

This issue is the third 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. This week's issue features the 118th session of the North Arkansas Conference.

# Conference Issue

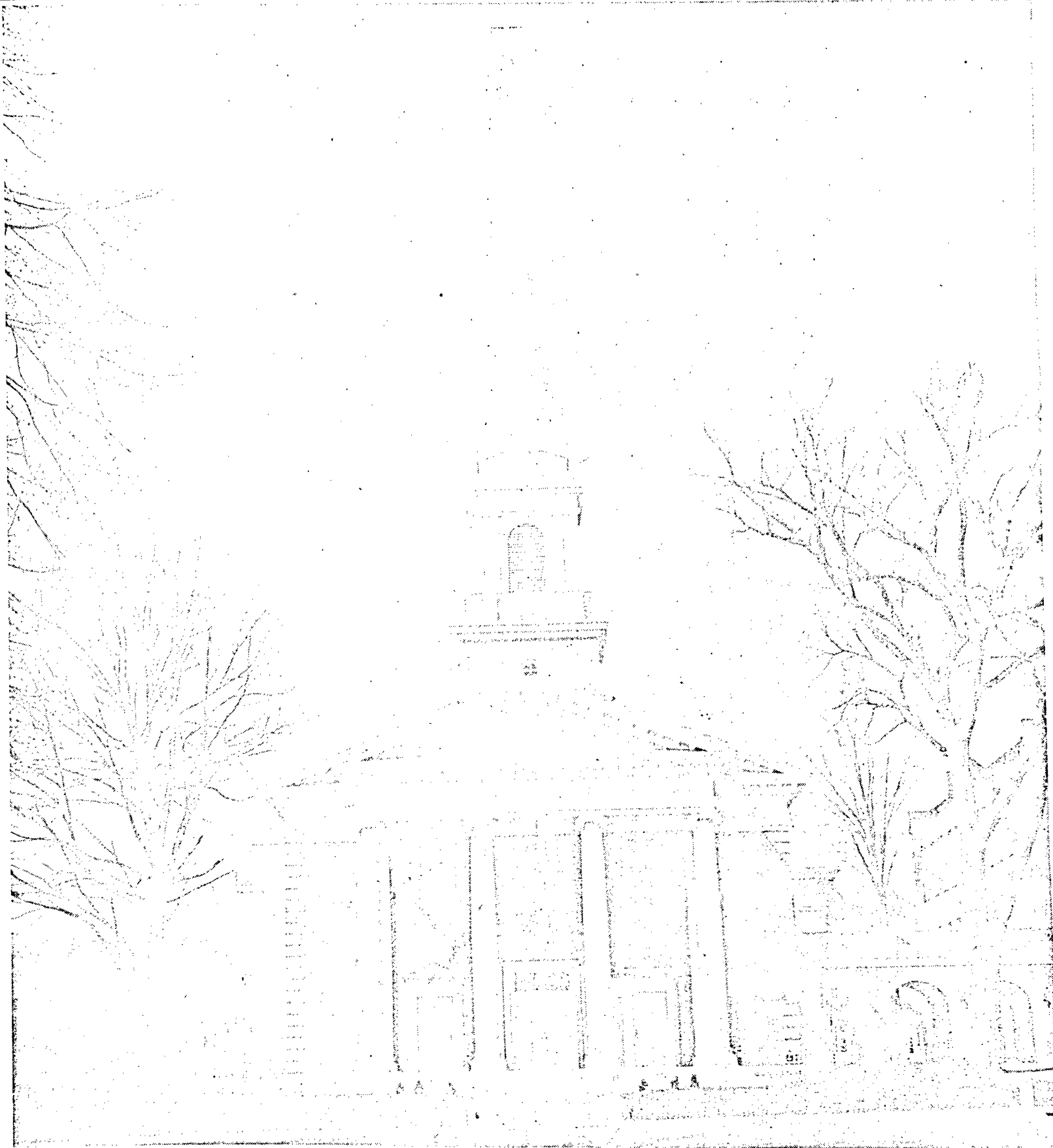
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CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE, WHERE SESSIONS OF  
NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD

# Central Methodist Church

## Fayetteville Entertains

### Annual Conference

**T**HE new sanctuary at Central Methodist Fayetteville in which the North Arkansas Conference will convene June 10 is one of the most beautiful in Methodism. Completed and occupied on March 22 of this year, it cost a total of approximately \$400,000.00 of which approximately \$290,000.00 has been paid in cash since June 1950.

The overall length of the building is 210 feet and the width is 80 feet. The Sanctuary proper is built in the form of a cross; the main part of the worship area, or the nave, and the chancel area form the upright part of the cross and the transepts from the cross arms. The nave and chancel are 148 feet in length and the transepts are 80 feet in width. The ceiling at the center of the church is 35 feet in height. It has 1,359 lineal feet of pew space which will seat 1014 persons; plus 49 in the choir and chancel making a total of 1063 seating capacity. The divided chancel with the lectern on the left and the pulpit on the right and with the divided choir is expressive of the fact that neither pulpit, the choir, nor even the Bible is the center of worship; but that the communion table and the cross are the worship center. This is in the true Protestant tradition.

The cross shown in the cover picture at the top of the spire is 124 feet from the street and measures 6 feet in height. It is made of stainless steel over 4 inch channel iron.

The cross in the worship center shown on this page, is also 6 feet in height and is finished in white enamel and red mahogany. On its four arms are the four apostolic symbols; the winged man for Matthew; the lion for Mark; the ox for Luke and the eagle for John. At the center of the cross arms meet, the upright piece is the sunburst representing the Christ.

The symbols on the front of the Communion table are the Greek letters Alpha on the left and Omega on the right meaning the beginning and the end; and the three letters I H S in the center panel are the three letters which in Greek stand for Jesus Christ. The three panels therefore say, "Jesus Christ the beginning and the end."

The Rose Window above the reredos is a sunburst of fired stained glass worked around the head of Christ which was copied from Sallman's "Head of Christ". It is six feet in diameter.

The large openings which you will see on each side above the choir covered with silk pan-

eling are the organ chambers. The organ made by M. P. Moller and Company is three manual capacity with two manuals installed at present.

The entire building, inside and out, and all its furnishings are in strict traditional New England Colonial architecture and design.

The financial program which began in June 1950 was handled entirely by the members of the Church with no professional help. Actual construction was begun in May, 1951 and completed in March 1953.

The Annual Conference has met in Central Church ten times. Beginning with the fourth session of the Arkansas Conference in November 1839, with Bishop James O. Andrews in the chair.

In 1850 the Conference met there again with William Moore presiding. Bishop H. B. Baseom was to have presided, but before the conference met he died and the conference elected a chairman from its own number.

In 1869 the conference was held the third time in Fayetteville and the great orator of the South, Bishop George F. Pierce of Georgia presided.

In 1877 Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh held the Conference in Central Church.

In 1887 the conference met again in Fayetteville with Bishop Charles B. Galloway in the chair. He was the youngest man ever elected to the Episcopacy.

In 1896 Bishop A. G. Haygood was the presiding officer over the sixth annual Conference held in Fayetteville.

Also in 1910 Bishop J. H. McCoy from Alabama presiding over the conference in Fayetteville. In 1942 Bishop Sam R. Hay was presiding officer.

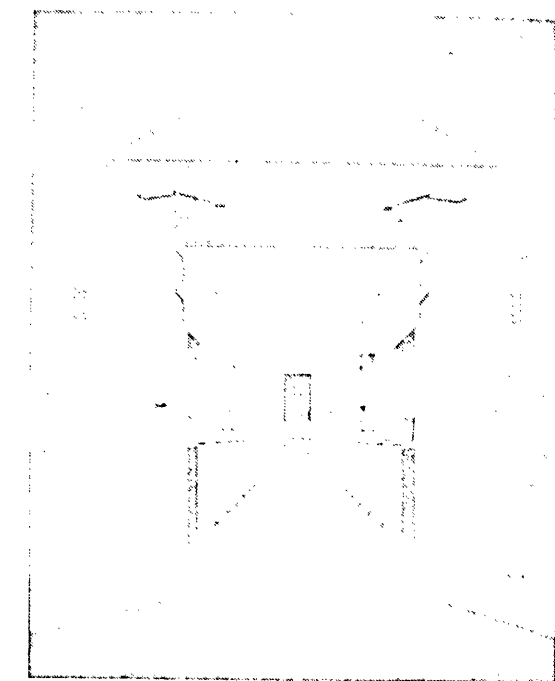
In 1934 Bishop John M. Moore, who was one of the leading spirits of Unification four years later, presided over the ninth conference held in Fayetteville.

And now in 1953 the Annual Conference returns to Central Church after 19 years under the leadership of Bishop Paul E. Martin.

In 1949 the Conference met on Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, Bishop Paul E. Martin presiding.

#### Varied Entertainment Provided

Central Church, with the cooperation of Wiggins Memorial and Mt. Sequoyah is providing full and varied entertainment for the dele-



gates. Fayetteville is fortunate in having Mt. Sequoyah, the Jurisdictional summer assembly in the city limits. The facilities of the Assembly grounds are being opened to the conference including the dining hall. Meal tickets will be available at registration for those who wish to eat on Mt. Sequoyah. Being a resort city there is an abundance of tourist courts and motels well above average in facilities along with two first rate hotels.

In addition to these the homes of the two churches are being opened to those who prefer "bed and breakfast" in a private home.

The delegates have all received blanks giving full entertainment information and asking for the type of accommodations desired. Under this plan all assignments will be made in advance making the first day more convenient to all delegates.

Also courtesy cars will be available at all times at the Church for free taxi service anywhere in the city including all outlying motels and Mt. Sequoyah. If delegates are arriving by bus or train they may use this service by calling 2-4237 on arrival.

Any questions concerning housing should be directed to Mrs. Sam Yancey, Housing Chairman, Central Methodist Church of Fayetteville and any questions concerning committee rooms, special dinners or other information should be directed to Mrs. Sam McNair, Entertainment Chairman, at the same address.

Above: Main Auditorium, Center Isle.

Below, left to right: Worship Center; Stairway to Balcony; Baptismal Font. Lectern and Pulpit. Organ in background.



# Wiggins Memorial Gives Helping Hand In Conference Entertainment

**W**IGGINS Memorial Methodist Church was organized twelve years ago, June 12, 1941, as a result of a tent meeting held by the Rev. Harry Denman, evangelist for the Methodist Church. There were twenty-one charter members, and they named their organization Bethel Methodist Church. Rev. Sam Wiggins was district superintendent of Fayetteville District at that time, and gave much time and support to the new church.

Ground for the church was purchased at South Church and Third Streets, and construction of the building was begun. It was erected largely by volunteer labor and individual contributions of money.

While this building was under construction, services were held in a cottage nearby. Rev. Ralph Hillis, a student at Southern Methodist University, served as pastor during the summer months.

In the fall of 1941, Rev. E. D. Lewis, a retired minister living on Mount Sequoyah, took charge of the new church, and served as pastor for some years. Mrs. Lewis, who was also a general field worker of the General Board of Education, was active in organization of the church school and its program.

The new building was occupied in December, 1941, even though it was far from complete. Here an active church program was carried on while work of completing and equipping the building continued.

By June, 1945, fourth birthday of the church, the attendance had grown to such an extent there was need for more room. Under the supervision of Bro. Lewis and Rev. E. H. Hook, new District Superintendent, plans were made and work started for an annex.

About this same time, in April, 1946, a Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized under the guidance of Mrs. J. E. Critz, then president of the North Arkansas Conference W. S. C. S., Mrs. Sam McNair and Mrs. E. H. Hook. Since then the organization has grown, and has contributed generously in spiritual and financial support to the church.

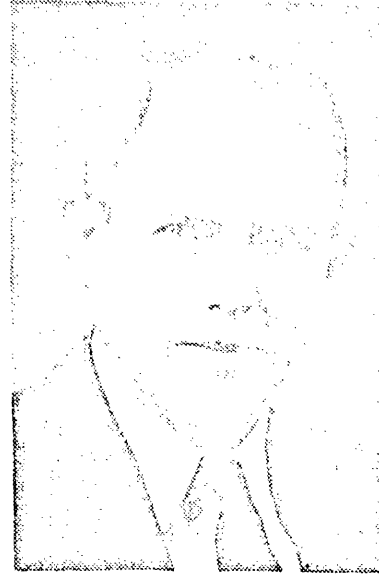
In September, 1946, after five full years of service, Bro. Lewis requested release, and Rev. Paul M. Bumpers was appointed to the charge.

As a memorial to the Rev. Sam Wiggins, who had given so much in support of the new church, and who was now deceased, the name was changed to Wiggins Memorial. The basement rooms of the annex were finished, providing four new church school rooms. New pews were installed in the sanctuary, replacing movable chairs, and many other improvements made.

With the coming of the new pastor, an urgent need was felt for a church parsonage. In 1947, under the leadership of Bro. Bumpers and Bro. Hook,



REV. ARNOLD SIMPSON  
Pastor



WADE FINCHER  
Chairman Official Board



WIGGINS MEMORIAL

## Chamber Of Commerce Welcomes Conference

The Rev. D. L. Dykes  
Central Methodist Church  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Dykes:

The business and professional interests of Fayetteville would be grateful to you if you would extend their appreciation to the officials of the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Church for selecting Fayetteville as a meeting place in June.

The Chamber of Commerce of Fayetteville will be happy to assist in any way to make the delegates comfortable. We want their stay in Fayetteville to be enjoyable and suggest that they call on us if they need assistance or information on Fayetteville or Northwest Arkansas.

We welcome the delegates to the North Arkansas Annual Conference.

Sincerely,  
Wesley J. Gordon  
Manager

and a board of parsonage trustees, a new seven-room parsonage was built on a lot adjoining the church. This was equipped with new furniture.

By June, 1949, the church and parsonage were completed and free of debt. Bishop Paul E. Martin officially dedicated them in a very beautiful service, June 13th. At that time membership had increased to 250 active members.

At annual Conference, 1950, Rev. Arnold Simpson was appointed pastor of the church, and under his leadership it has continued to grow.

With this steady growth, again came a pressing need for more room in both church school and worship areas. During the fourth quarterly conference in 1952, a building committee was appointed to make plans for this addition. Actual construction began in July, 1952. The structure was completed at a cost of \$12,927.

Formal opening was held October 18, 1952, with Bishop Paul E. Martin present to deliver the sermon. This added to the church facilities ten new class rooms, also a large pastor's study, and 576 square feet of floor space to the sanctuary.

