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Rehearsing For The Final Act

BIGGER and better bombs" are being exploded in numbers on our western testing grounds. If it ever becomes necessary to use such bombs in warfare, these numerous explosions will be thought of as a "dress rehearsal" for the final act in the drama of life as we know it on our planet.

So common have these explosions become that they are now reported, even in a sensation-hungry press, under greatly reduced headlines. Despite this fact we should never be fooled into thinking that we can take an atomic war in our stride. Those who view these explosions are still horrified and stunned by the awe-inspiring power loosed by the atomic bomb.

We are now accustomed to these bombs being exploded just as far from civilian life as desert distances in America make possible. Some we even carry to the distant islands of the sea. In war this practice will be reversed and atomic bombs will be dropped in the most densely populated places in the world. Let us hope and pray that this tragic drama of atomic warfare may never be staged.

Hot Fight Brewing

IF present published plans materialize Arkansas will find an undesirable political battle on their hands at the next general election.

Principals will include the Arkansas Fair Association leaders who propose to put the state in the wholesale and retail liquor business and the liquor dealers who would make an all out effort to keep their lucrative trade in their own hands. This fight has been precipitated by the liquor dealers proposal to refer to the voters an act of the 1953 Legislature which would reduce the markup on liquor from 13% to 10% and increase the tax on liquor 3%, the proceeds to go to the state and county fairs. The Fair Association would retaliate by having the state take over the liquor business as a state monopoly.

We are sorry that the Fair Association has proposed taking this course of action. If this group is interested in getting the revenue which the increased liquor tax would have provided, it would be far better for them to present their side to the voters on an open and shut case based on the merits of its cause. We believe that the voters of Arkansas would welcome an opportunity to have the issue decided on the merits of the case itself. This would also give the liquor dealers an opportunity to put before the voters their own version of the issue.

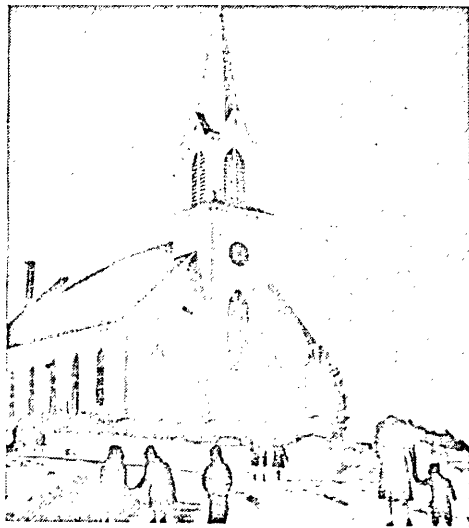
We cannot believe that the better citizenship of Arkansas wants its state in the liquor business. We are aware that more than a dozen other states have taken this business over but simply because other states have is no reason for Arkansas to go and do likewise. After all the reasons have been given, including increased revenue to the state, we believe that the majority of the citizens of this state would bitterly resent being asked to become partners in a business that wholesales and retails liquor.

If the Fair Association must have retaliation against the liquor business it could have found active support from many persons in getting rid of the business altogether by a course of prohibition. Better still, and we much prefer the motive behind this second suggestion, Fair Association officials would find still more support in taxing the liquor business for all it is worth. But for heaven's sake don't insist on everybody getting in the business.

The Ministers In Methodism's Rural Church

LAST week, in this column, we discussed something of the adjustment is it necessary for a young college or university trained minister to make in order to be useful and happy in serving rural areas. In this article we want to discuss some adjustments which we believe it will be necessary for our church to make before we will be able to continuously supply all of our rural churches with college or university trained pastors.

Obviously it will be necessary, in the first place, to have more ministers who qualify for conference membership. At the present time, whatever other conditions might warrant, we simply do not



have enough preachers who are members of our annual conferences to fill all of our pastoral charges.

There are at least four other adjustments the church must make, as it moves toward the goal of a highly trained leadership for rural pulpits. These adjustments will not be easy and their attainment is no short-ranged program.

1. The church must so change its attitude toward appointments in rural areas as that it sincerely thinks of these appointments as stirring challenges to lifelong service rather than temporary testing grounds for our young ministers.

2. The church must, in some way, provide living conditions for the parsonage family in housing, furnishings and modern facilities that will greatly narrow the gap now existing between the parsonage home in rural areas and urban centers.

3. It will be necessary, of course, to change radically the differential in salaries now paid in rural areas and urban centers before we can fully man our rural churches with college or university trained pastors.

4. It will be necessary for our Annual Conferences to give larger recognition in its conference program to highly trained ministers who voluntarily serve in rural areas if they are to remain happy and useful.

In this short article we can but merely mention these adjustments we think necessary without discussing them.

The Time Draweth Nigh

ONLY a few weeks remain until the holding of the sessions of the three annual conferences of the Area. As is usually the case there remains much to be done in many respects to complete the year's work and ready reports for annual conference. We want to suggest here that lay persons can do much to make the lot of their pastor easier by cooperating in every respect as he closes out the year's program. In most instances this cooperation will find its greatest avenue in the realm of finances as efforts are being made to conclude the year's church budget and make plans for another year's operation. Since the fiscal year for most church budgets coincides with the conference year this phase of the church's program is exceedingly important just now.

Becoming More Difficult

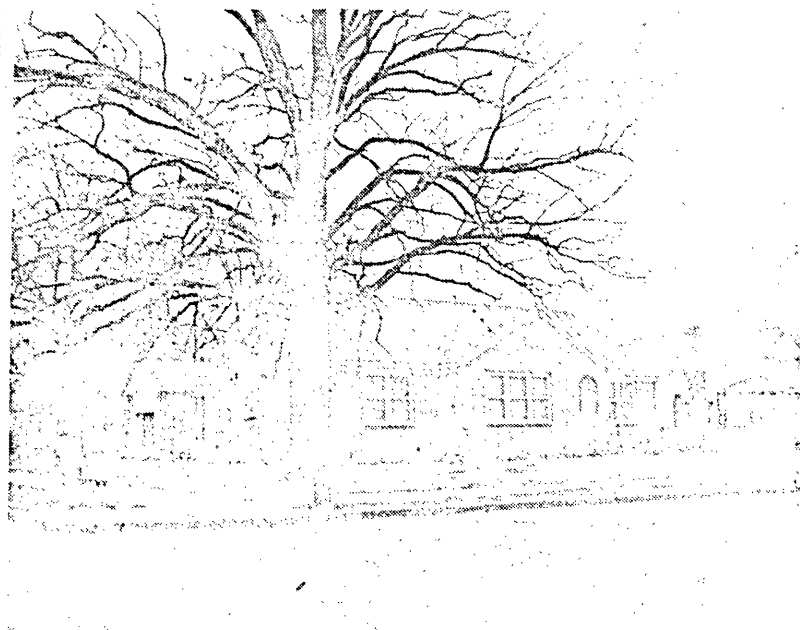
WE have never forgotten a sermon we heard Dr. Marshall T. Steel, gifted minister of the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, preach a number of years ago during seminary days in which he said that the more advanced civilization becomes the more difficult it becomes to be a Christian and to live up to the highest ideals one knows. He pointed out that as civilization progresses there were more choices to be made, more demands made upon one's time, and that temptations were multiplied on end. The sermon made an indelible impression on the writer's life at that time and with the passing of years the truth of the sermon has become more apparent.

The thought behind Dr. Steel's sermon may help to explain at least in part why it is that many persons are not more responsive to the church's effort to help them. Take the whole program of evangelism for example. Evangelism represents the church's concern for the spiritual welfare not only of church members but also those persons who are not within the church's fellowship. The church wants to help people. It is God's redeeming agency on earth whose mission it is to bring light and life to God's children. But the church as it seeks to fulfill its mission in this complex day finds itself in competition with many interests that bid for and receive the attention of many of the very people it is seeking to help. The church must depend upon its own members to help fulfill its mission but alas, it sometimes happens that its own members have been caught up in the whirl of this fast moving generation and they too often have too little time to give to the church in helping it to fulfill that mission. Even so simple a matter as church attendance becomes a problem on occasions because there are so many other interests that bid for one's attention.

The church continues to do great things for the Kingdom because there are always a certain number of its members who are loyal, faithful witnesses and through these many outside the church are brought to the place where they see that the one great treasure in life is a Christian experience and they forsake all to find it. But think of what the church could accomplish if all those who belong to its fellowship were to become active, enthusiastic evangelists, eager to actively seek out others for Christ and His Church.

What has been said about evangelism competing with the varied interests of an advanced civilization could be said about the many other phases of the program of the church. Stewardship, whether of time, talent, or possession, is an interpretation of life which is indeed more difficult.

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Another Arkansas-Louisiana Area District Shows
Important Gains In Building Programs

Pine Bluff District Records Advance

STAFF ARTICLES AND PHOTOS

YOUR STAFF is happy to present another article which reflects something of the substantial progress being made during this present period in the erecting of sanctuaries, educational buildings and parsonages in Arkansas and Louisiana Methodism. The article this week concerns the Pine Bluff District, Little Rock, Conference, where Dr. J. L. Dedman is completing his sixth year as District Superintendent. During his administration churches in the district have made unusual strides in improving church property, including building and remodeling of existing sanctuaries, educational buildings, parsonages, and the acquisition of a new parsonage for the District Superintendent and his family.



Dr. J. L.
Dedman

Space does not permit the dealing with all of the building programs in the Pine Bluff District in this one issue. It is hoped that in another issue the story of other equally deserving programs can be told. Also, mention is here made of building programs which have been publicized heretofore in these columns. These latter programs would include the new educational building at First Methodist Church, Stuttgart, and the educational building completed only last year at Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff.

Although Dr. Dedman would be the last one to emphasize it, one of the significant accomplishments of the district program has been the acquiring of a new district parsonage, at 2719 Cherry Street, Pine Bluff. The former parsonage at 1402 Pine was sold with proceeds applied on the \$18,000 purchase price of the Cherry Street property. An additional \$2,000 was spent for furnishings for the three-bedroom, buff brick home which also houses the District Superintendent's office. At the time of its purchase in 1950 the house was one year old. The following committee was authorized by the Pine Bluff District Conference to handle the complete transaction: Carl Welsh, Henry Trotter, W. A. Baker, and all the Pine Bluff pastors. The one-story house is beautifully decorated and furnished, has plastered walls, two complete baths, hardwood floors, is ideally arranged, and is complete with an attractive landscaping setting.

Elsewhere in Pine Bluff is the new church in the District, the Wesley Memorial where Rev. Winslow Brown is pastor. This new congregation in one year's time is now using a new educational building on a spacious plot of ground in a new developing section of Pine Bluff and has also acquired a parsonage for the pastor and family. Ground was broken for the educational building on August 24 and the congregation used it for the first time November 9. The building

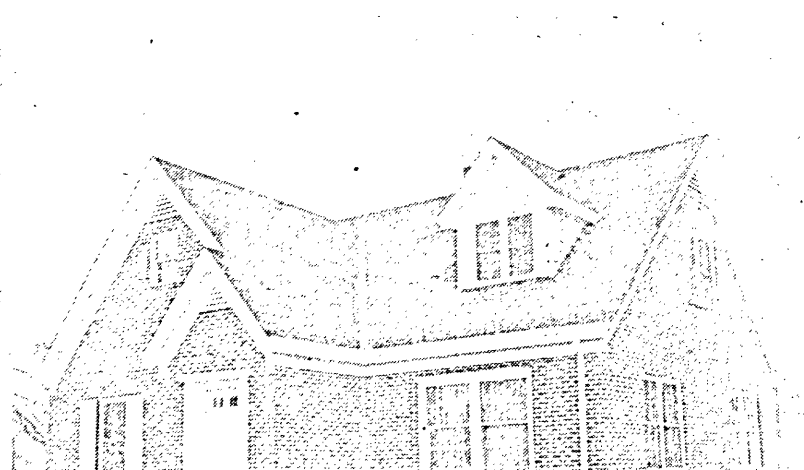


TOP, left: Pine Bluff District Parsonage. Top, right: Parsonage, Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff. BELOW, left: Parsonage, Wesley Memorial, Pine Bluff. Below, right: Parsonage, DeWitt.

Gillette educational building presented for dedication. L to R, Dr. J. L. Dedman, Pine Bluff District Superintendent, Bishop Martin, Rev. Everette Vinson, J. C. Place, Mrs. W. C. Naho, Mrs. F. J. Place, Mrs. Roberta Coffman, and H. O. Luetzen.

is the first of three units of the building program. The first unit is a two-story brick veneer building which will serve for the present as both educational building and sanctuary, and houses the growing church school as well as providing facilities for recreation and fellowship. This congregation has also purchased a comfortable parsonage. Homer Tiner is Chairman of the Official Board and the Board of Trustees of the Wesley Church and Mrs. John Rose is president of the Woman's Society.

Lakeside Methodist Church has a new parsonage, completed three years ago this month, at an actual cost of \$25,000 including real estate and furnishings. The former parsonage at 1406 Pine was sold and the proceeds applied on the new construction at 1501 Olive. There is no debt on the new structure. The three-bedroom home is tastefully furnished, has a central heat-



ing system, and is conveniently arranged. The parsonage building committee included Charlie Quinn, J. E. Brown, Mrs. M. P. Grizzard, Mrs. Jimmie Goodrich, Mrs. Evelyn Cotty, Mrs. Leslie Helvie, and Frank Huselton, who served as chairman. Other improvements at the Lakeside Methodist Church include a new educational building already mentioned, and rearranging of the interior of the basement of the original building to make possible greater efficiency in its use. Less than \$15,000 debt remains on the new educational building at this writing.

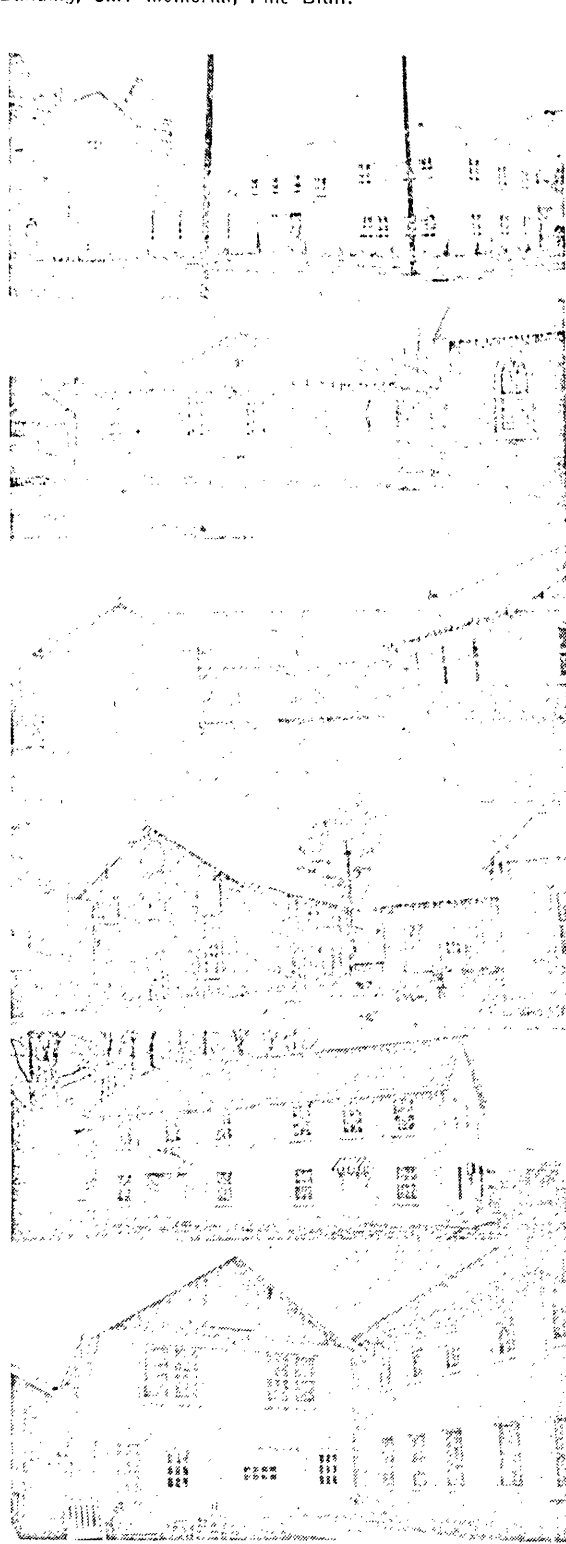
At Carr Memorial, Dr. Clem Baker, pastor, the congregation has erected a two-story building which takes the place of an older building that has been torn away. The new building has the pastor's study, a storeroom and the garage for the pastor's car, while the Junior Department is housed on the second floor. The building was erected at a cost of \$9,000, including furnishings, is of brick matching the other buildings of the church plant and is complete with concrete walks and a driveway. By conference time, only \$3,000 of debt will remain on this investment. Emil Mitchel and Dewey Freeman constituted the building committee.

