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Hopes For Peace Grow Brighter

A GAIN hope for peace in the Korean war seem to be brighter. The communists have agreed to sign the agreements reached for the armistice. Normally one would think that such an agreement would settle the matter without question.

Because of the enemy with which we deal there is no feeling among the members of the United Nations that peace is certain. We have learned, in dealing with the communists that "There is many a slip 'twixt the cup and lip". Western nations are cautiously hopeful but assume an uncertain expectancy.

The increased activities on the battlefield, when peace seems to near, appears to be inexcusable. However, the communist drive of a few days ago apparently made it necessary for the United Nations' forces to make a show of strength lest the communists become over-confident and delay further the signing of the armistice terms. Regardless of what the future holds, there will be a day of rejoicing when the long-sought armistice becomes a reality.

Change In Subscription Policy

A major change in subscription policy of the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* was recommended to the Annual Conferences by the Joint Commission of the two publications and subsequently authorized by the Conferences in May and June. We are very anxious that Methodists of these two states become familiar with this change in order that confusion at this point may be avoided.

Subscription policy for several years has been that the subscription price should be kept at the lowest possible amount for everyone. The Commission and the management have not encouraged the use of "club plans" and similar arrangements where for some persons the price would be one figure and for others the price would be a higher amount. We have felt that in many instances such plans work a hardship against the smaller churches, which have across the years furnished a substantial proportion of the subscriptions for the publications.

There has been a general feeling, however, for the past year or two that some arrangement ought to be perfected that would make it possible for churches to enter into a contract with the publications to provide all their members with subscriptions to the *Arkansas Methodist* or *The Louisiana Methodist*, and at a more favorable price than on a per subscription basis. A plan was worked out by the publications' Commission which we believe will not discriminate against any church regardless of size, and yet will help to stimulate circulation because of the more favorable price.

The plan is simply this: where any church board enters into an agreement with the Editors to supply a list of subscribers which will equal at least the number of regular contributing families to the church, such subscriptions for that church can be entered at the rate of \$1.50 per subscription. Where subscriptions are taken on an individual basis as has been the practice for several years now the subscription price remains at \$2.00.

We do not anticipate any immediate sub-

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Local Leadership In Methodism's Rural Churches

ONE of the first essentials in a progressive, growing church is a well trained, consecrated leadership. This is just as true in the rural churches as it is in the centers. No rural church can expect to reach its larger possibilities in development and effectiveness without a capable, aggressive leadership.

Fortunately, at this time, when a competent, capable leadership is imperative in a growing church, the leaders in our rural churches are the best-trained in the history of Methodism in the open country. This is true for two reasons. First, our public schools in the rural



areas offer the best opportunities for scholastic training that rural people have ever enjoyed. In the second place, those promoting the training program for religious leaders planned by the General Board of Education of our church have done a remarkable job with that training program in the rural churches. Trained instructors have taught course after course in rural churches or in reach of them until our leaders in small churches have an understanding of the Bible, of teaching methods and of the program of Methodism never possible before.

It is also true that, in general, rural churches have the best trained, pastoral leadership they have ever known. It is quite possible that the educational qualifications of rural ministers have advanced more rapidly in recent years than that of the urban churches. More rural pastors have had college or university training than in former years. Special training for approved supplies has better fitted them for the work of the ministry than were the local preachers in earlier days.

Despite these encouraging facts, the question of leadership is often just as acute in rural churches as it is in some of our churches in towns and cities. However, it is more common for the better trained leaders in rural churches to move to the centers than it is for those in the centers to move to the country. For this and other reasons leaders in our urban churches should feel a large responsibility for aiding rural churches. This is being done now in many situations as lay workers in centers volunteer for special work in rural churches.

Modern Developments And Church Interest

A recent newspaper article revealed that during the past five years more than five thousand movie theaters have closed because of the lack of business and predicted that if the present trend continues a equal number will close within the next two years. The movie industry attributes most of the credit for this amazing slackening of the public's thirst for movies to the arrival on the scene of television.

Promoters of professional sports such as baseball, football and boxing have been debating for several years about radio and television and whether or not these modern instruments of entertainment and enlightenment are making any substantial contribution to professional sports. At any rate, attendance is off.

Other examples can be given of how with new innovations and changing social conditions people change many of their habits. However, we have not seen nor do we expect to see where several thousand churches have had to close their doors because of radio and television. Actually, there are in this country more people who are members of churches and a larger percentage of the country's population that belong to the various churches than ever before. There is something about an experience of worship in the House of God that cannot be duplicated over the radio or television. Certain needs are met in corporate worship which help to enrich a person's life and to sustain him in a hour of trial.

The Right To Think For Ourselves

WE frequently hear people say, "I have a right to think for myself." We do have a right to think for ourselves; moreover it our inescapable duty to do so. Nevertheless, it is also true that NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO PLAN HIS LIFE INDEPENDENT OF THE WORLD HE LIVES IN. The right to think for ourselves does not imply the right to utterly disregard the thinking and conclusions of others.

No one has the right to be either a hermit or a free lance. If we are to live normal, healthful lives, in a normal society, there must be an interchange of ideas that will enable us to live together with people. It would be egotism personified for one to feel that he could safely disregard the total experiences and the accumulated knowledge of those who have lived before him, and those who live with him, and still be able to plan life well. No one of us is self-sufficient. The help we need and receive from others creates a debt which we owe to others.

The right to "think for ourselves" does not imply, as some appear to believe, the right to think only for ourselves. Selfishness is a very common sin and as unattractive and offensive as it is common. The "free lance" thinker usually claims for himself rights and privileges that he does not accord to others. It is important, however, in evaluating the thought processes of others, to carefully distinguish between the careless, superficial, self-opinioned "thinker", who is apt to fly off at a tangent anywhere, and the sincere, original thinker who is a definite asset to any situation.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. RALPH CLAYTON, pastor of the Methodist Church, Warren, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, on July 26.

REV. W. R. BOYD, pastor of the Rison Methodist Church was guest speaker at revival services held at New Hope Methodist Church, July 5-12. Brother Boyd is former pastor of the Sheridan and New Hope Methodist Churches.

DR. ELDON H. MARTIN, Barre, Vermont was guest preacher at Winfield Methodist Church, Sunday, July 19. Dr. Martin is the father of Mr. J. G. Martin a Winfield member. Dr. Cecil Culver is pastor of Winfield.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, has just received word that his philosophical contribution to the book "This I Believe" will also appear in a British edition to be published this fall.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of Clarks-ville has secured the services of Jim Morrell of Oklahoma City as youth director for the summer months. He plans in the fall to return to Hendrix College for his Junior year.

REV. E. J. HOLIFIELD, District Superintendent of the Jonesboro district, and his family were honored at a reception following a district set-up meeting held in the Marked Tree Methodist church, Monday, July 20. Rev. Alvin C. Murray is pastor.

A NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING is now under construction at the First Methodist Church Arkadelphia which will cost approximately \$86,435.00. It is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving. Rev. W. O. Byrd is pastor.

DR. ETHAN DODGEN pastor of the Jonesboro Methodist Church has announced that an elevator is soon to be installed in the Church as a gift from J. P. Womack. The elevator will make the sanctuary more accessible for all who desire to worship there.

REV. JAMES MAJORS, pastor of the Methodist Church at Heber Springs will be inspirational speaker for Youth Activities Week for the Senior and Young People of the West Memphis Methodist Church, July 26-31. Rev. J. Ralph Hillis is pastor at West Memphis.

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD of the Little Rock Conference will hold their annual School of Missions and Educational Seminar at Aldersgate Camp, July 25-26. Resource people are Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Mrs. Earl Cotton, Mrs. C. I. Parsons, and Mrs. M. E. Scott.

REV. GEORGE STEWART of Atkins was the guest speaker at the Russellville Methodist Church, Sunday evening, July 19. Brother Stewart was one of the delegates from the Conway District to the World Methodist Convocation of Evangelism at Philadelphia. Rev. Harold O. Eggersperger is pastor at Russellville.

REV. LESTER FINLEY, missionary to India spoke to members of the Methodist Men's Class, their wives and other guests, Wednesday night, July 1, at the Manila Methodist Church. Bro. Finley showed slides of buildings, events, and people of India. Rev. N. Lee Cate is pastor at Manila.

REV. IVAN O. DONALDSON of Vinton, Louisiana was the guest preacher at Midland Heights Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Sunday morning, July 12. This was at the close of a trip to Mt. Sequoyah where he and his family were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Donaldson, Ft. Smith, during the Mission Conference.

REV. ED. DUNLAP, pastor of First Methodist Church, Nashville, was the guest speaker at a Kick-Off dinner at the Mineral Springs Methodist Church, Monday night, July 6. The dinner was given in conjunction with a "Goal For Giving" campaign in progress among the members

of the church and marked the beginning of an Every Member Canvass.

REV. R. E. L. BEARDEN, JR., superintendent of the Conway District was guest speaker at union services of the First Christian, First Presbyterian, First Methodist, and St. Stephen's Episcopal churches of Blytheville, Sunday evening July 5. He also delivered the regular Sunday morning sermon before First Methodist Church congregation. Rev. Roy I. Bagley is pastor.

MRS. MAY JOHNSON ALVIREZ, a former missionary to Cuba and Mexico was guest speaker at the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church for the evening service, Sunday, July 19. She is prominent in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and taught in the School of Missions at Hendrix College last week. Rev. Elmus C. Brown is pastor at Huntington Avenue Church.

REV. IRL BRIDENTHAL one of the official delegates to the World Convocation of Evangelism from the Conway District preached on Sunday, June 28, in Summerfield Methodist Church, Philadelphia. In the pastor's absence, Dr. E. T. Wayland was the guest preacher at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, where Brother Bridenthal is serving his third year.

THE FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT PARSON-AGE DAMES met with their families at Lake Leatherwood July 3 for a picnic lunch and recreation. A short business meeting was held and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Archie Boyd, President; Mrs. Arnold Simpson, Vice-president; Mrs. William Wilder Secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. A. J. Christie, recreation chairman. New members were welcomed into the district.

HAWLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, Pine Bluff laid the cornerstone and celebrated the opening of a new education building, Sunday, July 19 with the following program: 9:45 Sunday School; 10:55 Worship, Dr. Arthur Terry, district superintendent delivered the message; 12:00 basket dinner on the grounds; 1:30 p. m. informal program with the history of the church and the laying of the cornerstone; 3 to 5, open house; and at 7, evening worship. Rev. George W. Kerr is pastor.

DR. ROY I. BAGLEY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, will be the camp meeting preacher at Salem Camp Ground encampment, August 21 through 30. Salem Camp is located near Benton. Dr. Cecil R. Culver, pastor at Winfield Methodist Church, will be the preacher for the Home Coming service, August 23, 3 p. m. Rev. H. O. Bolin, pastor of First Methodist Church, Benton will deliver the Memorial service sermon, August 30, 3 p. m. C. E. McMeans, director of music at Winfield Church, will be in charge of the music for the week.

EDGAR O. MANSFIELD, staff member of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, has been elected administrator of the White Cross hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He succeeds the Rev. William Bashford Richards, who resigned. Mr. Mansfield has served since February as an associate in institutional services at offices of the hospital board in Chicago. When a vacancy occurred in the Ohio hospital, he was asked to serve as acting administrator. He was elected to head the hospital staff and began his duties as administrator on July 1.

EDWIN L. JONES, prominent Charlotte, N. C., layman, has written the program material for Layman's Day, which will be observed Sunday, October 18, in Methodist churches throughout the nation. General theme of the observance will be "Christ Calls Men." In order that Methodists might share with other member denominations of the National Council of Churches in a common observance, the 1952 Methodist General Conference shifted Laymen's Day to the third Sunday in October. Last year Layman's Day was observed twice: in February as had been the custom for many years and again in October, following the new pattern authorized

CAMP GROUNDS And CAMP MEETINGS IN SOUTH ARKANSAS

By STANLEY T. BAUGH

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CHANGE IN SUBSCRIPTION POLICY

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stantial increase in circulation because of this change in policy because practically all churches have their budgets fixed for another fiscal year and subscriptions for the present were received at the last circulation campaign. However, over a period of several years we do expect a number of churches, of all sizes, to take advantage of this policy change. Further information may be obtained from this office on inquiry.

THE RIGHT TO THINK FOR OURSELVES

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imply the right to live life intellectually behind closed doors. We deprive ourselves of the most promising possibilities for growth intellectually, if we refuse the intellectual stimuli that results from an honest, sincere, give-and-take discussion of life's problems. We should think for ourselves but keep an open mind toward world and the people about us.

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How To Be Good and Like It

What does the word "good" mean? Several different things, obviously. When we speak of having a "good time," we mean that it is an enjoyable occasion. When we call a man a "good fellow," we imply that he is a congenial comrade.



When we talk of the "good life," we have in mind the full, rich and satisfying life whose secret the philosophers are ever trying to unfold. But when we are told to "be good," we think it means a sort of joyless, juiceless conformity to a prescribed moral pattern.

To be sure, being good in the sense of conforming to rules, and conventions is pretty dull business. Some parents and teachers and preachers give children the impression that to be good is to suppress natural desires, restrain noisy activity, and in general to copy the conduct of sedate elders.

Emerson once observed a father trying to make his child into a pattern of himself, and he chided the parent saying, "You know and I know and God knows that one like you is enough for the world."

To be good is not to fit a pattern but to fulfill a purpose. A good dinner is one that fulfills well the function for which a knife is made.

Similarly a good person is one who fulfills well the function for which man was created. And since a living personality is always growing, a good man is ever trying to be more of a man than he is. He is ever advancing toward perfect manhood.

Admiral Richard Byrd has told what was his final test for choosing men to accompany him on his Antarctic expeditions. It was not physical endurance or intellectual ability or technical skill, important as all these were. The test was a man's disposition. Would he be inclined to respond to what was most needed in any situation on the voyage, regardless of his own convenience?

The men he chose were dedicated to follow him at any cost.

What is it then to be good? It is to keep growing toward the fulfillment of our God-given personalities, which means toward ever larger, less selfish interests and toward ever higher, less animal impulses.

If goodness is to be attractive, it must be cultivated not only through law into love and through the mind into the heart but also through exercise into grace.

Several summers ago in London I heard a very practical sermon by Dr. Leslie Whitehead. He was pointing the need of doing something here and now about our big ideals and good intentions. He told of a Londoner who was ever sitting around the house telling his wife and neighbors how the British Commonwealth should be run. He knew the answers to all the national problems.

One day as he sat spouting his theories about imperial policies, his hard-worked wife found her nerves a bit on edge. She tossed the crying baby into his lap and said: "Here take your bit of the British Empire and see what you can do with it. I've got to get dinner." That is what we would call bringing the issue down to earth.

One of the troubles of our times is that we keep looking at issues in the large without bringing them down to the local. We are full of good intentions. We applaud appeals for world peace and racial brotherhood and industrial harmony. But we are so lax and awkward in the near-at-hand, man-to-man duties of keeping one's word, being brotherly, working with heart in the job rather than with our eye on the clock.

Would we be good so that we shall like it and others will like us? Then we must practice. We must do the duty which lies next to us. And then the duty next after that. Thus we become gracefully and effectively good.

Then we shall help to answer the little girl's prayer, when she asked: "O Lord, make all the bad people good and all the good people nice."

Labor-Management Conference Opens With Prayer

A labor-management conference at an oil company in Toledo, Ohio, was opened with a prayer for the first time in the Toledo industrial world's history of pay-contract discussions. Cyril Babione, a member of the Oil Workers International Union, C.I.O., and a Roman Catho-

lic, suggested use of the prayer with which his local has opened business meetings for the past five years. The prayer: "O God of liberty and justice, consecrate the deliberations of this body to the achievement of the common good. Clothed in the dignity of labor and bearing the banner of freedom, may we go forth from this meeting blessed with unity

NATIONAL FAMILY MEET SET

Cleveland's Public Music Hall will be the scene of the second national Methodist Conference on Family Life, to be held October 8-10, 1954. Three thousand delegates are expected.

The general committee on the conference, presided over by Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, met in Cleveland May 7.

The Rev. Dr. Edward D. Staples, Nashville, head of the department of the Christian family of the General Board of Education, and secretary of the family life committee, reported the five topics to be studied and discussed at the regional coach-

ing conference preceding the Cleveland meeting and the work groups of the conference itself.

Under the theme of "The Christian Family—the Hope of the World," the topics are:

1. Developing the spiritual life of the family.
2. Training for mature family living.
3. The social welfare of the family.
4. The family facing its world responsibility.
5. The family works through the church.

Lay Activities Board Meets

With bold strokes the Methodist Board of Lay Activities carved out a man-size program at its annual meeting in Chicago July 8-10.

During three days framed with fine fellowship and dedicated to serious study of the best strategy to accomplish their high goals, the board took these actions:

1. Approved an enlarged program of stewardship cultivation called for by the 1952 General Conference and recommended that conference and district lay leaders assume key leadership in spearheading the movement.
2. Reported well-laid plans for a National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., July 9-11, 1954.
3. Denounced current attacks on the Protestant clergy which charge them with disloyalty and passed a resolution expressing "faith and confidence in the ministry of The Methodist Church."

Robert G. Mayfield, executive secretary, declared in his annual report that "the church is awakening to its great opportunities for cultivation of a sense of genuine Christian stewardship."

