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THERE begins this weekend and continues through Sunday, March 15 the Camden District Evangelistic Mission. Under the sponsorship of the Little Rock Conference Board of Evangelism, this district program is one of two which the conference board will conduct as a part of its conference program this year. A similar program will be held in the Little Rock District next month.

Ministers have been selected from throughout the Little Rock Conference to assist the pastors in the Camden District in this great program. Much preparatory work has gone into the planning, schedules have been arranged, prospect lists have been compiled, workers—ministerial and lay—have been secured, and all is in readiness for the program. The Lord is ever ready to bless an undertaking that is sincerely and prayerfully planned and designed to forward the interests of the Kingdom.

We would like to suggest that about the only stumbling block to a successful mission of this sort is the danger that the program becomes too mechanical in nature. We are confident that the leadership directing this program precludes that danger.

"They Are Off"

"THEY ARE OFF" is the hushed, tense cry of the racing fans at Hot Springs as the horses break away from the starting post. The words, "they are off," might well describe the whole shady mess connected with the annual racing season now on in Hot Springs.

Arkansas itself is decidedly "off" when, for financial gain, it sells itself short in the market of morals. It is commonly accepted that Arkansas would not think of allowing this orgy of gambling at Hot Springs, or anywhere else in the state, but for the putrid pound of flesh it takes from this festering sore. Arkansas is "off" so long as its laws permit this unholy practice.

The people who blindly and enthusiastically pour their money into the support of the races are generally willing themselves to confess that they are "off" when they have time to see how completely they have been "taken in" by this grandiose gambling scheme. When the average man bets on a game that is in the hands of professional gamblers, no additional evidence is needed to establish the fact that he is "off." Furthermore, the moral quality of gambling is not in the least affected by state laws. Pari mutuel betting at the races in Hot Springs may not be unlawful in Arkansas but it is still just as immoral there as gambling is immoral anywhere. If gambling is morally wrong, state laws cannot make it morally right.

The professional gamblers, who gather at race tracks like birds of prey about a carcass, will be "off" to other parts of the nation as soon as the races are over, taking with them large sums of money, formerly in the pockets of citizens of Arkansas, that could have been spent more profitably in legitimate channels of trade in our state. Arkansas is always poorer financially and morally because of this annual invitation to professional gamblers to "take us for a ride."

The agitation for another race track to be located in St. Frances County grows more brazen and more threatening as the days go by. We cannot now believe that this additional track will become a reality. However, it is a matter that the better citizenship of Arkansas will do well to watch and oppose in every legitimate way possible.

Your Chance To Help

THE month of March is Red Cross month throughout our nation. Our enrollment in the Red Cross is our one great opportunity to "be there" on time with adequate aid when unfortunate victims need help. Emergencies arise every year, often in unexpected places and in unexpected ways, that make immediate help a "must" if disaster victims are to have relief and additional suffering is to be prevented.

When storms, floods, earthquakes and other disasters strike with suddenness, there is no time then to organize relief forces and raise necessary money to meet the needs of the situation in time. We should be thankful that the Red Cross is already organized for such emergencies and, through the contributions received annually during March—Red Cross Month—it is also in a position, when needed, to give financial aid when financial aid is needed most. When we have made a



representative contribution to the Red Cross, we may feel, as it meets one emergency after another, that we too are there through our contribution.

More than once, in recent years, Arkansas has sorely needed the help that only the Red Cross could give immediately. Before our victims of disaster hardly had time to recover from the first shock or even to realize the extent of damages done, the Red Cross was there to organize relief and minister to those in need. Remembering the inestimable service the Red Cross has rendered our people, the citizenship of Arkansas would be very ungrateful if it did not give liberal response to Red Cross Month.

Let us remember, also, that the program of the Red Cross reaches far beyond emergency relief, in times of disaster. The services it has rendered our armed forces in World War I, World War II and in the Korean war can never be forgotten. The four hundred trained workers now in Japan and Korea, the two hundred such workers with our forces in Europe and the additional hundred-thirty five workers at the other military outposts in various part of the world evidence the interest of this great organization in the armed forces. The Red Cross aids also in other ways too numerous to mention.

"The Local Church In Methodism"

OUR OFFICE is in receipt of a book, "The Local Church in Methodism," which we feel will be of special interest and value to workers in our church. This book is "a guide for church officers explaining how local Methodist churches will work in accord with changes made by the 1952 General Conference."

This book was written by Bishop Costen J. Harrell who was Chairman of the Committee on the Local Church that studied this question for two quadrenniums. The report of this Committee to the recent General Conference was the basis for the new legislation for the Local Church. Because of the special study he has made of this legislation, Bishop Harrell is possibly the best qualified man in our church to write on this subject.

Leaders in the local church will welcome this detailed study of the new legislation regarding the Local Church. It is not so easy for the average layman to get from the Discipline the plain facts set forth in this timely book. It may be had at a nominal price from The Methodist Publishing House.

Communism Set To Destroy Christianity

ONE of the most interesting experiences we have had in recent years came in interviews editors of the Methodist Press were privileged to have with returned missionaries at the recent annual meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension at Buck Hill Falls. There we sat face to face with missionaries recently returned from China in several interviews, some of them more than two hours in length. These missionaries both men and women had stayed on the field while communism gradually took over the country. They were each subjected to months of solitary confinement in communistic jails. Some were in prison as long as two years. Through these long months in prison they would never know whether they were to be finally released or finally executed. They learned about communism the hard way.

These missionaries, loving China enough to offer their lives for it, told us frankly that one of the basic purposes of communism in China, as elsewhere, is to destroy the Christian religion. Communists plainly told some of these missionaries just why communism feels that Christianity must be destroyed if communism is to conquer the world.

The substance of the reasoning of the communist is as follows: The free world rests on a moral foundation. Christianity teaches the intrinsic value of truthfulness, honesty, justice, kindness, brotherhood, moral purity, the value and dignity of human personality, freedom of conscience and freedom of speech etc. So long as Christianity lives these moral principles of human conduct will be taught. So long as these moral principles undergird the lives of any appreciable number of people on earth they will be a threat to the development of communism and a hindrance to world domination by communism.

Since the avowed, unquestioned purpose of communism is to over-run the world, the communists say, in a calculated, cold-blooded manner, "Christianity must be destroyed." They say that this moral basis on which the free world rests must be destroyed before communism can pre-

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Catholic Church Relieves Priest Who Taught Bigotry

BOSTON—(RNS)—The Rev. Leonard J. Feeney, central figure in the stormy "Boston heresy case," has been excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by a decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office.

Announcement of the decree, which was published February 16 in Acta Apostolicae Sedis, official bulletin of the Holy See, was made here by The Pilot, weekly organ of the Boston archdiocese.

The decree declared that the former Jesuit had "automatically incurred excommunication" by his "stubborn disobedience to an order legitimately enjoined upon him to appear in Rome before the authority of the Sacred Congregation."

Father Feeney's doctrinal dispute with archdiocesan authorities here was made public in April, 1949, when four lay teachers at Boston College were fired for teaching "ideas leading to bigotry."

The teachers, who were followers of Father Feeney, accused the college of heresy in teaching that salvation was possible outside the Catholic Church.

When the faculty members were dismissed, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing "silenced" Father Feeney and revealed that he had stripped him of his priestly rights four months earlier.

Archbishop Cushing also prohibited Catholics from attending St. Benedict's Center at Cambridge, of which Father Feeney is director, on pain of forfeiting the right to receive the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist.

In October, 1949, Father Feeney was dismissed from the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

Father Feeney said he had not answered the summonses to Rome because they had not listed the charges against him and because he did not consider the orders "official."

A spokesman for Father Feeney's followers at the Center said the excommunication order would be appealed to Pope Pius XII because it stated no charge and did not mention the doctrinal issue involved.

The Holy Office's announcement did not refer to St. Benedict's Center or its members. Directors of the institution have maintained that it never was officially an arch-diocesan activity, although, prior to the doctrinal dispute, it had operated with the "ecclesiastical approbation" of Archbishop Cushing.

Father Feeney contends that there is no salvation outside the Catholic Church. He has maintained this position in the face of a 1949 ruling by the Holy Office that salvation is possible to persons not members of the Church if they are "united to her by desire and longing" . . . (even) "an implicit desire, so called because it is included in that good disposition of soul whereby a person wishes his will to be conformed to the will of God."

Following his "silencing" by Archbishop Cushing, Father Feeney set up a religious group called the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Excommunication is the heaviest penalty the Church can inflict. It deprives the excommunicated person of "communion with the faithful and enjoyment of the rights of a member of the Church." He is forbidden to receive the Sacraments and celebrate Mass.

The statement of the Holy Office, referring to Father Feeney's disobedience, declared:

"The highest authority in the Church had spoken and it confident-

ly hoped that its word would be heeded. It had a right to expect some gesture from Father Feeney expressing submission.

"It patiently waited that the temp-est and strife and vilification would gradually subside, scandal would be removed and peace and harmony return to the harassed members within the fold of Christ.

"But Father Feeney and his followers persisted unrelentingly in their course as before and gave no indication of willingness to abandon their erroneous position.

"To stubbornness they added insult and affront . . . When at length it became abundantly clear that further patience would serve to increase confusion in the ranks of the faithful, aggravate the scandal and cause irreparable harm to souls, His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, in his tender and paternal solicitude for the eternal welfare of souls committed to his supreme charge, intervened personally by giving explicit orders that Father Feeney be summoned to Rome."

EISENHOWER SAID TO BE CRITICAL OF DRINKING AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—President Eisenhower has advised religious leaders here that he does not approve of the consumption of liquor at the White House.

Gen. Eisenhower has expressed himself strongly on the subject, it was learned.

An order has been issued banning drinking by members of the White House executive staff during business hours or any time while at their offices.

Although cocktails were served to foreign envoys at a recent diplomatic reception, the President viewed the matter critically and his position has been fortified by letters of protest that have come to the White House.

Clergymen who have talked with Gen. Eisenhower are well satisfied that his position is sincere and that there will be very little drinking at the White House during his administration, probably less than at any time since repeal of the 18th Amendment in 1933.

BAPTIST SEMINARY ESTABLISHES DEPARTMENT TO STRENGTHEN CHURCHES

Wake Forest, N. C.—(RNS)—Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here has announced the establishment of a Church-Community Development Department the aim of which is to "strengthen the churches and to improve the quality of life in the South."

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention gave \$10,000 to enable the seminary to establish the new department. Prof. Garland Hendricks has been appointed to the faculty as director of field work. The combined action was described as a "significant event in the history of our denomination."

Dr. O. T. Binkley, professor of Christian Sociology and Ethics, in announcing the new department, said:

"A new community has emerged in the South. It is an expanding community whose boundaries have been enlarged by good roads and consolidated schools. It is an organized community which supports agencies designed to meet the needs of the people.

"In this new type of dynamic community life the country church

has an opportunity to release the transforming power of the gospel to promote Christian ideals for agriculture and industry, to strengthen the home, and to make religion a qualifying factor in all human relations.

"In response to this challenging opportunity, we declare our purpose to study the religious history of this region, and to serve the churches in their efforts to secure adequate leadership, to advance the Christian mission, and to relate the ethic of righteousness and love to community life.

"At this crucial hour, Southern Baptists have a superlative opportunity to resist the spread of secularism and to advance Christian enterprise in dynamic communities. We believe that through a fresh study of the Bible, and an application of its great truths in everyday living, men and women will recover a feeling of security in a turbulent world. They will appreciate moral and spiritual values. They will participate in an effective church program designed to meet the religious needs of people and to make good communities better."

Dr. John Q. Schisler writes
Concerning

PROTECTION OF MORAL STANDARDS

"When it became obvious that his father won the presidency, he celebrated by opening up a case of Scotch whiskey and inviting his friends."

This is a paragraph in a United Press story from Korea.

It continues: "Eisenhower and a friend washed glasses in a battered tin basin on a creaky wooden box before pouring drinks." There are perhaps millions of Americans who will approve. They say, that is a normal thing for the son of the president-elect to do. He is young, he is far from home, he is in the Army. He is the son of the man who has just been overwhelmingly elected to the most important office on earth. Why shouldn't he celebrate in whatever way he chooses? If he wants to drink Scotch whiskey with his friends, so what?

But such questions as there arise in the minds even of those who are not "cranks about liquor." Why should a young man whose father has just been chosen to assume the heaviest responsibility which could be imposed upon anyone turn to drink? What is the matter with a society which not only condones but approves when individuals observe great events by consuming quantities of liquor? How did it happen that this young man had a case of Scotch ready for the celebration? Is the Army sincere in its protestations of concern for the moral and spiritual welfare of its men?

Under a heading: "Protection of Moral Standards," the Secretary of Defense recently issued a memorandum which he ordered to be "disseminated to all commanding officers in every echelon, and that appropriate service procedures be established and promulgated to elect adherence to this policy."

The memorandum says that "it is in the national interest that personnel serving in the Armed Forces be protected in the realization and development of moral, spiritual, and

religious values. To this end, it is the duty of commanding officers . . . to develop to the highest possible degree the conditions and influences calculated to promote the health, morals, and spiritual values of the personnel under their command."

I fail to see how the free and abundant flow of liquor among soldiers everywhere, including the front lines in Korea, is keeping faith with the order of the Secretary of Defense, to develop "to the highest possible degree the conditions and influences calculated to promote the health, morals, and spiritual values of the personnel under their command." One wonders if the Secretary of Defense really means what he says.

OLDER ADULT CAMP

Beginning Tuesday afternoon June 9th and continuing through Friday noon June 12, the Older Adult Camp, 65 years plus, of the two Districts Baton Rouge and New Orleans, will meet in their second encampment at the Seashore Camp Grounds, Biloxi, Mississippi.

The camp staff will be the Rev. Edward Thomas of Denham Springs, Rev. Melvin Merrill of New Orleans, Rev. and Mrs. John Redmond of New Orleans, Miss Connie Peak of Walker, Rev. Dr. Bennett of Florida and Van Carter.

The first camp activity will be Tuesday afternoon at three, and the last will be lunch noon Friday June 12. The price for the three days will be \$12.00 including registration fee of one dollar, which should be sent to the registrar Mrs. Van Carter, Pride, La. Registrations are limited to fifty campers.

All Sunday School adult teachers of the 65 years plus age group in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Districts are asked to give notice of this camp date to their classes and offer them the opportunity to register.—Van Carter

ARKANSAS METHODIST

Barratt's Chapel

---Cradle Of

American Methodism

By CHAPLAIN (Major) LYMAN T. BARGER
Member North Arkansas Conference

BARRATT'S CHAPEL is one of the oldest Methodist Churches in America. It is located in Kent County, Delaware, on highway No. 13, about one mile north of Frederica and about eight miles from Dover. This church is called the "Cradle of Methodism" because here, on November 14, 1784, Bishop Thomas Coke, sent from England by the Rev. John Wesley, met the Rev. Francis Asbury, who was Wesley's appointed leader in the colonies; Bishop Coke here consulted with Asbury and the meeting resulted in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Coke, along with Whatcoat and Vasey, had arrived in New York on November 3, 1784, and arrived in Dover two days later. He states in his journal: "Here we met Freeborn Garretson, Sunday, November 14. Richard Whatcoat preached in the courthouse at 6 a. m. to a very large congregation."

"About eleven o'clock we arrived at Barratt's Chapel, so-called from our friend who built it, and who went to heaven a few days ago. In this chapel, in the midst of a forest, I had a noble congregation to whom I endeavored to set forth the Redeemer as our 'wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption.' After the sermon, a plain, robust man came up to us in the pulpit and kissed me. I thought it could be no other than Mr. Asbury, and I was not deceived."

Dr. Coke adds: "I administered the sacrament, after preaching, to five or six hundred communicants, and held a love feast. It was the best season I ever knew, except one in Ireland. After dining with eleven of our preachers at Sister Miriam Barratt's, about one mile from the Chapel, Mr. Asbury and I had a private conversation on the future management of our affairs in America. He informed me that he had received some intimation of my arrival on the continent, and that he thought it probable I might meet him that day and have something of importance to communicate to him from Mr. Wesley, and that he had therefore collected a considerable number of preachers to form a council, and if they were of opinion that it would be expedient immediately to call a conference, it should be done."

The council of preachers unanimously decided to call a conference, and Freeborn Garretson was sent off to give notice throughout the connection. Thus, at Barratt's Chapel and in his home, one mile distant, Coke and Asbury discussed and formulated plans which resulted in the calling of the Christmas Conference, December 24, 1784, in Lovely Lane Chapel, Baltimore, where American Methodism was formally organized into an independent church.

