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# Little Rock Conference

## In 100th Session

Centennial Pageant Presented,  
Conference Director of Stewardship Named

### Staff Article

The Centennial session of the Little Rock Conference was concluded Sunday, June 7, at noon with the reading of the pastoral appointments for the new conference year by Bishop Paul E. Martin, after what Bishop Martin described as a session with more highlights than any other conference session he had known. The First Methodist Church in Little Rock, where the conference session had been held, was crowded to capacity for the final service.

One of the highlights of the Centennial session was the presentation on Friday evening of a pageant "The Living Years" at the Robinson Auditorium. The dramatic presentation featured flashback scenes of the first session of the Little Rock Conference held at Washington in 1854, of missions, education, of camp meetings, of war, prosperity, of depression, of plantation days, and of the future. The pageant was an original production written by Dr. Walter Moffatt and Miss Vivian Hill, Hendrix College faculty members. The presentation was directed by Mrs. Ella Myrl Shanks also of Hendrix, and the cast was drawn from Hendrix students. Music was furnished by choirs of the Little Rock District under the direction of Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, Hendrix staff member. Almost three thousand persons were on hand at the Auditorium for the occasion and they received the pageant with enthusiasm and appreciation.

Another high moment of the conference session was the presentation during the Stewardship Hour Friday morning of Miss Nellie Dyer, Methodist missionary who was recently released as a prisoner of the North Koreans after three years of confinement. She had been taken prisoner at the outbreak of hostilities and held until her release with several missionaries less than a month ago. The Conference stood and applauded as Miss Dyer and her mother, Mrs. Elisha Dyer, Conway, were presented by Bishop Martin and Dr. Arthur Terry, chairman of the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, who was leading in the Stewardship Hour program. An orchid was presented Miss Dyer symbolic of a pledge by the churches of the Little Rock Conference that each church would have an Advance Special. Bishop Martin termed the 1953-54 Conference year as "Nellie Dyer" year. Miss Dyer was also presented to the large crowd attending the Centennial pageant on Friday evening.

### Director of Stewardship Post Created

On Saturday morning the Conference adopted a Conference Commission on World Service proposal that a Conference Director of Stewardship be named, whose duties would be to "set up and promote a program of stewardship and tithing throughout the Conference, and promote financial campaigns in local churches of the Conference to raise funds for buildings or for local Church budgets." A proposed budget of \$8,500 was authorized by the Conference and on Sunday Bishop Martin appointed Rev. J. Edwin Keith, for the past five years Associate Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, to the newly created post. Rev. Mr. Keith had been nominated by a special Conference Committee on Stewardship and elected by the Conference to the position. The Committee personnel includes Bishop Martin, Dr. William A. Brown, Monticello District Superintendent, (representing the cab-

inet), Mrs. T. S. Lovett, president of the Conference Woman's Society organization, and the chairman of the following Conference organizations; Commission on World Service and Finance, Board of Missions and Church Extension, Board of Education, and Board of Lay Activities. The Stewardship Office will be located in Little Rock at an address to be named at an early date.

### Host Church

All the sessions of the Conference were held in the air-conditioned sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, with Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Rev. J. Edwin Keith, and Rev. John Lindsay, minister and associate ministers, as hosts. Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock District Superintendent, was District-host for the conference. This church on Sunday, May 31, dedicated its new Educational Building debt-free in a building program which also included remodeling an older educational building, redecorating the sanctuary and installing air-conditioning. The conference voted during its Saturday morning session to hold its next regular session at the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Dr. E. Clifton Rule, pastor.

### Ministerial Relations

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

**Retired:** J. A. Wade, Hot Springs, 42 years of service, and Albert Burroughs, Hot Springs, approved supply pastor. (Local Deacon)

**Received On Trial:** John G. Greening, Carlos E. Martin, Carroll F. Shukers II, Edmond Thomas McAfee, Robert W. Trieschmann, William Arthur Holmes, Charles E. Ramsey.

**Admitted Into Full Connection:** William Wiley Barron, Charles Gary Ashcraft, Elbert Bryon Jean, Myron Chester Pearce.

**Finished Fourth and Last Year Course of Study:** John Harold Scott, Rayford Luther Diffe.

**Ordained Deacons:** Connie Robins, Clyde Swift, Irl S. Lancaster, C. E. Lawrence, Ralph S. Mann, W. H. Watson, William Wiley Barron, Myron Chester Pearce, Harold Kent Davis, John Butler Hays, Edward Baker Hollenbeck, John Pershing Miles, Charles Gary Ashcraft, and William Arthur Holmes.

**Ordained Elders:** Bruce Hayes Bean, John Harold Scott, Rayford Luther Diffe.

**Supernumerary Relation:** Robert L. Long.

**Voluntary Location:** (Honorable and at own request) R. E. Simpson.

**Withdrawn:** Earle Lewis.

While not a ministerial member of the Annual Conference, Mrs. James Boyack was consecrated as a Director of Religious Education, a status authorized by the General Board of Education.

### Appointments

There were forty-five changes in the pastoral appointments for the new year, which represented a change in approximately 24% of the charges. By comparison there were about sixty changes last year representing about 34% of the charges. There was one change in the District Superintendency, with Dr. Arthur Terry, pastor for the past six years, of the Asbury Methodist Church,

Little Rock, being appointed as head of the Pine Bluff District. He succeeds Dr. J. L. Dedman who had finished his sixth year in that appointment. Dr. Dedman succeeds Rev. Elmer L. Thomas of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, who in turn was appointed to Asbury in Little Rock. Among those being transferred in were Rev. John McCormack from the North Arkansas Conference, a former member of the Little Rock Conference, who has served for three years as pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro; Rev. Horace M. Lewis, from the North Arkansas Conference where he has served for the past two years as pastor of the First Methodist Church, Springdale; and Rev. Frank M. Stage, Jr., who served this last year at Leachville. Rev. Mr. McCormack was appointed to Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, succeeding Rev. Otto Teague who was transferred to the North Arkansas Conference. Rev. Mr. Lewis was appointed as pastor of the Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart, and Rev. Andrew J. Christie pastor of that church for the past four years was also transferred to the North Arkansas Conference. Rev. Mr. Christie and Rev. Mr. Teague will receive appointments at this week's session of the North Arkansas Conference. Rev. Mr. Stage was appointed to the Strong Methodist Church. Others transferred out included Rev. James E. Major to the North Arkansas Conference where he will receive an appointment. Bro. Major served for six years as a Methodist missionary to Chile, returning in 1952. He has been studying this past year at the Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois.

### Commemorated

At the opening session of the Conference, Wednesday, the annual service of commemoration was held followed by the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The service of commemoration was under the general direction of the Conference Committee on Memoirs with Rev. J. D. Montgomery, Rev. J. A. Wade, and Rev. John L. Hoover leading the service. Dr. Clem Baker delivered the commemoration message. No ministerial member of the Conference had died during the past year. Minister's wives and widows commemorated included Mrs. H. R. Holland, Mrs. R. J. Rail, and Mrs. L. T. Rogers. Bishop Martin assisted by the District Superintendents and the host pastor, administered the sacrament of The Lord's Supper.

### Featured Speakers

Dr. John H. Rasmussen, pastor of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the Conference preacher for the Centennial session, delivering sermons on Wednesday evening, Thursday afternoon, Thursday evening (ordination sermon), and at the Friday morning devotional period. Large crowds heard with appreciation each one of Dr. Rasmussen's sermons. Dr. G. Lemuel Fenn, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Tulsa, was the devotional speaker at the Thursday morning session. Dr. Fenn as a member of the General Board of Temperance spoke on the temperance emphasis at that time. The Saturday morning session was begun with a devotional address by Charles A. Stuck, Jonesboro, Conference lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference. Mr. Stuck has recently returned from a trip to England where he spent two weeks studying the lay preaching program of British Methodism. His devotional was a stirring appeal for larger participation by Methodist lay people in Methodist activities. Bishop Martin delivered the Conference sermon at the concluding session on Sunday morning. Rev. Robert H. Cannon, retired member of the Conference was in charge of the Love Feast which preceded the morning worship service.

### Other Business

The Conference received a report that approximately \$250,000 of the Conference Claimant \$400,000 Campaign had been raised with \$23,000 having been reported during the past year. The Conference voted to continue the campaign during the next year. In dealing with the hospitalization group insurance program, the Conference voted to make the program mandatory on all ministers receiving appointment by the Bishop, unless any minister now has hospital-

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District Secretary Evangelism, Fred W. Schwendemann  
District Secretary Temperance, David M. Hankins, Jr.  
District Missionary Secretary, H. Barry Bailey  
District Commissioner, Methodist Children's Home, R. B. Wilson

## HOPE DISTRICT

E. D. Galloway, District Supt. (6)

Ashdown, H. D. Ginther (2)  
Bingen Ct., Clyde Swift (2)  
Blevins Ct., Joe W. Hunter (3)  
Center Point Ct., to be supplied  
DeQueen, Alfred I. Doss (2)  
Dierks Ct., to be supplied  
Doddridge Ct., W. P. Walker (2)  
Emmet Ct., John W. Rushing (3)  
Foreman, Robert L. Riggins (2)  
Hatfield Ct., L. A. Peters (3)  
Hope, Virgil D. Keeley (3)  
Horatio Ct., W. M. Crow (2)  
Lockesburg Ct., J. R. Callicott (4)  
Mena, Alfred De Black (1)  
Mena Ct., B. L. Smith (1)  
Mineral Springs Ct., Woodrow Smith (2)  
Nashville, J. E. Dunlap (1)  
Prescott, W. D. Golden (2)  
Prescott Ct., L. O. Lee (1)  
Richmond Ct., J. W. Mann (3)  
Springhill Ct., Claud Clark (3)  
TEXARKANA CHURCHES  
College Hill, Howard Williams (2)  
Fairview, C. W. Goode (2)  
First Church, Fred R. Harrison (5)  
Texarkana Ct., Virgil C. Bell (3)  
Washington Ct., H. A. F. Ault (2)  
Winthrop, A. J. Bearden (2)  
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, W. D. Golden  
District Director of Radio, Virgil D. Keeley  
District Secretary of Evangelism, Fred R. Harrison  
District Secretary of Temperance, Robert L. Riggins  
District Missionary Secretary, Alfred I. Doss  
District Commissioner, Methodist Children's Home, John Wilson

## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Francis A. Buddin, District Supt. (4)

Austin Ct., J. R. Martin (4)  
Bauxite, Jeff E. Davis (2)  
Benton, H. O. Bolin (5)  
Park View (Benton), Lamar Davis (1)  
Bethlehem Ct., C. C. Vanzant (3)  
Bryant and Sardis, Cecil Gill (1)  
Carlisle, Curtis Williams (4)  
Carlisle Ct., Maurice Burroughs (1)  
Des Arc, F. Wesley Reutz (2)  
DeValls Bluff, George E. Williams (2)  
Douglassville, James R. Sewell (3)  
Geyer Springs, Carroll F. Shukers II (1)  
Hazen, Harold D. Sadler (6)  
Hickory Plains Ct., Eugene Gilliam (1)  
Little Rock Churches  
LITTLE ROCK CHURCHES  
Asbury, Elmer L. Thomas (1)  
Associate, Tommy Thompson (2)  
Capitol View, George E. Reutz (2)  
First Church, Aubrey G. Walton (10)  
Associate, John W. Lindsey (3)  
Henderson, H. R. Holland (1)  
Highland, Rufus Sorrells (3)  
Hunter Memorial, Fred L. Arnold (5)  
Oak Forest, George G. Meyer (3)  
Pulaski Heights, J. Kenneth Shamblin (6)  
St. Mark's, Billy B. Barger (2)  
St. Paul, Charles W. Richards (3)  
Scott St., J. E. Cooper (3)  
Twenty-Eighth Street, Clyde Parsons (4)  
Winfield, Cecil R. Culver (4)  
Associate, Allen E. Hilliard (1)  
Little Rock Ct., Fred H. Arnold (2)  
Lonoke-Eagle, W. B. Burks (2)  
Mabelvale, O. C. Birdwell (2)  
Markham, Howard Childs (2)  
Martindale-Mt. Pleasant, Eugene Efird (2)  
Mt. View, A. C. Rogers (2)  
Primrose, Charles H. Giessen (2)  
Roland, C. D. Meux (1)  
Salem-Mt. Carmel, Kenneth Goode (3)

Executive Secretary, Board of Education, Roy E. Fawcett  
Superintendent Methodist Children's Home, T. T. McNeal  
Missionary in Japan, William Elder  
Chaplain U. S. Army, Gerald C. Dean  
Conference Secretary Evangelism, Cecil R. Culver  
Conference Director of Stewardship, J. Edwin Keith  
Director Little Rock Methodist Council, Grace Thatcher  
District Director Arkansas Methodist, Rufus Sorrells  
District Director of Radio, George G. Meyer  
District Secretary Evangelism, H. O. Bolin  
District Secretary of Temperance, H. R. Holland  
District Missionary Secretary, Charles W. Richards  
District Commissioner, Methodist Children's Home, Ed E. Ashbaugh

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT

William E. Brown, District Supt. (3)

Crossett, Dan R. Robinson (4)  
Dermott, C. M. Atchley (6)  
Drew Ct., to be supplied  
Dumas, R. A. Teeter (3)  
Eudora, C. Everette Patton (3)  
Fordyce, Louis W. Averitt (3)  
Hamburg, M. W. Miller (6)  
Hampton-Harrell, G. W. Warren (3)  
Hermitage Ct., W. W. Barron (1)  
Huttig, C. R. Andrews (2)  
Kingsland-New Edinburg, P. D. Alston (2)  
Lake Village, Cagle E. Fair (2)  
McGehee, D. Mouzon Mann (3)  
Monticello, Roland E. Darrow (8)  
Montrose-Fountain Hill, James Constable

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Parkdale, Philip Pierce (1)  
Portland, Robert B. Moore, Jr. (2)  
Star City, Claud O. Hall (2)  
Strong, Francis M. Stage, Jr. (1)  
Thornton Ct., to be supplied  
Tillar-Winchester, J. C. Van Horn (2)  
Warren, J. Ralph Clayton (3)  
Warren Ct., W. E. West (2)  
Watson-Kelso, Omma Daniel (2)  
Wilmar Ct., to be supplied  
Winnet-Millers Chapel, C. D. Cade (3)  
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, D. Mouzon Mann  
District Director of Radio, R. A. Teeter  
District Secretary of Evangelism, C. M. Atchley  
District Secretary of Temperance, Roland E. Darrow  
District Commissioner, Methodist Children's Home, Neil M. Sloan

## PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Arthur Terry, District Supt. (1)

Almyra, C. V. Mashburn (2)  
Altheimer-Wabbaseka Swan Lake, Harold Scott (4)  
Bayou Meto Ct., Horace M. Grogan (2)  
Carthage, L. R. Sparks (3)  
DeWitt, O. E. Holmes (5)  
England, John L. Hoover (3)  
Gillette, Everett Vinson (5)  
Glendale-Tucker-Center Grove, Carr D. Racop, Jr. (2)  
Good Faith, B. F. Fitzhugh (4)  
Grady-Gould, W. T. Bone (1)  
Humphrey, O. W. Hoover (2)  
Kee-Humnote, Palmer Garner (2)  
Leola, J. W. Carnell (4)  
Little Prairie Ct., George C. Bailey (1)  
PINE BLUFF CHURCHES  
Carr Memorial, Clem Baker (2)  
First Church, Kenneth L. Spore (6)  
Hawley Memorial, George Kerr (2)  
Lakeside, John M. McCormack (1)  
Wesley-Sulphur Springs, Winslow Brown (2)  
Whitehall, Curtis Monroe (1)  
Rison, W. R. Boyd (2)  
Roe Ct., W. C. Lewis (2)  
Rowell Ct., J. R. Diffie (1)  
Sheridan, Bryan Stephens (5)  
Sherrill-Tomberlin, D. James McCommon (1)  
St. Charles, Claude R. Roy (3)

Stuttgart, First Church, A. C. Carraway (2)  
Stuttgart, Grand Avenue, Horace M. Lewis (1)  
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, Horace M. Lewis  
District Director of Radio, Kenneth L. Spore  
District Secretary of Evangelism, Bryan Stephens  
District Secretary of Temperance, John M. McCormack  
District Missionary Secretary, A. C. Carraway  
District Commissioner, Methodist Children's Home, J. M. Spicer

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Left without Appointments to attend School:  
Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, John P. Miles  
Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Gerald K. Fincher  
Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Elbert B. Jean  
Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Joe R. Phillips, Jr.  
Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, John Butler Hays  
Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Edward Hollenbeck  
Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, William A. Holmes  
Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Clinton D. Burleson  
Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Carlos E. Martin  
Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Robert W. Trischmann  
Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Charles Ramsey  
Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Ralph Vanlandingham  
Student, Candler School of Theology, Emory U., John Griggs Greening  
Chaplaincy U S Navy, Hal Sessions, Jr.  
Chaplaincy U S Navy, Withers M. Moore

## Transfers In:

James E. Major from the Chile Conference  
Withers M. Moore from the Troy Conference  
Philip Pierce from the Mississippi Conference  
Allen E. Hilliard from the North Arkansas Conference effective June 15, 1953  
Francis M. Stage, Jr., from the North Arkansas Conference  
John M. McCormack from the North Arkansas Conference  
Horace M. Lewis from the North Arkansas Conference

## Transfers Out:

S. J. Kimbell to the Southwest Missouri Conference effective October 1, 1952  
Richard L. Burns to the Northeast Ohio Conference  
Robert A. Simpson to the North Arkansas Conference  
Ferris W. Norton to the Texas Conference  
Joe H. Robinson to the Louisiana Conference  
L. Gray Wilson to the Louisiana Conference  
Otto W. Teague to the North Arkansas Conference  
Andrew J. Christie to the North Arkansas Conference  
James E. Major to the North Arkansas Conference  
Withers M. Moore to the Troy Conference  
Executive Secretary, Board of Education, Roy E. Fawcett  
Superintendent, Methodist Children's Home, T. T. McNeal  
Conference Director of Stewardship, J. Edwin Keith  
Without Annuity Claims:  
Missionary to Japan, William Elder  
Assistant Professor of Religion, Birmingham Southern College, Francis Christie  
Conference Rural Work, Margaret Marshall, Deaconess  
Director, Little Rock Methodist Council, Grace Thatcher, Deaconess

## ROCK CONFERENCE

### 100TH SESSION

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able to the Group Insurance Commission conference also overhauled its set Rules, bringing the rules up to eeping with present practices of the Conference also adopted a strong war and peace presented by the mission on World Peace which early cessation of hostilities in ed American contributions to the d program of economic aid and tance, extension of the Reciprocal n beyond June 1953, promotion of n rights, opposition to the Bricker amendment which would curb President to make executive agree- eliance on military strength and registering of opposition to univer- rning. The Conference also voted other religious bodies in Arkansas Arkansas Council of Churches.

## Statistics

The Conference Statistician reported 2,469 persons baptized this past year, 2,085 received on profession of faith, 623 from other denominations, 3,162 by transfer of membership. The Conference now has 91,417 members of local churches. There are 4,418 officers and teachers in 359 church schools, with a total membership of 54,786, a gain of almost 1,000 in a year. There were 7,698 pupils enrolled in Methodist vacation church school. Pastor's reports also shows that there are 220 Woman's Societies having a membership of 11,597. 45 Methodist Men's groups (chartered) were reported with a membership of 2,747. Church Buildings are now valued at \$10,404,106, parsonages at \$1,321,155, with all indebtedness reported at \$596,462. \$1,169,496 has been spent the past year on buildings and improvements. \$155,319 was paid on World Service and Conference Benevolences (\$141,196 had been apportioned, an increase of 35% over the previous year.) \$14,667 was paid on Advance Specials and \$12,605 paid on Conference Advance

Specials. The grand total paid for all purposes by the churches last year including local expenditures was \$2,944,770, an increase of more than \$600,000. The conference now has 181 pastoral charges.

## METHODISTS SEEK YOUNG ADULTS FOR CHURCH WORK

Nashville, Tenn.—(RNS)—A denomination-wide effort to interest its young adults in the vocational opportunities within The Methodist Church is being made by Church leaders.

The drive was instituted with a letter to Conference secretaries, directors of adult work and presidents of young adult fellowships by the Rev. Richard G. Belcher, secretary of the Inter-board Committee on Christian Vocations, and the Rev. Robert S. Clemmons of the General Board of Education.

"We are convinced that there are numbers of young adults who could well qualify for many of these positions and who would be challenged by the chance for significant service."

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**REV. J. H. HOGGARD**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, preached the commencement sermon for the Van Buren High School on Sunday evening, May 24.

**JOE PIERCE**, District Lay Leader of the Searcy District, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, on Thursday, June 4.

**CHAMP BELL** has been elected president of the Methodist Men's organization of the Mena Methodist Church. Other officers are: First vice-president, Ralph Edwards; second vice-president, Jim Ross; secretary, Ernest Sebastian.

**MRS. D. D. GOODE** of Magnolia was honored on Sunday, May 24, with flowers in the altar vases of the First Methodist church. It was said of her, "her philanthropy has reached every walk of Magnolia's community life."

**REV. STANLEY R. REED**, of Jonesboro, will serve as associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, during the next three months. Mr. Reed has been attending Perkins School of Theology in Dallas.

**REV. AND MRS. LESTER FINLEY** and children, missionaries in India who are supported by the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, will arrive in Jonesboro on June 27. They will be in First Church on Sunday, June 28.

**MISS BETTY JANE JOHNSON**, Junior at Hendrix College, has been elected Director of Youth Work at the First Methodist Church, Stuttgart. She began her new duties on June 1. Miss Johnson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd W. Johnson of Beebe.

**CHARLES STUCK** of Jonesboro, lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference, was guest speaker at the Methodist Men's meeting of the First Methodist Church, Searcy, on Friday evening, May 29. Mr. Stuck spoke on his recent trip to Europe.

**REV. AND MRS. J. L. DEDMAN** were presented with eight place settings of sterling silver at the final meeting of pastors and pastors' wives on behalf of the pastors and their people in appreciation of their service to the Pine Bluff District during the last six years.

**THE BURT C. PICKENS METHODIST CHURCH** of Dumas won a certificate of achievement in the Rural Church of the Year contest in Arkansas. Rev. R. A. Teeter is pastor. First place in the contest was won by the Bentonville Methodist Church, Rev. H. E. Pearce, pastor.

**MRS. MAURICE LANIER** of Salem has been elected president of the Suzanna Wesleys, an organization of preachers' wives of the Batesville District. Other officers are Mrs. Lewis LeFevers of Mountain Home, vice-president, and Mrs. W. L. Diggs of Cotter, secretary-treasurer.

**THE WEDDING** of Miss Doris Hodges of North Little Rock and Rev. Pryor Cruce of Morrilton was solemnized at the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday afternoon, May 31, by Bishop Paul E. Martin, assisted by Rev. William J. Watson. Mr. Cruce has been serving as associate pastor of Winfield Church, Little Rock.

**DR. CHESTER M. ALTER**, dean of the Boston University graduate school since 1944, has been appointed chancellor of the University of Denver. Both are Methodist-related institutions. At Denver, Dr. Alter succeeds Dr. Albert C. Jacobs, who has been named president of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

**DR. EDGAR H. NEASE**, executive secretary of Southeastern Jurisdictional Council is gradually recovering from severe injuries he sustained in an auto collision last December. He recently underwent surgery at Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, following extended hospitalization and medical treatment in Seneca, S. C., and Asheville, N. C.

**TWO METHODIST OFFICIALS** of Nashville were awarded the doctor of divinity degree on June 1. Rev. George H. Jones, editor of the Board of Evangelism, was honored by Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., and Rev. Harry C. Spencer, executive secretary of the Radio and Film Commission received his doctorate from Willamette University, Salem, Ore. Both institutions are related to the Methodist Church.

**MRS. J. H. HOGGARD**, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, is dean of the Vacation Church School which is in progress at First Church, Van Buren, June 1 through June 12. The school is held from 8:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. for the Primary and Junior groups and from 9:00 to 10:30 a. m. for the Beginners. Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are furnishing refreshments each day.

**THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY** of the birth of John Wesley will be commemorated on July 2-4 at Lake Junaluska. The program will be sponsored by the World Methodist Council and the American Association of Methodist Historical Societies. British and American Methodist leaders will participate. American participants include Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, bishop Paul N. Garber, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Dr. Oscar T. Olson, Dr. Jacob S. Payton, and Edwin L. Jones.

**DR. EDWARD T. RAMSDELL** of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., will become professor of systematic theology at Garrett Institute, Evanston, Ill., effective July 1. Dr. Ramsdell has been on the Vanderbilt faculty since 1937, and professor of systematic theology since 1943. He is succeeding at Garrett Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, whose election by the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, as director of a new department of theological schools was announced April 8.

**THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, ARK-ADELPHIA**, celebrated its one hundredth anniversary on Sunday, May 31, when special services were held at 8:30 and 11:00 a. m. with a Sunday School festival at 9:40 a. m. A program recalling the highlights of the church's history was held at the opening of the Sunday School hour. Following the morning worship dinner was served on the ground under the trees of the parsonage lot. Rev. William O. Byrd is pastor.

**BAKER UNIVERSITY**, Baldwin, Kansas, in a special convocation on April 30, conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. Donald F. Ebright, of Lucknow, India. Mr. Ebright, an alumnus of Baker, is one of the secretaries of the National Christian Council of India, and is in charge of its departments of relief activities and of audio-visual education. He has been a missionary of the Methodist Church since 1936.

**THREE NORTH LITTLE ROCK SCOUTS** from Troop 170 were given the God and Country Award at a service at the Washington Avenue Methodist Church on Sunday evening, June 7. The award, the highest a Scout can earn, was given to Jimmie Lee, First Class Scout; Tommie Johnson, Life Scout and Bobby Bryles, Eagle Scout, all members of Washington Avenue Church. Lee Roberts, Scout Master, Keith Ruthertford, assistant Scout Master and Sidney J. Lee, committeeman, were present with other members of the Troop to witness the ceremonies. Rev. I. L. Claud, pastor, awarded the medals. The boys are the first Scouts in the North Little Rock District to earn the medals.

**THE MORNING STAR METHODIST CHURCH** was dedicated on Sunday, June 7, by Rev. A. N. Storey, district superintendent of the Paragould District. The new sanctuary, constructed with a cash outlay of approximately \$2,500 but valued in excess of \$5,000, is a white frame building with four classrooms, an auditorium and a choir loft. Supervising the construction were Charles Lewis, Griffin Cothren and Crawford Gibson, members of the church building committee. Assisting were Rev. A. N. Storey and

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### EMPEROR OF JAPAN HONORS CAROLINE PECKHAM

Miss Caroline S. Peckham, of Appleton, Wisconsin, a missionary of the Methodist Church in Japan, and president of Kwassui Junior College, Nagasaki, has been decorated with the Fourth Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Emperor of Japan. This is in recognition of her contribution to the education of Japanese girls and women since she first went to Japan in 1915. The award was made a few days before she sailed for America on a year's furlough. In connection with the Emperor's decoration, Miss Peckham was written up in the leading newspapers and was interviewed in a radio broadcast.

the pastor, Rev. John Wilson. The construction project was launched six months ago under the supervision of Rev. Lloyd Turner, pastor before the Morning Star Church was assigned to the Marquette Circuit.

**DR. CORLISS P. HARGRAVES**, widely-known Methodist leader, retired in Nashville on June 1 after 43 years' service in pastorate and administrative posts. Dr. Hargraves, who will be 74 in August, originally retired in 1949 but returned to Nashville in 1950 at the church's request to serve as secretary of a special committee created by the Methodist General Conference to survey and co-ordinate the programs and financial needs of the denomination's ten seminaries across the country. Previously, he had been executive secretary of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education since Methodist unification in 1939.

**PROTESTANT CHRISTIANS** of the Belgian Congo are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the first Protestant missionaries in their country. Over 25,000 people participated in a recent ceremony led by the Council. The celebration featured a parade of children from the Protestant schools of Leopoldville, which enroll more than 300,000 children. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, whose ancestors had been carried away as slaves to America, and who is now on a goodwill singing tour on behalf of American Protestants, sang at the celebration. High government and church officials participated, citing the history of the seventy-five years of Protestantism in the country, with its many martyrs. Protestantism today in the Belgian Congo numbers 1,200,000 Christians and 1,300 missionaries, as well as 800 native pastors who have all studied in the Belgian Congo. The Protestant Council of the Congo, founded in 1902 has a total of forty-three missionary societies.

