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The Tragic Toll Of Highway Accidents

THE extended Labor Day week end brought a total of 368 traffic deaths, according to press reports Tuesday morning. It is almost certain that this number will be increased when the full report of fatal accidents is in hand for the three-day period which included Labor Day.

This is an inexcusable loss of life and property. It does not include the large number of people who were injured, many of them for life, who did escape being in the fatality list.

We are repeatedly shocked by the reports of traffic fatalities on holidays. It is true because the press emphasizes the total killed on these special days. While our minds are focused on fatality statistics for special days we seem to take for granted the list of dead, almost as large, that we suffer every day of the year. Our total fatalities for a year are more than thirty-five thousand, an average of about four per hour. Our fatalities on special days are only about 20% more than our daily average for the year. This all but habitual daily average is a disgraceful commentary on American life.

Russia Loses Prestige In German Election

THE election in West Germany last Sunday was a severe blow to Soviet prestige and influence in Western Europe, and to some degree throughout the world. The election proved that West Germany is in dead earnest about joining a coalition of free nations to oppose communistic aggression. It proved also that West Germany is not to be coerced by Russia.

Another thing this election did was to give the free world another demonstration of what it might expect under communist domination. Communism would have made this free election in West Germany very difficult, if not impossible, if officials of West Germany had not blocked the great influx of communistic saboteurs from East Germany who attempted to gain admittance for the purpose of sabotaging the election. Several thousand that did gain admittance were arrested before they could do very much toward disorganizing plans for the voting.

If communists would do so much to thwart an election in a non-communistic country, what chance would a free election have under communistic domination? The fact that it is not possible to have a free election in a communist dominated country is one of the things that has made the free world desperately afraid of communistic expansion.

In our judgement, it is difficult to overestimate the effect of the election in West Germany. Such an expression by the citizenship of West Germany is a thing that Russia has feared and fearing, has done everything short of war to avoid. The full weight of the Soviet Union has been brought to bear on the matter. This is one battle in the cold war that Russia went all out to win — and lost. This outspoken expression of western friendship and defiance of Russian powers will give Russia another reason to think twice before she starts trouble with the Western World.

It is quite possible, after this election, that Germany instead of France will be the power about which the defenses of Western Europe will be built. Russia has good reason to know something of the strength it is possible for Germany to develop.

The Pulpit Can Help

WE are to run in this column a series of articles under the caption, "The Pulpit Can Help—," in which we plan to discuss some of the vital opportunities the church has to be of service to our people in this topsy-turvy world. We hope that our readers will find these articles interesting and helpful.

It is a common saying that "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." In the last fifty years we have tried more man-made schemes and ideas for human betterment than in any other hundred years of history. In addition to our own experiences, we have had the advantage of the success or failure of various human endeavors back through the centuries. In

Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season.

—II Timothy 4:2

spite of it all, we find ourselves in about the most perilous, unpredictable mess mankind has known.

In such a day, at least in our part of the world, the pulpit has opportunity to stress by contrast the fact that, wherever sincerely tried, the Christian way of life has brought the answer to life's unsolved problems. The pulpit of America has a message, tested and tried, for the lack of which the world is literally dying. Present world conditions give convincing proof that the church has been correct in its basic pronouncements across the years regarding human relationships and moral righteousness. We know now, better than ever before, that "Righteousness exalteth a nation"—or an individual and that "sin is a reproach" to either a nation or an individual. Our present world predicament is a kind of a "glorified sounding board" which will give volume, potency and effectiveness to the message of the church wherever sincerely proclaimed.

Our people sorely need a sensible, sane, practical interpretation of the Golden Rule as the only possible solution to the problem of human relationships at home and abroad. The pulpit should never let people forget the possibilities embodied in this largely-untried ideal. The ministry can give this emphasis more effectively and more naturally than any other group.

The pulpit offers an unparalleled opportunity for creative service in a time of desperate need. The world has no basic problems that the ministry cannot help to solve. The highest privilege the ministry has is to make a sincere effort to help solve those problems.

Are You Only A Statistic?

METHODISM is plagued in many of its activities by a lack of participation by its constituents. Perhaps at no point is this more evident than in its program of Christian education. Just why this is so is somewhat difficult to say because so much about the whole educational program of Methodism suggests that much is being done to invite greater participation by Methodists. Nevertheless, the leaders of Methodism have become so concerned about this situation that considerable attention is now being given to stimulate greater participation by Methodist people.

Certainly the trouble does not lie in the need for more leadership or for more training of these leaders although in exceptional instances some local church schools do need more Sunday school teachers and more training of these teachers but we believe that these are exceptional cases. Records show that there are approximately 16,000 persons in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area who week after week are giving themselves in a wonderful way teaching classes, serving as officers, and otherwise serving in an administrative way in local church schools. We do not believe that the lack of greater participation stems from the quality of literature or subject matter which is the basis for Sunday school lessons and MYF services, for the wide variety of subject matter which Methodist literature offers surely makes it possible for every class to have lessons which in a large measure serve to meet the needs. The best trained and most gifted religious writers of today are helping to prepare Methodist literature. Those attending Methodist church school activities have for the most part adequate physical facilities to meet the normal needs of church school activities. Perhaps at no time in the history of Methodism has there been such a number of modern, well-equipped, comfortable church educational buildings as there are today. Records will bear out the statement that more attention has been given at this particular point by local churches within the past dozen years than at any similar period in the past.

Methodism has consecrated leadership, fine literature, modern educational buildings, and a comprehensive program all of which stands ready to be the means of bringing a deeper understanding and interpretation of the Christian way of life to those for whom Methodism is responsible. Methodism in this Area has been and is reaching a rather substantial number of people regularly with its program of Christian education. On the average something more than fifty per cent of the church membership is enrolled in a local church school and each Sunday on the average more than one half of those enrolled are in attendance in some Church school activity. This means that in this Area an average Sunday will find in the neighborhood of 100,000 men and women, young people and children learning more about the Christian way of life in Methodist church schools. This is an impressive total, but there are more than 300,000 Methodist members in the Area and if those are added who are the responsibility of Methodism the total Methodism constituency is even greater. There are still many, many Methodists that are not being reached to say nothing about those who are not now being counted as Methodists but who have a Methodist preference. How are these to be reached with Christian teaching?

It seems to us that any program which is designed to make for greater participation in the local church program of Christian education must take into account three facts if it is to succeed: First, the inactive must be made to feel that

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When Necessary Funds Are Received
Construction Will Begin On A

Church Home

Away From Home

For Methodist

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STAFF ARTICLE

WITH approximately \$37,000 collected, the Methodist churches of Arkansas are going ahead with plans for construction of a new Wesley Foundation Center in Fayetteville. Construction will begin when the fund reaches \$50,000.

Contributions to date have come about equally from the two conferences, North Arkansas and Little Rock.

Plans for erecting the center to serve University of Arkansas students were announced July 25 by Bishop Paul E. Martin after a meeting on Mt. Sequoyah with members of the planning committee.

Plans call for a brick building of two floors above ground and a basement, with outside dimensions of 50 by 60 feet. It would cover much of the area now covered by the old sanctuary of Central Methodist Church and would be joined to Wesley Hall, the church's educational building which now houses student activities.

The building is to be headquarters for Wesley Foundation, the campus Methodist organiza-

tion. Facilities include an auditorium occupying the entire ground floor for programs, recreation, and dining; classrooms and a chapel on the second floor; office and recreational facilities in the basement.

Final plans for the center were approved by the official board of Central Methodist Church on July 8. Representatives of the two conferences, along with representatives of the student body of the University and members of the official board of Central Church met in Conway, July 10 and adopted the plans unanimously. This group also voted to urge complete payment by the conferences of the \$50,000 pledged to the project.

The Wesley Foundation Building Project was begun in June, 1950, when Central Church asked the two Arkansas conferences to contribute \$50,000 to remodel the old sanctuary for Wesley Foundation Center. After further investigation early this year, according to a story in the Central Church bulletin, it seemed advisable to consider tearing down the old church and building in its place new construction for the use

★ Memorial Chapel Furnishings ★

Several gifts have been received for a memorial to a former Wesley Foundation president. The Student Center has received gifts to honor Lt. Don M. Hitt of Piggott, who lost his life this year in an airplane crash in Texas. A group of former students plans to furnish a chapel in Don's memory in the Wesley Foundation building.

of Wesley Foundation. The students particularly favored this idea.

The matter was presented to a church conference of the membership of Central Church in May, and they voted to reconsider the original plan and to turn the matter over to a committee made up of two representatives of the church, two students representing Wesley Foundation, and two members of the two Arkansas annual conferences.

Members of the committee were the Rev. M. W. Miller of Hamburg and Roland Shelton of Little Rock, representing the Little Rock Conference; R. W. Gregg of Ft. Smith and the Rev. W. F. Cooley of Fayetteville, representing the North Arkansas Conference; Fred Koger and Benny Kittrell of the University, representing Wesley Foundation; Paul Young and Ralph Lewis, representing Central Church; and the following ex-officio members, Dr. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary of the Board of Education, North Arkansas Conference, the Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretary of the Board of Education, Little Rock Conference, the Rev. Jack Winegeart, minister of students, and the Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of Central Church.

The committee met the first time on Wednesday, June 24, at Central Church. After a four-hour session and considerable discussion, the group voted to (1) wreck the old sanctuary; (2) build new construction on the same site to the south of the present Wesley Hall, if it could be worked out in a practical manner; and (3) ask Mr. Young to consider the possibilities

Architect's Drawing of Proposed Wesley Foundation Building, Fayetteville, Seat of University of Arkansas.



and draw up tentative plans to be presented to the official board on July 8 and to the committee on July 10.

The proposed building plan will probably cost more than \$50,000, the bulletin story stated, but only the part which can be built for the original amount will be completed at this time.

The committee has urged that the remainder of the funds be paid by the churches as early as possible so that construction can begin. If this is done, the group feels that the building will be ready for use by the students sometime during the coming year.

Fred Coger, Wesley Foundation representative on the planning committee for the student center and reporter for the Fayetteville daily paper, has compiled the following information for the "Arkansas Methodist:"

The University of Arkansas, with an on-campus enrollment of 3,600 last Fall, had 1,140 students listing themselves as members of or preferring the Methodist Church. That is the largest single church preference group. Of that number, Wesley Foundation reached some 350 who took part regularly and were, it was felt, vitally affected. Of the remaining 790, some are active in church or Sunday School, but not in Wesley Foundation, others come occasionally, and some — too many — are reached only by mail and personal visits. Attendance at Sunday programs averages 90 students per service; often it is higher.

Participation has increased in the past 10 years but has not kept pace with the rapid growth in University enrollment. Our program has expanded. We think it will grow much more, with the additional space and facilities the Student Center will provide. To reach more students we need more room and a more varied program.

Many Wesley Foundation students spend six and one-half hours and more at church every Sunday. The schedule includes coffee at 9 a. m., devotional and church school at 9:45, worship in Central Church at 10:45, recreation 5 to 6 p. m., a light meal at 6, then singing and a program ending in time for church at 7:30. Often there is an informal social hour after church.

Wesley Foundation has intramural sports teams; Wesley Players for religious drama; off-campus evangelism via "deputations" teams; a party each month; a weekly bulletin and monthly news magazine called the "Circuit Rider;" and a choir. Wesley sponsors a foreign student in the University each year, and with other campus church groups conducts Religious Emphasis Week. Numerous committees and projects offer opportunities for service and training. Several young men have gone on from here to enter the ministry.

Students dig into their pockets to help support the program. They gave \$1,001 in pledges last year; the budget was \$1,688. Financial support comes also from the two Arkansas conferences, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the General Board of Education.

TEXAS TO HAVE 100-FT. STATUE OF CHRIST

Plans to erect a 100-foot statue of Christ in Corpus Christi Bay, Corpus Christi, Texas, Sponsors Inc., a non-profit citizens organization, was granted a charter by the State of Texas. Samuel Frech, local investment counselor who has spearheaded the movement and is its temporary chairman, said the completed structure would be the tallest image of Christ in the world. Comparable ones, he pointed out, are the 98-foot Christus atop Corcovado Mountain overlooking Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; the 26-foot Christ of the Andes in the mountain pass between Argentina and Chile, and the 42-foot El Cristo Rey on the U. S.—Mexican border near El Paso, Tex. Mr. Frech said that formal incorporation of the sponsoring group will be effected shortly and an election of officers and a board of directors will follow. When this is completed, he said, sculptors and engineers will be consulted to determine the exact proportions and location of the statue and the design and materials to be used in its construction. Estimates of the cost range from \$100,000 to \$200,000, Mr. Frech said, and methods of raising the needed sum will be up to the board of directors.

10,000 Members Wanted For An Organization That Expresses

METHODISM'S CONCERN FOR RURAL AMERICA

THE METHODIST RURAL FELLOWSHIP

THE METHODIST RURAL FELLOWSHIP is beginning a promotion and membership campaign to secure 10,000 members in 1953 and to organize a MRF unit in every conference of Methodism. The primary emphasis will be on enlisting the laymen and women of the Church. Student organizations will also be set up in the colleges and seminaries of Methodism. A special membership fee is being offered to students.

The Methodist Rural Fellowship was organized in 1940 at the General Conference by a small group of Methodists who shared concern for the future of the Church if the development of strong rural churches was not included in the strategy for Methodist advance in America and the world. These visionary Methodists, many of whom were students and teachers of rural sociology and rural church work, were alarmed at the decline of rural Methodism and the apparent apathy of our Church concerning these churches to which two-thirds of the people called Methodist belong. They knew that the roots of American Methodism were embedded deeply in rural America and felt an urgency to awaken our Church to the challenge presented by the declining churches in a changing rural scene.

The stimulation and work of MRF has given impetus to the growing rural life movement in Methodism, as indicated by the new interest in the rural church on the part of our conferences and schools and in the creation of Annual Conference Commissions on Town and Country Work. MRF has served as the "conscience" of the official Methodist program for rural churches and as such has given guidance and assistance.

The Methodist Rural Fellowship is an unofficial organization of ministers and laymen who share mutual interest in and concern for the rural churches of Methodism and the creation of a finer rural Christian civilization. MRF is committed to the faith that the future of the Methodist Church lies largely in the rural communities where approximately 65% of today's children live. It is dedicated to the task of arresting the decline of rural church growth and to the creation of the kind of church needed for this present generation. MRF is conscious of the heritage and genius of Methodism and is concerned about the salvation of rural churches, not only for the sake of the rural community but also for the sake of all of Methodism.

MRF has been a fellowship of study and inquiry, seeking to find new and better ways for developing stronger rural churches. It has been a medium of information. Through the "Methodist Rural Fellowship Bulletin," meetings, and Retreats, MRF has disseminated information on rural work and rural life. As a consequence, the Methodist Church has become more aware of the place and importance of the rural church and has initiated a more active official program designed to serve rural people. New legislation favorable to the rural churches has been adopted by Annual and General Conferences. The Methodist Rural Fellowship does not lay claim to creation of the new rural program of our Church and its educational institutions. But it has been one of the vital factors which have stimulated and expedited these programs.

The Conference unit through which the Methodist Rural Fellowship works is the basic unit. These groups are organized in many conferences. They function through meetings, discussion and action groups, Retreats and oftentimes conference papers. Conference units have initiated legislation which has given the rural church and pastor new dignity and worth. Higher standards for rural church work, for parsonages and for salaries of pastors have resulted from the action of some groups. Conference units have led to the creation of Commissions on Town and Country Work and have supported them in the official programs of the conference.

