

River Of January

Editors' note: This is the third article from Bishop Martin describing experiences of interest which he and Mrs. Martin are having during their three months tour of Latin America. The article next week will describe points of interest near Rio de Janeiro. The article this week is dated September 5.

VOLUMES have been written in praise of fabulous Rio de Janeiro, but mere words can never adequately describe the incredible beauty of Brazil's capitol city. Rio is considered by travelers to have the most beautiful harbor in the world. Here are 365 mountains — one for each day of the year — which rise from the waters of her breathtaking harbor. Dominating the scene is Corcovado, 2300 feet high, atop which stands a giant granite statue of Christ, the Redeemer, His arms outstretched, His face turned to the city below and to the sea. Second in importance is Sugar Loaf, another great mountain of which I shall write later.

The shoreline of Rio is a succession of crescent-shaped, sandy bays which are ideal for swimmers. The streets of Rio are broad and tree-lined, and tall buildings of the most modern design crowd the business area. The sidewalks are fashioned in mosaic designs that are at first startling to the visitor but quickly win admiration for their unique beauty.

Rio de Janeiro was discovered by a Portuguese navigator on New Year's Day, 1502, and was named by him "River of January," because he believed Guanabara Bay to be the mouth of a large river. It is known today as the "Play City of the New World," for it is a city that lives outdoors in eternal warm spring.

The works of man here are fully as spectacular as those of Nature. The towering modern buildings already mentioned, the attractive business and residential streets, the well-planned drives skirting the waterfront along the bay, the tropical parks, all proclaim a splendid metropolis worthy of its superlatively beautiful natural surroundings.

The grand style seems to be a natural part of the Brazilian tradition. Occupying slightly less than one-half of the land of South America, it is large enough to hold the United States with room left over for an extra Texas. So vast is Brazil, so difficult of penetration, that many areas are known only by maps based on aerial surveys. Brazil has the largest river in the world, the Amazon, and two waterfalls that are higher

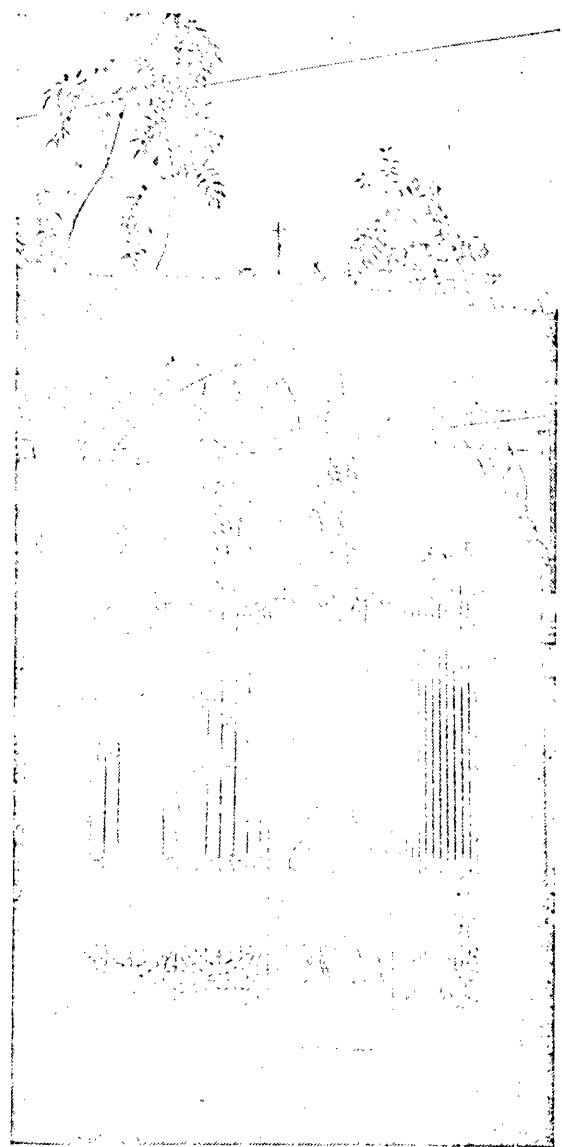
than Niagara. Brazil grows most of the world's coffee and beans and a large percentage of its cotton, cacao, and medicinal plants. No one knows the real value of her natural resources, though we know her wealth in minerals is tremendous. Brazil is in a position, along with the United States and the Soviet Union, to become one of the world's great industrial nations. Her resources are even more varied and abundant than those of the United States.

We arrived in Rio the morning of the first of September. Our missionaries, including Mary McSwain of Arkansas, were waiting to give us a hearty and gracious welcome. Thoughtful friends back home had arranged for representatives of the State Department and the Naval Attache of the American Embassy to help us through customs; and that which sometimes is a difficult and tiresome procedure was a pleasant experience that took only a few minutes. Particularly has Chief E. E. Kemp, an unusually efficient person, been helpful to us.

Rev. James Thoburn Legg, the pastor of Union Church, took me to the monthly meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Martin and Miss Mary McSwain had lunch together. That afternoon Mrs. Martin went with Mrs. Legg and Mary McSwain to a meeting of the Women's Club of Rio, where she heard a lovely program by attractive singers from our Bennett College here. At that meeting she met Mrs. Logan of the American Embassy, who is a member of the Meek family of Camden.

That afternoon I had a pleasant and profitable visit with Bishop Cesar Dacorso Filho, one of the three bishops in Brazil. He was the first Brazilian to serve as a bishop. There are thirty Methodist churches in Rio and 400 in Brazil. Most of the churches are self-supporting. Last year was the best year in the history of the Brazilian Methodist Church, both in the construction of new churches and in evangelistic work. I was interested to learn that in the city of Rio there are 84 doctors who belong to Evangelical Churches. Bishop Dacorso told me that Protestantism is growing faster in Brazil than in any other country in the world. I am convinced that the opportunities for the spread of the Gospel in Latin America were never greater than they are today.

Our first evening in Rio, we went to a reception in the beautiful apartment, overlooking the Bay, of Rear Admiral R. F. Whitehead; he was honoring the new American ambassador, the Honorable James Scott Kemper, and Mrs. Kemper. We met ambassadors from many other countries, together with some leading Brazilians.



ENTRANCE TO BENNETT COLLEGE

Afterwards, we strolled back to our hotel in the moonlight, reveling in the beauty of the myriad lights of the Bay.

When the Brazilian republic was formed in 1889 and liberal-minded men saw the need for improving the whole educational system, they took the Methodist and Presbyterian schools as models: one of the outstanding contributions that the missionary agencies have made to Latin America is found in the educational institutions they have established.

Bennett College is the proud representative of this noble tradition. The school opened in 1921. A similar school under another name had been located at Petropolis. Bishop John M. Moore and Dr. Hugh C. Tucker were responsible for the purchase of the magnificent property. It is located admirably; in fact, the land is now so valuable that it is almost priceless.

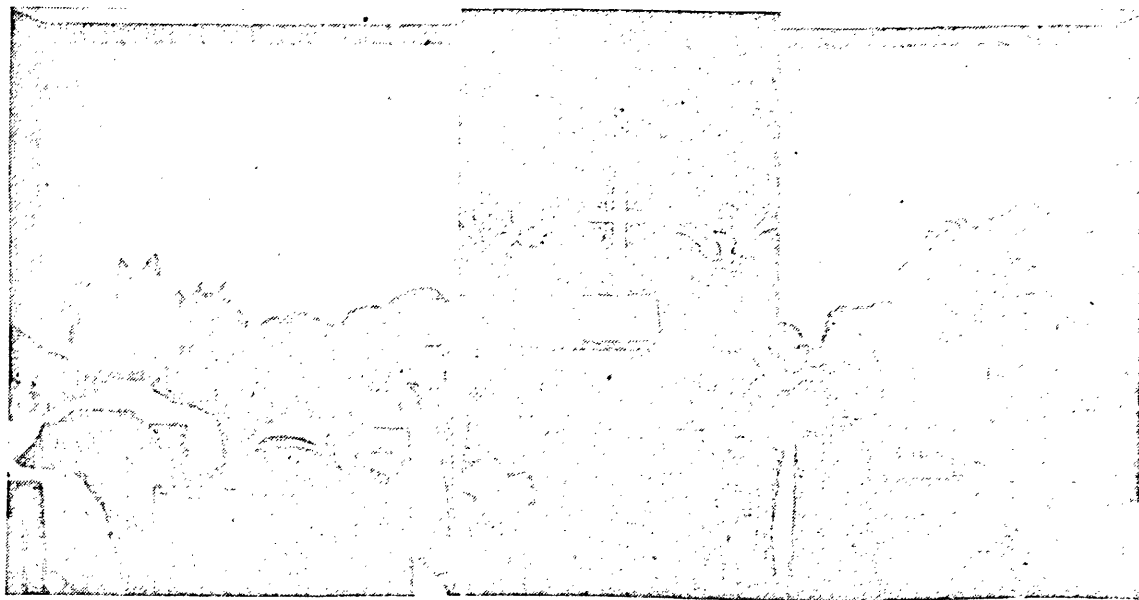
The story of the purchase is an interesting one. The original property, on which was located a handsome mansion so large that 92 children are now housed in it, was owned by one of Rio's leading physicians. At first he did not want to sell his home; but Doctor Tucker and Bishop Moore convinced him of the contribution such an educational institution would make to the life of Brazil, and he said the Methodist Church might acquire it. When the Archbishop learned of what was happening, he was furious and told the doctor he would excommunicate him if he proceeded with his plans. The doctor then took the Archbishop to a framed document in which the Pope granted to the doctor's father indulgences that were to continue through seven generations.

The school offers kindergarten, primary and secondary courses, junior college, and an officially recognized normal course for teacher training. The enrollment is 800, and there are 65 teachers and 40 workers.

I do not know when we have visited a school that has impressed us more. The buildings and equipment are in excellent condition; evidences are apparent on every hand of a superior type of training, and the students are most attractive.

There is a waiting list for all classes in the
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GIRLS IN PRAYER CHAPEL, BENNETT COLLEGE, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL



Evangelism Programs Scheduled In Area

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TO HAVE UNITED REACHING REVIVAL

By Methodist Information

"CHRIST Can Change the World —with You" is the theme of a United Reaching Revival to be conducted in all the Methodist churches of North Arkansas October 4-8. Announcement of the mission was made this week by the Rev. Paul Bumpers of Clarksville, conference director of evangelism.

Purpose of the program will be to reach individuals for Christian decision. Local church campaigns will be climaxed with district preaching services Oct. 8.

The local church programs will be directed by the pastor and the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, with the assistance of teams of laymen.

The local church schedule will proceed as follows:

October 4, Worldwide Communion service on every charge at 11 a. m., 1:15 p. m., first instruction period for visitation; 2 p. m., first visitation period; 4:30 p. m., report meeting at church.

October 5, 6 and 7, fellowship supper at 6 p. m. followed by visitation

October 8, district preaching service, 7:30 p. m., as follows:

Batesville District, Mt. Home, 9:00 a. m., and First Church, Batesville, 3:00 p. m., Rev. Richard Connell, preacher for both services.

Conway District, First Church, Morrilton, 7:30 p. m., Rev. George Meyer, Little Rock preacher.

Fayetteville District, Central Church, Fayetteville, 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Little Rock, preacher.

Forrest City District, Bear Creek District Camp, 11:00 a. m., Rev. H. O. Bolin, Benton, preacher.

Fort Smith District, Charleston, 7:30 p. m., Rev. Paul M. Bumpers, Clarksville, preacher.

Jonesboro District, First Church Blytheville, 7:30 p. m., Rev. Thurston Masters, Tyrone, preacher.

Paragould District, First Church, Paragould, 7:30 p. m., Rev. Edwin Dodson, Pocahontas, preacher.

Searcy District, First Church Searcy, 7:30 p. m., Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff, preacher.

October 5-9, visitation by pastor to those who have made commitments. October 9, 7:30 p. m., class of instruction for new members.

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Pictured below are, left, Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Arkadelphia, District Superintendent and Rev. W. O. Byrd, pastor of Arkadelphia First Church and District Director of Evangelism. (Meth. Info. Photo.)

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT PLANS UNITED EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE

Methodist churches of the Arkadelphia district will begin a week-long United Evangelistic Advance with a meeting at 3 p. m., Friday, October 9, for host and guest ministers.

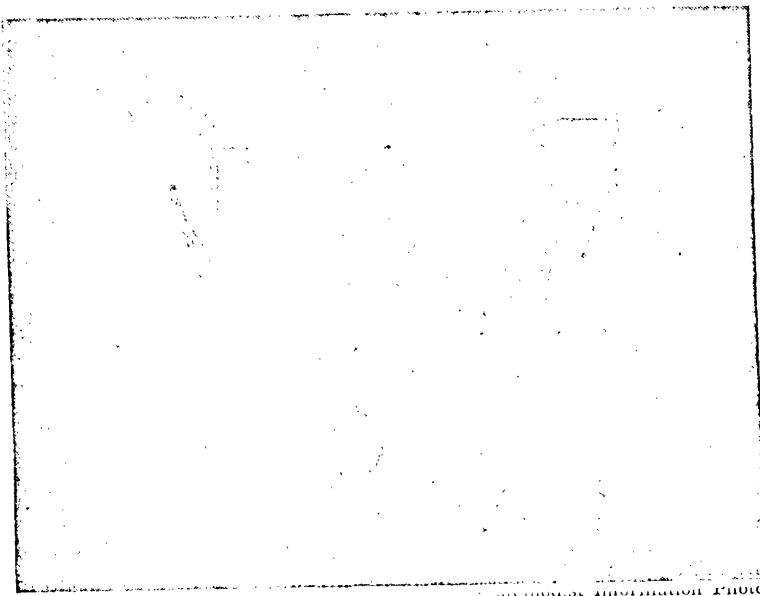
The opening meeting at First Methodist church, Arkadelphia, will be directed by the Rev. J. M. Hamilton, district superintendent, the Rev. W. O. Byrd, pastor of the church and the Rev. Cecil Culver of Little Rock, director of evangelism for the Little Rock Methodist Conference.

