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World-Wide Bible Reading Planned

FOR the tenth year the American Bible Society is sponsoring a World-wide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving through Christmas. Again bookmarks are being distributed which suggested daily readings for the period. This year six additional Bible passages are suggested for daily readings for the six days following Christmas, ending with December 31, for those who desire suggested Bible readings for the remainder of the year.

These bookmarks, which carry the list of Bible readings, may be had free of cost, in whatever amount one can helpfully use them by addressing request to The American Bible Society, Dept. U., 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

In reading these carefully selected, daily Bible passages through the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, it is spiritually helpful to know that in every land, around the world, in many languages Christian people by the millions are, with you, reading these same passages from God's word on a given day.

There Must Be A Better, Safe, More Effective Way

IN the days of Hosea, it was said of Israel, "Thou hast destroyed thyself." Israel had many enemies among the people about them but the prophet did not feel that these enemies without constituted Israel's greatest danger. Self-destruction was the danger and menace against which he most pointedly warned the Israelites.

There is no informed person who is not aware of the fact that America exists today in a time fraught with dangers to our very existence. There is, however, the common feeling in America that we are able to cope with these dangers that threaten us from without. We believe that because, to date, America has been victorious over every known enemy from without that attempted to destroy us.

Nevertheless, there is a pernicious danger developing within our American life that, unchecked, will ultimately bring about our self-destruction, despite the might, power and genius that is America. That deadly danger is found in the alarming distrust, suspicion and fear of each other that is being fostered by some under the guise of devotion to country.

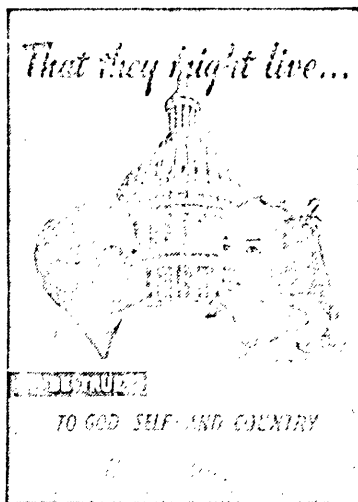
There are some institutions that are truly basic in a progressive, growing democracy. Four of the most vital are the government, the schools, the churches, the homes. If we destroy faith in these institutions, we will, by the same process, have also destroyed America. One of the disheartening, frightening things about our efforts to uproot communism in America is the fact that they are being so conducted as to create distrust, doubt and suspicion of these four great institutions in our American life.

There may be communists or fellow-travelers in many of our American institutions. However, if a cattleman finds diseased cattle in his herd, he does not use methods to separate them that will stampede the whole herd. There must be a better, safer, more effective way of separating communists from good Americans than to use methods that create distrust, suspicion and even fear of the institutions that have made America great. Let's not sink the greatest ship afloat in order to drown a few rats that have climbed aboard.

"That They Might Live"

THE slogan of The Board of Temperance, in The Citizenship Convocation held October 15, at Constitution Hall in Washington D. C. was, "That They Might Live." This meaningful slogan is being used by the Board in promotion of Commitment Day, Sunday, Dec. 6.

The Board of Temperance is giving emphasis to an added feature this year under the slogan, "Let's Put Christ Into Christmas." As indicated on the spread, run on pages eight and nine this week, the Board is making available, at a very nominal price, attractive two-color Christmas stamps for use on cards, letters and packages during the Christmas season



which carry the slogan regarding Christ and Christmas.

Every church in Methodism should observe commitment Sunday this year with appropriate emphasis on personal and family covenants to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages.

We should also join the Board in the promotion of the two additional features linked with Commitment Sunday this year—the effort to reduce traffic accidents and the campaign to "Put Christ Into Christmas." Certainly every normal person is concerned about the inexcusably high rate of traffic accidents which annually kill and maim the thousands of people on our highways. Many of these accidents are directly the result of the use of liquor, hence the interest The Board of Temperance has in the matter.

The effort of the Board to promote the ideal of a Christian Christmas is also worthy of all support we can give it. One of the most unreasonable, inexcusable perversions of an ideal to be found anywhere is the manner in which some people observe Christmas. The Christian people have chosen December 25 as the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus who was to be called Jesus because "He shall save his people from their sins." To make such a day or season the occasion for riotous revelry, debauchery and drunkenness is so irreconcilable with the spirit of Christmas that one cannot imagine how the custom developed. Help make Commitment day meaningful to all of these important interests.

Welcome Home To Bishop and Mrs. Martin

BISHOP AND MRS. MARTIN returned last week to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area from a three months tour of Latin America on an assignment of the Methodist Council of Bishops. Methodists throughout this Area rejoice that Bishop and Mrs. Martin had this trip and that they have returned to the Area safely and in good health.

Bishop Martin's ministry among us these nine and a half years has been a very rich and fruitful one. As a result of this recent trip the first hand knowledge of the program, the work and the personnel in Latin American Methodist missionary work will serve to further enrich his ministry among us.

All of us look forward with keen interest and anticipation to hearing Bishop Martin's personal account of the trip. The Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist published quite a number of articles which Bishop and Mrs. Martin wrote describing the various aspects of their trip. We have had occasion to do considerable traveling throughout Arkansas and Louisiana in recent weeks and everywhere we have gone there have been expressions of appreciation for the various expressions of Bishop and Mrs. Martin. We wish to take this opportunity to express to the Martins our own appreciation for the splendid descriptions of their Latin American experiences which they shared with us through these articles.

More Leadership Might Help

WE have been impressed during recent months by the way that Methodism in this Area is giving needed attention to its youth. Methodist leadership in many ways is keeping before local church leaders the fact that everything possible must be done to reach more young people with the influence of the gospel and the church's ministry. One current example of this increased attention is seen in the various district conferences where the Youth Emphasis is being lifted up.

There has never been a time when the church was in a position to do as much for its youth as in The Methodist Church today. Methodism realizes first that it has a youth problem and realizing there is a problem is a long step in solving it. We are also painfully aware that there are millions of youth about us that no church is reaching with its ministry. Methodism has capable and consecrated youth leadership eager to step up the youth program. Furthermore, Methodism has the adult leadership needed to give direction and counsel to make its youth program successful. There is a superabundance of well prepared materials produced for youth programs. Methodism has church buildings capable of housing youth programs on a scale much larger than at present. Some will ask "With all of these resources why does The Methodist Church not reach a larger number of the youth, both those within and outside the Methodist constituency?"

We believe there are two major reasons why the church has such a "youth problem" today. First, the life and times of the day in which we live contribute significantly to the making of such a problem. It is true that there is much to help a youth program, but there is also much to hinder it. Youth today has so many

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THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

By ROBERT BEASLEY

Director of Temperance
Arkadelphia District

THE Providence of God has played no small part in the upward march of civilization. Recall the past and behold, how the Lord has worked in every age for the redemption of the sons of men into the glorious liberty of the children of God. As we remember the past, we are brave to face the future. Haste is not one of God's attributes. It is written, "In the fulness of time, God sent forth His own Son", and the prophet's prophecy became the fact of history. In other days, the Lord heard the prayers of His people and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage. In the darkest hours of human history, God stepped into the picture and opened a door into a new era: the Reformation and the modern Protestant Missionary movement. The Divine plan for producing these epics has followed a like pattern. Prophets, seers and preachers proclaimed the message of God and met with persecution. The truth found lodgment in human hearts and in time became the accepted order of the day. One generation stoned its prophets to death and the next sought to make them live in monuments of stone. If after twenty centuries of Christianity the world is not growing better, Jesus Christ is the colossal failure of history.

Religion is the keystone to progress. History records, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." We must know God's ways if we are to walk in God's ways. God is at work in His world but truth conquers slowly, for willful men run interference and limit the Holy One. Evil things persist in life simply because men are not willing that they should be destroyed out of the world. Sinful men bring evil on themselves and others. Man of earth does not suffer for his sins but by his sins. In this day of high pressure salesmanship experts agree that the two most difficult things to sell are things people are sold on: "Savings" and "Religion". People are persuaded as to the value of thrift and religion but are reluctant to make commitment, sign the dotted line and close the deal. Wisely Peter Marshall predicted, "Unless we stand for something, we will fall for anything." With the multitude of words in the English language, two of the smallest are the hardest to utter. It demands courage of conviction to say "yes" on a moral issue. And when tempted to evil, we are prone to forget the words of the wise man, "If sinners entice thee, consent thou not". No man is educated until he can pronounce positively the little two letter word "no". A man cannot be truly moral unless he is truly religious.