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## YOU HAVE A GIFT

Not many of us have outstanding talents in such degree that we could be called gifted. Most of us are just ordinary run-of-the-mine individuals. In schools we were not singled out for special distinction. Since leaving school we have made no name which gets featured or no fortune worth mentioning.



Years ago a young man was losing his enthusiasm. He seemed to have no exceptional ability. An older friend wrote him a letter to rekindle his spirit. He wrote: "Stir up the gift of God which is within you; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control."

To you and me God gave these same gifts of the spirit. Consider the spirit of power.

Some time ago during a visit to a midwestern city, the telephone rang in my hotel room. A subdued voice asked if I would grant an interview. When the man entered, I was surprised to find that this almost timid request came from one of the finest specimens of physical manhood I have ever seen.

A handsome fellow, over six feet tall, in his middle forties, with clean-cut jaw and clear eye, he seemed to have about all that man needs for successful living. He had graduated from a splendid university and was employed in a reasonably good position. But for the last few years he had been haunted by the feeling that he was not fitted to get along with people.

He feared his job would be affected. He had consulted psychiatrists. His whole attitude was one of withdrawing from life, just at the time when he should be at his prime and taking hold of things with vigor and confidence.

God gave us not the spirit of fear but of power. Stir up that gift of God. Poke it with your will. Feed it with ideas that build morale. Then open the draft and draw on God.

Along with the gift of willpower, God has given us the spirit of love. Benjamin Franklin rightly said, "God helps those who help themselves." But his statement would have been even stronger if he had said, "God helps those who try to help others."

When we are called out of ourselves by some need and reach up for divine help, we discover a strength not our own. A woman was once depressed to the point of distraction. Like the man mentioned above, she was about to give up.

Then her son fell seriously ill. She forgot her own troubles. In that long siege of nursing she received a surge of power which left her unbelievably stronger.

And now that other gift of God, the spirit of self-control. Maybe that needs stirring up.

Into what disorder man allows his mind to fall! The wife of a college professor had engaged an Oriental student to help her in the housekeeping. The eager student, not being used to the many things which fill our American homes, had trouble in keeping them in order. His employer tried to teach him the old maxim "A place for everything and everything in its place."

One day she came back to find the house in even worse disorder than usual. Somewhat exasperated, she said to the young student, "What was that saying I taught?" Smiling, he replied, "Everything every place."

When our minds are in disorder we become distracted and depressed. We need self-control.

In closing I should like to mention William Henley, who lost a foot. Illness balked his ambitions for months at a time. Exasperations of poverty tormented him. He knew the desolation of losing loved ones. But he still kept his willpower, and with an air of defiance he wrote:

"I am the master of my fate  
I am the captain of my soul."

You and I have these gifts of God—power and love and self-control. Let's stir them up!

## TAKING ITS RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY

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local churches, making available suitable materials to these committees which will guide them in their work, holding District workshops for delegates to national and Jurisdictional meetings and seminars so that Conference leadership will have opportunity for further development, and the holding of an annual meeting of the Conference Commission on World Peace. All this the Conference adopted.

An interesting sidelight concerning both Conferences is that no place had been scheduled for these groups to make their reports, but in each instance the Conferences felt that a significant contribution had been made by these two groups as they presented their recommendations.

We believe that the Church should take an active interest in the social issues of the day. In some instances, the Church should take the lead in pointing out the way of solution. Too often, the Church serves as a mere sounding board, reflecting this opinion or that about an issue. These groups to which the reference has been made

can serve in a creative way to guide our thinking and action in pathways which will lead to a Christian solution to many of our social problems.

## WANTED—ASBURY'S JOURNAL

The editorial committee of the historical societies desires to purchase several copies of the three-volume edition of the Journal of Francis Asbury for use in editing a new edition. The one-volume "heart" of the Journal is not wanted. The committee will pay \$15.00 per set. If you have copies of this work send them at once to Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, N. C., and payment, plus postage, will be made by return mail.

## AMERICAN FRIENDS OF WESLEY'S CHAPEL

The "Friends of Wesley's Chapel" are those who help to preserve Methodism's most ancient and sacred shrine and fit it to maintain its International witness in London. Among the new Vice-Presidents, Bishops Fred Pierce Corson,

## Stanley Jones Sees Opportunity In Japan

ON leaving Japan after his third postwar evangelistic tour, Dr. E. Stanley Jones expressed hope for "winning Japan to Christ." Dr. Jones and his interpreter, the Rev. Saburo Yasumura, visited seventy towns and held 108 meetings during the three months tour. Nearly 33,000 decision cards were filled out at the evangelistic meetings. Local churches, Christian schools and other Christian organizations are doing the follow-up work with these persons who wish to learn more of Christianity and to become baptized Christians.

From Japan, Dr. Jones went to Okinawa where he spent ten days among the churches of that island. A total of 3,000 decisions were made in the churches addressed there. He reports that American churches must give more attention hereafter to the "forgotten people" of the Ryukyu Islands (including Okinawa) who are now the wards of the United States, in accordance with treaty arrangements with Japan.

"If ever there were a vacuum following a war in the wake of a military occupation, it is now to be found in Okinawa," says Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, Methodist missionary administrator for that area. "Communist and other ideologies are crowding into the life and thought of the people. There is, however, a favorable disposition toward Christianity and toward American democracy. It is a great opportunity that confronts us in these Islands."

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?



Because his name is Wesley, a Corbin, Ky., minister has been awarded a free trip to Philadelphia June 26-28 to attend the world-wide Methodist convocation on evangelism.

The Rev. Ralph G. Wesley, pastor of the First Church in Corbin, will go as a special delegate of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

The convocation will commemorate the 250th birthday anniversary of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism. He had no children, but the Rev. Ralph Wesley's lineage goes back to England.

In its search for Wesleys the church board found five ministers with that surname on Methodist rolls. However, three are retired and the fourth is not yet ordained.

More than 5,000 ministerial and lay delegates across the country, as well as churchmen from abroad, will attend the meeting. Methodists of the Philadelphia area are expected to swell the crowd to 65,000 for an outdoor mass rally.

The convocation will initiate a series of local and regional evangelistic campaigns by Methodist churches. Their national goal is 250,000 new members by 1954.

Arthur J. Moore and G. Bromley Oxnam are named with Dr. Elmer T. Clark. English Church leaders include Drs. W. E. Sangster, E. Benson Perkins and Harold Roberts, all of whom will be heard in America shortly. All those interested in the Friends of Wesley's Chapel should write to the Pastor, The Reverend Ronald V. Spivey, Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London E.C.1., who will gladly reply personally.

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE IN CENTENNIAL SESSION

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amount of research, creative energy, and hard work were invested to make possible this production. We are confident that we speak words of sincere appreciation when we say thanks to the Conference committee and Hendrix College for making possible this fine portrayal of the 100 year history of the Little Rock Conference. The pageant has made possible a greater understanding of the importance of religion and Methodism during this period of development of southern Arkansas.

## Emory University Has Large Wesleyana Collection

A diary kept in code, a woven silk bookmark, a portable pulpit, and 62 letters in John Wesley's handwriting are part of Emory University's collection of Wesleyana, said to be the largest and most complete in the world. Only the combined collections of the Methodist Publishing House and the City Road Chapel, London, England, can surpass the Emory collection, according to Dr. Thomas H. English, chairman of the university's library committee. Items are housed for the most part in the library building. However, the portable pulpit from which the founder of Methodism preached to Welsh miners is in the office of the dean of the theology school. A prominent display in the library includes books, engraved portraits, seals, plaques, medallions, and a strongbox once used to hold Methodist funds. The most highly-prized item in the collection is the journal Wesley kept while he was preaching to the Indians in Savannah, Ga., in 1737. The notations are entered in several languages and in Wesley's own personal code. There is also a copy of Wesley's hymn book, published in 1743. With this is a manuscript book of hymns in the handwriting of Charles Wesley, John's hymn-writing brother. In the collection are more than 300 letters written by John Wesley to members of his family and friends. Several are to his mother, Susannah, and describe his experiences in Georgia. Scholars from all over the world have come to see the collection here. Methodists will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley in June. The observance will feature a World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism to be held in Philadelphia, June 26-28.

### Eisenhower Calls For Militant Preachers

President Eisenhower told 250 clergymen from the Washington area that he liked "militant preachers and chaplains." "I so firmly believe that all free government is soundly based on religious faith that I feel no one teaching moral standards and spiritual ideals should do so apologetically," the President said. He drew a chorus of "amen's" from the members of the Washington Ministerial Union and Ministerial Alliance who paid their annual courtesy call at the White House. Turning to a group of chaplains who ac-

companied the clergymen, Gen. Eisenhower said: "I occasionally have had quarrels with chaplains. It was always because they were too diffident in their preaching. I think they should have been a little more belligerent in what they had to say." Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, president of the Ministerial Union, presented the President with a desk Bible. "We believe we have in you a spiritual leader," he said. "As individuals we pledge to you our cooperation. As spiritual leaders of our people we shall continually pray that God may bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you that this nation through you may be led from weakness to moral soundness and from confusion and tension to freedom and peace."

### Construction Starts On Protestant Radio Unit

Construction has started on the first unit of a \$500,000 production center in Atlanta, Ga., for the Protestant Radio Center. The Center,

established in 1949, is supported by Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and Lutheran church groups. It is the only interdenominationally owned and operated production center in the country for religious television, radio and audio-visual aids. Among the network programs the Center has produced are the National Radio Pulpit and the Protestant Hour. Television production will begin as soon as the new facilities are complete and present motion picture facilities have been augmented, a spokesman said.

### Historic Washington Church In Real Estate Trade

An historic Washington church has engaged in a \$1,000,000 real estate trade. In the exchange, St. John's Episcopal church, known as "The Church of the Presidents," will acquire Buckingham House which adjoins the church property on Lafayette Square, one block from the White House. The American Federation of Labor, which purchased Buckingham House for \$1,000,000 six years ago, will receive two parcels of property north of the church proper, one building housing the rector's study and church offices, and the other an old structure used as a parish hall. Buckingham House, which has had many prominent owners and residents in the past century, will be converted by St. John's into offices and parish social parlors. The labor organization will erect a 10-story office building on 16th Street north of the church. Members aren't too pleased with having this building tower over their house of worship, but said they couldn't afford to turn down the offer.

### Anti-Church Drive Extended To Methodists, Adventists

BERLIN — The East German anti-Church campaign was extended to Methodists and other minority Pro-

testant groups in a directive issued in East Berlin by the Communist government's Security Ministry. Denominations specifically named in the directive, in addition to the Methodists, were the Seventh-day Adventists and the Pentacostalists. The order directed police and security agents to intensify their "control" of the activities of religious groups by subjecting their clergymen and lay members to "political screening" and investigating their "contacts with the West." It also authorized a search of the homes of those suspected of "illegal activities."

### BUSINESSMEN PUSH PLAN FOR ROADSIDE CHAPEL

A group of local businessmen have proposed the establishment of a roadside chapel for use by people traveling the highways. The idea is gaining considerable support. The chapel would be located near Rocky Mount, N. C., on U. S. Highway 301, a North-South route. Charles Parker, director of the North Carolina State Advertising Division, says he knows of no such chapel anywhere. The Rocky Mount Telegram stated editorially that "this refreshing idea generates enthusiasm and suggestions whenever it is discussed." "For spiritual refreshment and renewal the traveler would find peace and quiet for meditation inside the chapel," the paper said. "There might be soft, recorded music and appropriate readings from the scriptures. There might be recorded sermons from great American ministers. In time there might be sufficient financial support to enable a full-time minister to minister unto the needs of those who pass this way. "On Sundays, tourists would feel at ease attending divine services in the informal clothes of the traveler. At first, perhaps ministers from this area could take turns in presenting the Sunday sermons."

## NOVEMBER SPECIAL FOR MINISTERIAL TRAINING AND HENDRIX COLLEGE

Below is a list of receipts from 1952 November Special offering for Ministerial Training and Hendrix College, through May 19, 1953, for the North Arkansas Conference.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT	
BATESVILLE: Central Avenue	\$ 100.00
First	250.00
Calico Rock	9.00
Cotter	40.00
Desha Ct.:	
Ben F. Shelton Memorial	7.00
Evening Shade-Ash Flat	18.20
Melbourne-New Hope-Wiseman	13.00
Moorefield-Asbury	30.00
Mountain Home Parish	116.77
Mt. View Circuit	20.00
NEWPORT: First	150.00
Umsted	20.00
Oil Trough	10.00
Pleasant Plains Ct.	29.44
Salem	20.00
Sulphur Rock	5.00
Swift-Alicia:	
Swift	12.00
Strangers Home	13.37
Tuckerman	111.86
Hope Church	9.75
Viola	14.45
Tupelo	10.00
Yellville	7.00
Bull Shoals	3.75
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,020.59</b>

CONWAY DISTRICT	
Atkins	\$ 37.00
Bethel	10.00
CONWAY: First	1,200.00
Wesley Memorial	20.00
Danville	35.00
Dardanelle Ct.	18.00
Dover	10.00
Greenbrier	15.50
MORRILTON: First	100.00
No. 1	9.92
No. 2	25.79
<b>NORTH LITTLE ROCK:</b>	<b>200.00</b>
First	125.00
Gardner Memorial	25.00
Levy	15.00
Sylvan Hills	100.00
Washington Ave.	

