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"The Local Church In Methodism"

IN the issue of July 2, on page fourteen, we carried an advertisement featuring "The Local Church in Methodism," a book written by Bishop Costen J. Harrell. As stated, the book is written to be "A guide for church officers on the organization of the local Methodist Church which explains how the church must function in accord with the changes made by the 1952 General Conference."

Our people know by now that the last General Conference made some decided changes in the plan of organization in the local church. However, not all of our people know just the nature of the changes made. It is somewhat difficult for the average layman to work out in detail the nature of these changes by reading the Discipline. In this little book Bishop Harrell has done that for us. This paper-bound, low-priced book embodies a thorough, plainly written interpretation of this new legislation by one eminently fitted for the task. The book may be had from The Methodist Publishing House at 50c per copy or \$4.50 per dozen. It should be in the hands of all leaders of the local church.

If Thine Enemy Hunger

ALL freedom loving people were shocked a few days ago when the United States offered great amounts of food stores to the hungry people of East Germany only to have the leaders of the Russian occupation forces turn the offer down on the grounds that the offer was made for propagandistic purposes and would serve only to foster political agitation.

Things haven't been going well in several of the Russian satellite countries. To make matters worse crop conditions have worsened and food supplies have been low. Those who are familiar with the food situation in East Germany know that the problem of sufficient food has been a part of the total picture for some time. One of the reasons given for the recent rioting has been the shortage of food. When people get hungry they will do almost anything for food, even to the extent of risking life itself. Hence, the East Germany food riots.

We believe that basically humanitarian consideration was the reason why food was offered to the East Germans by the Eisenhower administration. To be sure there was also some propagandistic value in the offer but this gain is second only to the satisfaction of knowing that when a defeated enemy was hungry food was offered. History will judge where the responsibility lies. It is not difficult to understand why the Russian leaders turned down the offer when such a move is interpreted only for the propagandistic value which acceptance or rejection of the offer would have. However, it is difficult to understand the rejection of the offer if there was any humanitarian consideration whatsoever.

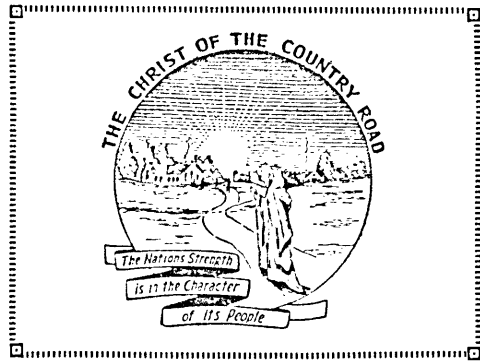
The United States did not have to offer food. Put purely on a cold impersonal basis, it is quite likely that as long as the food shortage remains the East Germans will continue to blame the occupation forces for their plight. Throughout history, when victors have moved into lands they have conquered, they have assumed responsibility for directing internal affairs. The conqueror care for the conquered, one way or another. By not offering to help Russia at this time conceivably could hasten the day when riots become revolutions, and East Germans and people of other satellite nations will rise up to throw off the yoke of Russian oppression. The

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Denominational Problems In Methodism's Rural Churches

ONE of the very difficult problems faced by Methodism's rural churches is found in the fact that we often have from two to a half dozen churches of different denominations at work in a community where the population is comparatively small. In such situations one well organized church, with an adequate church plant and a capable, trained leadership could render a better service to the community than is possible through the combined work of the various smaller churches working separately. There is no easy solution to this problem in sight. The community church is not the answer. At the present time, friendly cooperation seems to be about as far as we can go toward a solution of this troublesome problem.

The hurtful effect of this division of forces into different denominations is not



so noticeable in centers where there are enough people to support the work of several congregations. This division of forces and doctrines of this course has its hurtful effects even in centers. However, this division of forces is even more hurtful in the rural communities where the population is small. There is another factor that often makes this division of forces in rural areas more hurtful than in centers. In centers it is usually the custom for the different denominations to assume a more liberal attitude toward each other than is found sometimes in the rural areas on doctrinal matters. Occasionally, in rural areas, certain denominations stress doctrinal differences to the point of friction and at times even resentment.

To the embarrassment of the church it sometimes happens that about the only basic divisions in the community life is the denominational and doctrinal differences of the churches of the community. The schools, community singings, graveyard decorations, the various types of farm meetings, 4H Clubs and recreational activities are commonly community affairs. Of course differences of opinions may occur in these activities but seldom do they cause a division of the groups.

Some day perhaps we will find assolution for the embarrassing problems of denominational differences of rural churches. Until that day comes, we should certainly not stop short of friendly cooperation between these churches.

Pastor's School Closes

THE annual Pastor's School, which met last week at Hendrix College in Conway, closed at noon last Friday. Five courses were offered in the school taught by Dr. G. Ray Jordan, Dr. Mack B. Stokes, Dr. D. M. Manard, Dr. Mary Alice Jones, and Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer, all church-wide leaders and specialists in the field in which they work.

Instead of a special platform speaker, as has been the custom, Bishop Paul E. Martin spoke Wednesday morning and the other platform hours were filled by the instructors.

The attendance, this year, was not so large. Those in charge of planning for the school next year voted to change the date for the school from early July to late August or the first of September. It is felt that it will help the attendance to move the date for the school further away from the date for our Annual Conferences.

Must Have Authoritative Basis For Moral Law

IT has not been unusual, at different periods of history, for philosophers or scientists to attempt to lay a foundation for human relationships that gave no recognition to the fact that moral law is of divine origin.

Human emotions, human tendencies, human likes and dislikes and human opinions are so contradictory that, to date, mankind has never been willing to accept, as universally binding or universally approved any philosophy of life that rests for its authority or superiority upon the opinion and judgement of any mere man or group of men. This has been true across the centuries because practically every opinion expressed by man regarding human relationships has been contradicted by the opinions of other men just as positively expressed. In a world where there is no recognized voice of authority on moral law, even those who would sit in judgement on the contradictory opinions of mankind would find that they have only their own unsupported opinions to justify their conclusions.

As an example of the enigma humanity would find itself in without some authoritative basis for moral law, let us consider the question of war. Here opinions of different groups of mankind are directly contradictory. One group thinks war is the most cruel, inhuman, unreasonable method of settling difficulties imaginable. In the other group war is considered a way of progress toward a desired end. For this group the only reason necessary for them to wage war is the belief in the possibility of victory. The only real reason in this group for refraining from war is the fear of defeat.

Which of these groups has given the proper evaluation of war? Suppose we turn to the natural world about us for the answer. Nature does not seem to recognize that aggressive force is wrong. There the law of "the survival of the fittest" or the "law of the jungle" prevails. In nature the sharp fang, the long claw and brute force determines the issue. The question of proper human relationships has no satisfactory answer either in the world of nature or in the contradictory opinions of men.

If life is to have real meaning here, somewhere there must be a voice that can speak with authority regarding right and wrong. If there is such a voice of authority known to mankind it is the Bible, accepted as a divine revelation of the will and plan of God. If we

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The Methodist World Convocation On Evangelism

PHILADELPHIA — Forty thousand Methodists celebrated the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of their denomination, at a stirring outdoor mass-meeting at the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field here.

The mass-meeting climaxed a three-day World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism. It would have given a heart-warming to the Anglican priest whose own heart-warming and soul-stirring led to the founding of a worldwide Church whose keynote is evangelism.

One thousand new members were received at the outdoor service, which launched an evangelistic drive to win 250,000 more members for Methodism.

Some 30 Methodist bishops and 6,000 visiting delegates from throughout the Americas and abroad took part in the mass-meeting. It was led by Bishop W. Angie Smith, of Oklahoma City, who, as president of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, heads a committee of clergy and laymen who will direct the membership campaign.

Sweltering heat and a thunderstorm that brought a downpour for about an hour ahead of the meeting cut into the expected attendance of 60,000. The meeting nevertheless made history as one of the largest Protestant demonstrations of faith ever held in Philadelphia, a historic center for many religious bodies.

In a keynote report at the outdoor session, Bishop Smith called for a look to the future as well as a tribute to the past.

"John Wesley's heart-warming must not be encased in the tomb of two centuries, but must become reality in a personal experience for each of us," he said. "Our hearts are stirred, our minds thrilled by increasing reports of zeal in lands beyond the seas and south of the border as Methodists the world over of every race and speech are joining hands and voices to march forward in a year of jubilee.

"We look forward to that tomorrow when the love of God will encircle the globe, when man shall cease to study war, and when the nations of the world shall become the Kingdom of God on earth.

"We, as Methodists, graciously and in a spirit of sincere humility invite every evangelical church to join forces with us to face the common task of winning America and all the peoples of the world to Christ. "We do not believe we occupy the supreme position of being the only ones called of God to contribute to the spiritual pilgrimage of mankind. We are cognizant of shortcomings and almost bewildered by the immensity of the task."

The winning of 250,000 new converts, Bishop Smith said, should come through both mass and personal evangelism, with dedicated laymen working shoulder to shoulder with ministers.

"Ministers," he said, "must preach the Word with Biblical accuracy and spirit-filled interpretation, and

with authority and conviction based on personal experience of knowing what it is to be 'born again'.

"When education, social service, missions, philanthropy, and all other agencies for good have consecrated their all to the task of winning the world for Christ the ideal of John Wesley will become a reality."

Dr. Maldwyn L. Edwards, minister of Central Hall, Birmingham, one of four leading British Methodists participating in the convocation, preached the final sermon.

"Wesley," he recalled, "lived in an age which was content to leave God where He was, and it was therefore an age without warmth, or light or fire. Wesley desired passionately to link heaven and earth—to bring down spiritual fire. When, in 1738, his heart caught this fire, his mind received light and his feet found true direction. It is because of this we are here today.

"He discovered the nature of grace—a need of the world today. We have harnessed the forces of nature, but we still have antagonism in the world of nations, corruption in society, broken homes. We are all too often divided creatures—sometimes strong and sometimes weak; sometimes confident and sometimes fearful; sometimes good and sometimes bad. To be our best, it is not more psychiatry nor more moral uplift that we need, but more grace."

Six bishops read the several portions of the solemn Service of Commitment for the 1,000 new members. As representative of those making their confession of faith, 15-year-old Eleanor Best, of the Conshohocken, Pa., Methodist church, was presented with a certificate of membership and a copy of the anniversary edition of the Wesleyan New Testament.

There was honor, too, at the service for John Wesley's brother, Charles. Three of the great hymns he produced were sung in the stadium by a 3,000 voice choir. The Wesleyan hymns were: "A Charge to Keep I Have," "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," and "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing."

On the two preceding days of the convocation, five services were held in Philadelphia's Convention Hall, with an average attendance of 10,000 at each.

Principal speakers at these services included: Governor John S. Fine, of Pennsylvania; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of Washington, D. C., a co-president of the World Council of Churches; Bishop William C. Martin, of Dallas, Texas, president of the National Council of Churches as well as of the Council of Methodist Bishops.

Also, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, of St. Louis, Mo., president of the World Methodist Council; Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the General Board of Evangelism; Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted missionary to India; Dr. Dorothy Farrar, Dr. Harold Roberts and Dr. E. Benson Perkins, all of Great Britain; and Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre, of Vanderbilt University, Tenn.

Representatives of eight other

"THE LORD'S HORSEMAN" JOHN WESLEY

IN 50 YEARS HE TRAVELED
225,000 MILES,
MOSTLY ON HORSEBACK,
AND USUALLY STUDYING.
HE PREACHED 40,000 SERMONS



H. O. BERG-

His motto: "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can... to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."



He founded a dispensary, orphanages, homes for aged, printed 400 publications.

WESLEY, BARRED FROM HIS LATE FATHER'S PULPIT, PREACHED SEVEN EVENINGS FROM HIS TOMBSTONE!

FRATERNAL DELEGATES TO MEXICO CONVOCATION

Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, and Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, Tenn., were fraternal delegates to the Methodist Church of Mexico's convocation on evangelism July 7-12 in Mexico City.

Bishop Smith, presiding officer of the Methodist Church's Oklahoma-New Mexico episcopal area, is chairman of American Methodism's "committee of fifty" which is directing the U. S. phases of the denomination's world-wide evangelistic mis-

church bodies spoke briefly at an ecumenical service as fraternal messengers. They represented the Protestant Episcopal, Evangelical United Brethren, Moravian, and Colored Methodist Episcopal Churches, the United Church of Canada, the United Church of Christ in Japan, the Methodist Church of Mexico, and the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico.

TOURISTS FLOCK TO EISENHOWER'S CHURCH

President Eisenhower is encountering the same "tourist problem" as the result of his regular church attendance that confronted former President Truman.

Large crowds of sightseers are being attracted to National Presbyterian church every Sunday by the hope of seeing the President and First Lady. Regular parishioners have learned that they must come early if they want to get inside the doors.

More than 800 persons recently gathered outside the church during the service, which was packed to standing room inside. They even

sion this year.

He presided at the church's world convocation on evangelism June 26-28 in Philadelphia, commemorating the 250th birthday anniversary of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism.

Dr. Denman is executive secretary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism headquarters in Nashville, and co-director of the world campaign. As a follow-up of the Philadelphia convocation, he said Methodist churches across the country will sponsor spiritual life and evangelistic missions this fall with a national goal of 250,000 new members by Christmas.

Meanwhile, Dr. Denman and Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of The Upper Room, daily devotional guide published in Nashville, have been named by the "committee of fifty" as fraternal delegates to the Methodist Church in Brazil's evangelistic conferences for pastors, July 15-22, and laymen, July 22-25. The meetings will be held at Granberry College, Juiz de Fora.

stood on the pedestal of the statue of the Rev. John Witherspoon to catch a glimpse of the President, and threatened to block traffic on Connecticut Avenue until a special police detail restored order.

Former President Truman last year told a group of clergymen that he had given up regular attendance at First Baptist church because he attracted so many visitors that he felt it destroyed the atmosphere of worship. The church, which will shortly be replaced by a new \$2,000,000 edifice, was already overcrowded, Mr. Truman said, and members who had attended for years couldn't get inside when he came, unless they were half an hour early.

Typical Of Tanako

DISTRICT AND SUB-DISTRICT OFFICERS TRAINED AT "KNOW YOUR JOB" WORKSHOP

The 100 or so district and sub-district officers who participated in a "Know Your Job" workshop at Camp Tanako had all the ingredients for the launching of a promising new year in the Little Rock Conference: Five new program areas to be developed in the Methodist Youth Fellowship; a new set of conference officers to look to for guidance; a new director of youth work in the conference, Miss Dot Baber of Little Rock; and the direction during a work-packed weekend by Miss Margaret Marshall conference rural worker.

The things that happened during the weekend are not as important as the things that were planned for the future. In the closing sharing session, the motion was made and passed that next year's workshop be extended to three days, allowing more time for needed group discussion, definite suggestions and planning. It will again be on a weekend in June.