In ancient times men builded walled cities for protection. Civilized man erected schools and hospitals providing walls of learning and healing. In all ages, men of God have erected church walls. Why church walls? For what purpose do they stand? The Psalmist prayed, "Peace be within thy walls", Ps. 122:7. Bishop Paul E. Martin, now President of the General Board of Temperance, The Methodist Church, delivering the sermon on the occasion of laying the cornerstone of Fairview Church, Camden District, made a timely observation, "The Church has not come to grips with the liquor traffic".

Two decades past, this country was "sold out" and suffered defeat in The Wet Rebellion. Twelve million unemployed men were pounding the sidewalks seeking honorable employment. They were crying for bread and the New Deal gave them beer. Now, for twenty years the liquor interests have been in the saddle, riding free range from Washington to Cross Roads. Can a Nation drink its way to prosperity? The present inflation is the aftermath of a global war and not a sound economy. You may repeal the prohibition laws of the land, but you can not repeal the effects of alcohol. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap". Galatians 6:7. The law of the harvest has never been repealed.

A prophetic editorial by William P. King graces the pages of The Christian Advocate, September 1, 1933. "Goodbye, Prohibition. The wets have won. Henceforth and for a long time this country will take its liquor when and where it wishes. Not again by the present dry leaders will a fight be made to exterminate the drink evil. Realizing the hopelessness of the situation, the dries in many States have simply refused to vote. Repeal has come by default. When the wets seized the machinery by which sentiment could be registered, including the two political conventions of 1932—the dries knew the cards were stacked against them and refused to play. Had every dry in every state voted his convictions, and had the dries been, say two to one, the results would have been the same. The wets knew how to win when they got their hands on the controls.

"The story of the defeat of prohibition is a long and sordid one. History will faithfully record it, and the future will marvel at the blindness of the American people. But it is the present and not the future that should interest the oncoming generation. The dries seems to have no program. They are disheartened and disposed to let events take their course, since people will learn only by experience. The wets have a united program. It is to make steady drinkers of the whole American people. How will they do it? How did the cigarette makers turn the United States into a nation of smokers? By spending unlimited sums of money subsidizing every medium of advertising. As soon as repeal is a fact, we shall see the same program used by the liquor dealers, and with the return of



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prosperity we shall have a national debauch. It will take many broken lives, aching hearts, poverty and tears to overthrow liquor, but some time in the future liquor will go down again in defeat."

The time is coming and now is, when wise men of God will read the signs of the times. Evidence is stronger than argument. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. "By their fruits, ye shall know them", is the Master's criteria. Strong drink makes weak men. A staggering nation is not a prosperous nation. It is amazing for what worthless things men will sell their souls.

The liquor traffic has produced a crop of "men of distinction". Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam speaking before a congregation of two thousand people in Constitutional Hall, Washington, D. C., for the National Citizenship Convocation the night of October 15, 1953, declared, "A pitiful parade of four million alcoholics in the United States shuffling down Pennsylvania Avenue with unsteady step, moving forward twelve abreast, would take twenty days to pass the viewing stand. This is the contribution of the liquor traffic to the United States in a single generation".

"The liquor business" asserted the Washington bishop, "hypocritically calls for temperance. The dishonesty of the plea is evident in the nationwide liquor advertising which deliberately seeks the greatest possible sale of alcohol". Bishop Oxnam climaxed the message with a declaration of challenge, "The Methodist answer to alcohol is abstinence. Methodists hope to make this the American answer."

In our day, God is at work in His world, majoring on Christianizing the unchristian areas of our civilization: War, Race relations and the liquor problem. For centuries the Church sanctioned slavery. But by the grace of God the day dawned when the Church pulled itself together and declared once and for all, slavery must go. Universal brotherhood, the ideal of Jesus, is the final answer to the race question. "In Christ there is no east nor west; In Him no north or south: but one great Fellowship of love, throughout the whole wide Earth."

War as an institution is thousands of years old and until modern times has been accepted as inevitable. Peace, as an organized force is barely a hundred years old. The signs of the times reveal that war as a means of settling international disputes will be outlawed as dueling has been outlawed as a means of settling personal disputes.

No other age has had such a challenge as this age. The Church, alarmed and awake, is aroused and profoundly concerned for the protection, peace and prosperity of all men. We must not only make the individual Christian but also the world in which he lives. If the way God is working in our age does not command us, nothing will. To refuse to help the Lord build a better world is the Mark of the Beast. Only a reprobate would object to affording every man on the face of the earth a square deal and a new lease on life. When all who name the name of Christ, have within them that mind which is also in Christ Jesus, the liquor traffic will have had its best days and this nation under God will have a new birth in righteousness and sobriety. Discerning the signs of the times, the Church calling for abstinence is marching forward with God. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light". Romans 13:12.

Great believers are great achievers. Let us make Christmas Christian. Liquor is out of place at Christmas time and at all times. To offer it as a Christmas gift is to insult the person you love and to dishonor the Person Christmas honors. To enjoy a sober Christmas is to have a happy New Year. If Christmas is not Christian, it is not Christmas.

Read and react to the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew 16:3. "O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the sign of the times?"

Church Contributions Reach Record High

Contributions to 46 U. S. Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions reached a record total of \$1,401,114,217 for all purposes in the past year. This was reported by the Rev. Thomas K. Thompson, executive director of the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches, at the department's annual meeting in St. Louis. The figure is a gain of 8.9 per cent over the previous 12-month period when a total was \$1,286,323,160. Benevolence-giving by the 46 communions showed a 14.8 per cent gain, with \$286,303,369 reported. This represented an increase of more than \$35,000,000 over the previous year. Among the larger amounts included in the total giving were the \$289,791,195 contributed by members of The Methodist Church the \$248,004,319 by members of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the \$126,455,475 by members of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. The average U. S. churchgoer increased his per capita contribution from \$38.99 to \$41.94, an increase of 7.6 percent. Dr. Thompson said the per capita gains in benevolences for the 46 reporting denominations went up \$1.01 per member, from \$7.56 to \$8.57. For foreign missions, one of the items in benevolences, the average gift per member rose only from \$1.38 to \$1.45. However, the year's total for foreign missions rose from \$50,172,726 to \$53,383,703.

Services Held At Roller Skating Rink

A group of boys and girls from two interdenominational churches for the Blind were among 300 young people participating in a skating derby at a rollerdrome in Richmond Hill, N. Y. The Rev. Ralph J. Montanus, blind pastor of the Gospel Association for the Blind, College Point, N. Y., led a worship service at the roller skating session. The other blind participants came from the Lighthouse church in Brooklyn, N. Y. The roller derby was instituted a year ago by a group of Protestant clergymen and laymen to give boys and girls "an evening of wholesome recreation under religious auspices." It is held on the second Monday of every month. A worship service is conducted midway through each session by a minister of a different religious group.

Oxnam To Speak In Los Angeles

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam has accepted an invitation to deliver a Bill of Rights address in Los Angeles on December 18, under sponsorship of the American Civil Liberties Union. Refusal of a local auditorium group to rent its hall for the bishop's talk because he was "too controversial," aroused a storm of protest recently. Negotiations are under way for a hall seating several thousand, according to Dr. Aaron Monroe, regional ACLU head. "Recent Oxnam publicity here won't hurt attendance a bit," he said.

Wesley Film Release Set
For Early 1954

The Methodist Church's new feature-length color film, "John Wesley," will be released early next year, it was announced at Nashville by the Methodist Radio and Film Commission. Premieres of the movie will be held in some 470 churches across the country, the Commission said. The picture, recently completed, was made by Religious Films Ltd. of London, a subsidiary of the J. Arthur Rank organization. Production of the movie was undertaken in connection with the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

Religion Important To Physician, Says AMA Head

Religion is as important to the physician as is a knowledge of physiology and therapies, the president of the American Medical Association

tion declared at the fourth annual "Campus Conference on Religion" held at the University of Toledo, a municipal institution. Dr. E. J. McCormick, Toledo, told the students that the profession of medicine would lose its part if doctors began were taken out of the doctor's lives. Physicians must be concerned not only with the body but also the soul, he said. Most medical schools fail to place enough emphasis on religious training. Dr. McCormick said. No one without sound moral principles has any place in medicine, he added. One cannot practice medicine long, he stated, without becoming more convinced that there is a God and He rules the universe. After reading the oath of Hippocrates, the AMA head pointed out that the code of ethics in medicine is founded on a belief in a deity.

