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## Evangelism Must Be The Church's Chief Concern

THE first concern of a government is not to increase its population. The primary concern of government is to provide for the welfare of the citizenship it has. Population increase, if there be such, is an incidental, secondary matter.

The Christian church differs radically from the state in that respect. The fundamental, basic concern of the church is to increase its numbers by evangelizing the unevangelized. If the church as a whole, or any individual denomination of the church makes the welfare of its membership its primary concern and makes increase of membership an incidental or secondary matter, such an attitude would inevitably mean immediate strangulation and ultimate death wherever that situation prevails.

We find the basic reason for the very existence of the church in the "Great Commission" to evangelize the world. We are powerless and largely purposeless when we neglect that commission and primary mission of the church. Methodism should rejoice in the increasing evangelistic zeal that is now in evidence throughout our church.

## Human Powers Hopelessly Insufficient

WHEN the sun is shining, the birds are singing, and we and our families are enjoying good health and a degree of prosperity there is a tendency to feel our self-sufficiency and we begin to wonder why anyone should feel that he needs help from any source greater than himself. Something often happens just about there to cause us to realize just how helpless we are and just how dependent we are on a Power outside ourselves and bigger than ourselves if life here or hereafter is to be worth living.

We stand in amazement and awe before some of the inventions and accomplishments of science. Let us never forget, however, that all of the combined knowledge of all of the scientists of all the ages cannot produce one blade of grass that will grow, or one tiny flower that will grow and bloom.

Perhaps we realize our helplessness today a little better than we have for some time. In normal times we take the sunshine and showers for granted. However, today there is a drouth across America about which neither the greatest or smallest among us can do anything except to hope and pray. We can prepare our lake beds, we can plant our crops and turn our stock on the pasture land but we realize now, more vividly than usual, that all we do is useless, unless a power greater than ourselves sends the life-giving and life-sustaining rains.

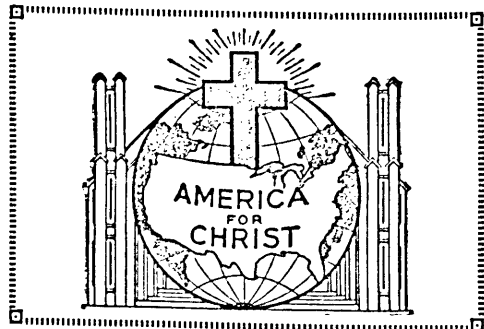
Some claim it is possible to "seed" water-filled clouds and cause them to fall in the form of rain. The general, beneficial results of such action has been seriously questioned. Nevertheless, even that questionable power depends on the existence of the water-filled clouds which man has never as yet produced.

The nation-wide drouth this year has been one of the most serious in our nation's history. It has caused financial reverses to many; it has caused wide-spread suffering to wild life and to domestic animals. Amid all of our feverish activities let us realize with the Apostle Paul that "God giveth the increase." Let us realize anew that human powers are hopelessly insufficient.

## The Pulpit Can Help-- Neighbors To Be Neighborly

THE BIBLE lays repeated emphasis on the importance of neighborliness. One time in the Old Testament and eight times in the New Testament we are told to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." When asked, "Which is the great commandment?" Jesus linked with the great commandment to love God supremely another which He said "is like unto it," "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

It would not be possible to give greater emphasis to the importance of neighborliness than Jesus did by naming these two commandments in one breath as the great commandment. Jesus even said, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." By this Jesus indicated



that all else in the Bible is but a commentary on these two commandments; an explanation or interpretation as to how and why we are to love God supremely and our neighbors as ourselves.

If the matter of being a good neighbor to the world about us is of such vital importance, it must follow that the pulpit, which is set to help man reach his highest possibilities spiritually, should emphasize the fact that nothing is quite so important as to properly relate ourselves to God and to our fellow man. When one has done that other secondary matters will fall in their rightful places. No agency has so great an opportunity to teach neighbors to be neighborly as the pulpit. Neither does any other agency have so large a responsibility to do so.

One of the great privileges and responsibilities of the pulpit is to help our people to a better, more complete understanding of the question once asked of Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" While we have, in common custom, often come to think of the word neighbor as referring to the family living next door, we should remember that "neighbor," as Jesus used the word, is not determined by geographical location. Neighborliness is not determined by a location, near or far, but by an inner attitude that causes us to gladly minister to human need wherever found and under whatever circumstances it may exist.

Because of its importance in human relationship it would hardly be possible for the pulpit to over-emphasize the importance for our people of cultivating a spirit of good neighborliness at all times. A right relationship with people is second in importance only to a right relationship to God.

## Meeting A Need

ONE can make a statement for publication or in an address many times but when he hears another publicly express something of the same thought or conviction, it brings great reinforcement and certainty. Such has been our experience in hearing Rev. Lester Finley, Methodist missionary now engaged in addressing a series of missionary institutes in Arkansas Districts.

Rev. Mr. Finley says that one of the major needs of Christians is the development of a world vision of the gospel and its universal implications and applications. He effectively suggests that in practically every respect the walls of isolation are being torn down except in the realm of religion. International trade, immediate communications, quicker and more dependable transportation, in these and other fields people are readjusting their thinking to accommodate a changing world, where there are people of diverse cultures and interpretations of life. However, Rev. Mr. Finley suggests, and we heartily agree, that in the realm of religious thinking many of us move entirely too slow.

Brother Finley's visit to Arkansas, continuing on into next week, is helping to develop this sense of world vision among our people. Louisiana Methodists will have a similar series of district missionary institutes early next year with Rev. Olin Stockwell, Methodist missionary to China for many years and later a prisoner of the Chinese Communists, as the featured speaker. The dates will be announced later.

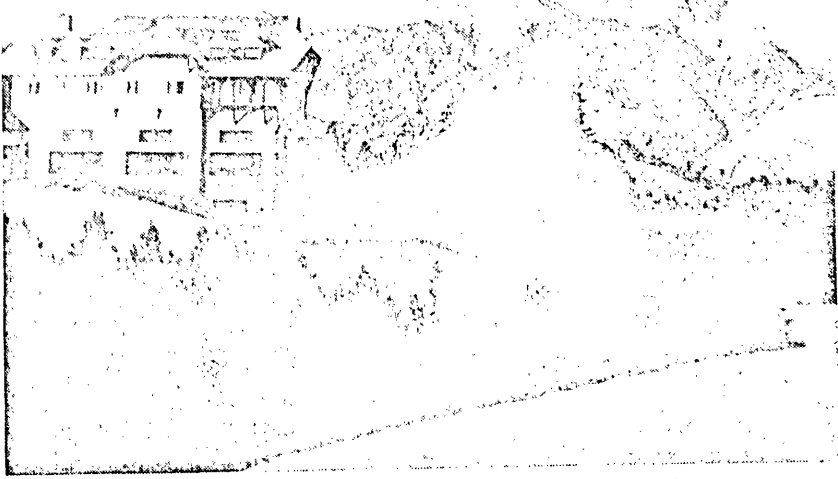
## Search The Scriptures

ACCORDING to a recent statement attributed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, of the Church of England, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, the average English person is not as well versed in the scriptures as his or her forebears of a century ago. Said the Archbishop: "These days a quotation of the Bible would ring no bell in the minds of vast numbers of people. It would be received with the same frigidity as a Latin quotation is received in the House of Commons. . . The Bible has increasingly, for many years, been falling into disuse and out of the knowledge of ordinary people. That is true even of many Christian people." The Archbishop's statement was made in connection with a current program to focus attention on the Holy Bible and with the celebration next year of the 150th birthday of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Church of England is to be commended for promoting this Holy Habit among the British.

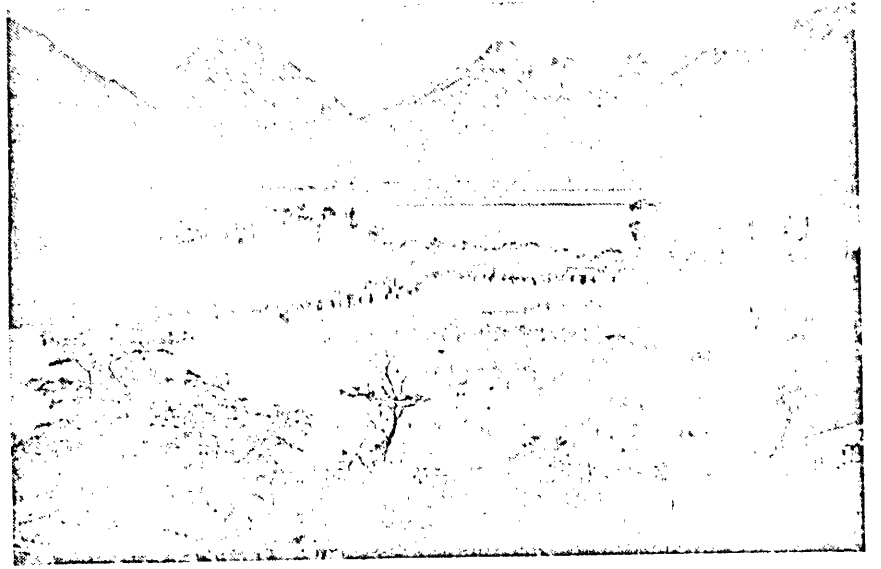
We haven't heard any leading American churchman venturing a guess as to how widespread is the daily personal use of the Holy Scriptures among citizens of this country; neither have we heard of this subject being the object of any poll-taking. However, it is quite likely that the results would be anything but heartening. We suspect that something of the same degree of widespread Biblical illiteracy that is said to exist in England is in this country also.

Just as the English church leaders are now engaged in an effort to give the devotional study of the Scriptures a larger place in the individual Christian's personal experience, there are certain hopeful signs in our own land. The tremendous sale of the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible is an indication, we believe, of renewed interest in the Scriptures, rather than being the result of a tremendous advertising effort as critics of the new translation have suggested. The

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Scene At Bariloche, Argentina



Scene Near Bariloche, Argentina

## MARTINS VISIT ARGENTINA

Bishop and Mrs. Martin write to Arkansas and Louisiana Methodists from Bariloche, October 6 — Last stop in Argentina. Next article from Chile.

### Writing From Bariloche, Argentina

Our theme song today should be "Oh, What A Beautiful Morning." We are looking out from our hotel in Bariloche, Argentina, upon a deep blue lake framed by glorious snow mountains. The lake is at an altitude of 2000 feet, and the mountains are 12,000 feet and higher. The quaint little town in which we are staying seems to have been transplanted from Switzerland. In fact, the town was originally settled by the Swiss. The people are friendly, and there is a story-book, picture-card atmosphere about the entire place.

We left our hotel in Buenos Aires at four o'clock Monday morning, October 5. We had had only a short night of rest, for we returned from our trip to Sante Fe and Rosario at midnight Sunday. Dr. John M. Norris came to our hotel and took us to the airlines office, where we took a bus to the airport. Taxis are very difficult to secure in Buenos Aires, and we were deeply grateful to Doctor Norris for his help; it was but another of the gracious courtesies shown us by this noble man during our stay in Argentina.

It was raining when the big four-motored plane arose from the runways, but the weather improved as we crossed the nation.

### Latin America Flies

All Latin America has taken to the air in a great way. Aviation has given a quick solution for passenger and freight services to former secluded areas that could not be properly assimilated into the national economy because of the prohibitive cost of roads or railways. Whole new districts have been brought to the doorsteps of the modern world.

For most of the morning we looked down upon the great pampas with their rich soil, heavy and healthy grasses, flat as the proverbial pancake. We realized we were looking upon the key to the Argentine economy, for in the section we were flying over, millions of acres of cereal grains ripening in the sun. It is the home of the beef, hide, and grain industries, the principal source of the nation's income.

The most dramatic flying of all came at the close of our journey at noontime. Almost suddenly we found ourselves among glorious snow-covered mountains, providing a stupendous birds-eye view of the mighty La Pampa range. As the plane zig-zagged through the pass, great white peaks were lost in the sky above the plane wings on either side. Through the eternal drifts and glass-blue glaciers were scrawled the hieroglyphics of black ridges, furnishing a striking contrast to the brilliant snow. We found ourselves saying, "The heavens declare the glory of God, the earth showeth his handiwork!"

After having in Argentina perhaps the most taxing, but also a most rewarding, schedule (the last three days we went from early morning until midnight), we welcome the three days we will spend here before we continue to Chile by a combination auto-lake steamer route, which we have been told is an exciting one. We shall attempt to describe it in the next article. For the present we will give attention to Argentina.

### Argentina Rich In Many Ways

If you look at your map of South America, you will notice that Argentina fills the southern point, except for the thin strip of Chile along the western border. It extends for 2300 miles from Bolivia to Tierra del Fuego, almost the distance across the whole United States. Argentina is big enough to hold within its frontiers France, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Turkey, Ireland, and Portugal. These European countries have 160 million inhabitants; Argentina has barely sixteen million. Argentina is truly a land of great open spaces. Among the nations of Latin America, only Brazil is larger in Area; but Argentina's climate is

much more diversified. She ranges from the tropical to the south polar zones, with Bolivar at her north and Cape Horn at the south, and with the Andes and the South Atlantic as her boundaries respectively west and east. While we generally think of Latin America's heat, Patagonia, the southern-most area of Argentina, is one of the coldest inhabited areas in the world.

No person thinks of Argentina without thinking of her beef, grains, wool and hides. She is, indeed, one of the most important factors in all the world in the production and export of these materials. The growth of this nation economically in recent years has been remarkable. Seventy years ago she lacked wheat for export; today she is the world's second largest wheat exporter.

### Guacho And Estancia

There are many figures and facts of interest relating to this great nation, but with a few words regarding two frequently recurring terms—guacho and estancia—I must give you a look into the work of our missions. Out of the cattle industry came the two words mentioned. Like the glamour of our cowboy, much of the dash and color of the "Argentine gaucho" is now a tradition—he is the free soul of the great spaces, and on fiesta occasions he is a figure of many-hued colors and flashing silver spurs. He traces his lineage to the roving pampas bands, but like so many of our gypsies, he has settled down.

The "estancia" is the ranch. In Argentina, the area of some estancias is almost fabulous. A North American, returning from a weekend visit to an Argentine estancia, described it as 120,000 acres with 40,000 sheep, 30,000 cattle, and between six and seven thousand horses, its own railway station, telegraph, churches, hospitals, shops, a dairy, and a police post. "It was—and is—a kind of self-governing autonomous community, rare and wonderful to behold," he said.