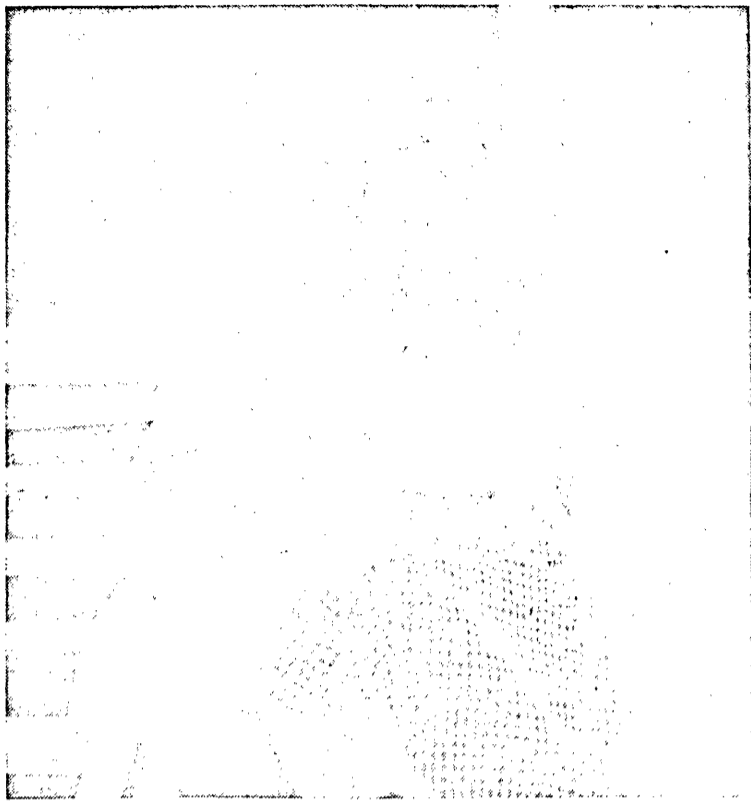
Under Miss Marshall's leadership, the five new program areas of the MYF were studied - Christian Witness, Christian Fellowship, Christian Outreach, Christian Citizenship and Christian Faith. Chosen speakers defined the possibilities of each area, and before the camp was ended action in each area was outlined for carrying out

in sub-districts during the year.

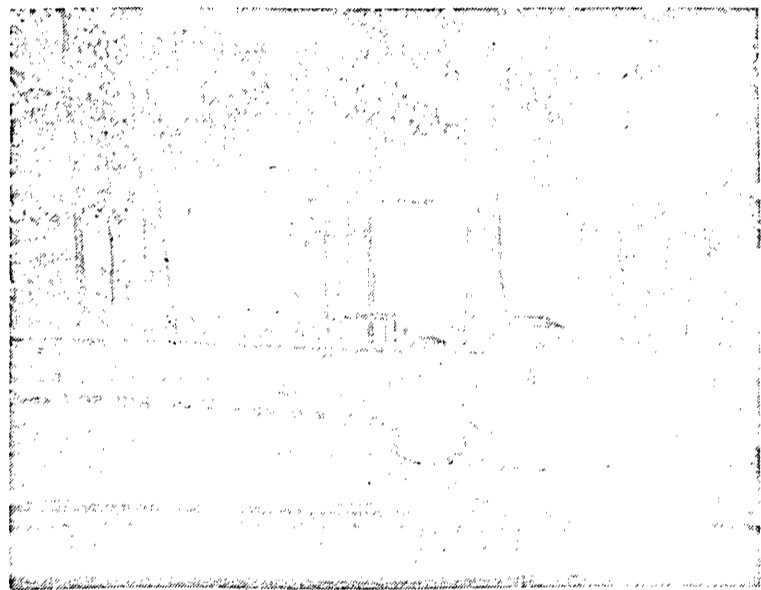
The findings of the studies, plans that were worked out for each month with the help of "Youth Planbook for 1953-4," will be made available to those who attended after they are compiled by a committee chosen from the adult staff who assisted Miss Marshall.

Adult counselors included the Rev. Roy Fawcett, executive secretary of the conference Board of Education; Miss Baber; J. Russell Henderson of Little Rock, district director of youth work; the Rev. Charles Baughan of El Dorado, youth director in the Camden District; Miss Dorothy Kelley, conference rural worker; Miss Louise Fincher, youth director at Grand Avenue Church Hot Springs; Miss Mary Sue Smith director of Christian education at Gardner Memorial Church North Little Rock; Mrs. Edward McLean director of Christian education at First Church Pine Bluff, and secretary of youth work for the conference Woman's Society; Mike Willis director of Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock; Miss Betty Jo Bittinger student at Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia; Mrs. Milton Teague, Arkadelphia and Miss Ruby Branch, Murfreesboro.

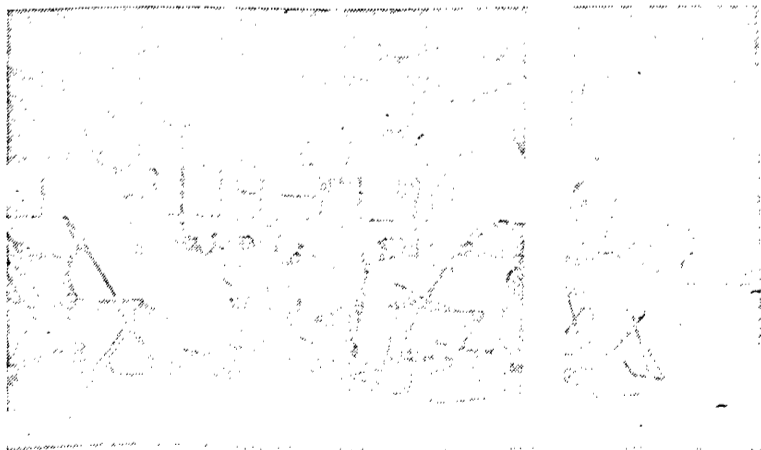
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TIME TO GET ACQUAINTED with new conference officers. Top, left, Ann Rice, president; Bill Hays, vice president. Bottom, left, Hazel Pearce, secretary; right, Miss Dot Baber, conference youth director.



TIME FOR WORSHIP—At morning watch, evening vespers, or Sunday morning service. Time for Christian Witness, meditation, or just "thought sharing."



TIME FOR STUDY—For a look at mutual problems, suggested solutions, plans for developing the five new program areas during the coming year. Group discussion, with an adult counselor, such as the Rev. Charles Baughman of El Dorado.



TIME FOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP—Boating on Lake Catherine, or swimming, under the alert eye of a qualified guard, with areas for beginners and experts. Other recreation: Soft ball, tennis, folk games.



TIME OUT FOR FOOD at the new canteen, just completed, even after three excellent meals in the well equipped dining hall. Increased exercise—mental and physical—leads to increased appetites.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. W. WORKMAN, JR., pastor of Wesley Methodist Church, Springdale, has been elected president of the Springdale Ministerial Alliance.

PAUL FARIS, public relations director for Hendrix College, Conway, was elected vice-president of the Methodist Educational Public Relations Officers at their meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 20.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NATHAN L. GORDON, a steward in the First Methodist Church of Morrilton, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Conway County Laymen at Solgahachia, on Friday evening, June 26.

REV. WILLIAM M. WILDER, pastor of the Central Methodist Church at Lincoln and the Summers Church was honored with a welcoming dinner at the Lincoln Church on Tuesday evening, June 30. A surprise pounding accompanied the dinner.

W. D. MURPHY, JR., of Batesville, lay leader of the Batesville District, was guest speaker at the Salem Methodist Church on Sunday morning, June 28. His theme was "Evangelism is the Central Task of the Methodist Church." Rev. W. Maurice Lanier is pastor.

REV. GEORGE E. PATCHELL of Newport writes of the death of his brother, D. A. Patchell in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Friday, June 26, at the age of seventy-two. He had been a member of the Methodist Church for sixty years. His death was the result of a stroke suffered about a year ago.

BOBBY WATSON, ministerial student at Hendrix College, has been named assistant pastor at Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, for the summer months. He will be in charge of special youth activities over the weekends during June and July and during the month of August will occupy the pulpit while the pastor, Rev. Alfred Knox, is on vacation.

HUNTINGTON AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH, JONESBORO, has purchased a new Baldwin church model organ which has been installed in the sanctuary. Installation of the new organ is part of the general modernization and improvement program that Huntington Avenue has been planning since World War II. Rev. Elmus Brown is pastor.

ATTENDING the School of Alcohol Studies at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, were Mrs. E. D. Galloway of Hope and Rev. David Hankins of Magnolia, representing the Little Rock Conference Board of Temperance and Rev. Henry Bowdon from Lake Charles and Rev. Frank C. Collins of Zwolle from the Louisiana Conference Board of Temperance.

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT JOHNSON and family of the McRae Methodist Church were given a surprise on Saturday night, June 20, when the church group gathered on the church grounds to welcome the pastor and his family. Refreshments were served and fellowship together was enjoyed. A pounding of all kinds of food was given to the honorees.

THE LADIES of the Methodist Church of Amity, sponsored a Womanless Wedding on Tuesday night, July 7. The programme was directed by Miss Emily Sue Hobbs and all characters of the cast were prominent citizens of the town. From this the ladies realized \$91.00 which is to be applied on new furnishings for the parsonage.

REV. AND MRS. JAMES MAJOR, and children, Susan, Raney and Jimmie, were honored at a reception held on Sunday evening, June 21, in the church parlor at Heber Springs. The pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rev. Leland Hall, dismissed his evening service in order that his congregation might join in giving a welcome to the incoming Methodist minister and participate in the fellowship following the service.

CHILDREN'S WORKERS of the past and present in the Little Rock Conference were hon-

ored July 8 with the opening of a new library at Camp Tanako, the conference camp near Hot Springs. The library was named for Miss Fay McRae, former conference director of children's work, as being representative of the children's workers. A program in connection with the opening was directed by Mrs. W. F. Bates, present director.

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM ELDER, missionaries to Japan, and little son, are expected to arrive in Little Rock between August 5-7, on furlough. They will visit Mrs. Josie Elder, mother of Mr. Elder. Also visiting Mrs. Elder will be another son, Albert, now discharged from the service, and planning to enter Hendrix in the fall as a ministerial student. Mrs. Elder will have open house on Monday, August 10, at her home at 6309 C Street, Little Rock, in their honor. Also attending will be Mrs. Elmer Raffie, of Morton, Illinois, daughter of Mrs. Elder.

REV. E. D. HANNA, retired member of the Little Rock Conference, passed away in a Hot Springs hospital on Wednesday, June 24, at the age of 79 years. He had lived in Hot Springs for the past 49 years. He entered the ministry in 1920 and served until 1931. Besides his wife, Brother Hanna is survived by a daughter, Mrs. James H. Webb of Hot Springs; a son, Samuel D. Hanna of Hot Springs and a sister, Mrs. J. M. Johnson of Monticello. Funeral services were held on Thursday with Dr. E. Clifton Rule, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and Rev. Roy Farr, retired Methodist minister, in charge.

DR. AND MRS. CONNOR MOREHEAD of Camden attended the graduation ceremonies at the U. S. Naval School in Newport, R. I., on July 10 when their youngest son, Lawrence Yarnell, received his commission. His duty assignment is to the Pacific aboard the Mine Sweep Shoveler. On July 17 Mrs. Morehead will sail from Montreal to accompany Mrs. Ralph C. Morehead of Lee Hall, Va., on a visit to Lt. Ralph Morehead, another son of the Moreheads, on the island of Malta and also for ten days at Cannes in Southern France. Lieutenant Morehead is aboard the Rush and is serving his second six months in the Mediterranean.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, ARKADELPHIA, as a part of its expanding ministry to Arkadelphia and vicinity, will broadcast each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. its "Chapel of the Air" service. Designed for those who are sick or shut-in or whose work keeps them from attending either of the two Sunday morning services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m., the "Chapel of the Air" will be a shortened version of the regular worship service, but featuring a description of the service by "the strolling worshipper." This added feature will enable those listening to actually "see" the sanctuary and the service. Rev. William O. Byrd, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will be the pastor of the "Chapel of the Air". The service is broadcast over KVRC.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HONORED

Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission, has been chosen Rural Minister of the year in the State. The Progressive Farmer gave this recognition because of his outstanding leadership in the fields of church and rural community development. This honor carries with it a scholarship to Emory University Town and Country School.

Rev. Gatlin will leave Conway Monday and will be in Emory University for three weeks. On July 29, there will be an annual recognition dinner where Bro. Gatlin along with ministers from other states will receive special recognition. He is beginning his fourth year as director of the rural work of the North Arkansas Conference.

TRAGEDY STRIKES DISTRICT PARSONAGE

Arkansas-Louisiana Methodism was saddened last week and this when tragedy struck in home of the New Orleans District Superintendent. Mrs. Virgil D. Morris was killed and

Brother Morris suffered a broken leg in an automobile accident near Valles, Mexico, where Brother and Mrs. Morris and their children, Dixon and Ouida Mae, had gone on their vacation. The children were uninjured.

Mrs. Morris was related to two other Methodist parsonage homes in Louisiana. She was the sister of Rev. Earl Emmerich, Rayville, and a sister-in-law by marriage to Mrs. D. W. Poole, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, McComb, Mississippi, on Tuesday, July 14. Mrs. Morris was a native of McComb.

We know that we speak for the Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana as we extend to these families the love and sympathy and concern of scores of friends in Louisiana and elsewhere in this hour of sorrow.

NEW APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Three appointments in the Monticello District have been announced by Bishop Paul E. Martin.

They are: Drew Circuit, the Rev. Frank Rowland; Fountain Hill, the Rev. Arthur White; and Wilmar Circuit, the Rev. J. Frank Walker.

The three men are all local preachers. They will serve charges left to be supplied at annual conference.

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eliminate the Bible we have no more authoritative knowledge of where we came from, where we are going or what should be our relationship to others while we are here than did our antediluvian ancestors. There must be an authoritative basis for a moral law that humanity in general will recognize. The Christian believes that such an authoritative basis for moral law is revealed only in the Bible.

BISHOP'S ROUNDTABLE

NBC Radio Network has scheduled for Sunday July 19, the "Bishops' Roundtable", featuring Methodist Bishops G. Bromley Oxnam of the Washington Area, W. C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas Area and F. Gerald Ensley of the Des Moines Area. Dr. Paul Hoon, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Germantown, Pennsylvania, acts as moderator.

This program, in cooperation with the National Council of Churches, will be heard from coast to coast on the NBC show, "Faith in Action", at 9:45 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Sunday July 19.

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LIFE'S LONG OUTLOOK

When we pray, what do we expect God to do? First of all, I think we should expect God to give us a new and larger outlook. Before we expect things from God, we must first look toward God.

We are told that one reason we often do not remember the names of people we meet is that when we are introduced we are thinking less about them than about the impression we are making on them. One day I was introduced to a woman at a public luncheon. We were standing before a mirror in the hotel. I do not believe the lady remembers how I look, for she was looking over my shoulder at her own reflection in the glass.

May it not be that we treat God in the same fashion. When we say our prayers we talk to God but we are really thinking about ourselves.

A well-known actor recently told of a devout man who had invited some friends to his home for dinner.

Bowing his head reverently, he began to say grace. He was suddenly interrupted by a guest seated at the far end of the table. "Louder!" he shouted, "I can't hear you." The host paused, raised his head and said quietly, "But I wasn't speaking to you."

The first effect of true prayer is to lift our gaze from ourselves. Our daily living tends to make us ingrown. The pace is so swift that we do not raise our eyes to the long view.

Also it reveals the purpose and pattern of what we are doing. Alfred Noyes says that we are so often misled by small clever minds. That is, in this age of specialization we know our own lines of work. But we do not lift our eyes to see where the lines meet. We need to see life steadily and see it whole.

This common experience gives us an inkling of what the Psalmist must have had in mind in the 121st Psalm: "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills." Then he adds, "Whence shall my help come?" He answers his own question, "My help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth."

The long view of the hills and the thought of the God of the hills help to restore our poise and perspective.

Recently I flew from Denver to Portland. The captain of the plane called back that because of the good visibility he would take us over Yellowstone Park. The sight of the majestic peaks and the steam of "Old Faithful" seen from three miles above it made some of my personal worries look smaller.

Do our world problems seem so dark and dismal that we have grown tired looking at them? The godless Communists who rage that Americans are war-mongers while they themselves foment strife and uprisings, the revolts which shake kingdoms, the release of atomic force which could conceivably burn up this earth itself—do all these seem too much for us?

Well, when we take the long view of history these seem very much like the things which have happened before. Listen to the Psalmist again: "The heathen raged, the Kingdoms were moved; he uttered his voice, the earth melted." Then the Psalmist interprets God as saying, "Be still and know that I am God."

Do our daily troubles tire us? Are we so bothered and distracted that we "can't see straight?" Then let us lift our eyes to God's long view.