Jung Institute Acquires Early Christian Writings

The Jung Institute for Analytical Psychology announced at Zurich that it had acquired a book of Christian writings, some of which date from 150 A. D., having great importance to the history of early Christianity. The book is one of 13 volumes of Gnostic manuscripts found in 1945 by Egyptian peasants in some late Greco-Roman tombs at a place on the Upper Nile called Nag Hamanadi. The volumes, containing 48 texts or "Gospels" written on

Chinese Reds Liquidate
Famous Christian College

One of China's leading Christian colleges, the University of West China at Chongtu, has "decided to exist," according to Chinese Communist newspaper. The paper said that "reorganization" of the university, which the Red took over two years ago, was completed on October 7 when its famed medical college was separated from the rest of its facilities and renamed Szechwan Medical School and its college of art and sciences was merged with other Communist schools. The University of West China was founded by Prof. W. G. Morrison of Nova Scotia with the support of the United Church of Canada and American Methodist and Baptist bodies as well as the Church of England and the British Society of Friends (Quakers).

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT BEASLEY have moved into the new parsonage of the Tigert Memorial Church, Hot Springs.

OPEN HOUSE was held at the new parsonage of the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia on Sunday, November 22. Rev. David Hankins, Jr., is pastor.

REV. JOHN A. WOMACK of Jonesboro was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church of Marked Tree on Sunday morning, November 21. Rev. Alvin C. Murray is pastor.

A UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE was held at the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, on Wednesday evening, November 25. Rev. L. L. Hummcutt brought the message.

THE CHAPEL CHOIR of the First Methodist Church of Fort Smith will present a program of Christmas choral music over KFSA-TV on Friday, December 4, at 4:00 o'clock.

ASON, JOHN CLAYBOURNE, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Joel Cooper on Saturday night, November 19. Mr. Cooper is pastor of the First Methodist Church, Conway.

CHAPLAIN WILLIAM J. REID, stationed at the Red River Arsenal, Texarkana, Texas, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, on Wednesday evening, November 11. Dr. W. Neill Hart is pastor.

REV. ROBERT E. L. BEARDEN, district superintendent of the Conway District and his family have moved into the district parsonage at 1204 Hunter St. in Conway. The old parsonage was purchased by First Church and is now the Wesley Foundation building.

OPEN HOUSE was held at the new parsonage at Mulberry on Sunday, November 15, from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock. The parsonage is a modern six-room bungalow style house and is now occupied by the pastor, Rev. W. Leonard Byers, and his family.

THE TUPELO METHODIST CHURCH will have a formal opening of its new church on Sunday, December 13, with preaching in the morning, lunch at noon and singing in the afternoon. The church extends an invitation to all church members, all former pastors and friends to be present.

REV. J. KENNETH SHAMBLIN, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, and president of the Little Rock Ministerial alliance, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Monday evening, November 30. Dr. Cecil R. Culver is pastor of Winfield Church.

A COMMUNITY UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE was held on Wednesday evening, November 25, at the Central Methodist Church in Rogers. The service was sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of which Rev. Vernon Chalfant, pastor of Central Church, is president. Rev. Roy Galyean, pastor of the Sunnyside Baptist Church, brought the message.

W. W. SCOTT, vice-president of the National Bank of Commerce of Memphis, was the speaker at the meeting of the Men's Fellowship of the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, Rev. J. Ralph Hillis, pastor, on Thursday evening, November 19. Mr. Scott was a delegate to the International Convention of M.R.A. at Caux, Switzerland.

REV. A. N. STOREY, district superintendent of the Paragould District, was in charge of the service at the cornerstone laying for the new Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould, on Sunday, November 15. He was assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. Harmon Holt. The Building Committee, made up of Cecil Mitchell, J. E. Douglas, Troy Moore, A. N. Milner, R. L. Mitchell and J. C. Gramling, also assisted in the service.

ROLAND SHELTON, Little Rock Conference Lay Leader, was the principal speaker at

the regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Men's organization of Hawley Memorial Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, on Tuesday, November 17. A charter was presented to the group by M. J. Spicer of Stuttgart, District Lay Leader of the Pine Bluff District. Rev. George Kerr is pastor of the church.

DR. JULIUS HELSUMS has been selected as general chairman of the Expansion Program of the Dumas Methodist Church and R. A. Pickens is co-chairman. Other leaders elected by the Steering Committee are S. T. Frank for solicitation; Alvin Bridwell for mechanics, Tommy Shea and Dr. H. A. Rands for education and Mrs. R. A. Adcock for women's work. The Committee will seek to raise a minimum of \$50,000 for the erection of an educational building. The program is under the direction of Rev. J. Edwin Keith, Stewardship Secretary of the Little Rock Conference. Rev. R. A. Teeter is pastor.

A NEW half-hour devotional radio program, "The Evening Comes," conducted by commentator and music critic Milton Cross, and based on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, will be launched Sunday afternoon, November 29, over 197 stations of the American Broadcasting Company. The series, which will run for thirteen weeks, will combine symphonic music and choral singing with personal expressions of faith in the Bible by widely-known national figures. Among guests who will make appearances on "The Evening Comes" will be Jane Pickens, radio singing star; John Daly, radio and television celebrity, and Paul Whiteman, famed musical figure. Celebrities will relate experiences demonstrating their use of the Bible as a testament of faith and source of strength in their daily living.

MORE than 10,000,000 American women, gathered at services on "World Communion Day" in 2,000 cities and towns across the nation and pledged to pray for world peace, to live democracy in their homes every day, to support the United Nations as an instrument of goodwill and peace "second only to the church," and to share their religion and their economy with their less fortunate brothers and sisters everywhere. They pledged themselves also to carry on the "Women's Action Program for Peace" (a program of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches), emphasizing freedom, justice, humanity, and stewardship as the basis of that peace. Mrs. H. B. Marx, of Muncie, Ind., was chairman of the planning for this national observance. Practical expression of their pledge was the giving of great quantities of "portable household furnishings" for refugees, orphans, and invalids now in makeshift shelters in Korea, Hongkong, India, Pakistan, the Near East, and in several areas of Europe.

OPENING OF BETHEL CHURCH

Bethel Methodist Church will have its official opening as part of a day-long program Sunday, November 29. The Rev. Don Smith, a senior at Hendrix, is pastor of the church. Dr. C. M. Reves will preach at the 11 a. m. service and the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden, district superintendent of the Conway District, will lay the cornerstone at 2:30 p. m. and preach at the afternoon service. Lunch will be served at the church at noon.

REV. ROBERT McMASTER GOES TO ALASKA

Bishop Paul E. Martin announces the appointment of Rev. Robert McMaster to the Methodist Church in Ketchikan, Alaska, effective December 1.

Mr. McMaster has been serving Lake Street Church, Blytheville, having been appointed for his second year at the last session of the Annual Conference. He and his family are now on their way to Vancouver from where they will take a boat for the remainder of the trip.

The appointment is for three years.

MORE LEADERSHIP MIGHT HELP

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interests from which to choose. Further, two world wars with the ensuing international tensions, breakdown of family ties, and moral looseness in general are bound to take their toll on a new generation of youth. Second, and we believe that this is of even more significance, there has not been in many local church willing and consecrated adult leadership that is absolutely necessary to the promotion of a successful youth program. We say that this is more significant because the meeting of the first stated reason is dependent on the securing of a willing and consecrated adult leadership.

You can go into most any church where there is a highly successful youth program and more times than not back behind it all there is an adult leader or leaders who are giving a substantial amount of time, effort and life to make possible that successful program. In many other situations youth programs have been known to bog down because of the lack of willingness on the part of adults to render a service in this field. More of our adults must be made to feel a responsibility for our youth and be willing to work untiringly to make possible a quality of program that will attract and hold youth.

Many interests are clamoring for the attention and following of today's youth. We believe that the church can meet this challenge. Methodism has the potential adult leadership to solve this problem. Leaders must respond.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

I will publish statement of payments by churches in the issue of December 17 which will include all remittances reaching me by Monday morning, December 7.—P. E. Cooley, Conference Treasurer.

DR. VAUGHT REQUESTS A CORRECTION

Last week the ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, on Thursday, and the ARKANSAS GAZETTE, on Friday, quoted Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock and newly elected President of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention as saying to the convention, "If we'd had the Methodists two years ago, the Baptists wouldn't have lost the prohibition measure in the 1951 election."

