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Prisoner Exchange Brings Cautious Optimism

POSSIBLY the most hopeful sign we have had in Korea for many months was the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners which began last Sunday evening, our time. It has kindled new hope that we are approaching the end of actual fighting and possibly the end of the war in Korea.

It appears that there is a substantial basis for cautious optimism in the outward attitudes and even some of the actions of the communistic leaders. The quick reaction of the free world to this new attitude of communism should be additional proof to the world that world peace is possible if the Russians are willing to make peace on reasonable terms.

President Eisenhower has indicated his willingness to take communist peace proposals at face value so long as communists act in accord with their proposals. That of course, under the circumstances, is the proper attitude. America so sincerely desires world peace that it will follow any honorable course that seems to lead the way to peace. Of this we are confident, the world will have peace if the new Russian "peace offensive" is sincere.

Third Annual Town And Country Church Convocation

LAST Friday, April 17, at the little town of Gassville, the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference held its Third Annual Methodist Town and Country Church Convocation under the leadership of Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, secretary of the commission.

Gassville has a beautiful little Methodist Church tastefully finished and furnished which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Rev. Lee Anderson, pastor of the Mountain Home Parish, of which Gassville is a part, and his wife, the associate pastor, had everything in order for the day.

The program had been carefully arranged to present various interests of the church. Rev. Floyd G. Villines, our pastor at Beebe, president of the Town and Country Commission, presided at the morning session. Dr. I. A. Brumley, Secretary of the Board of Education, brought a helpful, thought-provoking devotional service. Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service spoke interestingly on the subject, "The W. S. C. S. for Better Community Life." Charles Stuck, Conference Lay Leader, just returned from a trip to England to make a special study of Lay Preaching, addressed the group on "The Christian Laymen and Community Life." The highlight of the morning session came at the 11:00 o'clock hour when Bishop Martin delivered a forceful message which those present will never forget.

Lunch for the large crowd present was efficiently and bounteously served at the church by the ladies of the Gassville church at the noon hour.

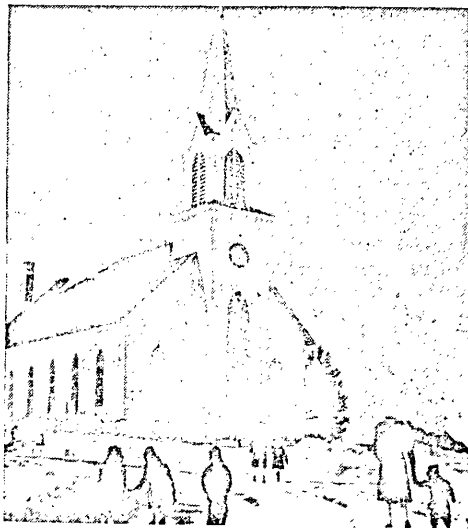
Brother Gatlin presided at the afternoon session. A special feature of the afternoon session was a roll call of ministers whose native homes were Baxter or Marion Counties. Among the more prominent names called were Bishop H. Bascom Watts, Rev. Glenn Sanford and Rev. R. E. L. Bearden.

After a devotional service led by Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent of the District,
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The Ministers In Methodism's Rural Church

IN our last article under the above caption we discussed the accredited supply and his helpful ministry in the rural church. Nevertheless, useful as our accredited supplies have been and now are, it has long been the goal of The Methodist Church to supply every pastoral charge in our church with a college or university trained leadership. If we continue to think of manning our rural churches with college and university trained men there are some important matters to which The Methodist Church should give attention.

We should attempt to realize, in the



first place, the tremendous adjustment that is necessary when a young minister must turn from the modern way of life, the exciting memories and happy associations of a college or university campus, plus the caps and gowns and soul-stirring baccalaureate addresses on graduation to the quiet routine of a rural pastorate.

Most of our ministers grow up in small towns or rural communities. Think of what happens to them in their educational processes between these earlier years and the day they return to these rural communities as pastors. They usually remain at home and in their home communities until they have finished the grammar school grades. Then the change begins. They usually go out of their home community to a larger center for their high school work. Then they leave, not only their home community but also their home as they go to a yet larger center for four years of college work. They then move to a yet larger situation for three years of theological training.

After four years away from their home community in high school, and seven years away from home and home community in college and university training, the ministerial student lives in a different world physically, socially, intellectually and, in a sense, spiritually than he knew at the end of grammar school days.

If we are to expect a young man, so trained, to remain long in rural work and be useful and happy, it will be necessary for the church general to make some adjustments which we hope to discuss next week.

Plan Now For Philadelphia

ONE of the highlights in the current emphasis on evangelism in Methodism is the World Convocation on Evangelism scheduled to be held in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., June 26-28. Elsewhere in this issue is further information concerning the program, leadership, personnel and scope of the meeting. This convocation will definitely be a session of high importance. A study of the tentative program as outlined should convince anyone that a rich experience awaits anyone who is privileged to attend.

Our concern here is that as large a delegation from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area as possible be in attendance at the Philadelphia meeting. Representation as a minimum should include the following persons from each District in Methodism: District Superintendent, two pastors, two laymen and a young person. To insure that these persons attend plans should be made at an early date to complete the selection of these representatives and to make provision for such financial assistance as may be needed to make possible their attendance. We are confident that these 126 persons could bring back from the Philadelphia meeting sufficient inspiration to stimulate each District to greater evangelistic activity. We can envision these persons sharing with other ministers, men's groups, women's groups and youth of each District something of the urgency and adequacy of the Christian gospel for this hour that will permeate the Philadelphia meeting. But this will not be possible unless plans are made now for this minimum representation from each District.

Complete World Service Giving

AT the beginning of this conference year the three annual conferences of this Area were confronted with increased World Service apportionments from the General Conference. This same increase in apportionments authorized by the 1952 General Conference had been apportioned to other annual conferences in the Methodist connection. These increases were readily accepted by the three conferences of this Area and were passed on to the 21 districts of the Area and finally to the local churches in each district. As far as we have been able to determine each district in the Area accepted the increased apportionment with the local churches accepting such increases that would insure the total acceptances within the district equalling the apportionment for the district.

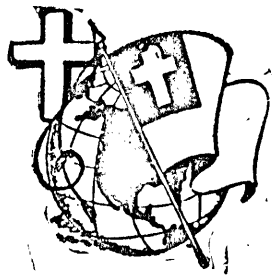
This acceptance by local churches of increased World Service acceptances was a magnificent accomplishment and by the time of District Conferences late last fall had been largely achieved. World Service giving during this conference year has thus been on a higher scale than ever heretofore and local church leaders are to be commended for the fine spirit in which this achievement was made. By annual conferences, total giving thus far, June 1 through March 31, is as follows: (amount in parenthesis is the amount given last year for the same period of time) Little Rock Conference, \$53,343.21; (\$38,766.26); Louisiana Conference, \$41,942.82; (\$46,796.89); North Arkansas Conference; \$49,840.17; (\$41,444.05).

Local church leaders may be interested also to know the total amount accepted by the three annual conferences as World Service acceptances
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Our Father's World

By MRS. T. S. LOVETT, Conference President

Delivered to Recent Session of Conference Society



TODAY we are in a meeting of our Conference Society. We are a part of a great and large organization of volunteer women of many nationalities and races over the entire world. We are a part of a smaller group here in our own conference.

Our Father's World is a beautiful place in which to live, that is for some of us. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Stretch out your hand and take in the world's beauty; it is God's gift to you. May we now push back the curtains that surround us; pushing them back until we see far beyond our own circle . . . for beyond our nearby horizons, and let them widen until we see and hear stories such as these.

He hath made of one blood all the nations; but all is not beautiful in our world; all are not dwelling together in love and peace. Our neighbors to the south, ugly heads of persecution rise and violence is being used to turn the tide of Protestantism. In the Philippines, a feeling of great unrest, nothing stable, nothing routine. Inside Japan, fear, trying to build a new country out of the ashes of a recent war, the bid for Japan by Communists making promises that Christianity makes, and Japan watching to see what happens. Africa, where two worlds stand out: opportunity and danger. War torn Korea seeks peace; they cry peace but there is none for them. In China our friends are behind closed doors, living their Christianity secretly; being tested far beyond their ability many times to meet situations. Malaya is a matted jungle; bandits are wrecking the rubber industry on which they are dependent. In India such momentous things are happening. Miss Colony tells of an older missionary saying to a young girl who is just starting in India, "I envy you the opportunity to go to India today . . . for such tremendous things are happening there." Freedom is precious in India, but the atmosphere is charged with these two words: Deeds not words. What happens to India will affect the whole world; but India is not our Father's World as He would have it: 80% illiterate; 357 million

people, 700,000 villages living in poverty, sickness, want, suffering.

Around the world we might go, seeing some 15 countries behind the Iron Curtain; refugees in North Europe; Arab refugees in Palestine, Hindus from Pakistan; No, this is not Our Father's World—for them!

Now will you reach out and touch your neighbor, your friend? Even on our back doorstep, against a back drop of the disruption of war and of social revolution. Today, tens of thousands of displaced American families cannot find proper housing; the opportunities of rural life have a burden upon us and the church as never before; and our American Indians have not been given adequate educational and economic opportunities. We cannot say "This is Our Father's World" when we think of these.

Our Oriental friends have a racial animosity, misunderstanding and discriminatory laws against them, and they remain an undigested block apart from the general stream of life. Is this "Our Father's World?"

There is a new America being born today; How are the churches endeavoring to make of this world, "Our Father's World?" What power do we have in facing the problems in the world today?, God's spirit within us; deep seated fundamental qualities of spirit which remain unshaken amid the turmoils without and within. The power of the printed page reveals a growing interest in spiritual matters. Reaching out our hands to other faiths and denominations: this has been a power in our lives. Church women needing each other, using the channels that are so open now for working together; This is answering Christ's Call to Unity.

Accomplishments, yes; Advancing, yes; Concerned, yes; concerned with more things than ever before. What have we done to bring justice and peace to all peoples? What have we done to combat the reactionaries of our country who are accusing the United Nations? Workshops on Human Rights, Issues of Peace and others have been held in our own conference; Alcohol Education to the school children; women voting in greater numbers than ever before; the charter of racial issues has been studied by many organizations, the need of the World's Children has been studied and greatly emphasized.

We have found that since we are a family of nations, we shall be a battlefield of nations; it is

of supreme importance that our governments should understand the attitude of the church on issues of the hour; it is the duty of the church to see that the conscience of men in authority be kept alive to the moral principle involved in political problems.

What other avenues have we traveled in making the world "Our Father's World?" Rural work, where rural churches are knowing for the first time that others are vitally interested in them; the importance of the local church woman. Rural America demands a church that is alert. Urban work where churches are meeting and working together across racial lines. Aldersgate Camp where many types of groups meet for study, fellowship, prayer, service and work; a camp dedicated to the training of Christian leaders, helping to make of this "Our Father's World." God's hand touched Aldersgate Camp, gave it a natural beauty that is beyond description; but WE as Methodist women must make of it more than beauty to be admired, enjoyed; we must make of it Beauty that shines from within.

School of Missions, Seminars, Sub-district and District meetings, Officers Training Days, Prayer retreats, Missionary Tours, Student Conferences, Giving of our money, pledging our support to the Woman's Division program, Sequoyah, Jurisdiction meeting, each in its own way offering its contributions to the making of Our Father's World.

Once again push back the walls from this room, and travel again to our neighbors across the sea. What have we done to make Our Father's World? Rebuilt churches and schools in Japan; Land reform sweeping across the world, a new appreciation for Protestantism in Latin America. The National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches has been made a reality and we are a part of it. One hundred and two missionary candidates accepted commissioning in 1953, many of them going to countries afar, and I re-dedicated myself anew to the mission program and all of us HERE must feel that same dedication this morning.

We see our mission program being worked out in 28 countries, and we see also new lights in Chile, Borneo, Liberia and Sumatra. In Africa there has been some building improvement in every one of our mission stations; there is greater progress than ever before in the Moslem world; new work is opening up in Sarawak, where only a few decades ago these people were called the headhunters and wild men of Borneo.

And yet in this world, more than three-fourths of the peoples are non-Christian; upon the Christian's conscience lies the duty of bringing to these people the Christian message. The number of missionaries may be few, but Christ living in the hearts of ordinary men and women has won the victories.

F. O. Stockwell Pens A Spiritual Testimony

With God in Red China, by F. Olin Stockwell, Harper and Bros., 256 pages; \$3.00.

Methodist Missionary Stockwell's volume is far more and richer than an account of his physical experiences during fourteen months in solitary confinement in a cell in communist China, and of his nine and a half months of "brain washing" before his release in December 1952. Above all this, it is living testimony to how a man, believing in the power of God and sure that at the end of the hard road there will be victory, can be spiritually and intellectually sustained by his faith. It is something of a Job story. It is also testimony that despite hate and prejudice and untruth and misunderstanding, he who keeps his Master at the center of his focus can be patient and tolerant—even loving—and finally victorious. It is a spiritual document far more than a page of physical biography.

Mr. Stockwell had with him in communist prisons two books: a New Testament, and a poetry anthology, "The Music Makers." (The fact that his captors permitted him to keep these volumes and to take them back

to freedom with him is in itself something of a miracle!) On the margins of the anthology he wrote most of the notes and thoughts which have gone into "With God in China," and Harper and Brothers are to be commended for giving it to the public.

Besides his experiences, physical, intellectual, and spiritual, Mr. Stockwell (toward the end of his imprisonment) had opportunity to observe communist morale and plans—and on these, too, he makes interesting and penetrating comment. In our fight against atheistic communism, we have much to learn from these observations. Perhaps his chapter "What Makes Communism Click" is as keen a simple analysis of the philosophy's power as has ever been penned. This reviewer has not heard this analysis elsewhere;

"The faith of communism is a faith in the determining nature of environment. They believe that a man's character reflects his environment as surely as a chameleon matches the leaf or twig he is on. Change the environment and you change the man. If men are dis-

"GO SLOW" ON DROPPING NAMES —BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Fear that Methodist churches may drop too many "inactive members" from their rolls has prompted a "go slow" resolution by the General Board of Evangelism.

At its annual meeting April 8-10 in Nashville, Tenn., the board requested resident bishops and district superintendents to advise pastors to study Paragraph 125 of the *Methodist Discipline* before revising membership records.

The resolution stems from legis-

honest, it is because there is too much money and too many money-changers in the temple. Sweep them out and honesty will appear. As one of my judges said to me, 'We do not blame you for being capitalist-minded. You couldn't help it, considering your background.'"

Despite "brain-washings," we note that Mr. Stockwell still thinks there is something in *genes* that is not quite related to environment. He thinks, too, that communism has given some good local government to China; that China has always had

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lative action of Methodism's 1952 General Conference which abolished the classification of "inactive members" on church records.

"This action constitutes a temptation to Quarterly Conference pastors, secretaries and the Commission on Membership and Evangelism to drop inactive members . . . a widespread following of this inclination would remove more than 1,600,000 members from the church records," the resolution stated.

The board voted to communicate immediately with Methodist bishops, "expressing concern about this matter and asking urgent emphasis in Annual Conference sessions upon the duty of the local church to follow the procedure prescribed in the *Discipline* . . ."

The *Discipline* provides that a member of a local church who is "persistently negligent of his vows" for a period of two years may be removed from the membership roll, but only after "the pastor or the commission shall visit or otherwise communicate with such person . . . and entreat him to become a faithful member."

MISSIONS EXPANSION DEPENDS ON ADVANCE SPECIALS

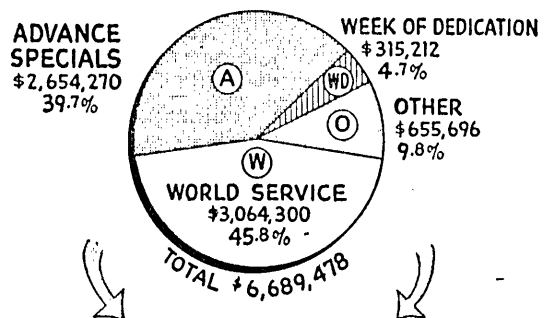
The accompanying chart shows the income and expenditures of the Division of Foreign Missions during the last two years of the Advance for Christ and His Church. Slightly more than one-half of the income came from sources other than World Service gifts (see the large diagram in the upper part of the chart). While this might not apply to some other—longer or shorter—periods, income for slightly more than one-half of the expenditures for current work indicated came from Advance Specials, and 94.2 per cent of expenditures for property expansion came from Advance Specials and Week of Dedication offerings.

