

This issue is the first of three special issues featuring the Annual Conference sessions of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area's three Conferences: the Louisiana Conference, the Little Rock Conference, and the North Arkansas Conference. Next week's issue will feature the Centennial session of the Little Rock Conference. The following week's issue will feature the 118th session of the North Arkansas Conference.

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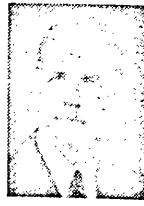
BROADMOOR METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT
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Broadmoor Methodist Church Host To Louisiana Conference

108th Session, May 26-29

BISHOP Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco will be the principal speaker at the Louisiana Annual Conference May 26-29 at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport.

Also scheduled to address the Louisiana ministers and laymen are Dr. Henry Bullock, Nashville, editor of church school publications and executive secretary of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education, and Robert G. Mayfield, Chicago, executive secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities.

Host for the meeting will be the Rev. Leonard Cooke, pastor of Broadmoor Church.

The conference will open at 2 p. m. Tuesday, May 26. M. E. Hurlbut, chairman of the official board of Broadmoor, will give the welcome.

Reports during the four day meeting will be made by conference boards and commissions. Bishop Paul E. Martin will read appointments in the concluding service at 11 a. m. Friday, May 29.

The Conference Youth Council will be installed at 7:15 p. m. after which the ordination service will be held.

Special music will be by the choirs of Centenary College, Broadmoor Church, and First Church, Shreveport.

The entertainment schedule calls for the Centenary College banquet at 6 p. m. Tuesday, conference trustees luncheon at noon Wednesday, luncheon for preachers' wives at First Church at 1 p. m. Wednesday, seminary banquets for Duke, Emory and Southern Methodist University alumni at 6 p. m. Wednesday, laymen's luncheon at 12:45 p. m. Thursday, and reception for the women in the home of Mrs. G. M. Anderson, at 2 p. m. Thursday.

The Broadmoor Methodist Church was organized in November of 1939 with 107 charter members. Rev. George Pearce Jr., was the first pastor and served the church for approximately three and one-half years.

At the time of the organization of the church the facilities of Centenary College were used, and the church home remained there for approximately 6 years.

The present pastor, Rev. Leonard Cooke, was appointed to the Church by Bishop A. Frank Smith in April of 1943, while the church was still meeting on the campus of Centenary College. The church has only had two pastors since its organization, Mr. Pearce who served for three and one-half years, and the present pastor who has been here for a little over ten years.

The ground-breaking ceremonies for the educational building were held at Annual Conference in November of 1944, Bishop Paul E. Martin being present for the ceremony. Neild and Somdal of Shreveport were the architects. The builder was the T. L. James Construction Company of Ruston, later changed to Southern Builders with headquarters in Shreveport. Opening services were held in the Educational Building in October of 1945. The membership of the church at the time was 698. The capacity of the Educational Building was 450. Bishop Martin dedicated the Educational Building in the fall of 1948.

Plans for the sanctuary were completed and accepted in 1950, Neild and Somdal again being the architects. The contract for the sanctuary was awarded to W. A. McMichael Construction Company of Shreveport in the fall of 1950. Opening services in the new sanctuary were held on January 13, 1952. It has a seating capacity of 750.

The present membership of the church is approximately 1800, and the total evaluation of church properties is approximately \$400,000. The total church school enrollment at the present time is 1337, being the fourth largest church school of any Methodist Church in Louisiana. The church is the seventh largest Methodist Church in membership in the state.

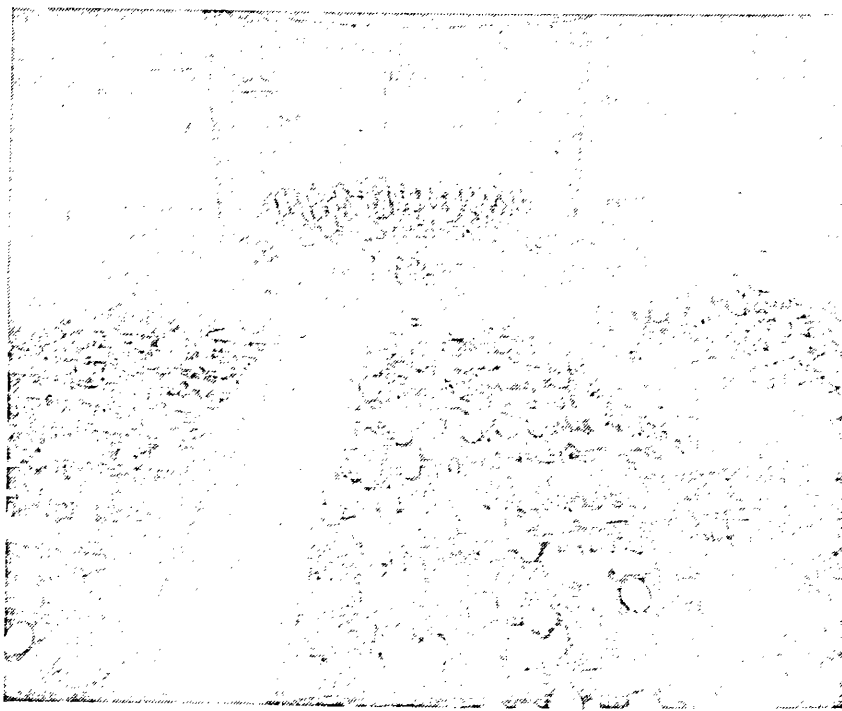
The educational building and the sanctuary are both of modern design.

The sanctuary is air-conditioned, as is also part of the educational building. Plans are under way for the completion of the educational building air-conditioning now. Future plans of the church include the erection of another educational building, and the purchase of additional properties for parking space.

As for the finances, several campaigns were conducted by the Church in its history. The monies for the educational building were raised largely from the membership of the church, with a small portion being given by outside friends of the congregation. In 1950 the church employed the Wells Organization to raise funds for the sanctuary. The amount of \$157,000 was subscribed in this campaign. A campaign has just been finished, conducted by the Official Board of the Church. The goal was an annual budget of \$75,000, which included funds for future expansion. This goal was exceeded by some \$12,000, the amount of \$87,000 having been pledged toward the Budget. G. M. Anderson was chairman of the Steering Committee in this campaign. R. F. Gates was the Campaign Chairman, and R. F. Daniels was the co-chairman, with W. L. Fisher as publicity director.