The Hawley Memorial congregation in Pine Bluff is currently engaged in putting the finishing touches on a new educational building which will answer a long felt need for these people. Under the energetic leadership of its pastor, Rev. George Kerr, this congregation is erecting a two-story, 30 x 60 feet, brick veneer building which will house the Children's Division and the Adult Division of the church school beside proving space for recreational and fellowship purposes. The congregation is literally erecting the structure for practically any evening will find six to fifteen men busily engaged in the various building crafts while women of the church are preparing either a meal or refreshments for the men. The Building Committee includes W. A. Lee, Chairman, Earnest Ursery, Walter Smith, H. F. O'Neal, Herman King, H. F. Craig. Edward Vinson is chairman of the Finance Committee and of the Official Board. Other Finance Committee members include Mrs. Walter Smith, Jack Jehlen, E. E. Meeks, and John Flynn. The building which perhaps will be completed by annual conference time will cost approximately \$13,000 not including many, many hours of labor donated by members of the congregation and interested friends.

Another beautiful parsonage has been added to the Pine Bluff District by the DeWitt congregation. Completed free of debt and now occupied by the pastor, Rev. O. E. Holmes, and his family, the new home was built at a cost of approximately \$20,000. The structure is a story and a half house, with two baths, three bedrooms, living room, dining room, fully equipped kitchen, and is of brick construction. The Building Committee consisted of C. P. McGuire, H. C. Adams, George Pike, W. D. Shireman, Leon Garet, Otto Leibrock and L. D. Atkins. Mrs. J. O. McGuire, W. D. Shireman, Mrs. Martha Adams, Mrs. H. C. Adams, Mrs. O. E. Holmes and Mrs. LaFargue composed a planning committee which worked with the contractor in planning the house. A Parsonage committee which had the responsibility for furnishing the parsonage included Mrs. J. O. McGuire, Mrs. Roger Dudley, Mrs. H. C. Adams, Mrs. Martha Adams, and Mrs. LaFargue, president of the Woman's Society. Bro. Holmes is especially commendatory of William D. Shireman, member of the Building Committee, who was the contractor for the parsonage construction. The new parsonage is located next to the present church building. Future building plans for the DeWitt congregation call for the erection of additional educational facilities for the church school.

On Sunday, February 15, a new Educational Building at Gillette was dedicated under the direction of Bishop Martin, with Dr. J. L. Dedman, Pine Bluff District Superintendent, and Rev. Everett Vinson, Gillette pastor. This dedication service marked the climax of the building of the first of two units in a program that also includes a sanctuary yet to be built. Begun a year and a half ago, the building was completed and used for the first time in December, 1952. It is of brick, tile, concrete and steel construction, has three floors, and has an outside dimension of 34 x 64 feet. The first floor has a large fellowship and recreational area, including a fully equipped kitchen. The Building Committee included J. C. Place, chairman, J. B. Nichols, treas-

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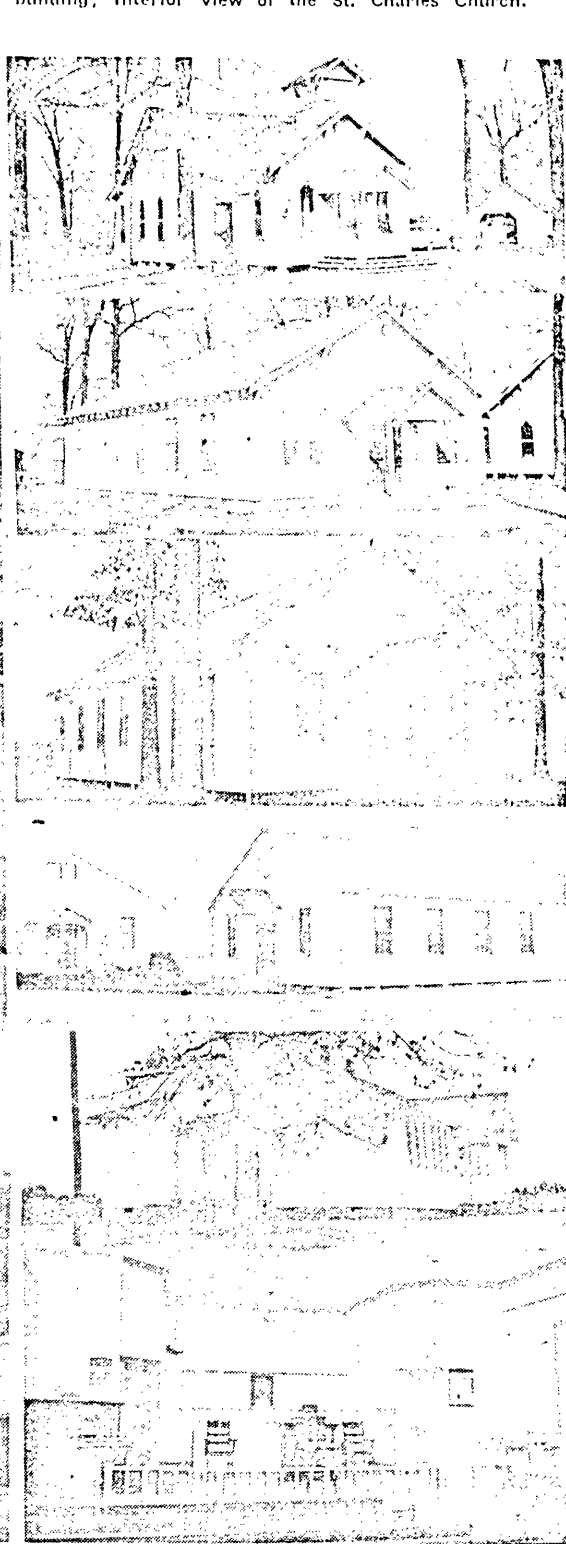


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Grady Methodists are now using a new educational building which has been constructed during the past year at a cost of \$10,000 not including much of the labor which was donated by church members. Of dark tile and concrete construction the 38 x 56 building provides space for a 24 x 36 fellowship hall, kitchen and four classrooms. The new structure has been erected between the main church plant and the parsonage, with an opening directly into the church plant. Ray Wood, Jr., drew the plans for the building, and H. R. Wood supervised the construction. Nichols and Dodd had charge of construction. The Building Committee included H. R. Wood, chairman, O. W. Keahey, Ray Wood, Jr., Wirth Blankenship, J. D. Hawley (Board Chairman for many years), O. D. Harshaw, and Frank Fletcher. The Finance Committee was composed of B. I. Harvery, chairman, B. A. Bell, Ross Keahey, Dudley Bueford, V. E. Morgan and Stewart Tribble. This building was also built free of debt and was dedicated with appropriate services on Saturday evening, February 14, by Bishop Martin, assisted by Dr. Dedman, and Rev. L. Gray Wilson, Grady pastor.

On the Bayou Metro charge new educational buildings have been erected at Bayou Metro and

Lodge Corner and a new sanctuary at Brewer's Chapel. The Bayou Metro building was constructed in 1951 at a cost of \$3,000, not including substantial contributions by M. A. Sollars and the N. J. Devore Mill. 32 x 44 feet in size, the building has a large fellowship hall, kitchen and rest room facilities. The Lodge's Corner building was built in 1947 at a cost of \$4,500, and is 36 x 44 feet in size. The MYF raised \$600 to begin the building fund and the Woman's Society raised the funds necessary to furnish the building. The Brewer's Chapel sanctuary was also built in 1947. This building cost \$5,000 not including much of the labor which was donated. Lloyd Inman, C. W. Lybrand and George Birmingham constituted the building committee which directed this project. The church was dedicated January 7, 1951, by Bishop Martin assisted by Dr. Dedman and Rev. Palmer Garner, pastor at time of the Bayou Metro charge. Rev. Horace M. Grogan is the present pastor. Under his direction work has just been completed in renovating the Bayou Metro sanctuary.



At St. Charles where Rev. Claude R. Roy is pastor the Methodist congregation is engaged in an overall program of completely remodeling the church plant. The sanctuary has been relocated in a new addition while the older portion of the building is being converted to educational

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MR. ALBERT GIBBS, wife of our pastor at Judsonia, passed away on Saturday, April 25. A fuller notice will appear later.

MR. DAN ROBINSON, wife of our pastor at Crossett underwent surgery at the Baptist Hospital on Friday of last week.

REV. W. D. GOLDEN, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Prescott, is a patient at the Baptist Hospital where he underwent surgery on Tuesday of last week.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will dedicate the Tilton Methodist Church on Saturday evening, May 2, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Arvill C. Brannon is pastor.

C. F. BYRNES, editor of the "Southwest American", spoke to the Methodist Men of Gardner Memorial Church, Fort Smith, on Friday, April 17. Forty-six members were present.

DR. C. M. REVES, vice-president of Hendrix College, was guest speaker on Sunday morning, April 19, at the Solgohachia Methodist Church on Morrilton Circuit One. Rev. Will Yarbrough is pastor.

ROLAND M. SHELTON, Little Rock Conference Lay Leader, spoke at both services at the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, on Sunday, April 19. Mr. Shelton also spoke at the Carlisle Methodist Church on Sunday morning, March 22.

JAMES WALTON, son of Dr. and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton, Little Rock, underwent surgery last week on his arm. His arm was broken last fall in a football game and it was necessary to remove a calcium deposit in the elbow. He is now at home from the hospital.

THE MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of the First Methodist Church, Marked Tree, has elected the following officers: Louis Goad, president; Wylie Bridger, vice-president and C. A. Dawson, secretary. The class has an enrollment of seventy-six.

JAMES GOSSETT, president of the North Arkansas Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship and a Senior ministerial student at Hendrix College, preached at both morning and evening services at the First Methodist Church, Russellville, on Sunday, April 26.

A. C. CHOIN of Kansas City, Mo., has been named manager of the Methodist Publishing House in Baltimore, Md., effective May 1. His appointment was announced in Nashville, Tennessee, by Lovick Pierce and J. Edgar Washbaugh, Methodist publishing agents. Mr. Choin has been Kansas City sale manager for the church firm since 1943.

REV. NUEL C. CRAIN, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was guest preacher in a meeting at Delight the week of April 19. Brother Crain is a native of Arkansas and a graduate of Hendrix College. Clyde Cathey, minister of music at the First Methodist Church, Camden, was in charge of the music. Rev. Hursel Richert is pastor at Delight.

DR. ARTHUR TERRY, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of Sylvan Hills Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Wednesday evening, April 15. The following officers were elected at the meeting: Tilton Waters, president; Lee Scrape, vice-president; and Ernest Gragson, secretary. Rev. William M. Wilder is pastor.

THE FORREST CITY DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL is in session at the Methodist Church in Forrest City with the following courses: "Teaching Children", Mrs. W. A. Wooten, Memphis, Tennessee; "Camp Counseling", Rev. Harold Eggensperger, Russellville, and "Home and Church Working Together", Rev. E. V. Un-

derwood, Covington, Kentucky. The school is running Monday through Thursday.

MR. EARL D. COTTON, secretary of Christian Social Relations, Little Rock Conference, Woman's Society of Christian Service, received an award on Saturday evening, April 25, at a meeting of the National Council of Negro Women being held in Little Rock for outstanding community service. Also receiving an award was Mrs. D. D. Terry of Little Rock. Mrs. Cotton and Mrs. Terry were two of the six people honored with an award.

COLPORTEURS of the Pocket Testament League have been busy during recent years in preaching the Christian message and distributing gospel portions in the Korean language to thousands of men in the army of the Republic of Korea, as well as in army camps, hospitals, and even just behind the front lines. According to Alfred A. Kunz, director of PTL, "the demand for scriptures is so great among the Korean troops that workers have been forced to ration gospels."

NEW MINISTERS must be found and trained for 1500 new congregations that are to be established by the Methodist Church in the coming four years, Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, executive secretary of the section of Home Missions, has told the Methodist Board of Missions. "Everywhere—in cities, in the back country and villages, in trailer camps, and in shining new suburbs in defense areas—are people who need back copy of the Arkansas Methodist and I am indulging the hope that this might be read with some degree of interest."

RETURNING on Wednesday, April 22, from a Jurisdiction Meeting of the Board of Temperance on the campus of Oklahoma City University at Oklahoma City were Rev. John L. Tucker, chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Temperance, and Rev. Virgil C. Bell, Hope District Secretary of Temperance. Representatives of the eight states in the South Central Jurisdiction were present. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, from Washington, D. C., Dr. G. Lemuel Fenn, Jurisdictional Secretary for the South Central Jurisdiction, were in charge of the meeting and appeared on the program on April 20 and 21.

ANATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE is being called by the Methodist Church to meet in Cleveland, Ohio, in October 1954. A similar gathering was held in Chicago in 1951. The purpose of the conference—to which 3,000 lay and ministerial delegates will be invited—is "to explore the problems faced in the modern world by family groups, engaged couples, and parents." The Church is also planning to call together soon, representatives of its service agencies to consider "the spiritual needs of families living in the new defense-industrial areas" and to plan ways and means of ministering to these peoples. Bishop Hazen G. Werner, of Columbus, heads a national committee on these problems.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH, Little Rock, has formerly begun construction of the first unit of its new church plant. Bishop Martin led in the ground breaking ceremonies Sunday afternoon, April 26, at the building site at Durwood Road, between Pine Valley and Hawthorne Streets in the Queen Manor-Kingwood section of Little Rock. Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock District Superintendent, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, and Rev. Charles W. Richards, St. Paul pastor, assisted in the service. The first unit, expected to cost approximately \$100,000, will be an educational building. Contractors are Miller-Roos-Turner, Inc. Ivis R. Brummett is the architect. Actual construction of the new building was begun this week.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. Woodrow A. Geier, associate editor of Methodist Church School adult publications

TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION SEMINAR

About 200 representatives of Town and Country Commissions from every conference, including the Indian Mission, helped lay plans for advancement of the rural church in the South Central Jurisdiction.

The Seminar was held at Lakeview Assembly, near Palestine, Texas, April 21-23. Rev. Marvin T. Judy, Commission chairman, directed the program.

Headliner was Dr. Lawrence M. Hepple, professor of rural sociology at Missouri State University, who spoke three times.

Others who shared in making the program down-to-earth were Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas; Charles Stuck, head of a lay speaking team out of Jonesboro, Ark., for 10 years; Professor Trevor Baskerville of Baker University, Baldwin, Kans.; Rev. Joseph W. Thompson, district superintendent of Kirksville, Mo.; Dean Merrimon Cuninggim of Perkins School of Theology; and Professor A. W. Martin, church administration, of Perkins.

Rev. Glenn Sanford of the National Board of Missions presented a twelve-point program that will be a guide for Conference commissions.

"The practical values of the Seminar will have far-reaching effects," said Rev. Paul D. Womeldorf, Jurisdiction executive secretary, in evaluating the Seminar.

