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Better Just Be Yourself

TWO of the greatest enemies of natural, normal success are affectation and imitation. Just as there are no two fingerprints or human faces just alike so there are no two personalities exactly alike. Whatever may be the culture, refinement or training of that personality we are still at our best when we give expression to the powers we possess in a natural manner and voice.

Affectation is seldom if ever attractive. It is so self-evident that it is almost impossible to conceal. The person on whom we attempt to practice this inconceivable art resents the fact that we think he is not aware of it. Affectation usually hinders instead of aids our efforts to succeed.

Imitation is also a handicap in our efforts to grow character and personality. We are at our best when we are our own natural selves. When we attempt to succeed by imitating another we confess to ourselves and those about us a personal weakness that makes success all but impossible. It is better just to be ourself.

Our Instruments Say Russia Has The Hydrogen Bomb

IN an editorial last week discussing the moral bankruptcy of Russian leaders we said that our national leaders did not believe the announcement by Russia that it had the Hydrogen Bomb "because as yet, it has not been verified by our machines which we trust much further than we do the word of Russian leaders."

Because Russia knew that the free world placed little credence in its word, it has exploded a Hydrogen Bomb. Even the announcement that it had done so would not have impressed the world very much. However, our instruments have verified the fact of the explosion. Now we believe Russia has the Hydrogen Bomb, not because it has said so, but because our instruments say so. It is another example of how we will believe a machine quicker than we will the word of the Sovereign nation of Russia.

Our knowledge now that Russia has the Hydrogen Bomb rocks the small sense of security we have had because of our "stock pile" of Atom Bombs and our ability to make the Hydrogen Bomb. It was announced that we had entered a new era — the atomic era — when two Japanese cities were destroyed by two Atomic Bombs. So powerful was the Atomic Bomb that leaders of Japan surrendered because as their leaders said, in the face of such a powerful weapon, there could be no defiance and no defense.

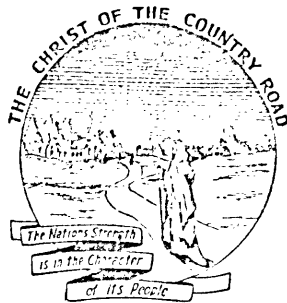
Now comes a bomb so powerful that the Atomic Bomb is used merely as a "trigger" to make it explode. Without question mankind now has in its hands the power to destroy itself. Such a power in the hands of immoral, irresponsible people is a direct threat to civilization as we know it. Scientific discoveries have so far outrun moral development in our generation that we lack the character so necessary in a world where these "Frankenstein Monsters" can be loosed on the world by the will of man.

Our world is pitifully in need of a moral and spiritual revival. Such a revival would do what bigger bombs and faster, more powerful planes can never do. We need better men much more than we need better bombs. Unless the world places more emphasis on building good character and less emphasis on building bigger bombs we shall have eventually a world-wide demonstration of the Divine proclamation "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

Our General Conference And Methodism's Rural Churches

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE of The Methodist Church is the law-making and policy-making body for Methodism's churches whether they be in city, town or country. Members of that conference are elected by the democratic process of the ballot in our Annual Conferences of our church. Almost without exception, those elected are outstanding leaders in the church. The General Conference is composed of the finest, most capable leaders our church has to offer for the important work of the General Conference.

Nevertheless, by the very nature of the case, the men and women chosen as delegates are chosen because they have reached positions of prominence in their Annual Conference. In general, they are people not directly related to the rural



church and thereby have lost something of the viewpoint of the conditions and needs of the rural church. This statement is in no sense a criticism of the delegates chosen or of the method by which they are chosen. It is simply, as we see it, a statement of facts which these chosen leaders could hardly avoid, if they would, in the positions they have attained.

There is another important factor which influences the work of our General Conferences which indirectly affects our rural churches. The General Conference is organized for its work into Boards and Commissions which, in general, corresponds to the Quadrennial Boards and Commissions of our church through which the work of our church is directed between General Conference sessions. These General Boards and Commissions, properly so, have pertinent suggestions and proposals for the corresponding Boards and Commissions set up for the work at the General Conference. Because of the source of these suggestions they do and should have weight in the recommendations of Boards and Commissions of the General Conference.

It is not easy for men and women, prominent enough in the church to be chosen as leaders of church-wide General Boards and Commissions to have the viewpoint of the strictly rural church, of which Methodism has a very large number. We would say again that this is no criticism of these church-wide leaders. However, such leaders are not commonly chosen because of their direct relation with rural churches or their intimate knowledge of the rural church and its needs. (More on this subject next week.)

Contact Your Station

ONE of the most worthy Methodist projects to be developed during recent years that serves the public generally is the Methodist Men's Hour, a radio program sponsored by the Board of Lay Activities of the South Central Jurisdiction. This program was inaugurated last year, the cost being borne by the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas. Aired for the first time in early October, the series consisted of thirty-five transcriptions which were available to radio stations without charge. The programs were excellently done and were most certainly a credit to Methodism. Dr. Marshall T. Steel, Highland Park pastor, was the preacher for the series broadcast on thirty-seven radio stations in the eight states of the South Central Jurisdiction.

Leaders of the Methodist Men's Hour are now making arrangements with local church groups and radio stations for the 1953-54 series. The scheduled date for the beginning of the new series is Sunday, October 4 and the series continues through May 29 of next year. This is a project which the Methodist Men's organization in the local church can sponsor over a local radio station and in most instances local church groups have been able to schedule the program on what is known as "sustaining time." Program officials permit the purchase of time for the program if "sustaining time" is not available.

Those who followed the program last year remember with appreciation the fine, helpful sermons of Dr. Steel. Program followers can expect an even finer presentation in the series this year. Dr. Steel, native Arkansan, is returning this week with his family from an extensive trip around the world and you may be sure that in his travels, this program has been on his mind. For further information write The Methodist Men's Hour, 3300 Mockingbird Land, Dallas 5, Texas.

Need Greater Participation

"WE need more participation by a larger number of our membership" is one of the most frequently heard suggestions as to how to increase the efficiency of a local church program. Studies of many local church situations indicate that in the matter of attendance alone a rather good average on any one Sunday of church members, and members of the church school attending worship services and the various activities of the church school is fifty percent. What of the other fifty percent?

Elsewhere in this issue is a news release concerning membership in the churches of this country. This annual report reveals that church membership at the present time is at an all time high and that percentage-wise a larger proportion of the citizens of United States is related to a church organization than ever before. This is explained in part by the intensive evangelistic efforts which churches have been making during recent years and the natural tendency of people to turn to organized religion in times of great stress and tension. But with all of this magnificent increase in church membership reportedly doubled in the past 26 years, what about participation? Are all of the new people actively engaged in the program of the local church? Are they attending the activities of the church school and the worship services?

We are not pleading here for any lessening of emphasis on evangelism but rather for a larger concept of the scope of evangelism. Evangelism is a movement which is concerned not

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New Church

Statistics Revealed

Church membership in the U. S. A. has broken into new ground, reaching an all-time record of 92,277,129.

This represents a gain of 3,604,124 over the previous year, and an unprecedented growth rate of 4.1 per cent — outstripping the population increase by two and a half times.

The new figures for 1952, revealed today by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., indicate that 59 per cent of Americans in the Continental U. S. — about three out of every five men, women and children — belong to religious bodies. In 1940, only one out of two had religious affiliation.

"Never before has such a high annual increase in church membership been recorded," declared Dr. Benson Y. Landis, associate director of the Council's department of research and survey. "During the past decade, the annual gain has been about two per cent. In 1952, it was twice that figure, accelerating an upward trend that has been maintained in this country for the past 100 years."

Membership Doubled In 26 Years

Over the longer term this trend has resulted in doubling church membership in the past 26 years. In 1900, 6 per cent of the U. S. population were church members. In 1910 and 1920, 4 per cent. In 1930, 47 per cent. In 1940, 49 per cent. This figure swelled to 57 per cent by 1950, with two per cent added in the two years since.

In 1952 the number of local churches also reached a new peak of 285,277 as compared to 284,592 for 1951, the latest Council surveys show. And the number of clergymen having charges rose from 181,123 to 183,899.

"Thus statistically there is one church for about every 325 members," Dr. Landis stated, "while the ratio between clergymen and members is only one to every 500. This points up a continuing shortage of pastors and a lag in efforts to fill thousands of vacant pulpits."

Dr. Landis, editor of the National Council's Yearbook of American Churches which is the only source of statistical data on all the nation's religious bodies, said the figures are based on information from 251 religious bodies, and apply only to the U. S., exclusive of Territories. Complete compilations will appear in the 1953 Yearbook, scheduled for public release September 14.

Sunday School Enrollment Up

An even higher increase in Sunday School enrollments was registered with the Council reporting a new total of 32,638,879 members — a gain of nearly two million or 6.4 per cent for the year. The Protestant Churches which generally emphasize the Sunday School report close to 94 per cent of the total enrollment.

The over-all 1952 gain in church membership — twice that of the previous year — is partly attributable to greatly increased birth rates of the 1940's Dr. Landis pointed out. Other factors have been the wide-spread, systematic evangelistic programs carried out by the churches and the generally felt need for guidance in times of international tension and upheaval.

In addition, nine religious bodies reporting for the first time added 335,528 members missing from previous lists. Without them, however, and considering only the 242 religious bodies reporting for both years, the gain in members was 3.7 per cent — still an all-time high.

Protestant and Catholic Gain

Of the nation's two biggest religious groups, the Protestants and Roman Catholics, the former registered a slightly high gain of 3.9 per cent. The number of Roman Catholics increased 3.5 per cent. Protestants now number 54,229,963 or 34.7 per cent of population, while there are 30,253,427 Roman Catholics, or 19.3 per cent. Gains for both groups have been virtually on a par for the past 50 years and more.

Exact comparisons between the two are difficult to make, the Yearbook points out, since most Protestant churches list only full members, aged 13 or older. Included among Roman Catholics are all baptized children and infants.

Not included in the compilations were members of the Church of Christ, Scientist, which body forbids "the numbering of people and the reporting of such statistics."

Jewish Gains

The third largest religious group are the Jewish congregations reporting 5,000,000 members, unchanged from the previous year. Next in order of the

Statistical Highlights

from

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Church membership in the U. S., excluding Territories, has reached an all-time high of 92,277,129.

Last year's gain, just announced by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., was an unprecedented 3,604,124 or 4.1 per cent.

Church membership gains for the year were two and a half times population gains — and twice as high as gains recorded for any single previous year.

A new high for the number of local churches was reached: 285,277, as compared to 284,592 for 1951.

A new high for the number of clergymen having charges is reported: 183,899, as against 181,123 for 1951.

Sunday School enrollments swelled to a total of 32,638,879 — a one-year gain of nearly two million, or a record-breaking 6.4 per cent.

Protestant and Roman Catholic church membership gains were virtually the same, as they have been for years past: 3.9 per cent Protestant, 3.5 Roman Catholic.

Latest phenomenal gains accent an upward trend covering the past 50 years. In 1900, 36 per cent of Americans belonged to a church. In 1910 and 1920, 43 per cent. In 1930, 47 per cent. In 1940, 49 per cent. In 1950, 57 per cent — with two percentage points added since.

The nation's top six religious groups today are:

Protestant	54,229,963
Roman Catholic	30,253,427
Jewish Congregations	5,000,000
Eastern Orthodox	2,353,783
Old Catholic and Polish National Catholic	366,956
Buddhist	73,000

top six are: Eastern Orthodox with 2,353,783 members; Old Catholic and Polish National Catholic, 366,956; and Buddhist, 73,000.

39% Have 98.2% of Membership

While 251 religious bodies report on membership in the forthcoming Yearbook, 76 of them have 98.2 per cent of all members. Less than 2 per cent of members belong to the remaining 75 smaller groups.

Another indication that church membership is less divided among groups than it seems is shown by the fact that 8 bodies with 1,000,000 members or more have a total of 78,249,936 members, or 85 per cent. Moreover, 11 of the 16 Protestant and Orthodox churches in this concentrated group are united for cooperative action in the National Council of Churches, which embraces 30 denominations with 35,000,000 members.

A Million Or More

The 18 bodies reporting 1,000,000 members or more follows:

Roman Catholic Church	30,253,427
The Methodist Church	9,180,428
Southern Baptist Convention	7,634,493
Jewish Congregations	5,000,000
National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.	4,467,779
National Baptist Convention of America	2,606,289
Protestant Episcopal Church	2,482,887
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.	2,441,933
United Lutheran Church in America	1,962,256
Disciples of Christ, International Convention ..	1,815,627
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	1,728,989
American Baptist Convention	1,550,653
Churches of Christ	1,500,000
Congregational Christian Churches	1,269,466
African Methodist Episcopal Church	1,166,301
Christ Unity Science Church	1,112,123
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints ..	1,077,285
Greek Archdiocese of North and South America ..	1,000,000

By grouping the larger Protestant and Orthodox denominations into inclusive "families" the following statistical pattern is revealed:

Baptist (24 bodies)	17,470,111
Eastern Orthodox (21 bodies)	2,353,783
Latter-Day Saints (6 bodies)	1,210,336
Lutheran (20 bodies)	6,313,892
Methodist (22 bodies)	11,664,978
Presbyterian (11 bodies)	3,535,171

NATIONAL COUNCIL EXPRESSES HOPE FOR KOREAN NEGOTIATIONS

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., in a telegram to President Eisenhower has expressed the hope that "forthcoming negotiations will establish the conditions of a just and durable peace in Korea."

"In fulfilling its obligations under the charter of the United Nations our country has shown its determination to strive for a world freed from the terror of aggression and at the same time, its consistent readiness to seek solution of international issue by negotiations," said the message signed by Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary

of the National Council.

In greetings to Christians of Korea, Dr. Cavert pledged full support of measures looking toward reconstruction and rehabilitation of Korea. "The people of our churches," he said, "have steadily supported the objective of a united and independent Korea and our purpose in this respect is reinforced by the armistice agreement."

Dr. Cavert cabled the message to the Rev. Yu Hochun, general secretary of the National Christian Council of Korea, which includes the major Protestant churches of that country.

Council Outlines Stewardship Program

The Methodist Church's Joint Stewardship Council has adopted an eight-point statement of basic principles to govern a stewardship program, has okayed patterns for training conferences, and has set a committee to work on materials beamed especially at the local church.

Following the group's recent meeting in Indianapolis each member was instructed to prepare his own personal definition of "tithing" and bring it to the next meeting.

The eight-point program follows:

1. The program should be one of churchwide cultivation as a continuing process rather than a promotional campaign. Cultivation should be the key word.

2. It should be suggestive rather than mandatory, voluntarily accepted and adapted by Areas and Annual Conferences in accordance with their needs.

3. It should emphasize our Christian stewardship of possessions, lifting up the tithe as the minimum standard of giving for Methodists.