The mission will be developed through evening services Friday, October 9, through Friday, October 16, with two services on Sunday. Speakers in the local churches will be visiting ministers from the other districts of the Little Rock Conference.

Methodist youth of the district will hold their rally in connection with the mission at 3 p. m. Sunday, October 11, at Arkadelphia. The speaker will be the Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden, superintendent of the Conway district in the North Arkansas Conference. The Rev. R. O. Beck of Gurdon is district director of youth work.

The visitation phase of the week's program will be set up by each local church participating. Reports will be made at 10 a. m., Wednesday, October 14, and Friday, October 16, at Arkadelphia.

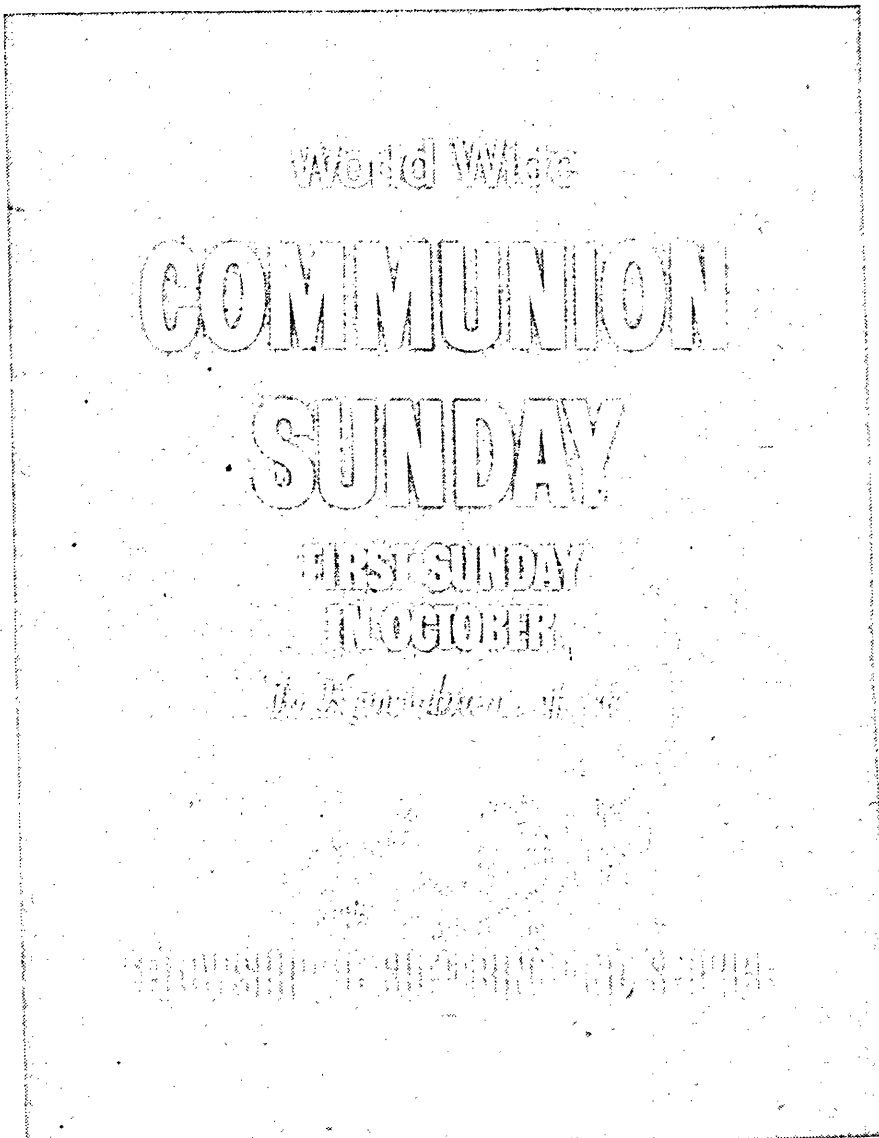
The Advance will be climaxed with a mass meeting at 3 p. m. Sunday, October 18, at First Methodist Church, Hot Springs. Speaker for the district-wide meeting will be announced later.



NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT TO HAVE SPIRITUAL LIFE MISSION

Among the members of the Planning Committee of the New Orleans District Spiritual Life Mission, scheduled for October 2-9, are, pictured above, (l to r) the Rev. Virgil D. Morris, New Orleans District Superintendent, Mrs. Arlene Hawkins, New Orleans District Director of Publicity, and Rev. P. M. Caraway, pastor of the Canal Street Methodist Church, New Orleans, and District Director of Evangelism. This mission is being held in cooperation with the Baton Rouge District, with pastors of the latter District assisting the New Orleans District pastors in the program. During the period November 1-7, the New Orleans District pastors will assist the leaders of the Baton Rouge District in a similar program.

The New Orleans mission will open Friday evening, October 2 with a Preachers' Banquet at the Canal Street Methodist Church. The youth of the District will meet on Saturday night at the Carrollton Methodist Church. At each of these two meetings Dr. Ernest Thomas, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism, will be the featured speaker. District meetings of the pastors will also be held Monday through Friday morning at the First Methodist Church at which time reports will be made on the progress of the mission and the group will hear addresses on the Holy Habits by Baton Rouge District ministers and sermons by Dr. Thomas.



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK will be observed at the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, the week of October 11-18.

CHARLES STUCK, Lay Leader of the North Arkansas Conference, spoke at a meeting of laymen in Ozark on Tuesday, September 15.

J. R. CROCKER has been elected president of the Men's Wesley Class of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. Other officers are Walter Hayes, vice-president; Otis Porter, secretary-treasurer.

THE METHODIST MEN of the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, met on Wednesday evening, September 23, at the church. Music was furnished by an all-accordion choir from St. Paul's school.

A CONCERT of sacred music was given by the Chapel Choir of C C "B", Camp Chaffee, at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Sunday evening, September 27. The choir was directed by Corporal Frank Lendrim.

LAYMEN of the Ft. Smith District attended a meeting of laymen at Greenwood on Wednesday evening, September 16. This was one of two meetings arranged in the district by Melvin Dunn, District Lay Leader.

REV. AND MRS. RAY EDWARDS of Griffithville announce the birth of a son, Donald Ray, on Saturday, September 18, in the Rodgers Hospital in Searcy. Mr. Edwards is serving his third year as the pastor of the Methodist Church at Griffithville.

OPEN HOUSE was held at the Asbury Church, Little Rock, parsonage on Sunday afternoon, September 27, by Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Thomas. The parsonage has been re-decorated and refurnished. Friends called between the hours of 2:30 to 5:30 p. m. and 8:30 to 10:00 p. m.

THE METHODIST MEN of Gardner Church, North Little Rock, had charge of the World Service program on "World Friendship in Our Community" in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, September 27. Rev. Irl Bridenthal is pastor of the church.

MISS REGENIA WATSON has accepted the position of Director of Youth Work at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, effective November 1. Miss Watson is a graduate of Hendrix College and has been employed as Youth Director at the First Methodist Church, Newport.

MICHAEL FRANKLIN ELDER, son of Rev. and Mrs. William Elder, was born on September 21 in Amarillo, Texas. Mr. Elder, whose home was in Little Rock, has been serving as a missionary in Japan. He will enter Southern Methodist University in Dallas soon and he and his family will live in Dallas.

MORRIS E. SCHLESINGER, member of the Jewish Orthodox Church, Agudas Achim, in Little Rock, addressed members of the Edith Zinn Bible Class of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday morning, September 13. Mr. Schlesinger explained special religious holidays celebrated by his church.

M. H. RUSSELL, superintendent of Crossett schools and immediate past president of the Arkansas Education Association, addressed a dinner meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Warren on Tuesday evening, September 22. Hal Gibbons, president, presided over the meeting.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, WEST MEMPHIS, broke ground on Sunday, September 27, for a new building which will house additional educational facilities. The new structure will cost approximately \$115,000 and will add 11,300 square feet of floor space to the present educational building. Rev. J. Ralph Hillis is the West Memphis pastor.

STUDENTS of Southern State College, Magnolia, were honored with a party and reception on the evening of September 16 on the patio of

the First Methodist Church. Food, group singing and games were enjoyed by the group. Refreshments were served by the following women from the Woman's Society of Christian Service: Mrs. Jimmie Burton, Mrs. Julia Shipley and Mrs. Ernie Shiver. Rev. J. L. Dedman is pastor of First Church.

SCOTT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, EUDORA, has completed the re-decorating of the sanctuary and new pews have been installed. The purchase of the new pews was sponsored by the Young Adults Sunday School Class and the women of the church sponsored the re-decorating. Practically all the painting, re-finishing and other work was done by the men and women of the church. Rev. C. Everett Patton is pastor.

JOSEPH E. JOHNSON of Hermitage passed away suddenly on Friday, September 18, in Hermitage. Mr. Johnson, son of the late J. P. Johnson of Jersey, was a brother of Rev. Jesse L. Johnson of Piggott and Rev. Robert W. Johnson of McRae. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. W. Barron at the Jersey Methodist, assisted by Rev. Mr. Dood, a student pastor in Ouachita College, on Sunday afternoon, September 20. Sympathy of friends goes out to all the members of the family.

TWENTY-THREE Church School workers from Grand Avenue Methodist Church and the First Methodist Church of Stuttgart met at the Riceland Hotel on Thursday, September 17, to consider a training school program for the churches. Plans were made for a co-operative training school for the two churches to be held the latter part of November. Dr. Arthur Terry, district superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, and Dr. Clem Baker, district director of education and pastor of Carr Memorial Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, met with the group.

DR. THOMAS P. CHALKER of Greenville, Ala., has been elected editor and business manager of "The Alabama Christian Advocate," official Methodist weekly of the Birmingham episcopal area. He will assume his new post October 15, succeeding Dr. M. E. Laznby, 68, who is retiring from the editorship. Dr. Chalker, who has been pastor of the Greenville Methodist Church since 1951, was elected by the "Advocate's" trustees, representing the Alabama and North Alabama Methodist conferences, and appointed by Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham. The new editor is a native Alabamian, and a graduate of Emory and Yale Universities, holding the A. B., D. B., A. M., and Ph.D. degrees.

DR. WILLIAM R. CANNON, 37, has been named dean of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., it was announced on September 20 by President Goodrich C. White. A faculty member for nine years, Dr. Cannon succeeds Dr. H. B. Trimble, who has been dean since 1937. Dr. Trimble will devote full-time to the university's development program, President White said. A native of Chattanooga, Tenn., Dean Cannon is a graduate of the University of Georgia and Yale University Divinity School, and in 1942 he received the Ph.D. degree from Yale. An ordained Methodist minister of the North Georgia annual conference, he has served as a delegate to Methodist general and jurisdictional conferences, and in 1950 he was speaker at the World Methodist Conference in Oxford, England.

WHAT ABOUT THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE BIBLE is the title of an interesting review of the new translation by Dr. Henry M. Bullock, editor of Methodist Church School publications. In the 16-page pamphlet, Dr. Bullock lists the 37 denominational sponsors of the RSV Bible, reviews events leading to its translation and the history of earlier versions, discusses criticism, and cites the opinions of numerous Methodist leaders. Free copies may be obtained by writing the nearest branch of the Methodist Publishing House, located as follows: Dallas 1, Texas and Nashville 2, Tenn. Also available is an article, "Answering Criticism of the Revised Standard Version," by Dr. J. Philip

Hyatt of the Vanderbilt University School of Religion, one of the RSV translators. Single copies may be obtained from "The Pastor," 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

DR. HARRY DENMAN of Nashville, Tenn., leader in the evangelistic campaign in The Methodist Church, says: "Our mission is to get parents to become teachers. In the United States more than 22,000,000 babies have been born during the last six years, and in 1952 more than 3,850,000 babies were born to set a new record. Yet the number of children in the nursery division of our Church Schools decreased last year. We must stimulate every church to become child-centered . . . The Methodist Church now has a four-year youth emphasis program under way because there are 20,000,000 youth in this country who are not being reached by any church—Protestant, Roman Catholic or Jewish. We hope that the World Mission of Evangelism will stir every church to give dynamic leadership to youth. We must quit trying to entertain them with recreation and entertain them with the idea of giving themselves to God. Youth will respond to the greatest challenge we can make. Our camps, institutes and summer assemblies must more and more become training centers for youth who will become evangelists for the Kingdom of God."

GERMAN METHODISTS PLEDGE WORK FOR PEACE

A resolution pledging itself to work actively for peace was adopted by the synod of the Methodist Church in Germany which met in Reichenbach, Soviet Zone, under the chairmanship of Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich of Frankfurt-on-Main.

"It is with deep sorrow," the resolution said, "that we watch the fatal tensions in the world continue. But the longing for peace is alive in all peoples and we are convinced that prayers and the influence of the faithful will create an atmosphere promoting and spreading the forces of peace."

"As Methodists we will further the preservation of world peace with all means at our disposal, reject war and its spiritual and material preparations. We see our task in promoting peace by announcing the Gospel and living in peace and harmony with all men and peoples."

DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAM SHERMAN

Mrs. William Sherman, wife of Rev. William Sherman, longtime member of the North Arkansas Conference, passed away in Fayetteville on Friday of last week following a long illness.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Sherman is survived by a son, Selywn Sherman of Statesboro, Georgia; a daughter, Mrs. D. D. Ricketts of Little Rock; a brother, J. W. Cannon of Lorenzo, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. H. H. Sanders of Ventura, California, and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Central Methodist Church in Fayetteville on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Burial was in the Elm Springs cemetery.

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GETTING OUR MONEY'S WORTH

Perhaps no subject has been so much discussed as the high cost of living. But what about the higher value of living, which is a more important matter than the cost?

What we get for our money is of more importance than what we pay for it. Sooner or later we pay out all we have. If I have spent \$10,000 this year and saved \$2,000, I may say to myself that I am ahead of this game. But when the game of life is called by the Divine Umpire, all my money will be gone whether I have spent it or saved it. Hence the financial cost of living is secondary to the values received.

Let us think then about what we are getting for what we are spending. Money in itself is neither righteous nor unrighteous. But when the love of money becomes covetous greed, it becomes "the Mammon of unrighteousness," for it drives men to further and further excesses.

