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For Ministerial Training And Hendrix College

WE come again to the time for the November Special for Ministerial Training and Hendrix College. This is one of the very important features of the annual program of Methodism in Arkansas.

The taking of an offering during this period serves two significant purposes. It gives opportunity to feature Hendrix College with a deserved emphasis. It gives opportunity, also, to call attention to the needs for recruiting a ministry for our church and for making possible the training of those who have already decided for the ministry. Each of our Annual Conferences has set a minimum goal of \$5,000.00 for Hendrix College. The goal in the North Arkansas Conference for ministerial training is \$5,000.00, in the Little Rock Conference the goal is \$3,000.00.

Money our people put into this offering is not a contribution but an investment. It is an investment in Christian education through the only Methodist college we have in the state. It is also an investment in the life, character and training of men who feel called of God to preach the gospel. Such investments pay perpetual dividends.

First Circulation Report Received

THE honor of being the first church in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area to make a report for the 1954 Area-wide Arkansas Methodist-Louisiana Methodist Circulation Campaign goes to the Vinton Methodist Church, Lake Charles District, Rev. Ivan O. Donaldson, pastor. The report from this church was received Saturday, November 7 and included a list of eighty-four subscriptions, representing each family in the Vinton congregation. This church has a list of eighteen subscriptions this year. We wish to commend this church and pastor for this excellent report.

The Vinton Church took advantage of the newly established subscription policy which permits the entering of a list of names representing every contributing family to the local church rather than at the regular rate of \$2.00. Recent action of the 1953 Annual Conferences put into effect the following new subscription policy: . . . "That the individual subscription price be continued at \$2.00, but that a subscription price of \$1.50 be authorized where the Official Board of a church enters into a contract, agreement or arrangement to send the paper into, as a minimum, the homes of every contributing family of the church." A number of other pastors in the Area have indicated that they hope to take advantage of this every family arrangement for next year.

The Vinton list of names is being entered this week with a subscription expiration date of January, 1954. Any other list of names or single subscriptions entered from this date through the Campaign Period, January 10-17, will likewise have a January, 1954, expiration. The Vinton Church has started the campaign in a wonderful fashion. We are confident that there are many other churches that will follow in its lead.

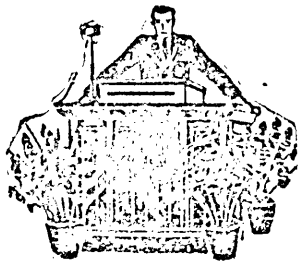
Pastors desiring a list of the present subscribers in local churches may have such lists on request. These lists are now prepared and unless otherwise requested will be distributed in December, along with other campaign materials.

The Pulpit Can Help-- Hold Our Young People

ONE of the high privileges we have as editors of the Arkansas Methodist is the opportunity that comes to preach in so many of the pulpits of our church. As we go into these various churches, large and small, we are frequently impressed with the fact that the percentage of young people in the preaching services is often comparatively small.

Whatever the situation may be in any particular church, this we know, our church must reach and hold young people if The Methodist Church is to fulfill its mission today and have promise for tomorrow.

Young people who have grown up under the influence of the church's pro-



gram are of course better trained and more useful members of the church and are more likely to continue to be active in the work of the church. It is not difficult, however, to see why attendance problems often develop when our children reach the age of "young people." It is just here, for the first time in church going families, that attendance on church services becomes a voluntary matter.

Because our youth as young people, have reached the age when they largely make their own decisions, it is all the more important that the pulpit make special effort to help them make wise decisions. It is our feeling that the pulpit can help hold our young people by--

- (1) Discussing subjects and problems in which youth are directly interested;
- (2) Wording messages in terms understandable and meaningful to youth;
- (3) Recognizing that young people are more interested in principles that govern conduct than in doctrines that differentiate churches;
- (4) Challenging youth to a rugged life of worth-while service. Young people are not much interested in just "being good."
- (5) Giving evidence of a sympathetic understanding of the complex problems youth must face in our modern world;
- (6) Opening the pulpit to young people for well-planned services which they can conduct helpfully and often surprisingly well.

There are more young people actively engaged in the work of the church today than at any time in its history. Unfortunately, however, there are also more young people outside of the church than at any time in its history.

Protestant Ministers Need No Defense

WE have never felt it necessary to defend the Protestant clergy or to answer for Protestant ministers the absurd yet obnoxious accusations that are continually being hurled against them these days by those who evidently have little or no concern for the real strength of the nation. These repeated insinuations that the ranks of the Protestant clergy have been infiltrated by the communists actually aiding and abetting the communists cause insofar as they give rise to suspicion and distrust of the clergy.

The Protestant ministers are in no sense deserving of the cloud of suspicion which has been cast across their numbers. There is no group anywhere which has given of itself so fully to advance everything that communism is against as the Protestant ministers of America. We have a rather wide range of acquaintances among Methodist ministers, and we say without equivocation that we have never known even one that we thought to be in sympathy with the communist movement. There are differences of opinion and judgement among ministers, even as among laymen, but to brand one a communist or communist sympathizer because of a difference of opinion is carrying matters entirely too far.

When anyone makes such a broadside accusation as to say that "The largest single group supporting the communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergy" he usually has some sort of an ax to grind for himself or a group. We can think of three groups that could possibly want their axes sharpened. How many can you?

The Communists Say "No" Again

AFTER Western Powers have spent many months of patient negotiations with Russia looking to a conference which would discuss peace treaties for Austria and Germany, the Soviet government has said "no" to such a conference in a very convincing manner.

Russia, very adroitly, does not refuse to join in such a conference but it makes demands, as preliminaries to such a conference, that would make the success of the conference impossible. These are conditions that have been repeatedly rejected. One of these conditions is that the Western Powers abandon the proposed European Defense Community. To do so would, of course, be to surrender Western Europe to communistic control. That, in return, would lay the ground work for world control by communism.

The conditions Russia lays down as preliminaries to a conference on Austria and Germany is simply an impressive way of saying that Russia is not interested in any such conference unless it is held under conditions fixed by the Russians that will guarantee the imposition of their will on the conference. It would be suicidal for the Western Powers to accede to such demands.

Russia may not want war but the attitude in evidence in this proposal indicates that it does not want peace. The attitude of Russia since the close of World War II discloses the fact that communism wants neither war nor peace. Communism thrives in the midst of disorder, confusion and discontent. The unstable condition

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THE CROSSROADS

By CHARLES A. READER

Soil Conservation Service, Perryville, Arkansas

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Reeder is the Work Unit Conservationist at Perryville, Arkansas, working with the Perry County Soil Conservation District. He has held this position for the past seven years and has been working with the Soil Conservation Service for the past nineteen years. He is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Perryville Methodist Church and has been Church School Superintendent for the last two years.

"THE LAND, which was pass through to spy out, is an exceedingly good land—a land that flows with milk and honey", this was the minority report as made by Joshua and Caleb to Moses about the Promised Land of the Children of Israel.

I wonder how many of you have ever noticed the similarity of the report Captain John Smith sent back to England from America in the Colonial days. His report said, "We have a land here full of tall trees, good soil, abounding in wild animals for food and fur, with rich mines of many minerals". Or the message Captain Arthur Barlow wrote to Sir Walter Raleigh after he had visited the North American continent in 1584. Said Captain Barlow, "The soile is most plentiful, sweete, fruitful and the most wholesome of all the worlde." No doubt reports like this made America seem like a Promised Land to the people of the Old World, especially those loving the land and those seeking freedom of religion.

We might carry this comparison even further, remembering that for forty years these wandering Children of Israel tarried before moving into their Promised Land. That land which Moses again told them was "a good land, a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of live trees and honey; a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness". To this period we might compare the settling of the Atlantic Coast, as the colonists stabilized their positions before hearing the call of Horace Greeley, "Go West, young man, go West", or following the leadership of great pioneers like Daniel Boone as civilization moved westward into our great Mississippi River Valley which was truly a promised land with its deep fertile soil, wide grassy plains, great forests, and abundance of water. A land that would certainly compare favorably with Moses' description of the Promised Land of Israel, as he described it "A land of hills and valleys and drinketh water of the rain from Heaven, a land which Jehovah, they God, careth for; the eyes of Jehovah, thy God, are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end".

Then for the Children of Israel began a period of great prosperity, for the land was good. This Promised Land was about the size of our state of Vermont, yet it fed and provided for perhaps three million people. The 26th chapter of Genesis tells us "Isaac sowed on that land and found in the same year a hundredfold." They fed themselves, gained great wealth by trading products with the neighboring countries and supported King Solomon's royal courts that required great quantities of food as shown in I Kings, 4th Chapter. "And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures (240 bushels) of fine flour, and three score measures of meal, ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep, besides harts, and gazelles, and roebucks and fatted fowl. And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots and twelve thousand horsemen. And these officers provided victuals for King Solomon and



for all that came upon King Solomon's table, every man in his month; they let nothing be lacking. Barley also and straw for the horses and swift steeds brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge." You can see that to produce this amount of food it must have been a great land.

We could easily compare this period with the great production of our country in the past hundred years, whereby we have progressed greatly, now having the highest living standards in the world providing not only for ourselves, but also feeding a large part of the World by trade or through gifts of materials and food. Truly, we should be that country referred to in the 15th chapter of Deuteronomy. "Howbeit there shall be no poor with thee for Jehovah will bless thee in the land which Jehovah, thy God, giveth thee for an inheritance."

Here I hope our comparison shall cease because somewhere along the line after this period, the great country of Israel fell into ruin and desolation as Moses had warned them it would if they did not care for it and mind their conduct, as pointed out in Deuteronomy, the 28th Chapter. "The fruit of thy ground, and all thy labors, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up. Jehovah will bring a nation against thee from afar, from the end of the earth as the eagle flieth, whose tongue thou shalt not understand; a nation of fierce countenance, that shalt not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young, and shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy ground, until thou be destroyed; they shall not leave thee grain, new wine, or oil, the increase of thy cattle; or the young of thy flock, until they have caused thee to perish."

With remarkable exactness, Jeremiah pictured with forceful words what finally happened. "Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. They have made it a desolation; it mourneth unto me, being desolate; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart."

Today that country is striving hard for rebirth after centuries of desolation, a rebirth financed largely by money from this country, which to me could be truly considered a second Promised Land.

But we too are at a crossroad, where we can maintain what we have and rebuild that which has been wasted, or we can go the way of ruin as did the Land of Israel; for during this period of great production, we were also carrying on a period of great wastefulness of our land and other natural resources. A period in which we have slaughtered our forest by the millions of acres, have permitted fifty million acres of land that was once in productive row crops to reach the stage where it can no longer be used for row crops, with another fifty million in the last stage of going, with another 100 million having lost from 25 to 75% of the productive soil. We are, however, making great strides in erosion control through the efforts of farmers and ranchers in over 2500 organized Soil Conservation Districts throughout the country (with more Districts being added each year). But, although much has been done, there is many times much more to do. The period of soil and water conservation and proper land use is just now beginning.

The first Soil Conservation District in this state was organized in 1935 with others following, until at the present time about 95% of this state is in Soil Conservation Districts. These Soil Conservation Districts are organized by a majority vote of the land-owners within the District boundaries and chartered under the law of the State, becoming a legal sub-division of the state government. Three supervisors are elected by the district landowners and two are appointed by the Governor to administer the operations of the District. It is their job to get all the assistance available for the farmer in the District from various state and government agencies, such as educational assistance from the Extension Service, technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service, financial assistance from the Agricultural Conservation Program, grants of planting material from the State Fish and Game Commission, fish for stocking farm ponds from the Fish and Wildlife Service, and any other assistance available. It is the District Supervisors job to stimulate interest among the land-owners in the District to use as much of this assistance as needed to get more soil and water conservation work established on the farm, to try to get the farmers to use their land

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MISSIONS NEED MATERIALS AND PERSONNEL

Educational materials and personnel are the chief needs of mission fields today, the Methodist Church's Joint Committee on Religious Education in Foreign Fields decided at its annual meeting, October 29-30 in Nashville, Tenn.

Headed by Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville, chairman, the 27-member committee represents the denomination's Board of Missions, New York, and Board of Education, Nashville.

The group recommended that special attention be given to the complexities of providing adequate Christian literature in the numerous languages and dialects represented in the far-flung mission fields.

It was agreed to survey schools in this country equipped to offer special instruction to selected missionaries and foreign students in the organization and preparation of curricular materials.

The church has a serious shortage of missionaries and trainees, especially women, the committee learned. It was estimated that 350 field positions are vacant. Recruitment is centered on college students and young adults in local churches.

The group also heard field reports from Latin America, Africa, Japan, Korea, Malaya, Okinawa, India and the Philippines.

NATIONAL COUNCIL BEGINS TV SERIES

New York, N. Y., Nov. 2 — Hailed as an effective answer to the growing demand for religious TV programs with popular appeal, a new nationwide series under the title, "The Pastor," will make its debut in scores of TV areas beginning this month, it was announced today by the National Council of Churches' Broadcasting and Films Commission.

Dramatizing day-to-day problems of people as dealt with by their pastor, the 15-minute programs have been released in an initial series of 13 for free sustaining use by all television stations. Albert Crews, commission television director, said.

Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex., and featured minister in the series, pioneered the programs nearly four years ago on KRLD-TV, Dallas. He has appeared in them continuously on a weekly basis ever since.

The programs, each a complete

MISSION BOARD SEEKS 420 NEW MISSIONARIES

The Methodist Board of Missions is looking for 420 new missionaries to fill the 1954-55 needs for service outside the United States. The greatest number—191—are needed for educational work in Africa, East Asia, India and Pakistan, Southeast Asia, and Latin America.

Second on the list numerically are 129 religious and social workers for the same areas, with jobs ranging from hostel management in Sarawak, Borneo, to pastoral work in a large city of India.

There are openings for 21 doctors, 46 nurses, and two dentists; for eight agriculturists, three building and engineering specialists, 19 business managers or secretaries. The one separate category of "Special" is for a printer for a mission press in Africa.

Candidates should be persons of genuine Christian experience with a faith they are eager to share. Standards include college graduation plus special study and a year of successful experience. After a candidate is accepted, the Board of Missions provides an academic year of specialized training which includes language and area study and methods of Christian work ahead. Age should be 23-35 at time of sailing.

Married couples are considered for a first term of five years except for a few countries where climatic conditions make shorter terms necessary.

Unmarried candidates may enlist for regular terms or short terms of three years. Training for three-year candidates in 1954 will be for Africa and Korea.

All missionaries are on a standard and equal salary scale with variations according to the size of the family and cost of living. There are provisions for housing, payment of medical expenses, and sharing in the Board's pension plan.

For further information, write to Miss J. Marguerite Twinem or Dr. M. O. Williams, Jr., Office of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

story in itself, bring out themes that bear directly on the role of the church in the lives of people beset by moral and spiritual problems, the National Council's TV director said. Citing episodes in the series released nationally, he said many are based on actual situations known to Dr.

ACTIVE WESLEY FOUNDATION PROGRAM AT ARKADELPHIA

By GEORGIA DAILY

First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, knows how to get college students to church.

It sends a car for them, feeds them, then takes them back to the dorm.

But also, it offers them something else — and they come back again and again.

This is evident in the experience of the church's Wesley Foundation program the first week of the new college year, Monday (September 14, through Friday, September 18. The church served breakfast each morning at 7, then the students gathered in the chapel for a brief devotional service led by the pastor, the Rev. William O. Byrd. Transportation to and from the dormitories on both campuses, Henderson State Teachers College and Ouachita, was furnished by church members.

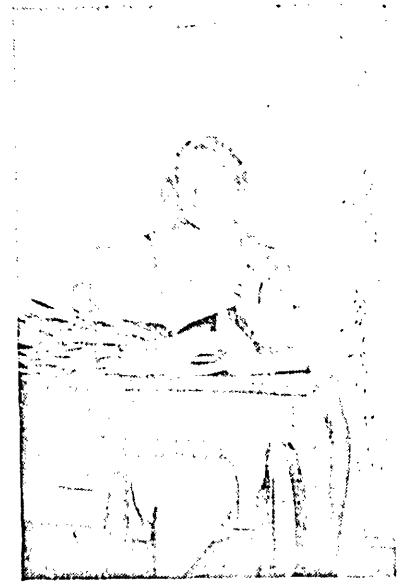
Also of help to the students in getting to know their college church is a booklet printed by the Wesley Foundation with the assistance of Miss Carolyn Ricketts, Wesley director. Entitled "Your College Church Welcomes You," the booklet outlined the services available to the students away from home, with special emphasis on that first week's program. It contained welcoming messages from Gordon Newton, WF president, Miss Ricketts, and "Brother Bill." It also described the purpose of Wesley Foundation, and announced meetings the students will be interested in during the year.