Following this, the sanctuary was completely redecorated, a central heating and air-cooling system installed, new carpeting, and new pulpit furniture including pulpit, lectern, communion altar, and pulpit chairs, added, all of which has enhanced the beauty of worship center.

The youth program of the church includes two active Methodist Youth Fellowship groups, junior and senior. These groups provide training and entertainment for our young people, and are active in the sub-district organization. We also have an active Scout troupe, sponsored by the church. This is one of the top-ranking troupes of this district.

With a present membership of 331, the church continues to move forward in spiritual guidance and community service.

Wiggins Memorial is looking forward to its part in entertainment of the Conference.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**REV. J. HARMON HOLT**, pastor of Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould, has been elected president of the Paragould Ministerial Alliance.

**VIRGIL BLOSSOM**, superintendent of the Little Rock Schools, was guest speaker at the Men's Fellowship meeting at Winnfield Church, Little Rock, on Monday evening, May 25.

**DR. MATT L. ELLIS**, president of Hendrix College, Conway, will give the commencement address at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, on Friday, June 5.

**MRS. FRANK M. STAGE**, wife of our pastor at Leachville, underwent surgery at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis on May 26. She is reported as recovering nicely.

**DR. PAUL V. GALLOWAY**, pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, delivered the annual commencement address at the Arkansas A. M. and N. College at Pine Bluff on Tuesday, May 26.

**HOME-COMING DAY** was observed at the Sardis Methodist Church on Sunday, May 24. Rev. T. M. Armstrong of Nashville brought the sermon at the 11:00 o'clock hour. A picnic dinner was served at noon and a program was presented in the afternoon.

**A VACATION SCHOOL** is in progress at the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia. Broadcasts are given each day of the first week at 9:00 o'clock over KVMA. The school is running from June 1 to June 12.

**REV. JOHN M. McCORMACK**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, preached the sermon for the Senior Class of the Jonesboro High School on Sunday, May 21, at the First Baptist Church.

**MISS MARY SUE SMITH**, student at Hendrix College, has been elected to the position as Director of Youth Work at Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock. She began her duties on June 1.

**THE CABOT METHODIST CHURCH** has recently installed a new piano in the auditorium. The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. F. See have installed a Sudbury solid brass, square brass design altar set, including table for the altar of the sanctuary in memory of their parents.

**WHEN** the scheduled speaker failed to arrive for the commencement exercises at Pea Ridge High School, Rev. George J. Kleeb, pastor of the Methodist Church, was called from the audience to bring the address. He spoke on "Equality Before God."

**AN AIR-CONDITIONING UNIT** has been installed in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro. The unit, installed at a cost of \$17,000 is large enough to cool the entire sanctuary, including the balcony. Rev. John M. McCormack is pastor.

**J. W. COBB** is president of the newly-organized Methodist Men of the Umsted Memorial Church, Newport. The group has been chartered by the General Board of Lay Activities. Other officers are Wardell Pennington, vice-president and J. L. Brown, Jr., secretary.

**JOINT** Daily Vacation Church School was held by the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of Earle, May 25, through June 3, with classes held each morning, between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00. Mrs. W. G. Farr of the Methodist Church served as dean. Sessions were held at the Methodist Church.

**THE OFFICIAL BOARD** of Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith, in recent session voted to accept bids received for the work of redecorating the sanctuary and the basement. Following this work the Woman's Society of Christian Service plans to place new carpets in the sanctuary. Rev. Alfred A. Knox is pastor.

**DR. J. L. DEDMAN, JR.**, son of Rev. J. L. Dedman, of Pine Bluff, has been elected president of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church of Camden. Dr. Dedman is a physician at Camden. Other officers are Bob Westbrook, vice-president and John Dawson, secretary-treasurer.

**DR. GEORGE C. BAKER, JR.**, chaplain of Southern Methodist University and professor of homiletics at Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, delivered the sermon at the point service of the Texarkana, Texas and Arkansas High School. The service was held on the evening May 31 at Buhrman Field.

**THE BENTONVILLE METHODIST CHURCH** has been selected Arkansas' Rural Church of the Year and awarded a prize of \$500.00. The church was chosen over sixty-five other churches in Arkansas and will compete with 1,328 churches for the title of Rural Church of the Year in the South. Rev. H. E. Pearce is pastor at Bentonville.

**THE WORKSHOP** for District and Sub-District officers of the Methodist Youth Fellowship which was originally scheduled for June 13-14 at Camp Tanako has been postponed and the date is now June 27-28, according to announcement of Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Little Rock Conference.

**REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF**, pastor of Grand Avenue-Gardner Methodist Churches of Hot Springs, preached the sermon for the Senior Class of the Hot Springs High School on May 24, using as his subject, "Frontiers in Human Relations". This is the third time that he has preached the commencement sermon for the school during the five years in Hot Springs. Mr. Hozendorf also preached the sermon for the Mountain Pine High School on May 10, using as his subject, "The Choices Before Us."

**THE TILTON METHODIST CHURCH** was dedicated on Sunday, May 2, with Bishop Paul E. Martin bringing the message and leading in the dedication service. Assisting were the pastor, Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, Rev. Porter Weaver, under whose leadership the church was built, and Rev. E. B. Williams, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District. Jesse McFarland, layman, presented the building for dedication. The building valued at \$25,000 is of sandstone veneer, finished inside of native oak that was taken from the woods in the community.

**THERE** was in last week's issue a typographical error involving but one letter which changed the meaning of a sentence. "Prominent Personalities in Little Rock Conference" was written by Rev. J. E. Cooper. A statement in the article published reads: "The heroes of the past century have set high standards; they lived glorious lives and have not entered upon their reward." The "T" in "not" should, of course, have been a "W". This is not the first typographical error that has appeared in the *Arkansas Methodist*. We especially regret this error, however, because of the nature of the article.

### LONDON THANKS BISHOPS

Two checks of \$1000.00 have been handed by Bishops Corson and Raines to the Rev. Ronald Vincent Spivey, Pastor of Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London — the Cathedral of Methodism. Having heard of the plans to seek to form a link of fellowship between American Servicemen and the Mother Church of Methodism, Bishop Corson decided to help the work by providing a Recreation Room which is called the Philadelphia Room. A new Refectory is being paid for by another gift of \$1000.00 which Bishop Raines sent personally by Bishop Arthur J. Moore who recently visited Mr. Spivey in London. These two gifts are publicly acknowledged with gratitude in the current issue of Wesley's Chapel Magazine. The new scheme is being completed by the provision of a new Kitchen which has not yet been given.

### FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK, DEDICATES NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

Climaxing a half million dollar building program that included a new educational building, remodeling the old educational building and redecorating the sanctuary, First Church, Little Rock, dedicated its new building free of debt with appropriate services Sunday morning, May 31. Bishop Martin delivered the dedicatory sermon and led in the service of dedication. Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, minister, led the congregation in this three year program. Rev. J. Edwin Keith and Rev. John Lindsey are associate ministers. Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock District Superintendent, assisted the ministers of the church and Bishop Martin in the worship service.

The new educational building was presented for dedication by the Board of Trustees, which include W. P. Gulley, Sr., chairman, A. L. Barber, secretary, J. K. Shepherd, John A. Riggs, Sr., Harvey C. Couch, Jr., H. C. Johnston, Richard C. Butler, W. R. Harrison and L. M. Hawkins. The Building Committee which directed the building program included John A. Riggs, Sr., and John H. Greene, co-chairman, E. M. Archer\*, Mrs. Henry B. Bethell, H. F. Buhler, George H. Burden\*, Richard C. Butler, Harvey C. Couch, Jr., B. Doyle Colvert, H. Tyndall Dickinson, W. P. Gulley, Sr., Carl C. Hall, Graham R. Hall, L. M. Hawkins, T. J. Raney, Sr., Mrs. E. J. Rauschkolb, J. C. Robinson, J. K. Shepherd, James D. Simpson, Joe T. Thompson, and Mrs. Sam Wassell.

Bruce Anderson was the architect and the George H. Burden Construction Company was contractor.

The Centennial Session of the Little Rock Conference is being held this week at the First Methodist Church.  
(\* Deceased)

### MESSAGES RECORDED IN ENGLAND BEING BROADCAST

A series of 15-minute radio transcriptions with music and messages recorded in England will be broadcast through August 2 by five Arkansas stations and seven in Louisiana. The series began May 17.

Sponsored by the World Methodist Council, the series will have as speakers the Rev. Mr. E. Benson Perkins, Dr. Dorothy Farrar, Dr. Harold Roberts, and Dr. Maldwyn Lloyd Edwards, all well known British Methodist leaders. The four will come to America in July for the World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism at Philadelphia.

The series will be heard each week at the same time through August 2 on the following stations:

Arkansas: KAMD, Camden; KDRS, Paragould; KUOA, Siloam Springs; KPCC, Pocahontas; and KBTA, Batesville.

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## Editorial:

### Fayetteville To Entertain North Arkansas Conference

**N**EXT Wednesday, June 10, the One Hundred Eighteenth session of the North Arkansas Conference will open at Central Methodist Church in Fayetteville at 1:30 p. m., Bishop Paul E. Martin, presiding.

This will be the eleventh time Fayetteville has entertained an Annual Conference. The Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Fayetteville in 1839, before the division of the church. The Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South met in Fayetteville six times. The North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South met in Fayetteville twice. This will be the second time the North Arkansas Conference of united Methodism. The Methodist Church, will have met in Fayetteville.

The sessions of the conference will be held in the new sanctuary of Central Methodist Church. This is one of the most beautifully finished and furnished sanctuaries in the south. It has been built under the leadership of the present pastor, Dr. D. L. Dykes.

The regular business of an Annual Conference, as conducted by Bishop Martin, is always intensely interesting. This year we are especially fortunate in the special speakers who will address the conference in sermon and special addresses. Bishop Martin will have the devotional service Saturday morning and will preach at the Sunday morning service before the reading of the appointments. Our people are always delighted to hear him. Our conference preacher, Dr. Eugene M. Frank will preach six times during the three days he is to be with us. Dr. Henry Bullock, Secretary of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education will have the devotional service Thursday morning; Charles A. Stuck, Conference Lay Leader, will have the devotional service Friday morning.

This year as usual, the appointments for the new conference year will hold a high place in the thinking of Methodist people at the conference and in the churches at home. This is a matter that the Bishop and Cabinet usually work out in a manner akin to the miraculous. The church looks to them in confidence again this year.

#### KLRA TO BROADCAST APPOINTMENTS

In a special program by tape recording Radio Station KLRA will broadcast the reading of the pastoral appointments by Bishop Martin from 3:30 to 4:00 Sunday afternoon. Special music for the program will be furnished by the choir of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, under the direction of John Summers, Minister of Music.

### Student Day In June

**B**y action of General Conference Methodist Student Day continues to have a distinctive place in the Methodist calendar—the second Sunday in June. Sponsored by the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education, this special day concerns the lifting up of the work of the institutions of higher learning in Methodism. The observance calls for the receiving of an offering by each local church, proceeds of which are administered by the Board of Education to provide scholarships to worthy students to attend Methodist colleges, students who otherwise would be unable to attend because of financial reasons.

We want to say first of all that in our judgment this is an observance which is not receiving the attention by local churches that it merits. We are altogether aware there are many, many calls on local churches for financial support, but we know of no authorized call which does not merit the attention and presentation by local church leaders. There has never been a day when the church offers to its young people such opportunities to invest their lives in creative and constructive work. More important, there has never been a day when the world so desperately needs Christian leadership, in local churches, communities, states, nations and the world. There are leaders today who have come into their places of leadership without benefit of training in a college or university, but the day is fast disappearing when that will be true. More and more it is necessary that tomorrow's leaders have all the educational advantage which can be offered. Methodism will not be fully meeting its responsibilities at this point unless it provides educational opportunities for deserving young people who otherwise would not be able to attend.

Second, the church is void of leadership which it might have had if Methodism in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area was supporting the Methodist Student Fund in a larger way. This Area has been putting fewer dollars into this program than the program has been putting back into the Methodist schools in this Area, Centenary and Hendrix Colleges. If this Area were putting more into the program than it is now putting, it would be reasonable to expect to receive more back. It is our understanding that our schools are now receiving fewer scholarships than they once did, simply because the Area has been slighting this program. When this observance is held in your church support it. It pays big dividends.

#### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE CONCLUDES 108TH SESSION

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dents on college campuses in Louisiana have been

### DISTINGUISHED KANSAS MINISTER NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE PREACHER

Dr. Eugene M. Frank, pastor of First Methodist Church in Topeka, Kansas, will be the preacher for the annual session of the Methodist North Arkansas Conference meeting June 10-14 at Fayetteville.

Dr. Frank will speak at 2:15 p. m. Wednesday following the annual service of commemoration and Holy Communion, and at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and at 4 p. m. Thursday and Friday. The service of ordination will precede his sermon Friday evening.

Dr. Frank's initial appointment to the Methodist Ministry was as associate pastor at Hemenway Church in Evanston, Illinois. He became a member of the Kansas Conference when he was named pastor of First Church at Olathe in 1935, serving there for seven years. In 1942 he went to the Washington Avenue church in Kansas City, Kansas, then to Topeka in 1948. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute. His D. D. degree was conferred by Baker University in 1947. He is prominent in civic as well as church affairs in Topeka, and is author of "These Have Faith to Win" published in the Topeka Daily Capital.

enrolled in the Methodist Student Movement. The Board sponsored 33 summer projects last summer with an attendance of 2,607.

#### Conference To Baton Rouge Next Year

On invitation of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, the Conference will hold its next regular session at that church. Dr. Warren Johnston is the First Church, Baton Rouge, pastor. Rev. James E. Christie and Rev. T. D. Lipscomb are associate pastors. Rev. Edward W. Harris will be the District Superintendent-host.

#### Other Statistics

Total membership of the churches in the conference is 112,018, according to a report presented Friday morning. Of this number 1,864 were infants baptized; others, 1,465; on profession of faith, 2,790; other denominations, 1,101; and transfer of memberships, 5,733.

Other figures included 68,135 members enrolled in church schools; with 5,560 officers and teachers in the 421 schools of the conference. The Woman's Society of Christian Service reported an enrollment of 14,192 members in 309 societies.

Church buildings in the conference are valued at \$17,303,346; parsonages at \$2,575,721, and an indebtedness of \$1,490,560.

#### A Lift For Living

By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

### FACING THE FUTURE UNAFRAID

What good does it do to face the future, since we can't see into it? No one knows what will happen to him in the next five years or the next five minutes.

Physically we are so built that we look in front of us. We walk more naturally forward than backward. We can use our hands better in front of us than behind us. This is a fact which a little girl discovered when she was trying to button her dress in the back. She cried, "How can I, Mother? I'm in front of myself."