The added curse of covetousness is that it makes men so concerned with material things that they neglect the true values of life. Just as World War II was closing, the Rev. Charles Kean wrote a book in which he said, "The welfare of wealth, in one form or another, has become the dominant consideration of our contemporary order."

Consider that statement. It applies to men on all economic levels. If men really put human values above money values, there would be no danger of World War III. What do we think motivates the Soviet Union in her attitudes toward China and Korea? The welfare of the Chinese and Koreans or the desire for markets and power? We are pretty sure it is the latter, are we not?

The only way to win the contest against the Communists is to convince the world that we are not merely seeking the welfare of possessions. Yes, and the only way to win over the worries and fears which threaten our own peace of mind is to put the welfare of personality above the welfare of our possessions.

I know we cannot completely separate the two. I realize that property values are part of our human values. Nevertheless we have to give one or the other the priority. That is why Jesus said, "You cannot serve God and Mammon."

The Master recognized that money has its place in life. He would have his followers keep it in its place. And its proper place is as a servant of life, not a master. The higher test of a person is not how much money he makes, but how much he makes of his money. By being faithful in the use of money, we train ourselves for the true riches. So the Gospel says.

And now what are the true riches? They are those which do not deceive. When we go into the market to buy, we must have a sense of values or we shall be taken in. Likewise in life, we must have a sense of true values or we shall spend our money for that which is not bread and our labor for that which satisfieth not.

True riches stand the test of time. They give us as much satisfaction after they have been gotten as they promised to give when we were pursuing them. They do not tarnish by use nor worry their possessors by fear of loss.

True riches makes a man worth more than the estate which he leaves. "What was he worth?" we ask when a man's will is probated. The answer is usually given in terms of money.

The true answer is in terms of service. What was he worth to the world? Whom did he help? What lives did he enrich? In the Hall of Fame of Famous Americans there have now been placed some eighty busts of our nation's greatest. Not one of them was chosen merely for his monetary wealth. They were selected for the significance of their con-

tributions in Bennett College were busy preparing for a festival to be given in a few weeks at which time they hope to raise, as they have done in other years, \$2,000 for leper work. This is one of their annual projects. That would be a worthy and ambitious undertaking for any student body in the United States.

Miss Anita Harris is the gifted president of Bennett College. She is the daughter of a Presbyterian missionary and is a most capable and gracious lady. The girls come to her constantly for counsel, which is not difficult to understand. We were interested to know that the laws of Brazil require certain salaries for the native teachers.

Some of the teachers in the college receive five times the salary of Miss Harris, the president. Some of these teachers, however, are most generous. The head of the Normal School, Miss Heloisa Marinho, gives back part of her salary to the school to help pay the salaries of teachers and to make improvements on the buildings

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one-fourth is administered by the Committee on Camp Activities. This publication has sought to present the work of these three agencies in the three preceding issues, showing how in a marvelous way Methodist dollars are put to work

METHODIST RURAL FELLOWSHIP TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

METHODISM PLANS FOR TELEVISION

Evidence of this is shown by plans and progress already made and by widespread inquiries about the church's use of this means of reaching the millions.

The Methodist Radio and Film Commission has a Television Program Research Committee at work planning for programming through 1956, and has produced programs to be released this fall.

The special committee has held three meetings for study and consultation with experts, and has done research projects among TV stations and church leaders.

At a meeting in Los Angeles recently the committee had the benefit of expert opinion from a wide variety of consultants representing the television and film industries, and the fields of psychology, education, sociology and advertising.

Beginning with the psychology of communication and social dynamics, the group explored the fields of audience appeal, program format, production, social values of religious telecasting, reasons for church programming, and costs.

Mr. Floyd W. Woodcock, a Methodist layman of Wilmington, Delaware, and a member of the Commission, has generously provided a grant to finance the research.

Ready for release this fall is a 15-minute dramatic TV series, "The Pastor," produced by the Radio and Film Commission, to be released to TV stations through the auspices of the National Council of Churches.

Telecasts for special occasions have included the World Convocation on Evangelism, the Youth Emphasis and others.

In addition, the Commission is at-

tempting to give counsel and assistance to local churches in television production.

tribution to society. "You Can't Take It With You" was the title of a long-run Broadway play. It pointed the futility of feverishly living for the things which must be left behind at death. But true riches are those which so enter into the enrichment of character that when the spirit leaves, its temple of clay they can be taken along.

Yes, the cost of living is high. But there can be a value of living which is worth more than it costs.

The Methodist Rural Fellowship will hold a convention at St. Paul, Minnesota, October 28 and 29, according to an announcement issued by Dr. H. E. Stott, National President.

The Convention will be held concurrently with the Annual National Convocation on the Town and Country Church which meets in St. Paul October 27-29. MRF members from all over the United States will attend this important meeting, which is open to the whole membership.

Reorganization and expansion of this national group of Methodists who are interested in the contribution the rural church can make to the vigorous advance of the whole church are the major items on the agenda, which also includes the annual MRF banquet and the usual "get together for fun and fellowship." A proposal for reorganization on a regional basis will be offered. This proposal calls for regional MRF units in geographical areas which conform generally to jurisdictional boundaries of the church, excepting the Central Jurisdiction. Members of the Central Jurisdiction within a given region will participate in the regional organization. If adopted, the delegates from the various regions will meet separately for organization and election of officers.

The Convention will also consider the expansion program designed to reach a membership of 10,000 in 1954. This program is aimed at securing the participation of laymen and the women of the church.

The Convention will begin at 3:00 p. m. on October 28. The regional meetings will be held at 5:00 p. m.

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school. The children come from leading homes, including those of high-ranking diplomats and government officials in the city. In many instances, on the occasion of their marriage young women make enrollment for children that may be born to them.

The parent of the child enrolled agrees that the student shall have religious instruction. Vespers are held before dinner at night, and the Upper Room is read at the breakfast hour.

We felt that the Art and Music Departments were outstanding. A School of Sacred Music was started in 1944 by Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Ream. She is the talented daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Cyrus B. Dawsey, and Mr. Ream is a graduate of Westminster Choir College. They have developed a fine curriculum. In addition, they have made sacred recordings that have been used throughout the entire nation. They have published anthems, solos, a small volume of hymn stories, a collection of Christmas carols, a children's hymnal, a collection of Brazilian folk melodies with sacred words arranged for junior choirs, a Methodist hymnal, and a large book of play songs for younger children with directions as to their use. This last volume, we feel, would have a wide circulation at home, because it is so attractive.

We were interested to know that the stu-

in this program.

When you bow at the Lord's Table on World-Wide Communion Sunday, remember that the gift you leave there will bring relief to someone who suffers, will strengthen the hand of the military chaplain who ministers to the men and women in the armed services, and will make possible a stronger program in the local church where members of the armed forces worship.

EVANGELISM NOW A MAJOR EMPHASIS

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and in the local church will be the responsibility of the Commission on Evangelism and membership, the success of any one and all of them will depend on the active support of every individual and group in every church. Evangelism is every Christian's business.

DR. HAWES P. CLARKE, pastor of Calvary Church, Arlington, Va., succeeds the late Dr. Walter C. Buckner as member of the Judicial Council, Methodism's "Supreme Court." It was announced September 17 by Judge A. Childers, San Antonio, Texas, Council president. Dr. Buckner died on September 12 in Glendale, California, at the home of a friend whom he had just brought back from the hospital.

JURISDICTIONAL WORKSHOPS HELD

Nashville, Tenn.—During the past summer two jurisdictional workshops for directors of Christian education were held under the auspices of the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education. The first was held July 20-25 at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, for the South Central Jurisdiction, and the second August 3-8 at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, for the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Both workshops provided opportunity for directors to

1. Renew their spiritual insight and take time for real Christian growth.
2. Take a thorough look at the approach to each age group—children, youth, adults.
3. Discuss various phases of Christian doctrine, theology, and the trends in Christian education.
4. Receive help in such skills as drama, music, group work and publicity.
5. Enjoy fellowship and sharing with others who face similar experiences.

The workshops were under the direction of the Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work and were held in connection with the South Central and Southeastern jurisdictional Leadership Schools.

Serving as resource leaders for both workshops were: Rev. Richard G. Belcher, secretary, Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations; Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director, Department of Leadership Education and Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director, Department of the Christian Education of Children, both of the

RECREATION WORKSHOPS DEVELOPING LEADERS

Nashville, Tenn. — The sectional recreation workshops that are being held annually in some of the jurisdictions and regions are developing an excellent group of competent recreation leaders across the church, it was reported recently by the Rev. Wallace Chappell, staff member of the General Board of Education.

Mr. Chappell is responsible for the program area of Christian Fellowship on the Youth Department staff, Division of the Local Church.

The purpose of a recreation workshop is to train recreation leaders in a learning-by-doing experience.

The two workshops of longest continuous history are those of the Southeastern and the South Central jurisdictions. The former has been held at Leesburg, Florida, for the past several years. Over 150 leaders were registered at each of these 1953 sessions. Leesburg is again the site of the Southeastern for March 17-24, 1954. The South Central moves from Turner Falls to the Oklahoma University campus at Norman for its session April 22-28, 1954.

In the Northeast, the Middle Atlantic Recreation Laboratory will be held at Pennington School in Pennington, New Jersey, June 6-10, 1954.

There are good prospects for other advanced workshops in the Ohio River valley and on the Pacific Coast.

General Board of Education; and Dr. D. M. Maynard, professor of Religious Education, Boston University School of Theology.

Other resource persons from the Board of Education were: At Mt. Sequoyah, Rev. Robert S. Clemmons; at Lake Junaluska, Dr. N. F. Forsyth, Dr. B. F. Jackson, Jr., Rev. M. Leo Rippey, Mrs. Blanche Sloan, and Rev. Walter N. Vernon, Jr.

Leaders from the South Central Jurisdiction who contributed to the success of the Mt. Sequoyah workshop, were Mrs. Harvey W. Couch, El Dorado, Arkansas; Dr. D. L. Dykes, Fayetteville, Arkansas; Mrs. Howard Grimes, Dallas, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. T. Cole Watkins, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Miss Elizabeth Tittsworth of the Searritt College faculty led the drama-interest group at the Lake Junaluska workshop.

There were 67 registered for the Mt. Sequoyah workshop with all but three conferences in the South Central Jurisdiction being represented.

Registrations at the Lake Junaluska workshop totaled 105 — with all the South-eastern conferences but one being represented. In addition, two directors came from the Peninsula conference and one each from Baltimore and Ohio.

Both workshops requested that a churchwide meeting for directors be held next summer. Plans are under way for such a meeting to be held at Estes Park, Colorado, according to Mr. Towner. "With the demand for local church directors far exceeding the supply, work with directors is one of the most promising and fruitful fields open to those engaged in forwarding the cause of Christian education," he said.

VACATION SCHOOL

The Des Arc Methodist Church held its Vacation Church School August 24 to August 28 with an enrollment of 76 children and 15 teachers and helpers. Thirty-six certificates were awarded for satisfactory work and attendance on Sunday night following the school when the week's work was shared with the parents and church membership.

A film strip, "The Good Book" was shown at the close of the program. Refreshments were served each day the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The Kindergarten group studied, "Stories About Jesus." Workers were Mrs. J. T. Gray, Mrs. Monroe Ingram, Mrs. Gwin Smith and Miss Blanch Brown. Primaries studied "Jesus the Friend," with Mrs. Arthur Mask, Mrs. T. W. Ragan, Mrs. Owen Brown, Miss Lynwood King and Mrs. Jean Lindsey. Juniors studied, "Learning to Know the Bible" with Rev. F. Wesley Reutz, Miss Nancy Roe, Miss Ruby Hudgins and Mrs. Mary Nell Foster. The Intermediates studied, "Exploring the Bible," with Mrs. John Gipson and Mrs. Clifford Calhoun. Mrs. John Winchester, superintendent of the Children's Department, was superintendent of the school.

Dr. Goodloe To Teach In Leadership School

Dr. Robert W. Goodloe of Dallas will teach a course on "The Meaning of Methodism" at the annual leadership school for the Methodist churches of Greater Little Rock, October 18-22.

Dr. Goodloe is professor of church history at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

He is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago. He has been a regular member of the SMU faculty since 1922.

He is the author of "Principles of Church Government" and co-author of "Story of Methodism."

The training school will be held at Asbury Church in Little Rock under the sponsorship of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education.

DR. ROBERT W. GOODLOE

NORTH ARKANSAS NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

October, Evangelism Month

The month of October has been designated as Month of Evangelism. The churches of the North Arkansas Conference are being asked to carry on during the first part of October, October 4-9, a period of Visitation Evangelism.

It is hoped that our church school workers will make every possible contribution toward making this an important time in securing commitments for Christ. There may be persons in your class that should be led to make such a commitment, and be brought into the membership of the church.

The church school also has two major responsibilities in the field of evangelism. The first responsibility is to prepare people for a definite commitment to Christ and to bring them into the fellowship of the church. The second responsibility is that of guiding all professed Christians in a growing Christian Faith.

This all means that those of us who work at the job of Christian Education need to prepare ourselves for the largest possible service.

While we are seeking to bring persons into the fellowship of the church, let us not forget to seek to enlist increased numbers in the membership of our church schools.

More Training Schools

Almost every day a new request comes to our office for a training school. We have been delighted that so many local churches are planning for a local training program and working out with capable people for the leadership of their own training program.

We have recently received information with reference to training schools being planned at Boyds-ville, Walnut Ridge, Black Oak, Knobel, Beech Grove, and Trumann.

We desire to constantly remind all those planning for training schools that they plan far enough in advance to prevent complications caused by not having time enough to secure text material and clear certification for the school. It is also well to plan far in advance in

order to get those planning to be in the school to clear their schedule for the school.

On To Tulsa

Four out of the first seventeen registered for the Adult Convocation, were from the North Arkansas Conference. We do not hope to keep up that percentage but we do hope to have a good delegation in the convocation.

Remember that the date of the convocation is October 17-20, beginning on Saturday evening the seventeenth and closing at noon on the twentieth.