During the year, Wesley offers, at First Church, the following Sunday schedule:

9:30 a. m., cars pick up the students at the dormitories; 9:40, opening worship together in the sanctuary; 9:50, church school discussion groups; 10:50, morning worship ser-

Goodrich in his experience as a pastor and personal counsellor.

The current series now available for nationwide presentation were produced by the Radio and Film Commission of the Methodist Church and contributed through the latter's Broadcasting and Films Commission. Succeeding blocks of "The Pastor" programs will be filmed and distributed, Mr. Crews said, as other church denominations complete plans to aid in their financing.



CAROLYN RICKETTS, Arkadelphia Wesley Foundation Director

vice.

5:00 p. m., recreation; 5:45, snack supper costing 25 cents; 6:15, Wesley programs; 7:00 p. m., evening worship, with youth choir.

A planning retreat at Camp Tanako the second week in September set up the program for the year, and also offered a chance for fellowship and "getting acquainted." Thirty persons attended.

New Wesley officers who were elected at the beginning of the school year are:

President, Dot Graves, De Queen, sophomore at HSTC.

Vice president, Pat Henry, Thornton, junior.

Secretary, Maggie Culpepper, Pine Bluff, freshman.

Treasurer, Bill Thrasher, Foreman, sophomore.

Recreation co-chairmen, Ruth Ridling, Waldron, freshman, and Sandra Dishongh, Pine Bluff, freshman.

Program chairmen, Mollie Stauber, North Little Rock, Gaines Young, Carlisle, juniors, and Ruth Stone, Arkadelphia, and Jo Ann Browning, St. Charles, freshmen.

Methodist students at Ouachita College will be represented on the Wesley Official Council.

Miss Mildred Sherrod is adult counselor for the student group.

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within its capability and treat it according to its needs. That is, if the land is best suited for pasture, develop a good pasture on that area and not row crop the land and let it wash away, to plant each acre to its best land use with the needed conservation practices applied for maximum production without erosion.

The District Supervisors formulate the type of soil conservation program needed in the District and find out the kind of assistance required to help the farmer do the conservation jobs he can't do alone, or to help him speed up his operations. Where money is available, the Supervisors purchase equipment that the farmer ordinarily cannot purchase and make it available to him on a rental basis.

The Supervisors help the farmers make proper use of the land. Properly using the land is not something new, for Moses issued one of the oldest land use recommendations on record to help the Israelites to keep their soil safe and productive. To quote: "Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruits thereof;

but in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath unto Jehovah; thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. That which groweth of itself of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, and the grapes of thy undressed vine thou shalt not gather; it shall be a year of solemn rest for the land." "Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years."

But these Supervisors cannot do the job alone, it will take the combined efforts of all of us and we are duty bound to help for as we are all God's children, it is our obligation to assist in taking care of the Lord's land and it is his land; For in the beginning God created Heaven and Earth and his first charge to man is recalled in the Scripture that says "The Lord God placed man in the Garden of Eden to dress and keep it". That is still one of man's greatest obligations, for we are just stewards of the land, to use it for a little while and then pass it on to the next generation, I wonder how many of us when called to answer for this stewardship will be received with the statement "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".

To those present who own or operate farm

land, the job is theirs to do; by taking the lead, others will follow. The rest of us can talk to our friends or relatives who own or operate farm land about this situation urging them to take full advantage of the assistance available to them and cooperate to the fullest extent with their Soil Conservation District.

Indeed yes, we are at the crossroad. Think for a minute how easy Moses' warning could fit this country. We are threatened from within from indifference, ravages of soil erosion and floods; our high standard of living, our democratic form of government and our churches are threatened from without by Communism. Surely those lessons of old are mute evidence that if we are to maintain a healthy, prosperous civilization, we must move closer to God and maintain the soil that feeds and clothes our people. Remember; that when a man's stomach is empty and his family is naked and starving, he will follow any leader that will furnish or even promise to furnish the food he needs; thus dictators are born.

May it never be said of us in this country as Jeremiah said, "The whole country is made desolate because no man layeth it to his heart".

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. WILLARD R. BURKS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lonoke, has been elected president of the Ministers Alliance of Lonoke.

CLYMAN IZARD was Laymen's Day speaker at the First Methodist Church of Van Buren, Rev. J. H. Hoggard, pastor. Mr. Izard spoke on "Spiritual Growth of the Church."

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

VIRGIL T. BLOSSOM, superintendent of the Little Rock Schools, will be the speaker at a meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Conway, on November 20.

THE ANNUAL BANQUET of the Robert Moore Class of Asbury Church, Little Rock, will be held in the Bale room on Friday, November 13, at 6:30 p. m. Rev. Elmer L. Thomas, pastor of the church, will be the speaker.

MRS. W. B. O'NEAL, National Field Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will be guest speaker at the Sunday evening service of the First Methodist Church of West Memphis on November 15.

REV. ALVIN C. MURRAY, pastor at Marked Tree, taught a course on "Religious Education in the Small Church" in the Marion Church on September 28, 29 and October 1. Rev. Alf Eason is the pastor at Marion.

CONGRESSMAN OREN HARRIS was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church of Magnolia on Monday evening, November 9. Rev. J. L. Dedman is pastor.

DICK THOMPSON, National president of Methodist Youth, was the inspirational speaker at Little Rock Conference Youth Rally which was held at Arkadelphia on Saturday, November 7. More than 1000 were in attendance at the meeting.

LOUIE THROGMORTON, vice-president of Republic Life Insurance Company of Dallas, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, at the dinner meeting on November 11.

DR. FRANCIS A. BUDDIN, district superintendent of the Little Rock District, and Mrs. Buddin, are now residing in the new district parsonage located at 502 South Ridge Road, Little Rock. Their telephone number is MO-3-7286.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of the Magnet Cove Methodist Church, in lieu of the usual Halloween "trick or treat" called at homes in the community for gifts of discarded pocketbooks, costume jewelry and magazines to be given to the inmates of the State Hospital in Benton.

REV. RODNEY SHAW of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, son of Mr. G. W. Shaw of North Little Rock, attended the Conference of the Council of Churches at Cleveland, Ohio, as one of sixty delegates from throughout the nation. Mr. Shaw grew up in Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock.

DR. A. M. SHAW, JR., of Shreveport, English professor of Centenary College, addressed the newly-organized Southwest Louisiana Historical society at an open meeting at Lake Charles on Tuesday, November 10. Dr. Shaw, who has taught in Arkansas as superintendent of schools, and English professor at the College of the Ozarks at Clarksville, is a graduate of Hendrix College.

REV. WILLIAM M. WILDER, pastor of the Central Methodist Church of Lincoln, was elected president of the Ministerial Alliance of Lincoln at a meeting on Saturday, October 24. Mr. Wilder was also the speaker at a Home-

coming at Viney Grove on Sunday afternoon, November 1. A potluck luncheon was served at noon. A good crowd, including many old-timers, was present.

REV. ARCHIE BOYD, pastor of the Berryville Methodist Church was in charge of the program led in the dedication service for the new Shiloh Church in the Fayetteville District on Sunday, October 25. The stucco building was started more than a year ago. Recently pews were installed and the final painting was done. Others taking part in the service were Congressman J. W. Trimble and Coy Logan, supervisor of Carroll County schools.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of Newport collected \$108.74 on Halloween evening to aid the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. The contributions were given by Newport citizens in lieu of the usual treats. The Fund sends supplies all over the world to help fight disease, to provide food for mothers and children, and to improve child care services in economically and under-developed countries. This is the second year that the M.Y.F. has conducted such a drive.

LAYMEN'S REVIVAL is being held the week of November 8-15 at Wesley's Chapel on the Mountain Home Parish with the services under the leadership of the laymen. Special music is furnished each service by talent from the churches. Lay speakers filling the pulpit are: Mrs. Louise Morris, Mac W. Martin, Joe Swanson, Mrs. Doris Swanson, O. D. Pendergrass and Mrs. Louella Daudet. Bill Morris is in charge of the services and Bill Newman is leading the song services. Revs. Lee and Ella Anderson are the pastors.

A RECEPTION was given on Saturday evening, October 24, at the Park View Methodist Church, Benton, for the pastor, Rev. Bill Elliott. In the receiving line with Mr. Elliott, were Norman Totten, chairman of the Official Board; H. E. Green, Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. D. P. Gordy, superintendent of the Children's Division, W. A. Springer, finance chairman, Mrs. G. W. Willis, secretary of the church, I. E. McCray, building chairman and Mrs. Marie Mundle, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Serving as chairmen of the planning committee for the event were Mrs. J. A. Beasley, Mrs. J. A. Rowles and Mrs. Howard Charlton.

MRS. WELTHY HONSINGER FISHER, of Detroit, Mich., widow of Bishop Frederick B. Fisher of India, is now in India as a volunteer administering "Literacy House" in connection with the Allahabad Agricultural Institute. The project is under auspices of the (American) Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature which is carrying on the work of Dr. Frank C. Laubach in this field. Under Mrs. Fisher's leadership, Literacy House is training men and women to use the Laubach "Each One Teach One" methods among the illiterate villagers and urban industrial workers of India, and is providing a workshop for the writing of new materials for the use of the newly literate. Leaders of the movement believe that Literacy House in Allahabad is setting a pattern for literacy centers in Asia, Africa, and South America.

BISHOP W. ANGIE SMITH of Oklahoma City says "The laymen must accept a challenge equally as valid and certainly as important as that of the minister." "Whether he be a church school teacher or not, every Methodist should be sobered by the startling fact that three out of four young people have no church relationship and of more than two million students in America, 40 per cent are not in any church. We rejoice in the sane and very aggressive program of evangelism now in active development by our own young people. They will receive from the church not only encouragement but our complete cooperation to win American young people for Christ."

THE HYMN SOCIETY OF AMERICA, at the request of the Division of National Missions, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, is

seeking a new "city hymn" to be sung at the Division's "Convocation on Urban Life." The Convocation will be held in Columbus, Ohio, February 24 to 26, 1954, and the text of new hymns should be in the possession of the Hymn Society by January 1. "The American city has changed so greatly in its need and in its spirit in the last half century that we need new words of a hymn to gather up its story and its aspirations and its longing for spiritual knowledge," says Dr. Robert A. McKibben, secretary of the Convocation. The Rev. Deane Edwards, president of the Hymn Society, will name a committee to judge the texts. According to Dr. Edwards, texts only are wanted, and in meters to which tunes are in the standard hymnals of the churches. Texts should be sent to the "City Hymn Committee," Hymn Society of America, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT NAMED

Bishop Paul E. Martin has announced through the Rev. A. N. Storey that the Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., has been named to serve as acting superintendent in the Fayetteville District.

The temporary appointment followed the death of the Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent since 1950. Mr. Cooley died October 17 as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident October 15 near Clarksville.

Bishop Martin is in South America on a tour in the interests of Methodist missions. Mr. Storey is district superintendent of the Paragould District and is serving as chairman of the North Arkansas Conference cabinet, which is composed of the eight district superintendents.

Mr. Dykes, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Fayetteville, will have the responsibility of the district office until Bishop Martin returns November 17 and a permanent appointment is announced.

THE COMMUNISTS SAY "NO" AGAIN

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created in the world by the subjugation of so many of its satellites and the refusal, by Russia, to sign a treaty of peace with Austria, Germany, Italy or Japan has helped to create the fertile soil in which communism has had such a rapid growth.

It appears that communism is so completely lacking in conscience, principle and character that the only restraining influence it recognizes is force. Until that condition changes, there can be no real peace in the world. With the recent change of Russian rulers there was much talk about peace by Malenkov. Hope for peace was temporarily reborn in the world. To date there seems to have been no justification for that hope. It appears to have been only a different form of propaganda for which Moscow is famous and at times infamous.

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WEAK MEN AND WICKED ONES

It has been said that more mischief is done by weaker men than by wicked men. I am not sure. But when we read the Master's words, we see how He condemned those who do not help when there is need.

Some good work is needed, and I do not help do it. That is my sin.



Some doubting soul is groping for faith and I do not help guide him. Some slanderous gossip is injuring a neighbor, and I am not trying to check it. Some man falls by the wayside and I pass on the other side. Those are my sins.

I talked recently with three men sent by their companies to assume high executive positions in my city. These men can perch comfortably in high apartment houses and keep aloof from the muck and graft which are being revealed here in New York.

But they will not help clean the sidewalks of New York merely by helping their own shirts clean.

And men whose dynamic energy enables them to make good in business can hardly satisfy their consciences by being only passively good in the midst of a community's evils.

The power of individual influence is hard to overestimate. A good man's example casts a shadow of influence far beyond what he can see.

The late Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis wrote a great book years ago on "The Investment of Influence." I was so impressed that I once prepared a sermon in which I pointed out how we cast shadows of influence which may help and heal others.

I called the sermon, "Men and Their Shadows" and gave it at the commencement of a New England woman's college. (I found that "Men and Their Shadows" was not a very happy title for a woman's college baccalaureate!) Nevertheless, the point was valid. Our shadows of influence are almost immeasurable.

But influence is not enough. It's said that an institution is the lengthened shadow of a man. But it is also true that the institution is the organized shadow of individuals. It takes organization and cooperation to make goodness fully effective.

Evil doers "gang up," but good people often do not. We are impressed and dismayed by the interlocking directorates of the criminal elements, as we see how police and politicians and bosses may often be leagued together, as for instance on the New York waterfront. We cannot combat such corrupt combinations with divided religious forces.

The time has come when Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders should meet and plan a united front for cleansing our cities and towns of corruption. Such a gathering would alarm the gangsters and arouse the churches.

Professor Muehl of Yale Divinity School tells of visiting a fine old ancestral house in Connecticut. The aged owner was the last of a distinguished New England family and she was proudly showing him through the home. Take the fireplace and notice an ancient rifle and asked if he might take it down and examine it.

His hostess replied: "Oh, I am afraid that wouldn't be safe. You see, it is all loaded and primed to fire. My great-grandfather kept it there in constant readiness against the moment when he might strike a blow for the freedom of the colonies."

Professor Muehl asked, "Then he died before the Revolutionary War?" "No," she answered, "he lived to a ripe old age and died in 1802, but he just never had any confidence in General Washington."

There was a man who lived right through the crucial days of the American Revolution. He longed for liberty, but he did not make his

Announcement of a \$100,000 chapel studio in the Protestant Radio Center, Atlanta, Ga., is planned by Methodists of nine southeastern states as a surprise honoring Bishop Arthur J. Moore when he returns from Europe on Thanksgiving Day.

Named the Martha and Arthur J. Moore Chapel Studio for the bishop and his wife, the project will comprise the major Methodist share in the radio center's new \$250,000 home now under construction on the Emory University campus.

Bishop Moore, who presides over the Methodist Church's Atlanta and Geneva, Switzerland, episcopal areas is now abroad on church business in Europe and North Africa.

"We can think of no more fitting and lasting tribute to Bishop and Mrs. Moore than a building such as this linking their names to the work of preaching the Gospel," said the project leaders, William N. Banks of Grantville, Ga., and Lee Roy Ussery, Montgomery, Ala.

The chapel studio was described, as "an altar in the air for repentance and salvation," by the Rev. James W. Sells, Atlanta. He is executive secretary of the Methodist Church's southeastern jurisdictional council, and directs the radio center's Methodist programs.

A native Georgian, Bishop Moore has been a minister for 44 years and is Methodist's senior bishop in active service.

LAUNCH STUDY OF AMERICA'S MORAL, SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

New York—(RNS)—A year-long study of America's moral and spiritual resources was launched here at a meeting of leaders of business, labor, education, religious, civic and professional organizations.

The meeting was called by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Lewis W. Douglas, chairman of the board of the Mutual

convictions count.

We are living through revolutionary days. How far are we making our influence count?

The Methodist Church's new color film, "John Wesley," is expected to be released early in 1954 for premiere showing in 470 churches across the country.

Originally planned for September and October, the premieres were postponed because of delays in laboratory processing of the feature-length film, according to the Methodist Radio and Film Commission, Nashville, Tenn.

As soon as the new premiere period is established, churches that have booked the film will be asked to specify their choice of dates, the commission said.

The date of general release and the rental fee will also be announced later.