### "The Paris Of America"

The capitol of Argentina, Buenos Aires, well called "The Paris of America," deserves and demands two words to describe it—big and beautiful. Mrs. Martin and I had our first look at this city, the sixth largest in the world, at a very advantageous time. The shops and all business places close at one o'clock on Saturday. They open again in the evening, but the city of four million is deserted between these hours. Dr. John M. Norris, a member of our Louisiana Conference who is on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, came for us at 2:00 o'clock on the day of our arrival, and although we have driven across the city many times while here, we shall remember our first look at the Casa Pasada (Pink House), so called because of the color of the stone and because it is the executive office of the President. Visitors are almost amazed as they see for the first time the great public buildings, the many plazas, parks, monuments, and the beautiful avenues. One of the great avenues is called Avenida Libertador General San Martin. There are many great monuments throughout the city in memory of the liberator, and the Argentine people revere his memory as we do that of George Washington.

This avenue we speak of is lined with embassies and palatial private residences. Another famous monument is the one that represents the beloved hero of the Argentina nation, Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, educator, publicist, political reformer, minister to the United States, and President of the Republic (1868-74). The statue is striking and unusual because seated below him is a small statue of his mother, to whom he dedicated one of the most cherished passages in all Argentine literature.

The famous Ninth of July Avenue is the widest in the world, a sixteen-lane boulevard with a show of gardens and trees, cutting through the

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# The Price Of American Power

NOTE: This statement was adopted by the General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in U. S. A., September 16, 1953.

## World Order Day Message

THE United States through no special merit or virtue has emerged from two global wars the most powerful nation on earth, economically and politically. We as a people have not sought this great power nor the responsibilities of leadership that go with it. This new power is fraught with moral significance.

In this interdependent age we know that decisions of the United States Congress and the Administration have a profound effect, for good or ill, on millions of persons throughout the world. With the continuous development of increasingly destructive weapons of war it has become more urgent than ever before for the United States to exercise its power with wisdom and restraint.

The revolutionary upsurge among the people of Asia and Africa has brought vast opportunities and res-

pensibilities to the nations of the West. Our country has not come to grips adequately with these new and legitimate demands for political freedom and economic opportunity.

The United States is accountable to God and to the world community for the effects of its power and policy on other peoples wherever they may be. The price of power is responsibility. The nation that has much given to it will have much required of it. If our country would meet the challenge of world leadership which has been thrust upon it, there are three primary responsibilities it cannot escape.

First, the United States must continue to cooperate with and be willing to accept the criticism and restraint of its allies and other friendly nations. Just as we are not powerful enough politically to go it alone, we are not good enough

nor wise enough to go our own way without the continuous counsel and moral restraint of other nations. We commend our government for resisting aggression in Korea in concert with other powers, and thank God that the bloodshed has at last ended. In common endeavors such as that in Korea there are always differences of opinion and tension among allies. We firmly believe that our country should participate in the United Nations and in regional security arrangements like NATO not only because they are vehicles of cooperation, but because they are instruments of judgment on our national actions. The United Nations and NATO can help our country to transform its power into morally responsible policy.

Second, the United States must keep open the door to all possibilities for the honest negotiation of differences between the Soviet Union and the free world. We must adhere steadfastly to the central principles of justice and freedom which undergird our foreign policy. But we should guard against taking arbitrary and premature positions on delicate international questions. Such inflexibility leaves no room for the give and take essential to easing tensions and solving problems. The United Nations is an open door to the settlement of disputes by peaceful means.

Third, the United States must be willing to make a sustained com-

mitment to the principles of justice and peaceful change in the world of nations. There are no quick or easy ways to maintain security, to check tyranny, or to promote economic opportunity. For a long time, in spite of their utmost efforts to help themselves, the peoples in the economically less developed areas will need technical assistance from the more developed countries. Even highly developed areas cannot become economically healthy unless the United States has a sustained trade and tariff policy which will permit them to sell more goods here. Wholehearted participation of the United States in the United Nations and other common endeavors will keep us aware of such continuing responsibilities to the world community.

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. urges the members of its constituent communions and all our fellow citizens to weigh the obligations of world leadership and to accept the cost of American power. The price of American power and leadership is high. It must be paid in dollars and sweat, and perchance in blood and tears. It must be paid in patience, humility, and understanding. May God grant our country and each one of us the courage and faith to accept the responsibilities of our power. May He grant us the humility to take into account the rights, interests and needs of other peoples in the exercise of this power.

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center of the city. Enormous underground parking lots here take care of the rush traffic.

### First Sunday In Buenos Aires

The first Sunday in Buenos Aires we went to the Central Methodist Church where I preached to a large congregation at nine o'clock. The pastor, Dr. Angel Sainz, was my interpreter, and we believe this is a very strong and influential church. Immediately after this service, we were driven across the city to the First Methodist Church, or the American church, where I preached for the eleven o'clock service. This is the oldest existing Methodist Church in South America. It was founded in 1836 and has had a continuous ministry since that date.

I am tempted to write an article on this church, and I cannot refrain from paying a tribute to the great leadership of the minister, Rev. William Melvin Holt. Large congregations worship here for both the morning and evening services, and this man's influence is felt throughout this vast city. He is from Georgia.

In the congregation were two families who had sailed with us from New York on the S. S. ARGENTINA, and we were happy to see them again. Mrs. Martin and I and the Hols were guests of Captain and Mrs. W. Ashby Evans, Naval attache of the American Embassy, for lunch in their home. During the afternoon we drove with Dr. and Mrs. Foster Stockwell to Lomas de Zamara to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Basil R. Truscott for dinner. I preached again at seven o'clock in the Lomas Methodist Church, and this was to Spanish speaking people. Doctor Stockwell was my interpreter for this service. Perhaps you are wondering if that was not an unusually busy day; but I will have to say it was about average, for our days are crowded with things to do.

### Ward College

We spent one day out in Rames Mejia, a suburb of Buenos Aires, where Ward College is located. This college was originally an institution of the Methodist Episcopal Board, but it became a union enterprise in 1919 and functions in cooperation with the Disciples of Christ. It was named in honor of the mother of Mr. George S. Ward, the original donor. The campus of thirty acres is a striking picture of huge trees, unusual and beautiful flowering shrubs, and garden of flowers and vegetables. Also located on this campus is The Methodist Church which is under construction. Dr. Fred Aden is the president of this great school. He and Mrs. Aden live in the president's home located on the campus. We enjoyed lunch in their home, and then many of the faculty members came for coffee and cake and an hour of fellowship.

Ward College has about 800 students. The children start to school here at the age of six and continue through what is called "college" in South America. It is coeducational, and classes are taught in both Spanish and English. The vice-president of the institution is Dr. Samuel S. McWilliams of the Disciples Church, a gifted schoolman. We enjoyed fine fellowship with Dr. and Mrs. McWilliams at the luncheon in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Aden.

Dr. and Mrs. Aden are in their thirty-sixth year of service to Collegio Ward. It is difficult to praise highly enough these great educators. Doctor Aden is another layman who has served his Church with inspiring de-

votion. Ward College has exerted a tremendous influence upon the life of Argentina.

### With Church Leaders

One of the crowded afternoons was spent in a meeting with the Buenos Aires pastors and leading laymen at a session of the Boards of Evangelism and Finance. While I met with this group, Mrs. Martin spoke to the women of the city. In the evening of the same day I brought a message to the official boards of the churches of Buenos Aires and vicinity.

The men of First Church (the American church) have a men's supper club, and this is a large and active group. They had changed their regular meeting date so that I might speak to them. The men prepare the meal, and I have the feeling that the "bean supper" (generously flavored with rich Argentine beef) is becoming traditional.

It is refreshing to see these North American businessmen and officials of our government active in the Church. Here were the foreign heads of great corporations, such men as the Naval attache and other representatives of our Government. The representatives of our great land have sometimes been criticized for their conduct away from home, but some at least have not bowed the knee before Baal. In Argentina again we have been the recipients of lovely courtesies from our own Government. They have been too numerous to even begin to mention.

### Union Theological Seminary

Although it is difficult to name the most influential institution, when so many crowd through one's mind, certainly we would place Facultad Evangelica de Teologia (Union Theological Seminary) with those at the head of the list, for here we train the future leaders of our Church for six Spanish-speaking countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay. Our church cooperates with the Disciples of Christ, the Presbyterians U.S.A., and the Waldensians in providing theological education. The school is a coeducational institution, for in 1942 the Training School for Christian Women Workers was merged with the theological school.

The faculty includes workers from the four cooperating Churches. Dr. B. Foster Stockwell is the distinguished president, and the faculty includes Dr. John M. Norris, whom I mentioned earlier. Too high praise cannot be given to the faculty. The work compares favorably with any theological school in the United States. The buildings are handsome ones, and the facilities are thoroughly adequate. We can take great pride in this seminary.

### Sante Fe And Lake Charles District

Our trip to Sante Fe and Rosario with Bishop and Mrs. Sante Uberto Barbieri was a long one (350 miles) by automobile. Mr. Eduardo Gattoni, the head of our Publishing House in Buenos Aires, drove us in his car. Although this article is already a long one, I must say a word about this great layman. His father is a retired Bishop here, and his brother is a leading pastor in Montevideo. With a similar consecration, he left a position paying five times the salary he receives as head of our Publishing House to work for the Church. In every sense he is an outstanding churchman.

Late Saturday afternoon we had the formal opening of our new church in Sante Fe. The Lake Charles District has helped to build this beautiful building. It occupies a commanding position in the city and will give us an opportunity to present the gospel that will be of tremendous value.

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## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**ELMO COOK**, superintendent of schools at Perryville, was the lay speaker at both Perry and Perryville on Laymen's Day, October 18.

**LAYMEN'S DAY SPEAKER** at the First Methodist Church of Hope was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas, Griffin Smith. Rev. Virgil D. Keely is pastor of First Church.

**GOVERNOR FRANCIS CHERRY** was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of Camden on Wednesday evening, October 28. Rev. R. B. Moore is pastor.

**REV. RUFUS SORRELLS**, pastor of Highland Methodist Church, Little Rock, was guest speaker at the noon luncheon of the Malvern Rotary Club on Thursday, October 15.

**BOYD KEATHLEY**, chairman of the Official Board of the Russellville Methodist Church, was the speaker on Laymen's Day at the Morrilton Methodist Church. Rev. H. J. Couchman is pastor at Morrilton.

**DR. CONNOR MOREHEAD**, Camden District superintendent, left Tuesday, October 26, for Chicago where he is attending a two-day meeting, October 28-29, of the General Board of Publication of which he is a member.

**DR. C. M. REVES**, vice-president of Hendrix College, was the speaker at the Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-district Assembly which was held at the Antioch Church in the Searcy District on Monday night, October 26.

**REV. J. M. HAMILTON**, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, was speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Monday evening, October 26. Dr. Cecil R. Culver is pastor of Winfield Church.

**MRS. HELEN LEHMAN RORIE**, widow of Rev. T. O. Rorie, Methodist minister, died at her home in Hot Springs on Monday night, October 19. Mrs. Rorie was a native of St. Louis, Mo., but had lived in Hot Springs for many years. She is survived by two brothers and three sisters.

**THE WEDDING** of Miss Ellen Backerstaff and Dwayne Milner, both of Clarendon, took place on Friday, October 23, in the new parsonage at Roe, the pastor, Rev. W. C. Lewis, officiating. Mrs. Milner is head nurse at the Cook Clinic in Clarendon and Mr. Milner is managing editor of the "Monroe County Sun" of Clarendon.

**JOHN H. LEE**, member of Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, was the Laymen's Day speaker at the First Methodist Church, Prescott, on Sunday, October 18. Mr. Lee is the brother of Rev. L. O. Lee, pastor of the Prescott Circuit. Rev. W. D. Golden is pastor of First Church, Prescott.

**RR. FRED G. ROEBUCK**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, will be the speaker on World Community Day, November 6, at the First Christian Church. The observance is sponsored by the Council of Church Women. Dr. Roebuck will speak on "Building Lasting Peace."

**REV. JACK WINEGEART**, minister to students at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was the speaker at a dinner sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Pea Ridge Methodist Church in honor of the seniors of the high school and their sponsor, Mrs. Roy O'Hara.

**THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**, Monticello, supplied eleven laymen to speak in churches of the Monticello District on Laymen's Sunday, October 18. Dr. W. E. Brown, district superintendent, supplied the pulpit of the First Methodist Church in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Roland E. Darrow, who was convalescing from injuries.

**THE ENGAGEMENT** of Miss Anna Louise Fincher of Waldo to Jimmy Hood of Hot Springs has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fincher of Waldo. The bride-elect is a graduate of Hendrix College and is youth director at Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs. Mr. Hood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hood of Hot Springs.

**WINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH**, Little Rock, had more than 900 persons present last Sunday morning when the church school moved into the newly remodeled educational building. This building program begun several months ago has increased the use of the educational facilities. Dr. Cecil R. Culver is the Winfield pastor.

**DR. AUBREY G. WALTON**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, spoke to the Little Rock chapter of the American Association of University Women on Saturday, October 17, using as his subject, "My Trip Through Palestine." Dr. and Mrs. Walton have recently returned from a trip abroad, including a tour of the Holy Land.

**REV. L. A. SMITH**, former member of the Little Rock Conference, died in Norfolk, Va., on Wednesday, September 30, with funeral services held on Thursday in Cambridge, Md. Mr. Smith transferred from the Little Rock Conference to the Virginia Conference in 1930. He had made his home in Norfolk since his retirement six years ago. He is survived by his wife and several nieces and nephews.

**REV. ROBERT E. L. BEARDEN** of Conway is the author of an article in the October issue of the Association of American Colleges Bulletin. The article, "The Program of Religious Emphasis Week," is part of a symposium in which three persons have written on some phase of the observance on college campuses. Mr. Bearden is district superintendent of the Conway District.

**REV. THURSTON MASTERS**, pastor of the Tyronza Methodist Church, writes: "On Sunday morning, October 18, we had our Conference lay leader, Charles A. Stuck of Jonesboro as our Laymen's Day speaker. He brought us a wonderful message. On Sunday, October 11, we had with us Clyde C. Coulter, superintendent of the Arkansas Temperance League. He brought a fine message on Temperance."

**REV. J. W. WATSON**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, was the preacher in evangelistic services at the Wilson Methodist Church for the week ending Friday night, October 16. Song services were in charge of Rev. Eugene Hall, pastor of the Dell Methodist Church. Mr. Watson is the son of Rev. Sam G. Watson, pastor of the Wilson Church, and Mrs. Watson. There were four additions to the church with large crowds attending each service.

