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The Character Of Joe With Which We Deal

LAST week we commented on the prospects for peace in Korea with some misgivings lest what we were saying would be outdated by the time it reached our readers by a complete armistice agreement.

As we go to press this week, word comes of the greatest offensive by the red forces in two years. This action is evidence of one of two attitudes on the part of our foes. Either they are not negotiating in good faith and have no confidence in an early truce, or they have practically no regard for the lives of either their own people or ours.

It is a faith-shattering, disillusioning experience to hear the reds talk so fluently about their desire for peace and then, on what seems the very verge of an agreement, see them unleash the heaviest attack in two years on what, by all laws of logic and normal action should be a quiet front. Anxious, watchful, hopeful waiting is about the only course open to us, together with our prayers for peace.

A Fitting Commemoration

WITH the Area's three Annual Conference sessions over, leaders are now turning their attention to the next matter of connectional interest — the Methodist World Convocation on Evangelism, Philadelphia, Pa., June 26-28. Those responsible for the promotion of the significant meeting are greatly encouraged by the increased interest being manifested in the Philadelphia meeting. Word from convocation headquarters indicates that several thousand Methodists from every Conference of Methodism will be on hand to share in the rich program of the three day meet. Registrations had been somewhat slow for several weeks leading up to the first of June, but since that date they have been coming in at a rapid rate and early expectations will likely be met.

The encouraging word for the Arkansas-Louisiana Area is the number of ministers and laymen who will be making the trip from the three conferences of this two-state Area. While we have not been able as yet to ascertain the exact number of persons planning to go to Philadelphia, we believe now that the number will be sufficiently large to well represent the Area. The North Arkansas Conference Board of Evangelism came up with a plan of allocating \$200 to each of the eight districts of the Conference to help defray traveling costs, provided that at least four persons make the trip together in one car from each district. This could well mean that the North Arkansas Conference will have more than thirty representatives in Philadelphia.

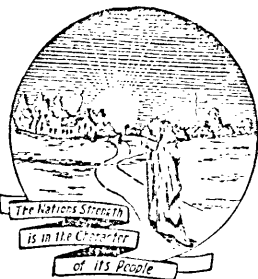
The World-Wide Convocation on Evangelism will be a fitting commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Wesleys. Those attending will doubtless return with a far deeper appreciation of the great heritage of Methodism and a greater understanding of the real genius of Methodism. We can think of no finer way of paying a great tribute to those who were responsible for the beginning of the Methodist movement.

However, everybody cannot go to Philadelphia. That would be neither desirable nor practical. But every Methodist church throughout the length and breadth of Methodism can have a service of worship which in itself will also be a fitting commemoration to the Wesleys. Plans for services in local churches are available through the Board of Evangelism. Sunday, June 28, should be a high mark in the life of every Methodist Church.

Church Attendance In Methodism's Rural Churches

IN the "horse and buggy" days the matter of church attendance in rural areas caused little or no worry. The church generally stood at the center of the community life and provided a common meeting place for the people of the neighborhood, both saint and sinner. People did not often leave the community on Sunday because, strange as it may sound now, a trip of five or ten miles in a horse-drawn vehicle was an experience undertaken only occasionally for purposes of pleasure.

This limited means of transportation added to the importance of the church as a gathering point for the people, hungry for fellowship with their neighbors. On "preaching days" they came together in numbers. Some came because they were devoutly religious. Others came because at church they could most quickly and most easily see the largest number of the people of the community. Singings, box suppers, graveyard decorations and other similar gatherings were community



affairs and strengthened local community life. Because these affairs usually brought the people together at the church, they strengthened the church life.

Church attendance in our rural churches is not a simple matter today. The automobile has made Sunday trips of fifty or a hundred miles from home a comparatively simple matter. People who remain in their home community on Sunday now, do so by choice. Singings, box suppers, graveyard decorations etc. are no longer community affairs or community centered. They may draw from a radius of fifty to a hundred miles. There are times when widespread attendance at these meetings seriously affects church attendance in the local church. Because of the easy, quick means of travel today, rural people see each other more often and do not feel so keenly the need for community gatherings as in earlier days.

We call attention to these matters to say that, today, the rural church must compete with many interests about it. The rural church will live and grow today only as it creates in the minds and hearts of people a sense of need for the particular things the church alone can provide. While attendance at our church services in rural churches may not be as large now as in other days, we may be sure that those who come are there by choice because they believe the things the church stands for are more valuable than the many other interests that beckon to them.

North Arkansas Conference In Interesting Session

MINISTERS and lay persons met in Fayetteville last week for the annual session of the North Arkansas Conference. The five day meeting was not an unusual one. There was no special observance scheduled and save for a brief period in an afternoon session when a matter concerning insurance was under discussion, debate did not keep pace with the weather. However, the Conference session was an interesting one from the standpoint of program presentation.

A large attendance was recorded for the week, there probably being a larger number of visitors on hand than there have been for several years. Availability of accommodations probably accounted for this increase. Those in attendance heard an unusually fine group of special speakers, including Dr. Eugene Frank, Conference preacher, Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, commemoration preacher, Dr. Henry Bullock, Rev. James Major and Charles Stuck, morning devotional speakers, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, inspirational speaker at the Advance Hour on Friday morning and Bishop Martin who delivered the Conference sermon on Sunday morning.

The Conference had several fine moments. Especially to be remembered were the hour of retirement for four ministers, the presentation of Miss Nellie Dyer, Methodist missionary who was imprisoned for nearly three years by North Koreans, and the presentation of the report by the Board of Christian Literature as its chairman very impressively showed the extremes in literature that are available today. The Conference voted to meet next year in Batesville at the First Methodist Church.

Conferences Report Remarkable Increase Benevolence Giving

REPORTS made to the Louisiana, Little Rock, and North Arkansas Conferences show significant progress in many areas of work, but no reports will reflect greater interest in the program of Methodism than in the area of World Service and Conference Benevolence giving. District Superintendents and especially local church leaders merit nothing but the highest praise for accomplishments in this area of program. These accomplishments are perhaps better understood when we review what has led to these successes.

The 1952 General Conference apportioned to each annual conference of this Episcopal Area an increase of 35% for the World Service program of Methodism. These funds support the World Service agencies of Methodism, missions, education, temperance, lay activities, etc., all on a General Conference level. Our Conferences also maintain programs in many of these fields which are supported by Conference Benevolences. In considering this new 35% increase in World Service appointment, each of the Annual Conferences of this Area accepted in full the 35% increase. The Louisiana Conference further increased its Conference benevolence program an amount which made the overall increase in World Service and Conference benevolence budget larger by 23%. The Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences accepted the 35% increase for World Service and increased their Conference

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CAMPING INCLUDES EVERYBODY

By ELLA MAE CHARLTON
Shreveport

SOME years ago, there were leaders in the Methodist Church who thought that camping should include older people as well as the younger ones. There were some who were skeptical. Older people would not be interested in foregoing the conveniences of home to indulge in a changed routine, they said. But there were those who thought differently and the first Methodist Church Camp for older adults came into existence in 1945.

From the beginning it was evident that the people over sixty-five were not lacking in enthusiasm. Even though plans were not too well worked out in the very beginning, the people who attended caught the spirit and made known their interest by returning and bringing others the following year.

The idea has grown until churches in many states have followed suit and camping for older adults has become a well established part of the church program.

Advances in the field of medicine, as well as the increased standard of living, have advanced the age of expectancy of life. It is a known fact that people live to an older age now than in the past. The number of people past the age of sixty-five has increased and as the church become aware of this situation, leaders realized that in many instances these people were being neglected.

The work done in setting up recreational programs, assemblies and camps for those who have reached their golden years has been most rewarding and worthwhile.

One woman expressed the views of many when she said, "Along about in May I begin to feel ten years younger. I start thinking about what I'm going to take to camp, about the fun we'll have together and about the friends I haven't seen since last year."

The camp program is planned so that those attending will feel it is *their* camp. They sing the songs they want to sing and as one camper said, "If we want to sing songs that might sound old fashioned to younger people we go right ahead and sing them. We don't get the opportunity very often to do like we please so we let our hair down."

Another enthusiast expressed it this way, "We gather around the piano, with one of our own group playing, and sing like everybody in the world who can't sing. None of us are opera stars and some of us can't carry a tune, but we have a wonderful time."

A typical camp for older adults is Caney Lake Camp, located on Caney Lake, near Minden, Louisiana, serving the Shreveport, Monroe and Ruston Districts.

Registration begins with a hum of activity. Acquaintances are renewed, cabins assigned and such remarks as, "Did you bring your bathing suit this time?" or "I told the woman who is registering everybody to put Matt in the cabin with the boys, I want to stay with you girls this year."

Stunt night is a much looked-forward-to occasion. Secrecy prevails as groups from each cabin get together and plan a stunt that will excel all stunts. Usually a number of visitors are present for the event and when they gather

in a semi-circle in front of the main building there is fun in store for everybody. Some campers start working on stunt ideas long before camp opens and they have their groups well organized and ready to perform when the time comes.

It has been found that older adults are as adept at crafts as many younger ones. They enjoy such activities as making utility cans from the ordinary tin can or spatter painting. Some of the women make flowers from chenille wire or old nylon stockings. Then men enjoy the shuffle board and other recreational activities.

Many of them enjoy swimming. That is optional of course. As one camper expressed it, "We used to be the spectators at the swimming pool, now we are the spectacle."

An important part of the camp program comes when the speaker brings his daily message. At Caney Lake Camp in 1952, Dr. Ira Barnett, representative of the General Board brought the message each day. The theme of his talks was, "How older adults can enrich their lives in home, church and community."

The dining hall and recreational building at the Methodist Church Camp on picturesque Lake Caney, near Minden. It is here that older adults of Shreveport, Monroe and Ruston Districts have their camp.



The swimming pool at Caney Lake Camp where as one older adult said, "We used to be the spectators, but now we are the spectacle!"

"We were all inspired after hearing Dr. Barnett," one camper said, "to go back to our homes and churches with new purposes and a more meaningful outlook on life."

When the camping days were over, one woman who had attended for the first time told the registrar, "I haven't had too much patience with my granddaughter because she is so insistent on coming to church camp every summer, but from now on I will be on hand to see that she does get to come. I've found out what it can mean." Still another interested woman paid the camping fees for an underprivileged child to attend church camp. She had found the inspiration one could receive from such an experience.

One camper at Caney spoke to the group along these lines, "Here are some things we can do for ourselves—keep our bodies straight—recreation helps. Keep ourselves looking acceptable, maybe we can't be attractive but at least acceptable. Strive to make ourselves agreeable. Keep our minds alert—read and keep up

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with current affairs so we won't have to talk about our operations. Keep our figures down—again recreation helps." They liked her advice and asked her to talk to them on a second occasion.

Perhaps all older adult campers everywhere join Robert Browning in his immortal words,

*"Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made.
Our time is in his hands
Who saith, 'A whole I plan,
Youth shows but half;
Trust God: See all,
Nor be afraid'."*

BAKER HONORS WEST

The Rev. Arthur West, associate director of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information of The Methodist Church, received the honorary doctorate of divinity from his alma mater, Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas June 1.

In conferring the degree President Nelson P. Horn paid tribute to Dr. West's ministry which has combined preaching and the pastorate with unusual utilization of skill in the field of religious journalism.

Dr. West, who administers the operations of Methodist Information in service to the numerous agencies in Chicago, was made associate director of the Commission five years ago. He has both an S. T. B. and an M. A. from Boston University and has taken numerous graduate courses in journalism and public relations in Northwestern University.

Now a member of the St. Louis Conference, Dr. West's earlier relations were with the New England Southern and the Maine Conferences. Here he both served pastorates and edited the church pages of the Providence (R. I.) Journal Bulletin and the Bangor (Me.) Daily News.

COMMITTEE NAMED FOR RESEARCH FOR PROPOSED TELEVISION SERIES

Nashville, Tenn.—The Methodist Church has named a special committee to do program research for a proposed national television series in the religious field.

Officials of the Methodist Radio and Film Commission here said that Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco, commission president, has asked the group to meet June 29 in Philadelphia to discuss the format and budget.

The contemplated production will be in addition to two 15-minute program series the commission is doing for future release by the Nation Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Floyd W. Woodcock, prominent Methodist layman of Wilmington, Del., has provided a grant to support the research, commission officials said. A public utilities executive and a member of the commission, Woodcock has financed several pioneer ventures in religious television.

Named to the committee by Bishop Tippet are: Dean Howard M. LeSourd of Boston University School of Public Relations and Communications; the Rev. Wesley E. Brashares, Griffith, Ind., pastor, experienced in radio and television production; Prof. Wilbur T. Blume, assistant head of the University of Southern California department of cinema; the Rev. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., First Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex., who has the lead in a 15-minute weekly dramatic television program, "The Pastor Calls," now in its 4th year on KRLD-TV, Dallas; and the Rev. James W. Sells, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, Atlanta, Ga.

Ex-officio members are Bishop Tippet, Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., vice president of the Commission; the Rev. Walter Vernon, secretary; the Rev. Harry C. Spencer, executive secretary; the Rev. Howard E. Tower, associate secretary and director of program and production; and the Rev. Stanley F. Knock, Jr., supervisor of radio and television evangelism. The latter four are from Nashville.

SPIRITUAL LEADERS FOR THE NEW INDIA

By MARVIN H. HARPER, President
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Jabalpur, M.P., India

IN a bulletin published by the Indian Embassy in Washington, Sri Shiv Shastri, the director of the Government of India Information Service, recently said that the three major problems which confront the government and people of India at the present time are poverty, ill-health and illiteracy.

After giving some details about each problem Mr. Shastri concluded by saying that all of these problems can be overcome through engineering and technical skills along with capital equipment with which to raise India's standard of living.

It is our conviction that he has greatly oversimplified the solution. India's deepest problems are psychological, religious, spiritual. Technological aids will help relieve; but will not cure, India's deep-seated problems.

There must come a change in India's psychological outlook, a transformation in the religious beliefs and practices of the people, an infusion of a spiritual force as yet unknown. The traditional religions of India seem powerless to supply the vision and the dynamic necessary to bring about the inner change in the life of the people before they will ever strive for, or even desire, a solution to their problems of poverty, ill-health and illiteracy.

This fact presents a challenge and an opportunity to the Christian church to present Christ by word and by deed as the One who alone can meet India's real needs.

While addressing a conference on production some time ago, Pundit Jawarhalal Nehru said that India's primary need is to produce men and women of vision and dedication, men and women of character. It is for this very purpose that Leonard Theological College exists.

Leonard Theological College was established in 1923 by the Methodist Church to train young men for the ministry of that Church. But other denominations sent their students for training, and Leonard has become an interdenominational institution in which eight church bodies are co-operating. Both the faculty and the student body are international in character. All the countries of Southern Asia have been represented on the campus. America, Britain and Finland are also represented by faculty members. On the campus at Leonard the students are enrolled in the School of Theology, the School of Religious Education, the Graduate School, or the School for Pastors' Wives. The last of these is unique in that it offers to the wives of the theological students a full four-year course in religious education, homemaking, child-care, crafts and similar subjects intended to equip them to work along with their husbands in their parishes.

Specialized Training

The training given at Leonard is characterized by certain emphases which are at times not to be found in other theological seminaries in India. Because of the American background of the College, the training at Leonard has a functional bias. The effort is made to give practical preparation combined with good scholarship and a deep spiritual life. Certain courses are included in the curriculum, as, for example, social anthropology; and certain activities are engaged in, such as directed field work at the Leonard Rural Demonstration Center, which are intended to equip Leonard graduates to deal with problems not strictly religious. Since India is a land of villages, and fully seventy-five per cent of Indian Christians live on the soil, there is also a rural emphasis to the training. Under the direction of the Department of the Rural Church, each student enrolls in courses at the College which deal with rural church life and work, attends a short course in agriculture at the Allahabad Agricultural Institute, and participates in the program of the Leonard Rural Demonstration Center at Bzrela.

At Leonard emphasis is also put upon the training of the whole family of the minister. In the School for Pastors' Wives the wives of theological students enroll for a course which for thoroughness and scope is not matched by the women's school in any other theological college or seminary in India. A pre-school on the campus not only gives a fine start to the educa-

tion of the children, preparing them for their place in the parsonage home, but also supplies a practice school for the students of the college. One of the outstanding events of the college year is the observation of "Christian Home Week," a time in which many activities serve to underscore the importance of the Christian home as a powerful factor in the whole Christian program. The fact that all the students, married and single, and all faculty live on the campus strengthens the sense of unity, and causes all to refer to the campus community as "The Leonard Family."

"Know the People"

Most theological seminaries put considerable emphasis upon the need for knowing well the content of the Christian message through the study of the Bible, theology, and kindred subjects. Leonard has this emphasis also. But we believe that it is equally important to know the content of the minds and hearts of the people to whom the message is to be given. This has led to the development at Leonard of the Department of Social Research as an emphasis of the Graduate School. Under this Department our students not only enroll in courses in the Social Sciences, Anthropology, and the like, but have instruction in research methods and engage in field trips in order that they may know intimately the life of the non-Christian peoples among whom we live and work.

Many activities outside the classroom supplement and give meaning to the instruction received through lectures and discussions in class. Each year, during October, all class work is suspended and the entire student body, under faculty supervision, participate in the "Month of Extension and Evangelism." Field trips are made to centers where the students may observe and participate in significant types of Christian work, such as rural reconstruction, village industries, evangelistic work among caste Hindus in pilgrimage centers, etc. Gospel teams, or caravans, also go out to work in churches and schools with children and youth.

Through the Department of Audio-visual Aids, Leonard students gain valuable experience in the use of various kinds of aids to evangelism and education. They are taught not only how to use various types of projectors for movies, slides and film-strips, but they have actively engaged in the production of several colored movies of the parables and of other biblical and religious subjects. Courses and practice in religious drama and music acquaint them with media of instruction which have a deep place in the life of the Indian people.

"Education of the Hand"

A phrase often heard on the Leonard campus is "The Education of the Hand." The Handicraft Department at Leonard is unique, for it is the only such department to be found in a theological college in India. The purpose of the Department is not commercial, but educational, though it does equip students to teach various home and village crafts which can be used to raise the economic level of the communities where graduates work. The appreciation of the dignity of labor, the sense of creative achievement, the imaginative use of color, pattern, and design, are not mere by-products of activities in the craft rooms. These values enable Leonard students to enter into an understanding and appreciation of the rich cultural heritage of India—a land with a rich tradition of beauty, art, and crafts.

Because of the type of training they have received at Leonard, graduates are increasingly filling places of leadership and responsibility. At a recent conference of Methodist district superintendents, forty-two of the sixty superintendents were found to be Leonard graduates. One of the bishops of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia remarked, "As the faculty and students of Leonard think today, so the Methodist Church will think tomorrow." This will increasingly, we hope and believe, be the verdict also of leaders in the other denominations which are now training their future ministers and church workers at Leonard.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. JOHN A. WOMACK of Jonesboro was guest preacher for the annual Family Day which was held at Marked Tree on Sunday morning, June 7.

REV. STANLEY REED, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, was guest preacher at the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Sunday evening, June 7.

CLYDE ERRICK, JR., has been elected president of the Methodist Men of Eudora. Other officers are A. Q. Carter, vice-president and Joe Vicry, secretary-treasurer.

REV. J. KENNETH SHAMBLIN, pastor of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, has been elected president of the Ministerial Alliance of Little Rock.

DR. J. T. CARLYON of Southern Methodist University conducted a Bible Conference at Marked Tree on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week. Rev. Alvin Murray is pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN of Trumann have received a charter from the General Board of Lay Activities. Rev. S. B. Wilford, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Paragould, made the presentation on Thursday evening, June 4.

HAL GIBBS has been elected president of the Methodist Men's Brotherhood of the First Methodist Church, Warren, at the group's regular meeting on Wednesday, June 3. Other officers are Watt Childs, vice-president and Roy Harley, secretary.

W. J. SMITH has been elected chairman of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock. H. Tyndall Dickinson is vice-chairman, I. C. Belleville treasurer, W. Charles Webster, secretary and W. Horace Jewell, assistant secretary.

MRS. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER has asked church women everywhere to pray that God may give Divine guidance to the nation and its leaders. She made this request in accepting a white leather Bible from officers of the Women's Fellowship of the National Association of Evangelicals.

A VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held at the Heber Springs Methodist Church, June 1 through June 5 with fifteen workers and an enrollment of sixty in the Beginner, Primary and Junior groups. Mrs. Gean P. Houston, superintendent of the Children's Department, was supervisor of the school.

REV. F. M. SWEET, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, was honored on his seventy-seventh birthday on Tuesday evening, June 2 by St. John's Church, Manila. Guests were present from Manila Methodist and Baptist Churches. Sunnyland and Milligan Ridge. Brother Sweet was presented with a number of gifts.

MISS MARION SORRELLS, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Sorrells, of Highland Church, Little Rock, has accepted a position as director of Religious Education at the First Methodist Church, Russellville for the coming year. Miss Sorrells is a graduate of Hendrix College and is active in youth work and other religious activities.

MINERAL SPRINGS CHURCH held a Vacation Church School, May 29-June 6, under the direction of Mrs. Phil Graves. A program of worship, study, music, recreation, handicrafts, and refreshments led by members of the church attracted children from three denominations. Enrollment for the session reached 109. Rev. Woodrow Smith is pastor at Mineral Springs.

MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL BLOSSOM and daughters, Betty Sue and Gail, of Fayetteville were honored with a reception on Monday evening, June 8, given by the Board of Stewards of Central Church, Fayetteville. The Blossom family left on Wednesday for Little Rock where

they will make their home. Mr. Blossom is superintendent of the Little Rock schools.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, PRESCOTT, welcomed its pastor, Rev. W. D. Golden, and family with a reception in the educational building of the church following the evening service on Sunday, June 14. In the receiving line were Mrs. James V. McMahan, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Golden and Simone, Rev. James Jones of Nashville, Dr. O. G. Hirst, chairman of the Official Board, and Charles Thomas, superintendent of the Church School.

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES for the new building for Griffin Memorial Methodist Church, Paragould, were held on Sunday, June 7, at 11:30 a. m. Construction has begun on the \$30,000 brick building which is to be completed within sixty days. The new building is to be thoroughly modern and will include a sanctuary, pastor's office, choir room and class rooms and air-conditioning. The Building Committee includes A. H. Milner, R. L. Mitchell, Troy Moore, J. C. Grambling and J. E. Douglas. Rev. J. H. Holt is pastor of Griffin Memorial Church.

ROBERT A. RAINES, son of Bishop and Mrs. Mrs. Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis, was graduated from Yale Divinity School June 8 not only with cum laude honors but with several additional distinctions. Awarded both a Yale Fellowship and a Fulbright scholarship he has been accepted at Clare College, Cambridge University, England for advanced study of the New Testament. In the Divinity School preaching contest four sermons were selected for public presentation. Mr. Raines' sermon was not only one of these but he won top honors in its delivery.

REV. WILLIAM DAVENPORT BRAY, of Norwood, Georgia, professor of New Testament in Kwansei Gakuin's School of Theology in Nishinomiya, Japan, has recently built a microfilm meter at that institution. With it he and the students will be able to read and carry on research on ancient Greek manuscripts now available on microfilm. Reports are that this type of research and scholarship is fascinating to the people of Japan whose own civilization is as ancient as that of Greece. The study has also become a new channel for the gospel message in Japan.

REV. AND MRS. JOHN M. MCCORMACK and family were presented a silver service at the Family Night service at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Friday evening, June 12. The service and dinner were held as a compliment to the McCormack family who is leaving for Pine Bluff where Mr. McCormack has been assigned to the Lakeside Methodist Church. He has served as pastor at First Church, Jonesboro, for the last three years. A large crowd attended the event and the presentation of the silver service was made by State Senator Marvin Melton.

YOUNG PEOPLE from Markham Street Church who attended the first week of summer camp at Camp Tanako, June 8-13, had charge of the evening services at the church on Sunday, June 14. Reporting on their camping activities were Myron Tate, who discussed the schedule; Sue Plunkett, quest groups and workshops and James Jones, recreation and worship. Sue Plunkett and James Jones decided during the week to enter fulltime Christian service, according to the pastor, the Rev. Howard Childs. The youth group also has another life service volunteer, Paul Davidson. The two boys plan to be ministers and Miss Plunkett to be a medical missionary.

TWO METHODISTS are among the eight U. S. delegates to the World Conference on Family Life, June 21-27 in Celigny, Switzerland, sponsored by the World Council of Churches. Dr. Edward D. Staples and Dr. Joy Bayless, Nashville, Tenn., have been appointed delegates by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. to represent the Methodist Board

A WORD FROM NELLIE DYER

A number of people have written asking me for speaking engagements. I was given an examination by the Mission Board doctor in New York after my arrival. The order is that I am to do no speaking for three months. If the report is satisfactory, I shall be given medical clearance. After I am given medical clearance I can make definite speaking engagements for the fall and winter. Until I receive this medical clearance I am unable to make promises. I am sorry to refuse invitations and I hope that I can accept many later on.—Nellie Dyer

REV. J. E. COOPER TRANSFERRED TO SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Bishop Paul E. Martin announces the transfer of Rev. J. E. Cooper pastor of Scott Street Methodist Church, Little Rock, to the Southwest Missouri Conference. He will be stationed at the First Methodist Church, Nevada, Mo. Rev. Harry R. Weed, pastor at First Church, Nevada, has been transferred to the Little Rock Conference and has been assigned to the Scott Street Church, Little Rock.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper has served for two years as pastor of Scott Street Church.

CONFERENCES REPORT REMARKABLE INCREASE IN BENEVOLENCE GIVING

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Benevolence budget a like amount making the overall increase 35%.

Accepting such a goal is one thing but reaching it is another task. This meant that local churches must accept increased appointments if these Conference goals were to be reached. Local church leaders responded in a marvelous way and before a few months had passed these increased appointments to local churches had been accepted locally. Then remained the task of reaching these goals financially in local churches.

At the recent session of the Louisiana Conference, the Conference treasurer reported that the goal of \$148,800 had been overpaid. In its session last week, the treasurer of the Little Rock Conference reported that its goal of \$151,796 had likewise been overpaid. The North Arkansas Conference Treasurer reported 98.4% of its goal of \$146,234 was paid.

We submit that this is a magnificent accomplishment. This represents an increase on the Area level of approximately \$125,000, which is, we believe, worthy of more than just mentioning.

of Education. Dr. Staples is director of the Christian Family Department in the board's Division of the Local Church, and secretary of the Methodist family life committee. Dr. Bayless is editor of "Christian Life," published by the board's Editorial Division. She is also a delegate to the annual meeting of the International Federation of University Women, August 6-12 in London.

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HOW BROAD SHOULD WE BE?

We all desire to be thought broad-minded. We resent being called narrow or bigoted. We are almost as afraid of getting into a rut as into the grave. But how do we keep our minds broad and open?

Suppose we start out with an easy-going attitude, going along with the crowd's thinking but not giving much straight thought to our own beliefs. We repeat what we hear on this side of us and on that side. We may get quite a wide collection of second-hand ideas. But that doesn't make us broad-minded.

Some people fool themselves by thinking they are broad-minded merely because they are scatterbrained. Listen to some of the conversations on trains or at dinner tables and see how many people just repeat the prejudices they have picked up. We human being so easily become herd-minded.

When our minds just go along with the crowd, we usually drift into dark narrow alleys of ignorance and distrust.

Some years ago Sinclair Lewis in his book, "Main Street," described the state of mind into which one of the town's doctors had drifted. He had gone along as a conventional member of the church, without taking it seriously. When his wife finally rebelled at the rut into which their church life had fallen, the husband was flustered and confused.

Lewis said of him: "He believed in the church but seldom attended its services. He believed in Christianity but never thought about it. He was worried over his wife's lack of faith, but was not sure just what she lacked." His thinking had become shallow but not broad.

We must do some deep hard thinking if we are to develop real breadth of mind. The Master of Life declared, "Narrow is the way that leadeth unto life." That is the narrowness of the athlete, the artist, the thinker.

The athlete who would play on his college team must go through the discipline of self-denial. He must forego the midnight suppers. He may seem to lead a very narrow existence during the training season. But thereby he acquires the full free use of his body.

The musician must go through the finger exercises if he is to attain the freedom of the artist.

Likewise in all living there is a certain narrowness of application which leads to breadth and power. We have to specialize on a thing in order to master it. Then we must be broad enough not to be narrowed by our specialties.

Several years ago a great but obscure scientist died. His vision was not confined to the area of his office. He was chief engineer and later vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in charge of development and research. One might have called him a genius.

A newspaper friend of mine describes him thus: "John J. Carty was a broadminded gentleman of vast talents. He liked baseball and kept records of every player in the major leagues. He knew the batting average of most of the players. His horizon was broad. He could discuss science, philosophy and sports and he possessed a sly humor."

Such is the breadth of interest which can be combined with effective specialization to make great living.

Alfred Noyes has said that one trouble of our time is that we are "misled by small clever minds." That is, we specialize so that we come to know our own lines of work. But we are not broad enough in our outlook to see where our lives fit with others to make the whole pattern. We should look up to God at times in order to see life steadily and see it whole.

Would we be truly broad-minded? Then let us think through our own opinions and let others think theirs. The more we prize our own convictions, the more we respect theirs. Let us be loyal to our religious group, but remember that the Divine Shepherd has other sheep not of our fold.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
IN 118TH SESSION

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the first time through profession of faith or transfer from other denominations, while 2,633 have come by transfer from other Methodist Churches.

Despite this gain of over 6,000 members, the unavoidable and necessary clearing of our church membership rolls incident to the changed method of reporting total membership enacted by the General Conference has resulted in the reduction of our total full membership by 103 to the figure of 99,248. There are, however, more encouraging manifestations, as shown by the reports, and promise for the future. We have 4,374 on our preparatory rolls, a gain of 1,301 over last year. We have baptized 1,068 babies — a gain of 169 over the former year.

A downward trend in church school membership, obtaining for several years, has been arrested and a gain of 240 is reported here in the total church school membership of 67,324. Average attendance in Sunday School also reveals a gain of 362. We have had 9,629 in Vacation Church School during the year, representing a gain of 1,072 pupils.

The 14,178 women organized in the 285 Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wes-

leyan Service Guilds report \$121,488 raised for local work and \$66,267 sent to the conference treasurer for a total of \$187,755. In this example of stewardship of possessions the women of our conference in their organized work have set the pattern for the entire church.

Our total property value in churches and parsonages now stands at \$13,939,910, or approximately 14 million dollars—not counting the eight district parsonages, and on this property there is an indebtedness of only \$700,649.

A total of \$228,444 has been paid on principal and interest of old indebtedness and this figure is a gain of \$125,453 over the amount paid for this item last year. Meanwhile, our people have contributed \$825,292 for new buildings and improvements.

In the increase paid for the support of the ministry, of special significance is the gain of \$17,720 paid for conference claimants, making a total paid for our supernumeraries of \$105,582 for this conference year.

In the area of World Service giving, in accordance with the action of the 1952 General Conference, the North Arkansas Conference was apportioned an increase of 35% over the apportionment of the previous quadrennium, making an annual asking of \$146,234.

During this past year the reports in our

A CALL to make Sunday, June 21, a Day of Prayer in the 40,000 churches of American Methodism has been issued by the church's General Board of Evangelism. The action was taken at a meeting of the board's executive committee in Chicago June 5.

The Day of Prayer will be a period of spiritual preparation for the World Convocation on Evangelism to be held in Philadelphia June 26-28, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

Churches are urged to offer prayers that the convocation in Philadelphia "may light spiritual fires that will change the currents of human history."

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, president of the Board of Evangelism, presided at the Chicago meeting and headed the group issuing the call for the Day of Prayer.

The full text of the call follows:

CHURCH GIVES OVER NINE
MILLION FOR WORLD
SERVICE

The Methodist Church gave \$9,316,506.37 for its World Service benevolences during the fiscal year ending May 31 and poured more than six and a half million dollars into its other general benevolence and administrative funds during the same period.

Figures just released by Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, general treasurer of the church's Council on World Service and Finance, show that World Service receipts exceeded the 1951-'52 total of \$8,160,279.91 by 14.17 per cent but fell \$343,493.63 short of the \$9,660,000 annual apportionment for the current quadrennium.

In making his final report for the fiscal year, Dr. Lugg expressed to all donors "the sincere gratitude of all entrusted with the responsibility of securing and administering the general funds of the church."

General Advance Fund receipts were \$3,550,698.89, a decrease of 14.89 per cent in comparison to last year's receipts of \$4,171,801.72.

Commenting upon this decrease in the General Advance Fund, Dr. Lugg pointed out that the decline has been more than offset by an enlarged program of church extension within the annual conferences.

Statistics tell the shocking tale that only 1/3 of the Protestant churches and only 1/4 of the Protestant church members of America make any contribution to missions.—Robert H. Glover, *Christian Action*

The World Mission of Evangelism, observed simultaneously in 1953 by Methodists throughout the world, has already brought about many spiritual benefits and accomplished much good. It is desired that the World Methodist Convocation of Evangelism, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 26-28, not only be attended by many thousands of persons from throughout the United States and be a worthy celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birthday of John Wesley, but also that it be the beginning of a great evangelistic movement.

Therefore, we request that every Methodist church observe Sunday, June 21, as a day of prayer. On this Sunday at every preaching service and in every local church organization let special prayers be offered:

1. That God may bless The Methodist Church, that He may be able to use it for His honor and His glory to serve the cause of world Christianity;

2. That the World Convocation of Evangelism at Philadelphia may light spiritual fires that will change the currents of human history, to the end that the kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;

3. That the goal of 250,000 persons to be won on profession of faith by the Methodist churches throughout the United States between May 24 and December 31, 1953, may be realized; and

4. That the individual local church where the prayers are being offered may experience the joy of making the summer and fall of 1953 its greatest period of evangelism, both in terms of winning new persons for Christ and in deepening the spiritual life of all its members.

hands indicate payment of \$144,497, being only \$1,737 short of the full payment for this first year of the new quadrennium. Four districts overpaid their askings and four fell below the given apportionment. This payment to the world service represents an actual increase over last year's payment of \$29,664. It is well to keep this fact in mind when we note that for Advance Mission Specials the conference has paid \$21,653 which is \$22,229 less than last year. This is not a decrease in benevolent giving but rather a shift in emphases and represents an actual increase in money contributed. We have not included in this summary the money contributed for Week of Dedication and Fellowship of Suffering and Service.

Then in addition \$68,643 has been raised in cash for the Hendrix College Endowment Fund, together with \$11,104 for ministerial training. Our Golden Hospital offering was \$5,019, a gain of \$440 over last year; and our offering for the Methodist Children's Home, reported by the churches, was \$22,800, representing again an increase over the previous year.

The contributions of the people called Methodists in the North Arkansas Conference, as recorded in their church and district reports reached the impressive total for this conference year of \$2,945,335, a gain of \$286,276 over last year.

VACATION SCHOOL AT HORATIO

A very successful Vacation Church School was held in the Methodist Church at Horatio the last week in May under the direction of Mrs. Bob Stephens. Fifty-eight children enrolled in the school. Three classes were taught. The Kindergarten group, under the leadership of Miss Othelma Shull studied Stories of Jesus.

Mrs. Bob Stephens, in addition to directing the school, taught the Primary group. She used as a text, *We Go to Church*.

Mrs. James Regnier was the teacher for the older group, using for their study, *O Come Let Us Worship*.

Other workers were Mrs. Lula Parker, Mrs. K. L. Shaddix, Mrs. Roma Wilson, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. L. O. Shull, Misses Glenda Gibson, Charlotte Henry and Julia Ann Pickett. Rev. W. M. Crow, the pastor, assisted during the worship period. The members of the W. S. C. S. served refreshments each morning at the close of the session.

On the final day a number of the parents came with the children at 7:00 p. m. for a program in the church. Certificates were awarded to forty-six children who had attended every session. Following the program a picnic supper was served on the church lawn and the exhibits in the classrooms were shown.

CABOT HAS VACATION SCHOOL

The Cabot Church had a very good one-week Daily Vacation Church School the week of May 11 under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Garlington, superintendent of the Children's Division of the Church School. There were twenty-one workers and despite the fact that it rained each day until there could not be any outside activity, it was a very successful school. This is the second such school this conference year with a total of one hundred one Methodist pupils.

The church started the new Church School year on June 7 with Elbert W. Brunner as Church School superintendent. The Austin Church on this charge will have E. T. Spears as superintendent. Thirty-two new members have been added to the fellowship of this charge this year.—Reporter

BRITISH MISSIONARY HONORED IN NEW ROOM

"The New Room in the Horsefair," Bristol, set up in 1739 by John Wesley as a headquarters for his work in that part of England and now a Methodist shrine, was scene on May 26 of the conferment of a doctor of literature degree from Austin College, Sherman, Texas upon the Rev. Arthur E. Southon.

The Rev. A. Stanley Leyland, British chairman of the World Methodist Committee on Exchanges, represented the president of the college, Dr. W. B. Guarrant and the Board of Trustees.

The recipient had been a missionary to West Africa and is the author of 21 books on religious themes. One of them chosen by the Religious Book of the Month Club as book of the year and bearing on the life of Moses, is to be used, with

VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN CHURCH

Nashville, Tenn.—For the first time in the history of Methodist Christian education of adults, a churchwide effort will be made to apprise young adults of the great variety of vocational opportunities in the church.

In the past, leaders have looked almost exclusively to the young people for recruits to fill the many positions of full-time leadership in the church, it was said at Board of Education headquarters here.

Initiating the effort is a letter to conference executive secretaries, conference directors of adult work and conference presidents of young adult fellowships urging them to bring information about the personnel needs of the church to the young adult summer camps and conferences. The letter, written jointly by the Rev. Richard G. Belcher, secretary of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, and the Rev. Robert S. Clemmons, of the General Board of Education staff, states in part:

"There is still an urgent need for a larger number of persons who are both consecrated and competent to enter many fields of church work; notably, the ministry, teaching and social work on the mission field, local church directors and Wesley Foundation directors, nursing and hospital administration among the medical services of our hospitals and homes, and personnel work with the Goodwill Industries. 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."

an American novel, as the source of a new Cecil B. de Mille motion picture on the Ten Commandments.

PLANS FOR CHURCH SCHOOL EXTENSION

Nashville, Tenn.—"In order that church schools may be made available for those for whom The Methodist Church is responsible, the Division of the Local Church shall be authorized to project and promote plans for church-school extension throughout the church . . ."

This quotation from the Discipline is the basis for increasing activity on the part of the Local Church Division staff to provide facilities for caring for the vast numbers of people that ought to be in Methodist church schools.

Plans include: (1) Collaboration with other boards and agencies which have responsibility in the field of church extension; (2) development and compilation of successful working procedures in establishing new church schools; (3) the production of guidance and promotional literature; (4) cooperation with district superintendents and conference executive secretaries.

In their reports to the Board of Education at its recent meeting, the directors of the age-group departments cited statistics to show the crying need for more churches, more Christian education buildings, more additional rooms.

Said Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director of the Department of the Christian Education of Children: "In 1952 there were born 3,875,000 babies . . . There are now in the United States 22,000,000 children six years of age or under . . . The churches are simply not building fast enough nor large enough to provide for this great increase in the child population of the United States."

The Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of the Youth Department, stated that approximately three out of four youth in America today are not in the church.

"There are about 80,000,000 adults who are not caught up in a continuous teaching program that would

guide them in living the Christian life," said the Rev. M. Leo Rippey, director of the Department of the Christian Education of Adults.

The Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work, pointed out that for the past four years there has been a net loss of 244 Methodist church schools. "With population increasing, with new housing areas springing up and square mile after square mile of residences not served by any church schools, Methodism is decreasing in the number of its local church schools," Mr. Towner said.

Having heard these reports, the Board of Education expressed its conviction that Methodism must be aroused to the necessity for materially increasing the number of its church schools and directed its staff in the Division of the Local Church to develop and carry out such implementation as will be required to institute and maintain a continuing increase in the number of our church schools as authorized in the Discipline.

DEMAND FOR LABORATORY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Nashville, Tenn.—"Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only" could very well be the motto of the increasingly numerous laboratory schools that are being conducted throughout the church for the training of Church School teachers.

The laboratory school is conducted on the same principle upon which the observation and practice teaching programs of teachers colleges are conducted—that is, people learn by doing.

During 1952 a total of 61 laboratory schools were held, with an enrollment of 2252, according to the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the Department of Leadership Education of the General Board of Education. The demand for instructors and supervisors for these schools has been so great that seminars to train these leaders were held in the summer of 1952 in California, Arkansas and North Carolina. Mr. Cunningham said. Four seminars are scheduled for 1953—in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, and North Carolina. Some of these will serve one annual conference, some will serve several conferences, while others will serve entire jurisdictions.

Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director of the Department of the Christian Education of Children, in her recent report to the Board, said: "We are wholly unable to meet the demands that are made upon us for staff service in laboratory schools. Wherever possible, we are encouraging training centers in annual conferences for persons who can conduct laboratory schools in their own territory."

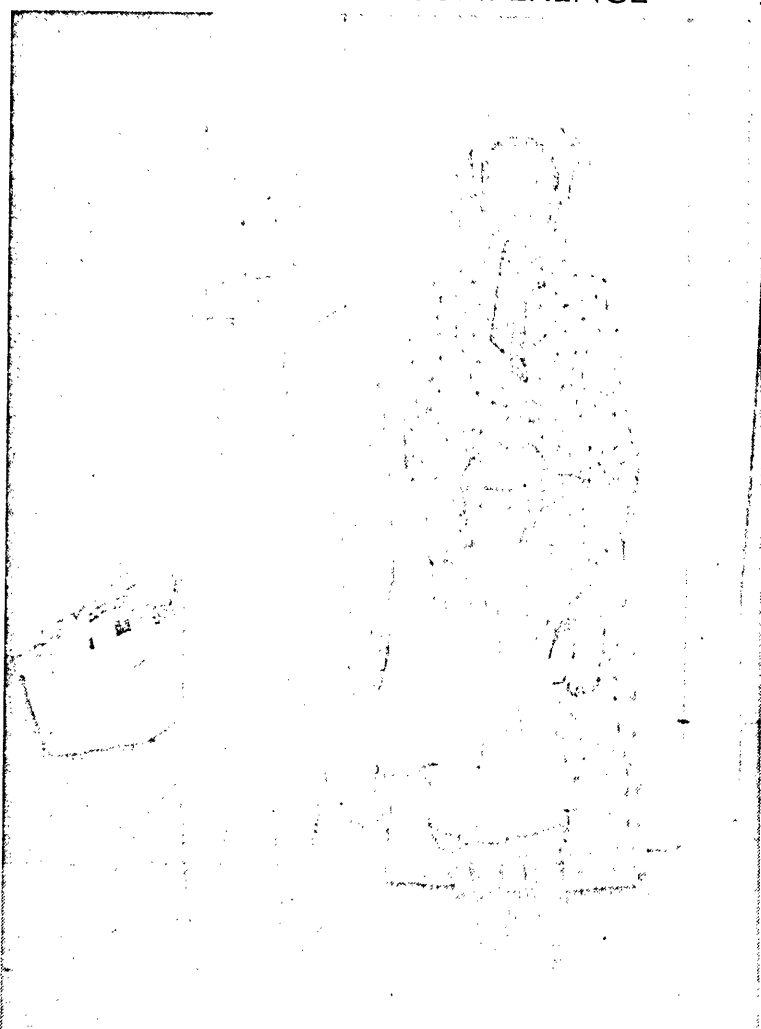
Thus the staff members of the Local Church Division of the Board of Education also are "doers of the Word" in that they are cooperating in every possible way to set up laboratory schools and provide them with instructors.

To lighten the burden another must bear, unpack his sorrow and take out despair.—*Michigan Christian Advocate*

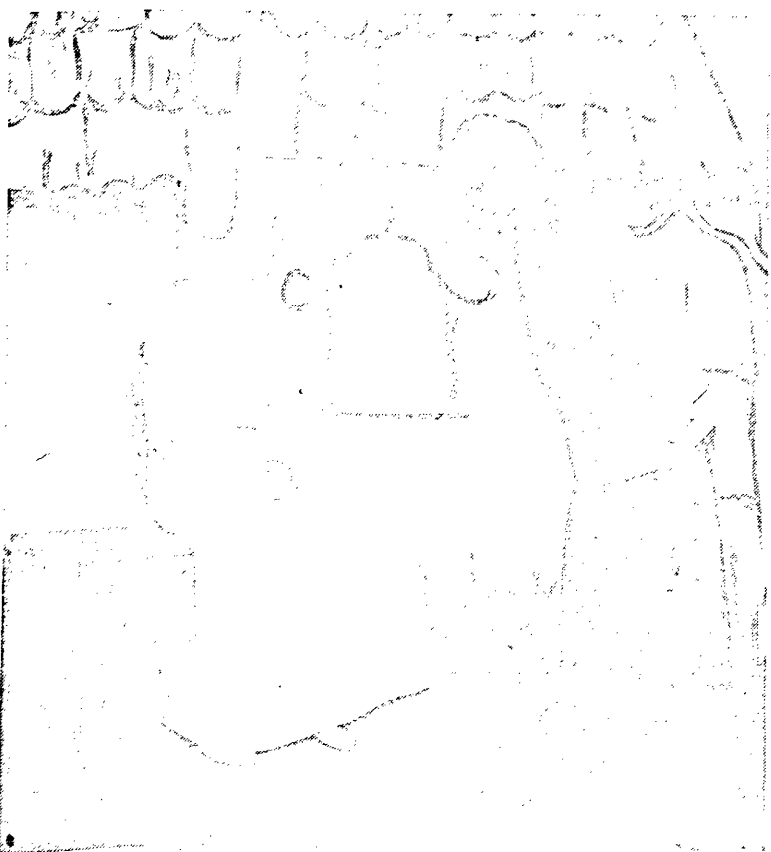


Reproduction of one of the large, bronze plaques in bas-relief which surmount the main doorway of the new headquarters building of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

SCENES FROM CENTENNIAL PAGEANT LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE



Children brought by mother to camp meeting in 1890 with picnic basket. Girl, Kathy Webb of Conway; boy, Capp Shanks, Jr., of Conway and mother, Mrs. Maurice Webb of Conway.



Methodist Mission Field in Korea in 1880. Korean girl coming after medicine for mother. Patty Jo Huff, Little Rock, nurse; Donna Wasson, North Little Rock, Korean girl.

—Photos Courtesy Arkansas Gazette

CBS WILL MARK BIRTHDAY ON TELEVISION AND RADIO

Columbia Broadcasting System is cooperating with the Methodists of the nation in observing the 250th anniversary of the birth of their founder, John Wesley.

Television, June 21

On Sunday June 21 (4 p. m. EDT) CBS-TV's regular religion-dramatic-discussion program, LAMP UNTO MY FEET, produced by Miss Isabel Redman, will present an episode from Wesley's Journal Entitled "For All Men." The part of Wesley will be played by Arnold Moss.

The script-writer, David Driscoll, noted for his documentaries, has dramatized a scene connected with one of the 60 riots of which the first Methodist preacher was the victim. Wesley's rule was, "Always look a mob in the face."

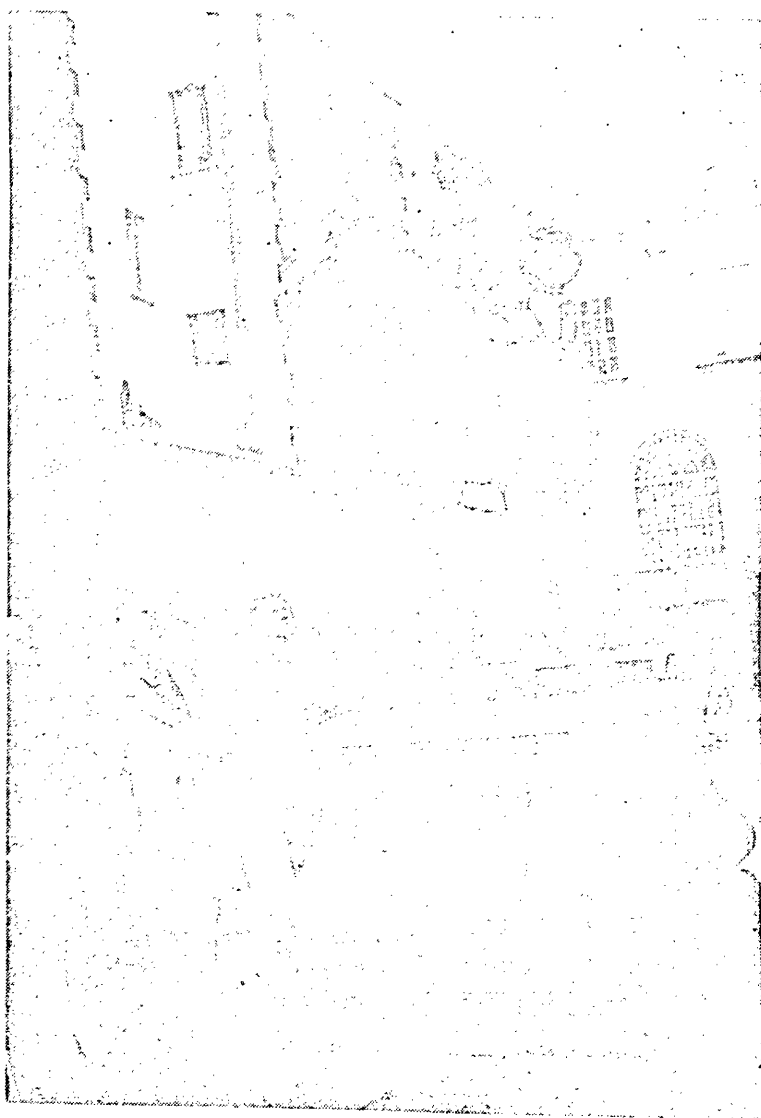
Dean Clarence Tucker Craig of Drew Theological Seminary and Dr. Lyman Bryson, famed for leadership in adult education, will follow the drama with a discussion of Wesley's

varied contributions to the world. Dr. Craig, whose teaching has been in Oberlin and Yale divinity schools prior to his coming to Drew, is vice chairman of the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.

Radio, June 28

"The Church of the Air," a regular CBS Sunday morning presentation, directed by Dr. George Crothers, will observe the exact anniversary of Wesley's birthday, June 28, with a service at which the distinguished British Methodist preacher, the Rev. Dr. Maldwyn Edwards of Birmingham, England will deliver the commemorative message. The service will originate from New York at 10:00 a. m. EDT and will be heard on many stations of the network. Since affiliated stations do not always follow network schedules it is well to inquire of the local CBS outlet.

The picture below shows the Wesley statue and "The New Room," Wesley's Chapel in Bristol. The picture was made during Charles A. Stuck's recent visit to England. Shown left to right are: J. T. Jenkinson, secretary, Lay Preachers Association, Bristol, England; Charles A. Stuck, Lay Leader, North Arkansas Conference; Rev. Edgar T. Selby, Warden of "The New Room" Wesley's Chapel in Bristol.



FIGHT COMMUNISTS, PROTECT INNOCENT

"How to Uncover Communists without Throwing Mud on Innocent People" is the title and subtitle of an article by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam to appear in Parade's issue of June 28.

This weekly magazine circulates

as a Sunday supplement to 36 U. S. newspapers and reaches an estimated 13,000,000 readers.

"Communism is a clear and present danger," Bishop Oxnam declares. "It constitutes the most menacing challenge to freedom and faith of recent centuries."

Branding the Communist Party a conspiracy, Bishop Oxnam calls for

these conspirators to be "discovered, tried, and, if found guilty, punished."

The Bishop asserts the "right and duty of Congress to conduct investigations to secure the information upon which sound legislation may be based" but he also warns: "... we dare not, in the name of combatting Communism, allow the practices of

the police state to be established in our free state."

Misuse of files for which the committee makes no claim of accuracy is to play into the hands of the enemy, Bishop Oxnam believes. "No Communist could want more than to see us divided, suspicious, without trust, fearful, defensive."

North Arkansas Conference. In 118th Session

Conference to Step Up Emphasis on Evangelism, Education and Lay Activities in New Year

Staff Article

The North Arkansas Conference 118th annual session was ended Sunday morning with the reading of the pastoral assignments for the new year after a five day session at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. Bishop Martin announced 86 changes in assignments to pastoral charges of the Conference and made two changes in the District Superintendency.

In setting up its program for the new Conference year, the Conference voted to have a Conference-wide visitation evangelistic mission beginning with World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 4 and ending with eight district-wide mass rallies on Thursday, October 8. Two Spiritual Life Missions would also be held in the conference in the month of March, 1954, the purpose of which was set forth as "to activate the inactive and to promote a deeper loyalty and the spiritual life of every member." In approving the recommendations of the Conference Board of Education, the Conference approved a full calendar for the new year, including periods of emphasis for leadership training in various fields on a local church, district and Conference level, increased emphasis on work with youth, and cooperating with the Board of Evangelism in the evangelistic emphasis. The Board of Lay Activities recommended the continuation of the quadrennial emphasis on stewardship by stressing tithing, witnessing, community activities, and the 1000 Club. This group also urged that the lay speaking program be enlarged and that more Methodist Men's club's be organized.

Host Church

The Conference held its sessions in the beautiful new sanctuary of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, where Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., is pastor. A sister church, the Wiggins Memorial Church, and the Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah were co-hosts. Rev. Arnold Simpson is the Wiggins Memorial pastor, and Rev. E. H. Hook is Superintendent of the Assembly. Rev. W. F. Cooley is the Fayetteville District Superintendent. The \$400,000 structure was completed this year and used for the first time on Sunday, March 22. Of colonial style architecture, the sanctuary building is one of the most beautiful places of worship to be found anywhere. The sanctuary proved to be an ideal place for the Conference sessions, with the various boards, commissions and committee meetings being held in the older sanctuary and the educational building.

Changes In Ministerial Relations

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

Retired: Dr. C. M. Reves, Conway, Rev. W. Vance Womack, Heber Springs, Rev. J. M. Kitchens, (Approved Supply) Conway, and Rev. J. M. Talkington, (Approved Supply) Pangburn. Dr. Reves will continue to serve as Vice-President of Hendrix College.

Received on Trial: John H. Barrett, Lake City; J. Hillman Byram, Decatur; Lamar Davis, Truman; Albert Gibbs, Judsonia; C. Wesley Grisham, Mississippi; W. T. Johnson, Antioch; James Meadors, Mansfield; Thomas Nations, SMU; Stanley Reed, SMU; Thomas E. Richardson, Fayetteville; H. L. Robison, Luxora; James R. Shelton, SMU; Maurice Webb, SMU; George L. Kleeb, Pea Ridge; Vernon Paysinger, Evening Shade.

Admitted Into Full Connection: James T. Fleming, Morrilton; Worth M. Gibson, Fayetteville; W. Paul Lanier, Biggers; Kenneth Renfro, Valley Springs; E. Howard Cox, North Little Rock; Robert B. Howerton, SMU; Allen E. Hilliard, SMU; Aubra O. Hays, Turrell; Earl Carter,

Hartman; John Sparks Workman, SMU; George W. Martin, SMU.

Ordained Deacons: W. G. Stegall, Hunter, M. J. Pollard, Dyess; D. Kern Johnson, St. Francis; T. B. Parmenter, Boydsville; W. G. Conner, McCrory; M. A. Thompson, Bethesda; Kenneth Renfro, Valley Springs; James T. Fleming, Morrilton; James W. Beal, SMU; Charles Casteel, Cliff; Paul Dean Davis, SMU; Leo Tim Fong, SMU; Earl V. Hughes, Marvest A. Lawson, Duke; Thomas F. Mooring, SMU; Calvin Junior Roetzel, SMU; Willie L. Walker, SMU; Frank Jones, Conway, Dave Smitherman, Jonesboro.

Ordained Elders: George L. Kleeb, Pea Ridge; Alvin E. Gibbs, Maynard; Albert Gibbs, Judsonia; Vann Hooker, Massard; Luther L. Turner, Paragould; William Womack, Jonesboro; Earl Carter, Hartman; William Pierce Connell, Batesville; Worth M. Gibson, SMU; Aubra O. Hays, Turrell; Allen E. Hilliard, SMU; W. Paul Lanier, Biggers; Delbert P. Remaley, Widener; Norris P. Steele, Manila; B. Howard Cox, North Little Rock.

Finished Fourth and Last Year Course of Study: Martin L. Kaylor, Newport; Luther L. Turner, Paragould; William Womack, Jonesboro; Vann Hooker, Massard; Henry W. Jinske, Mountain View; Uriah Smith, Van Buren.

Appointments

There were 88 changes in appointments including the two new District Superintendents named by Bishop Martin. Rev. Otto Teague, transferred last week from the Little Rock Conference where he had been the pastor for the last eight years at Pine Bluff's Lakeside Church, was appointed head of the Forrest City District, succeeding Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, who had completed his sixth year in that appointment. Dr. Dodgen was assigned to the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, succeeding Rev. John McCormack, transferred last week to the Little Rock Conference and assigned to the Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff. Rev. Elmer J. Holifield, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Helena, for four years, was named District Superintendent of the Jonesboro District. Rev. E. B. Williams who had completed his sixth year as head of the Jonesboro District succeeded Rev. Mr. Holifield at Helena. Rev. James Major, returned missionary from Chile, who was also transferred last week from the Little Rock Conference was appointed to the First Methodist Church of Heber Springs, succeeding Rev. W. Vance Womack who retired. Two Fort Smith pastors were returned for their tenth year: Rev. W. A. Downum to Midland Heights, and Dr. Fred G. Roebuck to the First Methodist Church. A North Little Rock pastor, Rev. Raymond L. Dorman was reassigned for his seventh year as pastor of the Levy Methodist. Two District Superintendents, Rev. A. N. Storey and Rev. Coy E. Whitten were appointed for their sixth year as heads of the Paragould and Searcy Districts, respectively. Six pastors were assigned for their sixth time to the same church.

Commemorated

At the opening service on Wednesday afternoon, June 10, the following persons who had died during the past Conference year were commemorated: **Ministers,** Rev. P. W. Emrah, Knob- el; Rev. J. F. Glover, Ft. Smith; Rev. L. E. Mann, Lexington, Ky.; Rev. Allen D. Stewart, Siloam Springs; and Rev. Artie L. Cline, Siloam Springs. **Ministers' wives,** Mrs. Fred A. Lark, Little Rock, Mrs. H. Lynn Wade, Augusta; Mrs. Charles Franklin, Conway, Mrs. Joe Stephens, Pontiac, Michigan; Mrs. W. B. Hayes, New Orleans; Mrs. Alvin Gibbs, Maynard, and Mrs. George J. Kleeb, Pea Ridge. **Deaconess,** Miss Dora Hoover, Rogers. The Commemoration Services

were under the direction of the Committee on Memoirs with Rev. Benjamin C. Few and Rev. C. C. Burton leading the service. The Commemoration sermon was delivered by Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith.

Special Guests and Speakers

Dr. Eugene Frank, popular pastor of the First Methodist Church, Topeka, Kansas, was the Conference preacher, delivering sermons on Wednesday evening, Thursday afternoon and evening and Friday afternoon and evening. The Friday night sermon was the Ordination Sermon. Dr. Frank preached to capacity congregations at each of the evening services and his afternoon sermons were heard by large numbers. Devotional speakers included Dr. Henry Bullock, editor of Church School publications of Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. James T. Major, return missionary from Chile; and Charles Stuck, Jonesboro, Conference Lay Leader who recently returned from a trip to England where he studied the lay preaching program of British Methodism. Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, pastor, was the inspirational speaker at the Friday morning hour when the quadrennial emphases were presented.

Of unusual interest was the presentation during the Friday morning session of Miss Nellie Dyer, Conway, who as a Methodist Missionary of the Woman's Division, Board of Missions, was a prisoner of the North Koreans for almost three years and who was released about a month ago. Besides receiving a gift of flowers, Miss Dyer was presented with a Life Service pin of the Woman's Society to replace one taken from her when she was in prison.

Other Actions of the Conference

Other than outlining its program for the next year, the Conference voted to join with other church groups in the state to organize a Council of Churches, set up an official executive planning committee to plan sessions of the Annual Conference; revise and bring up to date its Standing Rules; increase the minimum salary for full time married pastors \$300 to \$2,100, with \$25 additional for each dependent child under 18 years of age. Minimum salary for married students serving charges was fixed at \$1,800. The minimum salary for single full time ministers was increased to \$1,800 and for single students serving charges at \$1,500. The conference adopted two statements concerning the St. Francis County election of June 16 by which means a group is striving to establish a race track. The first statement concerned a commendation of the laymen and ministers who are opposing the establishment of the St. Francis County track, a statement setting forth the unqualified opposition of the Conference to any form of gambling in general and the St. Francis County track in particular, and a statement calling for the using of the influence and prayers of the Conference against the St. Francis County track. The second resolution adopted unanimously on Saturday morning set forth the disciplinary statement of The Methodist Church on the subject of gambling, and made clear the position of all Methodist ministers of the Conference on the issues at stake in the St. Francis County election. The Conference also voted to increase the annuity rate for retired ministers to \$32 for each service year for the year beginning June, 1954. The Conference paid \$30 this past year and will pay \$31 for the year 1953-54. (\$107,951 was disbursed last year by the Board of Conference Claimants to retired ministers, an all time high for the North Arkansas Conference.)

Statistics

The following paragraphs from the Report of The District Superintendents to the Conference, made by Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, secretary of the cabinet, indicate the statistical gains of the Conference year.

The statistics chronicling the achievements of our 100,000 Methodists in the North Arkansas Conference, as channelled through nearly 550 congregations can at best give but a partial picture of the zeal and labors of love on the part of our pastors and people.

A total of 6,014 members has been received into our churches during the year. Of this number 2,839 are members of the Methodist Church for

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North Arkansas Conference Appointments, 1953

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

With Annuity Claim on this Conference:
Edward T. Wayland, Editor, Arkansas Methodist
Ewing T. Wayland, Editor, Arkansas Methodist
Elmer H. Hook, Superintendent, Western Methodist Assembly
J. Albert Gatlin, Secretary, Town and Country Commission
Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary, Board of Education
Bates Sturdy, Chaplain, State Sanatorium, Booneville
E. J. Reaves, Approved Evangelist
Brady Cook, Approved Evangelist
Left Without Appointment to attend School:
Charles Castelf, Iliff
Walter C. Johnson, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Arvest Lawson, Duke Divinity School
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Raymond Krutz, Garrett Biblical Institute
Gerald Hammett, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
George Wayne Martin, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Robert B. Howerton, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
James T. Clemmons, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Paul Dean Davis, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
James Meadors, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
James Beal, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
James T. Fleming, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Bill Walker, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Thomas E. Richardson, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Fred Mooring, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Stanley R. Reed, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Frank Jones, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Maurice C. Webb, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Harvey Hazelwood, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
James Roland Shelton, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Leo Fong, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Calvin Roetzel, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Albert W. Martin, Jr., Union Theological Seminary
Vernon Paysinger, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Thomas Jackson Nations, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
James Lamar Davis, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
Roy Moyers, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
With Annuity Claim on Institution or Board Concerned:
James Seehorn Seneker, Professor, Perkins School of Theology
A. W. Martin, Professor, Perkins School of Theology
Glenn F. Sanford, Secretary, Town and Country Work, General Board of Missions
James S. Upton, Professor of Religion, Hendrix College
V. Earle Copes, Professor, Hendrix College
Without Annuity Claim on This Conference:
James W. Workman, Chaplain, Veterans Administration, attached to First Church, North Little Rock Quarterly Conference
Gilbert F. Hyde, Chaplain, Veterans Administration, attached to First Church, North Little Rock Quarterly Conference
Harry King, Dean of Arkansas College
Ray D. Seals, Chaplain, attached to Central, Fayetteville Quarterly Conference
Leroy Henry, Chaplain, attached to Quarterly Conference, First Methodist Church, Jonesboro
Lyman T. Barger, Chaplain, attached to Quarterly Conference, First Methodist Church, Jonesboro
J. Rudolph Woodruff, Chaplain, attached to Central, Fayetteville Quarterly Conference
Edward Coley, Chaplain, attached to Ozark Quarterly Conference

Transferred Out:

Claudie McLeod, Class of the 2nd year, to North Texas Conference
Allan Eugene Hilliard, Elder, to Little Rock Conference
Samuel P. Auslam, Elder, to Central Texas Conference, effective June 1, 1953
John M. McCormack, Elder, to Little Rock Conference
Horace M. Lewis, Elder, to Little Rock Conference
Francis M. Stage, Jr., Elder, to Little Rock Conference
K. K. Carrithers, Elder, to Louisiana Conference
John R. Manney, Class of First Year to Holston Conference, Sept. 23, 1952

Transferred In:

Orville C. Brannon, Elder, from North Texas Conference, effective June 1, 1952
Pryor Reed Cruce, Elder, from Little Rock Conference
Robert A. Simpson, Class of the 2nd year, from Little Rock Conference
James T. Fleming, Class of the 2nd year, from Northwest Texas Conference
Andrew J. Christie, Elder, from Little Rock Conference
Otto W. Teague, Elder, from Little Rock Conference
James E. Major, Elder, from Little Rock Conference
Howard Cox, Elder, from Texas Conference

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Richard E. Connell, District Supt. (2)
Batesville, Central Avenue, David P. Connors (4)
Batesville, First Church, E. G. Kaetzell (3)
Bethesda-Cushman, Marvin A. Thompson (2)
Calico Rock, C. Wesley Grisham (1)
Cave City-Sidney, W. Frank Shell (2)
Cave City Circuit, Ivan R. Wilson (1)
Charlotte Circuit, to be supplied
Cotter, W. L. Diggs (2)
Desha Circuit, Walter Abree (1)
Evening Shade Circuit, Carl Strayhorn (2)
Melbourne Circuit, D. G. Hindman (1)
Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Associate (1)
Moorefield-Ashbury, B. W. Stallcup (2)
Mountain Home, Benjamin C. Few (1)
Mountain Home Parish, Lee Anderson (4)
Mrs. Lee Anderson, Associate (4)
Newark, John S. Workman (1)
Mountain View, Henry W. Jinske (2)
Newport, First Church, Guy C. Ames (5)
Newport, Unstead, M. L. Kaylor (4)
Pleasant Plains Circuit, Burnell Stephens (1)
Salem, Maurice Lanier (3)
Swift-Alicia, Pryor Reed Cruce (1)
Tuckerman, Golder Lawrence (3)
Viola Circuit, James Smith (2)
Yellville, Theron McKisson (3)
Sulphur Rock, J. M. Hughes (2)
Oak Grove, J. B. Stewart (2)
Concord, to be supplied
Deaconess, Izard County Parish, Miss Mary Chaffin
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, Maurice Lanier
District Director of Evangelism, Guy C. Ames
District Missionary Secretary, Golder Lawrence
District Director of Golden Cross, W. L. Diggs
District Director of Temperance, Theron McKisson
District Commissioner, Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, George M. Evans
District Radio and Film Director, B. W. Stallcup

CONWAY DISTRICT

Robert E. L. Bearden, District Supt. (2)
Atkins, George Stewart (3)
Beacon, W. B. Holman (4)
Belleville-Havana, Charles Cook (1)
Bethel-Cato, Donald Smith (2)
Conway, First Church, Joel Cooper (3)
Conway, Wesley, Ralph Ruhlén (2)
Danville, H. C. Minnis (3)
Dardanelle, C. H. Farmer (2)
Dardanelle Circuit, Frank Weatherford (5)
Dover-London, Elvis Wright (5)
Fourche Valley Circuit, Davis Bilberry (1)
Greenbrier, James R. Sewell, Jr. (1)
Morrilton, H. J. Couchman (4)
Morrilton Circuit No. 1, William Yarbrough (2)
Morrilton Circuit No. 2, Allan Brockway (1)
Mt. Carmel Circuit, Edward Thompson (1)
Naylor Circuit, W. G. Connor (1)
North Little Rock, First, J. William Watson (3)
Howard Cox, Associate (2)
NLR, Gardner, Irl Bridenthal (3)
NLR, Levy, Raymond Dorman (7)
NLR, Washington Avenue, I. L. Claud (6)
NLR, Rose City, James W. Workman (1)
NLR, Sylvan Hills, Luther K. Wilson (1)
Ola, E. C. Sooter (1)
Oppelo, Eugene Rushing (1)
Perry-Perryville, George J. Kleeb (1)
Perry County Circuit, Robert Harris (1)
Plainview, W. V. Walthall (1)
Plumerville, Carl Williamson (1)
Pope County Circuit, J. A. Newell (2)
Pottsville, William Hightower (4)
Russellville, Harold Eggersperger (4)
Salem, James Gatlin (2)
Vilonia Circuit, Joe E. Linam (1)
Waltreak, J. M. Kitchens (1)
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, Irl Bridenthal
District Director, Evangelism, J. W. Watson
District Missionary Secretary, William Hightower
District Director, Golden Cross, H. J. Couchman
District Director of Temperance, Raymond Dorman
District Commissioner, Meth. Children's Home, Ken Estes
District Radio and Film Director, Harold Eggersperger

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

William F. Cooley, District Supt. (4)
Alpena-Omaha, Tommy F. Cooksey (1)
Bentonville, Hubert E. Pearce (3)
Bentonville Circuit, W. C. Hutton (2)
Berryville, Archie N. Boyd (2)
Brightwater Memorial, Fern Cook (2)
Centerton, Kenneth Hatfield (1)
Decatur, J. Hillman Byram (2)
Elm Springs-Harmon, Woodrow Woods (4)
Eureka Springs, Charles W. Lewis (3)
Farmington Circuit, A. L. Riggs (3)
Fayetteville, Central, D. L. Dykes, Jr. (6)
Minister to Students, Jack S. Winegeart (2)
Fayetteville, Wiggins Memorial, Arnold Simpson (4)
Gentry, Worth W. Gibson (1)
Goshen, O. L. Cole (1)
Gravette, C. H. Harverson (2)
Green Forest, O. Wendell Barbaree (1)
Lincoln, William M. Wilder (1)
Madison County #1, Thomas A. Whiddon (1)
Madison County #2, J. L. Langston (1)
Morrow-Evansville, Walter Pennel (2)
Pea Ridge, O. R. Findley (1)
Prairie Grove, S. O. Patty (4)
Rogers, Vernon E. Chalfant (3)
Siloam Springs, John Bayliss (2)

Springdale, First, Andrew J. Christie (1)
Springdale, Wesley, James W. Workman, Jr. (2)
Springtown-Highfill, Eugene Winkler (1)
Sulphur Springs, Charles Wages (1)
Viney Grove Circuit, W. L. Scott (1)
Winslow, Eugene Miser (1)
Bland Chapel Extension, Lindsey Rolland (1)
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, S. O. Patty
District Director of Evangelism, John Bayliss
District Missionary Secretary, Vernon E. Chalfant
District Director, Golden Cross, A. L. Riggs
District Director of Temperance, Thomas R. Whiddon
District Commissioner, Methodist Children's Home, Dr. Will H. Mock
District Radio and Film Director, James W. Workman, Jr.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Otto W. Teague, District Supt. (1)
Aubrey, J. C. Richey (6)
Brinkley, J. Clarence Wilcox (2)
Cherry Valley, Alfred F. Blair (1)
Clarendon, G. B. Ames (3)
Cott, William G. Stegall (1)
Cotton Plant, Ray L. McLeister (1)
Crawfordsville-Blackfish Lake, J. W. Glass (4)
Earle, G. A. McKelvey (2)
Elaine, Glenn Bruner (5)
Forrest City, Raymond L. Franks (3)
Haynes-La Grange, to be supplied
Helena, E. B. Williams (1)
Holly Grove, O. M. Campbell (2)
Hughes, James R. Chandler (2)
Hunter, to be supplied
Marianna, W. O. Scroggin, Jr. (2)
Marion, Alf A. Eason (3)
Marvell, Porter Weaver (2)
Parkin, H. F. McDonald (3)
Vandale, A. L. Peterson (1)
West Helena, Jesse J. Decker (4)
West Memphis, J. Ralph Hillis (2)
Wheatley, J. W. Moore (2)
Widener-Round Pond, D. P. Ramaley (2)
Wynne, Harold D. Womack (2)
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, W. O. Scroggin, Jr.
District Director of Evangelism, J. Clarence Wilcox
District Missionary Secretary, J. Ralph Hillis
District Director, Golden Cross, James R. Chandler
District Director of Temperance, J. J. Decker
District Commissioner, Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, C. R. Wilkin
District Radio and Film Director, Harold D. Womack

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

W. Henry Goodloe, District Supt. (4)
Alix Circuit, Troy Clinesmith (1)
Alma-Mountain View, T. C. Chambliss (4)
Altus Circuit, Aaron Barling (1)
Booneville, W. J. Spicer (4)
Branch Circuit, J. E. Thomas (2)
Charleston, O. D. Peters (3)
Clarksville, Paul M. Bumpers (2)
FORT SMITH, First Church, Fred G. Roebuck (10)
Fifth Street, Floyd G. Villines, Sr. (3)
Glover Memorial, Roy Poyner (2)
Eugene Shoemaker, Associate (1)
Goddard Memorial, Alfred Knox (2)
Grand Avenue, Charles B. Wyatt (5)
Massard, Earl V. Hughes (1)
Midland Heights, W. A. Downum (10)
St. Luke, Paul Kelley (1)
St. Pauls, Martin Bierbaum (4)
Greenwood, V. F. Harris (2)
Hackett Circuit, Mrs. Monroe Scott (2)
Hartford-Midland, E. C. Hance (1)
Hartman Circuit, Earl B. Carter (2)
Huntington, M. L. Edgington (4)
Kibler, C. R. Nance (1)
Lamar Circuit, Carl B. Adams (3)
Lavaca, Dewey Dark, Jr. (2)
Magazine Circuit, John W. Sandage (2)
Mansfield, W. T. Watson (1)
Mulberry, W. Leonard Byers (3)
New Hope-Dyer, Uriah Smith (2)
Ozark, Charles P. McDonald, Jr. (2)
Paris, L. F. LaFavers (1)
Prairie View-Scafevers, Frank M. Roop, Jr. (1)
VAN BUREN, First Church, J. H. Hoggard (4)
City Heights-Bethel, Felix Holland (3)
St. Johns, Robert Paul Sessions (4)
Waldron, First Church, Oscar J. Evanson (2)
Waldron Circuit, Fred Thompson (2)
Mrs. Fred Thompson, Associate (2)
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, O. D. Peters
District Director, Evangelism, J. H. Hoggard
District Missionary Secretary, O. J. Evanson
District Director, Golden Cross, W. J. Spicer
District Director, Temperance, W. Leonard Byers
District Commissioner, Methodist Children's Home, Leslie Bryant
District Radio and Film Director, Fred G. Roebuck

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Elmer J. Holifield, District Supt. (1)
Bay-Pleasant Valley, William P. Connell (1)
Black Oak-Delfore, Hascle O. West (3)
Blytheville, First Church, Roy I. Bagley (5)
Blytheville, Lake Street, Robert McMaster (2)

Blytheville, West Parish, J. H. Richardson (1)
Bono Circuit, M. J. Pollard (1)
Caraway, B. L. Wilford (2)
Dell, E. H. Hall (6)
Dyess-Whitten, W. W. Peterson (1)
Harrisburg, J. T. Byrd (6)
Hickory Ridge-Fisher, Norris Steele (1)
Joiner, E. E. Stevenson (3)
JONESBORO, First Church, Ethan W. Dodgen (1)
Fisher Street, John W. Glover (1)
Huntington Ave., Elmus C. Brown (3)
Kaiser, J. M. Harrison (3)
Lake City-Lake View, John H. Barrett (2)
Leachville, J. E. Linam (1)
Lepanto, William A. Stewart, Jr. (3)
Luxora, H. L. Robison (6)
Manila, N. Lee Cate (3)
Marked Tree, Alvin C. Murray (2)
Monette, Bennie F. Jordan (2)
Mount Carmel-Calvary, W. L. Douglas (2)
Nettleton, Clyde E. Crozier (4)
Osecola, Garland C. Taylor (4)
St. John-Riverside, James F. Weatherford (2)
Trumann, A. W. Harris (1)
Turrell-Gilmore, Aubra C. Hays (2)
Tyronza, Thurston Masters (4)
Weinert, Arvill C. Brannon (2)
Weona-Center View, Kenneth Renfro (1)
Wilson, Sam G. Watson (3)
Yarbro-Promised Land, Carl C. Burton (2)
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, Alvin C. Murray
District Director of Evangelism, J. T. Byrd
District Missionary Secretary, N. Lee Cate
District Director, Golden Cross, William A. Stewart, Jr.
District Director of Temperance, J. W. Glover
District Commissioner, Methodist Children's Home, J. C. Portis
District Radio and Film Director, Roy I. Bagley

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

A. N. Storey, District Supt. (6)
Beech Grove, A. E. McIlveene (1)
Biggers-Knobel, Paul Lanier (3)
Black Rock, Gail Anderson (2)
Brookland Ct., W. B. Yount (1)
Camp Ground, W. C. Smith (2)
Corning, Byron A. McSpadden (1)
Hardy, George L. McGhehey (1)
Hoxie, W. T. Lingo (4)
Imboden-Smithville, Robert A. Simpson (1)
Leonard Ct., Ray Burrow (1)
Mammoth Spring, M. B. Short (3)
Marmaduke, John F. Wilson (2)
Maynard-Ravenden Spring, Loyd Turner (1)
Paragould, First Church, S. B. Wilford (2)
Griffin Memorial, Paragould, J. H. Holt (4)
Paragould Ct., Alvin Gibbs (1)
Piggott, Jesse L. Johnson (2)
Pocahontas, Edwin Dodson (2)
Rector, First Church, J. M. Barnett (4)
Rector, Fourth St.-Boydsville, H. M. Sanford (3)
Rector Ct., Dave Smitherman (1)
St. Francis, D. Kern Johnson (2)
Stanford-Lorado, Y. D. Whitehurst (1)
Walnut Ridge, Elmo Thomason (2)
Williford-Harvey's Chapel, A. E. Poin-dexter (1)
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, S. B. Wilford
District Director of Evangelism, Edwin Dodson
District Missionary Secretary, Jesse L. Johnson
District Director, Golden Cross, Byron McSpadden
District Director of Temperance, John F. Wilson
District Commissioner, Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, Winfred Polk
District Radio and Film Director, J. H. Holt

SEARCY DISTRICT

C. E. Whitten, District Supt. (6)
Antioch-Stony Point, Cyril Wilson (1)
Augusta, H. Lynn Wade (3)
Bald Knob, Pharis Holifield (3)
Beebe, Floyd G. Villines, Jr. (4)
Cabot, J. J. Clark (1)
Clinton, J. L. Pruitt (2)
Devion Circuit, to be supplied
Griffithville Circuit, Ray Edwards (3)
Harrison, Earle Cravens (3)
Heber Springs, James E. Major (1)
Jacksonville, Harold Spence (4)
Judsonia, Albert Gibbs (3)
Kensett, W. T. Johnson (1)
Leslie, Travis Williams (2)
Marshall, Vann Hooker (1)
McCrory, W. M. Womack (1)
McRae Circuit, Robert Johnson (2)
McRae Extension, Cecil Harrison (1)
Newton County, C. A. Simpson (5)
Pangburn Circuit, to be supplied
Quitman Circuit, Harold Wilson (2)
Rosebud Circuit, John Chapman (1)
Searcy, Lloyd M. Conyers (2)
Valley Springs Circuit, Waymon Keel (1)
Van Buren County No. 1, Bobby E. Edwards (2)
Van Buren County No. 2, Dois Kennedy (1)
Ward-Wilburn, to be supplied
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, James E. Majors
District Director, Evangelism, Lloyd Conyers
District Missionary Secretary, Harold Spence
District Director, Golden Cross, H. Lynn Wade
District Commissioner, Methodist Children's Home, Vance Thompson
District Radio and Film Director, Earle Cravens



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



FROGS AND TOADS

By Margaret G. Wilson

EARLY every spring, as soon as the ice begins to melt, we hear the music of the frogs as they awaken from their long winter sleep. This we say is the very first sign of spring. We may really hear the frogs before we see our first robin.

When the weather is still quite cold but the ice is all gone from the ponds, Mrs. Frog and Mrs. Toad select a place to lay their eggs.

Mrs. Frog isn't a bit fussy. Any pond will do for her eggs. She leaves them floating about, in a mass, on top of the water.

Mrs. Toad now, is much more particular. After she has selected just the right kind of a pond, and her eggs are ready, she fastens them together in a double row like a long string of pearl beads. Then this string of eggs is wound in and out the stems of plants that are growing in the pond.

In a few weeks the eggs hatch into little tadpoles. Although the eggs of Mrs. Frog and Mrs. Toad looked alike, their babies are different. The little brown tadpoles belong to Mrs. Frog and the black ones to Mrs. Toad.

The tadpoles swim about in the water like little fish, until one day two black legs appear. When this happens, the tadpoles like to come up to the top of the water, once in a while, to get a gulp of air.

Later on, two tiny front legs appear, and when that happens, the tadpoles are really growing up. And now they do look funny! They look like frogs with tails.

However, as the tadpoles grow bigger and bigger, their tails grow shorter and shorter, until finally they completely disappear.

After the tails are gone, they are real frogs and toads and no longer want to stay in the pond, so they hop about on the edge and finally leave the water for the cool, damp, grassy places. In the summer they find their way to our well-watered gardens in search of insects, bugs, and other good things to eat.

When winter comes, they leave the gardens and hurry back to the pond, going down through the water to the muddy, slippery floor of the pond. There they bury themselves in the mud and sleep until spring.

THE SOLEMN OLD HEN

*The solemn old hen sat on her nest,
The children all came to see her rest.*

*The children came there every day
When they found out that she would stay.*

*At last on the third week
They heard a tiny wee little "peep."*

*When mother hen stood up, what do
you think?
A wee baby chick, all yellowish
pink.*

(The above verses were written
by Max Holland, age 10 years,
of Crossett, Arkansas.)

THOSE BIG LITTLE THINGS

By Booth Mooney

Bobby Davis swung into the newspaper office with a discontented expression on his usually sunny face. There were little wrinkles on his forehead as he climbed on the stool in front of the desk of Mr. Arthur, editor of the Parker County Post.

"Hello, Bobby," the editor looked up from his typewriter as his young friend seated himself. "Why, boy, what's wrong? You look like a thunder-cloud about to burst."

"I'll tell you," Bobby said earnestly. "I've been reading a book called 'Heroes of the World' and, Mr. Arthur, I found lots of boys not a bit older than I am have done big things—things that really counted."

"And you are unhappy because you can't do something like that," the editor said gently. "Is that it Bobby?"

"Yes sir, I guess that's about it. I never have a chance to do anything that really amounts to something. It's just the same old thing

day after day."

The editor leaned back in his chair and stared at the ceiling. "Well, Bobby," he said slowly, "your problem is not exactly new. I suspect boys—yes, and men, too—have been feeling about as you do for a longer time than anybody can remember."

"You know, Bobby, I have been knocking around the world for a good many years, and I have come to the conclusion that the biggest thing in life is doing all the hundreds of little things, doing them conscientiously and well. Every day we have a chance to do dozens of little things that appear mighty small—but they mount up Bobby, they mount up."

"You mean," Bobby asked, "that lots of little things count as much as one big thing?"

The editor nodded. "That's it, exactly. Offering to do errands for your mother, giving a hearty, respectful greeting to everyone you meet, going out of your way to do kind deeds, trying to cheer up your friends when they feel discouraged—some people would call these little things. I don't, Bobby. If you consistently look after the little things the big ones will take care of themselves."

"I believe you are right," Bobby smiled, his discontented look disappearing as if by magic.

"I believe I am," Mr. Arthur replied. "I used to want to do big things and here I am running a newspaper in a small town. But I am happy, Bobby. I'm contented, and that is more than many of the important men can say."

Bobby slipped down off the stool. "I just happened to think," he remarked, "that I must wash the car."—Sentinel.

JUST FOR FUN

A tramp knocked at the door and asked a bite to eat. The lady of the house said:

"You don't look like a man who should starve for lack of work. Why don't you get a job?"

"I would lady," was the reply, "but everybody wants a letter of reference from the man I worked for."

"Well, why not get it?"

"Because, madam," as he backed away, "he has been dead for ten years."

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It was Gwendolyn's first day at school. "And what did my little darling learn today?" her fond mother asked.

"Not much," said Gwendolyn. "I have to go back."—News & Views, hm, Gen'l Motors Acceptance Corp'n.

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A woman had been very trying to the shop assistant, whose temper was beginning to get a little uncertain.

"I think you had better fetch the manager," sniffed the customer. "Perhaps he'll have a little more sense than you seem to possess."

"Oh, he has madam," was the tired reply. "He went out as you came in!"



A DAY FOR DADDY

What shall we do for Daddy?

Let's plan a nice surprise,

He does so many things for us,

And he's so kind and wise.

He takes us on the nicest hikes,

We have a lot of fun.

He's not too tired to help at night

On projects we've begun.

We'll perhaps buy a little gift

And put it by his plate,

At dinner time we'll yell "Surprise,"

We hope he won't be late.

We know the nicest gift of all

Is to be fine and true,

And we'll make Daddy happy,

We think we should, don't you?

—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Camden Guild

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Camden District held its fourth quarterly meeting at Junction City May 31, 1952, with the District Secretary, Miss Aurelle Burnside presiding, and Miss Thelma Enis of El Dorado substituting for the Associate.

Mrs. James McCammon, wife of the Junction City pastor, gave the invocation and the welcome. The devotional was given by Mrs. H. A. Dowdy of the Junction City WSCS. Miss Joanna Muse, the pianist, played the call to worship and accompanied Miss Earline Richards who sang a solo: "Lord Let Me Live Today."

The meeting, planned as a workshop, featured a report of the Fifth Annual Guild Week-End meeting of the Little Rock Conference, held at Hot Springs, April 18-19, 1953. Consultants present from the Camden District, WSCS, included two retiring chairmen: Mrs. W. P. Reasons, Spiritual Life, and Mrs. W. C. Farley, promotion secretary.

Miss Louise Bozone, Guild president of Junction City, was general chairman, and, serving with her on various committees were: Mrs. John D. McDonald, Mrs. Monroe Jones, Miss Maxine Galbraith, Mrs. Jeanne Parker.

The fine inter-denomination spirit which prevails at Junction City was splendidly demonstrated by the membership of the Guild which comes from several denominations, as well as the charming fellowship hour, attended by the Rev. H. M. Bevel, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Bevel.

Shreveport

The Shreveport District Woman's Society of Christian Service met Thursday, May 13, at Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport, the president, Mrs. M. G. Bryant of Vivian presiding most graciously over the meeting.

The meeting was opened with the singing "O Zion Haste," Mrs. J. J. Caraway at the organ. The invocation was given by Mrs. D. L. Kelly, retiring Secretary of Spiritual Life.

The president introduced visitors, including Dr. B. C. Taylor, District Superintendent and Mrs. Taylor, and Rev. J. J. Caraway, host pastor.

Special speakers for the day were: Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Conference Secretary of Promotion, speaking on "A Forward Look;" Mrs. Warren Constant, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, speaking on "Missions at Mid-Century," bringing the highlights on the Conference of Missions at Buck Hill Falls; and Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Conference Recording Secretary, reporting on her work.

In carrying out the theme for the day, Mrs. T. D. Wallace sang "Christ For The World We Sing," accompanied by Mrs. Caraway.

Dismissal prayer for luncheon hour was given by Mrs. Bryant.

At noon a delicious luncheon was served by the host church to approximately 225 ladies.

At the afternoon session, Mrs. George Sexton led the installation service as the following officers were installed: President, Mrs. M.

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1. Topic: The life and Task of the Church Around the World

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Text: "That the World May Know", Dr. Charles Ransom

2. Topic: Spanish Speaking Americans

Instructor: Mrs. May Alvarez

Text: "Within These Borders", Dr. John R. Scotsford

3. Topic: Jeremiah

Instructor: Rev. Joel Cooper

Text: "The Prophet Jeremiah," Dr. Harold Case

4. Topic: Alcohol and Christian Responsibility

Instructor: Mrs. D. J. Blaylock

Text: "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility" Dr. C. Earle

WORKSHOPS:

1. Christian Youth and Vocation in the Church —Mrs. Johnnie McClure
2. Educational Opportunities in the Woman's Society —Mrs. Nels Barnett
3. The Circle —Its Purpose and Program —Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe
4. The Woman's Society in the Total Church Program —Mrs. Elmus Brown

RESOURCE PEOPLE:

Dr. Joya Luke (India) Crusade Scholar, former pupil of Miss Nell Naylor

Miss Nell Naylor (India) retired missionary

Miss Mary Chaffin, deaconess

Miss Gertie Stiles, Jurisdiction Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild

Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Jurisdiction Secretary of Literature and Publications

PLATFORM HOUR

Miss Mildred Osment, delegate to World Missions Conference

WORSHIP HOUR

Mrs. Hubert Pearce, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life

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Life—Mrs. Hubert Pearce, C. S. R. & L. C. A.—Mrs. Walter Jimerson,

Youth—Mrs. Gene Mitchell, Student—Mrs. Raymond Franks, Mis-

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IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT REGISTRATION

All officers, local and district, whose lines of work are being emphasized in the Workshops and Clinics are especially urged to attend, but any interested woman is welcome.

Send your \$3.00 registration fee to Mrs. C. J. Greene, Conway, Arkansas. Fees are not returnable after July 6.

G. Bryant, Vivian; Vice-president, ing Secretary, Mrs. Clyde A. Black, Mrs. Jack Toombs; Vivian; Record-Shreveport; Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. McEachern, Shreveport; Promotion, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Rodessa; Missionary Education, Mrs. H. H. Mehaffy, Haughton; C. S. R. & L. C. A.,

Mrs. J. S. Segura, Mansfield; Spiritual Life, Mrs. R. N. Baker, Shreveport; Youth Work, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Shreveport; Children, Mrs. Robley Davis, Gilliam; Literature and Publication, Mrs. H. Rayburn, Shreveport; Supplies, Mrs. M. F. Smith, Rodessa; Status of Women,

NEWS IN BRIEF

As her first official duty as president of the Fayetteville District Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. R. K. Bent, Fayetteville, spoke at the evening worship service in the Siloam Springs Methodist Church and installed the society officers on Sunday, May 24. The basic of her talk was found in Matthew 25:34-40.

Officers installed were as follows: President, Mrs. J. L. Morris; Vice president, Mrs. L. R. Sperry; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Richard Hodges; Promotional Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Stockton, Sr.; Treasurer, Mrs. Fred McKinney. — Mrs. Richard Hodges, Secretary

The Woman's Society of the Lecompte Church, Alexandria District, held an all-day meeting recently in order to complete their study of the book "Toward Understanding the Bible." Several of the ladies of the circle and the Pastor gave portions of the study. Mrs. W. B. Robison, Sr., rendered a beautiful message in song, "The Holy City." Lunch was served buffet style to the group. Sixteen ladies were present.

Officers for the new year for the Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock are as follows: Mrs. J. H. Woodward, president; Mrs. Ralph Hammond, vice-president; Mrs. Emmet Knight, secretary and Mrs. Jesse Martin, Treasurer. A budget of \$718.00 has been set up for the new year.—Mrs. J. H. Woodward

At a meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, June 2, 1953, Mrs. W. E. Adger was presented with a life membership pin. Mrs. W. E. Adger, Jr., was asked to come forward and present the pin to her mother. Mrs. R. W. Davis made a wonderful talk about the work carried on in the past in which Mrs. Adger played such a great part.

This W. S. C. S. has just completed a mission study on Africa; for which it received a J.R. Credit. It is indeed fortunate in that it had a wonderful leader, Mrs. R. W. Davis. Different members of the group gave interesting talks and stories on the study.

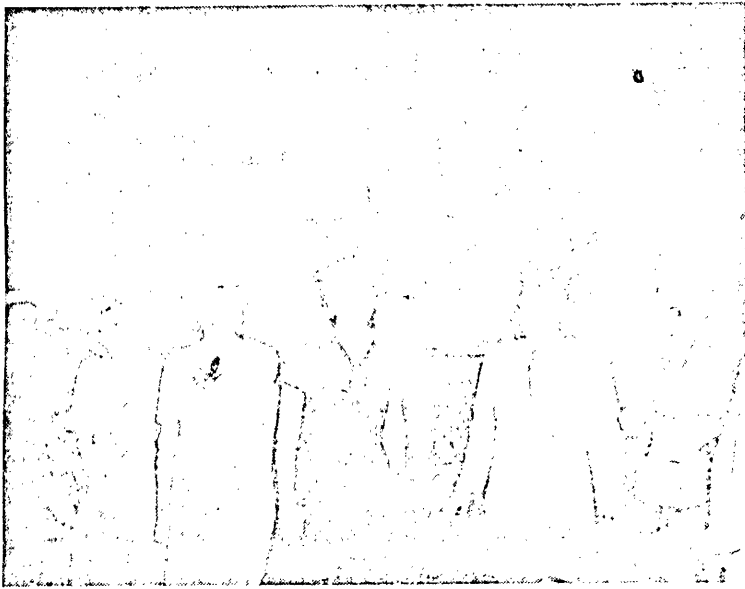
Mrs. L. D. Salter, Shreveport; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. W. M. Batt, Shreveport.

One of the high points of the day was the presentation of seven Life Memberships. The retiring district officers selected these worthy persons in the district to receive the memberships: Mesdames L. F. Acock, Wesley Church; E. E. Smith, Blanchard; Frank Adams, Coughatta; J. D. Sistrunk, Mitchell; Wm. McClellan, East Point; W. D. Norton, Munnerlyn Chapel; and H. C. Norsworthy, Curtis Park, Bossier City.

The closing part of the program was the Memorial Service led by Mrs. C. O. Day, who introduced Mrs. John B. Greer who conducted the service. After the reading of the "Roll of Remembrance" a trio composed of Mesdames U. G. Sammon, Geo. O. Baird and Jeff Stewart sang "Angels of Mercy." Mrs. Baird then gave the closing prayer of the day. —Mrs. Clyde Black

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

Miss Dyer At Little Rock Conference



Miss Nellie Dyer, missionary to Korea who was held a prisoner by the Communists for almost three years, was introduced by Bishop Martin to a morning session of the Little Rock Conference which met June 3-7 at First Church, Little Rock.

Also introduced along with Miss Dyer were her mother, Mrs. Elisha Dyer, of Conway; Miss Ida Shannon of Little Rock, former missionary to Japan; Mrs. Charles Giessen, wife

of Rev. Charles H. Giessen and former missionary to Japan and Dr. J. M. Workman, representing his son, Dr. George Workman, missionary to India.

Shown in the picture are left to right, Mrs. Paul E. Martin, Mrs. Charles Giessen, Miss Ida Shannon, Mrs. Dyer, Miss Dyer, Bishop Martin, Dr. Arthur Terry, Dr. J. M. Workman, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe is shown on the rostrum.

Memorial Window At Stephens Dedicated

ON Sunday, May 31, at 11:00 a. m. the First Methodist Church at Stephens was the scene of a very impressive service in which a beautiful memorial window was dedicated to the deceased members of the Morgan families, pioneer settlers of Stephens. Martin at a morning session of the choir and is in perfect harmony with the other memorial windows in the sanctuary. The central part of the window depicts the life-size Christ as the Good Shepherd, and to His left the Cross and Crown, and to His right white lilies, symbols of the crucifixion and ascension. The window is framed with wine draperies that harmonize with the picture and walls and blend with the pew cushions.

Preceding the sermon, the choir, under the direction of Mrs. William Hare with Miss Nora Morgan at the organ, sang, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us." John E. Morgan, Jr. in behalf of the Morgan families, presented the memorial window to the church. H. G. McClurkin, a trustee, accepted the window. Mr. McClurkin himself a life-long member of the church, stated that two of

the founders of the Morgan families, Frank and H. P. with their wives were charter members of the Stephens Methodist Church, and the window of J. Beverley Morgan was also a charter member.

The pastor, Rev. Doyle Rowe, then dedicated the Morgan Memorial window to the memory of the following:

Frank Morgan, Cornelia Morgan Harrington, Susan Morgan, Alatha Jane Morgan Inabinet, John Edwin Morgan, Victoria Morgan, Anna Morgan Brummett, Ruth Morgan Green, John Virgil Morgan, Beverly Morgan, Lenora Morgan, Myrtis Morgan Lewis, Jamie Morgan, H. P. Morgan, Georgia Morgan, Josephine Morgan, Kate Morgan Edwards, Harvey Morgan, Marcus Morgan, Alva Morgan, Howard Morgan, Elma Morgan, Mrs. Clarence Morgan, Carroll Edward Morgan, Louie A. Morgan, Mamie Morgan Utley.

It is the hope of the donors that this window, a testament of love and appreciation for the heritage that is theirs, will be an inspiration to all those of the present future generations who worship in this sanctuary.

"VOICE" TO INCREASE RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS

Plans to increase the number of religious broadcasts carried by the 'Voice of America' were announced in Washington by Dr. Robert L. Johnson, head of the State Department's International Information Administration. The policy, based on the belief that religion is one of the strongest ties between the people behind the Iron Curtain

and those of the free world, is expected to result in a doubling of the number of religious broadcasts by the Voice. At the same time, greater attention will be given to religion in news broadcasts and programs dealing with life in America. "We are not trying to carry on a spiritual crusade," said a spokesman for the Voice. "We are merely letting the people behind the Iron Curtain see the freedom of our churches and realize the moral and

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John Peterson, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Peterson of Blytheville, active lay worker in Trinity Methodist Church in Moberly, Missouri, has resigned his position with radio station KNCM to begin full-time work for the church. He will also study for the ministry.

Mr. Peterson, 26-year-old sportscaster for the radio station, will be director of Religious Education at the church and pastor's assistant. He assumed his duties in May and he is now studying at the summer session of Central College, Fayette. He affiliated with Trinity Church upon moving to Moberly about two years ago. He is a member of the Board



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Cards with Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish prayers will be attached to menus in Shreveport restaurants, it was announced by Glenn R. Smith, president of the Shreveport Restaurants Association. Assisting in the program are Msgr. J. C. Vandgaer, pastor of Holy Trinity Catholic Church; Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Jr., of B'nai Zion Congregation, and the Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid, associate pastor of First Methodist Church. The cards will bear the following prayers: Protestant: "Our Father, help us to receive this food in a spirit of Thanksgiving. May it strengthen our bodies and souls for Thy service through Jesus Christ. Catholic: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. Bless us O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen. Jewish: "Heavenly Father, as we partake

spiritual aspect of American life which, unfortunately, is not always appreciated by those who know only of America's material accomplishments."

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we would first ask Thy blessing. Do Thou bless us now. O Father as thou showest Thy favor and Thy love to all Thy children everywhere. Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth."

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ANOTHER ANNUAL CONFERENCE PASSES

The session of the annual conference just closed was in many ways outstanding. The meeting was, first of all, in the beautiful new edifice erected by the great body of Methodists at Fayetteville. The spirit of the conference was unusually good. The reports from boards and commissions were filled with dynamic interest. A forward looking program was formulated for the coming year.

The Town and Country Commission had prominent places in the program and thought throughout the conference. We were happy to report some success in our areas of effort during the year.

In evangelism, through the personal labors of the Executive Secretary in revivals and visitation, more than one hundred persons were added to the church.

In church building, we were privileged to assist in the building of a beautiful native stone church at Oakland. Encouragement was given at remodeling and redecoration at other points.

In the work of church administration, Finance Institutes were held over the conference with two hundred fifty persons attending. A definite plan of local church finance has been put in form.

The lay speaking program has gone on a great way. Two new preaching places were opened through the work of laymen. Two more lay speakers were licensed to preach during the year. More than sixty churches have had additional services due to the efforts of laymen. There were active county wide lay fellowship meetings over the conference. Charles Stuck, Conference Lay Leader produced a booklet on Lay Preaching which was published by the Board of Evangelism. He also made a trip to England to study their plan of lay preaching. His work has had a great influence on the program in the conference and will be felt over the entire church.

Mrs. Elmus Brown, Promotional

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From ten till twelve o'clock the group enjoyed games and puzzle solving.

Rev. Golder Lawrence asked the blessing on the picnic lunch.

After lunch Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent, held a meeting with the ministers relative to things that needed to be done in connection with the approaching Annual Conference.

Rev. David Conyers announced plans for intermediate youth camp which is to be held at Wayland Springs June 1 to 5.

The new officers for the Parsonage Dames are as follows: Mrs. Maurice Lanier, President; Mrs. Lewis LeFevers, Vice President; Mrs. W. L. Diggs, Secretary-treasurer.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter

Secretary of the W. S. C. S., reported thirteen new societies in rural areas. A general growth of interest is being shown over the conference. The W. S. C. S. has pledged financial support to the commission for the coming year as in the past.

The Workshop at Hendrix has been in operation for the student pastors with fine response. A beautiful Mural depicting Town and Country Community Life was painted by David Dreisbach, head of the Art Department at the college. This mural will be permanently located in the work shop.

The Annual Fall meeting of the Commission was attended by most of the members of the commission and a fellowship dinner was enjoyed in cooperation with the Hendrix Pre-Theologue association.

The Annual Convocation was held at Gassville with an outstanding program and fine response from the people in that area. Methodism was seen in action in the great messages from church and civic leaders.

Communities that are trying to improve their lives in all areas of human interest have been given encouragement by the commission. This is one of our finest and best opportunities. The lifeline of our nation is in the community life across the land. Rural Life must be constantly improved.

The salary level was raised by the World Service Council so that the conference moves nearer a living standard for all of the preachers. There is much more to be done along this line but we are making progress on the road. The new year offers great hope for continued progress.—J. Albert Gatlin

CHRIST WAS THERE

Christ was at Scott Street Methodist Church on Wednesday night of Holy Week. He was with the mothers and their children as they told of the main events of Holy Week and repeated some of His timeless sayings. He was in the eyes and hearts of the people who sang "More Love to Thee, O Christ." From His white draped chair beside the linen covered table He smiled tenderly and approvingly as they knelt at the altar near him. With the rest of the church in darkness, the soft gleam of the two burning candles symbolized Him as the light of the world, and His glowing cross shone down from above. They seemed to reflect a light shining from His beautiful, loving eyes, blessing them as they rededicated themselves to His service. He watched as each took a bit of bread from the silver tray, and lighted a five inch candle from His candles. These were His disciples. The basin and towel beside the table reminded Him of another supper and the washing of the disciples' feet in the Upper Room so many years ago in Jerusalem. He noted that while the light from the first candle dissipated the darkness in the path of its bearer, that the light from the many candles circling the room lifted the gloom from the whole room and made of it a place of beauty. Memories again crowded in upon Him as Mrs. J. H. Monday read the poem, "The Last Supper."

Yes, He was with us, as, after all had been served, we broke bread together. And, as the silver chalice was passed, He knew we were promising to follow wherever our faith and confidence in Him would lead us. He knew, because our hearts sang with Mrs. Robert McCay as she so beautifully vocalized, "I'll Live for Him." He was with us in our silent prayer, and gave a final benediction as we repeated together "The Lord bless thee and keep thee . . ."

Throughout the days of the Bible study He was with us. He guided Margaret Fern LeMaster, our 6th grader, as she shared with us "Ways in which we can study the Bible." He was there as she showed us four of the Bible books that she had read

at home, and I think His eyes misted as she had us bow our heads while she repeated a prayer from one of the books. He guided the hand and mind of Martha Sue Dilbeck, our 5th grader, as she without adult supervision but with adult insight brought to us many reasons why we should study the Bible. His love shone in the eyes of Mrs. Ray Robinson as she told us "How to study the Bible," and of Rev. J. E. Cooper as he brought to us the message from some "Great Ideas of the Bible." He was there when Juanita Stager illustrated, with the story of the ants, who could not be taught how to improve their methods unless one could become an ant and thus teach them, why it was necessary for Jesus to come here upon earth as a human being in order to personally show us the "Way, the Truth and the Life."

Christ was there in the hearts of Mrs. Fred Longstreth, our WSCS president, Mrs. Jim Ross, our vice-president, and the other faithful few who prepared and served our "Dime-a-Dish" supper. He was with the many others who so willingly gave of their time and talents to help out with reports, attendance records, worship service, reading, studying, blackboards, maps, lights, and participation in discussion and answering questions. He commended those who, in spite of fatigue and inconvenience, were present because they wanted to know more of God's Word, and those parents who decided that the study of the Bible was as important as the study of the daily school lessons.

He guided the children in their publicly announced decision to start a library of children's books approved by the Methodist Church, and was glad that they already have some books to be placed upon the book shelf for young borrowers to read. He hopes that the adults will continue to be interested enough to contribute money to Mrs. Monday for the purchase of more books.

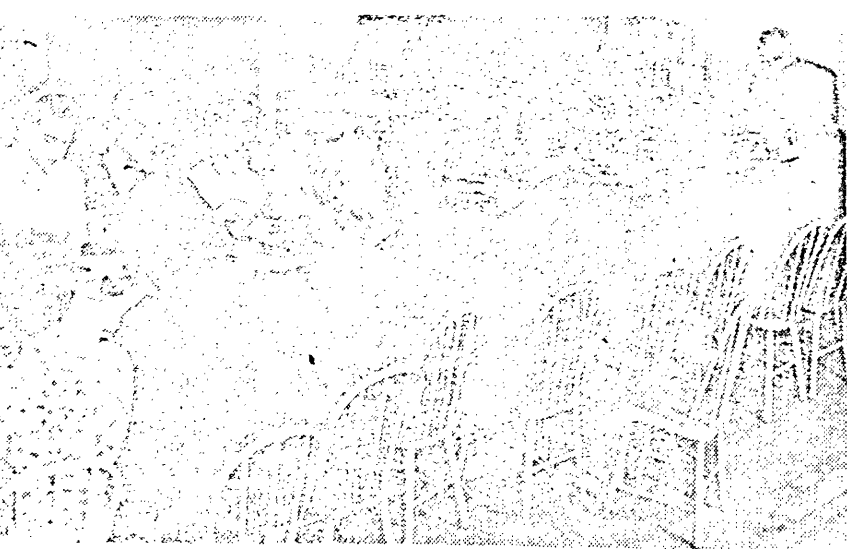
He was there — because we realized that He was waiting outside the door, and we invited Him into our hearts and lives.—Mattie R. Eubank

GARDNER HAS SPECIAL COMMUNION SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

Children joining the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church on Palm Sunday had observed both the Feast of the Passover and the Communion Service in order that they, on coming into the church might have a better understanding of the meaning of The Lord's Supper.

The Feast of the Passover was observed in an upper room of the church, using food as was used in the time of Jesus. During the meal the Scripture referring to the observance of the Passover was read by the pastor who explained the Passover and the last supper which the Lord ate with His disciples.

At the close of the meal the chil-



dren participated in their first Communion Service. Those present were: Nancy Jo Bryant, Vickey Bryant, Josephine Egner, Priscilla Younts, Kenneth Johnson, Dorris Stephens, Shirley Simpson, Anna Marie McDonald, Charles McDonald and Ann

Jean Senteney. W. C. Orne, superintendent of the Church School, is seated at the end of the table. Departmental workers are also seated at the table. This was a very impressive and meaningful experience for the children.—Reporter

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CHRIST WAS THERE

Christ was at Scott Street Meth- odist Church on Wednesday night of Holy Week. He was with the mothers and their children as they told of the main events of Holy Week and repeated some of His timeless sayings. He was in the eyes and hearts of the people who sang "More Love to Thee, O Christ." From His white draped chair beside the linen covered table He smiled tenderly and approvingly as they knelt at the altar near him. With the rest of the church in darkness, the soft gleam of the two burning candles symbolized Him as the light of the world, and His glowing cross shone down from above. They seemed to reflect a light shining from His beautiful, loving eyes, blessing them as they rededicated themselves to His service. He watched as each took a bit of bread from the silver tray, and lighted a five inch candle from His candles. These were His disciples. The basin and towel beside the table reminded Him of another supper and the washing of the disciples' feet in the Upper Room so many years ago in Jerusalem. He noted that while the light from the first candle dissipated the darkness in the path of its bearer, that the light from the many candles circling the room lifted the gloom from the whole room and made of it a place of beauty. Memories again crowded in upon Him as Mrs. J. H. Monday read the poem, "The Last Supper."

Yes, He was with us, as, after all had been served, we broke bread together. And, as the silver chalice was passed, He knew we were promising to follow wherever our faith and confidence in Him would lead us. He knew, because our hearts sang with Mrs. Robert McCay as she so beautifully vocalized, "I'll Live for Him." He was with us in our silent prayer, and gave a final benediction as we repeated together "The Lord bless thee and keep thee . . ."

Throughout the days of the Bible study He was with us. He guided Margaret Fern LeMaster, our 6th grader, as she shared with us "Ways in which we can study the Bible." He was there as she showed us four of the Bible books that she had read

at home, and I think His eyes misted as she had us bow our heads while she repeated a prayer from one of the books. He guided the hand and mind of Martha Sue Dilbeck, our 5th grader, as she without adult supervision but with adult insight brought to us many reasons why we should study the Bible. His love shone in the eyes of Mrs. Ray Robinson as she told us "How to study the Bible," and of Rev. J. E. Cooper as he brought to us the message from some "Great Ideas of the Bible." He was there when Juanita Stager illustrated, with the story of the ants, who could not be taught how to improve their methods unless one could become an ant and thus teach them, why it was necessary for Jesus to come here upon earth as a human being in order to personally show us the "Way, the Truth and the Life."

Christ was there in the hearts of Mrs. Fred Longstreth, our WSCS president, Mrs. Jim Ross, our vice-president, and the other faithful few who prepared and served our "Dime-a-Dish" supper. He was with the many others who so willingly gave of their time and talents to help out with reports, attendance records, worship service, reading, studying, blackboards, maps, lights, and participation in discussion and answering questions. He commended those who, in spite of fatigue and inconvenience, were present because they wanted to know more of God's Word, and those parents who decided that the study of the Bible was as important as the study of the daily school lessons.

He guided the children in their publicly announced decision to start a library of children's books approved by the Methodist Church, and was glad that they already have some books to be placed upon the book shelf for young borrowers to read. He hopes that the adults will continue to be interested enough to contribute money to Mrs. Monday for the purchase of more books.

He was there — because we realized that He was waiting outside the door, and we invited Him into our hearts and lives.—Mattie R. Eubank

GARDNER HAS SPECIAL COMMUNION SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

Children joining the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church on Palm Sunday had observed both the Feast of the Passover and the Communion Service in order that they, on coming into the church might have a better understanding of the meaning of The Lord's Supper.

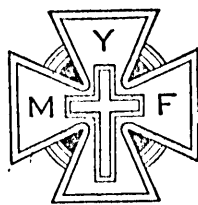
The Feast of the Passover was observed in an upper room of the church, using food as was used in the time of Jesus. During the meal the Scripture referring to the observance of the Passover was read by the pastor who explained the Passover and the last supper which the Lord ate with His disciples.

At the close of the meal the chil-



dren participated in their first Communion Service. Those present were: Nancy Jo Bryant, Vickey Bryant, Josephine Egner, Priscilla Younts, Kenneth Johnson, Dorris Stephens, Shirley Simpson, Anna Marie McDonald, Charles McDonald and Ann

Jean Senteney. W. C. Orne, superintendent of the Church School, is seated at the end of the table. Departmental workers are also seated at the table. This was a very impressive and meaningful experience for the children.—Reporter



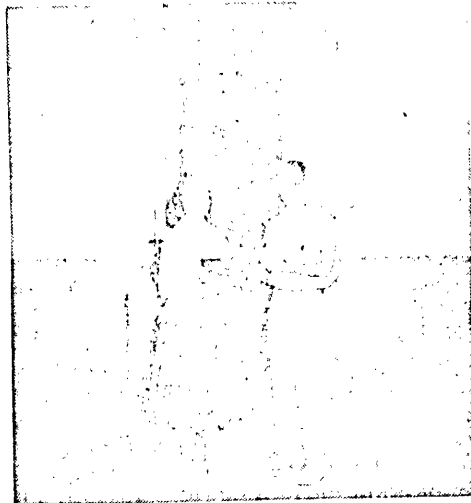
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA Methodist Youth Fellowship NEWS

Methodist Youth Council Elects Officers

Pictured at right are Miss Ann Rice of Tillar who was elected president of the Methodist Youth Council of the Little Rock Conference and Bill Hayes of Benton who was named vice-president at the recent session of the Council which met in connection with the centennial meeting of the Little Rock Annual Conference.

Miss Rice and Mr. Hays are standing before the altar in the chapel of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

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OUTSTANDING MISSION PROGRAM

The M. Y. F. of the First Methodist Church in Forrest City has had an outstanding mission program for the past year. During the past Conference year, the M. Y. F. has increased its M. Y. Fund pledge 50%. They pledged and paid \$75. This is an average of \$3 per member. The M. Y. Fund pledge and payment for 1951-52 was increased 25%.

In addition to this, the M. Y. F. has had two sacrificial projects. Starting with Meals for Millions as an extra project in September, the M. Y. F. has paid \$54. The Meals for Millions Foundation, Los Angeles, is a non-secretarian organization which sends one meal of multi-purpose food to some starving person for only 3c. These meals were sent to MCOR.

Two \$10 Care packages have been sent to care for the starving and to help rehabilitate the war-ravaged nations.

A total of \$149 has been the mission program of the M. Y. F. in Forrest City.—Donala Bratton

GOODWILL M. Y. F. HOST TO VISITORS

The Goodwill M. Y. F. was host to West Monroe and the Oak Grove M. Y. F. on Sunday night, May 31. We were happy to have about forty visitors from Monroe and about ten from Oak Grove.

The Goodwill M. Y. F. gave the opening song, prayer, and scripture. Then the Monroe group presented a program of songs and scripture depicting the Life of Jesus. Each phase of Christ's life was illustrated with a picture while the group sang appropriate songs and the Reader read the story from the Book of Luke.

After the program Goodwill M. Y. F. presented each visitor with a Bible bookmark as a token of friendship.

The refreshments were dainty sandwiches carrying out the M. Y.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Southwestern Sub-District met on June 1 at Sardis. A program with the Bible as the theme was given. Bill Lyle, newly-elected president, presided over the meeting. Reports were heard from the different churches which were represented. A recreation period was held.

The Tangi-Helena Sub-District met on June 1 at Day's Church for its regular monthly meeting. Rev. George Harkins spoke on keeping up the M. Y. Fund. Three members attended the Career Clinic in Shreveport. They were Eudora Stone, Ellis Earl Bankston and Grave Harvin. Three will go to the workshop at Mt. Sequoyah. They are Carol Courtner, Marilyn Lea Harvell and Georgia Faye Garner. The next meeting will be held at Tangipahoa the third Monday in July.

GORDON AVENUE M. Y. F. ACTIVE IN CHURCH AFFAIRS

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Gordon Avenue Methodist Church, Monroe, has been taking an active part in church activities. The programs of the May Roundtable have been based on "How Can I Know What is Right" which consisted of problems such as money, dating, and tithing. Next month's programs will be on "Personality

Bishops Join Methodist Youth Fellowship



The first certificate of honorary membership in the Methodist Youth Fellowship is presented to veteran Bishop Charles C. Selecman (right), Dallas, Tex., by Bishop John Wesley Lord, Boston, Mass., chairman of the advisory committee on the Methodist Church's national youth emphasis program. He enrolled every member present at the Council of Bishops' recent meeting in Omaha, Neb. Responding for the council, Bishop Selecman, 78, quoted

a renowned layman, John R. Mott: "If I had my life to live over I would devote more time to youth." Sparked by the Methodist Board of Education, the youth emphasis program urges pastors and laymen to unite with the 1,217,000 MYF members in a churchwide effort designed to expand their own Christian experience and to reach Methodism's share of the nation's 19,000,000 unchurched young people.

Profile." These programs are given in a candle-lit room to give a spiritual atmosphere. This has been the major factor in building membership.

Some members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship are participating on a panel discussion on "Youth and the Church" sponsored by the W. S. C. S. The Youth Division of the Church is planning a week-end retreat to Camp Chemin-a-haut.

At the evening services the Youth Choir directed by Homer Cook has charge of the music. After church the young people have recreation

and refreshments under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cook, the M. Y. F. leaders.

The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of man-controlled powers, because prayer is man's greatest means of tapping the resources of God.—J. Edgar Hoover, director, FBI, quoted in *American Lutheran*

LET THE BIBLE SPEAK TO CHILDREN

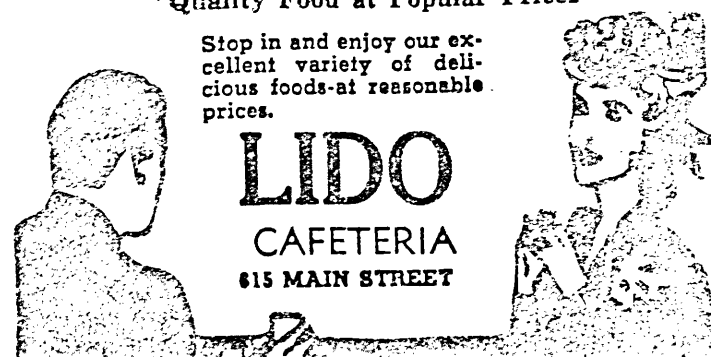
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OBITUARIES

BROWN—William Marvin Brown, layman of the Louisiana Conference, passed away on February 18 in Jacksonville, Florida, at the age of seventy-five. He lived in Louisiana from his birth until 1948. He was a namesake of Bishop Marvin.

The son of pioneer parents, William and Hannah Brown, he grew up in what is called the hard way, yet also the way that produced so many sterling Christian characters. Life on the farm in reconstruction days was no bed of ease nor one exposed to cultural influences, but he had a native refinement that could meet any situation and although he had only the education afforded by three months each summer after the crops were laid by, he was self-taught to the extent that he was a splendid extemporaneous speaker. His early home was the stopping place of the circuit rider. At seventeen he was a steward in Old Bethel Church, twenty miles from Baton Rouge, and for fifty years he served as steward in New Orleans at Second Church, Epworth, Felicity, Rayne, again at Canal Street, then in Bunkie and Pineville and last in Jacksonville.

When only twenty, upon the death of his father, he assumed the role as head of the family for a year while his older brother, Newton, went to Centenary College to study for the ministry and his sister, Bertha, went a year to Mansfield College.

We may sum up his earthly life by saying truly that he loved everyone and was beloved by all who knew him.

He leaves besides his wife, a son, Henry, in Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Spiess in Nevada; a sister, Mrs. Cammie Andrus in Louisiana; two brothers, Rev. Robert M. Brown and Arthur Brown, both in Louisiana.—Mrs. Robert M. Brown.

BOSTIAN—Charles W. Bostian of the Overcup Community just north of Morrilton, died suddenly at his home there Monday, March 23rd. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bostian who were pioneer citizens of this community. Mr. Bostian was a retired farmer, and he owned and operated the Overcup gin for many years.

He was married to Miss Willie May Watkins November 4, 1903, and to this union seven children were born. Besides his wife, Mr. Bostian is survived by five children, Mrs. Lulu Wilkinson of Kansas City, Erbie F. Bostian of Long Beach, Calif., Otis Bostian, Bloomington, Calif., Mrs. Katherine Charton of Overcup Rock.

Early in life he accepted Christ as his personal saviour and united with the Overcup Methodist Church where his membership remained throughout his long and useful life. He was faithful to his church and served it well in every capacity.

In and through the life of Brother Bostian was revealed the love and power of God in a true believer. He surely knew the secret of human greatness for he was always ready to render unselfish service to his fellowman and above all to God.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, March 26 at the Overcup Methodist Church conducted by the pastor, Rev. Will Yarbrough assisted by Rev. John A. Newell of Russellville, and Rev. W. W. Little of Morrilton.—Mrs. Emmet Scroggins.

HOLLAND—Mrs. Herston R. Holland passed away at St. Joseph's Infirmary, Hot Springs, on February 16, following a major operation.

She stood in the warm sunshine of her most fruitful years, blessed with three fine children, and the helpmate of her consecrated husband. But God in his infinite wisdom called her to that Eternal Home toward which we all move.

Marie Holland was born September 29, 1911, at Bowling Green, Kentucky. She was the eldest of six children born to Robert J. and Lucy Belk. She was married on December 23, 1930, to Herston R. Holland and the first eight years of her married life she made a home for her husband, while he engaged in his then chosen profession of school teaching, in Lonoke and Prairie counties. It was then that her husband felt the call to preach and for the next fifteen years she converted parsonages into homes. She adorned with charm and beauty the parsonages at Carlisle Circuit, Carthage, Jackson Street, Magnolia, Stephens, and for nearly five years, the one at Pullman Heights, Hot Springs.

The Marie Holland Circle of the W. S. C. S. at Pullman Heights Church was organized by Mrs. Holland and named for her. A lovely lighted cross for the communion table was presented to the church on Mother's Day as a memorial to her by the Marie Holland Circle.

Funeral services were held at the Pullman Heights Methodist Church on Saturday, February 21, with Rev. J. M. Hamilton, District Superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, and Dr. E. Clifton Rule, pastor of First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, participating. The choir of the local church sang. Interment was at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Little Rock.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Holland is survived by two sons and a daughter; Kenneth, with the armed forces overseas, and Bobby and Sharon of the home. She also leaves her mother, a brother, and several sisters, all of whom reside in Kentucky.—Mrs. Edw. E. Jackson

JUNALUSKA HAS FULL SUMMER

Methodists of nine southeastern states are being invited to the June 28 "birthday party" of the Lake Junaluska, N. C., Methodist Assembly, the denomination's summer program headquarters in the South for 40 years.

The executive committee of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council has approved a voluntary "birthday offering" on that date

by local churches. The special offering will go to the "Greater Junaluska Development Program," aimed at expansion and improvement of the assembly grounds used by more than 30,000 persons every summer.

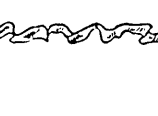
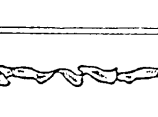
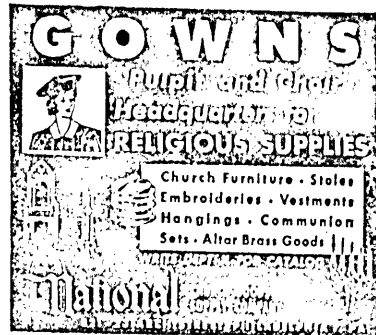
A special program also will be held June 28 at Lake Junaluska, it was announced by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, program chairman. He said that one of Methodism's most renowned preachers, the Rev. Henry Hitt Crane of Detroit, will be the featured speaker at two services in the lakeside auditorium.

Led by Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, N. C., chairman of the Lake Junaluska board of trustees, and Dr. H. G. Allen, assembly superintendent, the Methodist "summer capital" has enjoyed its greatest growth in the last four years.

The 40th anniversary gift offerings of churches and individuals will be used to provide additional housing and recreational equipment, and for improvements to buildings and new facilities related to the church's vast

summer program of religious education and leadership training.

A convocation of conference and district directors of Christian education of the Southeastern Jurisdiction will be held July 30-August 2. This will include directors of children's work, youth work, adult work, and general church school work. The Leadership Education Department is assisting in this enterprise.



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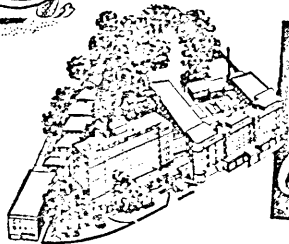
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WHAT IS THE JOY OF CHRISTIAN LIVING? LESSON FOR JUNE 28, 1953

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Philippians 1:12-27; 2:25; 4:10-13.

MEMORY SELECTION: "The peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)

This is the fourth and last lesson of unit X: "SOME RESULTS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING." The theme of the first lesson of the unit was "What Are the Rewards of Stewardship?" Stewardship is as broad as all of life, but in this lesson we dealt primarily with the giving of material possessions. The idea of the title of one's income was set forth as a minimum in giving. This makes giving systematic rather than spasmodic.

The next lesson raised the question "What Is the Basis of Christian Liberty?" In brief, the answer is the law of faith and love. Faith brings one into a saving knowledge of Christ and in harmonious contact with God. It makes fellowship with the Divine possible. On the other hand love casts out all fear. Love adores the God whom faith makes real. Power over all the adverse circumstances in life is found through the operation of these two great forces.

The theme of the lesson of June 21 was "How Do Christians Practice Liberty?" The memory selection of this lesson largely sums up the answer to the theme: "You were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another." This freedom does not mean that one is freed from all restraints. It is a relative freedom. One is freed just to the extent that his character has been made Christlike. If one has been so changed in his inner nature that he freely chooses what is right, then he is free. A Christian is only free to do right.

Our theme today is "What Is the Joy of Christian Living?" The printed portion of the text is Philippians 1:12-27. Note the memory selection above; it deals largely with this abiding joy that comes through Christian living.

The printed portion of our text begins with Paul imparting some interesting information to his friends at Philippi. These people had naturally felt that Paul's imprisonment would hinder his work in preaching the gospel. He wrote this letter to the Philippians in about A. D. 62 from his prison cell in Rome. He goes on to tell them that his imprisonment had helped rather than hindered in the spreading of the gospel. The praetorian guard that Paul mentions here were a group of some 10,000 soldiers who were carefully picked from the Roman army. They were the men whose special task was the guarding of Caesar. The Caesar at this particular time was Nero. As a prisoner Paul was chained to one of the guards. These guards were changed every six hours, which means that Paul had the privilege of contacting four of them during each 24 hours. He never missed an opportunity of speaking

to the guards about Christ. He won many of them, and they in turn went out to win others. This means that personal evangelism was constantly going on right in Caesar's household. Then, too, Paul had quite a bit of freedom during his imprisonment. Many people were permitted to visit him at will. He used every possible opportunity in preaching to them, and thus the work went on.

Paul goes on to tell his friends at Philippi that many who had formerly been timid were encouraged by his example to preach the gospel with boldness. This made him happy. Then, too, the enemies of Paul were also busy. They felt that while Paul was in prison they could outdo him and get across to the people their interpretation of the gospel, which in some respects differed from Paul's. They were preaching with the wrong motive, but none the less they were making Christ known to the people, and this made Paul happy. Among these enemies were certain judaizers who followed Paul around all during his missionary journeys and gave him quite a bit of trouble. It will be remembered that these people preached salvation through Christ, but they insisted that no one could be saved without first becoming a Jew religiously and keeping certain ceremonial laws, such for example as circumcision.

In the next paragraph of the lesson Paul goes on to tell the Philippians that he had been made happy because of their prayers. He realized that while he was in prison his friends were praying earnestly for him. He was a great believer in prayer. He was sure that whatever happened to him would be for the best. He was leaning strongly on a statement that he had formerly made in Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." One thing Paul was determined to do and that was to honor Christ; to always keep Christ as the center of things. He would do this whether he himself was in death or life.

Paul's next statement (verse 21) is one of the great thoughts of the Bible: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Every normal person lives for something. Some live for pleasure. They go from thrill to thrill until their whole personalities are bankrupt. There is no harm in legitimate pleasure, but there is a great harm in making pleasure the chief end and aim in life. Then, for others to live is for money to live. They have made money and the things it can buy their god. Christ gave more and greater warning at this point than at any other. He told of certain people who were lost, and in almost every case they were lost over the love of or the wrong use of money. We recall the rich man who lifted up

his eyes in hell. The rich young ruler also who came running to Christ in search of satisfaction. He never found satisfaction. He was too much in love with his money. He kept his money but he lost his soul. Next, we have the rich farmer. He raised a bumper crop—no harm in that. He built bigger barns to take care of it which was well and good. He lost his soul, not because he was successful materially, but because he tried to live by bread alone. He thought he could feed his soul on food that was fit only for the body. His sin was that of materialism. Last, we note Judas. He sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver, which was the price in those days as a slave. These men all lived for money. They perished eternally because they lived for that which cannot save.

Then there are others who live for fame. Many people will sell their souls to become famous. They would rather have their names written in the history of some nation than to know they were written on the Lamb's Book of Life. The same is true with social standing and political preferment.

All people live for something. Paul chose to live for Christ. He surrendered his all to the Lord. He placed everything on the altar of sacrifice and service. He permitted self to be crucified so that Christ might live in him. He gave the Lord a chance to incarnate himself in his body. He so fully imbibed and radiated the Spirit of Christ that the world could see Jesus in him. The number one need of our day is just such consecration on the part of all who profess to be Christians. Little wonder Paul closes that statement with the phrase "To die is gain." When one lives for Christ as Paul did there is always a gain in death. This gain was so obvious to the mind of Paul that it was hard for him to make up his mind as to which he preferred—life or death. Death would bring him into closer contact with Christ and for him personally that would be fine, but continued life would mean continued service for others, in the building of the Kingdom of God on earth and that, too, was very important.

Christian Joy

The early Christians had much to say about joy. The Greek word which is translated "joy" or "rejoice" is mentioned 13 times over in this brief letter. Right in the midst of great affliction we find the Apostle Paul saying, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." He spoke of a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory and a peace that passes understanding. Do we, as modern Christians, have this kind of joy and peace in our hearts? If not, it could be possible that we are failing to pay the price for them.

The Source of Christian Joy

We might well raise the question, Where did these early Christians find this joy? There is one thing certain, they did not find it in outward favorable circumstances, or in material prosperity. One of the tragedies of our age is the fact that the vast majority expect to find happiness, joy and satisfaction where they can never be found. Not many years ago a survey was made of the entire nation of France. The survey had to do with happiness and where the people expected to find it. All of the replies put money at the top of the list and love at the bottom. If an honest survey were made in our nation the result would be the same.

Above all sins of this age, materialism ranks highest.

These early Christians found joy in suffering and sacrifice. Paul's heart was bubbling over with joy at the time he wrote this letter and yet he was suffering. He was a prisoner. He was a lover of the great outdoors. It was very galling to him to be confined. Yet in the midst of it all he was very happy. He was happy that he was counted worthy to suffer for Christ. He goes on to tell us that he makes up in his body that which was lacking in the suffering of the Lord Jesus. Literally thousands of these early Christians were thrown into the arena to be torn to pieces and devoured by the wild beasts and other thousands that were burned at the stake. They went to their deaths with shouts of victory upon their lips and songs of praises to God in their hearts.

Again, these early Christians found joy, happiness, and satisfaction in fellowship. They found these experiences in fellowship with one another. In one of his great hymns Charles Wesley goes on to say "The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above." We sorely need this fellowship in our modern churches. The church is no place for the big I and little you attitude. Yet in nearly every church there is a small group who want to rule or ruin. The tragedy of the situation is that this group because of their attitude are the least spiritual of all the church members and, therefore, the least fitted to rule. The church doesn't need a lot of bosses, whether they be preachers or lay people. It needs a lot of servants. The Lord had trouble with the Apostles at this very point. They were arguing about who was going to be the greatest in the Kingdom. The Lord warned them against this error. He informed them that true greatness was to be measured by service. He went on to say, "Let him who would be greatest among you be the servant of all." Then he clinched his doctrine with an object lesson. He girded himself with a towel and began to wash the disciples' feet. He remarked, "You call me Lord and Master and you say well, for so I am, but I am among you as one who serves." There can never be deep abiding spiritual joy in the church fellowship so long as there are so many big I's and little you's. Would to God that those who are so ambitious to always be in the lime-light would satisfy the longings their misguided hearts in the various clubs of the country, and not mar the humble, Christlike fellowship that should predominate in the churches.

Not only did these early Christians find joy in their fellowship with one another, but their greatest joy came through fellowship with Christ. The Lord told the disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and then he closed this great commission by saying, "Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the world." As we carry out his commission we can claim his presence, and in his presence is fullness of joy and at his right hand are pleasures evermore.

If we think of life as a journey and consider it to be the opportunity for getting from where we are to where we want to be, we will have a working rule that provides us with both a purpose and expanding possibilities for our lives. —Fred Pierce Corson, *Pattern for Successful Living* (Winston)