When I was learning to drive an auto I kept my eyes focused too short a way ahead. The car took a wobbly course. I was likely to hit the very ruts I wanted to miss. But with experience I lengthened my gaze, relaxed the tension and drove more steadily. It was amazing, too, how the steep hills which looked so forbidding seemed to level out as I reached them.

This enlarged outlook should lead to an enlargement of our souls. Having caught God's outlook, we are ready to look with Him at our own nearest needs. Only as our minds and hearts are opened to God are we able to receive an income from God.

JUDGMENT

Articles and sermons on Divine Judgment are not popular. The theme seems gloomy and forbidding.

And we want no gloomy religion. Healthy growth does not take place in shadows. In order to be wholesome we need a sunny faith. Let's consider, then, such cheering things as faith, hope, and love.

But wait a moment. Yonder is a fine young fellow in Korea. He answered what he considered the call of patriotic duty and now his life is cut off at twenty-one by a bullet. If there is no day of judgment where he receives compensation for the years he has lost, while some selfish old rogue lives on in licentious indulgence, what happens to our faith?

Or think about graft and corruption. If dishonest greed can grow with and live in luxury off the taxes paid by poor, honest people, and there is no divine judgment to call an accounting, where is our hope for a better day?

Think, too, of the little orphaned child. What are we to say about the beauty and power of love if there be no Heavenly Judge to see that justice is done to little broken hearts? Thus we see that without divine judgment and justice, faith, hope and love do not abide.

If God be not also a Judge, He could not be our Heavenly Father, for every true father has to exercise judgment in rearing his children. Divine justice is basic to our whole gospel.

How are we to think of Divine Judgment? First of all, I believe that every day is a judgment day.

Every day by our thoughts, words and deeds we are deciding the direction of the movement in our lives. An act never stops with itself. When a thing is done, it is not done with. Every thought, even, leaves a trail. We speak of "idle thoughts", ideas which flash in and out of our minds without anything being done about them. But no thought is completely idle. Every day we are gathering the fruit of past thoughts and sowing for a future.

Yet while every day is a judgment day, I believe that there are

Just as John Wesley, Methodism's founder, developed new approaches in reaching the masses with the gospel in his day, so a T-V research committee of The Methodist Church is tackling the task of discovering the best ways of reaching the people in our day.

Authorized by the Radio and Film Commission at their last meeting, the committee met in Philadelphia June 29 to do preliminary work on what may result in a major program of reaching the masses. The committee outlined a five-fold undertaking:

1. To make a study of the distinctive contributions that Methodism can make to television programming.

2. To make a survey of the T-V industry to discover what religious programs are being done and what the industry considers to be effective types.

3. To study ways and means in which T-V can undergird the ongoing program of the church.

4. To study program types with emphasis on audience effectiveness.

5. To consider financial and other policies which will make possible religious programming.

The work of the committee is being financed through the generosity of Floyd W. Woodcock, utilities executive and devoted Methodist layman of Wilmington, Delaware.

Consultation with churchmen in the television industry is part of the procedure planned by the committee.

The committee consists of: Rev. Wesley E. Brashares, Griffith, Ind., chairman of the North Central Jurisdictional Public Relations Council; Rev. James W. Sells, Atlanta, Ga., director of the Joint Radio Commission of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions; Prof. Wilbur T. Blum, assistant head of the cinema department, University of Southern California; Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., minister of First Church, Dallas, who plays the title role in the four-year old T-V dramatic program, "The Pastor Calls"; and Dr. Howard M. LeSourd, dean of the School of Public Relations, Boston University.

Staff members of the Radio and Film Commission working on the committee include: Dr. Harry C. Spencer, executive secretary; Rev. Howard E. Tower, associate secretary in charge of program and production; Rev. Stanley E. Knock, Jr.,



PHILADELPHIA. Miss Eleanor Best of Conshohocken, Pa., proudly shows her district superintendent, the Rev. Dr. F. E. Maser, the No. 1 certificate of church membership received from Bishop Fred Pierce Corson on Wesley's 250th birthday anniversary.

The presentation was made in Franklin Field here during the World Convocation of Evangelism which launched a nationwide campaign to bring 250,000 new members into The Methodist Church.

Moscow Speaker Reaffirms
Atheist Role Of Communists

The Communist Party has "always been irreconcilably opposed to religion, always fought it in a decisive manner and will continue to do so," a spokesman for the Soviet Atheist Society said in a Moscow Radio domestic broadcast heard in London. He charged that the opinions of "some" Communists, who hold that religion "does no harm," are "entirely and utterly principles of the bourgeois moral code which is alien to Communist morals and the Soviet community," the speaker said. "Religion diverts men from the struggle against the enemies of Communism, and the performance of religious rites diverts people from their Communist tasks."

supervisor of Radio and T-V Evangelism; and Rev. Royer H. Woodburn, director of utilization and field activities.

special days and periods of judgment. Our daily judgments may be registered so subtly and quietly that we do not note them. In this regard, life may be like a stream. There are stretches of a stream which are so placid we can scarcely tell which way the current is flowing. And then around the bend, the stream enters into a churning rapids. So life may move along so placidly that we cannot see any change or direction in it. Then it suddenly lurches into turbulence.

To all of us there come days of special judgment which reveal whether we have been diligent or lazy, brave or cowardly, mean or generous in the preceding quieter periods.

"Vengeance is mine," saith the Lord." It is not for us to set ourselves up to pronounce final judgment. As Anne of Austria said to Richelieu, the wily political leader of France, "God does not settle His accounts every day, my lord Cardinal, but He settles them all at last." I too believe that God has a future great day of judgment.

Would we not give almost anything to know what will happen to us the first five minutes after death? Or would we? Maybe God meant the mystery of dying to be a part of the adventure of living. To know completely what lies beyond the grave would be to discourage all wondering and thus to miss the joy of finding.

We shall be judged by One who is firm, not condoning our faults, but also faithful, not forgetting our efforts. He is infinite in compassion and tender in mercy. He understands the inmost ache of our heart and the subtlest cause of our failures.

Millions today live in lands ruled by dictators, whose whims are laws. There justice is a tragic joke. But this, as Lincoln said, is a nation "under God". Our principles of justice derive from our concept of divine justice. And divine justice never fails.

TODAY'S EVANGELISTIC CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH

By BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM

Today's Evangelistic Challenge to the Church delivered by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam at World Convocation of Evangelism at Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THE Church must know the world it would evangelize. The ideas of the twentieth century and the impact of technology strike the minds and influence the practice of men who live in varied social systems that run the gamut from primitive society to the modern industrial social order. Men are separated not alone by geographical distance but by historical distance. It is a revolutionary world. In Asia, nationalism is the fundamental and dynamic factor. The peoples of Asia are passing through political, social, and economic change at bewildering speed.

Speaking in general terms, if we may characterize the fifteenth century as the intellectual revolution; the sixteenth as the religious revolution; the seventeenth as the social revolution; the eighteenth as the political revolution; and the nineteenth revolution, we note the fact that in five centuries the West moved from the Middle Ages to the Twentieth Century. Asia is moving through similar revolutions in five decades. The Asian revolution is, negatively, a rebellion against poverty, and, positively, a demand for abundant living. The per capita annual income of China is \$23; of India is \$43; of the British Isles, \$660, of the United States of America, \$1269. The United States, Britain, France and Germany, with 13 per cent of the world's population, own nearly 50 per cent of its goods. These vast disparities in standards of living constitute a basic problem for those who think in terms of evangelizing the world. The nationalism of Asia expresses itself in anti-imperialism, anti-colonialism, anti-racialism.

No religion constitutes a serious threat to Christianity today, but at no time in its history has Christianity been more seriously challenged. A dynamic and ruthless ideology capitalizes upon the restlessness of humanity. It summons the masses to class war in the name of abolishing the exploitation of man by man and for the purpose of establishing the classless society. It rules out all moral absolutes; and finds reality to lie in an inexorable historical process. It is avowedly atheistic. Under the slogan "Workers of the World Unite, You Have Nothing to Lose But Your Chains," in the name of establishing freedom, wherever it has gone it has riveted the shackles of tyranny upon the bodies of men and women and little children. Thus, the church that would evangelize the world is confronted by an expanding imperialism and an infiltrating ideology.

The Church must know itself; and must demand of its members without fear or favor a frank answer to the ancient question, "Do you accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour?" It was He who said, "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another." What does love mean when we face the issues of segregation, of discrimination, of injustice, or of inequality? The church has been infiltrated, but not by communists. That charge is the refuge of scoundrels. I challenge the critics of the church to name one clergyman who holds a position of large res-



sponsibility in any Protestant Church who is a member of the communist party. The churches have not been infiltrated by communist atheism. In stentorian tones, churchmen repeat the first article of the Creed, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty". Unfortunately, there are those within the Christian community whose disregard of the will of God amounts to practical atheism. Men who insist that God's will is irrelevant to the economic process are, in effect, bowing God out. The Christian holds that God's will was revealed in the teaching and life of Christ. There are all too many nominal Christians who insist that the teachings of Jesus constitute unrealistic idealism. They refer to His thought as "perfectionist ethics". They characterize His teaching as "iridescent idealism", and irreverently speak of "the futility of the distant ideal."

The truth of the matter is, our first duty is to evangelize the evangelized. This is the first great challenge to the Church. It must begin in our own hearts. Jesus of Nazareth said, "Come unto Me". He also said, "Follow Me". Methodism's first need as it considers today's Evangelistic Challenge to the Church is a world-wide Communion service. We dare not receive the symbols of bread and wine unless we respond in complete honesty to the invitation which is given to those who "do truly and earnestly repent" of their sins. Personal repentance is the first requirement. The invitation, however, demands more, namely, that the communicant be "in love and charity" with his neighbors, and intends "to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking from henceforth in His holy ways". It is precisely at the point of our refusal to take Jesus seriously that we are most dangerously infiltrated.

There are sufficient Christians in positions of sufficient power to lead the world to peace, to justice, and to brotherhood, if we would take Christ seriously enough to say, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all." If Methodists would draw near the Holy Table with faith and make their humble confession to Almighty God, we might indeed rise to sing, "Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Faith in democracy must supplant fear of communism. The American

METHODISTS MAP PLANS FOR EVANGELISTIC DRIVE

IF JOHN WESLEY could have visited Philadelphia June 26-28 he would doubtless have enjoyed another heart-warming experience.

Gathered to do him honor in speech, song, prayer and evangelistic planning were nearly 6,000 lay and clerical delegates from 48 states, plus scores of representatives of other countries, in the world Methodist parish.

The crowd was swelled to 30,000 (despite a heavy downpour of rain) by Philadelphia Area Methodists who turned out for a Sunday afternoon rally at Franklin Field, climaxing the three-day "World Convocation on Evangelism."

They were there for two purposes: 1. To commemorate the 250th birthday anniversary of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism.

2. To answer the church-wide call to evangelism by starting a national campaign to win 250,000 new members by the end of this year.

Methodists of other lands also are sponsoring special evangelistic missions in answer to the World Methodist Council's rallying cry: "We believe that a World Methodism spiritually equipped for such an adventure might change the currents of contemporary history and write a new chapter in the Acts of the Apostles."

The weather was sticky hot, but program principals, delegates and visitors alike seemed to catch and hold some of the oldtime Methodist fervor from the opening processional in Convention Hall to the closing hymn, "Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine," sung lustily by the rain-drenched crowd at the mass rally.

As Associated Press reporter George Cornell put it:

"The ghost of a resolute, little preacher-on-horseback rose up today to rally Methodists for a worldwide

crusade of soul-winning. The phantom rider was John Wesley, and you could almost hear his words flung down the centuries . . . as thousands of Methodists gathered to honor his memory and dedicate themselves to a job he did so well—turning men's hearts to God."

Forward with Wesley, not back to him—was implied time and time again by the 13 principal speakers, four British leaders and nine Americans, who interpreted evangelism in the light of world needs today.

A high note was reached Saturday night when a 1,000-voice youth choir, ably directed by Dr. Walter D. Ed-dowes, Huntington, W. Va., led the big throng in singing favorites of the 6,500 Charles Wesley hymns.

Delegates had free time Saturday afternoon to visit historical shrines, including Independence Hall and Old St. George's Church, used by Methodists since 1768. Sunday morning more than 2,000 persons sat and stood in St. George's (where Francis Asbury preached his first sermon in America) at two services led by Bishop Moore.

Bishop Corson stressed that the 250,000 new-member goal of Methodist churches across the country is in addition to the average yearly intake.



nation, born in revolution, is uncomfortable in an age of revolution. The people whose forebears were at the vanguard of the great political advances of the eighteenth century too often are content to fight rear guard actions in the twentieth century. The American courageously proclaimed the glorious affirmations of the political revolution of the eighteenth century: "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness," "government derives its just powers by the consent of the governed," men are endowed with certain inalienable rights," "keep the avenues open through which originality may flow." Unfortunately, some of his sons are fearful in a day of social change, unwilling to so lead that the aspirations of humanity result in the free and the just society.

We are caught up in a maze of paradoxes. In the name of freedom, some turn to thought-control. In the name of the Spirit, some exalt materialism. We vote sums for the Voice of America; but some seek to silence the American voice at home. In the name of free enterprise, some strike at the free mind that is the prerequisite to all freedoms, including free enterprise. We cry for a continuance of progress; but some are unwilling to act upon the principles that have made our progress possible. We are apt to forget God's blessings in terms of natural resources, and attribute our success to superior virtues. Humility and gratitude insure the future. Pride often goes before a fall. There are some who insist that the

Hallelujahs of religion shall always support the Hurrahs of the state. This was the error made in Europe. Religion must always stand in judgment upon those practices of the state that violate the moral law. We inaugurate Point Four, but some attack it in such fashion that it is inadequately financed. We see the threat of militarism, but some would turn the great decisions to the military.

But this nation has done more for world betterment within a few years than any nation in history. We have given billions for reconstruction. We have backed the Marshall Plan. We have sought to draft decent Treaties. We are in the United Nations, and today are at war to maintain the principles of the United Nations. We are making extraordinary progress in race relations; but, tragically enough, in the very sections where evangelism is stressed the strongest, the race issue is too often avoided and the major progress is inspired by groups other than the church. The younger churches rise to new power overseas; but there are some who still maintain the Lady Beautiful conception of missions, who insist, "We love you, and we know what's good for you."

This is an hour for courage, not cowardice. It is an hour for new dedication to those ideals around which the free society has been developed. It is an hour for re-dedication to the teachings of Jesus and complete consecration to the will of the Eternal.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

BISHOP MARTIN DEDICATES MILK FOR OVERSEAS DELIVERY

A COMBINED religious and civic ceremony, dedicating 14,700,000 pounds of powdered milk to the service of hungry humanity, was recently held in the Port of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The occasion was the first shipments of the milk overseas in ocean-going vessels from this far-inland port.

The 14,700,000 pounds is part of some 90,000,000 pounds of "surplus" powdered milk held by the United States Government, and now made available to non-profit welfare agencies. These 14,700,000 pounds were given to Church World Service, Protestant relief agency, and is being shipped and distributed—by CWS funds and personnel—to the needy in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Hongkong, Korea, Italy, Trieste, Yugoslavia, India, Pakistan, Okinawa, and among Arab peoples in the Near East. This gift from America will provide 200,000,000 cups of milk.

The dedication ceremony was held under the auspices of the Port authorities and CWS. The City of Milwaukee gave a luncheon. A mayor's committee arranged many details. John Herbert Davis, of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Washington, D. C., made the speech presenting the milk; Bishop William C. Martin, of Dallas, president of the National Council of Churches, accepted the gift, and offered the prayer. Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, of CWS spoke. Mayor Frank Zeibler, of Milwaukee, was host and presiding officer. Others on the program were: Dr. Herman F. Thomas, president of the County Council of Churches; Dr. Ellis Dana of the Wisconsin State Council of Churches; and Dr. Donald N. McDowell, Wisconsin's secretary of agriculture.

