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Have Communists Infiltrated The Ministry?

HERE is one outstanding characteristic of communism—a burning, fanatical zeal to advance its cause. It stops at nothing sacred or profane, moral or immoral to reach that goal.

We may be quite sure that the communist would not have the slightest hesitancy in assuming the role of a Christian minister if he thought, thereby, he could best serve communism. However, we have no special reason, to date, to think the communist is stupid or a fool. Since they carefully, and, for the purpose they have in mind, wisely choose their bases of operation, we cannot imagine many of them "entering the ministry."

Having spent two score years in the ministry and having, we feel, a little better-than-average understanding of the nature and purpose of communism, it is our judgement that a sincere communist would give evidence of stupidity if he were to choose the ministry as an avenue for service to his cause. This is true, we believe, for some reasons that are all but self-evident if we give it thought.

First, Christianity and communism are diametrically opposed to each other in character, purpose and nature of work. Christianity positively and aggressively believes in God and moral law and moral order. Communism neither believes in God or a common moral law. The communist makes the cause of communism his moral creed in which anything is right that advances its cause. How could a communist, posing as a Christian minister, do much for his cause when even the slightest attempt to do so would be so contradictory to the normal activities of a Christian minister as to be immediately noticeable?

It would also be foolish for a communist to choose the role of a minister in order to advance his cause because of the character of people with whom he must work as a minister. They are Christian people who would recognize readily any communistic, anti-Christian activities of this "pastor". He would soon be exposed and out of a job.

Years of experience, as a minister, lead us also to believe that the ministry is the poorest vantage ground possible for a communist to work because of the character of life the minister must live. The gold fish, in its crystal bowl, has about as much privacy as the public life of a minister. To know the total number of his possible critics, and, if a communist, the total number his possible exposer, one would need only to know the total number of the people in his constituency. The communist does not often undertake underground work in the glaring spotlight that usually attends ministerial work.

It is our feeling that the ministry is about the last place in the world that an active communist could hide and about the most unpromising place he could choose to work if he wants his work to be successful. Since the first objective of the communist is to advance his cause, we believe that only in the rarest instances would he be foolish enough to deliberately choose the ministry as a base for his operation.

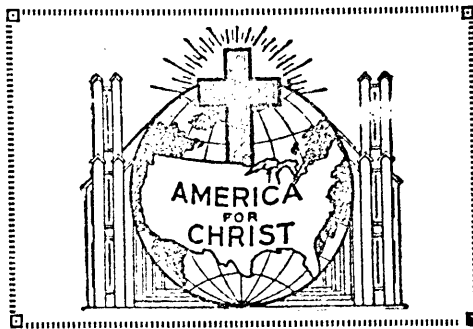
There may be some misguided ministers with communist leanings. We do not know of any. A communist in the pulpit is practically a total loss. He certainly can do nothing constructive for the cause of Christ. He can do about as little for the cause of communism there as almost anywhere he could choose. We believe communists are too smart to make such an obvious mistake.

The Pulpit Can Help-- To Promote World Peace

ONE of the strange enigmas of our day is the continued threat and fear of war. It is strange because world peace is possibly the one thing more universally desired by more people on both sides of the "Iron Curtain" than any other one thing. The great masses of earth want peace—not war.

This desire for world peace, prompted by whatever motive, should receive every encouragement from the pulpit. If this heart-hunger of the masses of earth for peace should ever become really vocal, national leaders would likely find a solution to the problems that now threaten war.

Because of the unimaginable horrors that would attend another World War and because such a war might even mark the end of civilization, as we now know it, the pulpit should throw its full weight into a crusade for peace. Such a crusade, how-



ever, should avoid fanaticism. It should be characterized by sincerity, balanced judgement, a realistic appraisal of current world conditions and a realization of the priceless values the church has at stake in the threat posed by powerful forces now set to destroy it.

The pulpit should promote a persistent, but also a consistent peace policy. That is to say that the church, in adopting its peace policy, must have in mind the practical problems existing in our world. The pulpit should continue repeatedly to proclaim the fact that the Golden Rule way of life, taught by Christ, offers the only really satisfactory solution of our difficult international problems.

We must continue to teach from the pulpit the fact that the most powerful force on earth—given time—is love and kindness. A wild beast of the jungle may be subdued by force and fear; it can be tamed and made friendly only by kindness and friendly gentleness. However, one may find it necessary to defend himself against this wild beast until he has time to convince it that he wants to be its friend.

Something of this situation exists in our relation to communism. In it, we face a conscienceless force void of moral character that deliberately or mistakenly is blinded to our willingness to live with it at peace. Nevertheless, we have so much at stake that we must protect ourselves from it, if necessary, until we can convince its leaders that we are friendly and wish them no harm.

District Conferences And Methodist Program

WHATEVER else there is that can be said about the Methodist District Conference of today, anyone in attendance if he faithfully watches and listens can get a rather comprehensive view of the entirety of the program of The Methodist Church. To anyone who is about to attend his or her first Methodist District Conference such a person should be prepared for the unusual experience of seeing this program briefly presented in the short period of one day. Those who have attended before will see in another District Conference session a "refresher" course in Methodist program as practically all of the various aspects of the life and times of Methodism are presented.

Paragraph 666 of The Methodist Discipline (1952) provides that there shall be an annual District Conference in each District if authorized by the Annual Conference. We believe that Methodist in Arkansas and Louisiana are happy that their Annual Conferences elect to have District Conferences. These District meetings of ministers, lay persons elected to District Conference membership and other leaders, are both wanted and needed. More and more the activities and program of Methodism are being carried out through responsible persons on a District level; consequently there is real need that these persons together come into a fuller understanding of their common task.

The schedule for the District Conferences in Arkansas is announced on page four.

The Attendance Crusade

ORGANIZATION and promotion plans are now being completed for holding of the Church and Church School Attendance Crusade in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area next January through Easter. Using the slogan "Give God A Chance Now," this campaign is being held as a part of a South Central Jurisdiction and church-wide emphasis during that period.

This Crusade is Methodism's answer to a challenging call issued by the Methodist Council of Bishops last May when the Council noted "A large percentage of the members of the Methodist Church do not regularly attend the Sunday Services in their churches. Many attend infrequently, or not at all. It is evident that a new birth of spiritual life for the entire Church depends in part upon a devotion, to regular and systematic attendance by a large percentage of those who are counted as Methodists."

The Council continued "With a consciousness of the obligation of the Church to that large number of children, youth and adults who do not attend regularly, the Council of Bishops urges all pastors and churches to unite in a Church Attendance Crusade, beginning January 1, 1954, and ending on Easter Sunday, April 18."

The Bishops felt that such a Crusade would strengthen church members' spiritual life; develop for many Methodists regular attendance habits; increase Methodism's prospect list; undergird the Stewardship Advance; and help to reach large numbers of youth.

A suggested pattern of organization and procedure developed by the General Board of Evangelism was presented to this Episcopal Area and after certain modification to meet Area needs and program was adopted. Annual Conference leaders of this Area have given further consideration to this program and after still further

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

METHODIST MEN of the Jonesboro Area will meet at the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Friday evening, November 13.

DR. JOHN J. RASMUSSEN, pastor of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, La., was the speaker at the annual Lions' Club Ladies Night held at the Hotel Camden on Tuesday evening, October 27.

REV. EDWIN KEITH, Little Rock Conference Director of Stewardship, was the speaker at the First Methodist Church, Russellville, on Wednesday evening, November 4, at a Stewardship meeting.

REV. C. D. CADE, pastor at Wilmot, was guest preacher at the Parkdale Methodist Church, at the Sunday evening vesper service on October 25. His subject was "A New Man For a New Age." Rev. Phil E. Pierce is pastor at Parkdale.

THE MINISTERS WIVES' FELLOWSHIP of Ft. Smith met on Monday, November 2, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Dark, Jr., in Lavaca. Mrs. Henry Dutcher was the speaker. She told of experiences when she and her family lived in Japan.

DR. WALTER B. HEARN of Columbia, Mo., spoke at the Sunday evening service on November 1 at the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Ft. Smith. Dr. Hearn who is a teacher in Missouri Bible College, Columbia, Mo., is teaching in the Ft. Smith District Training School.

REV. PAUL BUMPERS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Clarksville, is assisting Rev. E. G. Kaetzell in revival services at the First Methodist Church, Batesville. The meeting which began on Sunday, November 1, will run through Friday, November 6. Rev. Cecil Grisham, pastor of the Methodist Church of Calico Rock, is leading the singing.

CONGRESSMAN WILBUR D. MILLS was the Laymen's Day speaker at the First Methodist Church of Searcy on Sunday morning, October 25. B. L. Oliver, charge lay leader, presided at the service. He was assisted by Joe S. Pierce, district lay leader, and Ewing P. Pyeatt, district treasurer. Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers is pastor.

THE MAGNOLIA COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN will observe World Community Day on Friday, November 6, at the Presbyterian Church. An offering will be taken for hospitals, invalid homes and rehabilitation centers or gifts of wash clothes, towels, pillow cases, sheets, and blankets. The theme will be "Help From Our Homes to Their Homes."

THE CONFERENCE OF CHILDREN'S WORKERS of the Ft. Smith District held Monday evening, October 26, was attended by over one hundred workers and pastors of the district. The theme, "For Every Child—a Faith in God," was carried out by several speakers, including Mrs. Frances Winter, District Director, Rev. Alfred Knox, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Miss Anna Rose Miller, and Dr. Ira A. Brumley.

BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, is the speaker for the Y.W.C.A. vesper service to be held in the National Cathedral, Washington, D. C. on Sunday, November 8, at 4:00 p. m., it has been announced by Mrs. Edward W. Macy, president of the National Board, Young Women's Christian Association. World Fellowship Week will be observed by YWCA's throughout the country November 8-14.

DR. JOHN T. CALDWELL, president of the University of Arkansas, will be the speaker at the World Community Day Observance to be held at Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Friday, November 6. The observance will be sponsored by the Little Rock Council of Church Women. Rev. Elmer L. Thomas, pastor at Asbury, will give the invocation and dedicate

the gifts which will be brought for "Helps for Homes."

ROLAND SHELTON, lay leader of the Little Rock Conference, brought the Laymen's Day message at the First Methodist Church of Benton at the morning hour on Sunday, October 25. A large congregation was present and the message was well received. Rev. H. O. Bolin, the pastor, writes: "We feel that Mr. Shelton is one of the greatest Methodist laymen in the South." Mr. Shelton was also guest speaker at the First Methodist Church of Russellville on Sunday evening, October 29. Rev. Harold Eggenesperger is pastor at First Church, Russellville.

DR. CLAUD D. NELSON, former resident of Conway and a graduate of Hendrix College, has been elected a member of the staff of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. He is executive secretary of the Department of Religious Liberty. A 38-page booklet, entitled Church and State, has been received in the office of the Arkansas Methodist. The sub-title is The American Pattern of Interaction Between the Forces of Religion and of Government. Dr. Nelson writes: "I hope that many individuals and groups will use it for what it is, a guide to study and discussion, as a basis, of course, for more intelligent action, at both community and national levels."

THREE young ministers, fifteen educators, and three social workers have been selected by the Inter-Board Committee for Christian Work in Japan (composed of major Protestant denominations) for scholarships in the United States this school year. They are to be trained for leadership in their professions upon their return to their native Japan. Before sailing for the United States they were given an intensive orientation course in Tokyo, under the leadership of Dr. Yoshimune Abe, former bishop of the Methodist Church in Japan. The course include consideration of the social and educational situation in the U. S. A., manners and customs of the West, church organization in Japan and America, and the activities and programs of communists.

DURING the past ten years the churches of the U. S. A., through United Church Women and Church World Service, have contributed millions of bundles of clothing, shoes, school supplies, blankets, diapers, yard goods, and sewing equipment for the needy women and children of some twenty countries in Asia and Europe, centering their giving on the annual "World Community Day." This year, on Friday, November 6, the day will be observed again by women groups and organizations in thousands of churches across the nation. The areas of need this year, according to Mrs. H. B. Marx, national chairman of the observance, are Korea, Germany, Trieste, Greece, India, Pakistan, the Near East and Hongkong. The articles principally needed include pillow-cases, sheets, quilts, blankets, towels, and kitchen materials, "to bring a little more cheer and warmth to those whose homes are orphanages, camps, tents, barracks, caves and other places of refuge from war, famine, and political persecution."

DEATH OF MRS. A. W. MARTIN

Mrs. A. W. Martin, wife of Dr. A. W. Martin, member of the North Arkansas Conference and professor in the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, died at her home in Dallas on Thursday, October 29.