"We appear," he said, "to stand at the threshold of a new era in this field of Christian growth and development. Our board has the greatest opportunity in this field it has had since unification . . . We must not fail our church."

Reports of staff members indicated that the board had chartered 5,661 Methodist Men clubs by the end of its last fiscal year—May 31—toward the goal of 10,000 groups by 1956.

Laymen's Day was observed at the new date last October by slightly more than 70 per cent of the churches, it was reported.

An increase of 100 per cent over a year ago was noted in the circulation of *The Methodist Layman*, official monthly magazine published by the board.

Fran H. Faber, Minneapolis, chair-

man of the committee on the National Conference of Methodist Men, reported bright prospects for a conference calculated to attract approximately 2,000 delegates and aimed at "deepening the spiritual life of each one who attends."

Meeting at the height of the controversy aroused by a magazine article in which J. B. Matthews declared that 7,000 Protestant clergymen are "the largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in this country," the board adopted without a dissenting vote a resolution that left no doubt about their confidence in their clergymen.

The resolution stated that the board "takes vigorous exception to unfounded statements in a current magazine article charging disloyalty to the Protestant clergy. We condemn this vicious assault on their character and reputation. We unhesitatingly express our faith and confidence in the ministry of The Methodist Church and pledge our continuing and unfaltering support to it."

In his opening devotional address on the first day, Bishop Dana Dawson of the Kansas Area declared that he found an increasing rebellion against "the somber spirit in religion" and believed that "the pulpit of a Christian church is no place for a pessimist."

"Laymen want preachers who are positive," he contended. "We should preach, not futility, but the power of love to overcome the world."

of purpose and action. Guide us by Thy infinite wisdom to work with all our might to accomplish the objectives of peace and the brotherhood of man. For this we pray. Amen."



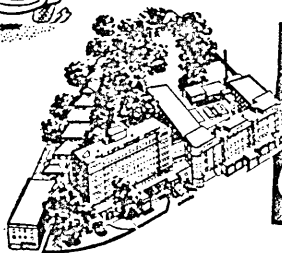
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Prayer Service Opens March Of Freedom Campaign

A national March of Freedom campaign designed to secure the signature of 1,000,000 Americans to a declaration of human freedoms based on the 23rd Psalm was launched with a prayer service at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

Former Rep. O. K. Armstrong (R-Mo.) was the keynote speaker at the service which was also attended by Reps. Walter H. Judd (R-Minn.) and Ruth Thompson (R-Mich.), as well as other officials of government. An inspirational talk was given by Dr. Charles W. Lowry, who recently retired as rector of All Saints Episcopal church, Chevy Chase, Md., to devote full time to presenting the Christian answer to Communist ideology.

Sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals, the Freedom Declaration has been signed by President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon, and other government leaders and will be circulated to state capitols for the signature of the 48 governors.

Members of President Eisenhower's Cabinet signed the "Declaration of Freedom" being sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals. The Cabinet secretaries followed the lead of the President himself in signing the document which pledges Americans to cherish and exemplify the seven freedoms found in the 23rd Psalm.

The freedom declaration pledges the signers to "understand, exemplify, and proclaim the seven divine freedoms to be found in the 23rd Psalm."

These freedoms are listed as:

1. Freedom from want. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."
2. Freedom from hunger. "He maketh me lie down in green pastures."
3. Freedom from thirst. "He leadeth me beside the still waters."
4. Freedom from sin. "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness..."
5. Freedom from fear. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for Thou art with me."
6. Freedom from enemies. "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."
7. Freedom to live abundantly. "Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

Church Construction Ahead of Last Year

New church construction, free of controls, is moving ahead at a rate well above that of a year ago, the Department of Commerce reported in Washington. Construction was started during June on \$38,000,000 worth of new church buildings, the department said. This was 23 per cent above June, 1952, and brought the total value of new buildings started this year to \$208,000,000, compared with \$178,000,000 in the first half of 1952. Construction of new parochial schools and other private school and college buildings is also running higher than a year ago. Starts were made on new buildings worth \$34,000,000 in June, 21 per cent above a year ago. In the first six months of 1953 work was started on \$191,000,000 worth of buildings, compared with \$160,000,000 in the same period of 1952. The all-time record for church construction, set in 1951 when \$452,000,000 worth of new buildings were erected, may be almost equaled this year, according to present indications, while the record for non-public school construction, \$351,000,000, set last year will almost certainly be surpassed.

India Churches Fight State Control of Religious Organizations

Christian church groups are fighting a bill pending in the legislative assembly of Hyderabad, India, that would set up rigid state control over all religious and charitable organizations. The measure would require registration of all such institutions, including churches, schools and hospitals. It would subject their budgets to government scrutiny and alteration and would give a state-named Commissioner power to ap-

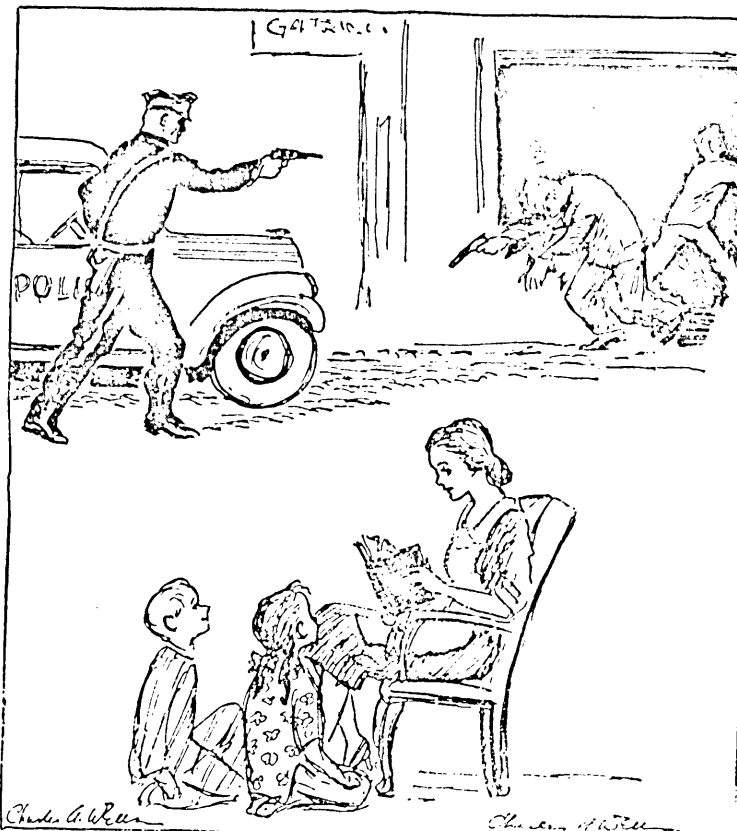
propriate an institution's surplus income, appoint, suspend or dismiss without proof of mismanagement. No sale or exchange of property could take place without government consent. All appointments would be subject to the Commissioner's approval. The government would be entitled to charge up to 10 per cent of the institution's income for such supervision. The bill's announced purpose is to control and protect charitable institutions against mismanagement or immoral uses. But opponents fear it will allow disaffected Christians or antagonistic members of the public to harass church authorities.

Congress Gets New Clergy Security Bill

Eleven senators have joined in sponsoring a bill that would extend Social Security coverage on a voluntary basis to clergymen and other religious employed in the service of any religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization. The measure (S.2260) has been introduced by Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D-N.Y.) and 10 other members of the so-called "liberal bloc" in the Senate, and is designed to broaden Social Security coverage generally and increase benefit payments. It would provide that ordained ministers and members of religious orders could become eligible for coverage, in the same way that it is already extended to lay employees of religious organizations. A companion bill is being sponsored by three Democratic members of the House of Representatives.

Would Exempt Religious Publication From Higher Mailing Rates

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has asked Congress for a substantial increase in second class mailing rates but has suggested that the exemption for religious and educational publications be continued. Congress in 1951 authorized a 30 per cent increase in the former 1½ cent a pound second class rate for newspapers and magazines, but exempted religious groups over the objections of the Post Office Department. Thus far, two of the three 10 per cent increases have gone into effect. The Postmaster General has asked that in place of the third 10 per cent step-up scheduled for April 1, 1954, a 25 per cent increase be voted, with a further 17 per cent increase to follow six months later. This would make a cumulative in-



crease of 62 per cent, from all of which church papers would be exempted. The Postmaster General also specified that he is not asking for an increase in mailing charges for Sunday school publications published for profit.

Southeastern Methodist Women Pledge \$1,490,350 for Missions

Nearly one and a half million dollars has been pledged to the missionary program of The Methodist Church by members of its women's organizations in nine southeastern states, it was announced at Lake Junaluska, N. C. Mrs. E. U. Robinson of Franklin, Tenn., president, and Mrs. B. R. Stout of Knoxville, Tenn., treasurer, of the denomination's Woman's Society of Christian Service, reported at a Southwide school of missions held here that the total pledge of \$1,490,350 for the new fiscal year represents an increase of \$101,860 over the previous year's pledges. The pledges were given, they said, by the more than 400,000 members of the W.S.C.S. and its affiliate, the Wesleyan Service

Guild, in 16 annual conferences in the Southeast.

Eisenhower Denounces Attack On Clergy; Matthews Out

President Eisenhower stepped suddenly into the middle of a growing dispute in Washington with a sharp denunciation of "generalized and irresponsible" attacks on the loyalty of Protestant clergymen. Within an hour, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) had accepted the resignation of his investigating subcommittee's executive director, J. B. Matthews. President Eisenhower said he agreed "fully" with a protest from officials of the National Conference of Christians and Jews that Mr. Matthews' recent charges against Protestant ministers were unjustified and deplorable. "Such attacks," he declared, "betray contempt for the principles of freedom and decency. And when these attacks—whatever their professed purpose be—condemn such a vast portion of the churches or clergy as to create doubt in the loyalty of all, the damage to our nation is multiplied."

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Preachers, Priests

And Penguins

By TED RAND, Paragould

Editor's Note: Ted Rand is the owner and manager of Radio Station KDRS in Paragould, a teacher in the Church School of the First Methodist Church, Paragould, and is active in many religious and civic movements in Paragould. This address was delivered on Sunday evening, June 14, to the congregation of Paragould First Church, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. S. B. Wilford.

WHEN I was a boy, we called my father "Dad." Tonight, for a few times I'm going to remember him as papa. Papa was a player. In high school, he was a star hockey and baseball player. All of his life, he enjoyed games. His four children . . . three of them sons . . . apparently inherited his enthusiasm for sports . . . but little of his skill.

I was a terrible baseball player when I was the age of our Little Leaguers. It was a real achievement when I hit a foul ball. And when I did foul one off, it was generally viewed by the neighbors as something of a "sinful" foul ball. None of those black baseballs . . . heavy with friction tape to replace the covers . . . were welcome in the neighbors yards or gardens . . . but those that went astray off my bat were the very worst. I wasn't very old when dad told me why. You see . . . "Papa was a Preacher" . . . and the preacher's boys are the worst on the block. You get used to it . . . almost. I know you've known a lot of ministers and their families, but things turned out a little differently in our family.

Papa was a plugger and a planner. He wasn't afraid of work, and we're lucky he wasn't. When the depression hit, the preachers felt the pinch as soon as anyone. You probably know the story of the little girl who left for Sunday school with two nickels . . . one for the collection plate and one for an ice cream cone. On the way, she dropped one and it rolled down a sewer. Looking wistfully into the sewer she said, "Well . . . there goes the Lord's nickel." When the Lord's nickels didn't cover up the green felt on the collection plates, dad earned for his family by writing religious columns and poetry for a local newspaper. Then he entered the radio field on a part-time basis to write and produce Bible drama. Meanwhile, dad's outside activities gave the usual little group of critics and snippers the chance they wanted to make dad's life miserable and to make a change. I wonder if a minister ever had a church without this element?

Anyway, papa quit the pulpit. He became in the next seven years a beloved radio personality. When he died in 1937, big headlines told his thousands of friends that his voice was silent. The man-on-the-street and the baseball broadcaster who had been a preacher had signed off. Dad's friends in radio and newspaper work wrote with their hearts on their sleeves. Maybe it didn't help dad any . . . but it made a lot of things he had said along the way seem more important.

I wouldn't have told you this story two years ago. I had dad figured wrong. I always thought there was surely some kind of bitterness behind what they called "the friendliest voice in town." But during my mother's last visit in Paragould, one night when we were talking about the First Methodist '49ers, she told me about my father's greatest ambition during those last years. Dad's dream was to travel back along the road of life until he was again the pastor of a little church in a small town or rural community. It was to preach each Sunday in three such little churches that dad drove his beautiful horse and the sleigh he called a "cutter" through driving snow storms in Prince Edward Island. Our family of four children was complete before dad ever left the little churches for the city.

Papa wasn't very patient. He didn't ever show any disappointments about the foul balls or my private spot on the bench. But he did want the best in work and character. He was a relentless teacher and he was a merciless opponent. Sometimes he was hard to satisfy . . . and I know he wouldn't be satisfied with my church life.

Filling the pulpit tonight, I'm doing something I was asked to do. I usually do . . . but I confess I go around hoping the minister won't ask. I'm also doing something I was not asked to do. I wasn't asked to talk about ministers. But papa was a preacher . . . and maybe we need to take advantage of the pastor's being away to talk about him.

Papa was the professional product of what other students called "The Angel Factory" at Colgate University. I think two widely different men influenced him a great deal. They were Billy Sunday, the remarkable evangelist, and Harry Emerson Fosdick, the preacher who saw religion as an experience in life and lost an important church . . . only to have John

D. Rockefeller build for him the beautiful Riverside Church in New York. It was probably Fosdick's point of view which prompted my dad to explain religion to his children as he did. He told us he didn't care about the brand or variety of religion . . . as long as it was Christian . . . and we lived by it. I wish I could say I have. But I doubt if dad had any tougher jobs than the matter of the "sinful foul balls." To us, dad was an ordinary Joe. While he was still able, we played softball, golf, and tennis with him. He was a regular walrus in the water. He could pitch horseshoes or toss darts for hours on end. He could lose his voice in the third quarter of a football game or the seventh inning of a baseball game. We didn't figure he was any different than any other man, and he wasn't . . . but he should have been!

You see, people expect the minister, the minister's wife, and the minister's family to be different . . . and frequently different in the last way in the world to help get the job done. The minister's household should be immune to temptation . . . model in behaviour . . . instantly available.

Here's how a church committee described the preacher they wanted: An orator, a thinker, a practical business man, a good mixer, an efficient pastor, a father of charming, quiet, inoffensive children, a saint and a scholar. His wife was to be only a shade below the angels, willing to serve without pay as something of an assistant pastor.

Here is the pastor, as described by M. E. Ketterling of Streeter, N. D.: "If he is young he lacks experience; if his hair is gray he is too old. If he has five or six children he has too many; if he has none he is setting a bad example. If his wife sings in the choir she is being too forward; if she does not she is not interested in her husband's work. If he speaks from notes he has canned sermons and is dry; if he is extemporaneous he is not deep. If he spends too much time in his study he neglects his people; if he visits he is a gadabout. If he is attentive to the poor he is playing to the grandstand; if to the wealthy he is trying to be an aristocrat. If he suggests improvements for the church he is a dictator; if he makes no suggestions he is a figurehead. If he uses too many illustrations he neglects the Bible; if not enough he is not clear. If he condemns wrong he is cranky; if he does not he is a compromiser. If he preaches an hour he is windy; if less he is lazy. If he fails to please everybody he is hurting the church; if he does please everybody he has no convictions. If he preaches the truth he is offensive; if not he is a hypocrite. If he preaches tithing he is a moneygrabber; if he does not he is failing to develop his people. If he receives a large salary he is mercenary; if a small salary it proves he is not worth much. If he preaches all the time the people get tired of hearing one man; if he invites guest preachers he is shirking responsibility. Yet they say the preacher has an easy time!" (from Guide Posts)

Young human beings, boys who were our schoolday chums, choose the ministry. Should they change so drastically from the people they were when we shinnied up the tree for the green apples? They shouldn't be still shinnying up trees to swipe apples . . . but neither should we.

It must take something different, some special feeling for humanity, to turn a person into the difficult service we call the ministry.

I like the story of the little girl lost in Grand Central Station. If you haven't been there, you can't imagine what a complete world in itself Grand Central Station really is. This little girl got separated from her mother in Grand Central Station. There are all sorts of people to help in such a case, but the mother got frantic just the same . . . mostly because she sensed that the child would be terribly frightened. But when they were finally reunited, the mother found that the little girl wasn't frightened one bit. She was with a group of five nuns. The mother expressed her great gratitude, and the Mother Superior told her that it was a joy to do such little services. And then the woman expressed her surprise at the fact that the little girl wasn't scared, especially since she had never seen a nun before. The Mother Superior smiled. "Well," she said, "to tell the truth . . . your little daughter thought we were penguins!"

We think such unnatural things about our ministers. We instinctively expect them to be faultless, less human than we are. They have such a great yearning to serve humanity . . . and we go our intent but nonetheless thoughtless ways making it more difficult for them to do so. We're not ourselves with our ministers. We're on guard lest we be judged and we keep him on guard, too. We so often take our problems to him when it's too late. We expect him to be available at the drop of a hat, denying him, therefore, the very freedoms which we covet ourselves. And when the ten youngsters scoot over the wet lawn on bicycles, it was bound to have been the minister's boy who led the parade.