4. The tithe should be taught as a means of grace rather than a legalistic procedure or a means of raising money.

5. The method of calculating the tithe and the manner of its distribution should be a matter of individual conscience. Tithing must be a covenant between the individual person and God.

6. The regular connectional channels should be used as largely as possible in achieving results.

7. Exemplary leadership is positively necessary on all levels.

8. We should lift up this emphasis on Christian tithing as an opportunity for pastors and laymen to work together in the interest of God's Kingdom.

The council reviewed and approved pattern programs for area or annual conference meetings, as well as district or sub-district training conferences on stewardship.

Working on the preparation of special materials for carrying out a stewardship training program in the local church is a committee consisting of Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, executive secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation; the Rev. Walter Towner, Nashville, director of the department of General Church School Work of the Board of Education's Division of the Local Church; and Dr. E. Lamont Geissinger, Chicago, associate secretary in charge of the department of stewardship in the Board of Lay Activities. These are the three co-operating agencies in the Joint Stewardship Council.

Promotion of the stewardship em-

phasis in an annual conference is to be entrusted to a group which combines the Conference Board of Lay Activities and the Conference Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, the Council decided.

The former group includes the Conference Lay Leader, the District Superintendents, and the District and Associate District Lay Leaders.

The other group in the annual conference includes the following: Conference Lay Leader (see above); Conference Missionary Secretary; Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education; a representative of the cabinet (Superintendents are already members of first group); Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and one representative of each of these conference boards—Missions, Education, Evangelism, and Lay Activities—and a representative of a church-related college in the conference.

Minister Gives Explanation Of Faith Healing

How can a bogus "spiritual healer" or a medical quack effect unusual cures? Most of them can point to successes that are difficult to refute. They cure, said the Rev. Kenneth A. Carlson of the First Methodist church in Santa Monica, California, not through their own ability, but because of the faith of the patient. "Christianity has always said that man is more than body, and now psychosomatic medicine recognizes this," he said. "It is a fact that religion is relieving and curing many people today. There is just as real healing by religious faith as by psychotherapy." The pastor of one of the largest and fastest-growing Methodist churches in Southern California cited a number of instances, including one of his personal experience. Seriously ill of inflammatory rheumatism as a boy, he was cured apparently through the intercession of an itinerant "spiritual healer," later sent to prison for fraud. "What brought about the cure?" he asked. "I am sure it was faith, the expectancy that God would heal even through the medium through which it was expressed was a crook." He asserted that all religious groups, including his own, offered identical facilities for healing and that the faith which makes it possible must come from the patient. The Methodist Church, he said, "sees God's activity and healing power evidenced just as definitely in a treatment which relies on drugs and skilled men of medicine as upon spiritual healing."

LABOR SUNDAY MESSAGE, 1953

Approved by the General Board of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and issued through the DEPARTMENT OF THE CHURCH AND ECONOMIC LIFE.

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"You Are All Brethren . . . You Have One Father."

The health of any society depends upon the well-being of the members of all of its groups. Every segment of society is important. Efficient and honest work is necessary for our economy. But our common responsibility does not end there. In a highly industrialized society, it is not a luxury but a Christian and practical necessity to help the sick and the crippled, assist the needy aged, and care for the young. Neglect of large groups of people who cannot fully help themselves weakens the sense of community and violates a principle from which our society draws its strength.

We believe that Christianity provides sound and sure principles as guides to action; it gives a sense of direction and creates a will to work together. The American people have common basic aims. As productive efficiency increases, there are more goods and services to share and costs of production are lowered. As workers' purchasing power expands, management finds larger markets. And we all, as consumers, benefit by this co-operation.

Furthermore, if equitable solutions to the common problems of employers and their employees are mutually sought in good faith they can be found. Thousands of labor contracts are negotiated by union and management representatives each year without bitterness or strikes, and with regard for the public interest. Unfortunately these settlements are rarely featured in the newspapers, while strikes are headlined. Fair settlements arrived at through free and honest bargaining by men of good will open the way to a better economic and social life for all people. Leaders of labor and management know that the program of American industry depends largely upon their ability to co-operate for the common good. This is the road for free men of enlightened consciences to follow. Christianity may ask for more, but can ask for no less. Since God is our Father, we must ever strive to work together as brothers.

Since the first Labor Sunday Message was issued nearly forty years ago, the economic status of workers has been raised, productivity increased, hours shortened, real wages increased, working conditions improved, the economic well-being of the nation lifted, and the democratic way of life strengthened. During this period the atmosphere of public opinion has changed. Increasing numbers of workers have exercised the freedom to decide for themselves whether to organize and have dealt with employers through representatives of their own choice. This freedom of workers has been endorsed and the almost every branch of the Christian Church. During the past years working men and women have made unprecedented gains; the years ahead offer new opportunities but also enlarged responsibility for labor to join with management, farmers, consumers, and other groups in working for the common good.

On this Labor Day it is fitting that the National Council of Churches recognize the many Christian laymen who have worked to achieve these benefits for themselves and their fellow men. We join in mourning the loss of William Green and Philip Murray, outstanding Christian laymen in organized labor. Leadership in the labor movement should be increasingly appreciated by the people of our churches as an important Christian vocation.

"Bear One Another's Burdens."

We are grateful to God for the generally high level of well-being in the United States which has developed under conditions of freedom. But these favorable circumstances call for more than gratitude in word or feeling. They summon Christians to a deep sense of humility and an earnest commitment to share with people as worthy as ourselves who are less fortunate. We know that some millions of the people even in this country are living below standards which we accept as important to the "good life"; but grim hunger is faced by nearly three out of four of the world's population. Our present position in the world places upon us the responsibility to help less fortunate people to help themselves. We must give with an understanding heart; the extent of our help can be measured only by a sensitive Christian conscience.

Today powerful and insidious forces threaten freedom. Enlightened men and women of labor were among the first to see the evil and danger of both fascism and Soviet communism and have long and effectively opposed them. Through the leadership which the American labor movement, together with that of many other important segments of our society, has given to the cause of world freedom, all our freedoms have been made more secure.

In working for civil rights, increased production, job opportunities, adequate wages, social responsibility, and a free world community we are working for each other, for ourselves, and for God who seeks to realize His purpose of justice and freedom in the affairs of men. Toward the achievement of these aims, all groups in our nation are interdependent, and we are bound together in the need and purpose to promote our common freedoms. Freedom to worship and to speak according to the dictates of one's conscience is inseparable from freedom of the mind and freedom to work under conditions which the worker has had a part in determining. A threat to one freedom is a threat to all freedoms.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

J. P. WOMACK of Jonesboro is a patient in the Baptist Hospital in Memphis. His many friends will wish for his speedy recovery.

REV. AND MRS. JOHN A. WOMACK of Jonesboro celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 27. Open house was held from 3:00 until 5:00 p. m.

REV. O. D. PETERS, pastor at Charleston, is speaker for Youth Activities Week being held this week at Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith.

THE PREACHERS of the Fort Smith District met on Tuesday, August 25, in an all day meeting at Booneville to plan in detail the program for fall.

THE BIRTH of Edith Diane Lanier at the Randolph County Hospital on Saturday, August 15, is announced by her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Lanier. Mr. Lanier is pastor of the Biggers-Success Charge.

REV. HOWARD CHILDS, pastor of the Markham Methodist Church, Little Rock, and a student in Hendrix College, is the speaker for Youth Activities Week now being held at Winfield Church, Little Rock.

DR. D. L. DYKES, JR., pastor of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was the featured speaker in a recent series of sermons at Lake Junaluska, Methodist Assembly for the South-eastern Jurisdiction.

REV. ALF EASON, pastor of the Marion Methodist Church, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday-morning, August 23. Mr. Eason went into the ministry from First Church, North Little Rock. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Eason.

MISS MARGARET MARSHALL, deaconess in the Arkadelphia District, will attend the Tenth International Workshop in Audio-Visual Education under the auspices of the National Council of Churches, in Green Lake, Wisconsin, August 31 to September 5.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN has approved the following appointments in the Searcy District which were left open at Annual Conference to be supplied: Pangburn, Rev. Walter Johnson; Wilburn, Rev. Wayne Olmstead; DeVine, Rev. Eugene Shoemaker.

THE STANFORD METHODIST CHURCH of the Paragould District has just closed a successful revival with thirteen professions of faith and seven additions to the church. Rev. Y. D. Whitehurst was the evangelist. He is also pastor of the church.

REV. ARNOLD SIMPSON, district director of R Young Peoples' Work in the Fayetteville District, was the speaker at the Sunday morning service of the First Methodist Church, Bentonville, on August 23. The service was the climax of Youth Activities Week at the church. Rev. H. E. Pearce is pastor.

REV. CLINT BURLESON of Dallas, Texas, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Gurdon, on Sunday morning, August 23. Mr. Burleson is a student at the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. He was admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference in 1952.

REV. H. W. JINSKE, pastor at Mountain View, was the speaker at the meeting of the Batesville Kiwanis Club on Friday, August 21. He was introduced by Professor Frank H. Harrin, head of the Department of Education at Arkansas College, who was Mr. Jinske's teacher thirty years ago at Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway.

NEW MATERIALS for the Junior Department of the Church School will be introduced at a meeting in Little Rock on September 3, Mrs. W. F. Bates, Conference Director of Children's

Work, has announced. Church School workers from the Little Rock churches will attend. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m. at First Church, Little Rock.

DR. DOLPH CAMP, president of Southern State College, Magnolia, was the speaker at a Homecoming service held at the Atlanta Methodist Church on Sunday, August 23. The service was also the beginning of a series of evangelistic services at the Atlanta Church with Dr. Connor Morehead, district superintendent of the Camden District, as speaker for the rest of the week. Rev. C. B. Harris is pastor.

REV. KENNETH SHAMBLIN, pastor of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church and president of the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Alliance, was the inspirational speaker at the kickoff dinner for the Stewardship Revival dinner at the Scott Street Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Monday evening, August 24. Workers will obtain pledges for money to erect an educational building and to support the annual church budget. Rev. J. Edwin Keith, Conference Director of Stewardship, is the revival director. Rev. Harry R. Weed is pastor.

REV. HAROLD W. EWING, of Nashville, Tennessee, director of the Youth Department of the Methodist Board of Education, says: "If the Methodist Church is to meet its responsibility, the membership of the Methodist Youth Fellowship should be 4,600,000 by 1960. On the basis of the 1950 census, it is estimated that by 1960 the youth population of this country will be 32,124,000 and that the Methodist Church has responsibility for fourteen per cent of this number. The Methodist Youth Fellowship now totals 1,125,000.

MRS. JOSEPH PAUL BARTAK, Methodist missionary from Springfield, Tenn., died in Vienna, Austria, on August 18 after a brief illness. She was the wife of Rev. Joseph Paul Bartak and was his co-worker in starting Methodist work in Czechoslovakia. They were married in 1921 in Prague. Mrs. Bartak, the former Marian Draper, was assistant secretary and treasurer of John E. Brown College in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, before she entered missionary service. Survivors besides her husband are two daughters and a son.

REV. J. D. BAKER, former pastor of the Shorewood Hills Methodist Church, was the speaker at the formal dedication of the recently completed church building on Sunday, August 16. Brother Baker organized the church in 1950. Rev. John Butler Hays, the present pastor, preached at the evening service. The church building is a tile brick structure, with the auditorium having a seating capacity of 200 persons. The cost of the building was about \$15,000 which was raised through pledges of members and subscriptions by friends of the church. H. H. Norton was chairman of the Building Committee.

DURING the months of September and October, the laymen of the Methodist Church will be active across the nation in seeking to enlist some 250,000 "new people" into the membership of The Methodist Church, already the largest Protestant group in America. Bishop W. Angie Smith, of Oklahoma City, as president of the Church's Board of Evangelism is leader of the campaign, and Dr. Harry Denman, noted evangelist and a layman, is heading the Board's organization of thousands of laymen into teams of canvassers and workers. The figure 250,000 is set as a goal—"one thousand new members for each year since the birth of John Wesley.

REV. HAROLD SPENCE, pastor of the Jacksonville Methodist Church, will be the inspirational speaker for Youth Activities Week of the North Little Rock area. The program is planned for August 31-September 3, and will include all Intermediates and Young People of the area. The meetings will be held at the First Methodist Church of North Little Rock. The Woman's So-

ciety of Christian Service of First Church will serve a meal each evening at 6:30. The courses and teachers will be as follows: "Witness," Rev. Irl Bridenthal; "Faith," Rev. J. W. Watson; "Out-reach," Rev. Luther K. Wilson; "Citizenship," Rev. I. L. Claudi; "Fellowship," Miss Viola Blair and Rev. Howard Cox. Rev. Raymond Dorman will direct recreation.

FIFTY-SEVEN Methodist youths and their adult leaders have received "certificates of recognition" as graduates of the First National Methodist Youth School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action, held on the Illinois Wesleyan University campus, Bloomington, Indiana. The school was sponsored by the Methodist Board of Temperance and the Youth Department of the denomination's General Board of Education. Thirty-three states and 42 annual conferences were represented by the delegates. Purpose of the school, according to the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, Washington, D. C., director, was "to teach the effects of beverage alcohol upon the human body and personality, and to learn ways to help people in danger of becoming alcoholics."

WORKING for world health should be a vital concern of at least every American who calls himself a Christian, says Miss Catherine Lee Wahlstrom, a social welfare expert. Many U. S. churchgoers, she says, are not aware of the rampant sickness and disease faced by millions of persons in the world's underdeveloped areas. If Americans knew the facts, Miss Wahlstrom believes, most of them would give their wholehearted support to the World Health Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations. Miss Wahlstrom, on the staff of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Life and Work, is enthusiastic about the work of WHO during the five years it has been in existence.

A NEW TESTAMENT in Kusaie, published by the American Bible Society, recently came from the press. It will be used in the far-off island of Kusaie, one of the Caroline Islands of the western Pacific. In 1852 that language was put in written form by B. G. Snow, of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Over the years a complete Bible was translated and printed at a plant established on the island and run by islanders. After World War II, and the occupation of the island by the Japanese, there were none of these books left and it was decided that, pending revision of the first Bible, an edition of the New Testament be reprinted. Because of the new interest on the islands in the use of English this language is printed beside the Kusaie. The proof for this edition was read and corrected by Miss Alice Hanlin, while finishing high school. She was familiar with the language because as a teen-age daughter of a missionary, she had lived in Kusaie.

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PLAYING IT SAFE

We would not be here in peace and plenty if the Pilgrim Fathers and George Washington had played safe.

The late historian James Truslow Adams once complained that in 150 years we have changed from a land of opportunity to a land of safety-first.

And a recent writer observed that when a young fellow comes looking for a job, his first question is likely to be not what are the chances of promotion, but what kind of pension will he get 40 years hence. Caution is a good trait up to a certain point, but when it become the controlling thought it stifles life.