These percentages were not paralleled in the Division of Home Missions, although the tremendous impact of Advance Specials on Church Extension in the Annual Conferences probably, in actual fact, equalized the percentages.

It is significant that during the period covered by the chart, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief received 75 per cent of its support from Advance Specials and Week of Dedication offerings.

How **ADVANCE SPECIALS** Supported **METHODIST MISSIONS WORK ***

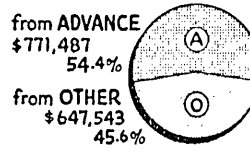
INCOME, DIVISION OF FOREIGN (WORLD) MISSIONS



EXPENDITURES, DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

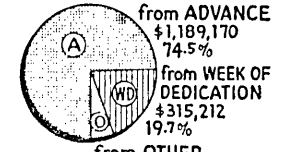
Current Overseas Work

\$1,419,030



Property Expansion Overseas

\$1,596,306



* Figures based on receipts for the period 1951-52

- **METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF** got 75% of its support from ADVANCE SPECIALS and WEEK OF DEDICATION
- **DIVISION OF NATIONAL MISSIONS** (exclusive of Conference Specials) got 31%

Without these special gifts the program of relief carried out so efficiently by M.C.O.R. would have been little more than a gesture of sympathy.

The margin between holding the line and extending the Kingdom in mission fields, during the last quadrennium, was supplied by Advance Specials and Week of Dedication offerings.

A "Continuing Advance" now is even more dependent upon these special gifts.

World Service Giving Lags with Result that

World Service Losses Threaten Mission Work

By J. A. ENGLE

WORLD SERVICE receipts of the Division of World Missions, June 1, 1952, to April 1, 1953, were \$100,000 less than during the same months of the previous year.

World Service receipts of the Division of National Missions (same period) were \$80,000 less than a year ago.

This is in spite of a gain of nearly 11% in World Service giving for these ten months as against the same months last year.

The reason: the General Conference (1952) created more agencies to be given percentages or fixed amounts from World Service funds, and re-allocated the remainder. It decreased the Board of Missions' share of the total from 71.5 cents to 62.35 cents of each World Service dollar.

The total World Service giving would have to be increased 18.7% over last year's giving to care for the new and changed percentages and give the Board of Missions as

sions.

Commenting on this situation, Dr. Eugene L. Smith, of the Division of World Missions, says: "This is the hour when the Gospel message, as the only solution to the ills that beset mankind, needs wider proclamation in every corner of the earth. It is the hour when it needs to be exemplified in the lives and deeds of Christian men. It seems unthinkable that now we should shorten lines, withhold proclamation, curtail humanitarian service. Yet that is what would face us were the Church to fail to provide, through World Service, this basic amount needed by the Board of Missions to carry on activities and services already under way. Any failure to advance would actually be to retreat. I do not believe that word is in the Methodist vocabulary."

"It is apparent that if the present World Service trend continues and does not reach the goal of \$9,660,000 at the end of May, then we will have to cut all appropriations to

HERE IS THE STORY IN DOLLARS:

World Service Asking, 1952-53

(giving Bd. of Missions same funds as last year).....	\$9,660,000
World Service receipts (10 mo. to Apr. 1, '53).....	\$6,190,000
To be raised in April and May 1953.....	\$3,469,998
World Service receipts, April and May 1952.....	\$2,569,261
To be raised in April and May 1953 in excess of amount (same months) 1952.....	900,737

WORLD SERVICE AT STAKE

By E. HAROLD MOHN

World Service in the Methodist Church faces its greatest test in April and May of 1953. Unless receipts for these two months total \$3,469,998, the annual apportionment voted by General Conference will not be met. The basic requirements of all benevolences are at stake.

Total receipts for ten months of this first year in the new quadrennium total \$6,190,002.31. This is an increase of 10.71% over receipts of the corresponding period of last year. Also it is the largest amount ever received for World Service in a similar period. Yet if Methodists fail to reach the full apportionment of \$9,660,000, the world-wide Christian ministry rendered through the boards and agencies of the church must be seriously curtailed. That handicap can be avoided.

During the last two years April and May have returned more than two million dollars in World Service receipts. In 1951 receipts for these two months were \$2,663,856. In 1952 the total was \$2,569,261. This year receipts for April and May must be \$3,469,998, if the apportionment is reached. This achievement is possible.

Methodists can do it on the condition: a united and unanimous effort by every church to pay its World Service apportionment in full

on or before Sunday, May 31, 1953. This apportionment is a minimum requirement.

It means that pastors, lay leaders, church treasurers, official boards and local church leaders must appeal to all the people to cooperate for total victory.

It means that Methodist members must pay their World Service pledges in full to May 31 or make a special contribution on or before that date.

It means that local church treasurers must send all World Service remittances to the Conference Treasurer by midnight of May 31.

The price of victory is team work. Every Methodist is a member of that team. One church, one district, one conference failing to contribute its full share leaves World Service just that much in arrears.

In the World Service program of Methodism no church makes up for another's lack. If any one church fails to do its full duty it is that much loss for all.

The urgency right now is for the remittance of all World Service funds in the local church treasury on or before May 31, 1953. That achievement means more than denominational victory. It provides hope and help for millions waiting for the ministry of Christ.

much actual cash this year as it received from that source last year.

The World Service offering is the main line of support of the regular, basic, on-going program of the Board of Missions and of the other benevolence agencies of the Methodist Church. It is the lifeblood that keeps the Church "serving others" at home and abroad. Lessen the amount of blood and the whole enterprise is weakened . . .

For the fiscal year June 1, 1951, to May 31, 1952, World Service offerings (for all agencies) totalled \$8,138,011.

The World Service goal for June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953 is \$9,660,000 (as voted by General Conference). This is an asked-increase of 18.7%. If this goal is reached, it will mean an increase of \$149,678 for the Board of Missions (Division of World Missions, plus Division of National Missions). This possible increase is already more than balanced by the rising costs of normal operation. It would leave practically nothing for new enterprises or advance.

Actual World Service receipts from June 1, 1952, to April 1, 1953, have been \$6,190,002—an increase of 11%, as against the asked-increase of 18.7%. It means that if the goal is to be reached, the Methodist Church must contribute \$3,469,998 during April and May of this year.

If, however, the World Service increase by May 31 is only 11%, it will mean an actual cash decrease of about 5% to the Board of Mis-

annual conferences (for their mission projects) and to outpost missions," says Dr. Earl R. Brown, Division of National Missions executive. "There is vast opportunity for service in the outposts, and daily calls for aid from every state. It could be worse than tragic if the Methodist Church does not rise to this occasion and pour out aid through World Service. If men's lives can be dedicated and even sacrificed these days for human welfare and security, so can our dollars."

And we in the local churches, what can we do in April and May?

As pastors, we can see that our people know the need and give to World Service generously: then that the benevolence treasurer send all World Service moneys to the Conference Treasurer by May 20 at the latest.

As laymen and World Service contributors, we can pay our own pledges and special gifts at once; we can speak to the Finance Committee and the Official Board and individuals concerning it; ask the pastor to speak (and preach) on World Service and perhaps take a special offering; see that the benevolence treasurer forwards all World Service moneys at once to the conference treasurer.

Each members of the Methodist Church has a vital share in this program and need of his Church: he should be alerted to meet it.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. B. STEWART writes that his library is for sale. If interested, write him at Newark, Arkansas.

BISHOP H. BASCOM WATTS of the Nebraska Area will be the speaker at Baccalaureate services at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, on Sunday, April 26, at 10:00 a. m.

G. W. BLANKENSHIP, Arkansas State Chaplain of the Gideons, spoke at the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, on Sunday morning, April 19.

THE HENDRIX COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR presented a concert at the First Methodist Church in Harrison on Wednesday evening, April 15, under the direction of Billy Paul Hays.

MR. AND MRS. P. E. COOLEY of Blytheville are visiting Mr. Cooley's mother and brother in Virginia. They will be at home not later than April 30. Mr. Cooley is treasurer of the North Arkansas Conference.

REV. E. B. WILLIAMS, Jonesboro district superintendent, will lead in the dedication service of the educational building at Bay on Sunday evening, April 26. Rev. Clyde E. Crozier is pastor at Bay.

REV. JOHN M. HARRISON, pastor at Keiser, was taken to the Methodist Hospital in Memphis for an emergency operation for acute appendicitis, on Monday evening, April 13. He is reported as recovering nicely. He will return to his home soon.

DR. PAUL V. GALLOWAY, pastor of the Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, was named a member of the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference which held its organization meeting in Chicago on April 8. Dr. Galloway was also named on the executive committee of this group.

REV. ROY E. FAWCETT, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Little Rock Conference, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the Mena Methodist Church at its meeting on Thursday, April 16. D. O. Dover is president of the club. Rev. J. E. Dunlap is pastor of the Mena Church.

THE METHODIST MEN of First Church, Piggott, was chartered by the General Board of Lay Activities on March 6. Rev. A. N. Storey, district superintendent of the Paragould District, presented the charter at the regular March meeting. Rev. Jesse L. Johnson is pastor at Piggott.

REV. JESSE L. JOHNSON of Piggott reports that Easter was an outstanding day at his church. An all-time attendance record was set at both the Sunday School and worship service with 288 in Sunday School and 300 in the worship service. On Palm and Easter Sundays twelve persons were received into the church, all on profession of faith.

REV. J. HARMON HOLT, pastor of Griffin Memorial Methodist Church, Paragould, brought the messages in services at the church during Holy Week. Rev. H. M. Sanford, pastor of the Fourth Street Methodist Church in Rector, brought chalk talk messages and led the singing in conjunction with Brother Holt's messages.

REV. J. LEM STOKES, II, Nashville, Tennessee, staff member of the Board of Education, has been elected president of Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, N. C., effective July 1. He will succeed Dr. A. C. Waggoner, who is retiring after ten years' service as president of the school, owned and operated by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Board of Missions, New York.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour at Sylvan Hills Methodist Church, North Little Rock, and preside at the dedication of the church on Sunday, April 26. A dinner on the ground will be held immediately

after the dedication service at the picnic ground behind the church. Rev. William Wilder is pastor.

CHARLES STUCK of Jonesboro, lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference, was guest speaker at a meeting of Methodist Men which was held at the Mountain Home Methodist Church on Thursday, April 16. Members of the organization from Marion, Baxter, Izard and Fulton Counties attended the meeting. Mr. Stuck recently returned from Europe where he made an extensive study of laymen's work.

RABBI ALFRED VISE of Blytheville will be the speaker for a Family Night program which will be held on Thursday, May 6, at the Manila Methodist Church. The program will be held in observance of National Family Week. Rabbi Vise will speak on "The Place of Religion in Jewish Family Life." Rev. N. Lee Cate is pastor.

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM SHERMAN of Fayetteville write expressing appreciation for the many messages of interest and sympathy received from friends following Mrs. Sherman's accident on March 21 when she suffered a broken hip in a fall. Mrs. Sherman is now at her home at 416 North Washington Avenue, Fayetteville, but will be confined to her home for some time.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN was elected chairman of the Methodist Interboard Commission on the Local Church at the organizational meeting of the new liaison agency held in Nashville, Tennessee, on April 10. Authorized by Methodism's 1952 General Conference, the new commission's function is to co-ordinate the programs and policies of three general agencies, the Board of Education and the Board of Evangelism, with headquarters in Nashville, and the Board of Lay Activities, Chicago.

BENNY KITTRELL, of the University of Arkansas, was elected president of the Arkansas Methodist Student Movement at the organization's annual meeting this month in Monticello. Other officers elected at the state conference are Gordon Newton of Henderson State Teachers College, vice-president; Mimi Harris, Arkansas State Teachers College, secretary; Bill Elliott, Hendrix, treasurer; Davis Bilberry, Southern State College, publicity chairman; and Rev. Jack Winegeart, Fayetteville, re-elected conference dean.

THE NAVAJO METHODIST MISSION SCHOOL, Farmington, New Mexico, institution of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, has received an award from the Soil Conservation Agency which listed the mission as a "friend of the land." Recognition came largely through the work of Byron Tharp, farm supervisor, and Verlun Metzger, dairyman and orchardist. They were selected as outstanding farmers of the county. Among the farm projects was the leveling of a weedy, foul-smelling area, transforming it into a productive alfalfa field. The Methodist mission had a bumper crop of apples and potatoes. The dairy herd produced over 152,000 pounds of milk with butterfat. The school garden of two and a half acres yielded two tons of string beans and large quantities of other vegetables.

MR. AND MRS. MILTON ARTHUR UMSTED, of Newport, who observed their Golden Wedding anniversary on April 12, were honored with an open house in Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church of Newport on Easter Sunday afternoon. As a living memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Umsted, four gold alms basins were given to the church by their two sons and two daughters. The presentation and dedication were made on Easter by the pastor, Rev. Guy Ames, at the morning worship service. Claude M. Erwin, chairman of the Official Board, accepted the basins for the church. Mrs. Umsted is a past president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and is now serving as a member of the Board of Stewards. Mr. Umsted is a member of the Official Board of the First Methodist

Church. He has been prominently identified with church work for the fifty years he has lived in Newport. He is the son of the late Rev. M. B. Umsted who organized the First Methodist Church of Newport.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING CONFERENCE BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

Dr. Paul E. Hoover, 502 Donaghey Building, has graciously consented to be the examining physician for the Board of Conference Claimants for this session of the Annual Conference. This Board requires all ministers seeking retirement on physical disability to see Dr. Hoover.—Otto W. Teague, Conference Chairman

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

The report of the North Arkansas Conference treasurer, P. E. Cooley, will be carried in the issue of May 21. This will include remittances reaching Mr. Cooley by May 10. His address is Post Office Box 26, Blytheville, Arkansas.

NELLIE DYER TO BE RELEASED

Five Methodist missionaries who have been held captive in North Korea by communists since their surprise move south through Kaesong on June 25, 1950, are to be released through the good offices of the Soviet Foreign Office in Moscow. Word to that effect has been received by Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, administrative secretary for Korea in the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

The missionaries who are to be released are: Miss Nellie Arkansas Dyer, of Conway, Arkansas; the Rev. Anders Kristian Jensen, of New Cumberland, Pa.; Miss Mary Helen Rosser, R.N., of Knoxville, Tenn.; Miss Bertha A. Smith, of Marshall, Mo.; and the Rev. Lawrence A. Zellers, of Weatherford, Texas. They had been attending the wedding of another missionary couple in Kaesong (Songdo) the day before the attack was made and had been unable to escape.

The State Department advice said that the American Embassy in Moscow would be kept informed of the actual date and arrangements for their release.

THIRD ANNUAL TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCH CONVOCATION

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Graham Wright from the Agricultural Extension Service, Little Rock spoke on "Arkansas Community Life." Jimmie Ligon, of Conway, spoke on "Home Ownership and Community Life."

The principal feature of the afternoon program was a forceful address by Governor Francis Cherry on "The Relation of the State to the Development of Community Life."

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BUILDING TO LAST

Look at the back of a dollar bill. Note the pyramid with the eye in the top. Now look at another picture.

It is a picture of a tower rising until its top is lost in the clouds. I first saw it as a boy in an old family Bible. It was entitled, "The Building of Babel."



The Bible verse which accompanied it voiced motives as modern as the last meeting of some Chamber of Commerce. The builders said, "Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth."

Those early builders of Babylon expressed a three-fold desire. First of all, they wanted a city. Man is not content merely to have a home. He wants a home among other homes. When the curtain of recorded history first rises, man is seen living in groups, in tribes or villages.

The Indians who inhabited America's great Southwest before the coming of Columbus had the vast open spaces. Nevertheless they piled their dwellings almost on top of one another, like our city apartments.

It was not the dearth of land but the dearth of life which drove them together. Men want to live in community, in fellowship with one another. They wanted that in ancient Babylon. They want it now.

Secondly, they said, "Let us build us a tower whose top will reach into heaven." They were not content with homes just to shelter their bodies. Caves and huts would do that. But early man began to decorate his caves. Something in man craves beauty. He wants towers and monuments, paintings and symphonies.

Out of that urge have come the towers of Babylon, the haunting loveliness of the Taj Mahal, the stone tapestries of the Alhambra. Man is a strange being! He feels a presence that disturbs him with the joy of elevated thoughts. His body may return to dust, but in his mind is "the stuff that dreams are made on."

With his hands he may be laying bricks in the Bronx. But with his mind he is building castles in Spain. Men want towers, beauty, what we call "the higher things of life." They wanted them in Babylon. They want them now.

Thirdly, the builders of Babel said, "Let us make us a name . . ." We teach our children that they should make names for themselves. Do we not all like to be known by name?