Attending the Seminar from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area were Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Miss Margaret Marshall, Hot Springs; Rev. Osbourne White, Mt. Ida, Arkansas; Clyde Standridge, Mt. Ida; Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Hope, Arkansas; Rev. Floyd Villines, Jr., Beebe, Arkansas; Rex. J. A. Gatlin, Conway, Arkansas; Lester Hutchins, Damascus, Arkansas; Dr. Ira A. Brunley, Conway, Arkansas; Rev. and Mrs. Martin Bierbaum, Ft. Smith, Arkansas; Rev. A. N. Storey, Paragould, Arkansas; Rev. R. C. Carter, Covington, Louisiana; Rev. Karl Tooke, Lake Charles, Rev. and Mrs. Clark W. Bell, Colfax, Louisiana; Rev. and Mrs. J. B. McCann, Pineville, Louisiana; Rev. Paul Durbin, Lisbon, Louisiana.

since 1946, has been named associate director of public relations in the Methodist Board of Education's division of educational institutions, Nashville, Tennessee. He will assume his new post on June 1, it has been announced by Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the division.

Also elected to the staff is Miss Aileen M. Sanborn of Detroit whose appointment is announced by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Board's Division of the Local Church. Miss Sanborn will serve under Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the Leadership Education Department. She will be responsible for laboratory schools and the training of church camp leaders.

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BREAKING DOWN OUR BARRIERS

If we could get a bird's-eye-view of our world today we should see it checkered and criss-crossed with walls. We should look down upon the walls of homes wherein men have enclosed their loved ones and their belongings. We should look down upon walls around factories and fences around farms. Man is a maker of walls.



Robert Frost has written a poem in which he pictures a farmer rebuilding his stone fence. The frost and weather have dislodged some of the stones. As the farmer replaces the fallen parts and contemplates the continuous care required to keep up his fences, he says to himself, "Something there is that doesn't like a wall."

How easily a wall can be formed between neighbors and friends. In my boyhood town two neighbors had a disagreement. Their houses stood on adjoining lots. The wealthier of the two decided he would not be irritated by having to look at his neighbor's living rooms, nor would he allow members of the other household to look into his windows. He built a wall high enough to shut out the view.

It was a vivid symbol of how walls can rise between friends. A word spoken, a motive misunderstood, a rumor repeated, a reconciliation refused—such are the first stones in the separating wall.

One says, "I didn't start it and I'll not make a fool of myself by trying to make up." So, standing on pride, desiring to save face, refusing to be magnanimous, neighbors build walls which divide friendships and destroy the peace of communities.

If we are to break down the personal barriers which divide individuals, we must begin with pride.

No man ever choked to death swallowing his own pride. Quite the reverse. Who does not know the thrill which comes from swallowing one's resentment and making up with a friend or loved one? It is a great satisfaction to make a friend. There is even greater satisfaction in making up with a friend.

A second set of walls divides us. We fence ourselves off into social classes. We want to move in "the right set." We want to mingle with "the right people." And by "the right people" we mean not the morally righteous but the socially acceptable.

America must have no aristocracy save the aristocracy of worth and character. Washington was rich and Lincoln was poor, but who cares about that? There should be no ceiling to hold down a boy or girl with ability and character.

A third set of walls dividing us are the walls between religious groups. Religious sectarianism has been one of society's saddest sins. And yet it is born out of sincerity.

There is no cheap and easy way to remove these sectarian barriers. Saying that it doesn't matter what we believe so long as we do what is right is not the answer. It does matter what we believe, because what we believe determines what we think is right. We need strong convictions, and unless we value our own religious beliefs we shall not have proper respect for the beliefs of others.

When we think that on the Korean battlefield today our Jewish, Roman Catholic and Protestant chaplains are cooperating to give their ministry to men across sectarian boundaries, shall not we at home rise above our sectarian spirit and match the comradeship of the ministers at the front?

Would God that a new spirit of religious brotherhood might rise from the blood, sweat and tears of these perilous times.

POTTS SAYS GI'S FEEL NEGLECTED

G. I. Joe in Korea feels that he is "the forgotten man," and military chaplains fear that an economy-minded Congress may cut appropriations for their service programs.

These opinions were expressed by a Methodist Church official, the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, upon his return to Nashville from an 18-day tour of Far Eastern military bases.

He and 11 other Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergymen accompanied five military chaplains on the tour. They were requested by

Secretary of the Air Force Harold E. Talbott to "study moral and spiritual problems of air force personnel, and observe methods and programs used in facing these problems."

The group was headed by Major General Charles I. Carpenter, chief of air force chaplains, and Major General Ivan L. Bennett, chief of army chaplains.

Dr. Potts is editor of *The Upper Room*, daily devotional guide circulated world-wide in 17 languages.

Nearly two pages of *The Washington Post* of April 6, are given to a point-by-point dissection by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the 24 items in the file of the House Committee on Un-American Activities relating to himself.

It was on the basis of these allegations that Rep. Donald L. Jackson, a member of the committee, on March 17 assailed Bishop Oxnam on the floor of the House.

In an editorial in the same issue that contains Bishop Oxnam's refutation *The Post* asks: "What is a committee of Congress doing with a compilation of this sort of groundless gossip about a distinguished minister of religion?"

The editorial writer calls Bishop Oxnam's reply to the charges "an exposure of the committee's slovenliness and downright fraudulence," revealing "a dangerous sort of evil which the House of Representatives ought not to countenance."

"The committee dossier on him records entirely innocent activities as though they had some sinister implication," the editorial reads.

For an example, the two-page spread contains a facsimile reproduction of a letter from the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship. To have belonged to this organization, the language of the committee's file implies, is to be suspect.

The committee, however, neglected to mention that Bishop Oxnam's relation to this organization was during the period when Russia was a military ally, or that the meeting addressed by the Bishop was sponsored by such persons as Mayor Tobin of Boston, Governor Saltonstall of Massachusetts, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Secretary Jesse Jones, Director Edwin R. Stettinius, Senator Arthur Capper, Senator Kenneth McKellar, Administrator Paul V. McNutt, to mention only a few.

A reprint of Bishop Oxnam's refutation to the Velde committee's "file" may be obtained without charge by addressing a postcard to the nearest Methodist Information office: 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11; 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11; Box 871, Nashville, Tenn.

He said he talked to as many servicemen as possible in Korea, Japan and at several island bases, and nearly all of them voiced a common grievance that "the folks at home have forgotten us."

He added that many men told him they never receive letters from their ministers, churches and friends. "I realize more than ever just how much mail from home means to our servicemen in faraway places," Dr. Potts said.

He praised the work of chaplains and said they are putting in long hours to supplement their religious and counseling programs with recreational and social activities to help boost the morale of troops.

"Even temporary chapels are not always available and in many cases chaplains are using old theaters and other makeshift facilities as worship places," he reported.

Chaplains believe their services may be curtailed, Dr. Potts said, be-

METHODIST LEADERS
ADOPT PEACE
RESOLUTION

Nashville, Tenn. —Methodist church officials in annual session here April 9 adopted a resolution welcoming recent peace overtures and commending President Eisenhower's "willingness to meet halfway the heads of potential enemy countries."

Drafted by the lay and clerical members of the church's General Board of Education, the statement is as follows:

"Recent overtures by actual and potential enemies have revived the long-delayed hope for the return and preservation of peace; therefore, be it resolved by the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church:

"1.—That we welcome these overtures as essential first steps toward the peaceable adjustment of differences, and trust that they will be found sincere and worthy of confidence.

"2.—That 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.

"3.—That 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 church board includes 17 bishops. President of the body is Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, Pa. Vice presidents are: Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.; Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Ark.

cause they fear Congress will consider religious facilities as "extras" in attempting to pare the federal budget.

"The fact is," he stated, "that even if peace is achieved the work of chaplains will be doubly necessary in an army of occupation."

BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT

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difficult to practice in this complex age. Christian education and leadership training are necessities but that makes their place in the scheme of things none the easier as civilization advances. Obviously, temperance is all the more difficult with temptations of various sorts rearing their ugly heads on every side.

Lest one become too pessimistic however, it is well to point out that it is entirely possible to live greater lives and to render nobler service in this complex day than might be possible if fewer of the present day distractions were on hand. The very interests that would hold one

back from becoming what he or she ought to be can, through God's grace, become the very means of victory as they are one by one sloughed off in favor of the treasure of all treasures, the Christian way of life.

TYPICAL METHODIST TO BE GUEST
OF CONVOCATION IN PHILADELPHIA

The Christian Advocate, official Methodist weekly news-magazine published in Chicago, will select an outstanding person to be its guest at the World Convocation on Evangelism in Philadelphia June 26-28. Plans for choosing the delegate to be honored are announced in the *Advocate's* April 16 issue.

The periodical invites its readers to nominate a Methodist who "typifies the Methodist (Wesley) spirit of compassion and concern that more souls be won for Christ." They are asked to outline the facts of this life and give reasons why his example should be shared with others. Nominations must be submitted to the Evangelism Editor, *The Christian Advocate*, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill., before May 10.

Several members of the Evangelism Committee of 50, which is arranging for the Philadelphia convocation, will aid in the selection of the individual who will be honored as the *Advocate's* guest. The wife or husband of the person chosen will also be entertained at the meeting.

SERVICE OUR TASK

By MRS. JOHNNIE McCLURE, President



AT this time we can look back and really check ourselves. We find we have much to be proud of, there are many gains over last year—yet, it is sad to have to say, we find losses in some phases of our work.

If the Woman's Society of Christian Service is to serve the present age we must be continuously about our task. What is our task? The writer of Revelation 3:8 gives us a guide when he says: "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut." (RSV) Paul in I Corinthians 16:9 says, ". . . for a wide door for effective work has opened to me. . ." (RSV)

Dr. Elton Trueblood in his little book "Your Other Vocation" says "A wide open door, but in our day the door is extra wide." The door of service in our world today certainly is "extra-wide." Everywhere we turn we see a need—a great need for the influence of Christian service. Every piece of information we receive from the Woman's Division tells of the urgent need for—more workers—more materials—and more money.

Evangelism:

First let us consider evangelism:

Will we as members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service make our influence count so that the will and the love of God may be felt in our social order of today? The Evangelism which will "Serve the Present Age" cannot be shallow. We must lead the workers with children and youth to do evangelistic teaching. We must aid in every way possible with the evangelistic emphasis in the local church. We must seek to stress the Wesley evangelistic spirit in our local society, and our district, as well as at this Conference Meeting, if we are to serve the present age for such an hour as this.

Missions

Missions, our responsibility. Missionary Education is one of the most important phases of the mission enterprise. Were it not for the steady stream of information concerning the people and projects supported by the Woman's Division there would be a great decrease of interest and giving that would soon make serious inroads into the work. Through our program materials, our study classes, special speakers, filmstrips and letters from the field we are able to give the wonderful story of Missions around the world to each local woman in each local society.

Youth

While attending the Regional Conference on Christian Vocations in Dallas, Texas, late in January I was given a small pamphlet, "Careers for Christian Youth."

How are they going to know of the opportunities available unless we adult leaders show them the way? This means we must have more and better trained adult leaders with youth. We of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have a responsibility here—for this work is a co-operative enterprise. We must strengthen the home, making it more Christian through our religious education program. Our youth secretaries with the Board of Education must challenge our youth, interesting them in the program of missions, building a deep appreciation of the youth around the world, and through our student secretary, challenge the college student to higher ways of life. We will have the consecrated, well-trained leaders our great church will need in tomorrow's world if we meet the

need of the type of adult leadership needed by our youth of today.

A consecrated, sympathetic, well-trained leadership is part of the answer to this great problem.

Christians In Politics

On the cover of a book by the Honorable Jerry Voorhis on "The Christian in Politics" this question is asked, then answered: "Mix religion and politics? Yes! Only if we mix them may we save and nourish the values upon which our civilization and our lives depend."

I want to use the word "politics" in its correct dictionary meaning. Webster's dictionary defines politics as "the science and art of government." When someone says to you he is going to take the schools, or the roads out of politics, he is just talking (to use a slang expression) through his hat, for politics is that branch of ethics that deals with the ethical relations and duties of state or social organization.

How foolish it is in this day we live in for Christians to continue to shun "politics" as a mean and sordid thing. The avenue of service is before our very eyes. Our Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities Department has urged us for years to be alert, to be informed citizens, and to vote on all issues.

Perhaps it is logical that we as Christians of our day should undertake for the first time in hundreds of years the full burden of citizenship. The challenge of the age is before us. Our work must begin at home and it must extend around the world. Because we believe in the Fatherhood of God we must believe in the brotherhood of man.—We cannot love God with all our heart, soul, and mind unless we love our neighbor as ourselves. Can you think just what kind of a nation—a world—we might have if all Christians had observed through the years a "Christian's duty at election time." The sad story is—Christians have far too largely left the business of politics to some, that have been in many cases, very inferior persons.

American Womanhood and Alcohol

I am glad that one of the approved studies for the Woman's Society of Christian Service for 1953-54 is on Alcoholism and Christian Responsibility. If you remember America's announced one millionth traffic death came in December. Automobile fatalities are always sad because they are always preventable, but the saddest of all are the accidents on our highways that are caused by drinking. Usually figures are meaningless yet I want to give you a few figures from an article from the February METHODIST WOMAN: "The population of the United States includes approximately 100,000,000 men and women of 'drinking age,' that is, fifteen years of age or older. Of this number, an estimated 65,000,000 use alcoholic beverages in some form. The vast majority of these are in the class of the 'occasional social drinker,' a term which—sad as the fact may be—carries no stigma for most people." According to this article, in 1915 American women were total abstainers. By 1940, it was estimated that 40% of all women 21 years and over, drank, and by 1948, more than 60% of this group were drinking.

What can we do about the alcohol problem? Dr. Sockman said a few weeks ago, "Our trouble is—we who are trying to fight a sinful cause—get tired being bad."

Now let us take a glance at our responsibility as members of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service. We must "Help Christ

change the World" by joining wholeheartedly in the World Wide Mission of Evangelism in 1953;—by deepening our spiritual life,—by becoming disciples in order to evangelize.

We must meet human needs at home and abroad with our gifts to missions, motivated through our studies.

We must help meet the needs of our youth today. Christian leaders who are emotionally and socially mature, experienced in dealing with youth, and acquainted with the Methodist church school curriculum are needed.

We must realize our government is just what we have made it. We must seek to become informed citizens and vote our convictions.

And always we must face and fight the evil of alcoholic beverages, by our example and by our influence at the polls.

It will take calmness, tolerance, truth, service, faith, and character, with the help of God to meet these needs. Do we have what it takes?

There is splendor ahead for us if we really face the task. So much splendor, but with it so much responsibility.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT RECORDS ADVANCE

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the good get tired being good before the bad facilities. The sanctuary portion has now been largely completed and work is progressing on the educational building. \$10,000 has already been spent in an \$18,000 program. Asbestos shingle siding is being put on the entire outside of the building. The sanctuary has been finished inside with wallboard and celotex ceiling, hardwood floors, and new light fixtures. The congregation is paying for these improvements as they are being made. The church's trustees are directing the building program. This group includes Mrs. G. B. Deane, C. L. Whitmore and C. M. Stevenson. Malcom Browning, a Methodist steward and Superintendent of the Church School, is the contractor for the project.

The Center and Oak Grove churches recently combined their congregation to form a new church called the Center Grove Methodist Church. This new congregation bought a school building located on the Sheridan-Pine Bluff highway vacated when a school consolidation program was completed and is now using this building for its church program. Portions of the building have been rearranged to better accommodate its use by the church. The building was dedicated last September in services under the direction of Dr. Dedman. Rev. George Warren is the Center Grove pastor.