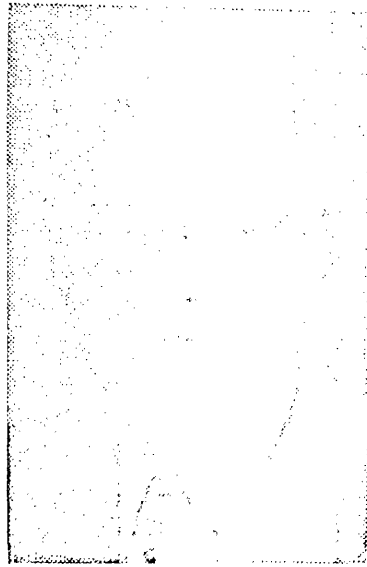
In the past Mr. Joe Lacy has served several times as chairman of the financial campaigns which the church has undertaken, and has done a most creditable job. In the campaign under professional guidance, G. M. Anderson was the Gen-

Interior View, Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport

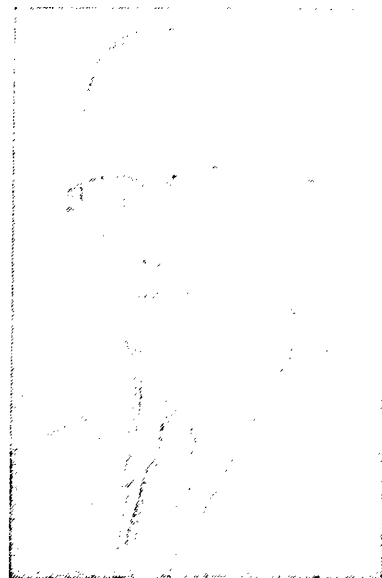


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Pictured on page 1 is the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, where the 108th annual session of the Louisiana Annual Conference will be held. Also pictured are the seven District Superintendents of the Conference. They are (l to r) Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Alexandria District; Rev. Edward W. Harris, Baton Rouge District; Rev. Karl Tooke, Lake Charles District; Rev. W. H. Giles, Monroe District; Rev. Virgil D. Morris, New Orleans District; Rev. George W. Pomeroy, Ruston District; and Rev. B. C. Taylor, Shreveport District.



REV. R. LEONARD COOKE
Broadmoor Pastor-Host



REV. B. C. TAYLOR
Shreveport District
Superintendent-Host

eral Chairman, Sam P. Love the chairman of the Big Gifts Committee, and V. F. Matthews as chairman of the weekly pledges division.

Those who have served in the capacity of chairman of the Official Board since the church was organized are I. R. Graves, F. R. Cothren, C. E. Ray, Jones Hightower, R. C. Bickham Jr., V. F. Matthews, J. L. Saxon, and M. E. Hurlbut.

Present church officials include: M. E. Hurlbut, Chairman Official Board; G. M. Anderson, Vice-Chairman; J. M. Steele, Church School Superintendent; F. V. Barnette, Chairman of Commission on Education; Mrs. Clyde Stallcup, President (Continued on page 15)

ARKANSAS METHODIST

Louisiana Annual Conference Program



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN
Arkansas-Louisiana Area
Presiding Officer

Bishop Martin will be presiding for the tenth time at a regular session of the Louisiana Annual Conference in the 1953 session. He was assigned to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area following his election to the Episcopacy in 1944 by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference. He has been reassigned twice to the Area for the quadrenniums 1948-52 and 1952-56. He and Mrs. Martin reside in Little Rock. Among Bishop Martin's other connectional responsibilities, he is Chairman of the General Board of Temperance and Chairman of the Local Church Division of the General Board of Education.

DR. HENRY M. BULLOCK is editor of church school publications and executive secretary of the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education. He was pastor of Capitol Street Methodist Church in Jackson, Miss., from 1949 until his new appointment in December of last year. He was admitted to the Methodist ministry in Florida in 1925, and was ordained an elder in 1929. His previous pastorates include Union City, Ga., Orlando and Tampa, Fla., Cheshire, Conn., and Natchez and Gulfport, Miss. From 1929 to 1935 he was professor of Bible at Blackburn College, Carlinville, Ill., and head of the Religious Department at Millsaps College, Jackson, 1935-42.

REV. HENRY M. BULLOCK
Representing Board of Education



MAY 21, 1953

MONDAY—MAY 25

- 2:00 P. M. Board Meetings
- 6:00 P. M. Board of Missions and Church Extension Supper
- 6:00 P. M. Board of Education Supper

TUESDAY—MAY 26

- 10:00 A. M. Board and Commissions
- 10:30 A. M. Board of Lay Activities
- 2:00 P. M. Roll Call
- 2:20 P. M. Welcome Mr. M. E. Hurlbut
- 2:40 P. M. Committee on Conference Relations (1) Rev. Don Risinger
- 3:00 P. M. Board of Missions (1) Rev. L. E. Douglas
- 3:20 P. M. Board of Education (1) Dr. Guy M. Hicks
- 4:00 P. M. Service of Commemoration Dr. N. H. Melbert
- 4:40 P. M. Announcements
- 4:50 P. M. Adjournment
- 6:00 P. M. Centenary College Banquet
- 7:30 P. M. Worship Service
- Centenary College Choir
- Guest Speaker — Bishop Donald H. Tippet

WEDNESDAY—MAY 27

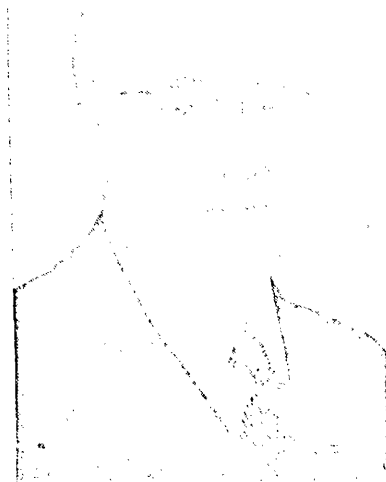
- 8:30 A. M. Devotional Dr. Henry Bullock
- 9:00 A. M. Board of Ministerial Training Dr. A. M. Serex
- 9:45 A. M. Board of Missions (2)
- 10:00 A. M. Recess
- 10:15 A. M. W. S. C. S. Report Mrs. Glen Laskey
- 10:40 A. M. Homes for Retired Ministers Rev. J. B. Grambling
- 11:00 A. M. Board of Education (2)
- 11:40 A. M. District Conference Records Rev. D. B. Boddie
- 11:50 A. M. Board of Evangelism Rev. R. M. Bentley
- 12:20 P. M. Insurance Committee Rev. Carl F. Lueg
- 12:30 P. M. Introduction of Visitors
- Special Announcements and Adjournment
- 12:30 P. M. Conference Trustees Luncheon
- 1:00 P. M. Luncheon for Preachers' Wives, First Methodist Church
- 2:00 P. M. Board Meetings
- 3:00 P. M. Accepted Supplies Rev. W. L. Doss Jr.
- 3:10 P. M. Conference Relations Rev. Don Risinger
- 3:20 P. M. Conference Claimants Rev. S. A. Seegers
- 3:30 P. M. Conference Trustees
- 3:35 P. M. Consecration of Directors Christian Education
- 3:45 P. M. Board of Hospitals and Homes Rev. E. P. Drake
- 4:00 P. M. Preaching Service Bishop Donald H. Tippet
- 4:30 P. M. Announcements and Adjournment
- 6:00 P. M. Seminary Banquets—Duke, Emory, S. M. U.
- 7:30 P. M. Worship Service
- First Methodist Church Choir
- Guest Speaker—Bishop Donald H. Tippet