In our movement through time, we can only see what is beside us in the present and behind us in the past. We advance into the future like a man rowing a boat, with his back to the prow.

Ancient people, in their desire to see the future, sought fortune-tellers. Most of us have pretty well graduated from fortune-telling, but we are just as eager to know what is ahead. We buy for a few cents our paper which gives us the day's news, but some men would pay \$500 for today's paper if it could furnish next month's market prices.

Yet we do turn to certain persons in the belief that they can tell us the minute at which the sun will rise in any part of our country ten years from today. I stand in awe at the ability of the astronomers to predict months in advance the precise moment and place a solar eclipse will be visible.

As an aside, I wonder if I would be as interested in my college football team if someone accurately foretold the season's results.

In facing the future we ask for maps which will show us where we

are going and what we shall meet. These we cannot have, for maps are too static for a live world. Think how our world has changed since Pearl Harbor and Korea! Isn't it foolish to think we can determine the future world order merely by fixing geographical boundaries? It is as if we tried to chart ocean travel by making a map of the waves.

John Rhind tells a story of the last world war. A massive tank going full speed suddenly came to a dead stop. There was gas enough. No barrier in sight. What was wrong? The navigator had the answer. He said, "We have come to the edge of our map."

If men had stopped at the edge of the maps prepared for them, there would have been little progress in America.

In this world of ours we need more than maps. We need guides, and we consult many in the course of our lives, parents, teachers, friends, prophets.

In our eagerness to know the future, we wish that God would show us what is ahead. It is well that we cannot see. We probably could not bear it if we saw all that is before us. I have had experiences which I do not believe I would have had the courage to face if I could have foreseen them. By God's mercy I have come through them.

The longer I live the more confidence I have in God's promises. "As thy days so shall thy strength be." Tomorrow's tests may surprise us, but so will our strength.

A young minister had been preaching on a rainy Sunday in Scotland. It was a country parish, and the road to the railway station was unfamiliar to him. The night was dark. His host gave him a lantern. The young dominie said that the lantern helped him to pick his way among the puddles of the path. And then when he turned the corner, the station lights came into view.

So in life, if we take the lantern of faith which illumines the next step and then the next step, the right eventually breaks on the longer view.

Do the duty next week and the duty next to that and God will see you through.

# WELCOME HOME TO WORK AND FELLOWSHIP

By J. ALBERT GATLIN

ONE of the joyous experiences of this year coming the way of the Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission has been the contacts made through our office with the seminary students away from home. Many fine letters have come to my desk and many good visits made with a number of these fine young men. We are happy indeed to present this page of pictures and names of those who are finishing their seminary work and will be home for an appointment at the forthcoming session of the annual conference.

Our hearts rejoice over the prospect of having these outstanding young men enter the fields of service in the North Arkansas Conference. Indeed, what flights of the imagination we could enjoy if we only allowed ourselves to venture forth in such a fancy. We could see the uprising on pastoral charges in conference morale as these equipped and trained men lay their shoulders to the wheel. We could also imagine the joy and gladness that will come to their people wherever they go when they see the new preacher coming; ready for consecrated, sacrificial and enthusiastic service. Then too, we can imagine the great joy that will come to these young men as they at long last can give full time to their charges. For seven years they have studied, labored, and planned for this day. Now the day has come.

The coming of these fine men means that charges and churches will need to rise up for better days. There is much discussion about better parsonages, better salaries, more interest, more vision on the part of many of our areas where the Methodist church serves. We are indeed happy over the great progress made at these points, however there is much more to be made. With the ever mounting interest on the part of the laity, with an ever growing consecration on the part of our ministers, the day can soon come when there will be a great parish program over the conference. Every man assigned a charge can know that the resources

of the charge, the resources of the district, the resources of the conference, the resources of the church at large are back of him. Every pastor can feel secure in his place, in his position and have a feeling of well-being for his family. That will be a great day for the church.

We welcome home a fine group of young ministers. The opportunities are great — the challenge to adventure is offered in toning up churches in small towns, building up open country churches, working in county parishes, working in urban and suburban centers, mining communities and other areas. Truly the opportunity for Christian service abounds.

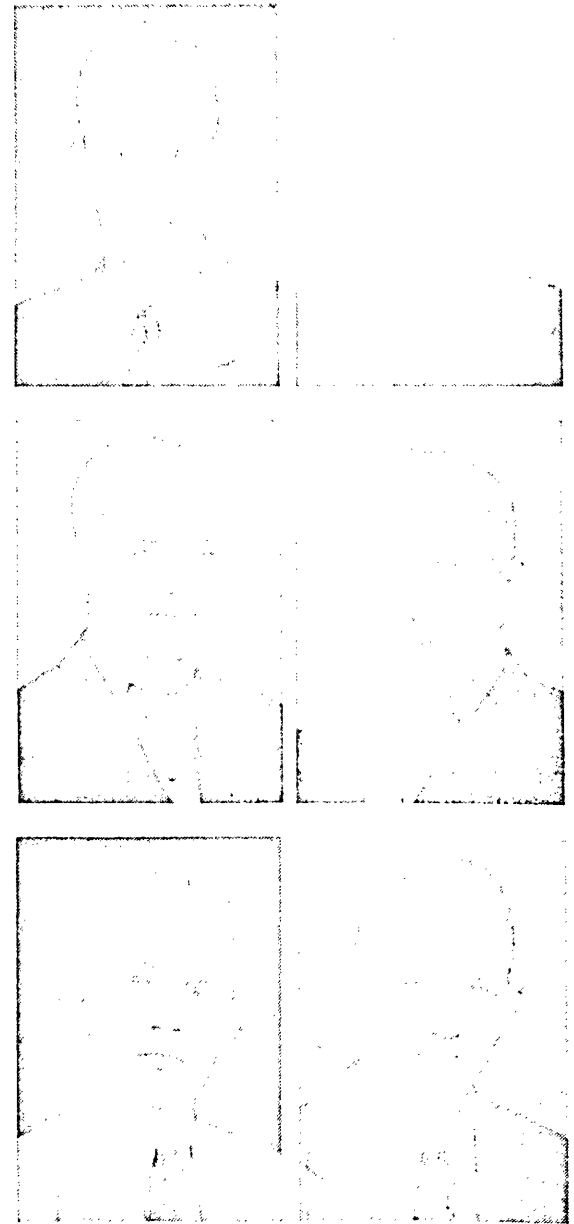
We welcome these young ministers into the fellowship of the ministers, the laymen, the laywomen, the youth and the children. May they start in wholeheartedly as they come into full time service for the Master in helping to expand his kingdom.

May they ever remember the young Minister about whom the song was written:

"O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee;  
Thy life is still a summons to serve humanity,  
To make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd,  
To stand with humble courage for Truth with hearts un-cowed".

Top to bottom, first row: Chas. Casteel, William P. Connell, Worth Gibson.

Second Row: Allen E. Hilliard, Earl Hughes, Morris Steel, John Workman.



## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

(Continued from last week)

Dist. Supt.	Bishop Fund	Conf. Claim.	Benev.	World Service	Gen. & Jur.	M.S.P.	M.S.C.	Dist. Supt.	Bishop Fund	Conf. Claim.	Benev.	World Service	Gen. & Jur.	M.S.P.	M.S.C.
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT								LITTLE ROCK CHURCHES							
GERALD C. DEAN .....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	80.00	Asbury .....	750.00	131.00	1125.00	5700.00		250.00	37.50
ROY E. FAWCETT .....							60.00	Capitol View .....	333.25	70.00	600.00	950.00	25.00	100.00	80.00
AUSTIN CT.								First Church .....	900.00	294.00	2520.00	6525.00	200.00	200.00	
Concord .....	53.60	5.00	59.10	87.75		10.00		Henderson .....	420.00	84.00	720.00	533.00	200.00	85.00	43.00
Mt. Tabor .....	53.60	9.34	58.95	77.87		4.00		Highland .....	250.00	43.75	375.00	750.00		62.50	50.00
Mt. Zion .....	20.00	3.50	22.20		23.28	2.50		Hunter .....	420.00	74.00	630.00	900.00		75.00	84.00
South Bend .....	23.50	4.00	26.85	57.25		4.00		Oak Forest .....	440.00	79.00	600.00	349.94		29.00	85.00
BAUXITE .....	420.00	73.50	630.00	540.00		75.00	84.00	Pulaski Heights .....	650.00	115.50	990.00	3200.00	30.00	220.13	132.00
BENTON .....	540.00	95.00	810.00	2400.00		175.00	103.00	St. Marks .....	20.00	3.50				5.00	
BETHLEHEM CT.								St. Paul .....	200.00	63.00	184.00	250.00		50.00	18.00
Bethlehem .....	25.00	4.40	22.50	23.00	20.00	7.50		Scott Street .....	337.50	59.10	505.25	1012.75		63.75	67.50
Old Austin .....	14.00	2.00	13.00	25.00		5.00		28th Street .....	375.00	65.63	552.50	530.00		75.00	75.00
Providence .....	25.00	4.40	42.50	5.00	25.00	7.50	8.75	Winfield .....	840.00	199.50	1710.00	6900.00		250.00	84.00
BRYANT-SARDIS								LITTLE ROCK CT.							
Bryant .....	120.00	21.00	132.00	100.00	6.25	18.00	24.00	Bethel .....	42.00	7.36	42.00		52.50	7.50	
Sardis .....	60.00	10.50	66.00	50.00		9.00	12.00	Walnut Grove .....	30.00	5.24	30.00	39.92		3.76	
CARLISLE CT.								Pleasant Hill .....	5.00			7.00	5.00		
Hamilton .....	37.50	6.50	62.75		21.75	3.50		LONOKE-EAGLE							
Zion .....	12.50	13.75	17.50	5.00		3.50		Lonoke .....	370.00	65.00	555.00	800.00		80.00	74.00
Carlisle .....	450.00	78.00	675.00	825.00	25.00	90.00	90.00	Eagle .....	50.00	9.00	35.00	95.00		10.00	10.00
DES ARC .....	120.00	20.00	144.00	210.00		30.00	24.00	MABELVALE .....	247.50	43.24	371.25	262.54	6.75	13.50	49.50
DeVALLS BLUFF								MT. PLEASANT-CHENAULT CHAPEL							
DeValls Bluff .....	80.50	15.30	96.80	59.14		6.25		Mt. Pleasant .....	3.00			10.00			
Peppers Lake .....	10.85							MT. VIEW .....	100.00	18.00	90.00	60.00			
DOUGLASSVILLE .....	82.50	57.75	115.50	87.51		12.50	33.00	PRIMROSE .....	350.00	63.00	540.00	475.00		75.00	72.00
GEYER SPRINGS .....	240.00	42.00	264.00	16.63		18.00		ROLAND CT.							
Hazen .....	150.00		100.00	200.00				Roland .....	5.00		5.00	18.03			
HICKORY PLAINS CT.								Crossroads .....	5.00		5.00	5.00			
Cross Roads .....	13.00	3.00	13.25			2.75									
Hebron .....	7.50	1.75	6.00	18.00		3.00									
Hickory Plains .....	12.00	4.50	8.00	12.00		7.50									

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# North Arkansas Conference Program

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

6:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism Dinner  
8:00 p.m. Meeting of the Coordinating Council

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 a.m. Board, Commission and Committee Meetings as announced  
10:30 Meeting of the Town and Country Commission  
1:30 p.m. Annual Conference convenes for organization and roll call  
1:45 Report of Planning Committee  
1:50 Nominations by the Cabinet  
2:00 p.m. Greetings from Host Church  
2:15 Annual Service of Commemoration and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.  
Sermon by Dr. Eugene M. Frank  
4:00 p.m. Meetings of Boards, commissions and committees  
5:45 Training Council Dinner  
7:30 Worship Service. Sermon by Dr. Eugene M. Frank

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

8:30 a.m. Devotional service ..... Dr. Henry Bullock  
9:00 a.m. Report of District Superintendents  
9:20 Report of Board of Education  
9:20 Report of Town and Country Commission  
11:00 Report of Board of Missions and Woman's Society of Christian Service  
11:30 Report of Committee on World Peace  
11:45 Report on Mt. Sequoyah  
12:00 noon Report of Board of Temperance  
12:30 Adjournment  
12:45 University Luncheon  
12:45 Board of Conference Claimants Luncheon  
2:00 Meeting of Boards, Commissions, Committees  
4:00 Worship Service. Sermon by Dr. Eugene M. Frank  
5:30 Town and Country Commission and Methodist Rural Fellowship Dinner  
7:30 Worship Service. Sermon by Dr. Eugene M. Frank

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

8:30 a.m. Devotional Service ..... Mr. Charles Stuck  
9:00 Report of the Committee on Journal  
9:05 Report of the Board of Ministerial Training  
9:45 Report of the Board of Hospitals and Homes  
10:15 Report of the Board of Lay Activities  
10:45 Report of the Board of Evangelism  
11:15 Report of the Committee on Conference Relations  
11:30 Hour of the Quadrennial Emphasis  
12:30 p.m. Adjournment  
12:45 Board of Lay Activities Luncheon  
2:15 Report of Committee on Group Insurance  
2:45 Report No. 2 of Board of Missions  
3:00 Report of Arkansas Historical Commission  
3:15 Report of Committee on American Bible Society  
3:30 Report of Committee on District Conference Journal  
3:45 Adjournment  
4:00 Worship Service. Sermon by Dr. Eugene M. Frank  
5:30 Hendrix College dinner  
7:30 Service of Ordination. Sermon by Dr. Eugene M. Frank

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

8:30 a.m. Devotional service ..... Bishop Paul E. Martin  
9:00 Report of Committee on Journal  
9:05 Report of the Board of Christian Literature, the Arkansas Methodist, and Methodist Information  
9:30 Report of the Conference Statistician  
9:40 Report of the Conference Treasurer  
9:50 Report of the Council on World Service and Finance  
10:20 Report No. 2 of Board of Ministerial Training  
10:30 Report of the Board of Conference Claimants  
11:00 Report of Coordinating Council  
11:30 Selection of meeting place of 1954 annual conference  
12:45 p.m. Ministers' Wives Luncheon

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

10:45 a.m. Morning worship service. Sermon by Bishop Paul E. Martin  
12:00 noon Concluding business of the conference and reading of the appointments.

## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE



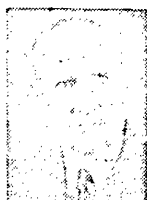
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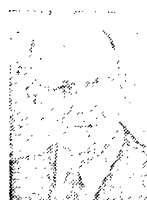
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Rev. C. E.  
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# Louisiana Conference

## Concludes 108th Session

Homes for Retired Ministers and Eighth District Authorized

### Staff Article

The Louisiana Annual Conference concluded its 108th annual session at the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Friday, May 29, with the reading of the pastoral appointments by Bishop Martin for the new conference year. Among the important matters of business of the four day session were the establishing of a Retired Ministers Home project with headquarters in Ruston, and the action taken on the last day of the conference authorizing the formation of an eighth district in the Louisiana Conference.

In handling the homes for retired ministers the Conference established a corporation to be known as "The Louisiana Methodist Retired Ministers Homes" which was given the right to acquire by purchase, donations, and otherwise, land, homes, and other property which will be used or the proceeds of which will be used for houses or residences for retired ministers and the widows of retired ministers of the Louisiana Conference. The Conference also voted to accept from the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage a tract of land owned by the Orphanage on which the homes would be erected. Those named to the Board of Managers for the Corporation included Conference Lay Leader (Robert T. Lay, Gilliam), president of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service (Mrs. Glenn S. Laskey, Ruston), and the District Superintendents of the Conference, and the following elected persons: Charles N. White, Alexandria, Welton Brumfield, Amite, Mayo Foreman, Sulphur, Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans, Jack Ritchie, Ruston, Ben R. Downing, Monroe, M. R. Russell, Shreveport, Rev. George Pierce, Jr., DeRidder, and Rev. James B. Grambling, Logansport. Brother Grambling was the sponsor of the movement which culminated in the Conference adopting the program.

The Conference voted to rearrange District lines after the introduction of a resolution by Rev. E. R. Haug, Franklin pastor. Evidence was introduced which cited growth of population, largeness of present districts, number of pastoral charges in the present seven districts, and the need for closer supervision by District Superintendents especially in the field of church extension work. The conference defeated a motion to postpone for a year's study the question of another district or districts, and adopted Rev. Mr. Haug's resolution which calls for the addition of the eighth district at the time of, or before, the 1954 annual session of the Conference.

### Host Church

The Conference was held in the Broadmoor Methodist Church with Rev. C. Leonard Cooke, Broadmoor pastor since 1942, as pastor-host. Dr. B. C. Taylor, Shreveport District Superintendent, was the District-host for the conference. All of the sessions of the Conference as well as the Boards, Committees and Commission meetings were held in the air-conditioned host church. Luncheons and special dinner meeting of conference groups were held elsewhere. Conference leaders were high in their praise of the facilities which the Broadmoor Church provided for the Conference sessions.

### Ministerial Relations

The following changes in ministerial relations were made during the course of the Conference:

**Retired:** Rev. W. L. Doss, Jr., Bunkie, 46 years of service; Rev. A. D. George, Varnado, 39 years of service; Rev. A. M. Freeman, Ponchatoula, 41 years of service; Rev. R. M. Brown, Lake Charles, 42 years of service; Rev. W. F. Ragsdale, Bonita, 30 years of service; Rev. J. C. Rousseaux, Pearl River, 33 years of service. This is a total of 231 service years, according to Conference records.

**Received on Trial:** Elias W. Sandel, Le-compte; Luther W. Taylor, Greenwall Springs; Robert I. Galatas, Baton Rouge; Karl D. Wood, Prairieville; James W. Lawton, Shreveport; Lucien Larche, Bastrop; Clayton W. Bennett, Berwick; John W. Keller, Lockport; John M. Winn, New Orleans; Tracy R. Arnold, Haynesville; Frederick A. Mead, Doyline; and Kirby A. Vining, Simmsboro.

**Admitted Into Full Connection:** Glendo R. Messer, SMU; Brady B. Foreman, Emory U.; Ollie L. Solson, Jr., Emory U.; Roland K. Friedrich, New Orleans; Bryl Moreland, Emory U.; John Kellog, Natchitoches; Leroy E. Philbrook, Bienville; William T. Hall, Shreveport; Isaac A. Patton, Pioneer; and David T. Lowry, SMU.

**Ordained Deacons:** J. W. Boyd, Gilbert; Mrs. Edwin L. Brock, Marian; W. R. Akin, Quitman; Frederick A. Mead, Doyline; Carl Lipe, Effie; S. L. Lantrip, Gibsland; James A. McLean, SMU; John Kellog, Natchitoches; Lucien Larche, Emory U.; Ollie L. Golson, Jr., Baton Rouge; Robert E. Taylor, Shreveport; Ronald K. Friedrich, New Orleans; Claude E. Henkel, New Orleans; Bryl Moreland, Emory U.; Tracy R. Arnold, Homer; Lawrence L. Gilbert, SMU; Curtis Cady, Cameron; Howard L. Hudson, Jr., Bartholomew; Raymond Pierson, Emory U.; Arthur Baker, Palestine, Texas; Leroy E. Philbrook, Bienville; John C. Riggins, Garrett Biblical Institute; David T. Lowery, SMU; and John M. Winn, Jr., SMU.

**Ordained Elders:** L. Grafton Shaw, Winnfield; Roy Grant, Bernice; Richard Neuendorffer, Newport News, Va.; Angus L. Carruth, Tangipahoa; Linden R. Messer, SMU; Andrew D. Robert, Slidell; Robert W. Bengston, associate pastor, Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans; Isaac A. Patton, Pioneer; and Brady B. Foreman, Emory.

**Finished Fourth and Last Year Course of Study:** Walter Miller Allen, Haughton; D. W. Alverson, Ferriday; Hugh Leon Baker, Kenner; James J. Caraway, Shreveport; Thomas M. Lancaster, Lake Providence; William V. Sirman, Gibsland; Richard Neuendorffer, Newport News, Va.; Horace Presley Holley, Dubach; and James Robert Woodward, Boyce.

**Supernumerary Relation:** Spencer L. Stockwell.

**Sabbatical Leave:** George Ivey.  
**Voluntary Location:** (honorable), Richard Neuendorffer.

While not ministerial members of the Annual Conference the following two persons were consecrated as Directors of Religious Education, a status open to those who qualify under standards set up by General Board of Education: Miss Tennie V. Severston, Noel Memorial, Shreveport; and Miss Mary Searles, Minden.

### Appointments

There were 112 changes in appointments for the conference year. Dr. W. H. Giles in completing his sixth year as District Superintendent of the Monroe District was appointed to Bogalusa. He was succeeded at Monroe by Rev. James T. Harris, pastor since 1946 at Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge. Changes in Special Appointments included the addition of two ministerial members of the Conference to the staff at Centenary College: Rev. C. Leonard Cooke, as Vice-President; and Rev. Webb D. Pomeroy, as Director of Religious Activities. Rev. Mr. Cooke was succeeded at Broadmoor, Shreveport, by Rev. George Harbuck, from Mansfield, while Rev. Mr. Pomeroy was succeeded at Deerford by Rev. A. M. Freeman. There were no other changes in the District Superintendency or Special Appointments.

Transferred in to the Louisiana Conference at

the time appointments for the new year were announced were Edwin L. Brock, Elder from South Georgia Conference; K. K. Carithers, Elder from North Arkansas Conference; and J. Woodrow Hearn, Deacon from New England Conference. Announced as being transferred out were Charles C. Rother, Jr., Elder to the Baltimore; Addison L. Smith, Elder to the Peninsula Conference; James F. Stone, Elder to the Southwest Texas Conference; Harold S. Taylor, Elder to the North Texas Conference; and J. Woodrow Hearn, on Trial to the New England Conference.

### Commemorated

At the opening session of the Conference on Tuesday, May 26, the following persons who had died during the past conference year were commemorated: Rev. William E. Akin, Sibley; Rev. J. R. Downs, Monroe; Rev. C. B. Powell, Paradise; Rev. L. W. Smart, Bossier City; Rev. Phillip Pallotta, New Orleans; Mrs. A. M. Shaw, Sr., Shreveport; Mrs. W. H. Jordan, Baton Rouge; and Mrs. R. T. Pynes, Franklin. Dr. N. H. Melbert, pastor of the First Methodist Church, New Orleans, delivered the commemoration sermon. The service was conducted under the leadership of Dr. F. M. Freeman.

### Special Guests

Bishop Donald Tippet, Bishop of the San Francisco Area, was the conference preacher for the 1953 session, delivering sermons on Tuesday evening, Wednesday afternoon, Wednesday evening, Thursday afternoon and Thursday evening. Great crowds heard Bishop Tippet with appreciation at each of these services. His sermon on Thursday evening was the ordination sermon. Among other distinguished persons addressing the conference were Dr. Henry Bullock, recently named executive secretary of the Editorial Division of the General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, and Dr. William T. Pledger, returned missionary, now serving on the staff of Centenary College. A highlight of the report of the Conference Board of Temperance report was the delivering by Ralph Tuggle, DeRidder, of his prize winning essay-speech which won the contest this spring. This address will be featured in an early issue of this publication.

### Other Actions Taken by Conference

Other than making provision for an eighth district for the conference and establishing a corporation to guide a program to provide homes for retired ministers, the Conference voted to promote the 1000 Club program, increase the expense allowance which churches may provide ministers from \$600 to \$900, increase District Superintendents' salaries, increase the minimum salary of married ministers from \$2,400 to \$2,700 and for single ministers from \$1,800 to \$2,100, increase the service year appointment for retired ministers from \$38 to \$40 per service year, authorize a \$1,000,000 campaign for endowment funds to further supplement retirement funds set aside the last Sunday before Thanksgiving as Veterans Sunday, honoring retired ministers of the Conference, and adopt a statement presented by the Conference Board of Social and Economic Relations which included the following sentences: "We deplore the present strike situation (at Elizabeth). We plead with all concerned to make every effort to bring about an immediate satisfactory solution, and we offer our (the Board) counsel and conciliatory offices to bring a peaceful and equitable settlement of this official and tragic situation."

### Church Schools

In an important report of the progress of Christian Education in local churches the Conference Board of Education reported that there are now 416 Church Schools having an enrollment of 66,300 pupils and 5,571 officers and teachers. 59% of the total membership of the local churches in the Conference are enrolled in the Church Schools. 46 leadership training schools have been held this past year, 121 courses have been offered, with an enrollment of 3,203. The Conference Education Board also announced that Miss Elizabeth Workman has been named as a staff member to serve as Director of Children's Work. It was also announced that Miss Bettie Rea Fox, who has served as Conference Director of Youth Work for the past three years, has resigned. No successor was named. In the Board's report of Wesley Foundation work of the past year it revealed that there have been 3,114 Methodist stu-

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# LOUISIANA CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS, 1953

**Transfers In:**  
 Edwin L. Brock, Elder from So. Georgia Conference  
 J. Woodrow Hearn, Deacon from New England Conference  
 K. K. Carithers, Elder from North Arkansas Conference

**Transfers Out:**  
 Charles C. Rother, Jr., Elder to the Baltimore Conference  
 Addison L. Smith, Elder to the Peninsula Conference  
 James F. Stone, Elder to So. West Texas Conference  
 Harold S. Taylor, Elder to N. Texas Conference  
 J. Woodrow Hearn, on trial to New England Conference

## ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

District Supt., Jolly B. Harper

ALEXANDRIA, First, J. Henry Bowdon  
 First, Associate, L. A. Foreman  
 Trinity, W. F. Mayo  
 Wesley, G. A. LaGrange  
 Atlanta, to be supplied  
 Ball, Frank Lankford  
 Boyce, W. L. Doss, Jr.  
 Bunkie, W. D. Boddie  
 Colfax, Clark W. Bell  
 Effie, Carl Lippe  
 Elizabeth, James R. Strozier  
 Glenmora, J. W. Lee  
 Jena, Otis W. Spinks  
 Le Compté, E. W. Sandel  
 Marks, Joe Robinson  
 Melker, Clyde Shaw  
 Melville, A. D. St. Amant  
 Krotz Springs, John C. Zerrangue  
 Marthaville, E. A. Wingfield  
 Montgomery, E. A. Keasler  
 Mt. Zion, A. M. Baum  
 Natchitoches, First, B. A. Galloway  
 Natchitoches, Second, Raymond Crofoot  
 Oakdale, E. J. Barksdale  
 Oak Grove, H. B. Fisher  
 Olla, Hardy Carroll  
 Opelousas, R. E. Walton  
 Palestine, R. E. Carter  
 Palestine Circuit, to be supplied  
 Pineville, George W. Dameron  
 Pollock, L. A. Bodie  
 Trout, Fred Kelley  
 Urania, John Kellogg  
 Weaver, to be supplied  
 White's Chapel, to be supplied  
 Winnfield, Luther L. Booth  
 District Director Evangelism, W. D. Boddie  
 Chaplain Charity Hospital, Pineville, G. W. Dameron  
 District Secretary Missions, E. J. Barksdale  
 Chaplain U. S. Army, L. R. Nease  
 Chaplain Masonic Orphanage, A. A. McKnight  
 Director Louisiana Methodist, E. W. Sandel  
 District Secretary Temperance, W. H. Carroll  
 Garrett Biblical Institute, Carlos A. Welch

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

District Supt., Edward W. Harris

Amite, Don Risinger  
 Angie-Varnado, B. R. Deen  
 Baker, M. H. Corley  
 BATON ROUGE, First, Warren Johnston  
 Baton Rouge, First, Associate, James Edward Christie  
 Baton Rouge, First, Associate, T. D. Lipscomb  
 Ingleside, W. R. Irving  
 Istrouma, A. Jerome Cain  
 North Baton Rouge, James L. Stovall  
 W. B. Reilly Mem. University, William E. Trice  
 Winbourne, A. A. Collins  
 Bethel, Van Carter  
 Blackwater, A. G. Taylor  
 Bluff Creek, William H. Porter, Jr.  
 Eliz. Sullivan Mem. Bogalusa, W. H. Giles  
 Carpenters Chapel—Gonzales, Caluin Lapuyade  
 Clinton, George W. Harkins  
 Deerford, A. M. Freeman  
 Denham Springs, Edward R. Thomas  
 Fisher, W. B. Hollingsworth  
 Franklinton, J. H. Sewell  
 Gonzales Circuit, Brady B. Forman  
 Greensburg, Harold Hine  
 Hammond, Fred S. Flurry  
 Jackson, J. B. Shearer  
 Kentwood, Garland C. Dean, Jr.  
 Livingstone Circuit, to be supplied  
 Live Oak, C. E. Davis, Jr.  
 Lottier-Rosedale, C. D. Pinkard  
 Magnolia, L. W. Taylor  
 New Roads-Port Allen, G. H. Corry  
 Pine Grove, James Phillip Woodland  
 Plaquemine-Bayou Chapel, C. Robert McCammon  
 Ponchatoula, Wilson Watson  
 St. Francisville, E. Lee McKay  
 St. Helena, J. N. Lambert  
 Slaughter, Dale Kenneth Smith  
 Springfield, P. W. Sibley  
 Tangipahoa, Angus L. Carruth  
 Tickfaw, J. M. Wilkes  
 Walker, G. M. Horne  
 Wesley Chapel, C. J. T. Cotton  
 Zachary, James Ailor  
 Chaplain Greenwood Springs Hospital, Van Carter  
 Chaplain Baton Rouge Hospitals, Albert A. Collins  
 District Secretary Evangelism, Fred S. Flurry  
 Director La. Moral & Civic Foundation, W. Earl Hotalen  
 District Secretary of Temperance, A. A. Collins  
 District Missionary Secretary, James Ailor  
 District Director Louisiana Methodist, Marvin H. Corley  
 Wesley Foundation Director, LSU, Allen O. Jernigan  
 Student, Emory University, Ollie L. Gol-

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 Student, Perkins School of Theology, Robert Galatas  
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Clinics in Every District

Mrs. Frances Winter, Director of Children's Work in Fort Smith District, in cooperation with the District Superintendent, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, led a 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. Clinic (with time out for sandwiches, cookies, and drinks) at Goddard Memorial Church April 11. Mrs. Verlia Harris of Greenwood led the Kindergarten group, Mrs. Rue Caulk of Ozark led the Primary group, and Mrs. Arnold Stratton of Van Buren led the Junior group. Seventy-five workers attended. More than twenty churches were represented.

Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, Director in Conway District, in cooperation with the District Superintendent, R. E. L. Bearden, led two clinics. One was held at Russellville First Church on March 7, 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. The second one was at First Church, North Little Rock, March 14, 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. Teachers for the various courses were:

Kindergarten—Mrs. Paul Jones of Conway

Primary—Miss Lula Doyle Baird and Mrs. Gatlin

Junior—Miss Sue Osment of Conway

Eighty-four workers attended in the two meetings.

Mrs. Paul Lanier, Director of Paragould District, with Rev. A. N. Storey, District Superintendent co-operating, led two clinics, one at Walnut Ridge, April 11, and one at Paragould, April 18. Leaders of the courses in the Walnut Ridge meeting were:

Kindergarten—Mrs. Elmo Thomason

Primary—Mrs. Jesse Johnson

Junior—Mrs. Pat Chaney

The leaders in the Paragould meeting were:

Kindergarten—Mrs. Thomason

Primary—Mrs. Johnson

Junior—Mrs. Elsie Barfield  
Mrs. B. A. Whitmore, Director in Searcy District, in cooperation with Rev. Coy Whitten, District Superintendent, led an evening meeting at Searcy, May 16. Leaders of the courses were:

Kindergarten—Mrs. Jim Gatlin of Salem

Primary—Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin of Conway

Junior—Mrs. Abingdon of Beebe

Eighty-one workers attended.

Mrs. H. D. Castleberry, Director in Jonesboro District in cooperation with Rev. E. B. Williams, District Superintendent, led three clinics: Blytheville, March 19; Marked Tree, March 20; and Jonesboro, March 26. Leaders of courses in all three meetings were:

Kindergarten—Mrs. A. P. Jumper of Jonesboro

Primary—Mrs. C. E. Owens of Jonesboro

Junior—Mrs. W. W. Mills of Jonesboro

Mrs. Thomas R. Whiddon, Director in Fayetteville District, in cooperation with Rev. W. F. Cooley, District Superintendent, led four clinics. Thirty-eight workers were present at Rogers, eighteen at Berryville, thirty-five at Gravette, and forty-seven at Prairie Grove, making a total of 138. Leaders of the courses were:

Kindergarten—Mrs. Darrel Lynch, Springdale, Route No. 1

Primary—Mrs. Clifford Vance, Gravette, Route No. 2

Junior—Mrs. Eddie Morris, Cane Hill

Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., Director in Batesville District in cooperation with Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent, led clinics at Newport First Church, March 25 with workers from Swifton, Tuckerman, Umsted Memorial, Weldon, and First Church Newport, twenty-four present in all; and at Batesville in Central Avenue Church, April 27 with thirty-two persons in attendance from Mountain View, Cush-

man, Cave City, Asbury, Moorefield, First Church Batesville, Central Avenue, Desha, and Sulphur Rock. Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson taught a three-day school (for workers in Vacation Schools) at Cotter. Leaders in the two clinics were:

Kindergarten—Miss Grace Drown

Primary—Miss Barbara Meecham

Junior—Mrs. A. C. Burt

Mrs. W. P. Gibbs, Director in Forrest City District, in cooperation with Dr. Ethan Dodgen, District Superintendent, led successful all-day meetings at Forrest City and at Helena. Leaders for the courses were:

Kindergarten—Mrs. Henry Wenzel of Helena

Primary—Mrs. Lois Walker of Forrest City

Junior—Mrs. Harold D. Womack of Wynne

The following textbooks were used in all clinics:

Home and Family (Roorbach)

Our Daily Bread (Baird)

We Would Follow Jesus (Crosby)

### ADDITIONAL SESSIONS

Nashville, Tenn.—Because leaders of children in the Church School continue to ask questions about additional sessions, Miss E. Mae Young, of the staff of the Joint Department of Missionary Education, has prepared a leaflet answering these questions.

While additional sessions are held for many purposes, the leaflet will be especially helpful to those leaders who are responsible for additional sessions for missionary education.

An additional session, says Miss Young, is not an expanded or extended session—it is another session.

Other questions answered in the leaflet are: "When should additional sessions be held?" "Who is responsible for additional sessions?" "Who should be leaders of additional sessions?" There are also sections on "Approved Teaching Materials" and "Offerings in Additional Sessions."

Order Additional Sessions . . . What? When? (No. 196-B) from the

### IMPORTANT ITEMS FROM STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Nashville, Tenn.—Following are brief but important items culled from the reports of staff members of the Division of the Local Church to the Board of Education meeting in Nashville, April 6-9.

Church schools have increased their giving to World Service and Conference Benevolences every year over the preceding year since 1940.

There is a new spirit among church school superintendents.

During the past three quadrenniums approximately 1,750,000 have come into the church through the church schools.

Last year 48 Methodist Youth Caravans served in 383 churches.

During the summer of 1952 more than a thousand young people made decisions for Christian vocations.

During 1952 a larger number of adult leaders were certified for teaching courses in the youth field than in any year in the past five years.

There are now conference directors of children's work employed full time or part time or volunteer in 89 conferences. They distribute themselves as follows: Employed for full time, 30; employed for part time, 6; volunteer, 58 (5 serving as associate director).

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## ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD

### Lake Charles

More than 200 members from 21 Societies in the Lake Charles District heard Mrs. Warren Constant, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education on May 6th at the Welsh Methodist Church. In her dynamic but charming manner Mrs. Constant presented the situation so vividly that those who heard her will be unable to soon forget her challenge to them.

Presiding at the session was Mrs. Horace Denison, District President. Rev. Karl Tooke, District Superintendent, gave the opening prayer, and Rev. Jack Cooke, pastor of the Welsh church, delivered the devotional message. During the Officers' Hour the group heard District Officers or their substitutes, give reports and outline the duties of the various secretaries in the local Societies.

Tribute was paid to the mothers of two full-time workers in the District: Mrs. Anna S. Givens, Lafayette, whose daughter, Anna H. Givens is now in Japan. Mrs. Givens was recently selected as the Louisiana "Mother of the Year" by the American Mothers Committee of the Golden Rule. The other mother to be honored was Mrs. H. M. Haire, Sr., whose daughter Velma Lee, is a teacher at McDonnell School.

At noon Mrs. Dan Abbott, President of the Welsh Woman's Society, and her capable members served a delicious luncheon to the guests. During the afternoon session officers for the coming year were elected and installed. Life memberships were presented to 9 members by their own Societies. Some of these came as complete surprises and the appreciation of the recipients was touching. In recognition of her years of outstanding work, the Societies in the Lake Charles District presented Mrs. Gladney Hoffpauir, retiring treasurer, with an Honorary Life membership. New Iberia was chosen as the place for the 1954 Annual Meeting. Instead of being placed in the Cultivation Fund, the offering for the day was designated by the gathering to be applied on the deficit in the annual pledge for the district.

Mrs. Carl Lueg, District Spiritual Life Secretary, closed the session with a Memorial Service honoring 13 former members. For the next year officers who will serve the District are: President, Mrs. Horace Denison; Vice President, Mrs. T. A. Cockram; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Elvin Daigle; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Roy Dugas; Treasurer, Mrs. A. J. McGrede; Secretaries: Missionary Education, Mrs. D. W. Poole; Literature & Publications, Mrs. Robert Compton; Children's Work, Mrs. D. B. Boddie; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Carl Lueg; Youth, Mrs. E. A. Doland; Student, Mrs. Gordon Daughenbaugh; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Ed Andrus; Status of Women, Mrs. W. H. Hamilton; Supplies, Mrs. W. H. Pollard; and Christian Social Relations & LCA, Mrs. John Koch.—Mrs. Guy Havenar

### Arkadelphia

The Arkadelphia District held its annual meeting in Gurdon's newly decorated sanctuary on April 22.

## Bobbie Lee Hays Works For Woman's Division

On April 1, Miss Bobbie Lee Hays assumed her responsibilities as a new social group worker at Blodgett Community Center in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. This is an agency which is sponsored and supported by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Churches. Miss Hays will be working with kindergarten children as an assistant teacher in the kindergarten, with Girl Scouts, with children in art and crafts clubs, and with a Mother's Club. Also one of her duties will be working in a rural church near Hazleton.

Miss Hays attended National College for Christian Workers in Kansas City, Missouri, and Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, from which she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1951. Then she taught for a year in Benton's East Side Elementary School. Just recently she completed a year of graduate study at Scarritt College and Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. She is the daughter



Bobbie Lee Hays

of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hays of Benton.

Mrs. Robert Topp, president, presided.

An inspirational devotion was given by Rev. Robert O. Beck, host pastor. After reports of the officers were given, individual reports from the twenty-one churches represented were read.

Mrs. Sam Sargo, Hot Springs, Secretary of Youth, was elected a delegate to the School of Missions at Sequoyah. Mrs. Topp was selected as alternate.

New Officers were installed by Rev. J. M. Hamilton, district superintendent. The speaker for the morning was Rev. W. O. Byrd, pastor of Arkadelphia church. Workshops were held the first part of the afternoon.

The closing address was "Youth Emphasis" by Penny Fetters, of Henderson State Teachers College. It was a challenge that came from a faithful worker.

Ninety-two delegates registered for the day; Arkadelphia invited the district to meet at their church next year.—Mrs. H. A. Ross

### Hope

Hope District met at DeQueen April 28 with Mrs. L. B. Tooley, district president, presiding. Mrs. Gus Orr led the devotional, and Mrs. Bob Malcolm, president of the hostess society, gave the welcome.

Mrs. Tooley introduced the guest ministers, and gave a report of accomplishments of the district during the past year, and aims of the coming year. A skit on the need for better and more literature was presented by six DeQueen ladies.

Mrs. T. S. Lovett gave interesting highlights of the meeting of the Board of Missions and the Jurisdiction Woman's Society meeting held at Amarillo.

Mrs. Elbert Cook opened the afternoon session with a solo. Seventeen societies answered the roll call with interesting reports.

The registrar reported 131 attendance. District officers gave their reports at dinner.

Dr. Fred Harrison gave an in-

structive and inspirational talk on what is expected in the field of Evangelism for the next three years. Miss Gene Atkinson gave a wonderful report of the tour to Kansas City, which was sponsored by the Conference Society. Miss Norene Robken and Mrs. L. B. Tooley were elected delegates to the Jurisdictional School of Missions to be held at Mt. Sequoyah.

Mrs. C. I. Parsons installed the following officers: Mrs. L. B. Tooley, president; Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Vice-president; Mrs. R. T. White, treasurer; Mrs. Jolly Byers, promotion; Mrs. John Rushing, Missionary education; Mrs. T. F. Bowman, missionary personnel; Mrs. Raymond Harris, Christian social relations and local church activities; Mrs. J. C. McMahon, children; Mrs. Gus Orr, spiritual life; Miss Norene Robken, youth; Mrs. P. C. Stephens, literature and publicity; Mrs. Earl Miller, supplies; Mrs. J. C. Oslin, student; Mrs. Claud Clark, status of women; Mrs. W. R. Shackelford, secretary; and Mrs. Elbert Cook, Research.—Mrs. W. R. Shackelford

### Pine Bluff

The Pine Bluff District met May 7 at the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, for its Annual Meeting, with Mrs. O. C. Landers, district president, presiding. Mrs. E. A. Adams, hostess president, welcomed the group on behalf of the church.

The meeting opened with a period of quiet music with Mrs. E. J. Enderby at the organ, followed by a brief devotional given by Mrs. Paul Wylie of Carthage. During the business session, reports were made by district officers, giving an overall picture of the work. The address of the Morning "Evangelism and the Woman's Society of Christian Service" was given by Rev. John Lindsey. Preceding the message Mrs. John Hohman sang.

Following lunch, brief clinics were held, and a skit showing the importance of good literature was presented by Mrs. Ross Helvie.

Miss Emily Sanders and Miss Janella Caras, high school seniors,

told of their recent trip to Nashville as a part of the missionary tour.

Mrs. T. S. Lovett was in charge of installing the following officers: Mrs. O. C. Landers, Altheimer president; Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw, vice-president; Mrs. Bluff; Mrs. C. J. Maupin, recording secretary, Pine Bluff; Mrs. O. E. Holmes, promotion, DeWitt; Mrs. Victor Huselton, missionary education, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Ross Helvie, literature and publications, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Kenneth Spore, missionary personnel, Pine Bluff; Mrs. W. C. Shepherd, children, Gould; Mrs. W. E. Arnold, student, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Paul Wylie, spiritual life, Carthage; Mrs. S. Y. Stuart, supplies, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Robert Kirkwood, status of women, Altheimer; Mrs. U. V. White, treasurer, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Lester Mouser, Christian social relations, Humphrey.—Mrs. O. C. Landers

### Fayetteville

The 13th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Fayetteville District was held at the First Methodist Church in Siloam Springs, May 6. Over two hundred people were in attendance during the day.

Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, retiring president, was in charge, and Mrs. H. E. Pearce acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. D. N. Misenhimer. Mrs. Grace Whiteside and Mrs. Frances Robinson were organists for the day.

