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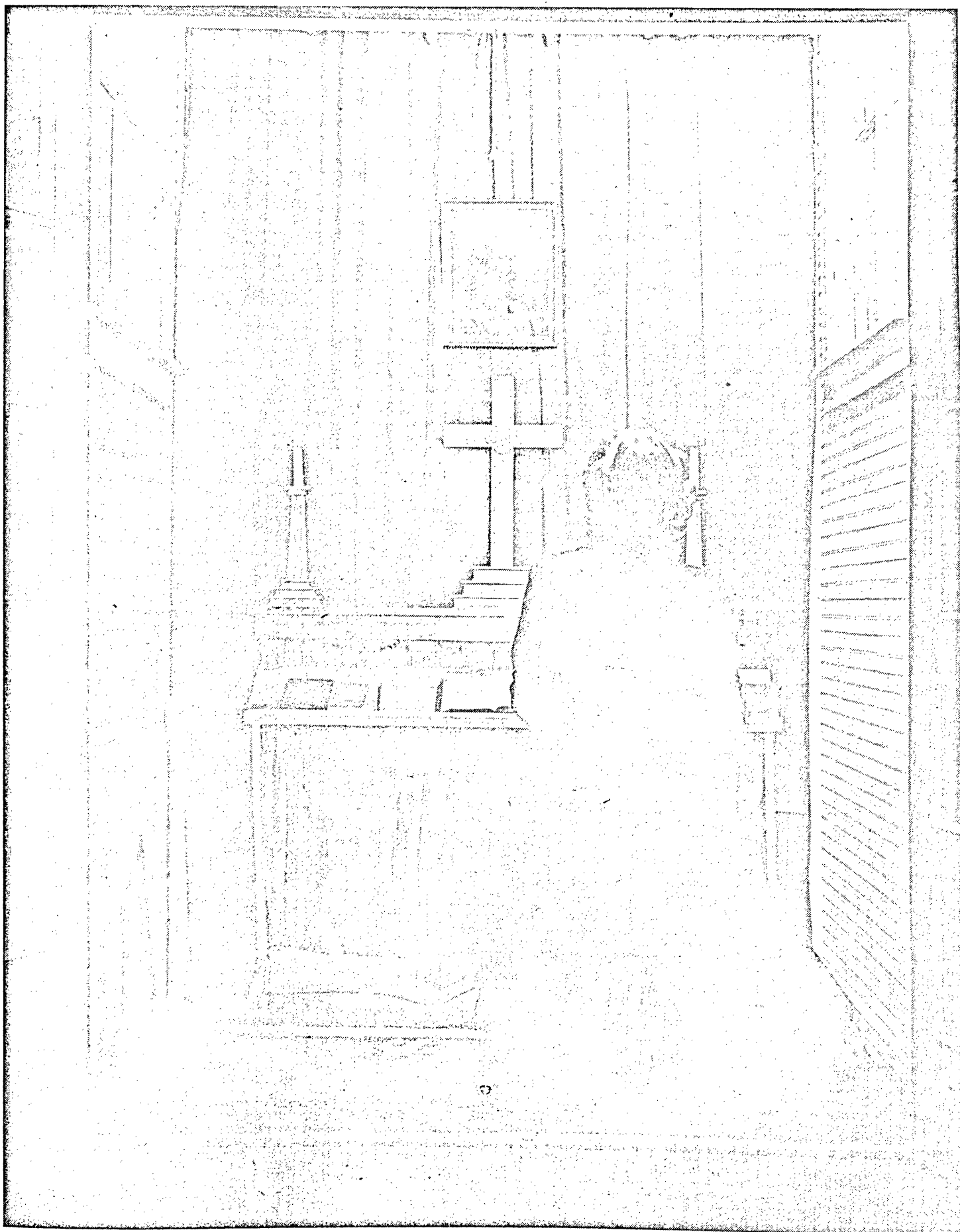
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1000 North Arkansas Young People In Rally

Approximately 1,000 young people in a conference rally at Hendrix College March 27 heard Bishop Marvin Franklin challenge them to direct their lives in service to God as a determining factor in the future pattern of America and of the world.

Bishop Franklin, who heads the Jackson Area in Mississippi, was inspirational speaker at a rally launching the youth emphasis of the Methodist Church in the North Arkansas Conference.

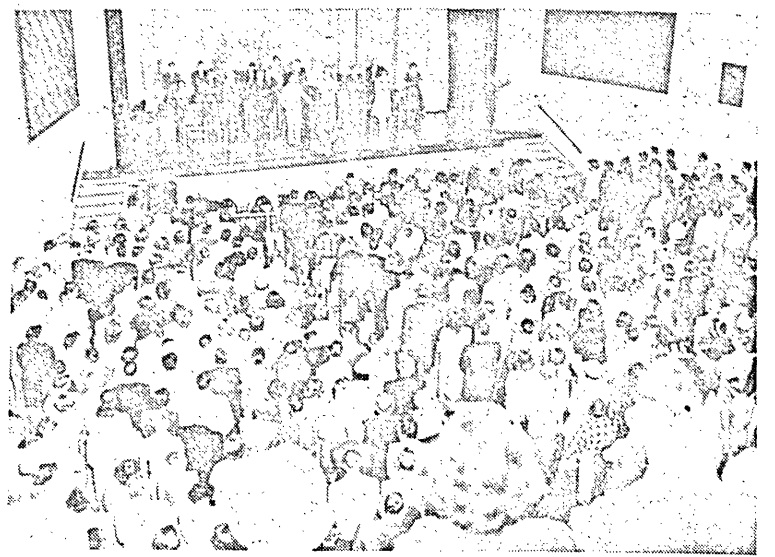
This is a time of passionate ideologies, Bishop Franklin said, and it is up to this generation to determine the pattern — whether Communism or Christianity, slavery or freedom, totalitarianism or democracy.

Presiding officer at the meeting was the Rev. Jim Gossett, conference Methodist Youth Fellowship presi-

dent, and student at Hendrix. Also participating were Dr. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary of the Board of Education; Dr. Matt Ellis, president of the college; and the Rev. James S. Upton of Conway, conference director of youth work.

A band concert was given by the Hendrix College Band under the direction of Dr. Ashley R. Coffman. Frank Warden led the singing of hymns, Sarah Workman was soloist, Nancy Smith read the scripture and David Young was organist.

Preceding the rally, a dinner was held to discuss plans for local church observances in the coming four-year program for youth. Present at the dinner were Bishop Franklin, members of the conference youth council, presidents and councilors of the subdistricts.



CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations for local church promotion of the youth emphasis were made at the North Arkansas Conference rally.

1. Study through the subdistrict of the youth situation in the local churches.
2. Each subdistrict can promote a local church survey to discover the unreached youth within reach of the local church.
3. Subdistrict programs to show local churches how to improve their work.
4. A district meeting of ministers under leadership of district superintendent and youth director to plan means of enlisting more adult workers with the youth in local churches.
5. Subdistrict meetings of adults who work with youth.
6. Local church or area training program to assist adult workers and youth leaders in local church work.
7. Improve the subdistrict council meeting, making it a training and planning situation.
8. Improve the subdistrict mass meeting.
9. Conduct youth Activities Week as a means of developing local church youth and developing leadership.
10. Hold youth revivals and conduct visitation campaigns to enlist youth for Christ and for membership in church and church school.
11. Plan for intermediate institutes on a subdistrict basis.
12. Promote Methodist Youth Fund.
13. Secure attendance of a limited number of adult workers with youth in Conference Youth Assembly, Youth Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, August 3-10, and workshop at Mt. Sequoyah, August 12-21.
14. Get local church leaders to conference and jurisdictional workshops and assemblies, and subdistrict youth leaders to youth workshop at Mt. Sequoyah.
15. Set up definite goals in each youth group.
16. Seek to help youth realize that the church not only offers them an opportunity to grow, but that the church has a challenge to youth to meet their responsibility to Christ, God, and their fellowmen.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT MAKES MISSION TOUR

A "Tour of Missions" sponsored by the Woman's Society of the North Arkansas Conference is expected to become an annual affair, according to Mrs. W. F. Cooley, secretary of missionary personnel, Fayetteville district, who accompanied a group of young people from the district on a recent trip to Oklahoma.

The tour was developed as a means of making young people aware of the opportunities for service in church-related vocations. Making the trip were 16 girls and the following adults: Mrs. Johnnie McClure, conference Woman's Society president; Miss Betty Letzig, deaconess; Mrs. Lillian Fountain,

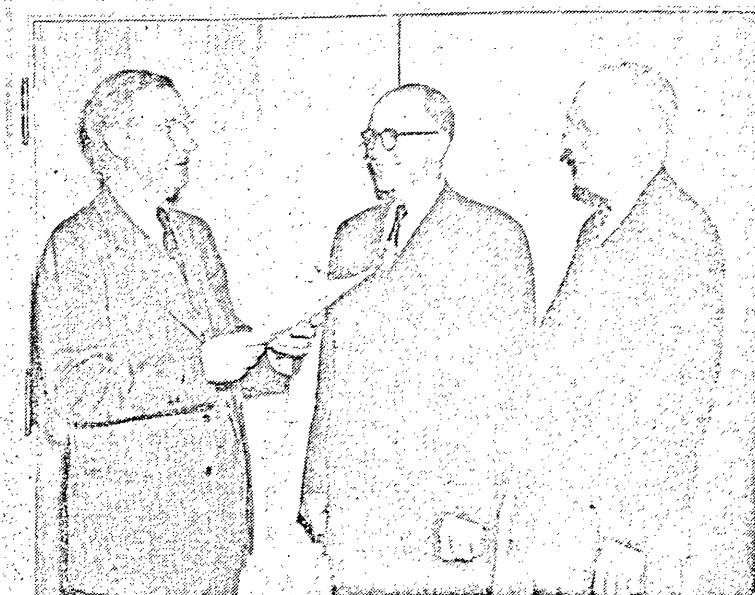
secretary of promotion, Mrs. Luther Wilson, secretary of student work; and Mrs. Cooley.

Visits were made to First church, Tulsa, Wesley Community House, Bethlehem Center and Indian Mission Headquarters in Oklahoma City; Indian churches in Okmulgee, and to medical centers at Cookson Hills. They spent the night at Oklahoma City University, a Methodist college.

Churches represented by the participants were Decatur, Sulphur Springs, Pea Ridge, Rogers, Mt. Hebron, Lincoln, Sulphur Springs and Fayetteville.

LOWER RIGHT: Conference MYF Officers—Front row, left to right, Nancy Smith of Helena, vice president; Jim Gossett of Burdette, president, Margaret McFall of Pocahontas, commission chairman. Back row, Dr. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary, Board of Education; Rev. James Upton, conference director of youth work.

LOWER LEFT: Youth Rally Speakers—Left to right, Bishop Marvin Franklin of Jackson, Miss., Dr. Ira Brumley, and Dr. Matt Ellis, president of Hendrix College, Conway.



District Meetings

Help Promote

Youth Emphasis

One of the chief organizational concerns during recent years in the Methodist Youth Fellowship has been in the field of district and sub-district work. In the Arkansas-Louisiana Area there has been considerable emphasis in sub-district organizations with practically every district in the Area being involved in the program. These sub-district groups, composed of those local church Methodist Youth Fellowship organizations within the geographical area embraced by the sub-district, usually meet monthly for meetings of fellowship, training, and worship. In many Districts there are sub-districts that account for all of the local churches in that district.

Within the last year or two there has been renewed interest in holding district-wide youth meetings which bring together all of the various sub-district groups as well as those youth from churches that are not engaged in sub-district work. These district meetings are usually held at least once a year and make possible a different kind of program, largely inspirational, which the smaller meetings cannot afford.

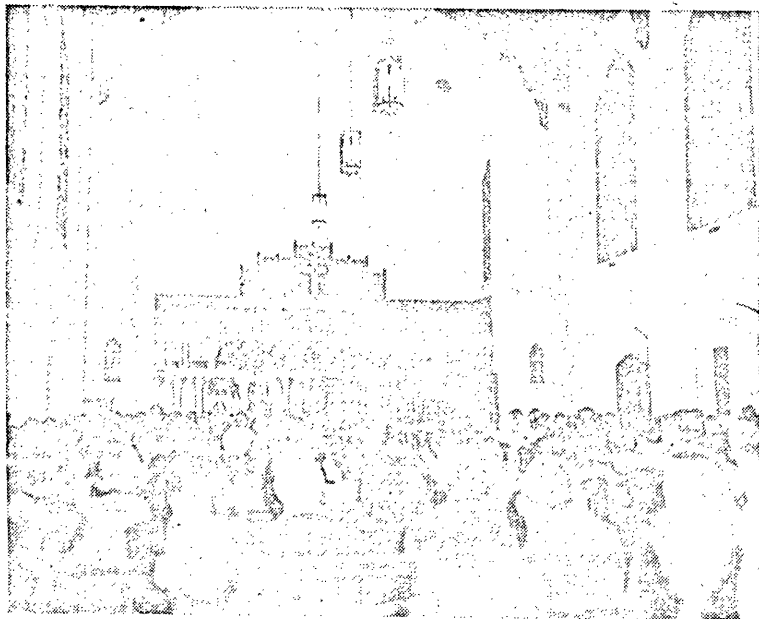
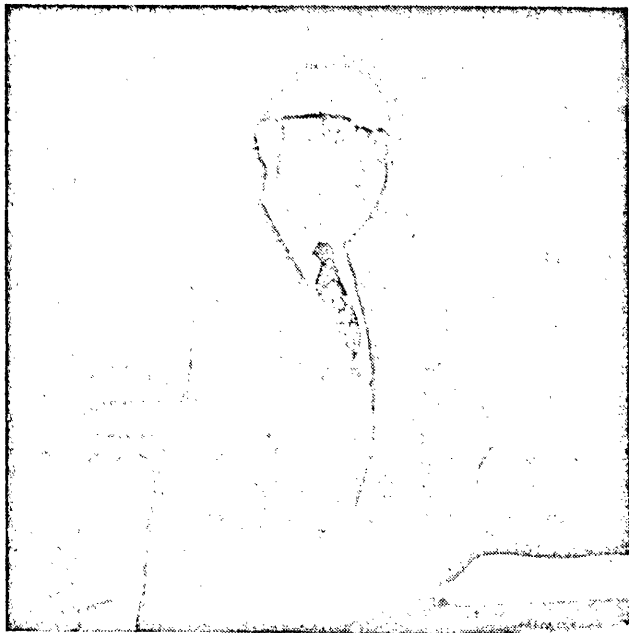
Typical of the annual district youth meeting is one that was held for the youth of the Fort Smith District, Friday evening, March 6, at the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith. On that occasion the beautiful Goddard Memorial Church was filled to capacity with youth and their adult leaders from practically every charge and church in the district. The program was conducted by young people and for

young people. The featured speaker for the occasion was the gifted young minister of the Ozark Methodist Church, Rev. Charles McDonald, who addressed the large youth congregation present on the theme "God and Christ Call Us."

Those leading in the service of worship included Joe Bill Roberts, Mansfield, Jimmy Kizziar, Midland Heights Church, Fort Smith, Sally Wernette, Goddard Memorial, Fort Smith, Julia Schwebke, Goddard Memorial, Fort Smith, Shirley Russell, Ozark, and Larry Barnum, Paris. Also featured on the program was the Girls' Triple Trio from the Van Buren High School, directed by Clarence Williams, accompanied by Mrs. Williams, and the Goddard Memorial Youth Choir accompanied by Mrs. Louis Joyce.