Other building programs in the Pine Bluff District include Tomberlin and Humnoke where new church buildings were built and paid for last year, at a cost of approximately \$2,500 each; the Carthage Methodist church which was finished last year and dedicated; the Union Methodist church on the Rowell Ct., where an old building was torn away and a new 30 x 60 building erected in 1948; and the Good Faith Methodist Church, Rev. Ben F. Fitzhugh pastor, where 900 square feet of new brick veneer construction has enlarged the educational facilities. The older building has also been entirely remodeled to increase its efficiency its use. The sanctuary has also been redecorated. This program costs approximately \$14,000 and was completed in November, 1952. The Good Faith building committee included Carr Culpepper, chairman, Orland Dial, secretary-treasurer, John Manuel, Jim Burns and A. C. Fikes.

METHODIST PENSION BOARD IN ANNUAL MEET

THE Methodist Board of Pensions (Missouri Corp.) has adopted a "wait and see" policy regarding a Congressional amendment which would make ministers eligible for Social Security benefits.

A motion opposing the plan was tabled, after lively debate, at the board's biennial conference April 16-17 in Memphis, Tenn., attended by 100 delegates from 34 Methodist annual conferences of the South-eastern and South Central Jurisdictions.

However, the conference did accept a recommendation of its findings committee which asked "the Commission (on Pension Legislation) elected by our last General Conference to study carefully and prayerfully the program of Social Security, to be definite and positive that the plan does not charge churches for unemployment tax and that a more adequate annuity for preachers of low salaries be cared for before the Methodist Church agrees to any plan of Social Security prompted by our Federal Government."

Both the motion and the report were presented by the Rev. W. Nelson Guthrie, Birmingham, Ala., executive secretary of the Homes and Endowment program of the North Alabama Conference.

Dr. Charles L. Calkins, Chicago, executive secretary of the Illinois Corporation of the Board of Pensions, presented the pros and cons of the many-sided Social Security proposition.

Delegates also recommended the following:

1. That the Missouri Corporation call a meeting preceding the next General Conference to consider pending pension legislation and other pension matters.

2. That full-time secretaries be employed in each annual conference in the Missouri Corporation territory to promote and carry forward the program regarding Homes, endowments, wills, and reserve pension programs.

3. That "Retired Ministers Day" be sponsored as a special project of boards of lay activities—general, conference, district, and local.

4. Intense cultivation in efforts to secure wills and bequests for endowment funds.

5. That participation in the reserve pension plan be included in the long-range planning of all annual conferences in the territory.

6. That a minimum goal of \$500,000 for endowment be set for this quadrennium in each annual conference where that amount has not been raised already.

An average payment of more than \$34 per service year to retired ministers by the annual conferences of the territory was announced by the Rev. A. T. McIlwain, executive secretary of the Missouri Corporation, and the Rev. J. Wilson Crichlow, assistant secretary.

"Five dollars per service year was considered good in 1939, the year of unification," said Dr. Crichlow.

"The almost miraculous gain" in pension payments was hailed by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis, president of the Board of Pensions. He presided and gave two addresses.

All the annual conference representatives reported progress in their pension programs.

The Rev. J. A. Lindsey, Greensboro, N. C., announced that the Western North Carolina Conference, now paying \$48 per service year, the highest of any conference in Methodism, plans to pay \$50 per service year next year. He is a member-at-large of his board of conference claimants.

Dr. Crichlow said that all but four annual conferences in the territory are expected to reach a payment of at least \$30 per service year during 1953.

The conference was attended by chairmen and other members of boards of conference claimants, district superintendents representing

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1,000 REGISTRATIONS FOR WORLD METHODIST MEET RECEIVED

The first 1,000 delegates have registered for the World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism to be held June 26-28 in Philadelphia.

The announcement was made by Dr. Joseph H. Edge, associate secretary of the Methodist Church's General Board of Evangelism, which has its national headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. He has been named registrar of the convocation.

More than 5,000 ministers, laymen, women and youth delegates are expected to attend the meeting, Dr. Edge said, in addition to several thousand others from the Philadelphia area.

The convocation will mark the opening of the American phase of Methodism's world-wide emphasis on evangelism this year. At least 1,000 new members will be received into church membership at an outdoor mass rally concluding the program, Dr. Edge said. Arrangements are being made to seat 65,000 persons at the rally.

The 1,000 new members will be the denomination's first step toward a goal of 250,000 commitments in local and regional evangelistic campaigns next fall.

The convocation also will mark the 250th birthday anniversary (June 28) of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism. Four eminent British church leaders will be program principals. They are: Dr. E. Benson Perkins, Dr. Maldwyn Edwards, Dr. Dorothy Farrar and Dr. Harold Roberts.

Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, is general chairman of the convocation, and Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, is vice chairman.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Methodist Church has set a goal of 350,000 new members in 1953 during a cross-country series of special evangelistic campaigns.

The figures were announced here April 8-10 at the annual meeting of the denomination's General Board of Evangelism.

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, board president, said the opening phase will be April 17-May 10 when 5,000 churches of eight southeastern states join in a simultaneous mission in quest of 100,000 converts.

More than 5,000 delegates are expected at a "world convocation on evangelism" June 26-28 in Philadelphia, opening the American phase of Methodism's world-wide evange-

BRITISH VISITORS



DR. PERKINS



DR. EDWARDS



DR. FARRAR



DR. ROBERTS

Four eminent British Methodists are coming to the United States to help American Methodists observe the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley.

They will participate in the World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism in Philadelphia, June 26-28, and later in the Southeastern Jurisdiction's Wesley commemoration at Lake Junaluska, July 2-4.

Shown above are: Dr. E. Benson Perkins, a former president of the British Conference, now one of the two secretaries of the World Methodist Council, and secretary of the Department of Chapel Affairs.

Dr. Maldwyn L. Edwards, minister of Birmingham Central Mission, writer and authority on Methodist history.

Dr. Dorothy Farrar, head of the Deaconess College at Ilkley, Eng., the only woman to have held this office.

Dr. Harold Roberts, vice president, World Methodist Council, former president, British Conference, Richmond College of London University.

listic emphasis during 1953. Eminent British Methodists will participate, and plans are being made to receive 1,000 new members at a mass rally in Franklin Field, attended by the delegates and 60,000 others of the Philadelphia area.

The convocation will signal summer and fall evangelistic campaigns of local churches throughout the country, Bishop Smith said. Eight state-wide or regional missions also are scheduled. Combined goals total

250,000 new members following the Philadelphia meeting.

"We believe that the communities of this nation are ready for mass evangelism and that our laymen are ready for a great evangelistic movement," said Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary, in his annual report to the board.

The 1952 series of united evangelistic missions sponsored by the board gained 105,423 new members, (Continued on page 14)

National Methodist Men's Meet Scheduled

A national conference of Methodist men will be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., July 9-11, 1954.

Selection of the place and date of the conference was made by the executive committee of the church's General Board of Lay Activities at a meeting in Nashville, Tenn., April 9-10.

The nation-wide meeting will be the first assembly of its kind to be sponsored by the board, according to Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, executive secretary. Attendance will be limited to 2,000 Methodist men.

"We aim to provide a proper bal-

ance between instruction and inspiration at the conference," Mr. Mayfield said. He pointed out that an effort will be made to secure top-flight speakers and at the same time present a practical program with workable take-home ideas for better lay activities in the local church.

Fran H. Faber, advertising agency executive of Minneapolis, Minn., and vice president of the General Board of Lay Activities, will be general chairman of arrangements for the conference. Mr. Faber presided at the Nashville meeting in the absence of Ray H. Nichols of Vernon, Texas, board president.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Delegates To Jurisdictional Recreational Workshop

The North Arkansas Conference sent five people to the Jurisdictional Workshop on recreation at Turner Falls, Okla.: Jack Winegeart, Bennie Jordan, Bryon McSpadden, Miss Regenia Watson, and Howard Cox. Four others went at their own expense: Mrs. Jack Winegeart, Mrs. Bennie Jordan, Mrs. Raymond Dorman and Miss Viola Basham. Raymond Dorman is on the leadership staff of the workshop.

The date of the workshop was April 23-29.

Rev. Earl Carter has been certified for two courses: The Educational Work of the Small Church (First Series); and Christian Education in the Church (Second Series).

Rev. James S. Upton has been certified for the First and Second Series courses on The Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Rev. J. William Watson has been certified for the First and Second Series courses on Christian Beliefs.

Vacation Church School Workshops

Additional workshops on vacation church school work have been held. Ft. Smith District had one workshop in Ft. Smith, April 11. The Paragould District has had a workshop at Walnut Ridge and one at Paragould. The Batesville District reports a workshop at Newport. The Fayetteville District has had four workshops: Rogers, Berryville, Gravette, and Lincoln.

Training Program Grows

The past week brought the number of course cards granted in the North Arkansas Conference to a number greater than the number granted last conference year. We yet have some ten schools to be held or yet to be reported.

Monette reported a good school held April 12-14. Three units were offered in the school. More than fifty enrolled for the school.

Beebe had a school April 15-17 with an enrollment of sixty-five. Three units were offered in this school.

Russellville had a three unit school, April 19-21. There were eighty-five present for the opening session.

Forrest City Area School

A three unit Second Series Training School is being held this week at Forrest City with the following courses being offered:

Home and Church Working Together, Rev. E. V. Underhill
Teaching Children, Mrs. W. A. Wooten
Camp Counselor, Rev. H. O. Eggenberger

A one unit school is to be held at Damascus, May 8-15.

A one unit school is being held at Pocahontas this week.

Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson taught two

three day schools, April 19-24, Harrison and Cotter.

Newport Area School

There is to be a three unit First Series Training School at Newport, First Church, May 3-5, beginning at 2:30 P. M., May 3. The following courses are to be offered:

How to Teach in the Church School, Mrs. Elmus Brown
The Beginnings of Christianity, Rev. William Wilder
A Guide to Bible Study, Ira A. Brumley

The Thousand Club

A report from the Conference Treasurer, P. E. Cooley, shows that some churches are getting busy about this program. Washington Ave., N. Little Rock; Searcy; and Batesville, First Church, have reported a number of persons pledged to this program. A number of individuals have sent in their cards and first payment.

The Ft. Smith, Fayetteville, Conway, Forrest City Districts have requested additional materials indicating plans to push this program.

We believe that if the plan is properly presented there are hun-

WITH THE CHILDREN'S WORKERS

Fay McRae Library Building Fund

The following is a complete report on funds sent in from the Little Rock District for the Fay McRae Building Fund, to date.

Winfield Church, Little Rock	\$278.50
Asbury, Little Rock	4.50
Scott St., Little Rock	15.00
Henderson, Little Rock	5.41
Highland, Little Rock	10.00
Capital View, Little Rock	3.15
Geyer Springs	5.00
Bauxite	5.00
Benton, First Church	5.52
A Friend	10.00

TOTAL \$342.08

dreds of people who would be interested.

Register Now

Youth Assembly registrations are coming in in a fine way. Remember that space is limited. The Assembly is for youth 16-23 years of age and a limited number of adult workers with youth. Should the president of a local MYF be only 15 years of age such person will be admitted. This exception is for presidents only.

The children's workers of the Little Rock Conference are raising the funds for this building and it is hoped that if your church has not sent in a contribution that you will do so at an early date. Plans are under way for dedicating the building during the Children's Workers Conference at Camp Tanako, July 7-9.

Pamphlets Of Interest To Children's Workers

Parents and teachers of children from birth to twelve years of age, will be interested in the following pamphlets:

"Let the Bible Speak to Children," by Dr. Mary Alice Jones, Director of the Department of Christian Education of Children of the General Board of Education. The price 20c a copy.

"Enjoying the Bible at Home," by Anna Laura Gebhard. The price of this booklet is 50c. This is a very practical and readable little booklet giving many interesting ideas on the use of the Bible in the home. Both booklets may be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House. Order several copies of both and have them on sale during National Family Week, May 3-10.

National Family Week—May 3-10

Every church in this area is urged to prepare very carefully and prayerfully for National Family Week. The week will begin with Sunday May 3rd, which will be known as Children's Day. A program with the theme, "For Every Child a Faith in God," has been prepared for use on that day. All children's workers will want to use this opportunity to strengthen the cooperation between the Church School and the parents, and to stress the needs for spiritual foundations for family life. For further suggestions see pages 9 and 24 of the May CHILD GUIDANCE MAGAZINE. —Mrs. W. F. Bates

Bill Would Change Church Membership Notification

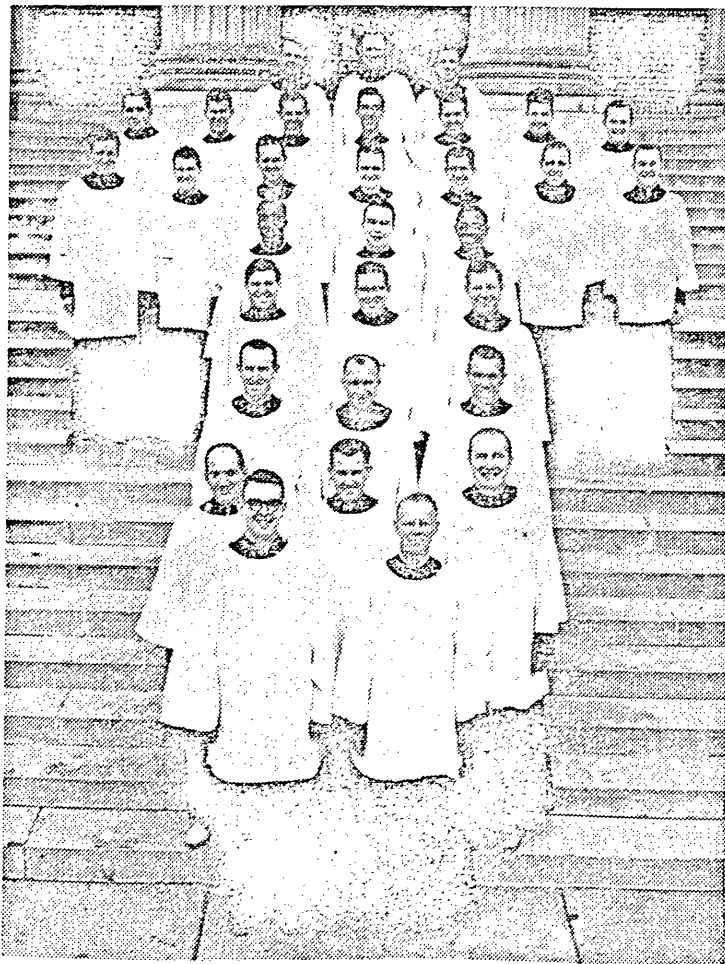
A bill providing that official meetings of church congregations may legally be advertised by announcement at two regular services within 30 days prior to the time set for meetings has been introduced in the Pennsylvania legislature.

State law now requires that incorporated non-profit religious organizations either notify their entire membership by mail or advertise in local newspapers, it was explained by Rep. J. Dean Polen (D-Wash.), sponsor of the bill.

Rep. Polen said the actual practice in most churches is merely to announce congregational business meetings from the pulpit, because it is almost impossible to notify the entire membership list by mail. Experience has shown, he said, that some notification letters always are returned undelivered and newspaper advertising is generally too costly.

The legislator said churches in his district had asked him to introduce the bill, pointing out that in some cases the legality of church property transfers has been on shaky grounds because the non-profit corporation laws were not strictly complied with in calling church business meetings at which transfers were authorized.

SEMINARY SINGERS AT JACKSON STREET CHURCH



The Seminary Singers of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, under the direction of Fred D. Gealy, will be heard in a program of sacred and secular music at the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, on Thursday evening, April 30.

James T. Fleming of Conway and

Stanley R. Reed of Jonesboro are members of the choir. The singers are chosen from the 400 man student body at the School of Theology. There are thirty-four members.

Dr. Gealy, professor of Church Music and New Testament, at Perkins School of Theology, is also director of music at University Park Methodist Church in Dallas.