And the irony of it is that when we arrange our work and livelihood so that we no longer venture for great things, we gamble on small things. That is why gambling on horse races and dog races and on numbers has so greatly increased in our time. Our generation is in the grip of the gambling mania, but all too

much of it is a taking of chances on small things rather than big issues. Thus we lose our real lives.

Another thing, some who would save their lives lose them by trying too hard to conserve their energy. We cannot hoard life as we can money. When a person tries to be a miser of his health, he usually makes himself miserable. The person who is constantly watching for symptoms and coddling his complaints becomes a slave to the thermometer and a fugitive from germs, living below par and often dying before his time.

Our emotional nature reveals still more clearly the fallacy of trying to save by sparing ourselves. In a book of fiction, one of the characters, a sheltered woman, asked that she not be made to see other people's hardships any more often than necessary because sympathy put such a strain on her emotions.

Some people avoid funerals because they do not want their feelings harrowed. Many do not want the pulpit to deal with unpleasant things like war and poverty and pain. They prefer to hear only of pleasant things.

But remember, the field that is never plowed by any furrows or harrowed by any discs becomes hard and unproductive. So with life. When we keep ourselves shut off from things which would stir our sympathies, when we hold ourselves back from others lest we be taken in by them, we find the soil of our minds becoming harder and the boundaries of our affection becoming narrower.

Love and sympathy are dissipated not by use but by disuse. Thus in trying to save ourselves from being spent we lose ourselves. We find ourselves by forgetting ourselves.

It isn't easy to forget ourselves. Astute baseball managers are familiar with the idiosyncrasies of their players. The manager knows when to "play it safe" and when to go all out to win. He knows, too, that a hard-hitting player prefers to hit for distance.

But the manager directs his players to make a sacrifice bunt in order to advance another member of the team. Therefore the player must forget



"EVERY YEAR I LIVE INCREASED MY CONVICTION THAT THE USE OF INTOXICATING DRINKS IS A GREATER DESTROYING FORCE TO LIFE AND VIRTUE THAN ALL OTHER PHYSICAL EVILS COMBINED"

HENRY WARD BEECHER

himself and his batting record for the good of the club.

By losing a hit—which is personally important to him—he contributed to his team's victory. It might have lost had he tried to save himself. He considered himself expendable.

Some years ago a boy was rescued from a ferryboat which sank in New York harbor. The only explanation of his escape which he could give was this: "My mother gave me a life-preserver. I guess she didn't have any for they can't find her." According to the records that mother was lost at sea. But she was not lost to God.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

NAME-CALLING

Forty years ago, at a church service I was attending, the young preacher mentioned that a wealthy corporation was making great profits, but was employing women in its local plant at wages that were not sufficient for decent living. And, as we walked out of the church together, the leading trustee wagged his bearded chin and asked me, "What do you think of that young socialist?"

After World War I, another pastor in the same church had some rather pointed remarks to make about church leaders who were "waving the flag," and approving "the pressing down of crowns of thorn" upon conquered German millions, and extending "conquest by trade" upon needy peoples across the world. And another trustee decided not to attend church "while that bolshevik is in the pulpit."

More recently and currently, reference from that pulpit to the hunger of men and women and children in Asia and Africa and Europe, to the need for reappraising America's industrial and military program and commitments overseas, or any suggestion that all may not be perfect within the far-ranging yet jittery system called "free enterprise," brings arched eyebrows, and hints of "pink fringe," "red," or "communist." We seem to feel better — have a sense of relief — if we can pin a label on something or someone we don't understand or that we don't like.

Name-calling is said to be universal among children and non-civilized peoples (I hesitate to say "child-nations" though that name may be what I mean!) I suppose many of our family names, like American Indian names, were originally given in derision, or out of hate, or even to cause hurt; some to praise or compliment. And while, physically, it may be true that

*"Sticks and stones may break my bones,
But names can never hurt me"*—

there is a certain amount of braggadocio in this, because names do hurt spiritually, and one does not so easily recover from such injury. How many children have been permanently made inferior or bitter by a nickname which came from some misfortune, or some chance difference, or some physical deformity.

All through the poetry of the late Countee Cullen, son of a Methodist parsonage, one finds something of a bitter note. There is a rhythm, and a freshness, and a music that belong to the gaiety of his race: yet the undertone, and sometimes the overtone, are bitter and cynical. Those who knew the gifted youth best are rather agreed that that bitter tone came from a name-calling incident while "riding in old Baltimore." He has immortalized its pain in these lines (and perhaps it pervades all his verse):

*"Once, riding in old Baltimore,
Heart-filled, head-filled with glee,
I saw a Baltimorean
Keep looking straight at me . . .*

*"Now I was eight and very small,
And he was no whit bigger;
And so I smiled, but he poked out
His tongue and called me 'Nigger'." . . .*

And that, he adds, is all he remembers that happened in Baltimore.

Perhaps even worse than the injury inflicted upon the assaulted by name-calling is the fact

that this growing disease in American life is hindering social and economic progress by making people afraid to diverge from the beaten and accepted path lest they be called names. That can kill a people!

NEED GREATER PARTICIPATION

(Continued from page 1)

only with the enlistment and enrollment of people but also with what happens to people after they have been received into the fellowship of the church and church school. The plain facts are that too many people are being lost to the cause. The business of the church is to win and save people and not to win and then lose them.

Church and Sunday School attendance is not the whole answer to the need of greater participation by church and church school members but it is certainly a long step in the right direction. Leaders in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area are now preparing a program which should help to get Methodism in this Area on the right track of greater participation. As this program is developed, let all of our people respond to it in a great way.

PRIZE-WINNING BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED

Nashville, Tenn. — The winning manuscript in the Abingdon-Cokesbury \$7,500 Award competition will be published October 5, it was announced by officials of Abingdon-Cokesbury Press.

It is entitled "The Kingdom of God" and written by Dr. John Bright, a professor at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and former World War II Army chaplain.

As announced by the Nashville publishing firm last November, the manuscript was one of several hundred submitted in the contest and judged by a six-man board of eminent theologians and professors.

Prize Winning Essay - Speech

What Beverage Alcohol And Other Narcotics Might Do To Me If I Should Indulge In Them

The writer, Ralph Tuggle, DeRidder Methodist Church, De Ridder, was the state winner in the Annual Essay-Speech Contest of high school age members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, sponsored by the Boards of Temperance and Education of the Louisiana Conference, 1952-53. Ralph delivered this essay as part of the report of the Board of Temperance at the 1953 session of the Louisiana Annual Conference held in Shreveport the last of May.

This publication is happy to present this prize-winning essay with the hope that it will further promote the cause of temperance.

As a youth, what can I expect to gain by using alcohol and other narcotics? Should I abstain and be ridiculed by many of the crowd and be considered anti-social, a "square," or a "sissy?" Should I drink a cocktail at a party in order to be considered a polite guest? Should I take just one little "reefer" or "hot-stick" to feel a thrill or to keep from being called "chicken?" Should I resort to the use of any form of beverage alcohol or other narcotics with the idea that it will give me a "lift" or make me a better and more humorous conversationalist and the life of the party? We young people must answer these questions for ourselves because society keeps tempting us with the propaganda manufactured by the liquor industry and placed in our homes daily through newspapers, magazines, radio, television and other media of advertising. We are urged to drink beverage alcohol under the pretense that it is healthful, socially proper, and wise.

In order that I may be able to answer these questions in the way best for me, those with whom I come in contact, and my country, it will be necessary for me to define beverage alcohol and other narcotics, and evaluate their effect upon the human body, mind, and behavior.

ALCOHOL

Let us consider alcohol first. Alcohol, a habit forming drug, is a colorless liquid, which when taken internally, enters the blood stream and is disseminated to all parts of the body. This liquid has as its basis a substance known as ethyl. Ethyl is also the basis for ether and chloroform. Its purpose is to produce a condition of insensibility. This establishes the fact that alcohol is a depressant and not a stimulant.

Alcohol, as a solvent and dehydrant, irritates the mucous membranes of the mouth, throat, and stomach. After entering the blood stream, it dilates the blood vessels in the skin and allows the blood to rush through at an increased rate. This gives one a false feeling of warmth. The chemical effect of alcohol in the nerve tissue causes drunkenness. Excessive use of beverage alcohol injures vital organs of the body and shortens life.

The use of alcohol has a very serious effect upon the brain. It dulls the capacity of self-criticism, causing the loss of care, anxiety, and the sense of humor. It dulls one's consciousness of God and destroys the finer inhibitions and qualities that distinguish the human being from the lower animal. With the loss of the power of reasoning and the finer inhibitions, one is apt to be impulsive and turn himself loose in shameful directions of immorality, theft, and even murder. Our court records prove that vice and alcohol are partners and that immorality and crime go hand-in-hand with it.

Of course, we constantly hear about the "social drinker." But there is no such thing as a "social drinker." Take a look at those people you know who claim to be social drinkers and

you will find that many of them have been in night club brawls, arrested for drunkenness, involved in automobile accidents, and often abuse their families while under the influence of this so-called "social drink."

The proof of the real danger which lies in "social drinking" comes from Alcoholics Anonymous. Over 150,000 recovered alcoholics state that they were, at one time, "social drinkers." We might conclude, at this point, that in the realm of public morals, alcohol is an insidious enemy because it destroys those moral principles of life which help us to respect one another and to work together in the performance of our daily tasks.

Narcotics are "habit forming drugs" which produce stupor and dream-like fantasies by dulling the nerves. Therefore, narcotics can, also, be classed as depressants.

NARCOTICS

Since narcotics produce stupor and dream-like fantasies, they have the capacity to interfere with the proper functioning of the brain cells, inhibit the power of reasoning, and distort time, distance, and sound. The "pattern" which a narcotic addict follows is similar to that of the "alcoholic." First, he begins to take "dope" to be sociable or to give him a "lift." Then he begins to require it more often. Finally, he becomes hopelessly addicted to its use. This habitual use is more virulent than cancer, and as deadly as the H-Bomb, because it results in physical, mental, and moral degeneration.

Alcohol and narcotics are without rival in the wrecking of an individual and civilization. The use of these drugs violates the Christian principle that we are each our brother's keeper. We are stewards of our influence upon others. He who uses alcoholic beverages or narcotics, may, by his example, lay a stumbling block in the path of a brother and thus contribute to the destruction of another human personality.

ITS EFFECTS ON ME

From the facts I have quoted, and from my own observations, I can say that what beverage alcohol or other narcotics might do to me if I should indulge in them, makes a sad and horrifying picture. These depressant drugs would rob me of normal physical, mental, and social development, thus depriving me of my happiness and usefulness, not to mention the hours of torment and suffering I might endure when I could not obtain them. The effects of these drugs could destroy my home, and cause a lifetime of suffering and shame to the members of my family. As a citizen of my community and our great country, I would be of no use, but instead, a liability, a source of danger on the highways, and a constant threat to the security of my country.

MY RIGHT TO ABSTAIN

Because of the tragic effects of a "first drink" or just "one drag," it is my inherent right to refuse them so that I may develop physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually as an upright individual, and develop my talents and abilities so that I may be a useful man to my family, friends, and country. I have the right to refuse because the effects of the use of these drugs is contrary to all the teachings of God, and it is to Him, our Creator, that we owe our first allegiance.

As a youth, not yet old enough to vote, I have the God-given right to expect my family, friends, and fellow-citizens to protect me from these evils by passing and enforcing laws that will prevent the sale of these, the most destructive enemies of the youth of today. We would do well to remember that Abraham Lincoln said

RALPH TUGGLE

on February 22, 1842, when he delivered the most powerful speech against the liquor traffic ever delivered in America. Quote, "Good citizenship demands and requires that what is right should not only be made known, but be made prevalent; that what is evil should not only be detected and defeated, but destroyed."

THE METHODISTS HAVE COME TO FORMOSA

By Bishop Ralph A. Ward
Taipei, Taiwan

Among the million Chinese civilian evacuees in Taiwan (official name for Formosa) there are hundreds if not thousands of displaced Methodists. They are sheep without a shepherd since all of the active Chinese pastors remained with their flocks on the mainland. These refugees are hungry for Christian fellowship and the assurance that their Mother Church has not forgotten them in their loneliness, in their struggle against communism, in their need of God. Now the first Methodist missionary has arrived, the Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Knettlar and their small son.

A Chinese committee of Methodists in Taipei, the capital city of Taiwan, has warmly undertaken to help the Knettlars find a residence. Since most of our people live in Japanese-styled homes which were vacated at the end of World War II by the former rulers of this island, we hope to find such a place for the beginnings of our Methodist work. Japanese homes have sliding walls and panels which can be removed so two or three rooms can be thrown together. This makes space possible for small groups to meet for fellowship, Bible study, or worship. In our American frontier days, before church buildings were erected, people met informally in homes for spiritual nourishment. Americans are doing the same thing today in newly-created residential areas. This initial enterprise for our church in Taiwan will follow that pattern. Out of these meetings will grow a living church — a body of believers. Other things can come later.

The Free World has an increasing interest in Free China — Taiwan. During the Christmas-New Year Season recently past have come to Taipei Dr. Billy Graham, Cardinal Spellman, professors, movie and TV men from Hollywood, American businessmen (one just landed a contract for five and one-half million dollars), and thirty additional families of American military personnel. Fifty more such families are due in a few weeks. We have only one Methodist missionary family but we hope others will come soon.

On the streets of Taipei one meets with friendliness and smiles. This is the spirit of "old China" with its Oriental hospitality despite the austerity which the times demand. Family groups wander through the public parks on holidays. People stop to visit with friends with never a look over the shoulder to see if some secret police are listening. Freedom is in the air and with it a new hope for the future.

BISHOP MC CONNELL, METHODIST LIBERAL LEADER, DIES

By W. W. REID

BISHOP Francis John McConnell, Methodism's crusading exponent of the social gospel for half a century, died August 18 on his 82nd birthday at his summer home near Lucasville, Ohio. Before his retirement in 1944, he was bishop of the New York Area of the Methodist Church and had previously been the resident bishop in Denver and in Pittsburgh.

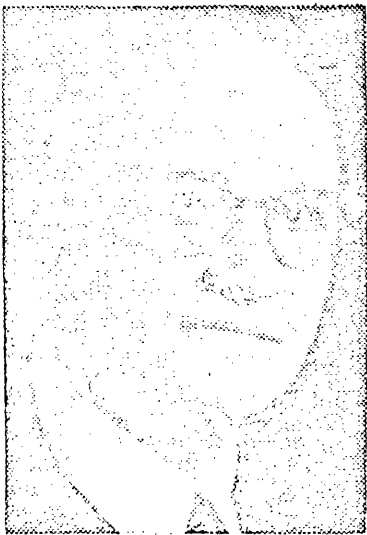
Bishop McConnell had suffered a stroke several weeks before his death. At the bedside were his wife, Mrs. Eva Thomas McConnell, and their son and daughter, Thomas McConnell, a lawyer of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor of the Methodist missionary magazine, "World Outlook," New York City.