A report from the Jonesboro District indicates that they hope to have four cars going from that district. The District Superintendent, Rev. E. J. Hollifield and the District Director of Adult Work, Rev. Alvin C. Murray, will head the Jonesboro District delegation.

Reports coming from the Fayetteville and Fort Smith Districts indicate that those two districts will have good delegations.

The North Arkansas Conference Board of Education is giving some assistance to each of the District Directors of Adult Work in transportation expense; and it is our hope that each of the District Directors of Adult Work will be attending the convocation.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS HOLDS RETREAT

The Young Adult Class of Ozark Methodist Church held a Family Life Retreat at Shores' Lake Camp Saturday and Sunday, September 12-13. The theme was "The Christian Family in the Community."

Recreation Saturday evening was led by Mrs. Fay Cloos. Following recreation, the group divided into three "buzz groups" and a discussion was held with Rev. Charles P. McDonald, Jr., pastor, in charge. Mrs. Duane Brothers closed with a campfire devotional.

Sunday morning, Lloyd Sossamon, Church School superintendent, led the worship service which was followed by the class, under the direction of J. R. Ott, regular teacher.

Following Sunday dinner the group left for their homes.—Report-er.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

UN DELEGATION GETS PROTESTANT VIEWS ON CURRENT ISSUES

America's Protestant Churches are "steadfastly" convinced the United Nations is the best available political instrument for world cooperation and peaceful change, the National Council of Churches has assured the U. S. delegation to the world body. "We believe that our government should regard the United Nations not only as a vehicle of cooperation but as an instrument of mutual criticism and restraint through which the power of our nation and other nations may be transformed into morally responsible policy," the National Council said. The expression of support was voiced in an open letter to the American U. N. delegation, drafted by the National Council's department of international justice and goodwill and approved by its General Board at a meeting in New York. Purpose of the message, the Council said, was to inform the delegation of American churchpeople's views on questions scheduled for consideration by the U. N. General Assembly's eighth session which recently got under way. The letter was signed by Bishop William C. Martin, president of the National Council; Mrs. Douglas Horton, chairman of the department of internal justice and goodwill, and Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, the department's executive director.

2,500,000 Copies Of Revised Bible Sold

Nearly 2,500,000 copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have been sold since its publication a year ago, it was announced by Thomas Nelson & Sons, the publishers. William R. McCulley, president, said that in the history of the publishing industry no other book, fiction or non-fiction, has ever made such a sales record.

Carpenter Builds Backyard Chapel

A tiny backyard chapel, believed to be the smallest in Illinois and the second smallest in the nation, was dedicated at Creve Coeur. The 6 x 8 foot concrete block structure was built by Lester Hawkins, a 73-year-old retired carpenter, as "a memorial to old settlers of the area and a place of meditation for anyone who wants to use it." He began work on the building, which has a 14-foot steeple and pews for six worshipers, early last March. Total cost of the building was \$400. Mrs. Hawkins, an amateur artist, painted three pictures of Christ that hang in the chapel. Non-denominational dedication services were conducted by the Rev. William Whiteman, pastor of East Peoria's Bethany Missionary church. Bethany's choir provided the music.

Charge Chaplains Used To Propagandize For UMT

The Defense Department has been criticized for allegedly using religious orientation conferences organized by chaplains to propagandize the Churches on behalf of Universal Military Training. Making the charge was the National Council Against Conscription in a statement accompanying a new 60-page pamphlet "Press Agents of the Pentagon." The pamphlet was prepared by the Rev. John M. Swomley, a Methodist clergyman, director of the Council. Mr. Swomley claimed that the military used chaplains as public relations agents for UMT, particularly in the case of the experimental model camp set up in 1947. He charged that several chaplains were used extensively as speakers for UMT throughout the country, appearing at public meetings and on radio and television programs arranged by the Defense Department. Orientation conferences for religious leaders, Mr. Swomley said, are "one

of the most effective and little-known techniques of the military publicity."

Criticize 'High Pressure' Benefit Selling By Religious Groups

The executive committee of the Fort Worth, Texas Community Chest endorsed a resolution condemning the practice of some religious and civic groups here who allegedly use "high pressure salesmen" to sell tickets for benefit entertainments. The resolution was adopted earlier by the Better Business Bureau. The bureau claimed these groups actually realize some 20 per cent of the proceeds under this system, the balance being profit for the salesmen.

Set Seminar On Crime For Clergy

Clergymen from New York and Northern Pennsylvania have been invited to attend a seminar on crime and delinquency in Elmira, N. Y. September 23 and 24. The program includes a panel discussion on "The Clergy and the Offender." Participating will be the Rev. Philip Torrence, pastor of Elmira's First Methodist church; the Rev. Elmore Hoppe, chaplain at the New York State Industrial School; the Rev. Herbert Erway, Protestant Chaplain at the Elmira Reformatory; and the

Rev. Ralph Philbrook, chaplain at Auburn Prison. Among the speakers at other sessions will be Steuben County Judge Clarence Briscoe of Corning, N. Y., who will discuss "The Offender, His Family and the Community," and Ray C. Hulbert, chief probation officer of Chemung County, who will talk on "Probation and the Offender." Price Chennault, director of education for the New York State Correction Department, will address the group on "The Rehabilitative Program in the Institution." Dr. Rudolph Schwarz, senior psychiatrist at the Elmira Reception Center, will talk on "The Offender's Mental Health."

Says Large Cities Have Church Problem

Large cities in the United States are "plagued with too little churches, too many poorly-placed churches and too many competing churches," a New York minister said in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Robert A. McKibben, superintendent of the Department of City Work of Methodist National Missions, said the situation "baffles and perplexes church leaders." He addressed a conference on missions at Union Memorial Methodist church. Only cooperation between clergymen of all denominations can solve the problems created by the increase in the number of small churches, Dr. McKibben said. Negro ministers from 290 churches in 17 states attended the four-day conference.

Says Protestant Church Leadership Under Fire

Protestant church leadership in America "is under fire today as never before," Dr. James E. Wagner of Philadelphia told the General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Evansville, Ind. He is president of the denomination. "Exceedingly heavy pressure is upon us from political sources, the motives of which in some instances at least, are decidedly open to question," he said.

Wise Use Of American Power Stressed In World Order Message

It is "more urgent than ever before for the United States to exercise its power with wisdom and restraint," the General Board of the National Council of Churches said in a message for World Order Day (Oct. 25) adopted in New York. The message cited three "inescapable" responsibilities the U. S. must assume if it is to meet the challenge of world leadership thrust upon it. They are: (1) Continued cooperation with and willingness to accept criticism and restraint from our allies "and other friendly nations." (2) Steadfast adherence to basic principles of justice and freedom by keeping the door open for "honest negotiation of differences" between the Soviet Union and the free world. (3) Willingness to make a "sustained commitment to the principles of justice and peaceful change" in the world of nations. These obligations are imposed, the message said, by the continued development of increasingly destructive weapons of war and the fact that we have emerged from two global wars, "through no special merit or virtue" of our own, as the most powerful nation, economically and politically, on earth.

Leaders Praise Moral Behavior Of Americans

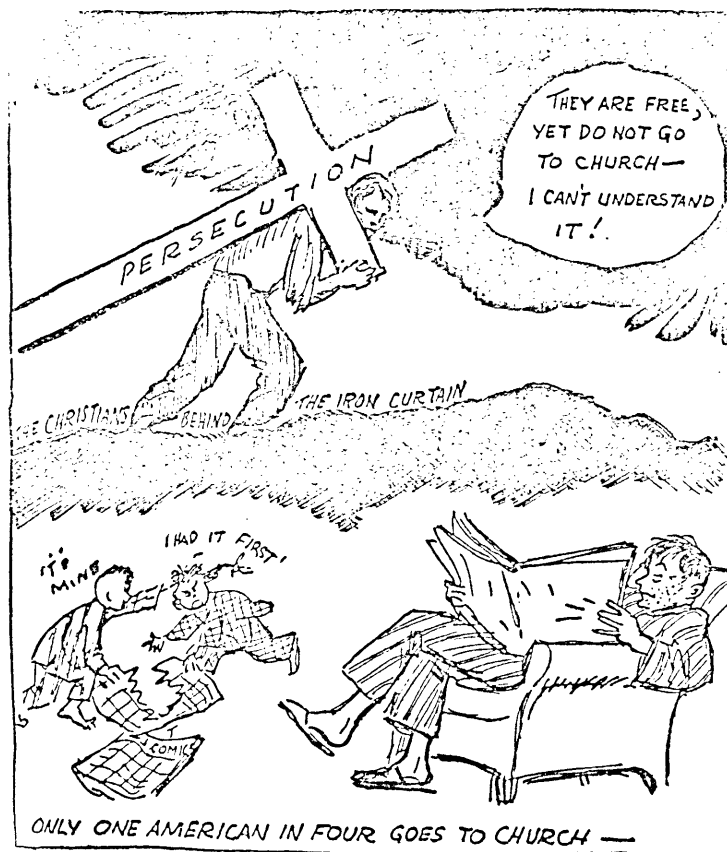
The behavior of the American people is "far better" and reflects "profound moral insights" than most of them realize but there is danger that Americans, as well as all mankind, may not be able to apply their moral standards properly in these changing times. These were conclusions reached by the officers of a Conference on Moral Standards held at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. Some 115 educators and business and professional leaders took part in the three-day discussion. At the request of Conference members, a summary statement was issued by the officers: Lyman Bryson, professor emeritus of education at Columbia University's Teachers College; Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Seminary, and Richard P. McKeon, professor of philosophy and Greek at the University of Chicago. They declared that Americans had been led by the present world situation "to assume responsibilities and reach decisions which reflect profounder moral insights than those of which they are frequently aware, or which they openly profess."

Churches Increase Relief Shipments 72 Per Cent

New York — Emergency shipments to Europe and Asia of relief goods provided by American Protestant churches during the first eight months of this year were 72 per cent greater than in the same period of 1952, Church World Service has said. Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, executive director of the National Council of Churches' overseas relief agency, reported to a meeting of the executive committee of C. W. S. here that the minimum dollar value of food, clothing, medicine and other supplies shipped this year totaled \$3,820,180 as compared to \$2,500,000 in the first eight months of last year. A substantial part of this increase was made possible, he said, by the U. S. government's offer of surplus products for free distribution through volunteer agencies working in foreign fields. Notable among these surpluses were 14,500,000 pounds of powdered milk.

PERSECUTION AND PAJAMAS

Chas. A. Wells



Little Rock Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR PERIOD JUNE 15, 1953, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11, 1953