These people in our pulpits have the toughest job of all and the most important. They are the people's reminder of the Pattern and the people expecting the pastor to be the Pattern himself, forget that Paul and Peter and John and the rest were so very, very human.

Fifty Priests in fifty jeeps said fifty prayers in unison over the grave of Father Lawrence Lynch when he was killed in action in the Pacific. He was the man that Jewish Brig General Julius Klein described as a saint. He ministered to men of all faiths. He could whisper "Sh'mai, Israel, adonia, elohenu, adonai, echad" to a Jewish boy . . . or reverently recite, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want . . ." to a fallen Methodist . . . This is a man John Wesley could have talked with just as he talked with Peter Bohler, the Moravian priest, to shape the way of thinking and worshipping which we call Methodism, a religion of life, a faith for the living.

If we say it is the preacher's fault that we do not learn, let's remember what Gibrán said: "No man can reveal to you aught but that which already lies half asleep in the dawning of your knowledge. Even as each one of you stands alone in God's knowledge, so must each one of you be alone in his knowledge of God and in his understanding of the earth."

It doesn't matter who he is, this minister returning for the coming year, or another, or yet another. We are the Church. We are its strength and its weakness. Also, we are the people who assign the hard job to the man in the pulpit.

Let's give him the right to be human . . . the joys of being natural. Rather than to say we have a minister who satisfies us, let us say we have made for him a congregation who readily cooperates with him and appreciates him.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

WITH THE DISTRICTS

Monroe

The month of June is an unusually busy one for the Monroe District W.S.C.S. Officers. At this time they are conducting officers' training at Zone meetings throughout the district. The first one was held Thursday, June 11, at Memorial Methodist Church. The following program was presented by Mrs. M. D. Felder, leader of Zone I.

Officers' Training Classes: Presidents and Promotion Secretaries, instructor, Mrs. M. L. DeFreese; Sec. of Children, Youth and Student Work, Mrs. Lorenz Teer and Mrs. C. K. McClure; Sec. of Missionary Education, Mrs. Allen Pomerooy; Sec. Status of Women, Mrs. DeWitt Henry; Sec. of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. E. P. Cudd; Sec. of Spiritual Life, Mrs. M. D. Felder; Treasurers and Sec. of Supply Work, Mrs. Wade Cotton and Mrs. C. L. Taylor. At the close of the class sessions a summary of the recommendations were given to the general assembly.

A Promotional film entitled, "Widening Fellowship" was shown by Mrs. M. L. DeFreese, District Secretary of Promotion. Vivid action pictures portrayed a Membership Committee in a visitation program.

The highlight of the program was a pageant depicting the quadrennial goals: Spiritual Growth, Widening Fellowship, A World Church, Peace, Missions, presented by St. Paul's W.S.C.S. Mrs. DeWitt Henry was the narrator. The title of this pageant was, "To Make His Kingdom Real".

At the conclusion of the meeting a covered dish luncheon was served by members of Memorial Methodist W.S.C.S., in the church dining room. —Mrs. M. L. DeFreese

El Dorado Sub-District Meets

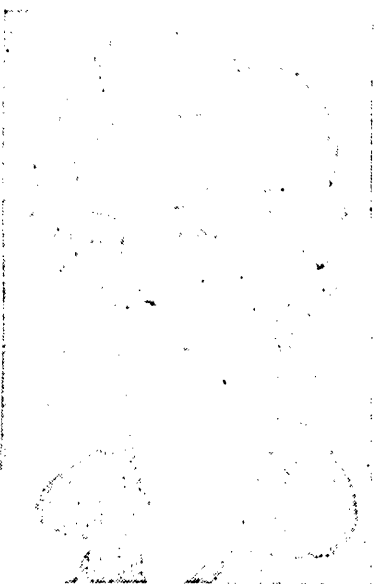
VANTREASE METHODIST CHURCH was host Tuesday, June 9, for Officer's Training Session of the El Dorado Sub-District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Camden District. Mrs. J. T. Bolding and Mrs. J. H. Bradshaw were in charge of registrations which began at 9:45 a.m.

The meeting opened with a period of organ meditations played by Mrs. Bynum Blackmon. Mrs. A. B. Sellers, President of the Sub-District, called the meeting to order and the Rev. Fred Schwendimann, pastor of the host church, led the opening prayer. Mrs. J. T. Bolding called the roll of churches with the following being represented: Dumas Memorial, El Dorado First Church, Junction City, Norphlet, Parker's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Quinn, Smackover, St. Luke, and Vantrease Methodist.

Mrs. Claude Baker, President of the host Woman's Society of Christian Service, was introduced and extended words of greeting and welcome, after which the Camden District President, Mrs. Ernest Glaze, was presented, received a corsage, and became director for the day's activities. The group then went to various assigned rooms for study and training in specific offices of the Society.

The noon meal was served in Fellowship Hall, and the offering for the meal is to be used by the young people toward attending summer

North Arkansas Has New Guild Secretary



MRS. W. W. PEEK

Mrs. W. W. Peek, Blytheville, has recently been elected as the Secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Peek has been active in Guild work for the past four years serving as president of the Blytheville Wesleyan Service Guild. She was re-elected for the new year. She has served as secretary for the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, for more than six years.

Mrs. Peek succeeds Mrs. Velma Oakes, Siloam Springs, who has moved to Oklahoma.

camps of the Church. Mrs. J. F. McKinnon gave the invocation at the noon hour. Assisting in the serving of the meal were the Misses Mary Ann Wilkins, Joan Slayter, and Connie Ingram.

The meeting closed with an afternoon session during which the District Secretaries provided opportunity to answer questions concerning the work. Mrs. R. B. Moore led the closing prayer.

SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

An all day meeting of the sub-district of the W.S.C.S. was held Friday, May 22 at the Okolona Methodist Church. Thirty-five were present for the meeting. Representatives came from the societies of Dalark Circuit, Hollywood, Smyrna, Trinity, Center Grove and Okolona.

Mrs. Roy Neil McElhannon, sub-district chairman, presided at the meeting. Miss Lucy Patterson gave a beautiful devotional. Guest speakers were Miss Margaret Marshall, Deaconess, and Mrs. Archer Smith, Secretary of Christian Social relations—both of Hot Springs, and Mrs. Robert Topp of Gurdon, District President. Following the routine business session in the morning a delicious pot luck dinner was served.

The afternoon session was devoted to a workshop with three groups under the leadership of Miss Marshall, Mrs. Archer Smith, Hot Springs, and Mrs. Dewey Nethery, Okolona.

The next meeting will be held August 7 at the Center Grove Church.

Mrs. DeWitt McElhannon of the Okolona Church was elected delegate to Aldersgate. —Mrs. D. L. Nethery

GUILD WEEK-END AT ALDERSGATE

The Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild will hold its Annual Week-End School of Missions and Educational Seminar at Aldersgate Camp July 25 and 26 under the leadership of Mrs. R. B. Thomas, Conference Secretary. Registration will be at 1 p. m., and the opening session will be at 2 p. m. The four study classes for the year

will be presented by the same teachers who are teaching this week for the Conference Woman's Society School of Missions: D. J. Blaylock, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. Ezequiel Alvarez and Mrs. T. S. Lovett.

The evening session will be devoted to a Guild Clinic, directed by Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Associate Secretary of the Conference. The Sunday morning Cabin Meditations will be under the guidance of Mrs. A. J. Ross.

Workshops will be led by Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Lovett, Mrs. C. I. Parsons, Mrs. Dabney, Mrs. M. E. Scott and Mrs. Earl Cotton.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Miss Ruth Martin, a returned missionary, spoke at the Zachary Methodist Church, at the Sunday evening service, June 28. She used colored slides of the pictures she took while in Korea. Miss Martin is a nurse, and has served most recently as Director of the Delivery Room at the Methodist Hospital at Seoul.

The Woman's Society of the Midland Heights church had an interesting program presented to them at their June meeting by Mrs. Everett Davis, program chairman, and seven girls from the World Friendship Group. The Society gave five Life Memberships, and the Methodist Men's Group gave a life Membership to the pastor's wife, Mrs. W. A. Downum. The society sends The Upper Room to the boys and girls of the church who are away at school and in service. —Mrs. Shirley Coleman

Mrs. Albert S. Hurley has been elected President of St. Mark's Community Center; she is wife of the pastor of Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church.

The officers of the Leachville Woman's Society were installed at the close of the Sunday morning service by the pastor, Rev. Frank Stage. At the close of the installation, Mrs. Perry DeFries, past president, honored Mrs. P. L. Lee and Mrs. R. E. L. Bearden with Life Membership certificates and pins, given by the

LOUISIANA GUILD WEEK-END

The seventh annual Guild Week-End of the Louisiana Conference will be held at Camp Brewer, July 24, 25 and 26. The meeting will convene at 2 p.m. Saturday, but many members will arrive Friday evening, and activities start early Saturday morning with morning watch at 6 and craft classes at 8:30. Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary, will preside at the meeting.

Miss Gladice Bower, Superintendent of Vashti Girls School, Thomasville, Georgia, will be the principle speaker, telling of the school at the Saturday evening session, and giving the inspirational address at the Sunday morning worship service. Miss Bower is one of the "Special Interest" of the Wesleyan Service Guilds.

Society. Mrs. Herbert Martin presented Mrs. DeFries a lovely picture from the society in appreciation.

On June 23 the officers of the Forrest City Woman's Society of Christian Service were installed in the sanctuary of the church by Rev. Raymond Franks, pastor, before a worship center of four candles, representing the society and the three ways of serving, and a world globe and cross.

After the installation, the newly formed circles held short business meetings, then went to the parsonage for tea. Mrs. Franks was hostess to the members of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. A. B. Nimocks, outgoing president of the society, and Mrs. Raymond Kerr, president of the Guild, served at the tea table, assisted by Mrs. Frank Rausher and Mrs. Frank Bell. Mrs. Otto Teague, wife of the new District Superintendent, and Mrs. Emory Sweet, new president of the society, assisted Mrs. Franks in greeting the guests. —Mrs. Emory Sweet

Mrs. O. G. Price, Sr., was presented with a Life Membership in the W.S.C.S. by the Covington Guild on Sunday, June 14 by the past president, Mrs. Lester Lacroix. Mrs. Price was one of the charter members of the Guild and has been a faithful supporter of its works and of the total program of the church.

The new officers of the Lakeview Methodist Church W.S.C.S. in Minden, Louisiana, were installed on Sunday evening, June 7th by the pastor Rev. Harvey G. Williamson.

A very challenging message and impressive candle light service were a part of the service conducted along with the evening hour of worship. The following were installed, and are now new officers of the society.

Mrs. Clyde Prescott.....President
Mrs. James Felts.....V-President
Mrs. Doris White.....Secretary
Mrs. Richard Faircloth.....Treasurer

The society, which is a little over a year old, has a membership of fifty which is divided into three active circles. The society is presently working towards furnishing the kitchen for the new sanctuary and educational building which this congregation now has under construction and will enjoy in the near future.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR AT MENA

On the night of July 2nd, the First Methodist Church of Mena gave a hearty "welcome" to its new minister, Rev. Alfred DeBlack, Mrs. DeBlack, and son "Tommy". Though it was an evening of threatening clouds, there was a very good attendance. It being a "pot luck" dinner, the long serving table was loaded, and anyone who went away hungry had himself to blame. The table was graced with a beautiful arrangement of red and white flowers, by courtesy of the Johnson Flower Shop. Outside tables were spread, the diners being driven in by a violent windstorm, which added to the pleasure of the evening by cooling the air.

The program was supervised by Mrs. Vernon Rodgers, Pres. of the W.S.C.S., which sponsored the reception. It began in a unique way with a "major", (very major!) operation being performed on "Mrs. Methodist Church", in the person of Mrs. John Barton. Mrs. Alen Bradley and Mrs. Ralph Edwards were the very in-efficient nurses, and Messrs. Greer Bell and Alan Bradley were the even less efficient surgeons, assisted by an assortment of carpenter's tools. The groans of Mrs. Church were entirely too hearty for one so "ill". After she had been relieved of the things that had caused her to be such a poor church member, viz: a toy rocking chair, a pillow, a stone that had served as a heart, and the telephone she had used to spread gossip, she sat up and declared, "I feel like a new person. I'm going to go to church, and I'm even going to join the choir!"

The short welcoming speech was made by M. E. Drake, representing the official board. Rev. DeBlack responded with a very nice speech, and we had the feeling that the DeBlack's like us, and we knew we like them. We are expecting a year of marked advance, under their leadership.

RECEPTION HONORS PULLMAN HEIGHTS PASTOR

The Rev. Kivin A. Hale, new pastor at Pullman Heights Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Mrs. Hale and son, Donald, were honored at a lovely reception Thursday evening in the church parlors. The minister recently came here from Henderson Methodist Church in Little Rock, being assigned to the Pullman Heights church by the Little Rock Conference.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with silver bowls filled with red roses and candles in silver holders.

Guests were greeted by the pastor and his wife, W. E. Cox, chairman of the board of stewards, Emmett Jackson, superintendent of the Sunday School, Mrs. L. T. Norris, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Chairman of the circles were in charge of the refreshment tables. Delicious ice cream and home made cake were served. —Reporter

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AT GRAVETTE

We used the Sunday evening preaching hour for class sessions of our School of Missions which ran on Sunday evenings from April 12 through May 17. The pastor was in charge of the school.

A member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was in charge as we studied chapter one. Following the study a film, "Resources of Africa," was shown. Rev. Vernon Chalfant, District Missionary Secretary and our pastor at Rogers, led in the study of the second chapter. This was followed with an explanation of the organization and duties of the Commission on Missions of the local church.

Lay members of the church led in the discussion of chapters three and four. A member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service had charge in the study of chapter five.

In the closing study the pastor was in charge. Following a study of chapter six, the pastor gave a discussion of "The Missionary Message of the Bible," using Dr. Cook's book by that title.

The study of the text book was supplemented by the use of Missionary Magazines and conversations with missionaries who have been on the field. There was an average attendance of forty-four for the six evenings. The Commission on Missions decided to plan another school for this conference year. —Reporter

CHILDREN'S DAY AT SHILOH LEOLA CHARGE

On Sunday, June 2, a well-planned Children's Day service was held in Shiloh Methodist Church, Arkansas County. Twenty-three children and young people participated in the program under the direction of Mrs. Cecil Hayes and Mrs. James Gunnell.

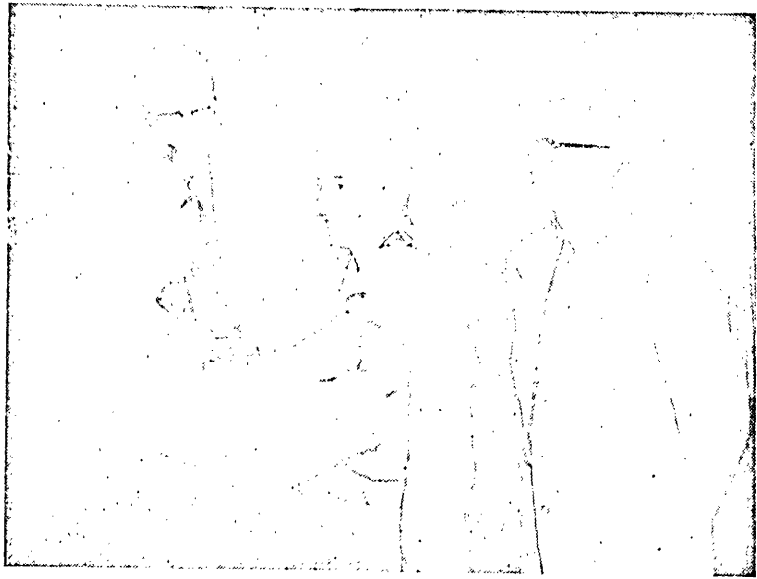
The church choir, the junior choir and the Sunbeam Choir presented special music appropriately designed to reflect the themes chosen for Children's Day. This annual event serves as a home coming day for many former members and friends of Shiloh Church, who return each year to share in the joys of this nostalgic occasion.

Of particular interest was the presence of George Young, a former choir director, who sang one of his own compositions, "My Prayer", the words of which were written by Thomas Sherman who was also present at the service. Miss Estelle Gunnell and Walter Gunnell sang a duet which was also composed by Mr. Young in collaboration with Mr. Sherman. At the close of the service a bountiful "dinner on the ground" for which the women of Shiloh Church are famous, was served in the grove beside the church.

The day was highlighted by the presentation of a gift to the pastor, Rev. W. C. Lewis and his recent bride. The gracious words of acceptance by Mrs. Lewis and her wonderful personality quickly won the hearts of the congregation.

Shiloh Church looks back on a year of unusual accomplishments

NELSON BARNETT RECEIVES "GOD AND COUNTRY" AWARD



Nelson Barnett, receiving his God and Country Award from his father, I. N. Barnett, Batesville. Looking on, left, Rev. E. G. Kaetzl, pastor of First Church, Batesville, and right, Hassell Marshall, Scoutmaster of Troop 51. Place — First Church, Batesville, June 5, 1953.

This award is one of the highest in Scouting. It requires 150 hours of service to the church.

AT TOWN AND COUNTRY SCHOOL EMORY UNIVERSITY

J. Albert Gatlin

Through the gracious courtesy of the Progressive Farmer, Sears-Roebuck Company and Emory University it is now the high privilege of the writer to be in the Town and Country School on this beautiful campus a few days. This is an inter-denominational school with one hundred thirty enrolled from a goodly number of church groups. The Methodists as usual on such ventures, are well represented.