Funeral services were held August 21 in Lucasville, with the Rev. H. F. Rall and the Rev. Dr. P. D. Chiles officiating. A tribute written by Bishop Herbert Welch, retired, of New York City, was read.

Bishop McConnell, a life-long liberal, had continued to preach and write until recently. His autobiography, "By the Way," was published last year by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. This was his eighteenth published book.

Advocate of Freedom

Bishop McConnell was an advocate of freedom in religion and thought, a champion of the underdog, a stalwart fighter on the side of labor in industrial disputes, a believer in the cause of prohibition and an outstanding preacher and business administrator.



BISHOP FRANCIS JOHN
McCONNELL

His own "nutshell summation" of his philosophy of life he revealed on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary as a bishop, on Oct. 25, 1937, when 3,000 clergymen and laymen gathered in Carnegie Hall to honor him.

A tall, heavy man, with large deep-set eyes, jutting chin and a faint fringe of hair left over sloping forehead, Bishop McConnell strode to the center of the platform and in precise language, declared:

"Put me down as a liberal, for liberalism means free speech and free assembly.

"In battling for free utterances the

liberal has a more strenuous task than the radical. The radical is fighting for a chance to express his own view. The liberal fights to give everybody, even his opponent, a chance for free utterance."

GERMAN METHODISTS PASS RESOLUTION ON PEACE

Germany—(EPS)—The German Methodist Church in the Eastern Zone has just held its Synod for this year in Reichenbach, Silesia, with its recently-elected Bishop, Dr. Ernst Wunderlich, of Frankfurt-am-

Main in the chair. A resolution drawn up by the Committee for World Peace was unanimously adopted, containing the following passage:

"It is with profound sorrow that we mark the continuance of calamitous tensions in the world. Yet the longing for peace is unquestionably alive in all places. We are convinced that the prayers and influence of Christian believers can release and propagate forces working for peace. As Methodists we stand for the maintenance of peace with all the

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Dr. Marshall T. Steel
Preacher

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Bible Conferences

We now have a complete list of the remaining Bible Conferences being planned for the late summer period.

Dr. J. H. Hicks of Perkins School of Theology is to be in the Conference for four Bible Conferences. Dr. Hicks is offering a series of messages on the Book of Jeremiah. This is giving an opportunity to members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to take their Bible study course provided they meet the WSCS Jurisdictional Credit requirements. Dr. Hicks is to be at the following places:

McCrory, August 30-September 1

Wynne, September 2-4

Cotter, September 5-8

Atkins, September 9-11

Dr. Wesley C. Davis of Perkins School of Theology is to be in the Conference for two Bible Conferences, as follows:

Helena, First Church, August 30-September 1

Weiner, September 2-4

Churches within reach of these centers should take advantage of these special opportunities.

Area Institutes

Six districts of the Conference have the opportunity of offering their local church school workers—superintendents, and other general officers, departmental, and class leaders—the broadest, and we hope the most worthwhile, informal training the conference has ever provided through group institutes. These meetings are to be held as follows:

Forrest City, September 8, 4:00 P. M.

Jonesboro, September 9, 4:00 P. M.

Batesville, September 10, 4:00 P. M.

Conway, September 14, 4:00 P. M.
Please be sure that your local church workers know of these opportunities.

Successful Summer Youth Program

The Jurisdiction, the Annual Conference, Sub-Districts and Local Churches have provided the youth of the North Arkansas Conference the richest summer program ever provided to youth of this Conference.

The Conference has had a good delegation of young people in both the Local Church Youth Conference and the Workshop program at Mount Sequoyah.

A large number of young people in each district of the Conference have had the opportunity of taking part in the Conference-wide Youth Assembly and the Area or District or Sub-District camps for Intermediates and Seniors. While we have not had a final report, we feel certain that there have been at least 22 assemblies and camps provided by the districts of the Conference for youth during this summer.

The program that has probably reached more young people during the summer has been the Youth Activities Week program. These have been conducted on local church, sub-district and area bases. We do not have a final report on the number of these programs, but the re-

ports coming to our office indicate a large increase in this particular youth activity.

The reports from over the Conference indicate that the church-wide emphasis on strengthening youth work is really taking effect in the local churches of the North Arkansas Conference.

New Youth Materials

The new Methodist Youth Fellowship Handbook, together with the five program area manuals—Christian Witness, Christian Faith, Christian Outreach, Christian Citizenship, and Christian Fellowship—are being widely distributed over the Conference. Hundreds of Handbooks and many of the program manuals have already been bought by local churches.

Churches not having secured these materials should secure them at once. The Handbook sells at \$1.00 for the cloth cover and 65c for the paper cover. The manuals are 25c each. Order from The Methodist Publishing House, 1021 McGee Street, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Training Program Starts

The late summer and early fall formal training program is already under way.

The Siloam Springs Methodist Church is having a training school which closes this week. The pastor, Rev. John Bayliss, is offering the course of Jeremiah.

Leslie is having a one-unit training school this week in which Rev. E. B. Williams of Helena is offering the course on Friendship and Marriage.

The Harrison Training School, offering three courses, will begin at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, August 30.

The Weiner Methodist Church had a one-unit school on The Life of Jesus, August 17-21.

We gave quite a list in last week's "Arkansas Methodist" of schools being planned for the near future. Since that report went out Paragould First Church reports that they are planning two one-unit schools to be taught by the pastor.

District Staffs Meet

Recently three of the district staffs of the conference have held planning sessions to plan for the fall and winter programs of Christian education.

The Fayetteville District staff, which included not only the Christian education workers but also representatives of other agencies, held a meeting at Mt. Sequoyah August 7. Plans were made for Christian education, missions, and evangelism.

The Conway District staff met at Conway August 14, at which time plans were worked out for the fall program of Christian education. Plans were made for an area institute which would not only provide for the churches of the Conway District but also for the churches of the Searcy District which find it advisable to attend.

The Paragould District Staff of Christian Education met at Walnut Ridge August 17. Plans were made for the fall and winter program of Christian education with special attention being given to making plans for the promotion of attendance on the Area Institute to be held at

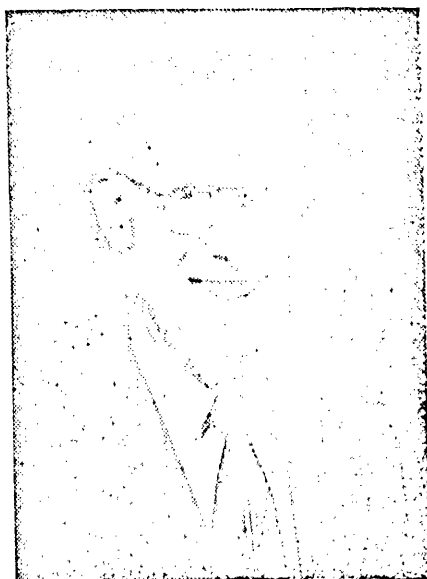
Former Arkansan Named To Editorial Staff

THE Rev. Fred Cloud, former resident of Little Rock, has been named an assistant editor on the staff of the Editorial Division of the Methodist Board of Education, according to a recent announcement by Dr. Henry M. Bullock, editor of church school publications and executive secretary of the division. He will serve in the Department of Youth Publications, headed by Dr. J. Emerson Ford.

Mr. Cloud is at present pastor of New Providence Charge, Clarks-ville, Tenn. He and his wife, the former Betty Shepherd of North Little Rock, will move to Nashville with their two children early in September at the close of the current Tennessee Conference year.

A native of Little Rock and former member of Winfield Church there, Mr. Cloud received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University in 1944 and the Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Vanderbilt School of Religion in 1947.

While attending Vanderbilt he was assistant editor of "Motive," a Methodist student publication. Following graduation he served for one year as assistant editor of "The Pastor," a journal for ministers published by the Methodist Publish-



REV. FRED CLOUD

ing House. He has written extensively for church school publications and has been a leader in district youth work for several years. He has held pastorates in Vine Hill, Clifton, Bell Buckle, and New Providence churches in the Tennessee Conference, having been admitted into full membership in that conference in 1948.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

A successful school was held at Almyra with thirty-one certificates awarded. Mrs. Charlie Moss was dean. Other workers were Mrs. J. C. Coose, Judith Bennett, Mrs. Harold Ves, Mrs. Albert Kestner, Mack Coose, Mrs. Willie Schener, Mrs. Stuart Gordon, Dotty Knoll, Mrs. L. G. Stephens, Mrs. Calvin Ves, Mrs. Kenneth Jones, Mrs. Jack Doyle and Mrs. Earl Hargrove. This was a one-week school with a lot of interest. Many of the workers expressed the wish that it had been a two-weeks' school. Rev. C. V. Mashburn is pastor.

The Grady-Gould Charge held at Vacation School at Crigler, July 27 to July 31. Ninety-seven were enrolled with sixteen adult workers. Rev. W. T. Bone is pastor.

The Hampton Church held its Vacation Church School, June 8 to June 14, with an enrollment of sixty-two children and thirteen teachers. Forty-six certificates were presented on Sunday morning, June 14. Textbooks used were "Religious Nurture in the Nursery Class" with Mrs. Ben Stringfellow and Mrs. R. N. Lyons, Jr., as teachers; "My Home and Family" for the Beginners, taught by Mrs. Walter Dunn and Mrs. Len Harrell; "Outdoors in Palestine" for the Primary Class, taught by Mrs. Wister Adams and Mrs. Jack Thomason; "Learning to Know the Bible" with Mrs. Searcy Harrell, Mrs. Bob Springer and Mrs.

Jonesboro, September 9. Plans were also made for promoting attendance on the Adult Convocation to be held in Tulsa October 17-20.

The Forrest City District staff met at Wynne, August 21, for the purpose of planning for the area institute and other Christian Education programs.

Geo. Warren as teachers and "Exploring the Bible with Intermediates" for the Intermediate Class. This group was divided into four committees as outlined in the textbook with Mrs. N. N. Wood, Mrs. Nolan Reddin, Mrs. Harold Johnston and Mrs. Bill Stainton each directing a committee. The week's work was shared with the church membership at the Sunday School hour through songs, devotional, skit, pageant and a display of the children's work. Mrs. Jack Thompson was director.

Primrose Church recently held a one-week Vacation Church with forty-seven pupils enrolled and an average attendance of forty-five. Forty received certificates. Rev. Charles Giessen, pastor, was in charge of recreation and Mrs. Frances Avery was superintendent. Mrs. Earl Ferbenschwerg and Mrs. Jack Flemins were in charge of the Nursery. The Beginners were taught by Mrs. Grady Henson and Mrs. Carl Highley. Other instructors were Mrs. Woodrow Powell, Mrs. James Russenberger, Mrs. Presley Junkin and Mrs. Charles Giessen. Members of the Primary Department presented a one-act play, "If We Had Been Living Then" with Sue Junkin as narrator. Mothers of the children prepared refreshments each day. A picnic lunch was served on the grounds at noon Friday.

A Vacation Church School was held at Junction City Methodist Church, August 10 through August 16, with an enrollment of fifty-five. Mrs. Scott Christie was superintendent. The Beginners studied "My Home and Family." Teachers were Mrs. Ruth Salotti and Miss Patsy Lowery. The Primaries studied "Child Life in Bible Times." Teachers were Mrs. J. K. Shelton, Mrs. Nancy Templeton and Mrs. Jean Parker. The Juniors and Intermediates studied "Learning to Know the Bible." Teachers were Mrs.

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LAUBACH ASKS CHURCH FUND TO "SAVE FREE WORLD"

EAST LANSING, Mich.—(RNS)—American Protestants and Roman Catholics can save the free world from Communist domination if they will join in contributing 25 cents a week each to send "practical missionaries" into underdeveloped areas, Dr. Frank Laubach said here.

The world-famous pioneer missionary educator and literacy expert made the statement in an address to the 275 delegates attending the fourth annual conference of the International Council of Community Churches.

"During the last few years we have realized that the democratic world's answer to spreading Communism is not to threaten people but to give them what the Communists have only promised — food, health and education," Dr. Laubach said.

One dollar a month donated by America's Christians would finance such a program to save the world, he said. "I'm in favor of changing the nature of missions," Dr. Laubach explained, "not by taking away their evangelistic work but investing new money from dollar-a-month contributions to place practical missionaries in the field — experts in soil control, animal husbandry, irrigation, well drilling, housing, preventive medicine and other fields — who will help people to help themselves. 'Our missionaries have opened the eyes of the blind' with the Gospel and taught them that it isn't God's will for them to suffer and that they have a right to a better life." If we now show these people how to attain this better life, he added, the Communist threat will be ended.

Hungarian Communists Revise Nativity Story

School children in Hungary are being taught a new Communist version of the birth of Christ in which the Bethlehem shepherds are portrayed as Russians, according to Hungarian refugees reaching Trieste. One refugee gave this description of the way the story of the Nativity is taught: "There was once a poor married couple who had nothing to eat or to dress in. They asked the rich people for help but the rich people sent them away. Their baby was born in a stable and covered with rags in a manger. The day after the baby was born, some shepherds, who had come from Russia, brought the baby some gifts. 'We come from a country (said the shepherds) where poverty and misery are unknown. In Russia the babies grow in liberty because there is no unemployment or suffering. Joseph, the unemployed worker, asked the shepherds how they had found the house. The shepherds replied that a red star had guided them. Then the poor family took to the road. The shepherds covered the little baby with furs and they all set out for the Soviet paradise.'

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

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Frank Patterson, Mrs. James Reynolds and Mrs. D. L. McCauley. Mrs. Sue Kimbrough had charge of the music and Mrs. E. H. Davidson directed the children in singing. Mrs. Earl Phillips was secretary and treasurer. She reports an offering of \$10.00 to be sent to the Children's Home in Little Rock. On Friday Mrs. Frank Patterson showed colored slides of life in Bible times and of the local churches and scenes in Junction City. A short program was given by the children on Sunday morning when they received certificates. A display of the work done was held.

Bible Distribution Gains In South Africa

The Bible continues to be a best seller in South Africa, the Rev. H. P. M. Steyn, general secretary in South Africa for the United Bible Societies, reported in Capetown, So. Africa. He said that in the Union of South Africa, Southwest Africa, Switzerland, and Bechuanaland, 250,000 Bibles were sold in 1952. This was a gain of 82,508 over the previous year. This year, he said, with the introduction of the Revised Afrikaans Bible a new record in sales is expected. To many of the natives, he said, the Bible was the first book they owned.

Congregation Withdraws From Southern Baptist Convention

With only a small percentage of its congregation voting, the 60-year-old North Rocky Mount Baptist church voted to withdraw from the Southern Baptist Convention because of its alleged liberalism and modernism. The vote was 241 to 144, out of a congregation of 1,300. Some of those in the minority said the matter would be taken to the courts. The pastor, the Rev. Samuel H. W. Johnston, who made the charges of liberalism and modernism, had asked the church to withdraw from the Convention. He threatened to resign as pastor if the congregation failed to give him a vote of confidence.