Mrs. Martin had been ill since suffering numerous fractures in a fall last March. She was the oldest daughter of Mrs. W. R. Hairston, Conway, and the late Mr. Hairston and was born at Springfield in Conway County.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Harold Anderson of Marianna and Mrs. Gcs Emerson of Phoenix, Arizona; a son, Albert W. Martin, Jr., a student in Union Theological Seminary, New York City; three grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Fred E. Bailey, Little Rock; Mrs. W. Furniss, Wynne; Mrs. Pat Murphy, Hulbert, and Mrs. C. C.

Been, Conway, and three brothers, Robert D. Hairston, Conway; W. M. Hairston, Dallas, and Harvey E. Hairston, Mobile, Ala.

Dr. Marshall T. Steel, pastor of Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, conducted funeral services at the Highland Park Church on Friday afternoon. Burial was in Pla Ridge, Arkansas, with Dr. Ethan Dodgen, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, officiating.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES IN ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE:
November 16—Camden, at Lewisville.
November 17—Little Rock, at Henderson, L. R.
November 18—Monticello, at McGhee.
November 19—Pine Bluff, at Hawley Pine Bluff.
November 24—Arkadelphia, at Malvern.
November 25—Hope, at Prescott.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE:
December 3—Batesville, at Newark.
December 3—Searcy, at Augusta.
December 4—Forrest City, at West Memphis.
December 7—Paragould, at Piggott.
December 8—Jonesboro, at Weiner.
December 9—Fayetteville, at Bentonville.
December 10—Ft. Smith, at Greenwood.
December 10—Conway, at Danville.

THE ATTENDANCE CRUSADE

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modification in each conference to meet local needs the plan was put into action.

The genius of the plan is that the organization and promotion is on a District level, with an absolute minimum of either Area or Annual Conference organization. The program also makes extensive use of existing organizations, thus avoiding the need for setting up of many new committees.

This is not a program which has been "handed down" or in which participation in this Area is compulsory. Some Episcopal Areas are not entering with the same degree of participation as in Arkansas and Louisiana. Further, the program has been largely worked out by our own leaders and will be largely promoted on local levels. We are having the program because we need it and we want it.

We want to earnestly commend this endeavor to you for your enthusiastic support. The need for a church and church school attendance program is altogether too obvious. A program has been developed in each Annual Conference to help meet this need. We have leadership with vision and consecration ready to lead us in the program. We are confident as opportunities come to share in the carrying out of this Crusade that the Methodists of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area will respond in a fine and helpful way. Let us Give God A Change Now to work through us to reach others.

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BEING GOOD IN A TOUGH WORLD

So often it is said, "When a place is bad, get out of it." Sometimes the best thing to do in a bad situation is to pick up and leave. A good man should try to get out of a business which is a perpetual rebuke to his conscience. It may be necessary for him to separate from a social group which lowers his ideals and demeans his conduct.

But as a rule righteous people do not save a situation by withdrawing from it. I may pull out of a firm whose aims and methods run counter to my conscience, but if I am to make a living I cannot easily withdraw from the whole business system. I may feel impelled to leave a political party, but if I am to have any influence in civic life, I must vote in some party. And unless good men go into politics, what hope is there for better government?

We are human beings living in social systems, and we cannot cut ourselves off from all groups which do things contrary to our consciences. Being good in the kind of world we inhabit is a tough assignment. Some say it is impossible.

Edna Ferber in her book "So Big" tells of a young woman teacher who was so baffled by the difficulties of her situation that she wanted to run away. An old Dutch housewife said to her: "You can't run away from life, missy; you can't run far enough."

The temptations which threaten a person's ideals begin even before he gets out into the world on his own. Many a student faces some of the fiercest moral struggles of his life. The change from the parental roof-tree to the freedom of the campus is one of the severest tests of character. It comes at a time when the animal spirits of youth are at the full. To keep one's purity and temperance and integrity on a modern campus is not easy.

And the test of being good in bad places may come even before college age is reached. Not all our homes are good places for growing children. When a home is poisoned by the presence of a bad parent, or is pervaded by a materialistic atmosphere, or is weakened by deceit and distrust—then the home itself is a hard place to be good in.

The first thing it takes to be good in a bad place is conviction. During the Senate Crime Commission's investigation a few years ago, a U.S. Senator said that one trouble of our time is that so many people have no strong convictions about right and wrong. They never take a firm stand. We never know where and when we can count on them.

But a good person's convictions must be clear as well as strong. Here is the difference, as I see it, between stubbornness and steadfastness. A stubborn person has strong convictions; a mule may take a stand and hold it. But in the eyes of a balky mule I have never seen much light of intelligence. Of course, I have never had much personal association with mules, but I have known many of their relatives!

A steadfast person has a reason for his convictions. His mind is not closed by prejudice or bigotry. It is open to reason, yet firm in purpose.

The soldiers of King Charles I said of George Fox, the founder of the Quakers, that he was "stiff as a tree and pure as a bell." What a tribute from a man's enemies! Fox could not be bent. In prison after prison he was beaten and bruised, but he held to his convictions, illumined by an inner light which so shone before men that many care "to see his good works."

Ah, that's the point. The person who can keep his virtues under temptation, who can keep sweet when things go sour, who can keep his

A new record of service, outstripping all previous reports in its 164-year history, was chalked up last year by the Methodist Publishing House.

Meeting in annual session in Chicago, October 28, the 45-member Board of Publication heard the church's publishing agents report that during the fiscal year ending May 31 net sales soared to \$17,669,309 to shatter all former records and exceeding last year's high mark by more than two million dollars. The year also set a new high in Bible sales and general mail-order and over-the-counter business in the distribution of books, periodicals, and church supplies.

The board adopted a new corporate structure which harmonizes titles of its executive personnel with modern business practice, listened to forward-looking reports from its four elected editors, and voted the largest sum ever appropriated for conference claimants.

Included among those members of the Board attending was Dr. Connor Morehead, Camden, Arkansas.

In their report to the board, the publishing agents, Lovick Pierce and the Rev. Dr. J. Edgar Washabaugh, pledged themselves "to employ the soundest operating and financial policies possible to maintain and increase operating effectiveness, thus permitting the Publishing House to render an increasingly effective service to the church and its people."

"As the publishing and service agency of the church," they declared, "the Publishing House has a tremendous responsibility and a corresponding opportunity. The responsibility and the opportunity must be met with vision and courage."

Reports indicated that 60 new books were published during the past year, 16 of them for children.

Thirteen of the 60 Methodist-published volumes made the nation's best religious book lists. Circulation of the Methodist weekly church bulletins grew to 1,109,375 per Sunday—an increase of more than 70 per cent in three years.

Personnel reports showed a six per cent increase in the number of employees in the Methodist Publishing House's main office and printing plant in Nashville, its other plant in Cincinnati, and its branches in 14 cities. There are 1,375 now on the payroll.

The corporate structure of the Publishing House was modernized and simplified by the adoption of a plan for a new single corporation chartered in the State of Illinois. The publishing agents of the church were elected as chief administrative officers of the corporation: Lovick Pierce, Nashville, president and treasurer, and the Rev. Dr. J. Edgar Washabaugh, New York, vice president. Judge William H. Swiggart, Nashville, was named chairman of the board; Bradshaw Mintener, Minneapolis, vice chairman; and the Rev. Dr. Fred J. Jordan, Eau Claire, Wis., secretary.

The board listened with warm approval to the first formal report by the new editor of church school publications, the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville.

Other elected editors who gave encouraging accounts of improvements in their publications were: the Rev. Dr. Nolan B. Harmon, New York, book editor; the Rev. Dr. T. Otto Nall, Chicago, editor of the "Christian Advocate," and the Rev. Dr. Prince A. Taylor, Jr., New Orleans, editor of the "Central Christian Advocate."

The board approved the payment of \$500,000 out of the net income for the church's conference claimants.

courage when others are giving up—that person shows that he "has something." Others see it and want it.

Remember, goodness can be as contagious as badness. Yes, even more so.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

HAS THE CHURCH CONCERN FOR HUNGER?

Something of the sharp differences in point of view between "schools of thought", each claiming to be Christian, and even of sharp differences as to the purpose and content of the Christian faith itself, is pointed up in a discussion currently going on in the church paper, The Indian Witness, of Lucknow.

The brilliant Christian, Dr. Eddy Asirvatham, has returned to his homeland after long years of schooling in the United States—including several years as a member of Boston University's political science faculty. From his chair at Nagpur University he takes a fresh look at the great social problems of India, and suggests to the Christian churches what they should do about them. But apparently he was not reckoning with some Indian Christian evangelists who think the Professor has missed the true purpose of the church—"to increase (personal) righteousness first among the Christians and then among Indians in general."

Dr. Asirvatham, in his analysis, attacks over-population as the cause of his country's

poverty, and this poverty again as the cause of over-population. "Because of the food problem, it seems foolish for the people of India to add to their numbers four to five million every year . . . It is plain common sense to have a few children and give them a fighting chance in life." The declining deathrate (though still behind the west) and increasing medical facilities (though still meagre) are also factors in over-population, he asserts.

Indian Christians, and especially their women's organizations, the Professor suggests should set an example by limiting the size of families: "the judicious and responsible use of birth control method seems the next best alternative" to continence. He thinks, too, that the Christian church and the Christian community should lead the way in changing many of India's social customs and economic inertias that lead to ill-health, early mortality, economic loss, malnutrition. He pleads for attention to preventing diseases that give his people a life expectancy of only 27 years and a high infant mortality; for better water supply and milk sources ("India needs fewer and better cattle"); for better marketing and less adulteration of food; for improved sewage disposal methods; for diet-consciousness and vitamin-consciousness, and "less expensive drugs imported from abroad."

But the evangelist has an answer which is echoed by many Indian Christians. "Physical poverty is the direct result of spiritual lethargy," he says. "A squarely converted Christian is never poor nor complains of his poverty. He just praises the Lord for His bounty through

Jesus Christ . . . There is poverty among Christians because there are hoards of them who do not know the Lord and do not know what is meant by Salvation."

Concerning over-population the evangelist says: "I do not see how the God who said children are a blessing can advocate birth control or order 'Dare you beget more than one or two children'."

Concerning health and diet: "On the one hand it is said 'Let us decrease the population'; on the other, we want to live long, not giving chance to others. However, this must be addressed to the government rather than to the church."

"The real task of the church," concludes the evangelist, "is to revive every one of its members till they are squarely converted and so filled with the Spirit of the Lord that if there be a need He can rain down his heavenly 'manna' that we will never lack for anything."

Perhaps the evangelist is not far from the thinking of many of our own American Christians -- for did they not train him? And could it be that his is the point of view that the communist has perverted -- rather easily perhaps -- into "an opiate to lull the hungry into inaction"?

When will we learn that it is not "either or" -- that all life is a unity -- physical and spiritual reacting one upon the other? When will we learn that individual attainment of spiritual peace and blessing strengthens one to labor against -- submit to -- physical poverty and its causes?

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

Fort Smith District Conference Of Children's Workers

A very effective program for Children's Workers of the Fort Smith District was held at First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, October 26, 7:30 P. M.

This program was under the leadership of the District Director of Children's Work, Mrs. Frances Winters. The District Superintendent, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, and many others helped in promoting this program.

The program opened with a Communion Service conducted by Dr. Goodloe and Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, assisted by Mrs. W. T. Sanders as organist.

Mrs. Winters presented the purpose of the meeting and presided during the program session.

Rev. Alfred Knox, pastor of Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, spoke on "The Pastor and the Faith of His Children."

Dr. Goodloe spoke on "Teacher Training in Relation to the Faith of Our Children." He called attention to the training school to begin November 1.

Miss Anna Rose Miller, director of Children's Work, Fort Smith, First Church spoke on "How the Methodist Church School Materials Help."

The closing feature of the program was the use of the film "For Every Child." This was directed by the Rev. Mr. Knox. The program was concluded with the benediction by Rev. Earl Hughes, pastor of Massard Church.

Rally Day Offerings

The following Church School Rally Day offerings have been received since our last report: Mayflower, \$13.17; Rogers, \$37.00; Damascus, \$8.00; Pioneer Memorial, \$5.00; Marmaduke, \$5.00; Marshall, \$6.75; Bonanza, \$5.00; Fort Smith, First Church, \$200.00; West Helena, \$56.77; Nettleton, \$10.00; McClelland, \$5.00; Helena, First Church, \$75.00; Hickory Ridge, \$5.00; Heber Springs, \$25.00.

The report by districts to date is as follows:

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| Batesville District | \$134.80 |
| Conway District | 448.45 |
| Fayetteville District | 152.03 |
| Forrest City District | 379.02 |
| Fort Smith District | 795.15 |
| Jonesboro District | 677.60 |
| Paragould District | 193.94 |
| Searcy District | 222.75 |

Rev. Joel Cooper has been certified for the course on Jeremiah.

Rev. Arvill C. Brannon has been certified for the First and Second Series courses on Christian Stewardship.

Training Schools This Week

The following training schools are being held during the period of November 1-6, or are being started during this period: Beech Grove, How to Teach in the Church School, Rev. J. H. Holt; Monette, Christian Stewardship, Dr. C. M. Reves; Conway, First Church, Christian Stewardship, Dr. Matt L. Ellis; Mountain View, Christian Action for World Organization, Rev. H. W. Jinske; Prairie

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SCHOOL AT LAFAYETTE

Last week, October 18-22, a Christian Workers' School was held in the First Methodist Church of Lafayette, La. Four First Series Credit Courses were offered: How To Improve the Church School, taught by Rev. Earl Emmerich of Rayville; How to Understand Children, taught by Miss Elizabeth Workman; Understanding Ourselves (for Youth 15-23) taught by Rev. E. R. Haug of Franklin; and Adult Classes at Work, taught by Rev. Ralph Cain, of Monroe, La. This School was our first attempt in several years to hold one in Lafayette, and on the whole we feel that it was successful. A total of 99 were enrolled in the four classes, 52 of whom received credit in the courses.

The Methodist Church of Rayne, Rev. Douglas Williams, Pastor, and Davidson Memorial Methodist Church of Lafayette, Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh, Pastor, cooperated with us in this school, each having several members enrolled in the classes.

We enjoyed not only the classes, but each of the instructors personally, and the fellowship of the other members of the school. There were two hours of class each evening with an intermission between them, at which we served coffee.

We are looking forward to another school next year, for we are already certain that it has been a worthwhile experience for us. — Ruth Ellen Kelley, Director of Christian Education.

EISENBERG NAMED CONFERENCE BOARD SECRETARY

The Rev. Larry Eisenberg, Nashville, Tenn., has been appointed executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Education in the West Wisconsin annual conference, it was announced by Bishop H. Clifford Northcott of Madison.

Eisenberg served seven years in Nashville on the staff of the Methodist General Board of Education's youth department. Previously, he was ministerial assistant at the First Methodist Church of Chattanooga, 1938-40; minister to students at the First Methodist Church of DeKalb, Ill., in 1942, and pastor of the Glasford-Kingston Mines, Ill., circuit in 1942-43.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., he is a graduate of the University of Chattanooga, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., and did graduate work at the Yale University Divinity School.

With Mrs. Eisenberg, he is author of several books widely used in church circles, including "The Pleasure Chest," "Handbook of Skits and

Grove, The Work of the Local Church, Rev. S. O. Patty, Asbury, Batesville, Educational Work, Rev. Arvill C. Brannon; Walnut Ridge, Christian Education in the Local Church, Rev. Elmo Thomson; Wiseman, Christian Stewardship, Mrs. D. G. Hindman; Melbourne, Christian Stewardship, Mrs. D. G. Hindman.

STEWARDSHIP IN THE MONTICELLO DISTRICT

As chairman of the Conference Committee on Stewardship, Dr. William E. Brown is promoting an intensive program of stewardship education in the Monticello District, of which he is the superintendent. At his call, the pastors of the district, with only two or three exceptions, met at Monticello, Monday, October 26th, and spent the day in a briefing conference, with a view to becoming approved instructors in the field of stewardship study.

Those in attendance were Dan R. Robinson, C. M. Atchley, R. A. Teeter, C. Everette Patton, Louis W. Averitt, Arthur White, M. W. Miller, G. W. Warren, W. W. Barron, C. R. Andrews, Cagle E. Fair, D. Mouzon Mann, Roland E. Darrow, Phillip Pierce, Robert B. Moore, Jr., Francis M. Stage, Jr., J. C. Van Horn, J. Ralph Clayton, Omma L. Daniels, J. Frank Walker, and C. D. Cade.

The above have been recommended to the General Board and have received guidance materials for the preparation of course plans, looking to certification as instructors in the field of stewardship. When they have become approved, they will exchange services in

Stunts," and "The Family Pleasure Chest," which has been revised for publication in November by Association Press as "The Family Fun Book."

BIBLE STUDY CONFERENCES REVIVED

Nashville, Tenn.—The Rev. Thomas J. Van Loon has come here from East Rochester, N. Y., as a new staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education.

He will serve in the department of Adult Christian Education, which is directed by the Rev. M. Leo Rippey, it was announced by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the board's Division of the Local Church.

Van Loon will have particular responsibility for a new board project—the revival of Bible study conferences across the country, Dr. Schisler said.

"It is our plan to use the best scholars available as teachers in community and regional study conferences aimed at better understanding and wider use of the Bible," Dr. Schisler said.

He added that Bible conferences "have declined in number in recent years, but current signs of renewed interest in the Bible indicate that study groups can be made a vital part of the church's program of Christian education."

Van Loon is a native of Nanticoke, Pa., and a graduate of Syracuse University and the Yale University Divinity School. He has been pastor of Parkside Methodist Church in East Rochester since 1951.

Previously, he was associate minister and director of Christian education at Central Park Methodist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., for three years; director of student work at Syracuse University, and pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., for three years.

schedule of studies set for the month of January in the various churches and charges over the district.

Dr. Brown and his co-workers are thus undergirding the stewardship emphasis in this district by providing a teaching opportunity within reach of every church. The plan is to reach the maximum number of local church leaders with the stewardship message that they in turn may pass it on to their respective classes and groups. Dr. Brown and his pastors are to be commended for their aggressive promotion of a program that has possibilities of such fruitful results.—Roy E. Fawcett.

HARVARD PRESIDENT ASKS CONVINCING RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

Fresh and convincing leadership in religious knowledge and in religious experience is "an almost desperate urgency" today, Harvard University's new president, Dr. Nathan M. Pusey, said at the opening convocation of Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass.

"We have not been very well taught about religion and there is, as a consequence, a very widespread religious illiteracy and correspondingly little religious practice," he said. "However, I do not want to imply that knowledge is all that is lacking. I think it is, rather, faith."

Dr. Pusey told students attending the ceremony that, as future ministers, they stand "in the center of the fight." He reported to them that interest in a "revitalized" school of religious learning at Harvard is "considerably quickened."

"Our need is not for a religion of the future but for a religion now," he said, adding that "a paralyzing disbelief has, in considerable measure, taken the place of the vigorous and creative faith" which Dr. Charles W. Eliot (Harvard's president from 1869 to 1909) and his generation held.

"Out of our present need a renewal must come," Dr. Pusey said. "Our need is not to get rid of creeds but rather to examine into them and find an adequate one for our time."

URGES FATHERS TO PRAY WITH CHILDREN

Proper companionship and example by fathers would go a long way toward preventing juvenile delinquency, the Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers was told at its 45th annual convention in Philadelphia. A good example would be for fathers to pray with their children, said Dr. E. Preston Sharp, executive director of Philadelphia's Youth Study Center, one of the country's most modern detention centers for juvenile offenders. "Prayer is important, but how can a child say the Lord's Prayer if he doesn't know the meaning of the word 'father'?" he asked. In his experience with hundreds of delinquents, Dr. Sharp said, "many of them manifest a lack of security, and this stems from a lack of parental affection and a lack of understanding discipline."

ARKANSAS METHODIST

THREE BIG CHURCHES OPENED IN PACIFIC ISLANDS

Three big Protestant churches have been opened recently in the Pacific Island group of Samoa, the Fijis and the Tongas that lie midway between Hawaii and Australia. Newest is the great "mother church" for Samoan Methodists at Apia which was dedicated during a week-long celebration early in October by the Rev. William C. Francis, New South Wales leader of the Methodist Church in Australia. In Suva, Holy Trinity Cathedral of the (Anglican) Diocese of Polynesia was consecrated last May 5, and earlier in the year a magnificent new 3,000-seat Methodist church, said to be the largest in the entire Southern Hemisphere, was opened at Tongatabu in the Tongas. Dedication of the 1,200 concrete church at Apia, built and financed largely by the Samoans themselves, was marked by one of the biggest celebrations the islands have seen in years. In order to hold the crowds to manageable proportions, Methodist communities in some 250 Samoan villages were given a quota of five seats each at the dedication service. But nearly 12,000 persons were accommodated in the half-mile long shelter specially built for the thanksgiving feast that followed. More than 100 roast pigs and mountains of fish and other delicacies were prepared for the meal.

Churchmen Hail 'Eternal Light' Program On Tenth Anniversary

Officials of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish radio bodies attended a luncheon in New York marking the 10th anniversary of "The Eternal Light," a dramatic program presented over the N. B. C. network each Sunday by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. At the luncheon, David A. Sarnoff, board chairman of N. B. C. and the Radio Corporation of America, was awarded a special citation by the seminary for "the great contribution he has made, through his vision, to Judaism as a faith, to religion in all its manifestations, to American democracy and to civilization itself."

Form 'Teen-Agers For Christ' Movement

High school students in Memphis, Tenn., have launched a "Teen-agers for Christ" movement which they hope will spread across the nation and "save our generation from going to the dogs." Under the leadership of Don E. Johnson, a senior, the 200 youngsters who are the hard core of the movement have embarked on a full-blown evangelistic crusade which includes regular Bible classes and a weekly radio program. Nickels, dimes and quarters earned from baby sitting, delivery jobs and other chores keep the movement going. At a recent citywide teen-age revival staged by the group, some 300 youngsters "walked down the aisle to be saved." Word of the movement has spread throughout the mid-South and brought invitations from communities in Mississippi, Arkansas and Kentucky as well as all over western Tennessee for "Teen-agers for Christ" teams to come and hold special services. A 35-voice choir led by an 18-year-old sailor from the nearby Naval Air Station does the singing at the revivals, and young Don Johnson preaches. At one revival he appealed to juvenile delinquents who "worship toughness" by assuring them that "Christianity isn't a sissy sort of thing at all."

First Festival Of Faith Planned In Miami

A drama depicting the spirit of the early Protestant reformers will be presented by young people of Miami churches at the first annual Festival of Faith October 28 in

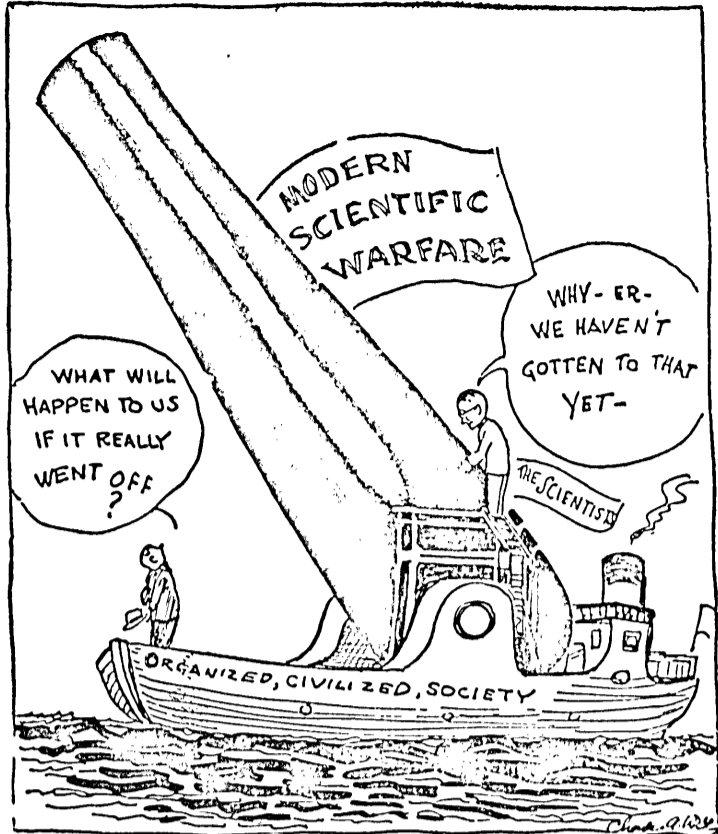
Dade County Auditorium. Dr. George Arthur Buttrick, pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, New York city, will be the speaker at the rally, sponsored by the Greater Miami Council of Churches. Another feature of the program will be an exhibit of sketches of the early reformers by Glenn Bretthauer, Miami Herald staff artist. More than 200 local churches of 12 major denominations will unite for the mass-meeting.

Calls Protestant Nations Bulwark Against Communism

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam declared in Atlanta, Ga., that the predominantly Protestant nations are "the first bulwark against Communism." The Washington, D. C., churchman said no Protestant nation has been seriously infiltrated by Communism because "Protestants stand for the free mind in the free society." He spoke before 2,500 at an annual Reformation Day observance in the Municipal Auditorium sponsored by the Christian Council of Atlanta. Bishop Oxnam said the Protestant churches' emphasis on individual freedom has created "an atmosphere in which the Communist virus cannot live." He added that Protestants want "the same religious freedom for Roman Catholics and the Roman Catholic Church as we demand for ourselves and our Protestant churches." But, he said, "Protestants are determined that the clericalism that has cursed other lands shall not take root here." "We are not bigots," the bishop said, "when we protest the denial of religious liberty by the Roman Catholic Church in those lands where it is powerful enough to determine action by the Senate."

God Spared Americans To Help World Says Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt told an audience celebrating United Nations Week that God saved the United States from damage in World War II in order that Americans might help improve the world. The former UN delegate said she has often wondered why the United States was the only great country which was not invaded or bombed in the war. She concluded it was "the grace of God that spared this country so that it could use its power for the good of the world." Americans should support the United Nations, Mrs. Roosevelt said, because of the grace of God to this nation. She took issue with those who say the United Nations cannot succeed because God has been left out. Individuals going into UN sessions feel the need of prayer, she said, because few have in themselves the wisdom and patience that international negotiations require. Mrs. Roosevelt praised the period of silent meditation which opens UN



sessions, saying that each delegate may thus pray in his own way. She said this demonstrates that respect for the customs and religions of others which we expect for our own.

Oxnam Denied Use Of Los Angeles Auditorium

Directors of the Philharmonic Auditorium in Los Angeles denied its use to Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., on the grounds that he "is too controversial a figure." This was disclosed in a letter of protest sent to the directors by the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. The letter charged that permission had been denied the union to use the auditorium on December 11 for a public meeting marking the anniversary of the American Bill of Rights solely because Bishop Oxnam had been invited to speak. Auditorium representatives later confirmed the charge. They said permission had been granted by the Temple Baptist church which owns the building, but that it was later revoked "because Bishop Oxnam is too controversial a figure . . . and it's still unavailable for him." In Washington, Bishop Oxnam referred to those who had denied him the use of the auditorium "as misguided, little men who have been duped by falsehood and made fearful by propaganda." The bishop said he had not accepted the invitation to speak in Los Angeles and was not personally interested in the episode. "As an American citizen," he added, "I am alarmed; and as a native Californian, I am ashamed. I am sure the patriotic citizens of Los Angeles will dispose of the would-be commissars of culture in their own Western way."

Oil Man Gives Million Dollar Church To Methodists

A million-dollar church built and donated to his home town by a man who left Bridgeport 60 years ago to seek his fortune was dedicated in Bridgeport, W. Va., by Methodist Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh, Pa. The new Bridgeport Methodist church is the gift of Michael L. Benedum, 84, president

of the Benedum Trees Oil Co., of Pittsburgh. It is a stone structure of modified Colonial architecture with seats for 600 persons. An adjoining tower contains a carrillon of 61 Flemish and 25 English bells. Included in the church building is a Fellowship Hall, which has a 360-seat auditorium and stage, a kitchen, and three chapels for the church's junior, primary and intermediate members. An unusual feature of the church is its landscaping for which Mr. Benedum had the Davey Tree Co., provide 17,000 trees, plants and shrubs. Included are Japanese red and Schwedler maples, English elms, river beech, Austrian pine, Japanese cherry, rhododendrons, dogwood, lilacs, azaleas, magnolias, roses, yews and flowering crabapples. A special underground sprinkling system assures the landscaped areas an adequate water supply.

New Religious TV Series To Offer Pastor's TV Series

A series of 13 dramatic films for a new religious TV program, "The Pastor," will be offered to local television stations over the country on November 1. The 14-minute sound films dramatize every-day problems of Americans and indicate solutions offered by the Church. Each program concludes with a brief quotation from the Bible or the singing of an appropriate hymn. Produced by the Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church for the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches, the series will be distributed through local councils of churches. They will be made available to television stations free of charge except for express and insurance costs. At a preview here it was explained that the series is aimed primarily at non-church audiences. The Rev. Robert E. Goodrich, pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex., is featured as the pastor in the series, supported by casts of professional actors. Al-ber Crews, TV director of the National Council, said the series grew out of local efforts in Dallas, where Mr. Goodrich pioneered in this new kind of religious broadcasting.

The November Special And Hendrix College.

PURPOSES

Two major goals characterize the 1953 November Special for Ministerial Education and Hendrix College:

1. **TO HELP ENLARGE AND TRAIN OUR MINISTRY.** Part of the funds raised will be used to give direct aid to our Arkansas ministerial students, in whatever college they may be. The Little Rock Conference has set \$3,000 as its minimum goal for this purpose. The North Arkansas Conference has set \$5,000.

2. **TO HELP SUPPORT HENDRIX COLLEGE.** The other portion of the funds raised will go to the current budget for Hendrix. Each Conference has set \$5,000 as its minimum goal for this purpose.

THE NOVEMBER SPECIAL

Once again Arkansas Methodists have an opportunity to contribute through the November Special to two of their major programs—Ministerial Training, and Hendrix College.

The dates for the Special this year are November 15 through 22. Many churches have already provided in their budgets for their contributions; others will take a special offering.

In this year's drive the Little Rock Conference is raising a minimum of \$3,000 for Ministerial Training, and the North Arkansas Conference is raising a minimum of \$5,000. In addition, each of the Conferences is raising a minimum of \$5,000 for the current budget of Hendrix.

The amount going to Ministerial Education is used by each Conference to help its ministerial students in colleges and schools of theology, wherever they may be, to help men taking the conference courses of study, and to provide a scholarship by each Conference at Southern Methodist University.

In each of the two Conferences, about 25 young men are obtaining important financial aid this year from the Ministerial Training Fund raised in the November Special drive.

cial drive.

Once again this year, as last year, more than 125 young men of the two Arkansas Conferences are in college training for the ministry. Ministerial students from the Little Rock Conference are enrolled in five undergraduate schools and two seminaries. Ministerial students from the North Arkansas Conference are enrolled in seven undergraduate schools and three seminaries.

Many of the ministerial students, in addition to carrying their regular school program, are serving one or more Arkansas Methodist churches on weekends. These student pastors are serving a total of more than 125 churches in the state.

In addition to ministerial students, both Conferences have additional young men and young women preparing for other kinds of full-time Christian service, in such areas as religious education and the missionary field.

WHY INVEST IN HENDRIX COLLEGE?

Because Hendrix College is the Methodist Church at work on the campus.

Because church-related colleges like Hendrix are among the strongest forces for good

in today's materialistic world. Because more than half the cost of operating Hendrix College has to come from enlightened philanthropy.

Because money invested in Hendrix College is money invested in men and women, and this is the greatest of all investments.

Because the needs of the college are always real and pressing.

Because Methodism must have a college in Arkansas to train leaders for the church.

Because giving to a college is a constructive use of money and therefore a satisfying kind of giving.

Because if Methodists don't support their college, who will?

WHY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

"I do not believe you are going to make the right kind of a citizen by a godless education and then adding in religion afterwards. The idea is wrong. Education and religion must go hand in hand."—Former President Hadley of Yale

"Christian Education is education under Christian auspices for Christian ends. A Christian school is a school founded and maintained and conducted by Christian people in the service of the Kingdom of God."—Dr. E. M. Poteat

"If I had a thousand dollars to give away, I would give it to a Christian college in America, where in building Christian character and in training young men and women for

service, you are raising the seed corn of the earth."—Adoniram Judson, great missionary to Burma.

"A wealthy business man said to one of the professors of a small college, 'why do you stay here? You might have been a millionaire in business.' The reply was, 'I have had a hand on 3,000 or 4,000 students to help shape their lives, and I think that is worth more than a million.' After a moment's thought the business man said, 'You are everlastingly right'."—C. R. Compton

"It is my considered conviction that there can be no enduring alleviation of the social and political ills which plague us, unless and until there is an essential change of ethical and spiritual attitude in the rank and file of men."—James Rowland Angell, former President of Yale University

Methodism has always sought to have an educated ministry, feeling that "piety and education" must go hand in hand and that each is a preacher. Arkansas Methodism has increasingly shared this conviction and has labored through all the years of her history to give to her people a better trained ministry. This, for one thing, has caused the Methodists in Arkansas to build and maintain schools and colleges. Never was the conviction deeper than it is now that we must have a well educated ministry for the task to which the Church is called in these days.

Shown here on the steps of the Hendrix Chapel-Auditorium are a part of this year's Pre-Theological Fellowship. Most of the men are preparing for the ministry. The remainder of the group are training for some other of full-time Christian service, in such areas as Religious Education or Missionary Field.

Men belonging to the Pre-Theologs are: John Alston of Mena, Fred A. Brockway of Fayetteville, Russell Brown of Hot Springs, Cecil Callan of Fore, Harold Campbell of Camden, John Chapman of Rosebud, Howard Child, El Dorado, Charles Cook of Magnolia, Jerry Dellenev of Dallas, Texas, Dodgen of Jonesboro, Bobby Edwards of Blytheville, Eugene Ejird of Little, Albert Eider of Little Rock, Bill Elliott of Texarkana, Thomas English of F, Jim Gatlin of Conway, William Gentry of Hope, Weldon Gillian of Co

Once again, more than 125 young men of the two Arkansas Conferences are now training for the ministry. An important reason for this is the annual Special for Ministerial Training and Hendrix College.

"The churches of Christ are sending their daughters to their colleges 80 to 90% of the churches

For Ministerial Training

... November 15-22



THE HENDRIX PRE-THEOLOGICAL FELLOWSHIP

Gossett of Burdette, John Guthrie of Delight, Tommy Hall of Calico Rock, Whitehurst of Heber Springs, Travis Williams of Leslie, Carl Williamson of
 Harl of Little Rock, Robert Harris of Elaine, Gerald Hunter of Hot Springs, Plumerville, Harold Wilson of Quitman, and Cy Wilson of Beebe.
 Women belonging to the Pre-Theologs are: Sammie Allen of Searcy, Ruth
 Robert Irvin of Monahans, Tex., Robert Johnson of McRae, Dois Kennedy Anderson of Conway, Sybil Blankenship of Warren, Bettye Bolton of Marked
 Quitman, Elmo Knock of Little Rock, Robert Langley of Manning, Jerry Tree, Anita Copeland of Hope, Sara Ford of Cushman, Ann Franks of Forrest
 of Oklahoma City, Okla., Joe Linam of Leachville, James Morell of City, Pat Hamilton of Little Rock, Sarah Horton of Morrilton, Helen Hubert of
 of Camden, Ernest Nipper of Camden, Wayne Olmstead of Heber Colt, Sue Huffaker of Beebe, Jo Ann Jacoway of Little Rock, Betty Jane Johnson
 of Green Forest, Kay McCord of Camden, Phillis McDonal of Parkin, Frances
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 of Darjeeling, India.

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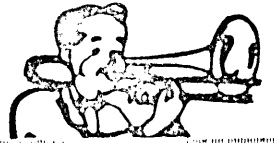
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 College, Conway.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



THE DAY NANNIE WAS SIX

By Emma C. Dowd

It was the sixth day of November that Nannie Russell was six years old. Her mother gave her six kisses and she took six more from her baby brother Lyndon, and she said those were for her birthday presents. She did not grumble a bit because she had no others, and she only said, "Never mind, mamma dear," when her mother wished she could afford to make her a pretty birthday cake.

Then she and mamma laughed at the funny little shoes that mamma had made for Lyndon the evening before out of some stout woolen cloth. Lyndon's real shoes were so worn that his little toes had been almost out of them, and there was no money to buy others. These would keep his feet warm, even if they were not pretty, but they were odd looking shoes.

After breakfast Mrs. Russell said: "I want you to take this money down to Mr. Miles for the rent. It isn't quite enough, but tell him I will pay the rest as soon as I can."

When Nannie gave Mrs. Miles the envelope, she repeated all that her mother had told her and added something more: "I guess when Mrs. Governor Adams pays her she'll have enough."

"Does Mrs. Adams owe your mother?" Mrs. Miles asked in a surprised tone.

"Yes'm," replied Nannie; "for sewing, you know. She didn't pay her last week, and we've got to have something to eat, mamma says."

"Why, of course, dear! Come in a minute. O, dear, Willie's crying again! He is so fretful this morning, and I'm baking and can't attend to him. I wonder if your mother could spare you for a while. If you could stay and amuse him till I am at more liberty, I should be so glad."

"Yes'm, I'll stay a little while, anyway. I know mamma won't care."

Two-year-old Willie was soon contented enough with Nannie for a play fellow, and Mrs. Miles went briskly to work. Now and then scraps of talk floated to her ears from the sitting room.

"I'm six years old today," Nannie told her charge. "Now you give me six kisses, and that'll make me another birthday present. Mamma and Lyndon gave me six—Oh those are very nice! Thank you. What pretty shoes! I guess that they are new ones. You ought to see my little brother's shoes. They're funny. They don't shine like yours. My mamma made them out of cloth to keep his little feet warm, 'cause his are worn out. I guess he'll get holes in 'em pretty quick scrambling around on the floor. Then mamma'll have to make him another pair or maybe there'll be some money to buy some real ones by then."

When Nannie went home, Mrs. Miles thanked her for amusing Willie and gave her a basket saying: "There's something in it for you."

"O, mamma," cried Nannie, popping off the cover as soon as she had shut the door, "it's full of little paper bags! What do you suppose

is in 'em?"
On top was a paper which read: "For Nannie's sixth birthday."

Everything was in bags, big and little, and all was in sixes—six small biscuits, six little pats of butter, six tarts, six dear little frosted cakes, six cookies, six bananas, and six pretty shoes that Willie had outgrown but were just right for Lyndon, and, last of all, three tiny bags holding six pennies, six nickels, and six dimes.

"Why, mamma," said Nannie, "how do you s'pose she knew it was my birthday? I'm sure I didn't tell her."—Congregationalist.

Gates, the village grocer, was making an inspection of his shop.

"Hello," he said happily, "I see you've sold those six bad eggs. Who bought them?"

"Mrs. Brown," replied his assistant.

"And you've got rid of those stale buns and cakes," he said "Who bought them?"

"Mrs. Brown," replied his assistant.

Suddenly Gates clutched at the counter and began breathing heavily.

"Good gracious, sir!" exclaimed the other, "what's wrong?"

ABSURDITIES

SCALES

My Mummy has some scales,
And fish have some scales, too.
Mummy's scales can weigh the fish
But fish scales can't weigh you!

HOPS

Oh, have you seen a garden
Where the hops grow up a pole?
You may hop into a garden,
But you can't grow up a pole.

LIGHT

Have you ever caught a feather?
It is very soft and light.
But you couldn't use a feather
To give you light at night.

WATCH

I went to watch the trains go by,
"Chu-chu, chu-chu, chu-chu."
That sort of watch can't tell the time
As Daddy's watch can do.

LAP

When pussy has a drink of milk
Her little tongue goes lap, lap, lap.
But when she snuggles down to sleep
She want a different sort of lap.

—D. Turner-Smith in
Child Education

"I've just remembered that my wife and I are having supper with the Browns tonight."



"Reading is Fun" will again be the slogan for National Children's Book Week celebrated this year from November 15-21.

JESUS LIGHTS THE SABBATH LAMPS is a new book by James S. Tippet for children from 3 to 6 years of age. Mr. Tippet, teacher and writer, has written many stories, verses and books for children.

The story tells of the longing of the boy Jesus to do something special to show his love for God, and tells of his active, helpful, happy life with his family in Nazareth.

The book is illustrated by Doris Stolberg who has illustrated many books for educational publishers and has done magazine and commercial work.

Published by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, the book sells for \$1.00.

JUST FOR FUN

During a pre-election meeting a candidate noticed a little old lady who appeared particularly interested in everything he said. After he finished his talk he met her and asked about her voting plans.

"Well," she said, "to be frank, you are my second choice."

"And who," he asked, "is your first choice?"

"Oh," she replied, "just anybody."
—Ohio Sundial.

The subject before the class was "The Cow." The teacher asked the class about the uses to which the parts of the dead animal were put, when it was brought out that the flesh was eaten, and from the hide leather for boots and shoes was made. "And what do we make of the horns?" the teacher queried.

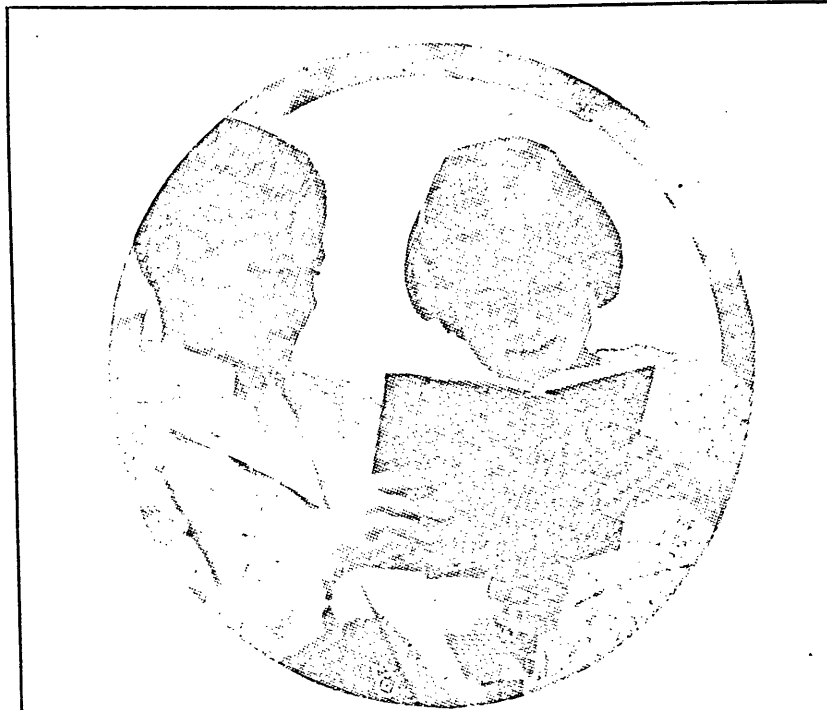
Up shot the hand of a small boy. "Well, what is it, my boy?"

"Hornaments, ma'am." — Home Life.

As I stitched up the gash over the woman's right eye, I was surprised at the cleanness and depth of the laceration.

"Did you say your husband did this with his bare fist?" I asked.

"Of course," she answered in a hurt voice. "He wouldn't use no weapon on a lady!"—John L. Meyer II, Medical Economics



A GIFT

Brother and I are taking a look
At my birthday present, a story book.

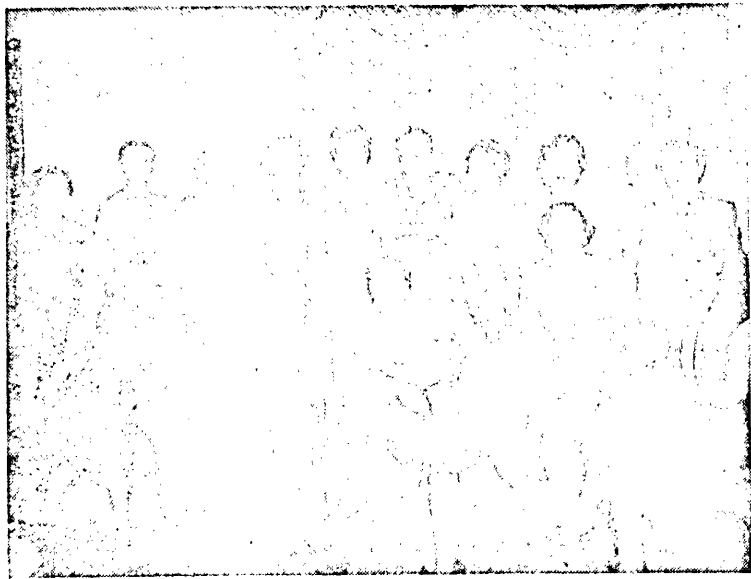
There are tales of helpers, brave and true,
And some of the noble things they do.

There are stories there of other lands,
And boys and girls with helping hands.

Stories of friends of every kind,
So many of these they call to mind.

I've learned to love these stories so,
A book is the nicest gift I know.—A.E.W.

CAMDEN DISTRICT BOARD MEETS



Pictured above are, seated: Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Mrs. Glenn Martel, Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. Neill Hart, Mrs. W. E. Rushing, Mrs. Walter Birch, Mrs. Ernest Glaze; Standing—Mrs. W. O. Walthall, Mrs. Carl Miller, Mrs. John Tucker, Mrs. Connor Morehead, Mrs. J. F. McKinnon, Mrs. J. F. Rennicks, Mrs. Frank Cochran, Mrs. Fred Mayfield, Mrs. R. H. Cole, and Mrs. W. H. Yarbrough.

The Camden District Executive Board of the Woman's Society of Christian Service held its second quarter meeting October 13. Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference President, was a guest for the meeting.

This board, with the help of many pastors and the District Superintendent, Dr. Connor Morehead, has done several things this year. It has organized 7 new societies; organized 6 churches by securing

District Members; and cultivation work has been done in 14 communities.

The goal for the year is to have the Camden District thoroughly organized. At the time this picture was made Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, Mrs. A. B. Sellers, Mrs. R. B. Moore, Mrs. Harvey Couch, and Mrs. Claude Baker were not present. — Mrs. Walter Birch.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

Church women of Columbus, Ohio, have joined the Y. W. C. A. and some local civic groups in sponsoring "The Daughters of the Orient," a club composed of Japanese war brides of soldiers attached to nearby Fort Benning. Through the club the brides are perfecting their English and learning "American ways." The wife of an army chaplain has arranged for a Bible class attended by most of the young women, and a city civics teacher is preparing them for American citizenship. The soldier-husbands are reported "greatly pleased with their wives adjustment to their new life."

The Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, has recently acquired the famous Lopez Library of 700 volumes, including some of the most treasured Spanish religious literature in the western hemisphere. These old Bibles and other Christian literature in Spanish have been gathered from all over the world by the collector, Jose Lopez, who was converted to the Protestant faith many years ago when working on the docks of Buenos Aires. Just before her death, the late Miss Ella Mae Carnahan, of Pittsburgh, gave to the Seminary \$3,000 for the purchase of this collection.

"The church in the Philippines,

with its great vitality, is a real spiritual influence," says Miss Margaret Billingsley, missionary administrator of the Methodist Church, now on a visit to Asia. "One of its strengths is the fact that families as a unit are active in the local church. Often both husband and wife are leaders in the Christian program, with the children participating in the youth and students' groups. We have some fine young missionaries working with the Christian leaders. I do not think I have ever seen any who enjoy their work more or are more integrated into the program. The continued call is for more missionaries."

When UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) celebrated its sixth birthday recently, the State Department's International Information Administration reported that over 50,000,000 children have been aided by UNICEF assisted projects. It has furnished diapers for more than a million babies, and shoes, underwear, dresses, and suits for some 6,000,000 boys and girls. It has supplied milk, meat, margarine, rice, cod and shark-liver oil for millions more. Medical aid has included BCG vaccine to protect 14,000,000 youngsters from tuberculosis, penicillin for over 500,000 sufferers of trepanematosis (yaws), and toxoids to protect thousands from diphtheria and whopping cough. To help countries build up their own services

EUNICE THOMSON MOVED TO METHODIST POST

Miss Eunice Thomson, former director of alumnae activities at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., has been named an administrative assistant in the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Board of Missions, in New York City.

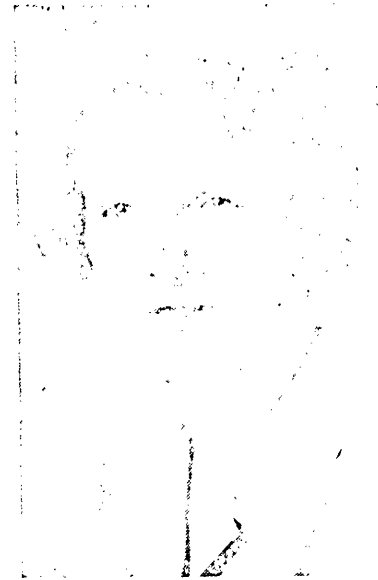
For many years editor of the alumnae publication of her alma mater, Wesleyan College, Miss Thomson became director of alumnae affairs in 1947. On leave of absence from the college in 1952-53, she did graduate work in English at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., where she was awarded the master of arts degree. She was given a fellowship for her last quarter of study.

Miss Thomson, daughter of the Rev. T. H. Thomson, Reidsville, Ga., retired Methodist minister of the South Georgia Conference, is a member of the Georgia Poetry Society and has won awards for her verse. The Department of Christian Social Relations with which she is now associated is the social action "arm" of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Among the areas of its concern are legislation, inter-

for children and mothers, UNICEF has provided them with supplies and skilled teachers. Many church agencies are trying to strengthen the financial support given to UNICEF by the U. S. government.

Despite safeguards of the law, freedom of thought and speech in American radio and television for the first time have been infringed, an eminent woman radio commentator warned delegates to the recent assembly of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches. Miss Pauline Frederick, news commentator for NBC, described violations of free speech as maneuvered by political demagogues. "The economic pressure stemming from the passions aroused by the political medicine men have been known to force sponsors to cancel their sponsorship and stations to drop programs," Miss Frederick said. She declared that these "purveyors of uniformity of thought and speech are bent on running those out of business who attempt to exercise free speech until they, too, conform." Another warning on the loss of freedom in America was sounded by a noted educator who challenged the church women to "stand up and fight" for freedom of religion and education in the United States because "tomorrow will be too late." Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, president of the College of the City of New York, asserted that "it is no accident that the Bill of Rights, foundation stone of American liberties, begins with guarantees of freedom both to worship and to think without let or hindrance from the Congress of the United States."

If all the Methodist pupils attending vacation church schools in the country this summer were gath-



MISS EUNICE THOMSON

national affairs and peace, temperance, and race relations. Miss Thomson's duties include office administration and conducting tours of the United Nations for groups which come from all parts of the United States.

UNITED NATIONS DAY OBSERVED AT FOREMAN

The Ninth Anniversary of the United Nations was celebrated at the Foreman Methodist Church, of which Rev. R. L. Riggin is pastor, by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Parent Teachers Association.

The following program was presented: Song, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations;" Scripture and Meditation, Mrs. Cecil Collan; Story of the United Nations, Mrs. James McGuvre; Answers to the Eight Biggest Lies about the U. N.: Mrs. Newton Smith, reader and answers by: Mrs. Solon Moore, Mrs. T. S. Coffe, Mrs. Talbert Bowman, Jr., Mrs. Gordon Black, Mrs. Joe Harris, Amanda Black, Jimmy McGuvre and Ervin Tipton.

A playlet, "The Guilty One" was given by Mrs. Aubrey Beasley, Mrs. Buell Beck, Mrs. Walter Dunn and Billie Fern Collan.

Following the program the Birthday cake was served with coffee and cocoa.—Mrs. Ceci Collan

ered together in one place they would form a city as large as Buffalo, N. Y., says Miss Mary Alice Jones, director of the children's department of the denomination's Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn. There are more than 1,085,000 children in these schools for a week or more this summer. "The vacation church school has proved to be one of the most effective means ever devised for securing more time for the religious nurture of children," says Dr. Jones; and she notes an increase in the number of schools held by Methodist churches as almost 100% in the period 1941-1951. The number this year is believed to be about 16,000 schools.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

REV. LESTER FINLEY SPEAKS AT DERMOTT

It's a matter of "missions or munitions", Missionary-to-India Rev. Lester Finley told several hundred Methodists here at Dermott Wednesday night.

Leaders from a dozen Methodist churches in this district listened intently while Bro. Finley preached, sang several hymns in the Gujarati language and explained a series of colored slide photos from India. Several tables of Indian curios, including seven carved idol-gods, also drew attention.

"Is India likely to go Communist?" the young superintendent of the Baroda Indian district was asked. He replied that the Communists are working hard to win India, but said he believed they would lose out. India has outlawed Communism but is weak militarily and is following a neutral policy similar to early America's opposition to "foreign entanglements."

"Having lived for centuries under the domination of 'Westerners', India is suspicious of Americans, whom they classify with Englishmen," Mr. Finley said. "American movies, some of which cannot pass the censors here, give Indians warped ideas of life in the U. S.," he added.

"Civilization Not Enough"

"We gave Japan our technology instead of our Christ," the missionary declared, referring to mission investments as "too little and too late." "Sharing civilization is not

enough; it is a matter of missions or munitions."

"Point four aid is helping India, through such projects as irrigation dams, to feed herself," he said. "But only the gospel can change men's hearts so they will love rather than exploit each other."

"Our Indian preachers, some of whom minister to 20 or 30 village churches, make about \$15 per month. Being better trained than most natives, they could earn three times that amount working for the government. But they stick to their jobs and tithe (give 10%) too."

"Spiritual Vacuum"

"The advance of civilization in India is causing a loss of faith in idol-worship—producing a 'spiritual vacuum,'" the missionary said. "Peace in the heart is the supreme goal of Hinduism, but only Christ can produce this peace. When a man is converted, even his cat and dog will know it."

The First Methodist Church of Jonesboro, Ark., is supporting Bro. Finley and his family of four. Mr. Finley praised the work of Miss Wanda Stahley, of Stuttgart, Ark., who is in charge of a girl's school in Baroda. Among the colored photos the preacher showed were several views of a Methodist boys' high school at Baroda, paid for largely with funds from Arkansas and Louisiana.—Phil E. Pierce Pastor

REPORT FROM FARMINGTON CHAPEL

Our visitation evangelistic week resulted with two additions to the church and Sunday School by vows. We had seven prospects. Two team made one call each, interviewed three prospects with three decisions.

We have a membership of 64 in the Sunday school. Percentage of attendance 72%. Church School enrollment 90. Our Church School enrollment is more than our church membership. Our church attendance is 54% of the membership. Finances are up to date.

Charles Kehn, one of our own laymen and chairman of our Commission on Membership and Evangelism, was our speaker on Laymen's Day at the Farmington Methodist Church at 11:00 a. m. He also was lay-speaker for Bro. Scott, Pastor of the Viney Grove-Cincinnati charge, at Cincinnati Methodist Church. R. C. Lee, Teacher of our Adult Class in the Farmington Methodist Church was the lay speaker for Bro. Scott at Viney Grove Methodist Church.

We are a small church, but have as loyal a group of people as you will find anywhere. We have one of the best Woman's Society of Christian Service in the district. They made Mrs. A. L. Riggs, the pastor's wife, a life member of the W.S.C.S. this year.

Space does not permit us to enumerate the many ways they have demonstrated their loyalty to the church and the pastor's family.

Rhea Methodist Church

Rhea Methodist Church has a membership of about seventy-five. We have just closed a week of serv-

BLUFF SPRINGS CHURCH MAKING PROGRESS

The Bluff Springs church was a "dead" church for several years. During a funeral service in the nearby cemetery, on a very windy day, it caught fire and the cemetery was all that was left of this former Methodist center. There were only three Methodist families left in the community.

These families went to work and a new church building was erected. It was not used for a year or two except for special occasions. Last year Rev. L. O. Lee gave an evening service once a month. With the assistance of Rev. Bruce Bean, a week's revival meeting was held in October. That meeting started us on the way back.

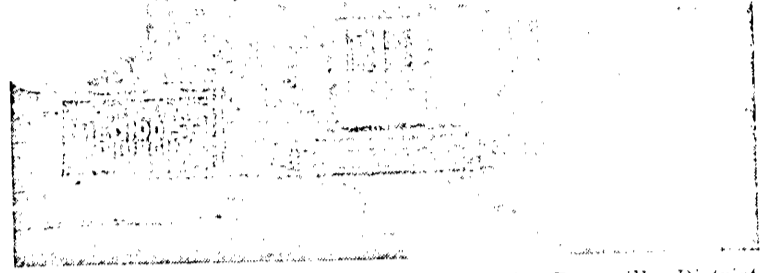
Rev. D. W. Harberson is our pastor this year and we all love him and his family. He preaches at Bluff Springs every 1st and 3rd Sunday at the evening hour. He held a seven-day meeting in September and received six members into the church.

We have over-paid our assessment for the year but we continue to pay as our pastor deserves everything we are able to do for him.—Mrs. T. H. McBay

ices at Rhea. We received two juniors by baptism and vows.

They have an enrollment in the Sunday School of 64 with an average attendance of fifty per cent.

We received eleven credits at the Lincoln area Training School. Rhea had three and Farmington had eight.—A. L. Riggs, Pastor



The Methodist Church at Oil Trough in the Batesville District. Rev. John S. Workman, pastor.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Charles A. Stuck Tells Of Trip

Americans, whether they like it or not, are going to have to take a personal interest in the peoples of all the world, Charles A. Stuck of Jonesboro declared in an address at the Hendrix Chapel last week.

Mr. Stuck, who is lay leader for the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Church, spoke from experiences he had on a trip to England last spring. A 1921 graduate of Hendrix, he is now president of the college's alumni.

Mr. Stuck's purpose in the trip was to study English Methodism and its lay preaching program. Seventy percent of the Methodist pulpits in England are held by laymen, he said.

His visit to a foreign land gave him new insights into the thinking of other people. Mr. Stuck said. "We might as well admit that we Americans are not perfect and do not have the final answer to everything," he said. "People of other lands rightly object when a country only 300 years old tries to establish policies for countries where even many of the houses are older than that. My trip made me love my own country even more, but it also gave me a new humility before the values held by other nations."

The Methodist lay preaching program in the northern half of Arkansas has been Mr. Stuck's special interest since becoming lay leader of the area. Under his leadership the conference is said to have at present a larger group of organized lay terms than any other conference in America.

November Calendar

Events at Hendrix for November range from old movies to music recitals. First on the list is the Old Movies Club monthly film on November 7. Also, on the 7th, the Hendrix Warriors will play Mississippi College. The game will be played out of the state.

At 4:00 in the afternoon of November 8, V. Earl Copes, of the faculty, will present another in the

series of Organ Vespers in the Chapel.

Chapel Services for the 10th will be an address by Dr. Earl Marlett, a professor at Southern Methodist University. The Chapel for the 17th will be an address by Mr. Joe Cash, Secretary of the Department of Labor for Arkansas.

The Hendrix Homecoming football game will be played here the afternoon of the 14th. The coronation of the Football queen will be at 1:45. The game will be played between the Hendrix Warriors and Henderson State Teachers College.

Dr. J. Russell Cross, Presbyterian minister in Conway, will review a book at the monthly Cardinal Key book review. The review will be held at 7:00 the night of the 17th.

"As You Like It" will be presented at 8:00 the nights of November 20 and 21. This will be the first major dramatic production of the year.

Mrs. Victor Hill, of the faculty, will give a violin recital at 8:00 the night of the 23rd. The recital is one of a series of faculty recitals.

The Thanksgiving holidays will begin at noon the 25th and classes will resume at 8:00 a. m. on the 30th.

The first of December, Dorothy Yarnell of Searcy will give a voice recital at 8:00 p. m. Miss Yarnell is a senior.—Chris Holmes.

METHODISTS ASK PRESIDENT TO RESCIND ARMY LIQUOR DIRECTIVE

President Eisenhower was asked by 500 Methodist leaders attending a three-day Citizenship Convocation in Washington to rescind a recent Army directive allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages on military reservations. The convocation, sponsored by the Methodist Board of Temperance, unanimously adopted the resolution which charged that the recent directive issued by General William E. Bergin, Adjutant General of the Army, violates the Canteen Act of 1901.



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NEWTON COUNTY MAKES RAPID PROGRESS

On Wednesday, in company of Rev. Vernon Chalfant, Chairman of the Conference Board of Missions, and Rev. Charles Simpson, Pastor at Jasper, the writer made a journey over the hills of beautiful Newton County. While we did not cover the entire county, we saw a large section of this great garden spot of our state.

The building of hard surface roads has already made travel easier and more enjoyable. The National and State governments are building a magnificent hard surface road through this county. It will connect with highways from Harrison to Russellville, Clarksville, and other towns of the western part of the state. The highway is being purposely located along the o'er towering mountains which give one a breathtaking view of the valleys below. When completed this will be one of the most beautiful and attractive drives anywhere in our nation.

The old days of mountain shacks are swiftly passing. While there are still a few left, yet they have been and are being replaced by attractive modern homes that shelter some of the finest people on this good earth. Jasper is a coming progressive county seat town that will

continue to grow as it serves as a center for this entire section.

The Methodist Church has a good program in the county and is making plans for advance. Bro. Simpson is the constant friend of the people, both old and young. In consultation with him and some of his leaders plans were begun to render larger service to the people.

With the coming of good roads, better schools, better medical service, more substantial economic support, improved farming and poultry methods, along with stronger churches, Newton County will become one of the outstanding sections of our state. The people are of strong character with deep appreciation for their heritage. More than twenty men have gone out from this area to serve in the medical field. Some of the outstanding pastors of the nation came from this county, as well as a number of educational and business leaders, and of course hundreds of substantial citizens. A complete record is being prepared giving the history of the county and its splendid contribution to the state and nation at large. Newton County holds great treasures for rich living from every human standpoint.—J. Albert Gatlin.

MINISTER DISAGREES WITH KENTUCKY BISHOP

Please permit me to comment through the *Arkansas Methodist* on an article found in the Sept. 24 issue titled "Methodist Bishop Pressure Group on Appointments." I shall also appreciate the comment of any who may differ with me.