THURSDAY—MAY 28

- 8:30 A. M. Devotional.....Robert G. Mayfield, Exec. Sec'y, Gen'l Board of Lay Activities
- 9:00 A. M. Board of Education (3)
- 9:15 A. M. Board of Temperance Rev. A. M. Freeman
- 9:45 A. M. Christian Literature Committee, The Louisiana Methodist and Methodist Information
- 10:00 A. M. Recess
- 10:15 A. M. Commission on Student Centers Dr. W. E. Trice
- 10:25 A. M. Town and Country Commission Rev. Robert Carter
- 10:40 A. M. Minimum Salary Committee Rev. W. D. Boddie
- 10:55 A. M. Hospitals and Homes (2)
- 11:10 A. M. World Service and Finance Dr. W. E. Trice
- 11:30 A. M. Board of Lay Activities and Stewardship Program—Mr. R. P. Lay, Chairman, Robert G. Mayfield, Speaker
- 12:30 P. M. Announcements and Adjournment
- 12:45 P. M. Laymen's Luncheon, Robert G. Mayfield, Speaker
- 2:00 P. M. Reception for ladies, honoring Mrs. Paul E. Martin, in home of Mrs. G. M. Anderson, 3632 Greenway
- 4:00 P. M. Preaching Service Bishop Donald H. Tippet
- 4:30 P. M. Announcements and Adjournment
- 7:15 P. M. Installation of Conference Youth Council
- 7:30 P. M. Ordination Service
- Broadmoor Methodist Church Choir
- Guest Speaker—Bishop Donald H. Tippet

FRIDAY—MAY 29

- 8:30 A. M. Devotional Bishop Paul E. Martin
- 8:50 A. M. Committee on Conference Relations and Recognition of Retiring Ministers and Wives
- 9:00 A. M. Interboard Council Dr. Bentley Sloane
- 9:10 A. M. Committee on Christian Vocations Rev. Don Wineinger
- 9:15 A. M. Pastors' School Announcements Rev. Earl B. Emmerich
- School of Missions Mrs. Glenn Laskey
- 9:25 A. M. Committee on Entertainment Dr. B. C. Taylor
- 9:35 A. M. Commission on World Service and Finance (2)
- 10:00 A. M. Recess
- 10:15 A. M. Report of Conference Treasurer and Statistician.....Rev. J. E. Hearn
- 10:35 A. M. Committee on Resolutions
- 11:00 A. M. Reading of Appointments
- Adjournment

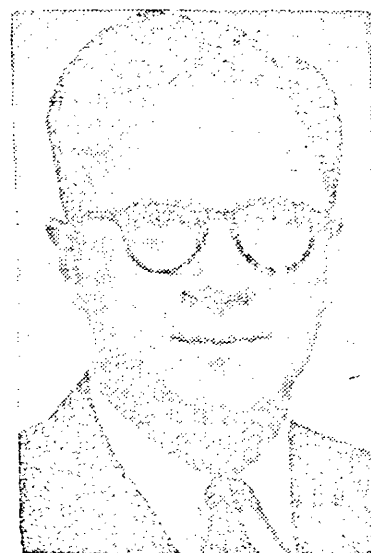


BISHOP DONALD H. TIPPETT
San Francisco Area
Conference Preacher

BISHOP DONALD H. TIPPETT is head of the San Francisco Area of The Methodist Church. Before being elected a bishop in 1948 he was minister of First Church, Los Angeles, and before that served in Denver, Columbus, and as pastor of Church of All Nations in New York City. He is the author of "The Desires of a Religious Man" and "The Vigil of the Cross with Tenebrae." He is a trustee of Iliff School of Theology in Denver and of College of the Pacific, Berkeley, California. He is president of the 30-member Methodist Radio and Film Commission, and is a member of the Board of Temperance.

ROBERT G. MAYFIELD, of Chicago, is executive secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church. The board works with 25,000 lay leaders in local churches throughout the nation, promoting the organization of Methodist Men's clubs, Christian stewardship, and the training of official board members. An attorney by profession, Mayfield left a successful law practice in 1949 to join the Board of Lay Activities, was later made executive secretary. A native of Lebanon, Mo., he holds the bachelor of arts and bachelor of law degrees from the University of Missouri. He retains his membership in the Missouri Bar Association.

ROBERT G. MAYFIELD
Representing Board of Lay Activities



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. W. J. WATSON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, will preach the commencement sermon for the North Little Rock High School on Sunday, May 24.

REV. C. H. HARVISON, pastor of the Gravette Methodist Church, preached the sermon for the Gravette High School class on Sunday, May 10.

REV. GEORGE STEWART, pastor of the Methodist Church at Atkins, preached the sermon for the graduating class of the Atkins High School on Sunday evening, May 17, at the Methodist Church.

DR. D. L. DYKES, JR., pastor of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of The Methodist Church of Russellville on Wednesday evening, May 20.

REV. BENNIE JORDAN, pastor of the Methodist Church at Monette, preached the sermon for the graduating class of the Monette High School on Sunday morning, May 17.

REV. ALBERT EVANS, senior ministerial student at Southwestern College, has accepted the position as pastoral assistant at the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, for the summer. Rev. Ralph Hillis is pastor.

REV. LUD H. ESTES, Memphis, Tennessee, secretary of The Methodist Church's General Conference, has returned home following a major operation and six weeks' convalescence at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis.

REV. O. C. BIRDWELL, pastor of the Mabelvale Methodist Church, will preach the sermon for the graduating class of the Mabelvale High School on Sunday evening, May 24, in the Mabelvale Baptist Church.

JAMES H. RICE was elected Church School superintendent of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, at the Fourth Quarterly Conference on Monday evening, May 4. Mr. Rice is connected with the Peoples National Bank of Little Rock.

DR. CARL D. SOULE, Field Secretary of the Board of World Peace of The Methodist Church, will speak in the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, on Wednesday evening, May 27, at 7:30 p. m.

A FAMILY NIGHT reception for new members of the church was held at the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, recently when Dr. Henry Goodloe, district superintendent of the Fort Smith District, was guest speaker of the evening. He talked on "The Meaning of Church Membership."

JOE STROUD, a student in the McGehee High School who was licensed to preach at the last District Conference, filled the pulpits at Winchester and Newton's Chapel of the Tillar-Winchester Charge on Sunday, May 10, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. C. Van Horn.

DR. JAMES W. WORKMAN of North Little Rock preached at the Wesley Methodist Church, Springdale, on Sunday evening, May 10, and baptized his grandson, James Robert, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Workman, Jr. Mr. Workman Jr., is pastor of Wesley Methodist Church.

BILLY FRED FORT of Fort Smith was presented the God and Country Award in Scouting on Sunday, April 26, at the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Alfred A. Knox. He is the first Boy Scout to receive this award at Goddard Memorial Church.