Bank Robber Surrenders After Bible Study

A young artist walked into a police station here and confessed that he had held up a mid-Manhattan bank 14 months ago. He said he had made up his mind to surrender after weeks of serious Bible reading. Joseph Napoli, 24, said he was the man who handed a note — saying "I've got a gun, give me your money or else" — to a teller in a West Side bank in June, 1952, took the \$950 the teller handed over, and fled. Napoli said he had been remorseful ever since but had read his Bible continually before deciding to confess. He told police officials he had stuck up the bank in order to pay up accumulated debts and to finance further art studies.

Protestant Seminaries Setting Up Chaplaincy Training Programs

Chaplaincy training programs have been set up or are being planned in eight Protestant theological seminaries whose representatives met in Washington, D. C. to compare notes on the programs.

Most of the courses are given two hours weekly for one semester or one hour weekly for a full academic year. Faculty members of the eight seminaries met on the invitation of Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Ivan L. Bennett, Army Chief of Chaplains. Army, Navy and Air Force representatives took part in the discussions, which aimed at further de-

CHURCHES TO ERECT \$450,000,000 IN NEW BUILDINGS

American churches will erect \$450,000,000 worth of new buildings this year, the Department of Commerce and Labor predicted in Washington. This will represent an increase of \$51,000,000, or 12.8 per cent, over the total recorded in 1952, the agencies said.

Non-public schools and colleges will erect \$410,000,000 worth of buildings this year, the report also predicted, an increase of \$59,000,000, or 16.8 per cent, over 1952. Non-public hospital and institutional construction, however, will total only \$300,000,000, a drop of \$94,000,000 from a year ago, the departments said.

Social and recreational construction by non-profit organizations will reach an estimated \$150,000,000, compared with \$125,000,000 last year, in the opinion of the government forecasters. Throughout the nation, \$34,660,000,000 worth of new construction is expected this year compared with \$32,638,000,000 last year, a gain of 6 per cent. Thus, church and school construction is moving ahead at a more rapid pace than other building.

velopment of the seminary chaplaincy programs.

Hammerskjold Sees Success of UN Linked To Religious Principles

U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammerskjold told a group of Christian laymen in New York that the world organization's hope for success rests on its being "blessed by Almighty God and founded on changeless religious principles." His statement was made in accepting from Wallace C. Speers, chairman of the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World, a permanent visitors' register for the meditation and prayer room at U. N. headquarters. The laymen's organization was instrumental in getting meditation rooms set up in successive U. N. headquarters at Lake Success, Flushing Meadow and, finally, New York City. Mr. Hammerskjold said that the spiritual backing provided by the Laymen's Movement and similar groups "have been a tremendous help" to political leaders seeking to create an effective world organization. "In fact," he added, "this prayer room can truly be regarded as the real center of the United Nations even though it is located in a corner of the General Assembly building." Mr. Speers noted that temporary visitors' record books which the Laymen's Movement began providing

last February show that more than 40,000 persons have made use of the prayer room since then.

YUGOSLAV ARMY OFFICER WARNED ON RELIGION

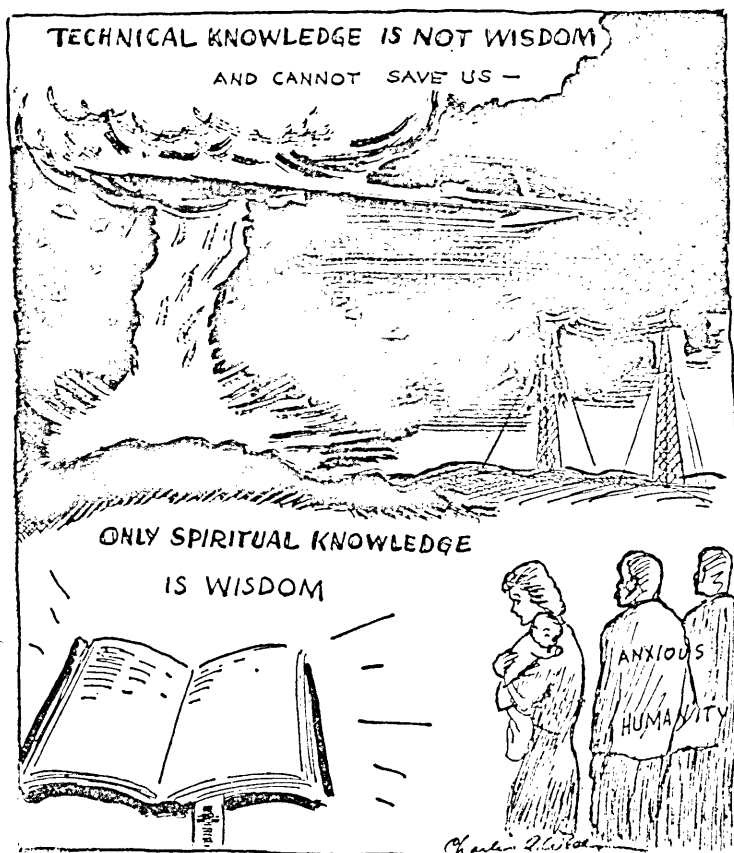
Trieste — A Yugoslav Army colonel has been warned by the Yugoslav Communist Union's central committee that the men of his regiment "must be cleansed of such bourgeois ideas as believing in God and religion."

The warning was reported in the current issue of Za Domovinu, organ of the Yugoslav military headquarters at Zagreb, which criticized the officer, a Col. T. Popovic, for being lax in "liquidating" such ideas. The paper also called upon all army units to see that "basic Communist organizations" are functioning properly and that "weaknesses" are eliminated.

The central committee letter, as quoted by Za Domovinu, charged that the Communist political unit assigned to Col. Popovic's regiment had been unable to do its work properly because his men "are still infected with such bourgeois ideas as believing in God and religion, wishing to dress elegantly and calling people 'sir' or 'madame' instead of 'citizen.'"

WHAT IS WISDOM?

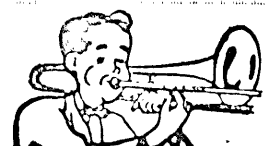
Chas. A. Wells





THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



JODY AND THE KANGAROO BALLOON

By Ellen Brown

JODY sped down the sidewalk in his new toy automobile. It was big enough for him to sit in and pedal. It had a steering wheel like a big car.

"Honk! Honk!" called Jody. He turned the car in at his sidewalk. He turned around. Back down the sidewalk he sped.

"Whee!" said Jody, patting the sides of the pretty red car. Past his own house he went! Past two houses he went! He sped down the sidewalk in front of David's house.

He saw David's kangaroo balloon lying on the sidewalk. He turned the steering wheel to miss it. "Bang!" went the kangaroo balloon!

Jody jumped out of his car. He held the flat rubber in his hand. He did not know what to do. "Should I tell David I ran over his balloon?" Jody thought. He hadn't meant to pop it. "What should people do when they break other people's things?" Jody wondered.

"Jody!" called his mother. He put what was left of the kangaroo balloon on the sidewalk. He turned his car around and pedaled home.

"We're going to town," Mother told Jody. Jody went in the house and put on his best clothes. Then got in the car with mother.

They drove up and down the crowded streets. Jody kept thinking about David's balloon and wondering what he should have done!

"I've never seen such a crowd!" said Mother. "I cannot find a place to park. Help me look, Jody!"

Round and round the block they rode.

"There's a place, Mother!" Jody cried.

Mother tried to put the car in the parking place. "Bang!" went the car. It wasn't a very big bang. But it was big enough to bump the fender of the car parked just in front of them.

"Look what I did, Jody," Mother said calmly. "I made a small dent in the fender!" Mother took a small piece of paper and a pencil from her purse.

"I made a small dent in your fender," wrote Mother. "I'll be glad to have the dent taken out." Then she wrote down her telephone number.

She put the piece of paper on the windshield of the car she had bumped.

After a while Mother and Jody went home. Jody ran in the house. He wrote a note to David.

"I'm very sorry I ran over your balloon," wrote Jody. "I'll buy a new one for you." Jody put the piece of paper on David's door. Then he went back home, smiling and feeling much happier. Soon the telephone rang for Jody. When Jody hung up he said to Mother:

"I ran over David's balloon and didn't tell him! When we came back from town I left him a note. David said it was all right!"

"I'm glad you told him," said Mother.

"So am I," said Jody. "It makes you feel good all over when you do what is right. I will use my money this week to buy a new balloon for David." —Dewdrops.

GOD'S GIFTS

*For life and health and strength
I thank the Father kind;
I cannot count His mercies o'er,
So many gifts I find.*

*The wee bird has its nest,
Safe in the trees so tall,
For birdlings' nests, for children's homes.*

I thank the Lord for all!

—Anonymous

QUICK RECOVERY OF SKIPPER

*I know by the rug
In a skidded heap,
I know by one-eyed
Watchful sleep.*

*I know by a wagging
Stubby tail,
That my careful nursing
Could not fail.*

*I know much better
Than words can tell,
Once more my Skipper
Is happy and well.*

—Our Dumb Animals

"THOU SHALT NOT"

Aurilia was a little colored girl who lived in a crowded tenement house in a large city. She loved the birds and the trees, but above all else she loved flowers—yet she had no yard of her own.

Down the street a few doors there lived a lady who raised all kinds of flowers. It seemed that always the first flowers to bloom in the spring were at Mrs. Brown's house.

One day Aurilia passed the home of Mrs. Brown. In the yard there was one bright red tulip in bloom. Aurilia's feet seemed determined to carry her into the yard right up to the beautiful flower. Her hands lovingly cupped themselves around it. How she did wish she owned the tulip. Although she was terribly frightened of the lady who owned the tulip, her feet just wouldn't take her away from the flower. Her hands crept down to the stem. It would be so easy to pinch off the bloom. If only she dared!

When she was almost at the point of picking the tulip, she suddenly caught a vision of her mother and she could almost hear her oft-repeated words, "If you want something so very, very bad, don't take it, ask for it." As Aurilia drew back from the flower, she knew she would never, no, never have the courage to ask the lady for the red tulip because she didn't like children, and maybe she didn't even like her.

Dejectedly Aurilia turned and walked away from the garden. As she reached the sidewalk, she heard a voice calling her.

"Little girl, aren't you Mrs. Hall's daughter?"

"Yes, I am," came a weak little answer.

"I failed to get bread at the grocery store when I was here a little while ago, and I wonder if you would run down there and get it for me." Even while she was yet speaking, Mrs. Brown pressed some coins into Aurilia's hand. Aurilia turned and hurried to the store.

Upon returning to Mrs. Brown's Aurilia found Mrs. Brown holding a beautiful bouquet which she had cut for use on her table. Aurilia looked longingly at the tulip, which still stood straight and tall, uncut.

Mrs. Hall walked over to the

tulip and asked, "Wouldn't you like this flower?"

Soon Aurilia clutched the beautiful flower to her bosom and with a joyful heart she hastened home with her treasure. She had earned the flower and it was hers for keeps. —North Carolina Christian Advocate

MYSTERIOUS VISITOR

By Don Moon

*One morning Little Sister,
Still lying in her bed,
Hear'd tap, tap, tapping at her door
And raised her sleepy head.*

*"Come in," she called, but no one came,
No kind hand turned the lock,
No sweet voice said, "It's breakfast time."
But still she heard the knock.*

*And so she threw the covers back
And barefoot crossed the floor,
To find it was the playful wind
A-rapping at her door!*

—In The Christian Advocate

JUST FOR FUN

Bill Brown was applying for a driver's license. "Write your last name first and your first name last," the clerk said.

"How's that again, sir?" asked Brown.

"Like I said," yawned the clerk. "Backwards."

Brown shrugged and laboriously wrote: "lliB nworB."

The young housewife was complaining. "These eggs are very small," she said as she stood in front of the egg case at the grocery store. "They are straight from the farm this morning, madam," said the grocer.

"That's the trouble with these farmers," she replied. "They're so anxious to sell their eggs, they take them off the nest too soon."

First Bride: "I've got my husband where he eats out of my hand."

Second Bride: "Saves a lot of dish washing doesn't it?"

—A.E.W.

WHEN THE CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN



*It's a happy day for all
In the early days of fall
When the circus comes to town.*

*We have waited as we read
Of this day that lies ahead,
When the circus makes the town.*

*Hear the band as it is playing,
See the elephant a-swaying,
While the circus is in town.*

*Oh, there's been so much of gladness,
Now we feel a touch of sadness
As the circus leaves our town.*

—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. KWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

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Dear Friends,

I thank each and everyone of you who have had a part in helping us to get a copy of our first daily devotional book in Atetela, the language of the people among whom we work, into the hands of our Christian leaders and Christian families. Because of your gifts, we were able to give them the first copy. The people are very happy to have the devotional book and want it to continue. We have already printed our second edition and want to have the third one off of the press in time for the Christmas season. We shall appreciate devotionals from you of not more than 175 words including the scripture, prayer, and the thought for the day. If you will write on themes similar to the ones in our Upper Room, we can use them.

Last week-end, Mrs. Davis and I visited the churches in the out-villages and tried to promote work among girls and women. We spent Saturday night in a village where there was only a Catholic church and school. Since we had no calling in which to worship, we called the people to the rest house for a service. At the close of our worship, a woman came forward to speak to us. She said that she first heard the Christian message when she was in the hospital in 1930 and that she had not been in a village where there was a Protestant minister since. She told the people what she remembered about the teachings of Jesus, then sang two hymns that she had learned. "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and "Precious Name." She then knelt and thanked God for the light that she had received and for

our visit which had strengthened her faith. Her testimony seemed to help others who met there. Sometimes, I feel that the gospel does not advance as rapidly as I wish it would but I was greatly encouraged by the interest, reverence, and response of the people. In villages where we have no pastor, the people begged for a Christian leader to lead them from darkness into the light. We could not make any definite promises because the needs are greater than our ability to meet the needs at the present time.

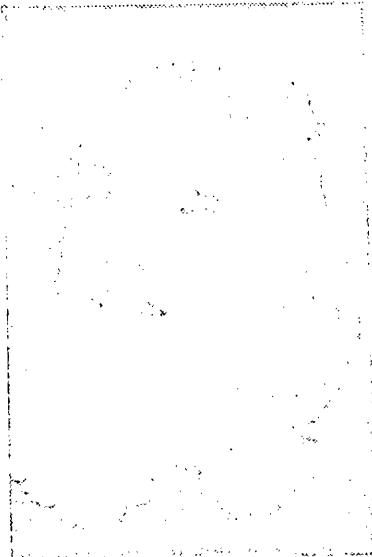
We are training people through the primary, teacher training, Bible and apprentice school. The latter is to train leaders for the first and second grades because too few students reach the standard for the teacher training school. This year, we started a high school in cooperation with the Southern Presbyterian Church. When the students finish their school, they will be prepared for college. The government feels that there will be enough students who have completed the high schools in the colony to establish a college in 1956. We hope that this will be a state school because the churches cannot maintain a college or university. The young people are pleading for more education and we must help them now or lose them. Some of our trained leaders are excellent missionaries.