The Methodist Rural Fellowship has set

twelve objectives for its expanded program:

1. To continue to lift up the strategic importance of the town and country church in the development of a more Christian rural civilization and in the continued growth of the Methodist Church.
2. To continue to be the "voice" of the two-thirds of the Methodist pastors who have only scant representation in the policy-making conferences of the Church and on its Board and Agencies.
3. To crusade for a definite rural Church policy for the Church and the conferences and to promote legislation to that end.
4. To help the Church create a program for rural churches.
5. To define the kind of church needed in this new day and discover methods by which rural churches can be strengthened.
6. To foster cooperation among all churches through the Christian Rural Fellowship and to keep in touch with the latest developments in the rural church movement.
7. To promote cooperation between the Church rural life organizations, governmental agencies, and community groups in community development; and to lift up the importance of serving all of life.
8. To advocate increased emphasis on specialized training for the rural ministry.
9. To initiate studies of conditions which affect the churches in town and country and to sponsor the use of new methods and techniques which are proving effective.
10. To organize and support the work of the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work.
11. To seek the proper recognition for the rural pastor and the rural church.
12. To recruit youth for full time dedication to service to the rural church and rural life.

1001 JOBS IN YOUR CHURCH

It is estimated that during the next four years the Methodist Church will need to recruit and train some 6,000 new ministers; 12,000 doctors, nurses, social workers, and technicians; 1,500 missionaries in a score of vocational fields; and at least 2,000 Christian educators. There are more than a hundred varied fields of service inside and outside the local church and its institutions.

There is a boy or a girl in many churches who should follow one of these Christian vocations. And perhaps he or she needs only a suggestion to set him or her on the path toward that goal. (Incidentally, did any young man ever enter the ministry at your suggestion? Did your church ever send a young man or young woman into full-time Christian service?)

In METHODIST SERVICE PROJECTS, 1953, the Rev. Richard G. Belcher, of the Interboard Commission on Christian Vocations, has compiled a rather complete listing of the jobs available to young people in and through the Methodist Church—some thousands of calls for Christian service. Here are specifications for all the jobs—from teaching music in a school in Chile, to teaching farming in the Southern Mountains, and "keeping accounts" in a Methodist hospital in Indiana. Besides a "job index," the volume includes a Christian philosophy of vocation, a description of summer and short-term opportunities, a directory of personnel officers of the Methodist agencies, a bibliography of vocations, and a statement concerning the selective service law's relation to church vocations.

Every pastor should present this book and topic to his MYF and to interested young people. Get your free copy from Mr. Belcher at P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. EDWIN KEITH, director of Stewardship for the Little Rock Conference, preached at the morning service of the First Methodist Church of Magnolia on Sunday, September 6.

REV. C. H. FARMER, pastor of the Dardanelle Methodist Church, was guest preacher in a series of services at the Pisgah Methodist Church last week. Rev. Frank Weatherford is pastor.

C. M. DIAL of Keiser passed away on Friday, August 7, at Keiser. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church of which he was a member on Sunday, August 9.

REV. W. R. BURKS, pastor of the Lonoke Methodist Church, was the preacher in evangelistic services at the Eagle Church from Sunday, August 6, through Sunday, August 23. Allen Brummett led in congregational singing.

CONGRESSMAN BROOKS HAYS was the guest speaker at the First Methodist Church, Russellville, on Sunday morning, September 6. Mr. Hays spoke on "Christianity's Unfinished Tasks."

MRS. J. H. LITTLE, JR., organist at the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, gave a concert of sacred music in the sanctuary of the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday evening, September 6.

SYMPATHY of friends goes out to Mrs. J. M. Harrison, wife of our pastor at Keiser, in the death of her brother, Hail Kaneaster, while visiting relatives in Detroit, Michigan. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Batesville on Friday, August 2.

DR. J. H. HICKS, professor of Old Testament in the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, gave a series of lectures at the McCrory Methodist Church, August 30 through September 1. Dr. Hicks used as subject material the book of Jeremiah.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN authorizes the announcement of the appointment of Rev. Winston H. Hudnall to the Thornton Circuit in the Pine Bluff District, and the appointment of Rev. Howard Cox to Shorewood Hills Church in the Arkadelphia District.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES for the Memphis Methodist Hospital School of Nursing will be on Thursday evening, September 17, at the Madison Heights Methodist Church, Memphis. A reception will follow at the Nurses Home at 1286 Eastmoreland Avenue.

THE ANNUAL HOME-COMING of the Liberty Methodist Church, near Louann, was held on Sunday, September 6. The morning worship service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. B. Pixley. A basket lunch was served at noon and a song service was held in the afternoon.

REV. CYRIL WILSON, pastor of the Antioch-Stoney Point Circuit, writes: "We here at the Antioch Church are happy to report that our revival which closed on August 28 was greatly blessed in that fifty-six made profession of faith and the church itself has been spiritually revived."

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of Conway has undertaken a plan of "student adoption" for the 1953-54 school year. The plan entails "adoption" of two college students by a family which will have the students in their homes several times during the college year. Twenty "adoptions" have already been made. Miss Kay Steel and Mrs. M. J. Neaves are directing the program.

CROP, the Christian Rural Overseas Program, reports that every new day finds 55,000 more mouths to feed than the day before. This means an annual world population growth of about 20,000,000 people. The report further shows that the annual excess of births over deaths in Latin America is 1,500,000. The relief agency, "food arm" of the National Council of Churches' department of Church World Service, cites phenomenal population increases in India,

Pakistan and Southeast Asia as causing an ever-increasing problem in combating starvation conditions.

DR. JOHN BRIGHT, professor of Hebrew and Interpretation of the Old Testament at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., is the winner in the Abingdon-Cokesbury Award Contest for 1952 for his book, *The Kingdom of God*. The contest is a periodic, usually bi-annual, competition to "encourage distinguished writing in the broad field of evangelical Christianity." Dr. Bright's manuscript was judged the best of several hundred submitted and brought the author a check for \$7,500, \$5,000 outright prize and \$2,500 advance against royalties.

PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER will bring personal greetings to the national assembly of United Church Women which meets in Convention Hall in Atlantic City on October 6. The three thousand delegates from every state, Canada and Hawaii, will represent a total of ten million Protestant, Evangelical and Eastern Orthodox church women affiliated with the parent organization. United Church Women is the lay women's arm of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Mrs. James D. Wyker of Columbia, Mo., president of United Church Women, will preside.

DR. RICHARD N. BENDER, director of religious life and professor of philosophy at Baker University, Baldwin, Kan., since 1948, has been appointed to the staff of the Board of Education's Division of Educational Institutions, Nashville, Tenn. He assumed his new post on September 1 as secretary of religion on Methodist college campuses. He will give direct attention to the strengthening of the religious life of Methodist-related colleges and universities. He succeeds Dr. J. Lem Stokes who recently was elected president of Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C.

THE PRIZE WINNING ESSAY, written by Ralph Tuggle, in the annual Speech-Essay Contest for high school age members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in the Louisiana Conference, sponsored by the Board of Temperance and Education, was used as the basis for a forum held in the Senior High Department of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday evening, August 30. Taking part in the discussion were Kirk Polmeteer, Leland Kitts, Joe Burrows, Nancy Bingham and Pat Thompson. The essay on "What Beverage Alcohol and Other Narcotics Might Do To Me If I Should Indulge In Them" was published in a recent issue of the "Arkansas Methodist."

DR. FRANK T. CARTWRIGHT, administrative secretary of the Board of Missions, will fly to London, England, on September 15, on the first leg of a visit to Asia to confer on future Methodist missionary work in the far Pacific. After conferences in London with representatives of the International Missionary Council and with leaders of various societies, Dr. Cartwright will fly to Rangoon, Burma, to Singapore, Malaya, to Hong Kong, China, and to Formosa. In each area he will confer with Methodist bishops and other missionary leaders on policies and programs of Christian church, school, and medical work. He is especially concerned with the Church's ministry to the millions of Chinese who are in these outlying areas and cut off from the communist-controlled mainland of China.

ANY AMERICAN can be an Andrew Carnegie type of philanthropist for the sum of \$25, says Dr. Frank Laubach, famed world literacy expert. The donation would actually create a working public library in a village of India, he declares. The originator of the Each-One-Teach-One Literacy program sees his library idea carried a step closer to reality with endorsement of the project by the United Church Women. The UCW recommends that local councils of church women back the project to the limit. The portable libraries, as envisaged by Dr. Laubach, would consist of 40 to 60 small simply-written books, a pest-and-damp-proof case to hold the books and an oil lamp to read by. Liter-

acy is making such rapid strides in the rural districts of India, Dr. Laubach says, that these libraries are imperative. Immediate objective of the UCW campaign is financing libraries of 300 villages in the Allahabad area.

CLERGY LOSING BATTLE WITH RISING LIVING COSTS

New York—(RNS)—Clergymen have fared far worse than factory workers or store clerks in the battle with rising living costs in recent years, according to a report issued here by the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Benson Y. Landis, associate director of the Council's department of research and survey, said a study made by his department showed that "not only have Protestant ministers been unable to keep up with rising living costs but, in terms of purchasing power they were nearly 13 per cent worse off in 1951 than 12 years before."

By comparison, he said, official U. S. government figures showed that during the same period—in terms of 1939 dollars—the income of manufacturing workers increased 42 per cent and that of service trades employees 33 per cent.

Dr. Landis said the National Council study was based on incomes of clergymen in three denominations which were selected because their salary figures were complete and comparable—the Congregational Christian, United Presbyterian, and the Protestant Episcopal Churches.

The full results of the study are published in the 1953 Yearbook of American Churches, compiled by Dr. Landis' department, which will be out Sept. 14.

TEXAS STEEL PLANT APPOINTS CHAPLAIN

Little Rock, Ark.—(RNS)—Spreading of the industrial chaplaincy idea in the Southwest was evidenced here with the announcement that the Rev. James W. Workman, local Methodist minister, has been named chaplain of a steel plant in Lone Star, Tex.

Dr. Workman, pastor of a North Little Rock church and chaplain of the Veterans Hospital here, said he has been "put on the payroll" of the Lone Star Steel Co. to be available for consultations with its workers, help them contact area churches, and to conduct Protestant services in a chapel to be built on the company grounds.

He said the chapel also will contain appropriate altars for Roman Catholic and Jewish services which are to be conducted by members of those faiths.

The Rev. J. Gordon Paterson, chaplain of the Dearborn Stove Co., has conducted a spiritual program, including a daily 10-minute prayer service, in that company's Dallas, Tex. plant for nearly three years. Elsewhere in Texas, noon-time religious services have been held for some years, usually by employees who also are ordained ministers, at the Sinclair and Shell oil refineries in Houston and at the John Mitchell Jr. Co., cotton gin manufacturers, in Dallas.

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OUR BALLOTS ARE SECRET

Last November we Americans went into our polling booths and cast our ballots in a national election. It is stirring to see sixty million citizens exercise their precious privilege of voting by free and secret ballot.



In the voting booth each of us is equal to every other citizen, each able to cast one vote, each independent and unobserved. There is something sobering, even exalting when one stands alone with his conscience and his God to choose his leaders.

I was glad that the representatives of Russia and her satellites were present on our shores to observe an election day in our country. In America our candidates criticize each other but we do not shoot our opponents.

Right now each of us, wherever we are, is in the process of voting on some issue. Let's think about this business of secret balloting in life. And I should like to view it in the light of something the Master said, as recorded in Luke. Read this: "Whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed upon the housetops."

Each of us thinks in secret. Secrecy is essential to our selfhood. We could not be ourselves if we had no chambers of thought which we could lock from the inside. There are times when we have to withdraw into ourselves in order to be ourselves.

And this secrecy is essential to our association with others. The shallow person who chatters forth everything that comes into his head and carries all his emotions on his sleeve does not invite deep abiding friendship. We prefer those persons of quiet dignity who reveal by their reserve that they have thoughts too deep for words. We like to look into eyes which have a depth that indicates emotions not exposed to everybody's gaze. We like the persons who can keep their own secrets because it is to them that we feel like trusting our secrets.

Let us go on to remind ourselves that in these secret places of the mind, decisions are continuously being registered. If we had any meters which could record the movements of our minds as we have meters to clock our taxicabs, we would find that they keep running every waking moment.

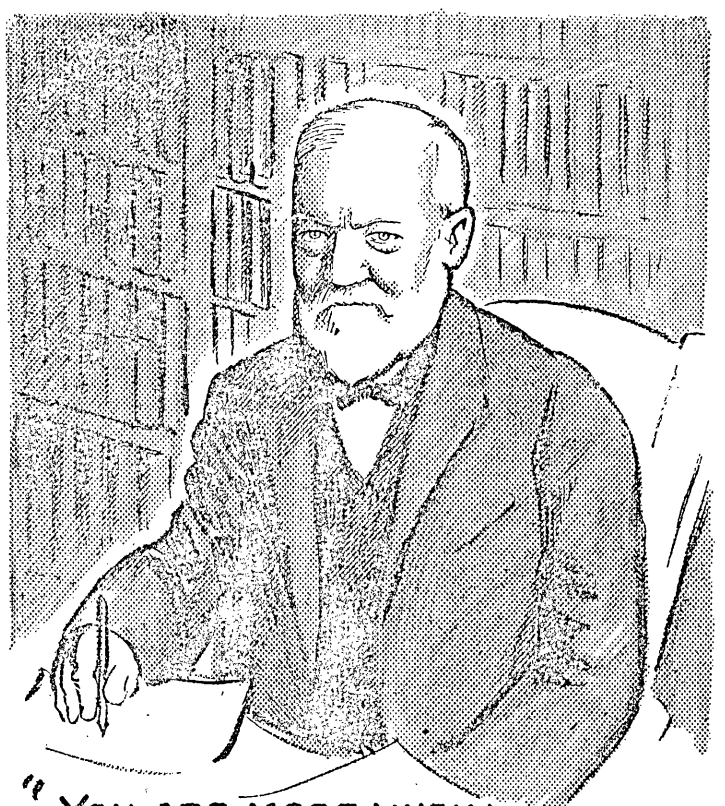
We speak of idle thoughts, that is, those thoughts which drift into the mind and then drift out with nothing seemingly done about them. But something IS done about them and they do something to us. No thoughts are really idle and when we dismiss them they do not clear out completely.

As the Master said, that which we say to ourselves does eventually come out into the open. How? Perhaps in slips of the tongue or in actions when we are off our guard.

Some times our inner thoughts eventually register themselves in our facial expressions. Gilbert Stuart, the artist, once met Talleyrand, the wily French politician. After studying Talleyrand's face, Stuart is reported to have said, "If that man is not a scoundrel, God does not write a legible hand." Our secret thoughts do eventually affect the look in our eyes and the lines in our faces.

Also our inner daily decisions show in life's emergencies. What we do

QUOTES OF DISTINCTION



"...YOU ARE MORE LIKELY TO FAIL IN YOUR CAREER FROM ACQUIRING THE HABIT OF DRINKING LIQUOR THAN FROM ANY OF THE OTHER TEMPTATIONS LIKELY TO ASSAIL YOU....FROM THE INSANE THIRST FOR LIQUOR, ESCAPE IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE —" *Andrew Carnegie*

in crises is the result of what we have been thinking and doing in the uneventful days and months preceding.

The secret ballots of last November have been counted. But the secret ballots of today and tomorrow are ever being counted by our God, "unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid."

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THE LIQUOR FOLKS ARE REALLY AFTER YOU!

The people who make and sell intoxicating liquors are really after your personal patronage in a big way. Last year they spent in excess of \$1.65 just to try to get you to use their stuff. They spent another \$1.65 to influence your son and a third \$1.65 to influence your daughter to follow the way of life that their business prosperity calls for. They spent \$1.65, in some form of advertising, for each man, woman and child in America, to induce them to purchase and consume their products. It must be a profitable business to admit of such an advertising outlay. And it is hard to keep out of the greedy grasp of its alluring and flattering lies.

The liquor interests come into your sense avenues almost every time you open a newspaper, whether your initial interest is world news or latest fashions. It comes into your living room via the television and the radio. Its car-cards entertain you with "success stories" and with the profiles of "distinguished men" when you ride the public conveyances. It invades your leisure or study hours in the colorful pages of many of the "class" magazines. Its "babbling-brook" gurgles assault you during the semi-sacred and sports programs on television. In fact, the

only sense through which liquor advertising has — as yet — been unable to reach you and your loved ones is that of smell! And, for all I know, the propaganda boys may be working on that now!