**THE YOUNG PEOPLE** of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church, Newport, will again observe Halloween by asking for treats for the children of the world. Contributions will be asked to help the work of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. Doorbells will be rung between the hours of 5:00 and 6:30 to receive these contributions of money instead of the usual treats.

**A NEW GOSPEL** book is being published for Korea by the American Bible Society—an illustrated copy of the Gospel of John. It will appear in the Hankul orthography, which is approved by the Korean government and now being widely used in Korea. Five hundred thousand copies are needed, according to the request received by the Bible Society. The Society has on the press a first printing of 332,000 copies which, it is expected, will be ready for shipment within two months. General James A. Van Fleet, USA Retired, who spent so many months with the Army in Korea, is planning to present the first copy from the press to President Syngman Rhee in Korea illustrating the goodwill of the Amer-

ican people. The Bible Society has also supplied to Korea 515,277 copies of an illustrated Book of the Acts in Hankul Korean.

### SEVENTEEN WANTED FOR KOREAN SERVICE

The Methodist Board of Missions has sounded an urgent call for seventeen young men and women who will give three years of service in Korea. Special training will be provided next summer and the team will leave for Korea in the fall.

Ten women and seven men are needed for teaching and youth work in high schools and colleges, for relief and social service and for religious work with youth. Specialties could include Bible, music, physical education, English and commercial subjects.

Applicants must be unmarried, between the ages of 21 and 28 years, graduates of accredited colleges, and active church members. They must be people of genuine Christian experience with a desire to serve and a faith they are eager to share. Their health must be good. Their record in scholarship and practical achievement must be well above average. They must be flexible in meeting the needs of a war-torn country.

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### SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

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popularity of movies, television and radio programs based on Biblical stories is another good sign that people have more than a passing interest in the Bible.

Two General Boards of The Methodist Church are devoting attention to ways and means of increasing use of the Bible among Methodists. The Editorial Division, General Board of Education, under the leadership of the Church School Editor, Dr. Henry Bullock, is now giving and will give even more emphasis to the place and use of the Scriptures in Church School materials. Also, more training courses in Bible will be offered. The Board of Evangelism in its program of Spiritual Life Missions, held on a Conference, District and local church level, is lifting up Bible reading as one of the Holy Habits to be cultivated, nourished, and developed by every Christian.

It matters somewhat where responsibility lies for the lack of a serious appreciation and use of the Scriptures; what matters the most however is that the children and young people of today will not be denied the priceless heritage which they have every right to possess, namely, a knowledge of and appreciation for God's Word—The Holy Bible.

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## AIR-CONDITIONING OUR MINDS

Yes, we can air-condition our minds. Some months ago I was in the great state of Texas. Among other things, I enjoyed the various forms of air-conditioning down there. Hotel rooms, churches, even motor cars are air-conditioned.



My Texas friends assured me that Texas is God's own country, the best country He ever made. Hence I wondered a little why they were not satisfied with the air God had made for them and wanted to make it over! But I was glad they did, for I enjoyed their air-conditioning.

And we can condition the air of our thoughts. But we cannot quite be trusted to do it healthily all by ourselves. We can make of our minds little ivory towers and keep cool while things around us go to the devil. We cannot live to ourselves like that and be content with our own peace of mind.

We are also in danger of closing our minds to new ideas which ought to disturb us. Closed minds are very hard to cure, because nobody ever comes to a priest or preacher asking to be cured of his narrow-mindedness.

Our minds may imprison us by confining us in vicious circles of thought. Our minds keep recurring to fixed ideas and fears. We go around in circles of frustration. We are like the Indian who thought his blanket was too short and cut off one end and sewed it to the other end, which made it longer.

We need higher help in air-conditioning our minds. Often, I hear people say, "I go to the church where I get something." That is in part a very valid reason for going. The Church should give people something to help them—peace of mind, courage of spirit, freedom from anxiety, even health of body.

But what so many do not go on to see, and what the Church sometimes fails to show, is that we should seek to get something from God only that we may share it. When we go to church to get something, we must ask why we want it. Why do I want peace of mind? Merely that I may be free from anxiety and smugly complacent? Or that I may be a more stable and helpful member of my group? Why do I want God to give me an attractive personality? Merely that I may be admired and be successful? Or that I may add to the welfare of those who have to associate with me?

It was George Bernard Shaw, I think, who characterized some modern church congregations as a mob of hermits, each bringing his cup of self-satisfaction to get it filled at church and then carrying it back to his own little cave.

The real gifts of God cannot be gotten by people who are wrapped up in their own self-interest. Ben Franklin was wise as usual when he said: "A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle."

Back in World War II days, when anti-Japanese feeling ran high, Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin told a certain congregation about a church which had received a Japanese-American family into membership. After the sermon an elder of the church where Dr. Coffin was preaching came up to him and said, "If one of those little yellow beasts came to this church he wouldn't get my vote for admission." Dr. Coffin replied: "But remember Christ died for THEM too." The elder answered, "Well, if He did, it wasn't worth His while." To which Dr. Coffin quietly replied, "Were YOU?"

Some time ago I spent a night in a pleasantly air-conditioned hotel room. I left a call to be awakened. When the phone rang, the voice said: "It is seven-thirty and the temperature is 84." Shut in my room I was sheltered from the heat. But I had to go to work. And my business took me out into the heat of the day. Sooner or later we have to do business in God's world. And we better fit ourselves to face it.

## NATIONAL BIBLE STUDY PROJECT LAUNCHED

A long range national program to encourage use and fuller understanding of the Bible in American life has been launched under auspices of the National Council of Churches.

Commenting on the project, Dr. Philip C. Landers, an official of the National Council, declared that "a new upsurge of interest in the Bible is evident all across the country." Dr. Landers, who directs a National Council Committee on the Use and Understanding of the Bible, noted that, "requests for aid in carrying on local projects to stimulate use and understanding of the Scripture have literally poured in to offices of this committee since its establishment early this year. We intend to devote all our energies in response."

Two regional directors for the nationwide effort already have been named, out of a total of seven. The Rev. Charles Marion Ross this week opened regional headquarters in St.

Louis, Mo., as associate director for nine states in the central Midwest and Lower Mississippi. Mr. Ross has served for many years as an executive of the United Christian Missionary Society, Disciples of Christ, at Indianapolis, Ind. The Rev. Earl N. Kragness, director of religious education for the Crown Heights Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., will implement the program in six Southwestern states beginning October 15, with headquarters in Oklahoma City. Like Mr. Ross, he is nationally known in Christian education circles.

Both regional directors will work closely with area denominational leaders, with state and local councils of churches and religious education, state and local councils of church women and with ministerial associations on Bible-centered projects in hundreds of communities. Five more associate directors, to be named over the next year and a half, will carry the program to all other parts of the nation.

## MARTINS VISIT ARGENTINA

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It is really a magnificent building. It is not quite completed but will be in a few weeks.

As we sang "Santo! Santo! Santo! Señor Omnipotente", I longed to have the Methodists from the Lake Charles District with us there. How Brother Oooke, the pastors, and the laymen would have been thrilled with the occasion. The building was packed for the service. Later on we sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers", and I felt we were beginning to march to victory.

## Rosario And World-Wide Communion Day

I will not take time to describe the service Sunday afternoon at Rosario when I spoke to the combined congregations of the second largest city in Argentina in a great convocation. Nor will I attempt to describe our visit to Parana. (I was the first American bishop to visit there.) We reached Parana by boat.

I want to close by telling briefly of the service Sunday morning in the church in Rosario where Fletcher Anderson, a young American missionary whom we first met on the ship when we came from Santos to Montevideo, is the pastor. It was Worldwide Communion Day. I have been in such services many times before, but for the first time in my life, I was presiding at the Communion Table in a land other than our own. In a marvelously different way, I came to see the meaning of Worldwide Communion Day. As I prayed the Prayer of Consecration and came to those words, "Grant that we, receiving this bread and wine, according to thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion may also be partakers of the divine nature through Him," these words possessed a new meaning for me. If we who are Christians can be partakers of the divine nature, we may yet build a new and different world. I felt that morning the closing prayer was answered, at least for me. I was filled with His grace and heavenly benediction. Mrs. Martin and I pray for our people a similar blessing.

And now we move on to Chile!

## On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

## A SUGGESTION TO MR. EISENHOWER

The other day, following President Eisenhower's notable and widely publicized address to the United Council of Church Women in Atlantic City, I sent him the following letter:

"My dear Mr. President:

"May I respectfully suggest that you give earnest consideration to the idea of naming an unofficial commission of representative women citizens—preferably housewives and mothers not in government service—to report to you (unofficially also) from time to time on ways and means of bringing peace from war to our country and the world. The thought is that they would explore the vast area of activities, outside the use of threat and force, that can—or even may—lead to accord, understanding, and cooperation among men.

"I am not overlooking the widely accepted belief that in the present stage of world civiliza-

tion recourse to physical might is inevitable: I am only suggesting that other avenues to peace be also charted and walked.

"I am sure you know even better than do I the great stake that women have in the prevention of armed conflict and in the security that comes through peace among the nations. It is the mothers of our land who brought our soldiers into the world—the wives and mothers who lost husbands and sons—who have suffered the most and paid the highest price through war. There can be no 'glory' for women in war.

"The other day you spoke at the national assembly of the United Council of Church Women in Atlantic City. I am sure you were impressed by their integrity, their patriotism, their devotion. They earnestly crave for peace and work for peace. They seek peace by building goodwill—an avenue which no nation has even fully explored heretofore, though instances of occasional attempts may be cited. And these women represent some 30,000,000 women in our churches—all concerned in the pursuit of international peace.

"It would seem that the women in this great segment of America's population should be represented on such a commission. Teachers and other service groups might well be represented. Perhaps one should be a gold-star mother: she sees war in a special light.

"I am not suggesting, Mr. President, that this proposed commission supplant any present government agency or be given any government powers. It should be able and free, however, to give you personally the thoughts and aims of American women on any matter that may determine war or peace, destitution or survival, fear or security.

"Such a group of women, I would hope, might eventually demonstrate the wisdom of a Department of Peace within your cabinet family."

It seemed unfortunate to this writer that the UCCW assembly—devoted to Christ's way of peace and goodwill—should have been the sounding board for Mr. Eisenhower's apparent belief that more and more powerful weapons of war seem the only answer in the world's present plight. It was even more unfortunate that (outside of a few metropolitan areas) the newspapers quoted—and apparently misinterpreted—only the arms reference in a really worthy speech.

One's chief concern is lest the assembly (and others), in the moment's emotion, accept the "greater force" principle of existence—and pass it on to our children.

Yes, the President is a realist, as my friends tell me. But a touch of the daring of the idealist may succeed in making a peace that for centuries has eluded the "realists".

Mrs. Ira A. Brumley  
Roy E. Fawcett  
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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Church School Rally Day Offerings

The Church School Rally Day offerings through the morning of October 22 total \$2,554.72. The total to October 28, 1952 was \$2,425.69.

We made our last report on October 15. We are listing by districts, the report to date, listing only the churches which have reported since October 15.

Batesville District Previously reported \$134.80.

Conway District: Previously reported \$428.98; Centerville (Greenbrier Charge), \$6.30.

Fayetteville District: Previously reported \$115.03.

Fort Smith District: Previously reported \$558.15; Hay's Chapel, \$7.00; Grand Avenue, Fort Smith, \$20.00.

Forrest City District: Previously reported \$184.40; Clarendon, \$25.00 Black Fish Lake, \$7.85; Cotton Plant, \$25.00.

Jonesboro District: Previously reported \$337.60; Jonesboro, First Church, \$250.00; Osceola, \$75.00.

Paragould District: Previously reported \$117.75; Griffin Memorial, Paragould, \$20.00; Camp Ground, \$2.00; Rector, First Church, \$30.00; Piggott, \$24.19.

Searcy District: Previously reported \$163.00; Clinton, \$20.00.

### More Training Schools

Prairie Grove is planning a one unit school on The Local Methodist Church, to be taught by the pastor, Rev. S. O. Patty.

Mammoth Spring is planning a one unit school on How To Teach in the Church School, to be taught by Rev. Byron McSpadden.

### North Arkansas At Convocation

The North Arkansas Conference had one of the largest delegations attending the Adult Convocation at Tulsa, Oklahoma, thirty-two delegates being registered from the conference. Seven of the eight districts had delegates registered. There were additional persons attending one or more sessions of the Convocation. The Fayetteville District had the largest number attending. The list of those attending, as far as we could check, were as follows:

Batesville District: W. L. Diggs of Cotter, Charles E. Mabrey of Batesville.

Conway District: I. L. Claud and Mrs. Claud, Mrs. H. W. Taylor of North Little Rock, W. M. Hudson, B. A. Short, Mrs. Carl Moore, and Ira A. Brumley of Conway.

Fayetteville District: Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Fine, Mrs. Myrtle Hannah, Paul D. Pettie and Mrs. Pettie of Fayetteville, Mrs. Ollie Maples of Siloam Springs, Mrs. Walter F. Fiebach of Cave City, Mrs. Emma Jackson, Edwin Huenefeld and Mrs. Huenefeld of Rogers, Mrs. Johnny McClure, Mrs. Jeff Brown, Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. Lillian Holt, and Radford Greenway of Springdale.

Forrest City District: Alf A. Eason and Mrs. Eason of Marion.

Fort Smith District: Felix Holland and Mrs. Holland of Van Buren.

Jonesboro District: Alvin C. Murray and Mrs. Murray of Marked Tree, William A. Stewart and Mrs.

Stewart of Lepanto, Lee Cate, Thomas L. Steel, and Hugh Miles of Manila.

Paragould District: J. H. Holt and J. E. Douglas of Paragould.

Searcy District: Jim Wiseman and Joe Pearce of Searcy, Thomas J. Cowan of Heber Springs.

### Schools Being Held

The week of October 25-30 is being a good week for training schools in the North Arkansas Conference. The following schools are being held this week:

Rev. Floyd G. Villines is offering the course on How to Teach in the Church School, Heber Springs.

Miss Mary Chaffin is teaching the course on How to Teach in the Church School, Wiseman.

Rev. A. W. Harris is offering the course on Christian Stewardship in his church at Trumann.

The Paragould Area is having a three unit training school, as follows:

Guiding Intermediates, Mrs. C. B. Nelson.

Helping Adults Learn, Mrs. Howard Grimes.

Christian Education in the Church, Dr. Howard Grimes.

Nettleton is having the course on How to Teach in the Church School, the course being taught by Mrs. Elmus C. Brown.

The first two weeks of November will also have a large number of training schools.