ALL METHODIST BOOKSTORES NOW COKEBURY

Ten book stores of the Methodist Publishing House changed their name to Cokesbury on November 1.

Four others -- Dallas, Kansas City, Atlanta and Boston -- have operated under the Cokesbury title for several years.

The change to the traditional Methodist title, derived from the names of the church's first bishops, Coke and Asbury, makes uniform the house's chain of 14 retail branches.

Stores switching to the Cokesbury nameplate are in Baltimore, Nashville, New York, Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Portland, Richmond and San Francisco.

Life Insurance Co. and former U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain, was chairman.

Delegates mapped plans for the study project, which will be carried on for the next 12 months cooperatively by religious organizations, schools, colleges, community organizations, business groups, labor unions and the mass communication media.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WILL WE NEED SPACE CADETS?

On a Wide Circuit

By W. W. Reid

Will We Need Space Cadets?

I'm frightened -- and I confess it.

I see that one of America's leading rocket and guided missile experts has been telling the "Mars committee" of an astronomical society that within twenty years or less "space flight" can become a reality. Mars will presumably be the first stop.

"We have now" said he, "the combustion fuel to propel a rocket around the Moon, to Mars, or to Venus, or completely out of the solar system. . . . The big problem (that needs the world's best brains and energy) is how to get the rocket back through the Earth's atmosphere on the return trip without burning up."

He thinks that when the danger of war (on Earth) is over we can tackle and solve this newer problem.

Rockets, this scientist reveals, can now go

as high as 250 miles from the Earth, and at a speed of one and a half miles per second. Just boost this speed to 6.89 miles a second (and this seems quite attainable) and a rocket could be sent 250,000 miles into space. This would permit a trip around the Moon and back to Earth in ten days; and with a bit more speed and push, to the Sun and/or Venus and back in less than a year; or to Mars and back in a couple of years.

Having moved in my own lifetime from donkey-and-cart travel to continent-girding in a few hours at heights of more than three miles above Earth, I'm not at all skeptical that outer-space flight will become a reality. But I don't expect personally to visit Mars or Venus, or even to vacation on the near by Moon. However, if Earth gets too crowded, my great-grandchildren may have to migrate and take up a "section" of free acreage on some suburban planet. (Has the Birth Control Association overlooked this counter-solution to the population worry?)

But it is at this point that my fears begin! Suppose Mars (or any other planet) proves wealthy in minerals and in foodstuffs, will the new inhabitants want to make it a "colony" of Earth, set up their own government, make the "natives" second-class citizens, or non-citizens? And, if the native majority revolts against the foreign overlords, will Earth have to send armies "to keep the peace"? If uranium and gold are discovered, will they be dug by near-slave labor

and shipped to Mother Earth for her dubious uses? If it is found that the Martians will a social-economic system unlike our own, will we decide that differing systems cannot exist side by side in the same universe -- and prepare to defend our own by force of arms, if necessary?

And suppose some outer-planetarians, hearing from newly-arrived immigrants that heaven-like region Earth is, decide to visit us or even to live among us, will our Immigration Department admit them; or will Senator Bluster -- "ever responsive to the voice of his people" -- introduce a measure to allow on Earth only as many persons from Mars (or multi-colored persons) as were admitted here during the past century? And will the same Senator (now president by popular demand) not advocate a high tariff to keep competitive goods from Mars (not including gold and uranium, of course) from being dumped upon Earth: but making every concession possible to permit Earth's industrialists to ship the products of their ingenuity and labor to consumers on distant planets? What a romping field Mars (and perhaps Venus and others) will become for Earth's advertisers, her industry, her peddlers of gadgets!

Yes, I am terribly afraid that man -- who has within him a touch of God and of greatness -- will venture forth to "subdue" outer-space and the nearby planets before he has learned to subdue either himself or Earth. Can that do more than prolong and multiply the pains and problems that even now threaten to consume him?

Bishop and Mrs. Martin Tour Chile—
El Vergel and Santiago
EL VERGEL IS KNOWN AS

THE GARDEN OF PARADISE

THE METHODIST CHURCH has a "Garden of Paradise" in Chile! In 1919 as a result of a dream of Ezra Bauman, a Methodist missionary in Chile, that the Church might do something to improve the life of countless farmers, a farm of 38000 acres was purchased: it already bore the name of El Vergel, which means Garden of Paradise. Bauman hoped that the Church, along with its program of evangelization, might offer practical training in farming with the by-products of education in self-reliance, diligence, and economy, and generally enlarged concepts of life's possibilities and wants. The effort has been crowned with notable success.

El Vergel is located three miles from Angol, a city of 12,000 people, and it adjoins the village of Huequen. It is strategically situated where the southern end of the rich irrigated valley of Chile joins the plateau of rolling, red hills of the southland.

From Argentina To Chile

Before we tell more of this great farm, however, we should perhaps describe the way in which we came to Chile from Argentina. There are many ways to cross the Andes—on foot, on mule or horseback, by car, by train, or in an airplane. We felt that we chose the outstanding one of them all in a combination auto-lakesteamer route through Bariloche. I do not believe I am making an extravagant statement when I say this is probably the most beautiful and spectacular tour anywhere on the globe, passing a dozen Lake Comos and fifty Matterhorns. For sheer grandeur it is scarcely rivalled anywhere. Nature has used here a lavish hand.

We left Bariloche, Argentina, early one morning on a launch on Lake Nahuel Huapi. This forty-mile-long lake is the largest of a string of shining blue or green glacier-fed lakes colored by the wooded hills or snow-clad azure peaks alongside of them. The trees hung with silvery moss, and big-leaved ferns seemed out of place in the snow. We would cross a beautiful lake, then board a bus until we came to another lake. One time it was necessary for us to walk half a mile in a pass between sparkling snow banks more than ten feet high.

The first night of the tour we stayed in a quaint little Swiss-like hotel where we met a Texas couple, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Donnell of Dallas, who were attempting the almost-impossible in going through the country in a Cadillac automobile. They were waiting for the pass through which we had walked to be cleared.

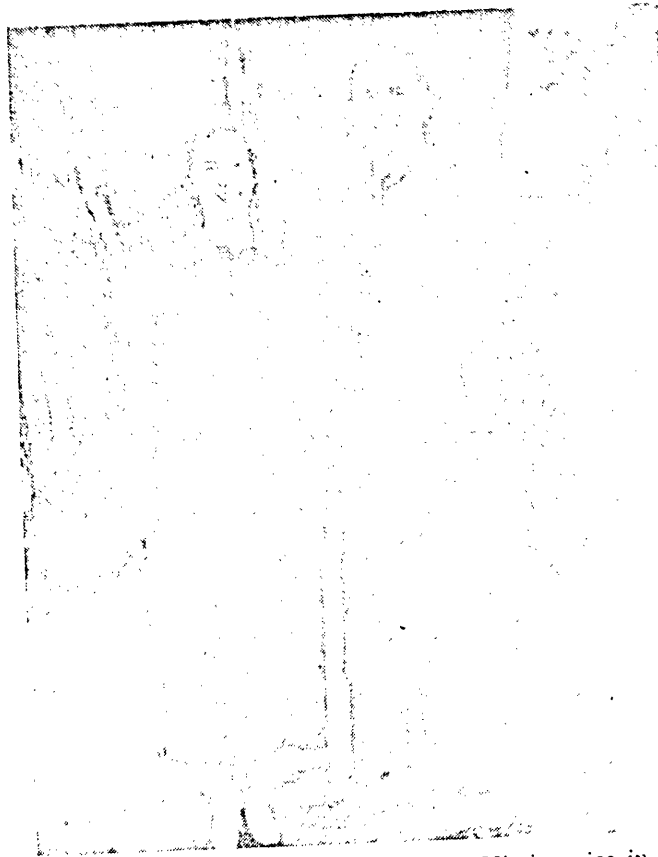
Welcomed By Waddells

The second day we reached Puerto Varas, where we were welcomed to Chile by Don and Martha Stewart Waddell—and what a lovely welcome they gave us! Martha is a daughter of the late Reverend Allen D. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart. The people in Chile love her as did her friends in Arkansas. Don is a graduate of Texas A. and M. College. I wish I had the time to tell of his call to come to South America as an agricultural missionary. It is really a thrilling story. Since coming to Chile, he has

Some of the buildings at the METHODIST AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS, El Vergel, Chile.



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DON AND MARTHA STEWART WADDELL, Missionaries in Chile. Mrs. Waddell is the daughter of the late Rev. Allen D. Stewart, North Arkansas Conference pastor, and Mrs. Stewart.

felt led of God to preach and is now serving a pastorate in addition to his work at El Vergel. The Waddells are enthusiastic about their work and make one of the most attractive couples we have met. They did not bring Betsy, their beautiful little girl, to Puerto Varas, but we were to see her two days later.

Chile is a uniquely situated country. No country in the world boasts so strange a configuration: a two-thousand-six-hundred mile strip of land between the Andes and the Pacific, seldom more than a hundred miles wide!

Chile is one of the oldest and most picturesque countries in South America. Her conquest and settlement by the Spaniards antedate Plymouth Rock by nearly a century: her landscape includes coastal desert in the north, fertile valleys and great cities in the center, rain-soaked forests in the south, and the towering peaks of the Andes in the east.

On To Temuco And Indian Work

The next morning after we met the Waddells we went with them on Chile's streamlined train to Temuco, where they had left their Jeep. At Temuco a new church building is in process of construction. Out from Temuco is located a rural center at Nueva Imperial among the Mapuche Indians. The work is planned to meet the spiritual, intellectual, physical and economic needs of the Indians through evangelistic, educational and medical work, and through cooperatives. A Latvian doctor and an Indian nurse render valuable medical service in the center and in home visiting. Extension work is done in the surrounding countryside. The demonstration farms show better methods to the farmers. At the center a school with fourth, fifth and sixth grades prepares students for high school, agricultural school, and vocational school.

The center is operating under difficulties that would discourage anyone but missionaries. Never has it had any considerable help from outside. Last year a fire destroyed its school building. When we visited it, we could not but wonder about its future; but a few days later when we saw five handsome young Indian people at Sweet Memorial in Santiago who were training for fulltime service—working in the day and going to school at night—and were told that they were graduates of Nueva Imperial, we felt we had drawn a conclusion too rapidly.

To Traiguen By Jeep

We drove to Traiguen in the Waddells' jeep. Betsy was a bit shy at first, but soon became quite friendly, especially after we gave her the toys we had purchased for her in Bariloche.

The principal church is in Traiguen, and we had a lovely service there Sunday night. Martha played the reed organ, and a chorus she has trained sang in Spanish, "Be Still, My Soul." Under Don's leadership the building is being redecorated, and the new interest in the church is revealed by the congregation that filled the church that Sunday night.

Sunday afternoon we drove 25 miles over roads that we would never attempt to use in the United States to a farm home where half a hundred persons had gathered. With dirt floors and every evidence of great poverty, we found an eager group of people who sang, prayed and listened in a way to inspire you.

Methodist Agricultural School At El Vergel

Monday the five of us drove to the farm at El Vergel. Don is there from Monday through Friday and with his churches on the weekend.

In Chile some three thousand people own four-fifths of the land. In many cases the estates are not subject to the ordinary laws of the country; in fact, they are little self-contained empires where the owner's will is

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law and where the state does not interfere to protect civilian rights. Since labor is cheap, no effort is made to use modern methods or farm implements. The poor laborer cannot acquire lands and is forced to work on an estate at very low wages. These peons live in hovels and perhaps cultivate a small holding of land which they can use in return for working the lands or herding the cattle of the land owner so many days a week. They are constantly in debt and thus cannot leave the estate on which they work.

In Chile we were constantly seeing men driving two-wheeled oxcarts. I thought it was the tragic representation of a pathetic condition. The men were barefooted, their clothes in rags, and their faces dull and weary. The heads of the huge oxen were so weighted with the wooden yoke that they were guided with the touch of a bamboo rod. Get the head low enough, with the eyes on the ground and a heavy enough burden on the neck, and any creature is easily led!

In such a land El Vergel is a symbol of hope and more abundant life. The 3800 acres provide varied products. The Holstein herd maintains fifty cows in milk the year around. There are 200 pure-bred Duroc Jersey hogs, and the Hampshire sheep add a picturesque touch to the hillsides. The fields of clover, corn, wheat, lentils, and beans were promising abundant harvests as we saw them in their spring season. Groves of olives, almonds, prunes, walnuts, apricots, cherries, peaches, and apples were in bloom while we were there. The apples are shipped not only all over Chile, but 25,000 boxes last year went to European countries.

Each morning as we looked out from our room in the big farm house in which we stayed, we saw the agricultural school, the church, the social hall, the clinic, and the administration building. Added interest came as we looked out upon huge silos, gable-roofed barns, with the whole place shaded by majestic pines, massive oaks, and impressive eucalyptus trees. We were there in Chile's spring, thus the place was lovely with beds of many-hued tulips and crimson rhodendrons, with azaleas, lilacs, and calla lilies.

The number of people giving their full time and labor to El Vergel and receiving support from it is now approximately 250. With their families they comprise a total of about 900 people who find here their livelihood and also the opportunity for the development of body, mind and spirit.

Along with the opportunity for personal development is the challenge of responsible leadership. Chile is in great need of leadership with a background of Christ-like living, of enthusiasm and of practical ideas of service. One afternoon we met with the missionaries and the Chilean leaders of various departments of the farm. It was one of the most interesting groups we ever met with. You would have thought the barrier of language would have prevented a real discussion, but not so: for two hours we had a wonderful time together.

I must not continue too long about the farm, but it is difficult not to wax eloquent about it. For instance, soil erosion is a great Chilean problem. It has largely been brought under control at El Vergel through the reforestation of over 800 acres, by sowing large areas in permanent pasture, and by use of new rotation and legume crops, which replace the one-crop farming of the past. El Vergel has shared its methods with all of Chile.

Over twenty years ago El Vergel imported the insect parasite *Aphelinus Mali*, which speedily brought under control the Woolly Aphis, the scourge of apple orchards throughout the nation. Commercial apple production became possible as the direct result. The nursery is rendering a vast service to the country; tests have shown trees particularly adapted here. The nursery also contributes to the beautification of the Chilean landscape; to the national program of reforestation; and to the training of workers critically needed for orchards.

The moving spirit in all this work is Elbert E. Reed, a graduate of the Iowa State College of Agriculture at Ames. For more than thirty years this great layman, with his lovely and equally devoted wife, has demonstrated in a practical way how Christian principles can be applied to life in its totality in a rural situation. Mr. and Mrs. Reed and the other missionaries associated with them combine in a remarkable degree first-class technical preparation and a genuine missionary motive.

Although I would like to mention by name all the missionaries on the farm, I cannot make this article too long. I must, however, speak of Dr. and Mrs. Dilman S. Bullock, who have equalled almost the time of service of the Reeds. Doctor Bullock was the first agricultural missionary ever sent out to any country by any Board. He is a fellow in the American

Association for the Advancement of Science. The Chilean government conferred upon him in 1949 the Order of Merit for his archeological research. His museum houses Chilean birds, insects, butterflies, and old Indian pottery, including unique burial urns, stones worked into weapons, tools, and images for worship. Our friends will hear us speak often of the Bullocks.

From El Vergel To Santiago

We left, with a tinge of sadness, our friends in El Vergel for an overnight train trip, in a comfortable sleeper, to Santiago, where we were met by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Wesley.

Santiago, the capitol of Chile, with a population of over a million, is the largest city in Chile and the fourth largest in South America. It is 116 miles from Valparaiso, its seaport.

Through the courtesy of Captain Wm. V. Deutermann, the Naval Attache of the American Embassy in Chile, we were furnished a car with a driver on Saturday afternoon, and in the company of three of our missionaries we had a lovely drive about the city.

Santiago is a beautiful modern city surrounded by the roaring white towers of majestic mountains. In the center of the city is a picturesque hill, Santa Lucia, covered with terraces, gardens, and walks. Years ago they tried to blast the hill away but were unsuccessful, so they made it a place of rare beauty. We also drove to the top of Cerro San Cristobal, a mountain that provided us a magnificent view of the city and countryside. The road to the top was lined with gardens, promenades, and monuments. On its eminence is an imposing statue of the Virgin Mary, inside of which is a lovely little chapel.

In the late afternoon we had tea in the attractive home of Captain and Mrs. Deutermann. We had there the opportunity to meet their children, Bill and Mary Russell. Mary Russell is a student at our Santiago College.