The inroads of the advertising reach the home, and, indeed, almost every phase of American life, directly or indirectly. Liquor advertisements in the nation's newspapers last year dropped \$32,557,000 into newspaper coffers; we hope that sum did not influence editorial policy or the selection of what news to print and what not to print. Nine leading magazines, with a total circulation of 25,000,000 plus, "earned" \$21,500,000 from liquor advertisements. (It should be noted also that 12 national magazines, with 38,000,000 total circulation, refuse to accept liquor advertising — and they survive profitably.) Now the advertisers are "working" two new projects: one, to sell liquor (especially beer) to the home by way of the mother and housewife who gets it in the grocery store, and who "knows that beer belongs in the American way of life"; and two, to reach the children in your home and mine — "tomorrow's consumers" — through tie-ins of clever liquor jingles and alluring drinking words and scenes with football, baseball, boxing and other sporting-athletic events. "If its good on TV or to the winning pitcher, it ought to be good in my refrigerator and to me."

Yes, "the brewers' big horses" may not be running over your children in the streets (as the old temperance song suggested), but the brewer and the distiller are after you and your children in a more dangerous way than ever before. They are running over your minds as well as your bodies — and it's almost impossible to get out of their path.

It is difficult to know what one person, or

even a group, can do in the face of this propaganda tide. Perhaps the least one can do is to join with Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker (president) and the National Temperance and Prohibition Council (209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.) in their "crusade against liquor advertising." Part of the "crusade" is to engage in personal correspondence with editors, publishers, radio and television station managers; commending those who refuse liquor advertisements; protesting to those who do. For further information on the "crusade," write to Bishop Hammaker.

ARE YOU ONLY A STATISTIC

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they are wanted and needed. Many a person has denied himself or herself the rich experience of learning simply because he or she did not feel they were wanted in a class. Secondly, since people usually do what they want to do, the inactive must be led to the place where their interest has been quickened in the church school. This must be done by some means consistent with a worthy goal and not simply to swell the attendance for a particular Sunday or to win an attendance contest. Thirdly, since most people are creatures of habit, that interest must be maintained long enough to fix securely in the weekly routine of pupils the habit of regular attendance at the activities of the church school.

Too many Methodists are content to be just a statistic in one of the columns of a report on enrollment. As long as there is no full participation in the program of the local church school, there is little chance that a person will ever come into a complete and satisfying understanding of the Christian gospel. Are you just a statistic?

World-wide Communion And World-wide Needs

By HARRY N. HOLMES

Vice-Chairman of Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief

"A HUNGRY MAN is not interested in the Four Freedoms so much as in four sandwiches."

This arresting sentence came glowing from the lips of former Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, the U. S. representative at the United Nations as he addressed an audience of 15,000 Service Club men on World Relief in Madison Square Garden, New York. It vividly and compellingly reminded all present of the global tragedy surrounding our Continent of plenty and gave a directive for action if American hopes, ideals and even our democracy are to triumph.

Someone with a poignant knowledge of the Far East transposed the sentence to read, "A starving child cannot be interested in the Four Gospels when he obviously needs four spoonfuls of rice."

Those who think the millions given by governments should suffice should heed the words of Mr. John Foster Dulles spoken when he was Secretary of State-designate to the National Council of Churches meeting in Denver.

"Let our people, as private persons, more abundantly dispense aid and comfort to those who are materially less fortunate. In this matter, as in others, we have come to feel too much that the task is only Governmental. The total quantity of food and clothing given by Christian agencies since the end of World War II approaches 1000 million pounds.

"What has been done illustrates the immense possibilities of private effort. The good to others, and the goodwill of others, could and would be multiplied many fold if our people realized more fully that Government grants are never a substitute for private charity."

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief during the thirteen years of its organized life, has distributed over twelve million dollars given by the church people of American Methodism.

It has gone to alleviate the appalling needs of men, women and children, without discrimination of race, creed or color and has been channelled in its use by the missionaries of the church, Church World Service and the World Council of Churches. This unceasing stream of beneficence has gone to tortured, uprooted people everywhere, bringing the touch of life, cheer, warmth, health and courage. Over vast areas it has changed hopelessness and despair to a faith that someone does care and that there can be a brighter future and not one of utter futility.

It is a story, a great achievement in Christ's name in which the church can take justifiable pride, not forgetting, however, that the full glory of a good deed comes not in the beginning but in continuing to the end.

The observance of World-Wide Communion Sunday on October 4 will bring a consciousness of the universality and solidarity of Christians and of our inescapable responsibility to make an offering to assist in meeting urgent human need. Together with the Committee for Overseas Relief, the Commission on Chaplains and Camp Activities will share in the gifts.

Areas of Special Concern

Great demands for help frequently come swiftly and unexpectedly and the Committee must have resources to meet an immediate need.

Three countries this past year suffered tremendously from unusually severe and devastating hurricanes and storms and immediate



action was taken. Holland was sent \$50,000 when acute distress came to that industrious land in the havoc wrought by an invasion of stormy ocean waters unprecedented in history. Fiji received a check for \$2000 when a tornado destroyed scores of churches and hundreds of homes in that island mission land where 80% of the native race are members of The Methodist Church. Assistance was given to Japan when raging floods brought widespread desolation. The expressions of gratitude which came back would have made glad the heart of every contributor.

Korea

All can rejoice in the truce which has silenced the guns of war, but the frightful task of restoring that battle-desolated land so that the gallant people can live, still faces the world. Korea has been scorched again and again. The poverty and squalor are almost terrifying. American casualties have been heavy but Korean losses have been ten times as many. President Eisenhower has suggested a fund of two hundred million dollars to bring back Korean soil to productivity. In coming months the need can easily exceed even the needs of the past.

India and Pakistan

Today, tonight and tomorrow, boys and girls and older people by the hundreds of thousands will be weak from hunger. The greatest need of these lands is food. Every minute of every day one person in India dies of tuberculosis. The 500,000 Methodists in India and Pakistan have been given new heart by the support of MCOR and the need is still acute beyond description.

Hong Kong

Hundreds of thousands of refugees are pouring into this city from the Chinese mainland. The normal population of about 600,000 has trebled. Nearly all these people have lost everything. A monthly grant is helping to meet cases of the utmost destitution and now MCOR is called upon to help a new venture in the establishing of a Wesley Village which, approved by the local government, promises much in human service in the future.

When you are participating in the Lord's Supper on World-Wide Communion Sunday may these great needs come so close to you and everyone with you that the response in a gift may be worthy of a true servant of Jesus Christ.

GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP AVAILABLE

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Methodist Board of Education has established five new fellowships for graduate students who are planning careers in college and seminary teaching.

The fellowships, each with a basic stipend of \$2,000, will be awarded for the 1954-55 scholastic year, it was announced by Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, director of the Department of Theological Schools in the church board's Division of Educational Institutions. The board has its national headquarters here.

"The primary purpose of these fellowships is to increase the effectiveness of teaching in Methodist schools of theology, and they are intended for students who are looking forward to teaching careers in our seminaries or to teaching religion at the college and university level," Dr. McCulloh said.

Applicants for the awards must have been students within the last five years at one of the 10 Methodist seminaries and have completed a year's study toward the Ph.D. degree.

The fellowships may be awarded also for post-doctoral study, Dr. McCulloh said, and ordinarily are to be granted for one year only. The grants may be used in Methodist institutions or any other recognized graduate school in the world, he added.

Dr. McCulloh is executive secretary of the awards committee. Other members are: Dean Clarence T. Craig of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.; Prof. Albert Outler of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.; Prof. L. Harold DeWolf of Boston University School of Theology, and Prof. Albert Barnett of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

RURAL CHURCH STRONGER

Amid strong signs that the rural church in America is showing new strength, reversing downward trends of the past several decades, nearly one thousand religious and agricultural leaders will meet for the tenth annual National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country in Saint Paul, Minn., October 27-29.

"Today more than ever before, denominational and other leaders and workers are applying themselves to the task of revitalizing the country churches," declared Don F. Pielstick, executive director of the National Council of Churches' department of town and country church, announcing the Convocation.

"With intensive new programs, new and broader approaches to how the churches can best serve rural families, the country churches themselves are making a definite comeback," Dr. Pielstick said. "Another factor is a new kind of rural pastor — vigorous young men fully aware of today's farm life problems and dedicated to easing and solving them on an individual and community-wide basis."

The Convocation, sponsored by the National Council's Division of Home Missions through its department of town and country church, will take up such problems as rural youth, country-city relations, migrant labor and other low-income farm families, and enriching rural community life.

Principal speakers to be heard during the general sessions of the meeting include Rainer Schickele of the North Dakota Agricultural College, who will discuss ethical issues in farm policy; Baker Brownell, of Northwestern University, speaking on factors of vitality in rural life; A. D. Mattson of Augustana Theological Seminary, on rural aspects of the Christian mission.

William W. Biddle, director of community dynamics at Earlham College will address the gathering on redemptive leadership in small communities; and Rockwell C. Smith of Garrett Biblical Institute will speak on the rural church and the changing scene.

Addressing the closing general session, Ira W. Moomaw, educational secretary of Agricultural Missions, Inc., and an agricultural missionary in India for eighteen years, will discuss rural trends of the future.

Cooperating with the National Council of Churches in holding the Convocation are the Minnesota and Saint Paul Councils of Churches.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

A Little Rock Youth Tells

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CARAVANER

By CAROLYN TULL

HAVE you ever dreamed of what it would be like to be rich? Have you watched television, listened to the radio, attended the movies, read the many current magazine stories and books about other peoples' exciting adventures, both real and fictitious, and wished that something exciting would happen to you that would change your life? Of course you have. All of us have, because it is natural for us to want to be something and do something that counts.

Well, I have just had an exciting adventure that has changed my life and helped me to see very clearly what I want in my future. I feel suddenly rich, not in material things, but in something far more valuable. May I tell you about it?

I left Little Rock June 15, for my Caravan Training Center at Indianola, Iowa. There I joined 33 other college young people, 10 adult counselors, and six staff members for a ten-day training period. The second week team assignments were made and we learned where and with whom we would work for the following six weeks. I had looked forward to this experience, but I had no idea what lay before me and only those who have been Caravaners can fully appreciate what it means, but these are some of the things Caravaning meant to me this summer:

I had the privilege of meeting some of the finest young people in our country, visited in their homes and churches, had fun and fellowship with them. The daily opportunity to witness for Christ enriched my faith and increased my first hand knowledge of the Christian religion.

Through my work with young people in the different church communities, both urban and rural, I gained confidence in myself and others along with a sense of satisfaction in doing my best to serve. I learned new ideas in the different phases of church work such as, recreation, worship, organizational work in the MYF, the needs of young people today and some ways of meeting them, and the promotion of active good will.

Two words that had not previously meant a good deal to me became watch words that will benefit me in other things I do the rest of my life. These words are "ADAPTABILITY" and "FLEXIBILITY." I know now that many a difficult situation can be saved or problem solved if people would only learn to adapt themselves to new and strange places and people and that every situation doesn't have to fit an exact pattern. As we worked together as a unit we learned team work and the importance of the words cooperation and harmony. Not only the meaning of the words but the actual practice of them in our work and living together. We learned to pray with others and for others as well as for ourselves as most of us had heretofore done. We learned how much personal devotions and talks with God can mean. There is a certain spirit among Caravaners that I had not found anywhere else. The inspiration, the laughs, the serious moments and even the sad moments will be precious memories for me always. Somewhere during these weeks we spent together, I realized that there are people with problems harder to solve than mine,

The Answer to A Thirteen-Year-Old Boy's Prayer

LORD, WHAT CAN I DO?

By JACK TIPTON

News Editor, Manila Sentinel

KNEELING at the foot of a pine-covered hill where sparkling waters eddied into a rock-rimmed pool colored blue like a noon day sky, a thirteen-year-old Boy Scout felt an urge to pray. And he prayed in the way that only thirteen year olds can pray. "What can I do?" he asked.

This Boy Scout, kneeling alone in the deepening twilight, felt a comfort such as he had never known. With tousled head bent in humble prayer and eyes closed in pure thoughtfulness he felt the presence of something strange, uplifting, foreign but inspiring; powerful and compelling.

"What can I do, Lord?" he prayed. "What can I do?"

Reverently he raised his head and reverently he opened his youthful eyes. The first thing that greeted his sight was a glittering star high over the treetops and he stood up.

"God," he said, in a hushed tone. "Darkness over the face of this earth but up there is a light to guide humanity through this night and, Lord, help me," this thirteen year old Boy Scout said, "to light the way of life through preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Norris Steele, this thirteen year old boy, returned to the camp fires dotting Camp Cedar Valley where Troop 32 of Manila was spending a week's outing in the Scout Camp. Soon he was joining others in various activities.

But, the thirteen year old boy reasoned, there is a task ahead for those who dedicate their lives to God and I must be about my business. He felt a deep compelling urge to keep one refreshing thought in his mind, the knowledge of what he must do and the belief that God would want it done.

And thus began an intensive period of study and preparation that was destined to cover many years. In 1945, Norris graduated from Manila High School. One month before receiving his diploma he asked Miss Virginia Faye Davidson to become his bride. Miss Davidson, teaching

and troubles worse than mine. I feel that I achieved a measure of maturity that perhaps would have taken several years to attain under ordinary circumstances.

Two years ago I dedicated my life to full time Christian service, and I plan to be a Youth Director after I graduate from Hendrix College next May. Caravaning this year helped me see more clearly what my work will be like and some of the things that will be expected of me. It gave me a small sample of the ways I can help to further God's Kingdom here on earth.

My Caravaning experience made me want to join the ranks of other followers of the Master and in the words of that great hymn, say: "O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free; Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee, in closer dearer company; In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong; In peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me live."



REV. NORRIS STEELE

in the Manila Schools at that time, felt the high ideals and ambitions of this young man and, she reasoned, a consecrated dedication to the principles of Christian living would indeed be a never-failing foundation. So, they were married.

A few months later, Norris enrolled at Arkansas State College in Jonesboro. Two years later he transferred to Hendrix College where he later received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy of Religion. Later, he and his wife moved to Alvord, Texas and from there to Krum, Texas, where Norris continued preaching with four days a week study at the Southern Methodist University at Dallas where he studied in Perkins School of Theology. He received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree June 2, 1953.

"Making a fifty mile trip to Dallas from Krum, Texas, four days a week meant a lot of extra work for us but with Virginia's help and push, I finally made it," Mr. Steele told members of the Manila, Arkansas Methodist Church in a sermon preached recently there.

Mr. Steele began preaching in 1946 at Cloverbend, Ark. Then he was sent to the old Walnut Ridge Circuit where he served the churches of Sedgwick, Egypt, Portia, and Powhatan for two years. He was then sent to Morrilton Circuit Number One and from there to Plummerville, Ark., and then to Texas.

Norris was ordained a Deacon in the Methodist Church in June, 1952, at Blytheville, and admitted to full connection of the North Arkansas Conference.

He was ordained an Elder, Friday, June 12, at Fayetteville in the Central Methodist Church during the recent annual conference of Methodist Churches.

Rev. Norris Steele was assigned to the Hickory Ridge-Fisher Circuit a short time ago and he and his family are now entering full time work in the Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mr. Steele spoke from the pulpit of the Manila Methodist Church recently and related a portion of his experiences. "I dedicated my life to God" he said. "At Camp Cedar Valley when I was a 13 year old Boy Scout," he added. "Sometimes I would think the going was tough

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TEAM WORK—Carolyn Tull, right, of Little Rock, caravanned during the summer at churches in the southern part of Iowa. Her caravan teammates were Marion Urbach of Western Nebraska, Miss Velma Larson of Titonka, Iowa, counselor and, standing, Charles Lewis of Atlanta, Ga. During the past week Miss Tull, who is secretary of Wesley Foundation at Conway, attended the regional meeting of Methodist students at Hawkins, Texas.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Harrison Training School

A three-unit First Series Training School was held for the Harrison Area August 30-September 1, with the following courses being offered: Understanding the Bible, Dr. Meredith Eller; How to Teach in the Church School, Rev. Archie Boyd; The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Ira A. Brumley.