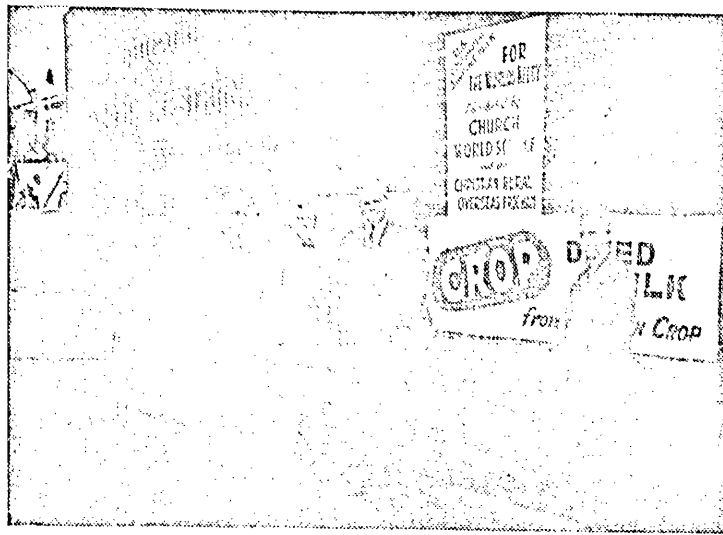
A "Friendship Cup Ceremony" (that, it is suggested, could be reproduced in any church) was a feature of the dedication. A 4-H Club girl had a large milk can. Into this Mr. Davis put powdered milk; Bishop Martin added water; and Dr. Fairfield stirred it. Then the 4-H girl poured the milk into cups held out by girls dressed in the costumes of the countries to which the milk is being sent.

Speaking of the significance of this friendship of America for the unfortunate of other lands, Bishop Martin declared he had no doubt concerning the final outcome of Christianity's struggle with communism.

Fanatical communists may cause Christianity certain setbacks as in the case of China, he said, "but my faith in the Christian message as being the only one which deals with all of the realities of the world leaves me with no doubt of the final outcome of the Christian religion."

"None of us here," said the Bishop, "could think of our government being in a finer role of opening the hand of bounty and saying to those in need, 'Here is the help that we can provide to relieve your hunger and your suffering.' This attitude characterizes the citizenship of our nation at its best.

"At the heart of America is a spirit of great compassion and a desire to help and willingness to reach out a hand in the hour of need to those who have been stricken by the mis-



fortunes of war and disease and famine.

"Here today, a group of Americans symbolize this spirit which has meant so much to us as a people, and we believe it affects the world as a whole.

"God has been bountiful in His gifts to us here in America and we are grateful today, as has already been indicated, that this spirit of

God moved upon the churches to come together in such a fashion that there could be opened a channel by which such a gift as this could be received and distributed.

"If there should ever come a time in the life of our nation when this spirit of mercy and compassion should wane, I would regard that as being war's most tragic casualty.

"If we could ever look upon our

brother, regardless of his race, or color, or cultural background, find him in the spread of famine and suffering coming from the misfortunes of life without having aroused in us a spirit of sympathy and pity, then something terribly destructive would have happened to our own nation and to ourselves as individual Americans."

Bishop King Visits Sierra Leone Methodists

Bishop Willis J. King, of the Methodist Church in Monrovia, Liberia, was the principal guest of the British Methodist Church in the neighboring colony of Sierra Leone, on May 24, in connection with the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley. He visited the British colony on the invitation of Dr. J. J. Whitfield, superintendent of the British Methodist Church there.

Bishop King spoke at the principal Wesley Day service in Wesley Church, Freetown, on the 24th, and again at a mass rally at 7:30 a.m. the next day on the grounds of the Methodist Boys High School.

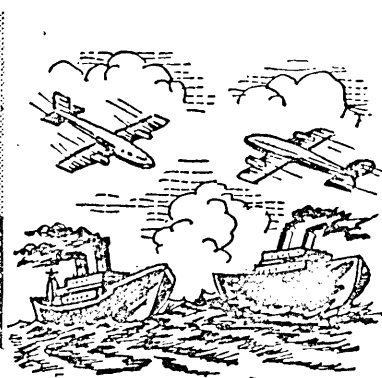
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PASS IN MID-ATLANTIC

This annual Methodist project in Christian fellowship and international understanding involves the exchange of pulpits, parsonages and pastoral services for about six summer weeks.

It is carried out through the World Methodist Councils committee on Exchange of Preachers. The Rev. E. Stanley Leyland, High Barnet, Herts., England and the Rev. Karl Quimby, 150 Fifth Ave., New York are co-chairmen.



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Detailed identification: The Rev. Laird V. Loveland, Grant Ave. Church, Denver, Colo., in exchange with the Rev. Frank Baker, Cleethorpes, Lincoln, England; the Rev. Peter Weaver, Grace Church, Grove City, Penna., with the Rev. Kenneth H. Crosby, Claremount Rd. Church, Wallasey, Cheshire, England; the Rev. Monk Bryan, First Church,

Maryville, Mo., with the Rev. A. Price Hughes, St. Annes-by-the-Sea, Lancashire, England.

The Rev. T. Parry Jones, First Church, Sheboygan, Wis., with the Rev. Edwin P. Sheppard, Liverpool, England; the Rev. Edwin W. Potts, Paseo Church, Kansas City, Mo., with the Rev. Frederick W. Milson, Stoke-

on-Trent, Longton, Stafford, England; the Rev. Edwin W. Parker, First Church, Odessa, Texas with the Rev. Alan E. Wilde, Mint Church, Exeter, England; the Rev. Francis T. Cunningham, Trinity Church, Sumter, S. C., with the Rev. Arthur Valle, Redfield Church, Bristol, England.

SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR SUPPLY PASTORS

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Methodist Board of Education's national headquarters here has scheduled three new summer schools for supply pastors.

Dr. J. Richard Spann, director of the Department of In-Service Training in the board's Division of Educational Institutions, said the schools are scheduled as follows:

1. Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., July 19-August 7. The dean will be Dr. Harold S. Huff, professor of religion at Wesley College, Grand Forks, N. D.

2. Boston University, August 3-21, with Dr. Walter Lewis Holcomb, of the university's School of Theology, serving as dean.

3. August 10-23, DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. The dean will be Dr. Richard W. Miller of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

The three new schools bring to 15 the total of such training centers for Methodist supply pastors, Dr. Spann said.

His department has arranged for 2,929 other supply pastors to enroll in special correspondence courses in lieu of seminary training. The courses are given in cooperation with

the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

A total of 4,129 supply pastors and undergraduate ministers are receiving ministerial training through the department this year. In addition, 42 one-week schools are being sponsored for regular pastors. Attendance is expected to exceed 8,000.

McRAE VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The McRae Methodist Church, Rev. Robert Johnson, pastor, has just completed eight days of Vacation Church School. Mrs. Eloise Scott was director of the school. Fifty certificates were presented to those who attended five days or more.

The following courses were taught: Beginners: "We Go to Church", taught by Mrs. Jack Meyers and Mrs. Will Strayhorn, assisted by Rachel Strayhorn, Virginia and Rachel Farr, Wanda Scott, and Carolyn; Primary, "Our Daily Bread" taught by Mrs. John La Ferney and Miss Blanche Black; Junior, "People who lived in Jesus Day" taught by Mrs. Arnold McCallister, assisted by Mrs. Robert Johnson; Intermediates, "Discovering the Bible with the Intermediates," taught by Mrs. Gladys Vinson, assisted by Mrs. Wade Rousseau and Mrs. Arthur Bennett.

Refreshments were served daily at recess by the ladies of the church. The cooperation of the whole church was splendid, and a good time was had by all.

—Reporter

THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

A great part of the success of a church school depends upon its superintendent. With this in mind, the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education has prepared a booklet, **Methodist Church School Superintendents**, in which are listed the specific duties of the church school superintendent. These are:

To nominate officers and teachers.
To plan and preside over the workers' conference.

To co-operate with the commission on education.

To report to quarterly conference.

To help division superintendents —if the school is a large one.

To work with the pastor.

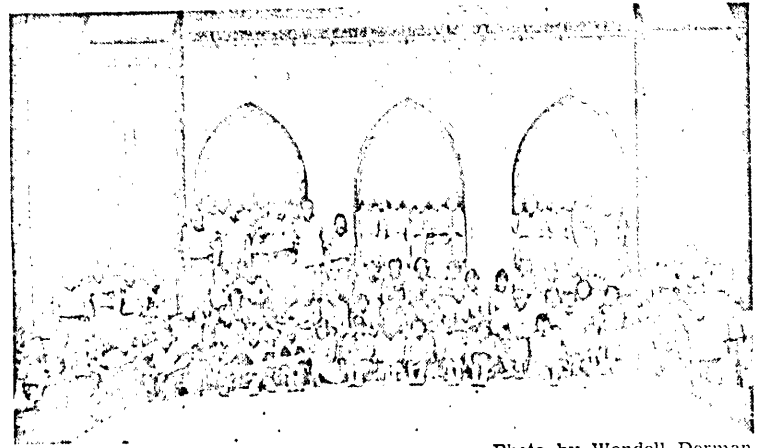
To see that the building is in order.

This list of duties is for quick reading. The responsibilities these duties represent are to a great extent the life of the church school and carried out efficiently, they affect in large measure the life of the church.

The booklet contains also a discussion of the duties and relationships of the assistant superintendent for membership cultivation and of the superintendents of the three age-group divisions.

Methodist Church School Superintendents may be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House serving you. Price, 15 cents.

CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE ASSEMBLY



—Photo by Wendell Dorman

The Conway District Christian Adventure Assembly was held on the Hendrix campus July 22-26 with 68 Intermediates in attendance.

A large number of quests and interest groups were offered with the following as leaders: Rev. H. O. Eggenberger, Miss Sue Ozment, Rev. H. J. Couchman, Rev. Raymond A. Dorman, Rev. Houston Farmer, Paul Faris and Wendell Dorman. Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden served

as dean of the assembly. Rev. Joel Cooper was the inspirational speaker.

Intermediate officers selected for this year are: President, Molly Paulk, Conway; Vice-president, Larry Travin, Perryville; Secretary, Kathleen Bryant, Levy; Treasurer, Betty Mason, First Church, North Little Rock.

—Kathleen Bryant, Secretary.

THE VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

If all the Methodist pupils attending vacation church schools this summer were gathered together in one place, they would populate a city approximately the size of metropolitan area of Buffalo, New York, whose population is 1,085,606.

There were 1,080,833 Methodist pupils reported in vacation church schools in 1952 and more will be reported this year, it was said by Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director of the Children's Department of the General Board of Education.

"The vacation church school has proved one of the most effective means ever devised for securing more time for religious nurture of children," Dr. Jones stated.

In the ten-year period 1941-51 the number of vacation church schools held under Methodist auspices increased over 100 per cent. In 1941 there were 7471; in 1951 the number reached 15,000.

There has been built up an excellent curriculum resource for the use of churches in planning their vacation church schools. In co-operation with the Board of Education the Methodist Publishing House issues each year a special catalog of vacation church school materials.

In addition to the promotion and cultivation of the schools engaged in by the Children's Department, the Board's Leadership Education Department offers First and Second Series courses on the administration of these enterprises.

As preparation for this year's schools, there has been held in more than half of the districts of the church vacation church school institutes. These meetings have proved helpful in the past and have been a means of stimulating the holding of additional schools.

Perhaps the day is not far distant when the number of Methodist pupils in vacation church schools will equal the population of Los Angeles proper, the number of whose inhabitants is approximately two million, Dr. Jones said.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL AT STAMPS

The Primary and Junior Departments in our Church School studied about children, and older folks, who lived in Jesus' day. We made a special effort to make these folks real to the children through dramatization, by the eating of foods found in Palestine, by making tent homes, a market place and a well. The children enjoyed dressing as the people of Jesus' day dressed, then playing in the market place that they had built. They did many other interesting things such as: making diagrams, drawing a hillside scene, etc. They used native clay to make pottery, such as might have been used in Jesus' day. Each child made a scroll.

We feel that much good was accomplished in our Vacation School. We are looking forward to making preparation for a larger and better school next year.

—Mrs. R. J. Roberts, Director

REVISED MANUAL FOR ADULTS

The Adult Department of the General Board of Education has recently revised its manual on adult work, which contain plans and policies for the new quadrennium. The following are now available from the Methodist Publishing House serving your conference.

Adult Work in the Church School, by M. Leo Rippy (4500-BC). Price, 35 cents.

The Christian Education of Young Adults, by Robert S. Clemmons (4600-BC). Price, 35 cents.

Recreation for Adults, by E. O. Harbin (471-BC). Price, 30 cents.

Christian Community Relations, by Doris P. Dennison (473-BC). Price, 30 cents.

"The material in these manuals will challenge leaders and members of local Methodist churches to develop and carry out a comprehensive program of Christian education of adults," said the Rev. M. Leo Rippy.

BROADMOOR HOLDS VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The Broadmoor Church held its annual Vacation Church School during the first two weeks in June. There was a total enrollment of 264 teachers and children. Three courses of study were presented. "My Home and Family" was used by the Kindergarten. "Jesus, the Friend" was the Primary unit. The Juniors studied "People Who Lived in Jesus' Day."

Mrs. Ralph H. Akin served as dean of the school. The following were members of the Kindergarten staff: Mrs. Ross Cox, Mrs. J. M. Wilfong, Mrs. W. M. Mills, Mrs. Roy Cobb, Misses. Sue Brown, Gaylia Gillespie, Gayle Griffith, Adelaide McClanahan, Ursula Michon, and Virginia Henslee.

Primary teachers were: Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Mrs. C. C. Reese, Mrs. L. L. Carrow, Mrs. F. V. Barnett, Mrs. J. E. Kelly, Mrs. George Borgeson, Mrs. R. G. Martin, Mrs. Lloyd Tillar, Mrs. Leon Johnson, Jr., Mrs. C. G. Eschenfelder, Mrs. Travis Conly, Mrs. Peter Cooper, Misses Nan Graves, Dorothy Ann Akin, and Mary Jane Conly. These teachers worked with the Juniors: Mrs. D. W. King, Mrs. Horace Holder, Mrs. Roy Dorrough, Mrs. V. L. Millers, Mrs. John Mundo, Mrs. David James, Mrs. N. J. Griffith, Mrs. Bruce Walker, Mrs. J. L. Allen, and Mrs. Wayne Givens.

The following served refreshments and assisted in other ways: Mrs. W. W. Bynum, Mrs. Roy Cobb, Mrs. Merle Brown, Mrs. L. W. Chalfant, Mrs. Osgood Willis, Mrs. A. E. Elton, Mrs. Wayne McCann, Mrs. C. G. Heyl, Mrs. W. J. Gillespie, Mrs. Melvin Finuf, Mrs. Douglas Durrett, Mrs. A. C. James, and Mrs. I. V. Hastings. Rev. George W. Harbuck is pastor of the Broadmoor Church, and Rev. Jim McLean is the Associate Pastor.

SOCKMAN URGES SPIRITUAL LEADERS CONDUCT CHURCH PROBES

THE Church should not be afraid to have its loyalty investigated, but the probe should be conducted by God-fearing spiritual leaders, not vote-seeking politicians, a noted radio preacher said at Lafayette, Indiana.

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman predicted that "the dust being raised by certain witch-hunters in Washington will soon be blown away by the cooler currents of common sense."

He spoke to 4,000 persons at the fifth National Conference on Christian Education of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at Purdue University.

Dr. Sockman said that liberty must be practiced if it is to be preserved. "If we are to preserve freedom of thought," he said, "we must do some straight, hard thinking. If we would preserve freedom of speech, we must declare our honest convictions and support the agencies of public opinion which are honest enough to give the facts. If we would preserve freedom of worship, we shall do so not by trying to suppress the views of other religious bodies but by trying to express our own." Dr. Sockman said the cause of liberty in the United States was suffering from too much censorship and too little service. Our freedoms must be safeguarded at the community level and it is the "local churches on America's Main Streets" that are the best bulwark of our free society, he added. "True freedom is found through union rather than separation," the preacher said.