Some years ago a lawyer was brought to New York from a small city in the Middle West to be an attorney for a great railroad. After a time in New York he walked into his office and announced that after the following January he would be found back in his home town. Back there, he said, the boys on the street called him by name when he went to work. He could not stand being lost in the crowds of the metropolis, nameless and unknown.

It is human nature to want the feeling of worth and dignity which comes from being known by name. Each of us wants to be somebody, to make a name for himself. They wanted it in ancient Babylon. We want it today.

But where are those towers of Babylon now? Excavators hunt for their ruins among centuries-old rubble.

Now look back at the pyramid on your dollar bill. There is a great eye at the apex. America believes that it takes a higher vision and power than man's to build our towers.

We want to live together in cities, but we have learned what the Psalmist said: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman worketh but in vain."

Man cannot lift himself to heaven by his own bootstraps. Two wars have shown us the collapse of human cleverness. We cannot live together in peace either at home or abroad unless we see our fellow men as God's children.

We have a common word that has come down to us from the old towers of Babel. It is the word "babble." We know what it means. A babble of voices is a mixture of unintelligible human words.

If we, like the ancient Babylonians, try to build without God, our conferences, our Congress, our United Nations become a babble.

COMPLETE WORLD SERVICE GIVING

(Continued from page 1)

annually for each of the four years of this quadrennium. These are as follows: Little Rock Conference \$75,898; Louisiana Conference, \$69,930; and North Arkansas Conference, \$73,117.

You will notice that there still remains a rather substantial amount between what has been given thus far this conference year and what remains to be given if each of the annual conference is to pay in full its acceptances for this conference year. Payments by local churches during the closing weeks of the conference year to World Service and other connectional funds are usually rather heavy as budgets for the year are completed. Remarkable progress has been made thus far this year in the church's financial matters, especially so for the first year of a quadrennium when adjustments have to be made to accommodate changes authorized by General Conference. We are confident that every effort will be made by local church leaders to pay

CLERGYMAN GIVES RULES FOR FIGHTING COMMUNISM

(By Religious News Service)

Four "basic rules for fighting Communism" have been formulated at Fresno, Calif., by Dr. James M. Malloch, Dean of St. James' Episcopal Cathedral. They are:

(1) Believe in God Almighty and demonstrate your belief by going to church every Sunday. Remember that Karl Marx said, "Communism begins where atheism begins." Remember, also, that the Church Universal has a philosophy of social justice which guards against all dangerous extremes in economic theory and practice.

(2) Recognize the complex character of our modern, scientific, machine-age economy. Resultant change is not always bad.

(3) Give adequate financial support to

World Service acceptances in full by the time of the meeting of the annual conferences.

BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ANNUAL MEET

"Let us unite the two so long divided—knowledge and vital piety." So reads the big, bronze John Wesley medallion over the entrance to the national headquarters of the Methodist General Board of Education in Nashville, Tenn.

Wesley's quotation marked the spirit of the 91-member board as it met in annual session April 6-9 in its new administrative quarters.

Headed by the board president, Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, the group studied reports and mapped plans to improve techniques, facilities and personnel leadership in all phases of Christian education relating to Methodism's 400,000 local churches, 118 schools and colleges, and other kindred interests.

Highlights of the reports and plans of the board's three divisions are as follows:

(1) DIVISION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, chairman; Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary—

The 1952 record crop of 3,875,000 babies born in the U. S., and the total of 22,000,000 children under six, signals the need of local churches to take inventory of current classroom facilities and teachers, and plan for the future.

Methodist church school members total 6,136,968, a net gain of 112,376 over the year before, but the rate of increase is declining. Some pastors report decreases. Average Sunday attendance is 50 per cent. There has been a net loss of 244 church schools in the last four years.

More adults are attending Sunday classes, enrollment up to 2,500,000. Methodist Youth Fellowship enrollment has dropped, pointing to need for cooperation of all leaders in churchwide Youth Emphasis Program authorized by General Conference.

More church school teachers still needed. Active teachers taking special training at greater rate than ever . . . 119,467 enrolled in leadership projects last year.

An average of 170,000 church school pulpits join Methodist Church annually, 1,665,502 on profession of faith in last 10 years.

Church camps increasing . . . 41,063 intermediates alone enrolled in 416 camps last year.

Fourth Sunday church school offerings for World Service totaled \$2,921,117 last year, an increase of \$148,500. Youth Fund for world-wide projects has gained from \$82,000 to \$430,000 annually in 10 years.

National Conference of Methodist Youth annual sessions set for August 23-31 at National College, Kansas City, Mo.

(2) EDITORIAL DIVISION, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh, chairman; Dr. Henry M. Bullock, executive secretary—

Two principal goals: more home study by all age groups, and greater use of Methodist literature. Reported that too many churches are using

too little of the curriculum materials, and some churches are using non-Methodist literature.

"The Methodist curriculum is anchored in the biblical revelation and follows the main stream of Christian tradition," the division reported. Editors emphasized the vital use of the Bible in church school literature, including the new Revised Standard Version.

The experimental "home-church cooperation project," begun in 1950, continues with 45 selected churches using special literature to test new techniques in religious instruction of children by parents, church school teachers and pastors.

Annual circulation gains in Methodist literature were reported, totaling 4,602,920 per issue of 35 periodicals, and 1,394,230 for closely graded materials.

(3) DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, chairman; Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary—

The 118 Methodist-related schools, colleges and universities have a total enrollment of 205,291 students this year, more than anticipated but 29,000 fewer than in peak years.

Most church institutions still face acute financial crisis since they depend upon tuition fees for 67 per cent of income.

The churchwide support of Methodist institutions totaled more than \$2,500,000 last year, including \$1,750,000 in Annual Conference receipts. The "50 cents per church member" plan is catching on. Sixteen conferences have reached or exceeded the minimum asking.

The annual Race Relations offering continues to grow, totaling \$239,726 last year in support of the church's 13 Negro colleges.

Methodist Student Day receipts have averaged \$160,000 annually for last five years, providing 400 tuition scholarships a year. Goal is \$500,000 annually to finance 1,500 scholarships. More than 8,000 students cur-

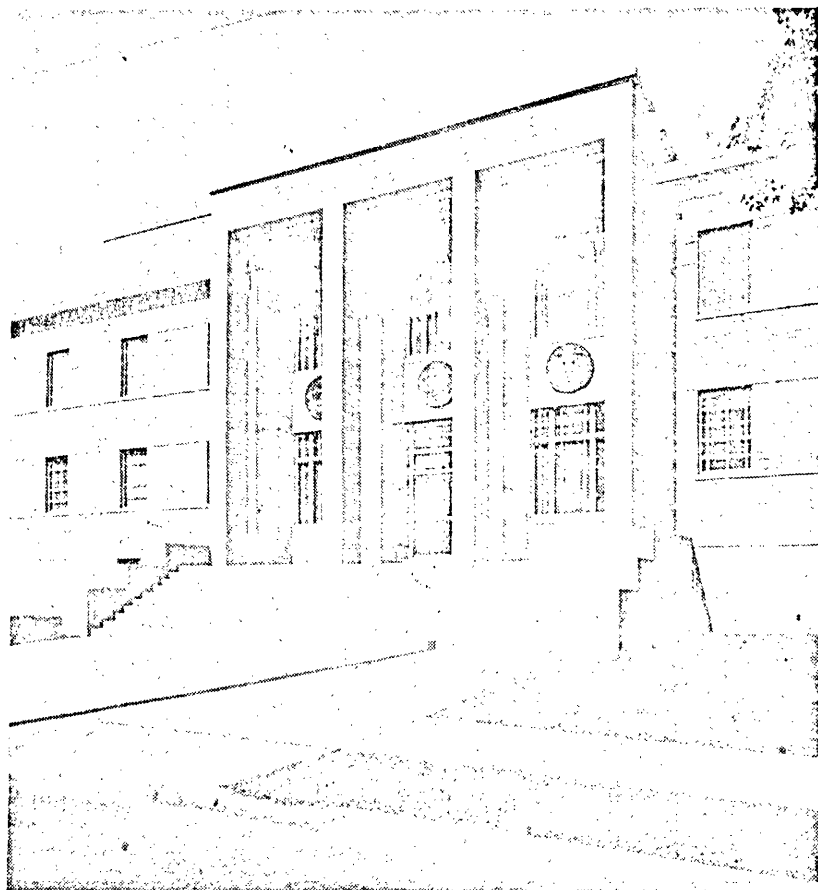
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churches, and to welfare and character building agencies. Private enterprise, if it is financially able, should prevent the activities of those institutions from going by default into the hands of government.

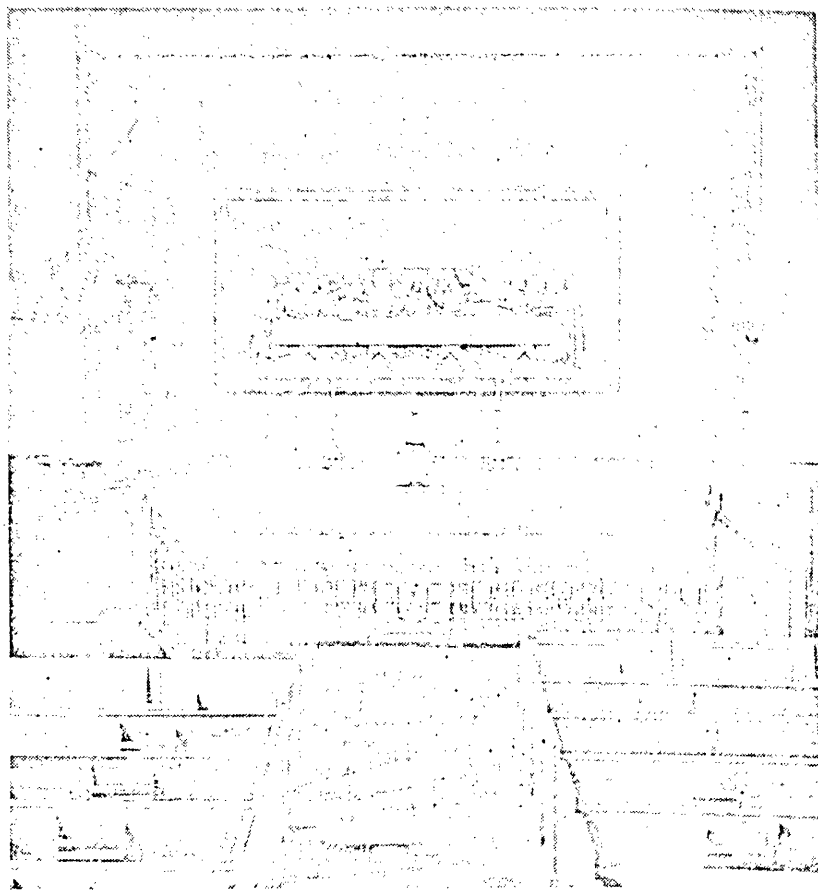
(4) If you are not willing to do these things, maintain a discreet silence. Don't be hypocritical, and don't blame educators or the clergy for all the ills of the world.

Dean Malloch is president of the Fresno City Board of Education and a member of the Radio Forum of Better Understanding whose members of the Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish faiths are now broadcasting inter-creedal programs over a Fresno radio station for the 17th consecutive year.

Of all the ingredients of happiness, I believe that making progress is the most important. —John Caples, "A Happy Time in the Life of a Copywriter," *Advertising Agency*, 12-'52



Front Entrance, Board of Education Building



Interior of The Upper Room Chapel

General Board Holds Meetings In New Buildings

FOR the first time in its long history the Board of Education of The Methodist Church now owns its own building. For years it has had headquarters in the Methodist Publishing House building in Nashville, Tennessee. The Board held its first annual meeting in the new building on April 6-9 of this year.

This new structure, which has been called the "nerve center" for the church-wide educational program of Methodism, cost approximately a million dollars. The cornerstone for the building was laid in November 1950. Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Vice-President of the Board at that time, presided and led in the reading of the ritual for the service. The building was dedicated March 6, 1952 and had "Open House" September 14, 1952.

The picture of the front entrance of the building at the top of the page gives some idea of the beauty of architecture and the substantial nature of the building. It does not, however, give a very good idea as to the real size of the total building which has 59,000 square feet of floor space. The exterior is finished with a beautiful stone. It is three stories high and contains sixty-three commodious office rooms and six conference rooms. It has a modern kitchen which serves meals cafeteria style. The main dining room will seat three hundred. There are also two private dining rooms for group luncheons.

Two divisions of the Board, the Division of the Local Church and the Division of Educational Institutions, together with the numerous departments in each division, have ample room in which to do their work.

Room in the building is had for a modern Audio-Visual Aid Department and a projecting room. It has a sound-proof room for making recordings and a dark room for film developing. This department is rapidly growing in the service it is rendering to the church.

The building has year-around air conditioning which consists of heating and cooling, humidifying and dehumidifying, filtering, cleaning and circulating the air. Working conditions are about as near ideal the year around as modern equipment can make them in a beautiful, substantial

building especially designed for the character of work being done by the Board of Education.

One might wonder why it is necessary for a General Board to spend four days in an annual meeting. Those attending have no uncertainty about the need for the time set apart for the meeting. On the opening day of the regular sessions of the Board the meeting opened at 9:30 and continued through the morning, afternoon and late into the evening with a special meeting at the six o'clock dinner hour thrown in. For the rest of the time the sessions opened at 8:30 a. m. and remained in almost continuous session of some character except for the noon and evening meals until late in the evening.

Even on this schedule, so vast and varied are the activities of this Board that division and departmental leaders found themselves regularly on a limited time schedule in order that each interest might be properly presented. It is our feeling that The Methodist Church has the most extensive, the most comprehensive and the best balanced program of Christian Education our world has ever seen. For the smooth, efficient manner in which it operates we are indebted to the consecrated wisdom and careful planning of the Board of Education and those it has selected to lead in the program it has planned.

On the 9th of April, The Board of Evangelism opened its annual session which continued through the 10th. The Board of Evangelism also met in its new building only a block from the Board of Education building.

Methodism, which was born as a result of a great evangelistic awakening under the leadership of the Wesleys, may be proud that it has at the center of its church-wide program of evangelism a great building erected as a home for the Board of Evangelism and also as a symbol of the spirit which made Methodism—an evangelistic passion.

This Board of Evangelism building is the first such building ever erected, of such magnitude, for the primary purpose of promoting a great evangelistic program. This magnificent building also cost almost a million dollars. It houses, not only the offices of the leaders of our evangelistic program but it also has room

for handling the various publications and evangelistic literature it sends throughout the church.

The most significant of its publications is THE UPPER ROOM which has a circulation of well over two million copies every two months, with each new copy making a new record in total circulation. It is now printed in about twenty languages. It is circulated around the world and is extensively used by churches other than The Methodist Church. The preparation of the copy for THE UPPER ROOM, the wrapping and mailing of the more than two million copies require a large staff of workers and large working space.

At the heart of this beautiful building erected as a home for our Board of Evangelism stands The Upper Room Chapel. The picture above shows the pulpit, the altar and the matchless carving of The Last Supper. The whole is carved in wood. The characters are life-size. It was done by Ernest Pellegrini, a noted Italian sculptor, who has wood carvings in many of the most noted cathedrals and churches in America. Fourteen months were required for the modeling, carving and production of this work of art. Fifty workers had a part in completing the work.

As one stands in the chapel looking at the carving, the illusion of depth—ten to fifteen feet—appears so real that it is a surprise indeed to find that the depth is not more than eight to ten inches.

The Chapel contains a small Prayer Room that is too beautiful and worshipful for mere words to describe. It is entered through a door just to the left of the pulpit as one faces the pulpit. A visit to the Upper Room Chapel and the Prayer Room would be a genuine religious experience for every Methodist in America who would approach it in the right spirit.

The first service in the Chapel was a Holy Communion service at ten o'clock Wednesday morning, April 8. Bishop W. Angie Smith, president of the Board of Evangelism, presided at the service assisted by Bishops J. W. E. Bowen, H. Clifford Northcott, W. Earl Ledden, W. C. Martin, Roy H. Short and Glenn R. Phillips. Dr. Harry Denman, Secretary of the Board of Evangelism gave the communion meditation.

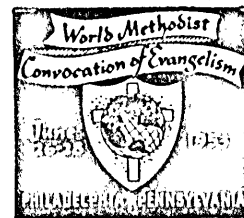
At the evening hour, Wednesday, The Upper Room Chapel was consecrated in a joint meeting of The Board of Education, The Board of Evangelism and the Board of Lay Activities, Bishop W. Angie Smith, presiding.