The following churches were represented in the school: Harrison, Valley Springs, Green Forest, and Berryville.

Clarksville School

A report coming to our office indicates that Clarksville has recently completed a one-unit training school conducted by the pastor for adult workers with youth.

We commend highly this type of program at this time, since so many of our adult workers with youth do not know the present youth program. It is important that they be given some guidance at this time.

Rev. Charles W. Lewis of Eureka Springs has recently been certified for the following courses: Educational Work of the Small Church (First Series), and Christian Education in the Church (Second Series).

Brother Lewis is planning to have a one-unit school in his church at an early date.

Turrell-Gilmore Charge is planning for a First Series Training School in September, to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Aubrey O. Hays.

A two-unit training school is being planned for the Manila Area, to be held September 20-22.

"The Bible And You"

"The Bible and You" is the title of a recent book written by Dr. Blair of Garrett Biblical Institute.

This is a splendid book for persons who would like to have guidance in how to read and study the Bible. Even persons who have had considerable Bible study would find this book most helpful. It may be ordered from The Methodist Publishing House, price, \$2.00.

Conway Area Institute

The Conway Area Institute, which is to be for the Conway District churches and a large number of churches of the Searcy District, will be held in First Church, Conway, September 15, beginning at 4:00 p. m.

The period from four to five will be a general session, to be followed by departmental and class groupings. Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior-Older Youth, Adult, and a general group for pastors, church school superintendents, and other general workers.

This will be the fourth of these large area meetings, since the three in eastern Arkansas were held September 8-10.

Curriculum Guidance Materials

Every local church school should

have one or more copies of the following free booklets:

Leaflet No. 190-BE, Resources for Leaders of Children

Booklet No. 2043-BE, Youth Plan-book

Brace Up Your Minds, which is the booklet on adult study courses.

These may be had free of charge from The Methodist Publishing House.

These materials are prepared annually for the purpose of helping local churches know about the materials to be used in the three divisions of the church school.

New Youth Materials

The General Board of Education has prepared quite a list of general free materials to guide in the developing of the new youth program of The Methodist Church. The following are a few of these materials:

2379-B, My Job in the MYF as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Chairman, Program Area Chairman

2380-B, My Job in the MYF in Christian Faith

2381-B, My Job in the MYF in Christian Witness

238-B, My Job in the MYF in Christian Outreach

2383-B, My Job in the MYF in Christian Citizenship

2384-B, My Job in the MYF in Christian Fellowship

2385-B, My Job in the MYF as Adult Worker with Youth

2386-B, My Job in the MYF in the Council

2387-B, "So You Do Care About Young People?" (One to a church)

2393-B, Your Church Commission on Education Can Help Win and Hold Young People

Local churches should secure these materials and place them in the hands of their youth and adult workers in the field of youth work.

ATTENDANCE AT LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Attendance totaled 983 adults and children at three regional leadership schools for church workers sponsored this summer by the Methodist Board of Education.

The Southeastern Jurisdictional school August 3-4 at Lake Junaluska, N. C., led in attendance with 372 adults and 81 youngsters, according to the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the board's Department of Leadership Education.

Sixteen of the jurisdiction's 17 annual conferences were represented at Lake Junaluska, he said, as well as 15 conferences of three other jurisdictions. There were two delegates from Baptist and Presbyterian churches.

The South Central Jurisdiction's school at Mt. Sequoyah, Ark., July 20-31, was attended by 297 adults and 88 children, coming from 16 of the 19 conferences.

The school for Negro workers July 1-8 at Gulfside, Miss., registered 100 adults and 45 children, representing 16 of the 17 annual conferences in the Central Jurisdiction.

At each training center the children were enrolled as pupils in laboratory schools for parents and teachers.

BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS RESPONSIBILITY IN FIELD OF CHURCH MUSIC

Nashville, Tenn.—The last General Conference gave the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education responsibility in the field of church music.

The responsibility involves two lines of action: (1) The Division "shall develop standards governing the work of the local church director of music" and (2) "serve as may be possible in advancing this field of work in the Church."

The Division's Department of General Church School Work, of which the Rev. Walter Towner is director, is taking the lead in implementing the legislation, Mr. Towner is now engaged in securing the names and churches of persons serving as directors or ministers of music—persons professionally trained and who are giving full time on an employed basis; and in securing a list of the training opportunities now open to them.

For some years a committee on music has functioned in the Local Church Division with each department of the Division being represented in the committee's membership. Members of the committee engage in a wide range of activities relating to church music. Some of these are:

Correspondence concerning a variety of questions about music — such as types of hymnals to use and guidance in the matter of recordings for children.

Preparation of leaders' guides for the three courses in music offered by the Division's Leadership Education Department.

Preparation of guidance material for music in youth summer agencies, in Christian Adventure Week, and in Youth Activities Week.

Counseling with persons interested in choosing music in the church as a vocation.

The committee has cooperated in

the institutes of church music that have been held at the Lake Junaluska Assembly for the past several years and in the Scarritt College workshops on music.

Members of the committee are: Mr. Towner, chairman; Miss Virginia Stafford, the Rev. Edwin F. Tewksbury, Miss Vera Zimmerman, Miss Emeline Crane, and the Rev. Richard G. Belcher.

"MR-32"

Nashville, Tenn.—"MR-32." . . . Well, what is it? A bomber? A submarine? A tank? A chemical compound A room number . . . No, it is not even a "Mister."

Now that we have held the reader in suspense, long enough to create interest (we hope), we will reveal the meaning of this cryptogram.

The "M" stands for "Methodist"; the "R" stands for "Record"; and the "32" is a stock number.

But even at this stage of revelation "MR-32" remains a symbol; and lest we appear to be verbose we hasten to the denouement.

"MR-32" is **The General Secretary-Treasurer's Book for Use in the Local Church School**. It includes all the blanks necessary for making a complete report of the church school each Sunday for a year.

Church school secretaries and treasurers who keep accurately the records called for in MR-32 will make a fine contribution to the statistical knowledge needed in the various connectional offices of the Church, according to Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education. It is upon such records that changes in policy and emphases concerning Christian education in the local church are sometimes based, he said.

MR-32 may be obtained from your Methodist Publishing House. Price, \$1.00.

VACATION SCHOOLS

The Humnoke Methodist Church held its Vacation School August 3 through August 7. There was an enrollment of 59 children with 50 receiving certificates.

Teachers were: Mrs. Charlie Calver and Mrs. Walter Birdsong, Intermediate; Mrs. Richard Trice and Mrs. Carthel Heffner, Junior; Mrs. C. N. Walker and Mrs. N. H. Way, Primary; Mrs. Les Ray, Mrs. Clyde Lacefield, Mrs. Jimmy Cheek and Mrs. Ward Terry, Beginner.

The Handicraft Committee consisted of Mrs. Bill Murphy, Mrs. Bobby Mattison, Mrs. I. H. Nute, Mrs. Sammy Starr and Mrs. Kenneth Way. Mrs. I. H. Nute was superintendent of the school.

On Friday, the closing day, the teachers sponsored a picnic on the church lawn for the children and parents. A short program was held in the church and a display of handicraft was held in the Sunday School rooms. Richard Trice, superintendent of the Sunday School awarded the certificates. A collection of \$13.41 was sent to the Methodist Children's Home. The newly organized Woman's Society of Christian Service helped finance the Vacation School.

Rev. Palmer Garner is pastor at Humnoke.

The Union Vacation Church School of the Crigler Community was held July 27 through July 31 with closing exercises on Friday evening, July 31. There was an enrollment of 96, with an average daily attendance of 88. The Kindergarten Department, under the leadership of Mrs. Nelson Craig, Mrs. J. B. Williamson and Mrs. Stevens, studied Jesus, The Friend. The Primary Department, taught by Mrs. Guy Roberts, Mrs. Russell McFalls and Mrs. J. T. Frizzell, studied Stories About Jesus. The Junior Department, taught by Mrs. J. R. Morris, Mrs. Louie Parish, Mrs. Curtis Erwin and Mrs. Shooks, studied People Who Lived In Jesus' Day. The Intermediates studied Exploring the Bible With Intermediates under the leadership of Mrs. E. A. White and Mrs. J. T. McEntire. Mrs. Virgie Fish and Mrs. Lester Nickels had charge of the music. Mrs. John D. Robinson, Jr., was general chairman. The pastor, Rev. W. T. Bone, gave devotional messages each day. A revival was held in connection with the school with five accepting Christ on profession of faith and joining the church.

USO TO STRENGTHEN RELIGIOUS PROGRAM

A "revised and strengthened" religious program for members of the armed services, to be set up in civilian communities near their military stations, is provided in a plan adopted in New York by the United Service Organizations (USO) Inc. Emil Schram, president, said the program will be activated shortly through the 265 clubs and centers the USO has in this country and overseas. Its primary objective, he said, is to arrange USO facilities so that, at scheduled times and in designated rooms of USO clubs, "members of any faith may carry on such a program as would satisfy their particular religious requirements." Other features of the plan call for USO clubs to provide information on local religious services, encourage service men and women to attend these services, seek to provide transportation to nearby congregations for them, arrange baby-sitter facilities for service married couples, and prepare kits including religious literature and articles as well as USO stationery for presentation to service people in hospitals or leaving the club's area. It also urges USO personnel to "actively undertake efforts to interest local clergy in the day-to-day operations" of the clubs and, wherever possible, set up religious advisory committees which will be available for "consultations, personal conferences with individuals or for religious ministrations."

Pathologist Sees Religious Faith Basic Personality Need

A basic need of the human personality is "spiritual belief involving some form of religious faith," Chief Psychologist John A. Blake of Central State Hospital at Petersburg, Va., says in the current issue of Mental Hygiene, publication of the National Association for Mental Health. Clinical psychology has come to recognize that man's character is in large part built on a relationship with "some exalted power lying outside himself," according to Mr. Blake. "Psychologists have observed," he added, "that when such a relationship, early acquired and strongly rooted in the depths of man's personality in infancy and childhood, is either lost or seriously disturbed in later life a conflict results, manifesting itself in some form and degree of personality disorder. 'Such conflicts may be just as profound as, or even more than, those due to purely secular frustration. In such cases, one might rightly say that man became literally 'sick in the spirit.'"

Old Testament Scholars Hold International Congress

One hundred seventy-five theologians of various denominations met in Copenhagen for the first international congress of Old Testament scholars since re-establishment in 1950 of the International Old Testament Society. Scholars came from all European countries, the United States, Canada, Israel and South Africa. An honored delegate was Mrs. Aage Bentzen, whose husband, a Danish Bible professor, laid the groundwork for the congress until his death two months ago.

East German Church Urged To Speak Up

A warning that the Evangelical Church in East Germany must not cease to speak up for right and justice because the Communist government there has stopped its anti-church campaign was sounded in Dusseldorf, Germany in "Kirche in der Zeit" monthly publication of the Evangelical Church in the Rhineland. The paper also cautioned against viewing the new Communist church policy as a permanent one. It said that "the Communist policy has always — but without leaving the general line — allowed for large tactical detours and concessions aimed at reaching a certain goal." "The Church will have to be strong enough not to be satis-

fied with getting some of its own requests fulfilled," the paper declared, "but must continue to demand right and justice as a God-given task. Only when the Church does this will it really have regained its freedom in East Germany."

Churchmen Get Advice On Radio-TV Programs

Blame for the inadequacy of religious programs on radio and television lies more with religious leaders than with radio-television executives, says Gilbert Seldes. The author of "The Great Audience" and other books on the entertainment field made this statement at a radio-TV workshop of the National Council of Churches at the Butler University School of Religion in Indianapolis. Mr. Seldes said broadcast officials are looking for different types of programs. If religious leaders were alert enough, he said, they would provide ideas for new programs to the network officials and to local stations — ideas that would in many cases be eagerly received. At the same time, Mr. Seldes said he saw a possible danger in too much televised religion. He said he feared religion might come to be regarded as "seeing someone on a TV screen" — an exterior experience rather than a personal one.

Nationalist Church Federation Formed In India

An All-India Federation of National Churches aimed at making churches in India independent of foreign control, has been set up in Bombay, India. Spokesmen said the Federation was open to all denominations in the country. The organization, they said, will encourage indigenous leadership in the hope of "making every Church in India independent." Foreign missionaries, Federation leaders declared, ought to come to India as guests of Christians here but should have no say in the administrative affairs of the churches. The new group apparently will be in competition with the National Council of India, an organization comparable in India to the National Council of Churches in the United States. The National Christian Council, founded 25 years ago, includes all major Protestant denominations in this country as members.

Navy Praises Heroism Of Its Korea Chaplains

The Navy has issued a statement praising the heroism of its 316 chaplains in Korea and reporting they have received 158 medals and decorations exclusive of campaign bars and unit awards from the Korean government. Since the Marines landed in South Korea in August 1950, some 166 Navy chaplains have served with leatherneck units and about 150 others on ships in Korean waters. Along with their regular duties chaplains have led Marines in Korea to construct or support six orphanages and to assist in the support of many others. One Marine battalion supported an entire Korean village of 1,500 people. In addition, Navy chaplains led in the construction of one Roman Catholic and five Protestant Churches.

Reports American Lutherans Have Ministerial Surplus

Most Protestant denominations have out "help wanted" signs for more ministers. But the American Lutheran Church, with four times

as many seminary graduates as before the war, has more young ministers than churches for them to serve. This was revealed by Dr. Marcus Dieke, the denomination's youth director, in an interview at the opening of the 11th convention of the International Luther League. As a result of the ministerial "surplus," the denomination has been able to supply chaplains for industrial plants and the armed services — "and for places we have never sent ministers before."

'Guardian' Of Ireland's Holy Mountain Dies

Father Angelus Healy, a Capuchin priest known to pilgrims from all over the world as the "guardian" of Croagh Patrick, Ireland's "Holy Mountain," died at the age of 78. He succumbed in County Mayo within sight of his beloved mountain where Saint Patrick fasted and prayed. The priest had gone to the mountain for his 42nd annual visit. Following this pilgrimage he became ill and was unable to return to Dublin.

Church Building Exhibition Planned In Los Angeles

A church design and building exposition, said to be the first of its kind west of Chicago, is planned in Los Angeles October 29-30 by the American Institute of Architects and the Chamber of Commerce. A feature will be an exhibit sent from New York by the National Council of Churches. Exhibition booths will be limited to 50, but invitations have been sent to 2,000 churches to participate.