"We have foolishly the principle of splitting religious groups in our search for liberty until we now have more than 250 sects and denominations in America. Such a situation is a disgrace. Little splinter religious groups have a narrowness of spirit rather than a breadth of vision."

Methodists Spur Chaplaincy Recruiting

In an effort to increase the recruiting of chaplains, The Methodist Church has added a new full-time associate secretary to the staff of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains here. The Rev. Edwin C. Calhoun, for the past six years Methodist district superintendent in San Antonio, Tex., has been named to the post. He served as an Air Force chaplain during World 11 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Chaplain Calhoun will visit Methodist seminaries to stimulate the recruiting of chaplains for civilian hospitals, homes, and institutions, as well as the armed forces. At present The Methodist Church has 543 full-time Chaplains on duty, about 450 of whom are with the armed services.

Gov. Shivers Asked Prayers To Relieve Drought

Ministers of all religions and their congregations throughout Texas were called upon by Gov. Allen Shivers to join in praying for rain to relieve the major drought parching large areas of this state. "It is fitting that, in this time of trouble, we should turn to the One who is the source of all help," the governor said in a memorandum issued at his office here. "As much relief as can be given by human means has been granted by agencies of the state and federal governments, but the drought is still adversely affecting the people, the crops, the livestock and the general welfare of the state."

Negro Named Secretary Of Methodist Judicial Council

J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago attorney, was elected secretary of The Methodist Church's Judicial Council at a meeting in Philadelphia. The only Negro member of the nine-man "Supreme Court of Methodism," Mr. Wilkins succeeds the late Dr. Charles B. Ketcham of since 1948. Judge Marvin A. Childers of San Antonio, Texas, is president of the Council.

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Batory Captain Says Polish Regime Fails To Crush Religion

A Polish sea captain, who left his ship to seek asylum in England, said here that the Communists had failed to break the religious spirit of the Polish people. Churches are "constantly crowded" on Sundays, said Capt. Jan Cwiklinski. Capt. Cwiklinski sought refuge here when his ship, the Batory, arrived on its last trip to Bristain. The ship left for Poland under command of a subordinate officer. The captain said Stalin's death has not changed the situation in Poland. "Peril, intolerance and suspicious" still prevail, he added. However, said Capt. Cwiklinski, despite Communist propaganda, religious sentiment is very strong in Poland. He declared that many Polish students and other young people were adhering to their Catholic faith and displaying a spirit "which no propaganda can succeed in breaking."

Report 86.4 Of Yugoslavs Believe In God

Communist Yugoslavia's religious census last March showed that 86.4 per cent of the people believe in God. The rest classified themselves as atheists. These "preliminary returns" of the census were reported by Yugopress, semi-official Yugoslav news agency. Yugopress said final results still were being worked out. In the census, each citizen was asked 14 questions, one of which was whether he considered himself a member of any religious faith.

Evangelist Sees India, Japan Holding Line Against Communism

India and Japan can hold line against Communism and for world peace in the Far East, Dr. E. Stanley Jones told the Methodist World Convocation on Evangelism in Philadelphia, "Communism has flared up in both countries but is now receding as their people see the tyranny that is stands for," the famed evangelist said. Just back

from a special evangelistic mission to Japan, Dr. Jones said: "Japan's State religion and nationalism lies in the ashes of defeat, and its people, in large numbers are turning to Christianity. India is more Socialist-minded than it is Communist, and Premier Nehru is an outstanding non-Communists, independent leader." These factors, Dr. Jones said, mean that both India and Japan can "hold the line" play vital roles as peacemakers and exert a great influence on China, where he predicated "disillusionment with Communism is certain." Dr. Jones said that during his three months in Japan he has conducted evangelistic meetings in 72 cities and received 31,000 candidates for Christian baptism.

Church Leaders Join In Drive Against Commercialization Of Sunday

Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders joined in Columbus, Ohio in calling for a halt to the commercialization of Sunday. The plea was made in letters read from the pulpits of every Catholic church and nearly every major Protestant church in Columbus. The letter-reading signaled the beginning of a campaign against business places which stay open on Sundays. The campaign is being conducted by the Columbus diocese of the Catholic Council of Churches. The Columbus churchmen charged that "like the slow grasp of a giant octopus, commercialization and secularization of this day has seized our community in ever tightening coils which threaten to choke our spiritual life." "Stores and business places are engaging in extensive and flagrant advertising, brazenly designed to induce people of our city to make Sunday a principal shopping day," they said. "Such offenders are taking unfair advantage of the majority of conscientious business men, their competitors, who are faithfully closing their business places on the Lord's Day."

Cleanliness Is Next To Godliness

After 5200 delegates to the international youth conference of the Augustana Lutheran League left following a baked bean supper on historic Boston Common, the city's park department sent its usually large crew of workers there to "clean up the mess," which always results from such gatherings. But instead of sweeping, the workmen started searching. Look as they might, they could not find as much as a tiny scrap of paper. Officials of the conference were not surprised. "Why should the youth throw papers and debris? Cleanliness is next to Godliness," said one official.

Chicago Church Moves To Medical Center

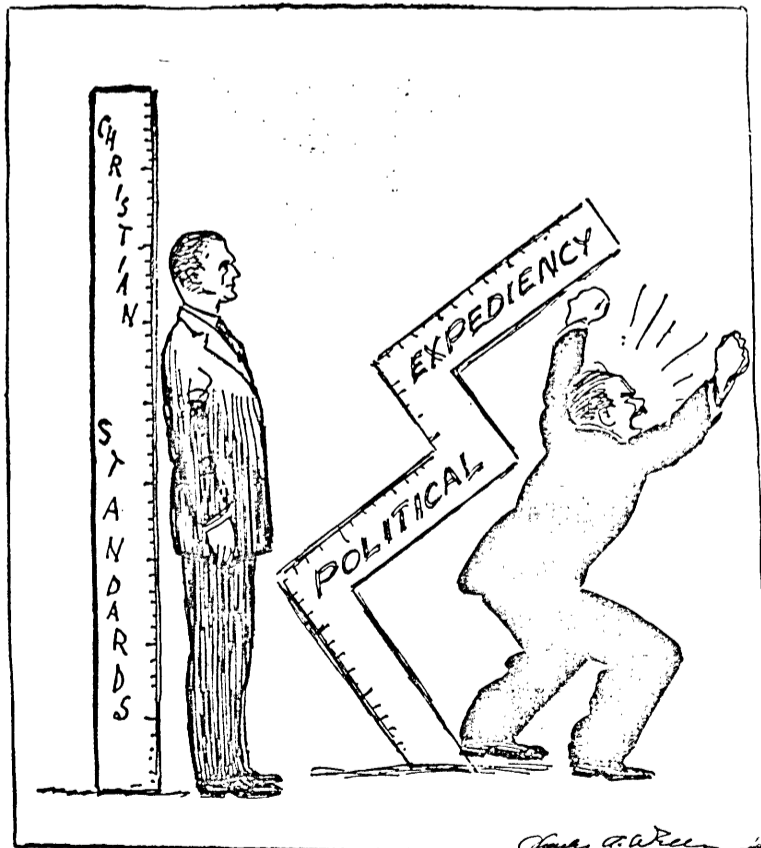
Historic Third Presbyterian church has abandoned its 75 year-old building to take up a ministry in Chicago's rapidly growing medical center. The church ended 106 years of service in an area now surrounded almost completely by slums. At one time the congregation was the largest Presbyterian church in the U. S. The congregation will unite with the Campbell Park Presbyterian church, one of its offshoots, and plans to erect a new building to care for the spiritual needs of doctors nurses and medical students. Dr. Alwyn Hickman, who rounded out 27 years as pastor, told the congregation in his closing message: "We are not running away. Our people are taking a forward step leading them into a larger field. Third Presbyterian will carry on an aggressive program."

Japanese Pilot To Launch Evangelism Campaign

Capt. Mitsuo Fuchida who led the waves of Japanese navy planes in their devastating raid against Pearl Harbor, was honored at a farewell meeting in San Jose, Calif. There he will launch an evangelism campaign based on the program of the Sky Pilots of America, a group which aims at interesting boys in Christian work through their love of airplanes and trains young men to become flying missionaries. Capt. Fuchida has toured this country under the auspices of the Sky Pilots.

MEASURING THE POLITICIAN

Chas. A. Wells





THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



A NEW PLAYMATE

By Virginia Harman

"MOTHER, come see what I have found," Judy called as she ran into the house. "Oh, what a sweet little kitten," said Mother.

"She will be a nice playmate for Dixie," said Judy. Dixie was Judy's pet dog.

Judy gave the kitty some milk, and made her a soft warm bed with one of her doll blankets.

As soon as Kitty had lapped the last drop of milk she crawled onto the warm blanket and began to wash.

Suddenly Kitty seemed to remember something. She stopped washing and looked at Judy. She went over to Judy and looked up into Judy's face and said "meow" very softly. Then she began to rub against Judy, going round and round rubbing her head and sides against Judy.

Judy laughed, "Kitty said 'thank you,' and now she is trying to show me that she loves me because I was good to her."

She picked Kitty up in her arms and said, "You good little kitty. You are very polite. I love you, too."

Kitty began to purr very loudly. Judy's bright blue eyes twinkled and she laughed merrily as Kitty crawled upon her shoulder and tried to snuggle under her long curls.

Dixie stood behind the stove with his tail tucked and his ears flat, while his dark eyes, almost hidden by his long curly hair, stared out at the kitty with a sombre, dejected expression.

"Look, Dixie," said Judy, putting Kitty down. "Here is a new playmate."

Kitty started towards Dixie, but the little dog growled and snapped at her. Judy quickly picked up Kitty and gave Dixie a sound tap on his cheek.

"Dixie!" scolded Judy, "That's no way to treat your new playmate. If you are not nice you will not have anyone to play with."

Dixie tucked his tail and ran to hide under a chair. Judy sat down again on the rocker with Kitty on her lap. Kitty did not purr this time. She jumped down and walked slowly across the floor. She sat down

near the chair and looked at the dog.

Judy was not happy either. She sat for a moment and looked at the two unhappy pets. Then she went over to the chair and got down on the floor. She pulled the little doggie out to her and began to pet him.

"Dixie, you are a good doggie and I love you, too," said Judy, as she hugged her dog close.

"Come, I will give you something good to eat, just like Kitty had."

Dixie was happy again. He jumped up wagging his tail and licked Judy right in the face.

Every day Judy was nice to both of them. She treated them both the same. At meal time there were two plates of food, and at nap time two nice little pillows were always ready, one for Dixie and one for Kitty.

One morning when Judy came down Dixie was not in his usual place. Even his pillow was gone. She ran to the living room but he was not there. Then she ran to get Kitty, before looking further, and there was the little dog curled up beside the kitten asleep. He had carried his pillow and put it beside the kitten's so they could sleep together.

Judy could hear Kitty purring. Dixie opened one eye to peep at Judy and wagged his tail. Judy laughed to see such happy, loving playmates. —The Virginia Methodist Advocate.

One farm woman is so industrious her husband says that when she dies he will put the following inscription on her tombstone:

"This is the only stone she left unturned."

SKATING ON THIN ICE

By Carroll Van Court

"Aw, what's the difference, Tom? It isn't as if I were stealing money. I just don't have time to do so many hard lessons, so I copy Joe Carter's papers. I'd rather go out and play, anyway. Joe's a shark at arithmetic, you know." Frank grinned at his serious-minded friend Tom. But Tom did not agree with his chum.

"It is not money you are stealing, Frank," said Tom. "But by cheating in your schoolwork, you are stealing."

"I can't see why. I'm not taking anything from anybody."

"Because, Frank, you are robbing yourself of knowledge you would have if you really earned and learned it."

The two chums walked along the road until they came to the ice-skating pond. Tom saw a sign that read, "Danger!"

Tom stopped. He pointed to the sign. Then he said, "You ought to have a sign like that hung up in your room, Frank, so when you start to copy Joe's arithmetic papers, you'll see it."

"Why, what danger is there for me?"

"Did you ever stop to think that your teacher some day will catch up with you, and then the knowledge of arithmetic that you lack will be exposed, and all your false work wasted?"

Frank shrugged his shoulders.

Tom was still looking at the sign. Suddenly he turned to Frank again and said, "You know, Frank, you're skating on thin ice, just like the skaters do who go too near that sign."

The boys walked on without saying much more. Soon they separated. Frank had 10 hard problems to

Tom had some chores to do, while solve, which he planned to do easily merely by copying Joe's answers.

Frank tossed his cap into the corner of the room and grabbed a pencil to work at his problems. He put down some figures, but his mind refused to work. Absent-mindedly he wrote something on his pad. He stopped and stared at it. This is what he had written: "You are skating on thin ice—thin ice—thin ice." With a queer laugh he reached for Joe's papers, started to copy the problems, but glanced again at his writing on the pad: "Thin ice—thin ice—thin ice."

Suddenly he grabbed Joe's papers, folded them up tight, and put them way back in the drawer where he could not see them. Then he began to work on the problems. He said to himself, "If Joe can work these, why can't I? He isn't any more of a man than I am. Here goes, win or lose!" And Frank sweat over those problems until late in the night.

Finally, when he quit, there was a different look on his face. He knew now that he could work problems as well as Joe, and how good it felt! "Say, Sis," he exclaimed as Jane entered the room, "is there a bite to eat? I missed my supper working these problems, and I'm hungry as a bear!"

"What are you raving about, Frank?" asked the sister. "Never saw you do anything like that before."

"I know," replied Frank, "but I had to get off thin ice."

Jane was puzzled, but Frank looked so innocent that she stopped and set a delicious lunch before him. —Sunshine Magazine.

JUST FOR FUN

A lady somewhat embarrassed by the unexpected gift of an alligator, placed it in the bathtub temporarily before rushing out to keep an engagement. When she returned she found this note from her maid: "Sorry. Ise quit you-all. I doan want to work in a house where they's a alligator. I'd a-tole you but I didn't think the question would come up." —Cracklings, Stark, Wetzel and Co.

A customer waiting for a small job to be done on his car watched a mechanic change the oil in another car without spilling a drop, check the radiator, clean the windshield, wipe away all the greasy finger marks, place a clean cloth over the upholstery, wash his hands thoroughly, and drive the car slowly out to the street curb.

"Now, there's a real mechanic," the customer observed.

"Oh," explained the foreman, "that's his own car." —Sunshine Magazine.

The editor of the country newspaper went home to dinner, smiling radiantly.

"You must have had some good fortune this morning," greeted his wife.

"Indeed I did," announced the editor. "Jim Smith, who hasn't paid his subscription for ten years, came in and stopped his paper." —Montreal Star.