Chileans Remember The Majors

From the time we entered Chile until we left the nation we were constantly bombarded with questions about Rev. and Mrs. James Major and their family. At Second Church and Sweet Memorial we were almost overwhelmed as the people crowded about us to inquire of them, to send their love to them, and to beg us to send them back to Chile. Laymen, preachers, and missionaries told us that no missionaries had in so short a time made such a profound impression on a country. Over and over again their faces lighted up as I was introduced as their Bishop. In not a single service in which I spoke did the congregation fail to stand in appreciation of them, with a request that the love of these people be taken to them. We have visited most of our mission fields, but in no place have we witnessed such a spontaneous, genuine attestation of appreciation of missionaries as was given over and over in Chile to Jim and Lillie Major.

Sunday Morning In Santiago

Sunday was a busy day for us. I preached that morning at Second Methodist Church, which is a part of our Sweet Memorial Institute. Sweet Memorial is a multiple institution, comprising the celebrated social settlement, training center for religious workers, and Second Church with its community and club program.

The service Sunday morning was a helpful one; the music would have added much to a worship service anywhere, the congregation was a large and responsive one, and my interpreter, a gifted business man, evidently took my message and translated it splendidly.

Sweet Memorial Institute

I have already spoken of the beauty of Santiago. Unfortunately, it also has mile on mile of slums—those unsanitary, unheated, waterless, toiletless, unlighted "conventillos" that breed so much tuberculosis (Chile has a tuberculosis death rate higher than anywhere else on earth), pneumonia, syphilis, immorality, and despair. In the middle of one of these areas is the great humanitarian community center of our church, Sweet Memorial Institute. The large social work program includes a day nursery (the mothers of these attractive babies are working women), kindergarten, and meals for the children of working mothers, medical and

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Mrs. Ira A. Brumley
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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AREA LEADERS WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Conference and local church workers in the field of Christian education will be delegates to the National Conference on Christian Education November 11-15 at Cincinnati.

The Little Rock Conference Board of Education will be represented by the Rev. Roy Fawcett, executive secretary; Mrs. W. F. Bates, director of children's work; and Miss Dot Baber, director of youth work. Local directors who will attend are Mrs. V. B. Story, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock; Mrs. H. H. Thompson, First Church, Little Rock; Mrs. H. C. Couch, First Church, El Dorado; and Miss Hettie Lue Wilson, First Church, Hot Springs.

North Arkansas: Dr. Ira Brumley, executive secretary; Mrs. Ira Brumley, children's work; the Rev. James Upton, youth work; the Rev. Pryor Cruce, Swifton, associate, youth work; the Rev. Alvin C. Murray, Marked Tree, adult work; and Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Blytheville, president of the conference Board of Education.

Louisiana Conference: Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary; Miss Elizabeth Thompson, director of adult work and rural work; Miss Elizabeth Workman, children's work; and Dr. Guy Hicks, Shreveport, board president.

"How can Protestants do a better job of teaching religion?" is the principal question the more than 600 delegates will seek to answer, according to the Rev. Gerald B. Harvey, Los Angeles, conference president.

In attendance will be the church's professional workers in the field, college teachers, regional volunteer leaders, and staff members of the Methodist Board of Education and other general agencies.

Principal speakers will include Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C.; Bishop Donald H. Tippett, San Francisco; Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh; the

TRAINING SCHOOL AT DELHI

An accredited Leadership Training School was held in the Delhi Methodist Church, November 1, 2, and 3. Twenty-seven persons were present at least four of the six class periods. Seventeen of these were awarded cards of recognition on the basis of perfect attendance, participation in class discussion, reading of text assignments, and written assignments.

Three classes were offered, as follows:

Missionary Education of Children, taught by Miss Elizabeth Workman, of Shreveport.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, taught by Mrs. James T. Harris, Monroe.

The Home and Church Working Together, taught by the pastor, Don Wineinger.

Comments from the various Departments and Divisional Superintendents of the Church School and from the pupils enrolled indicate the sessions of study were interesting and provocative of new enthusiasm. —Reporter.

Rev. Dr. Oscar C. Plumb, pastor of Kenmore Methodist Church, Buffalo N. Y.; and the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, Chicago, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Social Action and Economics.

"Laboratory experiences in educational techniques and procedures will be stressed daily as delegates divide into six major groups to conduct panels, forums and demonstrations," Dr. Harvey said.

This will be the tenth biennial session of the conference. Cincinnati headquarters will be the Shearton-Gibson hotel.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL AND EVANGELISM

Nashville, Tenn.—No one doubts that the church school has a strategic place in evangelism.

In 1952 a total of 180,918 persons came into the Methodist Church through the church school. All these joined on profession of faith in Christ. The ratio of approximately six out of every ten additions to the church coming through the church school persists year after year.

But even with this continuing ratio, over a third of our church schools last year reported no church school members joining the church. Moreover, there were 31,400 fewer youth reported in the Methodist Youth Fellowship in 1952 than in 1948.

In order to help close up such gaps the Department of General Church School Work of the General Board of Education gives extended attention to assisting local church schools in their evangelistic work and in providing materials and other resources.

The Rev. Luke G. Beauchamp of the department's staff is directly responsible for promoting evangelism in the church school. He has prepared a booklet containing suggestions for pastors and church school superintendents, which if followed, will help turn losses into gains.

Stated in the booklet are three basic principles upon which a vital program of evangelism in the church school is based. They are:

1. Every teacher must consider himself a personal evangelist in terms appropriate to the age of his pupils.

2. Teachers must develop a deeper personal consecration in their own lives.

3. It may be necessary for the pastor and church school superintendent to help the teacher understand why it is important to be an evangelist, what is meant by salvation, and how to lead people to Christ.

The booklet is entitled *Evangelism in the Church School* (8306-B). It is free from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

"Do small things like big ones, because the majesty of Jesus Christ is in us, Who lives our life and the big ones like small and easy ones, because of His omnipotence." —Blaise Pascal

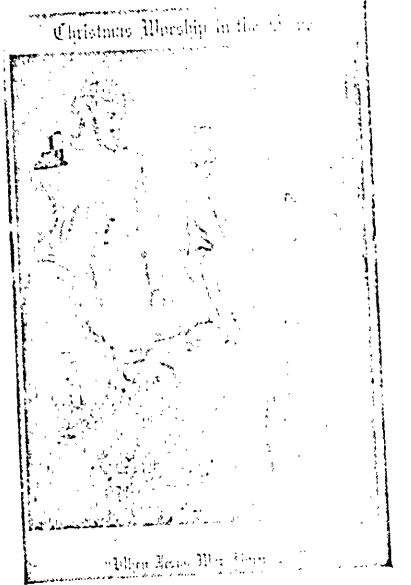
FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS

Nashville, Tenn.—One of the most popular leaflets ever released by the Board of Education is "Christmas Worship in the Home" that will be sent out from the Board between now and Christmas.

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

This is the eighth year this leaflet has been distributed to promote Christmas worship in the home, and it has met a need that was felt for many years before its distribution was begun. Nearly 400,000 copies were ordered last year.

The attractive four-page leaflet contains a family worship service for Christmas, a Christmas Eve litany, suggestions for the lighting of Christmas candles, and other suggestions that would make Christmas worship in the home more meaning-



ful. The front cover is a reproduction in color of one of the illustrations from *Bible Stories* by Mary Alice Jones.

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

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

Fort Smith Area Training School

The Fort Smith Area Training School was held during the past week. The enrollment for the opening session was the largest that the school has had for a number of years. We have not had the final report on the school, but the indications were that it would be an outstanding school. Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, District Superintendent, served as chairman of the Board of Managers and Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor of First Church, served as dean of the school. Six courses were offered in the school with the following instructors: Dr. Clark Ellzey, Columbia, Missouri; Rev. James S. Upton, Conway; Mrs. W. F. Bates, North Little Rock; Dr. Walter Hearn, Columbia, Missouri; Rev. John Bayliss, Siloam Springs; Rev. Alfred A. Knox, Fort Smith.

Church School Rally Day Offerings

Church School Rally Day offerings continue to come to our office. The following offerings have been received during the past week: Wiggins' Memorial, Fayetteville, \$25.00; Ola, \$6.70; Wilson, \$10.00; Jacksonville, \$25.00; Prairie Grove, \$35.00; Kensett, \$9.35; Hughes, \$25.00; Marianna, \$75.00; Paragould, First Church, \$100.00.

The next report will be given November 26. We hope at that time to again give the totals by districts.

North Arkansas At National Conference

The North Arkansas Conference is to have the following representatives attending the National Conference on Christian Education, Cincinnati, November 11-15: Rev. Roy I. Bagley, Chairman of Conference Board; Rev. Alvin Murray, Director of Adult Work; Rev. Pryor Reed Cruce, Associate Director of Youth Work; Rev. E. J. Hollifield, District Superintendent of the Jonesboro District; and Ira A. Brumley.

More Training Schools

The following training schools are to be held, or are to begin during the week of November 8-13: Elm Springs, A Christian and His Money, Rev. J. Albert Gatlin; Lake Street Methodist Church, Blytheville, The New Testament in the Life of Today, Rev. Ralph Hillis, and Making Homes Christian, Rev. Alf A. Eason; Philadelphia, (Larkin), How to Teach in the Church School, Miss Mary Chaffin; Oxford, Christian Stewardship, Mrs. D. G. Hindman; Forrest Chapel, Christian Stewardship, Mrs. D. G. Hindman; Forrest Chapel, Christian Stewardship, Mrs. D. G. Hindman.

Searcy Area Training School

The Searcy Area is to have a five unit area training school, November 15-19, First Methodist Church, Searcy, Arkansas, beginning at 7:00 P. M. on Sunday, November 15. The following courses are to be offered: Christian Stewardship, Dr. Matt L. Ellis

Teaching Youth, Rev. Sam Dodson
Guiding Kindergarten Children, Mrs. J. H. Monday
Guiding Primary Children, Miss Caroline Hess
Guiding Junior Children, Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson

Rev. L. M. Conyers is chairman of the Board of Managers and Rev. Jefferson Sherman is dean of the school.

Conference Youth Meeting

The North Arkansas Conference Youth Council, District Superintendents, District Directors of Youth Work, District and Conference Secretaries of Youth Work, Presidents and Counselors of Sub-Districts are to meet in Conway for a Conference-wide youth planning session, November 27 and 28.

"You must learn, you must let God teach you, that the only way to get rid of your past is to make a future of it. God will waste nothing." —Phillips Brooks.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE REPORTS RECORD SALES

The Methodist Publishing House shattered all previous records with net sales totaling \$17,669,309.89 in the 1952-53 fiscal year. The best previous sales record in the 161-year history of the Church's official publishing agency was \$15,548,547.09 for the 1951-52 fiscal year. Lovick Pierce of Nashville, Tenn. gave the financial report at the close of a two-day meeting of the 45-member Board of Publication in Chicago. Mr. Pierce, formerly a publishing agent for the church, was elected president and treasurer after the corporate structure of the publishing house was modernized and simplified by chartering a single new corporation under Illinois laws. Other former agents elected to head the new corporation are Dr. J. Edgar Washbaugh of New York City, vice-president; William H. Swiggart of Nashville, chairman of the board; Bradshaw Mintener of Minneapolis, Minn., vice-chairman; and Dr. Fred J. Jordan of Eau Claire, Wis., secretary. The board voted \$500,000 to the Church's pension fund for retired ministers and their dependents after setting aside amounts for business expansion and reserves.

Jewish Women To Honor Bishop Oxnam

Women leaders of the American Jewish Congress will honor Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., November 5 for his "contribution to the cause of religious freedom and freedom of conscience," it was announced in New York. The testimonial meeting will be held here as part of the two-day biennial convention of the AJC Women's Division. Bishop Oxnam, who will speak on "The Individual Conscience and the Struggle for Freedom," will receive a citation from Justice Justine Wise Polier of New York Domestic Relations Court, national Women's Division president.

Methodist Bishop Moore In Vienna

Methodist Bishop Arthur Moore of Atlanta, Ga., arrived in Vienna to attend the annual conference of The Methodist Church of Austria. Bishop Moore, who paid a brief call on President Theodor Koerner, was scheduled to address the opening session of the conference. He also was slated to consecrate a Methodist church in Linz, Upper Austria.

Christian Businessmen's Convention Has Record Attendance

More than 1,400 businessmen registered in Chicago for the 16th annual convention of the Christian Business Men's Committee International. It was a record number of delegates to a committee annual session. Waldo Yeager, president of a Toledo, Ohio produce company and outgoing chairman of the Committee's board of directors, reported that an all-aimed high of 293 CBMCI chapters are now at work. Nearly every Protestant denomination is represented in the group, but Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists are most numerous among the 10,000 members. During the convention, businessmen gave testimony of their faith at nightly street meetings on busy Loop corners.

Religion Big News Press Clinic Told

Some 250 Georgia churchmen were told in Atlanta that religion is news in a big way. Dr. Charles Allen, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, and writer of a daily religious column in The Atlanta Constitution, told a group of newspaper editors, ministers, and church workers: "There is an interest in religion today the like of which our country has never seen before." Dr. Allen addressed the

first annual Church News Clinic, sponsored by the Georgia Press Association and the Atlanta Division, University of Georgia. He said almost every newspaper in the nation today "runs a religious column and plays up church news regularly." Delegates to the clinic, purpose of which was "to acquaint ministers, church secretaries, and directors of religious education with proper methods of preparing church news," heard Mrs. Margaret Ragsdale, church news editor of the Knoxville News-Sentinel in Knoxville, Tenn., urge clergymen to recognize the problems of the daily press. She listed failure to observe newspaper deadlines as "the worst offense" of ministers, church secretaries, and publicity chairmen who turn in church news.

Bishop Martin Optimistic Over Christian Expansion

Methodist Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex., president of the National Council of Churches, said in Denver that Christianity has a greater opportunity for expansion today than at any time in its history. Some 8,000 Protestants attended a Festival of Faith rally in Denver's City Auditorium at which Bishop Martin was the principal speaker. He told the audience they could themselves judge the validity of charges that the Protestant clergy harbors Communists by looking around their own community as he had done in his home town. "If the charges had any truth," Bishop

Martin said, "I should have been able to find some in Dallas, but I could not." Asserting that Protestantism is one of "the nation's greatest bulwarks against Communism," the bishop said that "if I were given unlimited funds to spread Communism the first thing I would use the money for would be to discredit Protestantism."

Duke Endowment Gives Figures On Church Aid

The Duke Endowment has given \$2,692,577.20 for the erection and operation of rural churches and \$695,181.50 for the care of superannuated Methodist preachers in North Carolina during its 28 years, according to the annual report just released.

Holds Religious Faith Urgent Rural Need

One of the greatest problems facing the Church in America today is in "the undergirding of our rural life with an adequate religious faith." This was stressed to the National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country in St. Paul, Minn., by Dr. A. D. Mattson, professor at Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill. The convocation was sponsored by the National Council of Churches. Delivering the opening convocation address, Dr. Mattson said that two-thirds of the rural population of the United States — 40 million people — do not belong to any church or denomination, and that there are states where the proportion of rural people attached to a church is as low as 10 and 12 per cent. Thus, he pointed out, 13 million children and young people of school age in rural areas receive no religious instruction. "The rural areas are the sources of population," he said, "and the character of these areas will largely determine the character of the country as a whole. More than half of those reared in rural areas migrate to cities. If the religious needs of these young people are not provided for during the formative years of their lives, it is not probable that they will creatively participate in the work of the

churches in the cities to which they migrate."

President Launches Religion In Life Campaign

President Eisenhower launched the 1953 Religion in American Life (RIAL) campaign with a four-network recorded radio message stressing the theme, "Light Their Life with Faith — Bring Them to Worship This Week." Declaring that "the religious virtues — charity, mercy, brotherly love and faith in Almighty God — are the inspiration of the American way," the President said, "I earnestly hope that during November, and throughout this and every year, each American citizen will actively support the religious institution of his own choice." "Each year the Committee on Religion in American Life reminds us of the importance of faithful church attendance," President Eisenhower continued. "It urges full support of religious institutions to the end that we may add strength and meaning to the religious virtues. 'It was once said that 'America is great because America is good and if America ceases to be good America will cease to be great! By strengthening religious institutions, the Committee on Religion in American Life is helping to keep America good. Thus it helps each of us to keep America great.'"