Government Expects Rise In Parochial, Private School Enrollment

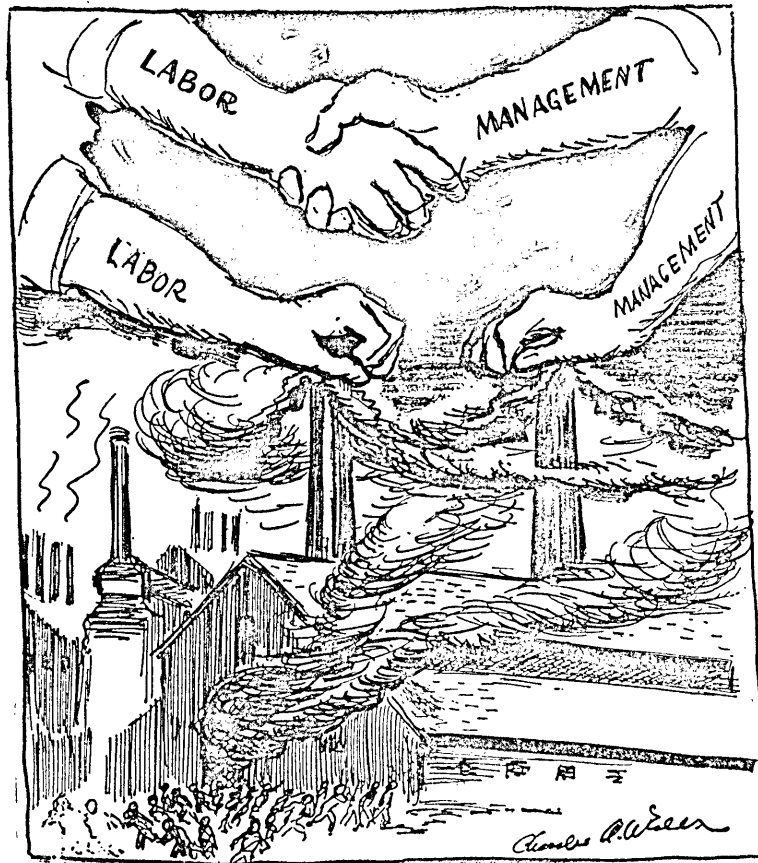
Parochial and private school enrollment will increase 291,000 in elementary and secondary schools in the 1953-54 school year, it was announced in Washington by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. With Roman Catholics accounting for about 90 percent of the total, the enrollment in non-public schools beginning this September is expected to reach 3,417,000 for elementary and 818,000 for secondary institutions. The Department said this was a gain of 244,000 in elementary school enrollment and 47,000 for secondary schools over the 1952-53 school year. Parochial and private schools will be responsible for 12 percent of the nation's elementary school children and 5½ percent of secondary students. Public elementary school children will total about 23,369,000 in 1953-54 compared with 22,039,000 in 1952-53. Secondary school enrollment is anticipated at 6,421,000, as against 6,197,000 the previous year. Another 2,500,000 will attend colleges, universities, and professional schools this fall, a gain of 100,000 over last year.

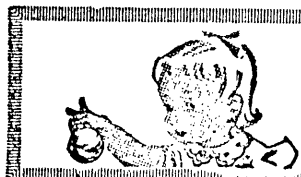
Warns Parts Of Westminster Abbey May Be Closed

A warning that Westminster Abbey is so urgently in need of repair some parts of it may have to be closed to the public was sounded at London by officials of the campaign to raise \$2,800,000 for restoration of the centuries-old Anglican shrine. Some of its parapets and pinnacles are in danger of crashing to the ground at any moment, Archdeacon Adam Fox, treasurer, said in appealing especially to British women to support the campaign launched last January by Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill.

GOODWILL OR STRIFE

Chas. A. Wells





THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



I AM GROWING UP

By Vera Channels

LUAN and her mother were hanging up the washing. "I got a book from the school today," said Mother.

"A book? What kind of book?"

"It's called 'We Are Five' and it tells all the things you should be able to do before you go to school."

"Will you read it to me?" asked Luan.

When the last sock was swinging in the breeze, Mother and Luan went into the house. Mother picked up the yellow book.

Luan could hardly wait. "What does the book say?"

"It tells about health rules," explained Mother as they sat together on the davenport. "I'll read the questions and you can answer them. . . . Does your child go to bed at seven?"

"Yes," said Luan.

"Does he eat meals regularly?"

"Yes," said Luan.

"Does he take baths often?"

"Yes," said Luan.

"Does he brush his teeth every day?"

"Yes," said Luan.

"You do all those things," Mother agreed. "Now we'll have safety rules." Luan knew them all. Mother read about learning to get along with other people. Luan did all those things, too. She decided she was big enough to go to school.

Then Mother came to this question: "Does your child take care of his things?" Mother stopped and smiled slowly at Luan.

Luan smiled back. "I forget."

"Well, we will just have to work on that one," said Mother.

So Luan ran upstairs. She hung up her clothes. She put her toys on the shelf. She made her bed. She put her slippers and pajamas in the closet. All the time she was singing a little song—

*I am growing up, I am growing up,
I know how to work and share,
I can dress and comb my hair,
I am growing up.*

"But I forget to take care of my things," she added. "Tomorrow I'll remember."

The next morning Luan hopped out of bed. She dressed herself. She washed her face and hands. She ate her breakfast and went out to play. She forgot all about her room!

At lunch, she saw the little yellow book on the table. She ran upstairs to straighten her room. But Mother already had done it. Luan came downstairs, slowly, singing—

*I am growing up, I am growing up,
I know the way to school,
I know each safety rule,
I am growing up.*

"But I forget to take care of my things," she added.

She thought and thought. "I know," she decided. "I need a string on my finger." So she asked Mother to tie a pink string on her finger to help her remember.

The next day Luan got up. She started singing to herself—

*I am growing up, I am growing up,
I brush my teeth and wash my ears,*

*And sleep and sleep till morning
nears,
I am growing up.*

"But I forget to take care of my things," she added.

Then Luan stopped and laughed. "I can do it right now," she thought.

Quickly she hung up her clothes, set her toys on the shelf, put her slippers and pajamas in her closet. And last of all, she threw the little pink string in the wastebasket. Then she hurried down to breakfast.

Mother looked at Luan's finger where the pink string had been, then looked away.

Luan just chuckled to herself. Mother would be surprised when she went upstairs and found Luan's room all straightened up.

"Now I am big enough to go to school," she whispered to herself.—
In the Christian Advocate

THE LITTLE GREY HEN

My little grey hen, where can she be?

*She did not come to breakfast,
And she did not come to tea.*

I looked in the hayloft, she was not there,

I looked in the stable and everywhere;

All around the orchard and right down the lane.

Oh, little grey hen, please come back again.

*One sunny morning at half-past ten,
Out of the woods marched little grey hen*

With twelve fluffy, baby chicks, yellow and black—

Clever little grey hen is safely back.

—Copied from The Children's Newspaper

Eight-year-old Tommy was trying to thread a needle, with no success. Finally he turned to his mother and complained: "Every time I get the thread anywhere near the eye, it blinks."—Louisville Courier-Journal Magazine

UNWRITTEN MUSIC

Did you ever hear the fire sing—really sing? Listen when the logs are burning in the fireplace, and perhaps you may hear a sweet musical note, almost like a low birdsong, made by the escape of imprisoned sap in the wood.

Sometimes when you are walking where wires are strung overhead, you may catch the song of Nature's windharp playing musically.

The small stream hurrying along its pebbled path is musical with a rippling, laughing song that changes with every twist of its channel and every obstacle in its course.

If you live near the pine-forest or have a chance to go camping under its green boughs, you may hear another kind of music when the wind wakes—soft, sighing notes. At first it often seems to be sad music, but as you listen more intently, the song becomes a peaceful, dreamy one.

There is liquid, tinkling music in the thin cascade, but in the heavy waterfall Mother Nature pulls out all the stops and gives us a crashing chord.

When the leaves of the poplar tree dance in the breeze, their brisk staccato notes are like the lilting voice of a gentle April shower.

Again Nature sounds her bass drums in the booming ocean-breakers in the pounding of waves on the rock-strewn shore.

All this—and more—unwritten music is for the ears that listen. We can go about deaf to such melodies and their messages, if we never stop to catch and interpret the music. But our enjoyment of life is far greater if we cultivate the habit of tuning our ears to Nature's songs. The closer we come to old Mother Nature, the more of her secrets will she reveal.

The next time you go for a stroll along the lakeshore or for a ramble through the woods, go with your ears alert to catch musical tones and you will hear melody in sounds which you never before had thought of as music.—Josephine E. Toal, in Canadian Churchman

THE FRIENDLY STAR

There are millions and millions of stars in the sky—

But one of them is my own.

And when I am sitting alone

I see them all pass by.

But one gives a wink

—At least, so I think—

As he stands on the brink

Of the wide moon-river flowing so white.

And the millions and millions of stars in the sky

Pass in procession—a proud

And glittering, glistening crowd—

As lights on a river pass by.

But one stops awhile,

And gives a bright smile

In the friendliest style

Where the white moon-river is flowing all night.

—Padraig O'Horan

From "Child Education Magazine"

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

The wild dog of Australia does not bark but gives out a forlorn-sounding howl!

Only one-third of the Sahara Desert is sand. The rest is stony or mountainous!

Although one would expect Greenland to be a country covered with growing green grass and trees and flowers, it is really a land of ice. All except a very small part of Greenland is exactly as we are told in one of our hymns, "Greenland's icy mountains" —Children's Newspaper

JUST FOR FUN

Slap: "A dime and nickel were rolling across a bridge, and the nickel fell in. Why didn't the dime?"

Hap: "The dime had more cents."

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Two boys had been fishing from the bank for hours. Finally, one turned to the other and commented: "We aren't having much luck, are we?"

"Naw," came the reply. "I don't believe my worm's even tryin'."

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At a recent performance of a school operetta, Hansel and Gretel had just pushed the wicked old witch into the oven and slammed the door tight.

A few minutes later, during a lull in the music, a small voice in the balcony piped excitedly, "Look in and see if she's done yet!"—Etta Palmblade, NEA Journal

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Wandering aimlessly along a lonely road, a summer visitor met a native. "Say, pal," exclaimed the visitor, "I'm lost." "Is there any reward for you?" asked the native. "No, why?" asked the visitor.

"Well," replied the native, "then you're still lost."—Ohio State Sun-dial

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Patient: "I can't sleep nights, Doc. How do you treat sleeplessness?"

Doctor: "I strike at the original cause of the trouble."

Patient: "Here's the hammer. Doc. Only don't strike the baby too hard!"



TIME FOR SCHOOL

*I'm happy about so many things
Like the sun, then rain so cool,
Trees and brooks and friendly folks
And time to start to school.*

*I cannot read or write at all,
You say I'm in a fix?
But you will understand it
When you know I'm only six.*

—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

Louisiana Conference School Of Missions



Miss Anna Givens of Lafayette, a J-3, shows Mrs. Allen Jernigan, left, and Mrs. Ruth Worrell, right, the island of Kyushu where she worked for the past three years as a short-term missionary. Mrs. Jernigan of Baton Rouge, is a former missionary to China. Mrs. Worrell recently made a trip around the world under the sponsorship of several denominations and as a "good will ambassador" for the government. She visited centers of work sponsored by the Woman's Division in the countries on her itinerary.

Among the delegates to the Louisiana School of Missions this year was Miss Anna Givens of Lafayette, who returned in July from Japan where she has served as a missionary for the past three years.

A "J-3", Miss Givens was under the supervision of the Woman's Division, working at Kagoshima, on the island of Kyushu.

Approximately 225 women attended the conference school held August 24-28 at Centenary College, Shreveport.

Miss Givens is the daughter of Mrs. A. H. Givens of Lafayette and a member of Davidson Memorial Methodist Church there. She attended Southwest Louisiana Institute, graduating in 1948 with a degree in social welfare. Following her graduation she was welfare visitor in Acadia Parish as a staff member of the state Department of Public Welfare.

She was active in Wesley Foundation, and has worked with local church groups.

Miss Givens will enter Scarritt College this month to begin work on her Master's Degree in religious education.

She was the speaker for the Missions at Mid-Century Hour at the

school Wednesday, illustrating her lecture with slides of her work in Japan.

Classes and instructors at this year's school were: "The Life and Task of the Church around the World," Mrs. Ruth M. Worrell, Columbus, Ohio, formerly executive secretary of the United Council of Church Women; "Jeremiah," Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Shreveport, former president of the conference and jurisdictional societies; "Spanish-Speaking Americans," Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Lake Charles, conference secretary of spiritual life; and "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility," Dr. Earl Hotalen, Baton Rouge, director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

Departmental clinics were offered by conference officers. Workshops were: "Christian Youth and Vocation," Mrs. J. B. Pollard; "The Circle, Its Purpose and Plan," Mrs. Warren Constant; "Education Opportunities in the Woman's Society," Mrs. Glenn Laskey; and "The Woman's Society in the Total Church Program," Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait.

Mrs. Warren Constant, Bunkie, was dean of the school. She is secretary of missionary education.

Sixth Annual Assembly Of United Church Women

Mrs. Henry H. Tucker, President of the Arkansas Council Church Women, announces that a special bus chartered from the Arkansas Motor Coaches will leave Little Rock from October 2 for Atlantic City carrying 28 Arkansas women to the Sixth Annual Assembly of the United Church Women. The Round Trip Fare including hotels and meals for the three day trip en route \$60.00 per person. The Arkansas Motor Coaches will make the necessary reservations and arrangements en route. Hotels at Atlantic City range from \$7.00 a day to \$12.00 a day, and reservations must be made by

individuals.

The Assembly opens October 5, and closes October 8, at which time the bus will leave Atlantic City, arriving at Little Rock October 11.

Registration at the Assembly will be \$10.00.

The program will be wonderful; one of the speakers will be President Eisenhower.

For more information concerning the trip write Mrs. Henry H. Tucker, 3 Shannon Drive, Little Rock; or Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Grady. As the bus will only accommodate 28 persons, reservations should be sent to Mrs. Tucker as soon as possible.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Horace Herrin of Rayne Memorial, New Orleans has accepted the office of Secretary of Student Work in the New Orleans District Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Herrin's duties begin September 1.

Mrs. E. B. Wilson of Ola opened her home for a pot-luck supper and meeting of the Danville Wesleyan Service Guild, Thursday evening, August 27th. Twenty were present.

Following the meal which was served on the spacious living porch, members went to the living room for the business and program meeting. Mrs. Dickey Keathley presided over the business in the absence of the president, Mrs. Robert Pledger. Mrs. A. B. Grace was leader for the program service.—Reporter

"Adopted" by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church in Beatrice, Nebraska, a young Korean girl — all too familiar with war's horrors — has been attending the summer laboratory school at Chadron State Teachers College. Miss Marsha Kim, 15, was brought to the United States when

a Beatrice family became interested in her case. The WSCS is sponsoring her high-school education.

The date of the Monticello District Seminar has changed from September 25th to September 28th.

A Woman's Society of Christian Service has been organized at the Oak Grove Church, Camden District. Mrs. Ray Martin, McKamie, is the president.

The Fayetteville District will hold its Fall Seminar Friday, September 11th at Eureka Springs Church.

More than 100 members of the Forrest City Wesleyan Service Guild met Friday, September 4 at the Forrest City Methodist Church for supper. Mrs. Julian Vogel, District Guild Secretary, presided, and Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro, was the guest speaker.

Miss Helen Dillahunt, Little Rock District Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, presided at the regular meeting of the District Guild at Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, Friday, August 30. Rev. J. Edwin Keith spoke on Stewardship.