### Fort Smith Area School

There is to be held at Fort Smith, First Church, November 1-5, a six unit training school for the churches of Fort Smith, Van Buren, and all other churches within reach of this center. A large attendance is expected in this school. The following units are to be offered in the school:

The Child's Approach to Religion, Mrs. W. F. Bates of North Little Rock.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Rev. James S. Upton of Conway.

Understanding Ourselves, Rev. Alfred A. Knox of Fort Smith.

Home and Church Working Together, Dr. Clark Ellzey of Columbia, Missouri.

Christian Stewardship, Rev. John Bayliss of Siloam Springs.

The Prophet Jeremiah, Dr. Walter Hearn of Columbia, Missouri.

The school will begin at 2:30 P. M., Sunday, November 1.

## IS THERE A FOLDING ORGAN IN THE HOUSE?

Dr. and Mrs. Robert F. Thomas, of the noted Pittman Community Center in Sevierville, Tenn., started a small Sunday school recently at Chavis Creek, a rural community fifteen miles over the mountains from Sevierville. There had never before been a Sunday school or church there. People have been attending faithfully and have shown a great deal of interest, Dr. Thomas says.

But, as yet, there is no musical instrument to assist in the singing of the Sunday school — and young and old love to sing the gospel favorites.

"Years ago the travelling evangelists used to have folding organs

## HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

### Dr. Steel Challenges Students

"One of the most frequently found sinners on a college campus is a five-talent man or woman satisfied at doing a one-talent job." Dr. Marshall T. Steel, pastor of the Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, urged on students here the importance of using one's talents to the fullest.

Dr. Steel was the featured speaker for the annual Hendrix College Religion and Life Week, October 19 through October 22.

Dr. Steel spoke each evening and on Tuesday and Thursday morning. Besides Hendrix students, many Conway townspeople attended the services held in the Auditorium and the Chapel.

In one sermon, Dr. Steel said that many people looking for the will of God expect to find it expressed through some dramatic and direct act. But God, he said, has given man mind, spirit, conscience, and the example of consecrated men and women, which are adequate to express the divine purpose.

"If we keep our own selfish desires and purposes out of the way and try earnestly to discover God's purpose, we will discover it," he said.

### Who's Who Among Students In American Universities And Colleges

Nine Hendrix students have been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," nationally published annual.

Those selected are: Walter Workman, formerly of North Little Rock, now living in Lone Star, Texas; Mary Virginia Speaker, Conway; Bill Steel, Dallas, Texas; Freda Wilson, Greenbrier; Guy Shannon, Carlisle; Martha Lou Grove, Conway; Mary Margaret Bird, Earle; Bo Brewer, Pine Bluff, and Phil Dixon, Little Rock.

Requirements for "Who's Who" include excellence and sincerity in scholarship, leadership and participation in extracurricular and academic activities, citizenship and service to the school, and promise of future usefulness to business and society.

### Alpha Chi Members

Six Hendrix students have been elected to Senior membership in the campus chapter of Alpha Chi, national scholarship society, Dr. O. T. Gooden, Alpha Chi sponsor at Hendrix, has announced.

The Senior members elected are Ann Robbins, Conway; Martha Lou Grove, Conway; Patty Jo Hoff, Little Rock; Helen Hughes, Nashville; Dobbs Franks, Forrest City, and

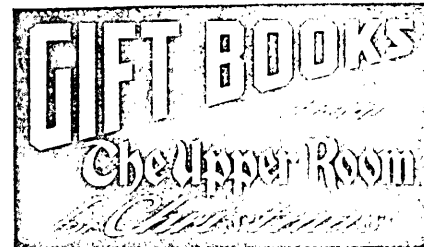
that went with them all over the countryside," recalls Dr. Thomas. "Perhaps in some home, or in the back room, or loft, or basement of a church there is one which can still produce good music for appreciative people."

If you have such an organ (now silent) or know where there is one, will you not please communicate with Dr. Thomas. He would like to put it into gospel service again.

Guy Shannon, Carlisle. Miss Grove and Shannon were promoted from Junior membership.

Newly elected Junior members are Jack Hammon, Jonesboro; Betty Jane Johnson, Green Forest; Sylvia Milwee, Little Rock; and James Flack, Little Rock.

Membership in the society is open to juniors and seniors in the upper tenth of their class. Election of new members must be approved by a faculty committee.—Chris Holmes.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOLS PICTURED AS SAVING THE NATION

The Sunday school was pictured as possibly the "last stand against Godless Communism and the total disintegration of our nation" in an address opening the eighth annual convention of the National Sunday School Association. Dr. A. L. Brown, Winona Lake, Ind., retiring president of the association, compared the current national situation with the ark of disaster which he said motivated Noah "to begin preparing the ark 120 years before the flood." "There are many fears settling upon the American people and the Sunday schools of the nation well might be the ark that will ward off national disaster," declared Dr. Brown, who is general secretary of the Sunday school department of the Free Methodist Church of North America. "There are 25 million people going to Sunday school, but there are another 25 million people—all under the age of 23—who have no religious instruction whatever. "If you were able to count an army of 432,500 persons every day it would take 80 days to count all of these American religious illiterates who are under 23 years of age." Dr. Brown said the average criminal in the United States costs in taxes during his criminal career enough money to run a Sunday school of 100 pupils for 10 years. "In view of these things," he said, "the National Sunday School Association believes it is a compelling necessity to look upon the Sunday school movement as an ark which could save our national house. "In view of the fact that Noah began to prepare his ark 120 years before disaster came, we may already be too late." Delegates represented Sunday schools of 40 denominations.

### Reports Record Observance Of Laymen's Sunday

Laymen filled the pulpits of some 100,000 Protestant churches across the nation on Laymen's Sunday (Oct. 18), it was estimated by Wallace C. Speers in New York, who said it was the largest number ever to participate in the annual observance. Mr. Speers is chairman of the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World, which began in 1942 to promote the third Sunday of October as Laymen's Sunday. Since last year, the National Council of Churches' general department of United Church Men has joined in sponsoring the observance. President Eisenhower, a member of the Laymen's Movement, sent a message in advance of the observance offering his best wishes for the success of "this inspiring program." "Your concern with enhancing the role of the individual in religious services," he said, "is to be highly commended. I know that the services conducted throughout our nation on this Laymen's Sunday will admirably serve this purpose."

### Church Message Welcomes Returning War Prisoners

German prisoners of war just released from years of captivity in Russia were given on their arrival in Berlin, pamphlets containing messages of welcome and thanksgiving from Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, head of the Evangelical Church in Germany. "During the years of your captivity," Dr. Dibelius said, "the Evangelical Church has continuously interceded on your behalf and done everything possible to maintain contact with you. It gives thanks to God, now, that its prayers have been heard." The message also assured the returnees that the Church "will do everything in its power" to help them get started again in their homeland.

### Liquor Consumption Reaches All-Time High

American consumption of alcoholic beverages reached an all-time high in 1952, the National Temperance League reported in Washington. The consumption amounted to 18.86 gallons per capita, the temperance group said, about one pint per person higher than the previous record set in 1951. Compiled from statistics on tax collections, the consumption was estimated at 131 pints of beer, seven pints of wine, and approximately six "fifths" of whiskey, per man, woman, and child in the United States. Since the temperance agency believes that 40 percent of Americans never drink, it says the consumption rate of those who do is proportionately higher.

### Christian Educators Warned On Emphasis

Christian education that does not regard the Bible as the inspired word of God opens the door for atheistic secularism, the commission on Christian education of the National Sunday School Association was told in Minneapolis. The commission met in advance of the eighth annual convention of the association, which is an arm of the National Association of Evangelicals. Dr. Warren Filkin, professor of Baptist education at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, speaking at a commission meeting, said "it is time that Christian education leaders examined their modern methods to see whether they have veered away from conservative theological standards." "It appears to us that evangelical Christian education workers ought to acknowledge the fact that we cannot superimpose Christian teaching upon an atheistic, materialistic methodology," he declared. He told representatives of 20 church-related colleges and seminaries who attended the meeting that Christian education workers "have often failed to relate their educational philosophy with their theology." Dr. Filkin said that 80 per cent of all church members and 90 per cent of all ministers and missionaries come through the Sunday school.

### Church Completed After 104 Years

St. Stephen's Roman Catholic church in New Orleans has been completed 104 years after its founding. The church, which was not dedicated until 50 years after the start of construction, was finished with interior painting and wall decoration. Second largest church in this city, it is one of two in the world constructed with a gabled roof and hexagonal towers, according to the pastor, the Rev. Otto W. Meyer, C. M. The other is the Cathedral Church of Minden, Germany. The decorations include a frieze work around the interior of the building while over each window and door are medallion paintings of the apostles.

### Government To Revise Estimates On Church Giving

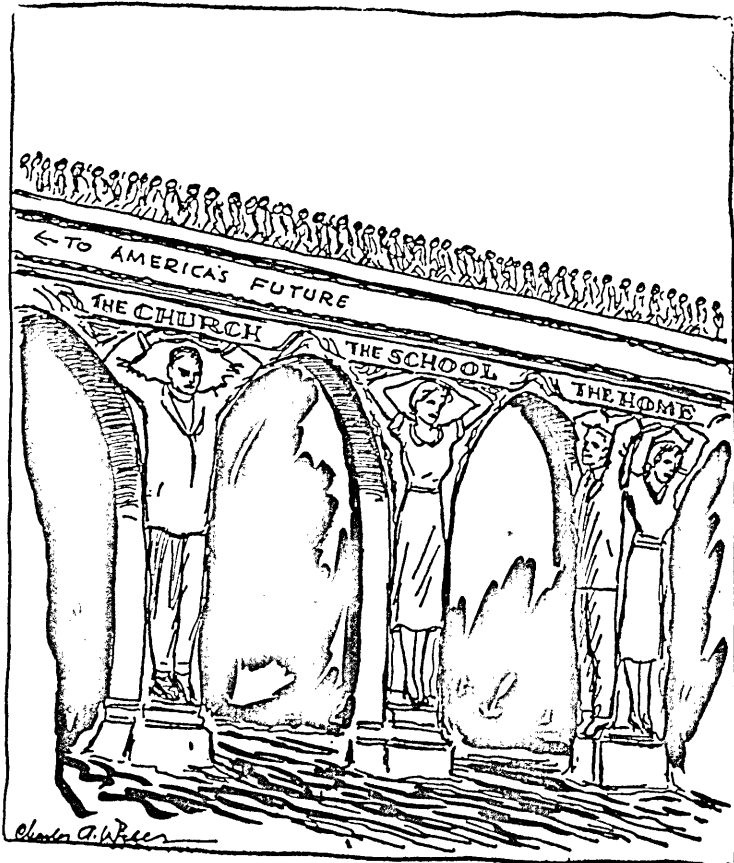
The Department of Commerce believes Americans are contributing more to their churches than its official estimates indicate. "We are currently in process of revising our religious body series," said the Department's National Income Division in an official statement, "and it appears that our revised figures will be considerably higher than those we have published." In its 1953 estimate of national consumer expenditures, the Department recently said that Americans are giving \$1,296,000,000 a year to religious groups. This is an all-time record on the government's index, but it was immediately challenged by the National Council of Churches which said that its compilation of actual contributions to church groups in 1952, to be published soon, will show that more than this sum was given last year to the National Council's constituent denominations alone. Confronted with this discrepancy, Department officials explained they did not count expenditures by religious bodies for new buildings and equipment, nor contributions to charity, both of which are listed under other headings.

### Push Negotiations For Christian Radio Station On Mars Hill

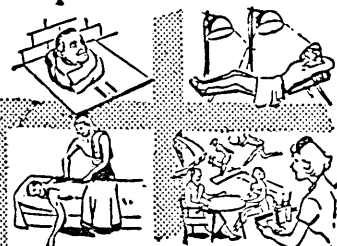
The Rev. David J. Du Plessis of Stamford, Conn., has gone to Athens to reopen negotiations with the Greek government on plans to set up a non-denominational Christian radio station there on Mars Hill, where the Apostle Paul preached 1,900 years ago. Mr. Du Plessis is eastern representative of the Far East Broadcasting Co., of Whittier, Calif., which currently is broadcasting Gospel programs in 36 languages to all parts of the Far East from seven long and short wave transmitting stations in Manila, P. I. Before leaving New York on the mission, he said that an Athens transmitter "would enable us to effectively reach all people of Europe, the Near East and Africa with widely varied high-quality programs of music, education, hygiene, agriculture, child welfare and other forms of specialized Christian instruction." "Never before in history," he said, "have men and women been so disturbed as they are by the materialistic concepts now prevailing the earth. In view of these spiritual pressures, there is an urgent need of a radio voice on the European continent dedicated exclusively to the cause of Christianity and its powerful concepts." The new station, if it is granted a franchise, will be called "The Apostle to the Nations," Mr. Du Plessis said.