Methodists Need 4,500 New Employees Next Year

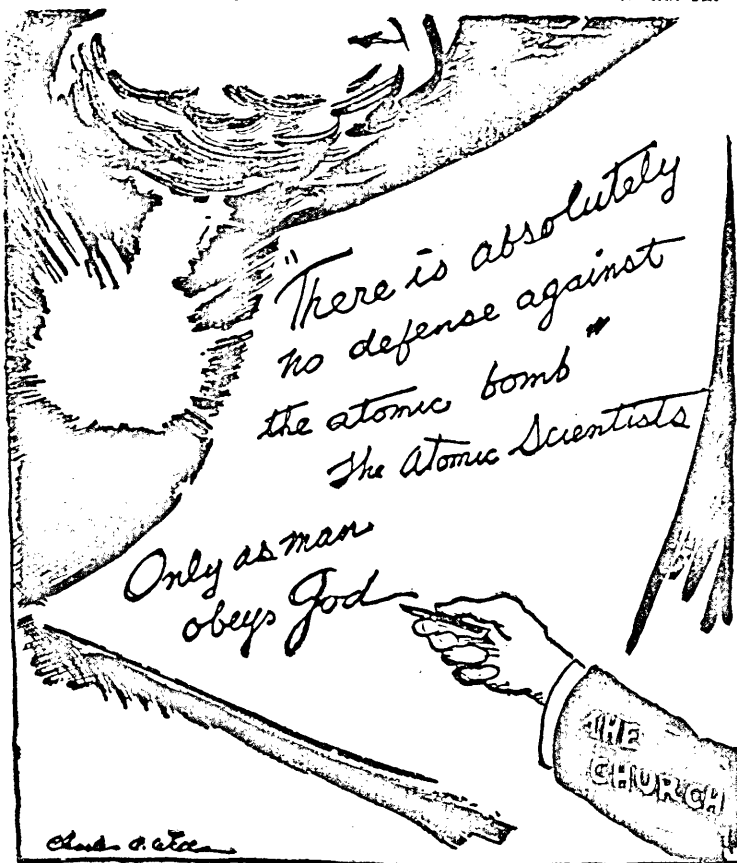
The Methodist Church will need approximately 4,500 new employees in various fields for 1954, it was announced at the annual meeting of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations in Nashville. The Church-wide personnel needs were made known by the Rev. Richard G. Belcher, Nashville, executive secretary of the committee, in his annual report. He said a recent survey indicated the Church will have openings for 2,500 student nurses in church-related hospitals; 1,500 ministers; 350 missionary trainees; 150 local church directors of Christian education, and 50 workers with college students. "These are minimum needs and we should prepare to recruit even more persons to balance the average personnel turnover," Mr. Belcher said. The 1954 personnel goals are considerably higher than the number of employees who entered various phases of Church work during the 1952-53 Conference year.

Methodists Plan Radio Chapel To Honor Bishop and Wife

Methodists of the Southeast are planning to underwrite a \$100,000 chapel studio at the Protestant Radio Center in Atlanta in honor of Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta and his wife, Martha. The announcement came from the Rev. James W. Sells, head of Methodist radio work in the Southeast. The chapel studio will be erected in recognition of Bishop and Mrs. Moore's "spiritual leadership and world-wide missionary activity." Planners hope to obtain funds through individual gifts "in time to surprise Bishop Moore with the news when he returns Thanksgiving Day from a tour of Europe and North Africa," Mr. Sells said. The Martha and Arthur J. Moore Chapel Studio will be the heart of the \$250,000 Protestant Radio Center now under construction on the Emory University campus. From this chapel, the Christian gospel will be broadcast to people around the world.

OUR ONLY DEFENSE

Chas. A. Wells





THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



LET'S GO NUTTING

By Margaret G. Wilson

"LET'S go nutting," suggested Gretchen. "Mother said the other day she wished I'd get her some. She always uses so many at Christmas time for Christmas cookies and candy. She said if we didn't go pretty soon the squirrels would have them all."

"We'll go," chimed in her little friends.

"Maybe mother has enough bags for us all. Let's ask her," suggested Paula.

The children had all been playing in Paula's yard. They always did, because Paula had a big yard with swings and bars and a very big sandpile, large enough for all the children to play in it at once. Then she had a tricycle and a splendid toy automobile that you could really sit in and ride. It was a wonderful place to play. So the children all went into Paula's house. In just a few minutes out they came, dancing and jumping about. Each little girl was holding a brown paper bag and a long stick that looked like an old broom-handle. There were usually plenty of nuts on the ground, but sometimes it was fun to reach up with a stick and knock the nuts off the tree. Down they ran to the place where the hickory trees grew, only to find two little boys with brown paper bags were there ahead of them. However, the boys weren't picking nuts. They were looking up into the tree and jumping about and talking very excitedly.

"Look!" they shouted. "Look at the big grey squirrel! He has jumped from tree to tree all the way over from the woods. We followed him. You should have seen him jump, but look at him now lying there looking at us. I just bet he knew we were after nuts and that's why he jumped all the way from the woods. He knows we won't shake or knock down the nuts from the tree while he is there, and there isn't one left on the ground either, except some old wormy ones. We were here yesterday, too, but only got a few. He knows we won't hurt him up there. He sure is a smart squirrel."

It almost seemed as though that grey squirrel understood what the children were saying, and that he wanted to prove he was a smart

THE WINDOW MAN

*I'd like to be a window man
With ladder, duster, rag and pan.*

*I'd put the ladder by the wall.
I'd climb and climb and would not fall.*

*I'd rub and rub with rag so wet,
And then the window clean I'd get.*

*Is it as bright as you could wish?
Here comes the duster—swishy,
swish!*

*I'd like to be a window man.
I'll ask my mother if I can.*

—Kate Stevens, from "Child Education Magazine"

squirrel. He jumped up and nipped off a nut and let it fall to the ground. The children shouted with glee. Then down came another and another, and faster dropped the nuts. The children picked them up and put them in their bags.

The children became so excited they just couldn't wait to get many, and when each of them had the bottom of his bag covered, off they ran to tell their parents about the nutting party.

Children often put nuts out for squirrels, but it is the first time I ever heard of a squirrel providing nuts for children, but this one did. I know, because I was there.—The United Church Observer

Once in awhile, the choirs do get back at the ministers. In a Connecticut church, the minister announced as his text, just after the choir had sung its anthem, "Now when the uproar had ceased."

But when the singers rose at the close of the sermon, they rendered, in most hearty manner, the anthem beginning, "Now it is high time to awake after sleep."

PUSH UP THE CORNERS

By Mrs. Frank H. Breck

*Push up the corners of your mouth,
Even though it pains them;
Push them up and make them stay,
If you have to chain them.*

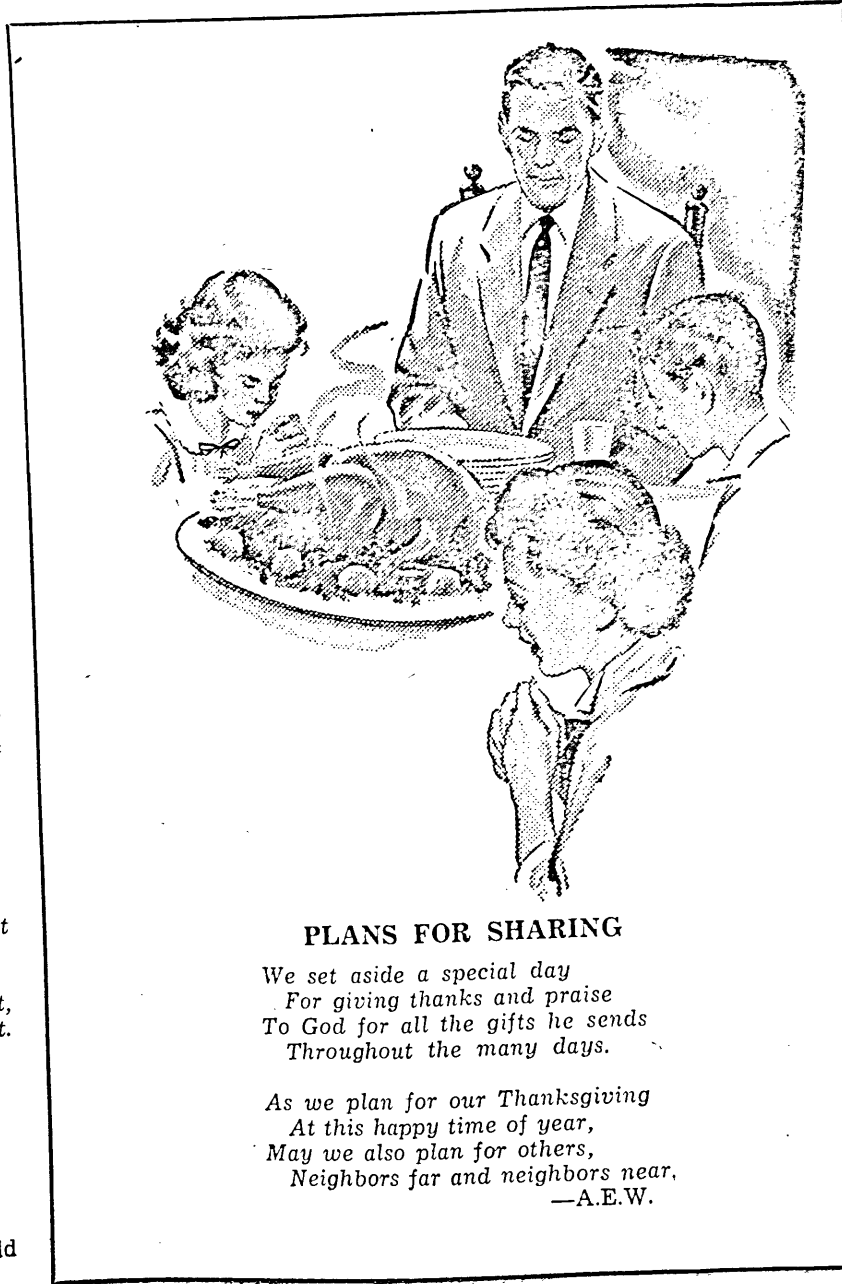
*Turn up the corners of your mouth;
You can't feel sad or surly
If smiles are dimpling o'er the lips,
Crisp, and sweet and curly.*

*A frown will kill the brightest laugh,
Make vinegar or honey,
A smile will kill the blackest frown,
And make a dark day sunny.*

*Turn up the corners of your mouth,
No matter how you're feeling;
And soon you'll feel the way you look,
A heart of joy revealing.*

—The Lutheran

"You're right, Sergeant," said the commanding officer of the infantry company, "that new man is much too thin to be digging foxholes. Put him to work cleaning rifles." Replied the sergeant, "Yes, sir. Shall we push him through or pull him through?"



PLANS FOR SHARING

*We set aside a special day
For giving thanks and praise
To God for all the gifts he sends
Throughout the many days.*

*As we plan for our Thanksgiving
At this happy time of year,
May we also plan for others,
Neighbors far and neighbors near.*

—A.E.W.

THE TOUR OF A SMILE

*My papa smiled this morning when
He came downstairs, you see,
At mamma; and when he smiled,
then*

*She turned and smiled at me;
And when she smiled at me, I went
And smiled at Mary Ann
Out in the kitchen; and she lent
It to the hired man.*

*So then he smiled at someone whom
He saw while going by,
Who also smiled, and ere he knew
Had twinkles in his eye;*

*So he went to his office then
And smiled at his clerk;
Who put some more ink in his pen
And smiled back from his work.*

*So when his clerk went home he
smiled
Right at his wife and she
Smiled over at their little child
As happy as could be.*

*And then the little child, she took
The smile to school; and when
She smiled at teacher from her book
Teacher smiled back again.*

*And then the teacher passed one on
To little James McBride,
Who couldn't get his lesson done
No matter how he tried;*

*And Jimmy took it home and told
How teacher smiled at him
When he was tired, and didn't scold,
But said, "Don't worry, Jim."*

*And when I happened to be there
That very night to play,
His mother had a smile to spare
Which came across my way;*

*And when I took it after while
Back home, my mamma said,
"Here is that very self-same smile
Come back with us to bed."*

—Burning Bush

JUST FOR FUN

The important man was about ready for his speech when a news photographer was observed jockeying for a vantage point, for an action shot.

The chairman, fearing that the speaker would be annoyed, called the photographer and said: "Don't take his picture while he is speaking. Shoot him before he starts."

"I hear, Doctor," said Mrs. Gabb, as she cornered the noted psychologist, "that you can tell if one is really sane by asking a few simple questions."

"Yes, very simple ones, such as: Captain Cook made three around-the-world voyages and died on one of them. Which one was it?"

"But, Doctor," scolded Mrs. Gabb, "I'm no good at history."

They tell the story of an elderly gentleman, wealthy and very deaf, who came into a store and bought a very fine and improved hearing aid. Two weeks later he came to the store and reported that he was hearing fine—could even hear the conversations in an adjoining room.

"Well," said the delighted clerk, "your friends and relatives must be very happy that you can hear so much better."

"Oh, I haven't told them," said the man. "I've been sitting around listening—and do you know what? I've changed my will twice already."

—Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser

ARKANSAS METHODIST

ZACHARY COMPLETES STUDY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service study, "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World," has been completed at the Zachary Methodist Church.

This study was conducted by Mrs. Frank Peabody, District Secretary of Missionary Education.

Groups from Baker, Bethel, Deerford, Slaughter and Zachary participated during the four sessions.

Refreshments were served each day by the Zachary Society.—Reporter.

FIRST CHURCH, BENTON, REPORTS ACTIVITIES

The women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, in Benton were busy during the last two weeks in October, for the fall Mission Study Class, opened on October 19 and continued October 20, 26 and 27 — with the Week of Prayer being observed October 28.

Mrs. John L. Hughes, chairman of the First Church W. S. C. S. has arranged an interdenominational school for the study of "That the World May Know," by Charles Branson. Three Societies joined with First Church in the class — the Presbyterian Missionary Society; the Christian Missionary Society; and the Park View Methodist — plus the local Wesleyan Guild, with assignments being given to 45.

On opening evening, after the president of the First Church Woman's Society, Mrs. Henry Brown, had welcomed the members of the class, Mrs. Hughes outlined, in a very comprehensive way, the purpose of the study.

That the women of the Societies are vitally interested in the development of greater unity was indicated by the excellent attendance and the fine presentation of the subject matter assigned them. The average attendance numbered 36, which averaged about 70% of the class.

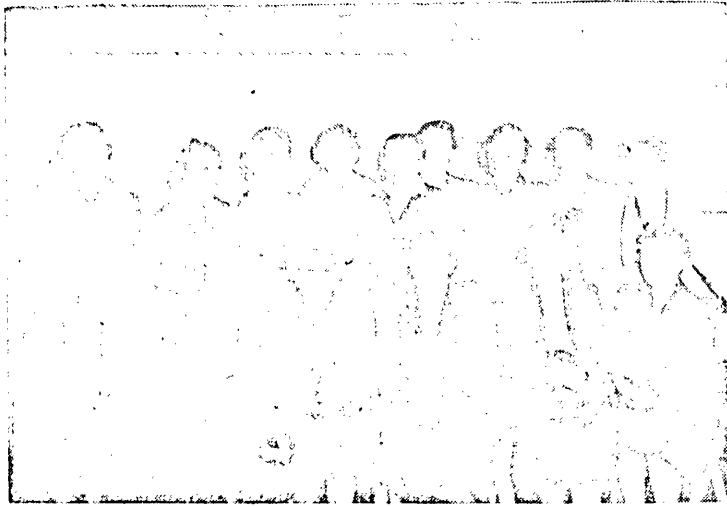
On Wednesday afternoon, October 28, the Week of Prayer was jointly observed by the First Methodist and the Park View Methodist W. S. C. S. Societies, under the guidance of the First Church Spiritual Life chairman, Mrs. N. D. Couch. The meeting was held from 2 to 3:30 o'clock, with members of both churches taking part on the program. The leaflet, "Glory Unto the Lord, Our God," was used as an outline for the service, with supplemental talks taken from the Leader's Handbook.

The closing hymn, sung to the meter of "Bless Be the Tie That Binds" was especially impressive. "We give Thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be:

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee."

On Wednesday evening, October 28, Mrs. Robert Cabe had charge of the Prayer meeting. She used as her subject "Renewal of Spiritual Thinking," giving great praise to the school, held recently in Little Rock, for inspiration in developing a higher plane of valuing Divine Guidance.—Violet Gingles, Publicity chairman.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARD



(Methodist Information Photo)

The Executive Board of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service held its fall meeting November 3 and 4 at the First Methodist Church, Morrilton. The hostess society served dinner Tuesday night to the more than thirty members attending.