Greetings were extended by the local president, Mrs. J. L. Morris.

Twenty-four Societies answered roll call. Special announcements were made concerning the Day Apart at Fayetteville on May 20; the Jurisdictional School of Missions on Mt. Sequoyah, June 30-July 7; and the Hendrix School of Missions at Conway, July 13-17. Names of the four studies for the year were given also.

Mrs. Sam McNair, Treasurer, gave a summary of the year's finances and the group rejoiced to hear that the District had over-paid its pledge \$357.45; a total of \$10,152.61 had been sent to the Conference Treasurer by the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Fayetteville District this year. There were 45 special memberships — 1 Honorary, 23 Adult and 21 Baby Memberships.

Mrs. R. K. Bent gave the devotional; Mrs. Bessie Andrew reviewed the progress of the past four years; Mrs. Lillian Fountain reported highlights of the Annual Meeting in Blytheville; Miss Letzig discussed her new work at Beston Avenue Methodist Church; and the final speaker for the morning was Mrs. Johnnie McClure. Officers' Charts used at Blytheville were on display and were explained by Mrs. McClure, also, and she conducted a service of dedication and installation of new officers.

During the luncheon hour Mrs. W. F. Cooley was presented a leather train case in appreciation of the honor that has come to her and the District through her election to the Jurisdictional Office.

The Tour of Missions in March was reported by Misses Marilyn Murry and Marilyn Elbert of Siloam Springs. They were assisted by Mrs. (Continued on page 14)

## Sixty-Ninth Commencement At Hendrix College

Last Sunday, May 31, Hendrix College at Conway had its sixty-ninth commencement exercises for the seventy-four members of the graduating class of 1953.

The Baccalaureate service, which has formerly been held at the First Methodist Church, in Conway, was moved to the Auditorium on the Hendrix campus. The service was in charge of Rev. Joel Cooper, pastor, assisted by Dr. Matt L. Ellis, President of Hendrix College and Rev. Ethan W. Dodgen, District Superintendent of Forrest City District. Rev. Cecil R. Culver, pastor of Winfield Methodist Church in Little Rock, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. His subject was "Voices and the Voice".

At the noon hour lunch was served at Hulen Hall for those attending the Commencement exercises.

Dr. Ellis was in charge of the graduating exercises which began at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Ethan Dodgen gave the invocation. Miss Laurachel Bumgarner sang "Farewell! Ye Limpid Springs and Floods", by Handel. The graduating address was delivered by Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, President of Bowling Green State University, in Ohio. The subject of his address was, "Threads of Gold". Noeman Smith, pianist, played "Ondine" by Debussy.

Honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity were conferred on Rev. Cecil R. Culver and Rev. Ethan W. Dodgen. Honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws were conferred on President Ralph W. McDonald and Congress-

man Wilbur D. Mills. Urgent congressional duties which developed at the last minute made it impossible for Congressman Wills to be present. The parchment and hood were delivered for him to his brother, Roger Q. Mills of Kennsett.

All members of the graduating class of 1953 were candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Members of the class are as follows:

**BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HIGH HONORS:** Norman Eugene Smith, William Enoch Wilson.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HONORS:** Joe Lee Fleming, Mary Moore, Richard Menifce Moose, John Paul Phillips II, Harry Ambrose Pickens.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS:** Charles Raymond Attwood, Jacquelyn Ballew, William R. Bell, Patsy Ann Bennett, Jerry H. Bishop, Henry Blankenship, Virginia Lee Botts, Mary Guice Butthman, Dorothy Ann Christopher, John William Coleman, Henry Edward Couchman, Joseph E. Cross, Charlotte Ann Berry Davis, James Lamar Davis, Fred Russell Disheroon, Tommy Horton DuPree, Jerald Dean Featherston, Wesley Neal Freeman, Palmer Garner, Calloway Blanton Gossett, John Griggs Greening, Wesley Neill Hart, Jr., Eugene Carl Higginbotham, Wayne Linwood Hill, Patricia Holmes, Richard Wesley Hudson, Ruby Elizabeth Hutto, William Troy Johnson, Robert Merrill Jordan, Edward Paul Kendall III, David E. Lee, Jo Elizabeth Littell, Marvin Dale Loyd, Carlos E. Martin, Irvin Leighton Millard, Elizabeth Joy Mixon, Thomas Jackson Nations, Vernon Horace Paysinger, Jack Lambert Pritchard, Luke W. Quinn, Steve Ralph III, Bobby Van Reep, Charles Wilson Reitz, George Martin Rex, Carolyn Rose Ricketts, Robert Lee Ritter, Sally Maude Scott, Arthur Lee Sears, Eugene Appleby Shaneyfelt, James Roland Shelton, Grady Sibley, John Bennett Silaz III, Ida Marion Sorrells, David Edwin Swafford, John Allen Teeter, Elizabeth Ann Terrell, Robert Burns Thompson, R. Edwin Walton, Justice Franklin Warden, Jr., Elbert A. Warren, Mary Ruth Warren, John Charles Watson, Maurice G. Webb, Leonard Newton White, Jr., Bennie Dial Wilson, James R. Wilson, Susan Ann Woodford.

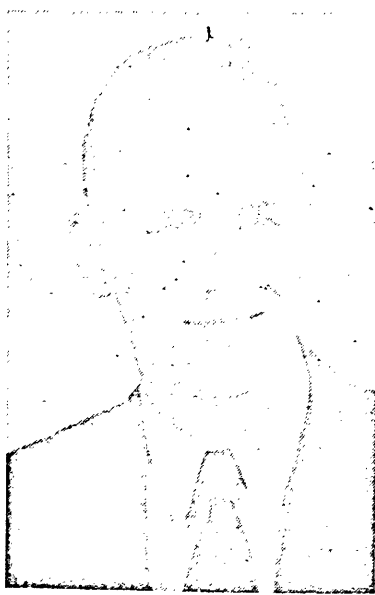
### PASTOR'S SON LICENSED TO PREACH

Samuel B. "Buzzy" Teague, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Otto W. Teague, of Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, on Sunday morning, May 17th, at the morning worship service, made public announcement of his decision to enter the Christian Ministry of the Methodist Church. The congregation by unanimous, standing vote, recommended him to the District Conference Committee for license to preach; this recommendation was confirmed at the meeting of the Quarterly Conference held, Thursday May 21, 1953, 7:30 P. M., in regular session and he was licensed at a meeting of the District Committee May 25th at First Methodist Church in Pine Bluff.

Samuel is in his second year at Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, having graduated from Pine Bluff High School in May 1951. He has been active in the Youth work, not only of his own local church but also of the District and Conference. He was elected president of the Little Rock Conference Youth Fellowship in the year 1951. Since being in Hendrix College, he has served on Christian Youth Council and participated in Religious Youth Emphasis Week, which is held on the

Campus of the college each year. He is a member of the Hendrix College Choirsters, having gone on a tour with the choir each season.

Samuel has participated in the physical education program of the college, lettering in football during the seasons 1951 and 1952, playing the position of left end. He was a



SAMUEL B. TEAGUE

### PASTORS AND FAMILIES ENTERTAINED

The Rev. E. B. Williams, District Superintendent of the Jonesboro District of the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Williams entertained the pastors' families of the Jonesboro District with a breakfast at First Church Jonesboro on Friday, May 29. Over one hundred attended this last get-together of the families before the Annual Conference meets.

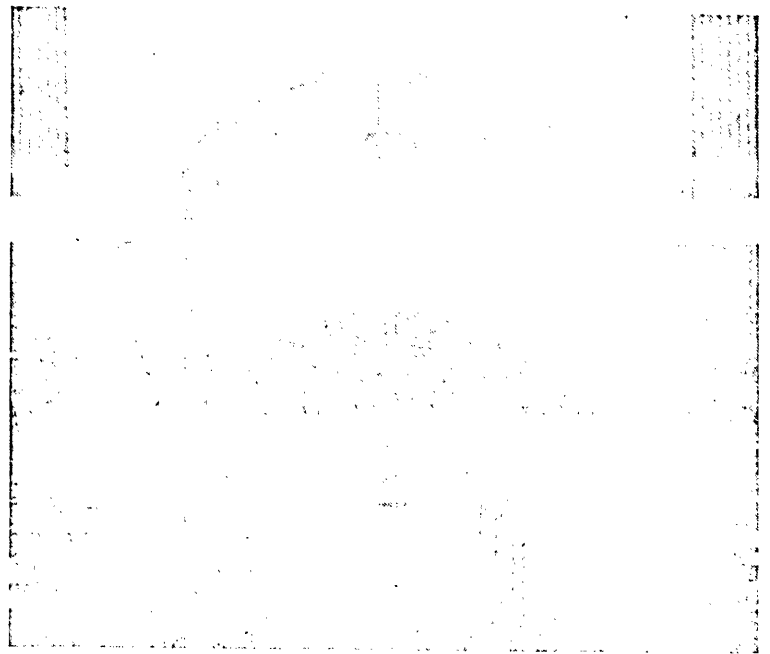
Mrs. E. B. Roleson was in charge of the Serving and Preparation Com-

mittee which very graciously and capably performed. Ladies of the committee are members of First Church. Tables and room were superbly decorated.

Mrs. John McCormack, wife of the First Church Pastor, was in charge of the delightful program, which was to 'show off' parsonage talent. The program included games and group singing and a men's trio composed of Rev. H. L. Robinson, Rev. Eugene Hall and Rev. John McCormack. Individual numbers given

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## EASTER AT FORDYCE



The auditorium at the Methodist Church in Fordyce was decorated Easter morning with thirty-five lily pots. They were placed there in honor of living friends and in memory of loved ones who had passed on.

There was sunrise service at 6:00 a. m. and Easter services at the 11:00

o'clock hour. Rev. J. S. Upton of Hendrix College preached at the evening hour.

In the afternoon the lily pots were placed in homes of the sick and shut-ins. Some were placed in other homes of members of the church.—Reporter

member of the Mile medley and the mile relay teams, 1952 and 1953, participating in the A. I. C. meets and lettering each season.

He plans to finish at Hendrix College, receiving his B. A., and enter Southern Methodist Theological School, for his Bachelor of Divinity Degree.—Reporter

### OPEN HOUSE AT NEW PULLMAN HEIGHTS PARSONAGE

The doors were opened wide on the evening of May 8 at the beautiful, newly purchased parsonage of Pullman Heights Methodist Church in Hot Springs.

More than one hundred fifty guests called to see the seven-room, buff-brick home, with spacious landscaped grounds. The home had been newly decorated. Several new pieces of furniture were added to the already, beautifully furnished home.

The pastor, Rev. Herston R. Holland, and members of the Official Board greeted the guests. Refresh-

### WILLIAM AND MRS. ELDER RETURNING ON FURLOUGH

During these last five years in Japan we have greatly appreciated the news of friends and the churches at home that the "Arkansas Methodist" has brought to us. Now we are preparing to leave for our first furlough, and are looking forward to seeing our friends again.

We sail from Yokohama on June 30th on the "President Wilson". We expect to be in Arkansas around the end of July and the first of August. We may be reached there by writing: c/o Mrs. Josie Elder, Route 5, Box 654, Little Rock, Arkansas.

We hope to make use of this furlough to finish the studies which we interrupted five years ago to become "J-3's". We will return to Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, where Bill has already finished one year of school.—Rev. and Mrs. William M. Elder

ments were served by members of the W. S. C. S.—Reporter

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**SUNDAY, MAY 24 AT HUNTER**

One of the fine experiences during this conference year has come through the workshop program. A large room at the college was re-decorated at the beginning of the year to be used by the ministerial students serving pastoral charges. In this room we have a limited amount of equipment to be used in the preparation of church bulletins and news letters. We have also placed at the disposal of the students a sound projector which has been of great help in their work. It is our hope that we may have additional equipment the coming year in order that we may expand this program. This service is carried on in cooperation with the department of religion headed by Rev. James S. Upton. The enclosed picture shows Brother Upton with a group of students busy in preparation of their bulletins.

Not only is the workshop room a place for actual mechanical work, but also a place of good fellowship. The room has been made attractive with a most beautiful Town and Country mural painted by David Breisbach head of the Art Department. The picture shows the intermingling of town and country interests. It is striking and beautiful in its artistic appointments. There is also a counter on which are samples of our church school literature. A large bulletin board has been installed upon which notices, posters and other helpful material is placed from time to time. The students have enjoyed the work in this new venture during the year.

Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

it was my privilege to preach at Hunter to a large congregation. At the noon hour I was privileged to have fellowship at the parsonage home with the Stegalls. Since my last visit, Brother Stegall had completely redecorated the living room. The beautiful new hardwood floors and newly papered walls made a complete transformation in this part of the house. The remainder of the parsonage will be re-done before the work has been completed. In the afternoon we visited White Hall church which has been completely redecorated. Sunday School rooms have been added which will aid in a fine way their church school program. New floors are to be added.

This church has completely paid out its financial obligations for the year. The Hunter church was working on its budget and will pay all obligations by the closing of the books. It has been indeed a wonderful experience to have fellowship with the fine people and the pastor and his family on this charge during this annual conference year. This has been the third pilot charge in the Forrest City District since coming to this office. These assignments were made by the Rev. Ethan Dodgen, District Superintendent, who is serving his last year on this district. He has been in high favor with his pastors and people. He has been cooperative in my work giving every bit of encouragement and help possible. We wish him much joy in his new field of work.—J. Albert Gatlin

publicize myself, but I want to say a word of appreciation of our doctors and their care, but more especially to call your attention to our Methodist Hospitals. With no thought of criticism of other hospitals—for they are all institutions of mercy and helpfulness to the sick and injured, but we Methodists need to know more about our own Methodist Hospitals.

When I had to enter the Methodist Hospital in Memphis on such short notice, only one bed was available, and that was in a room fitted out for two patients, but I got that bed. At my request I was placed in a private room the next day that had just been made vacant. The hospital management showed me every courtesy and attention. The student nurses attended my every need promptly and cheerfully. I only have words of appreciation for the care I was given.

We are told that much is spent by our hospital for charity. I want to refer to one case that came under my observation while we were living in another town—and I am sure this experience could be repeated over and over again. A young wife, whose husband had forsaken her, appealed to me to help her enter a hospital. I phoned Rev. O'Donald—Chaplain at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis, and he said send her over. She was carried over at once and stayed there in the hospital for some time totally at the expense of the hospital.