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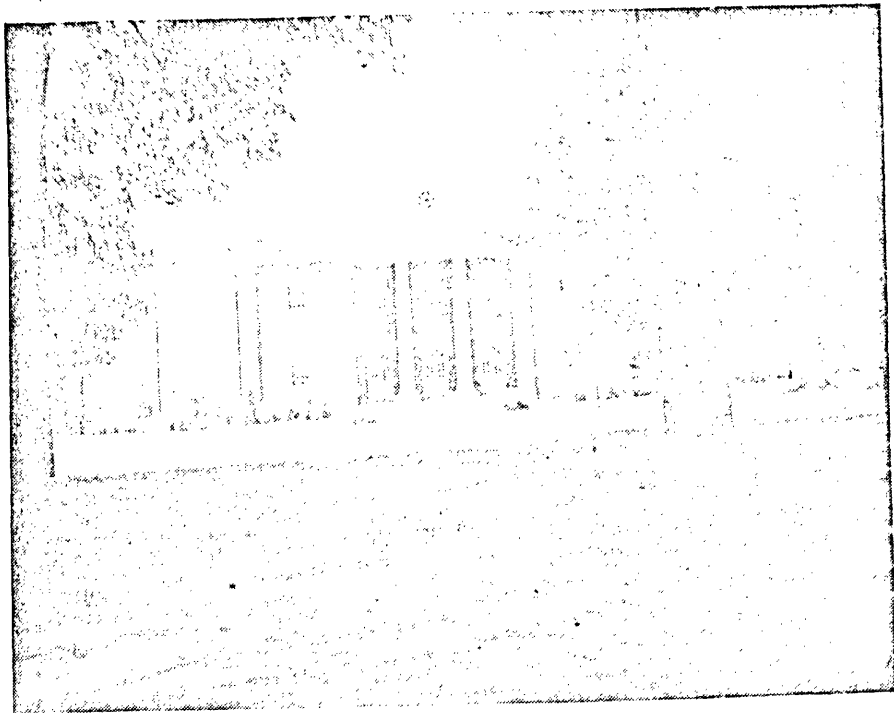
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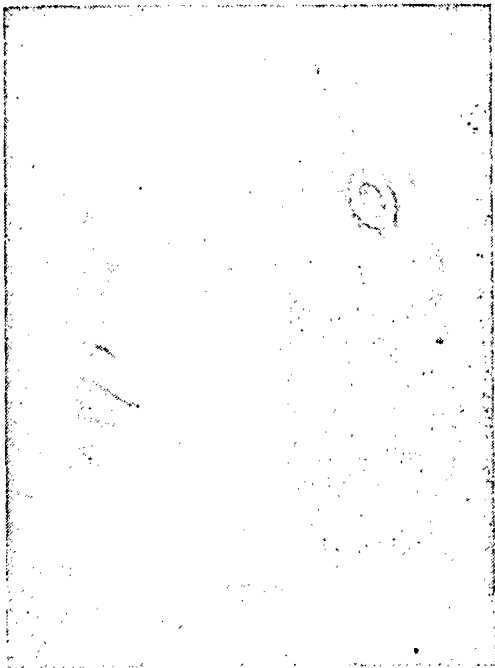
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- Mrs. Clinton Patton, Pine Bluff District
- Rev. Charles Baughman, El Dorado, Camden District
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- Mrs. Edward McLean, Pine Bluff, Conference Woman's Society Secretary of Youth
- J. Russell Henderson, Little Rock District
- Miss Dot Baber, Conference Director of Youth Work



(Methodist Information Photos)

# ly - Arkadelphia, Saturday, November 7

## PRESIDENT



Ann Rice

## ANN RICE

MISS ANN RICE, of Tillar, was elected president of the Little Rock Conference in June, 1953. She is a senior at Tillar high school, where she is president of the Student Council and a member of the girls' basketball team. She attended Girls' State the past summer as a representative of her home town and while there was chosen as one of two delegates from Arkansas to Girls' Nation in Washington, D. C. She attended the South Central Jurisdiction youth workshop at Mt. Sequoyah, served as a member of the steering committee, and was chosen secretary of the jurisdiction for the next year.

## DICK THOMPSON

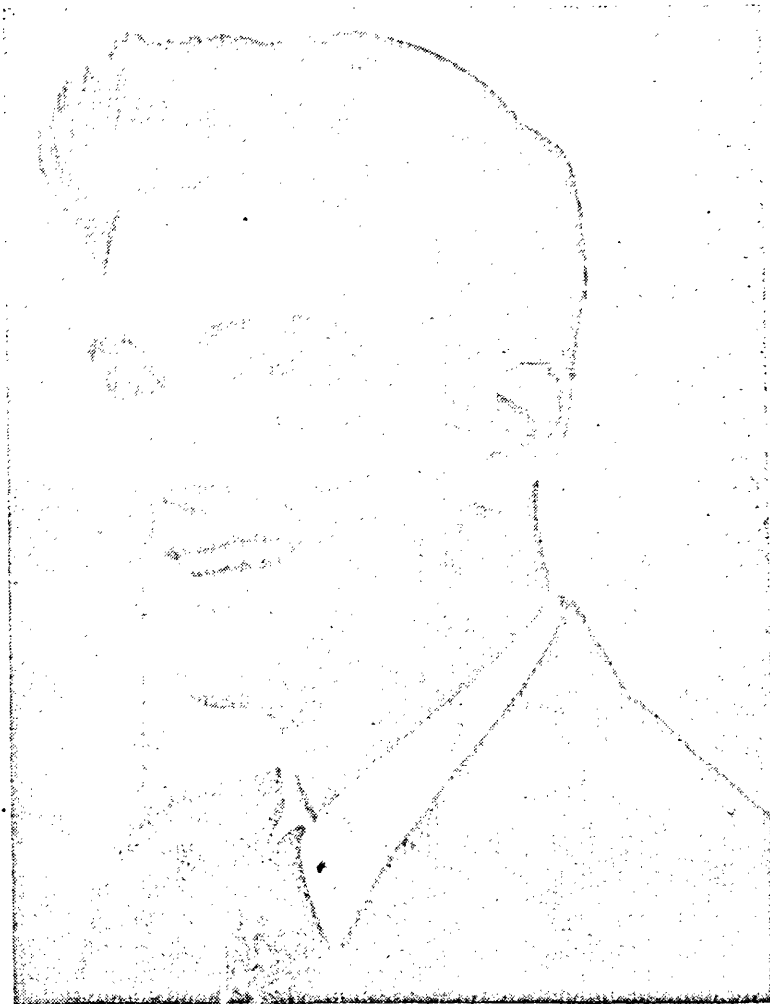
DICK THOMPSON is the newly elected president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, succeeding Jameson Jones. His home is in Springfield, Mo., and he is a senior at Southwest Missouri State College. He was president of the South Central Jurisdiction youth last year, and represented the jurisdiction at the national meeting.

## SCHEDULE

- 10:00 A. M. Invocation  
Group Singing led by Miss Hettie Lue Wilson  
Introductions by Ann Rice  
"Youth Emphasis" Message by Dick Thompson
- 11:30 A. M. Lunch at H. S. T. C. dining hall
- 1:00 P. M. Presentation of "Christian Faith"  
Presentation of "Christian Outreach"  
Methodist Youth Fund presentation by Miss Dorothy Kelley
- 2:30 P. M. Recreation led by Mrs. Edward McLean
- 3:30 P. M. Presentation of "Christian Witness"  
Conference MYF Goals
- 5:00 P. M. Supper at H. S. T. C. dining hall
- 6:30 P. M. Inspirational message by Dick Thompson
- 7:30 P. M. Dismiss

Tickets will be available for \$1.50 from your district director of youth work until October 31. Every person is urged to buy his ticket before that time, although tickets will also be available at Arkadelphia. The ticket will include the cost of the two meals to be served at the dining hall at Henderson State Teachers College.

## YOUTH EMPHASIS SPEAKER



Dick Thompson



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## AUTUMN TIME IS HERE

By Margaret G. Wilson

**A**UTUMN TIME is here and the woods is a busy happy, gay place at this time of year. The trees are dressed in their best leaves of red, gold, brown and yellow. They dance about in the air as they leave their tree homes before they fall to the ground to make a rustly, soft bright carpet for the forest floor.

Horse-chestnuts, hickory nuts and beech nuts fall with a plop to the ground. Toadstools of strange sizes spring up in the most unusual places, and the whole woods smells damp and quite different from the way it did last summer.

"Autumn is here and that means winter is not far away," chattered a squirrel to his friend, Mr. Hedgehog. "It is time we had our cupboards filled with all these nuts and acorns and good things to eat."

"Nuts and acorns," said the hedgehog, looking about, "yes, there are plenty of those lying about. I have noticed how you squirrels have filled your nests in the tree so full that now you are hiding the nuts in little holes in the ground. You may have them all. I don't like such things to eat. In fact, I don't eat in the winter unless a very bright sunny day comes along, and then I get out and get a fresh worm or bug or beetle. As for me, I like to make my bed soft and warm for winter. That was what I was doing when you stopped me just now. I found a fine big wasps' nest down on the bank that I have cleaned out, because the wasps are gone. Now I am lining it with moss and leaves so it will be cozy and warm. I just don't see how you stand such a drafty, cold home as you have up there in that hole in the tree. No, I can curl up and sleep throughout the cold, stormy winter days."

"Oh well," answered Mr. Squirrel, "I couldn't live without eating. I just couldn't, and I'd better get busy, too, or else I shall be hungry before the warm spring days come around again." So the two friends went on their way, quite sure their method of preparing for winter was the very best way.

The old bat had been listening silently to these two forest friends. He thought to himself "I guess I hardly know when I'm well off because I have nothing to do, and I do like to take things easy. When it begins to get really cold, why I'll just creep up under that old farmhouse roof on the other side of the woods. There I'll hang-cozy and dry. No bedding on blankets for me. My own wings make the softest, warmest blanket I know anything about. There I'll stay and sleep unless, of course, there comes a warm spell and I waken and feel hungry. But then there are always things about the farm that I can find to eat whether it is winter or summer."

Although Mr. Bat thought he was talking to himself he really wasn't, because some little mice heard him and one answered, "That's exactly what I say. Why all this fuss about getting ready for winter? I certainly don't fuss. Not me! I just go into the hayloft in the barn. There I have

a nice warm bed and plenty of food all around me, and lots of space to run and play and hide."

"Not for me, thank you," squeaked the second little mouse. "How about throwing you down to the horses or cows when the farmer tosses them their dinner of hay? Even if the horses and cows won't bother you there is always that green-eyed cat that lives in the barn and runs after you ready to gobble you up for his dinner. No thank you, I will never make my home in the barn. I'd feel much safer and happier in my cozy home in a hole in the ground. The woods have plenty of moss, so already I have my home cozy with plenty of moss and leaves and I have my cupboard almost full of nuts, grains and seeds that are lying all over the ground."

So all through the autumn the woodland folk are preparing for the long, cold winter that will soon be here. Some will not awaken until next spring. Some will wake up just long enough to get a good meal and then curl up and go to sleep again, and some will rouse up and go out on a warm, sunny, winter day in search of fresh food, and will return and sleep again for perhaps many days or weeks. But we get up every day and eat our break-

## INDEPENDENT PUSSY

By John H. Spicer

Kipling knew his cats. His phrase about the cat that walks alone just hits the nail on the head as far as pussy's character is concerned. Though cats have been living with men for thousands of years, pussy still goes her own independent way, lives her own life and follows her own pleasures. This is partly due to the natural wildness of cats. The wild cat has the reputation of being one of the most untamable of all animals and the statement is often made that the modern house cat is never more than half domesticated. Certainly a cat can revert to the wild very easily and many a farm cat does so from choice.

However an animal as self-reliant as pussy can well afford to be independent. A cat is a clever hunter who knows perfectly well that it can make its own way in the world if necessary. No animal is more capable of looking out for itself and in this respect a cat is far ahead of

fast, dinner and supper, and go to bed every night, whether it is summer or winter.

So each one in God's wonderful world eats, sleeps and lives as God intended he should. It really is a wonderful world, isn't it? — The United Church Observer

any dog. This self-reliant attitude appears very early in life. One cat lover has illustrated it by describing how a human baby, a puppy and a kitten will each behave when badly frightened. The baby will scream for its mother, the puppy rolls over on its back and whimpers for you not to hurt it, but the kitten fluffs out its tail, arches its back and prepares to defend its nine tiny lives with every tooth and claw it has.

This independent spirit makes it impossible to train an adult cat to do tricks for our amusement as dogs often are. Not but what they are bright enough to learn tricks. Some of them acquire some pretty clever ones, but they use them only when it suits their own pleasure and convenience and not yours. A performance such as trained dogs put on seems silly and childish to an intelligent, grown-up cat. You don't jump through a hoop to amuse the cat, so why should he do it for you? After all, the cat thinks he is as good as you are.

That, too, is why a cat's respect and affection must be earned. It is said that any drunkard or scoundrel can hold a dog's affection, in spite of neglect or abuse. No doubt this unquestioning devotion may be very flattering to our human vanity, but the cat would probably say that the dog wasn't quite right in its head. A neglected or mistreated cat soon learns to shift for itself or goes elsewhere.

Yet for all its independence, a cat is affectionate enough toward anyone who has won its trust and friendship. Certainly there is no lack of affection in the welcome the cat gives to its master or a favorite member of the family who has been away even for a few days. Try moving a cat to a new home among strangers and very often it will find its way across miles of strange country to get back with its friends again. After such a journey the delighted way in which a cat greets its human friends is pathetic to watch. There is no doubt about pussy being glad to see them.—Our Dumb Animals

## JUST FOR FUN

A man walked out of a hall where a speaker was addressing a meeting. Someone in the corridor asked if the speaker had finished his speech. "Yes," was the reply, "but he hasn't stopped talking."—Watchman-Examiner

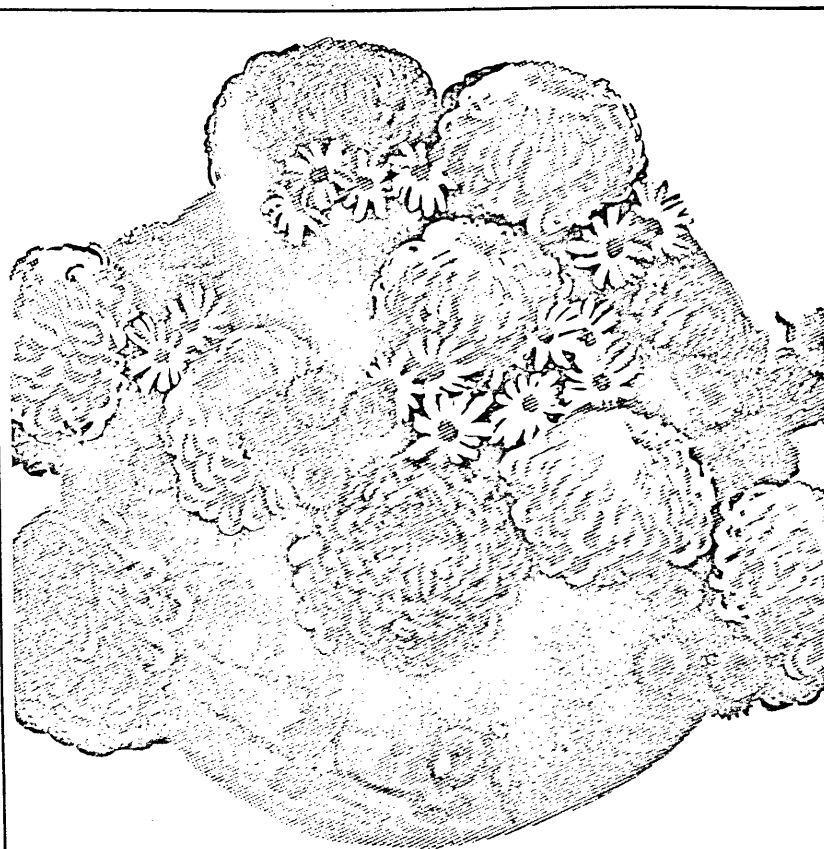
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On the first day a new dentist set up in the town, a man with a swollen face hurried up the steps and rang the bell.

The dentist's wife opened the door. "You want to see the dentist?" she asked. "Well, could you possibly come back tomorrow morning early?"

The patient groaned, "But my tooth . . ."