Pastor Peter Shaumba and his family have gone to America where he will enter Paine College. This is the first person from the Atetela tribe to go to America to study but we trust that others will have this privilege in the future.

Thank you again for your interest in the work and workers here.

Sincerely yours,
Edith Martin

Sally Ingels New Worker In North Arkansas



SALLY INGELS

Miss Sally Ingels of Fayetteville has been employed as rural worker in the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Church, according to an announcement this week by Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Springdale, president of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

An employed worker with the

denomination's Woman's Division, Miss Ingels began her work August 15, assigned to churches in Lawrence and Randolph counties. She will live at Imboden.

Miss Ingels is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil B. Ingels of Fayetteville. She graduated in June from the University of Arkansas with a major in social welfare.

During the summer she has attended Methodist camps and workshops, including the South Central Jurisdiction's School of Missions sponsored by the Woman's Society at Mt. Sequoyah, the conference School of Missions at Hendrix College, and the leadership school at Mt. Sequoyah. She was on the staff of the junior camp at Wayland Springs, directing recreation.

Miss Ingels was very active in student activities at the university. During the past year she was vice-president of the Wesley Foundation, the Methodist student organization, vice president of Associated Women Students, secretary of the Student Union Board, and Delta Gamma pledge mistress. As a junior she served on the Student Senate, and held several other offices during her junior and sophomore years.

FINANCIAL REPORT—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE FIRST QUARTER—1953-54

Balance May 18th, 1953	\$ 9,082.26
RECEIPTS:	
Undirected Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$12,256.49
W.S.G.	1,363.10
Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	230.13
W.S.G.	32.50
McKinney Fund	634.00
Stahley Fund	522.75
Conference Rural Work	333.25
Special Memberships:	
Honorary Baby (8)	40.00
Honorary Youth (1)	15.00
Adult Life:	
W.S.C.S. (14)	350.00
W.S.G. (7)	175.00
In Remembrance Gifts:	
W.S.C.S.	67.50
W.S.G.	20.00
Little Rock Methodist	
Council	324.80
Credit on Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$14,873.02
W.S.G.	1,520.00
TOTAL Credit on Pledge	16,464.52
Children's Service Fund	47.74
TOTAL on Appropriations	16,512.26
Cash for Supplies:	
W.S.C.S.	721.12
W.S.G.	103.23
Supplementary Gifts:	
W.S.G.	3.50
Cultivation Fund:	
W.S.C.S.	914.46
W.S.G.	157.51
Student Loan Fund:	
W.S.C.S.	127.00
W.S.G.	2.50
Alcohol Education	255.70
E.T.W. Fund	190.15
Other Receipts	24.45
TOTAL Receipts:	\$17,154.54
W.S.C.S.	1,862.39
W.S.G. & W.S.G.	19,016.93

OTHER RECEIPTS:	
Ark.-Okla. Rural Work:	
Supplies	860.60
Appro.	150.00
Refund Institute Missions	194.36
Conf. Board of Education (Spec. Mem.)	25.00
Taylor Endowment Fund	270.00
TOTAL Receipts	\$20,516.89
Add Balance	\$29,599.15
C.S.R. & L.C.A. reported—	\$7,018.51
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Pledge to Missions:	
W.S.C.S.	\$12,950.16
W.S.G.	1,338.10
Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	2,069.00
W.S.G.	32.50
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	355.00
W.S.G.	150.00
In Remembrance Gifts:	
W.S.C.S.	67.50
W.S.G.	20.00
By Conference	20.00
TOTAL Credit on Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	16,061.66
W.S.G.	1,590.60
TOTAL Credit on Pledge	\$17,652.26

Children's Service Fund	47.74
TOTAL on Appropriations	\$17,700.00
Foreign Supplies	722.95
Home Supplies	166.45
Supplementary:	
W.S.C.S.	270.00
W.S.G.	3.50
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Mrs. Landrum	12.00
Total to Division	\$48,814.90
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:	
Administrative	172.23
Printing & Mimeo-	
graphing	603.65
Jurisdiction School of	
Missions	217.55
Conf. Institute of	
Missions	339.91
Cultivation Fund:	
W.S.C.S.	914.46
W.S.G.	157.51
Student Loan Fund	127.00
Alcohol Education	255.70
Fellowship Team	
Laboratory	125.00
Council of Church Women	50.00
Auditing	35.00
Miss Dorothy Kelley—	
Camp Work	42.00
Miss Dorothy Kelley	25.00
World Friendship	
Workshops	25.00
Subsidies—Dist. Officers	
to Ins. of Missions	45.00
Other disbursements	9.50
TOTAL Disbursements	\$22,112.83
Balance August 14th, 1953	\$7,404.07

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS
ARCADELPHIA DISTRICT: Honorary Baby: Sandra Love Hicherson, Oaklawn. Adult Life: Mrs. M. S. Bayless, Mrs. J. D. Baker, Grand Avenue.
CAMDEN DISTRICT: Honorary Baby: Carol Anne Jeffries, Tina Allison Womack, Thomas Gordon Dancy, Camden First; Samuel John Baughman, Parker's Chapel; Kathryn Jane Wilson, Jackson St. Adult Life: Miss Aurelle Burnside, Camden District W.S.G.; Mrs. Richard Lovell, Stamps W.S.G.; Mrs. Orville Anderson, Mrs. Edelle P. Finch, Camden First W.S.G.; Mrs. Alice Greer, Buckner; Mrs. Leslie Wilson, Jackson Street.

HOPE DISTRICT: Honorary Baby: Vicki Jane Hughes, Arkdown. Adult Life: Mrs. W. T. Arnold, Jr., Fairview; Mrs. Nella Young, Foreman.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT: Honorary Youth: Marilyn Swears, Carlisle. Adult Life: Mrs. James A. Wellons, Mrs. Robert Gannaway, Little Rock First; Mrs. Gail Insey, Carlisle; Mrs. E. S. Burt, 24th St.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT: Honorary Baby: Charles Michael Dewett, Carlisle. Adult Life: Mrs. Cynthia Sharp, England; Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, Mrs. J. W. Peindexter, Lakeside W.S.G.

By Board of Education (Conference): Miss Fay McRae, Adult Life Membership. In Remembrance Gifts given by Conference in memory of: Mr. Henry Stevenson, Mr. V. R. McKimney, Bryce Hancock White, Mr. Robert Topp.

MRS. C. I. PARSONS,
Conference Treasurer

LITTLE ROCK FALL SEMINARS PLANNED

The Arkadelphia District Woman's Society of Christian Service will have its Fall Seminar in the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, on Tuesday, September 1, beginning at 9:30 in the morning. Mrs. John Glenn, Murfreesboro, the District Secretary of Missionary Education, is in charge of the arrangements. The four studies will be presented by: Mrs. M. E. Scott, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education; Mrs. Curtis Williams, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. James McLarty, Jr., Hope Local Secretary of Missionary Education; Mrs. Glenn, and others.

Members of other districts are invited to come to Hot Springs to this seminar if this early date is more convenient.

Dates for the other district seminars are as follows: Hope District, Nashville, September 3; Camden District, First Church, Magnolia, September 15; Pine Bluff District, Hawley Memorial, Pine Bluff, September 22, Wesleyan Service Guild night, First Church, Stuttgart, September 24; Monticello District, Dummas, September 25; Little Rock District, First Church, Little Rock, September 25.

HOSTEL NAMED TO HONOR MISSIONARY

Upon the recent retirement of Miss Lena Knapp, of Greenwich, Conn., Methodist missionary, from administrative and teaching service at Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Seminary officials named a new student hostel "The Lena Knapp Student Hostel" in her honor. It was Miss Knapp who interested the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist

Church, in the need for a hostel to care for the increasing number of young evangelical women, most of them from rural towns, who wished to study for the Christian ministry and for other church-related tasks at the Seminary. She was instrumental in raising funds from her friends as well as from W. D. C. S. for the hostel as well as for a "Susanna Wesley Fund" which helps provide scholarships to prepare young women to meet seminary entrance requirements.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

Park View Church, Benton, Launches Drive

Members and friends of the Park View Methodist Church, Benton, held a dinner meeting in the temporary church home on Edison Avenue on Monday evening, August 17, to spearhead the drive for funds for the building of the new church.

The meeting was planned by the pastor, Rev. Lamar Davis, W. A. Springer, chairman of the Finance Committee; I. E. McCray, chairman of the Building Committee and Rev. J. Edwin Keith, of Little Rock, Conference Director of Stewardship, who has been assisting the church with the overall plans. W. A. Springer presided over the meeting. Mrs. E. H. Houston led inspirational songs with Mrs. D. P. Gordy at the piano.

Judge Ernest Maner was the guest speaker. He reminded those present of the importance of this history-making event, not only in the lives

of the membership of the Methodist churches, but also the far reaching effect of the movement upon the spiritual and cultural life of the community.

After Judge Maner's address Mr. Keith presented the plan of the campaign, and leaders were named. Divisional leaders are Mrs. Beecher Bullock and Robert Handley.

Dr. Francis A. Buddin, district superintendent of the Little Rock District, was present at the meeting and was introduced to the group.

PALESTINE CHURCH HAS SERIES OF SERVICES

A very successful revival was held at Palestine Methodist Church of the Hermitage Charge. The pastor, W. W. Barron, did the preaching. The average attendance was 83. There were five additions on profession of faith. Three of these were adults and two were youths. Two of the adults were uncles of the two youth. It was a very impressive picture to see these two youths standing at the altar with their uncles, all of one accord, that of choosing Christ as their personal Saviour and guide.

A Vacation Church School was held in connection with the Revival. There were six workers, of these two were regular Church School workers. There were 24 pupils, 17 were Methodist the others were Presbyterians. The Kindergarten, Primaries, and Juniors were com-

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN AT CAMDEN

By Ben Hines

Many a Camden Methodist had his eyes opened this past week as to what the Stewardship Campaign really is. Methodists on every hand seemed eager to give of their time and their efforts to such a program.

The workers of the First Methodist Church are entering into such a program so as to encourage the active membership of the church into a "Spirited revival"—a revival that will lead to a more united church.

The three primary objectives of this plan are:

1. Give the maximum number of persons something to do.
2. Educate the entire membership on generous giving.
3. Secure a pledge card from every member.

Can this be done? The Methodists of Camden say that it can be done and that it should be done.

Mrs. Thomas Locket pointed out Sunday the definite needs that can

be gained by supporting such a successful campaign. Many building improvements need to be made in our church if we are to be assured those facilities necessary to conduct our church program as it should be carried on.

The youth of our church are in dire need of a church-supervised recreational center — one that is properly equipped and well organized. My, but what an asset it would be to our church and to the city of Camden to be able to afford for the greatest asset of any community — Our Youth — such a recreational plant.

Many workers will be needed to successfully carry out this program.

REVIVAL AT OAKLAND

A successful revival was conducted the past week at the Oakland Methodist Church on the Naylor Circuit. The pastor was assisted in the preaching services by Rev. Eugene Rushing, pastor at Oppelo, and Bill Cantrell of Little Rock. Rev. Davis Bilberry, pastor of the Fourche Valley Circuit, directed the singing. Miss Sarah Horton, student at Hendrix, directed the youth in recreation and folk songs.

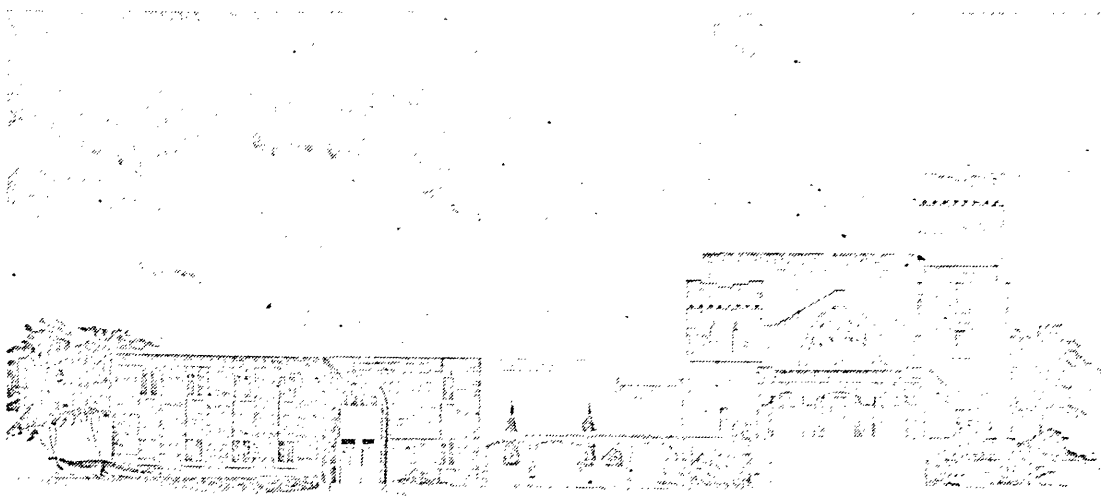
Many former residents and friends of other churches attended the services. This was the first revival conducted in the new building since its completion last fall.—Charles Cook, pastor

SULPHUR ROCK CHURCH HAS STUDY COURSE

A Study Course was held last week at the Sulphur Rock Methodist Church. The book, entitled "The Acts of the Apostles," by Edward P. Blair, was taught by Mrs. P. G. Magness of Newark. A lot of interest was taken by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

In the past year this church has gained about 15 percent in Church School attendance and church attendance has more than doubled. All finances are up to date. We are planning a revival in the near future.—J. M. Hughes, Pastor

TEXARKANA FIRST CHURCH TO ENLARGE EDUCATIONAL PLANT



The date of September 8 has been set by First Methodist Church, Texarkana, for the beginning of a \$150,000 building program to enlarge its educational plant.

Plans for the construction of an annex to the present building were approved at the morning service Sunday, August 9, after they were presented to the congregation by W. M. Locke, chairman of the planning committee. Preliminary sketches showing the floor plan and exterior of the proposed building were also presented.

The plans were approved by an overwhelming majority of the church members present. They had been previously accepted by the Official Board.

Dr. Fred Harrison, pastor of the church, said the proposed annex

will be a continuation of the present building, extending forward toward the street. The exterior is designed to harmonize with the main church building, and will be connected with it by a covered walkway which will lead into the north tower where an elevator will be installed.

Additional space will provide for more class rooms, an adequate dining room, a small chapel, office for the director of Christian education, enlarged facilities for nursery groups, and facilities to house the growing library.

A completely new heating system for the entire educational plant will be installed, and the entire building will be air conditioned.

Space in the main church building now occupied by the senior department will be released for use by the

young adult classes, and the seniors will move into the new building.

At its regular meeting August 10 the official board voted to accept the conference program of stewardship following presentation of the details of the program by the Rev. Edwin Keith, director of stewardship for the Little Rock Conference. Mr. Keith will direct the "adventure in stewardship" to obtain cash and pledges for building of the annex.

It is hoped that construction of the building will be started in the spring, Dr. Harrison said.

The plans for the annex approved by the congregation this month were the result of nearly two years of study by the planning committee.

The present educational building was erected in 1924 during the pastorate of Dr. J. D. Hammons.

CRUSADE SCHOLAR PROGRAM FOR 1953-54

The Crusade Scholars' Orientation Program will be held at American University in Washington, D. C., August 22-September 5.

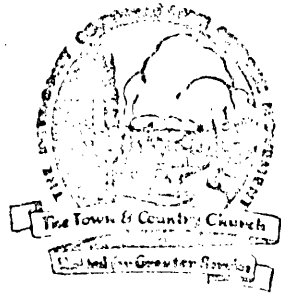
Dr. Myron F. Wicke, staff member of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, will be dean.

Mrs. Florence H. Cox, of New York, is director of Crusade Scholarships.

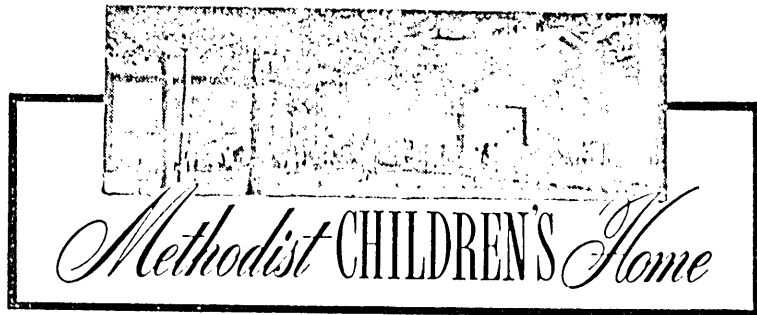
Sponsored by the Methodist Crusade Scholarship Committee, the two-week program is designed to orient Crusade Scholars who are coming to this country for the first time to attend school.

The Crusade Scholarship program is financed by Week of Dedication offerings. Since its inception in 1944, the program has trained over 700 students from 50 countries, including the United States and possessions. Those from the United States are from minority groups, including Italian-Americans, Spanish-Americans, Japanese-Americans and Negroes. The scholars have studied in approximately 100 American universities and colleges, 16 American hospitals and in 32 colleges and universities abroad. Nearly all have returned to their native lands where they are at work in 50 professions and areas of service.

The number changes from time to time. An average of 150 Crusade Scholars from 25 countries are enrolled in about 50 schools and 10 hospitals in the United States at any given time.



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BATESVILLE DISTRICT PLANS SIMULTANEOUS REVIVAL

Monday afternoon, August 17, the pastors and lay leaders in Evangelism met at Central Avenue Church, Batesville, to plan a great district-wide simultaneous revival meeting which will include every church in the district. The date of the revival will be October 18-23. Since only one district will be taking part, it will mean that there should be a sufficient number of preachers to man every pulpit in the district. Each pastor in the district will invite fellow ministers from beyond the district to assist.

Where there is more than one church on a charge, and this will be most of them, a layman will preside over the services and assist in directing the work. The plan is to be set up on a natural area basis in order to have as little inconvenience as possible in travel. Each church will care for the travel expense of the visiting minister.

All the preachers will give a week of service as a love offering to the cause of evangelism. This will be an all-out effort to bring a week of great gospel preaching to every church. This effort does not conflict with the summer revivals or the conference-wide visitation program of the week of October 5. It is an additional effort to reach every church and person in the Batesville District for a united revival effort through preaching and visitation in a concerted manner.

The program is sponsored by the Town and Country Commission and the Board of Evangelism under the general direction of the district superintendent, Rev. R. E. Connell. Rev. E. G. Kaetzl, pastor of Bates-

ville, First Church, is chairman of publicity assisted by Dr. Golder Lawrence of Tuckerman, Rev. Ben C. Few of Mountain Home and the Rev. Maurice Lanier of Salem.

It is earnestly hoped that the pastors over the conference will accept the invitations sent out by the pastors of the Batesville District to help in this great effort.

A Gracious Revival at Quitman

The week of August 9, was a great week in spiritual uplift as the writer, assisting Rev. Harold Wilson, preached in the Quitman revival. The attendance was splendid throughout. Bro. Wilson is doing a fine job in this, his first pastoral charge. The people at Quitman are friendly and courteous to their visiting preacher. It was a fine week indeed.

Sunday, August 16, at Whitehall And Hunter

Sunday morning at 10:00 a. m. I was privileged to preach at Whitehall and then on to Hunter for the 11:00 o'clock service. Whitehall is enjoying their newly redecorated church. There was a fine congregation. The people at Hunter, as usual, were in cordial good spirit. Rev. Dale Crozier has been assigned as pastor for the year. He has begun his work in a fine way. The people are delighted to have him and rejoice as he takes up his work among them.

Sunday Night, August 16, at Salem

It was a privilege to preach at Salem to a fine congregation. Rev. Jim Gatlin is the pastor. Rev. R. E. L. Bearden had just closed a fine revival.—J. Albert Gatlin

MEETING OF LAYMEN AND MINISTERS OF BATESVILLE DISTRICT

A meeting of laymen and ministers of the Batesville District Church, Batesville, August 17 for the purpose of planning a District-Wide revival which is to take place the Week of October 18. Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent, called attention to the need for this revival and stated that the Bishop and the other seven District Superintendents of the North Arkansas Conference were cooperating in the way of sending additional ministers to help. This promises to be a unique experience in the Evangelism of the North Arkansas Conference as every church in the District will be reached and many laymen will receive training in bringing others to Christ.

Brother Connell suggested that ministers look over the list of preachers as they are recorded in the Conference Journal and write them to come and help in the revival. Any minister receiving an invitation to come and help in this district-wide endeavor should feel complimented. The Rev. Paul Bumpers and the Rev. Albert Gatlin will also spend the week as consultants

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Hendrix College's 70th annual session will open September 7 with a meeting for all freshmen, according to President Matt L. Ellis. Freshmen will arrive ahead of upperclassmen for an orientation period aimed at preparing them for beginning their college careers more effectively.

Registration of both upperclassmen and freshmen for classwork will be held September 10 and 11, with classwork beginning September 12. Included in orientation activities for freshmen will be a battery of guidance tests in English, the social sciences, humanities, individual interests and other areas. Results of the tests will be scored at once by a faculty and student group so that academic advisors will have results for each freshman on the day he meets with his advisor for registration.

Other orientation activities will

and speakers in the district.

After being introduced by Brother Connell, Brother Gatlin spoke on the challenge of the Rural church. He gave some echoes of the recent conference on the Town and Country church held at Emory University.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter

REPORT FOR JULY, 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 July, 1953.

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Brightwater Home Demonstration Club, Rt. #4, Rogers, Ark.—dish towels and dresser scarfs.
Chas. R. Baber, Veterans Hospital Building #34, N. Little Rock—candy
First Year Junior Class of the Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, Ark.—gum
Mr. Edward H. Herrod, N. Little Rock, Ark.—circus tickets
The Frost Bible Class, First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Ark.—story book and game
Mrs. H. G. Harris, Little Rock, Ark.—books
The Friendship Class, Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark.—birthday gifts
Mr. C. W. Conway, N. Little Rock, Ark.—peaches
First Methodist Church of Clarksville—peaches

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include social affairs, talks by upperclassmen on college life, and discussions of the Hendrix program.

The Hendrix faculty will hold its annual pre-semester workshop at Petit Jean State Park, 30 miles from Conway, on September 3, 4, and 5. About 40 staff members will attend, according to President Matt L. Ellis.

Dr. Harold E. Green of Columbia, Mo., has been named Ford Plan Coordinator for Hendrix President Ellis announced. He will represent Hendrix students at the Fifth Year Center at Arkansas State Teachers College. September will see the beginning of the training of college graduates for a fifth year under the experimental Ford Plan in which Arkansas colleges are participating in an effort to discover better ways of training teachers.

A graduate of Central Missouri State College, Dr. Green holds the Doctor of Education degree from the University of Missouri. He has taught in the university's Laboratory School and was for four years a teacher and superintendent of schools in New Haven, Mo.

Other new staff members include Dr. Joseph V. West of Austin, Tex., Psychology; Wayne C. Gilman of Osceola, French; Miss Doris Horton of Gentry, Physical Education; and William H. McClurg, Psychology.

West has taught at Texas Christian University and University of Texas. He is doing psychological research in testing and guidance

this summer at the University of Texas. Gilman has taught at Stetson University in Florida and at Tulane University, New Orleans. During the past year he has been studying in France under a Fulbright Scholarship. He replaces Miss Myrtle E. Charles, who is retiring after 27 years in the Hendrix French Department. McClurg holds both the Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Education degrees. He has been prominent in religious and youth work and is author of a book, "Living Harmoniously."

General education courses in the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences will be expanded with the offerings of the fall term, according to Dr. W. C. Buthman, Hendrix dean. An experimental course in each of the three areas was given last year. These courses have been revised on the basis of the "pilot run" and several sections of each will be offered. All students entering the college in September 1954 or later will be required to take the courses, which will meet three times weekly throughout the year. Students entering this year, and former students, may choose the new plan or the one which has been in effect.

Enrollment figures are expected to be the same as last year's, according to Miss Elizabeth Poole of the Admissions Office. Enrollment last fall was 437.—Public Relations Office.

METHODIST YOUTH.

Georgia Daily, Editor

Little Rock District To Train New Officers

A two-day training course will be offered new officers of the Little Rock district Methodist Youth Fellowship August 28 and 29, according to an announcement by J. Russell Henderson, district youth director.

The week-end clinic will be held at Aldersgate Camp in Little Rock, beginning with registration at 4 p. m. Friday and ending at 3:30 p. m. Saturday.

Special emphasis will be placed on the five new program areas of the youth division, Christian Faith, Christian Witness, Christian Outreach, Christian Citizenship and Christian Fellowship. The training will include an intensive study of the new Youth Fellowship handbook, with a workshop group in each of the program areas. One adult and one youth will lead each workshop.

Adult leaders will include Mrs. Edward McLean, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Allen Hilliard, Mrs. J. D. Boyack, Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, the Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin and Miss Mary Ann Kincannon, Little Rock; and Mrs. Frank Shanks, Benton.

The Rev. V. Earl Copes of Hendrix College will have a special program on fellowship through music Friday evening. The Rev. Allen Hilliard, associate minister at Winfield church in Little Rock, will give the keynote address at 7:30 p. m. Friday, and the Rev. John Lindsay, associate minister at First church, Little Rock, will lead a dedication serv-

FELLOWSHIP TEAM LEADS PROGRAM AREAS STUDY

A local church and a sub-district have played host this month to a team chosen from delegates to the Fellowship Team Laboratory held at Aldersgate Camp.

The team is led by the Rev. David Hankins, pastor of Jackson Street Church in Magnolia, who attended the Aldersgate session. They served at a Youth Activities Week program at Smackover August 2-7, and at Vantrease Church in El Dorado August 16, 17 and 18.

Assisting Mr. Hankins are Lou Dean Graham of Stamps, Myra Hinson, Magnolia, Martha Williamson, Rosemary Gaffney, and Nellie Childs, El Dorado.

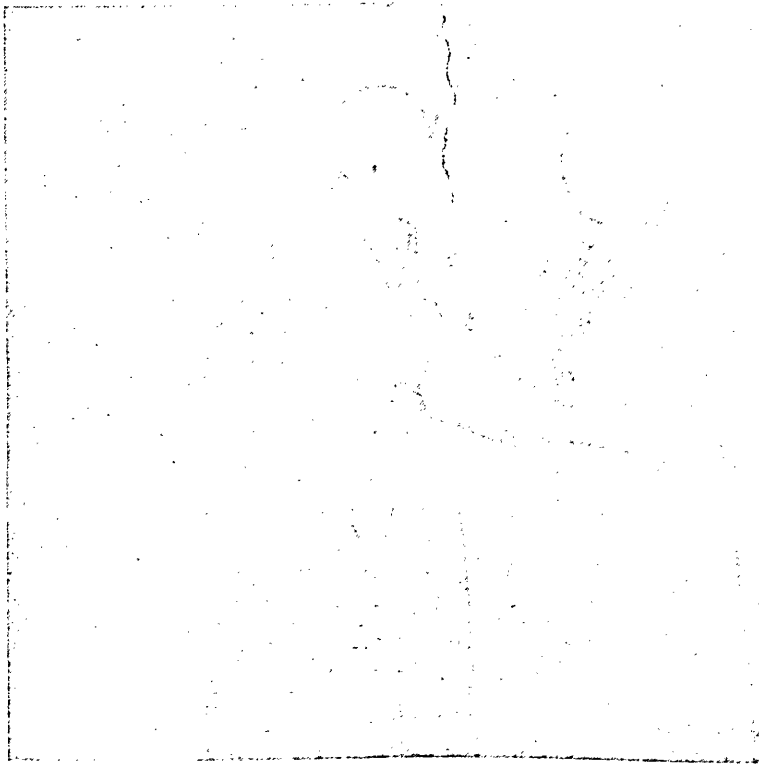
More than 250 youth and counselors attended the regular sub-district meeting August 3. Parker's Chapel seniors and Smackover intermediates took honors for the largest number in attendance and the most outstanding accomplishments for the month.

Under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. John L. Tucker, and Buzzy

ice at 7:30 p. m. Saturday.

Youth committee members assisting Henderson are Louise Lassiter, Cabot; Phil Koonce, Emilie Millwee, Gordon Turner, Little Rock; Pat Cross, Bauxite; Rose Eagle, Lonoke; Sharon Livesay, Hazen; and Shirley Clay, Bigelow.

TO MISSION FIELDS



JERRY CLARK AND MISS FRANCES KELLEY, left, who will leave soon to fill assignments in Methodist-sponsored agencies, were guests of honor at a dinner August 19 at First Church, North Little Rock. The program was directed by Mrs. Myrtle Morton, right, worker for many years in the youth department. The trio is shown examining gifts for the two young missionaries from the department. Miss Kelley will be a teacher in Lydia Patterson School in El Paso. Clark, a "C-3", will sail for Chile the first week in September, where he will teach and work with a youth group in the mission school at Iquique, Chile. He has been engaged for a three-year term in the mission field under the special program offered by The Methodist Church.

(Methodist Information Photo)

Teague, youth director, the Smackover church plans to continue a visitation program one evening each month, and to conduct a youth revival in the near future.

Officers of the Smackover MYF are Margaret Ann Jenkins, Guy Ed Crawford, Norweida Williams, Lucy Primm, Relda Murphy, Mary V. Kennedy, Bobby Roberts and Janell Collums.

Arrangements for having the team at Vantrease were made by Mrs. Claude Baker and Mrs. John Rickey, youth counselors of the host church. The six circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service provided the fellowship snack supper each evening.