In writing this article, I am just speaking out of a heart of gratitude for what I have received from one of our great church institutions.—J. M. Harrison

**PASTORS AND FAMILIES ENTERTAINED**

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 were: Vocal Solos by Mrs. Alvin C. Murray and Rev. Billy Douglas; Piano Solos by Joe McCormack, Beverly Brown and Mrs. John Barrett. The Rev. Mr. Williams acted as Master-of-Ceremonies.

**CORRECTION**

The Registrar for the Board of Ministerial Training, Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers sends the following correction of announcement he sent us last week.—

4:00—5:30 P. M. June 10. Meeting Conference men in the classes of the Course of Study, and those seeking ordination who will not otherwise be before our Board.

1:30—5:00 P. M. June 11. Meeting all Approved Supplies, Approved Part-time Supplies, Approved Student Supplies, Approved Full-time Supplies. (Except those who are already Elders.)

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WORK SHOP. HENDRIX COLLEGE. Left to Right: Rev. James S. Upton, Rev. Jim Gatlin, Norman Tatten, Rev. Travis Williams.

**WERE YOU EVER IN A HOSPITAL?**

In answer to the above question. I have been more than once, and my last experience has been so recent and vivid that I want to tell you about it. I had been in good health, but became quite sick and

our local physician was called in. After examination he said I must go to the hospital at once for an operation. He phoned a surgeon at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis who made all arrangements and the operation was completed before midnight.

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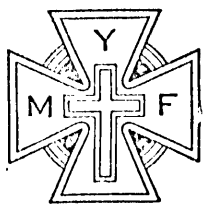
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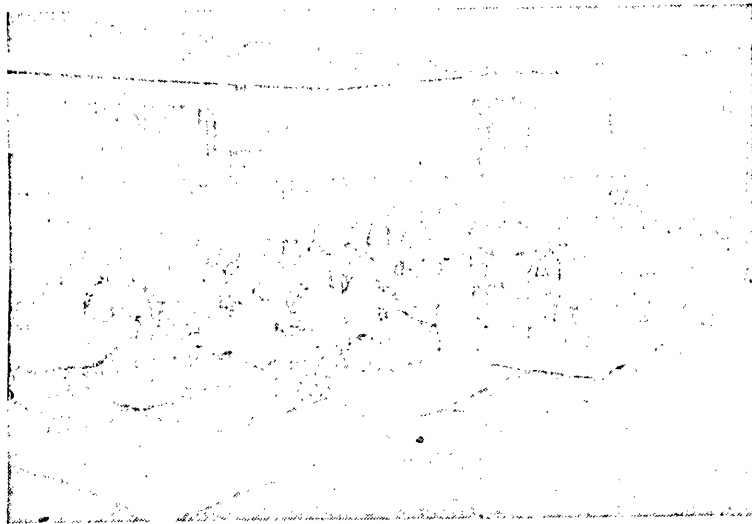
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### A JAPANESE BANQUET



At the conclusion of a unit of study on "The Church in Japan", members of the Senior Department of the Cedar Grove Methodist Youth Fellowship had a "Japanese Banquet" Sunday, May 17, at 5 p. m. Our honored guest was Miss "Deckie" Sekiya, a Japanese student enrolled at Centenary College.

The meal consisted of rice and salmon, rice chips, crackers, and green tea. Those attending enjoyed eating with chop sticks and sitting on the floor. Favors which were distributed among the group included Kokeshi dolls (a lapel ornament), Japanese bookmarks and the chop sticks, all of which were sent the local group by a Louisiana Methodist Missionary in Kagoshima, Japan.

After the meal, Deckie demonstrated several Japanese games, including Hanetsuki (a sort of bad-

minton) and real Chinese Checkers.

Adult counselors and guests present included Mrs. C. E. McGowan, W. S. C. S. President; the pastor, Rev. Roy E. Mouser, and Mrs. Mouser; Mrs. J. E. Nugent, Youth Superintendent; Mrs. Clelland Biggs, Senior Department Counselor; Mrs. Hubert Carroll, Intermediate Counselor; Mrs. W. P. Roberts; Mrs. Luther Cox; Rodney Cox; Clint and Sherry Mouser.

M. Y. F. members attending were: Ruby Bloxom, M. Y. F. President; Frieda Amalong, Leota Sears, Sylvia Lively, Martha Carroll, Louise Roberts, Juanita Morrison, Lola Waddell, James Cox, William Eubanks, John Wilson, Paul Cox, Barbara Johnson, Pat Jarvis, Nancy LeNoir, Barbara Easter, Elizabeth Biggs, Mary Joyce Rowell, and Beverly Petty.—Ruby Bloxom, Reporter

### WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Buffalo Island Sub-District met on Monday night, May 18, at Black Oak with the host church in charge of the program. Angeline Jackson led in group singing during the recreation period. The following new officers were elected for the coming year: President, Noel Baldrige, Caraway; Vice-president Angeline Jackson, Black Oak; Secretary, Laverna Billings, Sunnyland; Treasurer, Margaret Hart, Manila; Reporter, Ann Gibson, Lakeview; Counselor, Mr. Clyde Evans, Montette. The next meeting will be held at Lakeview on June 15.

The Crusaders Sub-District met at Springhill on April 27 with one hundred fifty six young people in attendance. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Youth Revival. Emma Lou Stewart presided over the meeting. Hope Williams presented the song leader and preacher, Rev. Conrad Edwards and Rev. Robert Potter, ministerial student at Centenary College and members of Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport. Glenn Haynes, Springhill, retiring president, presided at the business meeting. Officers elected for the new year are: President, Mary Carolyn Smith, Homer; Vice-president, Emma Lou Stewart, Springhill; Treasurer, Kay McFarland, Homer; Recording secretary,

Carolyn Douglas, Homer; Corresponding secretary, Alicia Williams, Springhill; Reporter, Etta Jo Newton, Athens and Counselor, Anita Cawthon, Springhill.

The Faulkner County Sub-District met at Mayflower for the May meeting when the name was changed to

### ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD

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Cooley and Miss Letzig. Mrs. Cooley was the other featured speaker for the afternoon.

The closing program included the pledge service over which Mrs. Sam McNair had charge. Mrs. Marjorie Smothers sang two solos, "Above the Hills of Time", and "The Lord's Prayer". Each of the twenty-four Societies was represented by its treasurer or another officer who laid their pledges for the new year upon the altar.

Officers installed to serve for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Mrs. R. K. Bent, Fayetteville; Vice-President, Mrs. Vernon Chalfant, Rogers; Recording Secretary, Mrs. D. N. Misenhimer, Fayetteville; Treasurer, Mrs. Sam McNair, Fayetteville; Secretaries of Lines of Work — Promotion, Mrs. S. D. Fountain, Sulphur Springs; Missionary Education, Mrs. M. L. Austin, Sulphur Springs; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, Bentonville; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Witt Carter, Fayetteville; Supplies, Mrs. Arnold Simpson, Fayetteville; C. S. R. and L. C. A., Mrs. Lillian Holt, Springdale; Children's Work, Mrs. Clifford Vance, Gravette; Youth

the Dyer-Mitchell Sub-District in honor of Miss Nellie Dyer, who has returned from Korea where she was held a prisoner, and Miss Mary Mitchell who is now a missionary in Korea. Officers were installed by the president, Kay Steel. Refreshments were served by the host church. Pat Boydston was in charge of the closing worship service.

Work, Miss Mary Walker, Siloam Springs; Student Work, Mrs. L. K. Wilson, Huntsville; Status of Women, Mrs. Russell Broyles, Farmington; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Wendell Barbaree, Green Forest; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Audrey Adams, Fayetteville.—Reported by Mrs. H. E. Pearce, Acting Secretary

### BIBLE CONFERENCE HELD IN GREECE

Katerini, Greece—(RNS)—A three-day Bible conference sponsored by the Macedonian Bible Institute here was attended by about 100 Evangelical Church clergymen and Sunday school teachers from all over Greece.

The opening address was made by the Rev. Spiros Zodiatis of New York, general secretary of the American Committee for the Evangelization of the Greeks. The institute, which has some 100 students, is sponsored by the committee.

A dramatization of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, presented by students of the institute, closed the conference.



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M-MT. CARMEL	110.00	19.00	110.00	233.50	12.00	13.00		21.00
Alm.	45.00	7.50	46.50	67.50	4.71	5.63		9.00
TOTALS	\$9049.30	1994.31	15758.73	33661.63	769.61	2278.27	544.25	1792.00

FUND: District \$184.00.  
ANCE: Bauxite, 15.00; Hickory Plains, 2.00; Little Rock Chs., Asbury 800.00; Henderson, 100.00; Highland, 86.00; Winfield 1152.00; Loneke, 300.00; Mabelvale, 150.00; Primrose, 68.00; Salem, 60.00; Mt. Carmel, 22.50; TOTAL, \$2,755.50.

MODIST INFORMATION: 250.00; TOTAL, \$250.00.  
RED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Hunter, 300.00; Scott Street, 75.00; 28th Street, 90.00; Winfield, 2644.00; Mt. Carmel, 43.50; Salem, 125.00; Concord, 12.70; Bauxite, 30.00; Old Austin, 34.00; Highland, 375.00; Carlisle, 300.00; Douglassville, 112.50; Eyer Springs, 33.32; Henderson, 776.00; TOTAL, \$5,331.02.

P FUND: Concord, 5.00; South Bend, 5.00; Sardis, 23.50; Asbury, 250.00; Loneke, 1.00; Earle, 50.00; Mabelvale, 30.00; W. P. Bates, 364.20; J. R. Henderson, 299.33; TOTAL, \$1,063.03.

SCH SCHOOL DAY: Concord, 10.00; Mt. Tabor, 6.00; South Bend, 5.00; Benton, 5.00; Carlisle, 40.00; Douglassville, 15.00; Hickory Plains, 13.15; Asbury, 100.00; Capitol View, 40.00; First Church, 165.00; Henderson, 30.00; Hunter, 50.00; Oak Forest, 0.00; Pulaski Heights, 100.00; 28th Street, 30.00; Winfield, 174.25; Loneke, 35.00; Primrose, 25.00; Salem, 10.00; TOTAL, \$433.40.

RDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION: Mt. View, 15.00; TOTAL, \$15.00.  
MBER SPECIAL: Mt. Tabor, 6.00; South Bend 5.00; Bauxite, 25.00; Benton, 100.00; Carlisle, 75.00; Douglassville, 25.00; Winfield, 509.00; Hazen 43.35; Hickory Plains, 8.25; Capitol View, 50.00; First Church, 800.00; Hunter, 50.00; St. Paul, 18.00; Scott Street, 75.00; 28th Street, 40.00; Loneke, 75.00; Primrose, 27.00; Salem, 15.00; TOTAL, \$1,948.10.

LD WIDE COMMUNION: Bauxite, 25.00; Benton, 35.00; Old Austin, 5.00; DeValls Bluff, 30.00; Douglassville, 20.10; Hazen, 35.87; Asbury, 53.35; First Church, 277.43; Henderson, 35.00; Pulaski Heights, 50.00; Winfield, 74.66; St. Paul, 31.00; 28th Street, 0.00; Loneke, 50.00; Mabelvale, 25.05; Mt. Pleasant, 10.00; Primrose, 24.65; TOTAL, \$2,211.11.

E REL.: Bauxite, 25.00; Benton, 35.00; Douglassville, 15.00; Bryant, 16.53; Sardis, 0.00; Douglassville, 15.00; First Church, 500.00; Henderson, 20.00; Oak Forest, 18.00; Pulaski Heights, 27.00; Winfield, 69.66; Mabelvale, 17.50; Mt. Pleasant, 8.00; Primrose, 6.00; TOTAL, \$903.71.

DED.: Bauxite, 120.00; Carlisle, 40.00; Douglassville, 35.00; Hickory Plains Ct., 0.12; Asbury, 116.97; Capitol View, 62.00; First Church, 355.40; Henderson, 50.00; Oak Forest, 16.93; St. Paul, 25.00; 28th Street, 83.60; Winfield, 138.77; Loneke, 66.00; Mabelvale, 40.00; Primrose, 54.25; TOTAL, \$1,219.05.

LEY FOUNDATION: Austin Ct., Mt. Tabor, 5.00; Mabelvale, 26.25; Salem, 15.00; TOTAL, \$46.25.

DISTRICT TOTAL \$62,605.85

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Harrell 70.00, 14.00, 165.00, 101.00, 10.00, 7.00, 14.00, 10.00, 14.00

MITAGE CT. Hermitage 62.00, 11.00, 56.00, 80.00, 3.00, 3.00, 3.00, 3.00, 3.00

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STLAND-MONTROSE CT. Portland 240.00, 42.00, 356.00, 420.00, 45.00, 11.25, 18.00, 48.00, 36.00

Montrose 90.00, 15.75, 126.00, 71.25, 45.00, 11.25, 18.00, 48.00, 36.00

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Kelso 40.00, 7.00, 30.00, 50.00, 60.20, 11.00, 40.00, 6.00, 60.00, 11.00

Wilmar 60.00, 11.00, 54.00, 100.00, 30.00, 5.00, 50.00, 30.00, 33.00

WILMOT CT. Miller's Chapel 30.00, 5.00, 27.00, 50.00, 300.00, 390.00, 500.00, 633.61, 943.72

Wilmut 300.00, 390.00, 500.00, 633.61, 943.72, 517.00, 1461.17, 21.00, 21.00

Warren, 320; Miller's Chapel, 1.93; TOTAL, \$2,393.93.

CE REL.: Fordyce, 50.00; Kingsland, 5.00; Lake Village, 26.60; Newton's Chapel, 21.75; Selma, 5.40; Tillar, 25.30; Winchester, 7.55; Wilmar, 3.00; TOTAL, \$144.60.

EMBER SPECIAL: Crossett, 125.00; Dermott, 55.75; Green Hill, 3.00; Lacey, 3.00; Prairie Chapel, 2.00; Dumas, 75.00; Fordyce, 150.00; Fountain Hill, 10.00; Extra, 8.00; Hickory Grove, 2.00; Pine Hill, 2.00; Waller's Chapel, 3.00; Zion, 3.00; Hamburg, 75.00; Snyder, 5.00; Harrell, 12.50; Hermitage, 4.00; Ingalls, 2.00; Jersey, 2.00; Palestine, 2.00; Lake Village, 60.00; McGee, 150.00; Monticello, 31.25; Parkdale, 29.99; Portland, 25.00; Strong, 25.00; Chambersville, 4.00; Temperance Hill, 4.00; Thornton, 3.50; Newton's Chapel, 20.00; Selma, 5.00; Tillar, 25.00; Winchester, 5.00; Warren, 125.00; Good Hope, 6.50; Watson, 40.00; Arkansas City, 2.00; Andrew's

Dist. Supt.	Bishop Fund	Conf. Claim.	Benev.	World Service	Gen. & Jur.	M.S.P.	M.S.C.
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Chapel, 3.00; Rock Springs, 5.00; Wilmar, 5.00; TOTAL, \$1,123.49.