Dr. Vaught requests the Arkansas Methodist to say to our people that he was misquoted in both of the papers. According to Dr. Vaught, his statement was, "If all denominations had cooperated." It is unfortunate that the papers so garbled Dr. Vaught's statement. Methodists who know him will readily believe that he did not make such a statement as appeared in our daily papers.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

WHAT TO BE THANKFUL FOR

Health? Yes. A good family? Yes. A satisfying and profitable job and the respect of our neighbors? Of course.

However, on this weekend before our National Day of Thanksgiving, I should like to add another essential item. Let us look at our inheritance of human rights and see how it has grown through the centuries. Ask yourself how your spiritual and material welfare would be affected by the absence of these rights.

Here are some of them: Freedom from involuntary servitude. There is still slave labor in some lands. Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman punishment. Visit the torture chambers of the old European castles or even of the Nazi regime and ponder man's inhumanity to man.

Freedom from arbitrary arrest or detention. Suppose that tonight you could be seized on the street and thrown into prison without your family knowing your whereabouts.

Freedom from unreasonable interference with privacy. Suppose that your home and mail were under espionage.

One of our new citizens who came as a refugee from war-stricken eastern Europe said that he found in doorbells a vivid symbol of the difference between America and the land he left. Over there the sound of the doorbell frightened the occupants of the house. They cringed or hid thinking it was the Gestapo. Here in America the doorbell probably means a neighbor, a letter, or the milkman.

Here you have freedom to move and choose your residence. What, if you could not change your job or place of living? It's hard to do in some countries.

Here we have the right to work under just and favorable conditions, the right to own property alone as well as in association with others, the right to education, to proper rest and leisure, and the right to participate in the government of one's country.

Yes, and along with these the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, freedom of speech and assembly.

Chaotic as the world is, dark as are the clouds which threaten impending storms, we have to admit that the conscience of the human race is rising. At least people are catching the vision of a better world. And one reason our daily news seems so dark is that we are viewing it with a more enlightened conscience in the light of a higher vision. This nobler vision of man's rights is one ground for gratitude at this Thanksgiving season.

With rights and privileges so responsibilities and duties, and the question is whether those who claim the rights will perform their duties.

What can arouse us to the duties by which these human rights can be preserved? I believe that we must see the divine origin of our defensible rights.

Let us then be thoughtful as well as thankful. Grateful to God for the bounteous harvest of the good earth and for our inheritance of expanding rights, let us give our thought to conserving the spiritual soil which sustains the dignity and worth of man.

Yes, and let us be mindful that democracy is on trial today before the world. It is up to us to demonstrate the merits of our free society so that the watching peoples of the earth will look to God for hope and guidance rather than to the hammer and sickle.

At this Thanksgiving season of 1953, let us thank God, take heart and join hands that "this nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, shall not perish from the earth," but shall have a new birth of freedom, able to serve and save the peace of the world.

SHERIFF DOUBLES
IN PREACHING

Methodist supply pastors have at one time or another combined preaching the gospel with almost every method of earning a living but Frank Stewart, Church news editor of the Cleveland PRESS, has dug up a new one.

The sheriff of Portage County, Ohio, carrying a Bible and sermon cuffs, starts off every Sunday morning for Drakesburg Methodist Church of which he is the pastor.

Preaching came naturally to Sheriff Robert Stockdale. He once taught public speaking at Kent State University. Doubtless his platform skill was an asset when at the age of 36 last year he ran for this top law enforcement office of the county.

Like lay preacher Captain Thomas Webb of the British Army in pre-revolutionary New York City, who preached with his drawn sword laid across the open Bible, Sheriff Stockdale is not neglecting his duties when he is in the pulpit. There are arrangements to alert him should his services be suddenly required.

METHODIST PROGRAM AND
STRATEGY COMMITTEE
NAMED

Looking toward the Methodist Church's 1956 General Conference, a committee has been named to draft a petition calling for:

1. Unification of numerous general services of the church at the top level.

2. Studies designed to produce a long-range strategy and general program of the church—exceeding the customary four-year emphasis.

The action, reminiscent of the Survey Committee's report to the 1952 General Conference, was taken November 14 in Cincinnati by the joint commission of presidents and executive secretaries of annual conference boards of education. They met in conjunction with the biennial national Methodist conference on Christian education.

The group named the Rev. Alva I. Cox, Akron, Ohio, chairman of a committee to draft the proposed memorial to General Conference.

Other members are: the Rev. El-

BOARD OF WORLD PEACE
SEES U.N. AT FIRST
HAND

New York, home of the United Nations, was fittingly made the meeting place of the Board of World Peace of The Methodist Church, November 17-19.

Christ Church, of which the president of the board, the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, is minister, entertained this 1953 annual session.

First hand contact with the United Nations in operation both in its own buildings and in the offices of the U. S. Mission to the U. N. consumed several periods of the three days.

A high spot was a dinner which board members attended at Christ Church addressed by the Hon. V. K. Krishna Menon, delegate of India to the U. N. The evening was planned by the Christ Church committee on the U. N. which carries out an active program of hospitality particularly toward younger members of the U. N. staff of the member nations.

Appreciation for the interest which Mr. John Foster Dulles, as Secretary of State, is taking in the strengthening of the U. N. was voiced by the board. "It is heartening to have a public official in his place of leadership take this stand expressing strong belief in the co-operative adventure of the nations toward a better world order," the resolution read.

win H. Scheyer, Seattle; the Rev. Robert E. Hayes, Houston, Tex.; the Rev. Donald E. Redmond, San Antonio, and the Rev. Malcolm V. Mussina, Williamsport, Pa.

The committee will report back at the 1955 session of the conference on Christian education.

WARNS CHURCH MUST
HELP REEVALUATE
AMERICAN LIFE

Cleveland—(RNS)—The Church must not stand on the sidelines while America looks at the aims and programs of its institutions to see if they are rendering maximum help in an age of peril to its citizens. Dr. Arthur Flemming of Washington, D. C., director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, declared here.

On A Wide
Circuit

W. W. Rold

THEIR MILLIONS STIMULATE
OUR DESIRES

The advertising profession—which works every hour of every day through newspapers, magazines, motion pictures, radio, television, billboards and other media—is today the leading power in shaping America's thinking, its way of life, its actions. The molding of public attitudes, which once stemmed from the school and the church, more and more belongs to advertisers and the channels of communication they support. We fondly think manufacturers supply what the public demands. Actually, through mass communication channels, the manufacturers (and others) whet and pledge our appetites and our desires to the point where we demand what they want to give us. Eventually we all break down; we conform; we keep up with the Joneses; our luxuries of yesterday become our necessities today.

This is not all bad. It has helped to raise the economic standard of living. We are all thriving under it; that is, we have more material wealth—more things—than any people ever had before in human history. It has given us "free enterprise" which, many believe, all the rest of the world envies.

"Advertising had a vital part in economic freedom," Herbert Hoover once said. "Advertising took over the job of stimulating 'desire' and 'choice' . . . From all these torments of 'desire' and 'choice', demand was created; and from demand increased production arose, and thence around the cycle we landed with increased standards of living."

It is, of course, a moot question whether or not this stimulation of desire, in the hands of men who have a financial interest or even so-called "intelligent selfishness" in the results, will in the long run be a good thing for America. Man cannot live by gadgets alone; neither can he live if his stimulated desires are too largely given expression in the area of material accumulation. There is still the mind to be fed, the spirit to be fed, the motives ("the desires") to be given freedom of expression and action within the field of one's religious knowledge. The desires of the human spirit can be bent toward the good life as readily as toward the goods of commerce . . .

What concerns us all is the fact that the

liquor industry is more live to the value of advertising media than are the forces of spiritual well-being. Says the U.S. Brewers' Foundation to the trade: "What is seen and heard on T.V. establishes new behavior patterns among the audience and influences their thinking . . . The brewers' use of television must fit into the intimacy of the family circle . . . Today, as never before, beer belongs in the home with nice people and pleasant surroundings." So, to reach the nice family (including your children), beer and related interests invade your parlor, your reading, your sports—and imperceptibly "establish new behavior patterns" or acceptances.

According to a study made for *Printers' Ink*, sixteen producers of alcoholic beverages spent more than \$1,000,000 each—a grand total of \$64,811,000—in 1952 to draw the attention of your family and mine to their products. In magazines these sixteen alone (there are scores of others) spent \$24,863,000; in newspapers, \$32,703,000; on radio, \$1,286,000; on TV, \$4,853,000. One "millionaire" distiller spent over \$15,000,000 in advertising; another over \$10,000,000; while one brewer spent \$2,250,000 on radio and TV alone.