Pictured above are the conference officers present:

seated: Mrs. Hubert Pearce, Mrs. Elmus Brown, Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Mrs. P. G. Magnus and Mrs. Ben DeVoll.

standing: Mrs. A. J. Mitchell, Miss

Mildred Osment, Mrs. Vance Thompson, Mrs. Walter Jimerson, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Mrs. H. W. Peek, Mrs. Paul Bumpers, Mrs. H. J. Couchman and Mrs. J. W. Glass.

Those officers not present were: Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., and Mrs. Raymond Franks.

District presidents gave reports of their districts, and in addition to the reports of the conference officers, Miss Mary Chaffin and Miss Sally Ingels, workers in the conference, told of their work.

FARM HILL REPORTS WORK

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Farm Hill Methodist Church on the Cherry Valley circuit is a very active and happy group. It is composed of just about all the active women of the church whose membership is small. These 17 members meet once each month with a business meeting and a well planned program.

Some of the activities they have sponsored since being organized only six months ago were a Home Coming Day the 5th Sunday in May and a similar affair in August to welcome the new District Superintendent, Rev. Otto Teague. They have helped raise money for their new parsonage, gave their pastor a poundage, and gave the responsibility of having fresh flowers in the church for all occasions.

The Bible study of "Jeremiah" was sponsored in September. It was well attended by members and also their husbands. For this study, they have received Jurisdiction Recognition. Near the end of the course, a set of lovely silver plate was presented to the pastor, who had taught the class, and his wife.

The society has already reached the total budget planned for the year, but they find themselves going right on to double it if possible.

The officers have worked hard learning their various duties. They have done a good job as have all the members. Forrest City District can well be proud of their new society at Farm Hill.—Reporter

All the brains in the world cannot yet produce one mind.—Money

WEEK OF PRAYER OBSERVED

Members of the Wynne Woman's Society started their Week of Prayer and Self-Denial by observing a quiet hour in the church auditorium Sunday evening. Miss Louise Coffin played the organ. Mrs. Wilmuth Scott, conductor, was assisted by Mrs. H. D. Womack, Mrs. V. E. James, Mrs. David Brock, Jr., Mrs. Darnell Hampton, Mrs. D. D. Martin and Mrs. G. G. Dorris. Miss Ann Harrell sang a solo, "Others."

For this service the table was covered with a white satin cloth. The cross with an open Bible on the table; white candles were burning in brassholders, and huge urns of white mums were hung from the choir rail.

The observance was continued in the circle meetings in the homes of Mrs. G. G. Dorris, Mrs. T. M. Ellis, and Mrs. A. O. Chastain on Monday. There were prayer meetings each morning from Tuesday through Friday. An offering of \$198.10 was made to the projects designated for this week.

Mrs. Womack and Mrs. Dorris went to Cherry Valley Wednesday for an all day service.

The Week of Prayer and Self-denial program was observed at the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, October 27. St. John's Church, with Mrs. Frank Adkins, Spiritual Life leader, was in charge of the morning worship service. After a noon luncheon, the First Church with Mrs. E. E. McBride in charge, concluded the program.

Mrs. Roy Corley gave an interesting talk on the church, schools and living conditions of Okinawa after

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Percy Pennybaeker, Jr., of Austin, Tex., president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was guest speaker October 16th, at the monthly program meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Siloam Springs Methodist Church. The visiting speaker, who was a guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. L. Morris, president of the hostess society, reported on the recent Sixth National Assembly of the United Church Women in Atlantic City, N. J. Mrs. Wallace Winfrey led a devotional based on the Sermon on the Mount.

During the tea hour members of the Laura Stewart Circle served pumpkin pie, whipped cream and coffee.—Mrs. Dick Hodges, reporter.

SHE IS DEACONESS AND M.D.

An outstanding Methodist woman doctor of Mexico, Dr. Elvira Bacz Mendez, attended the Pan American Medical Woman's Congress in New York City recently. The week-long meeting ended October 1. The delegates then went to Washington, D. C., where they visited the Pan American Union, the White House, Red Cross Chapter House, and the U. S. National Institute of Health. Dr. Mendez was the only Protestant among the nine doctors from Mexico.

Dr. Mendez is director of the Aztec Clinics, an institution of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in a very poor section of the city. Over 300 patients a month are treated in the one-room clinic.

Dr. Mendez, who is also a deaconess of the Methodist Church, was introduced at the executive committee meeting of the Board of Missions in New York City September 22.

Miss Mendez received her M. D. degree from the University of Mexico and was awarded a scholarship to Boston University. After a year of study there, she worked in the Massachusetts General Hospital and the New England Hospital for Women and Children. She received her deaconess training in Mexico and at the Chicago Evangelistic Institute.

Dr. Mendez has also attended international medical conferences in Germany and France.

A member of the Aztecas Street Methodist Church, she teaches a class of young boys in the Sunday school and is church treasurer.

"The human pilgrimage moves by faith. It cannot move by sight, for we cannot see what any tomorrow may bring, least of all the tomorrow of death . . . It comes by the courage of man's will: that is why a credo is the unfurling of a banner rather than an exercise in logic."—George A. Buttrick in FAITH AND EDUCATION (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press)

living on the island while her husband was stationed there.

Churches represented were First Church, St. John's, and Kibler.—Mrs. Fay Williams.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

REPORT OF UNITED REACHING REVIVAL NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

A total of 1,840 additions to membership was reported as the result of a United Reaching Revival in the Methodist churches of the North Arkansas Conference October 4-8.

The figures were released this week by the Rev. Paul M. Brimbers of Clarksville, conference secretary of evangelism.

The new members were added as the result of 4,279 visits by 1,295 workers. A total of 1,004 joined by transfer of membership. 796 on profession of faith, and 40 from other denominations. One hundred eighty three charges in the conference participated.

The figures by districts follow:
Batesville, 22 charges: 175 visitors; 371 visits; 164 on profession of faith; 66 by transfer.

Conway, 22 charges: 143 visitors;

413 visits; 48 on profession of faith; six from other denominations; 81 by transfer.

Fayetteville, 29 charges: 1,234 visits; 98 on profession of faith; 235 by transfer.

Forrest City, 22 charges: 66 visitors; 276 visits; 107 on profession of faith; 142 by transfer.

Fort Smith, 36 charges: 490 visitors; 964 visits; 120 on profession of faith; 27 from other denominations; 154 by transfer.

Jonesboro, 25 charges: 243 visitors; 640 visits; 153 on profession of faith; 228 by transfer.

Paragould, 18 charges: 178 visitors; 381 visits; 49 on profession of faith; seven from other denominations; 53 by transfer.

Searcy, nine charges: 57 on profession of faith; 45 by transfer.

CHURCHMEN HIT FICTIONALIZED CONCEPTION OF RURAL MINISTERS

The American habit of "poking fun" at the rural scene and the country minister's "dog's life" has had its effect in creating shortages of ministers and students willing to serve the rural church, a commission of the National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country warned.

"Fiction and movies have characterized the rural minister as living on next to nothing, and also have fostered the misconception that he does little for what he gets," the commission on recruiting and training said.

There is a healthy sign, however, that the misconceptions are being overcome, for a larger percentage of the students now preparing for rural ministry are coming from urban areas, the commission said.

The commission on the farmer, his farm and his church observed that ownership of land is on an increase, and this is of interest to the Church because it provides an atmosphere of stability in both community and church. The churches were advised to do more to educate and direct young families with regard to means

available to buy land, rather than rent, and to aid in keeping farms "in the family."

MINISTERS AND FAMILIES ENJOY WEINER ROAST

The Beebe area ministers and their families met at the Copperas Springs Community Monday night November 2nd for a weiner roast and fellowship together.

Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Villines and children, from Beebe, Rev. and Mrs. Cyrus Wilson from Antioch, Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Harrison and children from the McRae Extension Circuit, and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and children from McRae Charge.

Every one had a good time roasting and eating weiners and marshmallows. Later several flash-bulb pictures were made of the group. The fellowship was ended with all standing around the fire singing many old familiar songs. Prayer was given by Bro. Villines.—Reporter

Hating people is like burning down your own house to get rid of a rat.—Harry Emerson Fosdick, Forbes.

WASHINGTON CITIZENSHIP CONVOCATION

FRONT ROW, l. to r.: Rev. John W. Glover, Rev. Luther K. Wilson, Rev. W. Leonard Byars, Rev. Raymond A. Dorman.
SECOND ROW, l. to r.: Rev. Theron McKisson, Rev. Jesse J. Decker, Rev. Thomas Whiddon.

Sponsored by the Board of Temperance, five hundred delegates from 103 Conferences met at Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, in Washington, D. C., on October 14-16.

The purpose of the gathering, other than to call attention to the evils of liquor itself, was to consider strategies for launching a nationwide campaign, (1) To save human life and property from damage by alcohol in complex traffic; (2) to safeguard children and families from hurtful invasion upon homelife by liquor advertising; (3) to make Christmas Christian; (4) to commit individuals and family groups to abstinence as the wiser way of life, on Commitment Day, December 6th, 1953.

One of the highlights was a great mass meeting, attended by over 2,-

000 at Constitution Hall the evening of the 15th, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam was the principal speaker. His theme was "America, Alcohol and Abstinence."

Another highlight was the presentation of "The Pink Christmas Tree", an original drama written for the convocation.

Delegates from the North Arkansas Conference were: Rev. Theron McKisson, Rev. Jesse J. Decker, Forrest City District secretary of Temperance; Rev. Thomas Whiddon, Fayetteville, District secretary; Rev. John W. Glover, Jonesboro District; Rev. Luther Wilson, Conway District; Rev. W. L. Byars, Ft. Smith District; and Rev. Raymond Dorman, President of the Conference Board of Temperance.—R. A. Dorman

MIDLAND HEIGHTS PLAN EXPANSION

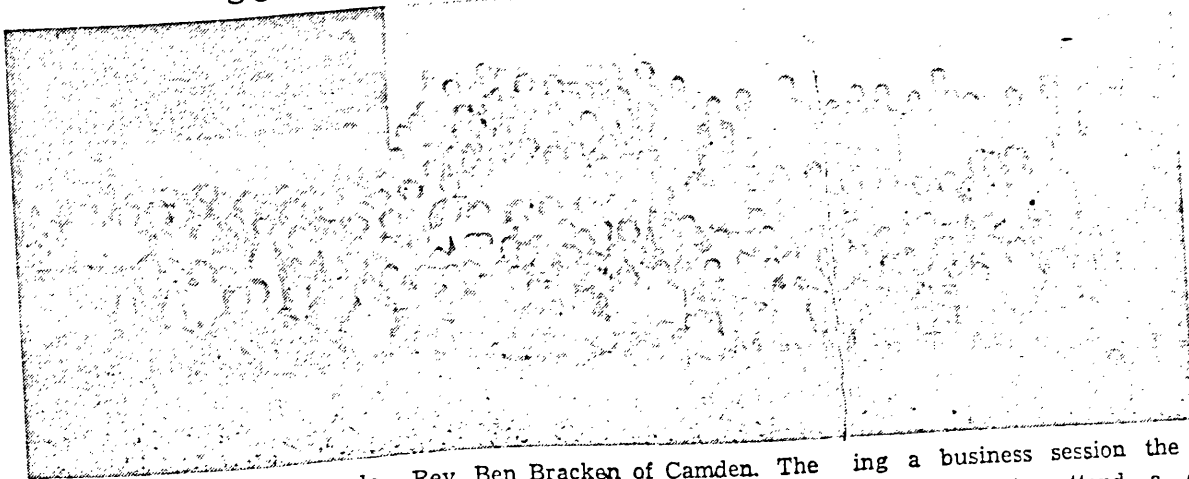
Midland Heights Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, will have a "kick off" supper on Novem-

ber 13th to start the ball rolling for their sanctuary. Tickets are to be sold for this occasion.

On the 27th of September there were three hundred seventy eight present for Sunday School. A. M. Carden retired as superintendent and he was presented with a lovely watch. Lloyd Parson was elected to succeed him.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service had an ice cream and hamburger supper to raise funds to improve the fellowship floor. For a week the society served meals at the fair grounds, the profits from these going to the building fund. The profits from an apron sale also went to this cause. The money made at pancake supper and apron sale by one of the circles was also put in the building fund.—Reporter

SUB-DISTRICT RECORD ATTENDANCE



A record number of young people attended the Ouachita County Sub-district at Harmony Grove October 19, with 180 persons present. The speaker for the evening was the

Rev. Ben Bracken of Camden. The prayer and scripture were given by the Rev. H. R. Nabors. Recreation was directed by Freda Cook. Dur-

ing a business session the group made plans to attend a district meeting at Lewisville. Earlene Ponder is reporter for the sub-district.

METHODIST MEN ORGANIZED AT HAWLEY MEMORIAL

The Methodist Men organization in the Hawley Memorial Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, recently organized, will receive its charter at a special meeting Tuesday evening November 17th.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST



"Along A Country Road"
The North Arkansas Conference
The Town and Country
Commission

The Methodist Church
Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas
Paul E. Martin, Bishop
Rev. Floyd G. Villines, President
Mr. Lester Hutchins, Vice-President
Rev. David P. Conyers, Secretary
Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

IN THE JONESBORO DISTRICT

During this week it has been fine to be in the new parsonage at Brookland enjoying once more the hospitality of the Younts. We have been in the fall revival with good attendance and interest. The new parsonage is beautiful and comfortable. It is something that can be shown to home folk and visitors alike with the satisfaction of work well done. The Brookland charge joins with those over the conference that have moved up in the matter of providing a suitable home for the ministers and their families. The Brookland charge now has a pastor's home that will make for more abundant living for those who go out to give their lives in full service to the Church.

Every building now on this charge has been repaired and made more useful in service to the Master. Just a few years ago the Pine Log Church was repaired and redecorated so that now it is conducive to worship and study. The Brookland Church was remodeled with Sunday School rooms added. The sanctuary was made more beautiful with new floor and new pews and altar furnishings. A new electric organ was purchased which adds much to the worship services. At Pleasant Grove a completely new church was built which is one of the finest rural churches in this area. At New Haven the church has been repaired and put in good condition with asbestos siding. There is good interest in the services there. This charge has been on the upswing now for the past several years. With buildings in better condition and interest growing the churches will be able to assume more responsibility for a larger program.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Peterson accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Wood and son, Clifford, attended the Monday night services driving over from Dyess. They reported further improvements on their parsonage and also success in their cotton picking enterprise through which the members earned money for the budget of the church. The Dyess-Whitten charge is in good spirit.

Sunday Morning November 1 —
Home Coming At St. John

It was a great joy to be with the James Weatherfords and the good people at St. John Church Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon November 1. This was my first visit with them since leaving the Jonesboro District six years ago. One great change and improvement noticed was the black-top road now running from Manila on to Highway 40. The church has been helped by this splendid thoroughfare. The attendance upon the services was very good. The people were happy and rejoiced in this great day. The following, former pastors made the day brighter by their presence: Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Sweet, Rev. and Mrs. Lee Anderson, and Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Harrison. Rev. Lee Cate and family of Manila attended the fellowship dinner.

The St. John Church is one of the great rural churches which has been a place of inspiration and uplift to many souls. So long as we have such churches our nation will be guided along the pathways of good living. The visit in the home of the Weatherfords was one of fine fellowship.—J. Albert Gatlin.

LEPANTO CHURCH MINISTERING TO
MEXICAN LABORERS

Recently we had an experience in our local church that has done a great deal to illustrate for us "the brotherhood of man through Christ."

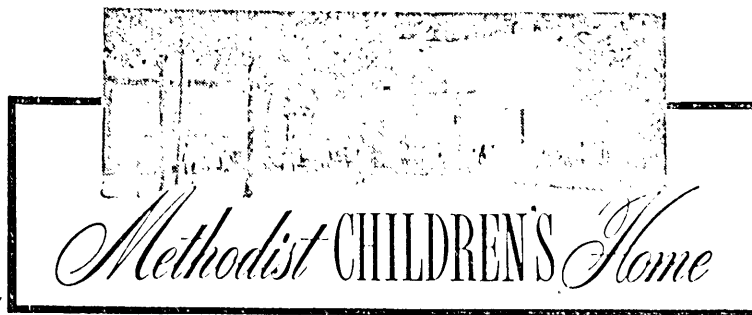
About three weeks ago on Sunday morning seven Mexican farm laborers who had been brought into our community to help harvest the cotton crop, came by our Church just as the service was beginning; the doors were open and they saw the Cross over the altar. One of the Mexicans pointed to the Cross and made the sign of the Cross. One of our ushers invited them to come in. They did. They could not understand English and only a few of us knew any Spanish words that they could understand, but they stayed throughout the entire service and each time the congregation would stand they would stand and cross themselves according to the custom of the Roman Catholic Church.