Perry-Perryville	11.55
Perry County Circuit	2.00
Plumerville	15.00
Pottsville	20.00
Russellville	250.00
Salem	4.00
Vilonia	10.00
Mt. Carmel	2.00
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,250.76</b>

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT	
Berryville	\$ 20.00
Brightwater Memorial	7.50
Centerton	15.00
Decatur	16.14
FAYETTEVILLE: Central	200.00
Wiggins Memorial	35.00
Gravette	16.00
Harmon	19.25
Lincoln	25.00
Prairie Grove	50.00
ROGERS: Central	100.00
Siloam Springs	100.00
SPRINGDALE: First	75.00
Wesley	12.45
Highfill	7.00
Sulphur Springs	20.00
Viney Grove	10.00
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 723.34</b>

FORREST CITY DISTRICT	
Aubrey-Ebenezer-Rondo	\$ 20.00
Brinkley	75.00
Bono-Trinity	50.00
Dyess-Whitton	50.00
Harrisburg	40.00
Joiner	129.55
JONESBORO: First	12.50
Fisher Street	150.00
Huntington	5.50
Keiser	250.00
Lake City	75.00
Leachville	50.00
Lepanto	160.00
Lorado Ct.	150.00
Luxora	
Manila	
Marked Tree	5.00
Monette	50.00
Mt. Carmel	40.00
Nettleton-Bay	125.00
Osceola	25.00
Trumann	60.00
Tyronza	125.00
Weiner-Hickory Ridge-Tilton	
Wilson	
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,647.55</b>

FORT SMITH DISTRICT	
Alma	\$ 10.00
Bethel Church-Hackett Ct.	5.00
Booneville	75.00
Cole's Chapel	7.00
Charleston	25.00
Clarksville	150.00
Clarksville	8.00
FORT SMITH: Fifth Street	500.00
First	200.00
Goddard Memorial	35.00
Midland Heights	25.00
St. Luke	75.00
St. Paul's	35.00
Greenwood	43.50
Hartford	14.35
Hartman Circuit	20.00
Mansfield	40.00
Mulberry	16.00
New Hope-Dyer	75.00
Ozark	75.00
Paris	75.00
Prairie View-Scranton:	
New Blaine Church	5.00
VAN BUREN: First	100.00
City Hgts.-Bethel	10.00
St. John's	15.00
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,563.86</b>

JONESBORO DISTRICT	
BLYTHEVILLE: First	\$ 200.00
West Parish-Half Moon	13.85
Bono-Trinity	17.21
Dyess-Whitton	18.69
Harrisburg	60.00
Joiner	43.00
JONESBORO: First	500.00
Fisher Street	25.00
Huntington	50.00
Keiser	20.00
Lake City	12.00
Leachville	15.00
Lepanto	75.00
Lorado Ct.	17.00
Luxora	25.00
Manila	25.00
Marked Tree	75.00
Monette	50.00
Mt. Carmel	15.00
Nettleton-Bay	50.00
Osceola	100.00
Trumann	50.00
Tyronza	36.00
Weiner-Hickory Ridge-Tilton	25.00
Wilson	50.00

Yarbro-Promised Land	35.00
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,602.75</b>
PARAGOULD DISTRICT	
Beech Grove	\$ 5.00
Biggers	10.00
Camp-Ground-Harvey's Chapel:	
French Grove Church	2.50
Corning	50.00
Imboden-Smithville:	
Smithville	5.00
Leonard Ct.:	
Macedonia Church	10.00
Mammoth Springs	11.00
Maynard-Ravenden Springs:	
Middlebrook Chr.	5.00
PARAGOULD: First	225.00
Piggott	60.00
Pocahontas	50.00
RECTOR: First	60.00
Fourth Street	5.00
Ebenezer	5.00
Raymond's Chapel	6.50
Stanford	10.00
Walnut Ridge	25.00
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 545.85</b>

SEARCY DISTRICT	
Augusta	\$ 75.00
Bald Knob	10.00
Beebe	50.00
Cabot	50.00
Griffithville Ct.	10.00
Harrison	135.00
Valley View	2.00
Heber Springs	100.00
Jacksonville	15.00
Kensett	22.55
Leslie	8.00
McRae-Coparas Springs-Garner	16.83
McCrory	10.00
Newton County: Jasper Church	10.00
Pangburn	13.00
Rosebud Ct.: Smyrna Church	5.00
Searcy	150.00
Valley Springs-Bellefonte	10.80
VAN BUREN COUNTY: No. 1	
Damascus	18.00
Stoney Point	5.36
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 716.60</b>

<b>TOTAL OF DISTRICTS</b>	<b>\$10,036.30</b>
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### ARKANSAS METHODIST



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## TED'S NEW JOB

By Mary C. Odell

ONE afternoon each month the school on the hill was closed while the teachers met together to plan for the next few weeks. The 5th grade boys usually spent this time playing baseball on the vacant lot near the school. Sometimes they played the sixth graders; more often they practiced or played against themselves. At any rate it was a day looked forward to with anticipation.

Ted Crandall was one of the leaders among the fifth grade boys and the best pitcher they had. It was not only his good pitching which made him popular. It was his good sportsmanship. They knew they could depend on Ted to do his best and to play fair. In fact, they often appealed to him when some question arose concerning the game which was likely to lead to an earnest scrap, because they knew he would do the fair thing.

So as the boys hurried home one of these Friday noons they were making plans to be at the lot for a practice game.

"You'll be sure to be there early, won't you Ted?" the boys asked. "We want to get organized as soon as we can."

"I'll try," said Ted. "But maybe I can't come today."

"Why not, I'd like to know?" asked another.

"Well," said Ted hesitatingly, "I sort of made up my mind to stay home today."

"What's the big idea? You're not going back on us, are you?" asked one of the boys, expressing the question of the group.

"No, I'm not," said Ted slowly. "And if you must know, here's the reason. You know I've got a little sister. And mother never gets to go out anywhere because she has to take care of her. I kind of thought it would be only fair if I took a turn at staying home so she could go out."

The boys hardly knew what to say. Some may have thought of their own mothers. Others probably were disappointed because of the game. One said, "Well, if you'd rather play nursemaid, I guess Chuck can pitch for us." And so Ted left them.

When he reached home he said nothing about the game. He saw the tired lines about his mother's eyes.

"Say mother," he said cheerfully, "there's no school this afternoon. Why don't you put on your best dress and go downtown or something?"

His mother's eyes brightened, and she flashed him a loving smile. "I couldn't, Ted. I'd love to but the baby might awake just when I would be in the midst of whatever I wanted to do. And, besides, you have your game, haven't you?"

"No, not today mother," Ted quickly replied. "I'm free to stay, and I could take care of sister. You could put her to sleep and fix her bottle so I could give it to her when she wakes. Go on, mother, I'd like to do it."

"I would like to go over to see Aunt Bessie," said his mother. "But I don't know that I ought to do it."

"Please, mother," Ted begged.

And so in the end she went. Ted

worked on his ship model while his sister slept. Then he fed her, put on her things and took her for a ride up and down the street in her carriage.

When his mother came home Ted was happy to see how rested she looked. The tired lines were gone, and she was cheerful and gay as she took the baby and told Ted to run along.

That evening Ted was called to the phone. It was Jack, the boy who had made a reference about playing nursemaid.

"Say, Ted," he said, "I'm sorry for what I said at noon. We didn't have any game. We decided to wait for you. I don't know what the rest of the fellows did. I cleaned the shed for mother."

"Good for you," laughed Ted. "And I found playing nursemaid wasn't so bad, either. Better come around some time. I'll show you the cutest baby in town. And so they laughingly hung up.—Religious Herald.

The children had all been photographed and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

"Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say 'There's Rose; she's married,' or 'That's Billy, he's a sailor.'"

A small voice at the back of the room piped up, "And there's teacher; she's dead."—MacClean's.

## WHEN I AM THANKFUL

"I can't think what you can find to sing about," said a blackbird to a thrush, who was pouring out a joyous carol from the top of an old stump.

"Can't you?" said the thrush. "I can't help singing when I'm thankful."

"That's just it," said the blackbird. "I can sing as well as anyone when there's anything to be thankful for; but the ground is as hard as iron, there isn't a berry in the garden, and where I am to get my breakfast from I'm sure I don't know. Perhaps you have had yours?"

"Not yet," said the thrush.

"Well, I would wait for my song till I had found some if I were you," said the blackbird.

"I've never gone without it yet, and I've no doubt I shall find some presently; at all events, it is a fancy I have to begin the day with a song.—Selected.

## GEOGRAPHY

By Mae Norton Morris

Today I went to Africa  
Across the desert sand,  
And rode upon a camel  
And met an Arab band;  
Last week I stopped in Italy  
And went to ancient Rome,  
I've traveled most around the world  
While sitting here at home.  
To Sweden, France and Germany  
I'll go before I'm done,  
Pretending helps geography  
And makes the lesson fun.

—Child's Gem

## STARLIGHT TIME

By Marguerite Lane

The cow and the pony  
Are taking their rest;  
The little grey squirrel  
Cuddles down in his nest;  
Now over the meadows,  
The long shadows creep;  
All God's little creatures  
Are falling asleep.

The wind and the leaves  
Hum their sweet lullabies;  
The wise owl looks down  
With his big watchful eyes;  
Each little star winks  
As it looks down on you;  
And now very soon  
You will be asleep too.

—In The Christian Advocate.

## "BE YE KIND"

Boys and girls in the Sunday School of the First Methodist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. Paul Hardin, Jr., pastor, have erected and dedicated a beautiful bird bath on the church ground. They began "saving their pennies" for the project when in the Kindergarten and some of them are now in the Senior Department.

The idea grew out of a Sunday School lesson on the verse, "Be ye kind." The first contributions were in the form of war savings stamps.

## JUST FOR FUN

The small-town grocer was not in very good spirits. It was a rainy day and he suspected he was due for a touch of the old arthritis. So he was not too pleased when the three small boys entered.

"I'll have a dime's worth of lemon drops," announced the first.

The old man climbed the ladder, took down the candy jar, filled a small bag and returned the jar to the shelf.

"And what will you have?" he asked the second boy.

"A dime's worth of lemon drops," was the answer.

"Why didn't you say so before?" asked the irritated proprietor. Turning to the third boy he said, "Do you want a dime's worth of 'em, too?"

"No, sir," said the latter.

The old man climbed up and went painstakingly through the whole procedure once more. As he sighed and dusted his hands on a cloth he demanded of the third boy:

"Well, what is it you want?"

"A nickel's worth of lemon drops," came the answer.—Frances Rodman.

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"Mummy," said little Brian, "Percy doesn't know how to swim because his Mummy won't let him go near the water."

"Well, Percy's a very good little boy."

"Yes," answered Brian, thoughtfully, "and he'll go to Heaven the first time he falls in."—Tit-Bits, London.



## JUNE TIME

June time comes with all its joys,  
Loved by all the girls and boys.

A time for work and then for play,  
So many things fill up each day.

We laugh and sing a merry tune  
To welcome in the month of June.  
—A.E.W.

# The Western Methodist Assem

**T**HE OZARK REGION is considered one of our country's most scenic vacation retreats. Here mountain bluffs and hills tower over winding fertile valleys, etched with innumerable lakes.

Deep in this area we find Mt. Sequoyah, itself—an impressive historical Indian name which goes back to the time when a tribe of Cherokee Indians lived and roamed the area of East Mountain. This high pinnacle, now known as Mt. Sequoyah, overlooks Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Atop this enormous bluff of Mt. Sequoyah, high above the noise of everyday living, as though reaching toward Heaven, stand the rambling buildings of the Western Methodist Assembly, popularly called "The summer capitol of Methodism for the South Central Jurisdiction of the

Methodist Church." Ideally located for a religious camp, amid abundant trees, flowers, foliage and well kept lawns, blending with the blue of the sky, this restful setting accommodates many religious groups during the summer months.

Spiritual and cultural fellowship is experienced by guests of Mt. Sequoyah. Although this camp is twenty-eight years old, with fifty-seven buildings on a forty acre campus, there has been introduced, within the last three years, an extensive remodeling, modernization and beautification program. Cottages were papered and painted, floors sanded or tiled and every building on the campus modernized.

During the past year we have built a small cottage, which will be known as "Guest Cottage" with two large rooms and share bath. All the furniture was made of walnut in the work shop on the campus. The pastry room of the kitchen has been enlarged and more completely modernized. The Texas building has been remodeled and enlarged with a porch built on the east side. The Assembly Lodge has been underpinned, Parker Hall has been redecorated on the second floor with two large exhaust fans installed at each end of the hallway.

A new modern dishwasher has been installed in the kitchen which will add to the efficiency of our cafeteria. Sidewalks have been built in several places on the campus which will add to the comfort of our guests in walking from one section to another. All

of the members and members of the screen doors and windows have either been repaired or new ones made and installed.

Everyone who visits the assembly is inspired and impressed by Clapp Memorial, the open-air auditorium seating some 1000 people. An organ and chimes accentuate its beauty.

There is a continual heavy attendance during the season and an average of 400 people are served appetizing meals three times a day at the cafeteria. The cafeteria is housed in a rustic cottage-type building, surrounded by a cluster of trees and shrubbery. A staff of some thirty-two conscientious workers prepare and serve wholesome and appetizing food to hungry groups of outdoor religious followers.

We have an unusually interesting program for this year, starting June 10 and closing August 21.

The North Arkansas Conference will convene with Central Methodist Church here in Fayetteville and many their families will be housed and fed here on the mountain.

From June 19 through 20 the young people of the Fayetteville District will assemble for their annual youth program. Rev. Arnold Simpson is the District Director, Rev. Charles Lewis is Dean of the Senior group and Rev. Earle Cravens is dean of the Intermediate group. Many of the pastors and lay people of the district will assist the above group and the District Superintendent, Rev. W. F. Cooley, in this program.

The Mozart Institute, a group of

senior young people from the South-  
west Missouri Conference will occupy the mountain from June 21 to June 24. Rev. Ross Fulton, Missouri Conference, and Silas Roe the b

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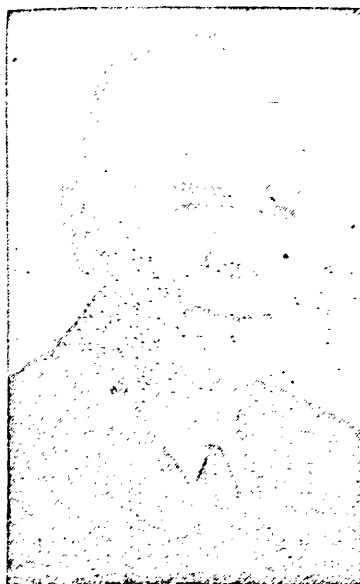
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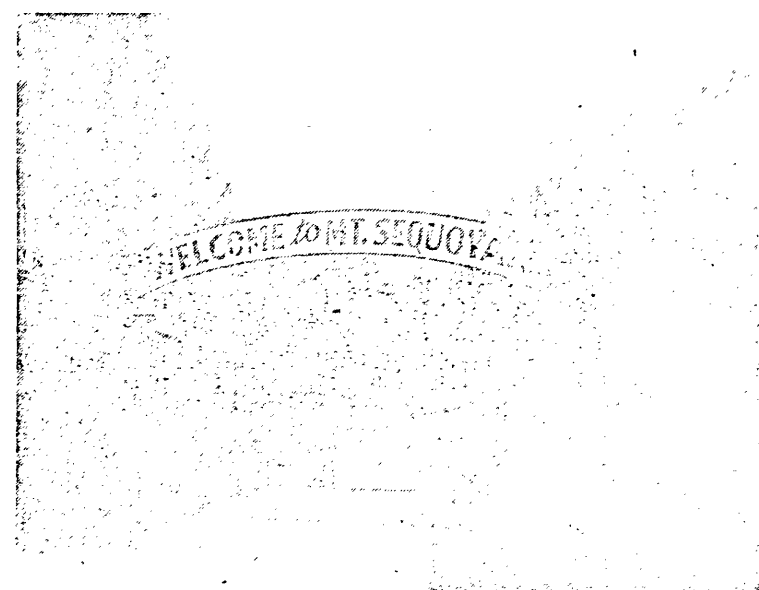
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# Assembly On Mt. Sequoyah

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The School of Missions, of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the South Central Jurisdiction will meet from June 30 to July 7. The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet Friday and Saturday July 3-4.