"Oh, please do," interrupted the wife. "You see, you're his very first patient, and I'd like you to be a surprise for him tomorrow as it's his birthday."—Farmer's Weekly, So. Africa



## AUTUMN

*When Autumn comes and all its glowing colors  
Show in the trees and flowers everywhere,  
And crisp, cool days are filled with joyous duties  
My heart lifts up to God in silent prayer.*

*I thank Him for the world so filled with wonder,  
And for His gifts to all His children here.  
I thank Him then for sending Autumn to us,  
The fairest time to me of all the year.—A.E.W.*

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## CHILDREN'S LEADERS MEET

The Ruston District Children's Workers were privileged recently to attend joint meetings conducted by Mrs. R. C. Harper, District Woman's Society of Christian Service Secretary of Children's Work.

Two meetings were held in the district: one in Ruston, October 13, and the other in Minden, October 15.

New literature for the Church School was presented at each of the meetings. Special emphasis was given to additional sessions and approved materials. Other matters of importance were discussed.

Each of the directors felt that much was accomplished, and that her phase of the work was better promoted by having held these joint meetings.—Mrs. R. C. Harper.

## FALL MEETING OF FORT SMITH GUILD

"The Christian And Her Daily Work" was the theme for the program used by the Fort Smith District of Wesleyan Service Guilds at its fall meeting which was held at the Methodist Church in Charleston, Arkansas, Tuesday evening, October 13th.

At the first session, which was held in the dining room of the Church, Reverend O. D. Peters, Pastor of the Church gave the invocation and dinner was served to the 132 members attending. Mrs. Marguerite Nance, District Guild Secretary, introduced the guests, the district officers and heard reports from local Guild Presidents. The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the District Guild Recording Secretary, Mrs. Clifford Gilstrap. The Treasurer's report was read by the District Guild Treasurer, Mrs. Warren Blaylock. Upon completion of Guild business, Mrs. Violetta Wakefield, District Guild Chairman of Spiritual Life, gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned to the Sanctuary for its second session.

In the Sanctuary, Miss Marjorie Brown, President of the Charleston Guild, welcomed the group. The Devotional was by Mrs. Charles Wyatt, Grand Avenue Guild, Fort Smith. Special Music was furnished by Mrs. Neal Ford, Organist, Charleston Guild. Mrs. Gerald Fisher, Guild Four, First Church, Fort Smith, sang "A Stranger of Galilee," accompanied by Mrs. Neal Ford, Organist.

The Inspirational Speaker of the evening, Miss Mary Chaffin, Deaconess, North Arkansas Conference, addressed the group using the theme that had been chosen for the Guild program. Miss Chaffin not only stressed the urgent need for full-time Christian workers throughout the Methodist Church but emphasized that we, as Christian Business and Professional Women, were in positions to influence many types of people, with whom we were associated, during our daily work.

The meeting was closed with the Guild Benediction. — Mrs. Clifford Gilstrap.

A wise man and good friend once said to me: "If you want to live happily and effectively, you've got to be a participant, not a spectator." —American Magazine.

## I THANK THEE, LORD

By Robert Davis

*I thank Thee, Lord, for strength of arm  
To win my bread,  
And that beyond my need is meat  
For friend unfed.  
I thank Thee much for bread to live,  
I thank Thee more for bread to give.*

*I thank Thee, Lord, for snug-thatched roof  
In cold and storm,  
And that beyond my need is room  
For friend forlorn.  
I thank Thee much for place to rest,  
But more for shelter for my guest.*

*I thank Thee, Lord, for lavish love  
On me bestowed.  
Enough to share with loveless folk  
To ease their load.  
Thy love to me I ill would spare,  
Yet dearer is Thy love I share.*

—"The Outlook"

## JACKSONVILLE SOCIETY ENTERTAINS GUILD

Members of the W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Arkansas entertained the Wesleyan Service Guild, October 7, at the Methodist Church at 6:30 p. m. with a dinner. This was done in recognition of "Guild Month." The committee in charge of the dinner and decorations were as follows: Mrs. Agnes Wilson, Mrs. Sy Bond, and Mrs. Betty Hibbs. The table was beautifully decorated with a large center piece of Cushion Mums and fall flowers with a candle on either side.

Immediately after dinner the entire group assembled in the Sanctuary of the Church and the program chairman of the Guild, Mrs. Jen Ellis presented a most inspirational program using the "Quadrennial Theme and Emphasis" of the Organized Women Group of the Methodist Churches. Brother Harold Spence gave the devotional, followed by the dimming of lights and one spot light shown on a large white cross. Soft music was furnished by the Church Organist, Mrs. Melba Rice, during the remainder of the program. The spotlight was then turned on Mrs. Clara Jane Spain, dressed as Jesus, followed by two Disciples, Peter, played by Mrs. Joyce Murray, and Matthew played by Mrs. Noma Straus. This was done in Pantomime, the voices coming from another room, narrated by Mrs. A. F. Crowell, and Mrs. Ruth Bounds. The family prayer at the altar was played by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blankenship and son. After the prayer was given by Mrs. Crowell, the narrator, the invitation was then extended to the members to come to the altar and pray. The lights were then turned on and each group had their short business meeting.—Mrs. O. T. Nethercutt.

## WESLEYAN GUILD HAS PICNIC

Wesleyan Service Guild of Gardner Memorial Church, entertained their families with a picnic supper at Aldersgate, Saturday, September 12.

## MEETING OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at Morrilton, November 3 and 4. The meeting will begin at 3:00 o'clock, Tuesday the 3rd.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Springdale, will preside at the meeting, and announces that committee meetings will precede the meeting of the Executive Committee. Rev. H. J. Couchman is the host pastor.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Twenty-two members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, met October 6, for a luncheon at the church, with circle number two acting as hostess. A devotional and business meeting followed. Mrs. Edwin Buckalew, president, had charge of the business session and Mrs. J. H. Hoggard was devotional leader, using as her subject, "Scatter Good Seeds." Mrs. O. W. Bohannon, Mrs. Cooper Taylor and Mrs. George Crofton gave talks on the same subject.—Mrs. Fay Williams.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Washington Avenue Methodist Church, North Little Rock, observed the United Nation's 8th birthday Monday with a program which included Mrs. O. R. Garthwaite of Sylvan Hills and Mrs. Glenn Woodruff, who has recently returned from a 3½ months world tour. Mrs. Ray Biles, Secretary of Christian Social Relations of the host society planned the program and the ladies of the other North Little Rock Methodist churches were invited.

Forty-five persons enjoyed the fellowship.

The evening devotional was given by Mrs. Homer Taylor; solo by Mrs. E. A. Frost, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Bridenthal. Mr. Mike Willis, the director at Aldersgate, gave an interesting history of Aldersgate.

## MARY MITCHELL MARRIES IN KOREA



MARY MITCHELL

Miss Mary Mitchell, missionary from Conway, Arkansas married Ernest Raber, of Sugar Creek, Ohio, at the Po-Su Methodist Church in Pusan, Korea on October 7. Dr. William Shaw, of the Methodist Mission in Seoul, performed the double-ring ceremony. Nuptial music was furnished by Miss Francis Fulton of Ewha College.

The bride was given in marriage by Stanton R. Wilson, a class mate at Yale; her bridesmaids were Miss Peggy Billings of McComb, Mississippi and Miss Kathleen Crane of Webb City, Missouri. Dale Weaver of Taeju, Korea, served Mr. Raber as best man.

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the Methodist Mission Home of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Assisting were Miss Kate Cooper, Miss Mollie Townsend and Miss Euline Weems.

Mrs. Raber is a graduate of Hendrix College and Scarritt College. She has done work at Yale University, where she studied Oriental languages. Before going to Korea, she served as a missionary in China.

Mr. Raber is graduate of Ohio State University, and is now with the Menonite Central Committee, a relief organization, with headquarters in Pusan. The couple will reside at Pusan, and Mary will continue working as a missionary in Korea.

ches were invited.

About 35 attended and enjoyed pot luck following the program. Tables were decorated in United Nations colors of blue and white. Small baskets of raw cotton tied with blue ribbon adorned the tables, and two tiny bouquets of white chrysanthemums flanked the birthday cake bearing the United Nations flag.

Learn about love from children! Children daily take a hundred indignities and insults from us: the interruptions of play, the sharp word, the sharper slap, and yet they still forgive with open hearts and open arms when we show readiness for reconciliation. — Mary B. H. Wollner, "State of the Family," Today's Health, 10-'53

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## SINCE CONFERENCE AT LAKESIDE METHODIST CHURCH

Soon after Conference Lakeside began its new activities with a lovely reception, given by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, honoring our new pastor Rev. John M. McCormack, and his family.

In July we were grateful for the privilege of having with us Rev. and Mrs. Lester Finley, Missionaries to India, and to have them share with us their many experiences.

The new Chapel in our Educational Building was completed in July and was first used for services by our youth during "Youth Activities Week," July 26-31. In this week the youth met each evening for study in the two classes: "The New Testament in the Life of Today," taught by Rev. R. H. Cannon, and "Narcotics and Ourselves," taught by Rev. John M. McCormack. Each evening was closed by a period of Worship and Devotion in the new Chapel. The services were led by the youth and

each evening a youth served as organist. The closing service on the final evening of our "Youth Activities Week" was a service of Holy Communion and Dedication.

Our Evening Worship Services for the month of August were held in our Chapel with youth serving as ushers and at the organ each Sunday evening. On August 23rd the service was led entirely by youth.

The Lakeside Men's Organization met September 17th for their first fall meeting. This Church felt honored that the Men's Organization was able to secure Senator J. W. Fulbright as their speaker for the occasion. So many people had expressed a desire to hear Senator Fulbright that the meeting was adjourned to the Sanctuary, where the public was invited to join the group for the speech. The next meeting will be October 22nd at which time Dr. O. L. Hargis, Pastor of First Christian Church in Jonesboro will

## RELIGION AND LIFE WEEK, HENDRIX COLLEGE

The annual Religion and Life Week at Hendrix College concluded October 22. Dr. Marshall T. Steel of Dallas, Texas, was the featured

be the speaker.

Our pastor spent the week of October 12-17 in Washington, D. C. where he attended the National meeting of the Board of Temperance.

Lakeside was very fortunate in having Governor Francis Cherry as our speaker for the Morning Service on October 18, Layman's Day. Mrs. Cherry was guest soloist for the service and the family were guest in the parsonage at noon. Bro. McCormack and family lived neighbors to the Cherry family in Jonesboro and were happy for this opportunity of fellowship once again.

The week of October 25-30 will be our Spiritual Life Mission. We hope for enriched blessings from this experience. — Annette Wood, Reporter

speaker. Dr. Steel, a former Arkansas and Hendrix graduate, has been pastor for 17 years, of the Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, the second largest church in Methodism.

Dr. Steel first spoke at Hendrix Monday night, October 19, in the Chapel. He spoke every night through Thursday. Dr. Steel also spoke on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 o'clock in the Auditorium.

Throughout the course of the week, counseling periods were held daily by Dr. Steel for the students who are going into the ministry or wished to talk to him.

Also, an informal coffee hour was held in Hulen Lounge Tuesday after the morning Chapel for the faculty and Dr. Steel. Thursday after Chapel a coke party was given for the students and Dr. Steel.

During his stay, Dr. Steel stayed in Martin Hall, the Men's dormitory. Each night of Religion and Life Week, the various dormitories on the campus held devotional periods. Outside leaders were asked to speak at these devotional services.

On the Tuesday and Thursday morning session the Hendrix Chapel Choir sang. For the night sessions vocal solos were furnished by students. The students who sang include Margaret Berry of El Dorado; Beth Rhiddlehoover of Hot Springs; Marilyn Chambers of Fort Smith and Beth Bridges of Hope.

For the morning services V. Earle Copes, music instructor, and Dobbs Franks, senior, played the organ. Organ music for the night services was furnished by L. M. Phillips of North Little Rock; Helen Hughes of Nashville, Ark.; David Young of Morrilton; and Patsy Bleidt of

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## Opening Of New Parsonage And Homecoming On Roe Circuit

Roe Circuit is composed of four churches: Roe, Ulm, Shiloh and Hunter's Chapel. Hunter's Chapel was named for Dr. Andrew Hunter, who was pastor there many years ago.

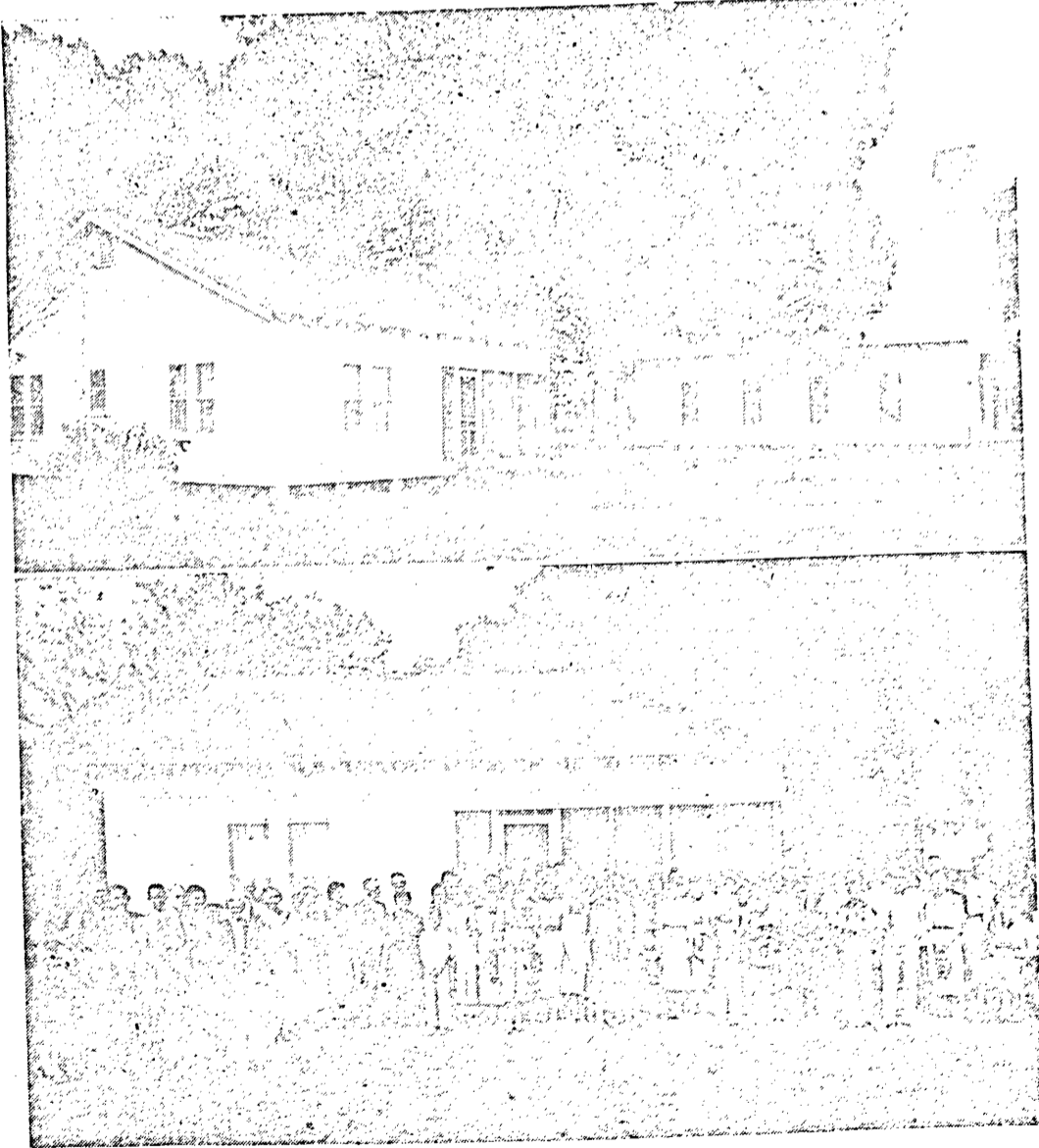
Rev. W. C. Lewis, the present pastor, came here from Mena at the Annual Conference of 1952. Having built a parsonage at Hermitage, Hampton, Doddridge, Horatio and Mena, on finding a badly dilapidated parsonage here, began soon to talk about the building of a new parsonage. The people responded with much interest and in April of 1953 a contract was let for the building of a beautiful, completely modern parsonage at a cost of about \$6,000.00. The building was completed without debt by the time of the meeting of the Annual Conference in June.