DR. PAUL W. HOOVER, 502 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, will be the examining physician for the Board of Conference Claimants for the session of the Little Rock Annual Conference. This board requires all ministers seeking retirement on physical disability to see Dr. Hoover.

DR. HARRY DENMAN, executive secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, will give the Pentecost Sunday

address on CBS Radio's "Church of the Air" Sunday, May 24. Music on the program will be sung by the First Methodist Church Choir of Birmingham, Alabama.

CHARLES STUCK, Methodist lay leader, was the principal speaker at the Methodist Men's meeting of the Paragould Circuit which was held at Pruett's Chapel on Thursday evening, May 7. Mr. Stuck, whose home is at Jonesboro, has returned from a trip to Europe and his talk centered around his impressions of conditions in that part of the world.

REV. H. W. JINSKE, pastor at Mountain View, on May 7 delivered the graduating address for the Timbo High School, which is a four-year consolidated high school about twelve miles from Mountain View. On Sunday, May 10, Mr. Jinske preached the sermon for the Big Flat High School. This is another four-year high school in Baxter County.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN dedicated Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edward W. Harris of Baton Rouge, in Christian baptism on Monday afternoon, May 18, at 2:00 o'clock in the chapel of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock. Mr. Harris is district superintendent of the Baton Rouge District of the Louisiana Conference.

THE COUPLES CLASS of the Monette Methodist Church recently sponsored the graving of an area back of the church to take care of growing parking needs. Members of the class hauled the gravel from Jonesboro in their own trucks. The project was part of an extensive effort at beautifying the church and parsonage grounds at Monette. Rev. Bennie Jordan is pastor of the church.

REV. EDWARD K. KNETTLER, of Philadelphia and Bristol, Penna., who has been assigned by the Methodist Church to organize Methodist missionary work on the Island of Taiwan (Formosa) reports that he has already found 170 Chinese Christians there who were formerly members of Methodist Churches on the China mainland. They had fled to Taiwan with the taking over of power by the communists. Mr. Knettlar has organized most of them into a congregation that meets each Sunday in the Taiwan buildings of Soochow University-in-exile.

C. N. CANNON, age 84, passed away at his home in Stephens on Thursday, May 14. Mr. Cannon was a Local Preacher in The Methodist Church and a licensed attorney, serving as city attorney at the time of his death. He was a brother of Rev. R. H. Cannon, retired member of the Little Rock Conference and of the late J. S. M. Cannon, superintendent for many years of the Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 16, in the Stephens Methodist Church under the direction of Rev. Doyle T. Rowe, pastor.

DR. CLOVIS G. CHAPPELL, widely-known preacher and writer, was guest preacher in a series of Family Week Revival services at the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, May 10-15. Dr. Chappell, who voluntarily retired from the pastorate in 1949 in order that he might give full time to preaching and writing has served some of the great Methodist Churches. His pastorates include Ft. Worth; Highland Park, Dallas; Mt. Vernon Place, Washington, D. C.; First Church, Memphis; Galloway Memorial, Jackson, Mississippi, and First Church, Charlotte, N. C.

CITY FIRMS HELP PRESERVE OLD-WORLD GARDEN IN METROPOLIS

The little graveyard at the back of the Chapel in which the body of John Wesley was laid to rest is being transformed into its proper condition, which is an eighteenth century English garden. Fierce and ugly railings which long surrounded the tomb have been removed and now it is surrounded by a border of lavender and roses.

Many business houses in the locality sub-

RADIO STATIONS SCHEDULE SPECIAL WHITSUNDAY BROADCAST

Eighteen radio stations in the Arkansas-Louisiana area have agreed to schedule a special Whitsunday Broadcast from Bristol, England, May 24 in connection with the worldwide emphasis on evangelism of The Methodist Church.

The program will begin the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, and will be an integral part of the radio and television coverage for the World Methodist Convocation on evangelism at Philadelphia June 26-28.

In addition to these transcribed broadcasts in the United States, the program will be broadcast around the world direct from Bristol.

The local schedules follow: (Sunday May 24) Arkansas: KVC, Arkadelphia, 9:30 p. m.; KAGH, Crossett, time to be set; KBLO, Hot Springs, 4 p. m.; KTHS, Little Rock, time to be set; KENA, Mena, to be set; KBTA, Batesville, 9:30 a. m.; KBTH, Jonesboro, 11 a. m.; KXJK, Forrest City, to be set; KOSE, Osceola, 2 p. m.; KPOC, Pocahtontas, 5:30 p. m.

Louisiana: KROF, Abbeville, 1:30 p. m.; WKIC, Bogalusa, 3 p. m.; KSIG, Crowley, 5 p. m.; KVOL, Lafayette, to be set; KJEF, Jennings, to be set; KNOW, Monroe, to be set; KRUS, Ruston, 3 p. m.

MINISTERS' WIVES' LUNCHEON

The North Arkansas Conference Dames will have their annual Conference luncheon on June 13 at 12:30 p. m. in the private dining room of the Mountain Inn in Fayetteville. An interesting and entertaining program has been arranged by the president, Mrs. Oscar Evanson of Waldron.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$1.50 and all who plan to attend are urged to make advance reservation by mailing their money for their ticket to Mrs. Jean Stewart, Box 596, Lepanto, Arkansas, at once.

NELLIE DYER RETURNS

Miss Nellie Dyer, Arkansas missionary who was released by the Communists in April, returned to her home state May 17, arriving at the Little Rock airport at 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

She was met by her mother, Mrs. Elisha Dyer of Conway, a sister who now lives in Joplin, Mo., and by some 250 friends and neighbors.

Miss Dyer was captured by the Communists when they invaded Korea in 1950. She had not seen her mother in six years, the last time being when she was home on furlough before going to Korea.

As a missionary in the Philippines, she was imprisoned by the Japanese in World War II.

scribe to keep the gardens of Wesley's Chapel beautiful. For many years it has been noted as a beauty spot in the heart of London.

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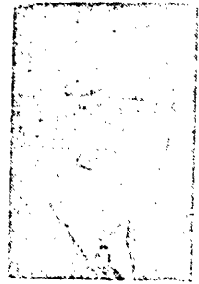
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EQUAL TO THE EMERGENCY

Do any of us feel strong enough to stand alone against the future? Are we not feeling about us for all our human supports? The lives of our children never seemed so dear as now. The eyes of the nation are focused on Washington for guidance and protection.



And when were we so haunted with the feeling that all these human helps are not enough?

What are some of the emergencies which confront us? Suppose another all-out war should come. Some phases of our life are already on a war basis. Thousands of young men have been taken from their regular activities. To have one's plans interrupted, to live without definite goals — that creates a situation in which most boys need more than their own strength to maintain their standards. To help youth hold its ideals when its hopes have been dashed, to keep young people from being bitter, is a task confronting the Church and the

American people.