The buildings of The Board of Education and The Board of Evangelism are just across the street from Scarritt College and form a Methodist center that should be visited by every Methodist who has occasion to be in Nashville.



World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism

June 26-28, 1953
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



WHAT—The World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism, Philadelphia, June 26-28, is an integral part of the World Mission of Evangelism originated by the World Council and incorporated into an action program for The Methodist Church by the 1952 General Conference. The World Methodist Convocation is to be the only general "Church-wide" meeting of 1953. The meeting is a project of all the Boards and Agencies of the church represented on the "Committee of Fifty."

WHO—Every District of the church is to be represented by

The District Superintendent
The pastors
Two laymen
One young person
Such others as can come

A TOTAL OF 67,000 METHODISTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND

WHEN—June 26, 27, 28, the last day being the 250th Anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Movement.

COME— PREPARE— WITNESS

FOLLOWING Pentecost the followers of Jesus, "...came out boldly to win the world for Christ."* Time and again great Christian spirits, individuals and groups, have set out resolutely to bring the world to Christ. Every upsurge of people filled with such determination has brought the church to a higher level of spiritual achievement.

Methodism was born in such a release of power through John Wesley. The Methodist Church has grown out of a continuous response of persons to the high call of Christ. That response has climbed to great peaks of experience, and then descended into the valleys of lethargy. Each "peak experience" has represented a little higher climb, than that which went before.

That time is coming again. Movements in the life of the church show the definite restlessness of the eternal urgency to spread abroad the wonderful Gospel of Christ. Unification, The Crusade for Christ, the Advance for Christ and His Church have all been a part of this spirit that is welling up in the hearts of the people called Methodists.

Evangelism, that desire to "present Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit that men shall come to put their trust in God through Him, to accept Him as their Saviour, and to serve Him as their King in the fellowship of the church,"** has been proclaimed the first task of the church.

The evidence on every hand reveals a church that is about to shake off the fetters of self-satisfaction and indifference to the needs of men

for Christ. The desire to let the Gospel loose in the world with new and fresh enthusiasm is the growing desire of The Methodist Church.

The World Convocation on Evangelism at Philadelphia, June 26-28, is outgrowth of the church's impelling desire to come out boldly and declare Jesus Christ as the answer to the confusing day in which the world finds itself. The leaders and representatives of the church will be "all together in one place" (Acts 2:1) for the purpose of letting God become alive in the heart of the church.

From around the world Methodists will come to Philadelphia to prepare their hearts to be receptive to the Holy Spirit, that they may go out in the power of God to give a new witness to the reality of and need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Methodist Church, from where it begins in the homes of its members, through the local church, the general church, and the church as a world fellowship, will be carefully examined.

What sort of witness is the individual member giving?

What is the witness of the Christian home?

How eager is the local church to tell the story of Jesus to all who need to hear it?

Can the denomination, speaking with one voice for Christ, win men to Him with the Gospel?

Just how real is the world fellowship of Christians as a factor in the hope of the world for a day of peace tomorrow?

Yes, there is a birthday involved

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 26

10:00 O'CLOCK

"THE FIELD IS THE WORLD"

BISHOP W. ANGIE SMITH, Presiding

Address Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
"Today's Evangelistic Challenge to the Church"

Address Dr. Harry Denman
"Purpose of the World Methodist Evangelism Movement"

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 O'CLOCK

"THE CHRISTIAN HOPE"

BISHOP GLENN RANDALL PHILLIPS,
Presiding

Address Bishop W. C. Martin
"The Christian Hope"

Meeting by Sections—3:00 O'Clock
"This Is Our Task"

Section I—The Ministry—The Evangelistic Challenge to the Methodist Preacher
—Bishop A. Frank Smith, presiding

Section II—The Laity—The Evangelistic Challenge to the Home—Ray Nichols, presiding

Section III—Youth—The Evangelistic Challenge to Youth—Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, presiding

Section IV—The Teacher—The Evangelistic Challenge to Teachers—Bishop Paul E. Martin, presiding

Section V—The Social Order—The Evangelistic Challenge to the Social Order—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, presiding

Section VI—Evangelism Leaders—The Challenge to Connectional, Conference, and District Leaders

Conference Chairmen, Conference Secretaries, District Secretaries—Bishop Roy H. Short, presiding

FRIDAY EVENING

7:30 O'CLOCK

"THE ECUMENICAL EMPHASIS"

DR. OSCAR THOMAS OLSON, Presiding

Address Bishop Ivan Lee Holt
Chairman, World Executive Com-

mittee World Methodist Council

"The Outreach of Methodist Ecumenicity"

Address Dr. Dorothy Farrar
Vice-President, Methodist Conference, England

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 27

9:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M.

BISHOP H. CLIFFORD NORTHCOTT,
Presiding

Address Dr. Harold Roberts
Richmond College, England

"The Holy Spirit and the Living Christ"

Address Dr. E. Stanley Jones
Missionary

"Pentecost—Then and Now"

Address Dr. Nels Ferre
Professor, Vanderbilt University

"Methodism and the Holy Spirit Today"
Reports from Sections

SATURDAY EVENING

8:00 O'CLOCK

"METHODISM SINGS AGAIN"

BISHOP W. EARL LEDDEN, Presiding

Address Dr. Benson Perkins
Secretary, World Methodist Council, England

"Music in Our Faith"

The Music of the Wesleyan Movement
Service directed by Dr. Walter Eddows

SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 28

11:00 O'CLOCK

Service in St. George's Church

Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Ministers in churches of city and environs

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

4:00 O'CLOCK

FRANKLIN FIELD

BISHOP FRED P. CORSON, Presiding

Address Dr. Maldwyn Edwards
Outstanding Birmingham, England, Preacher

—the 250th birthday of John Wesley. Observance of the day will serve to stir in the memory of Methodism the two fundamental tenets of the early Methodist church as voiced by John Wesley, "You have nothing to do but save souls" and "The world is my parish".

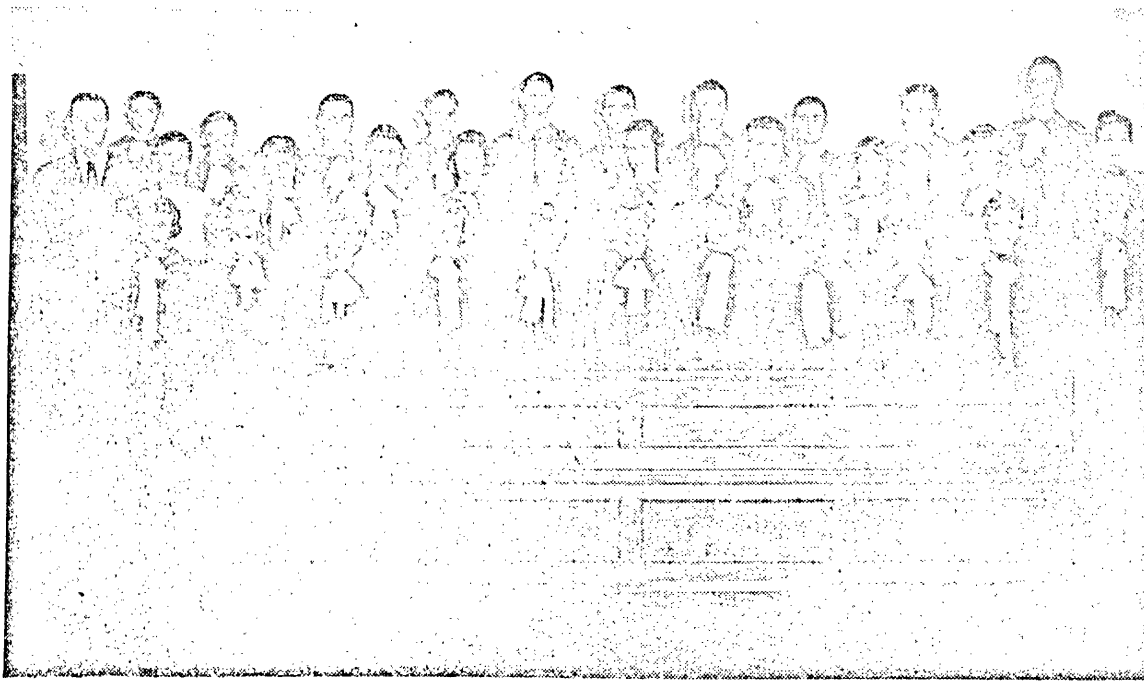
The World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism is planned with the great hope that God will stir the hearts of the thousands who are present in such a way that as they are altogether in one place, there will be a witness that will permeate the life of the whole church. The need for Christ will become so real that Methodism might become to the whole world what John Wesley became to all England.

Long we have said, "The Methodists are one people." Now we will give our testimony to that fact — not that Methodists are just one people —but that they have one voice, one hope and one message for all the world — Christ, the only begotten Son of the Living God. He is the Saviour of the day, for each person, for each home, for each community, state and nation. "Christ Can Change the World."

* Halford E. Luccock, "Recapturing Pentecost," p. 7.

** "The Archbishop's Committee of Inquiry on the Evangelistic Work of the Church," quoted by Bryan Green, "The Practice of Evangelism," p. 6.

YOUTH CHOIR BROADCASTS SUNDAY EVENINGS



FIRST ROW, left to right: Harriet Lindsey, Barbara Hoover, Pat Cook, Judy Sanders, Carolyn Jones, Anne Smalling, Laura Beth Barton, Edith Faye Berg, Flora Lee, Janice Rogers, and Kay Lee.
SECOND ROW, left to right: Reverend J. E. Dunlap, Mrs. J. E. Dunlap, Frances Manasco, Peggy Jackson, Betty Sue Barham, Linda Meeks, La Nora Rogers, Marvel Struve, Sylvia Cox, Robbie Garrett, and Mrs. E. N. Johnson, Jr.
THIRD ROW, left to right: Carl Berg, Max Hill, Jimmy Gray, Alan Bradley, Jr., Don Wilson, Rodney Bell, Ralph Joe Edwards, Joie Bell, Jimmy Dover, and Gene Sullivan.

The First Methodist Church, Mena, takes great pride in its Youth Choir which is heard each Sunday evening over Mena's Radio Station KENA, which broadcasts the evening service of the church. The choir has

also sung for several special occasions on the radio.

Mrs. E. N. Johnson, Jr., is the director of the choir and Mrs. J. E. Dunlap is the accompanist. The evening service of the Mena church

has been broadcast for the past two years. The choir was organized one year ago. The accompanying picture was made at the close of a recent Sunday evening service. Rev. J. Edward Dunlap is the Mena pastor.

70 BIBLICAL SCROLLS FOUND IN DEAD SEA CAVE

JERUSALEM—(RNS)—Remains of some 70 Biblical scrolls believed to be 2,000 or more years old have been found in a cave on the shore of the Dead Sea about 25 miles east of here.

The discovery, made by Arab shepherds, was announced by Jordan's British-born Director of Antiquities, G. Lankester Harding.

Mr. Harding, who called the find "perhaps the most sensational archaeological event of our time," said 38 of the scrolls had been identified by Dominican scholars as manuscripts of 19 books of the Old Testament.

STOCKWELL PENS SPIRITUAL TESTIMONY

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a dictator in fact if not in name—including Chiang; that Chiang's government (perhaps not the Generalissimo himself) was corrupt; he admires communist zeal and sense of mission, though he thinks it often misdirected.

Other chapter headings give something of the scope of this volume: The Fall of the House of Chiang; Chungking Is Liberated; Arrest and Imprisonment; Chinese Justice 1951; I Discover the New Testament; Introducing Paul and John; Memories and Miracles; Exit Missions; Time Shuffles Along; John the Baptist, Streamlined.

With God in Red China should be read by every Christian as a great spiritual document, as a commentary on a communism that cannot be easily overthrown and as a chapter in modern Christian missions.

The rest were described by the priests as commentaries and paraphrases of Biblical books, many known and hitherto unknown Apocrypha and descriptions of the conduct and organization of the scrolls belonged.

The manuscripts are written on Essenes, the Jewish sect to which

papyrus and leather in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, some of the Hebrew and Aramaic documents in a script closely related to the ancient Phoenician.

One of the Old Testament books, Tobit, appears for the first time in Hebrew and Aramaic. Only Greek translations had been known until

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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rently aided by church loan-scholarship funds.

More than 2,000 student loans were granted last year, totaling \$234,315. In its 81-year history, the fund has provided \$11,000,000 to 70,000 Methodist students.

The 10 Methodist seminaries have current enrollment of 3,365 students compared to 1,978 ten years ago. However, 1,600 Methodists are preparing for the ministry in non-Methodist theological schools.

By 1954 there will be more than 25,000 Methodist preachers in the U. S. At present, there are 5,607 ministers who did not finish college and 4,349 with no seminary training.

However, 3,330 preachers are currently enrolled in the two correspondence schools sponsored by the board, and 15 regional pastors' schools provide annual refresher courses.

Wesley Foundations are established on the campuses of 165 state and private institutions, serving as Methodist student centers.

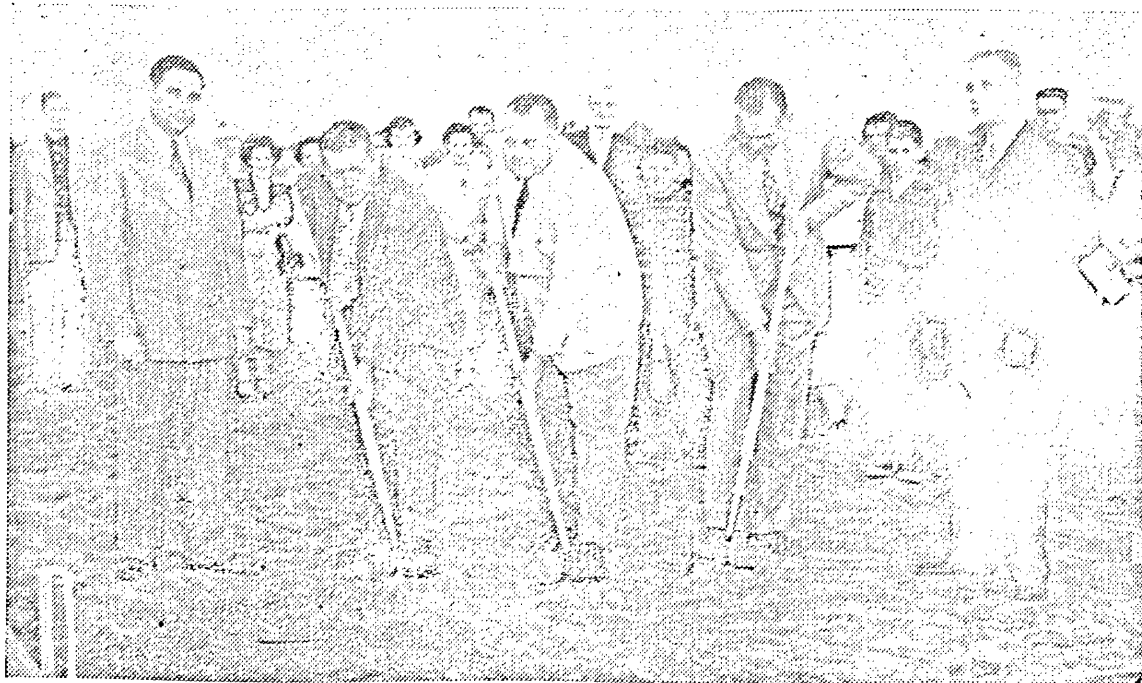
More than 500 selected college students served last year in Methodist summer projects. For this summer the church has scheduled 55 Caravan teams, 10 national work camps, six regional leadership training conferences and numerous other student projects. The fifth quadrennial national Methodist Student Conference is set to open next December 28 at Lawrence, Kansas.

now.

Mr. Harding, who is also director of the Palestine Archaeological Museum here, said that only a brief examination had been made of the scrolls so far.

He predicted that Biblical scholars from all over the world would be kept busy "for the next generation, at least" pondering the translation and significance of the documents.

GROUND-BREAKING SERVICES FOR LAKEVIEW CHURCH



Ground-breaking services were held for the new Lakeview Methodist Church in Minden on Tuesday afternoon, April 7. A brief ritual preceded the actual breaking of ground which was done by several members of the congregation.

The new sanctuary and educational building, to be built at a cost of \$90,650 by McInnis Brother of Min-

den is of contemporary design and will be completed in some ten months.