The four churches of the circuit met at Roe, October 18th, to celebrate the opening of the new parsonage. It was also Homecoming Day for members and former members of Roe Methodist Church. Each church of the circuit was well represented. A wonderful "dinner on the ground" was served in a nearby grove at the noon hour, members of each church of the circuit bringing basket lunches. People

were present from all over this section.

We had a great Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock. Dr. Arthur Terry, our District Superintendent, preached a helpful, impressive sermon at the 11:00 o'clock hour and held our Quarterly Conference at 2:00 p. m.

Our pastor, Brother Lewis was married, June 7th, to Mrs. Ruth Timberlake, a retired school teacher. They moved into the new parsonage on June 8th. Hundreds visited the new parsonage on Homecoming Day, October 18th.—Reporter.



### EVANGELISTS

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## EVANGELISM IN NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE AND THE BATESVILLE DISTRICT

During October the cause of Evangelism has been given great emphasis over the conference. Visitation teams, under the overall direction of the conference Board of Evangelism headed by Paul Bumpers, led hundreds of people to Christ. The week closed with district rallies.

During the week just closing the Batesville District in cooperation with the Town and Country Commission, has had an unusual campaign, with more than fifty pastors from over the conference preaching in as many churches. The work has been done largely on a charge group basis. The pastors have met in these groups for fellowship and planning. Each church has been responsible for entertainment and expense of visiting pastors. Every man worked with the knowledge that it was to be a love offering of himself in the service of the Lord. The spirit that led these men to do this service will bring to them an abiding reward.

In addition to those reached for Christ and His Church, as new members, the results in spiritual uplift, were worth all the effort. In the first place the churches co-operates in an all out effort in a conference program to reach, not only one church on a charge but to reach all of them. While this goal was not reached completely, there was indeed a great endeavor to reach it, which carried us far on the road. After this splendid beginning it may well be our aim that, once each year, at least one district, where there are many open country churches, may have the privilege of such an effort.

Another splendid contribution of this week of services was the enlisting of laymen on circuits to assume responsibility of directing the services in the absence of the pastor, thus allowing him the privilege of visiting all of the revivals

in the churches of his charge. Our laymen always respond well when a challenge is given.

The fact that the drouth has been severe in this section gave some a feeling that it might hurt the attendance. That did not prove to be correct. Reports indicated a splendid attendance and interest. The spiritual uplift was greatly needed at this time and brought real help to our people. The gospel has the hope and inspiration needed for difficult times.

It was the writer's privilege to preach at Calico Rock this week. Rev. Wesley Grisham is the pastor of these people. He serves at Calico Rock, Iuka, Wideman, Spring Creek, and Flat Rock. At one time these churches made up two charges. Now one pastor serves the entire field. It is a great responsibility. Brother Grisham is doing a fine job. His people love him. Not only does he preach, but he visits among them. For this week he had a fine group of helpers. Rev. L. L. Langston was at Spring Creek, Rev. Waymon Keel at Wideman, Rev. Ray Burrows at Iuka. All were enthusiastic in their work and had wonderful response. The fellowship in the group meetings for consultation and prayer was inspiring. It was truly good to be in this great revival.

Rev. R. E. Connell, the district superintendent, and his pastors and people are to be commended for the wonderful cooperation and hospitality manifested. Where such a great group of people will co-operate in an enterprise, much and lasting good results.

The writer can say for himself and for all the pastors who helped, "Thanks for a wonderful week." He is certain that he can say for Brother Connell and the pastors and people of the Batesville District "Thanks for coming our way."—J. Albert Gatlin.

## FIRST CHURCH MAGNOLIA LAUNCHES STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL

The First Methodist Church of Magnolia has launched a Stewardship Revival designed to raise pledges payable over a three year period of \$125,000 with which to erect a new Educational Building. The campaign will, in addition, also include the pledging of the operating budget of \$38,851. This program will be under the direction of J. Edwin Keith, Conference Director of Stewardship and will be virtually an education program. The campaign will seek to:

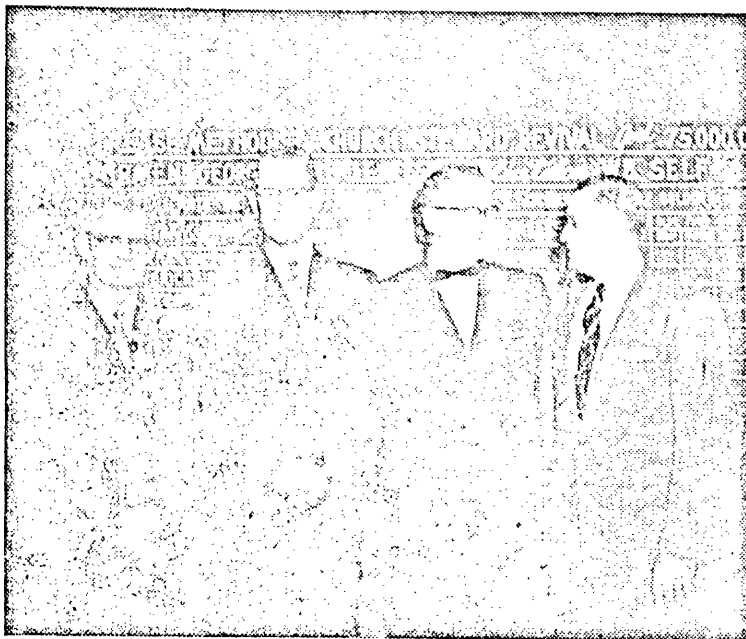
1. Give the maximum number of persons something to do.
2. Educate the entire membership on generous giving.
3. Secure a pledge from every member.

The Steering Committee is composed of: W. E. Williamson; F. T.

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Sunday evening the Committee on Organization met and elected Glen Martel associate chairman in charge of Mechanics, Mrs. Wilborn Smith associate chairman in charge of Women's Work, W. E. Williamson associate chairman in charge of Education, and W. A. Eckert associate chairman in charge of Solicitations. This committee will work in about 20 sub-committees involving approximately 200 persons. These committees are being formed and will begin work soon.

## VANTREASE STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL



Among the leaders at the kick-off dinner for Vantrease Church's stewardship campaign were, left to right, the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, Little Rock conference director of stewardship; George Rea, general campaign chairman for the local church; the Rev. John McCormack of Pine Bluff, speaker at the dinner; and the Rev. Fred Schwendimann, pastor of Vantrease. The dinner launching the stewardship revival in connection with the church's new educational building was held Wednesday, October 21, at Garrett Hotel in El Dorado.

## METHODIST MEN RADIO HOUR SERVES EIGHT STATES

THE Methodist Men's Hour radio program has entered its second year with 75 stations in 8 states carrying the weekly broadcast.

The series, started in 1952, is sponsored by the South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. It will consist of 35 twenty-nine and a half minute weekly programs, featuring a 15-minute sermon by Dr. Marshall T. Steel, pastor of the Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas; choir music and scripture readings.

Dr. Federal Lee Whittlesey, a re-organized leader in the field of religious music, is conductor of the Methodist Men's Hour choir and orchestra.

Producer of the series is Dr. Thomas March, who has more than 20 years' experience in religious developments in the field of recording from its start, and has conducted extensive laboratory experiments with various types of recordings.

As part of his work with the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dr. Marsh teaches a course in religious radio production.

Dr. Steel, pastor of the Highland Park Methodist Church since 1936, has gained wide recognition through his sermons on the Methodist Men's Hour programs.

Bishop William C. Martin, of the Dallas, Fort Worth area, has said of the series:

"I can think of no more practical way by which laymen can help secure a fuller understanding of some

## RELIGION AND LIFE WEEK, HENDRIX COLLEGE

(Continued from page 12)  
North Little Rock.

Dr. Steel ate the noon and evening meals with various campus organizations, such as the Blue Key, Cardinal Key, the student Senate, the Hendrix Christian Association Council, Booster Club, H-Club and Pre-Theologs.—Reporter



DR. MARSHALL T. STEEL

of the basic elements of the Christian way of life than by promoting a wide hearing of this program in their respective communities."

Methodist leaders expressed elation over the success of the first series, which received enthusiastic support among the more than a half-million Methodist laymen. Many of the 800 Men's Clubs in the Jurisdictional Area waged promotional programs on behalf of the project.

Charles A. Stuck, Jonesboro, (Ark.) layman is serving on the Methodist Men's Hour Advisory Board.

The program will be carried by the following radio stations in Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma:

Arkansas: Batesville, KBTA; Dermott, KVSA, El Dorado, KELD; Fayetteville, KGRH; Jonesboro, KB-TM; Little Rock, KLRA; Malvern, KDAS; Paragould, KDRS; Russellville, KXRJ.

Louisiana: Baton Rouge, WJBO; Bogalusa, WIKC; Jennings, JKEF; Lafayette, KVOL; Lake Charles, K-PLC; Minden, KAPK; Monroe, KM-LB; New Iberia, KVIM.

# METHODIST YOUTH

Georgia Daily, Editor

## STUDENT WORKSHOP SLATED AT ALDERSGATE CAMP

The names of students and student workers who will attend a week-end workshop at Aldersgate Camp in Little Rock October 30-31 were announced this week by Miss Dot Baber, Little Rock Conference youth director.

Six state colleges will be represented at the workshop, at which student-church relations will be discussed with a view toward improving Wesley Foundation and other student work.

Invited to attend are the following:

Vertis Ingram and Horace Brinkley, Arkansas State Teachers, Conway.

Mary Sue Smith and George Tanner, Hendrix College, Conway.

Billie Katherine Kight and James Constable, A. and M., Monticello.

Tommy McKinnon and Wanda Benson, Southern State, Magnolia.

Minnie Y. Glenn and Roland Atkins, Philander Smith, Little Rock.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will be represented by youth and student workers, and pastors of the churches in the college towns are expected to attend.

A. M. and N. College at Pine Bluff will send representatives, but their names have not been announced.

Student workers will include Mrs. James K. Wells of Monticello, Miss Lou Dean Graham of Magnolia, Miss Helen Martin of Magnolia, and Mrs. Sherrod and Miss Carolyn Ricketts of Arkadelphia.

The conference Board of Education, joint sponsor of the workshop with the Woman's Society, will be represented by Miss Dot Baber and the Rev. Roy E. Fawcett.

The Rev. Jack Winegeart, director of Wesley Foundation at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, will be the discussion leader for the sessions. Also on the two day program will be Mrs. Edward McLean of Pine Bluff, who will lead recreation; Mrs. Mike Willis, hostess at Aldersgate, who will review the workshop held last Spring; and Miss Dorothy Kelley, Hope district worker, who will lead the worship.

### THREE MYF's JOIN FOR HAYRIDE

More than 45 members of three Methodist Youth Fellowships and their counselors met at the old Bluff Creek Camp Grounds in the Baton Rouge District Saturday, October 17, for a hayride and a hamburger fry. Young people from Pine Grove, Pipkin's Chapel, and Bluff Creek Methodist Churches met at the Camp Grounds just before dark and enjoyed an hour's moonlight ride in a hay wagon while counselors supervised Operation Hamburger Fry.

### GROUP RAISES FUNDS WITH CHILI SUPPER

The MYF of Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, sponsored a chili supper to raise money for the MYFund, according to a report by Janett Colvert, MYF reporter.

The young people of the church also participated in the Spiritual Life Mission held in the New Orleans District in October.

## LISBON YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL EVENTS

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Lisbon, La., observed a "Youth Activities Week" August 24-28. An average of 42 seniors and intermediates attended the meeting, which was under the direction of Mrs. Dallas Mount, youth counselor. The study courses were led by Rev. Henry Blount, Dubach, and the Rev. W. V. Sirmon, Gibsland, the Rev. B. P. Durbin, pastor, assisted in the program. The meeting consisted of handicrafts; a supper, served by the ladies of the church; group singing; classes; recreation; and worship.

The Lisbon MYF also was host to the MYF Sub-district Monday, September 28. The worship service was conducted by the MYF under the leadership of Mrs. Mount. A business meeting, recreation and refreshments followed the service. One-hundred-seventy-five youth attended the meeting.

## SUB-DISTRICTS

### Central

The Central Sub-district met Sunday, October 11, at Botkinburg with the secretary, Donna Alumbaugh, presiding.

The next meeting will be held at Clinton at 2:30 p. m. November 8.

### Ricebelt

Almyra MYF had charge of a program on Christian Witness at the meeting of the Ricebelt Senior Sub-district October 12 at DeWitt. George Schisler, a student at Hendrix College whose home is in Brazil, gave a talk and illustrated it with slides on Brazil and on the summer camps he attended in Arkansas.

Mrs. Kathryn Roth discussed the conference youth rally which will be held at Henderson State Teachers College November 7.