It is probably true that the American standard of living has been promoted largely by "stimulating desire" through advertising; but we need to know where some of this may lead us.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

Conference And Sub-District Youth Leader's Meeting

The North Arkansas Conference Youth Council composed of student officers and District Directors will have the annual conference-wide council meeting on the Hendrix Campus, November 27-28, beginning at 2:00 P. M., November 27 and closing at noon, November 28.

The District Superintendents, W. S. C. S. Conference and District Secretaries of Youth Work, Sub-District Presidents and Counselors are invited to take part in this conference-wide leader's meeting.

Provision has been made at the Bachelor Hotel for the entertainment of the group.

The sessions are to all be held on the Hendrix College Campus.

Coaching Conference

The North Arkansas Conference has followed the policy of having an annual Coaching Conference for the preparation of instructors for the training school program. Such a Coaching Conference is to be held in Conway, November 30-December 2.

There are to be three courses presented in this Coaching Conference, directed by the following members of the General Board Staff:

Teaching Children, Miss Margie McCarty

Teaching Youth, Rev. J. Irvin Stafford.

Thirty-three people from the North Arkansas Conference have accepted the invitation to be in this Coaching Conference. These persons have been provided with some reading material and will be in position to practically work out their course plans during this Coaching Conference.

We expect this Coaching Conference to provide the conference with an excellent group of certified instructors for these courses.

The Little Rock Conference expects to send a few persons to this Coaching Conference, as they have been invited to participate.

Church School Rally Day Offerings

We have another splendid report on Church School Rally Day offerings. Since the last report which appeared in the Arkansas Methodist of November 12, the following offerings have been received: Ravenden, \$5.00; Salem (Batesville District), \$10.00; Oil Trough, \$12.50; Springdale, \$60.00; Charleston, \$30.00; Desha, \$2.50; Salado, \$2.50; Levy, \$15.00; Central Church, Fayetteville, \$200.00; Cole's Chapel, \$6.00; Moro, \$10.55; West Memphis, \$35.00; Umsted Memorial, Newport, \$15.00; Swifton, \$27.00; Farmington, \$5.00; Cotter, \$10.00; Scranton, \$5.00; Smithville, \$5.00; Sulphur Rock, \$5.00; Fifth Street, Fort Smith, \$15.00; Luxora, \$15.00; Piggott, \$20.81; Grange, \$1.60; Union Grove, \$5.00; North Little Rock, First Church, \$100.00; Gainesville, \$8.30; Centerton, \$10.00.

The report by districts to date is as follows:

Batesville District	\$220.90
Conway District	570.15
Fayetteville District	477.03
Forrest City District	524.57
Fort Smith District	851.15
Jonesboro District	702.60

Paragould District 329.75
Searey District 257.10
The total received today is \$3,933.25, as compared with \$3,142.97 received by November 29, 1952.

Our next report will be made after the District Conferences have been held.

Should your church school not yet have had the opportunity to observe Church School Rally Day we will be glad to furnish Rally Day programs. We want to again remind local churches that the Church School Rally Day program this year is centered in the youth emphasis.

"The Educational Work of The Small Church"

Dr. J. Q. Schisler has revised the first series textbook on "The Educational Work of the Small Church."

We are glad that this book is now available as it provides an excellent text for the course on Educational Work in the Small Church.

Churches planning to offer the course on Educational Work in the Small Church may order this book from the Methodist Publishing House, 1021 McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

This book has been revised in the light of the legislation of the General Conference in 1952.

The following training schools are being held this week: Piggott, Christian Stewardship, Dr. C. M. Reves; Bay, How to Teach in the Church School, Mrs. Elmus C. Brown.

Siloam Springs is having a three unit training school this week with the following courses being offered: Teaching Children, Miss Caroline Hess; Methodist Youth Fellowship, Ira A. Brumley; Christian Stewardship, John Bayliss.

Four schools are being carried on over a number of weeks: Weiner and Lake Street, Blytheville, Walnut Ridge, and Prairie Grove.

The Melbourne-Calico Rock Area is carrying on almost a continuous training program.

NEW STAFF MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nashville, Tenn. — Miss Lilla Mills, Houston, Tex., has been elected to the staff of the Methodist Board of Education's national headquarters here.

She will represent the board in special work with directors of Christian education in Methodist churches across the country, it was announced by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church.

Reporting to the Rev. Walter Townner, director of general church school work, Miss Mills also will help recruit and train personnel for regional educational posts in Methodism's 105 annual conferences.

Miss Mills is a native of Carthage, Miss., and a graduate of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss. She did graduate work in religious education at Scarritt College here, 1940-41.

Since 1948, Miss Mills has been director of education at First Methodist Church, Houston, the denomination's largest, with more than 8,000 members.

Previously, she held similar positions at First Methodist Church, Greenwood, Miss., 1941-42, and First Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C., 1942-45. From 1945 to 1948

NATIONAL COUNCIL ASKED TO SPONSOR CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION LEADERS

A group of Methodist educators has asked the National Council of Churches to sponsor a nation-wide conference of leaders in religion and public education in the interest of "a better understanding of common problems."

In a resolution adopted November 14 in Cincinnati, the Methodists petitioned the council to call such a meeting "as soon as possible" and suggested that its purposes be:

1. "To establish better communication between leaders of the church and public education."

2. "To explore areas of common interest and concern to the end that persons concerned with the advancement of all democratic ideals may examine their efforts for the more effective training of children so that God and vital religion may come to have their rightful place in the lives and affairs of the American people."

The action was taken at the biennial national Methodist conference on Christian education by the joint commission of presidents and executive secretaries of annual conference Boards of Education.

The people of Israel had forsaken God for Ashtoreth, Chemosh and Milcom. We call that idolatry — and we still practice it.

A famous Chinese gentleman stood in the New York Stock Exchange not so long ago. After having visited our half-empty churches. He was so impressed with the furore and intensity of the Exchange that he cried, "Ah, this is their real religion! This is what they care about!" Well, is it?

Wouldn't you say that we are worshipping Mars, the god of war, as much as we worship Jesus Christ? Every able-bodied boy in the country may be forced to give two years of his life to the art of war; how many give two years to Jesus Christ?

Others worship Bacchus; they live to have a good time.

Others worship the god of the machine, or the god of the cash register, or the god of athletics, or . . . How many more can you supply? — Frank S. Mead in Tarbell's Teachers' Guide 1954 (Fleming H. Revell)

she was a staff member of the Methodist Board of Missions, New York City.

A copy of the resolution was sent to Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary-elect of the National Council of Churches. Rolfe Lanier Hunt, Chicago, executive director of the council's Department of Religion and Public Education, met with the Methodist group.

While holding to "our historic insistence on the separation of church and state," the group pointed out that "the Protestant Church has always maintained a high degree of interest in and support of public education."

The resolution noted a "growing concern on the part of parents and educators to find a solution to the problem of including moral and spiritual values in the public school curriculum and experience."

The Methodists stated also that "We recognize the larger problem and the need for conferences with other leaders in our national life in business, government, industry and communications to the end that all of us may come to a larger appreciation of the power of God in human affairs."

However, the resolution emphasized that "the public education problem is so urgent that we should address ourselves to it first of all."

TRAINING SCHOOL AT BENTON

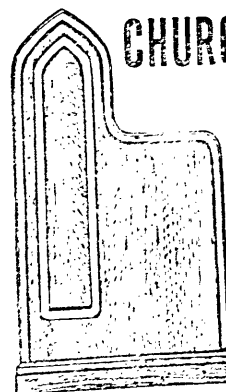
A Church School Workers' Training School was held at the First Methodist Church November 22, 23 and 24. The first session was held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, November 22. Then on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:15. The nursery was opened at all sessions for children of parents wishing to take one of the courses. The courses offered were:

"The Children We Teach" for all workers and parents of children, taught by Mrs. W. F. Bates.

"Teaching Youth in the Church" for all adult workers with senior youth, (ages 15 through 23) taught by Miss Margaret Marshall.

"Teaching Intermediates" for all adult workers with Intermediate age youth, (ages 12 through 14) taught by Mrs. C. B. Nelson.