The Jurisdiction Missionary Conference will meet July 7-10. The attendance personnel consists of: the College of Bishops; The General Board members from the Jurisdiction; Chairman of the Board of Missions from each Annual Conference; Conference Missionary Secretaries; one District Superintendent and the President of W. S. C. S. Jurisdiction; all the District Missionary Secretaries and two laymen from each Annual Conference. Speakers will include such outstanding leaders as Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Dr. J. Lester Hankins, Dr. Gaston Foote, Dr. Marcus Chunn, Dr. B. P. Murphy, Dr. Earl Quimby, Dr. Earl R. Brown, Dr. Robert F. Thomas, Dr. W. C. Gum and Rev. Olin Stockwell, returned missionary, ex-prisoner of Communist China. Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, Executive Secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction is largely responsible for this Missionary Conference.

From July 12 through 19 we have an outside group who will occupy the assembly grounds.

The Jurisdictional Leadership Training School will meet July 20-31. Rev. M. Earl Cunningham of Nashville, Tennessee is dean of the school. The personnel of leaders of

the school will be: Miss Sara Bagley, Miss Lula Doyle Baird, Rev. Richard G. Belcher, Rev. Joseph W. Bell, Miss Inez Brantner, Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, Mrs. Bob O. Clark, Rev. Robert S. Clemmons, Rev. W. F. Cooley, Miss Mattie Lula Cooper, Mrs. Harvey M. Couch, Miss Doris P. Dennison, Dr. D. L. Dykes Jr., Dr. Meredith F. Eller, Rev. Roy L. Felder, Dr. Howard Grimes, Dr. Mary Alice Jones, Miss Dale C. Keeler, Mr. A. Argyle Knight, Mrs. William Lasater, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Dr. Donald M. Maynard, Mrs. J. H. Monday, Mrs. John H. Morris, Mrs. C. B. Nelson, Miss Aileen M. Sanborn, Dr. John Q. Schisler, Miss Emogene Stover, Rev. Walter Towner, Mr. T. Cole Watkins, Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf.

This is a Jurisdictional Training School for Conference and District leaders, who are to be trained and go back to their conferences and districts and train others.

The Board of Trustees will meet all the active Bishops of the jurisdiction.

The Jurisdictional Local Church Youth Conference will meet August 3-10. Administrative Leadership includes, Rev. Paul O. Cardwell, Dean, Rev. Kelly Williams, dean of men, Mrs. Samuel P. Auslam, dean of women. Elected youth representatives are Gerald Ross and Ellis Steele. Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf is the Jurisdiction Registrar and Treasurer. Representatives from the General Board of Education are, Rev. E. L. Jorns,

Rev. Cautious A. Chiate, Rev. Finis Crutchfield, and Wayne Odum.

The Jurisdiction Methodist Youth Workshop will meet August 12-21. Rev. J. Joyce Wilson is dean. Rev. Joseph W. Bell is representative from Youth Department, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf is registrar, officers of the planning committee are Richard Thompson, Georgann Malicky, Pat Allen, Guy Logsdon, David Douglas, Francis Hursh, Carl Spencer, Bradley Sue LaFan.

We would be very happy to have guests at any time during this period except from June 30 to July 7. During this period all our facilities are full for housing guests. If interested write the superintendent, E. H. Hook, Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas.—E. H. Hook

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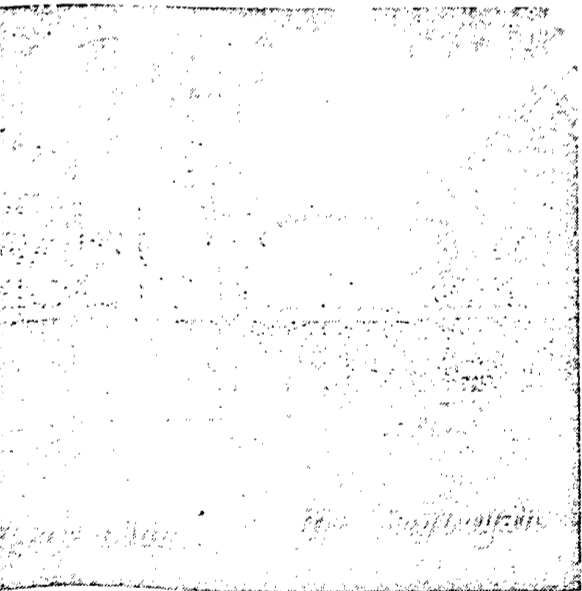
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## District Superintendents Little Rock Conference

The district superintendents are glad to make report of the achievements of this conference year now closing. In almost every item being reported an increase is shown over previous years. It is possible that the overall report shows an unprecedented year of growth. 938 infants have been presented by parents or guardians for baptism and children, youth and adults receiving Christian baptism number 1486. Received from preparatory membership and on profession of faith and vows 2708; our membership total is now 91,417. During the year, our Church Schools have shown an increase in enrollment in every division including a substantial increase in the number of youth. Our conference is at the top in the jurisdiction in its training program. Church School day offerings have been increased over the previous year and average attendance is up approximately 500 per Sunday.

There are 45 chartered groups of Methodist Men with a membership of 2747. The estimated value of our church buildings is \$10,404,106, and parsonages valued at \$1,321,155. We have paid for buildings and improvements \$1,169,496. Much of this

money has gone into new buildings, parsonages, educational plants, and churches. Dr. Francis A. Buddin of the Little Rock district leads all other districts in money expended in buildings. The total for the Little Rock district is \$531,131. The Pine Bluff district is second with \$183,664. The conference has raised \$500,143 more for buildings than for the previous year. It has been an era of home-base building for Methodism in the Little Rock Conference. Our pastors have been paid \$557,518 during the year and \$54,250 has been paid into the district superintendents' fund. The Episcopal Fund is in full and \$75,600 has been paid on the Conference Claimants Fund.

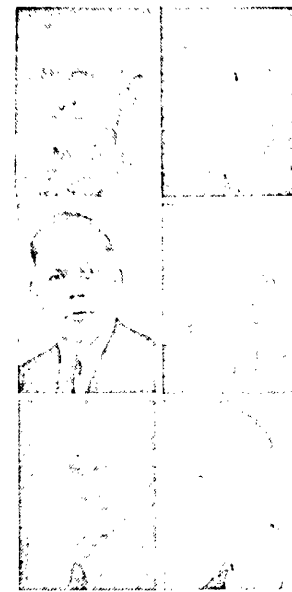
This conference accepted an increase of 35 per cent on World Service and has overpaid it. We have an increase of \$34,171 over last year. We have paid \$14,667 for General Advance Specials, \$10,148 for Week of Dedication, \$12,605 for conference Advance specials, and the Woman's Societies of Christian Service have paid \$86,250 during the year to their district and conference treasurers. Our Wesley Foundation fund for Fayetteville has been more than two-thirds paid and it is expected

that our share of this most worthy undertaking will be met in full within a short time. Churches of the Little Rock Conference report that \$88,351 has been paid to the Hendrix Endowment campaign, \$39,066 was raised for our Children's Home, and for the retired ministers endowment \$51,847.65 this year for a total of \$251,698.03.

From a financial standpoint, for all purposes we have raised this year \$2,942,341 or \$585,812 more than during last year, and we thought that was a record.

It is our opinion that more people are attending church and church schools than ever before. The Church School, WSCS, Youth Organizations, Methodist Men, our great church in all its phases of work seems filled with the Spirit of enthusiasm, cooperation and determined effort for Christ and His Church. The wonderful leadership we have had at the heads of all departments and the spirit generated by our Bishop has helped us to follow Him whose we are, and His spirit which guides us as we labor for Him.

—J. L. Dedman



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### ARKANSAS CHURCHES CONDUCT CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACETRACK

Churches in Forrest City, Ark., and throughout St. Francis County are holding prayer services, and women members are conducting a door-to-door canvass, in an all-out effort to defeat the proposed establishment of a horserace track near Forrest City. A special county election on the St. Francis Valley Turf Association's proposal to build the track will be held June 16. The campaign of opposition is spearheaded by an Anti-Racetrack League organized by the Forrest City Ministerial Alliance. Members of the ministerial group plan to wage the anti-racing fight from their pulpits from now until the election date. One of them, the Rev. T. K. Rucker of First Baptist church, told his congregation that the proposed track "threatens everything that is holy" and challenged "every Christian to rise up and defeat this danger."

Webb Sweet, chairman of the Anti-Racetrack League, said that prayer meetings also are being organized in adjoining counties as well as in Little Rock, 80 miles to the west, and Memphis, Tenn., 45 miles east of here.

### CHILDREN'S BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT JUNALUSKA

Lake Junaluska, N. C.—Construction is well under way here on a new \$60,000 children's building at the southeastern Methodist summer assembly, and it is expected to be ready for partial use by July 1.

The new building is an enterprise of Methodist church schools of nine southeastern states who have already raised \$45,000 to finance it, according to the Rev. Carl H. King, Salisbury, N. C. He is executive secretary of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference board of education, and treasurer of the

building fund.

Dr. King said the new building will be used for social, religious and educational activities of children from one to 12 years old, and also serve as a summer laboratory school for parents and church school teachers who train at the Lake Junaluska Assembly.

The children's program will be administered jointly by the Methodist Board of Education national headquarters in Nashville, Tenn.; the denomination's executive secretaries of annual conference board of education in the southeastern jurisdiction, and the Lake Junaluska Board of Education.

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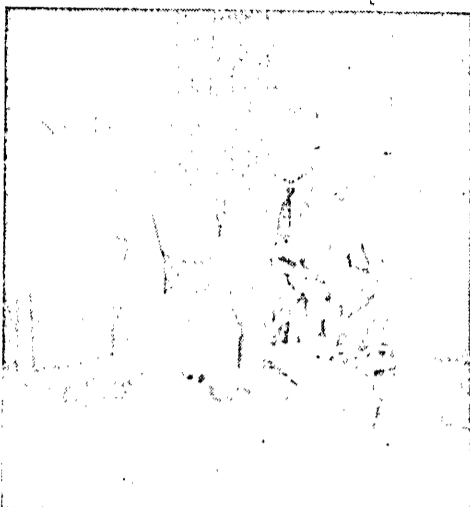
MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## Jacksonville Guild Has First Anniversary

Pictured from left to right is Rev. Harold Spence, Pastor of Jacksonville Methodist Church, Mrs. Louise Higginbotham, President Wesleyan Service Guild, Mr. Frederick Kemivor, an exchange student from Gold Coast, West Africa, and Mrs. Sam Sullivan, District Secretary from Searcy.

Mr. Kemivor was guest speaker at the Guild's last meeting, which was celebrating its First Anniversary. The meeting was held at the Church, to which the public was invited. Mr. Kemivor spoke on "What the Missionaries Have Done For Africa". After speaking, he held an open discussion, answering all questions from the audience. He closed the meeting with a prayer in his native language.

Immediately after the meeting, the Guild held its First Anniversary Party at the home of Mrs. Teca Camp, where individual cakes, with one candle, and coffee were served.—Mrs. O. T. Nethercutt



kin introduced the guest speaker, Miss Mary Chaffin, who told of her work as Deaconess in the Paragould District.

Mrs. George Brannan and Mrs. Garland Dowdle were honored with Life Memberships. Baby Memberships were given to Charles Bridewell, Meredith Jones, James Hart and Katherine Moose. A love offering was sent to Edith Martin in Africa. Candlesticks were placed in Pierce Hall in honor of Mrs. D. F. Newkirk, and flower pedestals placed honoring circle chairmen: Mrs. Ray Williams, Mrs. Phil Howe and Mrs. Charles Bridewell. Rev. H. J. Couchman and Mrs. George Brannan conducted the installation service.

New officers of the W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church, of Benton, were installed Sunday, May 31, with the pastor, H. O. Bolin reading the installation service. The president is Mrs. Henry Brown; vice-president, Mrs. Joe Blakely; secretary, Mrs. Joe Gerrad; and the treasurer, Mrs. Hugh Hart.

The first business meeting of the fiscal year was held Monday, June 1st and the newly installed Circle Chairmen reported that the attendance at the May meetings was unusually large and that the pledge services produced liberal responses.

The Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. N. D. Couch announced that she had prepared a program of prayer-meetings for each Wednesday evening,

with the laymen of the church in charge of the services. This was enthusiastically received by the membership, since the morning prayer-meetings held by the Society for the past year have failed in attendance, as it is almost impossible for busy house-wives and mothers to attend a 9 A. M. session.

Mrs. J. H. Baker, Chairman of Local Work, has made plans for re-decorating and further modernizing the church kitchen; and members have started work on arrangements for the autumn Bazaar, under the supervision of Mrs. George Downing.

Two Adult Life Membership certificates and pins have been presented this spring for worthy work in the Society — one to Mrs. Bill Landers and one to Mrs. N. D. Couch — both of whom have served loyally for more than 30 years.—Violet Gingles

### FOR SALE

We, the Virginia Laskey Guild of Ruston, La., would like to let the readers of the LOUISIANA METHODIST know that we have some 10" plates with the picture of the Trinity Methodist Church of Ruston to sell for \$2.25, including postage. Anyone interested may write to:

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Yours truly,  
Mrs. Earl Sears

### NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. John Rose will be President of the Wesley Society, Pine Bluff; Mrs. W. C. Wayman, vice-president; Mrs. Homer Koonce, Secretary; and Mrs. Corwin Lee, Treasurer.