To Regulate Display Of Flags In Church

LEGISLATION has been introduced in Congress to regulate display of the American flag in church services. Two bills in the House would amend the flag code adopted by Congress on June 22, 1942, with respect to the use of flags in churches, and it is expected that a resolution will be offered in the Senate shortly. A bill offered by Rep. Gordon L. McDonough (R-Calif.), would provide that "when displayed from a staff in a church. . . if it is displayed in the chancel of a church, the flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the clergyman's right as he faces the congregation or audience." The measure further provides that "any other flag so displayed in the chapel or on the platform or on the floor should be placed at the clergyman's or speaker's left as he faces the congregation or audience." When the flag is carried into the auditorium the order may be reversed, under Mr. McDonough's proposal, so that it would be in the position of honor at the right of the congregation, with any other flag at the left as the congregation faces the chancel or platform. Another bill sponsored by Rep. T. Millet Hand (R-N.J.) would make a specific exception for the Christian flag or church pennant. It states: "No other flag or pennant shall be flown or otherwise displayed in any public place unless it is flown or displayed with and below the flag of the United States of America, except during church services, when the church pennant may be flown with the flag." Mr. McDonough said that he would be happy to accept an amendment to his own bill to provide a suitable exception for the church pennant. "I had in mind only national or supra-national flags in my bill," he said, "and did not intend in any way to demote any religious symbol from its rightful place as the center of honor in a church service. We have had several instances where the United Nations flag has been given a place of precedence over the American flag. Many patriotic groups object to this and think we should spell out more fully the proper respect and station of the flag in the U. S. Code."

Prelates Warn

India Needs Aid

A warning that India needs the aid of other countries if it is to avoid the threat of Communism was issued by Indian Roman Catholic prelates attending the National Eucharistic Congress in Sidney, Australia. At a symposium on the East and West, and the future of Australia, Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, said that his country "needs the help of Australia and other countries if it is to develop in the way it should and also if it is to be kept free of the Communist menace." On the same theme, Archbishop Joseph A. Fernandes of Delhi and Simla asserted that the average Indian has no real interest in Communism but is attracted by Communist promises. "In the difficult period of famine," he said, "the average Indian would be delighted to take help from the Devil, if necessary," adding that he was certain there would be "no Communism in India if the needs of the people are met."

Anglican Retires After 81 Years On Choir

A record of church choir service believed to be unequalled in the annals of the Anglican Church ended when Arthur B. Wiswell retired from the choir of the Cathedral Church of All Saints in Halifax, N. S. Mr. Wiswell, one of the leading businessmen in the Maritime Provinces, began singing in the choir 81 years ago when he was nine years old. When he had completed his 74th year of choir service in 1946, the Archbishop of Canterbury expressed the belief that it had set a church record. Despite his formal retirement, Mr. Wiswell said he will occasionally take his place in the chancel as an "honorary" member of the choir.

House Gets Bill On Clergy Pensions

Washington, D. C.—Legislation to exempt retirement pensions and annuities paid to clergymen and others

employed by non-profit organizations from income tax up to \$2,500 a year has been introduced in the House by Rep. Isadore Dollinger (D.-N. Y.). The bill (H.R. 2525) also proposes to extend such benefits to those receiving pensions from governmental bodies. It will receive a hearing by the House Ways and Means Committee in May when study of a general revision of the Internal Revenue code is undertaken.

300 Evangelical Students Expelled From Soviet Zone Schools

More than 300 students have already been expelled from Soviet Zone high schools for refusing to sever connections with Evangelical Church youth groups, according to conservative estimates by Church authorities in Berlin. On April 10, Communist authorities in the Soviet Zone began calling mass meetings in high schools to expel students belonging to the Junge Gemeinde, Evangelical youth organization. At

latest reports such meetings had spread to 11 of the 14 administrative districts of East Germany.

Eisenhower Called Religious Revival Symbol

President Eisenhower's regular attendance at Sunday church services have made him a symbol of "a great religious reawakening," his pastor, Dr. Edward L. R. Elson of National Presbyterian church in Washington, said in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Elson participated in a two-week Christian Mission here which opened at the state fairgrounds. "We are in the beginning of a moral resurrection and a spiritual awakening on a very large scale," he said. Among the signs of this revival he cited the "vast number of sincere veterans" now studying in theological schools and the "tremendous sale" of Bibles and other religious books. The evangelistic mission, sponsored by the Columbus Area Council of Churches, will continue through April 26 under the leadership of the Rev. Charles B. Templeton, staff evangelist for the National Council of Churches.

Congo Churches Have Tough Membership Rules

A missionary who has just returned from a five-week preaching tour of the Belgian Congo says that Americans would have a rough time holding membership in the natives' crudely built churches. "The Congo natives have set such high standards that they just wouldn't be met by the average churchgoer of the United States," said the Rev. H. P. Williams, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in Greensboro, N. C. "To belong to the church—which is native-run throughout—a man must give up all his wives except the first one. 'If a native commits a crime, he is tried and disciplined by the church. If the crime is serious, he is put out of the church.'" Mr. Williams said that when a native is baptized, he is put on probation. When accepted, he gives up the use of tobacco and must give regularly to the church even though he is very poor.

House Resolution Seeks Prayers At UN

A resolution has been introduced in the House to declare it "the sense of Congress" that each day's session of the United Nations and other international organizations of which the United States is a member should be opened with prayer. Rep. Thaddeus M. McHrowicz (D.-Mich.) is the sponsor. "The United States should exert every effort to have such policy adopted as a permanent policy by the United Nations and such other international organizations of which the United States is a member," the resolution states.

Japanese Embassy Marks Christian University Opening

Councillor Akira Miyazaki of the Japanese embassy entertained at a tea in Washington, D. C., on the occasion of the formal opening of the Japan International Christian University at Mitaka, a Tokyo suburb. He substituted for Ambassador Eikichi Araki, who was in San Francisco to greet the Crown Prince of Japan on his arrival in the U. S. Guests at the tea were leaders of the Japan International Christian University Foundation, which raised funds in the U. S. for the institution's buildings and endowment. Mr. Miyazaki formally conveyed the thanks of the Japanese government to the 14 Protestant denominations in the United States which supported the fund drive. Dr. John Coventry Smith, associate general secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and vice-president of the foundation, responded on behalf of the American churchmen present. Dr. Stanley Stuber, the foundation's general secretary, read messages from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, honorary chairman of the university's fund drive in the U. S. Former Ambassador Joseph C. Grew delivered the principal address. The proceedings were broadcast to Japan by the Voice of America. Earlier, the group called at the White House where Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams conveyed President Eisenhower's felicitations.

Pastors Rebuke Women For Bingo In Church

Twenty-seven housewives arrested while playing bingo in the Church of God in Pontiac, Mich., were denounced from the pulpit by their pastor and a guest minister. When police raided the game, the leader of the group was calling numbers from the pulpit. Mrs. Bertha L. Walls, 58, was charged in Municipal Court with operating a gambling house and paid a \$100 fine; 24 women, some of them grandmothers, were fined \$10 each, and two others who pleaded innocent were remanded for trial. The Rev. James Orten, 19-year-old guest preacher from Lawrenceburg, Tenn., scolded the women, quoting Christ's rebuke to the money-changers in the temple: "My house is the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves." (Luke 19:46) The Rev. John E. Spradley, pastor of the church, sternly criticized the women for engaging in the illegal activity. Mrs. Walls was quoted as saying, after paying her court fine, that she would file a petition for repeal of the anti-bingo law. "I don't feel that I did anything wrong by holding the game," she said. "They are only taking from clubwomen the freedom to enjoy a little recreation. It's high time women got together and did something about it."

THE ONE WAY TO KNOW

Chas. A. Wells





THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



THE RED CEDAR

By Richard Newton

THERE is a legend told by the Thlinget Indians of Alaska that many years ago, on the Queen Charlotte Islands in Canada, there stood an enormous Red Cedar tree. This kind of tree was valuable because of its use in the making of canoes by the Hyda Indians, who lived there. These canoes were brought to the Alaskan natives to be sold, because there was then no red cedar growing in Alaska. This particular Red Cedar tree was unequalled in size and quality. Many times the natives on the island had tried to bring it down but had failed to do so with their primitive axes.

One day, during a terrible wind-storm, this great tree fell unseen by anyone and drifted out to sea, northward to the coast of Alaska. For days it drifted from island to island, from rock to rock, until with branches broken, bark ripped and torn, the tree cried out a prayer of anguish:

"Oh, to think that once I was the pride of the forest! Is there no one to help me now?"

"Did I hear you speak?" came a voice from the Wind.

"Yes. Can you not see how my branches are broken? How I have been tossed about until the rocks have pierced my flesh? Could you tell me where the god of the Southeast Wind is, that I might seek help from him?"

"I am he," replied the voice.

"Then can you help me?" asked the Red Cedar.

With great dignity and power the Southeast Wind turned to it and said: "At high tide, utter a prayer and it shall be granted."

When the tide came up, the Red Cedar repeated these words: "God of the Southeast Wind, take me to a peaceful harbor."

In response to the prayer the Southeast Wind arose, and the big tree found itself floating out to sea again. This time it landed in a quiet peaceful bay, now known as the Prince of Wales Island. As the tide dropped, the tree soon discovered it was lying in a soft, sandy beach. When the sun arose, bringing with it warmth and comfort to its bruised and broken side, the tree could not help but realize the difference between the stormy sea through which it had come and this peaceful day.

An old Indian hunter came paddling along the shore in his canoe, when he looked up and saw the giant Cedar lying on the beach. As he walked toward it he recognized at once that it was a valuable wood that was used in the making of canoes; not an ordinary cedar tree, but one of the finest quality and beauty. He rushed back to his tribe, and calling his nephew he exclaimed: "Great fortune has crossed my path today. I have found a treasure of untold wealth and beauty. I would have you go with me that together we might work on it."

On reaching the Red Cedar, the men held the customary ceremony, and addressing the tree, the leader said: "O tree of great growth, you have presented yourself to us today, beautiful and rare. In return we

have something to offer, but as we begin to work upon you, with all the skill at our command, it shall be with the desire to bring honor and glory to you and not ourselves."

The days passed into weeks, and weeks into months, and still the men worked on the tree, spending hours of tedious toil. The day finally came when their task was complete, and in place of the tree there stood a magnificent war canoe. At the top of the high bow, which distinguishes a war canoe, the old Indian decided to dig a pit, which was to serve as a seat for a watchman, that all who rode on this canoe might be assured of a safe journey.

Preparation began at once for the great feast to be held in honor of the new canoe. Messengers were sent to all neighboring tribes, even to the distant Queen Charlotte Islands, to invite everyone to attend the feast. On the appointed day the guests arrived. But the Indians of the Queen Charlotte tribes began to question among themselves the origin of the great Red Cedar, and because of its unusual size and quality, they had little difficulty in recognizing it as the largest from their island, which had drifted during the storm.

At the close of the feast the Canadian Indian chief, in his final address, suggested that this famous tree be preserved by the planting of the seeds growing on the old branches. Without hesitation the Alaskan chief gathered his men once more, and taking the cedar's branches between them, made their way up the hill to the place where the Red Cedar had been found. They broke pieces from the branches and threw

A WORTHWHILE BEGGAR

When we think about a beggar, we usually think of a man who for some reason or other is out of work. So in order to get food to eat and clothes to wear he goes from house to house, or sits outside a store or church begging money from those who pass by.

But Dona Zilma is not that kind of a beggar. To begin with, she is a woman who is a terrific worker and lives in Brazil. Very few of the people in her town could read or write, and the worst part of it was that they didn't care whether they could or not. She became worried and began to work, hoping to get people interested in learning how to read and write.

Of course, she had to have teachers. She had to have money to pay the teachers, and she had to have some places in which to teach.

Dona Zilma had to start from the very beginning. Sometimes walking, and sometimes riding horseback, she went from house to house and from district to district, begging money for books and for pay for teachers. Some called her "The Mad Woman," while others called her "The Beggar."

After a long time and a lot of work and a great deal of begging, she opened up thirty-two classes. Her classes were held in homes, factories, or any place where she could

find an empty room. To encourage them, she offered prizes. Men who learned to read received old magazines and the women were taught how to sew.

As soon as everybody in the family learned to read and write, they were given a big sign to hang on the outside of their houses which said that everybody inside the house could read and write. How happy the members of the family were when they were allowed to hang out their sign. When others saw the sign they became interested and wanted to have a sign, too, so they decided to go to school.

WHEN THEY BLOOM

All this morning in my garden
I have worked with seeds and rake,
I have spent so many hours
That my back begins to ache.

But I shut my eyes and see it—
What a thrifty flower bed
I can almost smell the sweetness
Of my flowers, blue and red.

All my work will seem as nothing
When the pinks and pansies bloom,
And I pick some fragrant blossoms
For the vase in Mother's room.

—In The Christian Advocate

THIS LITTLE BOY WAS RIGHT

Said Peter Paul Augustus: "When I am a grown man,
I'll help my dearest mother the very best I can.

I'll wait upon her kindly; she'll lean upon my arm;
I'll lead her gently and keep her safe from harm.

But when I think upon it, the time will be so long,"

Said Peter Paul Augustus, "Before I'm tall and strong,

I think it would be wiser to be her pride and joy

By helping her my very best while I'm a little boy."—Selected



PLANTING A TREE

When springtime comes with all its joys
There's nothing seems to me,
Makes Mom and Dad as happy
As planting a new tree.

So many joys are shared as we
Make home a lovely place.
The things we do together
Bring a smile to each one's face.—A.E.W.

JUST FOR FUN

A man was giving his order to a waiter, when he noticed an apparent error on the restaurant's menu.

"Waiter," he said, "according to the menu, you are featuring Homburger steak today. Shouldn't that be Hamburger steak?"

"No, it's Homburger steak," replied the waiter. "This morning, the cook carelessly dropped his hat in the meat grinder."—Wall Street Journal.

Mrs. Newlywed: "Have you any nice slumps this morning?"

Butcher: "Slumps? What are they?"

Mrs. Newlywed: "I don't know, but my husband used to talk about slumps in the market, so I thought I'd try one."

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

LOUISIANA DISTRICT MEETINGS HELD

Four districts in the Louisiana Conference have held their Annual Meetings by this time: Baton Rouge District met at Ponchatoula April 16; New Orleans District met at Parker Memorial, New Orleans, April 22; Monroe District met at Monroe First Church, April 30; and Alexandria District met April 30.

Ruston District will have its meeting May 1; Lake Charles District will meet at Welsh May 6; and Shreveport District will meet May 13 at Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The April meeting of the Fordyce Wesleyan Service Guild was held in the home of Mrs. Fred Gordon, with Mrs. Albert Mosley co-hostess. There were 25 members present. New officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Mrs. Jimmie Elms, chairman; Mrs. Charles Ledbetter, vice-chairman; Miss Lenora Bryant, recording secretary; Miss Vera Green, promotion secretary; Mrs. Roy Tomlinson, treasurer.

A letter was read from Henry P. Schroerluke, Chaplain (LT. jg) USN, to Mrs. Norman Williams, chairman, which we quote in part:

"The eight crates of clothing, mentioned in the letter of Vera Green of the Wesleyan Service Guild, have been received in this office.

"Let me express my gratitude to you and the others who have made this contribution. We channel our distribution of clothing through the suggestions of UNCAACK (United Nations Civilian Assistance Command Korea)). This agency keeps in close touch with orphanages, old people's homes and refugee centers, so we know that we are giving the clothing where it is most needed. In their name I thank you.

"The charity of our people back home has made a tremendous impression on all people here. It is through the continuance of this spirit that we hope to win peace. May God bless you of the Wesleyan Service Guild."

Mrs. Eugenia Lockwood brought the devotional using the subject, "Lo, I Am With You Always," Mrs. Lelsey Caplinger Jr., Program leader, used in dramatization the theme "Have Thine Own Way." She was assisted by the following characters: Miss Estha Adams, as Sister Holmes; Mrs. Charles Ledbetter, Sister Wise; Miss Martha Jane Steelman, Sister Church, and Miss Helen Sparks, Sister Workman.