It is sometimes argued that war brings out the idealism of men. It does in some, but it also unleashed greed. To keep the spirit of sacrifice in a time when greed tempts us — that is the challenge all of us must face.

How about another emergency? Suppose all-out peace should come? Would we be ready for that? Back in 1914 when the British foreign minister told the House of Commons that war was declared, he said that the nations of Europe had plenty of machinery for war, but none for peace.

Are we prepared for peace? We have set up a United Nations organization and other machinery for peace. I believe in these. But if we are to pin our hopes on such agencies we must change the spirit which underlies international law. Nothing less than a new spirit of cooperation and consecration can stabilize the stormy sea of society.

And here comes the challenge of religion. Suppose worst comes to worst for you or me. Are we equal to it?

In the story of "Robinson Crusoe" you may remember that soon after the hero was cast ashore, he was taken desperately sick. Groping about, he opened a chest which had been tossed on the beach beside him. His hand touched two things, a bottle of medicine and a Bible. Like most other human beings, he took the medicine first and then opened the Bible.

The passage to which the Bible opened was the fiftieth Psalm, the fifteenth verse: "Call on me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify my name." That was an epochal experience in the career of Robinson Crusoe.

It has been said, "No man has more religion than he can command in an emergency." Iron will can carry a man unflinching through trouble. But to come through our emergencies "more than conquerors," as Paul

HENDRIX COMPLETING PLANS FOR
LR CONFERENCE CENTENNIAL PAGEANT

Work of the Methodist circuit riders in Arkansas and an old time camp meeting will be among the historical scenes reproduced in a pageant here June 5 as part of the Methodist Little Rock Conference's centennial celebration.

Some 30 to 35 Hendrix College students with their director, Mrs. Capp Shanks, will remain in Conway for a week after classes are dismissed to put the finishing touches on rehearsals, bringing the production to Robinson Auditorium at 8 p. m. Friday, June 5.

At the request of the Little Rock Conference, the college earlier this year accepted responsibility for the pageant, which will depict the growth of Methodism in South Arkansas during the past 100 years. Titled, "The Living Years," it was written by Dr. Walter Moffet and Miss Vivian Hill, both of the Hendrix faculty. Mrs. Shanks, the director, is assistant professor of speech at the college.

Other faculty members assisting with technical production are Dr

Ashley Coffman, head of the music department, who will work out the hymns which will serve as background for the play; David Driesbach, head of the art department, who is designing the scenery; Miss Myrtle Charles, French teacher, who is in charge of properties; Miss Annie Maude McCorvey, of the home making department, designing costumes; and Miss Marie Williams, dean of women, who will make arrangements for housing, food and transportation for students remaining for rehearsal.

The pageant will highlight the annual conference here the week of June 3-7, but the general public is invited to its presentation. No admission will be charged.

Principal roles will be played by Jerry Delleny of Dallas and Jim Price of Conway. As a minister and a youth of the present, their dialogue will serve as a framework to present scenes of Methodist history in the Little Rock Conference since its first annual session at the old church at Washington in 1854.

said, to wring from suffering a stronger faith and a sweeter temper — that requires grace.

Some years ago I heard a lawyer say that his feeling about God was very much like an experience of his boyhood. His father took him as a little lad on a visit to New York City. In order to keep from getting lost in the crowds he held to his father's fingers. But after a while his legs grew tired and his grip on his father's fingers began to slip.

He looked up into his parent's face and said, "Father, you'll have to take hold of my hand. I can't hold on much longer."

Isn't that about the situation we are in now? We have been trying to hold to our ideals and hopes through two world wars and a continuing cold war. Our grips are beginning to slip. Our own strength is not equal to the emergencies which may come. We need a God who can take hold of us. And that is the kind of God we have — if we will put our hands in His.

Editorial:

Centennial Meeting Of The
Little Rock Conference

The Little Rock Annual Conference will meet in Centennial Session on Wednesday, June 3rd at The First Methodist Church in Little Rock, Bishop Martin, presiding. This will be a very significant conference in many ways.

Next week the Arkansas Methodist will have a special conference edition giving emphasis to this Centennial Meeting of the Little Rock Conference, which was organized in 1854 as the Ouachita Annual Conference at Washington in what is now Hempstead County. Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh was the presiding Bishop. The name of the conference was changed to the Little Rock Conference in 1866 at the Annual Conference which met that year at Arkadelphia.

One of the special features of the conference will be a pageant "The Living Years" commemorating the Centennial Year of the Little Rock Conference. This pageant will be given at the Robinson Auditorium in order to accommodate the crowd that is expected to attend. The time of the pageant will be 8:00 p. m. Friday, June 5th.

Friday is the day of the conference in which special emphasis will be given to the work of Lay Activities. A special hour at 11:05 o'clock in the morning session will be given to an emphasis on stewardship at which time the laymen will be in charge. In the afternoon session at 3:30 o'clock the Board of Lay Activities will make its report to the conference.

In order to have a large group of our lay workers from the local churches in the conference while the work of Lay Activities is being presented and in order to have large groups from every church in the Little Rock Conference present in the historical pageant Friday evening, pastors should make careful plans for the organ-

izing of groups in the local churches to attend these meetings before leaving for the Annual Conference session. It is expected that a large number will be present from the North Arkansas Conference for the pageant Friday evening. Laymen of the Little Rock Conference will have a special dinner at the noon hour Friday.

The beautiful, spacious educational building at First Church, the seat of the conference, will be dedicated at the 11:00 o'clock hour, Sunday, May 31, just ahead of the opening of the conference on Wednesday. This is an accomplishment by Arkansas Methodism's "Mother Church" of which we may all be proud.

Area Has Had One
Of Top Ten Pulpiters

ARKANSAS and Louisiana Methodism has been very fortunate during recent weeks to have had Dr. Ralph Sockman, noted American Methodist preacher, for two series of lectures. A few weeks ago Dr. Sockman delivered the Jones Lectures at the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, and this past week he was the Raney Lecturer at the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, in Little Rock. In both instances he was heard with appreciation by large congregations not only by Methodists and friends of the two cities where the lectures were delivered but also persons who visited the two cities for the express purpose of hearing him.

Dr. Sockman was recently named by Life magazine as one of the ten outstanding preachers of all denominations and faiths in America today, and those who were fortunate enough to hear him during his visit to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area can very well testify to the reason why he was so named. Any attempt to analyze his preaching would be incomplete, yet his coming and his sermons were a blessing to all who heard him. Dr. Sockman's sermons

were simple yet profound, scripturally centered yet related in a marvelous way to life today. Every listener felt that what he was saying was intended for him personally.

We are confident that we speak for Methodists of both states when we speak words of sincere appreciation to Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans, and the three Raney families of Little Rock for their making it possible to have this noted preacher for these two series of lectures. The Jones Lectureship was given by Mrs. Jones in memory of her husband, the late Mr. C. I. Jones, while the Raney Lectures were given by three of the sons of Mrs. T. J. Raney and the late Mr. T. J. Raney, and their families, honoring Mrs. Raney and in memory of Mr. Raney. This seems to us to be one of the finest expressions of honor that one can give and those who have been helped by Dr. Sockman's coming are indebted to Mrs. Jones and the Raney family for this spiritual treat.