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M S P	M S C	W.S. & Conf. Ben.	W S S	G & J.	Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M S P	M S C	W.S. & Conf. Ben.	W S S	G & J.
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT																	
AMITY CIRCUIT									Waverly 4.00 1.00 3.00 8.00								
Amity	\$ 58.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	Zion 3.00 1.00 3.00 5.00								
PL Cedar	3.00	1.00	1.00		25.00				TAYLOR CT.								
Sweet Home	5.00								Pine Grove 5.00 1.00 5.50 12.50								
ARKADELPHIA CT.									TIMOTHY-WEST SIDE								
Hollywood	10.00	2.00	9.00		12.00			2.00	West Side 20.00 4.00 20.00 25.00								2.50
Mt. Pisgah	4.00		2.00		10.00				UNION-RHODES CHAPEL								
Mt. Zion	4.00	1.00	5.00		5.00				Rhodes Chapel 15.00 12.00 60.00 5.00								
Shyrna			4.00		6.00				Union 60.00 10.00 50.00 10.00								
Arkadelphia	150.00	120.00	225.00		120.00	705.00		90.00	VILLAGE CIRCUIT								
BISMARCK CIRCUIT									Ebenezer 10.00 2.00 12.00 2.00 25.00 2.00								
Bismark	40.00	10.00	40.00		15.00			5.00	Lydesdale 10.00 2.00 12.00 2.00 20.00 2.00								
Christian Home	5.00	2.00	5.00		10.00		10.00	3.00	Village 40.00 8.50 48.00 8.00 30.00 3.00								
Oma	10.00	2.00	10.00						WALDO 67.50 13.50 94.50 13.50 125.00 6.25								
DALARK CIRCUIT									DISTRICT TOTALS \$1985.00 \$ 614.60 \$3516.40 \$ 65.75 \$ 473.65 \$5902.50 \$ 181.00 \$ 671.00								
Bethlehem	35.00	7.00	42.00		7.00	82.00		9.00	ADVANCE: Buckner \$25.00, Kilgore Lodge \$10.00, Mt. Vernon \$20.00, Oak Grove \$15.00,								
Dalark	10.00	2.00	12.00		2.00	25.00		3.00	Sardis \$20.00, Shiloh \$10.00, Calion \$15.00, Norphlet \$3.00, Village \$9.00.								
Manchester	21.00	17.00	25.00		17.00		42.00	18.00	TOTAL \$127.00								
Manning	6.00								CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: Holly Springs \$2.50, Pine Grove \$5.00, Westside \$1.25.								
Rock Springs	9.00	2.00	10.00		2.00	9.00		2.00	TOTAL 8.75								
DELIGHT CIRCUIT									1000 CLUB: Buckner \$20.00, Calion \$10.00, First Church, Camden \$550.00, Dumas								
Antone	8.75	1.50	7.00		1.75	15.00		1.50	Memorial \$10.00, Junction City \$30.00, First Church, Magnolia \$75.00, Jackson St.								
Delight	50.00	10.00	50.00	6.00	10.00	65.00		6.00	\$10.00, Stamps \$40.00, Stephens \$70.00.								
Saline	4.00	1.00	4.00		1.00	8.00			TOTAL 815.00								
FRIENDSHIP CT.									AREA FUND: Mt. Vernon \$1.00, Oak Grove \$1.00, Sardis \$1.00, Shiloh \$1.00, Calion								
Midway	12.50	2.00	12.50		20.00			3.00	\$2.00, Quinn \$1.00, First Church, Camden, \$15.00, Philadelphia \$1.00, First Church,								
Social Hill	10.00	5.00	5.00					7.00	El Dorado, \$15.00, Dumas Memorial \$1.00, St. Lukes \$1.00, Vantrease \$5.00, Harmony								
GLENWOOD CIRCUIT									Grove \$1.00, Holly Springs \$0.25, Junction City \$1.00, Lewisville \$5.00, First Church,								
Glenwood	60.00	12.00	72.00		12.00	56.25		6.50	Magnolia, \$12.00, Jackson Street \$1.25, Fredonia \$1.00, Parkers Chapel \$3.00, Westside								
Grant's Chapel	3.00	.60	3.60		.60	5.60		.75	\$1.00, Rhodes Chapel \$1.00, Union \$1.00, Ebenezer \$1.00, Lydesdale \$1.00, Village \$1.00.								
GURDON	100.00	20.00	150.00		20.00	280.00		16.00	TOTAL 75.50								
HOT SPRINGS CT.									METHODIST INFORMATION: Mt. Vernon \$1.00, Oak Grove \$1.00, Sardis \$1.00, Shiloh								
Gum Springs	13.00	3.00	11.00						\$1.00, Calion \$2.50, Quinn \$1.00, First Church, Camden, \$15.00, Philadelphia \$2.00,								
Mt. Pine	48.00	10.00	43.00			57.00		8.00	First Church, El Dorado \$45.00, Dumas Memorial \$1.00, Hibank \$1.00, St. Lukes \$1.00,								
New Salem	10.00	8.00	10.00			10.00			Vantrease \$8.00, Junction City \$1.00, Lewisville \$8.00, First Church, Magnolia \$12.00,								
HOT SPRINGS Churches									Jackson Street \$2.50, Fredonia \$1.00, Norphlet \$5.00, Parkers Chapel \$3.00, Macedonia								
First Church	180.00	45.00	332.50		51.00	1000.00		34.35	\$1.00, Waldo \$1.25.								
Grand Avenue	90.00	108.00	210.00		103.00	100.00		80.00	TOTAL 121.25								
Pullman Heights	157.50	96.00	100.00			100.00		70.00	INTER-CO-OP: Mt. Vernon \$3.00, Oak Grove \$1.00, Sardis \$3.00, Shiloh \$1.00, Calion								
Oaklawn	117.50	6.00	111.00					20.00	\$6.00, Quinn \$2.00, First Church, Camden, \$45.00, Philadelphia \$3.00, First Church,								
MALVERN									El Dorado, \$15.00, Dumas Memorial \$3.00, Hibank \$1.00, St. Lukes \$3.00, Vantrease								
First Church	150.00	120.00	100.00		120.00	400.00		90.00	\$16.00, Junction City \$2.00, Lewisville \$15.00, First Church, Magnolia \$30.00, Jackson								
Keith Memorial	65.00	11.25	84.50		13.00	50.00		11.00	St. \$5.00, Fredonia \$4.00, Lydesdale \$1.00, Village \$1.00, Waldo \$2.00, Norphlet \$12.00,								
MT. IDA CIRCUIT									Parkers Chapel \$6.00, Macedonia \$4.00, Westside \$0.63, Rhodes Chapel \$2.00, Union								
Mt. Ida	133.00	76.50	191.50		43.25	211.25		33.00	TOTAL 194.63								
Oden	25.00	5.00	20.00		5.00	10.00			METHODIST YOUTH FUND: Calion \$9.00, Quinn \$5.00, Fairview \$15.85, Philadelphia								
MURFREESBORO	60.00	48.00	72.00			120.00		40.00	\$10.00, First Church, El Dorado, \$114.56, Dumas Memorial \$6.00, Lisbon \$13.50, St.								
OKOLONA CIRCUIT									Lukes \$18.00, Junction City \$10.00, Lewisville \$35.00, Jackson St. \$18.00, Norphlet								
Okolona	26.00	4.00	35.00			30.00		5.00	\$9.00, Parkers Chapel \$10.00, Pleasant Grove \$23.70, Smackover \$35.00, Welcome								
Trinity	3.00	2.00	7.00			8.00			\$1.50, Ebenezer \$3.00, Lydesdale \$3.75, New Hope, Columbia Ct., \$5.00.								
PINEY GROVE	22.50	4.50	20.25			12.50		2.50	TOTAL 345.86								
ROCKPORT CIRCUIT									RETIRED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Calion \$22.50, Junction City \$6.75, Jackson St.								
Butterfield		6.00	10.00						\$75.00.								
Magnet Cove						26.00			TOTAL 104.25								
Rockport		16.00					30.00	12.00	NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Calion \$15.00.								
SHOREWOOD HILLS									WESLEY FOUNDATION: Calion \$15.00, Philadelphia \$11.60, Buena Vista \$15.00, Junction								
Shorewood Hills	30.00	6.00	30.00			15.00			City \$20.00, Lewisville \$68.00, Stephens \$58.25.								
SARDIS	22.50	4.50	20.25	4.50		25.00		6.00	TOTAL 187.85								
SPARKMAN	75.00	15.00	97.50		15.00	150.00		9.00	STUDENT DAY: First Church, Camden, \$50.73, St. Lukes, El Dorado, \$10.00.								
TRASKWOOD CIRCUIT									TOTAL 60.73								
Congo	25.00	5.00	27.00	5.00		31.00		7.00	CAMP FUND: Jackson St. \$11.50.								
New Hope	15.00	2.50	18.00		3.00	33.00		3.50	DISTRICT TOTALS \$15477.22								
Traskwood	16.25																
DISTRICT TOTALS \$1907.51 \$821.35 \$2297.60 \$ 15.50 \$552.60 \$3663.00 \$ 161.00 \$ 608.10																	
METHODIST YOUTH FUND: Arkadelphia \$26.70, Grand Avenue \$22.00, Gardner \$22.50,																	
Oaklawn \$10.00, Malvern First Church \$63.85, Keith Memorial \$12.70, Mt. Ida \$3.00,																	
Murfreesboro \$12.00, Shorewood Hills \$2.00.																	
TOTAL \$174.75																	
WESLEY FOUNDATION: J. M. Hamilton, D S \$19.00, Mt. Ida \$10.00.																	
TOTAL 29.00																	
BOARD OF TEMPERANCE: Arkadelphia \$25.00.																	
TOTAL 25.00																	
RETIRED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Arkadelphia \$150.00, Mt. Ida \$25.00, Shorewood																	
Hills \$15.00, New Hope \$5.00.																	
TOTAL 195.00																	
1000 CLUB: Delight \$10.00, Grand Avenue \$10.00, Pullman Heights \$150.00, Oaklawn																	
\$50.00, Mt. Ida \$50.00.																	
TOTAL 270.00																	
CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: Hot Springs First Church \$125.00, Grand Avenue \$50.00, Malvern																	
First Church \$100.00, Oden \$2.00, Piney Grove \$2.50, Ebenezer \$5.00, New Hope \$2.50.																	
TOTAL 287.00																	
NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Malvern First Church \$100.00, New Hope \$5.00.																	
TOTAL 105.00																	
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT \$11,110.41																	
CAMDEN DISTRICT																	
BUCKNER CIRCUIT									ASHDOWN \$ 100.00 \$ 20.00 \$ 150.00 \$ 20.00 \$ 200.00 \$ 15.00								
BUCKNER									BINGEN CIRCUIT								
Kilgore Lodge	\$ 3.00	2.00	3.00			5.00			Averys Chapel	8.00	1.00	6.00		22.00		2.00	
Mt. Vernon	12.00	3.00	15.00		3.00	20.00		2.00	Biggs Chapel	2.00	.25	2.25		6.25		.50	
Oak Grove	12.50	2.50	18.00		3.00	23.00		2.00	Doyle	3.25	.75	2.50		7.25		.75	
Sardis	10.00	4.00	10.00		3.00	15.00		3.00	Pump Springs	1.00	.25	.75			3.00		
Shiloh	6.00	1.00	9.40		1.40		6.00	1.00	Sweet Home	13.00	2.00	10.00		16.00		2.00	
CALION-QUINN									DeQUEEN 112.50 22.50 168.75 22.50 200.00 18.75								
Calion	22.50	20.00	22.50			37.50			DIERKS CIRCUIT, Dierks	80.00	32.00						25.00
Quinn	12.50	2.50	13.75			10.00		4.00	DODDRIDGE CIRCUIT								
CAMDEN, Fairview	112.50	22.50	168.75		22.50	168.75			Olive Branch	27.50	5.50	22.00				35.00	4.50
CAMDEN, First Church	250.00		404.00			1800.00		200.00	EMMETT CIRCUIT								
COLUMBIA CT.									Emmett	50.00	15.00	50.00					
Philadelphia	30.00				12.00	67.00		5.00	Holly Grove					15.00			

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M S P	M S C	W. S. & Conf. Ben.	W S S	G & J.
Memorial, Texarkana \$5.00, St. Paul \$2.00, Brown-town \$1.00, Olive Branch \$2.00.								
arkana Ct. \$75.00, Hatfield \$25.00.								
TOTAL							112.25	
1000 CLUB: Blevins \$30.00, College Hill \$90.00, Washington \$20.00.								
TOTAL							140.00	
METHODIST YOUTH FUND: Blevins \$22.00, DeQueen \$3.00, Emmett \$3.00, Mena \$33.00, Wades Chapel \$6.00.								
TOTAL							67.00	
CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: DeQueen \$12.50, Dierks \$15.00, Cherry Hill \$1.00, Cove \$0.50, Mt. View \$1.00, Sardis \$1.00, Oeden \$3.00, Richmond \$3.00, Wades Chapel \$2.00, Wilton \$2.00, Fairview, Texarkana, \$10.00.								
TOTAL							51.00	
STUDENT DAY: Mineral Springs \$12.00.								
TOTAL							12.00	
RETIREMENT MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: First Church, Texarkana, \$233.00.								
TOTAL							233.00	
DISTRICT TOTALS							\$7739.85	

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M S P	M S C	W. S. & Conf. Ben.	W S S	G & J.
AUSTIN CIRCUIT								
Mt. Zion							21.06	
1000 CLUB							11.94	1.25
BENTON								
First Church							27.00	625.00
Parkview							15.00	45.00
BETHLEHEM CT.								2.50
Bethlehem							6.00	
Providence							8.00	
BRYANT								
LITTLE ROCK								
Asbury							187.50	35.00
Capitol View							140.00	200.00
First Church							300.00	2175.00
Henderson							150.00	100.00
Hunter							112.50	19.75
Oak Forest							84.32	17.66
Pulaski Heights							140.00	28.00
St. Mark's								3.50
Twenty Eighth St.							160.00	25.00
Winfield							350.00	83.16
LONOKE							100.00	65.00
MABELVALE							82.50	14.44
CROSS ROADS							5.00	5.00
PRIMROSE							98.00	18.00
SALEM							35.00	6.00
DISTRICT TOTALS							\$2055.82	\$456.26
ADVANCE: Bryant \$75.00, Asbury \$275.00, Capitol View \$78.25, Henderson \$100.00, St. Pauls \$60.00, Mabelvale \$50.00.							\$271.53	\$48.84
TOTAL							\$638.25	
CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: Winfield \$67.50, Lonoke \$35.00.								102.50
METHODIST YOUTH FUND: Austin Sub-district \$5.00, First Church, Benton, \$11.40, Parkview, Benton, \$15.60, Des Arc \$11.75, Hazen \$10.00, Asbury, Little Rock, \$20.00, First Church, Little Rock \$60.85, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock \$25.60, St. Paul's, Little Rock, \$25.00, Winfield, Little Rock, \$12.20, Mabelvale \$54.76, Salem \$20.80.								272.45
TOTAL								216.59
RETIREMENT MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Capitol View, Little Rock, \$185.00, Oak Forest, Little Rock, \$12.84, Salem \$18.75.								50.00
TOTAL								172.00
CAMP FUND: Fay McRae (library) \$42.00, Little Rock District cabin fund \$50.00, DeValls Bluff, \$15.00, Henderson, Little Rock, \$35.00, Oak Forest, Little Rock, \$26.00, Mountain View \$10.00.								341.66
TOTAL								\$16,373.50
1000 CLUB: F. A. Buddin, D. S. \$1290.00, Des Arc \$10.00, Douglassville \$20.00, Asbury, Little Rock \$30.00, First Church, Little Rock, \$530.00, Highland, Little Rock, \$19.00, Twenty Eighth St., Little Rock, \$20.00, Lonoke \$40.00, Parkview, Benton \$50.00.								2000.00
TOTAL								341.66
NOVEMBER SPECIAL: First Church, Little Rock, \$266.65, Lonoke \$75.00.								
TOTAL								
RACE RELATIONS: Henderson, Little Rock, \$20.00.								
WESLEY FOUNDATION: Mabelvale \$8.75.								
AREA FUND: Asbury, Little Rock, \$21.00.								
DISTRICT TOTALS								

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M S P	M S C	W. S. & Conf. Ben.	W S S	G & J.
CROSSETT							\$165.00	\$132.00
DERMOTT							125.00	25.00
DREW CIRCUIT								
Green Hill							40.00	7.00
Lacey							10.60	8.00
DUMAS							135.00	27.00
EUDORA							60.00	10.50
FORDYCE							231.00	32.00
FOUNTAIN HILL CT.								
Extra							40.00	8.00
HAMBURG							115.00	23.00
HAMPTON-HARRELL CT.								
Faustina							12.50	2.50
Hampton							60.00	12.00
Harrell							17.50	3.50
HERMITAGE CT.								
Hermitage							15.00	12.00
Ingalls							5.00	4.00
Jersey							9.50	7.00
Palestine							21.00	4.00
Sardis							2.50	2.00
HUTTIG CT.								
Bolding							8.00	3.00
KINGSLAND CT.								
Hebron							15.00	6.00
Kingsland							27.00	6.00
LAKE VILLAGE							105.00	21.00
McGEHEE							150.00	30.00
MONTICELLO							150.00	28.25
MONTROSE							30.00	6.00
SNYDER							10.00	4.00
PARKDALE							60.00	10.50
PORTLAND							90.00	18.00
STRONG							90.00	18.00
TILLAR-WINCHESTER								
Newton Chapel							25.00	5.00
Winchester							11.50	2.25
WARREN CT.								

