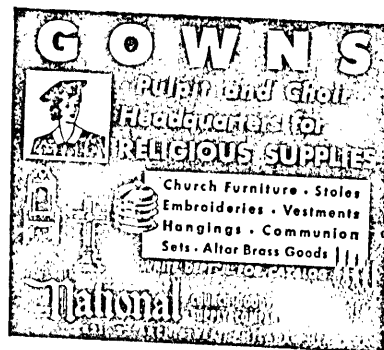
North Arkansas Conference: Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Springdale, Mrs. Ben Devoll, Paragould, Mrs. Elmus Brown, Jonesboro, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Ft. Smith, Mrs. Clarence Oakes, Siloam Springs and Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro.

## CHRISTIAN CULTURE EXHIBIT, TOKYO

For an entire month recently a display of Christian culture was made at the Shirokiya department store in Tokyo. It included the life of Christ, the early expansion of Christianity, the story of Christianity in Japan, the exhibit being presented in charts, paintings, etc. The display was well received as an instrument of public education. The exhibition was sponsored and produced by the Audio-Visual Commission of the National Christian Council of Japan.

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FOR MARCH 8, 1953

## WHY BE ALERT?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Matthew 24:1, 25:13; Romans 13:11-14. Printed Text: Matthew 25:1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT: Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. (I Cor. 16:13)

Keep in mind the general theme of the unit: "LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN"; and also the aim: "To help students discover some of the essential factors of Christian living today."

In our lesson last Sunday we tried to answer the question "HOW CAN I BE HUMBLE?" Our theme today is "WHY BE ALERT?" This is our quarterly temperance lesson.

### A Look at the Scriptures

One will better understand the lesson if he studies the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew as well as the printed text of the lesson, which is the first thirteen verses of the twenty-fifth chapter. We will do well to remember that the Bible was not originally divided into chapters and verses as we have it today. There is no real break in the closing verses of chapter twenty-four and the beginning of twenty-five. The Lord is talking here in parables and figures of speech about his return, and being ready for it.

There has probably been more argument on the Second Advent of the Lord than any other doctrine in the Bible. This argument began in the first generation of Christianity and has continued down until today.

In dealing with the subject there are two facts that need to be kept in mind; one is, that the Bible teaches that there will be a Second Advent, and the other is the fact that the early disciples looked for the return of the Lord during their generation.

There are some two or three opinions concerning this doctrine that we need to note. Some would eliminate the idea of a visible return of the Lord altogether. They tell us that it came from wishful thinking on the part of the Jews. It will be remembered that the early disciples were for the most part Jews. For long years the Jews had been taught that the Messiah would come and would establish a kingdom on earth. He was to sit on David's throne. They naturally felt that his kingdom would be a material kingdom as was David's.

One does not have to be a scholar to ascertain the fact that even the Apostles expected Jesus to establish such a kingdom while he was here in the flesh. That is why it was so hard for the Lord to convince them that he was about to die. To their way of thinking a crucified Messiah was a contradiction of terms. But the Lord was crucified, and not only so, some days after his resurrection he left the earth.

There can be no question about the fact that the Jews who believed in Christ were disappointed over his not establishing a visible kingdom while he was here in the flesh. Some tell us that these Christian Jews assuaged their disappointment by feeling that the Lord would make a

visible return at which time he would establish the type of kingdom that they had expected him to establish at his first coming. These people feel that these early Christian Jews were mistaken about the matter, and they go on to call attention to the fact that the Lord himself said that his would be a spiritual kingdom; that it was not of this world; and that it was inside of believers.

There is another group who contend that the Second Coming of the Lord has already taken place. They tell us that it happened on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came. There are different shades of belief among this group. Some of them believe that there is but one Person in the Godhead. They deny the old interpretation of the Trinity, which looked upon God as being One and yet in the unity of the Godhead there were three Persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These people interpret the idea of the Trinity as manifestations of one Person rather than revelations of three Persons. They tell us that his One Personal God has been manifested to the human race as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There are a trinity of manifestations yet each manifestation refers to One and the same Person. If what these people say is true then the Second Coming has taken place already. This coming would only mean a second manifestation. He was manifested first as the Son and later he returned in the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

Then there are the Pre-millennialists and the Post-millennialists. Both of these groups believe that the Godhead consists of three Persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) rather than three manifestations of One Person. Both groups expect a second visible return of the Lord. The word "millennium" means "thousand". It implies the thousand-years victory that Christianity is to have upon the earth. The Pre-millennialists believe that Christ is to make his visible return to the earth at the beginning of this thousand-year period and will lead the Church to victory. The Post-millennialists believe that Christ is to return at the close of this thousand years of victory. They believe that the Spirit-filled Church will win the victory over sin and that Christ will return visibly at the time of the triumph of the forces of righteousness over evil. The Pre-millennialists believe that the world will grow worse until Christ comes, while the Post-millennialists believe it will grow better. It will be noted that both of these groups do believe in a visible return of the Lord and both insist that he has not yet returned. Most of the Christian world is either Pre-millennialist or Post-millennialist in belief.