Readers of this publication have the opportunity of reading Dr. Sockman's weekly column "A Lift For Living" which appears in each issue on this page. Dr. Sockman is also heard over many of the stations of the National Broadcasting Company's "Church of the Air" each Sunday morning, for which he has been the preacher for many years.

REGISTRATION EXCEEDS 2000 FOR
PHILADELPHIA MEET

(The following is from a wire concerning progress in promoting Methodism World Convocation, June 26-28, in Philadelphia.)

Registration for Philadelphia World Convocation already exceeds two thousand. Indications are that several thousand more will register. Looking forward to great fellowship, outstanding program, extraordinary celebration of 250th anniversary of John Wesley's birth. Philadelphia expects 67,000 capacity attendance Franklin Field Sunday afternoon with Fred Waring 5,000 voice choir leading singing.—Committee of Fifty, Joseph H. Edge, Registrar

India Urged To Reconsider Missionary Policy

THE 53rd Syrian Christian Congress, meeting near Trivandrum, India, asked the Indian government to reconsider its policy on foreign missionaries. This policy limits evangelical activity to Indians and permits foreign missionaries to perform only educational, social welfare and medical functions. Congress delegates declared unanimously that the government's stand was contrary to India's constitution. Considerable discussion has been stirred in Christian circles by the government policy. In April, Archbishop Ludwig Mathias of Madras charged that it is "inconsistent" with the constitutional provisions for religious freedom. Most foreign churchmen emphasize that missionaries are first and last evangelists, even if they perform other functions. Any restriction on the activities of foreign missionaries, they say, would affect greatly the policy of churches which send missionaries to India. Missionary leaders, however, make a distinction between evangelism and proselytization and condemn those missionaries who use "questionable" methods to convert Indians to Christianity. The government's stand was recently described in the Indian Parliament in response to questions from one member who said he had received complaints about the proselytization methods of some Christians.

The government's view of missionary work is that it should be carried on by Indian citizens who can impart a sense of nationhood among the country's diverse peoples.

Aircraft Factory
Employees Building Chapel

Work is nearing completion at San Diego, California on a chapel built by employees of an aircraft factory. The chapel was suggested to workers at the Solar Aircraft Co. last year by its president, Edmund T. Price. Long interested in the idea, Price said he would donate land, plans and materials for the church if they would build it on their own time. The response was so good that work began a month after Mr. Price proposed the idea — the day before Christmas 1952. Donald Campbell, La Jolla Architect, donated the plans for the Mediterranean-style building which will seat about 100 persons. Solar Aircraft employees organized in a council manage the building project and Vice Admiral Wilder D. Baker, USN ret.), assistant to Mr. Price, is the coordinator. Since the work began large numbers of the company's several thousand employees have taken part. Every Saturday a group of employees, including sometimes both top company executives and the newest factory

trainees, gather at the plant to work on the structure.

Congress Gets New Clergy Security Bill

A bill to extend social security coverage to clergymen on a purely voluntary basis has been introduced in the House by Rep. John E. Fogarty D.-R.I.). Mr. Fogarty said that his measure (H. R. 5041) is designed to overcome a major objection to three previous bills introduced in the present session of Congress. It would not treat clergymen as employees and would make their participation completely voluntary, on an individual basis. The bill also would provide that a church or religious organization which initially approved social security coverage for its clergy could withdraw from the program after a trial period. The earlier bills were introduced by Reps. Albert Rains D.-Ala.), Robert W. Kean (R.-N.J.), and John F. Shelley (D.-Calif.). "Coverage of ministers of religion has been discussed for several years," Mr. Fogarty said. "Many have talked with me about the problem. The difficulty has always been working out a satisfactory formula."

FIVE METHODIST MISSIONARIES RETURN FROM COMMUNIST PRISON CAMP

By W. W. REID

Five Methodist missionaries, a Roman Catholic priest, and a Chicago businessman, interned in a communist prison camp in North Korea for almost three years, touched American soil and freedom at Idlewild Airport, New York City, on Wednesday, May 13. They had been liberated by the Chinese communist forces "at the good offices of the Soviet government"—reported to be a part of the wider "peace offensive" by the new leaders of Russia.

The returning missionaries — looking well despite their harrowing years — were given heroes' welcome at Idlewild by friends, staff members of the Board of Missions, relatives, the press, and a section of the general public. In fact, they were somewhat bewildered by the unaccustomed greeting: the demands of newsreel and radio and camera operators for them to pose in this and that position; to say something into the "mike"; and to answer a host of questions in a press interview.

The Methodist mission- Mr. Louis
aries, all of whom were captured on
June 25, 1950, when the North Kor-
eans first made their dash into Song-
do (Kaesong) and southward, were:

Miss Nellie Dyer of Conway, Ark.
Miss Bertha A. Smith of Marshall,
Missouri

Rev. Lawrence A. Zellers of Weatherford, Texas, whose wife is now in Langdale, Alabama.

Rev. A. Kristian Jensen, of New Cumberland, Pa., whose wife, son, and daughter are now living in Madison, N. J.

With these Methodist missionaries — in prison camp and in the long flight to America — were the Rev. William R. Booth, of New York, a Maryknoll Father; and Louis L. Dans, a Chicago businessman.

When the Methodist group were captured, it chanced that Dr. Jensen was visiting in Songdo, but his wife remained in Seoul. It chanced also that Mr. Zellers' wife — whose station was in Songdo — was visiting in Seoul. So neither wife was captured and both were later evacuated to the United States. Mrs. Jensen and her son and daughter were at the airport to meet "Kris" when the giant Pan-American liner arrived. Illness prevented Mrs. Zellers from meeting her husband in New York. Miss Rosser was met by a sister; and Father Booth by his aged mother.

After their "round" with photographers and reporters, four of the returning missionaries were taken by the staff of the Board of Missions to the Prince George Hotel, New York City, and will later be sent to their respective homes on furlough. Dr. Jensen went to Madison, N. J., with his family.