I agree with Bishop William T. Watkins of Kentucky that we have a great system of appointments. I believe that as far as it is humanly possible the cabinet tries to match church and preacher. Even then errors are made sometimes and later corrected. The Bishop is right when he says that too often pressure groups make the appointment or have a minister removed and that to some extent pastors have used one form of pressure or another to secure better appointments. He says this is unethical and I agree with him. But I disagree with the Kentucky Bishop when he says that he will set his face like a flint against pressure groups and make the appointments that ought to be made . . . that he is not going to yield to any pressure group whether of the clergy or of the laity . . . and except in "very special cases" no minister will be told until the day before appointments are read where he is being assigned.

Of course the Conference wants him to make the appointments that ought to be made. Before I entered the ministry I was an active layman in some of the largest churches in Arkansas Methodism. I was very much interested in the men who might be my pastor. This is a wholesome interest on the part of our

laity if it is not abused. After all the laymen are as much a part of the church as are the clergy. We need more active and interested laymen in the church. We need their counsel and their influence. The Kentucky Bishop should not rule out all pressure because some of it has been abused. Possibly he will need to put a church politician here and there in his place. That can be done. But it is quite another thing to ignore the influence of ministers and laymen whose motives are good.

The Kentucky Bishop says that no pastor is to be told until the day before appointments are read where he is going except in very special cases. Any pastor from the rank and file of the ministry will feel much better if his district superintendent will take him into his confidence and discuss with him his future appointment. No commitments have to be made but possibilities can be discussed. After all the pastor should not be treated as if he were an eighth grade school boy and the cabinet should not act as if it were the "Holy of Holies." No matter whether he is pastor of a small or a large church a pastor likes to be taken into the confidence of his Bishop and his District Superintendent. The Methodist ministry is a brotherhood working together for the Kingdom. It will be a poor day for Methodism of any conference when the Bishop is on one side of the fence and the pastors on the other. I like the system and believe all of us can be Christian in it.—H. W. Jinske

NO INHERENT RIGHT TO ADVERTISE INTOXICATING LIQUORS

Since the National Temperance and Prohibition Council has launched a Crusade Against Liquor Advertising, their right to do so has been called in question on the ground that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors is a legal business and, therefore is legal and no one has any right to interfere with it. What right, its challengers say, have you to bring the pressure of public opinion to bear upon the editors, publishers, managers or owners of newspapers, magazines, radios, televisions, or other media that accept liquor advertisements or on legislators, to enact legislation, to stop this advertising?

What is the answer to this?

The answer is that there is no right — no natural, inherent, or as we say in the Declaration of Independence, "inalienable" right to engage in the business of manufacturing or selling intoxicating liquors, and, therefore, no right — natural, inherent, inalienable right — in advertising them for the purpose of aiding in their sale.

To engage in the business of an ordinary calling, such as agriculture, mining, manufacture of goods — of any business which is not injurious to the public welfare — is a natural, inherent right in which any one has a right to engage.

The traffic in intoxicating liquor does not belong to this class of business. It is a "Special Privilege" business, which has no right to exist apart from a special permit by government, and in the conduct of which the government can hedge it about with all manner of restric-

tions, can even prohibit it altogether.

The reason for this is the inevitably dangerous and evil character of the business. Thus our Courts, from the lowest to the highest, have declared for a hundred years. Since the liquor business is special privilege business, which exists by sufferance and has no inherent right to exist, it follows that the business of advertising it is also a special privilege, and not an inherent right.

The National Temperance and Prohibition Council is clearly within its rights in launching a Crusade Against Liquor Advertising. Furthermore, the Council believes it to be its imperative duty to arouse the American people to protest to those who are annually receiving from the liquor industry the huge sum of \$250,000,000 for the use of their facilities for advertising the industry's products to increase their sale and consumption.

The Crusade is gaining in momentum from week to week. Letters are pouring in to headquarters from all parts of the United States, expressing interest and a desire to participate in the Crusade. A four-page Circular which gives full information regarding the Crusade is going out, on orders, at the rate of 300 to 400 daily.

For information and copies of the Crusade Circular (Cost: 1 to 10 copies, 10c each; 25 to 40 copies, 8c each; 50 copies and over, 6c each), write—Dr. R. H. Martin, Chairman, Committee Against Liquor Advertising, N. T. P. C., 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

PULLMAN HEIGHTS, HOT SPRINGS, REPORTS

A word concerning our work here in the Pullman Heights Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

This report of Progress is for the encouragement of our Working Staff.

This Conference Year we have had a 30% increase in Church School enrollment and attendance. Now we are completing our Sanctuary Decoration at a cost of \$3,000 to be paid for when finished.

Our beautiful parsonage is appreciated by everyone. With the competent leadership of our Official Board, the W. S. C. S., the Wesleyan Service Guild and our good Church School Superintendent, Emmitt Jackson we are moving forward with our Program of Evangelism.

Office furnishings have been provided by the W. S. C. S., the W. S. G., and the Dewar Jackson Church School Class.—Kirvin A. Hale, Pastor.

BIBLE-READING CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN BRITAIN

A Bible-reading campaign, called "The Bible Speaks Today," was launched at a service in St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Leaders of most of the non-Catholic communions in the country participated in the service which was attended by Princess Margaret. Also present were representatives of 50 local councils of churches who are sponsoring Bible Weeks during the coming years in connection with the

OPEN SECOND ANNUAL RURAL CHURCH CONTEST

Opening of the second annual contest to determine the South's Rural Church of the Year was announced by the Rev. G. Ross Freeman, director of the Town and Country Development Program and sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation of Chicago. Churches of all communions are eligible to compete for 130 cash prizes if they are located in communities of 5,000 inhabitants or less in one of the 13 Southern states, Mr. Freeman said. Plans for extending the contest to Eastern and Western states are being worked out now, he added. Purpose of the awards, Mr. Freeman said, "is to recognize worthy achievement in rural areas and to stimulate further development as a contribution to a stronger America." Churches wishing to be judged in the contest were urged to submit progress reports by next April 1. An evaluation committee will study these reports and select a Rural Church of the Year in each of the 13 Southern states. State winners will receive \$300 award, and be eligible for an additional \$300 to be given to the one named Southwide Rural Church of the Year. In addition, 52 second-place prizes of \$100, four in each state, and 65 third-place prizes of \$50, five in each state, will be awarded.

150th anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Five selections were read from different versions of the Bible.

METHODIST YOUTH

Georgia Daily, Editor

FINLEY TO BE AT RALLY

A challenge to service on the mission field will be made by the Rev. Lester Finley at the Little Rock Conference Youth Rally Saturday at Arkadelphia.

Mr. Finley, who is on furlough from India, will illustrate his talk with colored slides he made of his work in that country during the last five years.

He will appear on the afternoon session of the youth emphasis program, which begins at 1 p. m. The day-long rally will begin at 10 a. m. at Arkansas Hall on the Henderson State Teachers College campus, and will end at 7:30 p. m.

Inspirational speaker at the evening service will be Dick Thompson, national president.

The day's program will be directed by Miss Dot Baber of Little Rock, Conference youth director, and Ann Rice of Tillar, conference president.

WESLEYAN SUB-DISTRICT HAS MEETING

The meeting at Lockesburg on Tuesday, October 13, marked the end of the Wesleyan Sub-district in its present form. Ministers and district officers met at Nashville on Saturday, October 17 to reorganize the district.

The program at Lockesburg consisted of a panel discussion led by Miss Dorothy Kelley, district worker. The panel discussed the five new commissions, Christian Faith, Christian Outreach, Christian Witness, Christian Citizenship, and Christian Fellowship.

There were 127 people present at the meeting. Forman, having 22 present, received the banner.

GROUP MAKES PLANS FOR MEETINGS

The North Caddo Sub-district met at Ida October 12 to plan for reorganizing and continuing the sub-district meetings. Ida was host, with

BOB HAYNES LEADS WORSHIP SERVICE

The Paul E. Martin Sub-district held its monthly meeting at the First Methodist Church in Van Buren on October 20. Nancy Carol Secrest, president, was in charge. Bob Haynes gave the devotional, "The Need For More Church Leaders."

Midland Heights Methodist Church, Fort Smith, had the most members present.

During the business meeting, June Brownlee was elected treasurer. It was decided that the Sub-district would send \$5.00 to the Children's Home at Little Rock for Christmas. The money will be raised by personal and group donations. It will be sent on the bus that the St. Paul MYF group is chartering to visit the children's home on December 20.

The November meeting will be held at Goddard Memorial Methodist Church in Fort Smith.

Oil City and Mooringsport participating.

Officers were elected and it was decided that the meetings would be every second Monday of the month at 7:30. The next meeting will be at Mooringsport with Oil City giving the program.

The following were elected as officers: President; Marianna Brazelton of Oil City; vice-president; Larry James of Mooringsport; secretary; Kenneth Norton of Ida; treasurer; Tommy Cole, Jr., of Ida; sub-district counselor; Rev. J. R. Woodward of Ida.

It was decided at the first meeting that the host church would be responsible for recreation and refreshments and that one of the other churches would give the program. It was also decided that the maximum time limit for meetings would be one and one-half hours. This means that on school nights the meetings would begin at 7:30 and must end by 9:00 p. m.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

Glamour dates are fewer among teen-agers. This heartening news to many youthful romantics who do not consider themselves glamorous comes from a survey made not long ago by the Pennsylvania State College. Research was done by Miss Phoebe Forrest in preparation for a master's thesis in the field of family relations. The fact that glamour factors are not all-important was one of several conclusions Miss Forrest reached from her survey of 135 high school juniors.

What rates high in teen-age dating? Young Lochinvar there will rise up to remark that good looks are pretty important. And while we make a mental note that this rules him out, we hear the researcher say that neither good looks nor a good time rated as high as three other factors. They are worth our notice.

First, *courtesy*. That may come as a shock to some of you young stalwarts who figure the caveman probably rates pretty high in the level of technique. Maybe you figure the ruder you are the harder they fall. Treat 'em rough and they will be back. But that isn't the way it figures, it says here. Courtesy is the very first fact on the list. So, to your manners look well, my hearties, and get on the ball with Emily Post. But even Emily cannot give you the basic attitude that makes courtesy a natural with you. You have to do that yourself.

Friendliness was next on the teen-age list of ratings. That seems a logical conclusion. Better to be out with a friendly date than one who is glamorous and snobbish. After all, don't we get a circle of friends among those who are friendly? The snob, the stuck-up, the egocentric—these find themselves with few friends. Often those friends they do have are just like themselves. Each will drop the other like a hot potato if the notion suggest that we are friendly so

strikes them. Now that isn't to folks will like us. We are friendly because that is a natural, normal way to be, and life is happier and more effective in every way if we have a friendly outlook and spirit.

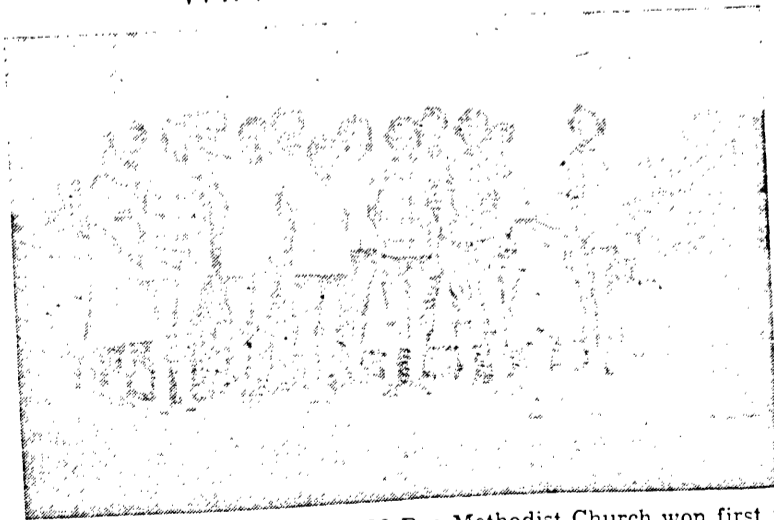
A sense of humor was the third rated quality in this survey. That doesn't mean, I take it, that one must be the Jack Benny or Red Buttons of the crowd to get dates. It does mean that everyone of us can cultivate his own sense of humor—it's there for our use. Such a sense of humor knows what to laugh at; it knows that it is never right to laugh at someone if it is at his expense; but it can laugh with someone at himself or at oneself. I would add also that such a sense of humor sees humor in everything but the smutty, the off-color, the poor in taste. Life can include all the laughs necessary without dropping the conversation to the gutter level.

I don't suppose a touch of genuine glamour would hurt in the teen-age dating field, and good times would be well received by all. But take a look at your rating in the scale of the first three. Then you can judge yourself as a dating prospect.

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EIGHT STUDY GROUPS FOR CITY CONVOCATION

In preparation for the "Convocation on Urban Life in America" which has been called by the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church to meet in Columbus, Ohio, February 24 to 26 next, eight study groups have been organized in as many cities to bring preliminary reports to the delegates. These groups will meet during the next four months to formulate their findings and proposals, and to plan creatively so that Methodist churches can minister more effectively to those who dwell in urban areas."