## The Prepared and The Unprepared

We have here in this parable of the ten virgins, or maidens the account of the prepared and the unprepared. Five of these maidens were wise and five were foolish. The wise were those who were prepared for the crisis. They not only took their lamps but they took oil to keep them replenished. The parable implies that all of these maidens were church members or professed followers of the Bridegroom. In spite of this fact, however, five of them fell by the wayside. They failed when the testing time came. No doubt the same is true with many modern church members. They make a profession of faith but when the testing time comes they will fail.

The oil spoken of in the parable refers to harmonious, personal contact between the believing individual and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the source of all spiritual life and power. It is only as one has his life consecrated to Christ and is in direct contact with the Holy Spirit that he continues in vigorous spiritual health and life. Cut off from this contact his lamp will go out; his moral life will wane and all that is best within him will slowly but surely die.

We are told that the cry arose at midnight, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." People go through life unprepared for the crises and then they come upon them when they least expect them. They try frantically to do something about them but all to no avail.

### One Cannot Borrow Religion

These foolish maidens went to the wise and tried to borrow oil but failed. There are some things in life you cannot borrow. One cannot borrow religion. Christianity is tied up with the idea of a Christlike character, and that cannot be borrowed. It takes time to be holy. It takes fellowship with Christ to become like him. This cannot be bandied around from one person to another like a material product. It is a thing that each individual, by the help of Christ, has to work out for himself. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is Christ who worketh in you both to will and to do at his good pleasure." That is the way that Christian character is obtained and it can come through no other source. A mother might love a child better than her own life. She would gladly give him any thing in the world she has, but she cannot give him Christian character. She may help him to attain it by properly training him and by always setting the right example before him, but still there is something he must do in the process. She cannot give him Christian character as an outright gift. It cannot be had that way.

### The Passing of Opportunities

We are told that when the Bridegroom arrived those who were ready went into the feast with him. What a wonderful thing it is to be ready; ready when opportunities for service come; ready to bear burdens and lift loads from the aching backs of others; ready to bring comfort to the bereaved and encouragement to the failing; ready when crises come. It is a wonderful thing to be ready. Whether one believes in the visible return of the Lord or not is beside the point. There are crises other than this that all must face. For example, all must face physical death and the judgment. Paul tells us, "It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment."

## The World's Saddest Sentence

The saddest sentence in any language is found in this passage of Scripture: "The door was shut." This simply meant that these foolish maidens had waited about making the preparation to meet Christ until it was too late. This door represented the door of joy and satisfaction; the door of highest usefulness that is open to every life; the very door of heaven itself. The door was shut; the opportunity had passed.

### The Importance of Alertness

There was never a time in the history of this nation when there was greater need for alertness on the part of all citizens. Ancient Rome went to sleep; she failed at the point of alertness and was overrun by the barbarian hordes. She was once the proud mistress of the world but we only read of her ancient glory in the archives of the musty history of the dead past. Will America fare better? She will if she becomes alert to the approaching danger; if she strengthens her moral fiber and her spiritual forces; if she always keeps in mind the great fact that "Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." The good Knight Sir Galahad said, "My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure." May God help America to be the Sir Galahad among modern nations; may her strength come from her righteousness; and may she lead the world into a new day of peace and prosperity.

### Lurking Evils

This is our quarterly temperance lesson. The liquor problem is still with us. Thousands of lives are lost annually because of this evil. Think of the accidents and other tragedies that are traced directly to it. Not only has liquor killed its thousands but it has wrecked the lives of hundreds of thousands and destroyed many homes. As citizens of this fair land we must not sleep on the job. We must be thoroughly alert to this evil, otherwise a midnight cry will sound the doom of this nation some day.

Add to the evil of drunkenness the other two evils that always follow in its train — sex immorality and gambling — and you have a dark picture indeed. In the Bible the question is raised, "Watchman what of the night, what of the night?" The poet answers,

"Dark the night of sin has settled;  
Loud the angry billows roll."

But that is not the whole story: "Eager eyes are watching, waiting  
For the light along the shore."

We are those lights along the shore. Christ said to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world." At the beginning of World War I a great British statesman said, "The lights all over Europe are going out." By the grace and help of God, through our alertness to the evils about us let us turn the lights on again.

A service of dedication for the publication of the Bible in modern Japanese was held recently at the Tokyo Young Men's Christian Association with about three hundred Christian leaders in attendance. The Sixth volume in a series of "New Commentaries on the New Testament," planned by the Literature Commission of the National Christian Council, has also just been published. Professor Takuo Matsumoto, well-known in Methodist circles in the United States, is giving full time to this enterprise.

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