MYFund REPORT

Contributions to the Methodist Youth Fund for the year ending May 31 totaled \$507,306, according to the current issue of the *Methodist Youth Fund Bulletin*. This was an increase of \$76,384 over the amount contributed last year.

Seventeen conferences reported offerings for this cause of more than \$10,000. Ohio led, with contribution of \$28,621; Virginia was second, with \$18,221; and Iowa-Des Moines third, with \$18,002.

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Many times in visiting bunkers I have seen men reading The Upper Room. One day immediately following our loss of Old Baldy, I visited a small forward outpost in front of Baldy. Our men had just returned from a daylight reconnaissance mission on that hill. They had received intense enemy fire, but God had protected our men. However, I was told that there was one Sergeant who had been "bounced" around by the percussion force of an enemy shell. The fellows said he was in a bad shape emotionally and was very nervous.

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HYMN SOCIETY SEEKS "WORLD HYMN" TEXTS

The Hymn Society of America, in consultation with the World Council of Churches, is asking hymn writers to write and submit new texts for a hymn or hymns "suitable primarily for use in connection with the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches (Evanston, Ill., August 1954) and similar gatherings, and based on the Assembly theme, 'Christ—the Hope of the World'." The Hymn Society will publish one or more of the best new hymns submitted, and one will probably be sung at the Assembly. All will be made available for other church assemblies and for hymn book publications.

According to President Deane Edwards, of the Society, all texts should be sent to the Hymn Society of America, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., not later than December 1, 1953. The texts submitted should be written to well-known meters found in the standard hymn books, for no new tunes are being sought at this time. An author may submit several texts, if he so desires.

President Edwards has named the following as the committee to receive and judge the texts: Dr. Earl E. Harper, of Iowa City, Iowa, and the Rev. Philip S. Watters, of New York City, co-chairman; Miss Katherine L. Aller, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Dr. W. Russell Bowie, Alexandria, Va.; Dr. Alvin F. Brightbill, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, Lakeville, Conn.; Dean Robert Guy McCutchan, Claremont, Cal.; Miss Jean W. Steele, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Mrs. Clementine Miller Tange-man, New York City.

13 CHRISTIANS IN JAPAN LOWER HOUSE

Thirteen Christians were elected to the Lower House of the Diet at the recent elections in Japan. Seven of these are of the Right Wing Social party, two of the Left Wing Social party, three of the Liberal party of which Premier Yoshida is the leader, and one is of the so-called Progressive Party.

GERMAN METHODISTS PASS RESOLUTION ON PEACE

(Continued from page 7)
means at our command, we oppose

TEXAS MAKES GIFT OF LENTEN WORK

Mrs. Adela Betancourt, of Edinburg, Texas, who spent 100 hours of sacrificial work during Lenten season this year, has presented the fruits of her labors to her church. She designed and embroidered a set of linen communion cloths for the Methodist Assembly at Kerrville, Texas.

Mrs. Betancourt, a native of old Mexico, learned her art at Saltillo. The table cover design has an olive branch and 12 bunches of grapes representing the disciples. The shield of faith is centered by a communion cup and wafer. She gave the linen to the Rev. Donald E. Redmond for presentation to the Assembly, which has its sessions at Mount Wesley near Kerrville.

Mrs. Betancourt, who says embroidery work is a hobby, is an amateur water color artist. She helps her husband manage a tourist court near Edinburg and says she likes the idea of "doing something for the Lord."

CHITAMBAR CHAPEL DEDICATED

At Lucknow Christian College, highest-ranking educational institution of the Methodist Church in India, the "Bishop Chitambar Memorial Chapel" has been dedicated by Bishop Clement D. Rockey of Lucknow City. The late Bishop Chitambar was the first Indian to be elected president of the College—some 30 years ago—as he was later the first Indian elected a Bishop of the Methodist Church. The Memorial Chapel stands in the center of the College campus to indicate "the position which religion should occupy in the life of every Christian educational institution." Present at the formal dedication were the Bishop's widow, Mrs. S. S.

and to live in peace and concord war, and we condemn wholeheartedly, out of the Word of God, all mental and material preparation for it. Rather we regard it as our task to spread peace among the nations by the proclamation of the Gospel, with all men, including those of other countries."

Chitambar, former president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in India, their eldest daughter, Mrs. Ivan Jordan, a noted choir director, and three grandchildren.

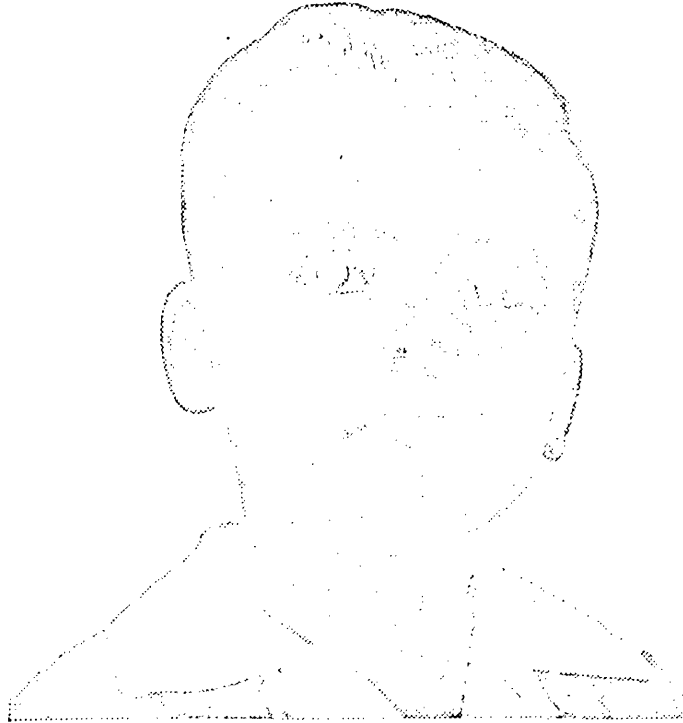
Most of the people of the world have never seen a public library. Whole countries occupied by millions of people have not one public library worthy of the name, few trained librarians, no "tools" in the language of the country, and few publications which the common people can read.—Everett N. Peterson, head of the public libraries development of UNESCO, Library Trends, Univ of Ill.

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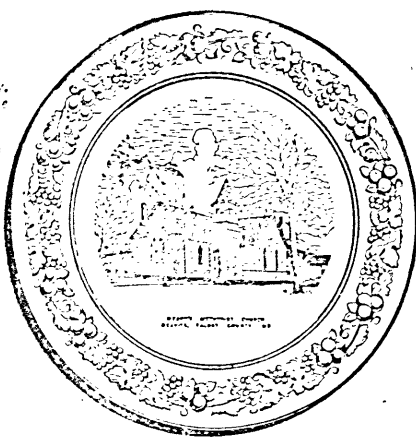
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The Sunday School Lesson

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WHAT PLACE SHALL I GIVE TO MY POSSESSIONS?

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 1953

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Luke 12:16-23; I Timothy 6:1-19. Printed Text: I Timothy 6:6-19.

MEMORY SELECTION: The love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs. (I Tim. 6:10)

The lesson today is the first of UNIT XIII: "LIVING BEYOND THE SELF." This is a great unit indeed. "Others" is one of the big words in the vocabulary of Christ. He was born for others; he lived for others; he died for others; he conquered death for others; he went back to the right hand of the Father and is now praying for others. We are only Christlike as we forget and expend our lives in loving service for others.

A Look At The Scriptures

There is a great temptation for one to live for self, and in so doing he usually places material possessions first in his life. Christ knew the danger of this and was constantly warning against it. Some scholars tell us that he had more to say about material possessions and how one was to relate himself to them than any other subject upon which he talked.

The Lord told of some men who were lost and it so happened that all of them were lost over the wrong use of material possessions. For example, he told of a certain rich man who permitted a beggar to die of want at his very gate. Then he told of the rich farmer who grew a bumper crop and housed it, but who made the terrible mistake of thinking he could feed his soul on material things. Next we are told of the rich, young ruler who came seeking eternal life. He was told what to do with his possessions. He went away sorrowfully. He kept his stuff but lost his soul. The next case was that of Judas. He sold the Lord for thirty pieces of silver, which at that time was the price of a common slave. Jesus said of him that "he went to his own place." It was the love of money that proved the undoing of all of these men. The same sin is damning multiplied millions today, many of whom are church members.

In this letter to Timothy, just prior to the printed portion of our text, Paul warns against certain false teachers. These people were contending that the chief reason for the practice of godliness was the fact that it brought material gain. In speaking of them Paul went on to say that they are "men who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain." It is a fact that godliness often brings material gain to those who practice it. Many times it makes them more thrifty, and at least, they do not waste their substance in riotous living. But it should never be practiced with this as the chief end. Spiritual values are the great values of life and in the practice of godliness they must always be brought to the front.

The great Apostle does not want to be misunderstood in his criticism

of these false teachers who expected gain from godliness. He hastens to say "There is great gain in godliness with contentment." One is to be contented with what he has. If he has food, shelter, and clothing that is sufficient. He cannot take his material possessions with him anyway. "We brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world." The desire to be rich is a great temptation which has plunged many into ruin and destruction. Paul goes on to say "It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs."

Let it be noted here that it is not the money itself but rather the love of money that "is the root of all evils." If money only hurt those who had it in great quantities many would escape, but its evil influence reaches much farther than that. A person might be very much in love with money and yet not have a dollar in his pocket. While another might be a multi-millionaire and not be in love with money. He might use it as a means of blessing and helping the needy and it would thus prove a source of great benefit both to him and to others.

The Love Of Money

Think of the great evil that has come into the world because many people love money. Thousands of individuals in this great nation sell their bodies for money. The love of money is the force that is back of the narcotic and liquor traffic. People who dabble in these wares know that they are doing wrong. They realize that they are selling that which does no one any good and which wrecks the bodies and damns the souls of thousands of young people, as well as others. They do it for one reason and that is because they love money. They are selfish to the core and are willing to sell that which hurts others for the money they get out of it.

Several years ago the writer read of a thing that impressed him because of its sordid greed for gain. There were two men who for many years were partners in business. They were bosom friends. Fortune smiled upon them and they amassed a great deal of wealth. Finally one of them was stricken down with a disease. He realized that the end was near. He had four small children. He had his partner appointed as administrator of his part of the property for his children. He passed along. As years rolled by the remaining partner saw an opportunity of cheating the children out of their part of the fortune. He did so. Some years later he wanted to become a Christian. He went to an outstanding minister of that day for advice. In

their conversation he confessed that he had cheated those orphan children. The minister told him he would never be able to make peace with God until he had restored this stolen money to these children. He asked for two or three days in which to decide what he would do about the matter. He finally decided to keep the money even though it meant hell for him in the end. He thus sold his soul for a fortune that rightly belonged to a group of orphan children.

Some years ago a group of men were riding through the blue grass region of Kentucky. They came upon a magnificent plantation of several hundred acres. One of the men asked, "I wonder what the present owner of this plantation paid for it?" Another replied, "It cost him his soul." He had overreached a widow and cheated her out of it. He sold his all for the love of money. On and on we could go piling up illustrations of the ungodly things people will do for the love of money. In some cases the money has the men. They become the slaves of their money and it leads them to become inhuman to their fellowmen and finally wind up in eternal perdition.

Money And Contentment

Many people make money their god. Whatever a person puts first in his life becomes god. The trouble with money as a god is, it cannot bring satisfaction or contentment here and it cannot save us hereafter. It is said that some years ago a group of Salvation Army workers were marching down the street of one of our large cities and were singing that old song. "I am satisfied; I am satisfied with Jesus." No one has ever heard a group of people marching down the street of any city singing "I am satisfied with money." Money simply doesn't satisfy. The more people get the more they want. It is said that some one asked J. P. Morgan just how much money a person had to have before he was satisfied. He replied, "The next million." That was his way of saying that money never satisfies. Most people realize this fact when they stop to think. It is strange indeed that people would sell their souls for that which cannot satisfy them here nor save them hereafter. Then, too, they cannot take it with them. Money is a great servant but a mighty poor master.

Here in America we are too much inclined to measure a person's success by the amount of money he has. Some years ago one of the world's great thinkers was asked to name the six most successful men of the human race. He went on to name the Greek Poet Homer who laid the foundation of the literature of the world. He named Moses the great law-giver. He mentioned Socrates the founder of moral philosophy. He named Copernicus who chartered the heavens and discovered the movements of the planets. He listed Columbus who discovered a new continent on which the world's greatest nation of all times was born. And last but not least, he mentioned Paul who stands out in history as the greatest missionary the world has ever known. Jesus the greatest Person of all times was not mentioned in the list because he belongs in a class to himself; he is more than mere man. The man who selected the above list of the greatest men of all times went on to call attention to the fact that they were all poor men. This was also true of Christ the God-Man. No person has even been considered great merely

because he was rich. Jesus was right when he said, "A man's true life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesses."

The Lord was giving wonderful advice with regards to the place that material possessions should occupy in a person's life when he said, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." There is a place in life for things, but it is not the first place. That place belongs only to God.

Another thing that Paul warned about with regards to riches is the fact that many who possess them are inclined to be haughty. In speaking of the rich he goes on to say, "Charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on uncertain riches but on God who richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy." Did you ever see a person who let his wealth go to his head, who felt that because of his material possessions he and his family were a little better than anyone else in the community? That is the type of person Paul was speaking about.

STATE DEPT. CIRCULATES SENATE DISARMAMENT RESOLUTION

Washington, D. C. — A disarmament resolution recently passed by the Senate, with the support of religious groups, has been formally transmitted to the United Nations and foreign governments, the State Department announced.

The Department said that Senate Resolution 150 on disarmament, passed unanimously, was "one of more than forty resolutions on disarmament which were presented in the Senate and in the House of Representatives, and it is indicative of the substance of these other resolutions."

The resolution calls for an enforceable system by which a reduction can be made in the military personnel of all nations and in the proportion of strategic materials used for military purposes.

It also recommends international control of atomic energy to permit its use for peaceful purposes only and to insure the prohibition of atomic weapons. The resolution further advocates a similar limitation of all other weapons of "great destructiveness" and urges a United Nations inspection system to guarantee armament reductions are carried out.

IOWA ATTORNEY GENERAL OKAYS RELEASE-TIME PROGRAM

Dubuque, Ia. — Attorney General Leo Hoagh's office has ruled that Iowa public schools may release pupils during regular school hours for religious instructions outside of school buildings.

The opinion was given at the request of County Attorney Robert Oeth of Dubuque. He asked whether it would be legal for the Dubuque school district to release elementary grade pupils for one hour a week on the written request of parents.

A Weekday Religious Education Committee, sponsored by the Dubuque Council of Churches and the Lutheran Pastors' Council, have proposed to start a pilot program in October in the Dubuque public schools. Under the program, third and fourth grade pupils of two schools could attend religious classes in nearby Protestant churches.

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