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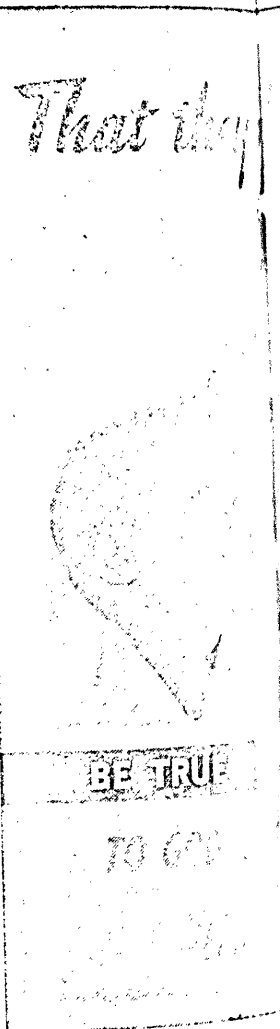
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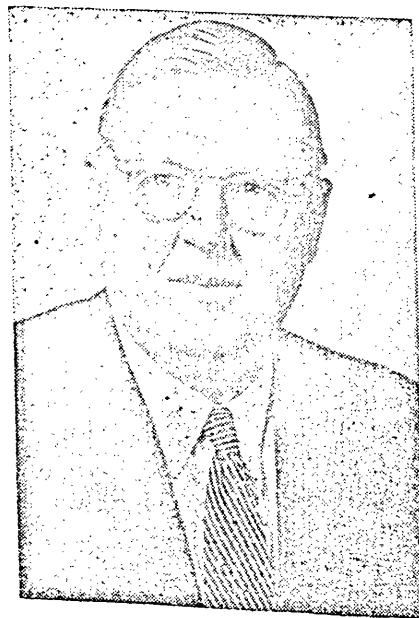
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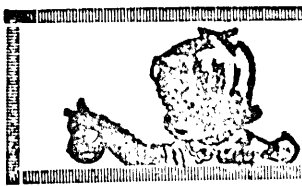
John F. Wilson
Paragould District

With this new Commitment Day we can begin a dignified objective campaign to make Christmas totally Christian. In no other day has there been a greater need for sobriety. One in every nine who takes a first drink ends up an alcoholic. Liquor is involved in one automobile fatality in every four. Crime and juvenile delinquency are increasing.

We Methodists are happy to have the opportunity to go on record for total abstinence on Sunday, December 6. — R. A. Dorman



REV. R. L. DORMAN
Chairman, Board of Temperance
North Arkansas Conference



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



THANK THE LORD FOR HIS LOVE

By Margaret G. Wilson

THANKSGIVING is a day set aside each year as a special day on which to give thanks to God for his many blessings. "But," you say, "we thank God every day. We say 'Grace' at meal-time and say our prayers, and each time we thank God for things. Why do we have to have a special day?"

Well, Thanksgiving comes in the Fall of the year just after the farmer has brought in all his hay, wheat, oats, fruits and vegetables. His barns are full. The big grain elevators are full. Warehouses are filled with fruits, vegetables, butter, and meats. The shelves in your own fruit pantries are probably filled with jars of jelly, jam, juices, fruits and vegetables. Perhaps some of you have freezing units in your homes and they are full of frozen corn, berries, fish, chicken, and other good things to eat. Everybody has been busy putting things away with the greatest of care so they will have them in the winter when the stores can no longer get them fresh from the farmer.

Farmers tell us that nobody works so closely with God, or depends so much on God as they do. They prepare the ground each spring and sow the seeds, but unless God sends the sunshine and the rain the seeds will not grow. If there is too much rain, the seeds will rot in the ground or be washed away. If there is too little rain the seeds will dry up and will never grow. So God sends just enough rain and just enough sun. He sends the cool nights and the warm days and the seeds grow and the grain, vegetables and the fruits ripen. Nobody should be able to understand the words of this hymn better than the farmer.

*We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.*

So each year, after the farmer has brought in all his crops from the fields—he calls it harvesting his crops—we have our Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day is nothing new. We read about it in the Bible, only it is not called Thanksgiving Day. At that time the people often held a Thanksgiving service in their own gardens. Perhaps with the grape arbor as the altar, fruits and grains and vegetables would be brought to the arbor, and on a special day when everything was ready and beautiful, the people would gather for prayer and singing and festivities in thanks to God for all His goodness in making the harvest a full and bounteous one.

When our own country was very new and the Pilgrims came to the United States, they offered prayer and thanks as soon as they arrived in this country. That Fall they didn't have a Thanksgiving Day.

They didn't because they had no harvest, and they had no harvest because they had not planted seeds in the springtime. They did not do any planting because they had no houses in which to live and they spent all their time sawing down trees and building little houses, because they had to have houses before the stormy, cold winter days.

That first winter was a very sad winter. The country was so new that the people had no churches or schools. They didn't even have stores. They just had their little houses. They probably hunted so they would have rabbit and squirrels and birds, and probably bears and deer to eat. But they didn't have fruit and vegetables or the right kind of food, so many became sick and died.

That next spring the people were very busy. They cut trees and dug the ground and sowed seeds. God was good. Rain fell, the sun shone, and things grew.

In the fall they harvested their crop and stored it for the winter. The people were so happy they decided to have a day of prayer and thanksgiving and festivity because of God's great goodness. It was their first Thanksgiving Day. The most important thing to remember is that they didn't boast and say, "Look what we grew in this new country! Just see what we grew and what we are going to have

this winter." They didn't place any blame upon God either for the suffering and sorrow and cold of their first winter. Instead they met together, all of them, on a certain day, to thank God for His goodness in making it possible for them to have such a bountiful harvest.

So now we who live in Canada and the United States have a Thanksgiving Day every fall after harvest time, just as the Pilgrims did and just like the people did in the Bible. That is the reason why at this time churches are often decorated with grain and fruits and vegetables instead of flowers.

It is a day for family parties. It is a time of joy and gladness, but we must never forget the true meaning of Thanksgiving. We must not become so used to it that we think and plan only for a big dinner.

After thinking about God and His goodness and Thanksgiving, perhaps we will better understand our harvest hymn:

*"We thank Thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food."*

*"All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord
For all His love."*

—The United Church Observer

Today's president is tomorrow's 3c stamp.—Changng Times.

THE MAPLE TREE'S VISITOR

"Whew-whew-whew," whistled the wind.

"Winter is coming," sighed the birch. "We will be so lonesome. The birds have all flown away."

"The flowers have all gone, too," sighed the elm, "and now our leaves are going. Soon we will be all alone."

"My acorns have all fallen," moaned the oak tree. "No birds, no flowers. How lonesome we shall be."

"Never mind," said the maple, cheerily. "I think we shall have some visitors. Even if the robins and the bluebirds have gone, we will have someone, I am sure. And if we have no leaves we shall have icicles shining in the sun."

Just then a little squirrel ran up the trunk of the maple tree.

"Please may I have my home in this nice deep hole?" he asked.

"Certainly," answered the maple; "stay all winter if you wish."

So the squirrel ran up and down the trunk of the tree dropping in the nuts he found on the ground until at last he had his winter's supply. Then he curled himself up comfortably in the warmest corner.

"I told you we would have company," said the maple. "Now I shall have someone to talk to all winter."

All through the winter the maple tree watched over the little squirrel and rattled her branches, which was her way of talking to him.

"You see," she said to the other trees, "what one expects to have comes to pass. Next year if you expect company to spend the winter, I am sure someone will come."—Exchange.

JUST FOR FUN

A small boy came home from school one day proudly exhibiting a book, which he said he had won for accuracy in natural history.

"However did you do that?" asked his mother.

"The teacher asked how many legs an ostrich had. I said three."

"But an ostrich only has two legs," his mother replied.

"Well, all the rest of the class said four."—Balance Sheet.

At a rehearsal for a Sunday School play, the teacher carefully lined up four little "cherubs." Each carried a huge cut-out letter. As they stood side by side, the letters would spell out "Star." A slight mix-up occurred, and those present in the church auditorium nearly fell out of their pews as the little performers took their places—in reverse.

Mrs. Burt, a "well-meaning" neighbor, kept pestering little Martha about being so quiet, unlike her own wild and garrulous offspring.

"You don't have much to say for a normal little girl," she chirped. "What's the matter with you? Why aren't you more talkative?"

Replied the child, "I'm thinkative."—Henna Arond Zacks.

A small boy approached his father with a bad report card: "Here's my report card, and I'm tired of watching television anyway."—Bona Ventura.



A HAPPY DAY

*Today has been a joyous day
For the whole family.
Shall I tell you why we're happy?
It's Thanksgiving Day, you see.*

*We went to church this morning
And joined in prayer and praise,
We thanked our Heavenly Father
For care through all the days.*

*The day took on more meaning
When we shared some joys we had,
We took time to think of others,
And the sharing made us glad.*

—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

EL DORADO FIRST CHURCH HAS STUDY CLASS

The first session of the study class on "Spanish Speaking Americans" was held by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Church, El Dorado, Monday, November 9th, beginning at 11:30 a. m. The second session was held November 10th in Fellowship Hall. Combined attendance was 182 members.