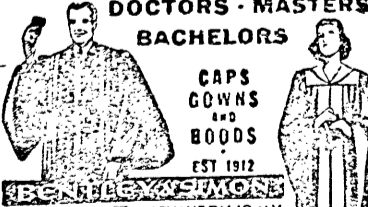
Bishop Frederick B. Newell, of New York, is chairman of the convocation; Bishop John W. Branscomb, of Jacksonville, Fla., vice-chairman; Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, of Denver, Colo., secretary. The convocation is under the auspices of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, and Dr. Robert A. McKibben, head of the Board's department of city work, is planning the program. All other boards and agencies of the Methodist Church are cooperating.

Each of the 100 annual (regional) conferences that comprise the Methodist Church is naming its own "committee on urban life;" and each will send bishops, superintendents, city pastors, lay leaders of city churches, representatives of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, professors of theology, and executives of city church service agencies to the Convocation.

Each of the eight study groups, centering in widely separated cities, has a discussion leader and an editor who will make the final report of their studies: "Religious Leadership in Urban Life," Dr. Herbert Cockerill, Kansas City, leader, and Dr. John C. Irwin, Evanston, Ill., editor; "Effective Church Programs," Dr. W. McFerrin of Oklahoma City, and Prof. Howard Grimes, Dallas, Texas; "Reaching the Unchurched and Developing the Christian Fellowship," Dr. W. Clifford Newman, Memphis, Tenn., and Rev. Walter Lee Underwood, McKenzie, Tenn.; "Stewardship and Finance," Dr. Lester Rumble, Augusta, Ga., and Prof. Douglas E. Jackson, Atlanta, Ga.; "The Urban Church and the Larger Community," Dr. George A. Warmer, Jr., Oakland, California, and Dr. Harvey J. D. Seifert, Los Angeles, California; "Denominational Strategy and Interdenominational Cooperation," Dr. Alexander K. Smith, Drexel Hill, Pa., and Edwin H. Rohrbeck, State College, Pa.; "Specialized Ministries in the Urban Area," Dr. Gordon Phillips, Detroit, Mich., and Dr. John E. Marvin, Adrian, Mich.; "Public Relations for the Urban Church," Dr. Allen E. Claxton, New York City, and Dr. John B. Oman, Trenton, N. J.

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COMMUNISM AND THE PROTESTANT CLERGY

LOOK Magazine has announced it will carry in its November 17 issue, two articles on the subject of Communism and the Protestant Clergy. One by Dr. J. B. Matthews, former chief investigator for Senator Joseph B. McCarthy, the other by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

In his article, "Red Propaganda Has Influenced 7,000 Protestant Clergymen," Dr. Matthews will reiterate and offer additional evidence in defense of his charges made several months ago that the "largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergymen."

Presented in rebuttal to Dr. Matthews' charges, Bishop Oxnam's article, "The Real Dupes In The Red Hunts Are On Congressional Committees," questions the reliability of Dr. Matthews' statements and calls attention to the lack of factual evidence to substantiate accusations of widespread communist affiliations among Protestant clergy.

A commentary, written by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, professor of applied Christianity at Union Theological Seminary, will appear in this same issue which will be on the newsstands November 3.

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Nashville, Tennessee—Sales of THE UPPER ROOM, world's most widely circulated periodical in the religious field, will set a new all-time record for the September-October issue when final figures are compiled, it was announced here today by Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor. The figure for this issue will be at least two hundred thousand copies above that for the corresponding issue of last year, which was the best figure up until that time.

Dr. Potts points out that every issue since July-August of 1949 has shown a sizeable increase over the corresponding issue of the year before. Largest gains have been registered in the last year, however. Since 1949 the circulation has increased more than three quarters of a million in the American edition.

THE UPPER ROOM, which pro-

vides a Bible verse, a Bible reading, a meditation, prayer, and thought for the day is distributed in 60,000 churches as a part of their ministry, while more than 200,000 individuals receive subscriptions directly in their own homes. The interdenominational and international nature of this devotional guide is indicated by the fact that it is published in 21 editions and seventeen languages around the world. Circulation figures apply only to English editions.

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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 15, 1953
WHY BE A STEWARD?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Deuteronomy 8:11-18; Luke 12:13-34. Printed Text: Leviticus 25:18-22; Psalms 24:1; Malachi 3:7-10; I Cor. 16:2.

MEMORY SELECTION: *The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.* (Psalms 24:1)

This is the fourth lesson of UNIT II: "BIBLE TEACHINGS APPLIED TO WORLD PROBLEMS." The first lesson dealt with the liquor traffic. This truly is one of the great problems of the world. The second lesson had to do with Christian homes. Most of our problems root right back into the homes. If the majority of the homes of this nation were Christian we would be on safe ground. Our third lesson dealt with the Church and its relationship to the community. The three greatest character building institutions on earth are the public school, the church, and the home. These three working together along righteous lines can accomplish anything that needs to be done in this nation. Our lesson today raises the question, "Why Be a Steward?" This is also an important question, for there can be no such thing as true Christianity without stewardship.

A Look At The Printed Text

It is hoped that the student will read from his Bible the entire assignment. Space will permit us to deal only with the printed text. All of the assigned passages deal with the fact that God is the true owner of all things and that man is only a steward of the things he has for a time in his possession.

All Belongs To God

Our first passage (Psalms 24:1) emphasizes the fact of God's absolute ownership. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." Not only do all things which we have in our care and keeping belong to God, but we ourselves belong to Him. He is the creator of all, and as such, the only absolute owner. If this thought could only grip the human family a lot of our danger from materialism would cease. Down through the ages people have felt that true life consisted in possessions rather than piety; in cash rather than character. Jesus would have us understand that what a man is, is of far more importance than what he has. "A man's true life," said he, "consisteth not in the abundance of his possessions." The question is often raised concerning a wealthy person, "What will this man do with his money?" A far more important question is, "What will this man's money do to him?"

Someone has called attention to the fact that Christ had more to say about material possessions and how they are to be administered than any other subject. He did this because of the fact that more people will be lost at this point than at any other. Christ speaks of some four men who were lost and all of them were lost over either their love for money or the wrong use of

it. Take for example, the rich man who lifted his eyes up in hell. He went there, not because of any crimes he had committed. All he did was to fare sumptuously every day on his great possessions while a beggar starved to death at his gate. We see the same fault in the rich farmer. He housed his great crop but kept it all for himself. He had no idea of sharing with others. The last word he had from God was "Thou fool." Christ went on to say that so it is with all who are rich in this world's goods but poor in their relationship with God. Another case that comes to mind was the rich, young ruler. He loved gold more than God. He kept his stuff but he lost his soul. Judas will also be remembered as one who sold out for material possessions. He sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver which at that time was the price of a common slave.

Obedience And Blessings

Our next passage (Leviticus 25:18-22) emphasizes the fact that obedience brings the blessings of God. The Lord promised the people that if they would do his statutes and keep his ordinances they would dwell securely in the land. The land would respond bountifully to their efforts and they would have plenty and to spare.

God required the people to fully trust him for their needs. One of his ordinances called for the land to lay fallow on each seventh year. This was a wise procedure as it gave the land rest and prevented its hasty depletion. God knew that the people would be raising questions as to what they would eat on that seventh year. He went on to assure them that if they would obey him in this matter he would see to it that the harvest of the sixth year would be so bountiful that it would take care of their needs during the year of rest.

Robbing God

The next passage (Malachi 3:7-10) brings a terrible accusation against the people. They are accused of turning aside from following God. They have refused to obey his ordinances and keep his statutes. He insisted that they return to their former state of rectitude. The invitation carried with it a promise: "Return to me, and I will return to you." The whole nation was in a backslidden condition. Calamity had come upon them. Drouth, pestilence, and destructive insects were on every hand. The Prophet felt that these evils had come because of the sins of the people. But he could not convince them of their sins. They felt that they had no sins. When God, through the Prophet said, "Return unto me." They raised the question, "How shall we return?" They insisted that they had never gotten away from God

and, therefore, there was no occasion for a return.

Then God, through the Prophet becomes more explicit. He raises the question, "Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How are we robbing thee?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; the whole nation of you." This was a terrible accusation. It is bad enough when people rob each other, but when they come to the point of robbing God things are in a bad way indeed.

The Lord goes on to explain in what way this robbery is taking place. It is "In your tithes and offerings." The tithe spoken of here was a tenth part of the individual's income which was supposed to be paid in the Temple. The offering was the wave offering which was set aside especially for the priests. It will be remembered that the priests came from the Tribe of Levi and that this tribe was set aside for sacred duties. It had no inheritance among the other tribes, but was supported by them through tithes and offerings. This wave offering consisted of the earliest maturing portion of the grain that grew in the fields. It consisted of about one fiftieth part of the crop and was cut before the harvest time, waved in the Temple before the Lord, and presented to the priests.

A Glowing Promise

In the latter part of this passage from Malachi God goes on to make a glowing promise to the people, but it is conditioned on their obedience. The Lord goes on to say, "Bring the full tithes into the store house, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of host, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing . . ." The Lord, through Malachi, is insisting that the people brought calamities upon themselves through their own disobedience. They have simply been reaping what they have sown. He goes on to insist that if they will return to him and keep his statutes and obey his ordinances he will pour out upon them such a blessing that they will not be able to contain it.

Systematic Giving

The next passage (I Cor. 16:2) comes from the pen of the Apostle Paul. In this passage he insists upon systematic giving. We have in this passage the earliest special emphasis placed on the first day of the week found in the Bible. Those who insist on keeping the seventh day as a time of special worship instead of the first day, claim that there is no Scripture for the change from Saturday to Sunday. This, as well as other passages, shows that they are a bit wrong. Even while the Apostles were yet alive the Christians began meeting for worship on Sunday. Paul instructed them to make their offering when they met to worship on the first day of each week, which is Sunday. During the Old Testament period the seventh day was kept holy in commemoration of a completed creation. Now, the first day is kept holy in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, which is the greatest single event that ever took place in all the history of the world.

This Scripture, however, was brought into the lesson to emphasize the matter of systematic giving; the giving of a specific amount at regular intervals. Nothing is said in this passage about the tithe. The reason

for the omission is simply this: The early Christians were giving far more than the tithe. They felt that Christianity was far superior to Judaism. This ancient religion required the tithe. Christians, who were receiving greater blessings from their religion were not willing to stop with the tithe. Some of them were giving their all. The tithe among Christian people should always be looked upon as the minimum of giving, never the maximum. The tithe might do as a starting point, but as time moves on many modern Christians with large incomes should do considerably more than the tithe. In fact many are already doing that. There are some who are taking the ten per cent for themselves and giving the ninety per cent to religious causes.

A Call To Sacrifice

There is an urgent call for sacrifice on the part of all concerned. Every person should give until his contribution becomes a sacrifice on his part. God is far more interested in the sacrifice a person makes in giving than he is in the amount of the gift. Christ said the widow who put in less than two pennies of our money gave more than all the others. He based this evaluation upon the fact that she had given her very living. The others out of their abundance made large offerings, but they had so much left that it was no sacrifice to them. The very poor may find it a bit hard to tithe but the exceedingly wealthy can pay the tithe without one bit of sacrifice. That is why they should not stop with the tithe.

Some Startling Figures

J. Wallace Hamilton gives some startling figures as to how people spend their money. These figures were taken from the year 1949. During that year the people of this nation spent nine billion dollars for liquor. "We spent \$21,500,000,000 gambling on everything from horses to the hour when the salmon would start running in Alaska. Crime that year cost us \$15,000,000,000; tobacco cost us \$4,375,000,000. But only three billion a year goes for education, and a little more than one billion is spent in all our churches for the training of the spirit!"

Do we wonder why the world is in its present predicament? We are spending the least amount of money on the one and only thing that can save this world. Many years ago the poet Wordsworth said, "The world is too much with us; getting and spending we lay waste our powers." If that were true in his day, it is even more so now. We are materialistically crazy and pleasure mad. It is said that bees sometimes become drowned in their own honey. We are becoming engulfed in the material things of life. As the spirit of materialism grows, the spiritual values are shunted further aside. The outward forces of life have so outrun the inward powers and restraints that our civilization has become top-heavy. There must be a turning back to these eternal values or our world is doomed.

Bishop Cushman tells of the wife of a college chum, a brilliant woman, an invalid of many years, but always radiant. One day she fell and broke her hip. While she lay helpless in the hospital, a blackout siren sounded. As the nurses hurried about to reassure their patients, this radiant woman said, "Is there anything I can do to help?" —Michigan Christian Advocate.

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