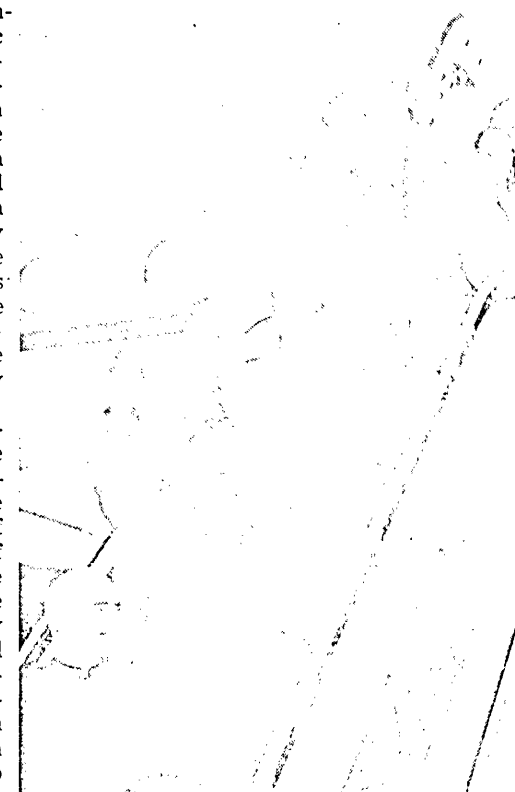
Someone spoke of the arrival of the missionaries at Idlewild as a kind of "resurrection from the dead." Unheard from during two and a half years, friends and relatives feared that the missionaries could not stand the strain of long imprisonment — if they had not actually been put to death. They reported,

however, that, though food had been meagre and very poor most of the time, no actual physical violence had been done to them. And last August — when first thought of releasing them appears to have occurred to their captors — “they began to feed us up — plenty of food though often not the kind we should have had.”

All arrived in relatively good physical condition. Their prison clothes — what they had worn when captured, now reduced to tatters — had been replaced by better, even though generally ill-fitting clothes, furnished by their captors. They had made the long journey across Manchuria and Siberia to Moscow by railroad "but never felt certain of safety until they were out of communist territory." The Russians sent them by plane from Moscow to Berlin and Frankfurt — where Methodist friends assisted them — and then the U. S. Department of State sent them to New York via Amsterdam and Glasgow. They arrived without passports or luggage or money — but friends ministered to their needs en route.

When they were first arrested, say the returnees, they were treated as military prisoners (America being at war with North Koreans) and treatment was harsher than in more recent months. Medicine was lacking though Miss Rosser, a nurse could minister to some of their needs; Dr. Kisch, who was with them, was not permitted to care for the ill, and was himself ill. Perhaps the worst time came when the whole camp had to trek over a hundred miles to a new location when U. N. forces got too close. On that march, they say, two civilians and about one hundred Korean and American soldiers died from the hardships.

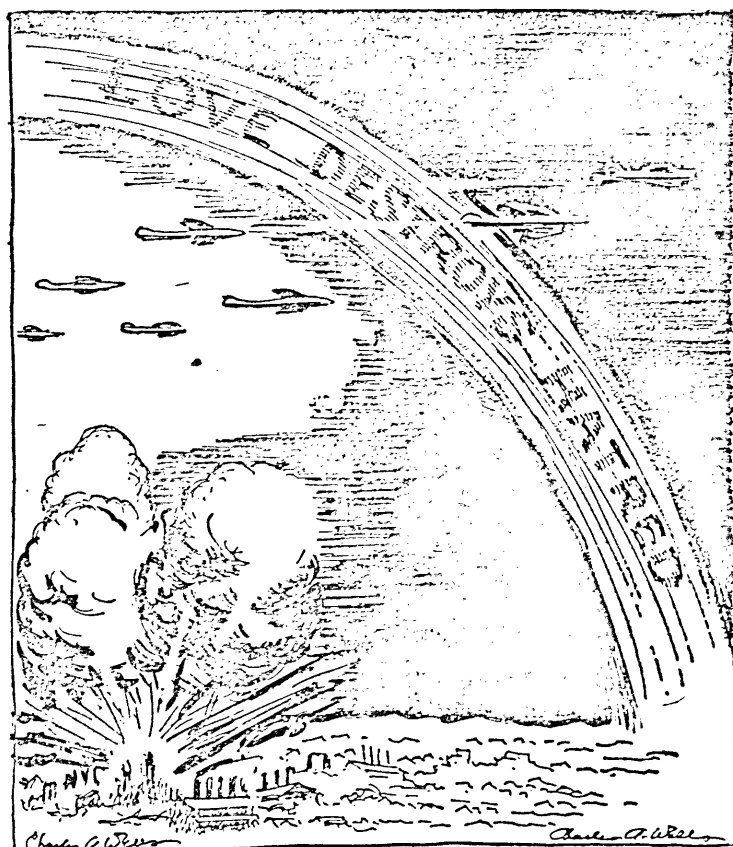
Attempts were made in camp, they said, to indoctrinate the prisoners with communist propaganda, but this all failed. "However, it did give us some amusement and helped relieve the monotony," one said.



Left to right: Rev. William R. Booth; Miss Nellie Dyer, Rev. Anders Kristian Jensen, Miss Helen Rosser, Miss Bertha A. Smith, Rev. Lawrence A. Zellers, and Mr. Louis L. Dans.

THE ETERNAL RAINBOW

Chas. A. Wells



South Central Jurisdiction Leadership School

A two-weeks' leadership school for the South Central Jurisdiction will be held July 20-31 at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville. Courses will be offered for workers with all age groups.

The school, held annually, is planned primarily for the following persons: Conference staff members; district and sub-district directors of youth work or of adult work; district directors of general church school work; district superintendents and pastors; directors of Christian education; church school superintendents; certified instructors; and other resource leaders in Christian education.

The Laboratory School will offer the following courses:

Nursery, Mrs. J. H. Monday; Kindergarten, Miss Inez Brantner; Primary, Miss Mattie Lula Cooper; Junior, Miss Dale C. Keeler; Intermediate, Mrs. Bob O. Clark; and Senior, Miss Aileen M. Sanborn.

Workshops for directors of Christian education will have as instructors the Rev. Walter Towner, the Rev. R. G. Belcher, the Rev. Robert S. Clemmons, Mrs. Harvey W. Couch, the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, Dr. D. L. Dykes, Dr. Mary Alice Jones, Dr. Donald M. Maynard, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Cole Watkins.

Special workshops, for district and conference directors, will be on children's work, led by Dr. Mary Alice Jones; youth work, A. Argyle Knight, adult work, Miss Doris P. Dennison, and general church school work.

Other courses will include:

Teaching Theology to Children, Dr. Jones; Youth and the Church Today, the Rev. Joe Bell; Psychology of Adults, Dr. Howard Grimes;

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL INSTITUTES IN PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

The Vacation Church School institutes were held in the Pine Bluff District on April 13th at Stuttgart, and April 14th at Pine Bluff. There were fifty persons attending the institute in Stuttgart, representing seven churches, and at Lakeside in Pine Bluff there were sixty persons in attendance, representing ten churches.

Rev. A. C. Carraway led the opening worship service in Stuttgart, and Mrs. A. R. Jenson in Pine Bluff. Mrs. James Yeates closed both meetings with a brief period of dedication of the workers. The following leaders were in charge of the departmental groups:

Kindergarten—Mrs. J. L. Yeates

Primary—Mrs. Ralph Bonar

Junior—Mrs. Edward Vinson

The women in the local churches, where the meetings were held, served a delicious lunch each day. Rev. J. L. Dedman, District Superintendent, was most cooperative in promoting the institutes.

The leaders of the institutes closed the two days of strenuous work saying, "We had two wonderful days, only wish they had been longer." This is the fine spirit of service which activates so many of our fine children's workers, as they give freely and joyously of their time and talents that little children may be led to Christ.—Mrs. W. F. Bates

Adults in Christian Community Relations, the Rev. R. Delbert Byrum; The Work of the Local Church, Dr. Meredith F. Eller; The Work of the District Superintendent, Bishop Paul E. Martin; Developing Lay Leaders in the Local Church, the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham; Young Adult Work, the Rev. Robert S. Clemmons; Parents Understanding Their Children, Dr. Donald M. Maynard; The Making of the English Bible, Dr. Meredith F. Eller; How to Study the Bible, Dr. Eller; and The Home and Church, Dr. Maynard.

Information on registration may be obtained from the conference executive secretaries: the Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Exchange Building, Little Rock, Ark.; Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Hendrix Station, Conway, Ark.; and Dr. Bentley Sloane, P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport, La.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Sophomore Council Selected

Newly appointed members of the Hendrix College Sophomore Council have been announced by Miss Marie Williams, dean of women. Members are selected each spring from the freshmen women on a basis of their outstanding scholastic and extracurricular activities.

Genie Comer of El Dorado will head the group next fall. Assisting her are Susie Couch of El Dorado; Mary Sue Smith, Pine Bluff; Mary Lee Holmes, Patsy Courtney, and Mary Bess Flack, Little Rock; Beth Bridges, Hope; Sybil Blankenship, Warren; Meredith Miller, DeWitt; Beth Buckley, Blytheville, and Dorothy Johnson, Dyess. The Council will begin its duties this summer through correspondence with each of the freshmen women.

Women's Dormitories Elect

Officers of the Hendrix College women's dormitories have been elected by residents of each hall. Peggy Tull of Benton and Jackie Lou Bell of Ft. Smith were elected presidents of Galloway and Millar Halls respectively.

Others elected to serve on the Galloway Hall council are Mary Bess Flack of Little Rock, secretary, and Mildred Baugh of De Queen, treasurer. Dicksey McGaughey of Harrison was appointed social chairman and Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Raymond and George Thompson were elected faculty sponsors.

Members of the Millar Hall house council are Anne Barker of Ft. Smith, vice-president; Beth Rhiddlehoover of Hot Springs, secretary, and Nancy Legg of Conway, treasurer. Mary Margaret Bird of Earle and Janet Williams of Hot Springs were appointed social chairmen and Miss Vivian Hill will be faculty sponsor.

Outstanding Junior and Senior Elected

Mary Margaret Bird of Earle and Patsy Bennett of Little Rock have been elected outstanding junior and senior women respectively at Hendrix. They were chosen at a meeting of the junior and senior women recently.

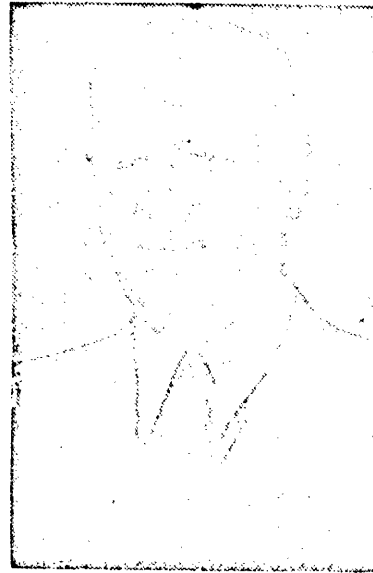
Outstanding Sophomores Chosen By Key Organizations

Florence Ross of Little Rock and Jack Hamman of Jonesboro have

DR. HICKS AT MALVERN

Dr. John H. Hicks, professor of Old Testament in the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, spent three days in a Bible conference at Malvern, May 3-5. Rev. Van W. Harrell, the pastor, and his workers had planned well for the conference, and Dr. Hicks was at his best as he presented "The Old Testament in the Life of Today," to an unusually large and responsive group. In spite of adverse weather conditions, there were fifty-nine credits issued with a much larger number in part-time attendance.

In his captivating manner, Dr. Hicks did much to make the Old Testament a vital and modern book, and to stimulate an interest in its further study. This body of ancient literature will have a new message for those who heard this prophetic scholar unfold its meaning and significance for our day. Brother Harrell is to be congratulated for making this opportunity available to his



DR. JOHN H. HICKS

church and congregation.—Roy E. Fawcett

THE METHODIST SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Nashville, Tenn.—"A promising recent development of the expanding church school is the endeavor to recapture Sunday night for the Church," said the Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education, in his annual report to the Board meeting in Nashville recently. "The Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship, launched several years ago, has made progress. It now has basic guidance literature and a periodical carrying references to program materials."

"But there are thousands of our churches that are dark on Sunday night," the report continues. "The Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship has still to win its way. The warm support which many of our top leaders are giving to the movement can undoubtedly be taken as a prophecy of ultimate widespread success for this venture. It merits enthusiastic support."

Guidance literature includes *The Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship Manual* (order from Methodist Publishing House, price 50 cents) and a number of leaflets, printer's mats and stencil insets promoting the enterprise. The latter are listed in Leaflet No. 42-B, free from the Service Department, Post Office Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee. The Editorial Division of the Board of Education issues a quarterly periodical, *Sourcebook*, that contains sources for program materials for the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship. This may be obtained from the Methodist Publishing House serving you, for 45 cents.

The fact that the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship is listed in the new *Discipline* as one of the activities of the church school is evidence of its importance, Mr. Towner said.

been named outstanding sophomore girl and boy of the year at Hendrix.

In selecting the outstanding boy and girl special emphasis is placed upon character, personality, scholarship and contributions to campus life.

ONE-TEACHER SCHOOLS INCREASING

Nashville, Tenn. — During March and April, 37 accredited one-teacher leadership schools have been held throughout the church, according to records of the Leadership Education Department of the Board of Education.

The one-teacher schools are becoming popular in both large and small churches, it was said by the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the department. During the past four years the number of these schools has increased from 257 in 1949 to 506 in 1952. The most popular courses taught in them are "The Educational Work of the Small Church" and "How to Teach in the Church School."

"The Leadership Education Department has proceeded on the assumption that the local church is the home base of leadership education," Mr. Cunningham said. "We are convinced that every church has within its present and prospective membership the potential leaders it needs for a rich and effective program of Christian teaching. Furthermore, every local church is responsible for developing an adequate program for the continuous discovery, enlistment and training of the workers needed. The one-teacher school can be used by any church as one method of training its own leaders."

Plans Study Of Protestant Conversions

The effectiveness of religious conversion in Protestant churches and organizations which emphasize the need for such experiences will be studied by Norris A. Magnuson, Jr. at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn., who has been awarded an undergraduate research stipend from the Social Science Research Council for this purpose. Case studies, interviews, church records and other sources will be used in the project. Magnuson is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. George Magnuson, Davenport, Iowa.

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