Dr. Coke further adds: "Mr. Asbury and I have agreed to use our joint endeavors to establish a school or college. I baptized thirty or forty infants and seven adults. We had indeed a precious time at the baptism of the adults."

Stevens, in his "History of Methodism" says: "Thus we reach again the memorable interview at Barratt's Chapel, and here in the forest solitude the momentous schemes of Coke's mission are fully disclosed. The first General Conference of American Methodists was fully discussed. The first General Conference of American Methodists was appointed, and Garretson flew off like an arrow to summon it together, and the project of Dickens for a Methodist College revived. It was with prayerful counsels, sacramental solemnities, liberal devisings, and with singing and shouting, that the young denomination prepared in the Woodland Retreat to enter upon its new and world-wide destinies."

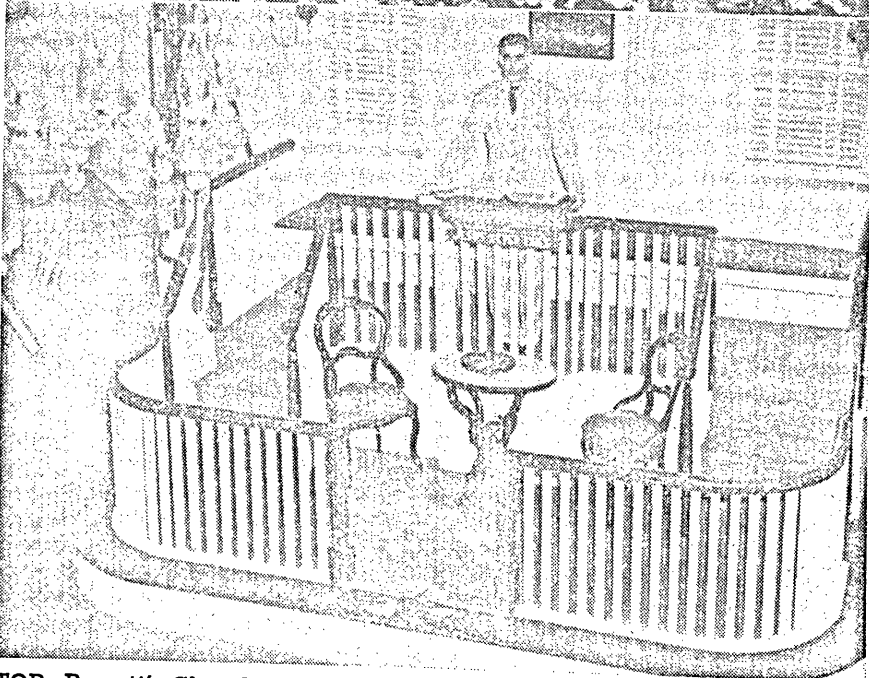
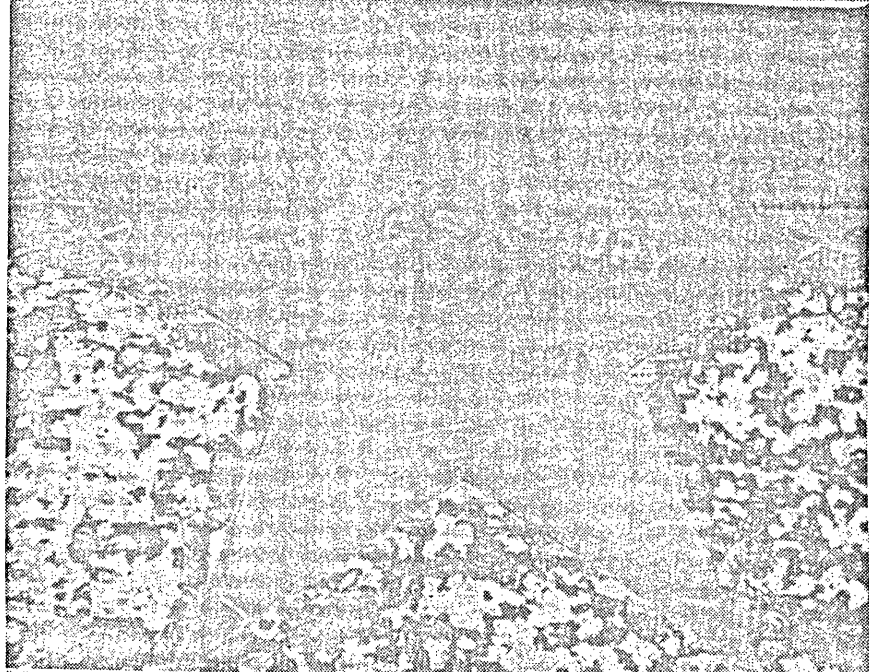
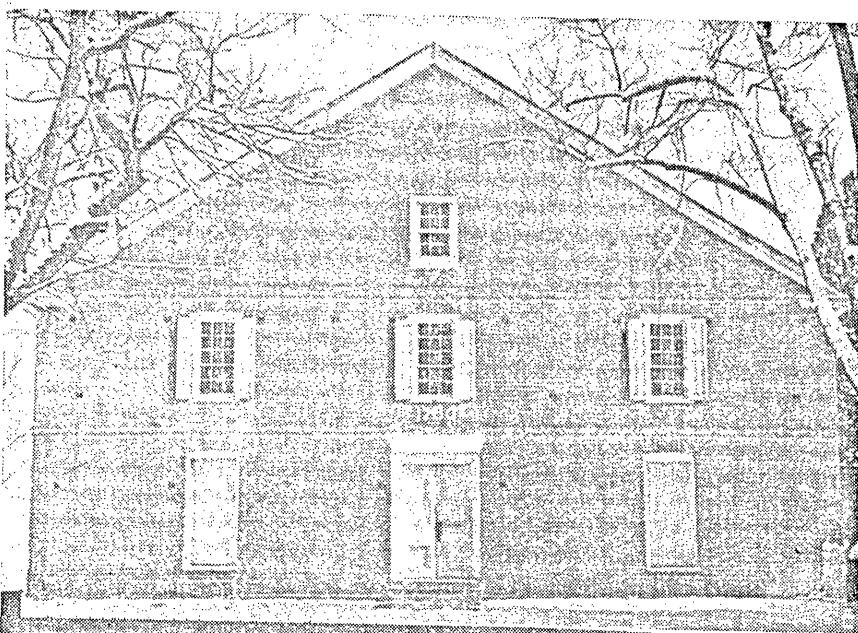
Barratt's Chapel is the place where the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was first administered in this country by duly authorized Methodist preachers to Methodist communicants.

Barratt's Chapel was built in May, 1780, on grounds donated for that purpose by Philip Barratt, a member of the General Assembly, who was converted in 1778, under the preaching of Freeborn Garretson. The deed bears the date of August 17, 1780. As it was built prior to the organization of the Methodist Church, it has a deed conveying the property to nine trustees. Thus, no trust clause appears in the deed, and the property is held by a self-perpetuating board of nine trustees. The deed provided that those entitled to preach should be persons appointed at the yearly conference of the people called Methodists, held in America to preach and expound God's word and no other doctrine should be taught than was contained in the Rev. Mr. Wesley's notes or the New Testament, and four volumes of his sermons, etc.

The building is 42 by 48 feet, two stories high, with a gallery, and is built of brick said to have been imported from Holland for that purpose. The Chapel presents very much the same appearance today as when it was finished, with the exception of the high pulpit which has been removed. The same seat upon which Bishop Asbury and Coke and the early fathers of the Church sat is carefully preserved in a glass case in the church.

Asbury records in his diary that the first quarterly meeting was held in the chapel on November 4, 1780, and it is recorded one thousand people were in attendance. Dr. Samuel Magaw, rector of the Episcopal Church in Dover, preached an excellent sermon on "Who Shall Ascend Unto The Hill Of The Lord." "Brothers Hartley and Glendenning exhorted. We all stayed at Mr. Barratt's. Mr. Magaw prayed with much affection, and we parted with great love."

"The next day," he continues, "Sunday, November 5, we had between



TOP: Barratt's Chapel, early center of Methodism in America.

MIDDLE: Bronze Star at Barratt's Chapel.

LOWER: Chaplain (Major) Lyman T. Barger preaching August, 1952, in Barratt's Chapel.

one and two thousand people. Our house was crowded above and below, and numbers remained outside. Our love feast lasted about two hours. Some spoke about the sanctifying grace of God. I preached on John 3:16-18, a heavy house to preach in. Brothers Peddicord and Cromwell exhorted."

Three days after this quarterly meeting, on Wednesday, November 8, 1780, we find this record in Mr. Asbury's journal: "Engaged the friends to subscribe seven hundredweight of pork toward the meeting house at Barratt's, showing that the people contributed in merchandise as well as in money and labor."

"Services are now held in the Chapel every other Sunday, and Barratt's Chapel is on a circuit with Magnolia, where the pastor, The Rev. C. M. Elderdice, resides, and Bowers Beach."

Chaplain (Major) Lyman T. Barger, preached in Barratt's Chapel in August, and assisted in the 172nd Anniversary in September of 1952.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. E. H. HALL, pastor at Dell, will be guest speaker at the Methodist Men's meeting at Manila on Wednesday evening, March 4.

SYMPATHY goes out to Rev. George Kleeb, our pastor at Pea Ridge, in the death of his wife on Sunday, February 22. Mrs. Kleeb had been ill for some time.

BISHOP MARVIN A. FRANKLIN of the Jackson, Mississippi, Area, will be the speaker for the Youth Rally to be held on the Hendrix campus on March 27.

REV. J. RALPH CLAYTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Warren, gave the inspirational address at the World Day of Prayer service at the church on Friday, February 20. Women of all denominations attended the service.

REV. GEORGE STEWART, pastor at Atkins, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Conway County Methodist Laymen on Friday evening, February 27, in Pierce Hall of the First Methodist Church, Morrilton.

DR. C. M. REVES, vice-president of Hendrix College, Conway, will bring the message at the morning service on Sunday, March 8, at the Henderson Methodist Church, Rev. K. A. Hale, pastor.

DR. JAMES T. CARLYON, professor of Christian Doctrine at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, was guest speaker for the evening service on Sunday, February 15, at the Wesley Methodist Church, Pine Bluff. Rev. Winslow Brown is pastor of Wesley Church.

SEVENTY FAMILIES were represented at the Family Night fellowship supper and program at the First Methodist Church, Morrilton, on Wednesday evening, February 18. Six recordings of circuit riders hymns, as sung 150 years ago, secured by the pastor, Rev. H. J. Couchman, were featured on the program.

REV. BARRY BAILEY, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Rison, will assist Rev. George W. Warren, pastor at Hampton, in a series of pre-Easter services at the Hampton Methodist Church, beginning on March 22 and running through March 29. The Adult Choir will present "The Seven Last Words" at the vesper hour on Palm Sunday, March 29.

ATTENDING the Jurisdictional Conference of Conference Secretaries, Statisticians in Palestine, Texas, last week were P. E. Cooley, Blytheville, North Arkansas Conference Treasurer and Rev. W. A. Stewart of Lepanto, Conference Statistician. Brother Stewart was elected to the Program Committee for the next session.

MISS MARY SEARCY, recently returned missionary from Japan, will be in Magnolia, March 10, 11 and 12, to work with the Wesley Foundation and students on the Southern State campus. Mrs. George Harrod will be responsible for interviews with Miss Searcy on the campus and Rev. Elmer L. Thomas will take care of all arrangements for off-campus interviews and engagements.

THE METHODIST MEN of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church of North Little Rock will meet at the church on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p. m. for their regular monthly dinner meeting. Dr. James W. Workman will be the speaker, using as his subject, The Revised Standard Version of the Bible. President Roy Garlington will preside over the meeting and introductions will be made by G. W. Shaw.

DR. W. HENRY GOODLOE, District Superintendent of the Fort Smith District, announces that on February 24 the Fort Smith District Board of Ministerial Qualifications unanimously authorized the granting of Local Preacher's License to Mrs. Monroe Scott of Bonanza, and that subject to Bishop Martin's approval, she is being appointed as pastor in charge of the Hackett Cir-

cuit. Mrs. Scott has been serving as Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

REV. CHARLES McDONALD, Ozark pastor, will be the speaker at the Fort Smith District Youth Rally, Friday evening, March 6 when more than 700 young people of the district will meet at the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Ft. Smith. Officers of the District MYF will have charge of the program. A triple trio from the Van Buren High School will furnish special music.

DEATH OF MRS. FRED LARK

Mrs. Lark, wife of Rev. Fred Lark, longtime member of the North Arkansas Conference, died on Thursday, February 26 in a Little Rock hospital. Funeral services were held on Saturday at 10:00 a. m. in Asbury Church with Dr. Arthur Terry, pastor, and Dr. Francis A. Buddin, district superintendent, in charge.

A graveside service with Rev. Vernon Chalfant in charge was held at Rogers where the body was taken for interment.

A fuller notice will be carried later.

ATTENTION MINISTERS AND LAY DELEGATES OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE:

First Church, Little Rock, is looking forward to being host to the One Hundredth session of the Little Rock Conference which is scheduled to convene on Wednesday, June 3. The hotels and many of the tourist courts have been contacted and they desire to serve you in every possible way. In order to assure that rooms sufficient to care for all who attend will be available, we urge the ministers, lay delegates, and any visitors who plan to attend the Conference to write for reservations to the hotel or tourist court of your choice. With the exception of the Superannuate Ministers, we are depending upon you to make your own hotel reservations. If you desire the church to reserve a room or rooms for you, please send full information to us as early as possible, stating accommodations desired and price you prefer to pay.—First Methodist Church, Little Rock

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN HUGH REYNOLDS

Mrs. John Hugh Reynolds, wife of Dr. John Hugh Reynolds, former president of Hendrix College, died at her home in Conway on Sunday, March 1, at the age of 85. She had been ill for several weeks.

Mrs. Reynolds was one of the two members of the first graduating class of Hendrix College under the name of Hendrix. She was married to Dr. Reynolds in 1895 while he was head of the Department of History at the University of Arkansas. He served as president in 1912-13 and became president of Hendrix in 1913. Mrs. Reynolds lived on the Hendrix campus for thirty-two years.

Surviving are her husband, a son, George M. Reynolds of Petit Jean Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Bryant Davidson of Shreveport, La., Mrs. David M. Driver of Arkadelphia and Mrs. Margaret Hower of Little Rock and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Conway, on Monday by Dr. C. M. Reves and Rev. James A. Reynolds.

MRS. BENDER TO SPEAK AT CONWAY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Conway District will have a special meeting at the First Methodist Church, Conway, on Wednesday, March 11 at 10:00 a. m. when Mrs. C. A. Bender of the Woman's Division, headquarters in New York, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Bender is the official observer of the Woman's Division at the United Nations.

A school girl lunch will be served.

A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A RICH EXPERIENCE

After finishing High School at Nashville, Arkansas, I went from my farm home to Hendrix College. Dr. Stonewall Anderson was President and in the height of his popularity. Like the rest of the boys at Hendrix, I passed immediately under his influence and became one of his most ardent admirers. At the same time I met his attractive young wife and she shared the esteem and admiration we all felt for her fine husband.

During my stay at Hendrix, Dr. John T. Bagwell, Presiding Elder of the Conway District for three years, and the father of Mrs. Anderson, came to address the student body on several occasions. We were all inspired by his personality and the wonderfully fine messages he brought to us.

When I became the pastor of Boston Avenue Church, Tulsa, I met Mrs. Bess Tanner, a sister of Mrs. Anderson, and a daughter of Dr. Bagwell. Mrs. Tanner was active in the work of Boston Avenue Church and became one of my good friends. After several years of absence I came back to Tulsa to live in my retirement and found Mrs. Tanner still deeply interested in the work of the church.

A short time before Christmas Mrs. Anderson came to Tulsa to visit her sister and it was my pleasure to renew my association of other years with her. She is a widow now and my deep regard for her husband gave us much in common to talk about. She had not been here long when she had an unfortunate fall which necessitated hospitalization for treatment to speed her recovery. My wife and I learned of her accident immediately and visited her often in the hospital. She is older now, and I wondered how she would face up to a protracted period of confinement. Her attitude was all that could be expected. Her patience and cheerfulness were inspiring to all who visited her. We went to see her, hoping to bring comfort to her, but soon discovered that the tables were turned and we received more from her than we were able to give to her. She won the love and admiration of the nurses who waited upon her and of all those who came to see her.

After several weeks, her son, Dr. John Anderson, came over and took her back to her home in Conway. She is a worthy daughter of saintly parents and a consecrated widow of a noble husband. For all of us the visit of Mrs. Anderson was a benediction.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

HOW DOES GOD GUIDE US?

How did it come about that you are reading this column today? Perhaps some of you may answer that in your case it was pure chance, you happened to be turning the page of the newspaper and you saw it. But were all the inventions which contributed to our modern newspapers a mere matter of chance?



When we start our minds running back along the skein of events which have led our lives up to this point, we do not find in mere chance or coincidence very adequate explanations. Only recently we celebrated the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington. Was it only by chance that Columbus discovered this continent? Was it merely coincidence that our founding fathers drew up the kind of Constitution which we have? Was it only the accident of birth which gave us in the crises of our history men with the characters of a Washington and a Lincoln?

It is beyond my belief that blind chance could shuffle the material elements of earth and draw from the mixture the conscience of a Socrates, the mind of a Plato and the genius of a Shakespeare. For me, the doctrine of chance does not explain the emergence of that orderliness which the physicist finds in the electron and the astronomer finds in the heavens. There seem to be purpose and plan running through Creation.

In my student days, a book made a deep impression on my mind. It was entitled "The Pulse of Asia." It told of the mass migration a thousand or more years ago from the Central Asia plateau of Turkestan westward until Palestine was occupied and the Eastern end of the Mediterranean was closed as a trade route between Europe and India. The occupation of Palestine by infidels aroused the conscience of European Christians and they launched the Crusades to free the Holy Sepulchre.

The Crusaders, in crossing eastern Europe, made contact with the old Greek culture and thus was stirred a revival of learning in Europe. Vitalized by that renaissance, Europe sought to expand her trade but because the eastern route to India was closed by the Turks, Christopher Columbus tried to find a new approach by sailing west and thus discovered America. When I trace the sequence of such events I can hardly escape the questions of divine guidance and human destiny.

Whatever you and I may think about it, this nation was founded by men who believed that there is a higher power presiding over the human scene. Often quoted is the remark of Benjamin Franklin, one of the least pious though perhaps the most learned of our Constitution makers. When the convention seemed deadlocked by divisiveness, the aged Franklin moved to invoke divine guidance, saying: "The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men; and if a sparrow cannot fall without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

During the life of this nation official prayers have been offered at the convening of our legislatures and the inauguration of our highest executives. And remembering our first president's birthday last week, we can express the traditional faith of our nation in words which the Psalmist used at the celebration of one of Israel's victories. Here they are, the last verse of the 48th Psalm: "For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death."

There are various methods of guidance. The rider guides his horse by rein and whip. The shepherd guides his dog by voice and gesture. By wireless we can guide the plane in the air. But when we consider the channels of communication between two personalities, we realize that there must be mutual understanding before one can effectively guide the other.

In the earliest stages of childhood, a parent has to guide the infant by the exercise of authority. The two-year old can hardly be trusted to grasp the logic of a parent's explanation about the perils of fire and water and automobiles. Grandchildren, I am finding, are much more precocious and

METHODIST BISHOP MADE AFRICAN CHIEF

METHODIST Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco, now on a mission in parts of the Belgian Congo where few white men have ever been, has been made a Uwandfi (chief) over the Bambuli and Balanga clans.

In a report received February 23, by the denomination's Board of Missions here, Bishop Tippet describes the ceremonies and investitures by which he was made a member of the Council of Khum-Ukunda (wise men and elders).

The first rite changed his name to Usingi a Dimbuli, meaning "a great tree that spreads its branches out in protection of all other trees and draws all people to its shade."

Further ceremonies included investing him with costume and tools.

The Bishop described these insignia: "a monkeyskin with eight copper

medals on the tail; a heavy knife with copper grip; two long spears, which placed before the Khum Ukunda become a place of refuge, assuring a fair trial to anyone in trouble."

Other equipment included a gong, the sound of which commands complete silence, and a string of leopard's teeth to be worn around the neck.

In response to a plea from the chief of chiefs that his people were "all rotting away" Bishop Tippet promised to establish a dispensary with a nurse, on condition that the tribe construct a building.

The expedition into the Bambuli country required 70 natives to transport by hammock the seven persons and their supplies, since there are no roads in this remote part of the Pygmy country.

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Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Miami, Fla., was elected vice president, and the two other jurisdiction officers—Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., Marion, N. C., recording secretary, and Mrs. B. R. Stout, Knoxville, Tenn., treasurer, were re-elected.

The outgoing vice president, Mrs. E. V. Perry, Rolling Fork, Miss., was elected secretary of foreign work.

S E JURISDICTION W. S. C. S. MEETS

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 25—"Peace, race and liquor are the liveliest issues of our day and must be our chief concern," Methodist women of nine southeastern states and Cuba were told here today by their president, Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Franklin, Tenn.

She made her annual report this morning to more than 250 representatives of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service, southeastern jurisdiction, in session at St. Luke's Methodist Church.

Delegates represent 378,500 society members in Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina, and Cuba.

"War and race are so inter-related that we cannot work toward peace unmindful of this fact," Mrs. Robinson said. "We can hold peace meetings from now on, but unless we bring into clear focus the point of the story of the Good Samaritan, our efforts cease to be a venture of faith . . . we cannot reconcile our faith with our failures in the whole scope of human rights."

Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Franklin, Tenn., was re-elected president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. This is Mrs. Robinson's second four-year

understanding than regular children! But even a grandchild now and then needs the guidance of authority. Nevertheless, the parent or grandparent is not content until the leading strings are superseded by the free choice of the child's own nature.

Likewise, God's guidance of his grown children is not by external coercion, but by the response of spirit to spirit.

How does God guide us? By the wisdom of the ages in books like the Bible, by the general patterns of history, by the still small voice of conscience, by the luminous insights of our best moments. Yes, and in countless other ways God shows his guiding hand to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

AREA CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT NO. 3

THROUGH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

ARKANSAS METHODIST

| ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Total 1273 | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----|----|-------|
| HOT SPRINGS | | | | |
| Grand Ave., C. R. Hozendorf | 17 | 96 | 4 | 117 |
| Malvern First, Van W. Harrell | 11 | 111 | | 122 |
| CAMDEN DISTRICT—Total 1814 | | | | |
| Camden, First Church, Robert B. Moore | 12 | 99 | 6 | 117 |
| Marysville-Fredonia, H. A. Stroup | 4 | 42 | 3 | 49** |
| Parker's Chapel, Chas. W. Baughman | 21 | 45 | 1 | 67** |
| HOPE DISTRICT—Total 1429** | | | | |
| Hope, Virgil D. Keeley | 20 | 169 | 7 | 196** |
| Lockesburg Ct., J. R. Calicott | 10 | 25 | | 33 |
| TEXARKANA | | | | |
| First Church, Fred R. Harrison | 32 | 156 | 3 | 191** |
| LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Total 1944 | | | | |
| Carlisle, Curtis Williams | 8 | 35 | 3 | 46 |
| Douglasville, J. R. Sewell | 15 | 33 | | 48** |
| Hazen, Harold Sadler | 2 | 54 | 1 | 57 |
| LITTLE ROCK | | | | |
| Asbury, Arthur Terry | 61 | 190 | 9 | 268** |
| First Church, Aubrey G. Walton | 30 | 153 | 16 | 199 |
| Highland, Rufus Sorrells | 35 | 57 | 8 | 100 |
| Hunter, Fred L. Arnold | 21 | 46 | | 67 |
| Pulaski Heights, Kenneth Shamblin | 16 | 78 | 3 | 97 |
| Twenty-Eighth St., Clyde Parsons | 15 | 26 | | 41** |
| Winfield, Cecil R. Culver | 41 | 116 | 7 | 164 |
| MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Total 1285** | | | | |
| Wilmar, James Constable | 6 | 23 | 4 | 33** |
| PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Total 1222** | | | | |
| PINE BLUFF | | | | |
| Lakeside, Otto Teague | 51 | 46 | 7 | 104 |
| BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Total 932 | | | | |
| Batesville, First, E. G. Kaetzell | 17 | 82 | 6 | 105** |
| Charlotte Ct.-Cave Ck., T. O. Love | 1 | 12 | 1 | 14 |
| Desha, James Sewell | 2 | 13 | | 15 |

| CONWAY DISTRICT—Total 1361** | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| NORTH LITTLE ROCK | | | | |
| First, J. Wm. Watson | 65 | 141 | 2 | 208** |
| FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Total 1003 | | | | |
| Pea Ridge, George J. Klee | 7 | 10 | | 17 |
| FORREST CITY DISTRICT—Total 1441** | | | | |
| Colt, L. L. Langston | 4 | 27 | 2 | 33 |
| Marianna, W. O. Scroggin | 115 | 90 | 1 | 206*3 |
| West Memphis, J. Ralph Hillis | 6 | 42 | | 48 |
| Wheatley, J. W. Moore | 1 | 34 | 1 | 36** |
| FT. SMITH DISTRICT—Total 1589 | | | | |
| Altus | | 1 | | 1 |
| Booneville, W. J. Spicer | 15 | 92 | | 107** |
| JONESBORO DISTRICT—Total 1546** | | | | |
| Harrisburg, J. T. Byrd | 13 | 68 | | 81** |
| Joiner, E. E. Stevenson | 5 | 44 | | 49** |
| JONESBORO | | | | |
| First Church, J. M. McCormack | 27 | 86 | 8 | 121 |
| Fisher Street, W. M. Womack | 4 | 27 | | 31** |
| Trumann, Byron McSpadden | 26 | 31 | 1 | 58** |
| PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Total 1032** | | | | |
| Marmaduke, John F. Wilson | 16 | 26 | 6 | 48*2 |
| Maynard-Ravenden Spgs., Loyd Turner | | 1 | 21 | 22 |
| SEARCY DISTRICT—Total 1054** | | | | |
| Augusta, H. Lynn Wade | 13 | 44 | 8 | 65** |
| Clinton, J. L. Pruitt | 12 | 43 | 3 | 58** |
| Harrison, Earle Cravens | 9 | 60 | | 69 |
| McRae, Robert Johnson | 4 | 24 | | 28 |
| Rosebud, Harold Brent | 1 | 22 | | 23** |
| Van Buren County No. 1, Bobby Edwards | 8 | 16 | 2 | 26** |

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| ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—Total 1111 | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|----|--|------|
| ALEXANDRIA | | | | |
| First Church, Henry Bowdon | 38 | 60 | | 98 |
| Simsport, Don Miller | 5 | | | 5 |
| Winnfield, P. M. Caraway | 6 | 62 | | 68** |
| BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—Total 1104 | | | | |
| Jackson, W. R. Irving Jr. | 5 | 28 | | 33 |
| LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Total 909 | | | | |
| Bayou Chene, C. M. Morris | 10 | | | 10* |
| CROWLEY | | | | |

| First Church, Alfred M. Brown | 16 | 2 | | 18 |
|--------------------------------|----|----|---|------|
| Hornbeck, C. J. Thibodeaux | 1 | | | 1 |
| Kinder, Abe M. Conerly | 7 | 4 | 1 | 12* |
| Vinton, I. O. Donaldson | 7 | 9 | | 16 |
| MONROE DISTRICT—Total 1711** | | | | |
| MONROE | | | | |
| First Church, H. L. Johns | 99 | 38 | | 137 |
| Stone Ave., I. L. Yeager | 8 | 18 | | 26 |
| WEST MONROE | | | | |
| Brownsville, T. A. Brown | 8 | 8 | | 16 |
| RUSTON DISTRICT—Total 1587** | | | | |
| Eros, A. E. Wingfield | 7 | 14 | | 21 |
| MINDEN | | | | |
| First Church, Ira W. Flowers | 20 | 80 | 9 | 109 |
| SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—Total 1304 | | | | |
| BOSSIER CITY | | | | |
| First Church, W. R. Wendt | 8 | 25 | | 33 |
| Logansport, Sidney A. Seegers | 2 | 47 | 2 | 51** |
| SHREVEPORT | | | | |
| Cedar Grove, Roy E. Mouser | 10 | 20 | | 30 |
| Mangum Mem., A. W. Townsend | 38 | 12 | 2 | 52 |

COMMUNISM SET TO DESTROY
CHRISTIANITY

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vail. Since the moral basis for life is supported by Christianity, Christianity must go.

We asked a missionary just what foundation the communist proposed to substitute for the moral foundation on which our civilization rests. The answer was that the communist apparently is not thinking about the substitute. He is concerned now with destroying Christianity and thereby destroying the moral basis for human relationships. It is such a foe that the free world now faces.

"THEN CHRIST SHALL REIGN"

By MRS. C. A. BARR

This message was delivered by Mrs. Barr, president of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, at the twelfth annual Jurisdiction meeting held in Amarillo, Texas, February 17, 18 and 19.

Another Year of Unprecedented Achievements

It is a genuine pleasure to bring this message showing steady progress in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the South Central Jurisdiction. Unprecedented achievements and growth have always made for inspiring reports to the stockholders of any corporation and this Jurisdiction Woman's Society can be likened to a great corporation with all members equal stockholders.

It was with real pride that I stood before the Jurisdiction Conference in Wichita, Kansas last summer and reported that our per capita giving had increased to \$5.05 and that a larger number of the conferences in this Jurisdiction met the increase in giving in appropriations than in any other Jurisdiction.

Our statistical report at the end of the second quarter this year showed a net gain of 7,429 adult members or a gain of 22%, but actually 10,249 new members were reported. We welcome these new members into the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild, and as these peace loving, capable, energetic new members are properly informed and given specific tasks to do, the legacies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be tremendously enriched and strengthened.

The real lifeblood and heartbeat of this organization is Christian service. The record number of activities reported the past year is reassuring—thoughtful, useful, altruistic activities that have felt their impact on communities as well as individuals. Many activities grew out of the study, Home Missions and Human Rights. More Methodist women are attending precinct, county, and state conventions than ever before; they are not only going to the polls to vote, but they are taking other citizens with them.

Our Jurisdiction was richly blessed last fall when representatives of Wesleyan Service Guilds from the six Jurisdictions met for a Retreat at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, Ark. Twenty-five were present from this Jurisdiction and all expressed deep appreciation for the privilege of having a closer walk with God and listening to His still, small voice in such a perfect setting. I'm sure the Guild units will profit much from the days their leaders spent there as they "Seek to Grow as Christians."

World-Minded Christians

Pause for a moment and ponder the words, "think without confusion clearly." There is an old Swedish adage, "Any sailor can captain a ship when the seas are calm." But when the wind blows and the sea is rough, passengers on an ocean liner feel much safer when they know that a

composed, clear-thinking captain is at the controls. By the same token, during these days of strain and stress, we must be composed and able to look very carefully at this civilization of which we are a part and seek to understand it better, if we are to be of greater service. We must familiarize ourselves with the problems of government, enlighten ourselves on international and domestic issues as well as with other basic problems with which all of us now have to live.

It is terrifying to hear the cries of un-American, communist, and other attacks made against some of our leaders when they are to think, speak, and work for a greater measure of human freedom for all people of the world, and for better social and economic practices. The early church was a courageous and challenging defense of the rights of all of God's children, and today there is still the need "to bring to bear on all human life the spirit and principles of Christ."

We must not be misled; we must not let fear and suspicion guide our thinking. Instead, we must continue our search for truth and utter it without fear. Our hopes for world peace and a new day of brotherhood depends on whether or not enough Christians think clearly and work for the common good of all mankind during these all-important days.

Youth of This Generation

The General Conference called upon The Methodist Church, "to place a special emphasis during the quadrennium 1952-56 upon developing, improving and extending its youth program and upon reaching increased numbers of youth for the Christian life and membership in the church." In order to do this, we need more and better trained adult workers with youth, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service can and should assist in this work for it is

a cooperative enterprise. If we strengthen Christian family life and through our religious education program help boys and girls grow in an understanding of Christian world friendship, interest youth in a program of missions and youth around the world, and challenge students on American college campuses to use their skills in the service of the church, we will have an adequate number of consecrated, trained leaders tomorrow.

Alcohol and Our Responsibility

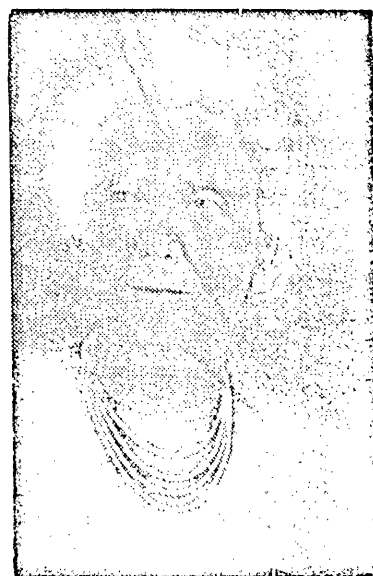
One of the greatest evils on the American horizon today is the widespread use of alcoholic beverages.

I am glad that one of the approved studies for the Woman's Society of Christian Service for 1953-54 is on Alcohol and Christian Responsibility. Too many individuals and families have accepted social drinking as a necessary part of American life today and in the words of Dr. John C. Almack, Professor of Education in Stanford University, "Education must be added to religion and family instruction . . . if we are not to become a nation of 'Alcoholics Unanimous.'"

Spiritual Growth

It is rather significant as well as thrilling to know that spiritual matters are receiving widespread attention over the radio, in popular magazines, and in newspapers. The most fruitful periods of our nation's history have been those when people honored God and sought to live a righteous life.

On college campuses religion is receiving greater attention. One college president described some of the students by saying, "They are the ablest, keenest, finest, and most deeply committed group of candidates for the ministry whom I have known in twenty-five years of intimate relation with theological education." A redeemed society is pos-



MRS. C. A. BARR

sible only through redeemed individuals, so we are called to assist others in their search for a surer footing on a spiritual plane and thus help them find reality and meaning in life.

In this year of 1953, Methodists of every land enter upon a world-wide crusade of evangelism. It is significant that this movement comes on the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley and we should give it our whole-hearted attention and support. If we really want to strengthen our church by building up the fellowship of believers, then we must not treat lightly the influence we can have through our daily Christian witness. We are always eager to recommend a lawyer, our doctor or merchant to a friend. Shouldn't we be just as anxious to say, "Let me commend my Lord, my church, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service to you?" Each day offers a new opportunity, let us arise and be busy at our task, and we will increasingly become instruments of God for saving the world.

What of the Future

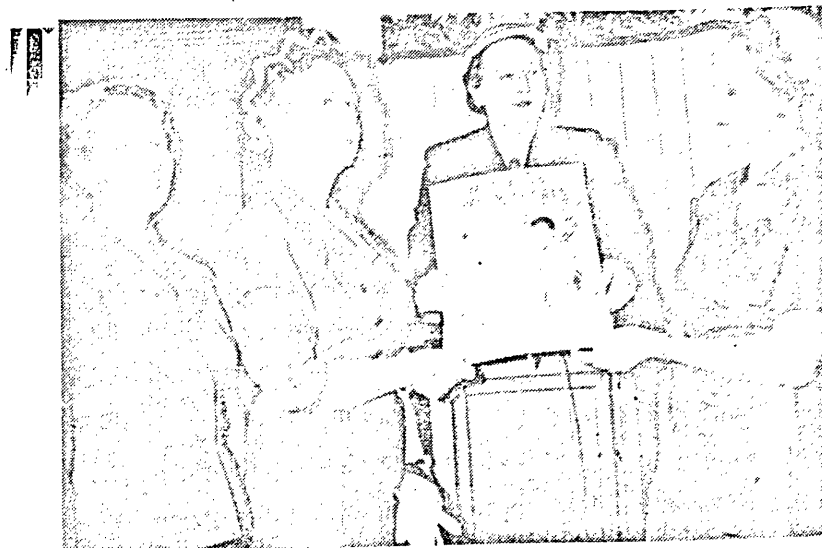
When we stand under the canopy of heaven and look up at the stars at night, we feel a real kinship with the whole world. If we pause and remember that every person on earth is privileged to observe the same celestial constellations and to watch the planets in their course, man-made boundaries of states and nations seem to disappear.

As almost six hundred missionaries in twenty-eight countries and approximately 1,500 deaconesses, home missionaries and employed workers carry the message of Jesus Christ, they are destroying the barriers of hate, suspicion, fear, hunger, disease and ignorance . . . barriers that have led to conflict, wars and suffering.

It is not enough though for our bishops, staff members, missionaries, and deaconesses to search under the guidance of God for a more adequate way to meet the needs of our age but there must be an awakening among all Methodists. There must be a deep conviction about the gospel of God's redeeming love and a greater concern for all people, so that we will support the work of Christ at home and abroad with our prayers, service and gifts in a more magnificent way than ever, lest we forfeit the gains made during the Advance Program.

Our Bishops have said, "What happens in Methodism in the next four years will set the course of our

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Officers elected by the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service at its meeting February 18 at Amarillo, Texas, are left to right: Mrs. Sam Dunbar, New Orleans, La., Secretary of Supply; Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston, La., Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. Neill Hart, El Dorado, Ark., Secretary of Children's Work; Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Little Rock, Ark., Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Fayetteville, Ark., was elected Secretary of Literature and Publications, but was not in Amarillo for the meeting. Miss Gertie Stiles, Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary, was elected in July. (Methodist Information Photo)

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By IRA A. BRUMLEY

North Little Rock Area School

The North Little Rock Area School was held February 22-26 with an enrollment of one hundred and thirty-eight with the following churches represented: Jacksonville, Levy, Gardner Memorial, First Methodist, Washington Avenue and Sylvan Mills. There was a total of six courses offered in the school, with the following persons serving as Instructors: Mrs. V. K. Chowning of Okemah, Okla.; Mrs. Waldo Wetten- gel of Rush Springs, Okla.; Rev. J. William Watson and Rev. Howard Cox of North Little Rock; Rev. Ralph Ruhlén and Rev. James S. Upton of Conway. The school was held at Gardner Memorial Church.

Tilton Training School

Rev. Arvill Brannon, pastor of the Weiner Charge, reports a training school for his charge, held at Tilton, being held by the pastor. There was an enrollment of thirty-one and twenty four course cards were issued.

The pastor is conducting another school at Weiner, which has not yet been reported.

This is Brother Brannon's first year out of graduate school, having finished Perkins School of Theology last year.

He is to be in our coaching conference, March 9-10, but did not wait for the coaching conference to get his certification cleared. He will have taught the course twice before coming to the coaching conference.

Lavaca Training School

A request has come to our office for a training school to be held at Lavaca in which the course on Christian Stewardship is to be offered, March 8, 10, 11. Rev. J. Albert Gatlin is to teach in this school.

Miss Regenia Watson, Educational Assistant, First Methodist Church, Newport, has recently been certified for the First Series course on How to Teach in the Church School; and the Second Series course on Ways of Teaching. She is working toward certification on two other units.

Coaching Conference, March 9-10

Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, Director of Leadership Education for The Methodist Church, is to be the resource Leader for a two day coaching conference to be held in Conway, March 9-10. The program is to begin at 10 a. m., March 9.

Thirty-three persons have been invited to attend this program for the purpose of becoming certified for one or both of the following courses: Educational Work in the Small Church; and Christian Education in the church.

Those who are already certified for one or both of these courses have been invited to be in the program. Ten of these persons have planned to attend.

Each year we have such a coaching conference on one or more units of training work, thus making possible our ever increasing number of certified Instructors. We now have one hundred and twenty-five persons certified on from one to ten or more courses. These persons make possi-



BISHOP MARVIN A. FRANKLIN
Speaker at Youth Rally

ble a great conference training program.

Conway District Vacation Church School Workshops

The Conway District under the leadership of the District Director of Children's Work, Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin; and Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, District Superintendent, has plans made for two area workshops on vacation church school work.

The first of these will be held at Russellville Methodist Church, March 7, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., with time out for lunch.

The second meeting is to be held at First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, March 14, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., with time out for lunch.

All the churches of the Conway District are urged to get their vacation church school workers into one or the other of these meetings. A church school should have at least one representative from each of the three age groups to work with: Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior.

The leaders for these meetings are: Kindergarten, Mrs. Paul Jones; Primary: Miss Lula Doyle Baird and Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin; Junior, Miss Sue Osment.

This is the third district list of vacation church workshops. The Jonesboro District has had three: Blytheville, Marked Tree, and Jonesboro. Forrest City District is having two: Helena, March 2; and Forrest City, March 6.

Bishop Franklin, Youth Rally Speaker

We are glad to announce that Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of the Jackson, Mississippi, Area, is to be our Speaker for the Youth Rally, March 27, Hendrix College Campus, 7 p. m.

There is to be a dinner for sub-district, district, and other leaders, Hulen Hall, 5:30 p. m., March 27. District Superintendents, District Directors of Youth Work, Sub-District Presidents and Counselors are invited to be at this dinner.

The reports to date indicate that we can expect splendid attendance of leaders for the dinner meeting; and that we will have a great dele-

HOME AND CHURCH COOPERATION PROJECT

Nashville, Tenn.—An experiment which promises to have widespread significance has been carried on for the past two years in the Northeast Ohio, Detroit and Michigan Conferences. It is known as the Home and Church Cooperation Project, sponsored by the Department of the Christian Family and the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education.

The purpose of the project is to bring about a closer spirit of cooperation between what happens in the church and the teaching which goes on within the home, according to the report of Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the Department of the Christian Family, to the Curriculum Committee at its recent meeting in Nashville.

The plan originated in a series of home and church cooperation seminars held in the three conferences mentioned above.

Some of the results of the project have been: An increase in average attendance at Sunday school; a gain in new members; and less difficulty in securing church school teachers. The number of parents signing agreements to participate in the project varied from 50 to 90 per cent.

Many interesting comments re-

ceived from the participating churches were included in the report. Here are some of them. "Parents have shown better understanding of the educational program and children have been more impressed with worship in church school and home." "The project has made the church program advance faster and more efficiently." "Parents realize that Methodist programs and materials are sound." "There are many more parents now working in the children's and youth departments." "People have been willing to accept more responsibility in the church."

Last fall 39 additional churches in the Southern California-Arizona, Wisconsin, Erie, and Genesee Conferences began the experiment for one year in order to discover additional data for the project, and several other conferences wish to participate during 1953-54.

Dr. Staples said that the staff committee supervising the Home and Church project feels that the experiment should close with the summer quarter, 1954. Members of the committee have been: Dr. C. A. Bowen, Miss Joy Bayless, Miss Mary Edna Lloyd, Dr. J. Emerson Ford, and Miss Lucile Desjardines, all of the Editorial Division, and Miss Mary Alice Jones and Dr. Staples of the Division of the Local Church. Dr. Henry C. Bullock succeeds Dr. Bowen as chairman of the committee.

TEXARKANA TRAINING SCHOOL MARCH 16-20

The Texarkana Training School will be held in the First Methodist Church on the Texas side March 16-20. The School will be under Dr. Fred R. Harrison as Dean, and, The Board of Directors is composed of all of the Methodist pastors in Texarkana and the surrounding area with one layman from each of the churches represented.

The following are the courses and teachers:

"The Local Church in Methodism", Dr. Albea Godbold, Pastor Saint Johns Methodist Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

"Plans of the Church for Nursery Children", Mrs. W. F. Bates, Conference Director of Childrens Work Little Rock, Arkansas.

"The Use of the Bible with Children", Mrs. C. E. Mahaffey, Beaumont, Texas.

"Guiding Intermediates", Rev. Darwin Andrus, Pastor Methodist Church, Bellaire, Texas.

"Guiding Seniors and Older Youth", Rev. James Upton, Professor of Religion, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas.

"Friendship and Marriage", Rev. L. B. Broach, Pastor Methodist Church, Quitman, Texas.

gation of youth (ages 15-23) and adult workers with youth for the rally.

It is hoped that your church is already making plans to have a good group in attendance.

The program will close by 9 p. m., or soon there after.

Those planning to attend should make plans for their evening meal since Hulen Hall can only take care of the specially invited group.

TRAINING SCHOOL HAS 1200 ENROLLED

Nashville, Tenn. —Two great leadership training schools recently held in the Jacksonville, Florida, episcopal area, emphasize the fact that there are many more fine things in Florida that could be advertised in national magazines than orange groves and bathing beaches.

The schools were held in Miami, January 18-22, and in Jacksonville, February 1-5.

Something over 1200 persons registered in the Jacksonville school with almost a thousand credits issued, according to Bishop John Branscomb, who is in charge of the Jacksonville area. "Truly it was a remarkable school," he said recently to Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, Methodist Board of Education.

The Miami school was almost as good, with a registration of almost a thousand, according to Bishop Branscomb.

The thirty courses taught in the two schools covered many important activities in the field of Christian education in the local church. Among them were: Christian Stewardship, taught by Dr. E. Lamont Geissenger, of the Board of Evangelism; Africa, Mrs. Hugh C. Stuntz, Nashville, Tennessee; Church School Administration, Rev. Walter Towner, General Board of Education; Music in the Church, Prof. Walter James, Florida State University; The Use of the Bible with Children, Mrs. Edwin C. Keboch, Jacksonville; Making Most of Aging Years, Dr. Ira Barnett, former executive secretary of the Florida Conference Board of Education.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6, Vantrease Church, El Dorado—6:00 P. M. Opening Banquet—Rev. Cecil R. Culver, Speaker

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, Magnolia, First Church—7:30 P. M. District-wide Youth Rally—Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, Speaker

SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM, Daily, 9:30-12:30, El Dorado, First Church—Monday through Friday

VISITATION EVANGELISM—Rev. Cecil R. Culver

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GREAT VICTORY RALLY - DISTRICT - WIDE MASS MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 15th - 3:00 P.M.

CAMDEN

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN, Speaker

CHICAGO LEADERS SEEK TO BUY GUTENBERG BIBLE

RELIGIOUS and civic leaders in Chicago have made plans to purchase the Shuckburgh volume of the Gutenberg Bible, valued at \$200,000. The Bible is temporarily housed in the Chicago Art Institute. It is owned by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York publishers. At a meeting called by the Chicago Bible Society, Werner W. Schroeder, former vice-chairman of the Republican National Committee, was chosen to head a fund-raising committee. The Bible Society is planning to buy a building on Michigan Avenue here for its new headquarters. The Gutenberg volume, if it can be purchased, will be on display there for the public. A replica of Gutenberg's printing shop also will be built as part of the exhibit, according to the Rev. Don Norman, executive secretary of the Chicago Bible Society. The 500-year-old Bible was brought to the meeting, under guard, so interested business and professional men and religious leaders could view it.

Religion Can Cure Neuroses, Says Prominent Psychologist

Neuroses can be cured by applied religion, a leading psychologist said in Atlanta, Ga. "A happy person is an honest person who applies his religion to his daily life," according to Dr. O. Hobart Mowrer, president-elect of the American Psychological Association and a research professor of psychology at the University of Illinois. Dr. Mowrer, who was here to deliver a lecture at Emory University, said religious training in childhood has much to do with establishing standards and "providing one with a conscience." "Neurosis is caused by the repression of conscience," he said. "A neurotic is a person who has high standards but doesn't try to live up to them. The cure involves recognizing the standards, accepting them, and trying to live up to them."

Protestant Agency For Blind Marks 25 Years

Helen Keller, noted sightless author, lecturer and champion of the blind, paid warm tribute to the John Milton Society at a luncheon in New York, marking its 25th anniversary. The society is sponsored by more than 50 Protestant denominations to render Christian service to the blind through braille literature and other methods. Miss Keller, the agency's president since 1932, said that in "only 25 years" it has reached the blind of 66 countries and become "a tower of strength to 44 institutions and schools for the blind." "I am proud of what the John Milton Society has accomplished," she said, noting especially its work in the Middle and Far East.

Charges Gambling Advocates Use Religious Groups as Front

An official of the Connecticut Council of Churches charged at a hearing in the State Capitol in Hartford that advocates of legalized gambling "are using religious and charitable organizations as a front for their activities." The Rev. Edwin H. Tuller, general secretary of the Council, made the statement at a public hearing on three bills pending in the state legislature that would relax Connecticut's anti-gambling laws to benefit charitable, religious, civic and veterans' organizations. He said that, although religious groups were named among the bills' beneficiaries, "not one single religious organization" favored the measures at the hearing. The Council earlier had called on Protestant churches throughout the state to send representatives to the hearings to oppose the bills and had urged them to notify members of the legislature of their opposition.

Reform Mayor Calls Religion Greatest Anti-Vice Force

Mayor Gordon G. Dunn of Fresno, Calif., believes that the greatest force for eliminating vice in the nation is religion. The mayor's views appeared in a feature article in the Central California (Catholic) Register. Mayor Dunn was lauded by the church newspaper for "running a closed town" and wiping out organized crime in the city. The mayor, a former Stanford University athlete and Olympic track and field star, was elected on a reform platform in 1949. At 36, he was one of the youngest mayors in the country. Under his "closed town policy", general business has increased 30 percent in the city, and last year Fresno won first place among American cities for "the biggest improvement in police courts." Mayor Dunn has maintained a close interest in religious activities and has endorsed community-wide church programs during his term of office.