CHILDREN'S SECRET

By Norma W. Mellen

*When bedtime comes I'm tired
(Or so it seems to me).
But by the time my prayers are said,
I'm sleepy as can be.*

*Mom says, "Good night, get lots of
rest,"
Then tucks me into bed.
Next thing I know I hear her call,
Wake up, you sleepy head!"*

*I jump right up, put on my clothes,
All set to go and play.
My mom can't understand such pep
So early in the day.*

*I cannot tell her what I know—
It's just for girls and boys.
While we are sleeping in the night,
God winds us up like toys!*

—In The Christian Advocate



SUMMERTIME

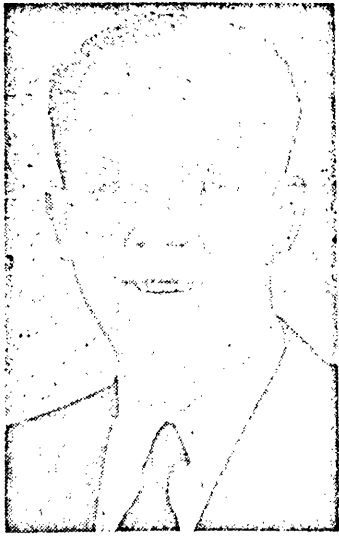
*There are lots of things that a boy can do
Now that summertime is here.
We think of lots of games to play
With boys from far and near.*

*When our errands are done we are ready for fun
And a happy summer day,
We think there is nothing much nicer
Than meeting our friends at play.—A.E.W.*

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AT ALDERSGATE



DESMOND JOSEPH BLALOCK is narcotic education consultant for the state of Arkansas. He attended East Central State College, Ada, Okla., in the years 1934-36. Before completing his college training he taught in the public schools at Prairie Valley High School for two years, attending college during the summer months. He completed his work at East Central in 1939 and in 1939-40 he taught at Okfuskee, Okla. He graduated in



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1943 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, with a Master of Religious Education. He served for eight years as director of religious education and



MRS. T. S. LOVETT, of Grady is president of the Woman's Society of the Little Rock Conference. She will teach the course on "The Life and Task of the Church around the World."

music, after which he accepted his present position. He returned to the seminary in 1948 to get his degree of Bachelor of Music and Master of Music.

The School of Missions held annually by the Methodist women of the Little Rock Conference will be held July 21-24 at Aldersgate Camp in Little Rock.

Four study courses will be offered as follows:

"Alcohol and Christian Responsibility," taught by D. J. Blaylock, state narcotics consultant; "Jeremiah," taught by Mrs. W. B. Landrum of Little Rock, field representative for the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions; "Life and Task of the Church around the World," taught by Mrs. T. S. Lovett of Grady, president of the conference society; and "Spanish Speaking Americans".

Conference leaders were trained at the jurisdictional workshop at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, and will teach courses on "Christian Youth and Vocation in the Church," "Educational Opportunities in the Woman's Society," "The Circle, Its Purpose and Program," and "The Woman's Society in the Total Church Program."

Departmental clinics will be offered in the fields of missionary education, Christian social relations, spiritual life, youth work, student work, and missionary personnel, and for local and district presidents.

Registration for the school will begin at 1 p.m. July 21. The session will close at noon July 24.

Mrs. M. E. Scott of Stamps is secretary of missionary education and service for the conference society.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE FINANCIAL REPORT—Fourth Quarter, 1952-53

RECEIPTS:	
Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$11,121.17
W.S.G.	2,964.69
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	3,100.00
W.S.G.	890.00
Missionary Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	989.15
W.S.G.	121.32
Children-Gifts to Missions	60.96
World Federation	2.80
"In Remembrance Gifts":	
W.S.C.S.	121.05
W.S.G.	1.95
Week of Prayer:	
W.S.C.S.	30.53
W.S.G.	6.90
Narcotic Education:	
W.S.C.S.	29.10
W.S.G.	12.25
Supplies:	
W.S.C.S.	2,029.32
W.S.G.	483.20
Miscellaneous	15.20
Supplementary Gifts,	
W.S.G.	49.00
W.S.C.S.	\$17,499.18
W.S.G.	4,533.96
Total Received from District Treasurers	\$22,033.14
Methodist Youth Fund	170.86
Membership Pins	8.25
Refunds	6.55
Guild Collection at Conf.	47.04
W.S.C.S. Collection at Conf.	205.46
	438.16
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$22,471.30
DISBURSEMENTS:	
To Division:	
Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$ 6,817.46
W.S.G.	2,272.45
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	3,100.00
W.S.G.	890.00
Missionary Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	989.15
W.S.G.	60.82
"In Remembrance Gifts":	
W.S.C.S.	121.05
W.S.G.	1.95
World Federation	2.80
Total Credit on Pledge	\$14,255.68
W.S.C.S.	\$11,030.46
W.S.G.	3,225.22
Methodist Youth Fund	170.86
Children: Gifts to Missions: W. S. C. S.	60.96
	231.82
Total Credit on Appropriations	\$14,487.50
Week of Prayer	37.43
Supplies	749.00

Supplementary Gifts	49.00
Replace Pins	6.25
	841.68
TOTAL SENT TO DIVISION	\$15,329.18
SPENT OTHERWISE:	
Town & Country Comm.	\$ 300.00
Narcotic Education	250.00
District Cultivation	845.20
Administrative Expense	801.21
Rural Workers car expense	140.00
Sunshine Fund-Sanitorium	25.00
Honorarium	25.00
	2,386.41
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$17,715.59

MRS. BEN DEVOLL, Treas.

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DRAMA SUNDAY EVENINGS

A dramatic organization, sparked by Bishop Gerald Kennedy and known as the Bishop's Company, is operating in the Southern California-Arizona Conference under the direction of a committee of seven ministers, headed by Dr. Theodore H. Palmquist, pastor of Wilshire Methodist Church, Los Angeles.

"Interest in the drama as a form of ministry is rising in churches everywhere," Dr. Palmquist explains. "The Bishop's Company has drawn a cast of professionals and non-professionals from many Methodist churches dedicated to continuous playing on Sunday evenings, each Sunday in a different church. The company is solidly booked till June."

Hearn, Jonesboro 1st Ch.: Mrs. Elmus Brown, Jonesboro Huntington Ave.; Mrs. Roscoe Johnson, Mrs. Dewitt Haynes, Mrs. John T. Stephens, Jonesboro Fisher St.; Mrs. P. L. Lee, Mrs. R. E. Bearden, Leachville; Mrs. E. M. Calvert, Marked Tree; Mrs. Ralph Woodruff, Mrs. Herbert Hobbs, Osceola; Mrs. Marcus Gaines, Promised Land; Mrs. Max Belev, Mrs. Sid Smith, Mrs. V. F. Brakensiek, Tvronza; Mrs. O. H. Irvin, District; W.S.G.—Mrs. Charlie Cooper, Harrisburg; Mrs. Emmet Burk, Miss Beulah Smith, Jonesboro 1st Ch. Baby: Donna McMasters, David McMasters, Blytheville Lake St.; David Stephen Baldwin, Jonesboro First; Michael Douglass Cobb, Phillis Amick, Jonesboro Fisher St.; Patricia Brannon, Ruth Ellen West, Tvronza; W.S.G.—Michael Wesley Stetzer, Edith Dewitt Balbach, Jonesboro First Church.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. Frank Lane, Mrs. L. D. Barfield, Mrs. F. A. Poe, Paragould 1st Ch.; W.S.G.—Miss Betty Snodgrass, District. Youth: Sarah Elizabeth Bearden, Rector 1st Ch. Baby: Elizabeth Lucille Mack, Paragould 1st Ch.; Sarah Sue Spikes, Pechontas.

SEARCY DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. G. B. Huffaker, Bald Knob; Mrs. Bob Pate, Clinton; Mrs. R. W. Olmsted, Heber Springs; Mrs. Neta Bennett, Mrs. Minnie Price, McRae; Mrs. Arthur Lewis, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, District; W.S.G.—Mrs. Howard Johnson, Clinton; Mrs. Frances Hollabaugh, Harrisburg; Mrs. Dallas Stewart, Mrs. T. C. Plant, Miss Stella Price, Searcy. Baby: Connie Sue Halsty, Bald Knob; Keith Gordon Johnson, McRae; W.S.G.—Beverly Ann Thompson, McCrory.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

ADVANCE SPECIALS IN NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of the North Arkansas Conference is mailing to all pastors in the Conference this week complete information about the Advance Special Program for this quadrennium. The Conference will continue its support of the Gujarat Conference in India and the Alaska Mission for its Foreign and National Specials.

Churches are being urged to continue or revive specials and specific information is being provided for designating the contribution each church makes. Especial emphasis is being placed in the primary and high school at Baroda, India, and in hospitals of the area. Contributions to Alaska Missions will be sent to

the Children's Home at Seward and the General Hospital in the same city, also to parsonages being erected in Alaska.

All questions about Specials should be directed to this Commission. Inquiries may be made of the chairman of the Commission, Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden, Conway.

The Commission pointed out, in the brochure sent to pastors, that no church is too small to share in this urgent missionary effort. For as little as \$25 per year contributions may be made to hospitals for medical supplies and drugs. Scholarships for students are \$50 per year and sponsorship of native pastors are \$100 per year.

MORRILTON CHURCH HONORS COUCHMAN FAMILY

The W.S.C.S. of the First Methodist Church of Morrilton sponsored a picnic in the City Park Tuesday evening, June 30, honoring Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Couchman who were recently returned to the Morrilton pastorate by the North Arkansas Conference for their fourth year. Approximately 200 were in attendance.

After a bountiful and delicious supper, Walter Riddick, chairman of the Official Board welcomed the Couchman family back to Morrilton and pledged the support of the entire church in the church's pro-

gram for the new year. As a special feature of the program gifts were presented to seven year old Beth Karriker as the youngest church member present, Judge J. H. Reynolds, 81 years of age as the oldest, and Miss Mayme Morrill as the person who has been a member of the local congregation longer than anyone else attending the picnic. Miss Morrill joined the church in 1899.

Group singing, led by Mrs. Earl Bentley, and a closing prayer by Rev. Mr. Couchman concluded the event. —Morrilton Democrat

KEITH MEMORIAL TO BUILD NEW SANCTUARY

It is with great pleasure that we of Keith Memorial of Malvern announce that we have outgrown our present church home and are badly in need of a larger one. Our building plans are almost completed and when they have become a reality, we will have one of the nicest, small church plants in the conference.

Our campaign goal is \$30,000. This is quite an undertaking for a membership the size of ours but with the zeal and determination so characteristic of our membership we know it can be done. One of our members strikingly stated our situation when he said, "We will need plenty of grace, grit and greenback." What we lack in greenbacks we hope to make up for in grace and grit. We believe the major part of the \$30,000 can be pledged by members and friends of the church, payable over a period of years.

The \$30,000 will be used to erect a sanctuary only. Our present educational building, completed several years ago, is not large enough to meet our present needs. The room now used as a sanctuary will be converted into Sunday School rooms and will make ample room for the work of our Church School.

Rev. Edwin Keith, a native of Malvern and also a former member of Keith Memorial, as Conference Director of Stewardship will direct the campaign. Our plan of campaign has been set up by experienced people and it is their purpose to put as many people to work in

this effort as possible. Everyone will be asked to assume some task and we feel that each one will assume the responsibility placed on him willingly.

Our pastor, Rev. W. S. Cazort, will serve as general chairman of the campaign. The committees to work and the associate chairman of each are: Solicitation, O. A. Tanner; Mechanics, Virgil Eford; Education, Mrs. Jewel Myers; Woman's Work, Mrs. Charley Horn.

Each of these chairmen have a number of workers to help in the committee work. It is very gratifying to note the number of young people of the church who have been chosen to work on the different committees and the manner in which they have responded. —Reporter

A GOOD BEGINNING AT WISNER

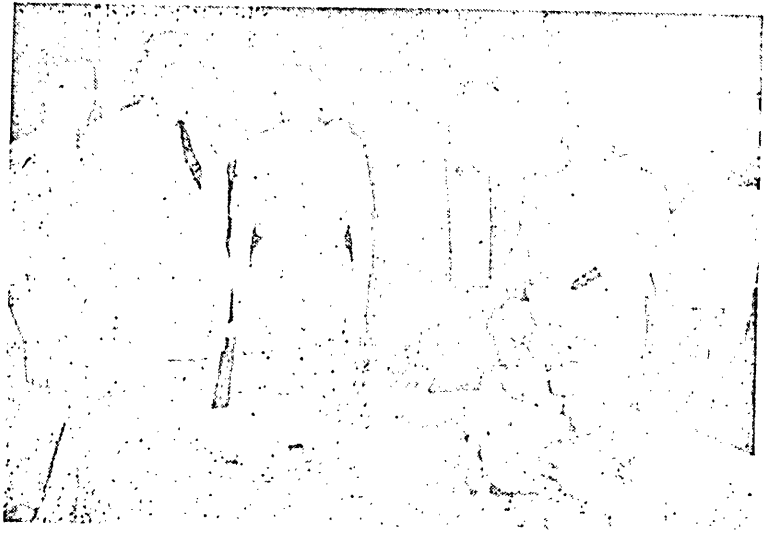
Rev. and Mrs. Lee Gray Wilson and daughters Leah Jane, and Lila Jan arrived in Wisner, Louisiana Wednesday, June 10th. from Grady Arkansas. Brother Wilson has been assigned to the pastorate of the Wisner Methodist Church.

Mrs. Wilson is the former Miss Ann Kirkpatrick of Magnolia Ark.

The Wilsons received a hearty welcome from the Wisner folks on their arrival. On Sunday evening June 14th, Rev. M. A. Wells and his entire congregation of the First Baptist of Wisner came over for evening services to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Wilson and the children.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilson have en-

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR; DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND THEIR FAMILIES



Members of The First Methodist Church in Paragould rejoicing in the return of their pastor, Rev. S. B. Wilford and his wife, to the pastorate of First Church for this year, honored them with a reception Wednesday evening at the church. Sharing in the honor with them were Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Story. Brother Story, District Superintendent, was

returned for the sixth year to the Paragould District. Brother Wilford is completing his second year here.

Shown above are the guests of honor around the reception table with two of the young hostesses who assisted. Left to right they are: Miss Betty Lou Wilbourn, Rev. and Mrs. Wilford, Rev. and Mrs. Story and Miss Carol Ward. —Reporter

HOPE DISTRICT METHODIST MEN MEET

The Hope District Methodist Men met at DeQueen Sunday afternoon June 14. Methodist Men's organizations of DeQueen; First Church, Texarkana; Fairview, Texarkana; and College Hill, Texarkana were represented. Jim Manning of the DeQueen church led the group in the singing of two hymns. Rev. Alfred Doss gave the invocation. Charles Leighton, the newly elected president of the DeQueen Methodist Men, extended to the group a very cordial welcome.

Bun Gantz, president of the district organization, was in charge of the business meeting. The nominating committee offered the following slate of officers for the new church year: Gordon Carlton from DeQueen, president; Bun Gantz from Fairview, vice-president; E. D. Trice from College Hill, secretary and treasurer. They were unanimously elected.

The district organization has a scholarship fund. The money is used to help some young man in the Hope District who is studying for the ministry. This year the total fund amounted to three hundred and seven dollars and forty five cents (\$307.45). The young man, who used the money this year, attended Hendrix College and was able to maintain a good "C" average. The money for the scholarship fund came from local groups of Methodist Men who are members of the district organization. Each local organization's quota is based upon that organization's

total membership. Last year the minimum amount per member was one dollar (\$1.00). The motion was made and passed that the scholarship fund for the new church year be doubled. This means that each local group will pay into the district fund an amount equal to two dollars (\$2.00) per member. A motion was made and passed that seventy dollars (\$70), the surplus money in the treasury be given to the colored conference of this area with the understanding that it be used to help a ministerial student in Philander-Smith College.

The president reminded member units to re-new charters and to complete quotas set up for the 1000-Club.

An urgent appeal was heard for more lay speaking in our rural churches. Rev. Alfred Doss asked that we do all we can to encourage young people to dedicate their lives to full time service to the church.

Foreman Methodist Church was designated as the meeting place for the September session of the Hope District Methodist Men.

The group adjourned to the air-conditioned fellowship hall of the DeQueen church for a bountiful supper of sandwiches, cookies, lemonade and coffee. —Reporter, Hope Dist. Methodist Men.

It was suggested in our last district meeting that part of a page be set aside in the 'Arkansas Methodist' for reports and news items from Methodist Men's organizations.

deared themselves in the hearts of the Wisner people. Attendance at all services has increased and the church is well on its way to one of the most prosperous years in its history. In the short time he has been in Wisner he has already visited the homes of the entire

membership. He has constantly been at the bedside of the sick in the local hospital and in the homes. He has the backing of every member of the Official Board, officers of the Church and the entire membership of the church.