FINANCIAL REPORT—NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE FIRST QUARTER—1953-54

RECEIPTS:	
Pledge to Missions:	
W.S.C.S.	8,828.94
W.S.G.	2,228.60
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	485.00
W.S.G.	70.00
Missionary Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	392.52
W.S.G.	2.50
"In Remembrance" Gifts:	
W.S.G.	5.00
Children—Gifts to Missions:	
W.S.C.S.	11.80
World Federation:	
W.S.C.S.	4.27
Narcotic Education:	
W.S.C.S.	143.95
W.S.G.	13.75
Supplies:	
W.S.C.S.	1,540.31
W.S.G.	224.20
Miscellaneous:	
W.S.C.S.	13.10
TOTAL, W.S.C.S.	\$11,419.89
TOTAL, W.S.G.	2,544.05
TOTAL received from	13,963.94
District Treasurers	
From P. E. Cooley—M.Y.F.	254.96
School of Missions, Hendrix	
Adult Life Membership	25.00
TOTAL Received 1st	279.96
quarter 1953-54	\$14,243.90
Balance brought forward	
June 1st, 1953	13,104.05
TOTAL to be accounted for	\$27,347.95

DISBURSEMENTS:	
TO DIVISION:	
Pledge to Missions:	
W.S.C.S.	\$ 9,303.95
W.S.G.	2,100.00
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	855.00
W.S.G.	70.00
Missionary Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	392.52
W.S.G.	2.50
"In Remembrance" Gifts:	
W.S.G.	5.00
World Federation:	
W.S.C.S.	4.27
M.Y.F.:	
W.S.C.S.	254.96
Children—Gifts to Missions:	
W.S.C.S.	11.80
TOTAL, W.S.C.S.	\$10,822.50
TOTAL, W.S.G.	2,177.50
TOTAL Credit on	\$13,000.00

Supplies—Home:	
W.S.C.S.	1,535.31
W.S.G.	148.95
Supplies—Foreign:	
W.S.G.	75.25
Total, W.S.C.S.	1,535.31
Total, W.S.G.	224.20
TOTAL, Supplies	1,759.51
Replace Membership pins	11.25
TOTAL sent to division	\$14,770.76

SPENT OTHERWISE:	
COOPERATIVE:	
Arkansas Council of Church	
Women	\$ 25.00
Narcotic Education	250.00

"Sunshine Fund," Booneville	25.00
Dora Hoover Scholarship, Hendrix	350.00
Car expense for workers	140.00
Total	790.00
ADMINISTRATIVE:	
District Cultivation	663.20
Jurisdiction Cultivation	250.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions	126.50
Conference School of Missions	175.15
Officers expense	432.28
Total	1,922.97
MISCELLANEOUS:	
Marker for Dora Hoover's grave	50.00
New car, tax, license, etc.	1,364.24
Audit	40.00
Exchange, etc.	29.75
Total	1,483.99

TOTAL Disbursed 1st quarter,	1953-'54
1953-'54	\$18,967.72
Balance on Books August 31, 1953	8,380.23

TOTAL to be accounted for	\$27,347.95
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SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS
BATESVILLE DISTRICT: Adult: Miss Maxie Marfield, Batesville First Church W.S.G. Baby: David Bruce McFarland, Gassville.

CONWAY DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. George Moon, Mrs. Joe Hirschey, North Little Rock, Gardner Memorial; Miss Mildred Scott, North Little Rock, Gardner Memorial W.S.G. Baby: Mary Frances Keathley, Alden Laurel Tucker, Danville W.S.G.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. I. C. Huff, Fayetteville, Wiggins Memorial.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. Ethan Dodgen, Forrest City. Baby: Verna Marie Andrews, Marianna; Sally Beth Bledso, West Memphis W.S.G.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. Etta Fuller, Waldron; Mrs. C. E. Beard, Ft. Smith, Midland Heights; Mrs. C. D. Cole, Ft. Smith, Goddard Memorial. Baby: Dana Susan Carlile, Ft. Smith, First Church; Linda Ann Hopkins, David Bob Vandergriff, Cynthia Jane Neal, Deborah Lynn Clifton, Carl Gray Henson, William Addis Wurts, Kathleen Lee Crofton, Van Buren First Church.

JONESBORO DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. P. A. Bullard, Whitton. Youth: Helen Harndon, Wilson. Baby: Janet Emelia Oates, Joiner; Carol Ann Lemley, Whitton; Ann Lorraine Lipe, Jonesboro First Church W.S.G.

SEARCY DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. Frank McGuire, Augusta; Mrs. R. V. Powell, Beebe; Mrs. C. C. Hunnicutt, Bald Knob; Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Mrs. Delia Kent, Harrison; Mrs. Wade Roasear, McRae; Mrs. Ursell Davis, Searcy. Baby: Routh Ann Raney, Harrison; Marshall Trammell, III, McCrory. Adult: Dr. Jaya Luke, Conference School of Missions, Hendrix.

HONORARY LIFE PATRON by North Arkansas Conference: Miss Nell Dyer. MRS. BEN DeVOLL, Conference Treasurer

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

JONES MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

The Jones Memorial Methodist Church at Hartford, Fort Smith District, is a live active church as evidenced by the steady growth of the Church School, Morning and Evening Worship Service, Mid-Week Prayer Service and the Methodist Youth Fellowship. On Sunday evening August 30, we had thirty Youth in our MYF meeting and every one of them stayed for Evening Worship Service. We also have a very active Methodist Men's Club that meets on the First Tuesday of each month, and our Official Board meets on the Second Tuesday of each month. As a body and as individuals, the men and women take great pride in the way their church services meets the spiritual needs of the community, but they also believe that pleasant surroundings enhance the efforts of the pastor and his assistants.

After completely redecorating the church proper two years ago, it was felt this year that the Parsonage deserved a facelift as well. Under the auspices of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the pastor's home has been completely redecorated, including new wall paper in all rooms, new curtains, new paint, new floor coverings, new mattress, new light fixtures installed, and a new dining-room suite purchased. Last year there were purchased a new living-room suite, new bedroom suite, and about two years ago a new electric refrigerator. The parsonage is now an entirely modern home, and compares favorably with those maintained by much larger congregations. Two members of the church, B. A. McConnell and Dr. E. B. Jones asked that they be permitted to assume the responsibility for one room each of the parsonage and have borne respectively, the costs of redecorating and improving the living-room and the front bed-room.

On Monday evening, August 10, the Woman's Society of Christian Service held open-house at the parsonage, at which time members and friends of the church enjoyed a great evening with the pastor and

RECEPTION HONORING BAGLEYS AND HOLIFIELDS

The Rev. and Mrs. Roy I. Bagley and the Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Holifield were honored guests at a reception held in Fellowship Hall of the Blytheville First Methodist Church, Thursday, August 13.

Bro. Bagley is pastor of the First Methodist Church in Blytheville. Bro. Holifield is the new District Superintendent of the Jonesboro District.

The reception was given by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. In the receiving line were the two ministers and their wives; Mrs. Mavis Settemire, president of the W. S. C. S.; J. W. Adams, chairman of the Official Board; and Mrs. J. W. Adams.

Mrs. Bagley and Mrs. Holifield were given corsages of white carnations, and both couples were presented gifts of silver.

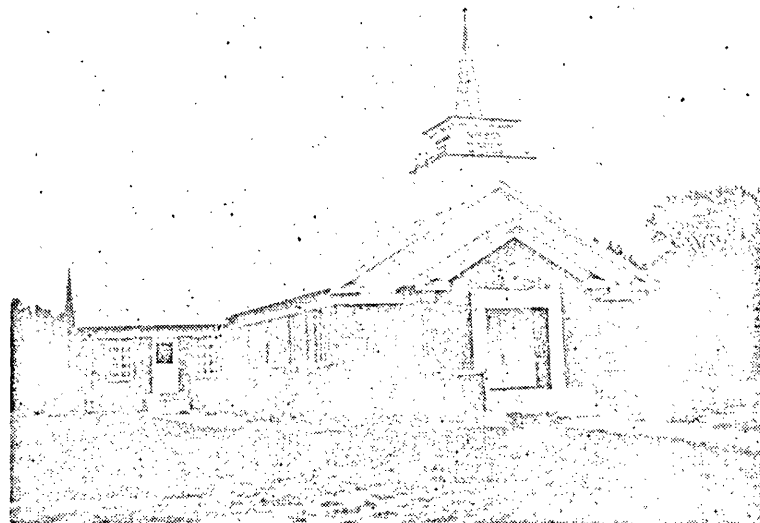
The refreshment table was overlaid with a lace cloth and centered with pastel daisies and chrysanthemums arranged in a silver bowl. The centerpiece was flanked by tapers in silver candelabra.

Presiding at the table were Mrs. George Pyles and Mrs. Harvey Morris. Mrs. W. E. Hendrix provided a background of organ music.

Throughout the entertaining rooms were placed pastel arrangements of roses, asters, chrysanthemums and tube-roses.—Reporter

family. The District Superintendent, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, will hold our First Quarterly Conference, Tuesday evening September 8. We will have a great Quarterly Conference, for our church and Church School will have a good report. Some of the funds that go to the Conference Treasurer are paid in full for the Conference Year and all of them are paid for the first half of the year. We are now making ready for the United Preaching Revival in the North Arkansas Conference that is to be held October 4-8. We are

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH AT WALTREAK



WALTREAK METHODIST CHURCH

A beautiful \$45,000 Methodist Church is to be dedicated next Sunday, September 13, at Waltreak in the Conway District. Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, District Superintendent of the district will be in charge.

The Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a. m. Immediately following will be the sermon and service of dedication. Lunch will be served in the church at the noon hour for all present. In the afternoon there will be a special song service and speaking by guest speakers.

The church, through Rev. J. M. Kitchens, pastor, extends an invitation to all who will to attend these dedication services and to enjoy the other special features of the day's program. (Staff Photo)

SEVIER COUNTY FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Sevier County Fifth Sunday Meeting was held August 30 in the Belleville Methodist Church two miles South of Lockesburg. Rev. Alfred I. Doss presided, Minor Millwee led the singing and Mildred Ann Baugh was at the piano. Rev. Joy Callicott is the Belleville pastor. Mr. Harrison lead the opening prayer.

The Chairman introduced the speaker, Miss Dorothy Kelly, who has been assigned to the Hope District as a District worker. Miss Kelly spoke of her call into Christian work, her background of training and concluded with a ringing challenge to Methodists of Sevier County to go all out for the Master in building the Kingdom. She will live in DeQueen, beginning her work in that part of the District.

The group voted plans for a Church Workshop to be conducted on the Fifth Sunday in November at Lockesburg.—Reporter

the group.

Brother Teague urged observance of World Wide Communion Sunday in every charge. Brother Ralph Hillis, District Missionary Secretary, spoke concerning the study books, and the district missionary program. Brother Raymond Franks presented material on the continuing Advance.

The District Superintendent reported that the Forrest City District had paid in full its quota on the Wesley Fellowship building at Fayetteville. The business session adjourned.

Brother and Mrs. Teague graciously provided a lovely meal for the pastors and their wives in the dining hall of the Forrest City church.

—Alf A. Eason, Secretary

MINISTERS AND WIVES HAVE MEETING

The ministers of the Forrest City District and their wives met at 10 o'clock, September 3, at the First Methodist Church, Forrest City, Arkansas.

The Rev. Otto Teague, District Superintendent, conducted the worship service, in which Brother J. J. Decker led in prayer; and Brother E. B. Williams delivered a message on "Building Bridges."

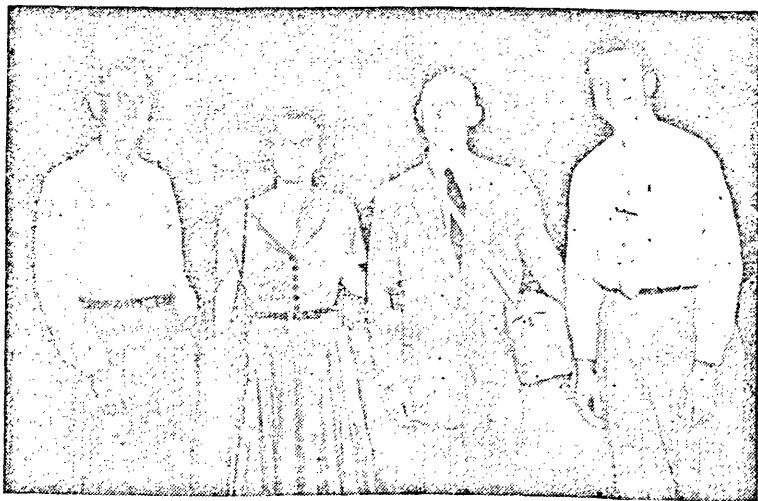
Dr. Ira A. Brumley spoke concerning the educational work of the church. Specific emphasis was laid on the Educational Institute to be held at Forrest City, September 8. Brother Brumley provided each pastor with a packet containing a questionnaire to be returned; a poster for the M.Y.F.; and several copies of the current Rally Day program.

Guide sheets for the Visitation Evangelism program as planned by our Conference Board of Evangelism were distributed to the pastors. Each pastor was urged to follow this program in his charge as far as possible. Brother Clarence Wilcox, District Director of Evangelism spoke on this program.

Questionnaires were distributed to the pastors with instructions to return them to the District Superintendent when they were completed.

The Rev. Dale E. Crozier, the new pastor at Hunter, was presented to

FORT SMITH PASTOR RETURNS FROM HOLY LAND TRIP



Among those on hand to greet Dr. and Mrs. Fred G. Roebuck at the Fort Smith airport when they returned from a five weeks trip to the Holy Land were Basil F. Barker, chairman of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, and Slater C. Mounts, minister of music of the Fort Smith Church. Dr. Roebuck is now in his tenth year as pastor of First Church, Fort Smith. (Staff Photo)

BUILDING PROGRAM FOR 1ST METHODIST CHURCH, CONWAY

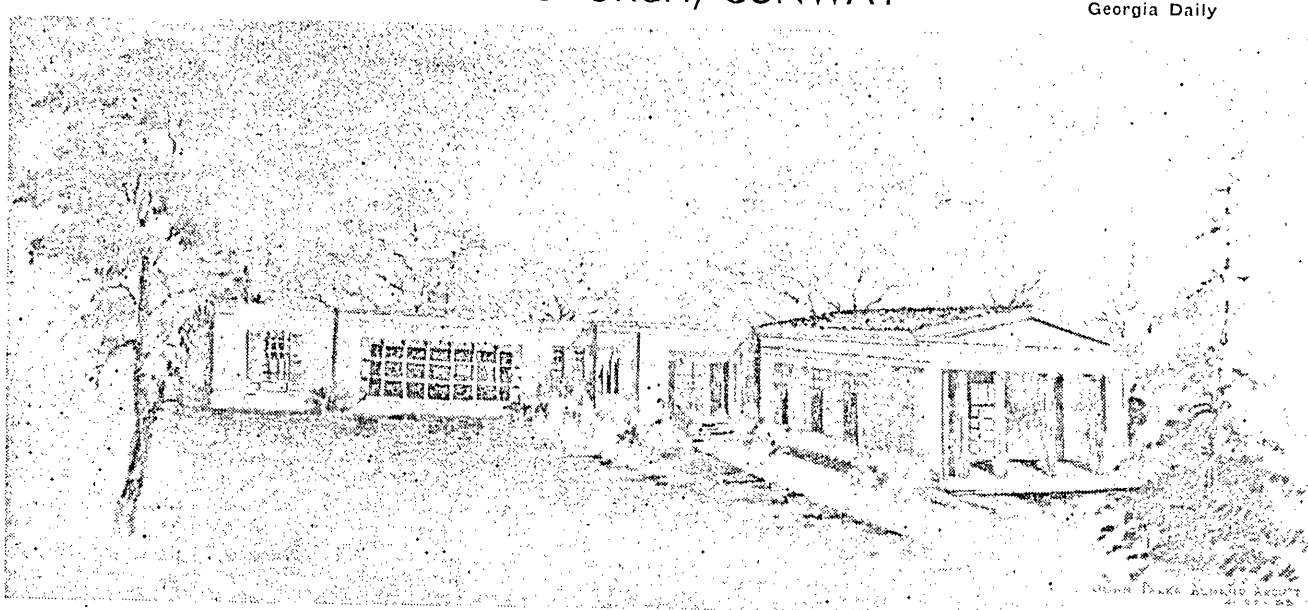
By
Georgia Daily

First Methodist Church, Conway, which serves the students of two colleges as well as its own congregation, is on the verge of remedying an obvious lack: additional facilities to serve college students.

The approximately 400 Methodists at Hendrix and the 400 at Arkansas State Teachers College swell the membership of the Conway Church, one of two in the town, to 1200. They come from all over the state and for this reason First Church believes it has an obligation to the entire state to meet the needs of the young people, and of their visiting parents and friends, while they are in the city.

Although the sanctuary is adequate, the educational facilities have long been outmoded. Constructed in 1916 on the Akron plan, they were usable for that day, but the architectural pattern no longer fits modern educational practice.