The city of Atlanta is one of very clean appearance in its physical aspects. The city meanders about over the hills and through beautiful groves of pine and other striking members of the forest family. The University Campus is beautiful. The trees are prolific. The buildings of Georgia Marble are beautiful and attractive. The facilities for living are on the highest level. It is indeed a good place to spend a little while in study and fellowship.

One is reminded of home by the friendliness and hospitable association with the students, faculty and resource leaders. This is an experience rich and inspiring. The horizons of life are pushed further out as one meets in discussion and fellowship with those of other faiths. The striking thing is the similarity of needs, problems, and opportunities found by all in the Town and Country areas. The fact that all of the great Evangelical Churches are facing these factors and issues with purpose is hopeful and invigorating. One can feel with deep certainty that there will be no hope

and service under the leadership of Brother Lewis. With Mrs. Lewis now as his helpmate we look forward to an even greater year ahead. Vacation Bible School begins on July 27, continuing for one week. A revival also will be held during that week. —Reporter

tomorrow for the church that sits with ease in Zion in its interest in the rural territories. There is a great undercurrent of concern for Rural America on the part of many people. That interest has not quickened any too soon. One thing we know for sure and that is that we can no longer farm the Lord's Acreage with a one horse rig. The mental and spiritual equipment of the church must be brought into harmony with the powers of other agencies if we are to hold back the tides of secularism across rural America. That coupled with the Power of the Eternal Spirit of God will not only hold back the tides of secularism but will also enable us to make great advances.

Through some good fortune unbidden by the writer he was selected by the Progressive Farmer and Emory University as the Rural Minister of the year for Arkansas. This is indeed an honor that many good men in our state well merit. One can hope for himself that such recognition is merited because of love for, interest in, and labor for the great Town and Country areas of our State. This is the rounding out of twenty-six years of work in the North Arkansas as a laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. Five of these years were spent at S.M.U. at Dallas, Texas, trying to get better equipped for service. These have been wonderful years. As the journey continues one wishes that he might live more than one life span and have the great joy of loving and serving his fellow men along the road.

This is a time for the writer to draw aside a little while and get a little better equipped for serving the Master's Kingdom. He looks forward to a busy Summer across the conference.

The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

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HOW CAN MY FAMILY BE FULLY CHRISTIAN?

LESSON FOR AUGUST 2, 1953

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Ephesians 5:15-33; 6:1-9; Colossians 3:12-4:1. Printed Text:
Colossians 3:12 through 4:1.

MEMORY SELECTION: Put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (Colossians 3:14)

This is the fifth and last lesson of Unit XI: "MUTUAL EXPERIENCE IN CHRIST". The themes of all of these lessons have been in the forms of questions. Lesson one: "Do We Encourage One Another?" We found that Christians do encourage one another. They do so by their mutual faith, warm sympathy, understanding in helpfulness, and influence. Paul longed to see the members of the Roman Church that they might encourage each other by their mutual faith. This thought is expressed in the Memory Selection of that lesson. Lesson two: "Shall We Enter the Experiences of Others?" Again the answer is "yes". One can't be a Christian without genuine love for all mankind, and he can't have such love without entering into their experiences. He will naturally weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice. Lesson three: "What Have We In Common With All Christians?" All Christians have much in common. They all have the same Saviour. They all have the same task in the world (that of building the Kingdom of God on earth). They all have the same God for a heavenly Father. They all have the same heaven for an eternal home. Modern denominations need to emphasize the things upon which they agree rather than the things over which they differ. Lesson four: "What Can I Give?" This question has to do with what one has to give to the Church; the body of Christ. The chief thing that one gives in this connection is himself. This, of course, carries with it all that he has in the way of talents, time, training, physical strength, and material possessions. The lesson for today: "How Can My Family Be Fully Christian?" One should carefully note all these themes in connection with the theme of the entire unit. All of these themes fit into the general theme: "MUTUAL EXPERIENCE IN CHRIST". If we fail to get them in this connection they will not mean so much to us.

A Look at the Printed Text

This passage is taken from Paul's letter to the church at Colossae. Colossae was a town in Asia Minor about a hundred miles east of the city of Ephesus. Paul had never visited this community. Some scholars think that the church was founded there by Epaphras. The members of this church had been led astray by some false teachers. These people taught that there were many powers in the world and that Christ was just one of these powers. In this letter Paul pointed out the fact that Christ is the Son of God and as such has no rivals. He wields the greatest influence of any person who ever lived in the world.

Paul then went on to emphasize the law of Christian love. All relationships of life must be governed by this love. Since love is the great-

est force in the world, this makes Christ the supreme teacher of all ages. Paul wrote this letter from the Roman prison in about A.D. 62. During this same time and from this same prison he wrote three other letters: Ephesians, Philippians, and Philemon. All of these letters have much in common.

In the beginning of our printed text we find Paul mentioning seven virtues that people are to possess if they are to get along with each other. The first one he mentions is "compassion". This is a very important virtue. The one who possesses it has great pity for the unfortunate or suffering. This sorrow goes so deep that he would either suffer with or for others. Over and over again the New Testament speaks of Christ as being filled with compassion. The possession of this virtue, filled with divine love, led him to die on the cross for others.

The next virtue mentioned is that of "kindness". This virtue is also sorely needed in our modern world. The world today is filled with cruelty and unkindness. It is wonderful just to be kind to others, even including one's enemies. Kind words fitly spoken are a great force for good.

Then follows "lowliness". One is not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think. People often measure themselves by other individuals and they feel a little exalted over the comparison. So it was with the Pharisees when he went into the Temple to pray. He compared himself with a publican who was present and thanked God that he was not like other men. One can only keep lowly in his estimation of himself as he measures himself by Christ.

"Meekness" is next mentioned. Christ spoke of the meek and said that they would inherit the earth. We recall his great invitation. He invited all those who labored and were heavy-laden to come to him, and in so doing he went on to say, "For I am meek and lowly at heart".

The next virtue is "patience". There is a lot of wear and tear in the world today because of the lack of this virtue. On a per cent basis there are more people in hospitals for nervous diseases than ever before in all this history of the world. Through lack of patience they are driven into nervous breakdowns. Not only so, but tens of thousands lose their lives in accidents every year because of the lack of patience on the part of themselves or others. The Bible admonishes: "In your patience possess your souls", but in our impatience we stand a good chance to lose our souls.

Next we have "forbearing one another". This means that one is

patient under provocation that he refrains from feelings of resentment and forgoes retaliation. It means the bearing of misunderstandings and insults of others with patience.

We now come to the hardest of all these virtues to practice: "Forgiving each other". When a person has really been wronged it is hard for him to forgive. A man was badly wronged by another. He remarked, "I resent that. It is manlike to resent such treatment." A person standing by replied "Yes, it's manlike to resent such treatment, but it is God-like to forgive and forget it." Christ demands that we forgive. It was he who said, "For if you forgive not men their trespasses neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses."

Paul next mentions the great force that binds all these virtues together: "Above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." One can't help but remember here what the great Apostle had to say about love in I Corinthians 13. He mentions many great virtues and then insists that all of them are worthless if they are not seasoned with love.

The person who possesses all of these virtues and has them bound together by love will have the peace of Christ. This is not merely the peace that comes to the hearts of all who have put their trust in Christ as Lord and Saviour. It is rather the peace of Christ; a gift from him to all true believers. It will be remembered that not long before his visible departure from this world he said to his disciples, "My peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you." The world can't give us peace, and since it is a peace that comes not from the world, take it away. It cannot be destroyed by outward adverse circumstances.

Paul is anxious that the "word" of Christ dwell in the hearts of the Colossians. This refers to the teaching of Christ. No one else ever spoke like him. How carefully we need to treasure his words and meditate upon them. His words are to the souls of people what food is to the body. They sustain the spiritual life of the individual.

Next we have the idea of singing. Christianity has always been a singing religion. That means it is a happy, victorious religion. In the early days of the movement the psalms were chanted, but soon other songs were written and used in public worship.

All things are to be done in the name of Christ. This simply means that the Christian is to both speak and act in such a manner as to have the approval of Christ. One can't even hand a cup of cold water in his name and miss his reward. He himself commanded that we pray in his name. That is why prayers are closed with the familiar words, "We ask it all in Jesus name" etc. We are to give thanks to God the Father through him.

Family Relationships

We now come to the application of these great virtues in the matter of family relationships. This brings us to the heart of our lesson: "How Can My Family Be Fully Christian?" The answer is by practicing the above mentioned virtues in all of its relationships. Paul mentions three relationships here: that be-

tween husbands and wives; parents and children; and slaves and masters.

Wives are admonished to be subject to their husbands. You will not find many husbands objecting to that. In fact you find many husbands asserting their rights at this point just because of what Paul said in this connection. They don't stop to note their part of the bargain. They are supposed to love their wives as Christ loved the Church. The chances are the wives keep their part of the contract about as well as the husbands keep theirs.

Children are admonished to "obey their parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." This advice is based on the fifth of the Ten Commandments. There, children are taught to honor their parents. Some parents would have more obedience and honor from their children if they were worthy of it. A man was once talking to the writer about his children. He was complaining that they didn't respect and obey him as he did his parents. On being asked what kind of parents he had, he lauded them to the skies. He told how loyal they were at church and Sunday school, and how that each evening they had their family prayer in the home, etc. The writer remarked, "You had good parents. They were worthy of your honor and obedience. Now, what kind of a parent have you been to your children. Did you bring them up, as your father did you, in the church and Sunday school? Have you had your family altar with your children down through the years? Have you lived a fine Christian life before your children as your father did before you?" The man was a bit embarrassed, but admitted that he had not been the fine Christian father to his children that his father had been to him. The writer then said, "You had a fine father. You honored, respected, and obeyed him because he was worthy of it. The chances are if you had been the same type of father to your children as your father was to you, they would have treated you just as well as you treated him. It seems to me that you are the one who has failed, and not your children. They have been the victims of circumstances over which they had no control."

The next admonition is to fathers, they are warned not to provoke their children. This simply means that the fathers are not to excite the children and arouse them to anger. We have all seen this done over and over again. Many times parents are not as understanding and considerate with their children as they should be. This arouses the indignation of the children and leads to much family friction.

The last relationship mentioned here is that between masters and slaves. These were household slaves and considered as part of the family. Many times the slaves were better educated people than were the masters. Paul realized that this condition could not go on forever, but he admonished them to be patient in their servitude.

Don't let anyone argue that the old values, the real values, are gone. Real religion is as strong, as vital, as necessary as ever. Scrapping trappings merely indicates a longing for less dogma, less man-made hypocrisy. —Marjorie Wilkins Campbell.

	World Service and Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Dist. Supt's Fund	Gen., Jurisd. and Interdenom.	Minimum Salary Fund	World Communion	Methodist Youth
Moro	115.00	16.35	149.60	44.00	10.00	12.00		
Rondo	55.00	4.00	70.00	44.00	4.00	8.00		
Ebenezer	20.00	2.00	26.40	16.50	2.50	3.00		
BRINKLEY	506.25	51.18	463.00	292.50	52.50	69.75		
CHERRY VALLEY	68.68	19.64	180.00	112.50	13.75	3.00	5.00	20.00
Farm Hill	35.00	2.65	34.00	15.00	2.00	1.00		
Bay Village	32.50							
CLARENDON	500.00	54.60	530.40	312.00	72.00	116.00	25.00	
COLT	45.00	11.50	80.00	69.00				
Forrest Chapel	20.00	7.77	52.30	33.00	6.00	4.75		
McElroy	25.00	3.50	30.00		3.00			
Smith Chapel			17.00	11.00		2.50		
Wesley Chapel	29.00	10.00	20.00	57.00	4.00	6.00		
COTTON PLANT	516.12	52.50	480.00	300.00	67.50	115.50	43.25	4.00
McClelland	34.00	3.50	32.00	20.00	4.50	4.50		
CRAWFORDSVILLE	382.00	43.75	375.00	250.00	42.00	58.00	14.04	
Blackfish Lake	168.00	19.25	176.00	110.00	18.00	26.00	6.00	9.61
EARLE	125.00	68.25	163.00	390.00	84.00	62.00	57.21	3.54
ELAINE	300.00	32.00	306.00	138.75	35.00	49.00	26.50	5.00
Mellwood	150.00	17.50	160.00	100.00	32.50	23.75	15.00	
Wabash	150.00	14.00	123.00	80.00	18.00	19.00	17.65	
FORREST CITY	2200.00	96.25	880.00	550.00	50.00	91.00	100.00	56.25
HAYNES	22.00	12.00	26.30	30.00	7.00	6.25	5.00	
La Grange	66.00	9.50	86.00	54.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	
HELENA	2199.96	101.50	1013.73	578.40	120.00	293.36	71.25	24.20
HOLLY GROVE	500.00	53.00	480.00	300.00	48.00	89.00	27.00	
HUGHES	350.00	73.50	399.00	420.00	84.00	204.00	35.00	10.00
HUNTER	18.50							
Whitehall	75.00	8.75	80.00	50.00	6.00	6.00		
MARIANNA	1600.00	89.25	854.25	510.00	90.00	257.10	140.00	
MARION	1000.00	78.75	720.00	450.00	84.00	129.50	75.00	
MARVELL	200.00	26.25	240.00	150.00	15.00	44.00	16.00	
Lexa	160.00	21.00	180.00	120.00	36.00	22.00	10.00	
Turner	40.00	5.25	48.00	30.00	6.00	8.00	5.00	
PARKIN	450.00	47.25	468.00	270.00	45.00	73.00		
VANDALE	150.00	21.00	100.00	120.00	7.50	19.25		
Ellis Chapel	40.00	8.75	64.37	30.00	3.25	9.00		
Central	50.00	8.75	50.00	33.00	3.25	9.00		
Pleasant Hill	10.00	4.00	27.50	26.25	3.00	3.00	10.00	
WEST HELENA	600.00	63.00	612.00	360.00	60.00	140.00	25.00	
WEST MEMPHIS	900.00	48.00	432.00	270.00	48.00	82.00	139.16	63.13
WHEATLEY	160.00	18.00	187.00	105.00	13.00	17.00		
Goodwin	8.00	1.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	3.00		
Salem	15.00	2.00	24.00	15.00	2.00	5.00		
WIDENER-ROUND POND-MADISON	105.58						54.70	5.05
WYNNE	1500.00	84.00	768.00	480.00	90.00	140.00	50.00	5.00
TOTAL	\$15796.59	1327.14	11414.55	7389.90	1309.25	2385.01	978.96	215.78

RACE RELATIONS: Brinkley 18.75, Cotton Plant 10.00, Crawfordsville 10.00, Blackfish Lake 4.00, Mellwood 9.30, Wabash 13.85, Haynes 1.00, Helena 150.00, Holly Grove 10.00, Hughes 15.00, Marion 50.00, Marvell 8.00, West Helena 19.43, Wheatley 25.00, Widener-Round Pond-Madison 21.05, Wynne 150.00.

GOLDEN CROSS: Dist. Supt. 25.00, Clarendon 50.00, Blackfish Lake 5.00, Helena 100.00, Marianna 60.00, Marion 75.00, Marvell 10.00, Turner 5.00, West Helena 40.00.

ADVANCE: Aubrey 42.50, Moro 42.50, Rondo 14.00, Clarendon 100.00, Forrest City 200.00, Helena 250.00, Hughes 200.00, Hunter 18.50, Whitehall 20.00, Marianna 400.00, Marion 350.00, Marvell 25.00, Parkin 135.00, West Helena 200.00, West Memphis 100.00, Wheatley 50.00, Wynne 600.00.

WEEK OF DEDICATION: Aubrey 5.00, Cherry Valley 11.16, Clarendon 25.00, Crawfordsville 13.00, Blackfish Lake 4.00, Earle 20.00, Elaine 13.00, Helena 150.00, Holly Grove 22.00, Hughes 35.00, Marianna 141.14, Marion 71.49, Lexa 15.00, Parkin 30.00, West Helena 23.87, Wheatley 25.00, Wynne 50.00.

STUDENT DAY: Clarendon 25.00, Blackfish Lake 10.00, Helena 10.00, Hughes 10.00, Widener-Round Pond-Madison 33.59.