—A. J. Eusminger



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PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD AT GORDON'S CHAPEL

The Gordon's Chapel church where Judge John G. Moore has been working for many months as lay speaker is showing the fruits of such labor by the interest shown by many of those who attend its services.

It is with a great deal of joy that Judge Moore reports for the Church School a perfect attendance record for the following persons for 1952: Glenda and Gayle Shockley, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shockley. For 1953: Doris and Patsy Shockley daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shockley. Frank Bizzell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bizzell — and Mrs. Wanda Lasater. This small Church School has been in operation regularly and constantly since its re-organization thirteen years ago. This Church is one among the number of churches that has the record of a return to life after years of inactivity.

Judge John G. Moore of Morrilton has been conducting regular worship services in this church for the past few years. He is held in high esteem by this fine congregation. He is the regular teacher of the Men's Bible Class at Morrilton and is active in the County Rural Program.

The Rev. Alvin Murray, pastor of Marked Tree, was the first pastor at Gordon's Chapel after its reopening. He was at that time a student at Hendrix College. He was assigned as the associate pastor at Morrilton and placed in charge of Gordon's Chapel Church. He is remembered with great appreciation by the people of this community.

A fine spirit prevails in the lives of these good people.

Sunday in Cato Charge

Sunday, June 28, was a great day in the Bethel Methodist Church on the Bethel-Cato charge. A four-fold emphasis was given. First of all, it marked the Annual Homecoming event. Then there was the emphasis upon the Philadelphia meeting where Methodists from all over the world assembled in commemoration of the birth of John Wesley. We also began the annual revival meeting and lifted up the building program which has the matter of erecting a new church as the matter at hand. The week of services were well attended with deep interest on the part of many being manifested. A number of visitors were in the services. The plan in regard to the building program is to take down the old building and use the material in the new construction. The present building has been in service



FRONT ROW, l. to r.: Dorris, Gayle and Glenda Shockley. BACK ROW: Judge John G. Moore, Frank Bizzell and Patsy Shockley. Mrs. Wanda Lasater was entitled to be in the group but she made the picture.

for a long number of years. The Bethel Church has been a great contributing factor in stabilizing the life of the community. The church will be in better position to serve when the building has been completed.

The fellowship in the homes of the people was greatly enjoyed. Don Smith, Hendrix College student is serving this charge for his second year. He is in high favor with his people. We look forward to the days ahead when we can be with these people as they realize their dreams for a new church.

**Sunday July 5, At Whitehall
And Hunter**

The Sunday services on July 5 were enjoyed with the good people at White Hall and Hunter. The service for the White Hall congregation was held at Hilleman school as the White Hall church is in the stage of remodeling. They expect to have the building finished in a few days and will hold an official opening on Aug. 2. Brother Otto Teague, the new District Superintendent will be with them. At 11:00 o'clock the service at Hunter was one of enjoyable experience. The usual loyal group was present. A fine spirit prevailed. The people on this fine charge are without a regular pastor, but hope that the situation will soon be remedied. The writer will be helping out as he is able. The parsonage will be finished and made ready in a few weeks. The building program guided by Brother Stegall is near enough finished that it will not take too much time and labor to complete it. A good charge with some fine people awaits some good pastor who loves the church and is anxious to work. The writer and Brother Teague, the District Superintendent, will be on the

**WALDO PASTOR AND
FAMILY HONORED
AT RECEPTION**

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Savage, and daughter, Nila Faye, and son Royce, were honorees at a reception held at the Methodist Church in Waldo last Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. Rev. Savage was recently returned to Waldo to begin his third year as pastor. Mrs. Allen Fincher, newly elected president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was in charge of the affair to which all members of the church were invited. Mrs. T. H. Jones, chairman of the hospitality committee had charge of refreshments. Miss Ruby Cook directed the music. Mrs. Fincher in well chosen words welcomed the pastor and his family, voicing appreciation of their services, not only of the Methodist Church but of the community in general. Many lovely gifts were received by the honorees and words of thanks were expressed by the family. Another honor guest on this occasion was Mrs. C. W. Jean, 94 year old mother of Mrs. T. H. Jones, who makes her home with Dr. and Mrs. Jones part time. Mrs. J. W. Rhea—Reporter

METHODISM IN LEPANTO

The Parsonage Family at Lepanto were welcomed back for another Conference year with a Watermelon Supper and Reception on Sunday evening, June 20th. The membership surprised the Parsonage Family with a "money tree" as a welcoming gift. A Vacation Church School was held in the Lepanto Methodist Church June 1 through 12. Forty-four boys and girls were enrolled for the School. Mrs. Hugh Mills was the director of the school.

J. D. Milum of the Methodist Children's Home was the guest of A. T. Bell, Jr., and his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bell during the Fourth of July week-end. J. D. visited A. T., Jr., during the past Christmas season and the boys formed a warm friendship and look forward to visiting together often.—Reporter.

**ROSE BUD CHURCH
PROGRESSES**

The members of the Rose Bud Methodist Church are justly proud of their accomplishments in the conference year just completed.

They have established one additional class in their Church School, and on recent Sundays the attendance has been approximately 80 to 90 per cent greater than for the same period a year ago. An adequate butane heating system has been installed, and two new class rooms have been constructed.

With increasing interest and enthusiasm, and with the assistance and guidance of the new pastor, Rev. John R. Chapman, the Rose Bud church is expecting even greater growth during the next conference year.—Reporter

**VICTORY SUPPER AT
MIDLAND HEIGHTS**

The Midland Heights Methodist Church of Fort Smith, Ark., held a "Victory Supper" on June 18th to celebrate the completion of the Sunday School Educational Building, which is DEBT-FREE, and will be dedicated soon.

Our Pastor's Study is a beautiful charge Sunday, July 12, for worship, fellowship, and business sessions.

—J. Albert Gatlin

**DeQUEEN HONORS PASTOR
AND FAMILY**

Rev. and Mrs. Alfred I. Doss and daughters, Clara Maud and Alice Fay were honored with a dinner in the church's air-conditioned Fellowship Hall on the evening of July 8. The occasion was the celebration of the return of the Doss family to the DeQueen First Church for the second year.

The address was given by Gordon Carlton, chairman of the official board. He paid tribute to the Pastor and family for the successful work of the past year and commented on the beautiful and harmonious relationship existing between Pastor and Congregation.

Mrs. R. B. Malcolm, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, also gave a speech of welcome and presented the honorees with a place setting of china as a gift from the Society.

The Pastor then gave a detailed account of his trip to Philadelphia and the World Convocation. This trip was also a gift of the congregation of First Church.

The church has just closed one of the greatest years in its history. The pastor and people have a great program planned for the current year. The budget has been increased and the every member canvass is now under way. The church will sponsor a Mission Special and the World Service giving is above the average.—Reporter

**MAY REPORT OF
CHILDREN'S HOME
(Continued)**

The Fellowship Class, Henderson Methodist Church	10.00
Clinton Methodist W. S. C. S.	10.00
Trumann Methodist W. S. C. S.	10.00
Mrs. G. S. Rumph	20.00
Winfield Methodist Church	30.00
Elaine Lynn, Cove, Ark.	5.00
Anonymous	10.00
The Bible Workers Class, Junior Department, Trumann, Ark.	12.00
Newport Methodist W. S. C. S.	7.50
Salem Methodist Church Young Adult Class	10.00
Mena Methodist Friendship Class	10.00
Susanna Wesley Bible Class	5.00
Wesley Berean S. S. Class, First Methodist Church, El Dorado	10.00
Service Class, First Methodist Church El Dorado	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heimbach, First Methodist Church El Dorado	10.00
Men's Bible Class, Russellville Methodist Church	10.00
Cabot Methodist W. S. C. S.	10.00
Rockport Methodist W. S. C. S.	5.00
Eebbe Methodist W. S. C. S.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rogers, First Methodist Church, Little Rock	10.00
El Dorado First Methodist Adult Study Group	10.00
Anonymous	100.00
Young Adult Class, First Methodist Church Rector	10.00
Wesleyan Service Guild, Wynne Methodist Church	10.00
W. S. C. S., Forrest City Methodist Church	100.00
Wills Bible Class, North Little Rock First Methodist Church	10.00
Yancey S. S. Class, Marianna Methodist Church	10.00
Ozark Methodist Church Sunday School	30.00
Miscellaneous Collections	148.20
Memorial Collections	91.00
TOTAL Collections for May, 1953	\$1451.45

room with its Maroin wall to wall carpet and the new furnishings.

Classroom floors will be covered with Asphalt Tile or Linoleum Tile, and will be finished soon. The Secretary's Office has a Rubber Tile floor. The hallways are covered with Asphalt Tile.

Our Church is a busy Church in work as well as membership, thanks to our Pastor, Rev. W. A. Downum and his family, who came back to us for the Tenth year, our Church is a growing Church.

A Reception was held for the Pastor and his family after Church June 28th, and we are very glad to welcome back the "Downums" as well as our District Supt. Rev. Henry Goodloe.

Mrs. Shirley Coleman,—Repoprtter



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WORLD FRIENDSHIP WORKSHOPS

Missionary minded youth and adults will find new resources for their programs the coming year at two World Friendship Workshops offered in the Little Rock Conference.

The first will be held at Aldersgate Camp in Little Rock July 27-31, for Little Rock, Monticello and Pine Bluff districts. The second, at Camp Tanako August 3-7, will include the Arkadelphia, Hope and Camden districts.

Each camp will start at 2 p.m. on Monday and end after lunch on Friday.

Purpose of the workshops is to help missions and world friendship come alive in the local church, through worship, planned missionary units, festivals, games, food, songs, and meeting representatives from around the world.

Each local church may send one missionary minded youth and one missionary minded adult. Inspiration, information and planning for year around Christian outreach, recruitment for church vocations, mission studies, and the Methodist Youth Fund will be included in the week's program.

Miss Margaret Marshall, director of the camps, has suggested that textbooks be obtained and studied before the camp starts. They will be available for sale at the camps, how-

ever. The texts are "Who?" and "Where'er the Sun." They include studies of both national and world missions.

Cost of each camp is \$12.50. Woman's Societies, Guilds and Methodist Youth Fellowship organizations are urged to contribute to the payment for their delegates, who will be better able to assist with the missionary programs of the local churches as a result of their participation in the World Friendship Workshops.

Delegates should send \$2 advance fee to their conference or district secretary of youth work.

Conference secretary: Mrs. Edward McLean, First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff.

Arkadelphia District: Mrs. Sam Sargo, Route 4, Hot Springs.

Camden District: Mrs. Claude Baker, El Dorado.

Hope District: Miss Norene Robben, 914 Garland, Texarkana.

Little Rock District: Mrs. Frank Shanks, N. Main St., Benton.

Monticello District: Mrs. Ralph Clayton, Warren.

Pine Bluff District: Mrs. Ray Marshall, Pine Bluff.

50 YOUNG PEOPLE SOUGHT FOR AFRICA

A "Fellowship of Christian Service to Africa," to number some fifty young men and young women, and to be for a period of three years, is now being organized by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. The group enlisted by June of 1954 will be given a six-week period of intensive training for their particular tasks in July and August of 1954.

Young men interested in this Fellowship should communicate with Dr. M. O. Williams; and young women should communicate with Miss J. Marguerite Twinem both at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., as soon as possible.

The Board has sent out a call especially for teachers, religious educators, nurses, agriculturists, workers with youth, technicians, builders, printers, secretaries, well drillers, hospital administrators, children's workers, and those qualified to teach music, manual arts, commercial subjects, sports and recreation. Those chosen may be assigned to Algeria, Tunisia, Liberia, Southern Rhodesia, the Belgian Congo, Johannesburg, Mozambique, or Angola, in all of which countries the Methodist Church has mission stations.

Applicants should be from 21 to 28 years of age, college graduates, active members of a church (not necessarily Methodist), with good health, and good scholarship. They must be unmarried. Some knowledge of Spanish, French, or Portuguese will be helpful in some of the countries.

"Salary on the field will be on the regular missionary basis, which for a single person in Africa is approximately \$1,200 per year," says Dr. Williams. "In addition, there will be provision for housing, medical care, and sharing in the Board's pension

OLDER YOUTH CAMP

Older Youth—those who have graduated from high school but are not yet in the Young Adult age group—will gather at Camp Tanako August 1 and 2 for their annual camping weekend.

Theme of the meeting, "Strengthening Our Spiritual Life," will be developed by the discussion leader, the Rev. James Upton of Hendrix College, Conway.

The weekend program will be directed by Mrs. Edward McLean of Pine Bluff.

The weekend is especially designed for older youth, Mrs. McLean said, and is not open to young people still in high school. Those who graduated this year may attend. The schedule is arranged so that no activities will begin before noon Saturday, in order that many who work in the mornings may attend.

There will be four main discussion periods centering around the main theme, the first at 3 p.m. and the second after vespers Saturday, one

on Sunday morning and the last Sunday afternoon. The schedule also includes recreational activities, swimming and boating.

Miss Dorothy Kelley will speak at vespers Saturday evening. Miss Mary Lou McCarthy of Hawley Memorial Church in Pine Bluff will direct the music.

Small churches which do not have organized Older Youth groups are urged to send all their older youth who are eligible under age requirements, Mrs. McLean said. Many churches have members in this age group, she said, but few activities are provided for them. The Older Youth Camp is one of the opportunities for them to participate in the total church program.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Paul E. Martin Sub-District met at St. John's Methodist Church in Van Buren on June 16. Nancy Carol Secrest, president, presided over the meeting. Rev. J. H. Hoggard talked on the organization of the Methodist Church. Roll call showed 74 in attendance. Goddard Memorial Church had the largest number present. Announcements were made regarding the Senior camp to be held at Shores Lake from July 2 to July 27. City Heights, Van Buren, will be host for the July meeting. Recreation was led by Kay Farris. A Friendship Circle closed the meeting.

The Maumelle Sub-District elected C. N. Davidson president at its meeting on Saturday, June 20, at Mountain View. Rev. Alva Rogers is pastor of the host church. Other officers named at the meeting were Marjorie Reusser, vice-president; Karen Sue Jacobi, secretary; Shirley Clay, treasurer; Mr. Higginbotham, counselor and Miss Anita Higginbotham, youth advisor. The president and vice-president were sent by the Sub-District to the officer training workshop at Camp Tanako, June 27-28, and the secretary also attended.

The Marjorie Bowden Sub-District met Wednesday, June 17, in the First Methodist Church, Newport. The following officers were installed in a candlelight and dedication service: President, Joyce Cook; vice-president, Betty May; secretary, Betty Dunn; treasurer, Wilma Clark; reporter, Elaine Cheek. Miss Regenia Watson, youth director of the church, gave the devotional meditation on "The Call of Christ" and led the dedication service. Miss Nancy McDonald directed folk games and mixers for recreation. Refreshments were served in Fellowship Hall. Churches represented were Newport, First Church; Newport, Umsted Memorial, Tuckerman and Swifton.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP HAS WORKDAY

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Markham Methodist Church had a "workday" Friday, June 19, to clean up the church and the grounds. About 12 young people attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jacobi are adult counselors for the group. The Rev. Howard Childs is pastor of the church.

For their evening service Sunday, June 21, the Markham MYF went to Lake Nixon, rowed across the lake, and had a hillside vesper service.

plan. Travel expenses will be paid to and from the field.

"There will be a six-week period of intensive training in July and August, 1954, with emphasis upon religious development, language study, area orientation and methods of work abroad. The group will sail near the end of August. Some will be required to spend additional time in language study in Europe.

"All applicants must be ready to meet the hardships and difficulties of this work: enduring the tropical climate and relative isolation of most stations, living in the midst of much suffering and need, facing baffling problems.

"Here is an unsurpassed opportunity for humble and loving service to a people of great promise. It will be the task of the 'A-3s' to help them find the abundant life in Christ, expressed in terms of a dynamic Christian faith and improved health, education, livelihood, family life and community relationships."