The Fort Smith District has a strong youth program. There are five active sub-districts in the district, which include all the charges of the district. The district is fortunate in having fine adult leadership which gives much time to the promotion of the district program. Under the guidance and leadership of the District Superintendent, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, and the District Director of Youth Work, Rev. Robert P. Sessions, St. John's Church, Van Buren, other adult leaders have been enlisted to help. Rev. Aaron Barling, Clarksville, Rev. O. D. Peters, Charleston, Rev. Charles McDonald, Ozark, and Rev. Vann Hooker, Massard, all contribute effectively to the sub-district programs.

Rev. Chas.
McDonald,
Ozark Pastor,
Was Featured
Speaker At
Youth Meeting
In Ft. Smith
District



TOP: District Youth Crowded Goddard Memorial Church For Youth Rally

BOTTOM: Left to Right: Joe Bill Roberts, Mansfield, past-president of the Sebasco Sub-District; Rev. Robert Paul Sessions, Van Buren, District Director of Youth Work; Jimmy Kizziar, member of Midland Heights Methodist Church, Fort Smith, and president of the Intermediate Paul E. Martin Sub-District; Miss Shirley Russell, Ozark, president of the Arkansas Valley Sub-District; Eugene Shoemaker, member of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Fort Smith, and vice-president of the Senior Paul E. Martin Sub-District; and Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, District Superintendent.

District youth officers not pictured are: Miss Ruth Riddling, Waldron, president of the Sebasco Sub-District; and Miss Sally Wernette, Goddard Memorial church in Fort Smith, president of the Senior Paul E. Martin Sub-District.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE SCHEDULES YOUTH ASSEMBLY JUNE 2-6

The annual youth assembly for the North Arkansas Conference will be held on the Hendrix College campus June 2-6, according to an announcement by Dr. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary of the Board of Education.

The assembly is for young people, ages 16-23, and local church Methodist Youth Fellowship presidents who have passed their 15th birthday by June 2, and for a limited number of adult workers with youth.

The program will develop the theme "Christian Stewardship," which is one of the four emphasis of the Methodist church's program for the next quadrennium. Inspiration speaker will be the Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden, superintendent of the Conway District. Following each of his messages there will be discussion groups on the theme.

Afternoon programs during the assembly will be given to the work of the five commissions, youth activities week, MYF organization, and other related matters.

Night Meetings will provide enrichment programs and fellowship.

Application blanks may be obtained from Dr. Brumley's office in Conway.

way. They should be accompanied by a registration fee of \$2, which will be refunded if the person notifies the office by Wednesday, May 27, that he cannot attend. Additional cost will include 50 cents for insurance, \$10 for room and board, and a limited amount for incidentals.

100 Persons Visit Downtown Chapel Daily

An average of 100 persons a day are visiting the Downtown Chapel located in the new Texas Eastern Building, the Shreveport Journal of Shreveport, La., reported. The chapel was financed by one-dollar contributions from Shreveport residents in a campaign conducted by the Journal last summer.

The North Andover (Mass.) Methodist Church is sponsoring a 28-year-old German scholar, Gisela Marbach, Ph. D., who is studying American literature in Boston University. Her life story includes a year of forced labor, conscription into the Nazi army, many months as a prisoner of war and capture by Russians in the eastern zone of Berlin.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will dedicate the new educational building of the church at Manila on May 3. Rev. N. Lee Cate is pastor.

DR. JAMES WORKMAN was the speaker for the Jacksonville Methodist Men at a fish fry on Thursday, April 2. Approximately forty men were present.

REV. HARVEY WILLIAMSON, pastor of the Lakeview Methodist Church, Minden, Louisiana, will be the evangelist in a meeting at Jacksonville, April 20-26.

REV. AND MRS. CHARLES MCDONALD announce the birth of a son, Donald Lee, on April 11. Mr. McDonald is pastor of the Methodist Church at Ozark.

DR. ARTHUR TERRY, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, was speaker for the monthly meeting of the Methodist Men of Sylvan Hills Church on Wednesday, April 15.

THE PASTORS of the Batesville, Paragould and Jonesboro Districts met at Wayland Springs Camp on April 16 to get the camp in readiness for the summer meetings.

THE YOUTH DIVISION of the First Methodist Church of West Memphis was host to the Community-Wide Easter service which was held in West Memphis.

REV. JOEL COOPER, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Conway, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Russellville, on Wednesday, April 15.

REV. C. HOUSTON FARMER, pastor of the Dardanelle Methodist Church, was the preacher in a series of services in the Danville Methodist Church last week. Rev. H. C. Minnis is pastor at Danville.

JIM GOSSETT, conference youth president, supplied the Jacksonville pulpit on Sunday, March 29, while the pastor, Rev. Harold H. Spence, was engaged in revival services at Tyrone.

MRS. FRED R. HARRISON, wife of Dr. Fred R. Harrison, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, underwent surgery at St. Michael's Hospital in Texarkana last week. She is reported as getting along nicely.

REV. E. H. HOOK, superintendent of the Western Methodist Assembly, Fayetteville, was guest preacher at the Marked Tree Methodist Church on Sunday, April 12. Rev. Alvin C. Murray is pastor at Marked Tree.

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, minister of Christ Methodist Church, New York City, will deliver the C. I. Jones Memorial Lectures in Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, on April 28, 29 and 30.

DR. GOLDER LAWRENCE, pastor of the Tuckerman Methodist Church was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Forrest City, on April 8. Dr. Lawrence is a former pastor of the Forrest City church.

REV. IRJ. BRIDENTHAL, pastor of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, was the guest preacher in a series of services at the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, April 6 through April 10. Rev. Winslow Brown is pastor.

THE NEWLY-ORGANIZED JUNIOR CHOIR of the Methodist Church at Pottsville sang for the first time at the church service on Palm Sunday. They wore new robes which were made by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Rev. William Hightower is pastor.

REV. LEE ANDERSON, pastor of the Mountain Home Parish, received into the membership of the Arkana Church, on profession of faith two

sets of twins in the same service. They are Dennis Cowan and Connie Cowan and James Harris and Gladys Harris. They were baptised together on April 2 at the new altar of the church.

DR. PAUL V. GALLOWAY, pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, is the speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at Wynne, April 12-17. The week is jointly sponsored by the Wynne Ministerial Alliance and the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y. Dr. Galloway is speaking daily at both the white and colored schools and each evening in the First Baptist Church.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of the First Methodist Church of Fordyce sponsored an Easter sunrise service at the church with Rev. J. S. Upton of Hendrix College as the principal speaker. The theme for the service was "One Early Easter Morning." All of the churches of the city participated.

REV. CHARLES W. RICHARDS, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, Little Rock, was the revival preacher and Director of Evangelism, during the week prior to Holy Week at the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church. As a result sixteen commitments have been received by profession of faith, nine by transfer, and three from other denominations.

REV. ETHAN DODGEN, district superintendent of the Forrest City District, was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, on Thursday, March 26. His subject was "The Place of the Layman in The Methodist Church." D. C. Neal is president of the organization. Rev. Ralph Hill is pastor of the church.

DR. L. L. EVANS, minister from El Paso, Texas, is the preacher in services at the First Methodist Church, Warren. The services began on Wednesday evening, April 8, and will run through Sunday, April 19. Dr. Evans was at one time pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith. Rev. Charles J. Cooke is in charge of the music. Rev. J. Ralph Clayton is pastor at Warren.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP at Plumerville has elected the following officers: President, Jimmy F. Thomas; vice-president, Clara Ann Pettingill; secretary and treasurer, Mary Alice Hamley. Mrs. W. C. Bane, secretary of youth work, writes: "We have an average attendance of fifteen with mixed Juniors and Seniors. There is good team work. We voted to give one-half of our \$18.00 in the treasury to the M. Y. Fund."

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH at Waldron had a record attendance for a Sunday morning service on Easter Sunday, in spite of continued rains. Most of the vacant floor space was filled with chairs to accommodate the overflow crowd. Five babies were christened during a service preceding the sermon. The pastor, Rev. Oscar J. Evanson, preached after which there were eight additions to the church, six by baptism and two by transfer.

SYMPATHY is extended to Rev. Kirvin Hale, pastor of Henderson Methodist Church, Little Rock, in the death of his mother, Mrs. S. A. Hale, of Lockesburg. Mrs. Hale died on Thursday of last week at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Jake Carroll at Texarkana. Funeral services were held on Sunday at the Lockesburg Church by Rev. Jim Simpson and Rev. Joy Calcott. Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Estelline Nixon of Texarkana and Mrs. Paul Shipp of Manassas, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. N. S. Shine of Lockesburg and Mrs. J. L. Green of El Dorado and eleven grandchildren.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY meeting of the Methodists of Sevier County was held on Sunday afternoon, April 4, at Green's Chapel, near Dierks. Rev. Alfred I. Doss, pastor at DeQueen, who is president of the organization, presided. J. T. Johnson of Lockesburg brought the devotional message. Lay speakers, representatives of

the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and workers with young people gave reports. A hymn sing was led by J. T. Manning. The next meeting will be held at Walnut Springs on the afternoon of May 31.

MINISTERS' "RETREAT FOR ADVANCE" will be held at Dielmann Center, Waveland, Mississippi, April 23-24, with Bishop Ralph S. Cushman as resource leader. The Retreat is sponsored jointly by the New Orleans Ministerial Union and the New Orleans Council of Churches. Bishop Cushman will give three addresses, with the general theme for the retreat being "Ministers' Personal Problems and Personal Relations With God in Christ." Dr. A. M. Serex of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, will be one of the leaders of the devotional periods.

DR. MARSHALL T. STEEL, pastor of Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, will leave June 1 for a three-months' trip around the world, primarily to visit Methodist missions in the Far East, according to a recent announcement. He is making the trip at the request of the general secretary of the Board of Missions and will visit missions in Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaya. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Steel and their three children, Bill, Bob and Sarah. He plans to visit the Far East first then go to India and Europe and will return about September 1.

THE SYLVAN HILLS METHODIST CHURCH had its largest Sunday School attendance in its history on Easter Sunday with 145 present. Around 175 were at the morning church hour, which was also a record for church attendance. The sixth annual Easter sunrise service was also well attended. Special music was provided by the choir and a solo was sung by Miss Mary Una Roberts. The pastor, Rev. William M. Wilder, preached on "The Legacy of Easter." The benediction was given by Dr. James W. Workman. Around 125 people had breakfast together at the picnic ground immediately following the service. The Scout leaders of Troup 35, sponsored by the church, were in charge of preparing the breakfast.

MAGAZINES WANTED IN INDIA

Dr. Eddy Asirvatham, recently of the Boston University faculty and now a department head at Nagpur University, Nagpur, India, would like to add a number of American magazines (used copies) to the library equipment for the students of Nagpur. He would like especially to have them familiar with the economic and historic events as portrayed in Time, Newsweek, Life, Harpers, Atlantic Monthly, National Geographic, Saturday Review of Literature, Saturday Evening Post, New Republic, New Statesman, Nation, Spectator, Christian Century, U. S. News and World Report. These magazines may be mailed directly to Dr. Asirvatham or to the Librarian, Nagpur University.

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Editorial:

Camp Tanako Day Next Sunday

By Ann Rice, Tillar
Little Rock Conference

WITHIN one week during the summer months of the past year, I was carried from one extreme of the MYF program to another in one of the most lasting and meaningful experiences of my life. This was at a Methodist church camp. By "extremes" I mean that in a group we went to the very bottom of our most serious problems and then later were lifted to a spiritual peak in our worship services. This week was climaxed by a youth-led service in which several young people dedicated their lives to both part-time and full-time Christian service.



Ann Rice

Perhaps the greatest factor which led to the success of this camping experience was the promoting of Christian fellowship through group recreation, study, and worship. In the daily "buzz" sessions or study groups we were given a chance to express ourselves on our problems which result in each phase of our MYF organization and perhaps if we did not reach a definite solution, we did receive adult and youth guidance toward a satisfactory answer. At these discussion periods we gave or received various ideas, suggestions, and programs which have a common goal, that is, making the church and its program have a deeper meaning in each young person's life. We also found entertainment in good, clean fun when we took part in the folk games, group singing, and inside and outside sports such as swimming, boating, and even scavenger hunts. This recreation and fellowship gave the youth an opportunity to know each other and the adult counselors better.

In most camps there is a certain activity or moment which is remembered above all the rest because of the effect that it had upon the group. I feel certain that the other campers and even the counselors would agree with me when I say that I think the evening vespers played the important role in our week together. These services, held on a hillside or beside a peaceful lake, were a "bringing-together" of all our deepest thoughts and feelings which we had experienced during the day. Although these worship programs were informal, the group soon turned them into something beautiful by singing old familiar hymns and Negro spirituals and by giving their own thoughts both silently and aloud to form the worship text. Seated on logs or rocks, we faced a wooden cross at the foot of the hill and certainly to us no altar could have been more impressive. At the end of the day we were talking with God in the same surroundings in which we had worked and played together.

The camp that I attended, Camp Tanako, 10 miles from Hot Springs, is only one of several summer youth camps which are sponsored by the Methodist Church in our state. By the contributions made through the local churches and MYF groups, this camp has been able to offer a more varied program of activities and more suitable facilities for the campers. In the near future, April 19, an offering will be taken in the local churches for Camp Tanako. Surely your money and prayers are well spent on such a worthwhile project which will afford youth greater opportunities in the future.

Power And Concern -Needed Publications

By Kennon Moody, Centenary College,
President, Louisiana Conference MYF

TRY to go through a list of the Youth organizations in the different countries of the world today. Without a doubt, you can name on both hands the groups that are left free to speak the mind of their youth—free

to speak and be heard without fear of reproach. Our own National Conference of Methodist Youth is among those very few that are left in the war-torn world of today. The Methodist Church has stated that "the national youth organization should be the voice of Methodist youth, speaking



Kennon Moody

with clarity of conscience on contemporary issues, matters of church policy, and the great concerns of the Christian faith." CONCERN, the youth publication, does just that—it enables the youth of our church to have a voice in all issues, a free voice to speak as the youth (the youth of the Methodist Youth Fellowship) feel. And it is through this free voice that the Methodist youth are able to coordinate their influence and actions which in turn influence all realms of human existence. Through the interest shown by youth over America, CONCERN has become the main channel through which information of our tremendous youth program is reaching into every town and village of our nation. Only with such continued interest will CONCERN be able to continue to be such an influential force in the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

At a meeting of the United Christian Youth Movement, the members adopted as the devotional booklet for the organization, POWER. Written by people such as you readers, POWER has become an integral part of our youth program. So aptly named, POWER has indeed furnished the spiritual power for many of us when the going sometimes gets rough. No other paper presents a way to look into the hearts and minds of fellow MYF'ers. Started as a devotional booklet written by youth, POWER has indeed gained its power from the deep spiritual life of the youth who contribute. Devotionals are welcomed by the editors, who feel that this is a vital contact with the youth who make our MYF the organization it is—a power in the world of today's youth.

Emphasis On Youth

By Jim Gossett, Hendrix College, President
North Arkansas Conference MYF

THE emphasis is on Youth! We, the youth of the church, are continually confronted with the increased responsibility that is ours. We are being given increased opportunity for development and growth, and consequently more and more is being expected of us. To be sure, the emphasis is on youth today in practically every field of endeavor. The stamina, imagination, idealism and



Jim Gossett

courage of the young person is in demand in every area of life. This revitalization which youth can charge into an organization is needed by all groups which expect to be successful. There is a quality, a very necessary quality, which we, the coming generation, have in our possession. You might call it enthusiasm, eagerness, expectancy, whatever name you care to give it.