Shown in the picture, reading from left to right are: Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, pastor of the Lakeview Methodist Church; Clyde V. Ellington, chairman of the Board of Trustees; R. H. Manning, Jr., chairman

of the Building Committee; John McInnis, chairman of the Board of Stewards, and Rev. Ira Flowers, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Minden.

Actual construction for this new house of worship is now under way, with the foundation work nearly completed.

Japan International Christian University Formally Opened

A 50-year dream of Japanese and American Christians became a reality in Tokyo when the Charter Class of Japan International Christian University's College of Liberal Arts was matriculated in a special ceremony on its campus at Mitaka, a Tokyo suburb. The 199 young men and women of the college's first class were welcomed, along with their families, by Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, university president, who described the new institution as "the university of tomorrow." He told the class members they were "the elite of Japan's 1953 freshmen" and that, as such, "society has a right to expect great things of you." Messages of congratulation from U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, former Ambassador Joseph C. Grew and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, honorary chairman of the university's fund drive in the U. S., were read by Dr. Yuasa. "It is my belief," Mr. Dulles said, "that a university in which students of diverse races, nations, creeds and colors will study together in a Christian atmosphere can make a significant contribution to the cause of international understanding and world peace. On behalf of the Department of State, I wish Japan International Christian University success in attaining this worthy goal." General MacArthur said that, "with all men of good will in both this country and Japan," he joined in the hope that the institution would "achieve the spiritual strength, the broad vision and the intellectual wisdom to serve as a beacon light to guide the youth of Japan toward the path of truth."

Swedish Bishop Praises Free Church System in U. S.

The youngest bishop of the State Church of Sweden (Lutheran) says the Swedes who come to America are better church members than their brothers and sisters who remain in the old country. Bishop Bo Giertz, 47, head of the diocese of Gothenburg, which has 300 churches with 836,000 members, hopes to find the explanation for this situation during his visit to this country. Here to speak at the annual convention of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church and other meetings, the bishop said he thinks he has discovered part of the answer. "Apparently," he said, "the Free Church system gives the American layman greater interest and responsibility in his church." The State Church system, on the other hand, he pointed out, is more likely to make the layman believe anything is going on pretty well without his help and contributions. Bishop Giertz also expressed the view that the free enterprise system was more conducive to vigorous church life than is Socialism and other close governmental control of a nation's economic activities. During the brief time he has been in America, Bishop Giertz said he has found that church life here is much stronger than in Sweden.

Russia Agrees To Seek Release Of Missionaries

The Soviet Union has agreed to intervene with North Korean authorities to obtain the release of American civilian internees, including several Methodist and Roman Catholic

The Soviet Union has agreed to missionaries, the State Department announced. Michael J. McDermott, Department press officer, said Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov had made the promise of Russian help to American charge d'affaires Jacob Beam. Mr. Beam asked for assistance in freeing 13 civilians believed to have been taken prisoner following the outbreak of the Korean war. Prominent on the list was the name of Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, Maryknoll missionary from Washington D. C. The North Koreans, however, have admitted holding only seven of the 13. Early last year they released a list of the

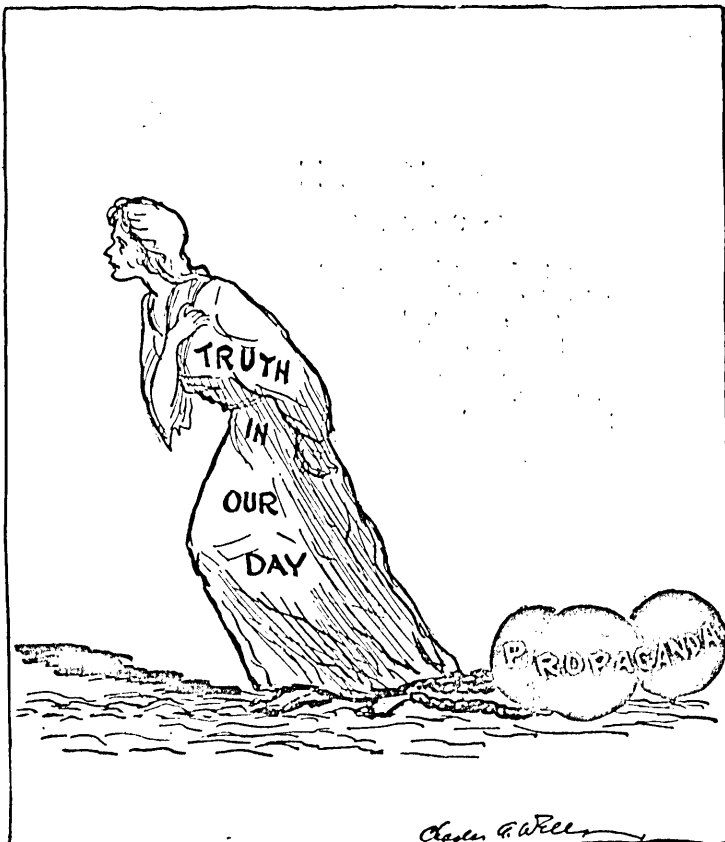
seven but denied knowledge of the whereabouts of the other six. The seven Americans admittedly in North Korean custody include Father William Booth of Rickville Center, N. Y., Bishop Byrne's secretary, and five Methodist missionaries. The Methodists are Miss Bertha Smith, Marshall, Mo.; Miss Nellie Dyer, Conway, Arkansas; Anders Kristian Jensen, New Cumberland, Pa.; Miss Mary Helen Rosser, Knoxville, Tenn., and Lawrence A. Zellers, Weatherford, Tex.

Protestant Editors Hit Congressional Probe Methods

A resolution scoring methods used by Congressional investigating committees was adopted by the Associated Church Press, organization of editors of Protestant publications in the U. S. and Canada, at its 34th annual meeting in Washington D. C. "The ACP deplors the practice of circulating on official letterheads of Congressional committees unsubstantiated charges detrimental to character and reputation of the subject," the resolution said. "It believes this practice to be a denial of American standards of justice and urges its immediate discontinuance." Another part of the resolution called on members of Congress and state legislative bodies "so to formulate their rules for public hearings that individuals called for questioning may have opportunity for full reply, may be represented by counsel, and may have the protection of all rights traditionally guaranteed in courts of law." The editors said they supported the right of individuals "to hold views different from those of the majority" and deplored the infringement of this right "by exposing such individuals to public scorn in widely published hearings before legislative bodies."

Judge Sees Poor Preaching Insomnia Cure

"Poor preaching is the greatest cure for insomnia ever discovered," a Kentucky Court of Appeals judge told the Memphis Ministers Association. Judge Osso W. Stanley said clergymen should strive for simplicity in sermons. "No matter how good the subject matter, a sermon may be so smothered in words as to be wholly without effect," he said. "Many sermons are like some of the opinions of the Court of Appeals: You have to read a gallon to get one pint of law."



Eisenhower Sees Religion As Force To Defeat Communism

President Eisenhower said in Washington it is his unshakeable belief that only through religion can Communism be licked and world freedom achieved. The President spoke briefly to about 125 members of the Associated Church Press, organization of editors of Protestant publications in the United States and Canada, who called on him at the White House. He said that freedom and religion have an inescapable relationship and that one is dependent on the other. Unless this is understood, he said, no progress will be made in combatting Communism. General Eisenhower added that only through a rejuvenation of respect for moral values can the world possibly come through the long period of tension in which it has been living. He said that because he believes these things so firmly he applauds the work of the religious press for its emphasis not only on the worth of the human soul on a theological basis, but also for stressing moral values and the relationship between religion and freedom. By doing this, he said, the religious press means much to the freedom of the world.

German Communists Crack Down On Evangelical Youth Groups

BERLIN — East German authorities have cracked down on Evangelical Church youth organizations in a series of actions throughout the Soviet Zone. High school and college officials were forced by Communist officials to call mass meetings at which students were given the choice of signing statements that they would sever their relationship with such Church movements or being expelled. High school and college students known or believed to be members of Junge Gemeinde (Young Community), the Evangelical organization for teen-agers, or Studenten Gemeinde, the Church movement for university students, were called up before the mass meetings and handed mimeographed statements to sign. In Brandenburg City and in the Berlin suburb of

Koenigswusterhausen alone more than 100 students who refused to sign it were ousted from schools.

Methodist Leaders Welcome Communist Peace Overtures

A resolution welcoming recent Communist peace overtures and commending President Eisenhower's "willingness to meet halfway the heads of potential enemy countries" was adopted by the Methodist General Board of Education at its annual meeting at Nashville, Tenn. "We welcome these overtures as essential first steps toward the peaceable adjustment of differences," the Board stated, "and trust that they will be found sincere and worthy of confidence. We commend our government for the serious and considerate way in which these overtures so far have been received, and for the consequent prompt reopening of negotiations with the enemy in Korea. We commend especially President Eisenhower's expressed willingness to 'meet halfway' such heads of potential enemy countries as may seem sincerely desirous of making peace, and appreciate that our State Department has taken immediate steps to explore that possibility." The 91-member Board includes 17 bishops. Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia is president. Vice-presidents are Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, Ark.

Churchmen Launch Prayer Campaign To Defeat Race Track

Some 70 Baptist congregations in and around Memphis launched a campaign of prayer to defeat the proposed building of a horse race track across the Mississippi River in East Arkansas. The prayer effort will be continued through April 21 when a local option election on the proposal is to be held at Forrest City, Ark., 45 miles west of here. The special election was called after the St. Francis Valley Turf Association, sponsors of the track, succeeded in getting the required number of signatures upon a petition.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURN, Editor



JOSEPH

In the Religious Herald

WHAM! Bang! Kenny banged the front door shut as he entered the hall. He was mad!! Mrs. Johnson had to look at him only once to see just how mad he was.

"Why Kenny! What can be the matter?" Mrs. Johnson asked.

"I'll—I'll never talk to Jack again." Kenny was so mad that he could hardly talk. "I hate him."

"Have a seat and cool off, son. It will never do you any good to get as mad as you are now. Did something happen at the skating race?"

Mrs. Johnson knew that five of the boys on Vernon Street had formed a skating team and called themselves The Cubs. This morning they were to race five boys from South Street in a skating race. The Cubs had practiced all week, and Kenny was one of the fastest skaters the Cubs had. They were determined to beat The Lions, as the boys from South Street called themselves.

Kenny began to tell his mother what had happened at the skating race. "Four boys from the Cubs had raced four boys from the Lions. Two of the Cubs had won, and two of the Lions had won; so the score was 2 to 2. I was skating with Bill Milton from the Lions. We had already started and I was a little ahead. I was almost at the bottom of the hill when I passed Jack Bartlett. He stuck out his foot. I stumbled over it and fell. Of course, Bill beat me and the Lions won the skating contest."

Mrs. Johnson looked at Kenny. She knew how much he had wanted to win that race. She knew that Jack had been unfair and that the Cubs could have won the race.

"I hate Jack. He is mean and spiteful."

"Well," said Mrs. Johnson, "naturally Jack wanted the Lions to win. He lives on South Street, but it certainly wasn't fair of him to trip you so that the Lions could win. By all rights the Cubs should have won, and I bet all the other boys know that. No one likes a boy who doesn't play fair or who cheats for his team. Not even his own team members likes him."

"But I hate him. I'll never speak to him again. We used to like to do things together, to go on hikes, to study, to play and build model airplanes together, but I hate him now."

"I understand how you feel, son. I know that you wanted to win that race; but you mustn't hate Jack. You must try to forgive him."

"But how can I?" Kenny asked. Just how could he forgive Jack after Jack had been so unfair?

"Did you ever hear the story of Joseph in the Bible?" Mrs. Johnson asked. "It is a beautiful story."

"No, I don't know much about it," Kenny said, wondering just how the story of Joseph could help him.

"Once, in Old Testament times, a man named Jacob had twelve sons, but of these twelve, Joseph was his favorite. The other boys had to work in the fields and had to watch the father's sheep, but Joseph did not work. He just stayed at home with his father.

"The older brothers were very jealous of Joseph and were often mad because their father loved Joseph more than any of them. Finally, they began to hate Joseph and tried to find a way they could kill him."

"One day," Mrs. Johnson continued the story, seeing that Kenny was becoming interested in it, "Jacob made Joseph a lovely coat, a coat which was far lovelier than any which the older brothers had. Then he told Joseph to go and find his older brothers and find out if they were watching the sheep and if they needed anything."

"While Joseph was still far away, the older brothers saw him coming and decided to kill him. They captured Joseph and put him in a huge pit. Then came a group of people from Egypt. The brothers decided that, instead of killing Joseph, they would sell him to these people and get a lot of money. This they did. After they sold him, the brothers took Joseph's new coat and put some blood from a sheep on it. Then they took the coat home and told their father that Joseph had been killed by a fierce animal."

"Was Jacob very sad?" Kenny wanted to know.

"Yes, he was, for Joseph was his favorite son. However, he believed what the brothers had told him. Many, many years passed."

"In the meantime Joseph had much work to do. He was put in prison when he hadn't done a thing wrong. He worked hard and well in prison and everyone liked him."

"One day the king had a strange dream. He dreamed he saw seven fat cattle and a group of seven lean cattle. He asked Joseph what that dream meant. Joseph told him it meant the land would have seven years during which there would be a lot of food. Everyone would pros-

per and have much to eat. Then there would be seven years during which there would be no food. Everyone would go hungry. He told the king, that, during the seven years of plenty, the people should save their food so they would have something to eat during the seven years when they could grow no food."

"The king was so impressed with Joseph that he put him in charge of all the food in the land. Joseph had to see that everyone saved enough good food to eat during the second seven years. You can see that he was a very important person. He was even more important than the king."

"Did all of this come to pass? Were there seven years when the people could not grow food?" Kenny asked.

"Yes, there was. And, during this seven years period no one in Egypt went hungry because they had saved food. However, one day a group of men came to Joseph and asked him for some food. Joseph realized that they were his brothers, but the brothers did not recognize Joseph. What do you think Joseph did?"

"He sent them away hungry," Kenny guessed.

"No, son, he didn't. He sent them back to get their father and youngest brother. They came back to Egypt, and Joseph told them who he was. He let them live there with him and saw that they had plenty of food."

"Joseph forgave his brothers, didn't he?" Kenny thought. "If he did that, then I should forgive Jack. I'll try to, Mother."

"Good, son. I hope you will try to forgive Jack and be like Joseph. If we pray, I am sure God will help you to forgive Jack."

The children were singing "Oh Susanna." Suddenly his teacher realized 3-year-old Billy had a version of his own as he sang lustily, "I come from Alabama with a band-aid on my knee." —Journeyman Barber.

THE BIRDS' CONCERT

By Elizabeth Goggins

*Last night the birds had a concert
In the russet apple tree,
I opened the window and saw them
As plainly as could be.
The orchestra was assembled
On a gently swaying bough
And kept time with a musical chime
While a cardinal showed them
how.*

*The woodpecker beat on a big bass
drum
And the woodthrush played the
flute,
The goldfinch blew on the piccolo,
And the bunting strummed the
lute.
They played till the stars shone one
by one,
Above in the darkening dome—
And sadly flew from the apple tree
When the nighthawk called them
home.*

—In Our Dumb Animals

WHY WE SHOULD STUDY THE BIBLE

(The following report was given by Martha Sue Dilbeck, 11 years old, 5th grade, at a Bible study class held at Scott Street Church, Little Rock, during Holy Week. This was written without any adult help. The class was taught by Mrs. J. R. Ewbank.)

1. We should study the Bible because it helps us when we are in trouble.
2. It consoles us when we are in sorrow.
3. It helps us when we are afraid.
4. It gives us courage.
5. It helps us to control our anger.
6. It teaches us how to pray.
7. It helps to keep us from complaining when things go wrong and it builds our confidence.
8. It helps us to be of comfort to other people when they are in sorrow.

The Bible has stories of all kinds in it. Among these are love stories, literature, social history, poetry, drama, great addresses, letters, law-making, wars, census records and things that people are interested in.

We also need to study the Bible because it is God's word, therefore it can be easily understood why the Bible is the book most in demand.

JUST FOR FUN

There was, you may well imagine, a crisis in my neighbor's household when her young son returned from school with the announcement that his 1st-grade teacher had threatened to throw him into the furnace if he was again absent from class.

The outraged Mrs. Jones immediately put on her hat and coat and fared forth to the school. There she found the pretty young teacher as amazed and confused as she herself had been. Finally a light dawned.

"Oh, I know now," she exclaimed. "I told Sandy that if he was absent any more I'd have to drop him from the register." —Mrs. H. Etter.