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M S P	M S C	W. S. & Conf. Ben.	W S S	G & J.
Warren							50.00	10.00
Good Hope							6.75	1.25
Martin's Chapel							12.50	2.50
Wagon							5.00	1.00
Wheeler Springs							4.50	.75
WILMAR CIRCUIT								
Andrews Chapel							8.00	
Mt. Pleasant							10.00	2.00
Wilmar							15.00	3.00
WILMOT CIRCUIT								
Millers Chapel							7.50	1.50
Wilmot							50.00	
DISTRICT TOTALS							\$2004.75	\$499.50
METHODIST YOUTH FUND: Crossett \$148.12, Dumas \$10.00, Hamburg \$35.00, Huttie \$16.00, Lake Village \$4.25, McGehee \$7.28, Parkdale \$16.00, Salem \$10.00, Warren \$25.80, Watson \$10.00.							\$2451.25	\$64.75
TOTAL							\$366.75	\$3180.32
AREA FUND: Crossett \$66.00, Dermott \$12.50, Dumas \$11.25, Fordyce \$15.00, Hamburg \$12.50, Hampton \$6.00, Harrell \$2.00, Lake Village \$10.02, McGehee \$15.50, Monticello \$15.00, Montrose \$1.25, Portland \$2.50, Strong \$6.25, Warren \$5.00, Wilmar \$4.50.								83.27
TOTAL								183.27
CAMP FUND: Crossett \$100.00, Green Hill \$10.00.								110.00
TOTAL								270.00
1000 CLUB: Crossett \$150.00, Warren \$120.00.								
CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: Dermott \$8.00, Green Hill \$3.00, Lacey \$3.00, Extra \$5.00, Faustina \$0.50, Hermitage \$4.00, Ingalls \$2.00, Jersey \$2.00, Palestine \$1.25, Bolding \$4.00, Lake Village \$7.50, Portland \$5.00, Newton Chapel \$4.00, Winchester \$1.60, Andrews Chapel \$2.00, Mt. Pleasant \$2.00, Wilmar \$5.00, Millers Chapel \$2.00.								62.00
TOTAL								91.50
NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Dermott \$18.75, Lacey \$3.00, Extra \$8.00, Faustina \$1.25, Ingalls \$2.00, Jersey \$2.00, Palestine \$2.00, Monticello \$31.25, Portland \$6.25, Newtons Chapel \$5.00, Winchester \$5.00, Mt. Pleasant \$2.00, Wilmar \$5.00.								37.75
RETIREMENT MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Green Hill \$3.00, Monticello \$15.00, Warren \$15.00, Andrews Chapel \$3.00, Millers Chapel \$1.75.								
TOTAL								\$10,035.14
RACE RELATIONS: Dermott \$7.00.								
STUDENT DAY: Wilmot \$7.50.								
DISTRICT TOTALS								

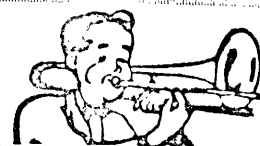
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

ARTHUR TERRY, D. S.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
BAYOU METO									
Bayou Meto	35.00	7.00	50.00		7.00	47.00		5.00	
Lodge's Corner							30.00		
CARTHAGE TULIP									
Carthage	30.00	10.00	30.00				30.00		
DeWITT	200.00	50.00			50.00				
ENGLAND	105.00	84.00	130.00		84.00	240.00		70.00	
GLENDALE-TUCKER									
Center Grove	9.00	2.00	9.00			7.00		1.00	
Tucker							6.23		
GOOD FAITH		54.00			54.00	308.00		15.00	
GRADY-GOULD								6.00	
Gould	15.00	5.00			14.00				
Grady		36.00			36.00			12.00	
HUMPHREY	50.00						72.28		
LEOLA	110.00	22.00	110.00			143.00		10.00	
PINE BLUFF									
Carr Memorial	105.00		150.00			230.00			
First Church	187.50	37.50	281.25	37.50	37.50	1200.00		46.25	
Hawley Memorial	125.00	62.00			35.00			25.00	
Lakeside	165.00	33.00	250.00		33.00	400.00	432.78	52.00	
Wesley	30.00	6.00	36.00	22.00	6.00	8.25		4.00	
WESLEY-PINE BLUFF									
Sulphur Springs	25.00	5.00	30.00	5.00		16.75		4.00	
RISON	56.66	11.33	85.00		11.33	83.66		6.66	
ROWELL CIRCUIT									
Prosperity	15.00	4.00	12.60			14.00		3.00	
Union	25.00	9.00	22.00				8.15	6.00	
ST. CHARLES									
Pleasant Grove	15.00								
St. Charles	29.25								
SHERILL TOMBERLIN									
Sherrill	45.00	9.00	68.00		9.00	110.00		5.00	
Tomberlin	45.00	9.00	67.00		5.00	25.00		4.00	
STUTTGART									
First Church	83.34	16.68	125.00	10.00	16.68	266.68		13.34	
Grand Avenue	120.00	30.00	200.00	15.00	20.00			25.00	
WHITEHALL	45.00	9.00	49.50			22.00		4.00	
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$1670.75	\$511.51	\$1704.75	\$109.50	\$418.51	\$3121.34	\$579.44	\$297.25	
ADVANCE: Sherrill \$40.00									
CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: England \$50.00, Leola \$10.00, Lakeside, Pine Bluff, \$21.25, Sherrill \$4.00, Whitehall \$5.00.									
TOTAL							\$90.25		
METHODIST YOUTH FUND: Almyra \$14.56, DeWitt \$30.89, Tucker \$3.00, Grady \$16.00, First Church, Pine Bluff, \$22.58, Rison \$8.00, St. Charles \$4.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, \$96.52.									
TOTAL							189.55		
AREA FUND: Bayou Meto \$2.00, DeWitt \$8.00, England \$8.00, Center Grove \$1.00, Good Faith \$5.00, Gould \$1.00, Grady \$1.00, Leola \$2.00, First Church, Pine Bluff, \$4.50, Hawley Mem., Pine Bluff, \$3.00, Lakeside, Pine Bluff, \$12.00, Wesley, Pine Bluff, \$2.00, Sulphur Springs \$2.00, Rison \$0.50, Prosperity \$2.00, Union, \$2.00, Sherrill \$1.00, Tomberlin \$2.00, First Church, Stuttgart, \$8.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, \$10.00, Whitehall \$3.00, Carthage \$2.00.									
TOTAL							82.00		
RETIRED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Arthur Terry, D. S. \$20.00, Wesley, Pine Bluff, \$22.00, First Church, Stuttgart, \$10.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, \$15.00.									
TOTAL							67.00		
1000 CLUB: J. M. Spicer \$20.00.									
NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Almyra \$3.35.									
METHODIST INFORMATION: England \$10.00, Good Faith \$5.00, Gould \$2.00, Grady \$2.00, First Church, Pine Bluff, \$6.25, Hawley Mem., Pine Bluff, \$5.00, Lakeside, Pine Bluff, \$10.00, Sherrill \$2.00, First Church, Stuttgart, \$5.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, \$10.00.									
TOTAL							57.25		
INTER CO-OP.: England \$22.00, Good Faith \$5.00, Gould \$10.00, Leola \$5.00, First Church, Pine Bluff, \$16.75, Hawley Mem., Pine Bluff \$10.00, Lakeside, Pine Bluff \$22.50, Sherrill \$5.00, First Church, Stuttgart, \$5.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, \$30.00.									
TOTAL							131.25		
STUDENT DAY: Sherrill \$20.00, Tomberlin \$10.00.									
TOTAL							30.00		
DISTRICT TOTALS									\$9123.70



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



WORKING TOGETHER

By Margaret Jordan Sprinkle

EDDIE and Peggy each snuggled under their covers and pretended not to hear Mommy's cheerful, "getting up time."

"It's Saturday," Peggy grumbled.

"Baby David is sick—and Grannie wants you to spend the day with her. How would you like to help by making your beds while Mommy hurries back to David?"

"That's a sissy job," Eddie said.

"And I'm too little," Peggy whined.

"Maybe I was wrong in thinking you were big enough to go without me to Grannie's," Mommy said.

"Go to Grannie's all by ourselves!" Eddie whistled. "Whew-e-e. That will be fun!"

"And ride the elevator all by ourselves?" Peggy's eyes sparkled.

"Grannie will meet you at Fifth Avenue. I thought you could do it—the two of you together—but maybe you are too small."

"I can make my bed," Peggy said. And she did. But Eddie tripped on his blanket and pulled her spread crooked again.

"Now you've done it," Peggy cried, snatching angrily at Eddie's bed. They were all tangled in each other's bedclothes when Mommy came back.

"It's Peggy's fault," Eddie scowled.

"I'd finished, and—" Peggy began.

"Here," Mommy fluffed a pillow, "if we work together, we can do the job faster than a fire truck goes to a fire."

"It's fun making beds together," Eddie cried as he raced with Peggy to keep up with Mommy.

"Now, into your clothes, and don't forget to wash your face and hands," Mommy warned. "Breakfast is almost ready."

Mommy helped Peggy and Eddie into their snow suits. Then she put them on the Fifth Avenue bus. But, when the bus driver put them off at Fifth Avenue, Grannie was not there. "What will we do?" Peggy asked in a small voice.

"I know what," said Eddie as he edged close to a friendly looking man. "We'll go across with him." And he held his hand up high so the man could not help seeing it.

"Oh, hello," said the man, "are you going across Fifth Avenue, too?"

"We are going to spend the day with Grannie in the big apartment house," Eddie explained.

Just then the light turned green and the man took Peggy by one hand and Eddie by the other, and together they walked across to the apartment house.

"Thank you," said Eddie.

"Thank you," smiled Peggy.

"I am glad to help nice girls and boys," said the man.

"My," whispered Eddie, "it's a good thing we weren't fussing, or we'd have been stuck on the corner of Fifth Avenue."

Inside the tall apartment house Peggy stood on tiptoe, "It's my turn to work the elevator," she said. But she could not reach the top button.

"You did it last time," Eddie argued. Then he stretched, and stretched—but he could not reach it either.

When the door slid closed Eddie

had to think fast. Mommy had said that together they could run the elevator. Quickly he lifted Peggy as high as he could, just like Mommy always did. Then she pushed the button, and away they went up to the very top floor where Grannie lived.

"My, my," Grannie threw up her hands in surprise. "How fast you did come! I was just starting to meet you. And to think you did it all by yourselves."

"We didn't do it by ourselves," Peggy said.

"No," said Eddie. "We did it together."—Dew Drops.

GRACE NOTE

By Lila S. McGinnis

*He cannot say the blessing through,
The words he knows are still so few;
But golden head, at father's nod,
Will bow and softly start, "Dear God."*

*His daddy says the prayer and then
A little voice repeats, "Amen."*

—In The Christian Advocate

Professor: "Choose a book as you would choose a friend."

Student: "But how can a book lend you money?"

THANK YOU

It is so hard to remember to say "Thank you." Sometimes we forget because we are excited and happy. Sometimes we forget because we are in a hurry, and sometimes we just don't say it because we don't feel like saying it or because we feel cross.

But the other day I read about Mr. Franks, a man who lives in London. Mr. Franks is blind but he goes about the great city alone many times. It is from him that we can perhaps learn a lesson. This man rides the busses, and to show his appreciation to the kind bus drivers he wrote a letter in Braille expressing his thanks, "for all the attention they have shown to me."

What an example he sets for all of us who are blessed with eyes that can see. So let's not forget to remember to say "Thank you" for any little kindness shown us.—The United Church Observer.

A Texan who moved to California and lived there two years finally grew homesick and moved back to Texas. But he kept praising California and citing the wonderful possibilities there.

"Well, if California is so great, why did you leave?" asked a friend.

"It lacks one thing," he said.

"What is that?"

"Texas."—The Progressive Farmer

A MAGIC CHICKEN

"Dorothy, oh, Dorothy!"

The neighbors across the street, the neighbors who lived to the right and the neighbors who lived on the left all heard Mrs. Smith as she called again and again for her little girl. But for some reason there was no answer. "I wonder," said Mrs. Smith to herself, "where the child can be. I have always trusted her to play in the yard and she has never run away. I just can't believe that she would slip off."

Then again she called, "Dorothy, oh, Dorothy!" As she listened she seemed to hear a faint answer, "Ma'am" coming from the direction of the henhouse at the far end of the large yard and, opening the door, glanced into the semi-dark house. She was greatly disappointed when she failed to see her little three-year-old daughter.

As Mrs. Smith turned slowly away to close the door, she heard a little whisper, "Mother, be very quiet and don't wake the other chickens, I'm a chicken now, so I'm going to sleep with the others tonight."

Mother looked more carefully into the henhouse and as she grew accustomed to the darkness she discovered Dorothy huddled up on the roost among the chickens, looking very much like a chicken herself. "All right," she whispered back, "I'll leave the door open and keep your supper warm so when you're ready to turn into a little girl again, come on in."

It was the shortest kind of time until Dorothy was a happy little girl eating bread and butter just like she hadn't just changed from a magic chicken.—Ex.

JUST FOR FUN

The party was going along very nicely until the hostess coaxed a protesting guest to sing. After the song, she went up to him smilingly. "Oh, Mr. Johnson," she said, "you must never again tell me that you can't sing; I know now!"

And she wondered why the guest left the house so hurriedly.

Here is our favorite about the safety sign which read: "School Zone—Don't Kill a Child"—and the added childish scrawl beneath it: "Wait For Teacher."—Sunshine Magazine

Wife: "Have you a good memory for faces, dear?"

Husband (proudly): "I have."

Wife: "Splendid—I've just dropped your shaving mirror."

A seventh-grade history class, which had just finished studying colonial life, was on examination. One of the questions was, "Discuss city life in colonial times." One boy wrote: "There were not many cities, and what there were were out in the country."

Wife: It says here in the paper that a great many accidents occur in the kitchens of our homes.

Husband: "Yes, I know. I've eaten some of them."