Congress Gets Bill For Social Security to Clergy

A proposed amendment to the Federal Social Security Act which would permit clergymen to participate in the program was introduced in Congress by Rep. Carl Elliott (D-Ala.). It would allow clergymen desiring old age benefits — and willing to pay for them — to "elect" participation as "self-employed workers."

The Alabama congressman said it was "only fair" that clergymen should have this right along with many others now covered under the self-employment provision. He said that clergymen are underpaid and that it is difficult for them to save any money for their old age out of current earnings.

Eisenhower Gets Report On Drinking in Washington

President Eisenhower has received a first-hand report on the concern of American religious groups over drinking in the nation's capital. Dr. Caradine R. Hooten of Washington, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, said after a conference with Gen. Eisenhower at the White House that the President had expressed surprise and concern over facts which were laid before him. "I was delighted with the President's reception of my mission," the temperance leader said. Dr. Hooten told the President that Washington, with 2,441 licensed drinking places, has the heaviest per capita consumption of alcohol in the nation and one of the highest rates of juvenile delinquency. The Methodist leader said he told President Eisenhower that, as leader of the nation, his attitude toward prayer, the humility with which he has accepted Christian baptism in the church of his choice, and the affection he has displayed toward his wife and family, have won wide approbation among Christian citizens.

Eisenhower Hears Praise of Chinese Nationalists

President Eisenhower received a report from a veteran missionary to China that the Chinese Nationalist government on Formosa has cleaned itself of corruption and graft. The Rev. E. Pierce Hayes, of Pasadena, Calif., visited the White House with a delegation from the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, which held its annual meeting in Washington. When the President learned that Mr. Hayes had returned from Formosa he asked him for a first-hand report on conditions there.

"It has been a real inspiration to see the reform that has taken place in Chiang Kae-shek's government," the missionary replied. Mr. Hayes asserted that the Nationalist regime is now "an entirely new government" and praised the clean training of the young men who have been recruited for its armed forces.

Veterans Protest Appearance of Minister

Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, well-known Detroit Methodist pastor, spoke before a capacity audience in Southern Methodist University's McFarlin Auditorium at Dallas, Texas, despite protests by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. The VFW had even threatened to post pickets outside the auditorium, scene of principal features of the university's annual Religious Emphasis Week. The veterans opposed Dr. Crane's appearance because of his affiliation with the Methodist Federation for Social Action—unofficial group which has been accused of leftist leanings. Dr. Crane said he was in the big business of trying to be a Christian minister and as such "could never be legitimately identified with any Red practice or doctrine."

Urges Leaders of Soils And Souls Cooperate

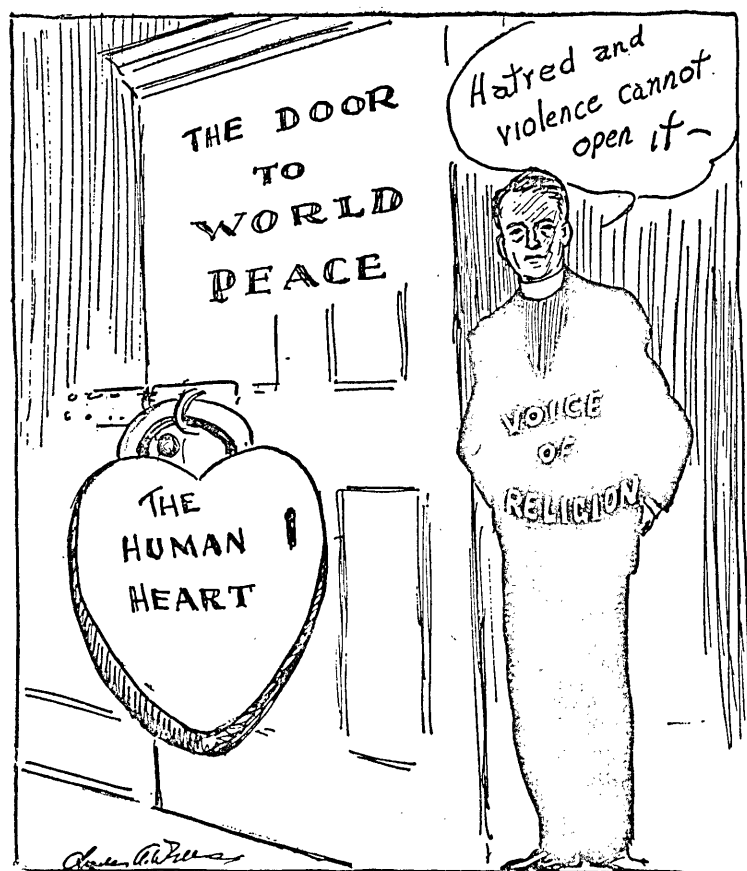
Leaders of soils and souls must "work hand in hand for the good of all the people." So says Dr. James Wyker of the Bible College of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., who was keynote speaker at the 41st annual conference of the Council of Southern Mountain Workers at Gatlinburg, Tenn. "No rural community is any stronger than the organizations which work together to make it strong," he said. "The devil consolidates his leaders. Why don't we? We're interested in soils and souls. They are no farther apart than the changing of one vowel. Therefore, leaders of soils and souls must work together. This means that the church must redeem community agencies, as well as individuals. That means health workers and conservation leaders must see their relationship to ideals."

Educators Propose Factual Study of Religion in Schools

A factual study of religion is the best approach to the problem of religion in the public schools, according to a report by the committee on Religion and Education of the American Council on Education. This proposal, the committee said, "has the distinctive merits of being thoroughly consistent with the principle of religious liberty, the tradition of separation of Church and State, and modern educational theory and practice." "All public schools can provide for the factual study of religion," it said, "both as an important factor in the historical and contemporary development of our culture and as a source of values and insight for great numbers of people in finding the answers to persistent personal problems of living. Religion can, and in our judgment should, be studied in the same way as the economic and political institutions and principles of our country should be studied—not as something on which the American public school must settle all arguments and say the last word, but as something which is so much a part of the American heritage and so relevant to contemporary values that it cannot be ignored."

A LESSON WE MUST LEARN

Chas. A. Wells





THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



GREAT-GRANDFATHER GIFTS

OUTSIDE, the rain poured down just as it had all night. Inside, four cousins sadly watched the rivers run down his windowpane.

"No picnic," mourned John Edward Merrill, IV.

"No fun," mourned Merrill Brewster.

"I had a new dress to wear," sighed Polly.

"And I've never been to an American picnic," added Jill, from across the ocean.

"Saddest sight I ever saw," called a gay voice from the doorway.

"Oh, Aunt Ellen, come and talk to us. When may we give Granny our presents? What can we do in the house? Is it going to stop raining?"

"One at a time, please. Granny is resting to get ready for the big party tonight. Seventy-five-year-olds need a lot of rest, you know. You may be quiet so she can rest."

"Oh, don't look so sad. I came to tell you a story. I found another great-grandfather gift." From her knitting bag she drew an envelope, just a plain white envelope, with a three-cent stamp on it.

"What is it?" they wanted to know.

"An envelope to hold a letter you may send to anyone anywhere in this country."

"That's no gift," objected John Edward.

"Once men carried messages through forests, over mountains, across rivers, riding horseback, because there was no other way to travel. Did you ever wonder who gave us the United States Mail?"

"Here's another gift from the same man." She went to the table in the corner and picked up a copy of Just So Stories that Merrill had borrowed from the public library.

Now they were all puzzled very much.

"Listen!"

Down the street came the fire engine's siren.

"That's another."

"Sounds as if he must have been a kind of Santa Claus," laughed John Edward.

"You're teasing, Aunt Ellen," said Jill.

"Not a bit, honey. One man invented our public library system. He organized fire departments. He worked out a way to send letters by mail. Besides that he invented street lights and pavements, and he founded hospitals and schools."

"Was he our great-grandfather?" asked Polly.

"Not ours, but he belongs to all Americans, for he was one of the greatest leaders our country ever had. His name was Benjamin Franklin."

"Oh, he flew a kite in a thunderstorm," said Merrill.

"Right! That was how he made another of his discoveries. Nobody knew much about electricity, and he proved that lightning and electricity are the same thing. If it had not been for him we could have no radios, no telephones."

"He must have gone to school a lot," said John Edward.

"Just two years. He was the

youngest in a large family, and his father could not afford to send him to school. At first he helped his father in his business of making candles. He always liked to read; so his father let him study to be a printer's helper. He used to read in all his spare time. He saved some of the money that was to buy his food, and he was happy when he could buy a new book, even if it meant going without his dinner—and boys do get so hungry.

"He studied and worked, and one day he was chosen to go over to England to see the king about some of the people's troubles. This was before the Revolution, and the king was still at the head of the colonies."

"He did his work well, and soon a bigger job was waiting for him. The war between England and the colonies came on. The colonies needed someone to help them, and they decided to ask France. So Franklin crossed the ocean again. Everyone in France liked him. Parties were given for him, and he had a fine time. But he never forgot his work. At last the king said yes, and he lent Franklin money to buy boats and supplies to help his colonies."

"Then he came home. He was an old man, and he wanted to rest, but his country said it could not do without him, and he was chosen Postmaster."

"He had a long and splendid life. He was proud to serve his country. And we are proud of him as we remember how hard he worked and how many gifts he left for us."—Story Time

THE STATION CAT

By Freeman H. Hubbard

A big black-and-gray tomcat named "Jerry" won fame as a catcher of rats and mice in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad station at Baltimore, Maryland, some years ago. Everybody liked him, even Mr. Daniel Willard, who was then president of the road. But Jerry had one bad habit. He spent so much time around the coal pile in the boiler room, looking for mice, that he just couldn't keep clean.

One day Mr. Willard saw him marching along the station platform, purring loudly and holding his tail erect, but as dirty as ever. The railroad president called a porter:

"Simpson," he said, "see that this cat gets a bath."

But when he tried to put Jerry into a pail of warm soapy water, the cat meowed and clawed and ran away. Cats do not like to get wet. The porter scratched his head. He knew that his boss did not want to see the station pet looking like a tramp, but what could he do about it?

He talked the matter over with the other folks who worked at the station and one of them gave him an idea. He tied a bright red ribbon around a milk bottle, attached a card to it, and set up the bottle in the station locker room. Station employees dropped coins into it.

You'd never guess what they did with this money. Well, they took Jerry to a tailor shop and had him measured for a suit—a locomotive engineer's uniform, complete with overalls, a jumper and a peaked cap. He even had a red bandana

round his neck, like the men who ride in steam-engine cabs wear to keep out the coal dust.

They dressed Jerry in this suit. The cat took it good-naturedly, but he did not like to wear clothes. He felt too stiff to move when the porter set him down on the platform at a place Mr. Willard would pass on his way to board a train.

The railroad president stopped short and looked at Jerry. "What's this, Simpson?" he asked.

"Well, sir," said the porter, "this rat-killer won't let me give him a bath so I just had to do something to make him look respectable when you came around."

The Baltimore and Ohio Chief was laughing out loud when he boarded his train, while Jerry, minus his new uniform, lived happily in the station ever afterward.—Our Dumb Animals

JUST FOR FUN

The bystander noticed that the farmer was having trouble with his horse. It would start, go slowly for a short distance, and then stop again. Every time it stopped, the farmer had great difficulty in getting the horse started again. Finally the bystander asked, "Is your horse sick?"

"Not as I know of."

"Is he balky?"

"No, but he's so afraid I'll say whoa and he won't hear me, that he stops every once in a while to listen."

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Among a group of skaters was a boy so small and so evidently a beginner that his frequent mishaps awakened the pity of a tender-hearted, if not wise, spectator. "Why, sonny, you are getting all bumped up," she said. "I would not stay on the ice and keep falling down so; I'd just come off and watch the others." The tears of the last downfall were still rolling over the rosy cheeks, but the child looked from his adviser to the shining steel on his feet and answered, "I didn't get some new skates to give up with; I got them to learn how with."

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"Didn't you tell me," he asked Pat, "that your brother is a bishop?"

"Indeed he is," said Pat.

"And you a hodcarrier! Well, your talents certainly were divided unevenly!"

"They sure were," replied Pat. "My brother couldn't do this to save his life."—Inland News

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"My poor fellow," said the kind old lady, "it must be dreadful to be lame. But just the same think how much worse it would be if you were blind."

"You're right, lady," agreed the beggar. "When I was blind I was always gettin' counterfeit money!"

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When the motorist, who had crashed into a telephone pole and brought down the wires, recovered consciousness, his hands were clutching the wires.

"Thank Heaven," he exclaimed fervently, "it's a harp."



WHEN DADDY COMES HOME

When Daddy comes home in the evening
And he's been away all day,
We are all so happy to see him
And though we are busy at play

We run down the walk to meet him
While Mother waits in the door.
We're hungry as bears and we hurry in
To a table spread for four.

We gather round the table
And pause a moment there
To thank our Heavenly Father
For all His loving care.

We like this time in the evening
When Mother waits in the door
And Daddy comes home to the family,
And a table spread for four.—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE TO MEET IN BATON ROUGE



MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS

The Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold its Thirteenth Annual Meeting at the William B. Reily Memorial University Church, Baton Rouge, March 17, 18, and 19, with delegates from each local society and the district societies registering in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 March

17. Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Conference President, will open the meeting at 11, and the program as planned by Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, and the program committee will include three days of guest speakers, music, business sessions, reports, and special meals featuring student work, missions, sacrificial giving, and fellowship.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, President of the Woman's Division, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, will address the conference Tuesday evening on "That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized," and Wednesday on "A Widening Fellowship."

Mrs. Dana Dawson, Topeka, Kansas, Honorary Vice-President, Central Kansas Woman's Society of Christian Service, will give the noon-day devotions on the theme: "Steps to Spiritual Power."

Miss Lillian Johnson, National Secretary Wesleyan Service Guild, will address the group Tuesday afternoon on "Our Common Goal."

Miss Dorothy McConnell, Editor WORLD OUTLOOK, will give the address Wednesday evening.

Dr. W. E. Trice is the host pastor and Mrs. W. D. Curtis is president of the hostess Woman's Society. Mrs. Walter Prichard is General Chairman for the meeting. A complete program will be published in next week's issue of the paper.

Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guild Meeting, First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge

March 14-15, 1953

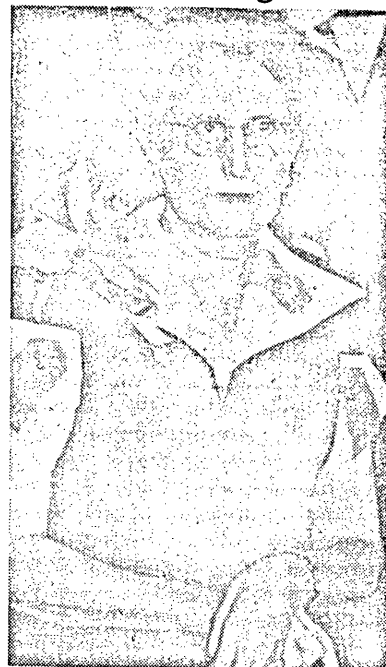
THEME: Thy Kingdom Come.

One of the principal speakers during the Second Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Service Guild to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana will be Miss Gertie Stiles, Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Her address will be "Giving Our Best."

Miss M. Gladys Page, Conference Secretary, Amite, will preside at the conference convening at 2 p. m. on Saturday, March 14, at the Chapel of the First Methodist Church. Miss Page was recently elected a member of the National Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild when it met at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., in January.

During the Saturday evening business session there will be a report of the Research Committee and balloting for the purpose of electing a successor to fill the unexpired term of the Conference Secretary, Miss Page, who was elected to a four year term of the Guild in 1950.

Among others on the program will be Miss Lillian Johnson, National Secretary of the Guild; Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Guild Missionary; Miss Dorothy Weber of Lake



MISS GERTIE STILES

Charles, La., formerly with the Woman's Division of Christian Service; and Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Conference President of the W. S. C. S.

Program for Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guild Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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| 10:00 | Registration | |
| 12:30 | Executive Committee Luncheon | |
| | AFTERNOON SESSION—Chapel | |
| 2:00 | Convening of Second Annual Conference of Wesleyan Service Guild | Miss Mary Gladys Page |
| | Scripture | Miss Dorothy Dunbar |
| | Prayer | Miss Helen Adams |
| | Appointment of Committees | |
| | Report of Registration Committee | |
| | Secretary's Message | |
| | Guild Reporting Time | |
| 4:15 | Tea | |
| 6:40 | Business Meeting—Chapel | |
| 7:00 | Dinner Honoring Woman's Society | Miss Lillian Kennedy |
| | Invocation | Mrs. Mildred Baxter |
| | Sacrificial and Love Offering for Mildred Anne Paine and Mabel Ruth Nowlin | |
| | Welcome | Miss Eleanor Fleming |
| | Response | Miss Emma Kuntz |
| | Recognition of Woman's Society Guests | Miss Minza Rabun |
| | Response | Mrs. Glenn Laskey |
| | EVENING SESSION—Sanctuary | |
| 8:15 | Worship | Miss Elizabeth Thompson |
| | Address | Miss Lillian Johnson |
| | Benediction | Dr. Warren Johnston |

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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| 7:15 | Breakfast, by Districts — Gymnasium | |
| 8:30 | Worship with early congregation | |
| 10:00 | Address: "Giving Our Best" | Miss Gertie Stiles |
| | Address: "United Nations" | Miss Dorothy Weber |
| | Benediction | Mrs. N. G. Phillips |
| 12:15 | Buffet luncheon | |

"THEN CHRIST SHALL REIGN"

(Continued from page 6)

church for a quarter of a century." If that is true in the church, then it can be said with equal forcefulness about the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, for there is a great urgency about the things we should do today. We must have greater faith, courage and "Stick-to-it-iveness." We are the architects of not only ourselves but of our Woman's Society, and to a certain degree, of our church and society. If we are to have a Christian and peaceful world, we must help to build it. God's greatest gifts to us are not in material possessions, but in everyday opportunities, and re-

member, no cause is hopeless if we are on His side. As Christian women we must continue to serve humanity's household. The missionary program is our Christian faith in action, and our unending list of activities must go on; safeguarding freedom for all people; helping to banish hunger, disease and ignorance from the earth; and bringing hope and happiness to the world's millions through the good news of the gospel—then Christ Shall Reign.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Lake Charles District Woman's Society of Christian Service was honored to have Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Conference Rural Work-

er, visiting in the district during the week of February 1-7. She spoke to a number of societies and guilds in the district and gave to the women a vivid portrayal of the work which is being done by the Woman's Division in the Louisiana Bayou Country.

Miss Thompson was presented at meetings of societies in the following churches: Gueydan, First Church of Crowley, New Iberia, Iowa, Elton-Basile-Raymond Circuit, Davidson Memorial and First Church of Lafayette, Niblett's Bluff, First Church of Lake Charles, and Henning Memorial of Sulphur.

While in Lake Charles, members of the Elizabeth Thompson Circle of First Church were hostesses for a coffee given in honor of Miss Thompson.—Mrs. Guy Havenar

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Hampton and Harrell have had joint meetings.

Tuesday, February 17, the meeting was held in Harrell, at the home of Mrs. Mittie Jones. A Devotional was conducted by Mrs. Jones, after which Rev. George W. Warren, pastor, presented the first part of a Study Course entitled, "Toward An Understanding of the Bible," by Georgia Harkness.

Wednesday, February 18, the meeting was held in Hampton at the home of Mrs. Searcy Harrell, with Mrs. Jack Thomason and Mrs. Clem Bounds co-hostesses, when Mr. Warren finished the study course. At the end of his discourse, Mrs. Wister Adams announced a program by the Hampton Society. Mrs. H. O. Splawn sang "Wonderful Words of Life" as a solo and was then joined by Mrs. Roy Nutt.

A skit entitled "Thy Word Is A Lamp" was given by Mrs. John Lee, and Mrs. Bill Stainton.

Both homes were beautiful throughout with spring flowers for these occasions, and a large crowd

MRS. BENDER TO LEAD WORKSHOP

Mrs. C. A. Bender, Staff Member of the Department of Christian Social Relations, Woman's Division of Christian Service, will lead the Workshop "Issues of Peace" to be held at Camp Aldersgate, March 9 and 10. Participating in the workshop will be the North Arkansas, Little Rock and Louisiana Conference Woman's Societies, and those societies of the Central Jurisdiction within this area, college students in the area and guest foreign students.

The meeting will open Monday, March 9 at 11 a. m. and continue until Tuesday, at 2:30 p. m. Guest speakers are Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Mrs. J. Russell Henderson and Mr. Forrest Rozzell, all of Little Rock.

Conference Secretaries having a part in planning the workshop are: Mrs. Walter Jimerson, Augusta; Mrs. C. F. Goldthwaite, New Orleans, and Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Little Rock. Mrs. Henderson, Jurisdiction Secretary of Christian Social Relations, is helping in the plans.

attended both meetings and all expressed themselves as thoroughly enjoying them.—Reporter

Circles of the Van Buren First Church Society continued their study of "African Heritage" at their meetings February 17, meeting with Mrs. Fay Williams, Mrs. Lawrence Harvey and Mrs. L. C. Tate. The programs were led by Mrs. Cabol Rhodes, Mrs. George Crofton and Mrs. R. S. Wilson.

Eleven members of the society attended the Day of Prayer service at Goddard Memorial, Fort Smith. Mrs. George Crofton is Vice-President of the Council of Church Women. There were two representatives from St. John's Methodist Church, Van Buren.

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, SPRINGDALE, TO HAVE NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING



Roof decking was applied to the new religious educational building of the Wesley Methodist Church in Springdale on February 14, one month after the ground-breaking exercises.

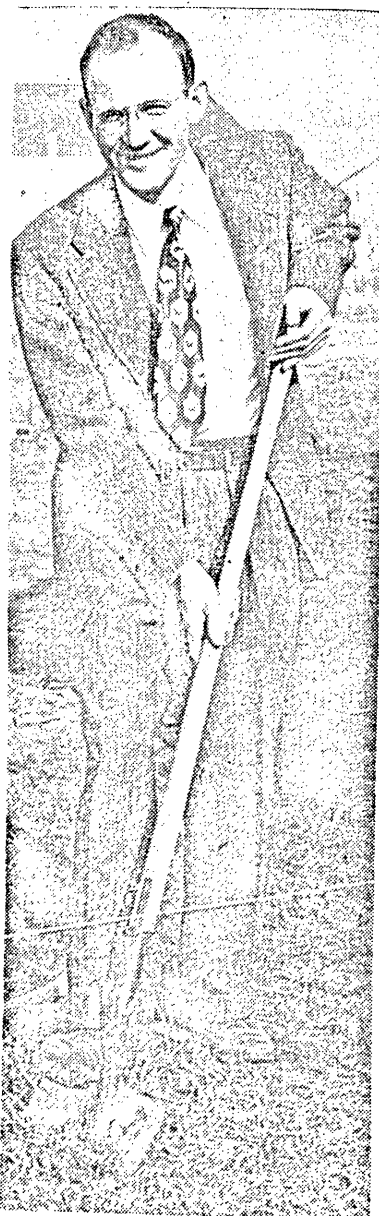
The pastor, Rev. James Workman, Jr., estimates that the cost of the building will be approximately \$8,000. The building committee announces that the building will be paid by the time it is ready for use. All but \$800.00 of the total cost has been pledged and almost \$5,000.00 paid in cash. Several gifts of labor and material are helping to reduce the cost of the building.

This new addition has been made possible by gifts of several outstanding business and professional men in Springdale as well as by the sacrificial giving of members of the church.

This is to be a two-story building with twenty-one windows and two outside entrances. It will contain a large assembly room, four class rooms, a nursery, toilets and a kitchen. The upstairs will not be completed at this time. Men of the church hope to finish the upper story while the ground floor is being used.

Leonard A. Jones is chairman of the building committee. He is assisted by Brother Workman, Secretary-treasurer, Keith Moneyhun, Roy Arthers, Clyde Rankin and Noble Champlin. Miss Aaron is doing the bookkeeping.

A new entrance is being constructed for the sanctuary. Atop the church will be a small tower containing an old bell donated by the First Methodist Church of Springdale. Off-street parking will be available in a lot north of the new building.



REV. J. W. WORKMAN, JR., Pastor

WEEK OF DEDICATION AT HARRISON

The Week of Dedication at Harrison came to a close in our church last Sunday. We had a good crowd at both worship services. Rev. Earle Cravens preached on "As The Heart Leads," at the morning hour. The youth met at 5:30 for their regular pot-luck supper and worship services. At the evening worship service we had Rev. W. F. Cooley, Dis-

trict Superintendent of the Fayetteville district and a former pastor of this church, with us. His subject was "The Fields are White Unto Harvest." He also christened Margaret Ann Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Scott; and Routh Ann Raney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Raney. Mr. Cooley married the parents of these two young ladies. We are always happy to have Brother Cooley with us.—Reporter

RELIGIOUS FILM TO BE SHOWN

THEME: A person, through an awakening experience, comes to see herself and her husband as being completely dominated by material things . . . and becomes conscious of the need to return to the "Christian Way."

PURPOSE: To help all present to review their own lives . . . and re-commit themselves to Christian living.

SCHEDULE

Feb. 28 Smyrna, March 1 Okolona, March 2 Morning Star, March 3 Oaklawn, March 4 Pullman Heights, March 5 Tigert Memorial, March 6 Mt. Pine, March 7 Piney Grove, March 8 Bismarck, March 9 Oma, March 10 Haven, March 11 Hollywood, March 12 Center Grove, March 13 Bethlehem (Dalark Circuit), March 14 Trinity, March 15 Delight, March 16 Glenwood, March 17 not scheduled, March 18 Manchester, March 19 Traskwood, March 20 New Hope, March 21 Magnet Cove, March 22 Sparkman, March 23 Mt. Ida, March 24 Murfreesboro, March 25 Keith, March 26 Rockport, March 27 Grant's Chapel, March 28 Leau Frai, March 29, Ebenezer.

Please contact Miss Marshall, 511 Quapaw, immediately, if a mistake has been made as to dates for the churches. Write if you wish to reserve the 17th.

This showing is being made possible through the District Staff and the Commission on Evangelism, under the direction of the district superintendent . . . All that is required is that you TAKE AN OFFERING TO make sure that all of the above churches may have this experience.

—Rev. J. M. Hamilton

NEW CHURCH FOR CAMDEN PLANNED

During the past few months a movement has been growing in Camden to relocate and build the Westside Methodist Church. Since its organization in 1947, the Westside congregation has been meeting in the Maul schoolhouse, somewhat too far from the city to serve effectively the suburban housing areas. Methodist leaders, viewing the westward expansion of the city

EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM COMING



EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM

Evangelist Billy Graham and his entire party are to be in Little Rock next Saturday and Sunday, March 7, and 8.

This will be Dr. Graham's first visit to Arkansas. Details of the time and place of the meetings Saturday and Sunday are given on page 13. This will be an unusual opportunity for the people of Greater Little Rock and other sections of the state to hear him.

into several attractive residential areas, are anxious to plant a suburban Methodist church where it will be able to serve the majority of the residents of the west end of Camden.

It is hoped that this movement for a new Methodist church will begin to take definite shape in the near future, as Camden Methodists join in an intensive visitation evangelism campaign preceding, during, and succeeding the United Evangelistic Missions in the Camden District, March 6-15. These efforts will be followed up by a thorough religious survey of these westside residential areas. Help in this project will be welcomed from any quarter.—Russ Shaffer, pastor

SCHEDULE OF REV. P. GORDON GOULD

The Rev. P. Gordon Gould of Philadelphia, Pa., field representative for the Division of National Missions of The Methodist Church for Alaska, will be the guest speaker at Methodist churches in 18 Arkansas cities during March. He will speak on the

problems — social, economic and religious — in Alaska, and what the Methodist church is doing to help solve some of them. Following is his schedule of places of meetings and dates:

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| SEARCY DISTRICT—August 11 a. m.; Searcy 3 p. m.; Beebe 7:30 p. m. | March 9 |
| BATESVILLE DISTRICT—First, Batesville, 7:30 | March 10 |
| FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Rogers, 7:30 p. m. | March 11 |
| FORT SMITH DISTRICT—First, Ft. Smith, 7:30 p. m. | March 12 |
| CONWAY DISTRICT—First, Morrilton, 7:30 p. m. | March 13 |
| MONTICELLO DISTRICT: Crossett, 10:50 a. m.; Dermott, 3:00 p. m.; Warren, 7:30 p. m. | March 15 |
| LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—First, Little Rock, 7:30 p. m. | March 16 |
| ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—First, Hot Springs, 7:00 p. m. | March 17 |
| PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—First, Pine Bluff, 7:30 p. m. | March 18 |
| CAMDEN DISTRICT—First, Magnolia, 7:30 p. m. | March 19 |
| HOPE DISTRICT—Nashville, 7:30 p. m. | March 20 |
| FORREST CITY DISTRICT—West Memphis, 11.00 a. m.; Marianna, 7:30 p. m. | March 22 |



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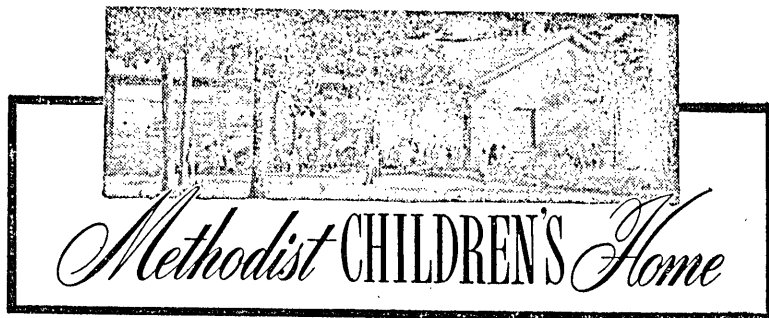
THE NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT LIVES AGAIN

One of the most significant and inspiring movements on the American scene is the revitalization program going on in Town and Country Community life. Across the State of Arkansas, a great manifestation of interest is being shown. The agricultural extension agents are serving in a most magnificent manner in cooperation with the Arkansas Power and Light Company and the Arkansas Press Association in bringing about this effort. Mr. Graham Wright, Community Development Specialist with the Agricultural Extension Service is spearheading the program. The County Home Demonstration agents and County Agricultural Agents are of course opening up doors of opportunity for this program. Those who have been reading the daily papers have noticed, no doubt, with a lot of joy the pictures of local community leaders and the different enterprises undertaken in many sections of the state. This experience in rural and small town development is one of the most important things happening in our midst. People are beginning to take more pride in their local communities. They are proud to be known as residents of their own little hamlet. The wonderful experience of neighborhood life will come back into its own when the abundant life is offered for the residents.

The day of war inflation will pass away sometime. Then it will be

that thousands of people will need a place to live in the interior areas. There will be many opportunities of good and substantial living in the rural territory when life becomes more normal. Now is the time to build good active citizenship; now is the time to keep alive community spirit; now is the time for people to work together as good neighbors and friends for a common cause—the salvation of the American Christian way of life.

In line with the community development program, the Sears, Roebuck Foundation has challenged the churches to meet the forward advance made in other realms. Throughout the South, churches are accepting this challenge. Hundreds will vie for the honor of being among those rewarded for progress in respect to the total program of the church and the good community life. Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer of Emory University is heading up this program. He was in Little Rock Monday, February 23, for the perfecting of the State organization. A splendid group of church representatives were present. Arkansas has already become interested in this great program. There are some Methodist churches already enrolled. Others, no doubt will soon register. For those who wish to enlist in this program, you may write to Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer, Emory University, Atlanta, Go.—J. Albert Gatlin



REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1953

We want to express our sincere thanks to the groups and participants listed below who have rendered a service or presented gifts to the Home during the month of January, 1953:

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W. S. C. S. of the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia—linens and assorted gifts
Mrs. J. B. Kittrell, Gregory—jacket
Revel's, Stephens, Arkansas—clothing
Mansfield Methodist W. S. C. S.—quilt
Chas. R. Baber, Veterans Hospital, North Little Rock—gum
Mr. and Mrs. Clay E. Smith, Little Rock—meat
Mountain View Methodist Church—fruit, candy and nuts
Mansfield Methodist Church—clothing

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IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Horton given by Cleve Horton and family, Clarence Horton and family, John Horton and family, Mrs. W. A. Singleton and family, Mrs. Doyle Rowland and family, Mrs. A. Fillyaw and family, Miss Nell Horton and Miss Anne Horton
Mr. J. H. Ballard by Tillar Methodist Sunday School
Mr. C. H. Halthoff by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shepherd
Mrs. J. L. Pleasant by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Levi and Mrs. Joe Weisman
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Mr. John L. Sadler by Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Mays
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Mr. W. H. Bates by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bradley, Jr.
Mr. C. Z. Dover by the W. S. C. S. of Foreman Methodist Church
Mr. T. L. Garland by Mrs. Geo. W. Clark
Mr. T. L. Garland by Sue and Gene Longley
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Lt. Fred Venner, Jr. by Mr. Franklin E. Loy
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Mr. W. E. Jones by Mr. and Mrs. R. T. White
Mr. T. L. Garland by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gladden
Mrs. C. S. Henderson by Mr. Edgar Henderson

Mrs. J. B. Dyer by Travis H. Nash
Dr. E. R. Barrett by Mr. and Mrs. Wylie T. Nash and Travis H. Nash
Mrs. J. H. Synder and Mrs. Mollie Anderson by Golden Rule Sunday School Class, First Methodist Church, Jonesboro.
Reverend A. L. Cline by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Curtis
Reverend A. L. Cline by Ministers of Fayetteville District
Mrs. Martha Cowan by Ministers of Fayetteville District
Reverend A. L. Cline by Men's Bible Class, Siloam Springs Methodist Church
Mrs. Walter Kernodle by the W. S. C. S. of Vandale Methodist Church
Mrs. Walter Kernodle by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sigman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Gardner, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Gardner, Sr.
Mrs. Bert C. Hardin by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lumpkin
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Mrs. Drew Crawford by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fogleman
Mrs. Bert Hardin by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barton
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Mrs. Bert Hardin by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pierce
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Mrs. Maude Kernodle by Mrs. H. O. Jernberg
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Mrs. Fannie Kirsch by Ethel and Mary Ellen Watson
Reverend Allen D. Stewart by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Curtis
Mr. Shirley Minton by Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Woodfin
Mr. C. A. McCormack by First Methodist Church of Jonesboro
Reverend Allen D. Stewart by Reverend Wm. A. Stewart, Jr.
Reverend Allen D. Stewart by Reverend and Mrs. Boone L. Wilford and children
TOTAL \$289.00
(To be continued next week)
T. T. McNEAL, Director

Notice To Men In The Course Of Study

The new legislation concerning the Sacraments and the work done in the Courses of Study is very exacting. Please note:

1. Supply men (other than students) must work off a full year in the Course of Study this year if they are to administer the Sacraments next year. Parg. 308
2. The above statement also holds true for unordained Conference men on Trial. Parg. 330
3. Conference men in full connection must do a full year in the Course of Study if it is to count as an effective year on their Service Record. Parg. 346
4. New men who wish to become approved supplies next Conference will be expected to have completed the Course on Admission. Parg. 308

There is still time to do a great deal of work if it is necessary. Please follow the old Course of Study and use the old Student Handbook until the new Handbooks are available.

Lloyd M. Conyers,
Registrar, North Arkansas Conference
Board of Ministerial Training

BILLY GRAHAM Coming to Little Rock

SATURDAY NOON - March 7th

Dinner for preachers and church leaders in Immanuel Baptist Church. Billy Graham and entire Evangelistic Party will be present.

SATURDAY NIGHT - March 7th

Statewide Evangelistic Rally At
War Memorial Stadium 7:00 P. M.
Dr. Graham Will Speak

SUNDAY AFTERNOON - March 8th

Nationwide Broadcast 2:30
Statewide Evangelistic Rally
3:00 P.M. War Memorial Stadium



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NEWS

CROWNED QUEEN OF SUB-DISTRICT

Miss Barbara Newcomer of Gueydan was crowned Valentine queen of the Sub-District at the meeting of the Riceland Sub-District on Sunday afternoon, February 8 at the Centenary Methodist Church in Rayne.

The Rayne Methodist Youth Fellowship conducted the worship service. Some fifty-five young people and counselors answered roll call. Churches represented were Branch, Crowley, Jennings, Gueydan and Rayne. Recreation was directed by John Tubb and Ronald Devillier.

Mrs. Paul Lesseigne, adult counselor of the Rayne group, was in charge of arrangements.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.



Miss Newcomer is crowned Queen by Ronald Devillier

EXCHANGE STUDENTS PRESENT MISSION PROGRAM

The youth of the First Methodist Church, Texargana, had the opportunity recently of hearing two Japanese girl students, Hideko Sekiya and Atsuke Fukuda, students at Centenary College, Shreveport.

The two girls talked about their native country, relating many interesting experiences. They were dressed in native costume and sang hymns in Japanese.

On invitation of the pastor, Dr. Fred R. Harrison, the girls sang at the evening service of the church.

An informal party for the two girls was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barr. Assisting were Mrs. Jean Allison and Miss Shirley Allison.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Buffalo Island Sub-District met at Monette on February 16. An impressive "Invitation" program was given by the Monette M. Y. F. Recreation was held in the basement of the church and refreshments served. Churches represented were Black Oak, Delfore, Leachville, Manila, Monette, Riverside and St. John. Sixty people were present. Delfore received the banner. The next meeting will be held at the Riverside Methodist Church on March 16.

The Shreveport Young Adult Sub-District held its monthly meeting and social on February 17 with Caddo Heights Methodist Church young adults acting as hosts. Harvey Kemper was in charge of the program. Dr. F. M. Freeman, pastor of Caddo Heights Church, gave the invocation. Miss Iris Reeves sang a solo. Roll call showed 71 present, representing nine churches in the Sub-District. The following officers were introduced: George A. Jubb, president; Ray Price, vice-president; Miss Jeannine Sessions, secretary,

and Abb L. Knighton, treasurer. Mrs. Guy Hicks spoke to the group on Brotherhood and Prayer. She discussed the manner of prayer of Judaism, Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, Mohammedanism, and the Eastern Orthodox Church. Following the meeting a recreation period was held and refreshments served. The March meeting will be held at the Cedar Grove Methodist Church.

The Frances-Lee Sub-District met on February 23 at Forrest City. After the business meeting Ann Franks gave a talk and a film of life on the Hendrix College campus was shown. Recreation was held in the basement and consisted of group singing and a skit by members of the host church. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The next meeting will be held at Aubrey.

The new branch of the Searcy Sub-District had its regular meeting on February 16 at Searcy. A musical program was presented. Participating on the program were Sharon Dowell, Charles James, Jr., Bobby Fuller, Julia McNeil and Marion Daniels. One hundred forty-four were in attendance. After the business meeting, refreshments were served. A worship service was then held in the sanctuary with Jimmy Chandler, Mildred Taylor, Patty Gentry, Sammie Allen and Peggy Killough participating. The offertory music was given by violinists Anita Hart, Ann Shannon and Mary Catherine Van Patten, accompanied by Mrs. Maxine Rogers at the organ.

The Annual Ozark Sub-District Banquet was held in the Harrison Methodist Church Monday Night, February 23rd. Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, made a wonderful talk on, "You Can Go Anywhere from Here." The Harrison youth were in charge of the program. Etta Sue Ward gave the invocation; Robert Rogers acted as toastmaster; Ann Akers sang a solo; and Darlie Von Callicott and

STUDENT REPORTS ON CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR

By CHARLES LONGUET, JR.
University of Houston, '53

AS collegians began their second semester of 1953, fifty-five students from thirty-seven colleges, representing nineteen states, postponed their studies the first week in February to journey to New York and Washington to watch their national and international political bodies in action.

Three active days in New York found the group visiting United Nations headquarters, observing a session, touring, and learning about its structure, and meeting notables of the sixty-nation government.

Mrs. Margaret Bender, U. N. observer for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, explained that "this is the most crucial time in the history of the U. N., and the United States should hold its commitment to the United Nations."

"We should realize the need for and the acceptance of the U. N. Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the Nations," said Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, as she spoke to the group.

Moving to Washington the students interviewed eleven top ranking Senators, the Vice-President and watched the Senate and Supreme

Court in action.

The cabinet appointments made by President Eisenhower and the balancing of the federal budget were the main questions presented to the Senators by the students.

This Annual Christian Citizenship Seminar for Students was led by Miss Dorothy Nyland, secretary of Student Work in the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The Methodist Student Movement sponsored the Seminar.

"The Vice President's job is more than what meets the public's eye," Vice President Richard Nixon told the Methodist students in answer to their questions about the daily activities of our nation's No. 2 man.

Senator Wayne Morse captured the students' minds by demonstrating to them that he is the most "reactionary liberal" on the Hill.

Although returning to their campuses a week behind their fellow classmates in textbook work, all participants in the Seminar took with them a knowledge which couldn't be found in textbooks. Outstanding was the conviction that each one must find ways to apply Christian principles in civic and political life.

CAMP DATES FOR MONROE DISTRICT

June 9-11—Older Adult Camp for Ruston and Monroe Districts, Caney Lake. Preston Holley and Ralph Cain, Directors.

June 15-19—Junior Camp, at Chemin-a-Haut State Park, Bastrop. Ben Oliphint, Director.

July 6-11—Sr. Y. P. Camp, at Camp Brewer, near Alexandria. Jack Midyett, Director.

July 20-25—State Assembly for Seniors, Camp Brewer. Roy Mouser (Shreveport), Director.

August 3-8—Intermediate Camp, at Camp Brewer. James Poole, Director.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

A first series Leadership Training School designed especially for youth and youth leaders was held on the Pioneer Charge, Rev. Isaac A. Patton, Jr., pastor. The school was conducted in the church at Epps on January 25 and 26. Miss Betty Rea Fox, Conference Director of Youth Work, taught the course on Adults Working With Youth. Rev. Don Wineinger, District Director of Youth Work, led the sessions on The Methodist Youth Fellowship, for Intermediates and Seniors.

The following churches had representatives in the school, Bartholomew, Oak Grove, Lake Providence, Pioneer, Forest, Campbell Chapel, Floyd, Epps, and Delhi. Epps Church prepared and served a supper on Sunday for those who had driven considerable distance to attend. A planned recreational program also engaged the youth of the
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Jo Anne Boyd played a flute duet. Churches represented at the meeting were Valley Springs, Bergman, Eureka Springs, Bellefonte, Alpena, Green Forrest and Harrison. 118 youth were present.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Senior Art to be Presented

Martin Rex of Ft. Smith began Sunday the first in a series of 3 one-man art shows to be presented at Hendrix this spring. Rex, a senior art major, included in his exhibit the painting which won first place in the watercolor division of Arkansas Artists Exhibit last fall. Also included were paintings in oil, ink and several in watercolor. The show will also be on exhibit in the MacArthur Park Museum in Little Rock, April 3-17.

Other art shows to be presented this spring are those of Jackie Balley of Conway and Charles Reitz of Ulm. Both are senior are majors who graduate in May.

Hendrix to Enter State Speech Contest

Five Hendrix College students will enter the annual state speech contest March 5, 6, and 7. The contest is being held in Fayetteville this year and is sponsored by the Arkansas Association of Speech Teachers.

Included in the entries will be a presentation of the farce "The Boor" by Anton Chekhov. Dorothy Christopher of Conway and Dick Ezell of Pine Bluff will play the lead parts.

Other contestants will be Gene Efird, Little Rock; Allen Brockway, Fayetteville, and Mary Virginia Speaker, Conway. Each of the contestants will be entered in one or more of the contests.

Alpha Psi Omega Elects

Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatic fraternity, recently elected Fred Disheroon of Hot Springs and Patty Jo Hoff of Little Rock to membership in the Hendrix chapter.

Disheroon, a senior, has taken an active part in dramatics during his four years at Hendrix. He will appear this spring in the presentation of Sophocles' "Antigone." Patty Jo Hoff, a junior, will act as director of the play "Hedda Gabler" which is to be presented in May.

OBITUARIES.

JORDAN—Mrs. W. H. Jordan, widow of the late Rev. W. H. Jordan, member of the Louisiana Conference, passed away on Wednesday, February 11 in Chattanooga, Tenn. She was born and reared in Jackson Parish, Louisiana, and was a member of the Centenary Methodist Church of Chattanooga, and a member of the Methodist Wives Association in Chattanooga. Funeral services were held from the Kate Lyle West Chapel of Centenary Church on Thursday with the Rev. Bachman Hodge, officiating. The body was sent to Arcadia, Louisiana, where a service was held from the Methodist Church in Arcadia with the pastor, Rev. H. A. Gibbs in charge.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Jack W. Wiggs, of Chattanooga, and Mrs. Alva E. Swanson of Baton Rouge; one brother, Gordia Hagler; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Faith and Mrs. Logan Stovall of Dodson, La.; a granddaughter, Mrs. George Z. Patton, Norfolk, Va., and a number of nieces and nephews.

REAMES—Miss Fannie Reames, of Kentwood, age 82, passed away on February 9 after a short illness. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church of Kentwood with the pastor, Rev. G. C. Dean, in charge, assisted by Rev. A. G. Taylor, Rev. R. S. Walton and Rev. E. H. Dearman.

Miss Reames was born in 1871 near Montpelier, La. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Wesley Reames. She was a graduate of Norvella Collegiate Institute in Greensburg, La. Later she became a member of the Norvella Faculty and from there she entered the business world. She was active in civic affairs and the various departments of the Kentwood Church. She is survived by five sisters: Mrs. M. Galbreath of Hattiesburg, Miss, Miss Mamie Reames, Mrs. J. L. Davis, Mrs. J. P. Morris and Mrs. Ralph Napier, all of Kentwood.

KNOWLTON—Robert H. Knowlton was born March 14, 1878 at Knowlton, Arkansas. He moved to Mellwood in 1924 and made his home with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Meacham for whom he worked from then until he was forced to retire in January, 1952, because of illness. He entered the sanitarium at Booneville in April, 1952 and passed away February 4, 1953.

Brother Knowlton was a life-long Methodist. He was superintendent of the Mellwood Church School for twenty-five years. During this time the church was destroyed by flood waters in 1927 and the Church School met in the public school building for twenty-three years. These were discouraging years for the leaders of the Church but due to Brother Knowlton and the faithful few who stayed with him the Church and Sunday School survived these years and the happiest day of his life was when he was able to move his Sunday School into the beautiful new church which was opened in 1950.

He served for many years as treasurer of the Church and was always a friend of the pastor. He never married and his first love was the Church. He was known and loved by all who knew him. During his illness there were three pieces of literature which were always on his bedside table; the Bible, the Upper Room and the Arkansas Methodist. He was able to read and enjoy them until

the Lord called him Home. Funeral services were held on February 6th at Mellwood. His memory and influence will live among us to inspire and bless us as long as time shall stand.

Surviving are his sister, Miss Pearl Knowlton of Elaine, and his brother, Cephas Knowlton of Memphis, Tenn. —Glenn Bruner, pastor

BALLARD—Just as the old year of 1952 was completing its course the soul of my friend, James H. Ballard of Tillar, slipped out on the silent sea that stretches from earth to eternity. I believe he answered the call willingly though he had to leave those he cherished.

A deep wave of gloom settled over the little city of Tillar, where he lived and was a vital part of the city and surrounding community where he had lived forty-seven years. He was one of the leading merchants and influential in all church and civic affairs.

He joined the Methodist Church in 1912 and was a member of the building committee for the Frank Tillar Memorial Methodist Church and also served as superintendent of the Sunday School for nineteen years. A friend of the less fortunate, the widows, and no child was ever long in need of clothing and food when he learned of such need.

Mr. Ballard was one of the most liberal persons I ever knew. He not only gave, he gave more than he could really afford. There will be a host who will rise up and call him blessed.

During his declining days, as he had reached eighty-one years, he gave much time to assist the old colored citizens by carrying accounts and cashing their welfare checks. At his funeral one colored person was heard to remark, "Surely, we have lost the best friend we had."

Many ministers in the Little Rock Conference will read this account with saddened memories of a man who was their friend and whose home was always open to them.

God is the goal of life, he knew, toward which all our ships must go, for only in Him are all ships safe whether the tide ebbs or flows. He will be greatly missed but we rejoice in the thought that life is continuous. Our Christian faith teaches us that death is only passing from one phase of life to another, and we believe that all of us are a part of divine thought and are gathered up in one great phase of love and wisdom.

Our friend was laid to rest in the beautiful Tillar Cemetery. Until the roll call is complete we can leave him in God's care, believing all is well. To him we say "Farewell."—A Friend

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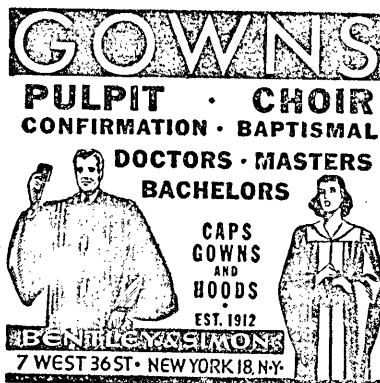
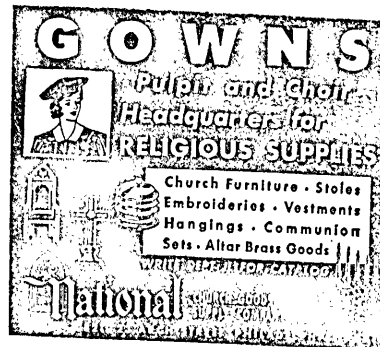
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church during the lengthy intermission between the Sunday afternoon and evening sessions. The host church also served bountiful refreshments during the brief intermission between class periods.