SPRING HOUSECLEANING

*These sunny days are busy days
Throughout the whole week through,
It's time for spring housecleaning,
There's lots of work to do.*

*I scrub the floors and dust the walls
While Dolly sits close by,
And while I make the house so neat
The time just seems to fly.—A.E.W.*

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

DISTRICT MEETINGS IN NORTH ARKANSAS

The Fort Smith District is holding its Annual Meeting April 22 at Greenwood.

Next week there will be four districts meeting. Batesville District will meet at Central Avenue Church, Batesville on April 28; Mrs. W. F. Cooley and Mrs. Hubert Pearce will be the guest speakers. On April 29 Paragould District will meet at Piggott. Conway District will meet April 30 at Morrilton and each one attending is to bring a School Girl Lunch. Mrs. Paul Bumpers is the guest speaker. Forrest City District will meet April 30 at Bear Creek Lake near Marianna.

Searcy District will meet May 5 will meet May 6 at Siloam Springs. The Jonesboro District held its Annual Meeting prior to the Conference at Marked Tree.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Louisiana Conference Society, was the guest speaker at the First Church, Bossier City, Sunday, April 12. Her topic was "A Pep Talk On the Woman's Society of Christian Service" stressing missionary work for women.

The Lula McSwain Society of Christian Service of Emmet met April 6 at the home of Mrs. J. M. Johnson with Mrs. Jake Reyenga as co-hostess. Mrs. Remy Garland, president, presided over the business meeting.

Mrs. Dennen Wylie, program chairman, presented a very inspiring program on "Telling the Old, Old Story". She was assisted by Mrs. Karl Weeks, Mrs. Felix Grimes and Mrs. Bob Magness. The program was concluded with the Lord's prayer in unison.

During the social hour delicious refreshments were served to the 15 members and two guests present. —Mrs. Shelby Jones.

A Young Matron's Circle has been organized at the Paragould First Church to accommodate the women of the church who find it impossible to attend an afternoon circle. The circle meets the first Monday evening in the month, and is an enthusiastic group of women who are new members of the Woman's Society.

The Circle was named the Glenna Rose Circle honoring Mrs. Glenna Poe, wife of Dr. F. A. Poe and Mrs. Rosella Wilford, wife of the pastor, who have had much to do with its organizations and promotion. Mrs. Noma Dalling is president, Mrs. Madoline Kirk, Vice-President; Mrs. Grace Ellen Mitchel, Secretary and Mrs. Jennie Biery, Treasurer, Secretary.

The Centerville Woman's Society has completed two studies. As guests of the Dardanelle Society, they studied "Toward Understanding the Bible." A large crowd attended each meeting and all appreciated the invitation from Dardanelle.

"Home Missions and Human Rights" was presented at the church

and at the home of Mrs. B. L. Griffin, where a delicious pot-luck luncheon was served followed by business and the study course.—Reporter.

Twenty-eight ladies attended the meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Church, Van Buren April 7 at the church. David Partain, Jr., was the guest speaker and gave an interesting talk on Alaska, where he spent some time while serving with the air force. Circle 2 was hostess to the luncheon, followed by the business meeting conducted by Mrs. Cabol Rhodes, vice-president, and devotional program led by Mrs. Phil Holder. —Mrs. Fay Williams.

The Eros Woman's Society sponsored a program on alcohol education April 12 which was attended by the Baptist church and neighboring Methodist churches. Dr. Earl Hotalen, director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, was the speaker. —A. E. Wingfield.

Circle Four of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church of Columbia, Louisiana, presented Mrs. O. N. Reynolds in a review of the Silver Chalice, by Thomas B. Costain. Mrs. H. W. Holmes registered the guests in the entrance hall and called attention to the display high-lighting the novel. Preceding the review Mrs. B. O. Cummings and Mrs. Leroy Adams Sr., lighted the cathedral tapers in silver candelabra. Mrs. Sam Holladay, introduced each person who collaborated in the entertainment. Mrs. Nina Harris gave two piano numbers, Ave Maria and Largo. The Youth Choir, under the able direction of Mr. Hebert Gathright rendered a superb performance in "He Arose" and a spiritual.

Mrs. Reynolds developed the Review of "The Silver Chalice" both subjectively and objectively. It was brilliantly executed and added challenging thought for those who had read the novel and reading inspiration for those who had not.

The refreshment table was developed in white. An array of delicacies on silver trays were passed by Mrs. W. H. Bennett and Mrs. Vinson Mouser. Mrs. Jim Thompson and Mrs. Edna McConnell graciously presided at the silver coffee services. An appropriate finale to this delightful evening was the presentation of a Baby Life Membership, by Mrs. Edna McConnell on behalf of the Circle to Mrs. Vinson Mouser, beloved teacher of Circle 4, for her grandson, Edward Mathew Mouser. —Mrs. Sam Holladay

The Pearl McCain Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, Searcy sponsored an early morning prayer service for all the women of the church each morning during Holy Week. The services were held in the prayer chapel by candle-light. Many women came early entering the room very quietly and coming with God privately before the services started.

These meetings were well attended, more women attended each morning.

The leaders for the impressive prayer services were: Monday—Mrs.

Little Rock Conference Meets At Hot Springs

Holding its 13th Annual Meeting at Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, April 7-9, the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service followed the theme "The Field is STILL the World" in its presentation of speakers and reports of the officers. Mrs. T. S. Lovett, President, presided at the opening session which was a banquet honoring the Youth of the Conference, and Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden based his talk on Preparedness for the crises, opportunities, and life itself which face each one. Mrs. Edward McLean introduced the youth who were present; many of whom were winners of the poster contest conducted on the MYFund.

Mrs. W. M. Baber, local president and Mrs. Robert Topp had assisted in the entertaining of the Executive Board at a luncheon at the King's Smorgasbord at noon.

The guest speakers were most helpful in their messages as the conference sought to emphasize evangelism, youth and missions. Evangelistic speakers were Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin and Rev. Cecil R. Culver; Missions speakers were Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Miss Olga Vela, Monterrey Mexico, and Miss Virginia Louke, deaconess with the Indian Mission, Oklahoma.

The officers presented their reports in a compiled report featuring the spotting of the mission fields over the world on a map 8 x 4 feet. Mrs. Lovett challenged the group with her Annual President's Message, which will be found in condensed form on another page of this issue.

Filling vacancies occurring at this time, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Henry Stevenson, Little Rock, Recording Secretary; Mrs. George Meyer, Little Rock, Secretary of Supplies. The President announced the appointment of Mrs. H. King Wade, Hot Springs, as Chairman of the Lucile Miles Holt Student Loan Fund. In honoring the retiring officers, Mrs. Roland Shelton announced that special gifts were being given to Miss Orlene McKimmey, in honor of Mrs. E. B. Matkin; for supplies in honor of Mrs. Leo D. Wylie, and

a gift into the Student Loan Fund, in honor of Mrs. J. S. Holt, the founder of the fund.

The ladies of the hostess church, Grand Avenue, were most kind in their planning, the luncheons being delicious, and every need cared for. Perhaps the most appreciated were the beautiful arrangements of flowers, all from the garden of the members, which were arranged in truly inspirational ways. The luncheons featured were: "nautical" with ships and all pertaining thereof, and a Hot Springs luncheon, which had miniature bath tubs and bottles of Hot Springs water.

In the impressive Pledge Service, conducted by Mrs. C. I. Parsons, Treasurer, the six districts of the conference pledged for the coming year \$76,008. The Love gifts given during the conference honoring hostesses and officers totaled \$148.00.

Over four hundred women registered for the meeting; and there were other guests present. Mrs. Johnnie McClure, President of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society, led the Service of Installation and Consecration, which was participated in by all present. There was much beautiful music used in the program: Mrs. Robert Braughton was the organist, and soloists were: Mrs. Kenneth Spore, Mrs. Clyde Campbell and Miss Jean McNally. Choirs were the Grand Avenue Choir and the A Capella Choir from Southern State College, Magnolia.

Mrs. M. E. Scott told of communications from the missionaries of the conference, and presented the retired missionaries: Miss Ida Shannon, Miss Bessie Bunn and Miss Flora Whiteside; and the workers in the conference, Miss Grace Thatcher, Miss Alice Rogers, Mike Willis and Miss Margaret Marshall, who told of their work.

Mrs. Leo Wylie led the beautiful Memorial service for those members who have died during the last year. Devotional services opening the sessions were led by Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, host pastor, Miss Grace Thatcher and Rev. J. M. Hamilton. Mrs. H. H. Tucker, president of the

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H. H. Fullbright, Tuesday —Mrs. Sam Sullivan, Wednesday —Mrs. Sam Albright, Thursday —Mrs. Albert Yarnell, Friday —Miss Patsy Ruth Dacus.

At the conclusion of the prayer service the group went to the Educational building where coffee and doughnuts were served.—Mrs. Sam Sullivan.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Stamps Methodist Church, under the leadership of Mrs. M. E. Scott, Secretary of Spiritual Life and her Committee, observed a Sacrificial Breakfast with a period of worship, meditation and praise on Good Friday.

Seventeen members attended this inspirational and spiritual service. A Lenten Offering of \$17.50 was received to be used for the needs of others through our Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

HOPE DISTRICT BOARD MEETS

The Hope District Executive Committee met in the home of Mrs. L. B. Tooley, Hope, District President, and was opened with a prayer by Mrs. E. D. Galloway. Mrs. Tooley announced the nominating committee to be composed of the four Sub-District Chairmen, and the Program Committee to be Mrs. Earl Miller, Chairman; Mrs. Gus Orr, Mrs. Galloway and Mrs. Johnson. This Committee announced that the theme of the district meeting would be "Christ for the World We Sing", and it would be held April 28 at De Queen with Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Grady, and Rev. Fred Harrison, Texarkana, guest speakers. The Board recommended that the District pledge \$9,700 for the coming year. Sub-district meetings were set for May and October.—Mrs. W. R. Shackelford.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

Little Rock District In Evangelistic Mission

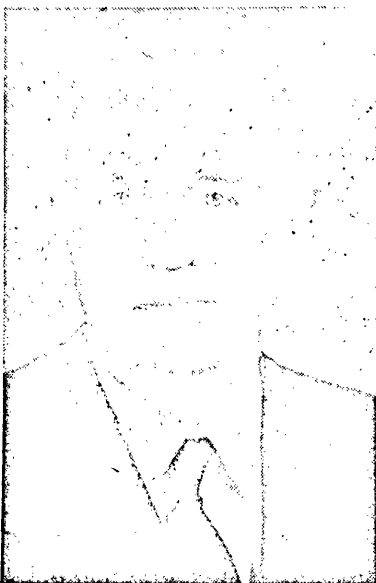
Bishop H. Bascom Watts, a native of Yellville, Ark., will be the speaker at a mass rally climaxing the Little Rock District United Evangelistic Mission. Bishop Watts will speak at 7:30 p. m. Sunday, April 26, at Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock.

One of two native Arkansans elected to the Methodist episcopacy, Bishop Watts is a former pastor of First Church, Little Rock.

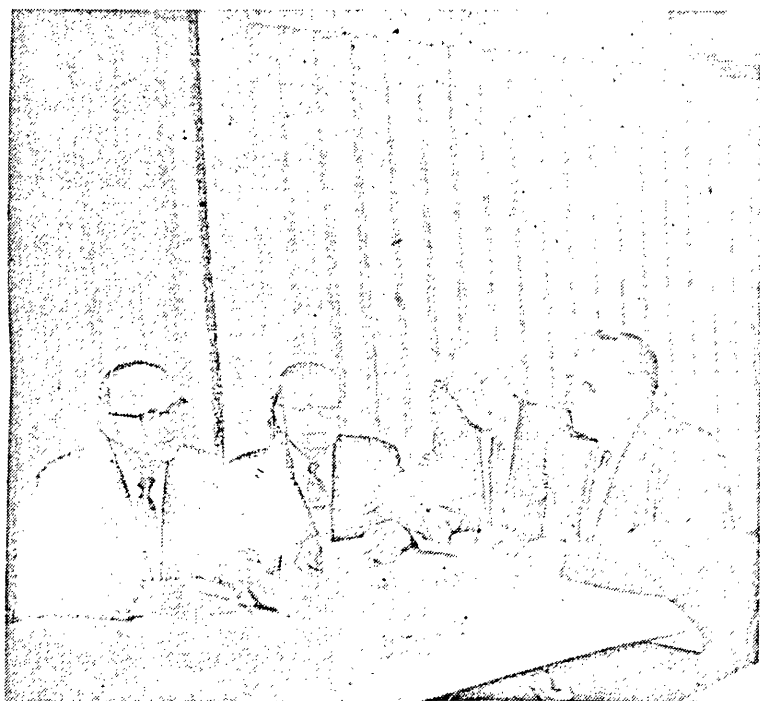
The mission began with a meeting of host pastors and visiting ministers Friday, April 17. The Rev. R. E. L. Bearden of Conway was speaker at the youth rally Saturday night, attended by approximately 500 persons.

During the past week the visitors have held nightly services in the participating churches after conducting training sessions in visitation evangelism among the laymen.

Daily reports were made at morn-



BISHOP H. BASCOM WATTS

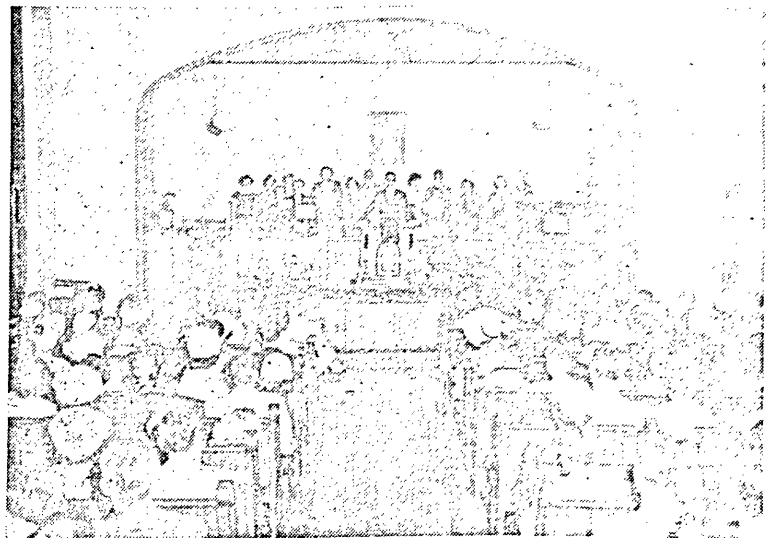


PLANNING COMMITTEE. Left to right: Rev. Cecil R. Culver, Rev. H. O. Bolin, Dr. Francis Buddin, Rev. Virgil Morris.

ing meetings at First church, with the final report to be made Friday. Classes on visitation evangelism were led by Dr. W. Neill Hart of El Dorado and studies of pulpit evangelism by Mr. Bearden. The

Rev. Virgil Morris, district superintendent of the New Orleans District, will direct a morning devotional period at 11 a. m. Friday as he has during the week.

Jonesboro's Fisher Street Church Moves Forward!



I am convinced there is no death. It isn't reasonable that God would create a fine human being, only to destroy him. I am not so foolish as

Hendrix To Confer Honorary Degrees

Hendrix College will award four honorary degrees at the 1953 Commencement exercises May 31.

Honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees will be conferred upon the Rev. Cecil R. Culver of Winfield Memorial Methodist Church in Little Rock and the Rev. Ethan W. Dodgen, superintendent of the Forrest City District of the Methodist Church.

Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees will be conferred upon U. S. Congressman Wilbur D. Mills of Kennett and Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, president of Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

Mr. Culver before coming to Winfield had served pastorates at Weldon, Bald Knob, Ozark, No. Little Rock, Paragould, Conway, Muskogee, Okla., Jonesboro and as superintendent of the Ft. Smith District. He has held numerous conference and jurisdictional offices.

Mr. Dodgen, a 1929 graduate of

Hendrix, has served at Colt, Aubrey, Crawfordsville, Dardanelle, Earle and Clarksville. He is a member of the national Co-ordinating Council of the Methodist Church and a trustee of Hendrix.

Congressman Mills, following his graduation from Hendrix in 1930 and from Harvard Law School in 1933, served as probate judge of White County from 1934 to 1938. Since 1938 he has been in the U. S. Congress and is now the third-ranking Democrat on the important Ways and Means Committee.

Dr. McDonald graduated from Hendrix in 1925, earned M. A. and Ph.D. degrees from Duke University, and has held important offices in the National Education Association. He was elected president of Bowling Green in 1951.

Mr. Culver will deliver the baccalaureate sermon for Hendrix seniors on the morning of May 31, and Dr. McDonald will deliver the graduation address that afternoon.