Presiding Monday, Mrs. J. F. McQuade, President of the society, called the meeting to order with silent prayer.

Mrs. Bob Remmer, secretary of Missionary Education, announced the study subjects for each of the four sessions. The two final meetings are to be held November 16th and 17th. Luncheon was served in Fellowship Hall Monday with two circles in charge. Mrs. Worth Camp and Mrs. J. C. Offutt, chairmen of the two circles, were hostesses. The two circles were responsible also for the program.

The Spanish motif was carried out by the hostesses by wearing Spanish costumes, and serving Spanish food. Centering the speakers table was a Kumquat tree flanked with a miniature bushel filled with Kumquats. The other tables were decorated with cornucopias overflowing with fruit and vegetables.

Place-mats of woven paper in gay colors, Sombrero place cards and miniature burros carrying nut cups were used on the tables contributing to the Spanish atmosphere. In the hall were bright gourds, artificial fruit, colorful plates and gay clothing.

Mrs. Neill Hart gave the invocation and Mrs. Ed Helms, study leader for one of the circles, introduced those taking part on the program.

Mrs. W. S. Fuller, in Spanish attire, sang selections in both Spanish and English. She was accompanied by Miss Eloise Arnold. Mrs. Audry Sheppard gave the devotional on "Understanding Other People," closing with prayer.

On Tuesday, the second study was held with Circle Two in charge, led by Mrs. R. J. Ellzey, chairman who was responsible for the program. Mrs. W. L. Norwood, vice president of the local society called the meeting to order with prayer. The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn "O Zion Haste." The topic for the day was "Where the Spanish Speaking People are located in the U. S. and their needs, social, economic, religious, etc. Mrs. A. H. Wacker, sang a solo "My Task." Others taking part on the program were Mrs. Charles Dunlap and Mrs. Surrey Gilliam. Mrs. Carl Miller gave the devotional using scripture from the 10th chapter of Luke, 36-37, and the 37th Psalm. She read a poem by Clarence Flynn as a closing prayer.

WARREN SOCIETY HAS QUARTERLY LUNCHEON

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church met at one o'clock in the Warren Educational Building for a quarterly pot-luck luncheon with Circle No. 2, whose chairman is Mrs. A. R. Bratton, hostess. The luncheon tables were attractive with arrangements of yellow and white chrysanthemums surrounded at the base with autumn leaves.

LAKE CHARLES W.S.C.S. HAS PROGRAM ON UNITED NATIONS

Mrs. Howard Carter was a guest speaker at a meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, at a meeting held Thursday afternoon in the parish house.

Mrs. Carter, former associate secretary of Christian Social relations of the national WSCS spoke on "Inception of the UN, Its Purposes and Accomplishments."

Theme of the meeting was "World Peace."

The meeting was opened by Mrs. W. E. Rhorer and Mrs. John B. Hefley gave a prayer.

Mrs. M. F. Sweeney introduced the guest speaker.

The serving table was centered with a centerpiece of UN Flags flanked by chrysanthemums. Mrs. E. C. Kuttner presided at the serving.

Forty members attended the meeting.

HEBER SPRINGS W.S.C.S.

Thirty women of the Heber Springs Methodist Church enrolled in the study course "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World."

The first session of the study was presented by Rev. Mr. Masters, a native of India, and who is at the present time a District Superintendent at Bombay, India. In his native costume, and with pictures and souvenirs from India, he was such an inspiration to the membership, that the church has pledged a scholarship to India.

The other three sessions were presided over by Mrs. C. M. Reaves, Secretary of Missionary Education. The last meeting featured a noon-day luncheon and a World Missionary Conference. As Mrs. John Moose called the roll of the different countries, each delegate wearing a flag of her country rose and told of the needs and the work of her particular section. Honor guests for the occasion through impersonations were Miss Mary Mitchell of Pusan, Korea; Dr. Jaya Luke of India and Miss Nellie Dyer, returned Missionary, whose home is Conway. They were impersonated by Mrs. Cecil Alexander, Mrs. Jack Andrews, and Mrs. J. T. Matthews in the order named.

Hostesses for the first session were Mrs. Heber Hardy, Mrs. Ethel Gunn, Mrs. Jack Andrews and Mrs. Shelby Henderson; second, Mrs. Leora Griffith and Mrs. J. H. Smith; third, Mrs. J. T. Birdwell and Mrs. Sam Dial; fourth pot-luck luncheon by all members.—Mrs. W. R. Griffin

Following luncheon, Mrs. DuVal L. Purkins presented the program on "Our Responsibility in the Rural Community." She was assisted by Mrs. George Wynne.

The Worship center was a scene of a Rural Methodist Church Building.

Following the program, the November business session was held

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MINDEN W.S.C.S. CONCLUDES STUDY

Monday, November 9th the Trinity Woman's Society of Christian Service featured a symposium on "The World Church," with three ministers participating in its concluding meeting on the "Life and Task of the Church Around the World." Three sessions of the Mission Study Class were devoted to this subject under the direction of Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy.

WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA OBSERVES WEEK OF PRAYER

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild observed the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial in a joint meeting Tuesday, October 27 from 6 to 8 p. m., at the First Methodist Church.

The leader of the program meeting was Mrs. R. R. Rogers. Projects the two organizations help support were presented by Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. John Gwin, Mrs. Joe Burns, and Mrs. H. Farr.

A sacrificial meal was served in the social hall at 7 p. m. Mrs. H. V. Dunford was the leader for this period. This was followed by a quiet hour in the sanctuary conducted by Rev. Luther L. Booth. Mrs. B. J.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

The Executive Board of the Little Rock District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at Capitol View Methodist Church, November 13th with nineteen members present. Mrs. Joe L. Simpson, Little Rock District president presided over the business session. Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson, District Secretary of Spiritual Life, conducted an inspiring devotional.

After dispensing with the various items of business each district officer gave a brief report and included plans for the next quarter's work. It was reported that Pride Valley Methodist Church has recently organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service with Mrs. Jack Powell as president. This makes a total of 33 societies in the Little Rock District, and 23 Wesleyan Service Guilds.

A delicious luncheon was attractively served by the Capitol View Methodist Church W. S. C. S. Guests for the luncheon included the guest pastor, Rev. George Reutz and Rev. W. R. Burks.—Mrs. Chas. H. Gies-sen, Secretary.

Davis sang, "The Lord's Prayer." About 40 members were present.

FINANCIAL REPORT—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE W.S.C.S.—SECOND QUARTER—1953-54

Balance Aug. 14th, 1953	\$ 7,486.27
RECEIPTS:	
Undirected Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$13,236.74
W.S.G.	1,831.82
Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	207.96
W.S.G.	130.70
McKimney Fund	557.05
Stahley Fund	650.15
Conference Rural	402.23
Special Memberships:	
Hon. Baby (9)	45.00
Hon. Junior (1)	10.00
Adult Life (13)	325.00
Memorial (2)	100.00
Adult Life W.S.G. (1)	25.00
In Remembrance Gifts	108.00
Little Rock Meth. Council	434.95
Credit on Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$16,079.08
W.S.G.	1,987.52
TOTAL credit on pledge	\$18,066.60
Youth Fund	855.85
Child Service Fund	27.20
TOTAL on Appropriations	\$18,949.65
Cash for Supplies:	
W.S.C.S.	906.58
W.S.G.	183.15
Supplementary Gifts:	
W.S.G.	2.50
Cultivation Fund:	
W.S.C.S.	514.50
W.S.G.	116.42
Week of Prayer:	
W.S.C.S.	1,991.92
W.S.G.	113.25
Student Loan:	
W.S.C.S.	201.60
W.S.G.	7.50
Alcohol Education Fund	131.60
E.T.W. Fund	247.15
Other Receipts	9.60
TOTAL Receipts W.S.C.S.	\$20,965.08
TOTAL Receipts W.S.G.	2,410.35
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$23,375.43
OTHER RECEIPTS:	
Ark.-Okla. Coop. Rural	
Work (Appr.)	150.00
Ark.-Okla. Coop. Rural	
Work Supplies	272.25
Refund—Conf. on Missions	
travel pool	11.53
Baby pin & pendant	2.00
Taylor—Endowment Fd.	250.00
TOTAL Receipts	\$24,061.21
Add Balance	\$31,547.48
C.S.R. & L.C.A. reported—	\$9,533.65
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Pledge to Missions:	
W.S.C.S.	\$11,482.54
W.S.G.	1,806.82
Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	2,669.00
W.S.G.	130.70
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	555.00
W.S.G.	50.00
In Remembrance Gifts:	
W.S.C.S.	103.00
by Conference	15.00
TOTAL Credit on Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$14,829.43
W.S.G.	1,987.52
TOTAL Credit on Pledge	\$16,816.95