The Guild voted to give two life memberships, one to Mrs. Louis A. Averitt, and the other to Miss Lenora Bryant, commemorating their outstanding Guild work. The Guild also voted to issue an invitation to entertain the Wesleyan Service Guild Week End, Little Rock Conference, in 1954.—Vera Green

The 1954 meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held March 3-5 at the Methodist Church in Fayetteville.

Announcement of plans for the 14th annual session were made by Mrs. Johnnie McClure of Springdale,

PRAYER FOR ASSURANCE

O Eternal God, who has set within us a spirit which answers to Thine own, give us faith to follow Jesus. To our questioning hearts He is ever the answer. Teach us to be led by Him in pursuit of Thee until we find, and let the whole world feel and see, that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, through Him whose good cheer can overcome the world, the same Jesus Christ. Amen.—"America's Prayer Minute"

conference society president.

Principal speaker will be Mrs. Frank G. Brooks at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, president of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions.

At a joint meeting of the Alice Murrell and Edith Martin Circles of the Cabot WSCS, Mrs. Charles Ross, vice president presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. W. H. Laws who was attending the North Arkansas Conference annual WSCS meeting at Blytheville, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Laws, president; Mrs. Ross, vice president; Mrs. R. J. Vise, recording secretary, and Mrs. W. T. Barnwell, treasurer.

Mrs. J. W. Griffin is chairman of the Alice Murrell Circle and Mrs. H. M. Dodson is chairman of the Edith Martin Circle.

Mrs. Ivan Ross, Secretary of Spiritual Life led the devotional, using for her topic of discussion, "The Abiding Life". Scripture reading was taken from the 15th chapter of John.

The meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis T. See with Mrs. Lamar Dodson assisting hostess.—Mrs. A. N. Owen

The Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Carr Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, closed the year's work with a dinner at the church April 13th with 65 members and three guests present.

The tables were decorated with garden flowers and a display of church literature used by the various groups of the church. The invocation was given by the pastor, Rev. Clem Baker.

Mrs. Ross Helvie, presided over the business session of the Woman's Society at which time the following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. Helvie; Vice-president; Mrs. Sam Puckett, Jr.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Charles Chalfont; and Treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Finch.

Mrs. Emile Mitchell presented the program for the evening on the theme: "Workers with the Master Gardener." Mrs. John Hestand, leader of Circle 1, won the attendance award pin for the month.

Mrs. Huselton, secretary of Missionary Education, presented a copy of the RSV Bible to Mr. Baker, as the action from the study "Toward Understanding the Bible." The Society voted to send ten dollars to the Spofford Home in Kansas City as a result of the study of Home Missions and Human Rights.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of life membership pins by Mrs. Eighme to Mrs. John A. Pope, Mrs. J. A. Brookshire, Mrs. M. C. Johnson and Mrs. Ross Helvie. An Honorary Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Green.—Mrs. Ross Helvie

The time to begin to form character in a child is the day its grandmother is born.—Automotive Dealer News

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Announcement has been made of the wedding on the Kapanga mission station, in the Belgian Congo, Africa, of Miss Ruth B. Piper, R. N., to Howard D. Hardee, M. D., both missionaries of the Methodist Church. The bride, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Piper, now retired after almost forty years of missionary service in Kapanga. Dr. Piper organized the medical work in that station; Ruth was born there, and later became head nurse in the Kapanga Hospital. In 1949 Dr. Hardee, of Fernandino, Florida, was commissioned a missionary and assigned to the Hospital. The bride was the first white child born at the government post of Kapanga, and her marriage was the first wedding of white people registered there.

In July of this year, the new Nurses Home, connected with the Methodist Hospital at Nadiad, Kaira district, India will open its doors to admit the first class of fifty student nurses, it is announced by Dr. Herschel C. Aldrich, hospital superintendent. The Nurses Home — a twenty-year dream of Dr. Aldrich and his staff — is being erected jointly by the Division of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Church. The cornerstone was laid recently for the structure by Bishop J. Waskom Pickett of Delhi. Besides dormitory accommodations for fifty student nurses and for their teachers, the Home will be equipped with dining hall, chapel, library, classrooms, and recreation rooms.

Twenty-one Korean women, widowed by the war in that country, are working five and a half days a week on "Operation Sewing Machine" in the Methodist Church's mission in Seoul, remaking some of the relief material from America, and other goods into clothes suitable for use in Korea. Mrs. William E. Shaw, of Latty, Ohio, missionary in Seoul, reports to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, New York City. "We bought machines and cloth in Japan and brought them over to Korea," says Mrs. Shaw. "We use some of the relief goods, remaking them so they are more useful to the Koreans, like the printed feed sacks which make beautiful chogoris (waists) for women since it takes only one and one half yards for each. Some Americans have sent comforter tops which the women have finished up into beautiful comforters. The Korean women also have the ability to take a small piece of material and make something attractive out of it. We have a sale each week. Thus these widows with children to support are enabled to earn a living. It is much better than being on relief."

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY

The Louisiana Conference will hold a conference-wide District Officer's Training Day, Thursday, May 7, at Pineville Methodist Church, starting at 10:30.

The Alexandria District will be hostess at 1 p. m. for luncheon as a courtesy to the Conference and District officers.

Conference officers will meet with their respective district officers and discuss duties, reporting, tools and co-ordination with total program.

This meeting follows the annual district meetings and there will be many new officers needing this training, as well as these officers who have been serving. Plans for the new year will be discussed by each group, and it is most important that every district officer make her plans to attend.—Mrs. Lee Tidwell

CONFERENCE-WIDE OFFICER TRAINING DAY MAY 11

FLASH!

Little Rock Conference is holding an Officer Training Day, Monday, May 11, 1953 for all District Officers

Are YOU a new district officer, just elected? Then you won't want to miss this training

Are YOU one of the officers re-elected, or still serving? Then you know of the benefits of meeting with your conference officer, so we KNOW you will plan to come.

WHERE? First Methodist Church, Little Rock

WHEN? Monday, May 11, 1953; meet in the chapel at 9:45 a. m.

WHY? Many districts are planning officer training day for local secretaries; there will be help for you here.

Many district officers want to get specific answers to problems; there will be a time for questions and answers here.

Conference officers want to help district officers in planning for the year ahead; this is the time for that planning.

EXPENSES: The Conference will pay the expense of three cars from each district

WHO SHOULD COME? Each district officer.

Lunch will be served in the dining room of the church for \$1.00.

The meeting will positively adjourn at 3:30 so you may be home before too late.

ADDED ATTRACTION: Dr. Ralph Sockman, New York City, will begin the Raney Lectures at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church on Monday evening; anyone wishing to stay over and hear this lecture will be entertained for the evening in one of our Little Rock homes, if notice is sent in advance to Mrs. Ewing Wayland, 4400 "I" Street, Little Rock.

WHAT TO BRING: Paper, pencil, clear head, willing mind, and heart dedicated to His service. Counting on seeing and being with you on Monday, May 11,

Mrs. T. S. Lovett, President
Mrs. Ewing Wayland, Secretary of Promotion

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

BISHOP MARTIN DEDICATES CHURCH AT SYLVAN HILLS

Bishop Paul E. Martin, resident bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana area, preached at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning at the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church, and presided during the service of dedication for the church.

This marked the end of a chapter of the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church as the church property is now free of all indebtedness and ready to move forward into another building program. C. W. Clements is chairman of the finance committee.

The Sylvan Hills Church was organized May 6, 1947. One month later Rev. Randolph Kerr, a student pastor from Hendrix College and a resident of North Little Rock, became the pastor. The church held services in a tent during the summer, but managed to obtain a temporary building from Camp Robinson for use in the fall. In November the Rev. William M. Wilder, graduate of Hendrix College and the graduate school

of Theology at Southern Methodist University, was appointed as full time pastor of the church. It has been during his pastorate that the new church has been constructed and paid for.

The chairman of the building committee is W. Herbert Collins and his fine leadership throughout all these years of construction has been most helpful. The present chairman of the Board of Stewards is G. N. Holmes.

The church now has a membership of 225 and property valued at over \$30,000. It has already outgrown the building which was dedicated and the congregation is now looking forward toward new construction in the near future.

An old-fashioned dinner on the ground was served immediately after the dedication service on Sunday at the picnic grounds behind the church.



SYLVAN HILLS METHODIST CHURCH

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT EVANGELISTIC MISSION

Attendance	20,299
Offering	\$2,686.19
Interviews	2,005
Commitments	474
Profession of Faith (186)	
Transfer of Membership (288)	
Attendance at Youth Rally	500
Attendance at Mass Rally	2,150
Offering at Mass Rally	534.50

FROM THE VIOLA CHARGE

The pastor is happy to report the work on the Viola charge. The charge has been progressing in a great way. The pastor and wife have had a wonderful year in the Lord's work. We have had seven additions on profession of faith and four by vows. Four rooms of the parsonage have been refinished with celotex on the ceilings and paper on walls. New shades and curtains have been added at a cost of \$118.00. The parsonage roof has been painted at a cost of \$36.00. The men of the church have agreed to paint the church soon.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held last Sunday, April 19. Rev. R. E. Connell presiding. There was

a "dinner on the ground." Some of the members said that it was one of the best conferences the Viola church has had for years. The treasurer of the church said that this was the first time in at least twelve years that financial matters were paid at the 4th quarterly conference. All of the church's askings were paid in full, with more than forty dollars left with which to start the new conference year.

Baxter Church and Mt. Calm Church are also paid in full. Wild Cherry will pay all obligations by the end of the year. Hebron Church has been paid out for three months. The pastor loves his people and has

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Mass Meeting In Closing United Evangelistic Mission In Little Rock District

A total of 2,150 persons attended the mass rally Sunday night closing the week-long United Evangelistic Mission of the churches of the Little Rock District.

Making a plea for "a church on fire for God," Bishop H. Bascom Watts said, "The tragedy of today is a world on fire and only a cold church to meet it." He urged church members to be "flame throwers" and warned that "cold winds of secularism will put out the fire unless we keep close to God."

"The church ought to be challenging," he said, "but today it is too much interested in nonessentials and 'soft stuff.' The world today is burning up, and the church must meet fire with fire. A lukewarm church is a pitiable sight; only a church on fire can meet the demands of today."

"A church which keeps up forms and ceremonies after the real meaning is gone is worshipping an extinct fire. Frozen Christianity is a pitiable religion, lacking divine fire."

"We need to recover the fervor, earnestness and zeal of John Wesley," he continued. "Elijah, too, sponsored a revival in a land of opposition, because he himself was a man of fire. He offered his goods

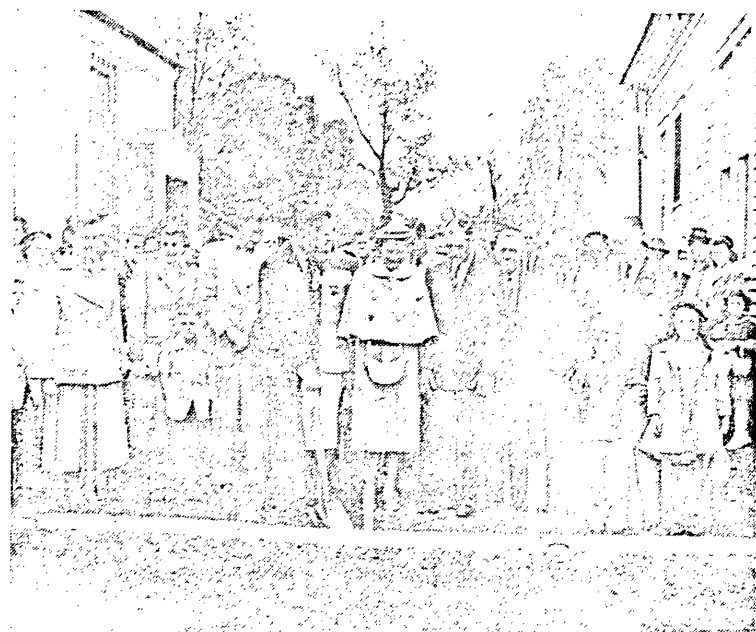
and his money, but most of all he offered himself. 'We need this divine fire, and we too may have it. All some people need is to have their temperature raised, and they will cease to become silent partners in the Christian religion.'

The speaker defined the signs of a "church on fire for God" as an humble church, aware of its lack and eager to improve, eager for cleansing and purification; a seeking church, interested in sinners, the "least and the lost," not "of the classes, but of the masses"; and a witnessing church, a growing one.

The rally held at the Auditorium in Little Rock, was the climax to the mission of 30 district churches. Dr. Francis A. Buddin, district superintendent, presided. The prayer was by Bishop Paul E. Martin and the benediction by the Rev. H. O. Bolin of Benton, district director of evangelism. The Rev. Cecil Culver, conference director of evangelism, gave the statistical report for the week.

Music was in charge of C. E. McMeans, who directed a special chorus, Billy Paul Hays, organist, and John H. Summers, pianist.

GARDNER BEGINS CONSTRUCTION



Rev. Irl Bridenthal, Pastor, breaking ground for new Educational Building.

Ground was broken on Sunday, April 19, for the construction of additional educational facilities for the Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, following the morning worship services. Rev. Irl Bridenthal, Gardner pastor, was in charge of the service. Pictured above taking part in the service are: (l to r) Charlotte Garlington, MYF president; Mrs. George Moon, president Woman's Society; Robert Goss, member Building Committee; Mrs. W. B. Hawkins, member Building Committee; Mrs. Edity Zinn, member Building Committee, and chairman Finance Committee; Roy Garlington, president Methodist Men; Morris Wright, member Building Committee; Mrs. Edith Zinn, member Building Committee and chairman of Official Board; W. C. Orne,

member Building Committee and Church School superintendent; E. W. Henson, member Building Committee. Seen behind Mrs. Hawkins is Dixon Toland, also member of Building Committee. Other members of Building Committee not present for service include W. E. George, chairman, and Dr. W. L. Fulton, co-chairman.

At the present two classes of the Church School are meeting in the Gardner sanctuary, one in the sanctuary foyer, and one in a nearby barber shop. The Junior Department is meeting in a temporary building on the church property as is the Men's Bible Class. The Intermediate Department and the Adult Couple's Class are meeting in the building that was formerly the church parsonage.



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

The Methodist Church
Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas

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Mr. Lester Hutchins, Vice-President
Rev. David P. Conyers, Secretary
Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCH SEMINAR

The Jurisdictional Town and Country Church Seminar met at the Lake View Assembly Grounds near Palestine, Texas, April 21-23. One hundred sixty-six persons from the eight states of the jurisdiction were present. This group represented leaders from the different boards and commissions along with one district superintendent from each conference, the W. S. C. S. and rural pastors and laymen. Bishop William C. Martin represented the council of Bishops. He brought the inspirational message on Wednesday morning.

The Seminar was directed by Rev. Marvin T. Judy of Perkins School of Theology who is also president of the South Central Jurisdictional Commission. Outstanding leaders from the church and university life and the many different areas of service in the church made distinct contributions. From our own conference Charles Stuck, Dr. A. W. Martin, Rev. Glen F. Sanford and Rev. Floyd G. Villines added interest to the assembly.

The Seminar was characterized by the feeling that the task of the church at large was to make itself felt more on the local field. One of the most significant notes struck was by Dean Merrimon Cuninggim of Perkins School of Theology when he lifted up the fact that in the future the work of the school would be given as much attention in the field as in the class room. The idea that a young minister merely serves a pastorate as a means of making a living would be redirected to suggest that his work in the field will be thought of as a part of actual training. The Dean suggested that all of the teachers would have an active part in counselling the student in his pastoral work and not merely those in the department of Church administration. This will indeed be a departure from the old way. This same idea of field work in relationship to accreditation for graduation might well be carried over into college training where a large number of young men serve pastoral charges in order to attend college. After all, the people they serve are in need of spiritual food just as those who may live in the territory where a seminary is located. It would seem fair for them to be given some academic credit for their work.

The discovery of natural area lines and the development of the Co-

operative Program among Town and Country Churches was given great emphasis. The matter of pastoral support, living quarters, and the total improvement of local situations was given considerable attention.