Mrs. Roy Scott reports that Dardanelle Society received JR for the study course on Africa.

The Couchhatta W. S. C. S. officers for the new year were installed at Sunday morning Services, April 26, Rev. Beverly Bond officiating. The Bible study had been completed: Mrs. Ira Campbell conducted the class with full participation by the members, good attendance and high interest. This is the third study the society has held this year meeting Jurisdictional Requirements.

At the Sunday evening service, May 17, Rev. Kirvin A. Hale installed the following officers for the Henderson Wesleyan Service Guild: Mrs. L. W. Russell, president; Mrs. E. C. Reid, vice-president; Mrs. Minnie Summers, Treasurer; and Mrs. Ruth Miller, secretary.

Mrs. Doyle E. Wilson, Sr., is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and serving with her are: Mrs. W. T. Butler, vice-president; Mrs. L. W. Heitman, Secretary, and Mrs. W. S. Simmons, treasurer.

At a recent election of officers of the Gladys Holland Circle, Scott Street Church, Mrs. Frank Bass, Sr., was elected chairman and Mrs. Selma Lee vice-president.

The Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, editor of the "Arkansas Methodist" was guest speaker at the annual joint meeting of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild at Marianna, May 18. Mrs. H. C. Mixon, president of the Woman's Society, presided.

The invocation was given by the pastor, Rev. W. O. Scraggin, and

a musical program was given by Mrs. J. A. McCutchen, organist and Mrs. James Randall, pianist. Financial reports showed a total of \$2,600 collected through pledges and offerings. A gift of \$500 to Fellowship Hall Building Fund was reported.

Mrs. Mixon will serve again this year as president and Mrs. Samuel Cox will serve the second year as president of the Guild. Officers were installed Sunday night, May 24.

A social hour followed the annual meeting. Mrs. John W. Jacks served punch and cake was served by Mrs. Ed Linebarger. Assisting in serving were Mrs. John Mann, Mrs. W. V. Hickerson, Mrs. Cayce Turner, Mrs. W. G. Hoyle and Mrs. Roy Caldwell.

In recognition of Mother's Day, the following babies and young children were presented Baby Life Memberships at First Church, Van Buren: Kathleen Crofton, David Mandergriff, David Clifton, Linda Ann Hopkins, Carl Henson, Jr., Debrah Clifton, Cynthia Neal, and William Wurtz of Los Angeles.

The Jacksonville Society met May 11 with Mrs. Louis Wilson in charge of the program; the pledge cards were signed. Officers elected for the new year are: Mrs. Wesley High, president; Mrs. W. N. Herrod, vice-president; Mrs. H. P. Wooley, Secretary; and Mrs. A. R. Hibbs, treasurer.

The Thompson-Taylor Circle has recently taken this name honoring Mrs. Emma Thompson and Mrs. Sarah Taylor. It will meet each first Tuesday at 10 a. m. followed by a pot-luck lunch.

Morrilton Society held its closing meeting of the year in May with a covered dish luncheon. Over 60 members attended. "For Others" was sung by Mrs. H. J. Couchman and Mrs. Earl Bentley. Mrs. Ernest Ran-

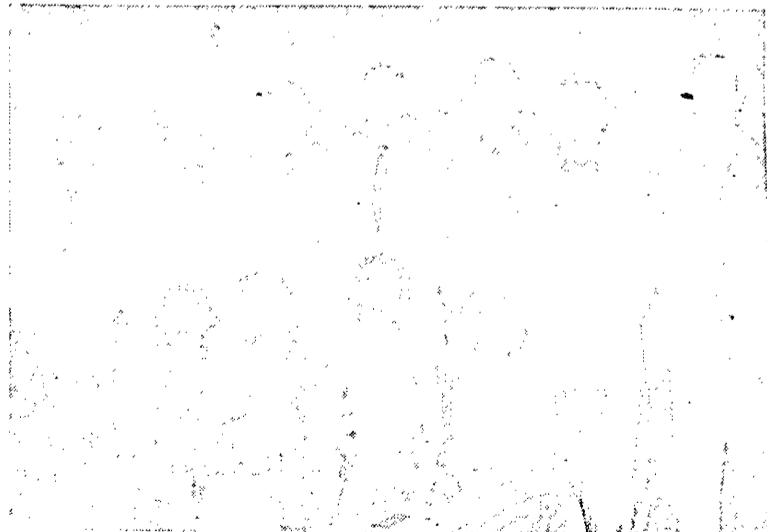
## TEXARKANA HONORS GRADUATES

The High School Graduates of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, were honored with a dinner Monday, May 18 by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The table was decorated with a maypole scene of elaborately dressed dolls on a large round mirror, and a horse and wagon full of boy dolls depicting the theme "Hitch Your Wagon to a Star". A streamer led from the wagon to a large silver star in the ceiling. Bouquets of pastel flowers and pastel candles, "wise old owls" as favors and place cards completed the table decorations. The favors were made by the Roslyn Circle.

Mrs. C. E. Kitchens, Mrs. A. C. Barr and Mrs. H. K. Portrum were responsible for the decorations and fun program, which was built around a Class Graduation exercise given

by the following students: Jerry Dunn, Leta Jo Taylor, Charles Ferguson, Jack Harrison, Martha Lu Erb, Jean Atkinson, Shirley Allison, Bill Poynter, Bob Edwards, and James Wise.

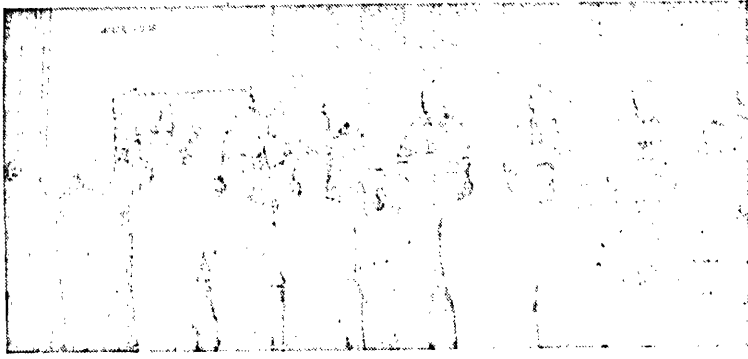
Other members of this group not present were: Clare Hammon, Patti Walsh, David Orr, and Gerry Teasley. Adults attending the dinner were: Mrs. W. A. Bengé, President W. S. C. S., Mrs. C. E. Kitchens, Mrs. A. C. Barr, Dr. and Mrs. Fred R. Harrison, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Chappell, Mrs. Eugene Allison, and Miss Ruth Nolze. The following women prepared and served the dinner: Mrs. A. F. Potter, Mrs. Has Owen, Mrs. H. K. Portrum, Mrs. H. C. Shapley and Mrs. I. V. Perdue.—Mrs. A. C. Barr



STANDING, left to right: Teddy Alfinger, Charles Ferguson, Bob Edwards, Jack Harrison, Bill Poynter, Jerry Dunn, and James Wise.  
SEATED, left to right: Leta Jo Taylor, Jean Atkinson, Martha Lu Erb and Shirley Allison.

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## 1ST CHURCH LITTLE ROCK DEDICATES NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING



Seen presenting the new Educational Building of the First Methodist Church for dedication, Sunday, May 31, is the Board of Trustees of the church. Left to right, with backs to congregation, R. C. Butler, J. K. Shepherd, H. C. Couch, Jr., L. M. Hawkins, W. R. Harrison, J. A. Riggs, Sr., W. P. Gulley, Sr., A. L. Barber. Seen on the pulpit rostrum are the ministers taking part in the service: (l to r) Dr. Francis A. Buddin, District Superintendent of Little Rock District, Rev. J. Edwin Keith, associate minister, Bishop Martin, Rev. John Lindsay, associate minister, and Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, First Church minister.

## METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT FOR MAY

We want to express our sincere thanks to the groups and participants listed below who have rendered a service or presented gifts to the Home during the month of May, 1953.

Mrs. F. H. Lyons, England, Ark.—clothing  
W. S. C. S. Cabot Methodist Church—watch and money

Friendship S. S. Class, Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock—birthday presents  
Mrs. A. C. Curtis, Little Rock—clothing  
Mrs. Cecil Burks—ticket for Boy Scout Circus

Miss Evelyn Burns, Siloam Springs, Ark.—pictures for scrap books

Mr. Arthur E. Bradley, Little Rock—peanut butter and canned nuts

Mr. Mashburn, Winfield Church, Little Rock—glasses

The Pathfinder Class of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Conway—clothing

Owoka Study Club, Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock—books for library

Octavia Bacus Circle, Newport Methodist Church—clothing

Terry Dairy Products Co., Little Rock—flowers

Gibson Bible Class, Russellville Methodist Church—clothing

Rockport Methodist Church—quilt

Mr. Chas. R. Baber, N. Little Rock—candy

Mr. and Mrs. Paul King, Charleston—clothing

Second Mile Class, Jonesboro Methodist Church—clothing

Progressive S. S. Class, First Methodist Church of El Dorado—clothing

Flintrock Berry Growers Association, Marshall, Ark.—strawberries

**MEMORIALS**

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Mr. Claud Homer given by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Tenenbaum

Mrs. Mary Rodgers given by Mrs. Robert Haverty

Mr. Claud Homer given by Fidelis Sunday School Class of the Dumas Methodist Church

Mr. John Dockery given by Mabel Crawford S. S. Class of Lakeside Methodist Church

Mr. Ben Rice given by Helen Clayton

Mrs. J. W. Holland given by Misses Lois and Mabel Irvine

Mr. Ben Z. Rice given by Mrs. Sol F. Meyer

Samuel P. Bell given by Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis

Mr. G. E. Harris given by Susanna Wesley Bible Class of the First Methodist Church of Texarkana

Mrs. Jesse B. Kirten given by Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Loy

Mr. Edmond Taylor given by Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis

Dr. B. E. Barlow given by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Paulk

Dr. Brian E. Barlow given by George M. and Ida Jones

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Mr. G. E. Harris given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Wilkin

Mrs. Ethel Winston given by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler

## WORK AT SANATORIUM

I write this article to thank everyone who has helped in the work at the State Sanatorium this Conference year. The cooperation has been very heartening. Various Church groups as Sunday School Classes, Woman's Societies of Christian Service, Methodist Youth Fellowships, Wesleyan Service Guilds and individuals have contributed to the work. Out of the concern of these friends Upper Rooms, Sunshine Fund, Packages of literature and other needs have gone to the patients. Also prayers have been made for the Chaplain and patients. For all of these benefits I am very grateful.

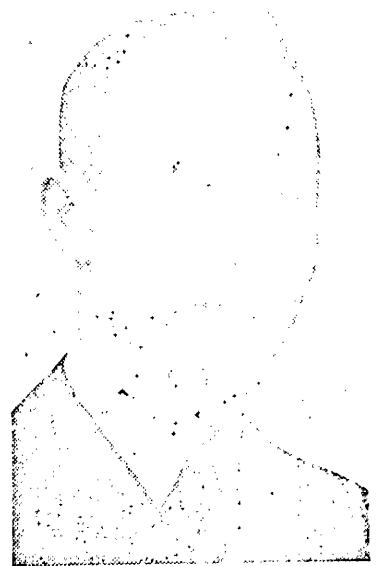
I appreciate the opportunity to give my ministry to the folk in the Sanatorium. Truly the opportunities for service are endless. Through personal contacts, counselling, visitation evangelism and worship experiences hearts and lives are touched. So many welcome the Chaplain as a minister, friend and helper. They are responsive to the efforts put forth. In seeking to minister to the patients in every building at the Sanatorium one is made aware of the bigness of the job. We have about twelve hundred patients at the Sanatorium.

I am grateful for the cooperation of the Staff and Employees in the Sanatorium. Without their help and support the Chaplain's work would be crippled. The patient's health and happiness is the aim of Doctors, Nurses, Supervisors and Chaplains. This teamwork is encouraging and yields results.

It is my desire to do more in the days ahead. Also I anticipate a continuation of the fine loyalty of friends. Let me request that you remember us all at the Sanatorium in your prayers.—Bates Sturdy, Chaplain

First Methodist Church Springdale 60.00  
Mr. James C. Trice, Brinkley First Methodist Church 100.00  
(Continued next week)

## NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT NAMED



DR. ARTHUR TERRY

At the session of the Little Rock Conference held last week there was only one change in the District Superintendents of the conference. Dr. Arthur Terry, who has been pastor of Asbury Methodist Church in Little Rock for the past six years, was appointed District Superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, succeeding Rev. J. L. Dedman who was assigned to 1st Methodist Church in Magnolia.

## MEMORIAL TO MRS. J. W. MOORE

On May 8th, 1951 a happy home was disrupted by the death of Mrs. J. W. Moore, wife of our pastor at Caraway then. Brother Moore was for a short time unable to discover something that would be a suitable memorial for one whose whole life had been dedicated to the service of her Master and the bringing of happiness to others.

Then the matter of need for assistance for young women to secure training for the nursing profession came to his attention. After a trip to Memphis, arrangements were made with Miss George Rast, Director of Methodist Hospital School of Nursing whereby Brother Moore would furnish the necessary \$100 a year for three years for a worthy Arkansas girl, who would be chosen by Miss Rast.

Miss Rita Shopper has finished two of her three years of training. She is an honor student and gives every promise of gracing a proud profession as a living memorial to that pastor's wife who, coming to the end of her life's course, could have had no happier thought than that of passing the torch of service to humanity to one younger and able to carry it onward. This thing Brother Moore has made certain for her.

What a wonderful way to establish a memorial.—Wm. M. O'Donnell, Chaplain Methodist Hospital

A noted psychologist lists qualities that are always present in those who attract others and impress favorably. First come the big three: enthusiasm, tact, self-reliance. Next come memory, aggressiveness, accuracy, co-operativeness, reliability, sincerity, industriousness.—Embee News.

Mr. Charles Simmons by Circle No. 4, Forrest City Methodist Church  
Mrs. D. B. Salisbury by Mrs. G. W. Wester

**TOTAL MEMORIALS — \$91.00**

### OTHER GIFTS

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Farabaugh, First Methodist Church, Camden 10.00

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rogers, First Methodist Church, Little Rock 10.00

Kate Campbell Bible Class, Augusta Methodist Church 10.00

Evelyn Whitecomb Class, Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock 10.00

Mrs. W. S. Riley, First Methodist Church, El Dorado 10.00

P. E. Cooley, Treasurer, North Arkansas Conference 331.15

Young Couples Class, Camden First Methodist Church 10.00

Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean, Russellville Methodist Church 10.00

Go-Getters S. S. Class, Wynne Methodist Church 10.00

Progressive S. S. Class, El Dorado First Methodist Church 10.00

Brewster Bible Class, Wynne Methodist Church 10.00

Golden Rule S. S. Class, Harrisburg Methodist Church 20.00

W. S. C. S. of Pine Bluff First Methodist Church 25.00

Jett B. Graves S. S. Class, Hope First Methodist Church 10.00

Lexa Telfore Bible Class, Fordyce Methodist Church 10.00

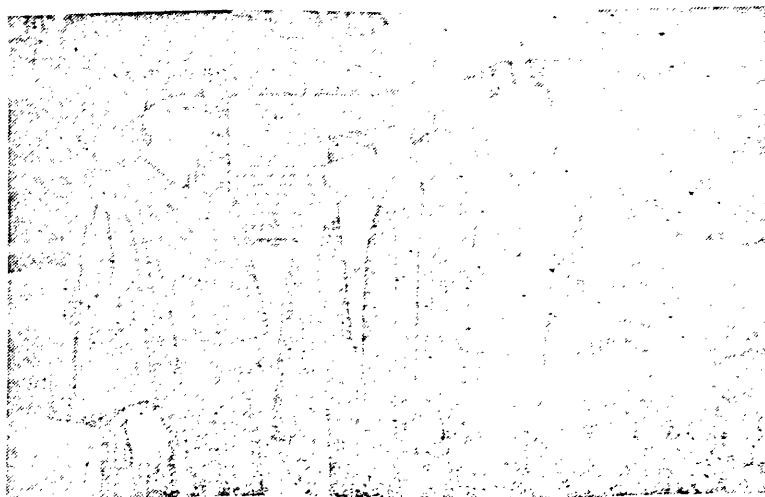
Frost Bible Class, Texarkana First Methodist Church 10.00

W. S. C. S. El Dorado First Methodist Church 50.00

## HENDRIX CONFERS HONORARY DEGREES

Rev. Cecil R. Culver, pastor of Winfield Methodist Church in Little Rock and Rev. Ethan W. Dodgen, District Superintendent of the Forrest City District, received the honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity at the recent commencement exercises at Hendrix College.

The honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws were conferred on President Ralph W. McDonald, president of Bowling Green State University, Ohio, and Congressman Wilbur D. Mills.



L to R: Dr. Cecil R. Culver, Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, Dr. Ralph W. McDonald. Congressman Mills was unable to attend the commencement exercises.

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## VAN BUREN INTERMEDIATE CAMP

This has been a most enjoyable week. Intermediates are a wonderful group to be with in study, fellowship, work and play. The Van Buren intermediate group descended on Camp Centerville with great enthusiasm. The camp, under the direction of Rev. J. L. Pruitt, pastor at Clinton, Rev. Travis Williams, pastor at Leslie and Rev. Bob Edwards, pastor at Damascus, along with other fine staff members, was an experience thoroughly enjoyed by all of us.

The youth brought along their own food and from this combined store, Mrs. Patterson of Clinton, the camp dietician, brought forth things new and old.

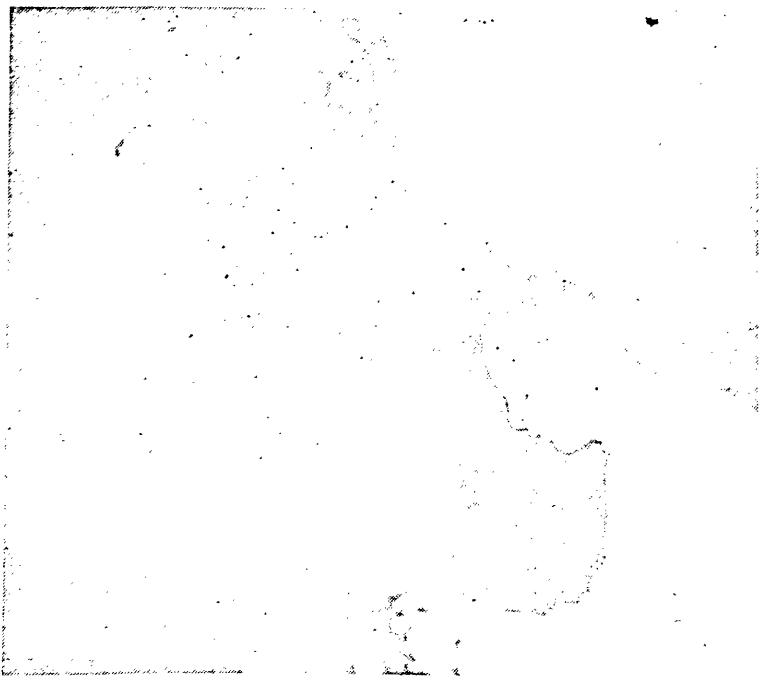
The daily program was filled with all the things good for intermediates. There was plenty of time for worship, directed by Allan Brockway, ministerial student at Hendrix, and other camp leaders. There was time for handicraft led by Travis Williams. The recreation included camp games and swimming at Lake Bennett. There were three classes which offered opportunity for gaining further knowledge in the realm of Christian Living.

Camp was held at the Centerville

School grounds where there are a number of splendid native stone buildings no longer used by the school. The consolidation program made these buildings useless. However, there is a good possibility that they might be obtained for camp and assembly grounds. The location, the splendid spirit of the people in this area, the opportunity to develop a worthwhile camping program in Summer and many retreat and other meetings in the winter, makes this one of the most challenging propositions the writer has ever seen. Outstanding also is the situation in the fact that the Methodist Church has its chapel on the campsite which was used for our worship services. We hope that something may be worked out that will be of great advantage both to the Methodists in the Centerville community and those over the entire territory in Conway and Searcy Districts.

There is no finer experience for youth and adults than that of a week in camp out in the hills or mountains, or in some other place in the wide open spaces under the guidance of competent christian leaders.—J. Albert Gatlin

# Wayside Chapel In Grand Avenue Dedicated



*Painting by Mrs. Betty Sanders and Mrs. Tonya Moran, Ft. Smith*

The dedication of the Wayside Prayer Chapel in Grand Avenue Methodist Church, located at the intersections of Grand Avenue, Eleventh Street and C. Street in the heart of Fort Smith was a significant event for Methodism in the city. The chapel is the gift of J. W. Bishop of Fort Smith, a nephew of Dr. Jas. A. Anderson, and is in itself a unique and inspirational addition to the religious life of the city. The life-size painting which dominates the interior of the beautifully furnished chapel is an arresting work of art.

In the accompanying cut a Camp

Chaffee soldier is kneeling at the altar rail in front of the painting.

The door to the chapel will be open at all times, night and day. The entrance is from the 11st Street side of the church.

The dedication service personnel:

Charles B. Wyatt, Pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist Church; J. W. Bishop, Member of Grand Avenue Church and the donor; Rev. David Simpson, Pastor Second Presbyterian Church; Rev. Owen Oslin, Pastor First Assembly of God Church; Rev. Alfred Knox, Pastor Goddard Memorial Church; Rev. Herman Wallace, Jr., Pastor First Christian Church.

Conference Names Stewardship Director

The Rev. J. Edwin Keith, associate minister of First Methodist Church, Little Rock, has been named director of stewardship for the Little Rock Conference. Announcement of his new post was made the past week at the annual conference session.

Mr. Keith has been a member of the staff of the Little Rock church since 1949, doing much of his work there in the field of finances. Within the past three years the church, of which Dr. Aubrey G. Walton is pastor, has constructed an educational building, remodeled the main building, and paid off its half million dollar debt.

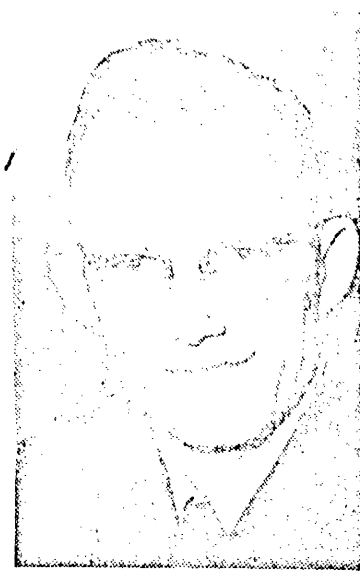
He has also been active in assisting with building programs and fund campaigns at Keith Memorial church in Malvern, First Church, McGehee, St. Paul's, Little Rock, and Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro.

The new conference office is a follow up of plans advocated by the General Conference in 1952, a program of cultivation and promotion in the field of stewardship of possessions. Mr. Keith will be available to assist churches in stewardship revivals, building funds and budget campaigns and every member canvas. He will have an office in Little Rock.

Churches which take advantage of his services will pay to the conference treasurer a fee equal to one per cent of the financial goal reached. Interested churches may write to the new director, who will set up plans with them, and have the church sign a contract with the annual conference.

Although Mr. Keith's first responsibility is to the Little Rock Conference, he will do some work outside the conference. Churches in other conferences which request his services will be required to pay two per cent of the goal raised.

Mr. Keith is a native of Malvern, and a graduate of the University of Arkansas, where he received his B. S. degree with a major in social welfare, and of Southern Methodist University, where he received his B. D. degree in 1947. He has served pastorates on the Arkadelphia circuit, Winslow in the Fayetteville



REV. J. EDWIN KEITH

district, South Wilcox church in McKinney, Texas, Garland, Texas, where he was associate minister, and Bradley, Ark.

He is married to the former Lethal Fitzhugh of Malvern, and they have three children, Lila Bess, Edwina and Paula Jean.

## SUMMER SESSION BEGINS

Registration for the Hendrix summer session began Tuesday, June 2. Classes were scheduled to begin the following day.

Students entering the college for the ten week session can earn up to 12 semester hours. Director of the session, which will close August 8, is Dr. H. I. Lane, professor of mathematics.—Anne Abel

## MINISTERS' WIVES MEET

The ministers' wives of the Hope District met with their husbands in a luncheon meeting at the Coffee Cup Cafe in Texarkana, Thursday, May 14. Honored guests were Dr. and Mrs. Clovis Chappell. After lunch Dr. Chappell brought an inspirational message to the group.

The ministers and their wives then went to the First Methodist Church where they met in a separate business meeting.—Mrs. Howard Williams, Secretary.

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### TWO INTERMEDIATE CAMPS PLANNED

The great demand for Christian Adventure Camping from the Methodist youth of the Little Rock District has made it necessary to schedule two camps this summer for the twelve through fourteen year age group. Both camps will be held at Aldersgate, the first group to be June 22 through 26 and the second group set for July 6 through 10th.

J. R. Henderson, District Director of Youth Work, announced the study unit would be entitled "Each for All", with quest groups in Worship, Discoveries, Daily Timing, Play and Work. Each camp will be limited to 80 young people with ten adult counselors.

The first session will be directed by Rev. Ralph Sewell, pastor of Douglassville Methodist Church, and the second by Rev. Kirvin Hale, pastor of Henderson Methodist Church. Other adult workers who will serve as instructors and counselors include: Miss Grace Thatcher, local deaconess, Mrs. Frank Shanks of Benton, Rev. Howard Childs, West Markham Church, Leroy Gray, DeValls Bluff, Miss Abbie Ruth Wilson, Lonoke, Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, Mablevale, Mrs. Harris Hogue, Bauxite, Miss Leita Rose Ballew, Miss Mary Ann Kincannon, Miss Virginia Bird, Miss Martha McOskey, Miss Alice Miller, Mrs. Kirvin Hale and Joe Martin, Jr., all of Little Rock.

Special resource persons who will assist during the camps are: Mrs. J. K. Farish, director of Christian education at First Church, Little Rock, crafts; Harold Howell, U of A Extension Service, Forestry, and William F. Spivey, Pulaski county

agent, Conservation; and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Faulkner, Little Rock, Recreation.

These groups will be among the first campers to use the new dining hall and the new girls' cabins which have been completed since last summer under the supervision of Milam W. Willis, director of Aldersgate.

### WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Paul E. Martin Sub-District met on April 21 at the St. Paul's Methodist Church with eighty-five present. The following new officers were elected: President, Nancy Carol Secrest; vice-president, Bob Haynes; recording secretary, Jean Brownlee; corresponding secretary, Nancy Kenney; treasurer, Charlene Hatfield; reporter, Linda Cherry. Chairmen of commissions are: Christian Faith, Barbara Nance; Missions, Shirley Wells; Christian Education, Sue England; Worship, Wendall Nance; Recreation, Kay Farris. The officers were installed at an annual banquet at Midland Heights Church on May 8. The May 19 meeting was held at Glover Memorial Church, Fort Smith.

The Francis-Lee Sub-District of the Forrest City District met at Bear Creek Lake Methodist Youth Camp on May 25 at 6:30 p. m. with a fellowship dinner. After the dinner election of officers was held with the following officers named: President, Jim Randale, Marianna; vice-president, Karl Metzger, Moro; secretary, June Stiles, Aubrey; treasurer, Elizabeth Morgan, Round Pond; publicity chairman, Gladys Higgins, Widener. Commission chairmen are: Worship, Patsy Russell, Forrest City; Paul Williams, Forrest City; Missions, Diane Dameron, Marianna. Henry Williams of Forrest City is adult sponsor and Rosalyn Gilbert is reporter.

The Grace Curtis Sub-District of the Paragould District met at the First Methodist Church, Rector, on Monday, May 11, for its regular monthly meeting. Dr. Ira A. Brumley of Conway spoke to the nearly one hundred youth and their adult counselors. Brother Brumley led the group in a candlelight installation service at which time the following officers were installed: President, James Stinson, First Church, Paragould; vice-president, Sue Marlar, First Church, Rector; treasurer, James Cox, Stanford Church. Chairmen of Commissions are: Publicity, Betty Johnson, St. Francis Church; Recreation, Virginia Seegroves, First Church, Paragould; Worship and Evangelism, Roma Blake, Wright's Chapel; Community Service, Betty Shannon, Rector Fourth Street Church; World Friendship, Sandra Thorne, Marmaduke Church. Rev. Jesse L. Johnson, pastor of First Church, Piggott, is Adult Counselor and Rev. Robert Simpson, pastor of Stanford Church, is District Director. Following the installation service the group was invited to fellowship hall for recreation, led by Miss Virginia Seegroves. Refresh-

ments were served by the host group of First Church, Rector.

The Crusaders Sub-District of the Ruston District met at Gibsland on May 18. The following new officers were installed: President, Mary Caroline Smith, Homer; vice-president, Emma Lou Stewart, Springhill; recording secretary, Carolyn Douglas, Homer; corresponding secretary, Alicia Willliours, Springhill; treasurer, Kay McFarland, reporter, Etta Jo New, Athens and counselor, Miss Cathawn, Doyline. A recreation period was held.

The Jonesboro Area Sub-District met at Pleasant Grove for the June meeting with Rev. Byron McSpadden as guest speaker. It was voted to contribute \$50.00 for silverware for Wayland Springs Camp.

### MONTICELLO DISTRICT MEETING

The Monticello District meeting was held at Monticello, Friday night May 22. There were two representatives.

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### CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE WEEK FOR INTERMEDIATES

Nashville, Tennessee—The Youth Department of the Board of Education has recently issued a booklet, "Christian Adventure Week for Intermediates".

Christian Adventure Week is a period of special activities for this group of the Methodist Youth Fellowship who are 12-14 years of age, for their adult leaders in the local church, and their parents.

Planned for churches of all sizes, Christian Adventure Week may be held at any time of the year. The program will include worship, study and discussion, recreation, and service to others in the church and community.

Christian Adventure Week is for Intermediates what Youth Activities Week is for Seniors and Older Youth. Its theme for this year is "Being Christian in My Personal Life".

The booklet contains sections under the following headings: "Resource Material," "Quests," "Schedules," "Worship," "Music," "Christian Outreach," and "Recreation." It also contains a list of reading books for intermediates.

"Christian Adventure Week for Intermediates" (No. 2388-B) is available free from the Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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all of his attitudes toward others, kind in all of his activities, and good in all of his relationships.

Then the inner character of this person will be the very embodiment of faithfulness in the discharge of all duties. He will be gentle in all of his dealings with others. He will be really and truly God's gentleman, and self-control will be one of the high qualities of his life. The struggle mentioned above comes about through the conflict between the lower and higher sides of the individual's nature. The lower caters to the works of the flesh, while the higher, filled with the presence of Christ, strives to bear the fruit of the Spirit. In the life of the Christian, Christ has been enthroned and the higher side of his nature has been released. Like the prodigal he has come to himself; that is to his better self. He is now back in his Father's house; the Kingdoms of God. The lower side of his nature which led him to the hog pen has been crucified, but it is a lingering death and life still remains. This lower side is seeking to come down from the cross and repossess the life. Thus the struggle goes on, but victory is assured to those who will be faithful unto death.

### The Danger Of Freedom

Freedom is one of the greatest things in human life. In speaking of Liberty, Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death". A lot of effort and sacrifice has been made for the freedoms we now enjoy. But liberty misused can be a dangerous thing. At least it was so with some of these Galatians. The Gentiles among them had been used to too much liberty. In the place of the religion to which they belonged before becoming Christians making them more moral, it led them to the opposite direction. They practiced sexual impurity in the very name of religion. Through misunderstanding Paul's doctrine of liberty, they were about to make the mistake of think-

ing that Christianity was also a religion without morals. Paul warns them about this danger.

The danger of freedom or liberty is also seen in the matter of politics. Let it always be remembered that freedom may mean freedom to do wrong as well as right. Democracy is the greatest form of government on earth; great because of its freedoms, but to prevent these freedoms from being abused it must be seasoned with Christianity. Democracy will never work as it should so long as the world is filled with selfishness. The freedom which Christianity grants is freedom only to do right.

### HONOR FOR DISCOVERER OF NEW WONDER DRUG

A preacher's-son-scientist, Dr. Paul R. Burkholder, on March 11 received the annual Priestly Award from his alma mater, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Penna., in recognition of his discovery of the wonder drug chloromycetin.

One of the newer anti-biotics this drug is a cure for epidemic typhus and typhoid fever and a possible weapon against cancer and tuberculosis.

Dr. Burkholder, now Eaton professor of Botany at Yale, came to Dickinson as a student 22 years ago from a rural parsonage in Pennsylvania. He majored in biology under the son of Methodist missionaries, Prof. Milton W. Eddy, who introduced his former student at the award ceremony.

The Rev. Dr. Willial W. Edel, president of the college, in presenting Dr. Burkholder the Wedgwood portrait medallion of Priestly (discoverer of oxygen) called the famous alumnus "one of men's greatest benefactors."

Dickinson is Methodism's oldest U. S. college.

### WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

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tatives and an adult counselor from each Sub-District.

The following officers were elect-

ed: President, Sammy Jones, Hamburg; Vice President, John Noble Barnes, Parkdale; Secretary, Sandra Parkhill, Crossett; Publicity Secretary, Maryann Goatcher, Lake Village.

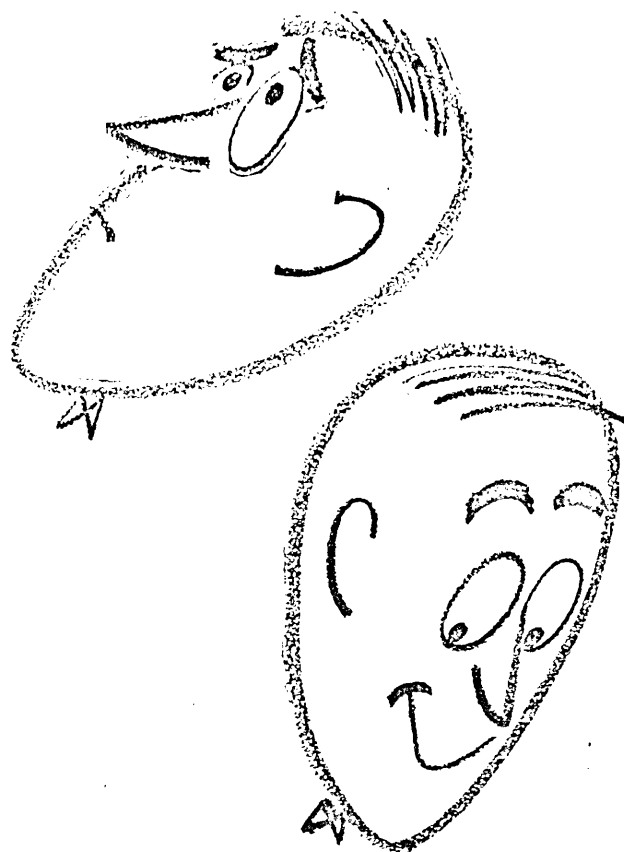
Plans were made for a District meeting to be held June 27, at Camp Keener.—Maryann Goatcher

We are beginning to accept the rumors of war as a part of our daily chore, much as the frontiersman who tilled his cornfield and potato patch with a gun nearby; even with the growing nonchalance of fatalism of the farmer who cultivates the lava dust on the edge of Mt. Vesuvius.—A. M. Sulli-

van, "Eight Signposts—One Destination," Dun's Review, 5-53.



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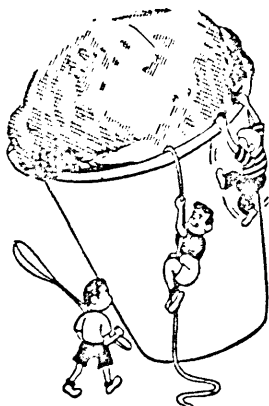
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# The Sunday School Lesson

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## WHAT IS THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Galatians, chapters 5 and 6. Printed Text: Galatians 5:13-18, 22 through 6:5.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** You are called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. (Galatians 5:13)

This is the third lesson of Unit X: "SOME RESULTS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING". The first lesson of the series had to do with stewardship. We noted the fact that stewardship is a very broad term. It really includes all of life, but in this particular lesson we dealt only with that phase of stewardship which relates itself to material possessions. We noted that the habit of tithing furnishes a good basis for systematic giving. Our second lesson dealt with Christian liberty. Life must have constraints. In the matter of Christianity one is only free from the law of Moses as he practices the higher law of Christ. It will be remembered that the law of Christ is that of love. One cannot love God supremely and neighbor as self and intentionally do wrong either to God or neighbor. Sin is the violation of relationships either toward God or neighbor. The law would enforce the keeping of these relationships through fear while grace induces the individual to keep them through love. People will do more because of love than they will because of fear, therefore, love is greater constraint than law. Then, too, love is greater because law works only on the negative side; it only forbids wrong, while love works on both the positive and negative sides. It not only forbids wrong it also enjoins right. It is not satisfied merely when one refrains from harming his neighbor, it leads one to serve his neighbor. Our lesson today attempts to show how the followers of Christ are to practice Christian liberty.

The chief theme of Paul's letter to the Galatians is Christian liberty. It was written from the city of Corinth in A. D. 57. It is the only epistle in the Bible that is addressed to a number of churches rather than just one. Galatia was quite an extensive mountainous section of what is now Asia Minor. Several churches were located in this section. This letter is divided into three sections of two chapters each. In the first two chapters Paul states the doctrine of Christian liberty, in the second two he defends this doctrine, and in the third two he applies it. If one desires to thoroughly understand the subject of Christian liberty, he should study all of these six chapters, and do so with the above mentioned division in mind.

### A Look At The Scriptures

In the beginning of our printed text for today Paul warns against the abuse of liberty. He goes on to tell these Galatians that they have been called to freedom but he insists that they not use this freedom as a matter of indulging the flesh. This admonition can be easily understood if we keep in mind the situation, or background. These

churches had been established by Paul and his helpers. They were made up of both Jews and Gentiles. These two groups had different backgrounds. The Jews, under the law of Moses, had been accustomed to considerable restraint. Judaism dealt faithfully with the matter of morals. These Gentiles had been converted from a heathen religion that taught no morals whatever. These Jews were confused with Paul's doctrine of Christian liberty in that they felt he was lowering the moral standards of religion. On the other hand these Gentiles felt that Paul was advocating the doctrine of freedom without restraint, which was liberty for one to do as he pleased in the matter of morals. This was harking back to the ideas they had gotten through the heathen religion from which they had come.

Paul was very anxious to straighten both of these groups out. He did not mean to lower the moral standards as set by Judaism. Christianity never did that, it rather lifted them. There was moral restraint in Christianity as well as in Judaism. The chief difference was the source of this restraint. The restraint of Judaism came from fear; fear of a broken law, while that of Christianity came from love. Love is by far the great force for it not only restrains from evil but it induces to do good. Then, too, the freedom from the law of Moses that Paul was emphasizing was freedom from the ceremonial law such for example as circumcision, rather than from the morals as expressed in the Ten Commandments. But even with regards to the morals expressed in the Ten Commandments Paul would have the Galatians to realize that the keeping of them did not make them Christians. They became Christians by grace through faith and not through the merits of keeping the law. Paul carefully taught that salvation is by grace rather than by works. The Galatians were to obey the laws of God not for the purpose of making themselves children of God but because they were already children of God. Salvation was not something to be worked out by the recipient. It was rather something that had already been worked out by the Lord and which was only to be accepted by the recipient. The grace of God by which people are saved is the unmerited favor of God. It is something that people in nowise earned and that they did not deserve. It is all tied up in the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Christ. It is fully expressed in John 3:16, "God so loved the world" etc. It comes to the believer through faith because faith is the receiving organ of the soul. Faith is to the soul what the hand is to the body. One offers you some material object and you reach out your hand and take it. God through

your faith you reach out and accept it.

### The Power of Love

There is no power on earth like that of love. It operates both negatively and positively. It sets one free from the law that outwardly restrains by giving him an inward power and center from which his life operates. Love brings the individual freedom by so changing his life that he does good to all concerned by choice rather than by coercion. The law leaves the inner life of the individual unchanged and attempts to compel him to do good by outward force, while love so changes the inner nature of the individual that he does good by choice. That is the chief difference between attempted salvation by law and true salvation by grace. The law reveals God as external to the human life; a Being who would set up external rules and regulations to govern the individual. While on the other hand grace reveals God as an indwelling Spirit whose chief attribute is love. This Spirit operates through the individual and gives him liberty because it so changes his nature that he freely chooses what is right and at the same time this Spirit gives him power to do the right. This is the only liberty known to the mind of man. The individual who refuses to accept Christ and his way of life on the grounds that he wants to be free to do as he pleases is foolish. He always winds up by becoming the slave of his own evil habits. This is the most galling type of slavery in the world. All people are either children of God which means liberty under the constraint of love or they are slaves of their own self-interest or evil habits.

### An Eternal Struggle

In our printed text for today Paul speaks forcefully of the struggle that goes on between the flesh and the Spirit. The student should note carefully what Paul terms the works of the flesh. They are found in verses 19 through 21 of this chapter. It will be noted that the works of the flesh mentioned here not only

include what we commonly think of as sins of the flesh but also sins of the spirit, such as jealousy, hatred, envy, prejudice, divisions, an uncontrolled temper, etc. This lower side of man's nature is to be crucified with Christ, but let it be remembered that death by crucifixion is a slow and lingering matter. So long as one lives here in the flesh he is going to be bothered to a certain extent with these evils, and just to the extent that he is bothered he does not have absolute liberty. This means that there is no such thing as absolute liberty on this side of the grave. One approaches, however, in the direction of this desired goal as he becomes more and more Christlike in character.

### The Results Of The Spirit

Over against these works of the flesh Paul sets the fruit of the Spirit. It will be noted that Paul uses the term "fruit" in the singular number. There are nine of these graces but they are all of one piece. These graces may be divided into groups of three each. The first three — love, joy, and peace — refer to one's communion with God. The second group — patience, kindness, and goodness — refer to one's relationship with others. The third — faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control — have to do primarily with one's own inner character.

Paul goes on to tell us that there is no law against the intelligent practice of these graces. Neither God nor man has any law against the practice of these graces toward God and others. Think of them for just a moment. One loves; he loves God supremely and neighbor as self. This principle governs all of his activities toward God and others. This in turn brings a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory and a peace that passeth understanding. Turmoil may be in the world all about us but there is a sweet settled peace in the life of the individual whose heart is filled with love. Such an individual will practice the next three graces. He will be patient in

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