GETTING READY FOR WINTER

*The thrifty little squirrels
While children are at play
Are busy as can be
Storing nuts away.*

*All through the winter
With its snow and sleet,
These lovable friends
Will have something to eat.*

*Cunning little squirrel,
With your bright, bright eyes,
You look as if you're planning
A happy surprise.—A.E.W.*

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWIN T. WAYLAND, Editor

FALL SEMINARS

Fort Smith Guild

The Fort Smith District Wesleyan Service Guild Seminar was held at Goddard Memorial, Fort Smith, Wednesday night, September 9.

The purpose of the meeting was that missionary education be promoted in the Guilds of the district. The approved studies and program book were presented in a very interesting and inspirational way.

Mrs. Alex Mitchell, Paris, Conference Secretary of Youth, presented "Spanish Speaking Americans." Mrs. Edgar Bethell, Fort Smith, presented "The Life and Task of The Church Around The World." Mrs. M. R. Jordan, Fort Smith, presented the book of Jeremiah. Mrs. Alfred Knox, District secretary of Missionary Education, presented the study of "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility."

Mrs. Henry Goodloe, Conference Secretary of Missionary Service presented the program material "A Sower Went Forth."

Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro, Conference secretary of Missionary Education, conducted the worship and as guest speaker shared with the group her experience of the World Missions Conference.

Sixty-five members were present and eleven guilds represented.—Mrs. Cora Hill

Camden

The Camden District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met for their Seminar at First Church in Magnolia, September 15th with approximately 200 present.

Mrs. Ernest Glaze, the District President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a. m.

The opening worship was given by Mrs. M. E. Scott of Stamps, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education. Mrs. Scott said that every area is a mission field, every church a mission, and every Christian a missionary.

Mrs. Ernest Glaze presided over a short business session at which time the standing rules for 1953-54 were read and adopted. Mrs. Walter Birch, District Promotion Secretary, was introduced and made several announcements to the local societies.

Mrs. Glenn Martel, District Secretary of Missionary Education, presented a preview of the 1953-54 study plans.

The mission book, "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World," was introduced by Mrs. Martel. Mrs. J. M. Curtis of Timothy and Mrs. J. J. Herring of Vantrease gave the purpose, additional supplementary textbooks, and the need for publicity and organization to have a worthwhile study.

The book, "Jeremiah," was introduced by Mrs. C. B. Lyle. A skit was given reviewing the life and works of Jeremiah.

Mrs. R. B. Moore, District Secretary of Literature and Publication, presented the literature for the year.

Mrs. R. H. Cole, Vice President, "A Sower Went Forth," the program and worship booklet to be used this year.

The ladies of the W. S. C. S. of Magnolia served a delicious lunch in the Educational Building.

The afternoon session convened

LOUISIANA M-3 WRITES FROM MALAYA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Martha Fay White is an M-3 from Lecompte, and is serving at Fairfield Girls' School, Singapore. A sacrificial offering of over \$300 taken at the New Orleans District Spiritual Retreat, under the direction of Mrs. Dana Dawson, will be divided between Martha Fay in Singapore and Thelma Maw in Korea for supplies in their work.

7 Mount Sophia,
Singapore, Malaya
June 17, 1953

Dear Mrs. Dunbar:

I was happy to receive your letter a few days ago and our principal, Mrs. Lim Boek Kee was so interested in making suggestions she thought might be helpful to you in preparing material for the societies along Supply Work lines.

Our Fairfield Girls' School is located in what is called Singapore's China Town, which means it is in one of the most crowded sections of the city. Most of our girls are Chinese, though we have a number of Indian students as well. It is an English speaking school, however. As everyone in Singapore seems most interested in education right now, our classes are crowded, often having as many as forty girls in a class. We have a morning and an afternoon school, each with different pupils.

We are planning to start a new building for our school very soon. As we will have a larger chapel room, our goal is to have 400 chairs by that time to seat the students.

Most of the girls in our schools are not Christian, but they attend affiliated with the school. We have a prayer group meeting before school, which is quite well attended by a regular group of girls. In addition, each class has religious instruction. I teach quite a few of the classes and am chaplain of the Girls' Life Brigade organization which is

affiliated with the school. We have regular devotions at the meetings. We can always use library books for these girls, ages 12-16.

Our Fairfield Church meets in the school building as we have no church building as yet, though we have started a building fund. We had a bazaar recently to make money for this purpose. Our congregation is small and many are young people. Naturally, we try to channel the young people from the school into the church. Fairfield Church will meet the needs of the people of this area.

In April, I attended an MYF Institute which was held at Kland for MYFers. It was most successful, I thought, and the young people asked many questions, especially about the church and the work it is doing. Over and over again it was emphasized that the leaders and pastors in the Malayan Church should be Asians. We hope to interest more young people in entering the ministry.

Singapore has such a mixed population—Chinese, Malay, Indian, English, etc. that we find ourselves celebrating many holidays. Just last week was Malayan New Year—Hari Raya Ruasa. It is always interesting to see the different groups celebrating their holidays.

As you know, no doubt, we have many Methodist Churches in Singapore—Chinese, English speaking—Tamil. I was happy to be here for the South East Asia Central Conference which met in April, as delegates came from Burma, Sumatra, Borneo, as well as from Malaya.

Thanks for the interest of the friends in Louisiana and for the gifts which you have sent. Please pray that God will guide me and give me the strength I need.

Sincerely,
Martha Fay White

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Luna met Sunday, September 20 for its monthly meeting. The president, Mrs. J. L. Wright, called the meeting to order.

A short drama, "A Sower Went Forth" was presented by Mrs. Ollie Blakely, Mrs. Lavelle Blakeley, Mrs. Priscilla Murphy and Miss Eva Joyce Wright. Mrs. C. K. Brooks, Mrs. Ethel Head, Mrs. Lavelle Blakeley and Mrs. J. E. Murphy attended the Monroe district meeting at Winnsboro, September 17. The monthly

at 1 p. m. Mrs. J. F. McKinnon, Secretary of Christian Social Relation with the help of Bro. Barry Bailey and Bro. John Tucker, reviewed the book, "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility." Bro. Bailey said the people needed to be educated about alcohol and then they needed inspiration.

"Spanish Speaking Americans," a mission book, was reviewed by Miss Florence Whiteside. Miss Whiteside portrayed the lives of the Spanish Speaking Americans with the use of models wearing authentic costumes.

The closing service of worship was given by Mrs. Fred Mayfield, District Secretary of Spiritual Life.

meeting will be held the third Sunday night of each month.—Mrs. J. E. Murphy.

The Pullman Heights Guild, Hot Springs, met September 15 in the home of Mrs. Sadie English with twelve members present. A very interesting devotional was given by Mrs. Dorothy Saunberry. A White Elephant sale was conducted with Mrs. Faye Smitherman as auctioneer.

The Guild has furnished two more Sunday School rooms with fans this summer making a total of seven. The Guild also has charge of the altar flowers each Sunday. In October the Guild will cooperate with the pastor, Rev. Kirvin Hale, in supplying a literature rack for the vestibule of the church and a new coffee urn for the church kitchen. This is an active group of working girls and their cooperation is appreciated.—Reporter

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Central Methodist Church, Rogers, has completed a Mission Study Course. Topic, "The Life and Task Of The Church Around The World" studying the book "That The World May Know" by Charles W. Ranson.

The study course was divided and completed in four classes, with one and a half hour for each class and

SILAM SPRINGS HAS SUCCESSFUL STUDY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Silam Springs Methodist Church studied the Bible course on "The Prophet Jeremiah" during the month of August with the pastor, Rev. John A. Bayless as the instructor. Sessions were held each Wednesday morning for four weeks, with a "coffee break" made possible by a group of eighteen patronesses. Mrs. Henry Goss was in charge of the coffee hour. Plans for the study were made by Miss Floy Dodgen, secretary of missionary education, and Mrs. Milo K. Roth, chairman for this particular study. Mrs. Dick Hodges led a worship period opening each session. Mrs. Austin Feenster arranged centers of interest in a worship niche, utilizing her original water color pictures illustrating points in the text, and a complementary floral arrangement. A nursery was provided for young children. Mrs. Mary Walker made posters effectively advertising the study, placing them in the church foyers.

The society is applying for Special Jurisdictional Recognition for the class numbering 69 accredited members and 23 auditors. There was an average attendance of 81% and thirty-five women had perfect attendance. Because of the qualifications of the instructor, Leadership Training Credit was also available and 42 ladies received that. As an outcome of the course in the area of spiritual life, twenty subscriptions to the Upper Room were presented to the Memorial Hospital of Silam Springs. Among the accredited members were five ladies from a newly organized Woman's Society of Bethel Methodist church in nearby Oklahoma. A special feature of the last session was the presentation of a decorated birthday cake and gift to the pastor while the class sang, "Happy Birthday." Individual decorated cakes were served with coffee and tea.—Mrs. Dick Hodges, Reporter

conducted in the form of lectures, questions and answers. Class enrollment was twenty-three members and six guests. Each study was well prepared, with the closing class a general book review. Classes opened with prayer by Mrs. Lura Fentem, Guild President, with devotional by members of class as well as special music.—Mrs. Lena Bookout

Practically every discarded household item can be transformed into something useful by the clothing reclamation class at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., Methodist school for Negro girls. In this unusual class taught by Mrs. William A. Streat, Jr., who studied reclamation skills at Columbia University on a Rockefeller Foundation scholarship, worn kid gloves are made into purse-size cosmetic cases; old shoes into flower-holders; and old bedspreads into slipcovers. Bennett College offers a major in clothing in the home economics department. Toys can be made from scraps of dress goods, yarns, or old socks. Oil cloth and plastic combined with fabric from old dresses or suits make cowboy suits. Bedspreads can be made from old sheets.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

THE WALDRON CIRCUIT

Tuesday evening, September 22, brought to a close a very helpful training school on Stewardship. The school was held at Birdview under the leadership of Rev. J. Albert Gatlin in cooperation with Rev. and Mrs. Fred M. Thompson, pastors.

Brother Gatlin is one of our leading men in the North Arkansas Conference and in Methodism. He believes in working "while it is day." His messages are always inspiring and very helpful to those who love God.

He preached at Square Rock, on our charge, Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. We then drove to Mt. Pleasant where he brought us to the foot of the cross as he preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

After enjoying a delicious meal with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Williams, we motored over to Birdview where we began our study on Stewardship at two o'clock. The study lasted two hours. After a delightful meal at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt, Bro. Gatlin preached at Birdview Sunday evening. He brought a very inspiring message.

Monday evening and Tuesday evening we were led in further study of Stewardship as it relates to our duties, our responsibilities in the use of our time, our talents and our means. About thirty-five were in attendance. Eleven did the required work required for certificates of credit. We hope Brother Gatlin will come our way again.

Rev. Eric J. Reaves of Fayetteville will be with us for a revival meeting at Bates, November 1-3. Mrs. Fred M. Thompson is the pastor. Brother Reaves was with us in a meeting at Mt. Pleasant a few weeks ago. There were six confessions and two additions to the church. He is a good preacher and a splendid personal worker.—Rev. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, Pastors.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Twelve Denominations Represented At Hendrix

Victor Hill, Registrar at Hendrix, has announced that twelve religious denominations are represented this year on the campus.

Approximately 80% of the total students are Methodist. More than 10% are Baptist and 4% are Presbyterian. Other denominations represented include Lutheran, Catholic, Church of Christ, Christian, Christian Science, Christadelphian, Episcopal, Nazarene, and Jewish.

Freshman Elections

Freshmen of the campus held elections last week for class president and senator.

Jack W. Harrison was elected president of the class over four other candidates. Harrison is the son of Dr. Fred R. Harrison, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Texarkana and Mrs. Harrison. Dr. Harrison is a Hendrix alumnus and past president of the Alumni.

Carolyn Moran was elected class senator. Miss Moran is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Moran of Little Rock.

The two new officers will represent their class in the student senate.—Chris Holmes

DYESS METHODISTS IN SPECIAL PRAYER CIRCLE

Members of the Dyess Methodist Church took part in a prayer circle of unusual interest on Saturday, September 26, in preparation for their revival which began September 27.

The prayer circle began at 5:00 a. m. and continued through the day until 6:00 p. m. Each participant was given a special time for meditation and prayer. Every thirty minutes a new link of prayer was added until the time was up. Each was requested not to break the chain since "prayer changes things." Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, of Conway, is the evangelist. Rev. W. W. Peterson is the pastor.

DISTRICT PREACHERS' MEETING, JONESBORO DISTRICT

Thirty-two of the thirty-four ministers of the Jonesboro District and their wives met at 10:00 o'clock September 15, at the First Methodist Church, Marked Tree, for their regular monthly business meeting. Rev. E. J. Holifield brought the devotional message. Dr. Roy I. Bagley led in prayer.

Rev. J. T. Byrd, District Director of Evangelism, spoke on the Evangelistic program planned by the Conference Board of Evangelism. Further plans were made to participate in the program October 4-3. The District Mass Rally is to be held at the First Methodist Church, Blytheville on October 8th. Rev. Thurston Masters, of Tyronza, is to bring the message.

Rev. Bennie Jordan, District Director of Youth Work, presented the program for the youth emphasis and plans were made to carry out the work given to us by the General Conference.

Rev. N. Lee Cate, District Missionary Secretary, spoke of the goals set for the District of an Advance Special for every Church in the District. He noted progress already made toward achieving this goal for the year. The goals for the Thousand Club membership were suggested and accepted.

Dr. Bagley, District Director of Radio and Visual Aids, presented the program of radio and visual aids and the group decided to purchase the series on Christian Education.

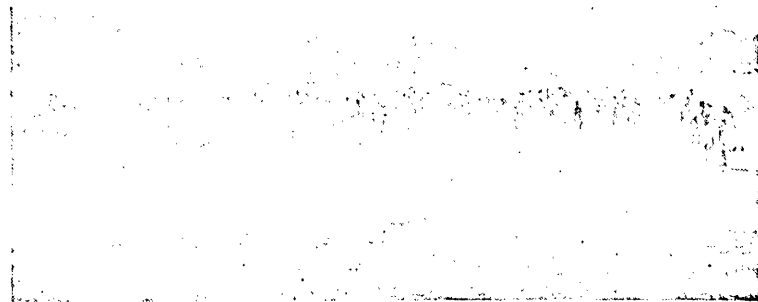
Rev. John Glover, District Director of Temperance, presented the program for temperance and reported a fuller and more detailed plan would be given after his trip to Washington, D. C. He is to attend Christian Citizen's Convocation which convenes October 14th-16th, 1933.