As explained by the pastor, the Rev. Joel Cooper, the Akron plan provided for "opening exercises" with the entire church school assembled and the superintendent presiding. The building now used by First Church was constructed with a center stage facing a large auditorium. On an upper level the classrooms, with tiers of seats, open so that class members could hear the speaker without leaving their



section, then close the doors for classes. The pupil didn't miss a thing — but he had no part in the procedure either.

With the present day educational system built on departments, this method is no longer necessary, Mr. Cooper said.

Building plans, as outlined this week by Mr. Cooper, include:

1. Construction of a chapel-educational plant on the site of the present district parsonage, which is on

a lot adjoining the church and which has been purchased by First Church.

2. Redecoration of the present plant, revamping of the interior to transform its out of date architecture to useful, modern design, and a new heating system.

Estimated cost of the program is \$150,000, new construction set at \$90,000 and remodeling of the old at \$60,000.

The chapel section of the new building will also include a parlor and kitchenette, and the educational building will house the children's division. The new building will be connected to the present one by a covered passageway across the back of the lot. Construction of the new building will precede work on the present structure.

Enlarging on the needs which prompted the church to take this step, Mr. Cooper pointed out that since students come from all over the state, and since their visitors worship with them at First Church, the church itself of necessity serves as something of a "model," and the building program takes on greater significance than is ordinarily contained in a local situation. At the present time, he said, the students have classes in the sanctuary. Although no place will be designated for them in the new building, its facilities will relieve the space problem in the old, and a Wesley Foundation center will be set up there. The church employs a full-time youth and student worker, Miss Sue Osment, a graduate of Hendrix.

In addition to the student angle, Mr. Cooper said, there is the fact that Conway is the seat of Methodism in the North Arkansas Conference, with many of the central offices at Hendrix and with the city serving as a site for many church-wide meetings. Offices at the Methodist college are maintained by Dr.

Ira Brumley, executive secretary of the conference Board of Education; the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, executive secretary of the conference Town and Country Commission; and by the college officials, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president, and Dr. C. M. Reeves, vice president, who is a former pastor of First Church. Also Conway is headquarters for the District Superintendent, the Rev. R. E. L. Bear-den.

In ministering to the two colleges, Mr. Cooper said, the church has a direct influence on ministerial students, church workers, and teachers who will later work throughout the state.

Mr. Cooper, himself a Hendrix graduate, is now in his third year as pastor of the college town church.

Launching the church's fourth major building campaign, the congregation will have a Loyalty Dinner Wednesday, September 16, at the National Guard Armory in Conway, with six lay members as speakers.

A kick-off dinner, which is solicitation of pledges, will be held September 21.

The finance program, directed by The Wells Organization of Chicago, calls for five weeks of preparation and two weeks of solicitation. E. B. Jones is the Wells representative working with local church committees.

S. T. Smith, a layman, is general canvas chairman. He is also chairman of the building committee, members of which are E. W. Martin, G. L. Bahner, H. H. Bumpers, R. T. Steel and W. T. Browning. Mr. Browning is chairman of the board.

A brochure to present the program to the church membership is being prepared by Paul Page Faris, director of public relations at Hendrix. Included is a history of the church written by Mrs. Faris.


POTTSVILLE BUILDS A NEW PARSONAGE

The Methodist Parsonage at Pottsville is nearing completion and will be occupied by the Pastor's family by the first of September.

The building which is located just north of the church faces the west. It is a white frame structure and is completely modern.

Open house and Dedication services are being planned for Friday evening, September 4th, 7:30 P. M. Rev. Robert Bearden, District superintendent of the Conway District, and Rev. W. C. Hightower, pastor will be in charge of the services.

All former pastors, friends and church members are invited to be present for all services.—Reporter



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A GOOD WEEK AT ROSEBUD

This is proving to be a good week on the Rosebud charge where John R. Chapman is pastor. The attendance at the services is good in spite of the terrific heat. The spirit of our people in the drouth areas holds up in a splendid fashion. Even though for two years crops have been hurt by the drouths, there is a feeling of gratitude for past blessings and present blessings as well, even though there has been a scarcity of some of the necessities.

Tables are well set which causes one to wonder at and admire the resourcefulness of our people. Public work has been of course a large help to many. California and other areas have been blessed with the migration of many of our people due to the severe drouth. However, there are still many people left to carry on and keep the fences mended against better days.

The Rosebud Church is looking forward to improvement of the parsonage. The pastor's family will be much more comfortable after these improvements are made. It is our hope that every parsonage home will be adequate for the needs of all of our pastor's. Our people are realizing more and more the necessity of better support of the churches. Therein lies the hope of our nation. We have a long way to go, BUT we are on the way.

The Large And Small Church Cooperative

This is a fine time for station and

county seat town churches and pastors to do more in the realm of co-operation. The load on the shoulders of all pastors is indeed heavy, but the load is heavier on the rural pastor. Where one young pastor has the terrific load of seven churches, this being his first pastorate, it is something to think about. The sustentation and mission program on a conference level is good, but that is not enough. There needs to be more direct fellowship and concern and interest on the part of those with something to share.

From the experience over the years I know the need of this approach. Where it is being used every one is getting more out of Christian living. We have too few such programs in our conference even though we have been earnestly urging this for a long time. The pastors and laymen in a closely related area can do much toward improving the church life by working together in a regular, systematic and planned way. For those interested, I suggest you contact some of the men who are working in this type program. I can give help at this point out of the Town and Country Commission Office. The Methodist Church has one of its finest opportunities now at this point.

Let us unite in faith, prayer, planning, and hard work for our many great, challenging fields of service.
 —J. Albert Gatlin

MEMBERSHIP DOUBLED AT WIDEMAN CHURCH

When the revival at Wideman Methodist Church ended Friday night, August 21, nine new members were added to the church roll. This meant that the membership was exactly doubled during the revival.

The attendance was good all week, with almost a church full on Friday night. The weather could not have been more perfect. Rev. J. R. Grisham, visiting evangelist, preached stirring and challenging sermons all week.

We feel that the 1953 revival will be a milestone in the history of Wideman Methodist Church.— C. Wesley Grisham, Pastor.

METHODIST YOUTH

Georgia Daily, Editor

Mary Jane Hitchcock On National Youth Council

The Methodist Church's current "youth emphasis" is catching fire and spreading rapidly—if one can gauge things by the spirit of the 13th annual meeting of the National Conference of Methodist Youth in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 23-28.

Convening on the campus of National College for Christian Workers, nearly 200 youth delegates and their adult counselors took no less an assignment than developing "a Christian concern for bringing the whole of society under the rule of God and his love."

To make headway toward such a high goal, delegates rose early, prayed often, and worked long in committees and general sessions.

By the week's end the conference had elected an almost entirely new slate of officers, expressed its convictions on several vital contemporary issues, and taken stock of its program for the years ahead. Plans were announced for three major youth or student gatherings within the next two years, plus UN-Washington seminars, and carefully-thought-through program emphases on the local level.

Jameson Jones, theological student at Vanderbilt University who has skilfully piloted the National Conference for the past four years, was given a standing ovation that rivaled any applause ever heard in Methodist circles, as he laid down the gavel, having been elected to a staff job as projects secretary in the national headquarters of the organization at Nashville, Tenn.

In his new position, Jones will have major responsibility for editing *Concern*, news-magazine of the conference. He succeeds Roger Burgess, who resigned after three years of outstanding service on the editorial staff to take a position with the Board of Temperance in Washington, D. C.

The Rev. George Harper, senior projects secretary, and a household name among Methodist youth, announced his resignation to take effect next June. He was re-elected for his eighth year and will serve until that time. Meanwhile a special committee will be scouting the field for his successor.

An 18-year-old Missourian, Richard Thompson of Springfield, was elected president of the National Conference, succeeding Jones. Prominent in youth work for several years, Thompson represents the church's South Central Jurisdiction and is a senior in Southwest Missouri State College.

Other officers elected for two-year terms:

Jeff Campbell, 22, Dallas, Tex., student in Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, vice president.

Jean M. Stevenson, 20, Holbrook, Mass., senior at Bridgewater (Mass.) State College and president of the New England Methodist Student Movement, recording secretary.

Kenneth Thompson, Jr., 19, Wilmette, Ill., junior in Yale University, re-elected as financial secretary.

The National Conference commended Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam for "his courageous testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities."

In another resolution bearing on the national government, the Conference declared: "It is the Christian's obligation to oppose the way of war and to identify himself with those forces which truly seek peace."

They affirmed that: "both conscientious participation in and conscientious objection to war may be natural outgrowths of the Christian faith. Christian conscience is a matter between God and man. A major tenet of the Christian faith is a respect for the individual and the individual's personal conscience. Within our fellowship are all who believe in Christ and strive to do his will for their lives. While we believe we should respect the civil authority of our land, we continue to hold in fellowship and love all those whose religious convictions lead them to non-cooperation."

Other actions taken by the conference included:

—Opposition to any type of universal military training, ROTC units on Methodist campuses, and compulsory ROTC on any educational level.

—Reaffirming the traditional Methodist stand against all use of alcoholic beverages and recommending that all media of mass communication secure "advertisers whose products will have a wholesome influence on community life."

—Disapproving the existence of the Central Jurisdiction and commending the 1952 General Conference for taking action to enable Central Jurisdiction churches to join conferences of other jurisdictions.

—Commending the establishment of the truce in Korea but recognizing its insufficiency and taking the position that "ultimately only through unification of Korea under a government of the people's own choosing and the withdrawal of all foreign military influences can the people of Korea regain their true identity and independence."

—Asking Congress to revise the immigration laws in the light of the special Commission on Immigration and Naturalization and urging the State Department to exercise its powers under the McCarran Act to permit all delegates from Christian churches in any country to enter the United States next year for sessions of the World Council of Churches.

Source of much of the spiritual motivation for the work of the week was the series of morning chapel addresses by Dr. Harry Denman, of Nashville, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism. In hard-hitting, down-to-earth fashion, Dr. Denman kept spotlighting the textual theme, "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." (Rom. 8:9). Through Bible-based, experience-centered messages, Dr. Denman outlined the Master's spirit toward God, persons, things, time, and death.

On the opening night delegates heard horizon-widening addresses by three leaders who during the past year had contacted youth groups in various countries and attended youth assemblies overseas: Dr. Hiel D. Bollinger, head of college and university religious life, Board of

Education; Dr. Roger Ortmyer, editor of *motive*; and Rev. George Harper, projects secretary of the NCMY.

Filling a vacancy on the Board of World Peace, the NCMY elected Judith Ann Lepard, 17, of Grand Rapids, Mich., as a youth member to succeed Phil Rosserman. Miss Lepard is an entering student at Albion College.

To succeed Mrs. Sheila Trapp Campbell of Dallas, Tex., as president of the National Methodist Youth Fellowship, youth section of the NCMY, delegates chose Bob Trost of Redondo Beach, Calif., senior in UCLA.

New chairmen of departments in the youth section are: Christian Faith—Molly O'Steen, University of Tuscaloosa (Ala.); Christian Witness, Barbara Eskew, Waco, Tex.; Christian Citizenship, Barbara Ricks, senior at Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Named as delegates to the general council of the United Christian Youth Movement were: Bob Trost, Richard Thompson, Barbara Ricks, and Charles Boyles, Jackson, Miss.

George A. Goodman of Corvallis, Ore., student in Oregon State College, was elected chairman of the National Methodist Student Commission, student division of the NCMY. He succeeds Jerry Gibson, student in Boston University School of Theology.

Elected as new student members of the Council of the National Conference of Methodist Youth were: Mary Jane Hitchcock, Centenary College, Shreveport, La.; Paul Bosley, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; William Gaiser of Franklin, Pa., Grove City college student. Miss Hitchcock is president of Methodist Student Movement in Louisiana.

Chosen as representatives of the Methodist Student Movement to the United Student Christian Council were: Robert Gebhart, Coral Gables, Fla., student in the University of Miami; Mary Anne Meadows, Cochran, Ga., Wesleyan College student at Macon, Ga.; B. J. Stiles, Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth.

William Gaiser was elected representative to the Student Volunteer Movement and Ed White of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., was

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STUTTGART HAS YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAM

A youth activity program was carried on by First Methodist Church, Stuttgart, this summer covering a period of three months. Miss Betty Jane Johnson of Green Forest, Ark., a music student at Hendrix College, served as youth director. A varied program of activities was promoted by Miss Johnson for both the intermediates and senior youth of the church.

The climax of the summer program was the observance of Youth Activity Week, which began on Sunday, July 12, continuing through Sunday, July 19. Each of the evenings was devoted to a program of discussion, recreation and worship. The discussion groups were under the direction of the Rev. Horace M. Lewis, Grand Avenue church, Mrs. Louis Fuess, church secretary of First church and Mrs. L. E. McGraw. On the concluding evening the consecration service in the church sanctuary was led by the Rev. John McCormack, pastor of Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff.

Youth Programs On Radio, TV

In keeping with the quadrennial youth emphasis, the Methodist Youth Fellowship is sponsoring two audio-visual projects: On Sunday, September 13, the NBC-TV 30-minute program "Frontiers of Faith" will originate in New York.

The second of two 15-minute programs titled "Let There Be Light" will be broadcast over national radio networks during the week of September 14.

Both projects are produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches.

Arkansas stations which will carry the "Let There Be Light" program are KBTA, Batesville; KELD, El Dorado; KXAR, Hope; KNEA, Jonesboro; KTHS, Little Rock; KDAS, Malvern; KDRS, Paragould; KWEM, West Memphis; and KHOZ, Harrison.

Louisiana stations are WJBO, Baton Rouge, and KRUS, Ruston.

Station WDSU in New Orleans will carry the TV show.

Both radio and television stations should be contacted by local youth groups for the time of the presentations.

RUSSELLVILLE SENIORS HAVE SPECIAL PROJECT

Seniors at the Methodist church in Russellville wanted to give God an extra part of their summer. They had been coming to Sunday School, MYF, and church on Sundays and to the MYF parties during the week, but somehow they wanted to do just a little more. The last week in July was set aside as Senior Youth Activities Week. The week's program began Sunday night, and continued through Thursday night of that week. Each afternoon at 5 o'clock the seniors met at the church to work on crafts. One group constructed a lectern for its department and a group of girls made a lectern scarf of white felt with the MYF emblem on the front. Another group of boys built an outdoor oven in the back yard of the church. At six, they met together for a fellowship supper which was followed by a period of group singing led by members of the group. The subjects for the two classes were chosen by the young people themselves and concerned topics of interest to them. One was on "The Meaning and Purpose of Prayer," and the other on "The Beliefs of a Methodist Christian." A short recreation period, planned and directed by a committee of young people, followed class groups, and from this they moved into the sanctuary for closing evening worship service. Here again, the young people were given a chance to plan their own worship services, and to take part in them themselves.

Miss Marion Sorrells, religious education assistant, said, "It was a great week in every way, and it was also a satisfying week to our seniors, who felt that they had given some extra time in their summer to God."

DAY OF PRAYER

The Methodist Council of Bishops has sounded a call for a "Day for Youth" on Sunday, September 13, to initiate the church's emphasis on youth during the next quadrennium.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

NATIONAL PARKS SUGGEST RELIGIOUS NOTES TO MINISTER

MIAMI, Fla. — Are you planning a vacation through a national park or some other scenic section of the country?

If you are, is it planned as a religious experience for you and your family?

Probably not, observes Dr. James H. Caligan, but it could and should be.

The former executive secretary of the Greater Miami Council of Churches and his wife have just returned from a tour of parks in the U. S. and Canada as part of a study he is making in preparation for a book on the subject of God in nature.

Here are some of the things the Presbyterian minister suggests you should consider if you vacation in these parks.

In Florida's own Everglades National Park, remember that besides being this nation's, and probably the world's, only park with tropical flora, it is especially noted for its birds.