It ever seems that more and more is being expected of the youth. From church, home and school we always hear, "It's up to the next generation to straighten things out. The world is in a mess, but you'll have to do the best with it that you can." This is a big order and when we look at the size of the job that we are expected to tackle it frightens us. Can we, just coming into adulthood, have any influence upon our society and our world? Can we do something constructive and good, or are we to be checked and discouraged until our enthusiasm wanes and dies, and we can more easily slip into a prepared rut and become another cog, with no initiative or individuality?

The emphasis is on youth, and a big emphasis it is, but can we, or will we, live up to those great expectations?

We can respond, we must accept and answer the challenge that is given us. To say no to a new world, to turn our backs on the opportunity that is ours, is failure itself. A new world is

being born, and we, the youth of our age, can furnish the motivating force to direct the building and establishment of the new era. If we lose hold of our expectancy and our enthusiasm, then we will not succeed.

This impetus is in us, the drive and force which youth possess is ours but surely a misguided power, no matter how great, is not a good power. We are young and inexperienced, we lack training and the wisdom which only years can bring. Through educational facilities which are ours and other means we can be helped and prepared to better meet life.

By striving both as individuals and a group to attain well rounded lives, with emphasis on emotional, physical and spiritual development, we may better become persons worthy of the great task which is ours. The training is of utmost importance, but to know what to do and have no drive to act is useless. We, the adults of tomorrow, must, if we are to successfully meet the challenge of the new world, strive to carry with us throughout life those qualities of enthusiasm, expectancy and hope.

We have the opportunity and a great one it is but the answer as to whether or not we will accept it and give it our best effort lies in the mind and heart of each youth today.

General Boards Hold Annual Meetings In Nashville

LAST WEEK three of our General Boards, the Board of Education, the Board of Evangelism and the Board of Lay Activities held their annual meetings in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Board of Education and the Board of Evangelism met in annual session for the first time in their new buildings recently completed. These two new Methodist buildings are just across the street from the campus of Scarritt College. These three adjoining Methodist institutions form a Methodist center of which our church may well be proud. They are only a few blocks from the Methodist Publishing House of Nashville, said to be the largest church-owned publishing house in the world.

We did not attend any of the sessions of the Board of Lay Activities which met the last of the week. However, we were privileged to attend most of the meetings of the Board of Education and also heard some of the proceedings of the Board of Evangelism. The Board of Evangelism majors in a well-rounded evangelistic program for the entire church. Its several publications include THE UPPER ROOM with its more than two million subscribers.

Only by attending the sessions of an annual meeting of the Board of Education can one get any real idea of the incredible, far-reaching extent of its program. The Board does its work through three major divisions, the Division of the Local Church, the Division of Educational Institutions and the Editorial Division. These deal, in the order named, with the Church School, Church School literature and our colleges and universities.

For the sake of efficiency each of these major divisions must have numerous sub-divisions to give direction to the various activities of the Board. The earnestness, the sincerity and the effectiveness with which the leaders of the three divisions and their helpers go about their work creates unqualified confidence in the program of this great Board of our church.

Special Youth Issue

The staff of the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist deeply appreciate the fine cooperation had from the youth of our three Annual Conferences and their leaders in preparing the Special Youth Issue. We want especially to thank the Executive Secretaries of the three conferences, Bentley Sloan, Roy Fawcett and I. A. Brumley of the Louisiana, Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences respectively, for the help they gave in the preparation of copy for the issue. We appreciate the splendid editorials written by our young people appearing on this page.

Students On Missionary Tours

TO NASHVILLE

By Methodist Information

Twelve young people from the Little Rock Conference, accompanied by three adults, visited Methodist institutions in Nashville, Tenn., in March on a tour sponsored by the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The four-day trip included visits to Scarritt College; four settlements, Wesley House, Lucy Holt Moore, Centenary Methodist Institute, and Bethlehem Center; and the Board of Education and Board of Evangelism.

The group participated in the interracial Fisk Fellowship, a weekly discussion meeting, attending church and at Fisk Chapel, saw Andrew Jackson's home, the Hermitage and attended the Grand Ole Opry. After lunch Sunday at Scarritt, they met with missionaries and nationals studying in this country, and were conducted on a tour of the college by Miss Betsy K. Ewing, alumni secretary.

Making the tour were Mrs. T. S. Lovett of Grady, conference Woman's Society president; Mrs. Edward McLean of Pine Bluff, conference secretary of youth work and director of Christian education at Pine Bluff First church; Mike Willis, director of Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock; Janella Caras and Emily Sanders of Pine Bluff; Amy Mackey of Arkadelphia and Barbara Daniel of Hot Springs, students at Henderson State Teachers College,

Arkadelphia; Billy Joe Hogue, Sardis, student at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia; Mary Sue Smith of Pine Bluff, Sybil Blankenship of Warren, and Bob Reigner of Crossett, all students at Hendrix College, Conway; Virginia Bird, Little Rock, student at the University of Arkansas; and Lenora Sue Anderson and Mary Frances O'Dell of Camden and Linda Kirkpatrick of Magnolia, all students at Southern State College, Magnolia.

TO KANSAS CITY

By Joe Stroud

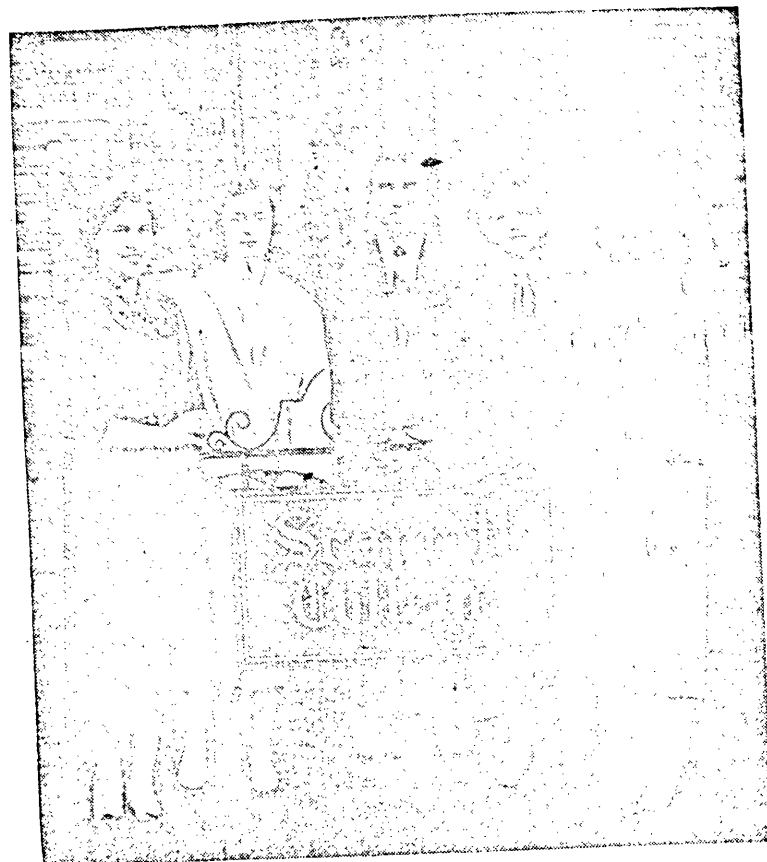
Methodism is stronger in the hearts and spirits of at least nine young people and their two counselors as a result of the student tour to National College in Kansas City, Mo. Nothing has ever so strengthened my faith and my conviction.



Joe Stroud

The tour was sponsored by the Woman's Society of the Little Rock Conference. In the party were Mrs. L. C. Ederington of Warren, secretary of missionary personnel for the society; Jean Atkinson, Texarkana; Janice Miller, Bauxite; Barbara Childs, Hampton; Mansel Baker, El Dorado; Mrs. J. Ralph Clayton, wife of the minister

FROM ARKADELPHIA COLLEGES—Billy Joe Hogue, Sardis, student at Ouachita; Amy Mackey, Arkadelphia, and Barbara Daniel, both at Henderson State Teachers College; and Mrs. Edward McLean, secretary of youth for the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society.



WITH W. S. C. S. PRESIDENT—Sybil Blankenship, Warren, student at Hendrix; Virginia Bird, Little Rock, student at University of Arkansas; Bob Reigner, Crossett, Hendrix ministerial student; Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Grady, president of Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mary Sue Smith, Pine Bluff, student at Hendrix.

at Warren; George Tanner, Fordyce, and Bill Sargo, Hot Springs, both ministerial students at Hendrix; Joy Ramsey of Pine Bluff and Jo Richardson of Conway, both students at Henderson State Teachers College in Arkadelphia.

We left Little Rock on Thursday night, March 19, and spent a few early morning hours sleeping in the Siesta Motel in Harrison, leaving there early Friday morning. Driving most of the day, and eating sandwiches and cookies while riding, we reached National that afternoon.

The college itself was quite surprising and quite good at the same time. National has less than 100 students. The college itself is impressive, set on the side of a hill in a very pretty section of the city. All buildings are connected by

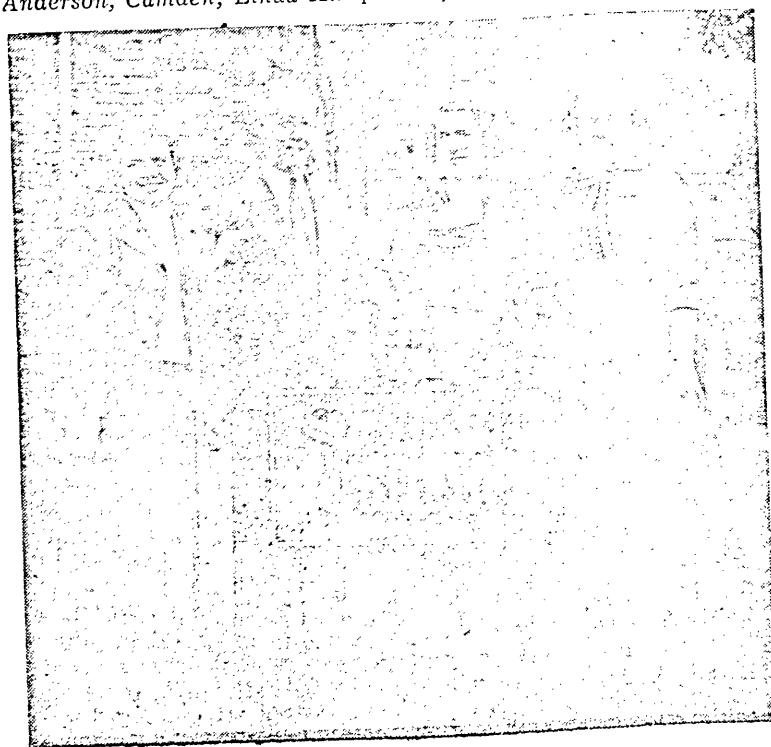
underground tunnels, for use at night and in rainy weather. All equipment and furniture are very modern.

An atmosphere of friendliness and hospitality was shown throughout our visit by the students and others around the college. We met many of the girls at the school, many from other countries.

On Saturday we visited Spofford Home for Emotionally Disturbed Children. The staff discussed the work for us, and when we left I think most of us felt pretty useless and unimportant. At the same time, however, it thrilled us to be a part of a church which plays a role in such projects. We felt a sudden spirit of humility, and hope for humanity, and we came away inspired

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SOUTHERN STATE STUDENTS—Mary Frances O'Dell, Camden; Mike Willis, director of Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock; Lenora Sue Anderson, Camden; Linda Kirkpatrick, Magnolia.





An Evening Buzz Session on Boy-Girl Relations



Outdoor Class Session on Officer Training

Little Rock Conference To Receive Offerings On

Tanako Day

Sunday, April 19

By GEORGIA DAILY

TANAKO, Valley of Peace, the Indians called it, and the Methodist church of the Little Rock Conference, seeking a name for its new assembly grounds in 1950, could think of nothing more appropriate for a camp dedicated to the promotion of Christian principles among young people and adults.

Camp Tanako, which will open its fourth year of youth assemblies June 8, will be honored this month by all the churches of the conference. On April 19, designated as "Camp Tanako Day," an offering will be taken to finance general construction at the camp. The offering was approved by the World Service Commission.

On the 86 acres on Lake Catherine near Hot Springs purchased by the conference in 1950, there now stand six cabins, four for girls and two for boys, each built to accommodate eight campers but pressed into service last summer to accommodate as many as 12. Other buildings on the grounds are the large assembly-recreation room, which adjoins the well-equipped kitchen, and which is converted into the dining room three times a day; and two bathhouses, one in the girls' area and one in the boys'. Funds are now being raised for construction of a library building near the dining hall.

The original purposes of the camp, worship, training and fellowship, have been carried out in its summer program for the past three years, and will be enlarged in the sessions this summer.

The camping sessions serve varied purposes, all designed to promote the work of the Methodist Youth Fellowship during the months following the summer work. Particularly helpful is the officer training weekend, when during a crowded two-day schedule the duties of the officers and commissions of the MYF are studied, problems are aired, and recommendations made for improvement next year.

During the two senior camps, classes are held in the morning and workshops on the various phases of the MYF in the afternoon. Recreational periods are slated at proper times, offering outdoor sports, indoor games, folk games, crafts, and other programs of interest to different age groups. Favorite spots at the camp are the fine, new swimming area, where a life guard is on duty for the assigned swimming periods, and the softball field.

Perhaps the most valuable phase of camping at Tanako is the inspirational period. Inspiration Point at Tanako, where vespers and morning devotionals are held, is a sloping hillside facing Lake Catherine, with a crude wooden cross, placed there the first summer by workcampers, standing with a little altar on the bank of the lake, in view of the worshiper. Out of the services held here have come decisions for fulltime Christian service by many of the campers—and by their counselors.

From the 1950 session when the campers slept in tents and stood in line for limited shower facilities, the program has changed and grown. Last summer it was found necessary to have two sessions of senior camp, as a result of increased numbers of applications. In the past, two or more districts have combined in some instances for intermediate camp, but this year each district will have its own intermediate week to care for increased attendance. This year for the first time, also, there will be a camp for juniors, the Arkadelphia district having reserved Tanako for July 27-31.

The cabins, crowded for every session, were built to accommodate eight campers using single-decked beds. All are equipped with running water and modern conveniences, and lockers provide adequate closet space.

One district—Arkadelphia—and four local churches—Magnolia First, El Dorado First, Pine Bluff First, and Asbury, Little Rock—have each paid the full amount for financing a cabin. One cabin was paid for by the conference Board of Lay Activities. Other districts are nearing their goals, and it is expected that one or two additional districts will have completed their cabin funds by the time the camping season starts.

CAMP TANAKO SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER, 1953

May 31-June 5	Girl Scouts from Hot Springs
June 8-13	Senior Youth Camp No. 1
June 15-20	Senior Youth Camp No. 2
June 22-26	Arkadelphia District Intermediates
June 26-28	MYF Officers Workshop
June 29-July 3	Pine Bluff District Intermediates
July 7-9	Children's Workers Conference
July 13-17	Camden District Intermediates
July 18-19	Little Rock YWCA
July 20-24	Hope District Intermediates
July 27-31	Arkadelphia District Juniors
August 1-2	Older Youth Retreat
August 3-7	World Friendship Workshop
August 11-14	Rural Youth Camp
August 14-16	Young Adult Retreat

(other groups scheduled on request)

Camp Tanako's administrative board is composed of three classes of trustees, agency trustees, ex-officio trustees and trustees at large.

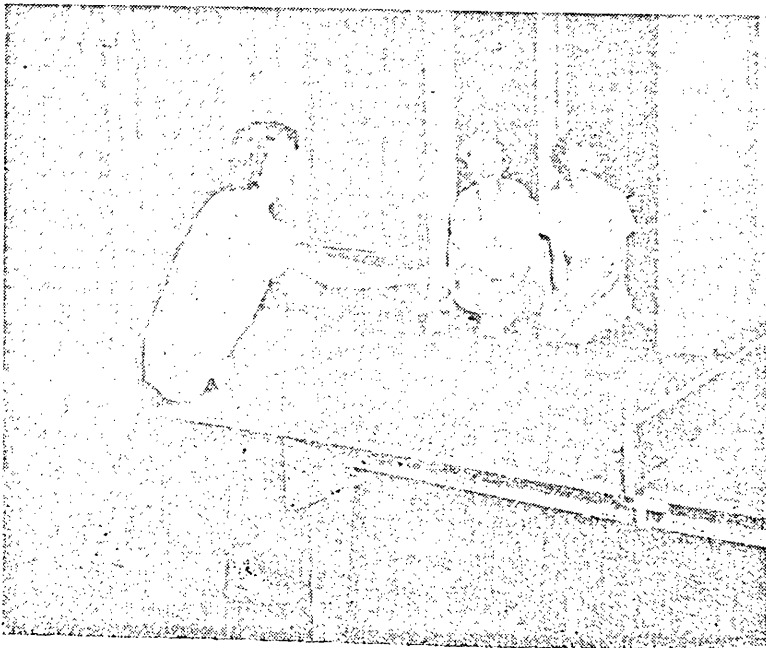
Chairman of the board is the Rev. Kenneth Spore of Pine Bluff. Other officers are the Rev. Cecil R. Culver of Little Rock, vice chairman; the Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretary of the Board of Education, secretary; and Fred Gantt of Little Rock treasurer.

Members of the board, listed by classes, are:

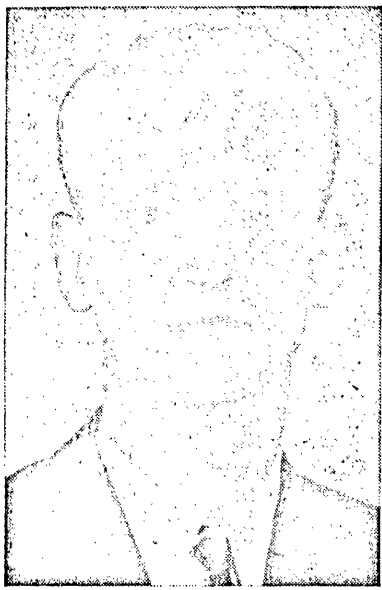
Agency trustees: Kenneth L. Spore, Board of Education; Bryan Stephens, Board of Evangelism; Mrs. Eric Jensen, Woman's Society; B. F. Fitzhugh, Board of Temperance; Fred R. Harrison, Board of Ministerial Training; Samuel B. Teague, Methodist Youth Fellowship; T. A. Prewitt, Board of Lay Activities; and the following who were nominated by their superintendents to represent the districts, Earl Frizzell, Arkadelphia district; W. A. G. Woodward, Camden district; K. H. Skinner, Hope district; J. Gordon Wilson, Little Rock district; Dan R. Robinson, Monticello district; and J. M. Spicer, Pine Bluff district.

Ex officio trustees: Bishop Paul E. Martin; Roy E. Fawcett; Cecil R. Culver, conference secretary of evangelism; Mrs. T. S. Lovett, president of the Woman's Society; Roland M. Shelton, conference lay leader; and C. Ray Hozendorf, conference missionary secretary.

Members at large: L. E. Tennyson and H. J. Gingles.



Tanako Majors in Recreational Activities



REV. ROBERT E. L. BEARDEN
Inspirational Speaker

NORTH ARKANSAS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM



REV. JAMES S. UPTON
Conference Youth Director

CONFERENCE YOUTH ASSEMBLY

The North Arkansas Conference summer youth program will begin with the conference-wide program for youth leaders and a limited number of adult leaders being held on the Hendrix Campus, June 2-6.

Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden, District Superintendent of the Conway District, is to be the Inspirational Speaker.

The program is to be built around the emphasis on Christian Stewardship. The Inspirational Speaker will bring messages on this subject. These messages will be followed by class session (discussion groups) on the subject of Christian Stewardship.

The afternoon programs will be centered in the organization and program of The Methodist Youth Fellowship, with some guidance in planning for "Youth Activities Week."

This program is for leadership persons, youth and adult workers with youth.

The space for housing is limited and it is necessary for those planning to attend to register early to be sure to have a place. No one is to come who has not pre-registered. Last year we were able to take care of those who came without registration, but with much difficulty. This year we must require pre-registration and two dollars (\$2.00) to Board of Education, Hendrix Station. We will be glad to furnish registration form. Registrations are already coming to our office.

The age range for youth is sixteen through twenty-three (16-23), with the exception that local church MYF presidents who have passed their fifteenth birthday can be admitted.

OTHER YOUTH PROGRAMS

The North Arkansas Conference is in position to have more camping program for youth this year than in any former year. There are three area or district camps together with Hendrix and Mt. Sequoyah as centers in which to have these youth programs in the conference. The Searcy district has special situations.

We are listing by groups these various programs and their dates.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT CAMPS

Bear Creek Lake

E. Clay Bumpers Intermediates
July 13-17

Galloway-Tolleson Intermediates
July 20-24

Frances-Lee Intermediates
July 27-31

Delta Intermediates
August 3-7

First Senior Camp
June 22-26

Second Senior Camp
June 29-July 3

Van Buren County Intermediates
June 1-5

CONWAY DISTRICT INTERMEDIATES

Hendrix Campus
June 22-26

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR CAMPS

Mt. Sequoyah
June 16-20

FT. SMITH DISTRICT CAMPS

Shores Lake

Sebascoott Intermediates
June 29-July 3

Paul E. Martin Intermediates No. I
July 6-10

Paul E. Martin Intermediates No. II
July 13-17

Arkansas Valley Intermediates
July 27-31

District Senior Camp
August 3-7

Mt. Magazine Intermediates
August 10-14

SEARCY DISTRICT INTERMEDIATES

Aldersgate Camp
August 10-14

WAYLAND SPRINGS CAMP

Batesville District Intermediates
June 1-5

Paragould District Intermediates
June 22-26

Jonesboro District Intermediates
June 29-July 3

Tri-District Senior Camp
July 13-17

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULES MEET

Representation from every church and a quota of 125 persons from each district have been set as goals for the annual Youth Conference of Louisiana May 9 at Alexandria.

Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana area will be the speaker for the meeting, be-

ginning at 10:45 a. m. at First church.

Delegates will have a picnic lunch together at noon, after which officers will be elected for the coming year.

Special music will be by the Centenary College Choir from Shreveport, which will sing "Songs of Methodism."

GERMANY—Youth

In West Germany, 45.6 per cent of the present population are under 30 years of age. The number in the age group 10-to-14 is twice that in the 30-to-45 group. In 1952 there were 606,000 young people between the ages of 5 and 25 who were unemployed. Those who left school

totalled 832,000. Only 560,000 could be placed in apprenticeships and other employment. Leaving school in 1953 will be approximately 910,000. On this basis there may be a million idle adolescent boys and girls in 1953.—Edwin A. Bell, "Germany in the Valley of Decision," Missions, 1-53.

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with a new missionary zeal.

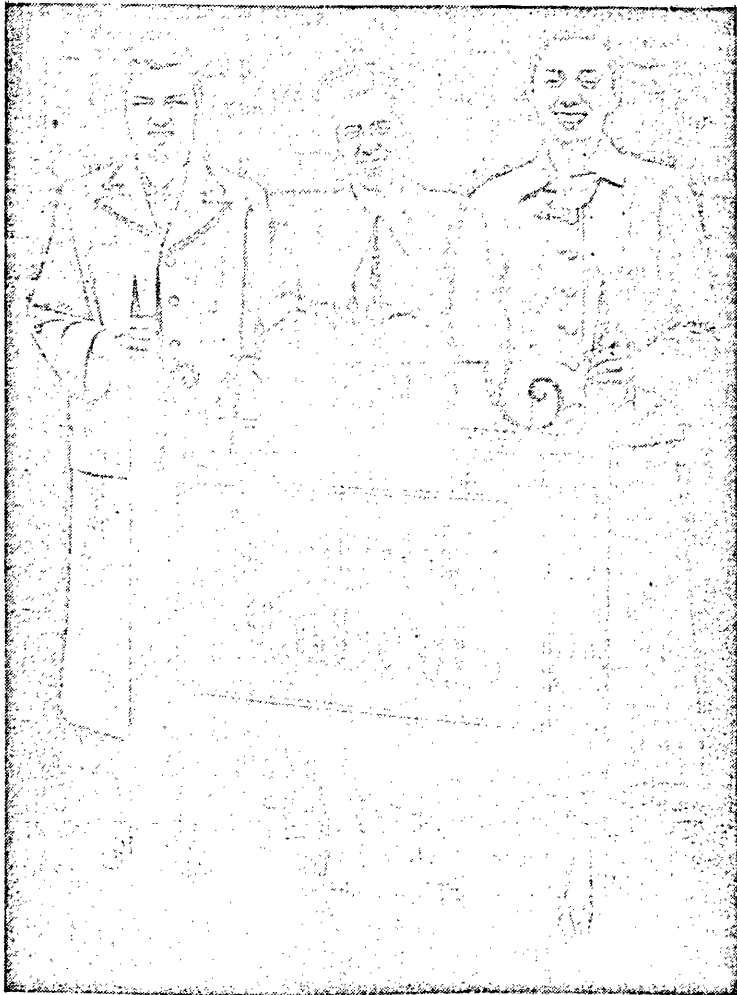
At Della C. Lamb settlement, we were impressed by the needs of the people who lived in the city for such a place. It is rather frightening to think of bringing up children in a slum district without the kind out-reaching arms of the church-supported community centers.

We saw two operas Saturday night, "Cavalleria Rusticana," and "I Pagliacci." Sunday we went to church at Central Methodist church.

Our tour was most inspiring, and we found that we should be proud to be a part of the great Christian movement. Proud, because the Church stands in cities like Kansas

City as a fortress for right and good and human kindness. Proud, yes, but humble also. Humble, because we are not doing nearly enough. I asked several times if the present funds and facilities are sufficient or even reasonably so, and the answer was also, "No."

We must give of ourselves, our money, our energies. The Church must meet these needs, for it is through the Church that we have hope for the day of brotherhood among men. Give to your MY Fund. Every penny counts toward a greater service to humanity and God. "You are the light of the world." If you do not do your part in the carrying on of God's work, then the light will not burn.



FROM PINE BLUFF—Janella Caras; Mrs. Edward McLean, director of Christian education at First church, Pine Bluff; and Emily Sanders.

COMING EVENTS

in the

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE M. Y. F.

April 17-19, Christian Witness Mission, First Church, Shreveport.

April 20-24, Subdistrict Youth Revival, Monroe Subdistrict. Speaker, Dr. W. E. Trice, University Church, Baton Rouge.

April 19-26, Youth Revival, Faith Church, Natchitoches.

April 24-25, Christian Vocations Conference, First Church, Baton Rouge, sponsored by Baton Rouge District.

April 26, Youth Sunday.

May 1-15, District Camp Leaders' Training Program.

May 3, Children's Sunday (Observe as Church School Day if not in September.)

May 5-8, City-wide Youth Revival, New Orleans Subdistrict; April Subdistrict Meeting, Workshop on Evangelism.

May 9, Annual Conference of Methodist Youth Fellowship, Alexandria
May 10, Mother's Day

May 15-30, Preparation of Vacation Church Schools.

May 26-29, Annual Conference (Broadmoor Church, Shreveport).

June 2-5, Older Adult Camp (Shreveport District), Caney Lake.

June 5-13, Christian Witness Mission Work Camp for Youth, Centenary College, Shreveport.

June 9-12, Older Adult Camp (Baton Rouge and New Orleans Districts) Seashore.

June 9-12, Older Adult Camp (Monroe and Ruston Districts), Caney Lake.

June 10-12, Older Adult Camp (Alexandria and Lake Charles Districts), Camp Brewer.

June 14, Methodist Student Day.

June 27, Methodist Youth Caravan begins six weeks' work in Louisiana.

June 15-20, Ruston District Intermediate Camp No. 1, Caney Lake.

June 22-27, Ruston District Intermediate Camp No. 2, Caney Lake.

June 29-July 4, Shreveport District Senior Camp, Caney Lake.

July 6-11, Shreveport District Intermediate Camp No. 1, Caney Lake.

July 13-18, Ruston District Senior Camp, Caney Lake.

July 20-25, Shreveport District Junior Camp No. 1, Caney Lake.

July 27-31, Shreveport District Junior Camp No. 2, Caney Lake.

August 3-7, Ruston District Junior Camp No. 1, Caney Lake.

August 10-15, Ruston District Junior Camp No. 2, Caney Lake.

August 17-22, Shreveport District Intermediate Camp, Caney Lake.

August 24-28, Children's Workers' Conference.

June 15-20, Alexandria and Lake Charles District (jointly held) Senior Camp, Camp Brewer.

June 22-27, Alexandria District Intermediate Camp, Camp Brewer.

June 29-July 3, Alexandria District Junior Camp, Camp Brewer.

July 6-11, Monroe District Senior Camp, Camp Brewer.

July 13-18, Lake Charles District Intermediate Camp, Camp Brewer.

July 20-24, Lake Charles Junior Camp, Camp Brewer.

July 25-26, Guild Weed-end, Camp Brewer.

July 27-August 1, State Youth Assembly, Camp Brewer.

August 1, 2, Young Adult Assembly, Camp Brewer.

August 3-8, Monroe District Intermediate Camp, Camp Brewer.

August 31-Sept. 4, Pastors' School, Campus of Centenary College.

September 12, 13, Church School Superintendents' Conference, Camp Brewer.

June 29-July 4, New Orleans District Senior Camp, Percy Quinn Camp, McComb, Miss.

June 29-July 4, New Orleans District Intermediate Camp, Percy Quinn Camp, McComb, Miss.

June 15-19, Monroe District Junior Camp, Chemin-A-Haut.

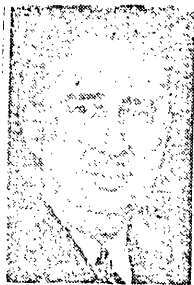
July 13-17, New Orleans District Junior Camp No. 1, MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma.

July 20-24, New Orleans District Junior Camp No. 2, MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma.

September 5, 6, State Student Retreat, Camp Brewer.

WHAT MAKES OUR COUNTRY?

What makes America is even more important than what America makes. The vast volume of our production may prove the deciding factor in the immediate world crisis. But something more than horsepower is needed for the long future.



So difficult are these days that my message springs from a prayer. It is the prayer of Moses in one of the darkest periods of his career. In the exodus from Egyptian slavery to the Promised Land of Canaan, the children of Israel had reached a crisis. Rebellion had arisen in their ranks.

Seemingly stalled in their advance, they turned to quarreling among themselves. Thereupon Moses, the leader, entered into a forty-day season of prayer. He prayed: "O Lord God, destroy not Thy people and Thine inheritance, which Thou has redeemed by Thy greatness."

What is the inheritance which has made America? We possess about six per cent of the world's land surface, seven per cent of the world's population, and produce fifty per cent of the world's goods. Our land is rich in mineral deposits.

Think of the difference it would have made if this continent had been poor and unproductive. Did you ever live in a community from which people were steadily moving away because it was played out? If so, you know the spirit of depression which settles on a place when all the more enterprising youth leave for greener pastures.

America has been a land where people are coming, not leaving. This has been—and is—a land of hope and opportunity.

Our Founding Fathers believed that God is the owner of this land of ours. We are but stewards. If we are true to our trust, we must be good stewards.