Rev. Alvin Murray, District Director of Adult Work, spoke on the Attendance Campaign for Church and Sunday School.

Circle No. 2 of the Marked Tree W. S. C. S. served a delicious meal at the noon hour. The next meeting will be held at Tyronza.—Clyde Crozier, Secretary

"We usually are our own worst enemies. We ourselves so frequently stand in our own way. Our principal problems are not outside ourselves but inside our own hearts."—Charles M. Crowe in *On Living With Yourself* (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press)

GREAT REVIVAL AT DESHA



AN UNUSUAL METHODIST BAPTISMAL SCENE

Rev. Walter Abce, pastor of the Desha Charge, has just closed one of the most successful revivals ever conducted in this part of the country. The meeting was held on the grounds of the Desha Church and was conducted in a tent. There were more than fifty conversions. One outstanding feature of the meeting was the large number of persons of ripe age that were baptized and re-

ceived into the Church. The above picture is a baptismal scene on White River. Forty were baptized at this one time. Some fifteen received baptism by sprinkling at the church.

At the evening services it was the usual thing to have as many as six or seven hundred persons in the service. Brother Abce is in high favor with his people.—Richard E. Connell

RECEPTION FOR PARSONAGE FAMILY

A reception and old fashioned pounding were given the parsonage family of the Texarkana Circuit at the parsonage Friday night, August 7. Presidents of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service who sponsored the pounding are Mrs. Augusta Crawford of the Few Memorial Church, Mrs. Laura Frances Warnack of the Rondo Church, and Mrs. Gracie Phillips of the Harmony Grove Church.

Some of the more than one hundred gifts included such items

as a turkey, seventy pounds of sugar, canned fruits and vegetables, jellies, a rabbit, and many other items. Women of the churches served fruit punch and cookies to the crowd that overflowed the parsonage to the lawn. Such tokens of appreciation makes it wonderful to be a Methodist preacher. Rev. Virgil C. Bell is the pastor of the Texarkana Circuit.—Reporter

CLEAN SWEEP. Every charge in Missouri will have been visited by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt by the end of the year, if nothing interferes with his present plans.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SEASON

We are reminded at this season of the year of Harvest Festival services. Does your church plan such a program? A letter from the National Office included a suggested outline of worship service for this day. It is a splendid bulletin. They may be had by any church by writing to "Room 633, Town and Country Department, Section of National Missions, The Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y."

The price of the program is \$1.00 per hundred copies. This program may be used in a local church or may be made a charge-wide affair. It could also be used in a group ministry or natural area gathering. The fifth Sunday in November would be ideal for the service on a several-church basis. This would not be too late in the harvest season for a splendid emphasis. The Waldron Circuit has been having such a service for a number of years. One of the high lights of their celebration is the bringing of foodstuffs to the altar for dedication on that day and then sending it on to the Methodist's Children's Home at Little Rock. This is indeed a splendid way to express gratitude to God for His many blessings. Why not hold a great Harvest Festival service this

year in your church. Gather up a good supply of food and send it to the Children's Home in Little Rock. This with a cash offering at Christmas time would be a great help to the home.

Waldron Circuit Training School at Birdview — September 20

Sunday September 20 afforded the writer the great privilege of visiting the Waldron Circuit where Rev. and Mrs. Fred M. Thompson are serving. By preaching at 10:00 at Square Rock, at 11:00 o'clock at Mt. Pleasant and at 7:30 p. m. at Birdview, we were able to contact three fine congregations. In the afternoon, and on Monday and Tuesday night, class sessions were held on Stewardship using the text, "A Christian and His Money," by Ownbey. Thirty five people attended the sessions with twelve doing work for accreditation. The regular and systematic giving to the church was the main emphasis in the sessions. Those churches that use the Sunday by Sunday method of giving are having greater success in carrying out this program. The Square Rock Church, on this charge, follows this plan. Every church can do it with good results. The interest was exceptionally good on the part of those attending.—J. Albert Gatlin.

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Morning, Communion Service in every pastoral charge
Afternoon, First Instruction and Visitation Period

Monday, October 5 Evening, Fellowship Supper, Instruction and Visitation

Tuesday, October 6 Evening, Fellowship Supper, Instruction and Visitation

Wednesday, October 7 Evening, Fellowship Supper, Instruction and Visitation

Thursday, October 8 District-Wide Preaching Service

District	Location	Hour	Preacher
Batesville	Mountain Home	9:00 a.m.	Rev. Richard Connell, Batesville
	First Church, Batesville	3:00 p.m.	Rev. Richard Connell, Batesville
Conway	First Church, Morrilton	7:30 p.m.	Rev. George Mayer, Little Rock
Fayetteville	Central Church, Fayetteville	7:30 p.m.	Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Little Rock
Forrest City	Bear Creek District Camp	11:00 a.m.	Rev. H. O. Bolin, Benton
Fort Smith	Charleston	7:30 p.m.	Rev. Paul Bumpers, Clarksville
Jonesboro	First Church, Blytheville	7:30 p.m.	Rev. Thurston Masters, Tyrone
Paragould	First Church, Paragould	7:30 p.m.	Rev. Edwin Dodson, Pocahontas
Searcy	First Church, Searcy	7:30 p.m.	Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff

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CHRIST CAN CHANGE THE WORLD
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The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

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WHAT KIND OF MEN CAN GOD USE?

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 11, 1953

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 5:1-10; Mark 7:20-23; John 3:3-5; Philippians 4:13; 1 Peter 1:13-23. Printed Text: Jeremiah 31:31-34; 1 Peter 1:13-16, 22-23

MEMORY SELECTION: "I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances." (Ezekiel 36:27)

This is the second lesson of Unit I: FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES OF A BETTER WORLD. The first lesson raised the question "What Kind of World Would God Approve?" The answer is obvious. God is good. The goodness of God is at the very heart of the world as he created it. All who take time to think realize that goodness is rewarded and evil is condemned. Men will reap what they sow. The wages of sin is death. This proves that back of this universe there is a Good Creator, therefore, this Creator can only approve a good world.

The lesson for today: "What Kind of Men Can God Use?" fits right into the one of last week. Certainly, if God can only approve a good world, and men have a hand in making the world what it is, then he can only use good men. The trouble with the world today is the fact that there are too many bad men in it. "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." We are told that when God made the world he looked on it and said it was good. All that is evil in God's good world has been brought there by people who are out of harmony with God.

Vision Of A Better Day

The first portion of our printed text tells of a prophecy made by Jeremiah. This man has been called the weeping prophet. He came at a time when Israel was in a bad way. Religion was either ridiculed or ignored. Infidelity was on every hand. Dishonesty was rampant. Corruption was the order of the day. Through Moses, God had given the people a covenant but they were not keeping it. Jeremiah knew that the condemnation of a righteous God was on the people. He realized that the nation was headed for destruction. He used every possible means to turn the people from their evil ways but all to no avail. This broke his heart. He spent his life in mourning.

In the time of Jeremiah, the condition of Israel was about like our world today. People were then and are now materialistic to the core. Worldly pleasure and things held the supreme place in the hearts of the Israelites. The same condition obtains in our time. Even our own nation, which is said to be a Christian country, has a record that would blush Satan himself. We lead the world in crime, drunkenness, and the breaking up of home life. We boast of our freedoms and yet many corrupt politicians take advantage of them to sell this nation short. We must never forget that freedom means freedom to do wrong as well as right. Freedoms can be abused. Democracy is the greatest form of government on earth, but it will never work satisfactorily without Christianity. The very liberties it

assures will be abused by the greedy and the selfish. That very thing is taking place in our country now. We all remember the committee headed by Estes Kefauver which had the task of investigating crime in high places in this nation. After much effort along this line, Kefauver had this to say: "Without fear of contradiction, I say that corruption of law-enforcement officers is rampant in many American communities today on a scale that makes the corruption of prohibition days look like kindergarten play."

Let it be said and never forgotten that this type of life plays straight into the hands of Communism. It is a sad state of affairs when many people mouth around about hundred per cent Americanism and then do the very things that would wreck this nation. So it was in Jeremiah's time and so it is with many in our time.

Jeremiah realized that the people were not even attempting to keep the covenant they had made with God, and he knew that they would have to pay for their disobedience. This made him very pessimistic until he had a vision of a new and better covenant. The old covenant attempted to control the people by a set of rules and regulations presented from without. This covenant had never worked. A careful study of the history of Israel and Judah will prove this point. Saul of Tarsus, who later became the great Apostle Paul, tried for many years to keep this covenant and find peace of heart in so doing, but all to no avail. A study of the seventh chapter of Romans will reveal the struggle he had along this line. The law could convince him of what was right but it could not give him the power to do it.

This new covenant of which Jeremiah prophesied was not to be a thing of outward rules and regulations but rather of inward principles. It meant the coming of the age of grace. The law had attempted to make the fruit good while the tree remained bad. Grace revised that order. Its chief object was to make the tree itself good and then good fruit would naturally grow upon it. The law tried to control the activities of the individual and thus make his life good, while grace attempts to change the nature of the individual; the very source from which these activities arise. The Bible tells us that "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks," and it is equally true that out of the abundance of the heart the hands act. If the outward words and acts of a person's life are to be good, then the very heart of the individual must be made good. This is what grace proposes to do. This is where the law failed. Grace would not have one fail to keep the law.

The moral law of God must be kept. Grace simply changes the nature of the individual and gives inward power which enables him to keep the law. This is the only freedom that the individual can experience. No one is exempted from keeping the law of God, but just to the extent that the nature of the individual is changed and he is made Christlike in character he is free, for then he does the will of God because he so desires of his own accord and not from outward compulsion. That is the chief difference between the two covenants.

The New Birth

This is where the new birth comes in. We note the teaching of Christ along this line in John 3:1-11. Christ had a conversation with Nicodemus. This man was a member of the Sanhedrin Court and a leader among the Jews, but in spite of this Christ told him that he must be born again. His inner nature must be so changed that he would do the will of God from inner love rather than from outward compulsion.

This new birth is central in the age of grace. It is just as necessary to be born again to get into the kingdom of God as it was to be born the first time to get into this world. We need, however, to keep in mind the fact that there is more than one way to come into this experience. The first and most natural way is for the child to be so carefully trained in the home and in the church school that his life will open out into this experience as gently as a rose bud opens up into a full blown rose. In this case there is no spectacular change. Another way of reaching this same goal is that taken by the older and hardened sinner. He will be convicted of his sins and through shame and sorrow he will turn from them and accept Christ as his Saviour. This will be followed by a more or less spectacular experience. The main point to keep in mind is not the method by which this experience has been attained, but whether or not one has had it. There are many people in the various churches today who have never met the Lord in an experimental way. Their nature has never been changed. Like the Jews of old, they are trying to control their lives by the rules of outward compulsion rather than the principles of inward love. They are in the age of grace but still trying to live under the law. The acid test as to whether or not one has experienced the new birth is whether or not he has in his life the fruit of the Spirit — "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

Characteristics Of The Christian Life

In our Scripture assignment we have Matthew 5:1-10. This passage deals with the Beatitudes, which in turn give us the characteristics of the Christian life. The true child of God will be poor in spirit. That is he will have a humble attitude toward past spiritual attainments and will thus keep the door open for future progress. He will mourn over his own shortcomings and the shortcomings of others. He will be brave enough to be meek. Meekness requires far more courage than does self-assertion. He will long to be more Christlike in character, and as he grows in grace will find satisfaction of soul. He will be merciful to all, realizing that his own salvation depends on the mercy of God. He will not only be pure in outward act but also in thought and in pur-

pose of heart. He will be a peace maker. He not only will live at peace with God and fellow men in his own heart, but will attempt to lead others to the same glorious experience. Note the fact that he is not merely a peace keeper but a peace maker. He is interested in others as well as himself. This Christian person is so unlike the world that he is persecuted by the worldly. The world loves its own but this person is not of the world.

The Source of Life's Issues

The heart is the source of all the issues of life. From a good heart; a regenerated life there comes good deeds, good thoughts, good motives, and good attitudes both toward God and all mankind. While on the other hand from a bad heart there comes the reverse of all these good qualities. Jesus makes this matter very plain in one of our assigned passages — Mark 7:14-23. There, he tells us that it is not what goes into a person that defiles him, but rather what comes out of him, in the way of evil.

Men Whom God Can Use

This brings us straight to the question of our lesson — "What Kind of Men Can God Use?" All that has been said above has attempted to answer that question. It is God's purpose to build a good world; to establish his kingdom on earth. Primarily, this kingdom is a social order in which God is recognized and treated as Father, and since God is at least potentially Father of all, all men are treated as brothers.

Since God is our Father, this world is not only his world but it is also our world. We are heirs of God. The Lord is not thinking primarily about a good material world, he is rather thinking of a world-order; a place that is conducive to the building of Christlike character. It is perfectly obvious, therefore, that he cannot build this type of world without the co-operation of people. It is also obvious that if God is a good God and is trying to build a good world those who work with him in his task will have to be good people.

Down through the ages there have been two methods set forth for making people good—the law and grace. One attempts to accomplish this task by working from the outside of the individual while the other works from within. The law did not fail. It served its purpose. The moral law still has a purpose in the world. It is the schoolmaster that brings us to Christ, or grace. The weakness of the law is in the fact that it cannot give one inward power, but its strength is in the fact that it can and does help one to know the will of God. The two methods really work together. The law helps us to know the will of God. The two methods really work together. The law helps us to know the will of God and grace, which provides for the indwelling Spirit, gives us power to do that will. So we might answer the question of the lesson by saying that the kind of men whom God can use are individuals who have come, through the law and otherwise, to know the will of God and through grace have received power to do that will.

The trouble with the world today is that Christian people try to keep one foot in the world and one foot in Heaven.—Christian Advocate.