1000 CLUB: District 230.00.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

DISTRICT SUPT.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ALIX	40.06	5.25	15.65	25.00	7.00	1.25			
Mt. Vernon	34.00	4.00	32.00	20.00	5.00	1.00	2.50		
Coal Hill	50.00	10.50	27.00	60.00	6.00	2.00			
ALMA	290.00	35.00	340.00	200.00	48.00	95.00	12.00		
Mountain View	33.75	8.75	90.00	50.00	5.50	26.00			
Newberry	10.00	2.00	17.00	10.00	2.00				
GAR CREEK (Altus Ct.)	15.00		10.00	5.00					
Grenade's Chapel	25.00		25.00	15.00					
BOONEVILLE	1180.00	68.25	690.00	390.00	77.00	198.50	50.00	12.00	
Cole's Chapel	88.00	8.72	80.00	50.00	12.00	17.56	5.00		
BRANCH	150.00	14.00	128.00	88.00	14.00	3.00			
Cecil	40.00	3.00	21.00	16.00	4.00	2.00			
Lowe's Creek	38.00	3.00	21.00	14.75	7.00	6.00			
CHARLESTON	252.75	43.32	429.00	246.75	39.00	93.00	25.00	9.00	
CLARKSVILLE	2390.00	87.48	874.93	499.92	105.00	252.96	52.52		
FORT SMITH, First	5650.00	131.25	1312.50	750.00	214.78	402.00			
Goddard Mem.	2575.76	96.25	880.00	550.00	125.50	166.76	112.59		
Fifth Street	52.50	18.37	120.00	75.00	7.00				
Glover Mem.	60.00	13.65	124.80	78.00	5.00		6.00		
Grand Avenue	50.00	36.75	169.00	245.00		31.00	10.80		
Massard	17.00		174.00	50.00		24.00			
Barling	17.00	1.75	16.00	10.00	2.00	2.00			
Midland Heights	900.00	73.50	735.00	420.00	77.00	204.00	23.68	33.70	
St. Luke	252.75	26.25	268.00	15.00	33.75	48.75	10.00		
Bonanza	45.00	10.50	96.00	60.00	6.00	11.25		5.00	
St. Paul's	450.00	68.25	439.75	321.75	48.00		43.00		
GREENWOOD	480.00	52.00	510.00	300.00	52.00	56.00	40.00		
HACKETT		1.00	8.00	5.00	2.00				
Milltown	16.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	4.00				
Bethel	9.00	2.00	8.00	5.00	3.00				
Washburn	16.00	1.00	7.60	1.00					
HARTFORD	294.60	32.00	288.00	180.00	28.00	30.00	16.00		
Midland	20.00	5.75	48.00	30.00	2.00	5.00	5.00		
HARTMAN	108.00	19.26	176.16	110.10	14.00	22.00	10.00	10.00	
Hay's Chapel	84.00	9.00	81.36	50.32	10.03	6.00	6.00		
Mt. Zion	53.99	5.09	46.85	29.17	5.99	4.99			
Spadra	63.00	8.69	59.61	37.26		8.40			
HUNTINGTON	160.00	25.28	247.50	150.00	17.00	14.50			
KIBLER	120.00	17.00	160.00	100.00	10.00	3.00			
LAMAR	103.00	18.20	165.40	104.00	8.00	7.00	9.91		
Mt. Olive	60.00	7.68	70.03	43.80	5.00	8.50	8.09	8.00	
Madden Chapel	37.50	4.05	36.96	23.10	3.00	3.00			
LAVACA	150.00	38.50	155.50	220.00	14.00	56.00			
Central City	40.00	3.50	34.00	20.00	7.00	6.00			
Vesta	63.00	7.50	69.00	43.20	6.00	6.30			
Grand Prairie	55.50	7.35	66.00	41.25	6.06	2.00			
MAGAZINE	68.00		162.00						
MANSFIELD	337.50	42.00	282.00	180.00	34.80	57.50	16.00		
Shiloh	20.00	1.75			3.00				
MULBERRY	290.00	37.00	357.00	157.50	52.00	18.75			
NEW HOPE	80.00	20.00	100.00	85.00	10.00	20.00	2.00		

	World Service and Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Dist. Supt's Fund	Gen., Jurisd. and Interdenom.	Minimum Salary Fund	World Communion	Methodist Youth
Dyer	47.00	9.00	93.00	55.00	12.00	14.00	5.00	
OZARK	472.50	63.00	612.00	360.00	70.00	140.00	157.50	12.50
PARIS	400.00	70.00	320.00	200.00	48.00	96.00		
PRAIRIE VIEW	40.00	4.18	40.00	25.00	5.00	1.60	10.00	
Seranton	22.50		24.00	16.50				
Pioneer Memorial	40.00	3.50	32.00	20.00	6.00	2.00		
New Blaine	33.75	4.00	34.00	22.50	2.00	4.00	2.00	
McKendree	10.00	3.50	20.00	20.00	4.00			
VAN BUREN, First	750.00	70.00	519.99	266.66	77.00	132.00	71.30	
City Heights	100.00	12.00	112.00	70.00	6.00			
Bethel	84.00	14.00	128.00	80.00	12.00	6.00		
St. Johns	270.00	43.75	400.00	250.00	18.00	42.50	20.00	
WALDRON	590.00	70.00	360.00	200.00	59.00	48.00	20.00	
BIRD VIEW (Waldron Ct.)	18.00	5.68	30.00	16.25	5.00	6.42		
Cauthron	34.00	3.25	29.76	18.60	5.00	1.00		
Mt. Pleasant	18.00	4.81	12.00	10.00	5.00	1.00		
Parks	40.00	6.03	54.00	35.00	2.48	1.12		
Square Rock	36.00	6.13	56.00	35.00	5.00	3.00		
TOTAL	\$20428.75	1531.27	13168.40	8026.94	1489.94	2551.67	713.39	118.70

RACE RELATIONS: Booneville 25.00, Branch 7.00, Charleston 25.00, Clarksville 300.00, Ft. Smith First 150.00, Goddard Mem. 150.00, Massard 2.35, Midland Heights 40.00, St. Luke 5.52, Hartford 10.00, Hay's Chapel 5.00, Mt. Zion 5.00, Huntington 11.00, Mansfield 20.00, Dyer 4.00, Ozark 10.00, Paris 35.00, Pioneer Mem. 2.00, New Blaine 2.00, St. Johns 15.00, Waldron 17.00, Parks 2.00.

GOLDEN CROSS: Booneville 25.00, Charleston 20.00, Ft. Smith First 150.00, Midland Heights 35.00, Mulberry 17.15, Paris 35.00, Pioneer Mem. 5.00, New Blaine 5.00, St. Johns 15.00, Parks 2.50.

ADVANCE: Alma 5.00, Booneville 35.00, Cole's Chapel 3.00, Branch 10.00, Lowe's Creek 2.00, Clarksville 50.00, Ft. Smith 400.00, Goddard Mem. 200.00, Fifth Street 5.00, Glover Mem. 3.00, Grand Avenue 10.00, Massard 5.00, Midland Heights 230.00, St. Luke 48.00, Bonanza 4.98, St. Pauls 175.00, Greenwood 20.00, Hartford 10.00, Midland 6.00, Hartman 4.41, Hay's Chapel 7.00, Mt. Zion 10.40, Spadra 2.00, Huntington 12.00, Vesta 2.35, Grand Prairie 2.35, Mulberry 6.00, New Hope 5.00, Dyer 2.00, Ozark 20.00, Paris 25.00, Prairie View 5.00, Van Buren First 20.00, City Heights 8.00, Bethel 2.25, Waldron 15.00.

WEEK OF DEDICATION: Alma 10.00, Booneville 25.00, Charleston 25.00, Clarksville 125.00, Ft. Smith 387.00, Goddard Mem. 150.00, Glover Mem. 10.02, Massard 1.86, St. Luke 18.09, Hartman 27.60, Huntington 15.00, Dyer 5.00, Ozark 26.00, Paris 86.48, Van Buren First 93.17, Bethel 4.75, Waldron 15.00.

STUDENT DAY: Charleston 20.00.

JONESBORO DISTRICT

DISTRICT SUPT.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
BLACK OAK	135.00	16.00	144.00	90.00	20.00	18.00	9.00		
Delfore	135.00	16.00	144.00	90.00	20.00	18.00	5.00		
BLYTEVILLE, First	4100.00	115.00	1155.00	660.00	160.00	348.00	169.37	57.73	
Lake Street	400.00		200.00	153.65			5.00		
GOSNELL (Bly. West									
Parish	40.00	7.00	64.00	40.00	10.00	6.50			
Half Moon		1.00	104.00					4.68	
Wesley Memorial	80.00	20.00	128.00	80.00	20.00	13.00	6.00		
BONO	80.00	8.75	87.50	50.01	30.00	7.00			
Trinity	40.00	8.75	40.00	13.25	15.00				
BROOKLAND	100.00	11.55	113.25	66.00	14.40	13.90			
Pine Log	25.00		33.60	21.00					
New Haven	30.00	5.25	48.00	30.00	8.00	3.00			
Pleasant Grove	50.00	6.30	57.60	35.00	10.00	3.60			
CARAWAY	150.00	32.00	297.00	180.00	30.00	28.00	21.55		
DELL	400.00	52.50	480.00	300.00	35.00	55.00			
DYESS	100.00	14.00	128.00	80.00	20.00	13.00	17.50	3.00	
Whitton	100.00		192.00	120.00			3.61	15.00	
HARRISBURG	600.00	52.50	480.00	300.00	37.50	36.00	55.55	5.00	
Pleasant Valley	75.00	8.75	80.00	50.00	15.00				
JOINER	500.00	63.00	612.00	360.00	33.00	140.00	30.00		
JONESBORO, First	4100.00	116.00	1155.00	660.00	144.00	203.00	345.92	122.70	
Fisher Street	300.00	26.00	340.00	2.50	17.50	27.50	10.00	8.00	
Huntington Ave.	800.00	67.00	646.00	330.00	45.00	150.00	25.00	17.90	
KEISER	320.00	42.00	408.00	240.00	25.00	64.00	31.40		
LAKE CITY	150.00	20.00	176.00	110.00	20.00	12.00			
Lake View	150.00	16.00	144.00	90.00	15.00	12.00			
LEACHVILLE	100.00	52.50	250.00	150.00			4.70	9.00	
Macey	50.00	5.25	48.00	30.00	8.51				
LEPANTO	375.00	35.00	320.00	200.00	28.00	52.00	25.00		
NEW HOPE (Lorado Ct.)	35.00	4.38	35.00	27.50	3.00	3.00			
Union Grove	25.00	3.50	32.00	20.00	10.00	1.15			
Shiloh	25.00	4.38	40.00	25.00	10.00				
Pleasant Hill	22.00	5.25	48.00	18.75	10.00				
LUXORA	400.00	53.00	510.00	300.00	35.00	88.00	10.00		
LUNSFORD	25.00	3.50	32.00	20.00	10.00				
Pleasant Valley	45.00	5.25	48.00	30.00	10.00				
MANILA	800.00	70.00	680.00	400.00	50.00	160.00	47.18		
MARKED TREE	1500.00	78.75	787.00	450.00	86.00	129.50	60.00		
MONETTE	416.70	51.00	495.70	291.20	29.20	99.00	20.00		
MT. CARMEL	100.00	21.00	192.00	120.00	10.00	12.00			
NETTLETON	215.00	26.00	255.00	150.00	21.00	44.00		24.00	
Bay	215.00	26.25	255.00	150.00	21.00	44.00	10.00		
OSCEOLA	2000.00	87.50	800.00	500.00	100.00	202.00	62.00	36.00	
ST. JOHN	60.00	15.00	144.75	85.00	21.00	9.50	5.00		
Riverside	27.50	5.00	44.00	27.50	9.00		2.00		
Sunnyland	30.00	6.00	56.00	35.00	10.00				
TRUMANN	600.00	63.00	612.00	360.00	40.00	110.00	20.00	3.00	
TURRELL	75.00		128.00	80.00					
Gilmore	75.00	7.00		40.00	7.00	5.00			
TYRONZA	750.00	66.50	648.00	380.00	40.00	154.00			
WEINER	300.00	35.00	100.00	100.00	30.00	47.00	6.00		
Tilton	25.00	4.37	40.00	25.00	10.00	6.00	2.00	6.00	
Hickory Ridge	200.00	17.50	170.00	109.00	20.00	36.50	7.00		
WEONA							14.00		
Center View	149.00	13.75	144.00	90.00	20.00	10.00			
WILSON	600.00	63.00	612.00	360.00	42.00	140.00	25.00	10.00	
YARBRO	220.00	27.00	249.00	156.00	25.00	28.00	10.00		
Promised Land	220.00	25.00	230.00	144.00	25.00	27.00	10.00		
HERMAN		1.33	12.00	7.50					



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



THE MAPLE TREE'S STORY

By Margaret G. Wilson

I don't suppose you ever thought about understanding your kitty when she talks, but you do. You know when she purrs that she is happy; that when she cries, she is either cross and doesn't want you to play with her, or she wants a drink or wants outdoors. You can tell that just by the way she cries.

You can understand your puppy, too. Sometimes by his bark he says "somebody is coming to the door." Another growl and you know he is angry. Still another little bark tells you that he is so happy to see you. So you see you do understand your puppy's language.

And a hen talks in an altogether different way when she lays an egg than she does when she is calling her babies for dinner or is frightened. The same is true of horses and cows.

The Trees

But what about the trees? Can we understand them, do you think? Well when the winds blow, trees make different sounds, and perhaps that is the way they talk to one another. Anyway they certainly have a great deal to talk about.

Right next door to my house is a little brown house with lots of beautiful flowers and trees, but one little maple tree seems to cuddle right up to the house as if it loved the man and the woman who lived there, and even loved the wooden shingles that cover the house. Once in a while I feel sure it tells secrets to that little house.

Last fall when it stood all bare and naked because its leaves had all blown away, the little tree cuddled close to the house because somehow it helped it feel warm and less lonely.

The Robins

Perhaps it was then the maple tree whispered the story of the year. "In the spring, three pairs of robins came to tell me about the big maple tree family in the bush. The robins said they watched the farmer come and tap the trees, put in a kind of spout and hang big cans to gather the sap. Then the cans were taken to the sugar house, the sap boiled down, and all the children and older people, too, gathered in the bush for the 'sugaring-off.' The robins say the children loved the candy — and their mothers and daddies did, too.

"The three pairs of robins built their nests in my branches. My cool green leaves protected their babies from the hot summer sun and heavy rains. I was so happy then. I could look down every evening after the birds had gone to sleep, and watch the man and the woman working in their garden. She would fill the bird bath with clear, cool water for the birds to use next day. She worked among her roses and iris and the Johnny-jump-ups, while he took care of his onions and tomatoes and beans. Sometimes when it was very hot they would sit under the branches to rest, but before they went inside they always gave me a drink from their hose. My, how my thirsty roots drank up that water!

"But now the garden is gone. The man and the woman don't come out-

side very often. The birds have flown away. My leaves are gone, and I'm afraid I shall be very lonely now."

Spring Again

Winter passed, and then the maple began to grow new green leaves, and again it had a story to tell the little brown house.

"You know I can hardly wait to see my friends of last summer. My, oh my! I had an exciting time this winter. Chipper and Nipper, those two little red squirrels, certainly made use of me. They chased each other up and down and had all kinds of games in my branches. Then they were so funny the day they discovered all that bread that had been thrown out for the birds. The two of them picked it up and crammed their mouths full and carried it over to me. Very carefully and quickly they packed it along the cracks in the bark of my trunk and made off for more. In the tree next door were a lot of hungry sparrows. They just watched those squirrels and after they pressed the bread into the bark the birds flew over and ate every piece of bread. As soon as Chipper and Nipper came back with more, away would go those birds and wait

THE GREEDY ROBINS

Two little robins lived in a tree. They were greedy as greedy could be.

Their bill of fare they would not share,

So they lost their dinners, the little sinners!

There were two little robins. They

until the squirrels unloaded their mouths of bread and packed it along my trunk again. This went on until every piece of bread was gone. The squirrels never seemed to notice that their bread was being eaten and the wise little sparrows didn't have to go into deep snow for their dinner that day.

"Then there were the little woodpeckers who stayed around all winter and the black-capped chickadees. I was so afraid I was going to have a lonesome winter, but I didn't. I just made new friends that was all, and now I can hardly wait to greet some of my old friends that I knew so well last summer."

I'm glad too, that that maple tree is so near my house because somehow or other his friends are mine, too, and I am anxious to see my old friends of last summer, and maybe I'll meet some new ones there, too. Who knows?—The United Church Observer

were funny little robins. They lived in a cherry tree. Father Robin sang, "What chee! What chee! Hear! Hear! Our home is in a cherry, cherry tree! tree! tree!"

Mother Robin sat on the nest. She kept the little robins warm. One day the little robin said, "Tree, tree!"

Then Father Robin flew away to find a fat worm for their dinner. Soon he saw a very big, fat worm and brought it to the nest. "Give it to me," said one little robin.

"Tree, tree!" said the other little robin. "Give it to me. Give it to me."

"Now, what shall I do?" said Father Robin. "I have but one fat worm and two greedy little birds."

"Chee, chee!" said one little bird. "Give it to me. Give it to me."

"Tree, tree!" said the other little bird. "Give it to me. Give it to me."

"I know what I'll do," said Father Robin. "I'll eat it myself." And he did.

So those greedy little robins lost their dinner.—The Brother Bears by A. W. Arnett.

DOLLY'S WARDROBE

By M. E. N. Hatheway

I'm so busy with my dolly's clothes
I've looked her wardrobe through
To see how much she has to wear
With fashions that are new.

But what she has is not the kind
To make a proper show;
For nothing is in favor now
That was a year ago.

Then hats were tilted toward the left,
With decorations bright;
This year they're trimmed with sober tints,
And tilted toward the right.

The skirts that were so very short,
Much longer now appear;
It's plain no stylish doll can wear
One thing she wore last year!
—In Exchange

THINKING

By Nancy Richey Ronson

Young Betsy heard her mother say
That puppies had no sense;
That they are winsome little beasts,
But very, very dense.