CHOSEN MAY QUEEN

Miss Hazel Koon, member of Walnut Grove Methodist Church, has been chosen May Queen at Spartanburg Junior College, Spartanburg, S. C. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Koon of Ferndale, Ark., she graduated from Paron high school in 1951. The president of the college has written that she is one of the finest young women ever to attend the school, and that she is highly esteemed by faculty and students. She will graduate in June and hopes to teach at Paron next year before beginning work on her A. B. degree.



to deny that there is a process which deprives us of our loved ones, separates us from them. But while we sorrow for them, we remember that the great Giver of Life never meant us to believe that death is the end of them. For he said "Because I love, Ye shall live also." This is the mightiest message ever given, and it took a new and more powerful meaning than ever before, for our church family, during the recent days preceding Easter Sunday, when there was the tragic experience of the passing of loved ones, who were yet in a life of youth.

On Palm Sunday, infants were baptized and beginning Holy Week Evangelistic Services, Dr. C. M. Reves, vice president of Hendrix College, preached the opening sermon. The pastor, Rev. W. M. Womack, preached, each evening to large congregations, challenging sermons and the altar was filled with people on knees of repentance and making new dedications and consecrating their lives. There was a feeling of joy and peace at the close of each evening service, and during the week nine people came on profession of faith. All coming into the church on Easter morning by baptism.

Easter Sunday was a victorious

day! The congregation exceeded any number that had ever come to the church for a regular worship service and the largest number ever to attend church school was present. The choir sang "This Is The Day," directed by Mrs. Vance Brown, for the morning worship and Bro. Womack preached on "Christ Offers Life." The sanctuary was filled with Memorial flowers. Shut-ins who have not been able to worship in the church for months came with rejoicing, to see so glorious a service in their church in the days that are called the sunset of life. The church board of officials were 100% present, seated in a body. The services closed with candlelight communion service on Sunday evening.

Physically, also, the church takes on new life. The new windows of art are in, carpets adorn the floor and newly decorated class rooms were available for use.

The church appreciates the leadership of the pastor, Bro. Womack, who gives faithful and loyal service to each member of the flock and to the church and to the Kingdom of God. Under his leadership we move forward at a grace pace. One of the greatest of all arts is the art of looking ahead.—A member of the church



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Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

TOWN AND COUNTRY CONVOCATION A GREAT EXPERIENCE

From the first moment of meeting until the benediction the Annual Town and Country Convocation was filled with inspiration. The attendance was fine in representation from over the conference. A majority of the members of the Commission were present. The people of Gassville, under the leadership of the Andersons, made every provision for a perfect day's entertainment. This fine community outdid itself in handling this meeting.

The speakers were sharp and wonderfully prepared. Not one was careless or indifferent to the opportunity afforded. Every one present seemed to feel the presence of the Divine Spirit and to sense the fact of concern and interest in our community life and of the national and world condition.

Once again those of us who believe in the possibilities of the small church had our faith justified in a wonderful way.

The writer wishes to express his sincerest thanks for all who took part on the program, to the pastors and laymen of Baxter and Marion Counties, and to the pastors and people of Gassville who did such a wonderful job.

Easter And Post Easter Meetings

The writer was privileged to be with Brother Aubra Hays and the fine people at Turrell for a pre-Easter meeting. It was a fine experience

to be back at Turrell and renew old acquaintances. It was my first visit since leaving the Jonesboro District five years ago. The revival was well attended. The young people showed a great interest. Bro. and Mrs. Hayes are doing a fine job at Turrell.

The week after Easter was spent at Bald Knob with Brother Pharis Holifield and his fine congregation. Here again we found a great interest and response. The youth in this church also were wonderful in co-operation. The people responded in a fine way to the services. The Holifields are doing a superb work at Bald Knob.

The Friday services at each church were given over to directed prayer, fasting, and the communion service. For three hours the pastor and visiting minister remained at the church administering the Sacrament to the people as they desired to come. It was a rich experience. The spiritual life of the churches was deepened in a fine way. Many rededications were experienced. A number of people were added to the church. A fine youth, Joe Wilkerson, of Turrell, committed himself to the ministry. The Easter season this year was one of the finest ever experienced by the writer. There seems to be a definite turning back to God; may it be so in a great way while daylight still remains.—J. Albert Gatlin

Governor Speaks At Methodist Convocation

Governor Francis Cherry, speaking to Methodist leaders in North Arkansas Friday, urged individuals to take an active interest in their state government if they would see it run as they think it ought to be.

The governor was one of several speakers at the Town and Country church convocation of the Methodist North Arkansas Conference held at Gassville. Other speakers on the program of the third annual meeting were Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana area; Dr. Ira A. Brumley of Conway, executive secretary of the Board of Education; Mrs. Johnnie McClure of Springdale, president of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service; Charles Stuck of Jonesboro, conference lay leader; the Rev. R. E. Connell, superintendent of the Batesville district; Graham Wright of Little Rock, with the agricultural extension service; and Jimmie Ligon of Conway, representative of the federal home loan program.

Speaking on the relation of the state to the development of community life, Gov. Cherry said that too long the people of the community have been like ostriches, with their heads in the sand, in regard to an active interest in government. They would avoid "politics," he said, although they have no hesitation in seeking to instill the principles of Jesus in cultural, social and business affairs. Such a pattern should be followed by church leaders in regard to politics and government, he said, and until they do take an interest, they have no right to complain.

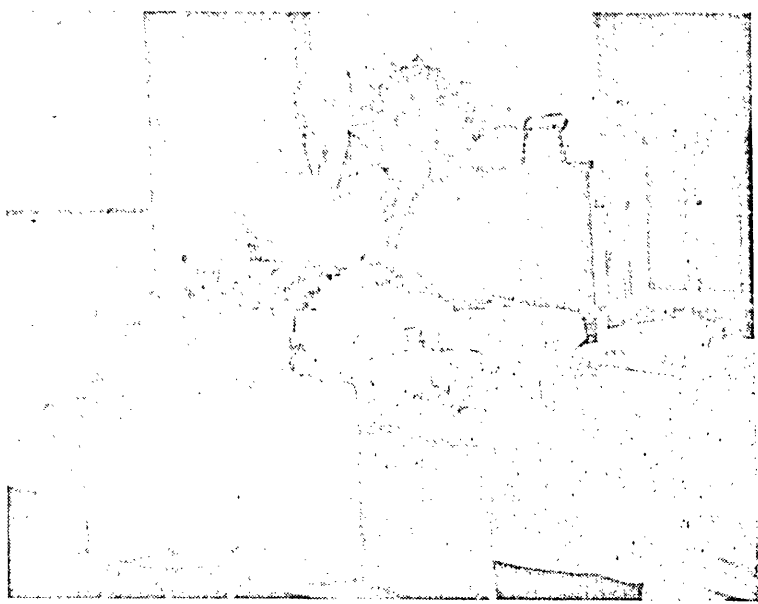
Developing the thought that larger units of government are necessary for greater benefits for all, Gov. Cherry said that social, cultural and economic benefits offered by the state have a direct influence on community life.

"The highway system of the state means a great deal to committees, some of which would not exist without the highway," he continued. "Of greatest influence on the community is the educational system, which in Arkansas has had its faults in the past but is certainly on the upgrade. We're going to have one of the best educational systems in the nation, if we just keep at it."

Citing the loss of independence by small units of government as a "bad thing," he said, "The time is coming when the federal government must be made to realize that it can't just tax the people, then give them back part of their money and tell them how they must spend it." A better plan, he said, would be for the smaller units to keep the money and spend it as they thought best.

In conclusion, he offered hope for communities in the future, and said, "The future of this world will not be written by an atheist in the Kremlin; Christ didn't die on the

District Honors Rev. And Mrs. E. B. Williams



Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Williams were honored by the ministers and wives of the Jonesboro District on the evening of April 8th with a surprise party in the Methodist Church of Dell. The Reverend Mr. Williams is completing his sixth year as Superintendent of the Jonesboro District of the Methodist Church and by the provisions of the Conference rules will leave office when the Annual Conference meets in June.

Over eighty ministers and mem-

bers of their families attended the buffet dinner. Appreciation was expressed for the Williams' work and gifts were presented them from the churches of the District and from the individual ministers and families. Rev. Eugene Hall of Dell made the presentations.

Sets of matched luggage were given to each of the honorees as gifts from the churches. The luggage was filled with personal gifts from the ministerial families.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Hendrix held a career conference April 21 sponsored by the Hendrix chapter of Blue Key leadership fraternity.

The day began with a general rally meeting for all students. Feature speaker for the rally was Charlie Evans of the Arkansas Power and Light Company.

Other visitors, who presented the opportunities and requirements of their field, were; Arch Ford, state commissioner of education; Dean Haydon C. Nicholson, of the University of Arkansas medical school; Allen Tilden, city editor of the Arkansas Democrat; Rev. D. L. Dykes, Methodist pastor of Central Methodist Church in Fayetteville; Robert Jewell, Little Rock public accountant; Victor Zanolovich, Little Rock interior decorator; Miss Gabrielle Frizzo, case work supervisor at Fort Roots Veterans Hospital, and Hugh Lovett, state supervisor of occupational information and guidance service.

General chairman for the day was Joe Bates of Little Rock. Tom DuPree of England is president of Blue Key.

Trustees Meet

The Hendrix Board of Trustees held its annual spring meeting on the campus April 14. The Board, under the chairmanship of Alton B. Raney, convened in Hulen Hall.

President Matt L. Ellis reported large progress for the college in its

cross for that."

Presiding at the meeting, attended by approximately 200 persons from over the state, were the Rev. Floyd G. Villines of Ft. Smith, president of the Town and Country Commission, and the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin of Conway, executive secretary. The Rev. Lee Anderson, pastor of the host church, the Rev. W. L. Diggs of Cotter, the Rev. Theron McKisson of Yellville, and the Rev. L. F. LeFevers, of Mountain Home, also participated.

program of general education. Greatest physical needs for the college, he said, are a new women's residence hall and a new physical education plant.

Joe T. Thompson of Little Rock, chairman of the current \$600,000 Endowment Campaign, reported that subscriptions to the campaign have now reached \$242,700. Of the amount, he said, more than \$119,850 is in cash.

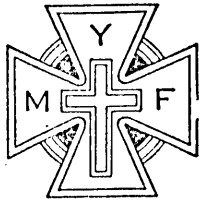
Attending the meeting were the following trustees and officers: Rev. Ethel W. Dodgen, Forrest City; Nathan Will, Dell; Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, Fort Smith; Dr. C. M. Reeves, Conway; William R. Stuck, Jonesboro; C. E. Hayes, Little Rock; Dr. E. C. Rule, Hot Springs; Dr. Fred R. Harrison, Texarkana; J. T. Thompson, Little Rock; Dr. Arthur Terry, Little Rock; Mrs. Lillian D. McDermott, Little Rock; R. T. Steel, Conway; Dr. Ed McCuiston, Little Rock; Judge DuVal L. Perkins, Warren; Dr. Connor Morehead, Camden; Leslie E. Bryant, Clarksville; Alton B. Raney, Little Rock; Harvey C. Couch, Jr., Little Rock; Dr. E. J. Munn, El Dorado; George E. Pike, DeWitt; H. F. Buhler, Little Rock; Dr. J. S. Rushing, El Dorado; H. F. Trotter, Pine Bluff; R. Percy Goynes, Dallas, Texas; Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock; Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Conway; Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Little Rock; Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Conway; E. W. Martin of Conway, treasurer of the board, and Paul Faris of Conway, secretary.

Choir To Present "Elijah"

The Hendrix Choristers and the Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church in Little Rock presented Mendelssohn's "Elijah" April 22.

The choirs were under the direction of Billy Paul Hays of the Hendrix music faculty and presented the concert as the program for the Hendrix Christian Association.

The Chapel Choir of Hendrix and the two Little Rock choirs will also present the oratorio at the Pulaski Heights church May 3.



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TUCKERMAN YOUTH HAVE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Just before dawn on Easter Sunday morning, the youth of the Tuckerman Methodist Church gathered on the porch of the Marcus Harris' colonial home for an Easter Sunrise Service, the first of its type to be held in Tuckerman. The lovely Harris home with its spacious yard full of beautiful spring flowers and budding trees was a perfect setting for such a service, and just as the sun shone forth in its bright splendor, the program began.

Easter hymns, full of triumph, were sung and the Easter story was read. Bob Watson, Junior ministerial student at Hendrix College, gave the meditation. His thoughts were based around the theme "If Christ Had Not Risen".

After the service, Mrs. Marcus Harris, Dr. and Mrs. Golder Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Dowell entertained the group with a breakfast. —Reporter

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Sub-District, composed of young people from Tallulah, Kilborne, Delhi, and Rayville, met in the Rayville Church on Sunday afternoon, April 12, for a Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting. Tallulah had charge of the worship service. Juan Watkins, president, presided over the business meeting. A tour was made of the new Rayville church. The next meeting will be held at Delhi.

The Jonesboro Area Sub-District has elected the following officers for the year: President, Ray Wood, Mt. Carmel; vice-president, Paul Lambirth, Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro; secretary-reporter, Dana Sue Neff, Fisher Street, Jonesboro; treasurer, Anita Murray, Pleasant Grove; corresponding secretary, Robbie Joy Gilliam, Nettleton; counselor, Mrs. J. D. Wood, Mt. Carmel.

The Central Sub-District met on Sunday, April 12, at Botkinburg. Botkinburg had 28 present, Damascus 4, and Leslie 7, making a total of 39. Bob Edwards made a report on the Youth Rally at Hendrix. It was decided to change the time of meeting to a week day. Officers will be elected at the next meeting which will be held at Clinton on Tuesday, May 12, at Clinton.

MONROE DISTRICT METHODIST YOUTH INSTITUTE

Seventy-four young people and their counselors were registered in the week end Monroe District Methodist Youth Institute held at Winnsboro April 10-11. Christian Witness was the main emphasis in this one of a series of meetings held in Louisiana for youth during the month of April.

Rev. Ralph Cain, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church Monroe, in the opening session of the Institute spoke of the positive aspects of the Christian faith. Miss Bettie Rea Fox, Conference Director of Youth

Work, Shreveport, Kennon Moody, State President, MYF, Cotton Valley, Tom Naff, President, MYF Monroe Sub-District, and Rev. R. M. Bentley, pastor of The Tallulah Methodist Church, in panel discussion, developed the motives, methods of effective witnessing.

Miss Jacquelin Cooke, Director of Music in Winnsboro High School, was in charge of three worship services. The Girls Glee Club of the High School, under Miss Cooke's direction, furnished select and special music on the opening evening.

Miss Fox spoke of the principles and techniques of worship within the Youth Fellowship. In another meeting, apart from the mass meeting with the youth, she led adult workers with youth, in a discussion of practical problems.

Rev. Jack Midyett, pastor of The Bastrop Methodist Church, spoke on the theme, "Get Out Of The Bleachers", stressing the need for active participation of youth in the mission of Christ.

Dr. W. Ferrell Pledger, Professor of Bible and Sociology in Centenary College, Shreveport, fifteen years a missionary to India, emphasized faithfulness to the task committed to the hands of youth.

Rev. Sam Holladay, pastor The Columbia Methodist Church, led a discussion of service through the Youth Fellowship in the community.

Rev. James Poole, pastor of the Oak Ridge Methodist Circuit, developed the idea of effective recreation in the life of the fellowship and the individual.

Otis Hassel, editor of "The Franklin Sun," Winnsboro, shared the important features of good reporting of Fellowship meetings. Mrs. Kirby Tillotson, teacher in the Winnsboro High School, spoke briefly on the essentials of parliamentary procedure.

Rev. R. H. Staples, pastor of The First Methodist Church, West Monroe, brought the discussions to a close by summarizing the most important aspects of evangelism.

Rev. W. H. Bengtson, pastor of

RAN A GOOD RACE — KEPT THE FAITH

The 21-year-old youth who received 201 out of 250 votes of sports leaders for top place among America's athletes is a member of First Methodist Church of Tulare, California.

He is Bob Mathias, acclaimed champion both in the 1948 and the 1952 Olympics in the most severe test of athletic dexterity and staying power yet devised, —the decathlon. His first victory was when he was seventeen, an almost incred-

ible accomplishment.

The story of this triumph of clean, wholesome living, vigorous training, and excellent sportsmanship is told in a recent book * by Jim Scott, a California sportswriter.

The author does not cover up the influences of an ideal Christian home on this foremost athlete of the world, nor his interest in his high school Y. M. C. A. in which he held office, nor the large place that the church plays in his life.