Wealth of material resources did not make America. Plymouth Colony and Philadelphia and Charleston were more than trading posts. If the Pilgrim Fathers had come only for gain, they would not have remained after their first year's hardships.

During that grueling first winter there was a time when the food ration was five grains of corn to each individual, when only seven healthy colonists were left to care for the sick and when nearly one-half the whole company lay in graves under the snow. Yet when the Mayflower returned to Europe the next spring, only the sailors were aboard.

The Pilgrims' love of liberty was cradled in religious conviction. They had been taught that every person is a child of God and thereby endowed with certain inalienable rights.

With this belief in divine sovereignty, the foundations of American freedom were laid. As a result we live in homes exempt from unwarranted search. We can vote in free elections with secret ballots. We can criticize our government without being spied on by secret police. We can send our children to free public schools and worship God in the church of our choice.

These freedoms were bought at a high price. They can be preserved only by sacrifice. Familiar is the saying, "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance."

What does this country mean to us? To me, it means a land where we are equal before God and the government, not equal in ability or reward but each good enough to have a say in determining who and what are best.

The late historian James Truslow Adams said that the greatest contribution America has made to the world is the American dream. He defined it as the dream of a land where life shall be fuller and richer with opportunity for everyone according to his ability and achievement. That dream inspired my generation. It must be preserved for our children.

JONES SAYS JAPAN OPEN TO EVANGELISM

Tokyo—(RNS)—Dr. E. Stanley Jones, completing the first half of a three-month evangelistic tour of Japan, said he was greatly surprised by the continued receptiveness of the people to the Christian message.

"I was inwardly prepared for opposition in Japan," he said, "but there is more interest in evangelism now than two years ago during my previous tour."

The noted Protestant evangelist said this continued interest in Christianity shows that the people feel a basic need for a new way of life. It indicates that the post-war interest in Christianity was not just a passing curiosity about the religion of the conqueror, he added.

"I still believe that Japan is the ripest field for evangelistic work in the world today," Dr. Jones said.

However, he recalled, by way of caution that only 15 years ago many felt that China was going Christian.

Dr. Jones arrived in Japan during the first week of February. After spending 10 days in Tokyo he began the southern part of his tour dur-

ing which he visited 52 cities in 59 days.

Although he is 70 and in poor health the evangelist kept to a three-meetings-a-day schedule. Some 21,000 Japanese indicated on cards their decision to become Christians and several hundred were baptized at the close of some of the services.

Following the southern tour Dr. Jones left here for the northern part of Japan's main island and the northern island of Hokkaido for the remaining part of his mission.

REPORTS AMERICAN INDUSTRY EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS

New York—American industrial concerns have begun exploring programs and techniques for "building spiritual values into work relationships in business offices and plants," James A. Rowan of New York, chairman of the Group Attitudes Development Corp., said here.

Speaking at the 12th annual conference of the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World, he said "the

STORY OF A MAN ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE BARS

Jim Anderson began serving a life sentence at the New Jersey State Prison ten years ago. Shortly after his admission there, his work assignment was clerk to the Protestant chaplain, the Rev. John B. Oman. Jim took his job seriously and among other things he directed the choir. He soon won the respect of both the officers and his fellow-prisoners. It was quite obvious that Jim was not so much serving time as time was serving him. His commitment was not only to a penal institution but there was also a commitment of his life to Christ.

A "lifer" gets 25 cents a day for his labor, and Jim began tithing his prison pay.

When Dr. Oman was appointed by Bishop Fred P. Corson as pastor of First Methodist Church, Trenton, he resigned the prison chaplaincy.

Jim Anderson requested his former chaplain to put him on his church's mailing list, saying he would like to consider himself an affiliate member.

Since then, because of exemplary behavior, Anderson has been transferred to the Prison Farm at Rahway.

Still on First Methodist's mailing list, recently he received the weekly bulletin which told of the Quadrennial Plan for benevolence giving which included needs like those

biggest development in industry today is the news that quiet tests are being run in a few industrial plants to show how spiritual forces can be applied practically."

Representatives of industrial companies, colleges, labor meditation boards, the clergy and prominent Christian laymen are conferring in the development of such programs, according to Mr. Rowan.

He said that out of an increasing interest in religion among management and labor leaders has grown a movement "to find ways of improving the moral atmosphere of industry and business inside the plant gate and office door." He described the movement as a "spontaneous" one, "led in the main by laymen."

Noting that in the past "too often the Golden Rule has been checked at the mill gate," Mr. Rowan said that "under the right conditions (it) will become the basis of a plant's operation."

He quoted the head of a large company who told his employees: "We attempt to work out too many of our human relations problems without asking for Divine guidance."

of our Homes for the Aged, hospitals, schools, church extension, help to churches within the area striving to meet building fund requirements, etc. The bishop suggested that each member of our Methodist Church within the area be asked to give one-half cent per day for four years. This is about 15 cents a month. It seems that almost anyone could add this trifling amount to his giving for these great undertakings. "This church," the bulletin stated, "has an enviable record in our Conference—we raise every suggested goal. Will you help us to keep this splendid record for our beloved church?"

While reading this, Jim Anderson was struck by the fact that he was a constituent member of the Philadelphia Area of Methodism, and that he should have a financial part in the quadrennial program. So, the church treasurer received a check from Jim's quarter-a-day tithe account.

Jim Anderson, who has ten years in on a life sentence, is the first member in First Church, Trenton, N. J., to contribute to that church's quadrennial program. More than that—he paid two years in advance!

In commenting on Jim's philosophy of stewardship to advance the church on all fronts, Dr. Oman said, "If a man on the wrong side of the bars is willing to do so much with so little, how can anyone of us do less?"

—O. L. Simpson

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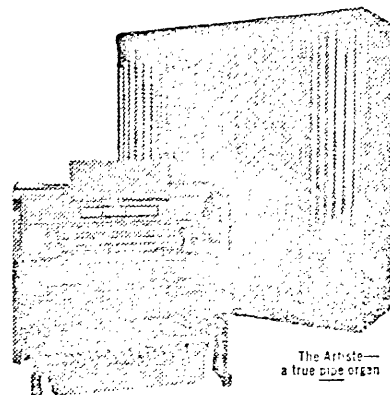
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OXNAM REPLIES TO HOUSE COMMITTEE CHARGES

A DETAILED, documented reply to charges against him by the House Un-American Activities Committee has been made in Washington by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. He charged the Committee with deliberately disseminating false information about him and with "blackmail." The Washington Post gave nearly two full pages to the text of the "information" about Bishop Oxnam released to the press by the Committee and to the bishop's point-by-point comment on it.

During the course of his answer Bishop Oxnam stated that a meeting to promote Soviet-American friendship in 1942 which he was accused of helping to sponsor also had as co-sponsors Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, Senator Kenneth D. McKellar (D., Tenn.) and a number of other prominent Americans, including editor William Allen White of Emporia, Kans. Bishop Oxnam denied that he had been a member of several alleged Communist-front groups, as charged by the Committee. Most of the organizations mentioned in the Committee's "information," including the American Civil Liberties Union, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and the National Religion and Labor Foundation, have never been listed anywhere as "subversive," the bishop said in his reply.

Bishop Oxnam also gave details of his policy differences with the Methodist Foundation for Social Action and his resignation from that organization in 1947. This group has been frequently accused of leftist leanings. The Washington Post, commenting editorially of the bishop's reply to the Committee, said: "Read Bishop Oxnam's full statement. The Committee dossier on him records entirely innocent activities as though they had some sinister implication. The dossier reports public statements by Bishop Oxnam assailing 'witch hunts,' and criticizing the Committee on Un-American Activities as though these statements were in themselves evidence against him. What in the world is wrong with such an expression of opinion in a free country? The Committee apparently regards as 'subversive' any opinion of which it disapproves. The dossier compiled on Bishop Oxnam is the kind of dossier compiled by the political police behind the Iron Curtain. It does not represent investigation; it represents a naked and ugly attempt at intimidation."

Church Construction Gains 14 Percent

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Church construction, now virtually free from government controls and materials shortages, showed a 14 percent increase during the first quarter of

1953 over the same period a year ago. Government reports said that new construction valued at \$103,000,000 was started in January, February, and March. In the first quarter of 1952 new starts totaled only \$90,000,000. Parochial school construction gained 15 percent over last year's quarter. Construction was started on \$93,000,000 worth of new buildings by non-public schools in the first three months of this year, compared with \$81,000,000 in the same period a year ago. Meanwhile, construction activity by non-public hospitals, orphanages, and other privately-supported institutions continued to decline. It amounted to only \$78,000,000 in the first quarter of 1953, as against \$97,000,000 in the first quarter of 1952, a 20 percent loss.

Hearings Planned On Tax Exemption Bill

Hearings will be held in May on a House bill designed to give ministers tax exemption on that part of their income paid in lieu of living quarters. This was announced by Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R.-N.Y.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which will conduct the hearings. "An opportunity will be given for witnesses to appear on all legislation designed to correct tax inequities when we open our hearings on general revision of the Internal Revenue Code," he said. However, Rep. Reed warned that the committee will not be able to make as many revisions in tax laws as it would like, unless the Federal budget can be brought into balance. If the budget is out of balance, tax concessions will of necessity be very few, he said.

SAYS PUBLIC SCHOOLS GIVING BETTER SPIRITUAL INSTRUCTION

A Duke University educator said in Asheville, N. C. that public schools today are giving "more and better" moral and spiritual instruction than ever before, despite some opinion to the contrary. Dr. William H. Cartwright, chairman of the Duke University Department of Education, said that "far too many people are being misled as to what goes on in the social studies classrooms of this nation." He addressed the Social Studies Division of the North Carolina Education Association. The often-heard charge that public schools of today are giving less attention to moral and spiritual values than formerly, Dr. Cartwright said, "is particularly important to social studies teachers be-

cause the social studies lend themselves most easily to the teaching of moral and spiritual values." "Fortunately," he said, "we cannot find in the modern public school textbooks instructions depreciating or supporting any particular religious denomination. But this is not to say that the modern school omits moral and spiritual instruction. One measure of moral and spiritual value in the schools is the extent to which the program of activities conforms to the way of life preached and exemplified by the Master Teacher. When measured in this way, our public schools are giving more and better instruction than was ever the case."

LAUNCH NEW MOVE AGAINST EVANGELICAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION

COMMUNIST authorities are arranging a series of meetings in high schools and universities throughout the Soviet Zone of Berlin at which students will be urged to sit in judgment on their classmates and expel those belonging to the Junge Gemeinde (Youth Community), Evangelical Church youth organization.

Meanwhile, it was learned in Berlin, the East German Christian Democratic Union sent a confidential directive to all its district headquarters ordering an intensification of the campaign against the Church youth movement.

Dibelius Warns Opponents Church Can't Be Destroyed

Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, head of the Evangelical Church in Germany, warned "the other side" in an Easter message published in Berlin that it should not "nourish the deceptive belief that the Church can be easily and quickly done away with." "Behind weak men stands a strong Master," Dr. Dibelius said, "and always (when men think He is finished once and for all, He reappears as the living and unconquerable. This has always been the case in the past and will continue to be so in the future." The Easter message was printed in Die Kirche (The Church), official organ of the Evangelical Church in Berlin-Brandenburg. Meanwhile, the East German Communist press continued its anti-Church campaign by lauding Soviet Zone authorities for the recent series of arrests and imprisonment of Protestant churchmen whom it termed "reactionary, anti-State clergymen." The Communist organs called upon the church to "participate in the fight against the western war-pacts instead of agitating against the (East) German Democratic Republic and creating unrest and confusion among Christian believers."

Cowboys Hold Easter Sunrise Service

Among unusual Easter sunrise services this year was a mass ride by 150 horsemen at Wickenburg, Ariz., "Cowboy Capital of the World." They rode three miles into the desert to greet the sunrise and participate in worship services. Among

"The anti-State activities of clergymen and parishioners can no longer be tolerated," it said. "The Junge Gemeinde, under the influence of reactionary forces within the Evangelical Church management, is being turned into a political center of resistance to the peace front."

the clergymen who took part was the Rev. Joe Evans, cowboy evangelist from El Paso, Tex. In addition to the riders, hundreds of others drove automobiles to the desert knoll in the shadow of the towering Bradshaw Mountains where a cross and rock altar were erected.

Station Went Off Air To Mark Good Friday

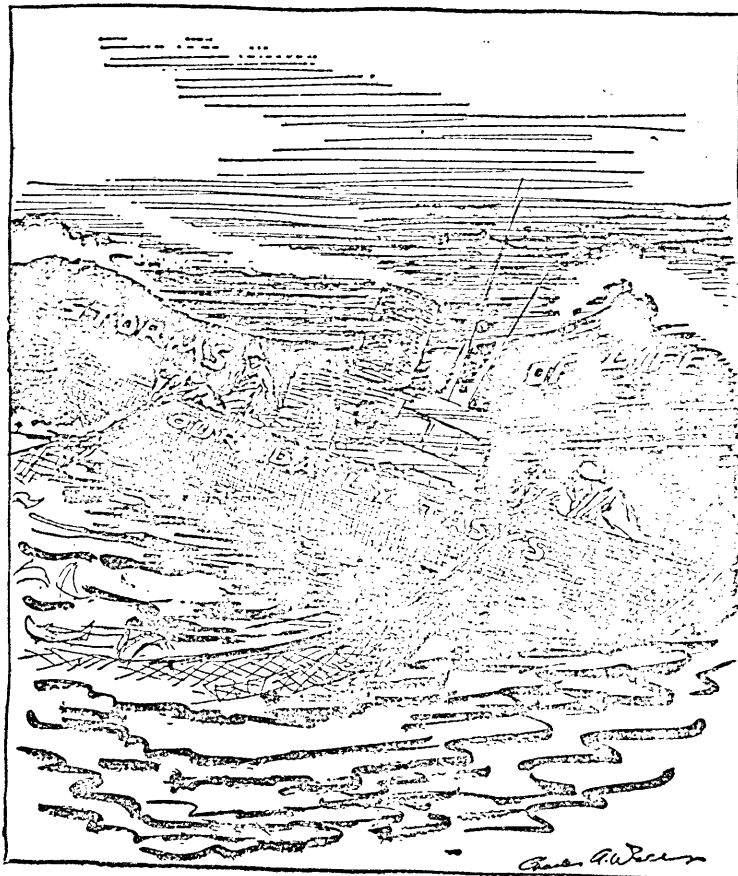
Radio station WBRK in Pittsfield, Mass., went off the air for an hour and 15 minutes on Good Friday. The station told listeners it hoped that during this silent period they would "attend the church of their choice." This was believed to be the first time any radio station has stopped operating in deference to a religious observance.

Communists Designate Easter As 'Spring Day'

Radio and press organs in Iron Curtain countries exhorted workers to labor on Easter Sunday, which the Communists now call "Spring Day." During the past few years, Communist regimes have abolished the observance of many Christian feast days as workless days.

LIVING WITH THE STORM

Chas. A. Wells



CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

OXNAM-JACKSON ON NBC RADIO-TV

Methodists will be interested to know that Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, and Rep. Donald L. Jackson of California, member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, will present their views on the methods used in Congressional investigations on a nationwide radio and television broadcast, Sunday, April 26.

Scheduled to speak on the National Broadcasting Company's American Forum of the Air from 2:30 to 3 p. m. Eastern Daylight Time, Bishop Oxnam and Rep. Jackson will discuss the topic "Is Criticism of House Un-American Activities Committee Methods Justified?" Consult your local NBC station for day and time.

The program will originate in the NBC studios in the Wardman Park Hotel, Washington. Theodore Granik will be the moderator.

EASTER EVANGELISM IN THE DeQUEEN CHURCH

The Methodist Church at DeQueen has enjoyed a three-weeks period of evangelistic effort culminating with a great Easter Sunday observance. The period was developed in four stages. First, was four days of Visitation Evangelism. Twenty-two men visited on Sunday afternoon and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of March 15-18.

The Second was twelve days of mass evangelism, March 18-29. Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Secretary of the North Arkansas Town and Country Work was the preacher. His preaching and administration was most unusual in fearlessness and in special youth service. He led the church in a twenty-four hour prayer vigil that has definitely enriched the spiritual life of our church and community. Rev. Chas B. Wyatt of Fort Smith, led the singing and conducted special meetings for the children. The congregation enjoyed following him in singing the old gospel songs in the night services. The Methodist Hymnal was used in the day services with Brother Wyatt presenting the hymn stories and deepening the appreciation of our people for the great hymns of the church. The church was filled every night and a wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the twelve days.

Holy week was the third stage of the Evangelistic effort. A class of new members were received on Palm Sunday morning before a large congregation. Wednesday night was "Welcome night" for the new members, Maudy Thursday was observed with all-day Communion at the church. Individuals and groups came throughout the day for Communion. The church was open all day Good Friday for devotions and prayer.

Easter Sunday was the fourth stage of our glorious evangelistic adventure. It was a day that shall be remembered, during the months to come, by the DeQueen Methodists. An alltime record in Sunday School attendance was reached. Nearly four hundred people filled the sanctuary at the morning hour, witnessing the two choirs of children in a lily processional with

Workshop At Camp Aldersgate On Relation Of Church And College Campus

Relation of church and college campus will be the general theme of a workshop scheduled for April 24 and 25 at Aldersgate Camp in Little Rock. Participating will be representatives from the colleges of Arkansas, together with pastors of churches in colleges towns and adults who work with students.

Plans call for panel discussions of what the church is doing now to contact young people in college, the progress and problems involved, and definite recommendations for future action.

The workshop will be sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Little Rock Conference. The planning committee includes Mrs. Charles Primm of Smackover, secretary of student work; Mrs. Edward McLean of Pine Bluff, secretary of youth work; Mrs. M. W. Willis, hostess at Aldersgate; and the Rev. Roy Fawcett, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education.

The workshop is one of four phases of the youth program being promoted by the Woman's Society, the others being visitation by society members on college campuses within and outside the state; a fellowship team laboratory during the summer at Aldersgate; and student tours like the recent one to Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., and National College, Kansas City. Money for the workshop was given to the society

through the Elizabeth Thornburg Workman fund.

After registration until 6 p. m. Friday and supper, the opening address will be made by the Rev. James Upton of Conway, director of youth work in the North Arkansas Conference, who will explain the purpose of the workshop. Problems presented will be discussed in a buzz session, and four students will present a panel on what students expect of the church, in regard to the problems.

A panel Saturday morning will present the organized efforts of the church to meet the needs, and will include Mr. Fawcett, Mrs. Trimm and Jacque Floyd, president of the state Methodist Student Movement, and student at Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia.

After a sharing session in the afternoon when definite recommendations will be made for distribution to the colleges and the persons concerned, the Rev. William Byrd of Arkadelphia will lead the closing discussion.

Students who will participate in the interracial workshop will be from Monticello, Magnolia, Conway, Arkadelphia, and Little Rock. Pastors and directors of Christian education will be asked to choose two students from each college church to attend.

Worship Friday night will be directed by the Rev. Joel Cooper, pastor of First Church, Conway.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE W. S. C. S. IN ANNUAL SESSION

Methodist women of the North Arkansas Conference opened a three-day meeting Tuesday at First church, Blytheville, with Mrs. Johnnie McClure of Springdale presiding.

The opening session of the 13th annual meeting featured a presentation of the work by the conference secretaries, directed by Mrs. Elmus Brown of Jonesboro, promotion secretary. Mrs. William Wyatt made the welcoming address for the Blytheville Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. George Disinger introduced guests.

Miss Mildred Drescher, field worker for the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions, spoke at the Tuesday nights session, with Mrs. Ben DeVoll of Paragould, conference treasurer, conducting the pledge service.

Mrs. McClure delivered the president's message on Wednesday morning after which the delegates attended a World Federation luncheon. Speakers in the afternoon were Mrs. W. F. Cooley of Fayetteville, secretary of literature for the South Central Jurisdiction society, and D. J. Blaylock, narcotic consultant for Arkansas.

Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix College, Conway, spoke on "It's A Small World" at 7:30 p. m.

The conference adjourned at noon Thursday.

EASTER SERVICES IN MOUNTAIN HOME PARISH

The Mountain Home Parish churches under the leadership of the pastors, Rev. Lee and Ella Anderson, and assisted by Lay Speakers, Bill Morris, Mrs. Bill Morris, W. M. Finley, Mac Martin, Mrs. Joe Swanson and a great number of singers and musicians held many services during Lent. Rev. R. E. Connell District Superintendent of the Batesville district preached for the services at Norfolk March 15-20. Holy Week services were conducted at the Arkana Church where Mrs. Anderson was speaker for the week, attended by members of the Parish churches. The Arkana youth choir furnished music for the candlelight communion service on Thursday night. The Young Adult choir presented the Seven Last Words in song on Friday night where a two-hour memorial service was held with scripture and meditations. Nine members were received by profession of faith and three by transfer.

Easter Sunrise Services at the Norfolk Dam was held with choirs of the rural churches singing the hymns. Music was furnished by the parish organ. A 12 foot cross was erected amidst a rustic setting of scenery and the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Norfolk presented crucifixion and resurrection scenes around the cross in native costumes of the Holy Land. Other denominations were invited in to partake in the service. Rev. Carl Huddleston, pastor Baptist church at Norfolk brought the message. Rain was falling throughout the service but did not discourage those taking part or

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Shiloh Church Enters Program of Revitalization

Shiloh Church, a member of the Roe Circuit in Arkansas County, made real progress over the past two years, and is now working earnestly toward a better church and a better community. Active membership of the church includes descendants of charter members of the early church organization going back several generations.

The hope and future of this little rural church lies in the noticeably fine quality of its youth and its inspired leadership. It is awakened to the facts of inadequate church school facilities, and indifference on the part of some of the membership, and is determined, through faith in the leavening spirit of Christ, to unify its efforts to bring about a spiritually revitalized church.

The church building has been repainted inside and outside, new steps have been constructed, a new celotex ceiling installed, the lighting improved, a better piano provided, and more interest is shown in care of cemetery grounds. The private road leading to the church has been graveled, a sign placed at the entrance on the highway, and plans are now being made for the beautification of the drive by plantings of crepe myrtle and dogwood, as well as landscaping the church.

over two hundred Easter lilies and hearing the three church choirs in beautiful Easter anthems. One hundred people came through a rainstorm to attend the Night service.

Twenty-seven new members will be received as a result of these

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Regular choir practice has been instituted under the direction of Walter Gunnell. A church library is being started which it is hoped will grow to provide an effective source for MYF and Bible School programs and services by the lay leadership.

Other planned projects include a new floor for the church, the money for which is already pledged as well as the services of an experienced carpenter; an investigation of the possibilities of securing a building suitable for conversion into Sunday School rooms; study groups and book reviews to promote the effectiveness of Christian Education; and community improvement including painting mail boxes, and a possible community park and play ground.

A new water system has been purchased for the parsonage at Roe, toward which the Shiloh Church contributed; and a new parsonage is soon to be constructed for which \$500.00 has been turned over to the building committee.

We mention detailed projects not primarily to seek credit for our efforts, but to acquaint other rural communities with the necessity for a cooperative effort toward unifying and revitalizing community life, which tends to come to a standstill since the centralization of our schools and the resultant removal of community meeting places. We can either sit with empty hands with a feeling that the talents we have have been taken from us, or we can open our eyes to new and wider horizons and put our hands together in prayer and service with stewardship rewarded.

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOTES DRY

We won a three to one victory in our liquor election April 7. The vote was as follows:

Drys 352
Wets 114

The people here in Mountain View have tried it both under legal liquor and under prohibition. They have decided again for prohibition by more than three to one. This indeed is encouraging and we rejoice in the overwhelming victory. The people of Mountain View are interested in good schools, good churches, good business and not in liquor stores. I handled the publicity for the Drys. Other ministers together with laymen were on the alert. C. C. Coulter came down and got us organized. We are proud of Mountain View and Stone County. —H. W. Jinske

ROE CIRCUIT NEWS

Easter Sunday was a high day on this charge. A sunrise service was held at the Roe Church and a special Easter service was held at 11:00 a. m. Several children were dedicated and holy Communion was administered. Dinner on the ground was served, followed with an egg hunt.

A special Easter service was held at Elm at 9:30 a. m. and dinner at the church. An all day service was held at Shiloh Church with dinner served.

Work is progressing nicely on the new parsonage which we hope to have Bishop Martin dedicate soon after Conference. It is as good a parsonage as any parsonage in the conference on a charge of this size.—Reporter.

EASTER EVANGELISM IN THE DEQUEEN CHURCH

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efforts and the church, in all departments, will move forward in a mightier way to do God's work. Special effort has been given to the Sunday evening attendance, during the first three months of 1953. During these three months the average attendance was 137. The largest attendance was 256. Inactive members appeared in the services, many of whom had not been to their church in numbers of years. This work will continue.—Reporter.

EASTER SERVICES IN MOUNTAIN HOME PARISH

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the large attendance. Many sat in cars to witness the service, while others stood in the rain.

Each of the seven churches on the parish had morning worship service. A consecration service was held at the Gassville church at night climaxing the wonderful events of the week. —Reporter

METHODIST YOUTH RALLY

Pulaski Heights Methodist Church will be host to the Methodist young people of the Little Rock District who will gather for a youth rally on Saturday evening April 18. The mass meeting is a part of the Evangelistic Mission Program of the Little Rock District under the direction of Dr. Francis A. Buddin, District Superintendent, which will cover the period April 17 through 23. Youth are expected from the 40 M. Y. F. groups of the District covering the area from DeValls Bluff westward to Benton.

The meeting will open with a

METHODIST SUNSHINE FUND

I wish to make a report on the Sunshine Fund. Both of the Arkansas Conferences are interested in this Fund since a number of Churches and individuals in these Conferences contribute to it.

The Fund is never very great in amount. Just now there is about one hundred dollars in the bank. Sometimes it is around two hundred dollars. Due to the number of calls coming for help from needy patients there is need for much more in this Fund. With considerable more in the Fund many more needing help could be given it.

This Fund is used to take care of several needs and necessities of quite a number of patients. Often a patient needs medicines he is required to pay for. But having little or no finance cannot get the medicine of himself. Often a Supervisor or someone calls my attention to this situation. The help brings Sunshine to such a patient. Just recently one of the Doctors said to me, "I want to thank you for paying for the medicine for Mr. —. It saved his life." Then pajamas and other clothing are bought for some who are unable to secure these. Here is a patient who needs fruit, or some article of food but is penniless. The Sunshine Fund is a blessing to such ones. Then what a request comes constantly for New Testaments, Bibles and portions of Scripture. How eager a number are for the Word of God. Truly the Fund affords sunshine to many through the written word.

As I have said in other reports the Fund is made up of the Voluntary offerings anyone wishes to make. Any amount is surely appreciated. The check, money order or cash may be sent to me at the State Sanatorium. This is placed in the Citizen's Bank of Booneville as Methodist Sunshine Fund. Then checks are written on the Fund as needed.

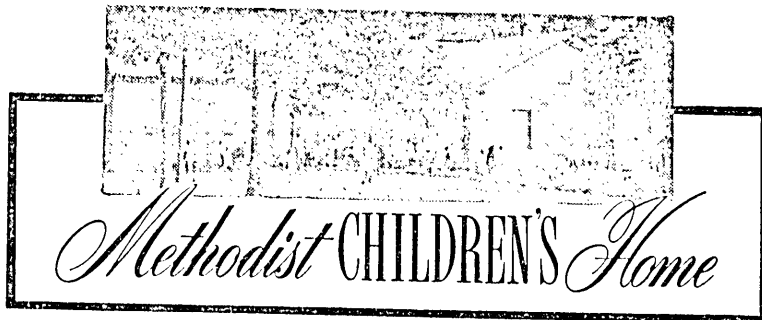
Please remember us in the Sanatorium in your prayers. Write me at any time I can be of help. I will be glad to cooperate in anyway I can. May the Lord bless all of you as you pray and assist in the work in this great Institution. —Bates Sturdy, Chaplain

fellowship period at 7:00 p. m. under the direction of Miss Martha McOsker, District Recreation Chairman, assisted by Charles Worden, Carl Miller and Billy Gene Jones, members of the District Youth Council.

Bill Hays of Benton, District M. Y. F. President, will be in charge of the program, assisted by Eugene Efrid, Hendrix Ministerial Student, and Miss Betty Lou Thomas of the District M. Y. F. Council. The Key-note address "Winning Youth for Christ and His Church" will be given by Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, District Superintendent of the Conway District. Music will be furnished by the youth choir of Pulaski Heights Church under the direction of Billy Paul Hayes, Organist and Choirmaster. Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin of Pulaski Heights will be the Host Pastor.

MEETING OF PARSONAGE DAMES OF FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

The Parsonage Dames of the Fayetteville District were guests of Mrs. W. F. Cooley, for a luncheon at the new District parsonage, on



REPORT FOR MARCH, 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 March, 1953.

Mrs. Stewart, Batesville—clothing
Fayetteville District Methodist Churches—
canned goods
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thomas, camp—
sweater
From Mt. Pleasant and Camp churches on
Salem charge—canned goods
Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Faust—tickets for
Charlie Spivak Revue—Dr. and Mrs.
Faust of Fort Roots, North Little Rock
Mrs. Wesley Birchett, French Grove Meth-
odist Church, Corning, Ark.—quilt
Children's Division, Dumas Methodist Ch.—
canned goods
Scars, Rockwell & Co.—shoes and candy
Mr. Chas. R. Baber, Veterans Hospital, N.
Little Rock, Ark.—gum
Mr. L. M. McPherson, N. Little Rock—
tickets for Charlie Spivak Revue
Clark Equipment Co., Little Rock, Ark.—
tickets for Charlie Spivak Revue
Mr. Lee Smith, Oak Forest Lions Club—
brought tickets for Charlie Spivak Revue
Mr. A. V. Strapps, Little Rock, Ark.—balls,
bats and memo pads
Jonesboro Second Mile Class, First Meth-
odist Church—clothing
Progressive Sunday School Class, First
Meth. Ch., El Dorado, Ark.—clothing
Friendship Class, Winfield Methodist Ch.,
Little Rock—birthday gifts
Easter egg hunt at the Home sponsored
by the M. Y. F. of Conway, Ark.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

Mrs. H. C. Rule by Mrs. Emma Lide
Mrs. Margaret Reynolds by Mr. and Mrs.
Joe T. Thompson
Mrs. Mary Azilea Rogers by Mrs. C. W.
Meador
Mrs. Mary Rogers by Mr. and Mrs. Burke
D. Holmes
Mrs. F. A. Lark by Mrs. E. E. Ashbaugh
Mr. E. B. Stokes by Mrs. E. E. Ashbaugh
Judge Jerry L. Taylor by Mrs. E. E. Ash-
baugh
Mrs. F. A. Lark by Mr. W. H. Lark, San
Antonio, Texas
Mrs. Ida Haisty by Helen Clayton
Elizabeth Ann Stewart by Circle No. 11,
First Methodist Church, El Dorado
Mr. J. W. Trieschmann by The Faculty
and Personnel of Natchitoches Eleme-
ntary School of Natchitoches, La.
Mr. J. W. Trieschmann by Mr. Russell E.
Gahagan
Mr. J. W. Trieschmann by Mrs. Norris
Cohen, Mrs. Pittman Johnson, Mrs. E.
Preston Ferguson, Mrs. Walter Ledet,
Mrs. John Cunningham, Mrs. Charles
Cloutier, Mrs. Bob Doray, Mrs. Bill
Blackshear, Mrs. Lloyd Wheat, and Mrs.
Ralph Todd
Mrs. Robert J. McKay by Mr. Morgan
Prince
Mr. John W. Trieschmann by Mrs. Harvey
H. Watson and son, Harvey, Jr.
Mr. James Donnelly by Portland Meth-
odist W. S. C. S.
Mr. Carl Wells by Mr. and Mrs. R. B.
Newcome, Jr.
Mr. R. C. Wells by Mr. and Mrs. J. P.
Caldwell
Mr. Herman C. Whelan by Mr. and Mrs.
Chas. Wilkin
Mr. M. R. Bowles by Mrs. G. W. Wester
John Larry Harris by Mr. and Mrs. Dana
Patterson and son
Mrs. C. H. (Elizabeth) Shore by Jewel
Houghton
Mr. A. L. Hughes by Mr. and Mrs. John
Mac Smith
Mr. Oscar L. Cordell by Mr. and Mrs.
John Mac Smith
Mr. Arthur D. Mosby by Mr. and Mrs.
John Mac Smith and Mrs. Dolph Smith
Mrs. R. J. McKay by Mr. Fred L. Simmons
Mr. E. L. Bowe by Mrs. R. L. Crossett
Mr. Cecil Hale, Sr. by Mrs. R. L. Crossett
Mrs. R. J. McKay by Mr. James C. Perry
Mr. J. L. Isaacs by Mr. T. Gordon Mathews

March 26.

There were twenty-four members of the organization present for this lovely affair, and a special guest was Miss Betty Letzig, who was presented a gift from the group.

Afer a short business session conducted by the president, Mrs. Vernon Chalfant, an informal and enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Rev. G. W. Martin by Mr. and Mrs. R. E.
Curtis
Miss Susie McRae by Mrs. V. V. Quarter-
mous
Rev. Allen D. Stewart by Mr. and Mrs.
E. D. Ferguson

TOTAL MEMORIALS \$171.50

OTHER GIFTS

Evelyn Whitcomb Class, Asbury
Meth. Ch., Little Rock \$ 10.00
W. S. G., Wynne Meth. Ch. 10.00
North Arkansas Conf., P. E. Cooley
Conference Treasurer 95.36
Mrs. Gladys Scott 135.00
Dr. & Mrs. H. W. Dean, Russell-
ville Methodist Church 10.00
Mrs. W. S. Riley, First Meth. Ch.,
El Dorado 10.00
Kate Campbell Bible Class, Augusta
Methodist Church 10.00
Go-Getters S. S. Class, Wynne Meth.
Church 10.00
Brewster Bible Class, Wynne Meth.
Church 10.00
Golden Rules S. S. Class, Harrisburg
Methodist Church 10.00
Fellowship Class, Henderson Meth-
odist Church, Little Rock 10.00
Progressive S. S. Class, First Meth-
odist Church, El Dorado 10.00
Lexa-Telfore Bible Class, Fordyce
Methodist Church 10.00
Jett B. Graves S. S. Class, Hope
Methodist Church 10.00
Frost Bible Class, Texarkana First
Methodist Church 20.00
Anonymous 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Holleman, Wynne
Methodist Church 10.00
The Couples Class, El Dorado First
Methodist Church 10.00
Ozark Methodist Sunday School 20.00
Young Couples Class, Camden First
Methodist Church 10.00
Marion Methodist Church 64.71
Mrs. G. S. Rumph 10.00
Builders Class, Paris Meth. Ch. 20.00
Mrs. Rena Hutchinson, Camden
First Methodist Church 10.00
The Young Adult Class, Salem Meth-
odist Church 10.00
Miss Roberta Harwell, Wynne Meth-
odist Church 10.00
Circle No. 3, Wynne Meth. Ch. 20.00
W. S. C. S., Cabot Meth. Ch. 10.00
Wesley Berean S. S. Class, First
Methodist Church, El Dorado 10.00
Susanna Wesley Class, Texarkana
First Methodist Church 5.00
Mrs. J. F. Powell 1.00
Friendship Class, Mena Meth. Ch. 20.00
W. S. C. S., Beebe Meth. Ch. 10.00
W. S. C. S., Truman Meth. Ch. 30.00
Young Adult Class, El Dorado First
Methodist Church 20.00
Mr. Aubrey Summers, Ozark Meth-
odist Church 10.00
T. T. McNeal 103.25
Mr. Emmet Sanders 5.00
Russellville Meth. Ch., Men's Bible
Class 10.00
W. S. C. S., Clinton Methodist Ch. 30.00
Wills Bible Class, N. Little Rock
First Methodist Church 10.00
Little Rock Conference, Fred Gantt
Treasurer 229.81
Junior Department, Camden First
Methodist Church 10.00
Second Mile Class, Jonesboro First
Methodist Church 30.00
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rogers, Little
Rock First Methodist Church 10.00
Mr. J. M. Hutchinson, Gravette
Methodist Church 20.00
Service Class, El Dorado First Meth-
odist Church 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Farabaugh, Cam-
den First Meth. Ch. 10.00
Mrs. W. S. Riley, El Dorado First
Methodist Church 10.00
Miscellaneous collections 353.86

TOTAL Collections of other gifts \$1552.99

Memorials 171.50

GRAND TOTAL for March, 1953 \$1724.49

T. T. McNEAL, Director

The group sent an Easter plant to Mrs. William Sherman who is in the hospital.

The Parsonage Dames expect to have a luncheon meeting once each quarter, with the next meeting and date to be announced. Pictures were made of the group by the District Superintendent, the Rev. W. F. Cooley.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



SIMEON GOES SHOPPING FOR HIS MOTHER

By MURIEL DAWSON

When Mother is very busy, do you go shopping for her? Simeon used to go shopping for his mother, Susanna, when she was busy. One holiday, Susanna said to him:

"Here is some money, Simeon. Tie it up carefully in your girdle." (For that was where the people of Palestine kept their money, not in pockets and purses, as we do.)

"I want you to buy some bread today. I shall not have time to bake any, because I shall be making your new blue tunic for school. Then we shall want some fish for supper. And will you see if the shoemaker has finished mending my sandals? Don't lose the money, will you?"

"No, Mother, but may I go and play a little with Annas first? I promised him yesterday that I would."

"Where are you going to play?" asked Susanna.

"Up on the hill, Mother. I will be careful not to lose the money. Look, it is tied very firmly in my girdle. See, if I stand on my head the money won't spill out," and Simeon at once stood on his head, just to show his mother how safe the money was.

"Very well, Simeon. Go and play, and do the shopping on the way home," said Susanna, laughing to see how well he could stand on his head.

"Thank you, Mother; and thank you, too, for staying at home to make my nice new blue tunic," for Simeon knew his mother enjoyed going shopping herself, so that she could meet and talk to her friends. But today, she must finish the tunic before the sun set (the lamp would not give enough light to sew by), for the tunic Simeon was wearing was very old.

Simeon ran up the street to meet Annas, and together they climbed the hill above Nazareth. There were many spring flowers growing on the hillside. But the boys were too eager to begin playing to take much notice of the flowers.

"Let's play at soldiers," said Simeon.

"Yes, all right," agreed Annas.

"It's your turn to be the enemy," said Simeon.

"Oh no," said Annas. "Don't you remember? I was the enemy the last time we played. It is my turn to be the Roman centurion. This is my eagle badge. I have cut the shape in wood, and this is my sword," and he picked up a stick, stuck it through his girdle, and began to march fiercely to and fro.

"All right," said Simeon sadly, for he did not like being the enemy, but now he remembered that it was his turn. Still, sometimes, it was quite exciting to be the enemy for though you got caught in the end it was fun hiding and leading the centurion and his imaginary soldiers a long way off to look for you. So, first, Simeon admired the badge that Annas had made in readiness for the game, and then Annas, the "centurion," closed his eyes, and Simeon ran off up the hillside and

crawled behind the grey rocks.

Annas and Simeon played until the day began to get very hot. At last, Simeon was caught, tied up, and led away captive by the brave Annas.

"Now," said Simeon, wriggling, for he disliked having his wrists and ankles tied, "the game's over. Let's go and watch the traffic for a little while, and then I must go shopping for Mother."

Annas untied him, and they climbed still higher up the hill. As they neared the top they heard the sound of trumpets.

"Real soldiers! Roman soldiers!" cried Simeon. "I'll race you to the road, Annas."

They raced, and reached the high-road just in time to see Roman soldiers marching past, their fine armour gleaming in the sunshine.

The boys noticed that other travellers on the road had had to stand aside to make way for the proud Romans; among them was a procession of camels (which is really called a caravan) on its way from Egypt to Phoenicia, carrying loads to be sold. There were travellers, too; some rich men on white asses, and some, not so well off, on grey ones; some, poorer still, were walking on the hot dusty road.

The travellers were not very pleased to have to give way to the Romans, who were their conquerors, and ruled the land.

"Well, now for the shopping," said Simeon, when the procession had passed. And he and Annas raced

down the hill more quickly than they had come up. But when they came to the little town of Nazareth, Simeon had a sudden dreadful thought. He stopped running, put his hand into his girdle, and, oh dear! the money was not there! He had lost the precious money which his mother had given him, and which he had promised to keep safe!

"Annas," he shouted. "Stop!"

Annas came running back, and asked what was the matter.

"Let's go back and look for it," he said when Simeon had told him. "We'll search behind the rocks, where you were crawling. Perhaps we shall find it there."

So off they went back up the hill. By now it was quite hot, and they were tired with their game. Simeon began to think how much better it would have been if he had done the shopping first, and then had his play, as Susanna had suggested. But it was no use wishing that now.

"Annas, you are very good to help me, because it is not your fault, and not your money," Simeon said, suddenly grateful to the little boy who was such a faithful friend.

"Oh, that's nothing," said Annas. "You are my friend, so of course I will help you."

They crawled among the rocks searching everywhere. Then suddenly, Annas gave a shout.

"It's here! Your money's here! I saw it gleaming in the sun beside this rock." And there it was!

"Thank you very much, Annas, for finding it," said Simeon, as he held the bright coin in his hand again.

"It was lucky I just had a look round there," Annas chuckled.

Simeon tied it up more securely than ever in his girdle. He would not

lose it the second time.

When they reached Nazareth, Annas ran home, as it was getting late, and Simeon hurried away to do his shopping. The streets were cool and narrow, the buildings sheltering people from the scorching sun.

Simeon hurried, first, to the baker's shop. It was in a street of bakers' shops, for in Palestine all the shops of one trade were in the same street. There was a lovely smell of new bread. Simeon bought his loaf, and went on to the fishmonger's.

"Have you a nice fresh fish?" asked Simeon.

"Yes, my little man. Here is a fine one for—" and the fishmonger named quite a high price.

"Oh, that is too much! My mother, Susanna, the wife of Amos, does not pay so much," and Simeon made as if to leave.

"Well bargained," laughed the man. "Here is a very good one for the price Susanna would pay," and he wrapped the fish in a little cloth.

In Palestine, you must know, it was the custom never to pay as much as the shopkeeper asked for anything. So Simeon felt very proud and grown up to have bargained with the shopkeeper.

Next, he went to the shoemakers' street and called on the shoemaker who was mending his mother's sandals. That is all I had to do, Simeon thought as he came away from the shop with the sandals.

On his way home, Simeon passed his father's shop. Amos was turning his potter's wheel, cleverly shaping a beautiful bowl. Simeon called out, "Hello, Father," but hurried past as he was so late.

Susanna was pleased when Simeon came back. She was beginning to get worried about him, as it was so late.

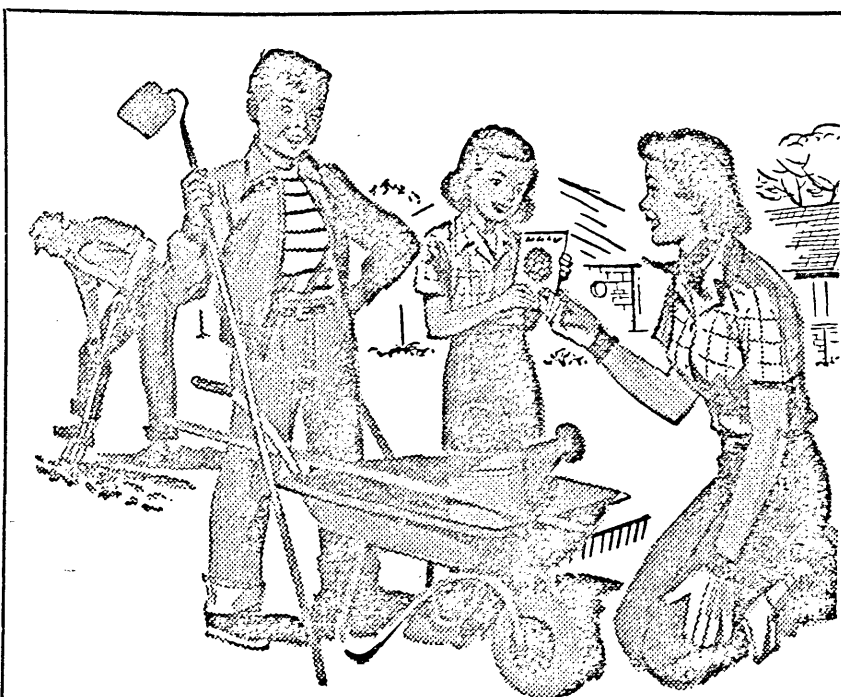
"I'm late because I lost the money, Mother," said Simeon, feeling a little ashamed of himself. "But Annas found it for me," he added quickly. —Child Education.

JUST FOR FUN

The afterdinner speaker had talked for 15 minutes. "After partaking of such a meal," he continued, "I feel if I had eaten another bite, I would be unable to speak." From the far end of the table came an order to the waiter: "Give him a sandwich." —Mountaineer.

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An American farmer was taking a vacation in a small town in the south of France and upon his arrival he could understand none. The men spoke French, the women spoke French, and the children jabbered away in the same tongue. In the height of his perplexity he retired to his hotel and was awakened early in the morning by a rooster crowing. He burst into a wild exclamation of astonishment and delight crying: "Thank goodness! An American at last!" —Christian Science Monitor.



SPRINGTIME

Don't you love the springtime,
Filled with happy hours,
Flowers, leaves and gardens,
Sunshine then the showers.
A world filled with beauty,
Gifts we may enjoy,
Sent by our Heavenly Father
To every girl and boy?—A.E.W.

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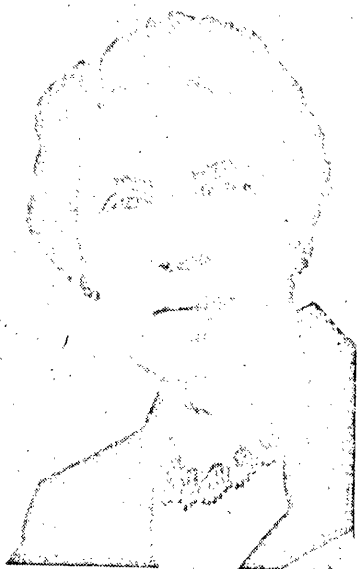
Little Rock Conference Guild Week End

Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Field Worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, will be one of the guest speakers at the Annual Week End meeting of the Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild at First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, April 18 and 19. Mrs. Landrum will speak Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

Miss Gertie Stiles, Jurisdiction Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, is to be the speaker at the breakfast Sunday morning. Miss Stiles served the North Arkansas Conference as Guild Secretary before taking her present office last June. Her home is in Fort Smith.

Mrs. R. B. Thomas, Conference Guild Secretary, will preside at the meeting. The program theme is "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God", and has been planned by Miss Hanna Kelly, Little Rock. Mrs. J. M. Eastburn is the president of the hostess Guild, and the host pastor is Dr. E. Clifton Rule.

The Conference Guild Standing



MRS. W. B. LANDRUM

Committee will meet at eleven o'clock, and the Registration will begin at 1:30 p. m.

Louisiana Guild Secretary Elected

Mrs. Rabun was a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and joined the Guild in 1940. She served her local Guild as Spiritual Life Chairman, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities Chairman, Treasurer, and President. She served as the Monroe District Secretary for five years.

Mrs. Rabun has always been active in other church work, teaching in the church school continuously since 1939. She has perfect attendance at the seven Guild Week-Ends at Camp Brewer, and has attended all but the first Week-Ends at Mt. Sequoyah. She is the mother of three sons and has three grandchildren. She is employed as a Secretary in the Morehouse Parish Sheriff's office.

Outside of church activities, she has been active in P. T. A., Business and Professional Woman's Club, Goodfellows, Red Cross and Cancer Drive.

The Conference voted at its meeting to add the following members to the Standing Guild Committee: Missionary Education and Service; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities and Spiritual Life. These will be chosen at the annual Guild Week-End July 24-26 at Camo Brewer.

MRS. MINZA RABUN

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, was elected Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Louisiana at the March 14 meeting of the Guild in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Rabun fills the unexpired term of one year of Miss Mary Gladys Page, who was elected to the National Guild Standing Committee.

PROGRAM

- 3:00 Opening Session
- 2:30 Quiet Hour
- Greetings: Mrs. Burton Sargo, District Secretary
- Mrs. J.M. Eastburn, President, Guild at First Church
- Worship Service..... Evelyn Simpson
- Announcements and Introductions
- "Information Please"—Mrs. Eunice Masters, Mrs. Ewing Wayland, Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Mrs. H. King Wade and Miss Margaret Marshall
- 4:30 Tour of Hot Springs
- Evening Session
- 7:00 Dinner—First Methodist Church
- Invocation..... Dr. E. C. Rule, Pastor, First Church
- Address..... Mrs. W. B. Landrum
- Sunday, April 19—Morning Session
- 7:45 Breakfast—Y. W. C. A. Cafeteria
- Reports from District Secretaries
- Report of Conference Secretary
- Business Session
- "Round Up"..... Miss Gertie Stiles, Jurisdiction Guild Secretary
- 10:45 Morning Worship—First Methodist Church
- 1:00 Luncheon—Grand Avenue Church
- Afternoon Session—Grand Avenue Church
- 2:00 Worship
- Committee Reports
- Address..... Mrs. W. B. Landrum
- Pledge and Dedication Service..... Mrs. C. I. Parsons
- 3:30 Benediction..... Mrs. T. S. Lovett

IMPORTANT DATES

The Districts of the Little Rock Conference will hold their Annual Meetings as listed below:

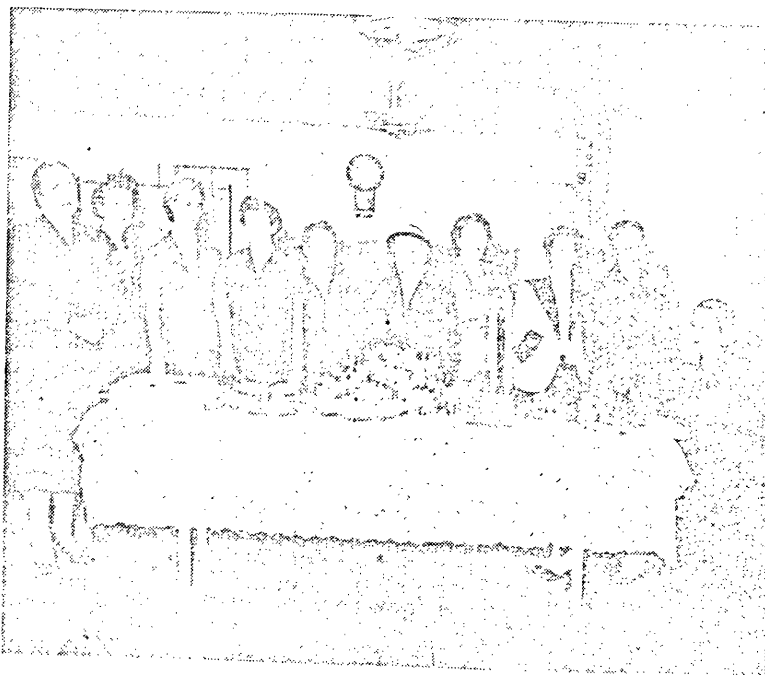
Arkadelphia District, April 22 Gurdon
Hope, April 28, DeQueen
Little Rock, May 8, Asbury, Little Rock
Pine Bluff, May 7, 1st Church, Pine Bluff.

African Tea Honors New Members

Ladies of the Van Buren First Church Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the church March 24 for an African tea, honoring the new members of the society during the year, and in conclusion of the study on Africa.

The picture of the tea table shows a large cake decorated in the shape of the map of Africa. The programs were also in the shape of Africa.

Pictured at the table are, left to right: Mrs. Edwin Buckalew, president; Mrs. J. H. Hoggard, wife of the pastor; Mrs. Lawrence Harvey; Mrs. I. E. Huey; Mrs. Fay Williams; Mrs. W. D. Badgett; Mrs. J. Y. Dollar; Mrs. Alfred Knox, Ft. Smith; Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, wife of the Ft. Smith District Superintendent; and Mrs. Phil Holder, seated. —Mrs. Fay Williams



NEWS IN BRIEF

Zone No. 1 of Alexandria District will meet on Thursday morning, April 23 at 10:00 A. M. with Oak Grove Methodist Church. This is a most important meeting as officers for the Zone for the new year will be elected. Lunch will be served by the hostess Society; Mrs. E. L. Richardson, Zone Chairman of Many, will preside during the Session. —Reporter

On March 31 the Lincoln Wesleyan Service Guild celebrated their 12th Anniversary entertaining members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service with a dinner. Mrs. Roxie Dismukes, Chairman of the National Guild Committee was the guest speaker.

Life memberships were presented to Mrs. Opal Huenefeld and Mrs.

Mansie Pitts. —Mrs. J. R. Hackworth.

Mrs. D. D. Lacy, Spiritual Life Secretary at Walnut Ridge, appointed prayer groups at the beginning of the year that have met monthly at the church or in homes. For the Lenten season, Mrs. Lacy led in having prayer services at the church each Friday. The service on Good Friday consisted of meditations on the happenings in the life of Jesus during Passion Week. Assisting in this service were: Mrs. J. T. Stallcup, soloist Miss Hazel Moore, pianist; Mrs. Roy Johnson, Mrs. Joe South, Mrs. C. R. Jung, Mrs. Sam Schafer, Mrs. Elmo Thomason and Mrs. Pat Sexton. The pastor, Rev. Elmo Thomason, gave an inspiring talk on the significance of the suffering and death of Jesus which provided a very fitting atmosphere for the worth of the program.—Effie Coffman.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR APRIL 26, 1953

DOES GOD REASSURE US?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Acts 15:36-18:22. Printed text: Acts 18:4-16.

GOLDEN TEXT: Do not be afraid . . . for I am with you. (Acts 18:9-10)

This is the third and last lesson of UNIT VIII: "OUR RELATION TO GOD". This has been a very important unit, for a person's relation to God is the primary concern of his life. The theme of the first lesson of the unit raised the question, "HOW DOES ONE BECOME A CHRISTIAN?" The Scripture had to do with the account of Paul's own experience in becoming a Christian. On the surface this experience seemed to be sudden and dramatic, but many things had gone before which prepared the way. Chief among them was the fact that Paul was present at the stoning of Stephen and observed how he died. In this lesson we called attention to the different types of conversion. This experience may come upon one suddenly as the culmination of a sense of conviction for sins. This is the case where one's salvation has been neglected and he has formed evil habits. On the other hand this experience may be gradual. The chief point in this type of conversion is a strong decision on the part of the person in question to accept Christ as Saviour and follow his way of life.

The next lesson raises the question "DOES GOD WORK THROUGH US?" The Scripture for the lesson was taken from Acts. It goes on to show how God worked through Paul and Barnabas. One of the chief differences between Christianity and all other religions is the fact that the Spirit of the Lord lives in and works through the bodies of Christians. In speaking of this matter in Galatians 2:20 Paul goes on to say, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

Our lesson for today raises the question "DOES GOD REASSURE US?" This is also important, for the very best Christians at times become discouraged and they sorely need this reassurance. It is said that more Christians are hurt at the point of discouragement than at any other point. In emphasizing this fact a person once pictured Satan as going out of business. He had all of his tools for sale. There were tools representing the various sins. This person noted that one of the tools marked "discouragement" and this particular tool had a greater price upon it than any other. He raised the question "Why?" Satan went on to tell him that he destroyed more souls with this tool than any other.

A Look At The Scriptures

The lesson for today is taken from the Scripture which records Paul's second missionary journey. It will be well to note this journey, but space will permit us to touch it only in the high points.

This second journey took place between A. D. 51 and 54. Some months prior to this time Paul and Barnabas had returned from the first great council of the Christian Church. This council had decreed that Gentiles could become Christians without keeping the ceremonial law of Moses, such for example as circumcision.

This action of the council made Paul and Barnabas very happy and they were anxious to revisit the churches they had established and report this good news to them and strengthen them in the Lord. They returned from Jerusalem to Syrian Antioch and planned to set out on their journey from that place. Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them as he had done on the first journey. Paul objected to this because Mark had turned back on the first journey. The argument over the question became so hot that the two great missionaries parted company, never to travel together again. Barnabas took his nephew Mark and set sail for the island of Cyprus, while Paul took Silas as his companion. Paul and Silas traveled north and north-west from Syrian Antioch on the continent of what is now Asia Minor. They revisited most of the churches in that section which had been established by Paul and Barnabas on their first journey. In their travels northward they reached the province of Mysia. They started to turn back Eastward into the province of Bithynia but Paul tells us that the Spirit of Jesus would not suffer them to do so. They then turned southwest and pretty soon were in Troas which was a city on the coast of the Aegean Sea.

At Troas Paul had another of his many visions. In the night hours he saw a man standing by his bedside and saying to him, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Paul felt that this was the leading of the Lord and they set sail immediately and soon landed at Philippi which was the chief city of the province of Macedonia. It was in this city that the first European was converted to the Christian Religion. The party in question was a woman by the name of Lydia. Here a few days later a mob beat Paul and Silas and thrust them into prison. An earthquake came. The jailer and his family were converted. The missionaries were released the next day.

From Philippi Paul and Silas traveled west for about a hundred miles and came to the important city of Thessalonica. This is still a thriving city. It now goes by the name of Salonica. In this city was a large colony of Jews. As was Paul's custom, he first went to the Jewish synagogue and began his work of teaching and preaching. At first the Jews heard him gladly. Many of

them were converted, as well as a large number of Greek who had formerly been converted to Judaism. The Jews who refused to accept Jesus as the Messiah became very jealous. They saw that many of their members were becoming converted to Christianity. They formed a mob against the missionaries. Paul and Silas left the city of Thessalonica in the night. From Thessalonica they headed west for the city of Berea, which was some 35 miles away. Here they met a fine group of Jews. They were great students of the Old Testament. Paul convinced them that Jesus was the Messiah that the prophets had spoken of. Many of them became Christians. This condition, however, didn't last long. The jealous Jews from Thessalonica came over and stirred up trouble. Paul was forced to leave but Silas and Timothy remained a few days. (It will be noted that though Paul and Silas had started out alone, they were joined by Timothy in his native city of Lystra and by Dr. Luke at Troas.) From Berea Paul went to Athens. This was the university city of the world at that time. This had been the home of the greatest philosophers of the world. It is said that for many years civilization was rocked in the cradle of Athens. This city was the capital of what was then known as the province of Achaia, it is now Greece.

Paul noted that the Athenians had built scores of altars to various gods. Then, for fear that they might leave out some god and offend him, they built an altar and inscribed upon it these words, "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD." Paul took this inscription as his text and preached a great sermon, but no results seem to have come of it. The hardest people on earth to reach are individuals who are highly educated and yet skeptical. These people seem to have known everything in life except the most important—God.

Paul left Athens and traveled west for a distance of some 50 miles and came to the great city of Corinth. This city was also in what is now modern Greece. It was the chief trade center between Rome and Asia. Money was plentiful and the people went pleasure mad. Corinth was noted for its corruption. In this city there was a temple built for the worship of the goddess Venus. Venus was the Roman goddess of bloom, beauty, and love. The worship of her called for all kinds of immorality. There were a thousand prostitutes who lived in this temple and plied their evil trade there. Children born to them were said to be offsprings of the gods. These prostitutes were the lowest type of womanhood but were treated with honor and reverence. They were called priestesses.

These were conditions that Paul found in Corinth. If there was ever a place that needed a revival of religion it was this. The Jews did not participate much in these corruptions, and even many of the Gentiles had grown sick of them. This was why there was such a large number of Gentiles here who had become proselytes to Judaism.

Paul arrived in Corinth ahead of Timothy and Silas. He worked here alone for some time. As was his custom, he began his work in the Jewish synagogue. Many of the Jews accepted Christianity. Among them was Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue.

At first Paul did not work with a great deal of enthusiasm. He was

worried about the churches he had established in Philippi and Thessalonica. He had left Timothy and Silas behind to strengthen these churches. When they arrived in Corinth they brought good news. They told Paul that the work in those churches was progressing nicely. This greatly enheartened Paul, and he began to work in Corinth with much enthusiasm. So many of the Jews and proselyte Gentiles were accepting Christ that the orthodox Jews became very jealous. They threatened Paul and he walked out of their synagogue. He declared that from there on out he would turn wholly to the Gentiles. This was a red letter day in the history of the Christian movement.

Paul began preaching and teaching in the home of a Roman citizen by the name of Titus Justus. His home was next door to the synagogue. These irate Jews caught Paul and brought him before the new proconsul of Achaia, Gallio. Gallio was noted for his kindness, fairmindedness and sense of justice. He saw immediately that the Jews did not have a real case against Paul and so he drove them out of the court and dismissed the case. Gallio came from a great and wise family. He was a brother of the philosopher Seneca. This philosopher had been the teacher of the Caesar who was then reigning in Rome.

Paul and his party tarried in Corinth for a year and a half. They met with much opposition. All the Jews who had not accepted Christ came to be his bitter enemies. The Gentiles were wallowing in wealth and were mad with pleasure. They were lustfully enjoying their own heathen religion which not only permitted all types of immorality but actually encouraged them. These Gentiles didn't oppose Christianity. They did that which is even harder on any new movement; they ignored it.

All of these things working together became a source of great discouragement to Paul. He sorely needed reassurance. In the midst of this situation the Lord came on the scene. Paul had a vision of the Lord one night, and in the words of our memory selection he went on to say to him, "Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you and no man shall attack you to harm you; for I have many people in this city." This is what the great Apostle needed. After that nothing could stop him. He went straight ahead with his work and established one of the greatest churches in that age of the world.

Not only did Paul meet with difficulties here at Corinth, but he met with much opposition throughout his missionary career. The events that took place on this second journey, which we have been studying above, prove this fact. Again and again he needed reassurance, and it always came. Just when he needed the Lord most, he was always at hand.

We also have our difficulties. We are living in a time of great fear and confusion. We need reassurance, and we can have it if we pay the price for it as did the great Apostle.

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