After the service they smiled and shook their heads in approval as various members of the congregation came around to shake hands

with them. They were made to know that they were welcome.

Last Sunday, November 1st, just as our morning service was over another group came to the front door of the church and pointed to the cross. Again one of our ushers motioned for them to enter. They came in very quietly and as soon as they were in the Sanctuary they knelt and prayed. I stayed in the Sanctuary with them for awhile; however, I do not speak Spanish and they could not understand English, but they smiled and after praying on their knees for awhile they rose and seater themselves in the pews and pointed to the Cross.

Suddenly, I remembered that I had a Spanish edition of the Upper Room in my Study and I got it and gave it to one of them. They smiled and all gathered around the one with the Upper Room. He read to them and when he would come to the prayers they would cross themselves and kneel as the prayer was



REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1953

We want to express our sincere thanks to the groups and participants listed below who have rendered a service or presented gifts to the Home during the month of October, 1953.

Mrs. Osro Cobb—clothing
Mary Martha Class, Hays Chapel Church—clothing
Little Rock Junior College—cake
Sears, Roebuck & Co.—hoes
Mrs. Earle O'Neal—clothing
Mr. Charles R. Baber—candy
Friendship Class, Winfield Methodist Ch.—birthday gifts
Little Rock Sub-District—food
Dr. D. B. Cheairs—Circus tickets for Shrine Circus
Albert Pike Lodge—bakery products
Mr. Roy Anderson—circus tickets for Shrine circus
Anonymous—Circus tickets for Shrine Circus
Asbury Methodist Church, Circle No. 7—food

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:
John P. Cox given by Mr. and Mrs. R. T. White; Joe Greer given by Mrs. W. E. Ellegood; Joe Greer given by Circle #1, W. S. C. S. Dumas Methodist Church; James Rector given by Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Flowers and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Flowers; Stella Snapp given by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chenault and Miss Martha Meck; Chris Meyer given by Mabel Crawford Class, Pine Bluff Lakeland Methodist Church; Mrs. Alice Carver given by Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis; F. B. Chidester given by Mrs. S. C. Leake and M. S. T. J. Green; Frank B. Chidester by Circle 13, W.S.C.S. Camden First Methodist Church; F. B. Chidester given by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith; Rev. W. F. Cooley given by Rev. and Mrs. T. T. McNeal; Mrs. Anna G. Cramlet given by Aileen Dodd; Rev. W. F. Cooley given by Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Lewis; Rev. W. F. Cooley given by Rev. and Mrs. Allan Hilliard; Mrs. C. M. Prim given by Mrs. J. C. Lee; Mrs. T. O. Rorie given by Ralph C. Lehman, Jr.; Ben A. Brown given by Ralph C. Lehman, Jr.; Miss Bettie Bond given by Mrs. Robert Grigsby; W. G. Engh given by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Farr; Miss Betty Bond given by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Herrick; E. G. Downs given by Ladies' Class of Tyronia Methodist Sunday School; Mrs. Margaret Sherman given by Rev. and Mrs. Jefferson Sherman;
Ray Jones given by Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Lynch; E. M. Coleman given by Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Lynch; Mrs. J. W. Wilks given by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farr; Mrs. W. O. Flippin given by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farr; William Price Morrison given by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phelps; Wm. Price Morrison given by H. T. Brewer; William Price Morrison given by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnson; William Price Morrison, Jr., given by Mr. and Mrs. Elton A. Rieves, Jr.; Mrs. W. O. Flippin given by The Lenah Farris Bible Class, Wynne Methodist Church; Rev. William F. Cooley by the Matrons' S. S. Class, Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville; A. C. Pollard given by Mrs. R. L. Crosssett; Rev. W. F. Cooley given by Members of the New Home Methodist Church, given by Gravitte Methodist Church, given by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sisco, given by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Smith, given by District Superintendent of the North Arkansas Conference; Ed Paschal given by Hughetta and Archie Prewitt; Rev. W. F. Cooley given by Chaplain and Mrs. B. D. Willets; Rod Bryan, Sr., given by Philathea S. S. Class, Forrest City Methodist Church; Mrs. Flora

Couch Witherspoon given by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond K. Kerr; Rev. W. F. Cooley given by Oakley Chapel Church.

OTHER GIFTS

W. S. C. S. Trumann Meth. Ch.	\$ 10.00
Go-Getters S. S. Class, Wynne Methodist Church	10.00
Frost Bible Class, Texarkana First Methodist Church	10.00
Yancey S. S. Class, Marianna Methodist Church	10.00
Evelyn Whitecomb Class, Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock	10.00
Golden Rule Class, Harrisburg Methodist Church	10.00
North Arkansas Conference	282.02
Anonymous	10.00
Marion Methodist Church	17.25
Young Couples Class, Camden First Methodist Church	20.00
Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean, Russellville Methodist Church	10.00
Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Alvarez, Greenwood Methodist Church	10.00
Lexa Bible Class, First Methodist Church of Forayee	10.00
Osborne W. Garvin	20.00
Fellowship Class, Henderson Methodist Church	10.00
Kate Campbell Bible Class, Augusta Methodist Church	10.00
The Young Men's Class, Helena Methodist Church	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rogers, First Methodist Church, Little Rock	10.00
Heber Springs Methodist Church Sunday School	45.00
Builders Class, Paris Methodist Ch.	10.00
Young Adult Class, Rector Meth. Church	10.00
Wesleyan Service Guild, Wynne Methodist Church	20.00
Lodges Corner Methodist Church	10.00
Service Class, El Dorado First Methodist Church	10.00
Wesley Bureau S. S. Class, First Methodist Church of El Dorado	10.00
Susanna Wesley S. S. Class, First Methodist of Texarkana	5.00
Procarve S. S. Class, Harrisburg Methodist Church	10.00
Madonna Bible Class, Newport Methodist Church	50.00
Open Door Class, El Dorado First Methodist Church	10.00
Wm's Bible Class, First Methodist Church of N. Little Rock	10.00
Progressive S. S. Class, First Methodist Church, El Dorado	10.00
The Couples Class, El Dorado First Methodist Church	30.00
Little Rock Conference	417.80
The Friendly Class, Heber Springs Methodist Church	30.00
Cabel Methodist W. S. C. S.	10.00
The Friendship Class, Mena Methodist Church	10.00
Miss Rema Hutchinson, Camden First Methodist Church	10.00
Mrs. Esther Crain	7.00
Winsome Workes S. S. Class, Central Meth. Ch., Batesville	15.00
Wesleyan Service Guild, Helena Methodist Church	10.00
The Junior Department, Camden First Methodist Church	10.00
Second Nine S. S. Class, Jonesboro First Methodist Church	30.00
Builders Class, Brinkley Methodist Church	30.00
Anonymous	10.00
Builders Class, Little Rock First Methodist Church	10.00
Advance Class, First Methodist Church, El Dorado	30.00
Miscellaneous collections	224.33
Memorial collections	233.50
TOTAL collections	\$1,815.11
T. T. McNEAL, Director	

read.

I had to leave them to go to a Home Coming Service at Garden Point, but a person living nearby the Church reported that others came and entered the Church during the afternoon.

Many of our people have remarked something to this effect — "The Cross of Christ is truly our symbol of unity and brotherhood."

We Ministers of the Gospel have preached it from the very beginning of the revelation of God on The Cross, but Oh how it helps when we see it in action.

Our Commission on Evangelism voted to place an order for the Spanish edition of The Upper Room for future use.—W. A. Stewart.

METHODIST MEN
ORGANIZED AT
HAWLEY MEMORIAL

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J. M. Spicer, Lay Leader of the Pine Bluff District will be present and will present the charter. The distinguished speaker for the evening will be Roland Shelton of Little Rock, Conference Lay Leader of the Little Rock Conference.

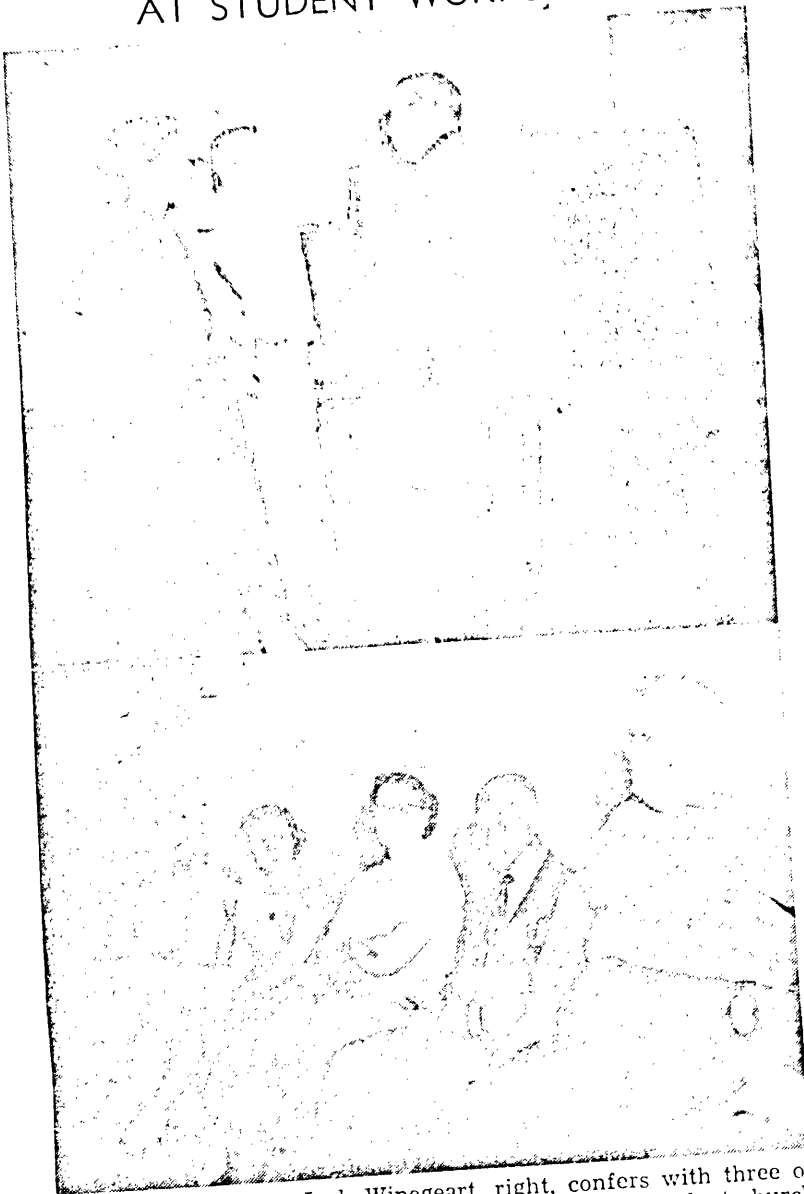
Officers elected for the year are: Jack B. Commer, President; Carlton Taylor, Vice President; Ernest Ussery, Secretary-Treasurer.

The pastor of Hawley Memorial is Rev. George Kerr. The church is located at 11th and Cypress in Pine Bluff. Our Lay Leader is Marvin L. Mann.—Jake B. Commer.

METHODIST YOUTH

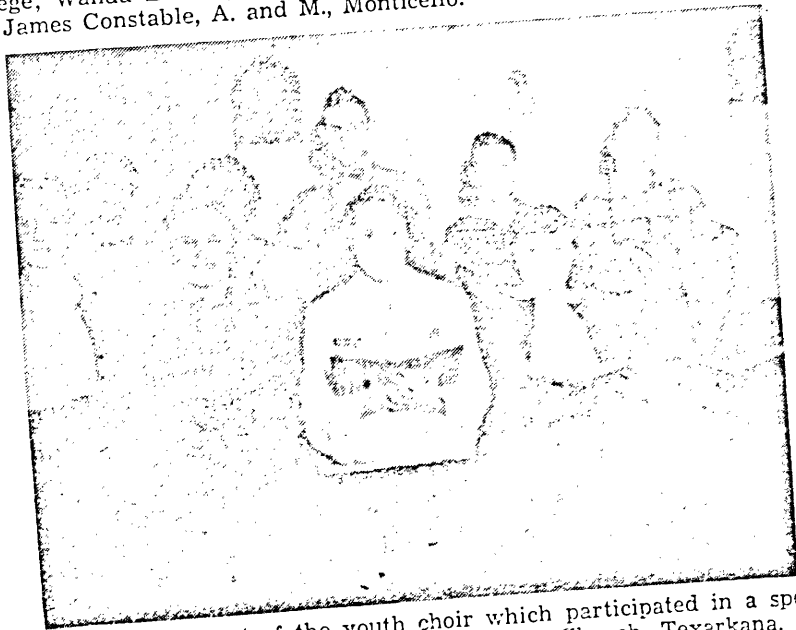
Georgia Daily, Editor

AT STUDENT WORKSHOP



TOP PHOTO: The Rev. Jack Winegeart, right, confers with three of the delegates to the Little Rock Conference workshop on student-church relations at Aldersgate October 30-31, under the sponsorship of the Board of Education and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. At left are Vertis Ingram, Arkansas State Teachers, Conway, and Mary Sue Smith and George Tanner, from Hendrix.

BOTTOM PHOTO: A panel discussion shared activities of Wesley Foundation on the representative campuses during the past year. Participating were Mary Sue Smith, Hendrix; Penny Fetters, Henderson State Teachers College; Wanda Benson, Southern State; Ames Woods, Philander Smith; and James Constable, A. and M., Monticello.



YOUTH CHOIR—Part of the youth choir which participated in a special service Sunday is shown above at College Hill Church, Texarkana. The service, having as its theme "Youth Emphasis", featured an address by Miss Dorothy Kelley, district worker in the Hope District, and music by the young people. Miss Kelley was introduced by Linda Schneider, member of the church and the district's representative on the conference youth council. The Scripture and prayer were by Jewell Ed Evers, and Bobby Stephens played an accordion solo for the offertory.

MYF SPONSORS SCHOLARSHIP

A \$100 scholarship for a high school student in India will be sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Parkdale Methodist Church, according to an announcement by the pastor, the Rev. Phil E. Pierce.

The scholarship money will be raised by the young people in addition to their regular MYFund pledge.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK HELD

The Methodist Youth Fellowship motto, "Christ Above All," was the theme for Youth Activities Week at First Church, Magnolia, October 11-18. Average attendance at nightly service was 38.

The evening programs followed a schedule of supper, group singing, discussion groups, recreation and worship.

Intermediate discussion groups were conducted by the Rev. Barry Bailey, pastor of Lewisville Church, on the subject "What It Means to Be a Christian," and by Mrs. Glenn Pinnell, Magnolia, on the subject "Boy-Girl Fellowships."

Discussion groups for seniors and older youth were conducted by the Rev. James Robert Scott, pastor of Bearden Church, on "Methodist Beliefs" and by Mrs. Charles G. Ashcraft, Village, on "Marriage and the Home—A Sacred Trust."

Inspirational speakers for the worship services and their subjects were:

Rev. J. Edwin Keith, Little Rock, "The MYF Covenant and Motto," Sunday, October 11.

Dr. Doyle G. Wilson, Magnolia, "Christ Above All in Our Choice of A Vocation," October 12.

Rev. Fred W. Schwendimann, El Dorado, "Christ Above All in Our Use of Leisure Time," Tuesday.

Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft, Village, "Christ Above All in Our Home Life," Wednesday.

Rev. Frank C. Tucker, Springhill, La., "Christ Above All in Our Church," Thursday.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights the program was directed by a Youth Fellowship Team composed of Martha Williamson, El Dorado, Rosemary Gaffney, El Dorado, Lou Dean Graham, Stamps, Myra Hinson, Magnolia, Sue Hudson, Magnolia, Nellie Childs, Parker's Chapel, and Mrs. Opal Tubberville, Magnolia, adult counselor.

CAMDEN DISTRICT HAS RALLY

The youth of the Camden District held their quarterly rally at the Lewisville Methodist Church

SUB-DISTRICTS

Ozark

The Ozark Sub-district met at Green Forest October 26. Churches represented were Eureka Springs, Green Forest, Alpena, Harrison, and Valley Springs.