Those of us from the North Arkansas Conference can well be proud of our Rural Church Program. We are making advances all along the line. We in this conference, over several years, have seen our program grow until now it is perhaps more far reaching than in any other conference in the church. This is not said in boastfulness by the writer for he can be said to have only a small part in this development, but he is proud of that little part. The matter of cooperation of churches in a natural area and on county lines was begun in a definite and official way in our conference at Morrilton thirteen years ago. The idea has grown not only in our conference but all over the church. Many men have seen the value of this approach. This is a grass roots movement that began in several sections of the church about the same time. The whole idea reached fruition in a great way as many areas over the church adopted it. For a number of years before official recognition was given to this approach some few church leaders had worked on sub-district lines. The effectiveness of this method of administration is clearly seen in youth sub-district work. The old zone meeting of the W. S. C. S. was also productive of good work. The Natural Area Program, the Larger Parish, the Group Ministry, all are useful in the meeting of needs in many areas over the church. A new day will dawn for the Methodist Church when such an effort can be made in an all out manner. We rejoice in our conference because of the fine fellowship that is had in so many places along this line.

The North Arkansas Conference was well represented by the following persons:

Rev. Lee Anderson, Mack Martin, W. H. Fleming, Rev. Bill Yarbrough, Rev. Martin Bierbaum, Charles Stuck, Rev. A. N. Storey, Dr. Ira Brumley, Rev. Glen F. Sanford, Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Lester Hutchins, Dr. A. W. Martin, Rev. Fred Moor- ing, Rev. R. B. Howerton Jr. and Rev. Bill Walker.

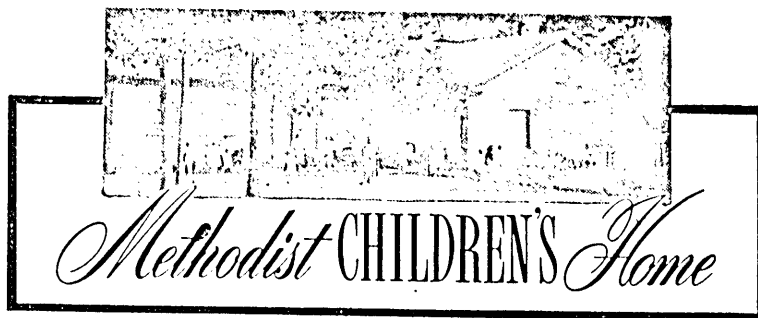
—J. Albert Gatlin

GALLOWAY REUNION TO BE HELD

Former students of Galloway College will gather in Searcy Sunday, May 3, for their fifth annual reunion. The business session will open at 11 a. m. with the alumnae association president, Mrs. Thomas A. Watkins, presiding. Miss Charles Jones of Russellville will preside during the luncheon at 1 o'clock. Both meetings will be in the Hotel

Mayfair.

Executive board members will meet in Searcy Saturday night to consider applications for the J. M. Williams Memorial Scholarship to Vanderbilt University. This fund honors the late Dr. Williams, well known educator and outstanding Christian leader and layman of the Methodist Church. Vanderbilt is his alma mater and the Scholarship there in his memory was established in 1949 in tribute to his devotion, as



ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS RECEIVED

CAMDEN DISTRICT	
First Church Camden	\$ 80.00
Total—\$1430.21	
Harmony	5.00
Dumas Memorial	25.00
First Church El Dorado	100.00
Total—\$4499.80	
Emerson Circuit	15.00
Harmony Grove Church	6.00
Total—\$64.00	
Jackson St. Church Magnolia	135.00
Magnolia Circuit	10.00
Total—\$361.00	

Total for Camden District—\$10,117.84

HOPE DISTRICT	
Brownstown Church	\$ 36.00
(This amount formerly included in Lockesburg)	
Total for Brownstown—\$42.45	
Hope	10.00
Total—\$1580.00	
Mena	20.00
Total—\$301.22	
Nashville	200.00
Texarkana First Church	15.00
Total—\$1555.27	
Texarkana—Fairview	137.16
Total—\$382.16	

Total for Hope District—\$6,647.65

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT	
Benton	\$ 7.00
Total—\$507.00	
Smymna	5.00
Little Rock Churches:	
Asbury	10.00
Total—\$3227.76	
First Church	20.00
Total—\$1000.24	

Henderson
Total—\$220.50

Total for Little Rock District—\$10,337.23

MONTICELLO DISTRICT	
Dermott	\$300.00
Fordyce	10.00
Total—\$1008.75	
New Edonburg	5.00
Parkdale	39.50
Star City	50.00
Total—\$404.50	

Total for Monticello District—\$4,743.67

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT	
Gillette	\$ 71.25
Total—\$76.25	
Humphrey	2.00
Total—\$52.00	
St. Charles	12.00
Pleasant Grove	21.00
Total—\$106.25	

Total for Pine Bluff District—\$4,698.93

RECAPITULATION LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE:	
Arkadelphia District	\$ 3,822.57
Camden District	10,117.84
Hope District	6,647.65
Little Rock District	10,337.23
Monticello District	4,743.67
Pine Bluff District	4,698.93
TOTAL	\$40,367.89

This is our second report of the Christmas Offering to the Methodist Children's Home in the Little Rock Conference.
(Editor's Note: Report from the North Arkansas Conference with grand total to run next week.)

T. T. McNeal, Director

METHODIST MEN OF JACKSON STREET RECEIVE CHARTER

Dr. Connor Morehead, District Superintendent of the Camden District was the guest speaker when the men of Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, Arkansas observed Ladies Night and received their Charter from The General Board of Lay Activities.

A pot-luck supper began the evening's activities at 7 p. m. Immediately following the supper Dr. Morehead brought an inspirational message and presented the "Methodist Men" their Charter. The purpose of Methodist Men is to develop the Spiritual Life of its members and lead them to commit themselves whole-heartedly to the ob-



Left to right: Dr. Connor Morehead, Harrell White, Treasurer, Roy Nipper, President, Harper Nesbit, Program Chairman.

jectives set out in their "Obligation."

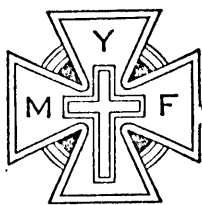
president of Galloway College for over twenty-five years, to building and moulding character in young women.

Having raised \$7400.00 of the \$10,000.00 scholarship fund goal, the association expects to raise the present scholarship of \$300.00 to \$400.00 this year. Eligibility requirements are a Minimum grade average of "B" in High School work, and the recipient must be a descendant of a Galloway student. Applications may still be made this week to Mrs. Watkins. Serving with her on the executive board are Miss Jones,

Mrs. M. P. Matheney of El Dorado; Mrs. Charles Witherspoon of Jonesboro and Mrs. G. D. Moore of Searcy.

FROM THE VIOLA CHARGE (Continued from page 12)

a high appreciation for Bro. Connell, our District Superintendent. Under his leadership we have had a great year. The pastor's prayer is that God will lead him in all his undertakings. We are praying that the work of The Methodist Church committed to our hands may continue to prosper to the glory of God.—James G. Smith, Pastor



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MARGARET MARSHALL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Louise Fincher from the First Methodist Church in Hot Springs led group singing and was leader at the April meeting of the Margaret Marshall Youth Fellowship at Keith Memorial Methodist Church on Thursday evening, April 9. Paul Hunter from Gardner Memorial, Hot Springs, assisted Miss Fincher.

Bettye Howard, Butterfield; Kenneth Kumsey and Patsy Henderson, Magnet Cove; Marilyn Lee, Rockport, and a group of Intermediate girls from Keith Memorial told of various camps to be held for Methodist youth this summer.

Plans for the dedication of the

Arkadelphia District cabin at Camp Tanako on Lake Hamilton were discussed. This group helped pay for the cabin and hopes to attend the dedication ceremonies on May 5.

The meeting ended on a deeply spiritual note as fifty-four young people, their pastors and advisors formed a Friendship Circle for the closing prayer, led by Marcille Keith and for the M. Y. F. benediction.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service from Magnet Cove had charge of refreshments.

Keith Memorial had the largest attendance with Magnet Cove second.—James Revell Kimsey, Publicity Chairman.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Southwest Sub-District met on April 5 at Primrose Methodist Church. The host church prepared a program on "Peace." The president, Bettie Lou Thomas, of Primrose, presided. Roll call showed 163 present. The Youth Rally at Pulaski Heights was announced. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Bill Lyle, Geyer Springs; vice-president, Pat Johnson, Bryant; secretary, Anita Marsh, Mablevale; treasurer, Pattee Cross, Bauxite. Committee chairmen are: Publicity, Helen Totten, Park View; Christian Faith, Beverly Wagner, Bauxite; Christian Witness, Doris Dodd, Douglasville; Christian Outreach, Donna McCray, Benton; Christian Citizenship, Faye Crone, Sardis; Christian Fellowship, Patricia Couch, Salem. The installation service will be at Salem in May.

The Monticello Sub-District met at Wilmar on April 6 with 95 in attendance. President David Scroggin presided over the meeting. A recreation period was held and refreshments served. The next meeting will be at Cornersville on May 4 when new officers will be elected.

The Union County Sub-District met on Monday, April 6, at St. Luke's Church. Talks were made on the M.Y. Fund. Special emphasis was placed on having similar programs in local churches. Banners were won by Norphlet Seniors and Lisbon Intermediates. A recreation period was held.

The E. Clay Bumpers Sub-District met on Monday night, April 13, at the First Methodist Church, Helena. The Helena group presented the program. The date of the Intermediate and Senior group camp was discussed. New officers will be elected at the next meeting which will be held on May 11.

The New Orleans Sub-District is filling the month of April with youth activities in accordance with the suggestions set up by the Louisiana Conference Council Committee on Youth Month. On April 3 the Sub-District met at Rayne Memorial for a sacrificial meal and worship service. Nearly \$25.00 was given by those participating in the service. On April 14 in addition to the regular meeting a Workshop on Evangelism was held. Rev. M. W. Merrill, district secretary of Evangelism, gave the

opening message. Two discussion groups were then formed with Rev. Robert H. Jamieson, pastor of St. Mark's, and Rev. Bob Bengtson, associate pastor at Carrollton Avenue, leading the discussions. On April 18, a representative committee met with the Council at Rayne Memorial to make final plans for the Sub-District Youth Revival. The services will be conducted by Kennon Moody, Junior at Centenary and president of the Louisiana Conference M.Y.F., at the Canal Street Methodist Church, May 6 through May 8. A Sub-District meeting will be held on the Tuesday prior to revival, May 5, with Steve Andry, Worship and Evangelism chairman, leading worship service. On Thursday evening, May 7, a Youth fellowship supper will be served prior to the service that evening. M.Y.F.ers will go on a chartered bus on May 9 to Alexandria to the annual M.Y.F. Conference. Prayer cells are formed through the Sub-District and local M.Y.F.'s are and have been visiting unchurched youth in their neighborhoods.

The Sadie Mecom Sub-District met at Gilbert for its monthly meeting and an Easter egg hunt. The Sub-District had as its project this month, the dyeing of Easter eggs for the orphanage at Ruston. Rev. W. H. Bengtson, pastor at Winnsboro, carried the eggs, about sixty-five dozen, to Ruston on Wednesday, April 1. The eggs had been dyed in the different M.Y.F. groups and brought to Winnsboro. The eighty-five young enjoyed the hunt in the park near the church. Mr. Bengtson led the group in folk games on the church lawn. A business session was held with Don Chapman, vice-president, presiding. The M.Y.F. Workshop in Winnsboro, April 10 and 11, was announced by Mr. Bengtson. The entire group then attended revival services at the Gilbert Church. Rev. G. W. Pomeroy, district superintendent of the Ruston District, brought the message. The next Sub-District meeting will be held at Little Creek on May 4.

The Tri-Parish Sub-District met in Sicily Island for the April meeting. Groups from Ferriday, Waterproof, Jonesville, and Sicily Island attended. Peggy Rison, president, presided over the meeting. A report

M. Y. F. To Be Cited For Evangelism Record

Concern, the news magazine for Methodist youth, will choose the Methodist Youth Fellowship with the most outstanding record in evangelism.

The plan is part of the youth's cooperation in the church's Year of Evangelism, under the direction of the General Board of Evangelism.

Reward for the chosen MYF will be special recognition in the news magazine, plus an expense-paid trip for its president to the World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism, set for June 26-28 in Philadelphia.

Every MYF group of any size and location is eligible for recognition. Concern will judge nominations from anyone wishing to send in the facts about any MYF and its evangelism activities.

Nominations must reach the news

magazine by May 25, and the story of the winning MYF will appear in the June 12th Concern. Nominations must contain name of the local church and charge, pastor of the church, annual conference and jurisdiction, name of the MYF, age range of members, number of members on roll and number of active members, number of members of the church. Each entry should describe in some detail all the evangelistic work of the MYF, giving any available statistics, and listing reasons why it should be recognized.

Name and address of the president, or substitute who would go to Philadelphia in his place, if the group wins the Concern award, should be included also.

Nominations should be mailed to Concern, Box 371, Nashville 2, Tenn.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

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it was reported. A grand total of 239,924 Christian commitments were credited to the special missions since their start in late 1949.

Looking ahead to 1954 and 1955, the board discussed plans for new evangelistic techniques with emphasis on lay witnessing, family missions, and a 10-month continuous campaign by 5,000 volunteer churches.

In other reports and recommendations, the board voted to:

—Urge Annual Conferences to give special attention to Methodist churches which reported "no new members" last year, and to organize visitation teams to assist pastors of "barren charges."

—Petition the Council of Bishops

was made on the Monroe District M.Y.F. Workshop. Sicily Island presented a program on "We Are the Youth," carrying out the youth month theme as designated for April. Taking part were Eleanor Enright, Billy Coney, Frances Smith, Ben Westerburg, Martha Chisum, Will Peck and Cook Crawford. A recreation period was held.

to lead a churchwide attendance crusade in 1954, January 1 through Easter.

—Organize "pilot" community evangelistic crusades in every jurisdiction as pattern for churchwide effort later.

—Urge support of the Youth Emphasis program, Christian Witness Missions and the 1954 Lenten prayer movement.

—Request every Methodist church to hold special service on Pentecost-Aldersgate Sunday, May 24, and to observe Sunday, June 28, as the 250th anniversary of John Wesley's birth.

—Urge every district to send delegates to the World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism June 26-28 in Philadelphia.

The board's 1954 annual meeting will be held during the week of July 11, the place to be chosen later. The change from spring to summer was voted in order to harmonize with the board's fiscal year.

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LUCCOCK PLEADS FOR SIMPLE PREACHING

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—A plea for simple, persuasive preaching in American pulpits was made here by a noted Protestant theologian.

Dr. Halford E. Luccock, Professor of Preaching at Yale Divinity School, warned that many modern sermons were so obscure that they failed to get across "the essential truths of the Christian gospel."

Others, he said, were meaningless exercises in high-flown language that gave their listeners nothing more than "a mere melody, a soothing sound."

Dr. Luccock laid the blame partly on preachers themselves, partly on the effect of mass communication agencies like radio and television and, to a lesser degree, on church congregations.

Of the congregations, he said:

"They have put a high premium on windy oratory. In the pulpit there is often the rushing of a mighty wind. The Lord is not in the wind, but they love to hear it rustle."

Dr. Luccock, who will retire from the Divinity School faculty in June, delivered this year's five Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at the School's 43rd annual convention.

In his first three lectures, he outlined for some 600 students and alumni the obstacles facing the American pastor in communicating the gospel.

The theologian said one of the principal roadblocks was the influence of mass communication agencies which tend "to shape a stereotyped, standardized mind."

With their tendency toward uniformity, these agencies make it possible to put over "third and fourth rate stuff as authoritative and of high distinction," he declared.

Dr. Luccock said there was a "lack of communication of meaning in modern mass media" that could be seen in many areas of present-day life.

In poetry, music, painting, literature and scholarship itself, he added, "obscurity has been elevated to the rank of a primary virtue. And there is a very real danger that preaching . . . may be exposed to the same blight."

Prof. Luccock urged clergymen to preach to the man in the street, neither overestimating nor underestimating the power of a sermon. Speak simply, he stressed.

"For a traveler along the road, it is a far better thing to find a road sign, even in stark simplicity, than a painting by Picasso," he said.

The theologian recommended more urgency and conviction in delivery of sermons, arguing that the passion of an evangelist would save the sermon from "that last indignity, that of having the deadly drip of a tired commercial."

He called also for more emotionalism in the pulpit, but added:

"I am not pleading for a revival of the 'camp meeting jerks.' Although I do know some churches . . . which could do very well with a few cases of the jerks."

Dr. Luccock deplored a tendency among clergymen to lose sight of the primary task—"to communicate the essential truths of the Christian gospel"—and let themselves be "sidetracked into lesser things."

In discussing "The Preacher as Craftsman," he warned pastors not to make an idol out of the sermon

itself.

A sermon, he said, is only an instrument and not the repository of high-flown language.

The aim of preaching, he went on, "is not the elucidation of a subject but the transformation of a person . . . The purpose of the preacher is not to explain something but to persuade people to think, to act, in a certain way."

Dr. Luccock listed half a dozen types of meaningless sermons that preachers ought to discard.

Among these were the "Jericho sermon," which follows the plan of the Biblical capture of Jericho. Preachers using it, said the theologian, "have implicit faith that if they march around the outside of a subject seven times, making a loud noise, the walls will fall down."

His list included the "confectioner's sermon—sweet, but not much nourishment"; the "smorgasbord sermon—a little of everything and nothing very solid," and the "rocking horse sermon," which is constantly on the move but never goes anywhere.

METHODIST PENSION BOARD IN ANNUAL MEET

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episcopal areas, and certain other pensions officers and workers.

Methodist Pension Board In Annual Meet

Members of the Methodist Board of Evangelism have issued a call to Methodists across the country to join in making 1953 a record year of evangelistic activity.

The statement, adopted at the board's recent annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn., is as follows:

"We believe that the World Mission of Evangelism is inspired of God and will do immeasurable good during this year of our Lord, 1953.

"Launched, as it was, by the World Methodist Council and strongly supported by the General Conference and all Methodist Boards and Agencies, the Holy Spirit had led the Committee of Fifty and its Administrative Committee into a wise planning of a suggested program and schedule of activities for the local church that will bear much fruit for the Kingdom of God.

"The spirit of Methodist evangelistic leaders — bishops, district superintendents, pastors, and the laymen themselves — has been most wholesome. Everywhere there is manifested a desire that this World Mission of Evangelism not be just a celebration, but that it be a real mission to bring all Methodists closer to God and to seek and to save those who are lost. When this desire becomes a consuming passion, God will pour out His blessing so that our hearts and The Methodist Church itself will not have room to receive it. Pray earnestly and labor diligently that this may come to pass.

"Our General Board of Evangelism calls upon every Methodist and upon every church to make this the most significant year of their lives. We would earnestly entreat them at this time on behalf of two glorious opportunities: Pentecost—Aldersgate Sunday on May 24; and the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, Sunday, June 28.

"On Pentecost—Aldersgate Sunday let every church have a service which, please God, will emphasize Christian experience, honor the

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Arkansas College Public Relations Association Meets

Hendrix was host to the Arkansas College Public Relations Association April 23-24. It was the annual spring meeting of the association.

Principal speaker at the banquet session was Dr. Matt L. Ellis. Arthur Paulus, Arkansas State Teacher's Student and president of the Arkansas College Press Association, represented ACPA. Paul Faris, Hendrix public relations director, was host.

Practically all the state's colleges were represented.

Two Hendrix Students Receive Awards

Two Hendrix seniors have recently been notified of outstanding awards.

Richard Moose of Heber Springs has been awarded a \$900 history scholarship from Vanderbilt University. He will enter the university

Holy Spirit, add persons to the Church, "strangely warm" all hearts, deepen the Christian fellowship, and send members out to witness for Christ and His redeeming love.

"Let district superintendents and secretaries of evangelism hold district and sub-district Pentecost-Aldersgate Rallies on that Sunday afternoon in large out-of-church public auditoriums or in open-air parks and stadiums, with every church having all members in attendance.

"On Sunday, June 28, let every church have an adequate observance of the 250th anniversary of John Wesley's birthday, with every member present and with a service centered on Methodism and Methodist membership and its meaning. Laymen should lead this service in circuit churches, where pastors cannot be present, and the 'Service of Worship' prepared for the occasion can be used with wonderful effect.

"Let every Methodist layman and minister, who can possibly do so, attend the great World Methodist Convocation of Evangelism in Philadelphia, Pa., June 26-28, that there may be launched from this Convocation and from every Methodist church on Sunday, June 28, spiritual fires and influences that may change the world."

next fall for graduate work in history.

Moose is president of Alpha Chi National Scholarship Society and a member of Blue Key National Leadership Fraternity. He was chosen last fall to appear in the national Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Dorothy Christopher of Conway has received an appointment to the Plymouth Drama Festival in Massachusetts and will spend five weeks there this summer in professional dramatics training.

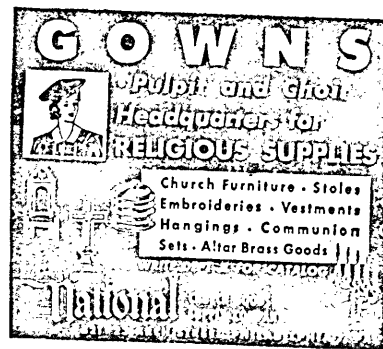
At Hendrix, where she is a speech major, she has had leading parts in numerous plays and musical dramas. She is a member of Alpha Psi Omega National Dramatics Fraternity and is secretary of the speech office. The 1953 Troubadour, the student yearbook, revealed her election as one of the four campus beauties and one of 13 outstanding students chosen by a faculty committee.

Martin Serves As Finance Consultant

E. Wainright Martin, Hendrix College treasurer, recently made a trip to Tennessee where he served for three days as finance consultant in a study of colleges in the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Martin was one of three consultants called in by the University Senate of the Methodist Church to visit all Methodist colleges in the conference and analyze their problems and possibilities. Heading the group was Bishop Short, presiding officer of the area.

Mr. Martin will return soon for a second meeting of the group.—Public Relations Office



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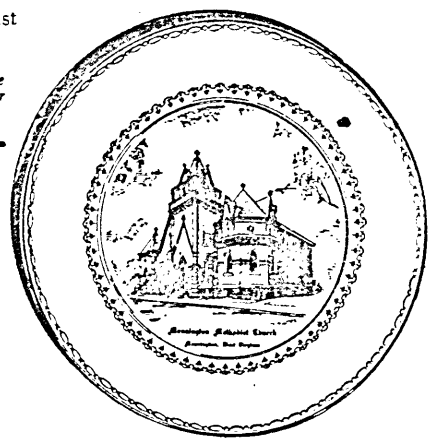
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LESSON FOR MAY 10, 1953

DO WE USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY?

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Acts chapters 25 through 28, Philippians 1:12-14. Printed text: Acts 28:14-24, 30-31.

GOLDEN TEXT: We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

This is the second lesson of our five-session Unit IX: "MY MINISTRY". The first lesson raised the question "Is Our Cause Bigger Than We Are?" We found that was certainly true in the case of Paul. We find him saying "I do not count 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." He put his cause above life itself. So it must be with us if we would be vital Christians. The cause of Christ must mean everything to us.

We need to keep constantly in mind the fact that the aim of the unit is "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."

The lesson today is a continuation of the thought of last Sunday. The theme is also in the form of a question, "Do We Use Every Opportunity?" If we faithfully practice the question of last Sunday; if we make the cause of Christ bigger than ourselves, we will naturally use every opportunity that comes our way to advance that cause.

A Look At The Scriptures

It will be well to read the entire Scripture assignment. In so doing one will get a connection of the narrative. The exposition here will deal primarily with the printed text. A brief outline of the Scripture other than that text is as follows: Acts 25: 1-5, Festus becomes governor; Acts 25: 6-8, Paul again pleads "Not guilty"; Acts 25: 9-12, Paul appears to Caesar; Acts 25: 13-21, Festus tells Herod Agrippa about Paul; Acts 25: 22-27, He brings Paul before Agrippa; Acts 26: 1-32, Paul tells the story of his life; Acts 27 tells of Paul's voyage to Italy. Just prior to Paul's voyage to Rome he had been a prisoner in Caesarea for a couple of years. He went to Rome as a prisoner. The ship on which he traveled left Caesarea sometime in A. D. 60. It stopped at several ports along the way. In practically every one of these ports there were Christian churches. Paul was permitted to visit these churches. The ship encountered bad weather and much time was lost. Finally the travelers came to Fair Havens which was a port on the coast of the Island of Crete. Paul tried to get the captain to tarry there for the winter but he refused to do so. From Crete they headed for the Island of Melita (now called Malta). Just before reaching this island they ran into a terrible storm. For a period of two weeks the ship wallowed in a storm-tossed sea and neither sun nor stars were visible. The ship was finally wrecked just off the shores of Melita but

all on board were saved. The ship was lost. They tarried on this island for three months, or until Spring came. Paul performed many wonderful cures here. He won the high favor of all around him. In the Spring they took another ship and again headed for Rome. They reached the city of Puteoli on the coast of Italy 130 miles south of Rome. The remainder of the journey was made on land. Paul found a strong Christian church at Puteoli and tarried there a week.

They next came to the Market of Appius which was 40 miles south of Rome. A group of Christians in Rome who had heard of Paul's coming met them there. Their next stop was at Three Taverns which was 30 miles south of Rome. Another group of Christians from Rome met them at this place. The next stop was Rome.

Paul At Rome

For many years Paul had longed to go to Rome. He once said, "I must see Rome and preach the gospel there." Several years before going to Rome as a prisoner he had written a letter to that church. In our New Testament it is entitled "Romans". It is the greatest treatise on Christian theology ever to be written. Paul, therefore, was no stranger when he arrived at Rome. The Christians there had long known him by reputation.

Rome was the center of the world of that day; she was the proud mistress of the world. There was never before and there has never been since an empire equal to that ruled over by the Caesars from Rome. There was a strong Christian church at this place. No one knows who established it. It is thought that people who were present from Rome at the Jewish Passover Feast during which Christ was crucified and who tarried in Jerusalem until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, returned to Rome and established this church. Anyway, it was a strong church at the time Paul went to Rome as a prisoner.

Though Paul had longed for many years to go to Rome he never dreamed that he would go there as a prisoner. That was a great shock to him. He went there in chains. This handicap would have stopped any person of less faith, courage, and determination than Paul. The cause of Christ had become so important to him that he placed it far above health, comfort and even life itself. He felt so strongly about this matter that he never let an opportunity to do something about this great cause pass. Regardless of what people of lesser convictions may do, the themes of the first two lessons of this unit were perfectly fulfilled in the life of Paul. He put the cause of Christ ahead of everything else

and he never missed an opportunity for advancing that cause.

Jewish Leaders Come To Paul

The great Apostle had no time to waste. Within three days after arriving at Rome he was already established in his own rented house and had extended an invitation to the Jewish leaders of Rome to meet him there. Note the fact that these were not Jews who had been converted to the Christian Religion. Paul had already met with these people along with a large number of Gentiles who had also accepted Christ. There were many Jews in Rome at this time. They had several synagogues there. Leaders from all these synagogues came to Paul.

Paul's object in calling these leaders together was to try to convince them that Jesus was the promised Messiah for whom the Jews had been waiting for many years. We are told that a whole day was spent in this conference. At the close of the meeting as was usually the case, many of the Jews believed while others believed not. One thing we note, however, is the fact that the Jews who did not believe did not give Paul the trouble here as the unbelieving Jews had done in Jerusalem, Antioch, Ephesus, and Corinth.

It seems that Paul was imprisoned in Rome on two different occasions. At the close of his last imprisonment he was beheaded there. Both of these imprisonments were supposed to have lasted for periods of two years each. The one of our lesson was the first. We have no record in the Bible of the second. Fairly well established tradition, however, tells of both of them with a two-year period of freedom between them. During the two years of freedom Paul was supposed to have gone to Spain and revisited Ephesus.

During these two periods of imprisonment Paul did some of his greatest work. The Roman law required that each prisoner have a soldier to guard him, and it also made provision for having a different soldier each day. This was to prevent the prisoner and soldier from becoming too friendly. This custom gave Paul a wonderful opportunity. He bent every effort to reach these soldiers day by day for Christ. He succeeded in reaching many of them and they in turn went out to reach others. Thus a great revival broke out right in the very palace of Caesar. Paul never missed an opportunity to reach others for Christ. He had a passion for the lost. Nothing but death itself could prevent him from carrying on this work.

Not only did Paul reach a great number of these guards but he was allowed a great deal of freedom. He had his own home and people were permitted to come and go at will in this home. This gave the great Apostle a wonderful opportunity to reach scores of people, and in many cases, people of high rank who had a lot of influence in the city.

Paul wrote some of his greatest letters during these two periods of imprisonment. During the one of our study today he wrote the Epistles to the Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. Ephesians is said to be the most profound letter in all literature. During Paul's second imprisonment he wrote two Epistles to Timothy, one to Titus, and a short note to Philemon.

The one quality above all others that stands out in Paul's life was his passion for the lost. When he was converted on the road to Damascus he saw a vision. He looked the risen

Christ in the face and received a charge from him. Years later when he was pleading his case before Agrippa he went on to say "Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." No doubt that vision included a penitent world bowing at the feet of the crucified and resurrected Son of God. Paul could never be happy unless he was bringing people to Christ. They could oppose him and many times attempt to kill him, but he never ceased to love them and to do his best to lead them to Christ. He was the one person above all others who never let an opportunity to witness for his Saviour pass. If Christians everywhere today would practice this principle as faithfully as did Paul before this generation passed all people would have had an opportunity to either accept or reject the Lord. We are too careless with our responsibilities. We are altogether too indifferent about our religion. We are living at a time when the Church needs to be at its very best. The hope of the world lies at this point.

Under no circumstances must we permit the votaries of Communism to become more passionate over their cause than we are over Christianity. If that time ever comes, the doom of the world will be sealed and the advancement made by numerous generations at terrific sacrifice will be lost. We cannot afford to permit this thing to happen. We must be fair to those who have gone before us. Above all things, we must rededicate and reconsecrate our lives to the unfinished task that lies before us; that of building God's Kingdom on earth.

We must not only witness by word of mouth. Talk is often cheap. Deeds of life are what count most in this struggle of right against wrong. What we do speaks so loudly that people cannot hear what we say. Paul was very eloquent, but his efforts did not cease with mere words. He was the most active Christian that the Gospel of Christ ever produced. He came into the Kingdom of God with two questions upon his lips. The first was, "Who are you, Lord?" He wanted to make sure that he was following the right Master. Then, the second was, "What do you want me to do?" He did not have the idea of coming into the Kingdom and sitting down. He came into the Kingdom to find something to do. He wanted to pool his efforts along with others in the making of a better world. That attitude will always win. Efforts of that nature will always pay big dividends. Modern Christians need more of the courage, faith, energy, determination, and love that throbbed in the heart of this great man. With that type of Christianity we will win. With anything less than that we will fail. May God help us in our generation to use every opportunity for the advancement of the cause of Christ, and may he inspire us to create these opportunities rather than waiting for them to come our way.

A potted plant ceases to grow, withers, and dies if it is not often repotted, tended, and given space in which to expand; in a similar manner, the child needs new experiences, open fields to explore, and freedom from the limited confines of sense knowledge.—Sister Agnes Lucile, Nazareth College, Louisville, Ky., "The Role of Aesthetics in Child Adjustment," Education, 12-'52