The centennial observance being held in DeWitt was the theme of the recreation period directed by the host church.

Fifty-two young people and adults representing four churches attended the meeting.

### Tri-Parish

The Sicily Island MYF presented the worship program at the October meeting of the Tri-Parish Sub-district at the lakeside home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Peck III. The Rev. J. J. Davis, pastor at Sicily Island, assisted the young people.

Jonesville, Ferriday and Waterproof were represented at the meeting.

The next meeting will be at Jonesville November 9.

The little girl expects no declaration of tenderness from her doll. She loves it, and that's all. It is thus that we should love.—De Gourmont, Fortune Magazine.

## 50 SOUGHT FOR A-3 PROGRAM

Fifty young men and women will go to Africa in 1954 for three years of service under sponsorship of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

Applications are being considered for candidates who will take six weeks of intensive training beginning June 26, 1954. They will begin sailing for Africa in August. Candidates must be unmarried, between the ages of 21 and 28, graduates of accredited colleges, and active members of the church. Their health should be good. They should have an above-average record in scholarship and practical achievement. A knowledge of French, Spanish, or Portuguese will be helpful, but not necessary.

Salary on the field will be approximately \$1,200 per year. In addition, there will be provision for housing, medical care, and sharing in the pension plan of the Board. Travel expenses will be paid to and from the field.

Persons interested in applying should write to Miss J. Marguerite Twinem or Dr. M. O. Williams, Jr., Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

## IT'S A DATE

October 30-31—Student Workshop (Aldersgate Camp)  
November 7—Little Rock Conference Youth Rally (Arkadelphia)  
November 11-15—Christian Education Conference (Cincinnati)  
November 27-28—North Arkansas Youth Council (Hendrix College)

## PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

A two-page spread in this issue of the **Arkansas Methodist** may be used as a poster or other promotional material to publicize the Youth Emphasis Rally to be held at Arkadelphia Saturday, November 7. More than 1,000 young people and their adult advisors are expected to attend the rally.

It is twice as hard to crush a half truth as a whole lie.—Austin O'Malley, quoted in Forbes.

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## THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By HOOVER RUPERT

It is probably difficult for today's crop of Christian youth fully to appreciate what a blessing the opportunity for short-term missionary service can be. Only in the past half-dozen years has there been a chance for dedicated, trained youth to share in three-year missionary service. As one who has long felt such a program to be a recruiting ground for lifetime missionary candidates as well as a program of great intrinsic service worth, I have been greatly gratified with the results of the three-year program. The J-3's who pioneered this effort in service in Japan convinced even the most skeptical that this was a forward step in the program of missionary service. Then the I-3's went to India, the LA-3's to South America, and now the US-2's who have gone into Mission stations within our domestic church scene for two years of service.

This year the call comes from our Board of Missions for A-3's—"Fellowship of Christian Service to Africa." Fifty young men and young women are being recruited to serve a period of three years beginning in the Fall of 1954. Enlistment in this project is open until June. Then the group will receive six-weeks intensive training for their particular tasks during July and August.

The call has gone out especially for teachers, religious educators, nurses, agriculturists, workers with youth, technicians, builders, printers, secretaries, well-drillers, hospital administrators, children's workers, and those qualified to teach music, manual arts, commercial subjects, sports and recreation. This is a far-cry from the traditional concept of the missionary as one trained strictly in the preaching, teaching, or healing ministry. Hardly a worthy vocation but whose contribution can be used in the mission field!

Applicants should be from 21-28

years of age, college graduates (by next June), active members of the church (not necessarily Methodist) with good health and good scholarship. They must be unmarried. Some knowledge of Spanish, French or Portuguese will be helpful in some of the countries. Salary on the mission field will be on the regular missionary basis, which for a single person in Africa is approximately \$1,200 per year. In addition there will be provision for housing, medical care, and pension. Travel expenses will be paid to and from the field of service.

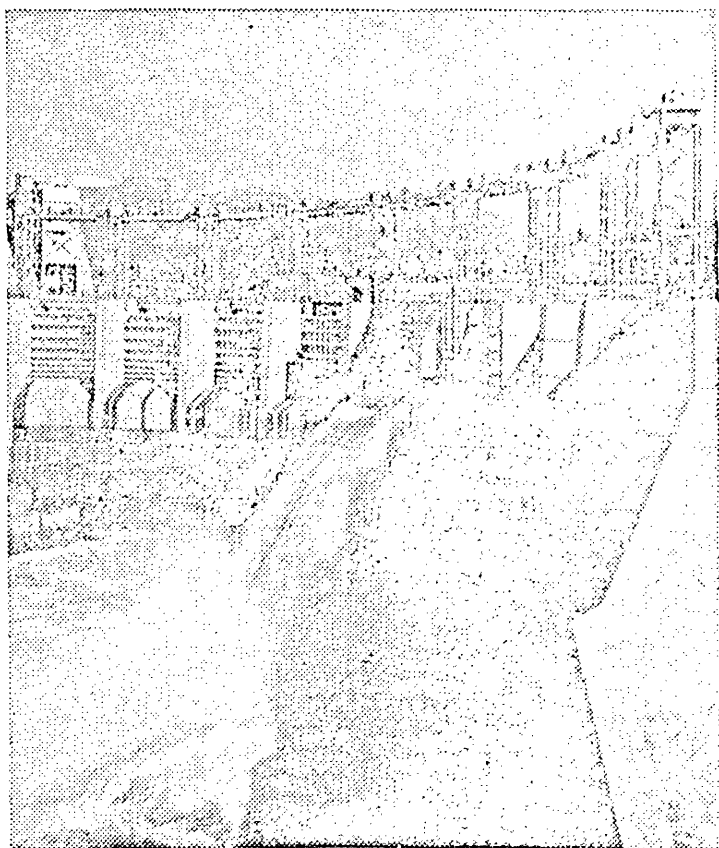
If you are interested and think you might qualify, I suggest you write Dr. M. O. Williams (for young men) or Miss J. Marguerite Twinem (for young women) at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York (11) N. Y. All applicants must be ready to meet the hardships and difficulties of this work: enduring the tropical climate and relative isolation of most stations, living in the midst of suffering and need, and facing baffling problems. But here also is the opportunity for service in improving health, education, livelihood, family life, and community relationships with a people of great promise!

I am glad indeed that our church offers its youth the opportunities for such creative Christian service as this missionary program. Nothing we do is more promising for future peace and goodwill than this effort!

The Hymn Society of America, in consultation with the World Council of Churches, is asking hymn writers to write and submit new texts for

a hymn or hymns "suitable primarily for use in connection with the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches (Evanston, Ill., August 1954) and similar gatherings, and based on the Assembly theme, 'Christ — the Hope of the World.'" The Hymn Society will publish one or more of the best new hymns submitted, and one will probably be sung at the Assembly. All will be made available for other church assemblies and for hymn book publications. According to President Deans Edwards, of the Society, all texts should be sent to the Hymn Society of America, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., not later than December 1, 1953. The texts submitted should be written to well-

known meters found in the standard hymn books, for no new tunes are being sought at this time. An author may submit several texts.



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## WHAT RELATION HAS THE CHURCH TO THE COMMUNITY?

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 8, 1953

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Philippians 1:27-30; 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10; Revelations 3:7-22.  
Printed text: Acts 2:41-47; Philippians 2:12-18.

MEMORY SELECTION: Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Philippians 1:27)

This is the third lesson of UNIT II: "BIBLE TEACHINGS APPLIED TO WORLD PROBLEMS." The aim of the unit is "to help adults apply the principles in selected Bible teachings to various world problems."

The first lesson raised the question "How Can We Abolish the Liquor Traffic?" We learned that there are two approaches to the abolition of this evil: One is the passage of laws against the traffic and the faithful enforcement of those laws; the other approach is to so teach the rising generation as to the evils of the use of alcohol as a beverage that they will refrain from drinking it.

The second lesson raised the question, "What Is a Christian Home?" This is a very important theme. We learned that the home is the fountain source of all worthwhile living; that as the homes of America go the nation will go. The economic, social, political, school, and even the church life can never soar above the general standard of our home life.

Our theme today is also important: "What Relation Has the Church To The Community?" The three greatest character building institutions of the world are the home, the public school and the church.

### A Look At The Scriptures

All of the passages of our printed text come from the New Testament. There are three major figures of speech that describe the Church in the New Testament. First, it is spoken of as the body of Christ. It is the body of which Christ is the head and all followers of the Lord make up its members. Second, the Church is spoken of as the bride of Christ. He will finally redeem it to himself without spot, wrinkle or blemish. Third, the Church is spoken of as a building of which Christ is the chief cornerstone.

Bible scholars are agreed upon the fact that the Church had its birth on that memorable Pentecost spoken of in the second chapter of Acts. It is true that a considerable amount of Christian teaching and preaching had been done prior to this time by Christ and others and on this particular Pentecost a hundred and twenty had already become believers in the Lord, but this day marked the beginning of the reception of members into a regularly organized movement. Water baptism became the outward sign of membership in this visible organization. We are told that three thousand were added to the membership that day, and all of them were baptized.

### Four Main Activities

Our printed text mentions four things that these early followers of

the Lord were careful to do: First, "they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching." This was very important. These men had been the constant companions of the Lord during his ministry in the flesh. They knew what he had taught. Then, too, the Holy Spirit brought all of these great truths to their remembrance. Second, they continued in fellowship. Christianity consists primarily in fellowship—fellowship of the individual with fellow Christians and fellowship with God. The individual Christian is made strong by his fellowship with God and with other true Christians. The third activity of this early Church was that of "the breaking of bread." This referred to the Communion of the Lord's Supper which was looked upon as a memorial feast. The fourth activity was that of prayer. Nothing is more important than prayer. Christ often prayed. He taught his disciples to pray. They had participated in a ten days' prayer meeting just before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

We are next told that "fear came upon every soul." This was not a cringing fear. The primary meaning of this type of fear is reverence—reverence for the Lord and for the Church. These early disciples approached the throne of grace with awe, adoration, and in a worshipful attitude. Wonderful miracles were being performed by the apostles, and the people knew that this was a manifestation of the presence of God.

### Possessions In Common

We are told that these early disciples "had all things in common." We find this idea of pooling resources mentioned in only one other place in the Bible, and that is in the fourth chapter of Acts. We are told that "There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need." In noting these two passages some modern Communists contend that Christ taught the principles of their doctrine and that the disciples carried these principles out on these occasions. It is true that these early disciples did have all things in common for a brief time there in Jerusalem. But there was as much difference between what these early disciples were doing and the practice of our modern Communists as there is between day and night. In the first place these people loved Christ with all the strength of their being and it was this love that caused them to want to share with other lovers of the Lord. The Communists care nothing about Christ.

These early disciples were not forced to share their possessions. They did it voluntarily while most Communists have to be forced to share. We need to note further the fact that neither Christ nor the apostles commanded that this be done. It proved to be a failure, and the practice of it soon ceased. But even at that, it so impoverished Jerusalem Christians that years later Paul took up offerings all over the mission fields to help the poor saints at Jerusalem. The only thing that can be said in favor of this practice is the fact that it did show a great spirit of unselfishness, sacrifice and liberality on the part of these people. It was the first organized effort to try to help the poor in the membership of the early Church.

Dr. A. T. Robertson in his "Studies In the New Testament" in explaining this passage calls attention to the fact that early Church had eight outstanding qualities: Unity, instruction, fellowship, liberality, praise, prayer, gladness, and singleness of heart. These are qualities that ought to predominate in every true church.

### The Church At Philippi

Paul founded many churches but not another that was so dear to his heart as this one. His letter to this church has been called a love letter. Most of the letter is taken up with praise for these loyal people. In the passage of our lesson he gives them some wonderful advice. He insists that they work out their salvation. Paul does not mean to teach in this connection that salvation is by works. He, above all other writers in the Bible, insists that salvation is by grace through faith. He is writing here to people who have already experienced the initial step of salvation. They were babes in Christ. No one is a full grown Christian merely because he has been born again. It is in the matter of building strong Christian character where work comes in. Paul's injunction is "work out your salvation." Man works out in the activities of his everyday life what God works in. He went on to say "God is at work in you."

Paul reminded these Philippians that they were living in a crooked and perverse generation. Even in such an environment as that he would have them live innocent and blameless lives as children of God. Some one has said that "The world at its worst needs the Church at its best." The Church does not exist merely for the sake of its members. It has a responsibility in the making of a better world. The success of a church is not to be measured by the size of its membership or the grandure of its building, but rather from the moral and spiritual atmosphere that goes out from it to lift and strengthen the moral standards in the community in which it is located. The church is not a building, it is rather a group of believers in Christ who have banded themselves together to seek and save the lost, which in turn will better the moral and religious condition of the world.

Paul would have these Philippians to work without grumbling and worship without jealousy. He wanted them to let their light shine in a world that was darkened by sin. He wanted them to so live that he could never feel that the labor he had expended on them was in vain. Their lives had already filled him with joy and he insisted that

they rejoice with him. In the words of our memory selection he goes on to say, "Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ."

### The Church And The Community

The various communities of this nation are what the churches that exist in them make them. Christ would say to us as he did to the people of his own time, in the flesh, "You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world." If the world is rotting in sin today, then there is something wrong with the salt that is supposed to preserve it. If the world is groping in darkness, then there is something wrong with the light that is supposed to give it moral and spiritual illumination.

We do not have to waste time and space to argue that the world is in a bad way. The Church is a sleeping giant. If the Church should become thoroughly aroused it could save this world. Some one has said that the prayer of the modern church is "Now I lay me down to sleep." We feel like crying out to the modern church in the words of Paul, "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ will give thee light." God has laid a great responsibility on the Church. The question is "Will she meet that responsibility?" "Will she perform her God given task? Or will she lose her very soul in coldness, carelessness, and indifference while the world reels on to a doom that might be prevented by an aroused Church?"

Let each class that studies this lesson raise the following questions: What is the moral and spiritual condition of my community? What is my church doing to better the condition of my community? What am I as an individual member of the church doing to strengthen the arm of my church that she may fully meet the challenge of the hour and accomplish her God-given task? These are questions that all of us should ponder.

Some years ago the writer was preaching a series of sermons on the church and he composed the following verses:

The church is God's own power  
To bring His kingdom in;  
It seeks the lost, upholds the cross  
That saves the souls of men

O! have you come to love the church  
With a passion deep and strong?  
It is the light of every day;  
A bulwark 'gainst all wrong.

God bless you, then, my brother,  
Will you lay in mine your hand  
And pledge yourself anew to God  
And for His kingdom stand?

Until He says, "It is enough  
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Let's labor here from year to year  
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