The evening program included an inspiring worship program, followed by a business session and recreation.

Francis-Lee

A panel discussion provided the program for the Francis-Lee Sub-district meeting October 26 at Colt Methodist Church. Members of the panel were Jimmy Randall, president; Patsy Russell, Marianna, Christian Faith; Diane Damerson, Marianna, Christian Outreach; Donnie Elplingstone, La Grange, Christian Citizenship; Ann Dooley, Marianna, Christian Witness.

Richard Stegall had the opening devotional and Dotsie Clark the prayer. Patsy Russell was in charge of recreation. Rosalyn Gilbert is reporter for the group.

The next meeting will be at Forrest City.

Mississippi County

Mary Abbott, president of the Mississippi County Sub-district, gave a report of her trip to Mt. Sequoyah at the sub-district meeting at Osceola October 12. Local groups reported on their achievements in the preceding month.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Rev. Garland Taylor. A total of 160 youth attended.

The meeting was closed with a Quaker service.

October 26. Over 400 young people and youth workers gathered for a program of fellowship and inspiration. The host sub-district furnished refreshments.

This sub-district, Lafayette County, is newly organized and reports good attendance at its meetings and a wonderful spirit of interest and enthusiasm among the young people.

Following the business meeting and fellowship period the host church provided an inspiring worship program of music. Tommy McKinnon, district president, presided over the business meeting and conducted the worship service. The Rev. Charles W. Baughman, district director of youth work for the Camden District, introduced the inspirational speaker of the evening, Dr. D. L. Dykes, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Fayetteville. Dr. Dykes brought a challenging message to the youth, "You Can Go Anywhere from Here." The Rev. Barry Bailey, host pastor, closed the meeting with the benediction.

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THE GARDEN OF PARADISE

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dental clinics, various clubs, a playground, and special interest groups for boys and girls. Miss Florence Prouty is the devoted and efficient nurse in charge of the project. The nursery has won such recognition that the wife of the President of Chile has founded four others in the city, modeled after Sweet. When Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt came to Santiago recently, she asked to be taken to Sweet Institute.

The Training School provides a three-year course for Christian leaders in our church. It is especially significant because of the need in Chile for trained Christian leaders. Miles Acker, who is also the pastor of Second Church, directs the Training School. He is returning to the United States soon, but Reverend and Mrs. William Jones and John C. Kitchen, three attractive young missionaries, have just arrived to continue the excellent leadership at Sweet.

Sunday afternoon we visited four other Methodist churches in Santiago, and that night I preached at First Methodist Church, where Pedro Zottele is pastor. Readers of the Christian Century will recognize his name as one of the correspondents to that journal. He was a member of the General Conference of 1952 and is one of the most eloquent pastors in Chile. The service was a warm one, with a rousing song service, and frequent "amens" punctuated my sermon—due likely to the fine interpretation of Brother Zottele.

Santiago College

Santiago College offers young women an opportunity for preparation for life under superior conditions. One could not find a finer institution as regards teaching efficiency, buildings, grounds, equipment—and pupils. The campus is beautiful, with the snow-covered mountains just behind it contrasting sharply with the spacious lawns and lovely gardens. The buildings are modern and would be proudly owned by any school in the United States. Students attend the school from 21 different nations, and members of the staff represent 12 countries. They seemed to form a happy little world based on the ideals of the United Nations—or better still, on the ideals of Christ.

I spoke in the chapel service to several hundred students, attractive in beautiful green uniforms. Though most of the girls are Chilean (the Naval Attache's daughter was in the group), they are bilingual, and I spoke to them in English and found the group to be one of the most responsive and appreciative groups to which I have ever spoken. Miss Elizabeth Mason, a lovely woman eminently fitted for the task, is the capable Director of the school. One can easily understand why the daughters or granddaughters of most of the Presidents of Chile have attended Santiago College and why there is a long waiting list of applicants seeking to enter its doors.

As this is written we are on a freighter on our way to Peru. We seem to have experienced more than our share of strike troubles. A second strike in New York prevented the sailing of the passenger ship we were to catch at Valparaiso—so we are the only passengers on the S. S. GULF BANKER. We have been told that the Santa Isabel, on

which our passage is reserved, will sail on time from Peru and that we will arrive in New York as originally planned.

We sailed on the twenty-second from Valparaiso. We spent the night before sailing at Vina Del Mar, a suburb of Valparaiso. Vina Del Mar means "Vineyard of the Sea", and it is a lovely place overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Experiences Joy and Sorrow

Chile brought us some of our most interesting experiences. We saw beautiful scenes of unruined grandeur; we visited some of the most unique and valuable institutions of our church; we enjoyed delightful fellowships that brought us great inspiration. And we experienced one of the greatest sorrows we have ever known. At midnight Saturday night, October 17, in Santiago we had a cablegram from Paul Bumpers telling us of the death of Rev. Wm. F. Cooley there in the Clarksville hospital. Early the next morning, Ewing Wayland called us to give more of the details. We were stunned as we learned of the tragic passing of one of our most gifted and consecrated ministers. Our Chilean friends remembered the family in prayer in both services Sunday.

Billy Cooley was not only one of our most valuable colleagues; he and his family were among our dearest friends. We have had a letter from him at each of the places on this journey where we have received mail. They were like him—happy, tender, thoughtful, gracious, kind. Life is richer because we knew him, and Heaven is more real because he is there.

I was speaking at Santiago College at about the time the service was being held for Billy Cooley there in Arkansas. A verse of a hymn we used in the chapel service that morning seemed particularly appropriate:

*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above;
For all gentle thro'ts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*



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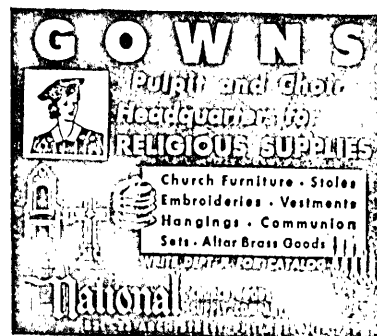
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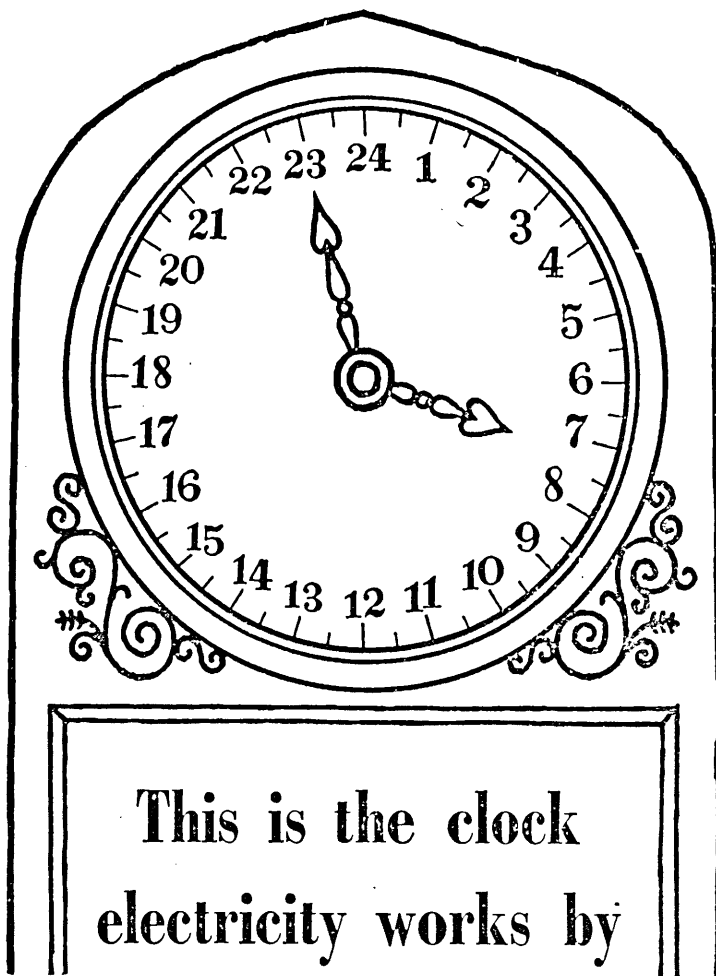
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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 22, 1953

MUST WE FEED THE WORLD?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Matthew 25:34-40; Mark 6:34-44 Printed Text: Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 1:32-34; Mark 8:1-9.

MEMORY SELECTION: If any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:17-18)



This is the fifth lesson of UNIT II: "BIBLE TEACHINGS APPLIED TO WORLD PROBLEMS." The aim of the unit is to find and study scriptures that will aid in solving various world problems. The first lesson dealt with the liquor problem; the second with home life; the third with the relationship between the church and the community; the fourth dealt with stewardship; and the lesson today raises the question "Must We Feed the World?"

A Look At The Scriptures

It is hoped that the student will read the entire lesson from his Bible. Space will permit us to deal only with the printed portion of the text.

Our first passage (Matt. 9:35-36) tells of the activity of Christ. While here in the flesh the Lord was very busy. He did a lot of traveling. The lesson today tells of his traveling in Galilee. We are told that "he went about all the cities and villages." He did most of his teaching and preaching in the synagogues. These synagogues were scattered all over the civilized world of that day. Even at that time, the Jews were scattered all over the world. They had a custom that they faithfully carried out; wherever there were as many as ten Jewish men they established a synagogue. We are told that Christ was "teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity."

These activities, especially the healing, made Christ very popular and large crowds thronged about him. The Lord was a great lover of people. We are told that when he saw these crowds he was moved with compassion for them. They reminded him of sheep that had no shepherd. It is true that they had the Pharisees, but these selfish would-be leaders were more like wolves in sheep's clothing than they were shepherds. It is a tragedy when people of this type put themselves up as leaders. The Lord spoke of such activity as the blind leading the blind, and he insisted that all would fall in the ditch together.

A Sun-Set Scene

Our next passage (Mark 1:32-34) tells of an event that took place in the city of Capernaum near the home of Peter and Andrew. It was the Sabbath day. The Lord, with these two disciples together with John and James, entered this home. He found Peter's mother-in-law ill and healed her. The news of his great healing power got abroad. Out of respect for the laws which governed the keeping of the Sabbath, the citizens of this community waited until sundown, and then they proceeded to bring all of the sick to Jesus that he might heal them. We

are told that he did heal them.

Feeding The Multitude

The next passage (Mark 8: 1-9) tells of an outdoor scene. It seems that Christ and his disciples had gone out into a desert place, and great multitudes followed them. The Lord took advantage of the situation to teach the people concerning the kingdom. Three days passed. The Lord realized that the food supply had been exhausted and that the people were hungry. In fact they were so weak for the want of food that he knew that if he attempted to send them home many of them would faint by the way. He took the matter up with his disciples and they replied, "How can one feed these men with bread here in the desert?" The Lord learned that the disciples had seven loaves of bread and a few small fish. He then commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. When this was done he said thanks over the bread and fish and began to pass the food out to the disciples and they in turn passed it on to the multitude. All ate and were filled, and with the fragments of the food that was left over, they filled seven large baskets. We are told that about four thousand people were present on this occasion.

Memory Selection

The memory selection (1 John 3: 17-18) raises a serious question. "If any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" The implication here is that the love of God doesn't dwell in the heart of any person who sees another in need and will do nothing to meet the need, even though he is able to do so. It is not sinful to be rich, but it is dangerous. The more a person has in his possession the more God requires of him. One's obligations always keep pace with his abilities. A person can be lost through sins of omission as well as sins of commission. The Lord himself tells of three men who were lost in this very way. The rich farmer was lost not because of any sins he committed, but because he had this world's goods and refused to share them with the needy. The same is true with the rich, young ruler, and also with the rich man that Christ told about in the parable, who lifted his eyes up in hell. None of these men were accused of doing anything wrong, but all of them had this world's goods and refused to share with the needy.

The Interests Of Christ

The Lord is interested in all of life. We are inclined to divide life up into what we call the sacred and the secular. All of life is sacred to

Christ. He made no such division. We recall what he had to say about the final judgment, in twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew. He spoke of the righteous and the wicked. The righteous were commended for feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, etc. The wicked were condemned for their failure to do these things. The trouble with the wicked was sins of omission. They had failed to share with others.

A Love That Cares

All of the above passages have a few things in common. One is the fact that Jesus loves all people. He loves people as individuals and he loves them in the mass. Christ deeply loved and sought earnestly to help the very people who crucified him. The Lord hates sins but he never hates the sinner. He could not look upon crowds of people without being moved with compassion. Over and over again in the Gospels this term is used of him as he looked upon the multitudes. It was this compassion that finally led him to the cross. Compassion has been called "the pain of love." The acid test of love is sacrifice. One proves his love by what he is willing to suffer for the beloved.

The above passages pictures the Lord as looking after all the needs of personality. People need food, and he fed the multitude. People need health, and he healed the sick. People need spiritual guidance and he taught and preached to the people, the principles of the kingdom. The Church is here to carry on the work of Christ. In order to do this it must needs feed the hungry, heal the sick, and preach and teach the principles of righteousness. We are all aware of the fact that the Church is trying to carry on all of these functions today. It preaches; it teaches; it sends missionaries to the ends of the earth; it helps to feed the hungry and through its great hospital system it is healing the sick.

Bread Alone

Jesus said, "Man cannot live by bread alone." This is a great truth. Only lower animals can live by bread alone; by the material things of life alone. Man was made for something higher than that. When he puts himself on that plane he gets with the wrong group. There is one thing certain, however, it is a fact that man cannot live by bread alone, but on the other hand he cannot live without it. So long as man is here in the body he must have material things as well as spiritual values. It takes all of these things and values to make up a well-rounded life. Christ seems to have been about as anxious to feed and heal the bodies of people as he was to save their souls. In fact it is pretty hard to reach the spiritual side of a person's life while the physical side is wholly neglected. More and more we are learning this truth. That is why we are now sending missionaries out to teach backward people how to have more of the material comforts of life as well as to accept Christ as a personal Saviour. The person who goes out to teach people how to be more healthy and prosperous is rendering a great service.

The World Is Hungry

It is said, on good authority, that two-thirds of the people of this world go to bed hungry every night. They have never known what it was to have enough food and to be free from the pangs of hunger. There are two types of hunger. One

is where the individual does not have enough food of any kind to satisfy his desires. The other type is where the individual has enough food, such as it is, to satisfy his desire, but it is not the right kind of food. He does not have a balanced diet. This type is called "hidden hunger." It leads to the lowering of the resistance of the body and makes one susceptible to diseases.

In reply to the question of our theme, "Must We Feed the World?" the answer is "yes." We must feed the world as far as we possibly can until the other people of the world get to the point that they can feed themselves. The wiser thing to do is teach these people better methods of producing their own food rather than to start out on a long time hand-out program. But until that can be done, they will have to be helped outright over this emergency. This nation can easily do that. In the effort to keep prices up, our Government has bought up millions of tons of food and stored it. It is true that it was bought with tax money, but still it is on hand and will have to be gotten rid of before it spoils, and it seems to the writer that there is no better thing to do than to give a lot of it to these hungry people throughout the world. We feel sure that Christ would approve such a plan.

We are trying to sell the idea of democracy to the world, and democracy thoroughly seasoned with Christianity is the greatest form of government this world has ever witnessed. But we must never forget that we are dealing with millions of people who have never enjoyed the freedoms that we are accustomed to, and they know but little about them. Their whole lives have been spent in attempting to keep the wolf of hunger away from the door. They have never known what it was to have all the food they wanted. They are hungry. They will follow anybody who convinces them that they and their families will have enough to eat. Under the circumstances, there seems to be but one way open to us and that is to feed these people, at least for the time being, if we expect to sell them on our idea of democracy. This will not mean the taking of these people on our backs permanently. As they learn better methods of production they will, for the most part, become self-sustaining. Many of these countries are richly blessed with natural resources. They must be taught the best methods of handling those resources, and in no case exploited by more advanced nations.

The chief reason why we should feed our hungry world is because we have the resources with which to do it. Where much is given, much is required. We called attention above to three men whom Christ said were lost. They were lost because they had possessions but refused to share. The same thing can happen to a nation.

There is this to say about men who sing: They get along with their fellow men, they are good citizens, they are open-minded, they acquire a sense of the nicer things of life. Our prisons are filled largely with men and women who never learned to sing.—N. R. Howard, Cleveland News

Who rises from his prayer a better man, his prayer is answered.—George Meredith

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