The attendance average was approximately 83 through the school. Forty-one course cards were awarded the following Sunday in the churches on the Pioneer Charge. Several additional youth except for their age fulfilled the requirements for receiving the Course Card.

CROWN PRINCE STUDIES CHRISTIANITY

Crown Prince Akihito, of Japan, will leave Tokyo on March 30 for a trip to Europe, United States, and finally to England where he will attend the coronation ceremony for Queen Elizabeth II. In preparing for this visit into the Western World, the Prince is studying Christianity under the direction of Yoshizo Kitamori, professor of Tokyo Theological Seminary. Professor Kitamori is a graduate of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Seminary and the Kyoto University.



When Books Were Made of Wood

DURING the better part of the seventeenth century, a familiar sight to American school children was the "hornbook" from which they memorized such invaluable data as the alphabet, the Lord's Prayer, and the multiplication tables.

These books, which had been used in England for some 300 years, consisted of wooden paddles, to which were fastened sheets of parchment protected by sheets of thin transparent horn (whence the name). The handles made for easy holding and were also used for easy toting—being tied with a thong to the child's waist.

In a day of scarcely any books the hornbooks were, of course, of inestimable value, but they had many obvious disadvantages. It is, indeed, a far cry from the hornbook of yesterday to the well-written, well-illustrated, well-printed children's books of today. In unprecedented quantities they pour from the presses: books to entertain and educate children of all ages. As publishing division of The Methodist Publishing House, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press plays an important part in the education of tomorrow's citizens through the outstanding books it publishes for the youth of today.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR MARCH 15, 1953

WHY MEET HUMAN NEEDS? *

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Matthew 25:14-46. Printed Text: Matthew 25:31-46.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."
—Mat. 25:40



This is the last lesson of Unit VI: "LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN". The first lesson of the unit had to do with humility. The Scripture passage taken from Matthew 23, called attention to the lack of humility on the part of the scribes and Pharisees. They did many fine things such as praying and giving alms but they did them to be seen of men. The motive must be to serve men rather than to be seen of them.

The next lesson had to do with alertness. The Scripture passage was taken from Matthew 25. It told of the ten maidens or virgins who went to meet the Bridegroom. The meeting took place at night. The five foolish maidens took no oil in their lamps. They lacked a vital, personal contact with Christ. The five alert maidens were ready and went in with the Bridegroom to the feast. The others were shut out.

The lesson today deals with the matter of human needs — "WHY MEET HUMAN NEEDS?" The Scripture for this lesson is also taken from Matthew 25. It has to do with Christ coming to judge the world. The Scripture connection with the theme is seen in the fact that the basis of the judgment has to do with the meeting of human needs.

In this passage Christ is pictured as coming in his glory with the angels. Since he is to judge the world he will sit upon a throne. The Son of man has become the King of kings and Lord of lords. The world is assembled before him. The good and the bad are divided. The good are placed on his right hand. That is the place of honor. The bad are placed on the left. The good are designated as sheep. The Palestinian sheep of that day were white, which symbolizes purity. Sheep obey the Shepherd; they are obedient. Sheep are submissive. They are non-aggressive. They will not even fight to protect themselves. The Palestinian goats of that time were black. They were not only opposite to the sheep in color, they were also opposite in all traits of character. There are hardly any two animals who are more unlike than are goats and sheep. They served well in this passage as a contrast between the righteous and the evil.

The passage carries the idea of a judgment. There are several such passages in the Bible. Some Bible students claim that each passage refers to a separate judgment, while others claim that all the passages refer to the same judgment. We will not waste time and space arguing this pro and con. It really doesn't matter whether these various passages refer to one or more judgments. The chief point is and the only one we are interested in here — the fact that God does and will

continue to judge men. People feel instinctively everywhere that they have got to meet God in the judgment. This is true even with people who know nothing of Christ and who have never heard a sermon or seen a Bible. Years ago, yonder in India, mothers tore their nursing babies from their bosoms and threw them in the mouths of what they thought were sacred crocodiles. They were giving the babies of their bodies in sacrifice to try to eliminate the sins of their souls.

One of the most beautiful thoughts of this passage is the fact that Christ identifies himself with others. The righteous are surprised to learn that they have ever rendered service directly to Christ. In the words of our memory selection the Lord goes on to say, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." It will be noted that neither the righteous nor the wicked realized that Christ identifies himself with humanity. The wicked insisted that they never saw him in the circumstances described in this passage. They had seen others in such condition, but not Christ. If they had seen Christ in such need, they would have helped him. The needy people around them seemed to be every thing else but the brethren of Christ. They failed to realize that Christ — at least potentially — identifies himself with every member of the human race.

The passage also calls attention to the fact that there is to be an eternal separation of the good and the bad. In speaking of the two groups, the passage closes with these words, "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

There is a vital sense in which people build their own future. Hell and heaven are places all right, but they are also states of character. The wise thing for us to do while here in the flesh is to think of these places in terms of character, for we can change our characters, but our thoughts of these abodes as places will not change them in the least. Christ said, "The kingdom of heaven is inside of you." He was talking to his disciples. It is equally true that the kingdom of hell is inside those who reject Christ. Sin carries with it the elements of its own punishment and righteousness carries with it the elements of its own peace, joy, and satisfaction.

In this matter of eternal punishment some argue that God is too merciful and loving to put people in hell and keep them there forever merely for the sins of a short lifetime. Such thoughts are erroneous. God does not any more put people in hell than he puts them in sin. through the power of free moral agency, or choice, they put them-

selves there, and they do so in spite of all that God can do to prevent it, even to the extent of becoming a Man and dying on the cross. As to their staying there forever, all know that people tend to become fixed in their character as time passes on. That is true even in this life. The longer a person puts off his salvation in this life the less likely he is to accept Christ. If that is true in this brief life, think of how thoroughly people will become fixed in their characters during the billions of years of eternity.

Human Needs

The theme of our lesson is in the form of a question — "WHY MEET HUMAN NEEDS?" To fully answer this question we might well raise a further question, "What are human needs?" Human needs are both physical and spiritual. May we note them in this order.

When we speak of needs we are thinking in terms of necessities; those things and qualities without which life cannot properly fulfill itself. In the matter of physical needs, food comes first. Physical life cannot be sustained without nourishment. The next need mentioned in our passage is that of drink. Man must have water. Even if he tries to satisfy his thirst with some other drink, it is the water contained in the drink that satisfies thirst. This is true with milk and all kinds of juices. Still other physical needs are clothes, shelter, medical care, etc. Man might live awhile without some of these things, but life is shortened and greatly impaired without them. These are basic needs for the fulfillment of physical life.

Now, there are spiritual needs which are just as great and more far reaching than these physical necessities. One great spiritual need is that of fellowship. Man needs to have fellowship with his fellowmen, and also with God. Christ insisted that true life is in the form of a triangle. At the top of the triangle stands God, at one of the bottom corners stands man and at the other his fellowmen. Spiritually speaking men's relationships look out in these two directions. One of the great necessities of spiritual life is the keeping of this triangle intact. No person is really and truly spiritually alive unless he can truthfully say, "I love God and I love all my fellowmen." We sing the old song, "Get right with God, dear sinner." We might sing with just as good theology, "Get right with fellowmen". One cannot be right with God and wrong with others. Some people may persist in hating you regardless of how you feel toward them. That will not interfere with your spiritual life if you do not retaliate by hating them. We are told to love even our enemies. We are told to forgive others if we expect God to forgive us. No person can live a spiritual life without fellowship with God, and no one can have such fellowship who wilfully and maliciously refuses to live lovingly and harmoniously with his fellows. We recall two great Commandments — love God supremely and fellowmen as self.

Another spiritual need is a hungry mind; a mind that is always seeking the truth. Christ said, "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free." That is true in every realm of life. Man learns the truth about nature and controls it to his good. He learns the truth about disease and cures it. He learns the truth about sin and forsakes it. He learns the truth about himself and

about God and surrenders his will and consecrates his life to God. He has learned the truth and the truth has made him free.

Another spiritual need is a love for the beautiful. It is only as we come to love the beautiful things about us that we really appreciate God and his blessings. If a person could be reared in a different environment from that which we have and be brought suddenly to this planet with all faculties matured his heart would be ravished by the beautiful on every hand. As it is, we are born as babies and become accustomed to the beautiful things all about us before we are old enough to evaluate and appreciate them. It is hard for a person who never wonders at the beauty about him to really and truly worship God.

Still another spiritual need is something worthwhile to do. To live a happy and successful spiritual life one must feel that he is needed; he must feel that he is fulfilling God's purpose for his life. That is where the matter of unselfish service to others comes in.

Why Meet These Needs?

It has been noted above that these needs are both physical and spiritual. Man is dual in his nature and because he is such, he has both types of needs. There are several reasons why, as Christian people, we should attempt to meet these needs.

We should do so first, because of the value of personality. Christ insisted that one person was worth more than all the world; "What would it profit a man if he should gain the world?" etc. Anything, therefore, that contributes to the development or strengthening of personality is of untold value. This is true whether the needs that are being met are physical or spiritual. Christ thought of life as a whole anyway. He was not inclined to divide it into these two elements. Unless physical necessities are met, spiritual development is all but impossible. It is hard to get a person who is physically hungry to hunger after righteousness. In the passage of our lesson today Christ was thinking of physical hunger, "I was hungry and you fed me."

Another reason why we should meet these needs in others is because of what it does to us. As we help others, we help ourselves. Nothing will bring greater joy to a person's heart than the meeting of the needs of others. Joy comes because of duty done. This joy in service is the greatest proof that Christ approves what we are doing and that he is living in our hearts and working through our lives. This joy comes to the individual whether the service he is rendering is meeting physical or spiritual needs. One can not hand a cup of cold water in the name of Christ and miss this reward.

Last, and very important, Christ tells us that the basis of the judgment will be on whether or not we have met these needs. Church loyalty is very important, but this is placed above faithfulness to this great institution. Let us help somebody today; our opportunities are rapidly passing.

All the water in the ocean cannot sink a ship unless the water starts getting inside. All the troubles in the world can't sink a human being unless those troubles invade his inner life. It's good old-fashioned character, after all that determines what we are.—Vera Werblo, Prairie Farmer

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All Is In Readiness

HERE begins this weekend and continues through Sunday, March 15 the Camden District Evangelistic Mission. Under the sponsorship of the Little Rock Conference Board of Evangelism, this district program is one of two which the conference board will conduct as a part of its conference program this year. A similar program will be held in the Little Rock District next month.

Ministers have been selected from throughout the Little Rock Conference to assist the pastors in the Camden District in this great program. Much preparatory work has gone into the planning, schedules have been arranged, prospect lists have been compiled, workers—ministerial and lay—have been secured, and all is in readiness for the program. The Lord is ever ready to bless an undertaking that is sincerely and prayerfully planned and designed to forward the interests of the Kingdom.

We would like to suggest that about the only stumbling block to a successful mission of this sort is the danger that the program becomes too mechanical in nature. We are confident that the leadership directing this program precludes that danger.

"They Are Off"

THEY ARE OFF" is the hushed, tense cry of the racing fans at Hot Springs as the horses break away from the starting post. The words, "they are off," might well describe the whole shady mess connected with the annual racing season now on in Hot Springs.

Arkansas itself is decidedly "off" when, for financial gain, it sells itself short in the market of morals. It is commonly accepted that Arkansas would not think of allowing this orgy of gambling at Hot Springs, or anywhere else in the state, but for the putrid pound of flesh it takes from this festering sore. Arkansas is "off" so long as its laws permit this unholy practice.

The people who blindly and enthusiastically pour their money into the support of the races are generally willing themselves to confess that they are "off" when they have time to see how completely they have been "taken in" by this grandiose gambling scheme. When the average man bets on a game that is in the hands of professional gamblers, no additional evidence is needed to establish the fact that he is "off." Furthermore, the moral quality of gambling is not in the least affected by state laws. Pari mutuel betting at the races in Hot Springs may not be unlawful in Arkansas but it is still just as immoral there as gambling is immoral anywhere. If gambling is morally wrong, state laws cannot make it morally right.

The professional gamblers, who gather at race tracks like birds of prey about a carcass, will be "off" to other parts of the nation as soon as the races are over, taking with them large sums of money, formerly in the pockets of citizens of Arkansas, that could have been spent more profitably in legitimate channels of trade in our state. Arkansas is always poorer financially and morally because of this annual invitation to professional gamblers to "take us for a ride."

The agitation for another race track to be located in St. Frances County grows more brazen and more threatening as the days go by. We cannot now believe that this additional track will become a reality. However, it is a matter that the better citizenship of Arkansas will do well to watch and oppose in every legitimate way possible.

Your Chance To Help

THE month of March is Red Cross month throughout our nation. Our enrollment in the Red Cross is our one great opportunity to "be there" on time with adequate aid when unfortunate victims need help. Emergencies arise every year, often in unexpected places and in unexpected ways, that make immediate help a "must" if disaster victims are to have relief and additional suffering is to be prevented.

When storms, floods, earthquakes and other disasters strike with suddenness, there is no time then to organize relief forces and raise necessary money to meet the needs of the situation in time. We should be thankful that the Red Cross is already organized for such emergencies and, through the contributions received annually during March—Red Cross Month—it is also in a position, when needed, to give financial aid when financial aid is needed most. When we have made a



representative contribution to the Red Cross, we may feel, as it meets one emergency after another, that we too are there through our contribution.

More than once, in recent years, Arkansas has sorely needed the help that only the Red Cross could give immediately. Before our victims of disaster hardly had time to recover from the first shock or even to realize the extent of damages done, the Red Cross was there to organize relief and minister to those in need. Remembering the inestimable service the Red Cross has rendered our people, the citizenship of Arkansas would be very ungrateful if it did not give liberal response to Red Cross Month.

Let us remember, also, that the program of the Red Cross reaches far beyond emergency relief, in times of disaster. The services it has rendered our armed forces in World War I, World War II and in the Korean war can never be forgotten. The four hundred trained workers now in Japan and Korea, the two hundred such workers with our forces in Europe and the additional hundred-thirty five workers at the other military outposts in various part of the world evidence the interest of this great organization in the armed forces. The Red Cross aids also in other ways too numerous to mention.

"The Local Church In Methodism"

OUR OFFICE is in receipt of a book, "The Local Church in Methodism," which we feel will be of special interest and value to workers in our church. This book is "a guide for church officers explaining how local Methodist churches will work in accord with changes made by the 1952 General Conference."

This book was written by Bishop Costen J. Harrell who was Chairman of the Committee on the Local Church that studied this question for two quadrenniums. The report of this Committee to the recent General Conference was the basis for the new legislation for the Local Church. Because of the special study he has made of this legislation, Bishop Harrell is possibly the best qualified man in our church to write on this subject.

Leaders in the local church will welcome this detailed study of the new legislation regarding the Local Church. It is not so easy for the average layman to get from the Discipline the plain facts set forth in this timely book. It may be had at a nominal price from The Methodist Publishing House.

Communism Set To Destroy Christianity

ONE of the most interesting experiences we have had in recent years came in interviews editors of the Methodist Press were privileged to have with returned missionaries at the recent annual meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension at Buck Hill Falls. There we sat face to face with missionaries recently returned from China in several interviews, some of them more than two hours in length. These missionaries both men and women had stayed on the field while communism gradually took over the country. They were each subjected to months of solitary confinement in communistic jails. Some were in prison as long as two years. Through these long months in prison they would never know whether they were to be finally released or finally executed. They learned about communism the hard way.

These missionaries, loving China enough to offer their lives for it, told us frankly that one of the basic purposes of communism in China, as elsewhere, is to destroy the Christian religion. Communists plainly told some of these missionaries just why communism feels that Christianity must be destroyed if communism is to conquer the world.

The substance of the reasoning of the communist is as follows: The free world rests on a moral foundation. Christianity teaches the intrinsic value of truthfulness, honesty, justice, kindness, brotherhood, moral purity, the value and dignity of human personality, freedom of conscience and freedom of speech etc. So long as Christianity lives these moral principles of human conduct will be taught. So long as these moral principles undergird the lives of any appreciable number of people on earth they will be a threat to the development of communism and a hindrance to world domination by communism.

Since the avowed, unquestioned purpose of communism is to over-run the world, the communists say, in a calculated, cold-blooded manner, "Christianity must be destroyed." They say that this moral basis on which the free world rests must be destroyed before communism can pre-

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