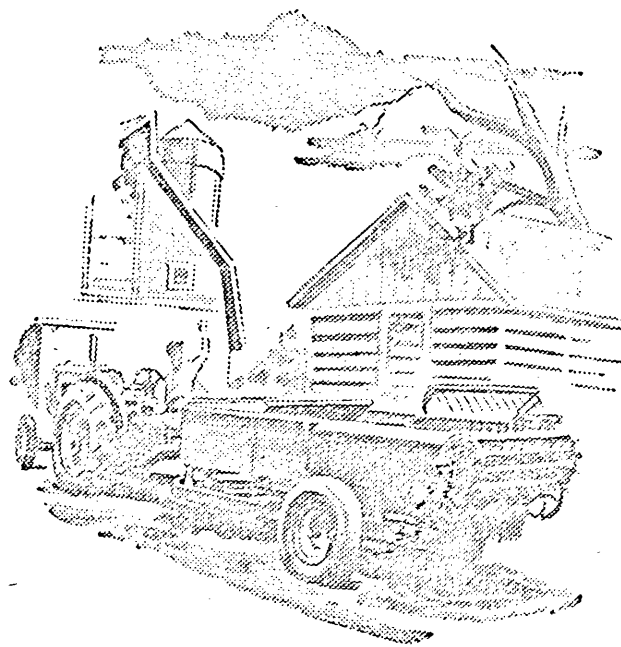
"I know my puppy has some sense,"
She said, her eyes blinking,
"I often see him sitting still,
Just scratching his head and thinking.—In Ex.

JUST FOR FUN

A gushing woman at a reception asked her neighbor what he did, and was informed that he was an author. "How interesting!" she said. "We've something in common — you've written a book and I've read one."—Gloucester Citizen

Warren Hull on "Strike It Rich" radio program, asked a kindergarten child what she studied in school.

She replied: "Writing, singing, listening, recess and school's out."—Milwaukee Journal.



FUN ON THE FARM

I am looking forward
To vacation this year,
I'll spend it with grandpa
Who lives quite near.

I can help him a lot
In so many ways,
The work on the farm
Just fills up the days.

There's time, too, for fun
And carefree hours,
Filled with sunshine bright
Then with cooling showers.

The happy days spent
On the farm seem to be
The nicest thing
That happens to me.—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

Twelve Fourth Generation Babies Honored



Honorary Baby Membership certificates were presented by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, to twelve "fourth generation babies" at the luncheon meeting April 20 at the church.

Mrs. Ralph R. Cornelius explained that the presentation of baby memberships symbolizes a monetary gift from the society to missions, thereby establishing a heritage for each particular child. In most cases the four generations were present at the service. Receiving the certificates were David Louis Bowers, James Foster, Janie Ann Fraser, Jamie Ann Jamell, John Bolten Mailer, Jr., Karen Vaughn McDonald, Bruce Hill Nagy, Allen Wayne Napier, Richard Charles Shaw, Robert Michael Staton, Debra Ann Pitts and John Earl Norman.

ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD

Fayetteville District Guild

The Guild Hymn opened the Fayetteville District meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Rogers on April 26; then thoughts in prayer by the district secretary.

Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap presented Velma Oakes with an Adult membership pin in behalf of the district Guild, for her outstanding faithful work as the former district secretary.

Attention was called to the School of Missions at Sequoyah June 30—July 7, with the Guild Week-End July 4, 5. The Conference School of Missions will be in Conway, July 13-17.

From the inspirational meeting under Mrs. Oakes' superb guidance came reports by Ora Crouch, Elizabeth Heffelfinger, Helen Woods and Robbye Doss.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure gave thoughts on "Another Vacation." Opal Morton and Sarah Sone of Prairie Grove gave a very thought-provoking devotion, closed by Mytila Dorman's solo "In the Garden."—Mrs. Gregg Wilson.

Alexandria District Guild

On May 3, 85 members of the Alexandria District Wesleyan Service Guilds representing nine of the 12 guilds attended the annual district guild meeting at Opelousas. Mrs. Neva Rye, Alexandria, was elected District Guild Secretary to succeed Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Opelousas.

The District chose the following additional officers to the district committee: Mrs. Hazel Golson, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. O. B. Jones, Bunkie, Spiritual Life; and Mrs. Elizabeth Randol, Bunkie, Missionary Education.

Mrs. Ray Booth, president of the Opelousas Guild, welcomed the visitors after the local guild had served luncheon. Principle speaker for the session was Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Conference President, whose subject was "I Belong." Mary Gladys Page, Amite, national guild committee

member, conducted a workshop on the new guild handbook.

Oakdale Guild presented a skit, Mrs. Edward Barksdale William Parkes was vocalist and Mrs. H. O. Cain, organist. The Bunkie Guild gave the closing devotional. Guilds represented were: Alexandria, Bunkie, Colfax, Natchitoches, Montgomery, Winnfield, Oakdale and Pineville.

Monticello

The Spring meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Monticello District met in the First Methodist Church of McGehee, Wednesday, May 6.

The theme for the day was "Christ For The World We Sing."

Rev. Mouzon Mann, pastor of the McGehee Church, opened the meeting with a timely and inspirational devotion.

Mrs. F. Joyner, President of McGehee W. S. C. S., extended greetings to the guests.

The District President, Mrs. Leslie Jeffries, presided over the business session.

Guest speakers for the day were: Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference President; Mrs. Louis Wilson Ederington, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel; and Joe Stroud, student of McGehee High School.

Following the luncheon hour, the McGehee High School Girls' Sextet sang.

The following officers were elected and were installed by Dr. W. E. Brown: President, Mrs. Sam Bowman, McGehee; Vice President, Mrs. R. A. Adcock, Dumas; Secretary, Mrs. Mouzon Mann, McGehee; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. John Valentine, Fordyce; Treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Cone, Wilmot; Youth Work, Mrs. Ralph Clayton, Warren; Children's Work, Mrs. E. Patton, Eudora; Supply Work, Mrs. Fay Nolley, Hamburg; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. John Nelson, Warren; Status of Women, Mrs. George Burks, Dermott; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Booth Hope, Fordyce; Student Work,

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Amite Society finished a very fine study under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Brumfield. The group is receiving JR credit on this course, as they have done on their other studies this year. The two circles of the Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild had a joint study on "Toward Understanding the Bible" with 40 ladies attending; each group received JR credit.—Mrs. Don Risinger.

Thirty ladies attended the meeting of the Hunter Woman's Society in Little Rock May 5. Mrs. Ewing Wayland installed the following officers: President, Mrs. J. C. Monan, Sr., Vice-President, Mrs. S. L. Galusha; Recording Secretary, Mrs. D. L. Morgan; and Treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Galusha. All of the secretaries of lines of work and the five circle chairmen were installed.

The Literary Program leader was Mrs. Fred Arnold. Circle No. 2 Chairman, Mrs. S. G. Willmuth, was hostess for the luncheon.—Emelie Probst.

Circle No. 3 of the First Church, Van Buren, was hostess to 26 members at the luncheon meeting May 12. Mrs. R. S. Wilson led the devotional assisted by Mrs. Fay Reed. Mrs. J. H. Hoggard gave a report of the North Arkansas Conference Annual Meeting. Mrs. Edwin Buck-

alow, president, presided over the business meeting, and circles drew names for the new year. The society had six members to attend the district meeting April 22.

Mrs. E. W. Corley entertained the Wesley Chapel Woman's Society May 3 at the parsonage. Mrs. Frank Nixon, presided, and the program was "God's Plan — All One Family." A social hour followed with refreshments which were enjoyed by all in the warm Christian atmosphere of the parsonage.

Lake Charles District Zones have held two meetings this month. Zone 1 met at Leesville with Mrs. E. C. Box, DeRidder, Zone leader, presiding. Leesville Society presented a playlet "Report Time Dilemma." Rev. John Kilpatrick led in prayer. Officer training was then held.

Zone 3 met at Crowley with Mrs. G. K. Sutton, zone leader, who opened with prayer. Opening devotional was given by Mrs. Ned Stout of Eunice. "Report Time Dilemma" was given by Iowa Society, and was followed by officers' training. Question period was held at each meeting to solve problems. Hostess societies served refreshments as the women shared their sandwiches at the close of the meetings.—Mrs. Robert H. Compton

Mrs. J. A. Jaynes, Wilmot; Missionary Education, Mrs. George Renfro, Tillar; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. T. A. Prewitt, Jr., McGehee; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. T. F. Key,

Warren; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Horace Everett, Fordyce.

The meeting closed with a devotional by Mrs. Hilliard Stroud of McGehee.—(Reporter)

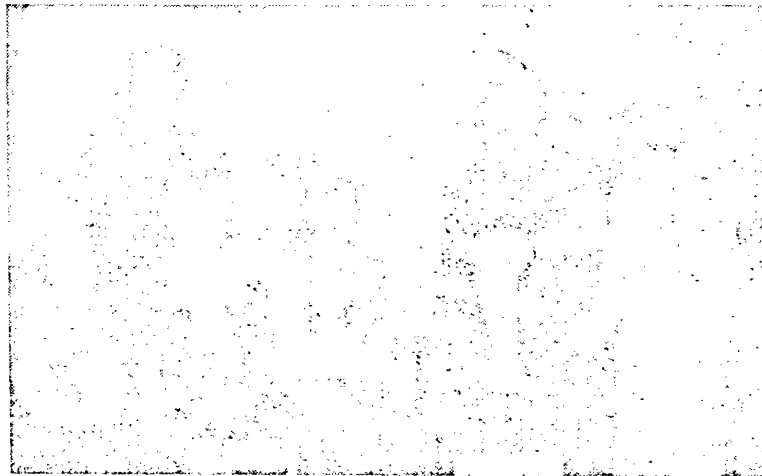
LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE TRAINS OFFICERS

The Camden District, with Mrs. Ernest Glaze as president, led in attendance at the Conference Officers' Training Day held May 11 at First Methodist Church, Little Rock. There were thirteen district officers and three sub-district chairmen from the Camden District. The Hope and Little Rock Districts both had 14 attending; Pine Bluff District had 11, Monticello 10, and the Arkadelphia District had 6.

Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference President, was assisted in the training of district officers by thirteen other conference officers, and Mrs. J. R.

Henderson, Jurisdiction Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. The Relationships of the Woman's Society to the church through committees, to the other inter-denominational groups, and within the society on local committees was the subject of discussion in the afternoon.

There were two groups of officers which had 100% attendance; they were Secretaries of youth, led by Mrs. Edward McLean; and Secretaries of Promotion, led by Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland.



DISTRICT PRESIDENTS MEET—Mrs. T. S. Lovett of Grady, center, president of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, met with district presidents at the officer training session May 11 at First Church, Little Rock. With Mrs. Lovett are, left to right, Mrs. Robert Topp, Arkadelphia district, Mrs. Ernest Glaze, Camden district, Mrs. O. C. Landers, Pine Bluff district, Mrs. Lovett, Mrs. Joe L. Simpson, Little Rock district, and Mrs. L. B. Tooley, Hope district. At right is Miss Dorothy Kelley, Scarritt College student, who will begin work in June as rural worker in the conference.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

Area Well Represented In Recreational Workshop

The seventh annual Jurisdictional Recreation Workshop met at Turner Falls, Oklahoma, April 23-29, with one hundred fifty-three enrolled. Sixteen were in attendance from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area as follows:

Louisiana Conference: Miss Edna Lowe, Mrs. A. W. McLemore and Rev. L. E. Philbrook.

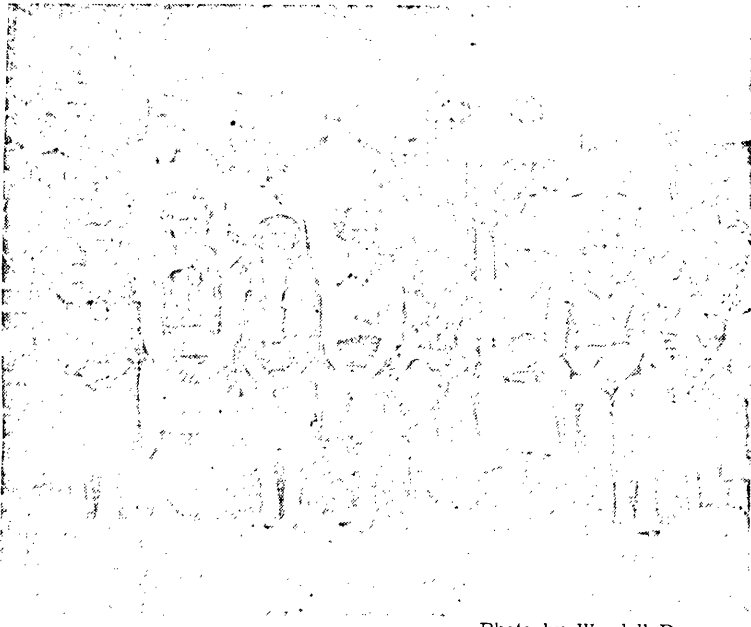
Little Rock Conference: Miss Ruth Nolze, Mrs. M. L. Bennett, Mrs. J. K. Farish and J. K. Daughbaugh.

North Arkansas Conference: Miss Viola Blair, Rev. and Mrs. Jack Winegeart, Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Jordan, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond A. Dorman, Rev. Byron McSpadden, Slater C. Mounts and Rev. Howard Cox.

The following courses were offered: "Party Games and Family Recreation", Rev. Wallace Chappell of the Youth Department of the Gen-

eral Board; "Recreation in the Adult Program of the General Board"; "Folk Games, Stunts and Skits, Group Singing," Rev. Larry Eisenberg, Nashville, Tennessee; "Star Gazing and Nature Study," Miss Sarah Thompson, teacher in West Texas State College; "How to Make and Use Equipment Games," Rev. Raymond A. Dorman, North Little Rock; "Arts and Crafts," Howard Tanner, Waupun, Wisconsin; "Finger Painting and Use of Paper Mache," Clyde C. Clark, Dallas, Texas; "Scrap Hobbies and Recreation for Golden Aged," Dr. George Steinman of McMurry College; "Ceramics," Miss Julia Pybas of Oklahoma City.

The workshop will meet next year at Norman, Oklahoma, April 22-28. —Raymond A. Dorman



—Photo by Wendell Dorman

Arkansas-Louisiana Area group at Jurisdictional Recreation Workshop. First row, left to right: Miss Viola Blair, North Little Rock; Mrs. Raymond A. Dorman, North Little Rock; Miss Ruth Nolze, Texarkana; Mrs. Jack Winegeart, Fayetteville; Miss Edna Lowe, Minden; Mrs. M. L. Bennett, Little Rock; Mrs. Bennie Jordan, Monette; Rev. Howard Cox, North Little Rock.

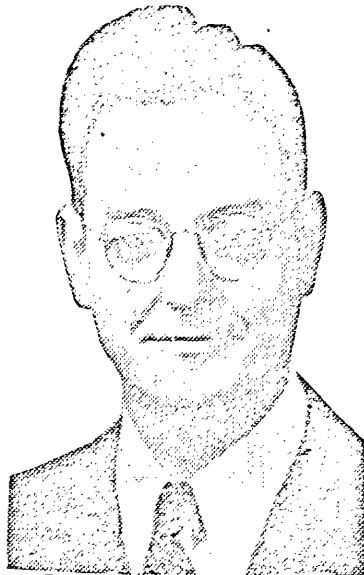
Second row, left to right: J. K. Daughenbaugh, Little Rock; Rev. L. E. Philbrook, Bienville; Mrs. J. K. Farish, Little Rock; Rev. Jack Winegeart, Fayetteville; Mrs. A. W. McLemore, Shreveport; Rev. Byron McSpadden, Truman; Slater C. Mounts, Ft. Smith; Rev. Bennie Jordan, Monette and Rev. Raymond A. Dorman, North Little Rock.

Temperance Speaker At Little Rock Conference

Dr. G. Lemuel Fenn, First Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Chairman of the Board of Temperance of the South Central Jurisdiction, will be the speaker for the Little Rock Conference Board of Temperance at the coming session of the Little Rock Annual Conference, on Thursday, June 4th, at 8:30 a. m.

According to Dr. Caradine Hooton, of the General Board of Temperance, Dr. Fenn is one of the outstanding speakers of America, and is a member of the General Board of Temperance. He has spoken throughout the church. He is a graduate of Oklahoma City University, from which institution he also holds the D. D. degree, and from which he also was graduated Magna Cum Laude. He also attended Iliff School of Theology at Denver, and the University of Southern California, studying for a doctorate degree.

He served Pennsylvania Avenue Methodist Church, Oklahoma City;



DR. G. LEMUEL FENN

MISS MYRTLE E. CHARLES TO RETIRE



MISS MYRTLE E. CHARLES

Miss Myrtle E. Charles, Professor of French and former Dean of Women at Hendrix College, will retire at the end of the 1933 summer term.

Miss Charles was born in Faulkner County and grew up in Quitman, taking all her primary and preparatory school work in former Quitman College, a Methodist institution. In 1902 the family moved to Conway, where she attended Hendrix and graduated in 1908.

Her first job was teaching a rural school in Faulkner County. She later taught in Louisiana and Texas, and obtained a master's degree at the University of Texas. She has also done graduate study at Columbia University, and in 1924 received the diploma of the Sorbonne in Paris.

From 1918 to 1927, Miss Charles was instructor in French at Little Rock High School and was the first Advisor to Girls there. In 1927 she came to Hendrix to teach and serve as dean of women. She held the latter position till 1936. She is the only woman holding a full professorship on the Hendrix faculty.

She has also been active in civic and religious fields. She is a long-

time member of the Conway Shakespeare Club, is on the Faulkner County Red Cross Board and was appointed by the governor of Arkansas as a board member of the Girls' Training School at Little Rock.