The ibis — the sacred bird of Egypt — is one of the most talked of birds in the Everglades, he says.

Then, according to Dr. Caligan, you should recall that Jesus often referred to birds in his parables. The characteristics of the birds mentioned always are significant.

As an example, Dr. Caligan cites the dove — a peaceful and nesting bird — used to describe how the Holy Spirit descended on Christ after His baptism.

Bird migration, mentioned in the book of Jeremiah, is probably more noticeable in the Everglades than any other park in the world, he adds.

The minister suggests that you also should recall what Jesus — who lived and preached in the outdoors — said about the sparrow, the flowers of the field and the wind as you look on the wonders of nature in the Everglades.

In Grand Canyon National Park,

remember that scientists estimate the canyon has stood there millions of years and continues to grow and expand.

This should make you think of eternity, says Dr. Caligan, and how soil erosion changed lives.

The wonderful colors there should cause you to be awed by and thankful for God's grace in giving to man things he does not need but which make life more pleasant.

In Yosemite and Glacier National Parks, you should be reminded that God shapes lives just as the glaciers have shaped that area, Dr. Caligan says.

You ought also to reflect about such passages of Scripture as Jeremiah's references to God's treasures of ice and snow.

Over in Sequoia National Park, the minister would have you wonder at the 4,000-year-old sequoia trees which are the oldest living things known to man and which never die, as far as is known, unless death is caused unnaturally.

Again he believes you should be reminded of eternity, and passages of Scripture that refer to the tree of life and the psalmist's comparison of a righteous man and a tree.

Every park has a unique feature of nature which should turn your thoughts to God and illustrate some spiritual truth, Dr. Caligan says.

He also found that in many of the parks there are religious services conducted in the outdoors or in scenic chapels by nearby ministerial groups or under a new program of the National Council of Churches.

All of this is a help in worshipping God, Dr. Caligan believes, and gives a chance for vacationers to affirm for themselves the psalmist's declaration that "the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmaments do show forth His handiwork."

STUDENT FROM INDIA TO COMBINE EVANGELISM, AGRICULTURE

Evangelism will be combined with farming and agriculture by Ernest W. Massey, when he returns to India after completing his studies in the United States.

Mr. Massey, whose father and grandfather were Methodist ministers, is studying agricultural engineering on a Methodist Crusade Scholarship at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. In India he attended the Government Agricultural College at Kanpur. As an employee for the Department of Agriculture of Bihar, India, Mr. Massey worked among farmers helping them to protect their crops from the attacks of insects, pests, and diseases in order to grow more food.

Active in church school and youth work among the Methodist churches in Arrah, Mr. Massey expects to return as an agricultural worker.

"My people need me to help them with the modern techniques of agriculture," said Mr. Massey. "They need to grow more food. But my contribution to them will be wider, I will try to acquaint them with Jesus Christ, of whom many have never heard."

Recreation is re-creation when you take your religion along.—T. N. Tiemeyer, *Pulpit Digest*

LORD, WHAT CAN I DO?

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but with my wife's ever-present smile and words of encouragement and with the full knowledge of the richness of a life dedicated to the service of Christianity I find it a pleasure to re-dedicate my life each day."

So, Rev. Norris Steele, the one-time thirteen year old Boy Scout of Manila who asked God, "What Can I Do?" is now beginning full time the task he adopted while kneeling at the foot of a pine-covered hill while the sun sank westward and a lone, bright star glittered and gave to him an example of lighting the paths of men.

Rev. and Mrs. Steele have three children; Allie Dell, aged 6; Billy, aged 3, and David Randle, 15 months old.

Mr. Steele is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Steele of Manila. Mrs. Norris Steele is the former Miss Virginia Faye Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davidson, also of Manila.

Psychologist K. Kekcheyev tested responses of students when they were deliberately thinking "pleasant thoughts" and when they were thinking "unpleasant thoughts." The tests showed they could see better, hear better; even the senses of smell and taste were more acute when they were thinking pleasant

MARY JANE HITCHCOCK ON NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL

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elected to fill an unexpired term as USCC delegate.

The student section announced an interesting array of speakers and themes for the National Methodist Student Conference, scheduled to be held at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Dec. 8, 1953, to Jan. 2, 1954.

After brisk bidding by several centers desiring to be host to the National Conference of Methodist Youth for its 1954 meeting, delegates voted to accept the invitation of Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.

Emory and Henry College will be acceptable provided arrangements cannot be made to hold the session near Evanston, Ill., where the World Council of Churches will be meeting during the last two weeks in August next summer. Other contenders for the honor of entertaining the conference were Milwaukee; Hamline University at St. Paul, Minn.; and the College of the Pacific at Stockton, Calif.

Tentative dates for the quadrennial National Convocation of Methodist Youth were fixed for Aug. 26-30, 1955, probably at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., where the 1951 meeting was held.

As a practical project growing directly out of the Kansas City meeting, nearly 80 young people and their leaders remained for a week-end Christian Witness Mission in a score of churches in and near Kansas City in both Kansas and Missouri communities.

Dr. Lewis B. Carpenter, president of the National College, was director of the Christian Witness Mission. He was assisted by Rev. Howard Ellis, head of the youth department of the Board of Evangelism, and other board staff members.

PERSPECTIVE—The trouble is that we're always looking back into history instead of backing into history and looking forward. If we drove an automobile like we try to run the world, we would have the steering wheel looking out of the back window to see where we came from. *The only thing that is important is, where are you going?*—Chas. F. Kettering, Research Consultant, General Motors Research Laboratory's "Eyes on the Future," *Optimist*, 1-'53

thoughts.—John D. Murphy, *Opportunity*

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST MEN

At the recent meeting of the General Board of Lay Activities in Chicago, final plans were completed for the NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST MEN July 9-11, 1954 Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, for all Methodist Laymen.

The aims for the Conference adopted by the Board were:

1. To deepen the spiritual life of each man who attends.
2. To provide information that each man can use in his local church.
3. To provide inspiration for more zealous Christian service.
4. To provide a Christian fellowship that extends far beyond the boundaries of towns, cities and districts.

It is also planned that the National Council of Conference Lay Leaders will be held in conjunction with this meeting.

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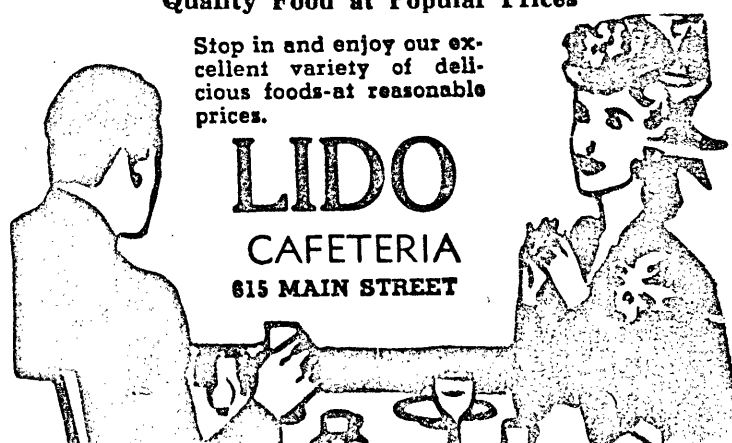
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WHAT DOES UNSELFISHNESS DEMAND OF ME?

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 1953

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
2 Corinthians 7:6-7, 8:23; Titus 1:1, 4; 2:1-3:14. Printed
Text: Titus 2:7-8; 3:1-11.

MEMORY SELECTION: Let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. (Titus 3:14)

This is the third lesson in UNIT XIII: "LIVING BEYOND THE SELF." All three of them raise important questions. The first was "What Place Shall I give to My Possessions?" In that lesson we noted the fact that there is always the danger and temptation of letting our possessions govern us. Christ taught that it was not sinful to be wealthy, but that it was dangerous. With the coming of wealth, there comes responsibilities to rightly use it. Wealth wrongly used will prove a curse rather than a blessing.

The second lesson of the unit raised the question "How Shall I Face Discomfort?" Many people permit physical discomfort and suffering to spoil their lives. Discomfort, like wealth can be used as a blessing. Paul had his thorn in the flesh, but it served the purpose of bringing him more grace from God. It proved a blessing in disguise.

The question of our lesson today is "What Does Unselfishness Demand of Me?" As we meditate upon the general theme of the unit—"Living Beyond the Self"—we realize that these three lessons deal with the three greatest enemies of that type of life. They need to be studied together.

A Look At The Scriptures

Our lesson today is taken from another pastoral epistle—Paul's letter to Titus. There are three such letters in Paul's writing—First and second Timothy and Titus. These writings are called pastoral epistles because they were written to men who were serving as pastors of churches.

At the time of the writing of this letter, Titus was a young man. Paul had grown old. He was nearing the end of his career. He had learned much by experience, and he passed this knowledge on to the younger men in the gospel. Titus was in charge of a church on the Island of Crete. Crete had been called "the island of a hundred cities." Back in ancient times, long before the time Paul wrote this letter, the citizens had enjoyed a high state of civilization, but somehow they had lost it. They came to be despised by people everywhere. Paul goes on to say that one of their own citizens had accused them of being "liars and mischievous brutes and idle gluttons." That was the type of people that Titus had been sent to serve.

Titus seems to have been a young man who was adept at handling hard situations. He was more or less of a problem shooter. Three times over Paul sent him to the church at Corinth when that church was having some trouble. Paul knew that Titus had to be very tactful if he handled the problem at Crete, and so he gave him some good advice.

This advice begins with our printed text: "Show yourself in all

respects a model of good deeds." It is not enough merely to be sound in the doctrine. One must live what he teaches. Some one has said, "What you do speaks so loud that I can't hear what you say." And again, "One example is worth a thousand arguments." So, Paul would have Titus to be careful of his deeds as well as his words. He wanted him to so live that even would-be critics could find nothing to condemn in him.

Paul next admonished Titus to teach these Cretans to be good citizens of their community. They were to be "submissive to rulers." This bit of advice was especially important since the Christians of that time were suspected of wanting to substitute the Kingdom of God for the various political organizations. Throughout the Roman Empire Christianity was looked upon as a subversive movement. Communism is held in such suspicion today, but there is no comparison between the two. There was only a suspicion that Christianity was subversive. There was no truth in the suspicion. The teaching of Paul in today's lesson proves that. He advised Titus to teach the Cretans to be loyal to their government. It is a fact beyond controversy that the Communists would have other governments overthrown; peaceably if possible, but if not, by violence. It is really and truly a subversive movement.

The great Apostle then goes on to mention the courtesy and respect that is due to others, especially to rulers. He would have Titus to be patient with these new converts. He reminded him that they themselves had once been disobedient and foolish. They had been saved from this type of life by the coming of Christ, the Saviour.

All through the printed portion of our text, Paul emphasized the importance of good deeds. But he would not have any one look upon such deeds as a means of salvation. Throughout all of his writings, Paul emphasized the fact that salvation is by grace through faith and not of works. In our lesson today, he set forth this doctrine. After speaking of the appearing of Christ he went on to say, "He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy." Good deeds are very important but salvation does not come through them. It comes as a free gift from God. Faith is the receiving organ of the soul. It is to the soul what the hand is to the body. It is the instrument, therefore, through which people receive salvation.

The Apostle also speaks of "the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit." In this "washing of regeneration" he is speaking of water baptism, but he is not im-

plying that water baptism is essential to salvation. If sins were filth on the outside of the body, water would be the greatest means on earth for cleansing, but sins have their origin in the spirit and cannot be reached by water. They can only be reached by the blood of Christ, and even that, has to be spiritually rather than literally applied. When thought of in this sense the words of the poet give us the real truth: "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." Water baptism is a symbol of the cleansing which is done in a spiritual way by the sacrificial death of Christ. You look at a picture on the wall, and you say "That is George Washington." But is it? No; that is only a picture or symbol of Washington. The same is true with water baptism. It is only a picture or symbol of the real cleansing. The same is true with our other Sacrament—The Lord's Supper. In that communion we do not have the real flesh and blood of Christ. The elements used only symbolize or represent his flesh and blood.

We next have the statement, "Renewal in the Holy Spirit." That is the heart of the whole matter. It is only when one is renewed in the Spirit; born of the Spirit, that he becomes a new creature in Christ. The heathen poet longed for "The Land Of Beginning Again." With him it was only a wishful dream. He felt that no such place existed. But with the Christian such a condition does exist. He can start life over again. The Gospel of Christ is "the Gospel of another chance."

Paul then goes on to insist that Titus "avoid stupid controversies . . . for they are unprofitable and futile." "No good ever comes of such arguing. The Bible was made to live by and not to argue about. It has been well said, "Convince a man against his will and he is of the same opinion still." There is a psychological principle back of all this arguing. People do not argue about things that they are sure of. No one would argue as to whether or not the sun would be shining at 10 o'clock in the morning if in the meantime the world doesn't come to an end and there is not a cloud in the sky. They know it will be shining. There is no argument about it. People are in doubt about things over which they argue. This is true whether it be preachers or lay people. Those who are constantly going about trying to convince others that they are right and everybody else is wrong, are really "whistling in the dark." They are not sure of their own doctrine, and through argument against others are trying to fully convince themselves. The writer always feels sorry for these chronic arguers. Many of them are good people. It is a tragedy that they are so weak in the faith. Paul called these arguers "fractious" people. He told Titus how to handle a man like that: "As for a man who is fractious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him." He did not advise that such a man be turned out of the church, he simply insisted that he be ignored.

Memory Selection

"Let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful." Over and over again this idea of "good deeds" keeps coming to the front. Paul was thoroughly convinced that "Faith without works is dead; be-

ing alone." The acid test of a man's faith is found in what he is willing to do and sacrifice for it. As stated above, salvation comes by grace through faith, but there is always a possibility that a man might be deceived. No person is a true Christian who does not show his faith by his works.

The Lesson Applied

We have a great theme today: "WHAT DOES UNSELFISHNESS DEMAND OF ME?" It demands of me and also of you just what it demanded of Paul and Titus. It demands that we practice what we preach. It is very important that we preach and teach sound doctrine; the truth, but it is equally important that we do good deeds; that we be sacrificial in our lives and helpful toward others.

The only way one can "live beyond self" is to forget self in interest of others. One of the biggest words in the vocabulary of Christ was "others." He was born for others. He lived for others. He died for others. He rose for others. He ascended back to the right hand of the Father and is now praying for others. To be Christ-centered means to be others-centered. It is said that but few people of the human race forget themselves into immortality. Some of the world's greatest Christians have insisted that their number one problem was not a personal Devil, but self. That is certainly true, for Satan gets in his best work through the self-centered disposition of human beings. Paul, the greatest of all Christians, insisted that he had been "crucified with Christ." He continued to live but his life was so thoroughly surrendered to the Lord that he said it was Christ living in him and working through him.

We are living under a great strain, and much of that strain is caused by selfishness between individuals and between nations. Selfishness is not responsible for the diseases of many people, but it is of some. A self-centered attitude is very hard on a person's health. A sick lady a few months ago went to her doctor. He diagnosed her case and told her very frankly that her trouble was selfishness. He advised her to become interested in others and to begin rendering service to others. This advice made her very angry. At first she determined that she would not follow it. But she realized that the doctor who gave this advice was one of the best in our nation. He would do nothing else for her. So she decided she would follow his advice. She did so and was soon in robust health. It is a fact beyond controversy that many people make themselves sick by looking into their own lives too much and thinking constantly of self and self-interest.

Unselfishness demands that we be good neighbors; that we constantly search for those who need our help and do what we can for their good. It demands that we be good citizens; that we respect the laws of the land and in every way possible be loyal to our government. Unselfishness demands that we be true followers of Christ; be loyal to the church and to the great spiritual values of life. We will thus do our bit as we pass through life.

God minus the world would still equal God; the world minus God would equal nothing.—Wm. Temple, former archbishop of Canterbury, quoted by A. J. Knowles in youth meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil