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## William Frank Cooley

METHODISTS of Arkansas and Louisiana were deeply shocked by the sudden and tragic passing of one of their ablest churchmen, Rev. William Frank Cooley, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District. Brother Cooley was severely injured Thursday evening in an automobile accident near Clarksville when en route to a meeting of Arkansas church leaders at Hendrix College, and succumbed Saturday afternoon in the Clarksville hospital.

Young, energetic, capable, Brother Cooley served the Christ and the church he loved in a most acceptable way in five North Arkansas Conference pastorates and was in his fourth year as a member of the North Arkansas Conference cabinet. He would have been forty-three years of age next Tuesday. His breadth of interest in the work of the Kingdom extended beyond his immediate responsibilities as a pastor or District Superintendent, serving in many capacities in the Annual Conference program. His leadership was gladly given and gratefully received. His knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the program of Methodism made him a valued churchman. A man of deep conviction, fearless in his attack on evil, and consecrated to his calling, Brother Cooley had the confidence of all who were privileged to know him.

He was devoted to his family, possessed a wealth of friends, and those who knew him best were continually blessed by his friendship. He was sincere in all his relationships and frank in his opinions of any situation.

Such a life cut short in its very prime is not to be thought of as having reached the end of its usefulness. The immeasurable amount of good which had already been accomplished will return a hundredfold as that goodness multiplies itself again and again in the lives of those about us and ourselves. The Kingdom is indeed a force for righteousness because of men like Bill Cooley. Indeed, his usefulness continues eternally in a larger sense.

We thank God for him and pray that his kind may be increased among us. We all share the grief that has come to the Cooley family and pray that the blessing of Our Heavenly Father may be upon each one of them.

## The "Cockpit Of Europe" Is Active Again

THE BALKANS, frequently called the "Cockpit of Europe," threatens to be a source of trouble again. The difficult, unsettled question of Trieste is the occasion for the new flare.

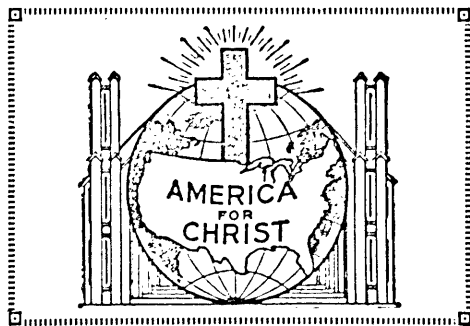
Trouble between the small countries crowded together in the Balkans has been more of a habit than an occasion for centuries. One trouble with these numerous disturbances is that they have more than once spread far beyond the borders of the Balkan states; on two occasions they engulfed the world in war.

At the present time Tito of Yugoslavia and Italy are flexing their militaristic muscles over the touch question of Trieste. Whatever the dangers Italy may pose in this situation, there is no question that Tito is dangerous when crossed. Any man who has had the nerve to deliberately and blatantly defy Stalin and his successors at the peak of their power—and get by with it—is a potential threat to the peace anytime he thinks his interests are endangered. We have had so many "threats to the peace" in recent years, however, that we have become a little "case hardened." We believe "this too will pass."

## The Pulpit Can Help Promote Daily Bible Reading

IT IS LOGICAL to assume that every active Methodist home has a Bible. It may not be so logical to assume that the Bible is read regularly in all of these homes as desirable as that would be.

Nevertheless, it is true that human experience across the centuries is an incontrovertible testimony to the fact that life can be blessed, inspired, enlightened and directed by regular study of the Bible. No one should be more aware of that fact than the minister. By the interesting and impressive manner in which Bible truths are presented from the pulpit a desire may be created for Bible reading. The minister, because of the place the Bible must have in every faithful preacher's life, is in a favored position for a consistent, insistent emphasis on the value and necessity of Bible reading for all who



desire a normal development religiously.

A knowledge of the Bible is essential for anyone wanting a full revelation of God. There is no satisfactory revelation of a personal God outside the Bible. The universe above us, the world about us and nature around us may teach us something of the infinite might and majesty of God. However, nature does not always teach us about a God with a loving concern for man. Instead it tells a rather confusing story, with its devastating storms, floods, earthquakes and deadly plagues, about the kind of a God we want to know in the daily experiences of life—especially so in times of crisis. Morality, love and justice are not always so self-evident in the world of nature.

We can never harmonize ideas of a good God with all of the suffering, anguish and death in the world until we learn something of the infinite values suffering can bring to the world by a knowledge of the tragedy of the cross. There God, Himself, in Christ lays the foundation for the salvation of the world through vicarious suffering. In the cross, also, we see as nowhere else evidence of God's love for man.

Because the Bible alone has the answer to life's biggest questions—our origin, the meaning of life here, our destiny hereafter—we should continuously urge our people to regularly read it. Unless we can get the answer to these questions from the Bible, we know as little of our origin now as did the people of Noah's day. Except for the revelation from the Bible we know no more about life after death than did our fathers before the flood.

## Missionary Finley In Little Rock Conference

ON PAGE FOUR of this issue is the schedule of Rev. Lester Finley who concludes this week a series of addresses in missionary institutes in the North Arkansas Conference districts and who will begin a similar series in the Little Rock Conference. Brother Finley will begin the Little Rock Conference district meetings in Little Rock on October 24 and 25 and will be in all of the Little Rock Conference districts in the series.

Rev. Mr. Finley served for five years as a Methodist missionary in the Gujarat Conference in India, the Conference which the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences helped to support through a program of local church Advance Specials during the 1948-52 quadrennium, with the same program being continued over into the current quadrennium. During that same period the First Methodist Church of Jonesboro helped to support the Finley family as an Advance Special.

We want to urge the Methodists of the Little Rock Conference to hear Brother Finley when he speaks in their district. Arkansas Methodists should know just what their missionary dollars have made possible in the Indian missionary program and those hearing Brother Finley and seeing the pictures which he has to show will find his presentation both helpful and instructive.

## A New Recruiting Source For The Ministry

AFTER all active members of our Annual Conferences have been given appointments, many charges are still without pastors. Approved supplies are appointed as pastors of many of these charges. Even then there are usually charges "left to be supplied" because the total of all members of the conference, plus available, approved supplies, are not sufficient to meet the need for pastors. This being true, our church is especially interested in any activity that promises to increase the number of ministers available for appointment.

It appears that one of the very valuable by-products of the enlarged program of lay activities, and especially of lay preaching, is the number of these volunteer lay preachers who hear and answer the call to full-time service in the ministry.

Lay preaching throughout our area has had an amazing growth in recent years. The value this work has been to the local served cannot be over-estimated. These lay preachers, by faithful, devoted, service, have brought new courage, purpose and life to many discouraged churches. However, the benefits of this service have not been confined to the churches served. The spiritual life of the lay preacher himself is usually strengthened beyond his own expectations.

As a result of this increased, spiritual sensitivity, calls to the ministry, that have been "kept under," press to the front again and the lay preacher accepts the call and becomes a licensed, ordained preacher. Sometimes the experience of standing in the pulpit as a lay preacher awakens in the speaker for the first time a consciousness of a call from God to full-time service in the ministry.

In recent years, several of our lay preachers have been licensed to preach and are doing excellent service in the active ministry. We should be deeply grateful for the enlarged pro-

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As Seen By Bishop and Mrs. Martin On  
Their Current Latin American Tour

# Methodism Is Active In Uruguay

Historical And Geographical Features Of Uruguay

URUGUAY is the smallest of the South American republics; the country has 72,172 square miles and a population—practically all of European stock—of 3,000,000. Formerly a part of the Spanish Viceroyalty of Rio de la Plata, for two short periods annexed to the Argentine Confederation, and for a time a province of Brazil, Uruguay finally achieved its independence in 1928.

Three constitutions have been in force; 1830, 1919, and 1934. That of 1919 separated church and state, declared all religions equal before the law, and introduced universal suffrage for literate males. That of 1934 granted votes to women. Because of its advanced—and sometimes daring—legislation, the country tends to be the social laboratory of South American republics; and its intellectual leaders participate in continental and world social and civic movements. By a plebiscite in 1951 since March 1952 Uruguay has a Collegiate form of executive government, a nine man Council instead of a president. Uruguay is a country of rolling prairies and low plains, crisscrossed by streams and shallow rivers. None of its hills exceeds 2000 feet. Over 90% of the total area can be used for grazing and agriculture. This is exceptional in Latin American countries, because much of their area is unuseable, due to mountains, impenetrable forests, deserts, and swamps.

Among other distinctions Uruguay boasts of an excellent climate, being neither excessively hot in summer, nor extremely cold in winter, and frost is exceptional. Rainfall is regular throughout the year, but there are no violent storms, hurricanes, or floods. On this mature plateau, there are no earthquakes or other volcanic upheavals.

## On Arrival

Although such description is interesting, I am eager to tell of our personal experiences and of the mission work that is being done in a land of charming people. Mrs. Martin and I arrived on the S.S. URUGUAY the morning of September 22, having enjoyed three nights and two days of delightful sailing from Santos, Brazil, to Montevideo, Uruguay. In 1519 when Magellan was on his way around the world, he sailed into the estuary of the Plata River, and a "lookout man" posted high in the rigging of the ship called out "Monte vide eu", or "I see a mountain." This, according to legends, is the origin of the name of Uruguay's magnificent capitol city. It is one of the most beautiful of all Latin American cities, and one-third of the nation's population, about 900,000 people, make their home in this city. It is situated on the famous Pocitas Beach, which is the mecca of vacationists from many South American countries.

A large group came to welcome us and two young missionaries, Miss Carol Platt of Kansas and Fred Thomas of Wisconsin. Miss Platt will serve, during her three years as an LA-3, in Crandon Institute, and Fred will be at Friendship House. Among this group of hospital people who gathered were Miss Marian Derby, director of Crandon Institute, and Dr. George P. Howard, author of many fine books.

The mountain that Magellan's lookout saw is known as the Cerro, or Mount, and is the only break in the flatness that extends for hundreds of miles along the Plata River. There is an old Spanish fort on this mount, which was the key defense of the city many years ago.

## The Friendship House

Crowning the Cerro today is the beautiful and modern Friendship House, which, we believe, is the key defense today for this great section of the city.

What better defense can one imagine than a great Christian social settlement in the midst of the packinghouse district where resources and leadership in Christian training would not be available for thousands of persons if it were not for this Friendship House on the Cerro.

On this most valuable piece of property is the home of Dr. and Mrs. Earl Smith. Doctor Smith is the pastor and director of activities of this institution. They have been here 31 years. Each evening from six o'clock until eight, young men (ages 10-25) come here to engage in a well-planned program of recreation. There is a night school and a splendid religious education program for young people. More than 2,500 persons are enrolled in classes and engage in activities provided here each week.

In a building nearby an enterprise is conducted which supplies household furniture and equipment of many kinds at small cost and provides employment for the handicapped.

The full program of educational activities and social work, including athletics, Boy Scouts, and camps, cannot be adequately discussed here. We were greatly impressed with the spiritual work here at Friendship House. Evangelism is stressed, and classes, institutes, daily vacation Bible schools, women's, young people's, intermediate, and junior fellowships are all a part of the program. A great many things are needed here to contribute to fullness of life for thousands of people of every age and social status. The beautiful new chapel will be dedicated in October.

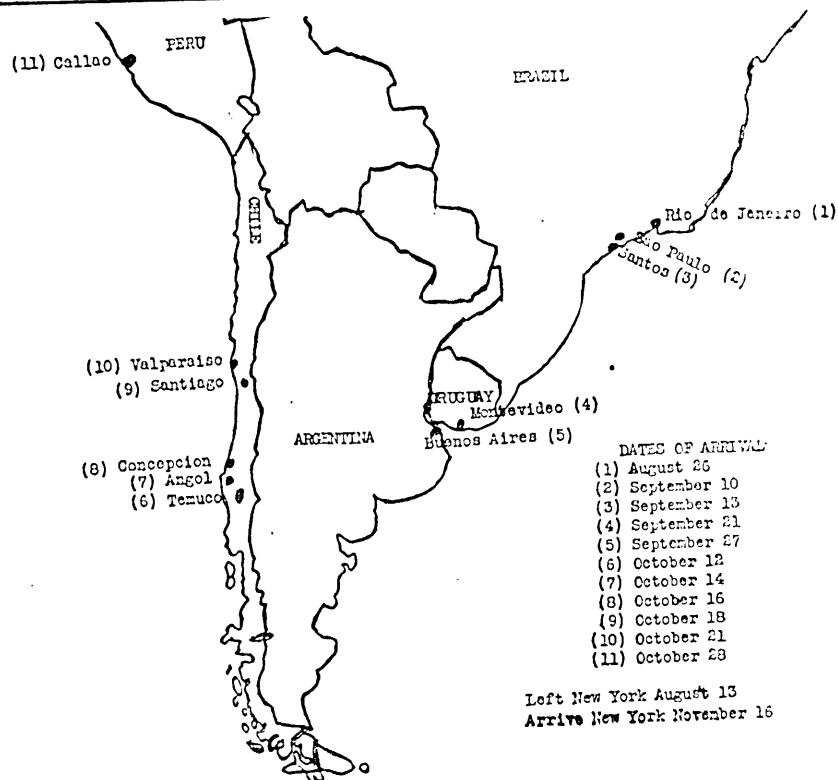
## Crandon Institute

On the day of our arrival Dr. George P. Howard, author and distinguished missionary and leader of Latin America, took us for our first tour of the city of Montevideo and accompanied us to Crandon Institute. Earlier in the morning we had met Miss Derby, with others who greeted us; she is the Director of the school and has been associated with the Institute for eighteen years.

## REMAINING MAILING ADDRESSES FOR BISHOP AND MRS. PAUL E. MARTIN DURING THEIR VISITATION IN SOUTH AMERICA

October 21-22	c/o Mirimar Hotel Valparaiso, Chile
October 28-November 4	c/o Rev. John E. Shappell Apartado 240 Callao, Peru
November 4	"Isabel" of the Grace Lines Depart for New York
November 16th	Arrive in New York

Allow one week for air mail to reach destination.



Scheduled stops on Bishop and Mrs. Martin's tour of South America  
Allow one week for air mail correspondence.

Luncheon at the Institute was served in an attractive dining room, and here we met fifty or more persons who were guests for the occasion. These individuals were missionaries, pastors, and leaders whom we were to be associated with during our visit to Uruguay. After lunch we went into the living room for coffee and cake and to hear speeches of welcome. Miss Derby conducted our tour of this splendid school in the afternoon.

For many years Methodists of the United States have read of Crandon Institute, and many visitors and returning missionaries have told of the work here. After our visit we are deeply impressed with a statement made by President Roosevelt in 1936 when he visited Crandon: he was quoted thus in Doctor Rycroft's book: "Institutions like this are better promoters of international relations than anything else I could name."

Crandon Institute was founded by Miss Cecelia Elena Guelfi almost seventy-five years ago. This school has a kindergarten, secondary school, and a Junior College with government recognition and with boarding school facilities for girls. It is coeducational in all grades. Teaching is in both Spanish and English. Crandon was the first school in South America to offer home economics. Today there are 1000 pupils enrolled. The graduates of this school are in places of leadership throughout South America.

## City Of Sarandi Grande

Rev. Earl Smith took us in his car to Sarandi Grande, one hundred miles into the interior of Uruguay. This is one of the most historical places of the nation; here the battle of Sandri was fought and this is considered to be one of the greatest demonstrations of courage for the national independence.

We passed over the bridge of the Santa Lucia River, and it was here at this bridge, Piedra Alta, the declaration of independence was signed.

The church in Sarandi Grande is new, and the story of its erection is one of personal sacrifices. The Pittsburgh Methodist Conference helped to build the church. The pastor is Rev. Victor Goldschmidt, a man almost seventy, who became a minister after his retirement from a position with the government. He is strong physically, and his evangelical fervor is a moving force throughout our Church in Uruguay.

## Last Day In Montevideo

The last day of our visit in Montevideo was a busy one. In the afternoon Mrs. Martin went to Central Methodist Church to speak to the Women's Methodist Federation of Uruguay. The women have membership in the World Federation of Methodist Women.

At seven that night a large group came to Central Church, where I spoke on "Personal Evangelism." Rev. Carlos Gattioni is the pastor; he is a son of Bishop Gattioni, an honored Christian leader in Argentina.

Our ship, THE CITY OF MONTEVIDEO, sailed at nine o'clock that evening for Buenos Aires, Argentina, our next stop. I was happy that our last contact with Montevideo was a service in Central Methodist Church: "It is a monument of beauty in a beautiful city."

ARKANSAS METHODIST

# Judas—A Character Study

By J. B. STEWART

Retired Member, North Arkansas Conference

**N**O CHARACTER in all the Bible has interested me more than Judas—Judas Iscariot, Judas one of the Twelve, and the one who betrayed the Lord and bartered off his own soul for thirty pieces of silver. The case of Judas is what Dr. George Clarke Peck chooses to call the, "The Tragedy of the Silver Pieces". This is a study in the *varying results of religious privilege*. And what a high and glorious privilege was that of Judas!

He saw at first hand, right along with Peter, James and John, the glory of the Eternal, in the face of Jesus Christ. For three years, it was his *privilege* to sit at the feet of his Master and listen to the gracious words that fell from His lips. It was his privilege to be one of the Twelve, whom Jesus, after a whole night's prayer, had selected to re-make the world. Yet, at the end of this three years of high privilege, we see him going out into the darkness of treachery, remorse and suicide.

And thus the fate of Judas brings home to us the fact that high religious privilege, does not absolutely secure us against ultimate spiritual ruin. Judas, in personal character, seemed to grow worse, while the others, under the same environment grew better.

We are all familiar with the question which has been asked through the centuries, "Why did Jesus choose such a man?" Did He know that Judas would prove a traitor? Did the disciples really believe Judas was a thief when he suggested that the "precious ointment might have been sold and given to the poor?" In the beginning of Christ's ministry, his fellow disciples trusted Judas, and elected him as their treasurer. Men do not commonly entrust their money to a suspect, or one whose honesty is questionable. When Jesus looked around the table at the "Last Supper", and said, "One of you shall betray me," not a one of them asked, "Is it Judas?" But instead, they all turned their eyes within, as if perfectly aware of some hidden possibility of unfaithfulness in their own hearts, and began to ask, "Lord, is it I?"

Dean Brown of Yale university, says that it was a venture of faith on the part of Jesus in choosing Judas, the same as it was with the other disciples. Would they conquer their raw moods and eventually win out over their imperfections and prove faithful to the end? It would all depend upon the personal response each man should make to his environment, and to the offer of divine help, which was within reach of each one of them. Judas had it in him to become a great religious leader the same as the rest of the Twelve.

The underlying fault with Judas was the common fault of many of the Jewish race—he loved money more than he loved goodness. When he saw the woman break the alabaster box and pour the costly perfume on the head of Jesus, his first

thought was, "It might have been sold." When he faced the Chief Priests, who were plotting against Christ, his first word was, "What will you give me if I betray Him unto you?" How often do we hear that ugly note in the speech of those ancient Hebrews who seemed to have thought that they were the chosen people of God for no higher ends than making gain. "Sell me now thy birthright," said the crafty Jacob, taking advantage of his brother's hunger. When Joseph lay helpless in the pit, where his jealous brothers had cast him, the Egyptian traders came along. One of the brothers (his name strangely enough was Judas) began to reason in characteristic fashion, "What profit is there if we slay our brother?" "Let us sell him to the Ishmaelites." One day good old Simon Peter said to the Master, "We have left all to follow Thee, what shall we have therefore." But Judas, poor unfortunate Judas seemed to have been afflicted with a double portion of this weakness. Any man who loves money more than he loves God is in danger, even though he finds himself enrolled among the disciples of Christ.

The motives of Judas in betraying Jesus have been carefully studied by the greatest thinkers and Bible scholars of the world. His worldly mind may have led him to believe that by his own personal shrewdness, he would hasten the setting up of that temporal kingdom at Jerusalem, which all the disciples at that time thought had been too long delayed. He may have thought that as a result of a deal with the chief priests, he would be thirty pieces of silver to the good, that in the end Jesus would suffer no hurt, that in His miraculous way, He would free Himself from His enemies and "restore the kingdom of Israel," which was the cherished hope and ambition of the Twelve.

But when Jesus did not deliver Himself from the hands of the soldiers, but allowed Himself to be tried and put to death in the most humiliating way, it broke the heart of Judas. He had betrayed his Master in the garden of Gethsemane by the tenderest symbol and token of affection, and had seen Him led away in the darkness by the cruel mob. Jesus was now on His way to Pilate's court to be tried as a common criminal.

And Judas had the silver pieces! He must have sifted the shining coins through his fingers as he watched his Master disappearing in the gloom. Perhaps he took them out and mechanically counted them as he followed at a distance. A little later on he may have held up one in the twilight of Caiaphas's hall and studied it with sadness. Somehow, the familiar image of Caesar on each piece seemed to be fading out, and in its place was appearing the beautiful face of the Man he had betrayed. I am sure he had never known before how small a little money could seem. Each piece seemed already to be stained with blood



**BISHOP FRANCIS ASBURY, THE PROPHET OF THE  
LONG ROAD, by Frank O. Salisbury, C.V.O., LL.D., R.P.S.**

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This new portrait of Asbury was painted by the famous artist, Frank O. Salisbury of London, and was recently brought to America by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, secretary of the World Methodist Council. It is a companion portrait to the notable oil painting of John Wesley which Salisbury presented to Dr. Clark in 1952. It has been exhibited at the Royal Institute Galleries in London.

A comparison of this portrait with all the extant prints of Asbury shows that the artist has made a striking composite. It represents Asbury, at the time of his election as Bishop in 1784, at the age of 39.

and as heavy as a millstone. And then, when the mock trial was over, and Jesus was led away to die, Judas could endure the torture of his conscience no longer. In remorseful frenzy, he fairly rushed into the temple, flung the money down at the rulers' feet and shrieked in agony, "I have sinned, in that I have betrayed innocent blood!" "And went and hanged himself."

"Judas went out and hanged himself" in about the same hour that "Peter went out and wept bitterly." Each of these men had in his life a chapter which contained the story of a black sin. There is no great difference between the man who denies his Lord, and the man who betrays Him. There is this difference however, between Peter and Judas—the one was penitent and was forgiven; the other was remorseful and died in despair. There is a difference between putting a handkerchief to one's weeping eyes and putting a rope around one's "melancholy neck". Remorse and despair may express one's abhorrence for sin, but within themselves alone, are nothing, while repentance, coupled with faith in the divine mercy, is full of promise and hope.

But whether or not Judas was the "son of perdition"; whether his motive was criminally good or criminally bad; whether he took the money for his pay, or merely to throw the chief priests off guard as to his real intentions, this much

is certain: he played the role of villain in the world's darkest tragedy, and for nineteen centuries has borne the name of traitor. And the morals to be drawn from this Bible story remain substantially the same, regardless of what we may think of Judas.

## Lays Red Clergy Charges To 'Religious Malcontents'

Recent charges of Communist infiltration into the ranks of the Protestant clergy can be traced to a "coalition of religious malcontents," Ralph L. Roy of New York, author of "Apostles of Discord," declared at Cleveland, Ohio.

Addressing members of the Greater Cleveland Ministerial Association, Mr. Roy said these malcontents "are influencing many well meaning church members who are unaware of the actual facts and are unaware as to the nature of the groups that promote the false charges."

"This is not to suggest that there are not Communists and fellow travelers in the Church," he said. "They succeeded in infiltrating some areas of church life just as they were able to infiltrate government, education and the entertainment field."

"But all the evidence at hand proves that Red influence among Protestantism is at its lowest ebb since the Bolshevik revolution."



## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**J. N. COOPER** of Hoxie was the Laymen's Day speaker at Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro. Rev. Elmus Brown is pastor.

**REV. ROLAND E. DARROW**, pastor of the Monticello Methodist Church, was the speaker at the recent meeting of the State W. C. T. U. in Stuttgart.

**REV. D. MOUZON MANN**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, McGehee, has been elected president of the McGehee Ministerial Alliance.

**REV. M. L. KAYLOR**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Newport, was elected president of the Newport Ministerial Alliance at the regular monthly meeting of the organization on Monday, October 12.

**MRS. J. T. RODGERS**, wife of Rev. J. T. Rodgers, retired member of the Little Rock Conference, is in room 288, Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, recovering from a broken hip. Rev. and Mrs. Rodgers make their home in St. Charles.

**DR. FRED G. ROEBUCK**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club at Goddard Memorial Church, Ft. Smith, on Tuesday, October 20. Dr. Roebuck spoke on his recent trip to the Holy Land.

**RAY ROBINSON** of Little Rock was the Gideon speaker at the Vantrease Methodist Church, El Dorado, on Sunday morning, October 11. The annual dinner meeting of the Gideons was held at the Garrett Hotel on Saturday night, October 10, at which Dr. Henry Morris of LaFayette, La., was the principal speaker. His subject was "The Marvelous Word of God."

**SPEAKERS** for Laymen's Day observance at the First Methodist Church, Clarksville, were A. P. McKeithen, who spoke on Lay Evangelism, John Taylor Jr., who spoke on Lay Speaking and E. K. Johnson who spoke on Christian Stewardship. The program was under the direction of J. T. White. Rev. Paul M. Bumpers is pastor.

**TWO VISITING SPEAKERS** spoke at the First Methodist Church, Smackover, on Sunday, October 11. Roland M. Shelton of Little Rock, Little Rock Conference Lay Leader, spoke at the morning hour, and Dave A. Pruitt, a member of the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, brought the evening message. Rev. J. L. Tucker is pastor of the Smackover Church.

**DR. G. RAY JORDAN** of the School of Theology of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., will preach for eight days at the Goddard Memorial Church, Ft. Smith, in the spring, the dates to be announced later. Dr. Jordan is one of the outstanding preachers and authors in the field of religion. Rev. Alfred Knox is pastor of Goddard Memorial Church.

**REV. SHERMAN RAGSDALE** who formerly served in the North Arkansas Conference and transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference in 1951 has been appointed to the Wheaton-Muncie chapel Churches in the Joplin District. The appointment was made at the recent session of the Conference meeting in Joplin. He sends greetings to his friends in Arkansas.

**REV. JACK WINEGEART**, minister to students at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, will be the discussion leader in a student workshop planned by the Little Rock Conference to be held at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, October 30-31. It is sponsored jointly by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Conference Board of Education.

**LAYMEN'S DAY** was observed on Sunday, October 11, in the Mountain View Church with Vernon Anderson of Central Methodist Church, Batesville, as the speaker. He was also the speaker for the Methodist Men's Club at its breakfast meeting. Mr. Anderson is very active in the work of the rural church. He speaks in

some church in the Batesville District almost every Sunday.

**WASHINGTON AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH**, North Little Rock, has just completed a finishing and redecoration program for the entire educational building, and a new roof has been added to the entire church, all at a cost of \$7500. The church is having open house for members and friends of the congregation on Sunday, October 25, from 6:00 to 7:00 p. m. Rev. I. L. Claud is pastor.

**REV. J. EDWIN KEITH**, Stewardship Director of the Little Rock Conference, was the guest preacher for the Vantrease Methodist Church, Sunday, October 18. The "Kick-off Dinner" for the current stewardship revival was held on the following Wednesday evening at the Garrett Hotel with Rev. John M. McCormack, pastor of Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, as the keynote speaker. Rev. Fred Schwendimann is pastor of Vantrease Church.

**CONTRACTS** for \$36,322 have been let for the construction of the new parsonage for the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, and construction began Monday, October 19. At a special session of the Official Board, the Building Committee submitted its plans for procedure and received approval to start construction. E. A. Stuck and Associates is the architectural firm supervising the project and Stuck Bros. is the contractor.

**THE MOVIE**, "God is My Landlord," the story of a Christian business man who decided to "Take God at His word and see what would happen," was shown on Sunday night, October 18, at the Vantrease Methodist Church in El Dorado. Perry Hayden, the "Quaker Miller" of Tecumseh, Michigan, determined to pay a tithe of his crop as commanded in Malachi 3:10, and to plant the remaining nine-tenths, repeating for six years as God commanded in Leviticus 25:3. This film has been called "the greatest tithing demonstration in all history."

**GROUND-BREAKING** ceremonies were held Sunday, September 27, for the new educational building of the First Methodist Church of West Memphis. Taking part in the ceremonies were Frank Lee, D. C. Neal, Sunday School superintendent; Dayton Sackett, chairman of the Building Committee; J. C. Johnson, chairman of the Board of Trustees, the pastor, Rev. J. Ralph Hillis, and a representative of each department of the church. The addition will be a two-story structure of brick to match the present building and will be approximately 110 by 35 feet. It is to contain a combination dining and recreation hall, a youth assembly room, space for the Primary Department, Intermediate Department, and Senior Department. It will be air-conditioned throughout.

### REV. LESTER FINLEY'S SCHEDULE IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The schedule of his speaking engagements follows:  
 Little Rock District—First Church, Little Rock, 11 a. m. Oct. 25; First Church, Little Rock, 7:30 p. m. Oct. 26  
 Monticello District—Warren, 6:30 p. m. Oct. 27; Dermott, 7:30 p. m. Oct. 28  
 Pine Bluff District—First Church, Pine Bluff, 7:30 p. m. Oct. 29; Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart, 7:30 p. m. Oct. 30  
 Arkadelphia District—Malvern First Church, 11 a. m. Sunday, Nov. 1; Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, 2:30 p. m. Nov. 1; Glenwood, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 2  
 Hope District—DeQueen, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 3; Hope, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 7  
 Camden District—November 5, place to be announced

### WINFIELD TO MOVE INTO REMODELED EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, Dr. Cecil R. Culver and Rev. Allan E. Hilliard, pas-

### REV. WILLIAM F. COOLEY VICTIM OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

The Rev. William Frank Cooley, superintendent of the Fayetteville District in the North Arkansas Conference, died Saturday, October 17, in a Clarksville hospital of injuries received October 15 in an automobile accident near Clarksville.

Mr. Cooley was one of seven persons injured in the collision on Highway 64 near Clarksville. Also injured were Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Thomas R. Whiddon, wife of the pastor of Huntsville Methodist Church, the two Whiddon children and a Des Moines, Ia., couple riding in the other car. Mr. Cooley was driving his car. The group was en route to Conway to attend a meeting at Hendrix College.

Mr. Cooley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Cooley, was born at Blytheville. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hendrix and his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Duke University. He had been a Methodist minister since 1932.

Before becoming district superintendent in 1950, he served as pastor of churches at Summerfield and Ashboro, N. C., Joiner, Bentonville, Siloam Springs, Harrison and Russellville.

In addition to his wife and two children, David Newell and Carol Marie, and his parents, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. E. D. Beall of Wilson.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Central Methodist Church at Fayetteville. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., Dr. Ethan Dodgen and the Rev. Neil Storey officiated. Burial was in the Blytheville cemetery with services under the direction of Dr. Roy I. Bagley.

tors, will move into the remodeled and modernized Educational Building on October 25 after several months of construction. The goal for attendance for this Sunday for Sunday School and church is the total active enrollment. All friends of Winfield are invited to share in her greatest day. Dewey Price, Chairman of the Building Committee, Currey Bishop, Chairman of the Commission on Education, Lee Franklin, Superintendent of Sunday School, and Mrs. Allan Hilliard, Director of Christian Education, have given invaluable leadership making possible this forward step in the educational program of Winfield.

### A NEW RECRUITING SERVICE FOR THE MINISTRY

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gram our laymen are now promoting as lay preachers. That program has intrinsic values in its own right. We should be grateful, also, for the number of men for whom this special work has been the doorway into a full-time, God-called ministry. May it continue to be so for those God wants as ministers.

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## PRISONERS OF OURSELVES

During past weeks the eyes of the world have been focused on the prisoners of war being released in Korea. We have tried to learn from them what life was like in the Communist prison camps. We have tried to imagine the feelings of those men as they regained their freedom. But those of us who have been free can enter only a little way into the experience of prisoners.

Some years ago I shared the platform with a speaker who had once been confined in a Soviet prison. She told of the nights when at intervals the loud speakers would boom through the building calling out the numbers of those inmates whose time for execution had come.

There could be heard a shuffling of feet in the corridor, then in a few moments the sound of shots in the courtyard.

One night her number was called. It seemed the sound of doom, but a few moments later, there came the words, "As you were!" Her execution was postponed, and eventually she got out. She tried to tell of that experience but of course the listeners could not fully appreciate her inmost feelings.

Not all prisons are made by iron bars. Many persons are in prisons of their own making. Some of us may be prisoners to a degree we do not realize.

For one thing, we may be prisoners because we are so wrapped up in our bodily interests. Our spirits dwell in bodies during this earthly life, and the state of our bodies helps to condition the state of our minds. But these bodies are meant to be the servants of our spirits, not their masters. And whenever our bodily interests get the upper hand, our spirits begin to be imprisoned.

Doesn't it often seem that the body has gotten the better of the mind and spirit? That which was meant to be the servant has become the jailer.

We can become imprisoned by our material possessions as well as by our bodily concerns. It is natural that we should like to surround ourselves with belongings which we enjoy and admire. A person's character is revealed in part by the furniture of his home.

These possessions show his taste. They should enlarge his life. But a house is made to be lived in, not lived for. And there is a point where our possessions begin to get the better of us. When our conversations are filled with cars and clothes, when our first thoughts on waking are of property and profits, when our earthly possessions and social standing give us more concern than our character and spiritual welfare, then we are getting too much wrapped up in our possessions.

And we can imprison ourselves by becoming too much wrapped up in our mental interests. We have seen persons in the most comfortable surroundings and yet suffering mental hell. They are shut in by their fears, many of them foolish.

Also we imprison ourselves in our minds by standing in our own way. So often we blame other persons or adverse circumstances for blocking our way, when in reality we ourselves are standing in our way. How? Oh, by always putting ourselves first so that we shut off the approach of real friendship and cooperation, or by always looking out for Number One so that we do not lose sight of ourselves enough to see the other factors in a situation or by seeing everything as it affects us.

How can we bring ourselves out of these self-made prisons? Here are a few suggestions.

- (1) Stop catering to our bodies and let them serve us.
- (2) Laugh ourselves out of our littleness.
- (3) Spend some time with little children. Their spirits are still free.
- (4) Take stock of the things we can live without and the things we can't take with us.

## On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

## "BUT ONE WAS OUT ON THE HILLS"

One of the leaders of American industry, commenting recently on the social-economic picture in our nation, said: "I think if there is anything wrong today with society, it is this: Too many do-gooders are trying to make laws binding everybody because some one chap fell in the gutter."

And about the same time that fictitious benevolent philosopher, used as the vehicle of the Brewers Foundation's chatty propaganda, dropped this sly idea: "Some people even get to be 'experts'—especially about the other fellow's business. Whether it's art or music, or a simple thing like choosing, say, beer or milk with a snack, we should live and let live. There's no call for any of us to set ourselves up as a 'model' for others!"

Isn't there something strangely reminiscent

in the idea common to both statements? . . . "Am I my brother's keeper?" asked Cain—and there seems to have been surprise in the very thought. "Is it my business that Abel fell in the field—or in the gutter? My business to be an example to my weaker and younger brother?" But God said, "The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground."

So there cries to God the voice of every brother who has been led down the slopes of sin or of hunger by my commission of wrong or by my omission of assistance.

*"There were ninety and nine that safely lay  
In the shelter of the fold;  
But one was out on the hills . . ."*

and it was to rescue that one (who fell in the gutter; who needed an "expert" and "model") that the shepherd braved the storm, the mountain-track, the treacherous steepes.

It wasn't any particular business of the Samaritan "foreigner" that a Jew was foolish enough to attempt that journey along the dangerous Jericho Road without a bodyguard; the Samaritan didn't shove the Jew into the gutter. But that foreign do-gooder did extend himself, even endanger himself, to lend a hand and a purse to a human brother in need.

Jesus told these stories as "models" of action

## METHODIST TEMPERANCE FORCES MEET IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C.—Coming from various sections of the country to the nation's capital Oct. 14-16 were more than 500 Methodist leaders from across the nation to meet with representatives of interested secular agencies in a three-day Briefing Conference and Citizenship Convocation.

Among those from Arkansas attending the conference sponsored by the church's national Board of Temperance were: J. J. Decker, West Helena; Robert Beasley, Hot Springs; Thomas R. Whiddon, Huntsville. Luther Wilson, N. Little Rock; H. R. Holland, Little Rock; Mrs. Earl Cotton, Little Rock; Raymond Dorman, N. Little Rock. Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Little Rock; David M. Hankins, Jr., Magnolia; W. Leonard Byers, Mulberry; John M. McCormack, Pine Bluff; John L. Tucker, Smaekover; Virgil C. Bell, Texarkana, Ark.; Theron McKisson, Yellville. The meeting was held in Mount Vernon Place Methodist church.

The Citizenship Convocation was called because of a new surge of interest in the drinking problem that has been developing across the country in church as well as secular fields.

A highlight of the three-day conference was the mass convocation at famed Constitution Hall on Oct. 15 when Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, resident bishop of the Washington Area of the Methodist church, was the featured speaker.

Approximately 2000 people heard Bishop Oxnam say, "The Methodist answer to alcohol is abstinence. Methodists hope to make this the American answer. One American in sixteen belongs to the Methodist church. One American in seven is a member of the Methodist constituency. The development of abstinence upon the part of the people called Methodists will profoundly influence the habits of the American people."

"The liquor business," continued the bishop, "hypocritically calls for 'temperance.' The dishonesty of the plea is evident in the nation-wide liquor advertising which deliberately seeks the greatest possible sale of alcohol. Proper controls must be set up in order to protect the Amer-

ican home at present invaded by liquor advertising."

Bishop Oxnam pointed out that "A pitiful parade of the four million alcoholics in the United States shuffling down Pennsylvania Avenue with unsteady step, moving forward twelve abreast, would take twenty days to pass. This is the contribution of the liquor traffic to the United States in a single generation."

"Abstinence is not a matter of coercion," stated Bishop Oxnam. "Abstinence involves education and commitment."

It was stated by various national figures at the conference that more and more civic groups, insurance companies, safety and welfare agencies, auto clubs, etc. have begun to study and deplore the effects that alcoholic beverages are having on individuals, family life, national health, and highway safety.

Among those participating in the conference were the Honorable Renah Camalier, Commission of the District of Columbia; the Honorable B. H. Littleton, member of the U. S. Court of Claims; Bishop D. Stanley Coors, resident bishop of the Minneapolis Area of the Methodist church; Bishop Edgar A. Love, resident bishop of the Baltimore Area of the Methodist church; Bishop Roy H. Short, resident bishop of the Nashville Area of the Methodist church; Mr. D. Stewart Patterson, executive secretary of General Commission on Chaplains of the Methodist church, Washington, D. C.; Mr. William N. Plymat, treasurer of Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance Company, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Clyde Meredith, vice-president of American university, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Albert D. Shirley, pastor of Mount Vernon Place Methodist church, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Howard Tower, executive secretary of the Methodist Radio and Film Commission, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Caradine Hooton, executive secretary of the Board of Temperance; Dr. Deets Pickett, associate secretary of the board; Mr. Joseph Paul of the Washington Post, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, national president of Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist church, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

for his followers. And Paul admonished that "no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." Woe unto the man through whom offenses come to another, Jesus also warned . . .

So these teachings are among the cornerstones of the Christian religion: Every man is my brother. I am responsible as my brother's keeper. I am not only to discipline myself so as not to cause my brother to stumble—I am also to remove blocks from his way.

Anything less than this concern and stewardship of man for man is less than Christian. The stewardship of concern, of brotherliness, of assistance is basic in our religion. If I make no effort to keep a second "chap" from falling into the gutter, if my example does not help give "the other fellow" strength to overcome his weakness, then I should make no claim to being a follower of the Master of the Way. I am not following his teachings.

If, on behalf of a brother who hungers in the midst of God's great abundance, I work for economic and social justice; if, for a brother injured by the sins or example of others, I endeavor by legal means to remove the cause of stumbling; then I am in the footsteps of the Master and of the great Christians of all the centuries.

## Jurisdiction Church School Leaders Meet In Tulsa

**A**PPROXIMATELY 1,000 Methodist church school officers and teachers of eight south central states attended a leadership training convocation this week, October 17-20, in Tulsa, Okla.

"Teach God's Word" was the program theme of the training project, sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., and the church's South Central Jurisdictional Council, Oklahoma City.

The Rev. Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, executive secretary of the council, was convocation director and the Rev. M. Leo Rippey, director of the Nashville board's Department of Adult Christian Education, was program chairman.

The primary purpose of the meeting was "to provide an inspirational and instructive experience for delegates, and an opportunity to learn better methods of organizing and teaching adults in their home churches."

Delegates were divided into 24 discussion groups dealing with teaching, the work of class officers, church-school administration and general aspects of Christian education.

General sessions featured several platform speakers, including Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex., president of the National Council of Churches and the Methodist Council of Bishops; Bishop H. Bascom Watts, Lincoln, Neb.; Dr. Mack B. Stokes of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. David Wesley Soper of Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.; the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas; the Rev. Dr. Waldo E. Stephens of Oklahoma City; the Rev. Dr. Eugene Smith, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions, New York; the Rev. Dr. Gaston B. Foote, pastor of First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., and the Rev. Dr. E. W. Freeman, Methodist district superintendent of Concordia, Kan.

Convocation sessions were held in Tulsa's Boston Avenue and First Methodist churches. The Rev. Dr. E. L. Johns, executive secretary of Board of Education of East Oklahoma Conference was general chairman of the local committee.

### Soper Attacks "McCarthyism"

"McCarthyism" is not a joke but a threat, and the church is partly responsible for its rise, a Wisconsin professor told the convocation Saturday night.

"Unless we believe in Christianity and sell it with a passion, another faith will rise — the right of the American nationalist to rule everybody for his own good," declared Dr. David Wesley Soper, professor of religion at Beloit (Wis.) College.

He was the principal speaker at the opening of the three-day convocation.

Dr. Soper termed the "philosophy" of Senator McCarthy (R.-Wis.) a "passionate religion that is already on the grow in our land . . . and like Nazism and Communism it is exciting because it is an idea, not the absence of one."

When churches stopped indoctrinating people, other organizations started, Dr. Soper said. "A basic communist activity is indoctrination. The real cause of disloyalty to the United States is not a treasonable purpose, but lack of indoctrination concerning the meaning of American citizenship."

He said that churches replaced indoctrination with moralism because "we were ashamed of our doctrines . . . when we stopped believing in Christianity we became a vacuum, and nobody wants to belong to a movement that has no

movement in it."

The Wisconsin professor said that "skepticism and faith" are absolute necessities for Christians.

"Faith without skepticism is idolatry and fanaticism, and skepticism without faith is paralysis and futility," he declared. "If you don't believe your beliefs, you can't teach them, and if you don't doubt your beliefs, you can't improve them," he told the Methodist group.

The Christian Church is not one-dimensional but four-dimensional, Dr. Soper said. He defined the dimensions as:

1. "The Church does not yet exist upon earth . . . it is what God is now creating out of the total historical process."

2. "The Church is the fellowship of men and women in all lands, races and religions, in whom and through whom the Holy Spirit offers healing to humanity . . . creating out of our chaos the Universal Church."

3. "The Church is the level of our churches (denominations), our fragments of the future whether Greek, Russian, Roman, Lutheran, Calvinist or Anglican. Whatever the label on the bottle, the bottle may be empty. In our churches the past and the future meet, and too often the past nails the future to the cross."

4. "The Church is the entire universe . . . a great cathedral, and this planet is our chapel. Every man, by birth, is a member of the Church, enrolled in God's grammar school and growing toward or away from God."

Today more than ever the Christian Church around the world is challenged to "Put up or shut up," Dr. Soper said.

"We must be able to relate Christianity to science, sociology, and literature, and be prepared to sell it from pulpit and classroom, in season and out of season, to old and young alike," he concluded.

Methodist Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, president of the National Council of Churches in the U. S. A., addressed the group Monday night.

### Foote Concluding Speaker

Three things can be done with God's name, the Rev. Dr. Gaston Foote of Fort Worth, Texas, told the eight-state group of Methodists Tuesday.

He was the principal speaker at the concluding session of a three-day convocation.

Speaking on "The Surrendered Life," Dr. Foote, pastor of Fort Worth's First Methodist Church, listed the "three choices" as:

1. "You can take God's name not at all—millions do. This is the philo-

## BOARD ISSUES FIRST PRINTING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Keeping faith with its assigned task of implementing the Methodist Social Creed, the church's new Board of Social and Economic Relations has brought out the creed in a new, attractive form at its first official publication.

The Rev. A. Dudley Ward, executive secretary of the board, has added appropriate sub-headings, which serve to make the material more readable and act as logical divisions for study and discussion.

Single copies of the Social Creed may be secured without charge by writing the Board of Social and Economic Relations, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill.

The creed is also available at nominal cost in quantity lots as follows: two to 100 copies, 3c each; 100 copies, \$1.50; 200 to 1,000, \$1.30 per hundred in lots of a 100; 2,000 copies and over, \$1.10 per hundred in thousand lots.

Mr. Ward has also announced that he is seeking an associate secretary "with training in racial and cultural relations and/or social welfare." Anyone interested or anyone having persons to nominate should communicate with Mr. Ward at 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill.

## WORLD SERVICE GIVING UP

Receipts for Methodist World Service during the first third of the current fiscal year totalled 20 percent more than during the same four-month period last year, according to Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, executive secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

September receipts amounted to \$743,265.56, bringing the World Service total since June 1 up to \$1,738,779.99. Receipts for September last year were \$504,594.59 and for the first four months of last fiscal year—\$1,447,901.70.

World Service specials and General Advance specials showed a decline of approximately 11 per cent in contrast to the same four-month period last year. Receipts for most other funds administered through the World Service specials amounted to \$5,816.34 for September. General Advance specials for the month Dedication receipts totalled \$6,073.79.

The Fellowship of Suffering and Service for September amounted to \$10,338.49, bringing the total for the fiscal year so far up to \$37,713.42—a gain of more than 70 per cent over the first four months last year.

Administrative funds were received as follows during September: Episcopal Fund — \$105,288.36; General Administration — \$30,734.01; Interdenominational Cooperation Fund — \$27,366.21.

sophy of Communism. It nullifies the whole theodistic concept of creation. The Communistic philosophy is not new. There have been many civilizations built up on the concept of materialism. Without exception, those civilizations are now in ruins.

2. "Men can take the name of God in vain. They can pay lip service without giving life service. They can worship a god lesser than the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. Such a god is racial or nationalistic god."

3. "Men can take the name of God in earnest. The history of the Christian church has been written by such men. The degree to which the church can redeem a decaying civilization is determined by the sincerity with which Christians take the name of God in earnest. The fortitude of the Christians in the catacombs marks the spirit of Christianity in the first century. The fortitude of the present day Christians will determine the power of our present day Christian culture."

## METHODIST TV SERIES SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE

A Texas Methodist minister soon will be a weekly visitor in thousands of American homes through the magic of television.

"The Pastor," a dramatic series featuring the Rev. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., of Dallas, has been produced by the Methodist Radio and Film Commission for release this fall through the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Fast-moving and centered on "real life" situations, the 15-minute programs depict the busy life of a minister outside his pulpit as he serves as counselor and friend in the application of Christian faith to problems of individuals in his community.

Dr. Goodrich, pastor of the Dallas First Methodist Church, has played the lead role for four years in a similar program telecast "live" by Station KRLD-TV, Dallas. Talent for the wide variety of dramatic roles is drawn from several theater groups of the city.

The first 13 programs in the filmed series, financed by the Methodist commission, will be offered free to all television stations starting November 1. Other denominations in the National Council plan to assist in financing succeeding programs.

"This program is another extension of the church's television ministry, designed as an arm of the local church in meeting the needs of people," said Dr. Harry C. Spencer, executive secretary of the commission.

Titles of the first program are: "End of the Line," "The One-Step," "Fur Coat," "Phone Call from Johnny," "Unbroken Law," "Out of Tune," "Where is God?" "Roadblock," "Charity Performance," "Convicted," "The Doctor's Wife," "Why," and "You've Got to be Taught."

Methodists who wish to help book "The Pastor" with their local TV stations are invited to write: The Methodist Radio and Film Commission, 1001 19th Ave., South, Nashville, Tenn.

The word "religion" derived from the Latin *re* (back or again) plus *ligare* (to bind) signifies a sense of being bound as an obligation through a belief in a divine or superhuman power to be obeyed and worshiped—the expression of such belief in conduct and ritual.—Wm. Forney Hovis, Embers.

# Another New Church For New Orleans

Methodist Information

By GEORGIA DAILY

**S**T. Bernard Methodist Church, in a newly developed industrial section just outside New Orleans, is faced with "possibilities unlimited" in regard to growth of membership and program.

The little church, 10 miles from downtown New Orleans, has around 100 members, 21 added since the Rev. Don Roberts became its pastor in June. The area in which it is situated has an estimated population of 27,000, and it is believed it will increase by 25,000 within the next two years. Reason for the rapid expansion is the location in the area of the Kaiser aluminum plant, which came in two years ago, the Domino sugar refineries, and several oil refineries, accounting for the employment of thousands of persons and, in consequence, new residents and prospective church members.

The church has opportunity for outreach within a 25-mile area.

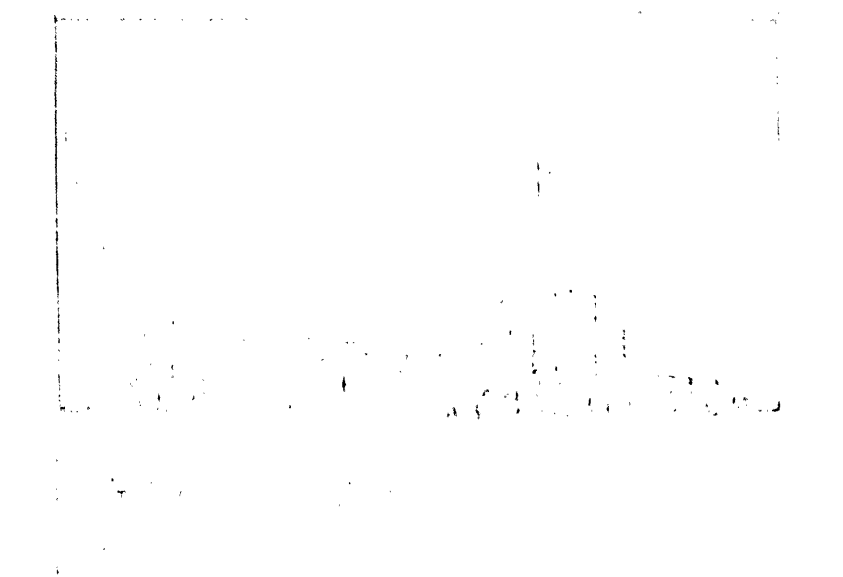
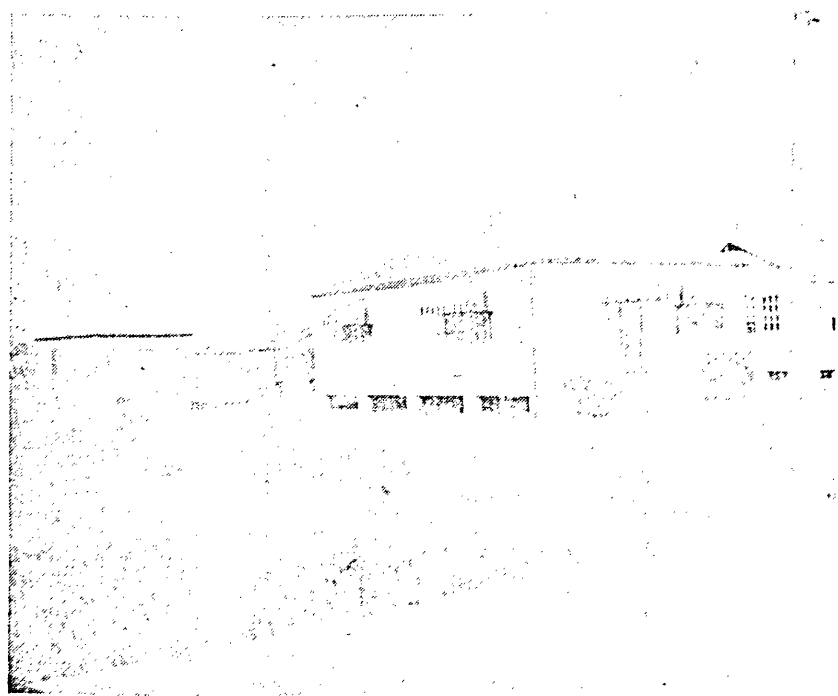
The Rev. Mr. Roberts also serves

Aldersgate Church which is nearer New Orleans. He holds services at Aldersgate at 8:30 a. m. on Sundays, then goes to St. Bernard for Sunday School at 9:45 and morning worship at 11. St. Bernard started a junior church, also, on Sunday, September 20, and registered 25 children the first day.

Mr. Roberts was appointed to the charge in June, coming from Slidell and succeeding the Rev. Clarence Snelling, Jr. He and Mrs. Roberts are talented musicians.

In the midst of building plans, St. Bernard is now meeting each Sunday in a four-room white frame house which it bought in December, 1952. One bedroom is used for a nursery, the kitchen houses 30 primary and junior children as best it can with limited space, and the two front rooms serve as the sanctuary. The piano used in the services belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.

**ST. BERNARD CHURCH** — This four-room frame building is now being used for worship services by the congregation of St. Bernard, 10 miles from downtown New Orleans. At the back is the garage used for junior church. The new building will be located on the lot at left.



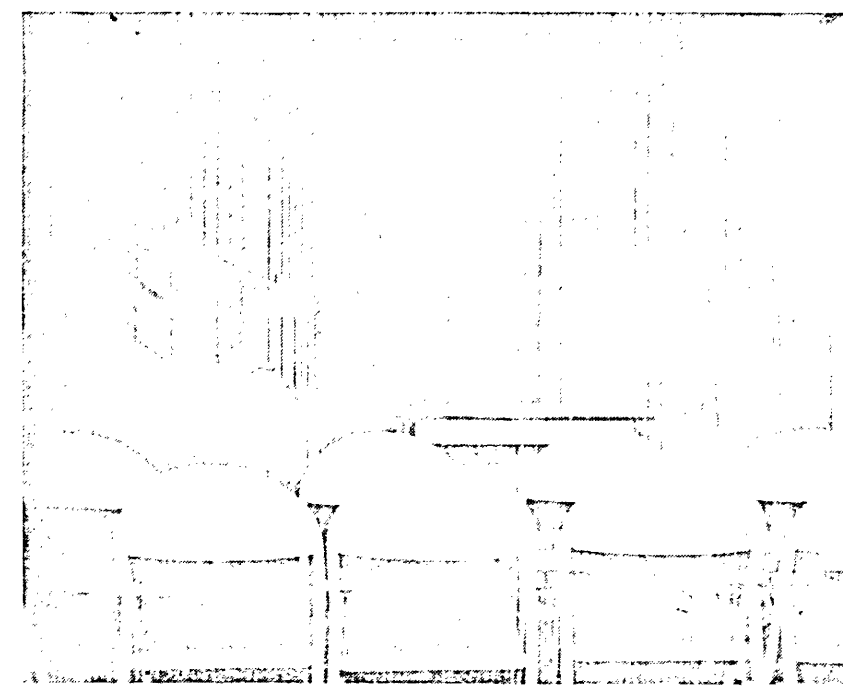
Construction of the new building is expected to begin this month. It will include a sanctuary to seat 350 people, 200 in the main chapel and 150 in an adjoining social room, which will later serve as the meeting place for the junior church. There will also be a large recreation room, nursery and kitchen on the first floor, and an office and one classroom on the second floor. It will be of yellow brick.

Constructed on a lot 150 by 195

feet, the building will cost between \$35,000 and \$45,000. It will be located on a main thoroughfare between the Mississippi river and Lake Pontchartrain, in the heart of the new industrial development.

The church will be constructed in three units, the first to be named the Fae Emmerich Morris Building in memory of the wife of the Rev. Virgil Morris, superintendent of the New Orleans district.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** — The garage adjoining the residence converted into a church by the St. Bernard congregation is used for the meeting of children of junior age during the regular morning worship service. The service is directed by Mrs. Walter Doss, with the children having active participation. The first service on September 20 had 25 children present.



## CONFERENCE GROUPS PREPARING FOR FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

Seventy-six annual conference groups are already engaged in preparatory studies looking to the Methodist Church's National Conference on Family Life to be held October 8-10, 1954, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Approximately 3,000 delegates, mostly young parents, are expected to attend the national convocation.

Meanwhile, the churchwide Committee on Family Life, headed by Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Ohio, chairman, will meet November 19-20 in New York to plan program details, of the Cleveland meeting.

He said the agenda will be built around the "needs and interests" of families as indicated by results of a

questionnaire sent to 5,400 persons. The consensus favored the following "concerns" for intensive study and discussion:

- 1) The Family Developing Its Spiritual Life.
- 2) Achieving a Mature Family Life.
- 3- The Community Influences the Family.
- 4) The Family Facing World Responsibility.
- 5) The Family Works Through the Church.

One of these topics has been assigned to every annual conference committee for preliminary study and research, according to the Rev. Dr. Edward Staples, Nashville, Tenn. He

is secretary of the national committee and director of the Methodist Board of Education's Department of the Christian Family.

Study methods will vary from conference to conference, Dr. Staples said. For example, the Des Moines, Iowa, committee is using four approaches in its study of "World Responsibility."

Assignments are being given to groups of parents of young children, parents and older children meeting jointly, Sunday school classes and other local church groups, and a committee of 30 to 50 families who have special interest or experience in world affairs.

Later, the conference committees will report their findings to the Methodist Board of Education. In

turn, the board will select five specialists to evaluate and edit the information for study books to be sent to delegates ahead of the Cleveland meeting.

The annual conference chairmen are now organizing their committees following a series of regional coaching clinics conducted by Dr. Staples in New York, Chicago, Lake Junaluska, N. C., Dallas and Denver.

Chairman for Little Rock Conference Committee is: Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock.

Chairman: North Arkansas Conference Committee is: Rev. Alvin C. Murray, Marked Tree, Ark.

Chairman: Louisiana Conference Committee is Mrs. Claude Cochran, Shreveport, La.



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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Church School Rally Day Offerings

October 8 we made the second report on Church School Rally Day offerings. The following is the report to date, October 15, by districts, listing only the churches which have reported since October 8:

Batesville District: Previously reported \$46.85; Melbourne, \$5.00; Newport, First Church, \$75.00; Newark, \$7.95.

Conway District: Previously reported \$283.98; Vilonia, \$10.00; Gardner Memorial, \$115.00; Atkins, \$20.00.

Fayetteville District: Previously reported \$71.93; Gravette, \$15.00; Green Forest, \$14.85; Brightwater, \$11.00; Evansville, \$2.25.

Forrest City District: Previously reported \$95.19; Aubrey, \$9.21; Marion, \$50.00; Marvell, \$10.00; Parkin, \$20.00.

Fort Smith District: Previously reported \$470.77; Massard, \$5.00; Ozark, \$35.00; Grenade's Chapel, \$4.00; Gar Creek, \$1.38; Mansfield, \$12.00; Midland Heights, \$20.00; Kibler, \$10.00.

Jonesboro District: Previously reported \$257.60; Tyronza, \$10.00; Monette, \$30.00; Trumann, \$30.00; Weiner, \$10.00.

Paragould District: Previously reported \$100.75; Knobel, \$7.00; Hoxie, \$10.00.

Searcy District: Previously reported \$107.00; McRae, \$11.00; McCrory, \$25.00; Beebe, \$20.00.

We continue to receive additional reports daily and will continue to make reports to the columns of the *Arkansas Methodist*. More church schools have reported thus far than in any previous year for the same length of time after Church School Rally Day.

Church Schools continue to ask for programs to observe the day. It is our hope that every church school will find some opportunity to use this year's program because of its emphasis on youth work, which is one of the important emphases for this four years in the Methodist Church. Our office would be glad to provide any local church with five copies of the program, without charge.

### More Training Schools

The Melbourne Circuit in the Batesville District continues to plan for additional training schools. The indications are that fifteen training schools will be held on that circuit during this conference year. Mrs. D. G. Hindman, one of the ministers of the charge, is to offer a series of training schools during the month of November, offering the course on Christian Stewardship. Miss Mary Chaffin, the rural worker for that section, has completed a series of training schools on How to Teach in the Church School. The charge is planning an outstanding Bible School to be held early next spring.

The Jonesboro District continues to list new training enterprises, to be held during this conference year. The reports from that district indicate that at least twenty-five training schools will be held; and is quite probable that the number will reach thirty during the conference year.

The Paragould Area is to have an unusually rich program offered in a training school, October 25-29. Three courses are to be offered in the school.

Mrs. Howard Grimes of Dallas, Texas, is to offer the course on Helping Adults Learn. Mrs. Grimes is recognized throughout the southwest as an excellent instructor in this course. This course has never been offered in that section before. Thus all adult leaders should take advantage of this opportunity.

Dr. Howard Grimes is to offer the course on Christian Education in the Church. Dr. Grimes teaches in the department of Christian Education in Perkins School of Theology and is a recognized leader in this field. His course is one that is needed by all church school workers as a basic foundation for the program of Christian Education.

Mrs. C. B. Nelson of Warren will be offering the course for workers with Intermediates. This course is seldom offered and all Intermediate workers should use this special opportunity for training. Mrs. Nelson was one of the staff of the leadership school at Mt. Sequoyah last summer. During September she worked in three of our area institutes on Christian Education.

We have received an application for a training school to be held at Weiner under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Arvill C. Brannon. He will be using the course on Christian Church is second largest of the de-tian Stewardship. This will be the second training school for that charge led by the pastor for this conference year.

Nettleton is to have a three-day training school on How to Teach in the Church School, led by Mrs. Elmus C. Brown.

The Asbury Methodist Church in Batesville is to have a three-day training program, November 2-4, with Rev. Arvill C. Brannon offering the course on Educational Work in the Small Church. This school is for all the churches of that section desiring to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Searcy Area is to have an unusual opportunity in training work during the period of November 15-19. Specialization courses in Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, and the Youth division are to be offered, with Dr. Matt L. Ellis offering the course on Christian Stewardship for the general leadership and others desiring to attend the school.

### Adult Convocation

The North Arkansas Conference is having a good representation in the Adult Convocation being held in Tulsa, October 17-20. The eight District Directors of Adult Work, together with a large number of lay persons, expect to be in the program.

Rev. I. L. Claud, District Director of the Conway District, and Ira A. Brumley are two of the discussion group leaders for the Convocation.

### Youth Emphasis

Recent reports from across the conference indicate splendid interest being taken in the youth program. Sub-Districts and local churches are indicating a new interest in youth work.

Plans are going forward for an outstanding meeting to be held for

## CHURCHMEN HEAR OF PROGRESS IN AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

Los Angeles—With newly-developed audio-visual aids now on the market the problem of poor Sunday school attendance may be about over, according to Dr. Elmer G. Million.

Dr. Million, associate executive director of the Audio-Visual and Radio Education Department of the National Council of Churches, addressed a regional audio-visual workshop sponsored here by his agency and the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches.

"For about 10 years people have been wailing about moral and religious progress not keeping up with scientific developments," Dr. Million said. "Now we are using the best equipment and materials science can produce."

New equipment exhibited included a 3-D projector for classroom use, a magnetic recorder projector, making possible local recording of sound on 16mm film for home use.

### JUNIOR EXPERIMENTAL CAMP

Nashville, Tenn.—Another milestone in church camping with Juniors was passed last summer when specific suggestions for the writers of the projected manual on the administration of Junior camps (including day camps) and future program materials were worked out.

This happened at the Junior Experimental Camp at Green Lake Wisconsin, August 10-30, sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

Ten denominations cooperated in the camp. National staff members responsible for Junior camping and selected non-staff persons from the various denominations, twenty in all, participated in the project. Miss LaDonna Bogardus, of the staff of the Department of the Christian Education of Children, represented the General Board of Education.

Ten days were given to the camp itself with 59 Juniors attending. Five days were spent in preparation for the camp and the remaining five days were given to thorough evaluation of all that had gone into the experience.

"The specific suggestions worked out for the manual and for the development of program material was one of the most significant things that have been done in the field of church camping with Juniors," said Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director of the Department of the Christian Education of Children.

Conference and Sub-District leaders, Hendrix College Campus, November 27-28. Each Sub-District should be making plans to send the president and counselor to this annual training session and planning session for Conference and Sub-District leaders.

Reducing the friction of living depends upon the practice of our own good relationships with persons closely associated with us. The test of our efficiency comes in our relations with persons with whom we rub shoulders day by day. If we fail with our next door neighbors, how can we expect to succeed elsewhere?—Richard J. Sneed

a "binaural sound recorder," with a tone quality duplicating the sounds one actually hears, and a slide projector which a lecturer may operate while he stands in front of the room facing his class.

Rapid advances in audio-visual aids have enhanced the benefits youngsters receive from Sunday school and increase their pleasure at being there, said Elmer J. Peery, supervisor of audio-visual work at the Bakersfield, Cal., public schools.

In this, he said, the churches were following the lead of the public schools.

"I used to duck out the back door of Sunday school and go swimming," he said. "Fewer kids do that these days."

He said the first job of audio-visual aids was to supplement the work of the brightly-printed booklets most denominations supply for Sunday school use.

A second task is to explain the work of missions through pictures actually taken in the field.

"The third, and most important job," Mr. Peery said, "is to develop from the first two something that the child, or adult, can do with his hands to complete his understanding."

This is the outstanding benefit of sand tables, modeling clay, simple recording devices, home-contrived slides, costuming and other audio-visual helps, he said.

### "CHRISTMAS WORSHIP IN THE HOME"

Nashville, Tenn.—The mailing room of the General Board of Education will be unusually busy during October and November.

One of the reasons for this increased activity is the filling of orders for 400,000 copies of "Christmas Worship in the Home" that will be sent out from the Board between now and Christmas.

This is one of the most popular leaflets ever released by the Board. A project of the Department of the Christian Family of the Local Church Division, the leaflet has come to be the chief harbinger of Christmas in many homes. Its purpose is to focus attention upon the importance of religion in the home during the Christmas season, according to Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the Department of the Christian Family.

This is the eighth year this leaflet has been distributed to promote Christmas worship in the home, and it has met a need that was felt for many years before its distribution was begun.

The attractive four-page leaflet contains a family worship service for Christmas, a Christmas Eve litany, suggestions for the lighting of Christmas candles, and other suggestions that would make Christmas worship in the home more meaningful. The front cover is a reproduction in color of one of the illustrations from *Bible Stories* by Mary Alice Jones.

Order from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee. Price, 30 cents a dozen, \$2.00 per hundred. Cash with order.

ARKANSAS METHODIST



## SOCKMAN SEES RELIGIOUS REVIVAL COMING FROM PEW

A prediction that the next great religious revival in America "will come through the pew rather than the pulpit" was made in Atlantic City by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, noted radio preacher and pastor of Christ church (Methodist) in New York. In a featured address to the sixth national assembly of United Church Women, a general department of the National Council of Churches, Dr. Sockman said that European churches are "counting upon their laymen" to an increasing degree and America must do likewise. "We may stimulate religious interest by radio and television, but these cannot substitute for the work of the local church," he said. "An ounce of personal experience is worth a ton of professional propaganda. If there is to be any solid advance by the Church, it will be not so much by high-pressure mass-meetings as by the development of intelligent, devoted churchmanship. Our religious faith must be better translated into concrete daily living." On the international level, Dr. Sockman said the Church must help America convince the world that our government's policies are "based on the spirit of brotherhood rather than fear." Noting that "we are seeking to win popular and financial support for Christianity by presenting it as our defense against Communism," he declared that, while the Christian faith "is our best barrier against the spread of Communistic ideas, I do not believe the primary purpose of the Church is to present itself as a protection against the evils others may do to us." "The first and basic purpose of the Christian Gospel is to save us from our sins," Dr. Sockman said. "The Christian Church is called to proclaim the gospel of salvation, not the gospel of mere security."

### Stamps To Combat Christmas Drinking

The National Temperance League plans a new campaign against Christmas drinking through the sale of half a million stamps for use in mailing. Clayton Wallace, director of the League, said the stamp would bear the slogan "Let's Put Christ Into Christmas." It also will show the Nativity Scene in the upper left hand corner and a whiskey bottle with a line drawn through it in the lower right. Sample sheets of the stamps are now being mailed to church and temperance groups. Sheets of 50 stamps will sell for 25 cents with a reduced price for larger quantities. Mr. Wallace described the temperance stamps "as a new approach" to combat drinking parties which are held each year in offices and homes. He said that "instead of just saying don't drink" we hope to build up sentiment so that people will decide on their own that drinking is not to be associated with Christmas.

### Church Takes Tithing Seriously

First Methodist Church in Glendale, California believes that tithing is an obligation of a church as well as an individual. Amid a challenging campaign to collect \$550,000 for a new 1,700-seat sanctuary, the congregation agreed to set aside 10% of the total reached to be used for founding a new church in the San Fernando Valley. It isn't as though they will collect too much money, either. The pastor, Dr. Everett W. Palmer, and drive managers predict that the total will fall short by \$200,000 at least. "But the fate of the drive won't affect our determination to tithe," said Dr. Palmer. His church is second largest of the de-

000 American church women pledged themselves at Atlantic City to work toward a bigger share for women in top-level church work. Some 2,000 delegates to the sixth National Assembly of United Church Women approved a resolution vowing an effort "to arouse concern in American churches" about the failure to recognize women's services. They acted after hearing a survey report and analysis of women's place in today's church life. The report said women bore a major share of responsibility for the day-to-day operation of most churches but that few denominations recognized them as policy-makers and fewer still ordained them as ministers.

### Record Church Building Year Expected

A record church building year was in sight as the Department of Commerce and Labor reported that new starts in the first nine months of 1953 totaled \$337,000,000, a gain of 18 percent over the 1952 pace. Reacting to the elimination of government controls over scarce building materials, congregations apparently were pushing ahead with plans for new construction postponed during the critical months after the outbreak of the Korean war. Government agencies predicted earlier this year that new church construction would reach an all-time high this

year, surpassing the previous record of \$441,000,000. Figures for the first nine months seemed to support this forecast. Construction increased contra-seasonally from \$43,000,000 in August to \$45,000,000 in September. If this trend continues, even at a somewhat slower pace, the total in 1953 may reach \$457,000,000.

### Mrs. Wyker Re-Elected Head Of Church Women

Mrs. James D. Wyker of Columbia, Mo., was installed for a second term as president of United Church Women at its sixth assembly in Atlantic City. An ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ, Mrs. Wyker was elected to her first term in November, 1950, at the church women's fifth assembly. Three new vice-presidents also were installed. They are: Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, No. Arlington, Va., Presbyterian, U. S. A.; Mrs. Charles S. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn., Congregational Christian; and Mrs. Howard G. Colwell, Loveland, Colo., American Baptist. Re-installed as treasurer was Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale, New York City, Reformed Church in America. Also inducted were Mrs. Norvell E. Wicker, Louisville, Ky., Protestant Episcopal, recording secretary, and Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Durham, N. C., Methodist, corresponding secretary. United Church Women is a general department of the National Council of Churches.

### Church Groups Triple Relief To Europe

Protestant Church groups in the United States and elsewhere have sent three times as much relief supplies to Europe this year as they did in the same period of 1952. This was announced by Dr. Robert C. Mackie, director of the World Council of Churches' Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, in a report to the department's annual meeting in Geneva. Churchmen from the United States and 28 other countries, including East Germany and Czechoslovakia, attended the meeting. Dr. Mackie

attributed the increased relief to the "continued heartening response" of church people to appeals and the availability of government surplus stocks in the United States. He said that inter-Church aid has held certain Churches together despite the political division of the world into two sides which has "sadly affected the body of Christ." "Even when contact became impossible, the knowledge that help was given and received in the name of Christ at a difficult time remains a guarantee of the possibility of renewed relationships in the future," he said.

### Ohio Methodists Launch Fund Drive

Methodists of Ohio opened a \$1,830,000 fund-raising campaign in Columbus, \$800,000 of which will be used for rebuilding war-crumpled churches of South Korea, assistance to India, and missionary work. Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Ohio, just back from an extended visit to Korea, addressed more than 3,000 pastors and laymen at a meeting launching the drive. He said there is a spiritual vacuum in Korea and "the crisis can be answered best by religion we believe was created for crisis." In addition to funds for churches in Korea, Bishop Werner said, money is needed for a theological seminary, scholarships, schools, rural training centers, literature, printing and clinics. Other funds raised in the drive will go for a four-year church-building program in Ohio.

### Dulles Stresses Religious Basis Of American Institutions

Our American political institutions "are what they are" because the nation's founders were deeply religious people, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said at a ceremony celebrating the 150th anniversary of First Presbyterian church in Watertown, N. Y. Mr. Dulles' father was pastor of the church for 16 years. The Secretary reminded his hearers that, in this country's early history, "as soon as a community was founded, a church was built." "This church is an example," he said. "Also, wherever a community was founded, its members developed practices and ways of life which reflected their belief that there is a God, that He is the author of a moral law which all can know and should obey, that He imparts to each human being a spiritual dignity and worth which all should respect. "Our founders sought to reflect these truths in their political institutions, seeking thus that God's will should be done on earth."

### Festival Of Faith Held In Cleveland

Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota made a plea for a rededication to the Christian faith in addressing a crowd of 7,500 at the annual Festival of Faith service in Public Hall in Cleveland, Ohio. This rededication is necessary, he said, "to bring a new appreciation of the positive principles for which Christians stand." The Congressman's address followed a colorful procession in which more than 200 robed clergy of various Protestant denominations followed four Schauffler College girls carrying an open Bible. Outlining the principles of Protestantism, Rep. Judd said: "We believe that truth is from God through Jesus

### A BAD TOOL





# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## THE SECRET

DONALD was waiting at the corner when Daddy stepped off the bus. He was always glad when Daddy came home, but this evening he was very anxious for him to come. Daddy waved when he saw Donald, and then Donald ran to meet him.

"I found one, Daddy!" he said, almost too loud.

"Oh, did you?" Daddy replied. "That's good!"

"It's just the right size," Donald said, "and it's over by the garden fence. Will you make one tonight?"

"Yes, Donald," said Daddy, "we'll make it this evening."

"It's our secret, Daddy, isn't it? We won't tell Mother because we want to surprise her," exclaimed Donald excitedly.

Mother was fixing dinner as Donald and Daddy came into the house. Donald's baby sister was in the high chair eating her carrots. Daddy kissed Mother, and then planted a kiss on the top of baby's head. She had carrots all over her face.

"Is dinner ready?" Daddy wanted to know.

Mother smiled. "Not yet," she answered. "It will be in about half an hour."

Daddy winked at Donald. "Then we'll have time before dinner," he said, almost forgetting himself.

"Time for what?" Mother asked.

"Don't tell her," Donald said to Daddy in a whisper.

"Of course I won't," Daddy exclaimed haughtily; "women can't keep secrets!"

So while Mother was busy with dinner, Daddy and Donald went out to the garden.

"It's right over here," Donald said, as he led the way across the garden until they came to the pumpkin vines. There on the ground was a big yellow pumpkin. Daddy took out his knife and cut the pumpkin from the vine. He carried it over to the fence and sat down.

Donald watched closely. "What do you do first, Daddy?" he asked.

Daddy carefully cut off the top of the pumpkin, then scooped out the inside with a spoon. "Now we must make two eyes, a nose, and a big, big mouth," he said. "How many teeth shall we make?"

"Oh, I think—about six, Daddy," Donald said.

Daddy worked away on the pumpkin, and had just finished when Mother called them to dinner.

"What shall we do with it now?" asked Donald.

"We'll put it in the garage," Daddy said, and wait until it's dark. "Then we'll—"

"I know!" Donald exclaimed, laughing.

When dinner was over, and the dishes were washed, Donald whispered to Daddy, "Don't you think it's dark enough now, Daddy?"

Daddy nodded, so they slipped out to the garage while Mother was busy putting baby to bed, so she didn't see them go out.

"Do you have a candle?" Donald asked.

"I don't think a candle is too safe," Daddy said. "But I have brought your little flashlight." He put the flashlight inside the pumpkin, and Donald clapped his hands.

"Shall we do it now?" Donald asked.

"Yes," said Daddy, "we'll go around to the front door. You may hold the pumpkin while I ring the bell."

They went quietly up on the front porch. Daddy rang the bell, and then he stepped back.

Mother opened the door. She couldn't see Donald, but she saw the big round face with a large mouth and six big teeth!

"Oh!" she said. "Go away! Go away!"

How Donald and Daddy laughed! "Don't be afraid," Donald said to Mother, "it's just a jack-o-lantern."

Then Mother laughed, too. "Oh, so it is," she said; "and this is Halloween!"—E. Jones in The Young Soldier

## SHEEP IN GREEN PASTURES

By Margaret Wilson

In the country where Jesus lived as a boy there must have been rugged, rocky hillsides, because the shepherds, we are told, had to cross the stony hills to take their sheep to green pastures.

Sheep are the very first animals mentioned by name in the Bible, and it is believed that they are the very first animals that man ever had around his home. They were sometimes as many as 1,000 sheep. They used sheep for food, just as we do, and used the skin for clothing, just as we do in our sheep-lined coats, only the first people used skins just as they were. They didn't make them into coats that look like our coats. It was much later that man learned to spin and weave the wool of the sheep into cloth for clothing.

The large herds of sheep probably helped to destroy the forests of the Holy Land. In some ways this would be helpful to the shepherds, because in those forests lived the wolves that hunted by night and destroyed many a herd of sheep. But they also destroyed the wood, and that was of great value.

Goats, too, were owned by most people in Jesus' time. A man could tell his wealth by the number of sheep or goats he owned.

They used these animals for food, and goats also gave them a plentiful supply of milk. Goats' hair was used for clothing and for curtains, and the skin was used for clothing,

just as the sheep's skin was used. They also sewed up the skin of the goat in order to make bottles for carrying their water. They had to carry all their water from the big well in the center of the little town, village, or in a central place in the country.

Every family had goats. The children would drive their herd over the rough, stony hillsides in their bare feet in order to see that their goats got sweet, juicy grass to eat and cool water to drink. The goats loved the rocky hillsides and the young shrubs and trees, and the herdsmen considered the goats of more value to them than the forests.

The Bible makes no mention whatever of our common cat. It seems strange, too, because the early Egyptians considered cats almost sacred. Cats were great pets of the Egyptians, and whenever one of their cats died it was buried with great honors. Yet the Bible doesn't say anything about them.

All through the Bible, too, we read about horses, but they seemed to use horses in connection with war. They used the little mule and ox for working in the field or for carrying loads over the stony roads and hillsides.

We don't use these animals as much as the Mexicans do. They hardly ever use horses, but you see the little, sure-footed mules carrying everything on their strong backs. Sometimes the loads are so large that from a distance you cannot see the little animals.

And so it is that many of the animals we have and use and love today are the same as they had when Jesus lived upon this earth. Others that we don't use but our Mexican friends use are exactly the same as Jesus knew about and talked about when He was ministering to the people around Palestine.—The United Church Observer

## JUST FOR FUN

Tooting loudly on his saxophone late at night, the amateur musician was interrupted by his landlord, who said, "Do you know there's a little old lady sick upstairs?"

"No, I don't," answered the musician. "Hum a little of it."—Tracks,

I was trying to catch up on some sewing and my 4-year-old hovered near the sewing machine, asking innumerable questions and poking her fingers everywhere. I tried to exercise self-control but was rapidly working up to the explosion point when there came a long silence. It was followed by this remark: "When I grow up I guess I'll have little children that'll be pests, too."—Mrs. Wm. A. Field, Christian Science Monitor

The boy scout remarked at the breakfast table, "I've already done my good deed for the day." His father replied, "You've been very quick about it."

"Yes, but it was easy," replied the boy. "I saw Mr. Smith going for the 7:45 train and he was afraid he'd miss it. So I let the bulldog loose and he was just in time."—Rotary Bulletin



## HELPERS ALL

It's fun when the family about sundown  
Decides to work in the yard.  
We rake and carry leaves away,  
We do not think it hard.

Brother and I have been to school  
And Daddy's been gone all day,  
And working this way together  
Is almost as good as play.

Mother says that this is the way  
To make home a happy place,  
We work and play and share our fun  
And bring smiles to each other's face.

—A.E.W.

## HIS WISH

I wonder how a little boy  
Can ever hope to be  
As tall and strong as broad beside  
As people that I see!

I s'pose it's just remembering  
The things that mother said,  
To eat just what she tells me to,  
And like to go to bed.

And then some day I do suppose  
The folks I've always known,  
Will look at me surprised, and say,  
"Why, how that child has grown!"  
—In Exchange

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## A DREAM BECOMES A REALITY

After a dream of several years, the Shreveport District of the Louisiana Conference, Wesleyan Service Guild held a Guild Week-End on September 26th and 27th at Caney Lake Methodist Camp, Minden, Louisiana. The camp was directed by Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Plain Dealing, District Secretary; Mrs. M. W. Atkins, Shreveport, District Chairman of Spiritual Life; Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport, District Chairman of Missionary Education. The camp was directed by Mrs. F. G. Phillips, cation. There were 47 Guilders registered.

A Seminary was held Saturday evening. The study courses were outlined as follows: "Jeremiah" by Mrs. George Sexton; "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility" by Mrs. C. O. Day; "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World" by Mrs. F. G. Phillips; and "Spanish Speaking Americans" by Mrs. W. C. McDonald.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, WSCS Conference Secretary of Promotion and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, WSCS Conference Vice President outlined the duties of various officers.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, Louisiana, Wesleyan Service Guild Conference Secretary was also in attendance.

The highlight of Sunday was the speaker, Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, who



Left: Mrs. Minza Rabun  
Right: Mrs. Ruby Volentine

spoke on "Christian Growth."

The Shreveport District is made up of Guilds from Methodist Churches at Benton, Mrs. Jo Hall Johnson, President; Coushatta, Mrs. Maude Stothart; Haughton, Mrs. G. W. Smith; Logansport, Mrs. James Russell; Mansfield, Miss Bessie Pickels; Many, Mrs. Glenn Phares; Plain Dealing, Mrs. Alton Keoun; and the following Shreveport Churches: Broadmoor, Mrs. Lola Ussery; First Church Unit I, Miss Hetty P. Ecker; First Church Unit II, Mrs. Jack Alexander; Mangum Unit I, Mrs. Reuben Smith; Mangum Unit II, Mrs. Lily Carter; Morningside, Mrs. Gladys Witte; Noel, Mrs. Adele Nugent; Park Avenue, Mrs. J. T. Tadlock; Summer Grove, Mrs. Ruby Volentine; and Wynne, Mrs. B. R. Lightfoot.—Mrs. Ruby Volentine

## FALL SEMINARS

### Fayetteville Guild

With Christian Fellowship as the predominant thought in the District meeting in Springdale on September 27, Mrs. Audrey Adams began with "What Does Wesleyan Service Guild Mean to You?" This was followed by the filmstrip "The Widening Fellowship."

Mrs. Betty Rakes of Centerton Guild gave some very thought-provoking ideas in her devotional on "The Key to Christian Fellowship" that was closed with prayer by Mrs. Hubert Pearce.

The Pearle McCain and Nellie Dyer Guilds of Fayetteville presented a skit "How We Have Christian Fellowship at Home and Abroad," Georgia Mae Newton of Springdale closed the skit singing "Oh, Master Let Me Walk With Thee" as a prayer.

As a finale Mrs. R. K. Bent of Fayetteville, gave inspiration in the studies with a brief review of each.—Mrs. Gregg Wilson

### Alexandria

One hundred seventeen women registered for the Alexandria District Seminar on September 18 at First Church, Alexandria.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Henry Bowdon, host pastor, after which the following program was given. Welcome, Mrs. C. W. Tibow, Bunkie; Devotional, Mrs. H. V. Dunford, Winnfield; Preview of study plans for year, Mrs. H. W. Gates, Elmer; "Life and Task of the Church Around the World," Mrs. R. E. Walton, Opelousas; "Alcohol," Mrs. C. F. Goldthwaite, New Orleans; luncheon, served by ladies

of the hostess church; "Spanish-Speaking Americans," Mrs. Warren Constant, Bunkie; Solo, "O Young and Fearless Prophet," Mrs. E. J. Barksdale, Oakdale; with Mrs. H. O. Cain at the organ.

During the luncheon literature was sold in a very attractively arranged book room; Mrs. B. E. Thibodaux, Elizabeth, was in charge of the book-room and was assisted by Mrs. Moak, of Alexandria.—Mrs. H. W. Gates

### Pine Bluff

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Pine Bluff District held their annual Educational Seminars September 22 at Hawley Methodist Church, Pine Bluff; and September 24 at First Church, Stuttgart, with 29 societies represented and an attendance of 181. This included 3 pastors and the District Superintendent, Rev. Arthur Terry.

The approved studies for the year were presented by:

Life and Task of the Church Around the World—Mrs. T. S. Lovett, (Pine Bluff)

Jeremiah—Mrs. Paul Wylie, (Pine Bluff)—Mrs. Eric Jensen (Stuttgart).

Spanish Speaking Americans — Mrs. Edward McLean, Conference Youth Secretary (Pine Bluff)—Mrs. Andrew Quattlebaum, Sherrill.

Alcohol and Christian Responsibility—Mrs. Hazel Dabney (Pine Bluff) —Mrs. Victor Huselton (Stuttgart).

Solos—Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw (Pine Bluff)—Mrs. M. F. Elms (Stuttgart), Morning Worship Service—Mrs. J. L. Yeates (Pine Bluff)— Mrs. Frank Brummitt (Stuttgart).

Closing Worship Service— Mrs.

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARD TO MEET

Mrs. T. S. Lovett, President of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, announces that the Annual Fall Executive Board Meeting will be held October 29 and 30 at Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock. The meeting will open at 3 p. m. with Mrs. Lovett presiding, and will be preceded by Conference Committee meeting beginning at 1 p. m.

Dr. Cecil R. Culver, host pastor, will bring morning devotions on Friday, October 30. Mrs. R. J. Isaacson, president of the Winfield Woman's Society of Christian Service, will be assisted by her local Executive Board in entertaining the Conference Board. The society will serve dinner Thursday and a luncheon on Friday.

Miss Margaret Marshall and Miss Dot Kelly, rural workers in the Arkadelphia and Hope Districts will bring reports. Mr. Mike Willis, Director of Aldersgate Camp, and Miss Virginia McLish, Urban worker in the South West Conference, will bring reports.

Miss Dot Baber, Conference Director of Youth Work with the Board of Education, will present plans for a Student Workshop to be held October 30-31 at Camp Aldersgate for college student leaders, pastors, and workers with college students. Rev. Jack Winegeart, Associate pastor of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, and Director of Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas, will be the leader of the discussion.

Mrs. Edward McLean, Conference Secretary of Youth, will present plans for the Conference Youth Rally to be held at Henderson State College, November 6.

Mrs. Louis Ederginton, Jr., Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, will tell of the Annual Missionary Tour sponsored by the Conference Society for Life Service Volunteers to be held in April 1954.

Huselton (Pine Bluff)—Mrs. O. C. Landers (Stuttgart).

The preview of the study plans and presenting of the program material was given by Mrs. Huselton at both places.

Mrs. O. C. Landers of Altheimer is President of the Pine Bluff District, Mrs. Victor Huselton of Pine Bluff is District Secretary of Missionary Education, who conducted both Seminars.

The program was very good and much interest was evidenced. A delicious lunch was served by the ladies at each church.

A Wesleyan Service Guild Seminar for the Pine Bluff District was held September 22 at Hawley Methodist Church in Pine Bluff with 55, 7 guilds and 2 night circles represented. This was the first time such a seminar has been held for the Guild. Mrs. Jo Hart Madding, district secretary was in charge of the meeting. All four of the current studies were presented along with a preview of the study plans for the year. Those taking part on the program were Mrs. Victor Huselton, Mrs. Hazel Dabney, and Mrs. Edward McLean.—Mrs. Victor Huselton.

## CAMDEN SOCIETY ENJOYS STUDY

The Woman's Society of the First Methodist Church, Camden, was privileged to hear, see and participate in one of the best mission studies ever to be presented in the local society.

"The Life and Task of the Church Around the World" was the study recently completed under the direction and leadership of Mrs. N. S. Thornton, Secretary of Missionary Education.

The first meeting was held September 14 when Mrs. Thornton introduced the book, with supplementary highlights and pertinent questions and answers relative to the imaginary tour the group was to take during the course. Mrs. Thornton was assisted by Mrs. Louis Newcomb, Mrs. J. M. Stinson, Jr., Mrs. Howard East and Mrs. B. G. Russell, each of whom represented themselves as delegates from Germany, India, Korea and the United States.

Sunday night, October 4, the entire church membership was included in the course, and the film "Like a Mighty Army" was shown.

Sunday night, October 11, the membership of the church was privileged to see a play "They Made A Path" directed by Mrs. Roland Denny. The senior youth choir assisted with the music under the direction of Miss Mary Lou Henry, Minister of Music.

Fourteen circles with about two hundred members attending presented one of the chapters of the book with a spiritual discussion period following, resulting in renewed interest in the church's task around the world.

At the last meeting, October 12, Mrs. Thornton directed the thinking of the group toward the final stopping place on the imaginary world tour. This destination was Division Headquarters, where an interview with Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor of "World Outlook," inspired and stirred the group.

A fitting climax to the study was the Holy Communion service held in the chapel with Dr. Connor Morehead administering the Sacrament. At this time, those attending rededicated themselves to a renewed interest in and devotion to "the task of the church around the world."

Interest stimulated by this study has resulted in each of the fourteen circles "adopting" one of the Methodist missionaries to be the recipients of prayers and special gifts.

An average attendance of 115 was recorded during this study.—Mrs. Edwin Horton

District Workshops for Children's Workers with planning for Missionary units in all local societies and churches will be explained by Mrs. Ashley Ross. These will be held in November, 1953.

Mrs. Earl Cotton, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, will report on the Citizenship Convocation recently held in Washington, D. C., and sponsored by the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church.

The closing worship and meditation will be given Friday by Miss Dot Kelley.



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## UNITED EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN, ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

God's concern for the individual was the theme of the evangelistic message of the Rev. John McCormack in the mass rally of the Arkadelphia district Sunday, October 18, at First Methodist Church, Hot Springs.

The rally closed the United Evangelistic Campaign conducted in the district the previous week.

Appearing on the program with Mr. McCormack were the Rev. J. M. Hamilton, district superintendent; Dr. E. C. Rule, pastor of the host church, who read the responsive reading; the Rev. William O. Byrd, pastor of the Arkadelphia church and district director of evangelism, who gave the prayer; and the Rev. S. W. Moody, pastor of the Hot Springs circuit, who gave the benediction. Miss Hettie Lou Wilson, Christian education director at the Hot Springs church, led the singing, and Bob Ellis was organist.

Using as his text "Not A Sparrow Falls . . ." Mr. McCormack stated, "God created the world not in general but in particular. He works with individuals, personally in particular. He knows his sheep, and calls them by name."

"In the moral and spiritual realm God works in particular," he continued. "Jesus did not perform a miracle and suddenly have 12 disciples; he sought out individuals. So the kingdom grows, not with one church and one minister, but by the work of all the little churches, through their individual action."

"God is power, light, love, and certain and sure redemption," the speaker said. "He is very particular, very personal and very real. He knows and loves the individual, and empowers him against failure, weakness and despair."

Incomplete reports made at the rally showed that more than 14,000 persons attended meetings in the 21 participating churches during the week. There were 55 commit-

## GEYER SPRINGS NEWS

Rev. and Mrs. Carroll Shukers and daughter came to us in June as our parsonage family. Two weeks ago a son was born to them.

We have just closed a good year of Christian Education with twenty-two people walking through the Golden Gate to receive pins for perfect attendance. We have 167 enrolled with an average attendance of 125 each Sunday.

J. T. Jaynes has been elected General Superintendent for this year. He is a Steward in the church, and is a graduate of State Teachers College at Conway.

Mrs. Polly Boyd is Superintendent of the Children's Department, and is doing a fine job. She has a group of faithful teachers to help her.

We have a group of twenty-four young people in our church who make up the MYF. One of them, Bill Lyle, is president of our Sub-district. They are active in the duties of the church, and are in the choir each Sunday morning. Mrs. Kathryn Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meyers are their counselors.

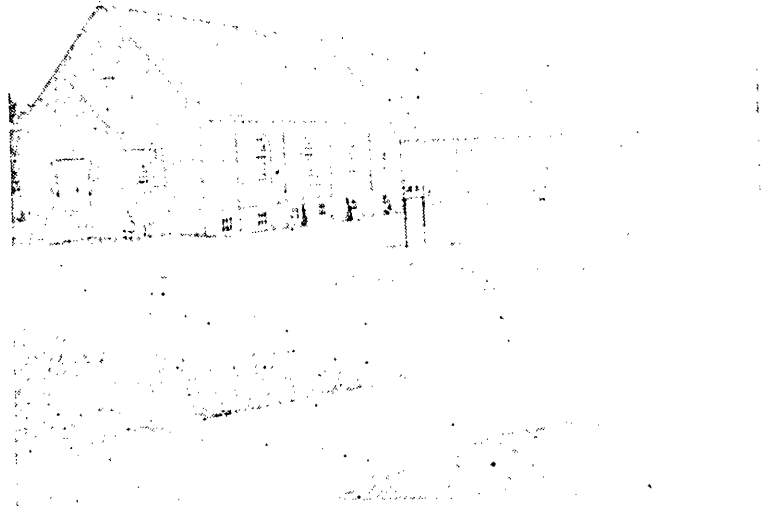
Mrs. J. L. Jaynes is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Our society has three active circles. Circle Chairmen are: Mrs. Edne Blackwell, Mrs. Roy Huffstutlar and Mrs. Jimmie Boyd.

Our pastor has started a mid-week prayer service that has proved to be a great spiritual help to many of us. We enter the church and the only light is a lighted cross that hangs over the altar. Kneeling there in the dark and quietness gives us a spiritual lift that we all need so badly.—Mrs. Roy Huffstutlar, Reporter

ments on profession of faith and 67 on transfer of membership.

Final reports from the four churches which did not report Sunday were expected to boost the total attendance over 15,000.

## Fairview-Camden Making Remarkable Progress



FAIRVIEW METHODIST CHURCH

Fairview Methodist Church, located three miles from Camden in the Fairview community, has made wonderful progress in the past few years, both in the expansion of its physical plant and in its spiritual growth. The church school, under the leadership of R. H. Shaddock, as superintendent, has made a phenomenal growth with an average attendance of 300 at the present time as compared to 200 a year ago.

Eight years ago, on January 20, 1946, while the late Reverend L. E. Wilson was pastor, the congregation moved from an inadequate frame building to a modern brick structure. This building was built and paid for in a five year period, and was dedicated by Bishop Paul E. Martin on February 18, 1951. Rev. Charles H. Giessen was pastor at that time.

Even before the church was dedicated, growth of the church school had been so great that an educational building was needed. This project was begun and the modern two story educational plant erected during the pastorate of Rev. Alfred DeBlack. Walter Birch was chairman of the board at this time, and the building committee was composed of Newton Matthews, Wallace Greening, Earnest Merritt, Jack Watson, and R. H. Shaddock. Classrooms for the children make up the lower floor of this building; upstairs there are classrooms for the senior young people, a large fellowship hall, pastor's study, and kitchen. The approximate cost of this building was \$40,000. Classrooms in the basement of the church were remodeled to meet the needs of five adult class; the intermediates also have two classrooms and an assembly room there.

Two years ago the parsonage was moved to a more desirable location and completely redecorated at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00 without incurring any indebtedness.

A project started by the Lady Belk Class to purchase an organ for the sanctuary has been completed by the church since annual conference, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. James A. Simpson, a Hammond electric organ was installed. On Sunday afternoon, October 4, this organ was dedicated

by Dr. Connor Morehead, District Superintendent of the Camden District. This service was followed by the laying of the cornerstone of the educational building and a fellowship supper.

Early in this conference year, this wide-awake congregation felt the need of a greater emphasis on stewardship, and Rev. J. Edwin Keith, Director of Stewardship in the Little Rock Conference, was invited to lead them in a stewardship revival. \$30,000.00 was pledged for the next 52 weeks. This will be used for the regular church budget and to retire the debt on the educational building. The congregation is already planning for further expansion in its physical plant.