Writes author Scott: "The same day Bob Mathias emplaned for London he had an hour's visit with the Rev. Edwin M. Sweet, his pastor. Mr. Sweet later told his congregation: "I called upon the Heavenly Father to give Bob strength, not necessarily to win, but to give of his best and under all conditions to give a good witness for his master."

*MATHIAS, CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS.

By Jim Scott, Prentice-Hall, Inc.



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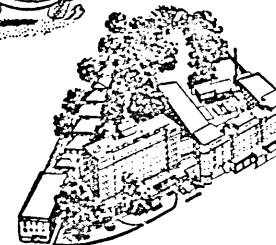
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OBITUARIES

SEAB—On March 13 death entered the ranks of our church and took from our midst one of beloved laymen, Charles P. Seab. For many years Mr. Seab was church school superintendent and teacher of the Adult Bible Class. He was born in 1865. He always measured up to all that was expected of him. His church came before anything else. His example of loyalty and true religious devotion will remain a vital force for good to the entire community. As a faithful member of the Official Board his place will be hard to fill.

As County Agent of Concordia Parish for more than thirty-five years Mr. Seab was of inestimable help to farmers and truck growers. He seemed to love everybody regardless of color, position, race or creed. He was one of God's noblemen.

Surviving are his wife, two sons and two daughters.

Funeral service was held in the church at Vidalia by the writer, assisted by Rev. W. H. Giles, district superintendent of the Monroe District, Rev. D. R. Dean and Rev. Lael Jones, both former pastors of the Vidalia Methodist Church.—G. L. Cagle, Pastor

WOFFORD — Mrs. Margie Ida Wofford, age 87, passed away in Stuttgart on February 7. She suffered a heart attack and was sick a very short time. Survivors include one son, Brian Robert Wofford, El Monte, California; one daughter, Mrs. Harry Neukam, Almyra, Arkansas; two grandsons, one granddaughter and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, one son, and her husband who died in 1909.

Mrs. Wofford was born near Crockett's Bluff and professed faith and united with Shiloh Methodist Church early in life. After moving to Almyra, where she lived for more than forty years and until her death, she united with the Almyra Methodist Church. She was a faithful member until her death. Throughout her long life she was helpful with the sick, and she never enjoyed idleness.

Funeral services were held in the Almyra Methodist Church by Rev. Harold Presley, Rev. Barry Bailey and her pastor. Burial was in Shiloh cemetery, near Almyra. — C. V. Mashburn, Pastor

McDONALD—Robert Dawson McDonald, age 67, retired farmer, passed away at his home on March 31, 1953. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday afternoon in the Methodist Church in Lisbon where he has been a member for many years. Rev. R. W. Vaughan, former superintendent of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage, Ruston, and a longtime friend of the family, assisted the pastor, Rev. B. P. Durbin in the service.

Mr. McDonald was a lifelong resident of the community, and was always interested in its welfare along with the school and its activities. He joined the Lisbon Methodist Church when a young boy and was active in church work until his illness. In his passing the church has lost a strong advocate and friend. He has laid away a mantle of service to humanity that all who knew him will miss.

His generosity with his family and friends was an expression of tenderness which he felt for them. He was proud of his family and his

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE MEETS AT HOT SPRINGS

(Continued from page 11)

Arkansas Council of Church Women, brought greetings at the Wednesday afternoon session.

Reports of meetings given were: WSCS Jurisdiction: Mrs. M. W. Willis; Seminar on Peace: Mrs. Earl Cotton and Mrs. J. R. Henderson. Mrs. W. Neill Hart presented a "skit" on the work with children which was written by Mrs. Ashley Ross and Mrs. W. F. Bates.

The Conference accepted the invitation extended by Mrs. Don Harrell to hold its 1954 Annual Meeting at First Church, Camden.

TITHING MAKING COMEBACK IN CHURCHES SAY PROTESTANT LEADERS

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa. —Tithing is rapidly coming back into practice as a means of supporting the Church and its missionary enterprise, it was reported at a meeting here of the National Council of Churches' department of stewardship and benevolence.

The Rev. T. K. Thompson, executive director of the department, said that tithing is "a great, new rediscovery of this generation of Christians." Representatives of various denominations attending the meeting echoed this opinion.

Mr. Thompson suggested that the income tax situation was responsible, at least in part, for the current resurgence of tithing—which was traditional in ancient Israel, was carried over into Christian churches and then fell into disuse in modern times.

"A man has to face the question of proportionate giving every time he makes out his tax report," Mr. Thompson pointed out.

Dr. John T. Peters, stewardship and promotion secretary of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., reported that more than 500 churches of that denomination had requested the privilege of being "pilot churches" in the conduct of tithing experiments.

A Presbyterian pastor, the Rev. Brewer Burnett of Scranton, Pa., said that the number of tithing families in his church had increased from 20 to 60.

"Tithing is on the increase throughout the Southland," said Dr. James G. Patton, Jr., of Decatur,

friends, and the memories he leaves them will be a living presence to sustain them through the years that lie ahead. The influence for good which he wielded in the community will live forever.

He leaves three brothers, D. O., J. C. and B. W. McDonald and two sisters, Mrs. R. C. Gaston and Mrs. M. V. White. He is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews and other relatives.—B. P. Durbin, Pastor



Ga., secretary of the General Council, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern), and chairman of the National Council's stewardship department.

"About 20 years ago, a church in Roanoke, Va., started a 13-week tithing project which has become known as 'the Belmont Plan,'" he said. "During the first quarter of 1952, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. conducted a similar experiment throughout its fellowship, and the response was tremendous."

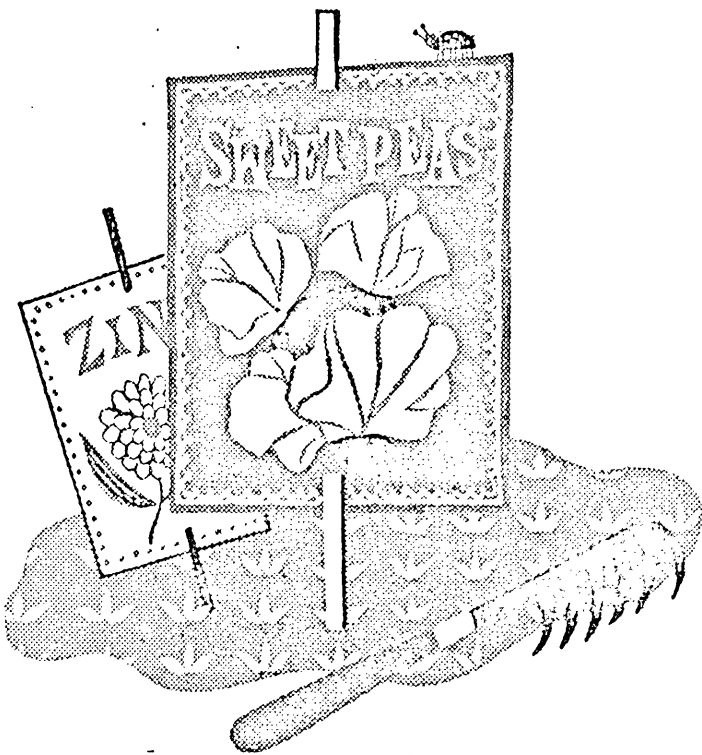
Dr. S. T. Ludwig of Kansas City, Mo., general secretary of the Church of the Nazarene, said that, although his denomination does not make tithing a test of membership, the

practice is encouraged and has become almost universal in the fellowship.

"We believe that giving one-tenth of one's income to the Kingdom of God through the Church is God's minimum standard for the Christian," he added.

Mr. Thompson announced that two new leaflets on tithing by Dr. Haris F. Rall of Evanston, Ill., will be published shortly by the National Council department. The first, "My Money," will be available about June 1, he said. The second is called "Is Tithing the Answer?"

A new movie on the tithing theme, "The Hidden Heart," is being released this summer.



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LESSON FOR MAY 3, 1953

IS OUR CAUSE BIGGER THAN WE ARE?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Acts 18:23-21:14. Printed Text: Acts 19:8-10; 20:17-27.

GOLDEN TEXT: *I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.—Acts 20:24*

We are beginning today Unit IX: "MY MINISTRY". The unit consists of five sessions. The aim is as follows: "To lead adults to catch a vision of the importance of the witness of every individual Christian, the opportunity for and the need of everyone's ministering in the Christian cause."

A Look At The Scriptures

It will be remembered that Paul, as a free man, made three great missionary journeys. He also made a fourth journey but this time he was a prisoner. On his fourth journey he went all the way to Rome where he was imprisoned and later beheaded. From these journeys Paul always returned to his home base, Syrian Antioch. Sometimes he would also go to Jerusalem. The events of the lesson today took place during his third journey. At this time he stopped at Ephesus and tarried some three years. Some of the scholars think that this stay at Ephesus occurred between the years A. D. 53 and 57. Ephesus was a Greek city on the coast of what is now Asia Minor, three miles from the Mediterranean shore. Miletus is also mentioned in the lesson. It was a town on the Mediterranean coast some 30 miles south of Ephesus.

In carrying on his mission work Paul was in the habit of going to the great centers and establishing churches in them. He figured that from these centers Christianity would spread to the surrounding country. He was right in his calculations for that is exactly what happened. This is why he went to Ephesus. It was the metropolis of the East. It was to the East what Rome was to the West.

It will be remembered that Paul passed through Ephesus on the return from his second journey. At that time he tarried a few days and preached in the synagogue. The Jews were carried away with his messages and begged him to tarry longer. Time would not permit him to do so, but he promised to return. This he did as he went out on his third journey. Again, the Jews received him gladly. They had a large synagogue in Ephesus. Paul preached in this structure for three months. This was quite a record. Paul was in the habit of preaching in the Jewish synagogues wherever he went, but he usually had trouble with the Jews within a few days of his arrival.

At the close of this three-months' period Paul had stirred up quite a bit of opposition on the part of most of the Jews. It is said that these Jews began to speak evil of the Way. At that time Christianity was called "The Way". The followers of Christ were sometimes called Nazarenes, believers, or saints. Paul was driven from the synagogue by these

Jews. During the time that Paul preached in the synagogue many Jews accepted Christ as well as a large number of Gentiles who had formerly been converted to Judaism. When Paul withdrew from the synagogue he carried these people with him.

Paul then began to teach and preach daily in a hall owned by a man by the name of Tyrannus. It is said that he spoke there each day from the fifth hour to the tenth. According to our reckoning of time that would be from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. This was a large building and great crowds came to hear Paul. He carried this procedure on for some two years. During this time he won a large number of followers for Christ and a strong church was established. Altogether Paul tarried in Ephesus for three years.

On leaving Ephesus Paul crossed the Aegean Sea and reached what is now known as the continent of Europe. At that time the sections where he went were known as the provinces Macedonia and Achaia. He revisited there the churches which he had established on his second journey. After visiting these churches at Philippi, Thessalonica, Beroea, and Corinth, he headed back for Jerusalem. On his way back he landed at Miletus which was 30 miles south of Ephesus. Paul sent word to the elders of the church at Ephesus to meet him at Miletus. They did so, and a good portion of the printed text describes what happened at the meeting.

This was the most touching meeting that ever took place between Paul and his parishoners. He reminded them of how he had labored among them. His work was always done in the spirit of deep humility. Paul never could forget how he had begun his career as a persecutor of the disciples. He had no resentment even toward people who tried to kill him. He realized that they were only doing what he himself had formerly done. Two other matters worthy of note here are the facts of Paul's zeal and his courage. He spoke of his tears. He had wept over them and warned them night and day of the calamities that would come on those who reject Christ and he told them of the great blessing that would come to those who accepted the Lord. He showed his courage in that he didn't shrink from telling the truth, though sometimes the truth cut like a two-edge sword. Fortunate are the people who have a minister or teacher who will dare to tell them the truth; motivated in so doing by love for them and a desire to help them.

In this meeting we find Paul recalling the very heart of the message he preached everywhere. He spoke of "Testifying both to Jews

and to Greeks of repentance to God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." The most touching part of the meeting came when Paul informed these elders that they would never see his face again. He was happy over the fact that he had discharged his full duty with relations to them. He went on to say, "Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you." He had worked hard to give them the truth and nothing but the truth. If they lived it, all would be well, if they failed, then he at least had delivered his soul. It would be well at this point to note what God has to say about his watchmen in Ezekiel 33:6.

Paul did not know just what would happen to him at Jerusalem, but he did know that trials and tribulations awaited him. The Holy Spirit had revealed this to him, but in spite of this the Spirit impressed him to go to Jerusalem. Not only had this been revealed to Paul, but all along the way others told him that the Spirit had revealed to them the fact that he would suffer great calamity at Jerusalem. Some of his friends tried to dissuade him from going, but he insisted that he would go even if he knew it meant certain death. He informed his friends that he was willing to die for the sake of Christ. All that Paul was interested in was finishing the course that Christ had laid out for him. If the completion of his life-work was to be sealed with his blood then he was ready for that blood to be shed. All he wanted to do was to glorify and honor Christ. If he could do that more in death than in life then he would choose death.

The Memory Selection

As is always the case the heart of the lesson is found in the memory selection. This is one of the most profound passages in all the Bible. We have here the vision of a man who had dedicated his all to a great cause. There is no such thing as failure for a person who does that. Paul was a many-talented person, but even the one-talent individual who, like Paul, dedicates his all to Christ cannot fail. We say it with deep reverence, but for a person thus dedicated to fail would be for God himself to fail. We often fail in our undertakings, but it is because of lack of complete dedication to God and his cause. We have too much of self in the picture and too little of God.

The writer simply cannot read this passage without hanging his head in shame, and wondering whether or not he even remotely approaches this degree of self-dedication. Note how these words burn themselves into our consciousness: "I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

All of us will have to admit that the number one need of modern Christianity is this matter of full and complete dedication to God and his cause. Modern civilization is lost and all that previous generations have fought and bled and died for is gone by the board if we modern Christians permit the Communists to make a greater dedication to their cause than we do to the cause of Christ. Pauline Christianity will save this modern age, but anything less than that is bound to fail. Some are even raising the question as to whether or not Mohammedanism will conquer Christianity. This question is suggested to them by the

fact that the Mohammedans on the whole are more zealous for their religion than are Christians. Be as critical as you please about zeal; speak out your mind against enthusiasm, but the fact still remains that you can't win without them. You cannot win a ball game without getting awake, much less take the world for Christ.

We are up against a terrific task. The world's greatest thinkers, including people of all legitimate professions, are insisting that Christianity is the only antidote for the problem we face. If we meet this challenge the Church must be on its toes. We need enthusiasm to awaken us; courage to be true to the higher principles of life; zeal to labor for that which we know is right; and a dedication and consecration to God so that he can work through us in accomplishing that which we will never be able to do in our strength alone.

A Cause Greater Than Life

Our theme today is in the form of a question, "IS OUR CAUSE BIGGER THAN WE ARE?" The answer is simply, unless we are selfish to the core, we will admit that it is. This cause was bigger than the Apostles and hundreds of others in the early days of Christianity. They sealed their testimony with their blood. Christ counted not his life of value to himself when compared to this cause. That is exactly why he was willing to die on the cross.

Many of us may not be called upon to face violent death for the cause, but if not, we will be called upon to do that which is sometimes even more difficult — to live for it. Before dying for this cause Christ lived for it, and so did Paul. It was their living so zealously for it that led to their deaths. When the enemies of the Lord did him to death they thought they were through both with him and his cause, but as his cause had been bigger than life it was also bigger than death. He came back from the tomb in order that his cause might triumph. When Paul was laid low his enemies thought they were finished with him, but his indomitable spirit leaped across the chasm of the grave, shouldered the blood-stained banner of Christ and started on a march around the world. Physically speaking, Paul is dead, and yet there is a sense in which he is still with us. His enthusiasm fires our souls; his determination gives us courage; and the example of his life, second only to that of Christ, is the highest challenge we face today. Paul's cause; the cause of Christ; the establishment of the Kingdom of God was bigger than his life. The questions are thrust upon us, Have we permitted this cause to become bigger than our lives? Have we dedicated our all to the furtherance of God's Kingdom among men? If enough Christians will do this, the time will come when men will beat their swords into the plow shares and the spears into pruning hooks and the love of God will cover the earth as the water covers the sea.

It is the mark of real self-assurance, the sign of inner strength, to be conciliatory and respectful and understanding of the neighbor's point of view. There is no uglier tendency in American nature than the quickness to moral indignation and to wild suspicions of bad faith which many of us display when other people do not think as we do.—Geo. F. Kennan, in speech "The National Interest of the U. S."