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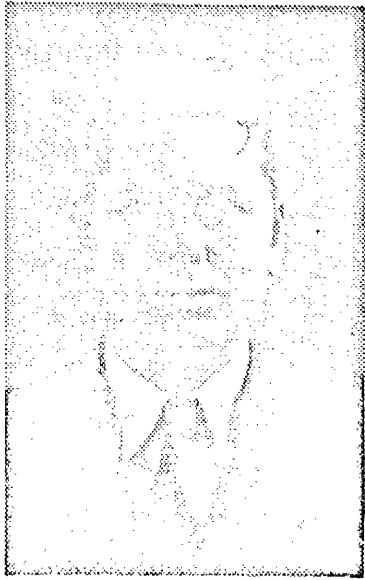
A TRIBUTE TO HARVEY NELSON

HARVEY William Nelson was born March 27, 1901 in the Northern part of Union Parish, on a farm near the line of Arkansas. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Amos Nelson, the second child in a family of nine. He was a strong healthy boy with a lot of energy. He went to school at Junction City; he was fond of football and became a very good player. He took as much music as he could there and finally decided to finish his high school course in Henderson Brown College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, working at various jobs to help pay expenses. It was there that he studied violin in earnest and there that he met Irene Riffin, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Riffin, who was his accompanist. Harvey and Irene were married shortly after he finished school. He served as the first Band Director of the high school in Ruston, Louisiana; he loved his work and had a strong desire to help and teach children, furnishing instruments for those who could not afford one. Irene shared his love for music and they played for many affairs, giving generously of their talents to the Church.

Harvey's mother taught him a little poem at an early age which was "work while you work boys, play while you play; that is the way to be happy and gay." This always seemed to be his motto. Wrong doing never became a part of his life. He was always busy trying to do something for the betterment of others.

I first met Harvey Nelson in September of 1946 when appointed as pastor to the Memorial Methodist Church of Monroe, Louisiana. He was a member of the Board of Stewards and Choir Director at that time. The Church had only 106 members and was holding Sunday School and services on what was then the Northeast Junior College Campus. Harvey had been directing the choir for more than a year previous to that time and, at the end of my four-year pastorate, he had only missed one Sunday in more than five years. He directed the choir each morning and played the violin for each night service. This means he was at his post of duty at times when he was sick or when he had been up all night before with sick children. It means he was doing what God wanted him to do rather than what he wanted to do. Harvey made his living as a band director but part of the time he made his livelihood as a piano tuner and repairman. When his work was slow out in the country he was at the church tuning our pianos.

But Harvey was even more valuable as a member of the Official Board. In our new church a parsonage had to be purchased, an educational building had to be erected, and many other decisions involving money had to be made. Harvey was the one man who had the unqualified respect of every member of the Church as well as the Official Board and was thus able to cool some hot heads and make peace out of turmoil. Harvey wanted his Church to have the finest electronics organ that money could buy, and we all told him that would have to wait until the Church Sanctuary could be built. Our obligations were heavy enough already. On his own Harvey got two others to sign notes with him and purchased an instrument costing over \$5000.00. He was already tithing his income to the Church through the budget and building



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fund. Because of this he and his family of wife and three children continued to live in a small rented apartment when they could have owned a home.

In his business life this Methodist layman was completely fair and honest with every person regardless of their race, color, or station in life. One prominent businessman said to me, "Harvey was so highly respected for his complete honesty throughout northeast Louisiana that he was worth a good salary even if he had done no work at all."

This fine layman died in a head-on automobile collision on the night of February 18. And yet he is not dead for he lives in the lives of his wonderful family, his friends, and he is even more alive than ever before with Jesus Christ his Risen Lord.

At the time of his death he was President of the Board of Trustees and President of Men's Bible Class. Previously he had been Choir Director, on Board of Trustees, on Board of Stewards and President of Men's Bible Class.

The three children are Louise, Marie, and John Harvey — all musicians and all fine Christian young people. —George Pearce, Jr., former pastor

OBITUARY

PETTY—James Dwight Petty was born in Jackson Parish Louisiana September 13, 1898, and died June 2, 1953.

He was educated in the public schools of Louisiana.

He married Miss Mary Lou Clark in 1925. Their home life exemplified the best traditions of a Christian family, worthy of emulation by every one who came to know them in this relationship.

His business life in Monroe covered a period from 1924 to the day of his death, during which time he was identified with only two organizations.

Dwight joined the Church in 1925 and became a steward in 1932. He responded to every duty his Church required of him. For many years his work as a member of its finance committee appealed to him. He became chairman of this committee and served as such for four years. His effective leadership inspired the Church in raising necessary funds for a program not surpassed by any other Church of like strength in our Conference.

This recital of the life and record of Dwight Petty is only a summary that attempts to record one of its characteristics that are familiar to

many of us who worked with him and loved him because of his worthy life.

The poor efforts of our minds cannot picture the soul of this fine spirit; but eight centuries before the coming of the Saviour of mankind, a prophet gave expression to a plan of life that clears our thinking and fills our souls with a resolute purpose to more worthily live our lives to the formula of this prophet Micah when he proclaimed: "And what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy and walk humbly with thy God."

Dwight Petty lived this admonition and his life became a blessing and an inspiration to every one that he

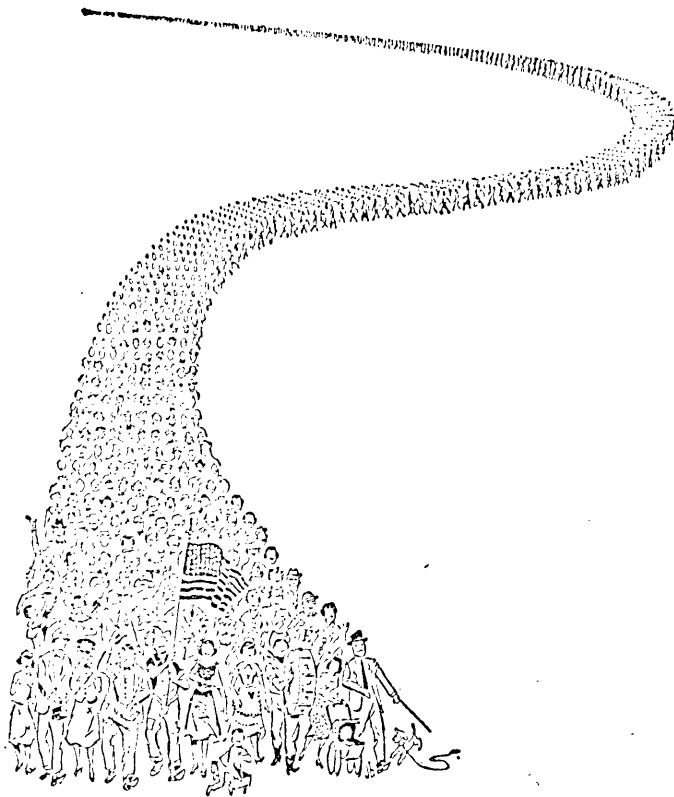
touched.

This was the only life he knew as he walked the path toward his Eternal Home.

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Recently an author of many beloved children's books described thus her idea of a good book for children: "It has grass and earth and familiar things on a level with the child's eyes; but it also has tree-tops and wind and stars to draw his gaze upward."—Edith Patterson Meyer, Editor, Children's Books, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press.



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WHAT CAN I GIVE?

LESSON FOR JULY 26, 1953

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Ephesians 4, Luke 2:52. Printed Text: Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way in him who is the head, into Christ.* (Ephesians 4:15)

This is the fourth lesson of UNIT XI: "MUTUAL EXPERIENCE IN CHRIST". The themes of all these lessons are in the forms of questions. Lesson one: "Do We Encourage One Another?" The heart of the answer is found in the Memory Selection: "I long to see you. . . that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." (Rom. 1:11-12). We encourage each other by our faith. "Faith begets faith". We also encourage each other by the example of our lives. "No man lives to himself." Lesson two: "Shall We Enter the Experiences of Others?" Memory Selection: "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good." (Rom. 12:9). If our love for others is genuine we cannot help but enter into their experiences. We will weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice. Lesson three: "What Have We In Common With All Christians?" Memory Selection: "You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." (Ephesians 2:19). In the Kingdom of God all are fellow citizens. All are children of God and brothers in Christ. As such, we have all things pertaining to religion in common. The lesson today also is in the form of a question: "What Can I Give?"

A Look At The Scriptures

In a previous lesson we noted the fact that Paul had a set plan in writing most of his letters. In the first chapters of each letter he sets forth great theological truths and doctrines, and in the latter chapters he shows how these truths apply to life, and urges their acceptance on the part of his readers because of their value in right living and the sacrifice God has made in making them possible. Ephesians is no exception to this general rule.

The lesson today begins at this point of division. In the first three chapters he has set forth the truth that salvation is by grace, beginning with the fourth he urges his readers to accept and apply this truth to their own lives.

This letter was written from the prison cell in Rome in the year A.D. 61 or 62. It was directed to the Church at Ephesus. It will be remembered that this great city was on the continent of Asia. On his second missionary journey Paul spent some three years there and succeeded in establishing a strong church.

In the beginning of our printed text, Paul speaks of himself as a prisoner for the Lord's sake. He was not asking for sympathy. He had already come to the conclusion that his imprisonment had proved a blessing in disguise. He was gently reminding his readers of what he was suffering for the Lord hoping that this would add weight to his admonition to them. He went on to insist

that they live lives worthy of their calling. It isn't enough that one merely profess religion. He must live it day by day if it is to prove a source of comfort to himself and be helpful and encouraging to others.

The Apostle speaks here of four great virtues: lowliness, meekness, patience, and forbearing. All of these virtues are to be practiced in the spirit of love. The faithful practice of these virtues will maintain "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." In his writings Paul had a lot to say about these two great qualities—unity and peace. Over and over again he used a figure of speech in which he compared the Church to a human body. He makes Christ to be the Head of the Church and goes on to show that all the Lord's people are members of this Church which he calls the body of Christ. The various members have different talents, gifts, and graces, all of which are to be used for the good of the whole. As the human body has different organs or members and each member has a different function to perform in the total activity of the body, so it is with the body of Christ. No two members have the same talents, but the abilities of all are needed in carrying on the complete function of the Church. It would be well for the reader to pause here and turn to Romans 12:4-8; I Corinthians 12:4-31; and Galatians 3:28. He will get here at first hand Paul's doctrine along this line. He might also read a list of the gifts of God through the Holy Spirit as recorded in Ephesians 4:11-12; Romans 12:6-8; and I Corinthians 12:12-30. People hold these gifts from God as stewards and it is required that they faithfully administer them in the building of his Kingdom on earth.

This brings us to the heart of our lesson: "WHAT CAN I GIVE?" If one takes his cue from the above mentioned passages he would have to answer, "I can give myself, which includes talents, time, training, physical health, and material possessions, to be used in service through Christ for others." The poet sang, "Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do." That is all that any one can do, but to be a real Christian no one can do less. In speaking of a great gift that the churches of Macedonia had made to the poor saints at Jerusalem Paul had this to say: "And this they did, not as we had hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord". That is the idea; the greatest gift that a person can possibly make is to give himself. With this gift of self, of course, goes all that a person is within himself or has in his possession. Jenny Lind was one of the greatest singers of all time. She was called "the Swedish Nightingale". She dedicated her talent entirely to God. It was said of her that God could

get any thing she had. A certain company offered her a fortune to go into vaudeville work. She refused on the ground that she could not debauch her great God-given talent by doing such a thing. She insisted that she sung only for God.

In further emphasizing this unity Paul says, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all and in all." The one hope that Paul speaks of here is the hope of eternal salvation in Christ. All Christians have this same hope, and that regardless of denomination or affiliation. The one faith is that of salvation through Christ. The one baptism is that of the Holy Spirit. The writer has heard this idea of one baptism misused by individuals who insisted that it referred to the fact that there is but one mode of baptism, and that this passage dealt with water baptism. Water baptism is merely a symbol of the true baptism, which is always that of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptists insisted that he baptized with water unto repentance but that Christ would baptize with the Holy Spirit. We waste our time in quibbling around about the mode of baptism when all of us should be seeking the true baptism which is that of the Holy Spirit.

Paul next speaks of the various gifts that God has made to the Church. He mentions five offices: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. It will be noted that each one has a different task to perform. They don't all have the same talents and are not expected to accomplish the same tasks. Each one works according to his talent and it takes the work of all to carry on the work of the Church in its fullness. Some have more talents than others. Each one is not responsible for the number of talents that he has. He is only responsible for making the right and full use of what he has. The Bible tells us that "Where much is given; much shall be required." Paul was a man of many talents. He not only was an apostle, he was also a prophet, an evangelist, a teacher, and a healer. God had given him many gifts and he was careful to rightly use all of them.

On the other hand, the person who has but one talent and uses it well will get the same commendation from the Lord as does the person with five talents, and who uses them well. We all remember the parable of the talents. One man received five talents, another two, and another one. The five and two talent men used well their talents. Both were equally faithful, and both experienced the same per cent of increase, and both finally received equal rewards. The same would have been true with the one talent man had he used his talent well. No man can be held responsible for his gifts. They come from God. The man can only be held responsible for the use he makes of them.

Paul feels that this co-operation on the part of people in the use of their God-given talents will lead to a greater spirit of unity and a greater knowledge of Christ. This in turn will lead to Christian maturity, and Christian maturity simply means Christlikeness in character.

Growth, Truth, and Love

In our Memory Selection Paul emphasizes the speaking of truth in love. Christ once said of himself, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." He is the very embodiment of truth and also of love. He came as a full

and complete revelation of God, and God is Love. Love is the most important virtue on earth, but truth is always the basis of love. Where there is deception and falsehood there can be no true love.

The next emphasis is on the matter of growth. The Christian life is not a static affair. We never reach a point in this life in the development of Christian character where we can sit down and take it easy. Religiously speaking, we always either go forward or backward. The most Christ-like people can be better. No one is as good as he should be, or by the grace of God could be. There is room for future development in the best possible human life. Note that our passage says that we are to grow up into Christ. It is not merely the taking of Christ as an example and striving to become like Him, as important as that is. It is not a matter of growing like Christ but rather of growing into Christ. It is becoming one with him. Paul had this in mind when he said "Christ lives in me", and again "For me to live is Christ". He was emphasizing this union with Christ, and that is what he is talking about in our lesson.

Growth and Giving Self

This matter of growth is important for another reason. If one is to give himself to Christ in service to others, he should seek to have the very best possible self to give. This can only be done as one grows. As one develops mature Christian character his gift becomes ever richer.

The Joy of Giving

Many people have lost the joy out of their salvation because they have failed to give. Paul quoted Christ as saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." A man once went to his pastor and asked that his name be taken off of the church register. He told the minister that he had completely lost the joy out of his Christian life and felt that he should withdraw from the church. The pastor agreed to take his name off the roll on one condition and that was that the man would visit a sick widow and take her and her children a basket of groceries. He did this and his heart bubbled over with joy. He no longer wanted to withdraw from the church. In relating his experience he said, "Heaven itself is there at that widow's house." He had found joy in service. A great thrill of Christian joy awaits any person who will render unselfish service to those in need.

Congressman Wants Nation's Spiritual Mottoes on Stamps

A resolution proposing that the nation's spiritual mottoes be used on a special series of postage stamps has been introduced in the House by Rep. Charles E. Bennett (D.-Fla.). He said the stamps should include such mottoes as "Freedom Under God," "One Nation Under God," and "In God We Trust." Mr. Bennett suggested that the design include two hands clasped across the sea with the word "peace" in several languages in the background so that its message could be universally understood. "Day and night the Communists tell the world they are for peace and that America is dominated by bloodthirsty capitalists who seek only to make profits out of war," the Congressman said. "It is time that we called the attention of the world to our spiritual goals and ideals and to our universal prayer for enduring peace."