For many years she has taught various groups of college youth and adults in the Conway First Methodist Church, and the Myrtle E. Charles Wesleyan Service Guild was named in her honor. Her devotional writings have appeared in a number of periodicals published by the Methodist Church for use in Methodist churches throughout the world.

President Ellis in announcing Miss Charles' wish to retire, paid tribute to her as "an outstanding scholar, an excellent teacher, a leader in all phases of Christian education, a responsible citizen, an honored club woman, an appreciated neighbor and a loved friend."

"During the 26 years of her service," President Ellis said, "students at Hendrix have known that Miss Charles was more than a classroom teacher. They could always count on her to help in every worthwhile campus activity and to give unstintingly of her time, energy and unusual ability. She has performed a labor of love that we can't expect another to duplicate."

OPEN HOUSE AT NEW PARSONAGE IN DE WITT

Open House was held Sunday afternoon, May 3, at the new DeWitt Methodist parsonage, and many from this community attended. The two-story red brick structure cost over \$20,000, and some \$4,000 in new furnishings were added to those moved to the new pastor's home from the former parsonage.

Members of the DeWitt congregation are proud of their new parsonage. Every member had a part in some way in raising the funds for either the parsonage or the furnishings, or both.

Receiving at open house with Pastor O. E. Holmes and Mrs. Holmes were Mrs. Erna Johnson and Mrs. J. O. McGuire, chairmen of the parsonage committee, Mrs. Martha Adams, Mrs. Roger Dudley and Mrs. H. C. Adams, committee members and assisting in entertaining were Mrs. Lloyd LaFargue, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. Floyd Spratlin, W. S. C. S. vice president, and the circle chairmen, Mrs. Marion Sollars, Mrs. Harold Kendall, Mrs. Lowell Livesay and Mrs. R. L. Kraft.

The house was beautifully decorated throughout in spring flowers, carrying out a green and yellow color scheme. The serving table's centerpiece of yellow roses, calendula, snapdragons and Calla lilies was flanked by green candles. An imported white cutwork linen cloth covered the table. Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship served at the table at alternate hours. They were Miss Betty Jo Ruffin, Miss Nancy Wilson, Miss Sharon Livesay, Miss Sylvia Rousseau, Miss Jo Garot, Miss Mary Frances Chambers, Miss Ann Adams, Miss Kay LaCotts and Miss Leta Leslie.

Conducting guests through the home during the afternoon were David Schallhorn, Billy Gene Staton, John Pike, Bill Rasco, Larry Barnes and Roy Lee Martin.—M. L. Wright



"Along A Country Road"
The North Arkansas Conference
The Town and Country
Commission

The Methodist Church
Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas
Paul E. Martin, Bishop
Rev. Floyd G. Villines, President
Mr. Lester Hutchins, Vice-President
Rev. David P. Conyers, Secretary
Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

GETTING THE BUDGET PLEDGED NOT ENOUGH

During the past several months the writer has been giving considerable time to the matter of the financial program of the church. A more definite turn of interest in this matter came after our planning council meeting at Little Rock when we were privileged to hear Mr. Roy Farrow, Executive Director of the Texas Stewardship Program.

At the request of Bishop Martin, I spent some time in Dallas in conference with Mr. Farrow, working out a simplified finance plan for our conference as a conference program and for local churches. This plan has been worked out in such a way that it can be adapted to an entire conference simultaneous program, used over a district, in a natural area, in a large church, or in a small church.

While the complete details are not set forth, the plan is such that it can be expanded and made usable anywhere. The main principles involved is that of motivation, education and cultivation, and solicitation. As I have traveled about over the conference, and also having the remembrance of days as a pastor and district superintendent, the fact that there has been little in actual education and cultivation, has been quite forcefully impressed upon my mind. The people called Methodists have been exposed to a week's budget pledging each year in many churches

with little else considered. Many churches have never so much as planned a budget or considered their opportunities of service through giving.

In most cases it is a matter of collecting funds handed down by the church and not enough of a program of giving to extend the Kingdom of our Lord. To be sure much has been done in the matter of education in offerings for special causes and in special drives. The carefully planned, thoroughly carried out program of education and cultivation over a long enough period of time to give mature understanding of our great program has not been the rule. Would it not be a great achievement if we could carry out such a program over our conference with intelligent, enthusiastic and consecrated zeal? That is certainly possible and within the reach of every church in the conference if all will see the possibility and work together toward this great goal.

People will continue to give when they find joy and satisfaction through giving. They will find joy in giving when they know more about the need for such giving and more about how their gifts are used. Someone has said, "To know is to LOVE, to LOVE is to GIVE, to GIVE is to LIVE." —J. Albert Gatlin

PAGEANT AT THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

A pageant depicting the progress of Little Rock Conference Methodist churches during the past 100 years will be a feature of the centennial celebration of the conference June 3-7.

The Little Rock Annual Conference, which is composed of Methodist churches in the southern half of Arkansas, will meet at First Methodist Church, Eighth and Center streets, Little Rock, with Bishop Paul E. Martin presiding.

The pageant, written by Dr. Walter Moffat and Miss Vivian Hill, both of the Hendrix College faculty, is being produced by Mrs. Capp Shanks, assistant professor of speech at Hendrix. The cast will be drawn largely from Hendrix students, with some of the conference ministers participating. It will be staged at Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock at 8 p. m. Friday, June 5.

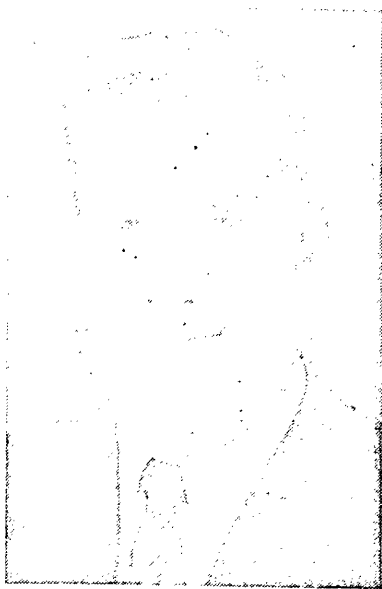
Principal speaker for the annual conference will be Dr. John J. Rasmussen, pastor of Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport. He will speak at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, June 3, and at 4 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Thursday, June 4.

Ordination of deacons and elders, with Bishop Martin presiding, is scheduled for the Thursday evening service.

Ministerial appointments will be read by Bishop Martin following the Sunday morning worship service at 10:45 a. m. June 7.

Other features of the centennial

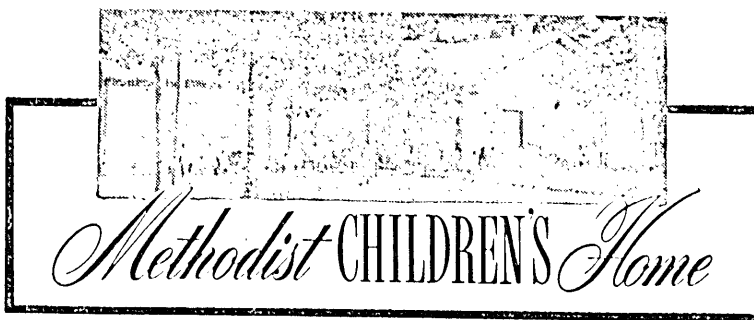
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DANE BROWN

Dane Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brown, members of the First Methodist Church in Clarksville, has been granted license to preach by the Interim District Licensing Committee of the Ft. Smith District. Dane is a senior in the College of the Ozarks and will complete his work there this spring.

session will be reports of boards, committees and commissions; all college banquet at Winfield Church; laymen's meeting; and ministers' wives luncheon at Highland Church.



REPORT FOR APRIL, 1953

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

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Cabot Methodist W. S. C. S.—clothing and Easter eggs
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The Gibson Bible Class, Russellville Methodist Church—clothing
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Mrs. Clyde Manning, Little Rock—clothing
Sunshine Class, First Methodist Church, Little Rock—Easter eggs, Easter egg hunt and magazines
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Oak Forest Drug Store, Little Rock—circus tickets
Mr. Chas. R. Baber, N. Little Rock—gum
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(Continued next week)

PERRY COUNTY METHODISM

The activity of the Methodists of Perry County reaches new heights. A Youth Emphasis program was arranged for the week-end of March 27-29 with the Methodist youth of Perry County and Oppelo participating. On Friday night they went to Hendrix College to attend the North Arkansas Conference youth rally. Saturday night they gathered at the Perryville church for a supper. The group was divided into three groups for a 30 minute study period on "The Meaning of Christianity." The discussions were led by three of our young ministers. They were Davis Bilberry, Charles Cook, and Claude Stone. Class period was followed by an hour of recreation led by Davis Bilberry and Miss Gail Holbrook. In the worship service, Claude Stone brought the message, Davis Bilberry led the singing, and Miss Bobbye Sue Tarvin presided at the organ.

On Sunday morning the young ministers preached at the Methodist churches of the vicinity. Claude Stone preached morning and evening at Perryville. Charles Cook preached at Oppelo at 11 a. m. and at Nimrod at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Rose Carithers preached at Perry at 11 a. m. Unfortunately Davis Bilberry took acute appendicitis and was operated on at St. Vincent's Infirmary at Little Rock at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. Kenneth and Rose Carithers, and Eugene Rushing were the entertaining pastors.

Holy Week or Week of Dedication services were held at Perry March 15-20, and at Perryville March 29-April 3. Tape recordings of a sound track for five different filmstrips dealing with the Easter story were prepared by K. K. Carithers with organ background furnished by Mrs. Taylor Cox and Miss Gail Holbrook. On each sound track a song was recorded by Rose Carithers. A filmstrip with the locally made sound track, two songs and a sermon were used each night, timing the service to one hour. It seemed to be the unanimous opinion of the people of both churches that the Holy Week services created more interest than any other similar occasion they could remember.

Easter was a great day at Perryville with special music; "Man of Sorrows" by Barbara Patterson, "Above the Hills of Time" by Bobbye Sue Tarvin, "Welcome Happy Morning" by the choir, and "The Holy City," by Kenneth Vandervort. Mrs. Taylor Cox, minister of music, presided at the organ. Little Miss Vickie Wages was dedicated by infant baptism. Mrs. W. O. Wages united with the church by transfer, and Mrs. Henry Smith united by baptism and vows.

From April 12-17 Rev. K. K. Carithers did the preaching for Mrs. Carithers in her church at Nimrod. From April 26 through May 1 they will hold a meeting at Bigelow.



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MARKHAM STREET CHURCH ELECTS YOUTH OFFICERS

The youth of Markham Street Methodist Church have elected the following officers: President, James Jones; Vice-president, Sue Plunkett; Secretary, Karen Jacobi; and Treasurer, Bobby Axtell.

A retreat is planned to be held on Petit Jean at an early date. A hay-ride is planned for May 23. A worship program is always held on our outings.

Our youth group is growing spiritually. Now we can all pray in public, and our pastor asks different ones of us to lead on Sunday night. Many of our members have accepted Christ for the first time only recently.

Won't you M.Y.Fers all over Arkansas write to us and share ideas with us? We'll share in return. Our address is Markham Street M.Y.F., 8416 West Markham, Little Rock, Ark.

We have visited the Old Folks home, built a bridge for an elderly

woman in the community, had sunrise service, visited about eighteen homes during our Visitation Week. —Reporter

JOINT MEETINGS OF METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH

The Methodist Youth Fellowship and the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship of Amite held a joint meeting on Sunday evening, May 3, at the Methodist Church. The program on "Worship" was presented by the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, after which a film entitled "Right or Wrong" was shown.

After attending their separate evening worship services, the young people enjoyed a fellowship hour in the recreation room of the Methodist Church.

Two weeks ago the Methodist group presented the program at the Presbyterian Church. Plans are being made for these two groups to exchange programs once each quarter.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Jonesboro Area Sub-District met on May 6 at Bono with the youth of Bono in charge of the program. The new officers were installed. Ray Wood, president, presided over the business session.

The Ashley-Chicot County Sub-District met at Eudora on Monday evening, April 27 with representatives attending from Eudora, Parkdale, Dermott, Lake Village, Portland and Wilmot. Miss Dorothy Lingo was in charge of the worship period. Terry Johns of Dermott presided over the meeting.

The Crusaders Sub-District met at the Springhill Methodist Church on Sunday evening, April 26, with one hundred fifty-six present. Representatives attended from Shongaloo, Haynesville, Homer, Pine Grove, Pleasant Valley, Athens and Springhill. The meeting was held in connection with the Youth Revival which was in progress in the Springhill Church. The evening message was brought by Rev. Robert Potter, associate pastor of Mangum Memorial Church in Shreveport, and the song service was directed by Rev. Conrad Edwards. Both are ministerial students at Centenary. Emma Lou Stewart of Springhill presided and welcomed the group. Glynn Haynes, of Springhill, president of the Sub-District group, presided over the business session. Plans were made to attend the Louisiana Methodist Youth Fellowship conference in Alexandria on May 9.

The Grace-Curtiss Sub-District met at the First Methodist Church, Rector, on Monday evening, May 11, and installed the following officers: President, James Stinson, First Church, Paragould; Vice-president, Sue Marler, First Church, Rector; Secretary, Judy Brannon, First Church, Piggott; Treasurer, James Cox, Stanford Church; Reporter, Betty Jane Johnson. Chairmen of Commissions are: Recreation, Virginia Seegroves, Griffin Memorial, Paragould; Worship and Evangelism,

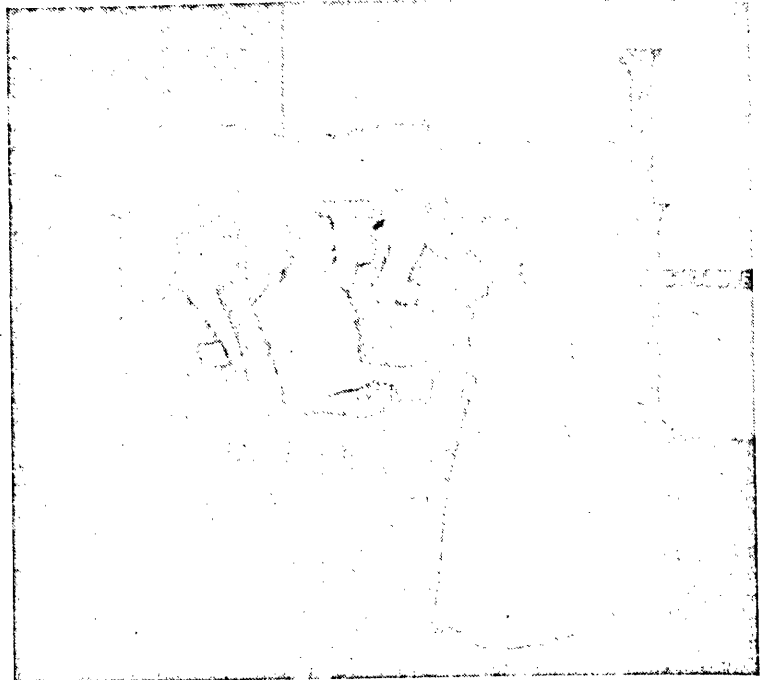
Roma Blake, Wright Chapel; World Friendship, Sandra Thorne, Marmaduke; Community Service, Betty Shannon, Rector; Adult Counselor, Rev. Jesse L. Johnson, Piggott; District Director, Rev. Robert Simpson, Stanford Charge. Dr. Ira Brumley, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Board of Education, was the speaker of the evening, using as his subject "Youth Problems." He was also in charge of the installation service.

The Maumelle Sub-District met at the Markham Street Methodist Church, Little Rock, for its monthly meeting on Saturday, May 9, when a workday was held. The lawn was cut, the upstairs was cleaned, dusted and waxed, the west side of the building was leveled off, boards and trash were picked up, the basement was swept and cleaned and the yard raked. There were sixteen present. Lunch was served and the group played basketball and went swimming at Lake Almeta.

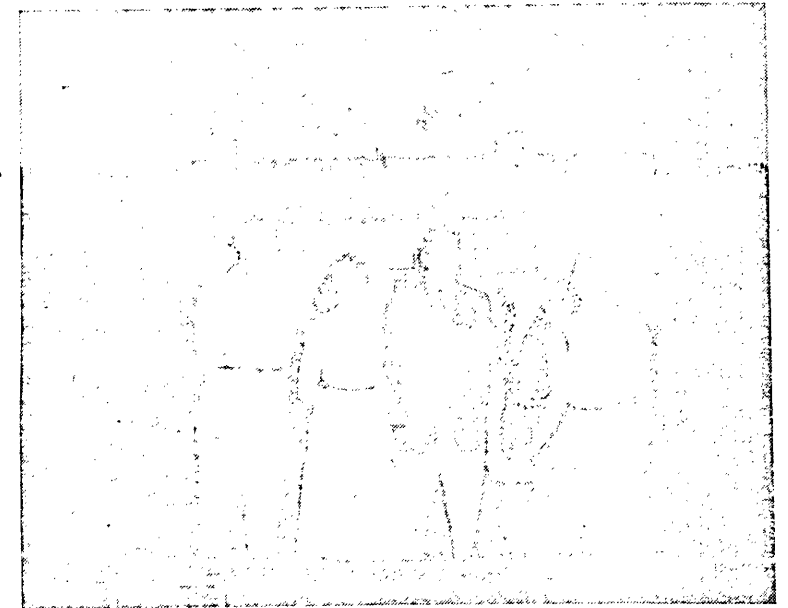
Plummerville was host to the M. Y. F. meeting on Monday evening, May 4. The program was on the life of Susanna Wesley. Jimmy F. Thomas was leader with Kay Duff, Mary A. Hamby and Curtis Thornton taking part. A trio, composed of Mary Nan Nisler, Kay Duff and Jeannie Willbanks, accompanied by Clara Ann Pettengill, sang a number. Games were directed by Pat Bane in the social room with refreshments served to the sixty-eight present. Towns represented were Solgohachia, Perry, Perryville, Morrilton, Oppelo, Ada Valley and Malletown.

Decline In Delinquency Laid To Religious Instruction

Garfield County Judge J. H. Glasser says the records of his office show a decline in juvenile delinquency cases during the four years that a released-time religious education program has been carried on in Enid, Oklahoma. Judge Glasser



CONFERENCE OFFICERS—Methodist Youth Fellowship officers of the Louisiana Conference elected May 9 at Alexandria are Jim Donaldson of Lake Charles, vice president; Peggy Donaldson of Lake Charles, secretary; Lamar Robertson of Lake Charles, president; and Mary Law of New Orleans, treasurer. Robertson served the organization last year as vice president. He will be a Junior next year at Centenary College, Shreveport. (Methodist Information photo)



ON MYF COUNCIL—Shown above at Alexandria, where they were elected, are five of the young people of the Louisiana Conference who will serve on the Youth Council next year. Pictured are, left to right, Charles Carwile, Lake Charles; Emily Lerner, Baton Rouge; Oscar Cloyd, Monroe; Suzonne Lindsey, Ruston; and Stephen Andry, New Orleans. Not present at the annual youth meeting but named to serve on the council were Eddie Roberts, Alexandria; and George Duerson, Shreveport. (Methodist Information photo)

said that prior to the religious instruction program there was an increase of 150 per cent in juvenile delinquency in the county. "It is time

to put the first things first and emphasize Christianity as the only assured factor in resolving human inequalities," the jurist said.

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OBITUARIES

HARRIS—George Edward Harris, father of Rev. Edward W. Harris, district superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, died Thursday, May 7, in a Texarkana hospital after a brief illness. Mr. Harris, who was 80, had been a faithful and devoted member of The Methodist Church for 68 years. He and Mrs. Harris celebrated their golden anniversary April 23, 1949. In 1951 he received the 50-year pin presented by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Arkansas, and in 1952 was made Chaplain of Lodge No. 341 for life. Mr. Harris was connected with the Cotton Belt Railroad in the transportation department until he retired in 1939. His retirement brought to an end 45 years of continuous service with the Cotton Belt, Texas and Pacific, and Kansas City Southern Railroads.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. G. E. Harris; two daughters, Mrs. T. A. Benge, Texarkana, and Mrs. W. O. Grimes, Tyler, Texas; two sons, Eugene M. Harris, Texarkana insurance executive, and Rev. Edward W. Harris, Baton Rouge, La.; and four grandchildren, Madeline Gene Harris and Robert Edward Harris, Texarkana, William O. Grimes, Jr., Tyler, Texas, and Elizabeth Martin Harris, Baton Rouge, La.

Funeral services were held at First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, Friday, May 8, at 10 a. m. with Dr. Fred R. Harrison, pastor and F. M. Freeman, officiating.—Fred R. Harrison

GIBBS—Mrs. Audrea Marie Gibbs, age 34, passed away in her home in Judsonia on Saturday, April 25.

Surviving relatives are her husband, Rev. Albert W. Gibbs; one son, Jerry; two daughters, Glenda Sue and Carolyn; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Young of Rector; Clifton Young of St. Louis, Mo., and Sterling Young of Rector.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 27, at 10:00 a. m. in the Judsonia Methodist Church with Rev. Burlis Stalleup of Batesville, Rev. Ray Edwards of Griffithville and Rev. C. E. Whitten, district superintendent of the Searcy District, in charge.

Burial was in the Pleasant Grove cemetery near Rector.

MORGAN—Funeral services for Mrs. Charity Elizabeth Morgan, age 87, who died at her home in El Dorado, on April 21, was held on April 23 at Parkers Chapel with Rev. J. D. Rogers and Rev. S. B. Mann officiating.

Mrs. Morgan, a pioneer of Union County, was Charity Elizabeth Scott, daughter of Nancy and David Ainsworth Scott before her marriage. She was born in Columbia County in 1866, and in early childhood was converted and joined the church. On December 13, 1883, she was married to David E. Morgan. To them were born thirteen children, Ada, Estelle, Gus, Nancy, Elizabeth, Lee, Pearl, Scott, Jimmie, Glenn, Otis, Roy, and Daisy. Eight are now living. Her husband passed away at the age of 67. He was the most widely known pioneer of Union County.

Mrs. Morgan's journey of life was marked with deeds of kindness and cheer. While she lived she reared her own monument in the hearts of all who knew her. Certainly the City Eternal threw open its gates for her admission. From the beginning of home life to the end of her journey she revealed great love and concern for her children. Her one

great desire was that she might live to see her children grow to maturity, and with great patience and faith she prayed that they might live as one and dwell in peace. Her request has in a great measure been granted. She lived to see ten of her children grow to maturity, to see thirty-nine grandchildren and forty-eight great-grandchildren. There is nothing so vital, so basic, so eternal this side of heaven as the saving influence left to us from our Christian mothers.—Her former pastor, Rev. J. D. Rogers.

BOARDMOOR METHODIST CHURCH HOST TO LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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of W. S. C. S.; D. A. McCord, President of Methodist Men; Mary Helen Fisher, president Methodist Youth Fellowship, W. J. Googe, Lay Leader, G. M. Allen, Treasurer, Robert Brown, Board Secretary.

The Building Committee for the sanctuary included: L. H. Andrews, Clyde Ellis, H. C. Goodrich, Mrs. I. R. Graves, J. M. Steele, Mrs. J. L. Saxon, Mrs. W. J. Googe, Mrs. G. F. Barnes, and C. M. Jordan, and J. L. Saxon.

The present church staff includes: R. L. Cooke, Pastor; Mrs. L. O. Wheeler, Church Secretary; Mrs. W. J. Googe, Educational Director; Carl Tolbert, Choir director, Mrs. W. L. Sudduth, organist.

The General Chairman on Conference arrangements is D. M. Myatt.

Bishop Paul E. Martin will preach in Broadmoor Methodist Church on Sunday morning, May 24, at 10:50.

Hong Kong Nun Runs Into Communist Police Chief

Fate — in the habit of a Roman Catholic nun — caught up with a petty Chinese Communist tyrant in Hong Kong. Sister Dominic of the Maryknoll Convent here was walking in the street near the Maryknoll school when she came face to face with the Communist police chief of Toishan. The chief was in disguise but Sister Dominic couldn't forget

the face of the man who had put her through grueling interrogations during the two years she had been held by the Chinese Communists. The nun stared in disbelief. Realizing that his disguise had been discovered, the frightened official ran. The incident left local authorities wondering what a Chinese Communist police chief was doing in Hong Kong.

Reports 642 Korean War Prisoners Wish to Study for Ministry

Maj. Gen. Ivan L. Bennett, Army Chief of Chaplains, said in Houston, Texas, that 642 enemy prisoners-of-war in Korea told the United Nations they wish to study for the ministry. In an address to the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, he also reported that 30,000 enemy prisoners have enrolled in Bible study courses in Korean prisoner-of-war camps. Later, Gen. Bennett told the Southern Baptist Pastors Conference that "the chaplains of the United States Army who serve our Armed Forces today in the troubled areas of the world exhibit a large measure of the sense of divine urgency that characterized the apostolic ministry." "Only men who are aware of a divine urgency, who are aware that they are selected by the will of God," he said, "are sufficient for the tasks which await the men who serve our troops in the capacity of chaplain."

Film On Luther Has World Premiere

Three top figures associated with making the film, "Martin Luther," were honored at ceremonies in connection with its world premiere in Minneapolis, Minn. Citations were presented to Louis de Richemont, New York, of Louis de Rochemont Associates, producers; Irving Pichel, Hollywood, director, and Henry Endress, New York, executive secretary of Lutheran Church Productions, which planned and financed the film. Dr. Elmer S. Hjortland, pastor of Central Lutheran church,

presented the citations in behalf of the Minnesota premiere committee, of which he is chairman. More than 1,800 persons filled the theatre for the first showing of the two-week long "premiere." Among them were 300 special guests, leaders of Protestantism in Minnesota.

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CHURCH TREASURERS

It is urgent that all money on hand be sent to Conference treasurers by May 30. May we all observe this important deadline on behalf of those we seek to serve.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

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LESSON FOR MAY 31, 1953

WHAT IS THE KEY TO OUR MINISTRY?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
I Corinthians 11:23-34; 12:4-22; 12:27-31; I John 3:11-18.
Printed Text: I Corinthians 13.

GOLDEN TEXT: Faith, hope, love abide, these three;
but the greatest of these is love. (I Cor. 13:13)

This is the fifth and last lesson of UNIT IX: "MY MINISTRY". The themes of all five of these lessons are in the form of questions. The first dealt with the matter of the Christian Cause: "Is Our Cause Bigger Than We Are?" This was answered in the affirmative. The Christian cause is even bigger than our lives. All Christians should live for it, and if need be, die for it. The next question was, "Do We Use Every Opportunity?" This cause is so great we should use every opportunity to advance it. Paul never missed a chance to witness for Christ. Even while he was in prison he carried this work on. Our next theme was, "How Can We Keep People Concerned?" If this cause is so great that we should never miss an opportunity to advance it, then the matter of keeping people concerned; keeping up their interest is very important. Nothing will do this so readily as complete consecration to Christ. Such consecration brings the Lord's Spirit in his fullness in our lives, and his presence within us creates a passion for the lost in our hearts.

Our next theme: "Is Our Influence Good?" In this lesson we attempted to emphasize the importance of good influence. In a world filled with other people no one can live without radiating an influence, either good or bad. Paul was so anxious to radiate a good influence that he made great sacrifices. He refused to participate in things that would not have been harmful to him. He did this because of the effect that such activity might have on people of weak conscience. His refusal to eat meat which had been sacrificed to idols is an illustration of his example along this line. Our lesson today raises the question, "What is the Key To Our Ministry?"

A Look At The Scriptures

Space will permit us to deal only with the printed text (I Cor. 13) but if time permits, it would be well to read the entire assignment.

It will be remembered that this letter was written in A. D. 57. At the time of the writing, Paul was residing in Ephesus. He first visited Corinth in A. D. 53 at which time he established this church. Corinth was one of the largest cities of Paul's time, but it has passed out of existence.

The church at Corinth has been called Paul's problem church. This letter was written with the idea of helping to solve those problems. If one will study the entire letter with the idea of noting these problems, he will be surprised at their variety and number. Since this church was a problem church, it proved a source of great inspiration to Paul. It gave him a chance to see Christianity at first hand coping with those prob-

lems. At Corinth Christianity won a great victory. This strengthened Paul's faith in the power of the Gospel. Later we find his saying, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation." Corinth was noted for its corruption. Paul knew that since the Gospel had succeeded there it could win anywhere. Some one has said that "Truth is what works". Paul knew that the Gospel was the truth for he saw it work out to the eternal good of those who accepted it.

The Great Love Chapter

The thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians is easily one of the greatest chapters in the whole Bible. It seems a bit strange to find this chapter in the writings of Paul. He is usually thought of as the apostle of faith, while John holds the same distinction in the matter of love. But John never said anything about love that outstrips what Paul has said here in this chapter.

This chapter is divided into three paragraphs. Each of which sticks close to the thought of love. The first paragraph (verses 1 through 3) emphasizes the importance of love. The second (verses 4 through 7) describes love; giving its qualities. The third paragraph verses 8 through 13) tells of the victory of love. May we note these verses following this outline.

The Importance of Love

Love is the most important thing on earth. It is one of the great necessities of life. It gives value to every good thing with which it is associated. In fact other matters in life, which are very important when associated with love, are valueless when without it. Paul calls attention to the matter of eloquence. To be able to sway people with your words is a wonderful gift indeed. But if the speech is not motivated by love, then it has no religious value whatever. It is as a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. In the twelfth chapter of I Corinthians there is a list of the different gifts made by the Spirit. One of these gifts was that of ecstatic speech. The person who used this speech did not know what he was saying. It was no known language. It was a case in which the individual's emotions were deeply stirred and he could not find words to express his feeling and therefore went off into this type of speech, if it could be called such. These Corinthians were sensation-loving people and they put this particular gift at the head of the list. Paul didn't lay much store by it. In I Corinthians 14:19 he had this to say: "I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue."

The next thing Paul mentioned

was prophetic powers. This was a great gift. Down through the years the prophets have stood high in the realm of religion. Paul did not forbid the speaking in tongues, but he put prophesy first in the list of these spiritual gifts. In I Corinthians 14:39 he goes on to say, "So, my brethren, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues; but all things should be done decently and in order."

The task of the prophet is dual in its nature. We often think of the prophet only as a foreteller; a predictor of future events, but his chief task was that of forth-telling. He not only dealt with the future, but also with the present. He revealed the mind of God with regards to present situations and circumstances. He was a great preacher to his own time. Prophesying therefore was a great task, but if the prophet was not motivated by love his work was of but little value. The Prophet Jonah is an illustration of this.

Paul next speaks of mysteries and knowledge. There is but little distinction between these two terms. The understanding of mysteries came largely through inspiration from God, while the acquirement of knowledge came through study. According to the great Apostle both of these are valueless if not seasoned with love.

Faith is next mentioned, and this is shown to be valueless without love. We might be a bit surprised to find Paul the Apostle of faith making this statement, but the truth of it is easily seen. An illustration of a condition of this nature is found in the case of John and James who wanted to call down fire from heaven to destroy the Samaritans who had slighted their Master. They had faith enough to believe that the fire would come and they also had sufficient hatred in their hearts against their enemies to desire their destruction.

Paul next deals with sacrifice. A person might give all of his goods to feed the poor, and might even give life itself, but unless these gifts were motivated by love they had no spiritual value. People might give to the poor as did the Pharisees, to be seen of men. Many people have been known to die through sheer stubbornness, or for the desire of publicity and to be remembered by future generations. Such sacrifice is worthless from the spiritual standpoint unless it is motivated by love.

The Qualities Of Love

The first quality of love that is mentioned here is patience. This is a wonderful virtue. It means endurance; self-control. In Luke 21:19 we read, "In your patience possess ye your souls." Many are in danger of losing their souls through their impatience. One of the greatest needs of our modern age of haste and hurry is this quality of patience. Paul tells us that even this great quality is worthless from the spiritual standpoint if it is not motivated by love.

The next quality possessed by love is that of kindness. One should be kind even in his thoughts as well as in his deeds and words. In Proverbs 15:1 we read, "A soft answer turneth away wrath", and in 25:11, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pitchers of silver." Parents are kind to their children because they love them. We are told to love all, even including our enemies. The acid test as to whether or not we carry out this commandment is shown by the kindness we extend to others, or our lack of it. True

kindness can come from no other source except love.

Then we are told that "Love is not jealous." Where individuals really love each other there will not be jealousy of one over the advancement of another. There is a lot of jealousy among the different professions of the world. This jealousy even creeps, at times, into the ministerial profession. Such should never be the case. There should be such love between ministers that this could never happen. In the Weymouth translation of Romans 12:10 we read, "Let your love of the brethren be true mutual affection; in point of precedence defer to one another." This should also be true with regards to Christian denominations. In the place of being jealous one denomination should be happy over the true progress of another. This jealousy is indicative of the fact that true love, at times, does not exist between them. This must break the heart of Christ.

Another quality of love is that of humility. Paul goes on to say, "Love is not boastful." The spirit of egotism is very prevalent. If one should buy some people for what they are really worth and then sell them for what they think they are worth, he would soon become very wealthy. One should never brag on himself and should accept with a grain of salt the flattery that others pour upon him. Great compliments causes big people to be humble and grow, but it causes little ones to swell and die.

Next, "Love is not arrogant or rude." The great literary figure, Dr. Johnson of England defined a gentleman as a person who doesn't work. Paul defines one as an individual whose relationships with his fellowman are governed by love.

Love is not stubborn. Paul goes on to say, "Love does not insist on its own way." Some people, in their stubbornness, are standing up so staunchly for their own rights that they completely ignore the rights of others or the righteousness expressed by Christ in his idea of the Kingdom of God. They fail to realize that life is a give and take proposition.

"Love is not irritable or resentful." It is hard to irritate a person whose life is completely filled with love, and if such irritation does occur, it soon passes and no resentment or prejudice against the party in question remains in the heart.

"Love does not rejoice at wrong." It does not rejoice at the wrongs that others do, neither is it happy over the misfortune that comes upon others, even including enemies. Love is always happy when it sees others be right and do right.

"Love bears all things." Its shoulders are broad. It helps to bear the burdens of others. Love is not a gossip. It believes the best of people until adverse facts are known, and it even then hopes that somehow good will come from the situation.

The Permanence of Love

Space will not permit us to deal with this division, but suffice it to say that there will be three great forces that will abide forever—faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love.

For many things we can find substitutes but there is not now, nor will there ever be, a substitute for creative thought. — Crawford H. Greenewalt, pres. of duPont, Chemical & Engineering News