A two weeks revival meeting was held by the pastor during the stewardship campaign. D. C. Perry of Waldo led the singing. Nineteen persons have come into the fellowship of this church since conference.

One of the high points in the life of this church came this summer when Joseph Rice Hale, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hale, was licensed to preach. Joe was used by Dr. Morehead in several revival meetings in the district during the summer, and his work was highly successful. He is now preparing for the ministry at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky.

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZED

Mrs. Guy Wilkerson was elected president of the Brightwater Young Adult Fellowship at an organizational meeting Sunday night, October 11. Rev. Fern Cook, pastor of the Brightwater Memorial Methodist Church, and 15 members were present. The group will meet each Sunday night at 6:30 p. m., at the church.

Other officers are: Vice president, Mrs. George McDaniels; Secretary-treasurer, Miss Ruth Clawson.

Committee chairmen appointed by the president are: Worship chairman, Mrs. Jim Short; community service, Jay Pratt; missions, Ben Crawford; recreation, Mrs. Paul Bennett.—Ruth Clawson, Reporter

## Vantrase Methodist Church Stewardship Revival Moves Toward Finish

Under the leadership of the Reverend J. Edwin Keith, the Stewardship Revival of the Vantrase Methodist Church is nearing its completion. During the past five weeks, an intensive educational program has been followed under the direction of Brother Keith and M. D. Carmichael. Meetings have been held each week, letters have been mailed to the membership of the church explaining the plan, lay speakers have brought messages during the Sunday Morning Worship Services, committees and other selected leaders are most enthusiastic about the outcome. The "kick-off dinner" was held on the evening of Wednesday, October 21, at the Garrett Hotel, at which time the 125 workers made their pledges and receive assignments for visitation. The Reverend John M. McCormack, pastor Lakeside Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, was the speaker for the dinner meeting.

At its meeting on last Wednesday night, Solicitation Chairman W. B.

Self and 8 Section Leaders chose solicitation Captains who will, in turn, choose workers to visit in the homes of church members that pledges may be made to the \$75,000.00 campaign for the Building Fund and the Operative Budget.

Captains chosen to direct teams of workers in the actual solicitation include: Section A: Clem Ingram, E. P. Hendricks, Coy Booth, Bill Hunter. Section B: Charles Herrington, Howard Warren, Raymond Johnson, Walter Shelton. Section C: Frank Meeks, Curtis Parks, Rankin McCarty, K. K. Cottrell. Section D: James Paschall, Tom Sadler, Charles Hedgecock, W. M. Meeks, Jr.

Associate Chairmen of Stewardship Revival: Horace Lay, Associate Chairman in charge of Mechanics. W. B. Self, Associate Chairman in charge of Solicitation. M. D. Carmichael, Associate Chairman in charge of Education. Mrs. M. D. Sellers, Associate Chairman in charge of Women's Work.—Reporter



## CAMPAIGN FOR HENDRIX PASSES HALF-WAY MARK IN CASH

More than half of the goal in Methodism's \$600,000 Endowment Campaign for Hendrix College has been reached in cash, it was announced at a state-wide campaign rally at the college on October 15.

Approximately 250 were present at the rally, including members of the Hendrix faculty of the Board of Trustees, and Methodist pastors and laymen from every church district of the state.

Joe T. Thompson, Little Rock insurance executive and Hendrix trustee, who is general chairman of the campaign, announced that \$168,710 has already been obtained in cash, plus an additional \$97,026 in pledges. Goal in the state is \$300,000 in cash, with which to qualify for a like amount from the General Education Board of New York. The campaign was set in motion a year ago.

"We're well on our way to get this entire amount pledged by Christmas," Mr. Thompson said. As he has travelled about the state in the interests of the campaign, he said, he has found a growing sense of responsibility among Methodists for supporting the college and improving its resources.

Featured speaker of the rally was Bishop W. C. Martin of the Methodist Dallas-Ft. Worth Area, a 1918 graduate of Hendrix, who eloquently presented the case for the church-related college.

"Some institutions of the church are marginal," he said, "but not the church college. The church cannot survive without it. Out of the church college come the great majority of the church's trained ministers and consecrated laymen."

Dallas, Tex., is a good example of the value of the church college in general and of Hendrix in particular, the bishop said. He referred to Dr. Marshall T. Steel, Hendrix alumnus who is pastor of Dallas'

Highland Park Church and to Percy Goynes, Hendrix alumnus and former staff member, who is now an outstanding insurance executive and layman in Dallas.

He also referred to Charles Stuck, Jonesboro lumber merchant who graduated from Hendrix in 1921 and is now lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference. Mr. Stuck recently thrilled an entire lay leadership convention in Dallas, Bishop Martin said, with his account of the lay preaching program of the North Arkansas Conference. Mr. Stuck, now president of the Hendrix Alumni, is scheduled to speak at Hendrix on October 27.

Because church colleges have always been a part of the American scene, church people sometimes come to take them for granted, the bishop said. Now, he said, church institutions are facing critical problems of a sort never faced before and church people are waking up to the fact.

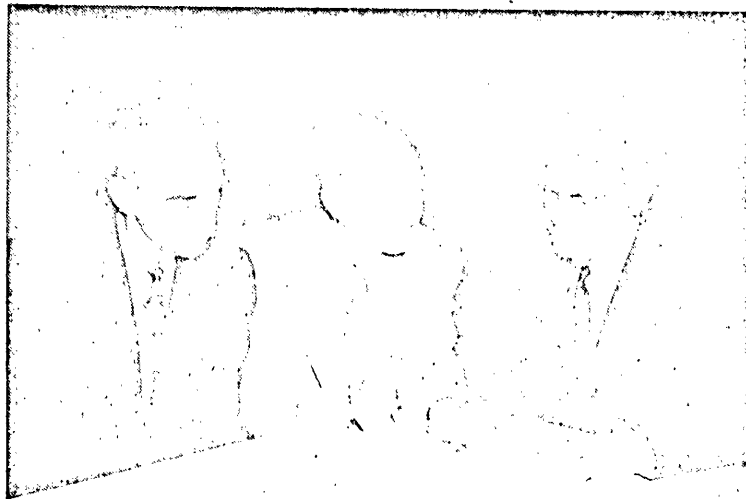
"But our colleges face no problems that we can't solve," Bishop Martin said, "if we meet them with courage, vision and liberality."

Stewardship is an idea that is "catching fire" among Methodists everywhere, said the bishop. "We may even catch up with our good friends the Baptists in this respect," he said.

The educational program of the church college must be of as high a quality as that found anywhere, the bishop declared, but it must be presented in a religious atmosphere that is natural and spontaneous.

"Some people think that you must leave out the mysteries of religion if you are going to understand the hard cold facts of the world," he said, "but the generation that believed that is dying out. You can't measure the universe with a slide rule."

The bishop urged campaign work-



L to R: Alton B. Raney, Chairman of Board of Trustees; Joe T. Thompson, General Chairman of Campaign; Bishop W. C. Martin, Guest Speaker.

ers to seek out large givers and inspire them to make worthy contributions to the college's cause. "Where better than in a college like Hendrix," he said, "could some one blessed with more material goods than he needs find a way of projecting into the future his influence for good?"

President Matt L. Ellis presided at the rally and recognized a number of distinguished guests, including Dr. John Reynolds of Conway, who was president of Hendrix for 31 years. Dr. Reynolds received a standing tribute from the group.

Bishop Martin also spoke on the morning of the 15th in the Hendrix Auditorium before a large audience of Hendrix students, faculty and visitors.

Warning against the dangers of having too open a mind, the distinguished Hendrix alumnus urged his listeners to close their minds to those avenues of life which have already been proved detrimental.

"In science," he said, "we accept

the truths discovered by former worker experimenters and discard the untruths. In the moral realm why do we insist on trying over and over in each generation ways of life that were proved wrong centuries ago?"

"An open mind is a fine thing in general," the bishop declared, "but you don't want a mind that is open at both ends and on all sides."

The Hendrix board of trustees held its fall meeting at the home of President Ellis prior to the rally. Alton B. Raney of Little Rock, head of the Board, presided.

President Ellis reported to the board that Hendrix needs additional dormitory space for both men and women and that the need will increase with the larger numbers of young people who are now reaching college age. The board asked Mr. Raney to appoint a committee to study the problem of financing dormitory construction and to report at the next board's meeting in April 1954.

## A WEEK AT ST. PAUL IN MADISON COUNTY

At the invitation of the Pastor, L. L. Langston, the writer has been holding services and visiting among the people of this progressive community. Brother Langston has just begun his work in this field having been assigned by the last session of the Annual Conference. He is entering upon his work in good spirit and is getting a fine response from his people. Madison County, at one time, was well served by the Methodist Church. However, for a number of years our church practically abandoned the territory. There is a great Methodist history connected with this area. For the past several years our church has again taken an interest in this great mountain section. The St. Paul area is a splendid field lying along the valley of White River which has its fountain head in the mountains nearby. The little village has lost much of its population because of the cutting away of the timber and the loss of that industry. There is a very definite effort to hold its economic lifeline by raising of vegetables, poultry, stock, and other activities. There is a large consolidated school district with more than five hundred students enrolled.

The St. Paul charge has five preaching points. The pastor has a large parish over which to travel. The work is supported by the board of missions and the sustentation

funds of the conference. There is need for more support and more attention should be given to this field of opportunity. This section of the conference is like that of several others. The thinning out of people, the drouth, the change of economic trends, all make for problems that must be faced and solved. With the new interest on the part of our church there will be a constant upswing in progress.

An unusual experience was enjoyed Wednesday noon when we conducted a brief service at the Spencer cleaning factory at Patrick, near one of the churches. Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Spencer operate this factory along with their grocery business. It is one of the finest small businesses in this section. It affords a market for tomatoes and also employment for about sixty persons part of the year. The fellowship with the Spencers and the employees was very enjoyable. Mother Montgomery, mother of Mrs. Spencer, was among those attending the service.

Brother Langston came to St. Paul from Colt where he did a monumental piece of service. He is a man well qualified for serving South Madison County. His is the devoted and sacrificial spirit. He works hard and with patience and perseverance. His good wife is a steady, lovable, Christian lady who

has been faithful to her husband and his work. It was a joy to be in their home and labor with them among their good people.

The visit here was made more enjoyable due to a visit in the home by Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hutton of the Bentonville charge. They brought a spirit of goodwill and encouragement. Brother Hutton has served a good many years in this section. Their visit reminded me that one of the finest things that could happen would be more fellowship enjoyed among the preachers and their families.

The work in South Madison county will go forward under the leadership of the Langstons, ably assisted by the district superintendent Rev. Bill Cooley, with the cooperation of the people. —J. Albert Gatlin

(Since the above was written Brother Cooley has passed away following injuries in an automobile accident Brother Cooley will be missed in the work of the Fayetteville District and the annual conference program.—J. Albert Gatlin)

"This is a world of give and take. It is a law of life itself. We accept love from many, and we cannot dam it up in our own keeping and give nothing back. The springs would as surely dry up in the heart as they do in the desert, leaving only burning sand and bitter weeds. He who is given much should be a great giv-

## COLLEGE YOUTH HAS OUTING AT JACKSON STREET CHURCH

Monday night the Jackson Street Methodist Church had a wiener roast for the college students. Due to the weather it was held in the social hall of the church.

Those attending were as follows: Janice Miller, Lenora Sue Anderson, Frances Lowery, Dorothy Ware, Nan Caldwell, Jean Caldwell, Tommy McKinnon, Mary Ledbetter, Rosemary Mauney, Floyd Dobbs, Buster Poole, Ves Childs, Doane Graham, Nancy Jenkins, Virginia Graham, Shirley DuVall, Betty Cain, Jewel Lupieca, Dee Haley, James Ludwig, Nelda Janes, Nila James, Bill Goins, Harold Jameson, Lou Dean Graham, Mary Culpepper, Matie Faye Peatre. The adults attending were: Rev. David Hankins, Mrs. David Hankins, Mrs. Bill Tuberville, Mrs. James Nix, Dr. W. S. Couch, and Mrs. W. S. Couch.

After eating, the youth enjoyed recreation and singing, and were then dismissed. —Reporter

er. He who constantly gives out love to the world about him wears a face that shines like the sun. His own pathway is lighted as well as those of others, and love is turned to him as the flowers turn to the sun."—Grace Noll Crowell in MOMENTS OF DEVOTION (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press)

# METHODIST YOUTH

Georgia Daily, Editor

## WELCOME PARTY FOR NEW STUDENTS

A welcome party was given at the Tulane Wesley Foundation Center in New Orleans on Sunday, September 27, by the New Orleans District Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Horace Herrin, District Secretary of Student Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and representatives from the various Methodist churches were on hand to give the students a real "New Orleans welcome" and prove once again that our Methodist women really know how to give a party with all the trimmings.

The students were greeted by the following Methodist ministers and their wives: Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Serex; Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Hurley; Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Law; Rev. and Mrs. Porter M. Caraway; Rev. and Mrs. Henry A. Rickey. Billie Cooper represented First Methodist Church due to the illness of Dr. Melbert.

Roger Miller, president of Tulane Wesley Foundation, introduced Rev. Clarence Snelling, Mrs. John B. Pollard, assistant director, and Dr. Paul Taylor, president of the Board of Directors of Wesley Foundation.

A group of students presented a musical program which was followed by a fellowship hour with refreshments served.

Mrs. Herrin was assisted by Mrs. Edwin S. Middleton, president of the district W.S.C.S.; Mrs. Myrtis Critchlow, Mrs. George Hudson, Mrs. P. A. Odell, Miss Ruth Blessing and Mrs. Bertrand Kiern.—Reporter

## OZARK M.Y.F. HAS FALL RETREAT

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Ozark had a Fall Retreat at Shores' Lake Camp Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11. The group left the church at 1:30 Saturday for an afternoon of volleyball and hiking. Following supper they had planned recreation and a fireside worship led by Barbara McDaniel.

Sunday morning, Mr. Gene Waldon, new Intermediate Class teacher, taught the lesson, followed by a morning worship service and dinner.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship has two new rooms in the church basement. The Intermediates and Seniors meet together in their new classroom. Just off the assembly room, the Seniors have a new classroom.

The church has just completed building a new rest room. Two new pianos have been purchased for the Children's Division and the sanctuary.—Reporter

## MEETING OF RONDO M.Y.F.

The Rondo Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jones with the president, Fred Neal, presiding. Miss Dorothy Kelly gave the devotional meditation.

Money will be raised for a new piano to go in the new educational building that will soon be finished. Sixteen members were present.

Election of officers was scheduled for the following Sunday night. Rev. V. C. Bell, pastor, dismissed with prayer.—Reporter

## METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OF BUENA VISTA RE-ORGANIZED

The young people of the Buena Vista Methodist Church met on Sunday night, September 27, with twelve present to reorganize the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The following officers were elected: Jimmie Sue McGaughey, president; Jimmy Henderson, vice-president; Kay Brock, secretary and treasurer; Carolyn Slaton, reporter. The program committee is made up of Ellen Sue Landers, Sally Sue Shirley and Jimmy Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barton are sponsors with Mrs. W. C. Brock assistant.

The pre-teen age group also will have a program each Sunday night, sponsored by Mrs. James Shirey.

Plans were made to visit the Chidester M.Y.F. on Sunday night, October 11.

The first program was given on October 4 with the following taking part: Ellen Landers, Kay Brock, Jenny Slaton and Ellis Landers.

Eighteen members are on roll.—Reporter.

## SUB-DISTRICTS

The Poinsett sub-district held its monthly meeting at Hickory Ridge Thursday, September 10, with 93 persons present. The district superintendent, the Rev. Elmer Holifield, was the speaker.

The Rev. Noris Steele, pastor of the host church, led recreation.

The next meeting will be at Trumann Thursday, October 8.

A skit of a council meeting, with members presenting the five new program areas of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, provided the program for the Arkansas Valley Sub-District meeting at Ozark Monday, September 14.

Participants were Tommy Meyers, president; Barbara McDaniel, vice president; Arlene White, secretary; Larry Clark, treasurer; Iva Jean and Ila Treen Kelly, publicity chairmen; Mary Lou Melton, Christian Fellowship; Johnny McElroy, Faith and Witness; Nancy Daniel, Citizenship and Outreach; Judy Wooley, announcer; Mrs. Duane Brothers, counselor; the Rev. Charles P. McDonald, Jr., pastor; and Tommy White, usher.

Don Stumbough, sub-district president, reported on the jurisdictional workshop.

The Paul E. Martin Sub-district met at New Hope, Oak Grove, September 15. Bob Haynes, vice president, led the singing, after which the meeting was directed by the president, Nancy Secret.

Midland Heights, Ft. Smith, led the attendance count with 93.

Reports were heard on the South Central Jurisdictional youth conference at Mt. Sequoyah.

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## THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

**D**O you suffer from chronic inertia? I got a big kick out of an article in the newspaper this past week. It told of a teen-ager in Gloucester, England, who really did hate "to get out of the bed in the morning. In fact, in 1950, Kenneth Wherat, then 15, decided he simply wasn't going to get up any more. He didn't get up at all the next morning, or the next, or the one after that, or in fact for three years until this week when the police came.

Seems the neighbors began to get worried about his absence. "We don't see Kenneth any more," they told police, "we wonder what ever happened to him." The law found him snug in bed, deeply engrossed in his favorite indoor sport, reading comic books.

His mother, wife of a laborer, said there didn't seem to be anything wrong with her son, now 18 years of age. He just wouldn't get out of bed. The police got him out and removed him to a hospital where, you guessed it, the nurses tucked him snugly away again in a nice soft bed!

The tentative verdict of the doctors was: "Sane and healthy, but suffering from chronic inertia." That diagnosis fascinates me. Here's a fellow who "stayed in bed" like some of us say we should have on those days when things go wrong. Reminded me of the Harvard student a couple generations ago who was flunking out because he was always absent or tardy from class. He never got up in time to get there. His wealthy, dowager mother was summoned and informed of his impending dismissal. She went to see her son in the dormitory and remonstrated with him. "Aren't you ashamed to lie there in bed and fail in your classes?" His reply was, "I rather be ashamed than get up!" I wonder if those doctors know how accurate a diagnosis they made?

I checked with Brother Noah (Webster that is) and this is what he says about inertia: "The property of matter by which it will remain at rest, or in uniform motion in the same straight line or direction unless acted upon by some external force." How's that for an accurate description of our English friend?

Chances are some readers of this effort will envy anyone who can become so wedded to bed as to pull a modern Rip Van Winkle, for at least Kenneth was one-seventh on the way to that twenty-year repose! Especially when the alarm clock summons us at the crack of the proverbial dawn, we could all use a little of Kenneth's long-term slumber act.

But, really now, how long do you think you could take it? Of course if you suffer from chronic inertia, I suppose it would be the life for you. Yet, how much living could you get done lying in bed reading comic books for three years? Some persons are forced by illness to spend long months in bed, but did you ever see one who didn't live for the day when he could get up? Life is designed to be active and filled with experiences that call for being up and around. A little spring-fever is in order for anyone. But it's mid-summer my friends. How's your case of chronic inertia?

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## OBITUARIES

**BELIN**—Mrs. W. L. Belin passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ira Bowden, in Smackover on Monday, September 5, after a brief illness. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Smackover, with the pastor, Rev. John L. Tucker, officiating.

Born at New London, Mrs. Belin lived in Hermitage for some time before moving to Smackover twenty years ago to live with her daughter. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include four other daughters, Mrs. Annie B. Tobin of Little Rock, Mrs. E. W. Martin of Warren and Mrs. J. L. Temple and Mrs. Tom Thompson, both of Port St. Joe, Fla.; a son, Elbert W. Belin of Columbia, S. C.; two brothers, F. P. Watson of Tillar and F. G. Watson of Warren, eight grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.

**MORGAN**—A. C. Morgan was born on October 8, 1882, at Winthrop, Arkansas, and passed away on October 6, 1953. On February 3, 1907, he was married to Miss Vergie Tate of Winthrop. To this union four children were born; Mrs. Hugh Presson, Ft. Worth, Texas, Mrs. Roy Hopkins, Texarkana, Mrs. Ben Wade, Winthrop, A. C. Morgan, Jr., of Hyde Park, Mass. One step-daughter, Mrs. Alfred Burklin also survives.

Brother Morgan lived the moral life and in November of 1952 he professed faith in Christ and united with the Methodist Church in Winthrop. At the time of his baptism he said, "This is something I should have done fifty years ago" and he admonished others not to put it off as he had done. It was the privilege of the writer to receive and baptize Brother Morgan into the church. Even after he was found faithful to the church.

On October 8 Brother Morgan was laid to rest with funeral services conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. J. Bearden, assisted by J. C. Brown, a neighbor of the deceased.—A. J. Bearden, Pastor.

**MAY**—It has been one year since God in His infinite wisdom called from our number, one of the finest Christians this church has ever had. Evidently from the part she played in every phase of our church work, God called her life complete. This person was Mrs. Effie May. We remember her as always being interested in the singing, in the church and out. She was ever faithful at the regular church services in Palestine, in the Alexandria District. In prayer meeting she found her place. In prayer her gentle, soft voice made supplication for us all. There was nothing self-righteous in Mrs. May's attitude, but whoever heard her when she was not gentle, kind, generous, longsuffering, God-fearing, meek, humble, willing to help, eager to work for God's kingdom?

She had a delightful quiet sense of humor. She always appreciated her friends; she was everybody's good neighbor. Her place in the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be hard to fill, due to her always meeting the quiet needs of each day. In the kitchen as well as on the program, she was equally willing to serve. Her quality of dependability was hard to match in a day when few are really dependable. May her passing not have made any of us bitter, but may we be inspired by her Christian virtues of purity, nobility, love, obedience and helpfulness to ever do more for God.—A Friend.

## BISHOP W. C. MARTIN TO VISIT TROOPS IN JAPAN AND KOREA

Washington, D. C., — Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., will take Christmas greetings to American troops in Japan and Korea from the 35,000,000 church members represented in the National Council.

Bishop Martin, also president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, made the announcement of his forthcoming trip after a visit to the White House, Thursday, October 1. He advised President Eisenhower of his plans for a month's trip as the spiritual emissary of the National Council, federation of 30 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches.

He will fly to Japan, leaving Los Angeles December 16, and will return, also by commercial plane, January 13.

Chaplain Ivan L. Bennett, Chief of Chaplains for the Army, now on a visit to Korea, is helping to arrange Bishop Martin's schedule.

The commanding general of the 8th Army in Korea, Lieut. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, in a letter to the National Council said: "I can assure you that Bishop Martin will be most welcome in Korea, where we will do everything to assist him during his time in the 8th Army."

Bishop Martin is planning to confer with national leaders as well as representatives of the churches in Japan and Korea, and to learn first hand the missionary and relief work of the American churches. In both countries he will speak in churches, visit the schools and call on those in orphanages and hospitals.

An overseas veteran of the first world war, Bishop Martin said he is looking forward especially to visiting and worshipping with American troops and their chaplains who will be away from their homes at Christmas-time. On Christmas day Bishop Martin, who served as a sergeant in the medical corps, hopes to be with the 8th Army and to conduct several services.

Bishop Martin was elected president of the National Council last December to succeed Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and in April became president of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church. He is a resident of Dallas, Texas, where he administers the 1,200 Methodist churches of the Dallas-Fort Worth episcopal area.

He was born in Randolph, Tenn.,

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July 28, 1893, was educated at Hendrix College, Southern Methodist University and at United Free Church College, Aberdeen, Scotland. He held pastorates in Houston, Port Arthur, Texas, and Little Rock, Arkansas. He was pastor of the First Methodist Church, Dallas, when elected a bishop in 1938 by

the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His first episcopate was in the Pacific coast area and he lived in Los Angeles. When the Methodist churches united, he became bishop of Kansas and Nebraska, at Omaha, and returned to Dallas in 1948, as bishop of Dallas-Fort Worth Area.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

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## WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN HOME?

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 1, 1953

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 22:6; Ephesians 5:21 through 6:4.

MEMORY SELECTION: God gives the desolate a home to dwell in. (Psa. 86:6)

This is the second lesson of UNIT II: "BIBLE TEACHINGS APPLIED TO WORLD PROBLEMS." Aim of the Unit: "To help adults apply the principles in selected Bible teachings to various world problems."

Our first lesson dealt with the problem of the liquor traffic. We noted that this is one of the world's greatest problems. There are two ways of working at this task: one is by the passage of laws prohibiting the sale of liquor; the other is by training people as to the danger of the use of alcohol as a beverage. If all could be convinced of this danger, most people would cease the use of alcohol and the demand for it would be eliminated. People make liquor because there is a demand for it, and by supplying this demand they enrich themselves from the material standpoint. We learned in our study of this problem that the better thing to do was to work these two ways together. We need to work at the problem through the passage of laws but we need also to keep up the educational process otherwise the laws will not be obeyed.

In our lesson today we take up another problem—that of the home. There is nothing more important than Christian home life. This nation has been made great by Christian home life. It will remain great as long as the majority of our homes are what they ought to be. The general level of all other phases of life is determined by the level of home life. That is true in the realm of economics, education, and even in the field of religion. The general level of life in none of these realms soars above that of the home.

We do not need to use space to attempt to convince intelligent readers that this nation is drifting in the wrong direction. If we continue long enough in our present trend this country will fall, not by enemies from without but by evil forces from within. Anything that undermines our American home life is striking at the very vitals of this nation. It does not do much good for certain of our citizens to prate about hundred per cent American while they participate in those things that are ruining our American homes. These people, rather than Communism from without, are the greatest enemies of our nation.

### A Look At The Scriptures

The first passage is taken from Deuteronomy. It has to do with religious home life. It begins with a great statement of faith. Israel is called upon to hear and heed this statement. The statement has to do with the fact that God is one God. One of the greatest discoveries ever made by man is the fact that God is one God. At the time the Jews were declaring their faith in the one true God our forebears were worshipping a plurality of gods. Not only did the Jews discover the fact that there is but one God, they also

learned that he is holy and loving, and that he demanded that these great qualities be present in the lives of those who attempted to follow him. Religious people are to be holy because God is holy; they are to be loving because the chief quality of God is love.

At that time the Jews made this declaration of faith in the one true and living God twice a day — morning and night. They began the day with this declaration and closed it in the same manner. The orthodox Jews still carry on this practice. Not only did the parents make this declaration for themselves but they taught it carefully to their children. They even went to the extent of wearing certain portions of the law on their left arms and as frontlets between their eyebrows. They wrote these passages on bits of parchment and placed them in leather bags and then with straps bound them on their left arm and about their heads. They wore these especially during the time of prayer.

No race of people on earth has been more careful than the Jews in training their children. They laid down the foundation principles of a religious home and those principles have never been improved upon. The Christians borrowed largely from the Jews in laying down the principles of Christian home life. The Jews have been so careful down through the years to teach the principles of their religion to their children that they have kept their race pure in spite of the fact that they have lived in close proximity to Gentiles all over the earth. This shows what can be done when parents carefully train children in the home. We feel that Christianity is far superior to Judaism. Think of what could be done for literally millions of children if their Gentile parents were as careful in training them as are Jewish parents.

### Christian Home Life

The next passage comes from the New Testament — Ephesians. Paul is here laying down the principles of Christian home life. He gives the following advice: "Subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ." Some one has said that this term "subjecting" here really means co-operation. Paul would have all members of the family co-operate in making the home what it ought to be. The term "fear" in this sentence really means reverence. We are to hold Christ in highest reverence.

Paul here makes the husband the head of the family. The wife has an even more important part to play — she is the heart of the home. She, more than any one else, determines just what the family will be. She comes in closest contact with the little children of the home during that period of their lives when lasting impressions are most easily made.

The Apostle seems in this passage

to place wives under subjection to their husbands. Some men who want to be tyrants in their homes would take advantage of this teaching. These men would do well to read down a bit further. There they will find this statement: "Husbands love your wives even as Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it." The chances are that if men loved their wives like that and if their wives reciprocated in the same manner, there would not be much argument just as to who should be in subjection to the other. Wives come about as near subjecting themselves to their husbands as the husbands do to loving their wives as Christ loved the church. This is a matter of mutual love between husbands and wives. Some one has well said, "Love one another as Christ loves the church, and your home will be as lovely as a church."

Paul next turns his attention to the children. Where there are children in the family there can be no Christian home life without taking them into consideration. The children are to love and obey their parents, and on the other hand the parents are not to provoke the children to wrath. Many parents are guilty of this very thing. They nag their children into a fury and then punish them for the things they do and say while they are in this state of anger. The following is one of the strongest statements the writer has ever seen on the matter of the mutual responsibility of all concerned in the building of Christian homes: "Happy are the families where the government of the parents is a reign of affection, and the obedience of the children is the submission of love."

### Memory Selection

The memory selection throws considerable light on our theme today. According to the Revised Standard Version it reads as follows: "God gives the desolate a home to dwell in." The Authorized Version states it thus: "God setteth the solitary in families." Both of these passages express the same thought. Both of them emphasize the fact that the family rather than the individual is the unit of religion and society. As the family goes the world will go.

### Our Modern Homes Are In Danger

This nation today is skating on thin ice. It has been made great by good home life, but far too many homes today are in a state of deterioration. Millions of mothers, many of them with little children are working out of their homes today, and the children are coming up largely without parental care. Many of these mothers are not to be blamed for they have to work to keep the wolf away from the door, but nonetheless the children are the victims. You can hire a baby-sitter but you can not hire a mother. Another group of women, even with small children in their homes, are spending too much time with social life. The writer has known women of this type who belonged to as many as four clubs, most of them meeting once a week. Now, clubs are a fine thing, and people ought to belong to good clubs. All of us need social life, recreation, etc, but when a mother is engaged in club work almost every afternoon of the week, and with little children in her home, somebody is getting clubbed to death, and the writer has a notion that the children are the victims.

Another point where we are slip-

ping is in the fact that all of us, the children included, are out of our homes too much. Eddie Guest was thinking of this when he wrote his beautiful poem, "It Takes A 'Heap 'O Livin in a House To Make It Home." At first the writer looked with pleasure on the coming of T. V. feeling that this would be a means of keeping families together in the home more. But now it seems that this also may prove more of a curse than a blessing. We are permitting all kinds of evil advertisements to come right into our homes. We cannot excuse ourselves on the grounds that children see these things in theaters and other places. That is not a fair comparison. There is quite a difference in what a child sees at a theater and what he sees at home. The impression made on a child by what he sees or hears in the home either for good or bad has far more effect on him than that which he sees and hears at other places. If we sit idly by and let Satan take over that which could be such a blessing and through its means bring all kinds of hellishness right into our homes, this nation will be corrupted. The church will be the only place of sanctity left and the children are not in the church enough to enable them to stem this tide of evil which will be brought in through the homes.

### Re-Establishment of Family Altar

This nation is in a crisis period. We are at the parting of the way. We have literally been thrust into a position of leadership. All over the world people are looking to us for moral guidance and spiritual leadership. We cannot assume this responsibility with any hope of success if we do not do something about the present trend in our home life. It will be like the blind leading the blind and as Jesus said all will finally fall in the ditch together. We need to reestablish our family altars. Nothing will make a greater and more lasting impression for good on the minds of little children than to see their parents participate in a family altar and hear them reading the Bible and pray. You may think that this is going a bit strong and a little old-timey, but the world is in a bad way and something needs to be done about it. Nothing less than the help of God will solve the problem. We need to call on Him as families around an altar that has been made sacred by worship of Him in our homes. We do not need all kinds of highpowered advertisements to lead us deeper into sin in our homes. We need God to lead us out and give us the strength that is necessary to overcome in this hour.

Several weeks ago J. Edgar Hoover warned this nation about a coming crime wave. He told us that our juvenile delinquency problem is growing worse by the hour. That might not be the case in certain local situations, but it is certainly true over the nation as a whole. Mr. Hoover went on to call attention to the fact that there are some nine million children whose minds have already been corrupted and are heading definitely toward criminality, who are just not reaching the teen age. For the most part these children are not to blame. The problem has been with their parents. They are the victims of conditions which were not of their making and for which they are in no way responsible. In most cases these children come from broken homes.