WORLD WIDE COMM.: Crossett, 45.00; Dermott, 74.00; Valley, 5.00; Dumas, 109.00; Eudora, 11.13; Fordyce, 149.00; Hamburg, 32.20; Hermitage, 10.40; Ingalls, 7.15; Jersey, 2.59; Palestine, 2.86; Huttig, 22.00; Kingsland, 5.00; Lake Village, 21.00; McGee, 55.00; Parkdale, 9.21; Portland, 17.00; Montrose, 7.00; Strong, 16.00; Thornton, 10.00; Newton's Chapel, 16.20; Selma, 8.50; Tillar, 32.25; Winchester, 5.00; Warren, 30.86; Wilmut, 33.00; TOTAL, \$736.35.

W. K. DED.: Crossett, 31.85; Dermott, 51.15; Dumas, 90.00; Eudora, 18.00; Fordyce, 129.50; Hamburg, 34.00; Faustina, 11.25; Harrell, 12.00; Hermitage, 5.11; Huttig, 14.00; Kingsland, 5.00; New Edinburg, 5.00; Lake Village, 33.92; McGee, 75.00; Monticello, 30.00; Parkdale, 16.85; Portland, 6.40; Chambersville, 3.25; Temperance Hill, 4.60; Thornton, 11.30; Newton's Chapel, 23.00; Selma, 6.00; Tillar, 40.90; Winchester, 7.00; Warren, 100.00; Watson, 25.00; Wilmar, 10.00; Miller's Chapel, 5.50; Wilmut, 19.50; TOTAL, \$834.19.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: Crossett, 60.00; Dermott, 27.00; Green Hill, 3.00; Lacey, 3.00; Prairie Chapel, 2.00; Dumas, 40.00; Eudora, 30.00; Fordyce, 60.00; Fountain Hill, 10.00; Extra, 5.00; Hickory Grove, 2.00; Pine Hill, 2.00; Waller's Chapel, 3.00; Zion, 3.00; Hamburg, 35.00; Snyder, 5.00; Faustina, 2.00; Hampton, 20.00; Harrell, 4.00; Hermitage, 4.00; Ingalls, 2.00; Jersey, 2.00; Palestine, 2.00; Bolding, 4.00; Huttig, 15.00; Hebron, 3.00; Kingsland, 13.00; Lake Village, 30.00; McGee, 45.00; Monticello, 50.00; Parkdale, 10.00; Portland, 20.00; Strong, 10.00; Chambersville, 4.00; Temperance Hill, 4.00; Thornton, 4.25; Newton's Chapel, 4.60; Selma, 2.00; Winchester, 3.00; Warren, 65.00; Good Hope, 6.50; Watson, 12.00; Kelso, 8.00; Andrew's Chapel, 2.00; Mt. Pleasant, 4.00; Rock Springs, 3.00; Wilmar, 5.00; Miller's Chapel, 7.07; Wilmut, 16.00; TOTAL, \$670.82.

CAMP FUND: Thornton, Fordyce, Warren Sub-Dist. 20.00; Hamburg, 35.00; Kingsland, 7.00; Lake Village, 34.50; McGee, 186.54; Monticello, 93.00; Portland, 15.00; Montrose, 10.00; Strong, 9.56; Thornton, 8.00; Rock Springs, 15.00; TOTAL, \$433.80.

WESLEY FOUNDATION: Monticello Dist., 3138.75; Hermitage, 3.00; Ingalls, 2.00; Jersey, 2.00; Palestine, 2.00; Arkansas City, 3.00; TOTAL, \$3,150.75.

1000 CLUB: Monticello Dist., 170.00; TOTAL, \$170.00.

AREA FUND: Crossett, 66.00; Dermott, 38.00; Dumas, 48.00; Eudora, 20.00; Fordyce, 55.00; Hamburg, 45.00; Faustina, 24.00; Harrell, 8.00; Lake Village, 30.00; McGee, 54.00; Monticello, 50.00; Portland, 10.00; Montrose, 3.75; Star City, 7.50; Strong, 18.75; Warren, 50.00; TOTAL, \$528.00.

DISTRICT TOTAL \$51,754.03

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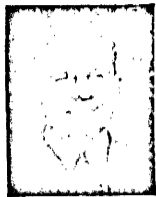
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# The Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JUNE 14, 1953

## WHAT IS THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Acts 15:1-29; Galatians 1 and 2. Printed Text: Galatians 2:1-10, 19-21.

GOLDEN TEXT: In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. (Galatians 3:26)

This is the second lesson of UNIT X: "SOME RESULTS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING." The first lesson of the unit raised the question "What Are the Rewards of Stewardship?" In the broader sense stewardship covers all of life, but in the lesson of last week we dealt only with that phase which has to do with material possessions. We learned that tithing is a very important matter. It is a very practical and sensible way to finance the church and carry on its program. Tithing as a basis of giving or sharing is merely a starting point. Many people should do far more than tithe. Giving should be done cheerfully, but it should represent sacrifice. There is a possibility of one having so much of this world's goods that he can tithe without making any sacrifice whatever. God looks at the amount a person has left after the gift is made as well as at the amount of the gift.

Our theme for today is also very important: "What Is the Basis of Christian Liberty?" All want liberty. It is one of the greatest longings of the human soul. We need to be careful, however, to differentiate between liberty and license. We must always bear in mind that liberty as taught in the New Testament is freedom to do right but not wrong.

### A Look At The Scriptures

Space will permit us to deal only with the printed text. The student would do well to read the entire lesson.

In speaking of his return to Jerusalem Paul mentions 14 years. Some of the scholars feel that he was dating this trip from the time of his conversion on the Damascus road. Others say that he was dating it from his first return to Jerusalem as a Christian. It will be remembered that the Christians feared him because he had been persecuting them, and Barnabas had to vouch for him to get the Christians to accept him.

The return to Jerusalem of our lesson was occasioned by an argument that was bidding fair to split the early church. Paul had been going about over the Roman Empire establishing churches and receiving Gentiles into them without them first subscribing to certain Jewish ceremonial laws, such as circumcision. Certain Jews from Judea, who had accepted Christ and had joined the church, learned of this practice and they greatly objected to it. In spite of the fact that they were supposed to have become Christians and joined the church they still clung to Judaism. They contended that one had first to become a Jew religiously before he could become a Christian. They still practiced the rite of circumcision and followed other items of the law of Moses. They kept the Jewish Sabbath (which was Saturday) but at the same time

they celebrated the resurrection of Christ by keeping Sunday, or the first day of the week. In brief they had simply added to their Jewish faith some of the principles taught by Christ. They contended that no one could be saved who did not do the same things. They contended that Christ himself had submitted to these laws and that all the Apostles had done likewise. Their argument seemed pretty sound on the surface and many of the Galatian Gentiles were falling for it. Paul saw immediately that this procedure would make Christianity a mere Jewish sect. He fought the idea with all the strength of his being. The argument became so heated that it was decided to settle it at Jerusalem. For this purpose a church council was called there. This was the first Council of the Christian Church, and many scholars say that it has never been surpassed from the standpoint of the greatness of the question dealt with and the effect it had on the future of the church. This Council has been called the Magna Charta of Christendom.

This first Council of the Christian Church met in A. D. 50. Paul and Barnabas attended it as delegates. They took Titus along with them. He served as an exhibit of the thing they had been doing among the Gentiles. Titus was a Gentile who had been converted to the Christian Religion and was received into the church without circumcision. He was an outstanding man in the early church. He so impressed the church leaders at Jerusalem that they permitted him to have fellowship with them through the church, without circumcision.

Paul and his party arrived at Jerusalem before the meeting time of the Council. He requested the church leaders to meet him in a conference. Chief among these leaders were Peter, John, and James. It will be noted that the James spoken of here is not the brother of John. He had already been killed by order of Herod. This James was the brother of Jesus. Partly because of his own ability and partly because of the fact that he was one of the Lord's brothers, he had become quite a leader in the Jerusalem Church. These men all met with Paul, Barnabas, and Titus and heard their account of the situation. They were convinced that Paul and Barnabas were right in accepting Gentiles into the Church without first requiring them to become proselytes to Judaism. In token of their agreement they gave to them the right hand of fellowship. This pre-Council meeting which had been requested by Paul was a wise bit of strategy. Before the Council met he already had the leaders won over to his side.

There can be no question about the fact that God was leading in these

efforts. Had this question been decided in favor of Paul's enemies it would have spelled the doom of Christianity. Under such circumstances it could have never been a world religion. It would have immediately deteriorated into a Jewish sect and would have easily been outstripped by orthodox Judaism. The very future of Christianity was hanging in the balance at that time. These people who were giving Paul this trouble in his missionary efforts are known as Judaizers. They were Jews who were supposed to have been converted to the Christian Religion, but had come into the Christian Church with the rankest type of Phariseism. The verdict of this Council did not silence them. They continued to give Paul trouble. It was seven years after the meeting of this Council that Paul wrote the letter from which our lesson is taken, and they were still hounding him. The fact, however, that the Council did decide in Paul's favor gave him an advantage over these enemies. These enemies of the faith finally passed off of the stage of action and Christianity marched on to become the chief religion of the world.

### Christian Liberty

Christian liberty does not mean lawlessness. It is rather the lifting one above the law. Take for example the civil laws. The good citizen keeps them but they are no burden to him whatever. He would keep them if they had never been passed and written down as rules to govern the land. The law against murder is no bother to him for he never thinks of committing murder. The same is true so far as the good citizen is concerned with stealing and other crimes.

Let us illustrate further. All great literature is written according to certain rules and regulations, in brief, laws. This is especially true with poetry. It deals in feet and meter, etc. Several years ago while the great English Poet Lord Alfred Tennyson was yet alive an outstanding scholar made a close study of his poems. One day he said to Tennyson, "I note that in writing you follow very carefully the laws of good poetry." Tennyson thought for a moment and then replied, "Since you come to speak of it, that is true, but I did so without ever stopping to think that there were any laws governing poetry." He kept the laws in this realm perfectly, but he did so without even stopping to consider that there were any such laws. His heart was simply filled with poetry and he wrote out of the overflow. The laws governing poetry did not bind him in any way. He was perfectly free, and yet he kept those laws far better than a lesser genius could have done had he spent a great deal of time thinking about them and testing his poems to see whether or not they measured up to the laws governing the writing of poetry. Tennyson had gotten above the law.

Moral laws are given for the purpose of regulating relationships. A person's relationships reach out in only two directions — toward God and toward fellowmen. A true consecrated Christian will have his heart so thoroughly saturated with love for God and love for fellowmen that he will naturally keep the laws which govern those relationships. As Tennyson got above the laws governing the writing of good poetry, so the true Christian gets above the laws governing these relationships. He keeps them naturally without ever stopping to

consider that there are such laws. He is, therefore free; as free as if such laws did not exist. He is above the laws and yet he keeps the laws and does so far more perfectly than does the person who feels bound by them. The motive that is back of the true Christian's keeping of the laws is love. He obeys gladly and enthusiastically. He obeys by free choice on his own part and not by any coercion whatever. He is, therefore, free, for the person who does as he chooses to do is free. The motive for keeping the laws by the person who feels bound by the laws is fear. He keeps the laws by the coercion of fear. He is, therefore, not a free person.

Some one has given this advice, "Love God with all your soul, mind, and strength and your neighbor as yourself, and then do as you please." That is not bad advice. If one really loves God and fellowmen like that he will not intentionally do them any wrong, and not only so, he will be as helpful as possible to them.

### The Dwelling Christ

### The Indwelling Christ

This Christian liberty is based further on the indwelling Christ. In this connection Paul gives one of the most beautiful passages in the whole Bible. He goes on to tell how he has been crucified with Christ. He has died to selfishness and self-interest. He has permitted Christ to live in him. Paul made a full and complete surrender of his life to Christ. His body had become an instrument through which Christ could carry on his work in this world. In a sense Christ reincarnated himself in Paul. If all professed followers of Christ in the world today should make that kind of surrender to him the Kingdom of God would soon come. That type of surrender is the number one need of the world today.

An old colored man who had some very bad habits suddenly changed. One of his white friends noted this change. He said to him, "Well Sam, I see that you've got the mastery of the devil at last." Sam replied, "No sur, boss, I ain't got the mastery of the devil. No man can do that. I've got the Master of the devil." That is good theology. Paul would readily agree with that. We cannot get the mastery of Satan, but it is every person's privilege to get the Master of Satan. If he opens his heart and lets Christ come in, he will have the Master of Satan in his own life; choosing his changes for him; helping him to overcome the temptations to do evil; and giving him power to render helpful service as he passes along the pathway of life. That is Christian liberty. It comes from the inward presence of Christ in the heart rather than from the outward coercion of fear.

### The Memory Selection

Our memory selection goes on to tell us that we are sons of God. We are not slaves of God, or even servants of God. We are his sons. As such he expects us to share his life and engage in his work. Those who do that will find Christian liberty to the highest degree. The source of such liberty is in God. The true life of freedom is found in fellowship with him.



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## Peace In Korea Seems Assured

WE have been disappointed at the failure of armistice in Korea grasp the fact that be a definite possibility for in the Korean war.

As we go to press, word of an agreement by the U. S. communists on the prison. This has appeared to be the peace negotiations for fact that the reds have firmment on the question seem are finally in a mood to be

South Korea is disappointed peace terms. It should be that the United Nations communist aggression and of Korea antedated the war that it will survive it.

The United Nations strategy to achieve peace with the experience of this believe Russia will sponsor unless she is ready to plunge war.

## LR Conference Centennial Session

IN its one hundredth First Methodist Church Rock Conference has conference session of of high moments in the tributed to the making ference. The very fact the year created a sense of warded again and again tion of Miss Nellie Dyer who for many months w Korean communists a than a month ago, was soon be forgotten. This of Miss Dyer before a her return to her home climax of the Centennial Friday evening with the tennial pageant, "The matic portrayal of se history of the Little Rock received by the crowd sons who were present ium where the pageant the Conference had ar who each added to the such a significant one Shreveport, the Conf Lemuel Fenn, Tulsa Charles Stuck, Jones Saturday morning de Baker, Pine Bluff, co these contributed to n a fitting tribute to the conference well during history.

A special word given to the Conference ned the Centennial a especial note of app responsible for the pageant, "The Living fortunate enough to dramatic presentation (Continued)