Youth Fund	855.85
Child Service Fund	27.20
TOTAL on Appropriations	\$17,700.00
Week of Prayer	2,105.18
Foreign Supplies	165.93
Home Supplies	923.80
Supplementary:	
W.S.C.S.	270.00
W.S.G.	2.50
Division Cultivation Fd.	30.82
TOTAL to Division	\$21,193.23
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:	
Administrative Expense	128.92
Printing & Mimeographing	77.96
Jur. School of Missions	19.95
Conf. Ins. Missions	
(Mrs. Landrum)	61.52
Cultivation Fund:	
W.S.C.S.	514.50
W.S.G.	116.42
Student Loan Fund	209.10
Alcohol Education	131.60
Student Workshop	125.00
Car for rural worker	988.47
Miss Dorothy Kelley—Camp work and gift	78.32
Del. to Convocation on Alcohol	55.00
Youth Del. to Nat'l. Youth Convention	25.00
Fall Board meeting	106.84
Jurisdiction Cult. Fund	431.41
Safety Box Rent	14.40
TOTAL Disbursements	\$24,282.64
Balance Nov. 14th, 1953—	\$7,264.84
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS	
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT: None.	
CAMDEN DISTRICT: Hon. Baby: Tamara Kay Caldwell, Bobby Wayne Whitley, Jackson Street; Richard Edward Capehart, Smackover; Alice Chandler Rumph, Camden First Ch. Adult Life: Mrs. Beatrice Cammack, Parker's Chapel; Mrs. J. W. Wheelis, Mrs. F. H. Patten, Lewisville.	
HOPE DISTRICT: Adult Life: Mrs. Ted Miller, Mrs. Joe Peek, College Hill, Texarkana; Mrs. W. D. Jeter, DeQueen; Mrs. Dorthy Dorsett, Mena W.S.G.; Mrs. Henry Hitt, Hope.	
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT: Adult Life: Mrs. George F. Cress, Winfield; Mrs. J. L. Bond, First Church, Little Rock; Mrs. James Light, 28th St., Little Rock; Mrs. Sarah Neel, Sweet Home; Lois Buxton, Pulaski Heights W.S.G. Honorary Baby: Beth Marie Lane, 28th Street.	
MONTICELLO DISTRICT: Hon. Baby: Sally Harris, Patricia Songster, Jo Ann Burch, Warren; John Walter Wolf, Wilmet. Adult Life: Mrs. Will T. Darby, Mrs. J. C. Stroud, Warren; Mrs. Lewis Wilson, Mrs. Floyd Ballard, Mrs. Clyde Ross, Monticello. Hon. Jr.: Donna Faye Forte, Warren.	
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT: Memorial: Mrs. M. J. Mead, Mrs. Earle Phillips, Lakeside.	
(In Remembrance Gifts given by Conference) In Memory of Mrs. C. M. White Mrs. Minnie Shannon Mrs. Chris Meyer	
MRS. C. I. PARSONS, Conference Treasurer	

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

GENERAL BOARD MAKES FILM STRIP OF LAY WORK IN BEEBE AREA

Beebe area will be included in a color film strip being prepared by the Methodist General Board of Missions. The film, dealing with the subject of the group ministry plan, is being photographed by Reynold Rickarby of the board's Visual Aids Department.

Mr. Rickarby was present at a banquet at the Beebe church Thursday, November 12, when 115 laymen heard a message by Dr. Cecil Culver, Winfield Church, Little Rock.

The meal was served by the women of the Beebe church. The evening program also included group singing led by B. E. Whitmore, president of Beebe Junior College. J. A. Gilliland of Antioch, chairman of the lay program in the area, read appointments for November and December.

According to the Beebe pastor, the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., the Beebe area is a "natural area" composed of five charges, with 11 churches served by five pastors. The pastors and laymen of the area have voluntarily joined hands and hearts in a program of cooperation, Mr. Villines said.

Participating churches and their pastors are Antioch-Stoney Point, the Rev. Cyril Wilson; McRae, Copperas Springs and Garner, the Rev. Robert Johnson; Floyd, Vinity and Sixteenth Section, White County, the Rev. Cecil Harrison; Sixteenth Section, Lonoke County, the Rev. J. M. Talmington; and Beebe and Ward, the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr.

The Beebe Area program was organized in the Fall of 1950, and it has been growing each year. The cooperative plan consists of an exchange of pulpits by the ministers once a quarter, a continuous program of lay speaking, areawide laymen's meetings once a quarter, monthly meeting of ministers for planning and fellowship, social meetings for the parsonage families at least once a quarter, cooperative programs of evangelism, and area training school each Spring, youth meetings and observance of the Week of Dedication together.

Mr. Villines is chairman of the ministers who direct the program and Mr. Johnson is secretary. Aiding with the direction are a Youth Council, of which Donald Weir is president, and an Adult Council, J. A. Gilliland, chairman, and Jim Loy Harrison, secretary-treasurer.

The Adult Council makes lay appointments and plans the work of the laymen in the area. This Council is composed of Mr. Gilliland, Mr. Harrison, V. C. White, Sgt. Arvis Lyons, the Rev. Robert Johnson, Rev. Cyril Wilson and Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr.

Lay speakers for the area are Orval Devore, B. E. Whitmore, Lonnie Radford, Wallace Baker, Bill Leach, Leo Hayes, Arvis Lyons, Homer Dodson, Jack Pruitt, John Mason, A. Gilliland, Marcus Facher, W. E. Boyer, Irvin Hill, Otha Strayhorn, V. C. White, Edgar Kirk, R. K. Peery, Mrs. Monroe Scott, Mrs. James Beard and R. H. McCulloch.

MARTINS HOME FROM SOUTH AMERICA



(Methodist Information Photo)

Among the delegation of Little Rock Conference ministers and laymen who greeted Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin when they returned to Little Rock were Dr. and Mrs. Francis A. Buddin. The flowers,

presented by Mrs. Buddin, were a gift from the group to Mrs. Martin. Bishop and Mrs. Martin arrived at midnight Tuesday, November 17, after a three months' tour of mission stations in South America.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

"Give God a Chance Now"

This is the slogan for a January-to-Easter church and Sunday school attendance and stewardship crusade in Arkansas previewed here for the Monticello District Conference of The Methodist Church.

"People go to church because they are looking for something they need," Dr. Cecil R. Culver, director of the crusade, told the ministers and lay officers from churches in six Southeast Arkansas counties. Dr. Culver, Pastor of the Winfield Methodist Church in Little Rock, explained that the crusade is part of a campaign in which 29 denominations are cooperating. He said that only 27% of the people who profess Christianity attend church on any given Sunday.

"All the gold ever mined by men could be stored in the sanctuary of a good-sized church," the Rev. M. W. Miller, Methodist pastor at Hamburg, Ark., told the conference in his devotional message.

"Men sweat and die to bring gold out of the ground—only to have other men bury much of it deep in the ground (at Fort Knox) again! Our problem is to shift the emphasis from man's gold to God's

gold," the preacher declared.

"The master-key for transmuting earthly treasures into heavenly treasure is stewardship—the recognition that our possessions and our very lives belong to God. We own nothing but have the use of everything."

Dr. William F. Brown, Superintendent of the Monticello District, announced that he was presiding over his last district conference, in the Monticello District since Methodist usage limits the district superintendent's term of office to six years.

The Rev. J. Ralph Clayton, pastor at Warren, Ark., announced that churches of the district have undertaken \$1600 in "mission specials" in addition to their regular budget. Most of this money will go to India to provide scholarships for Indian students.

Two hundred and sixty-one new members have been added to churches in the district since June, it was announced.

Next year's district conference will be held at Portland, where the Rev. Robert B. Moore, Jr. is Pastor.—Phil Pierce, Pastor at Parkdale

District Missionary Institute At Winfield

A district-wide institute on missionary education for children will be held at Winfield Church from 10 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. December 4. Announcement of the meeting was made this week by Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock Conference director of children's work.

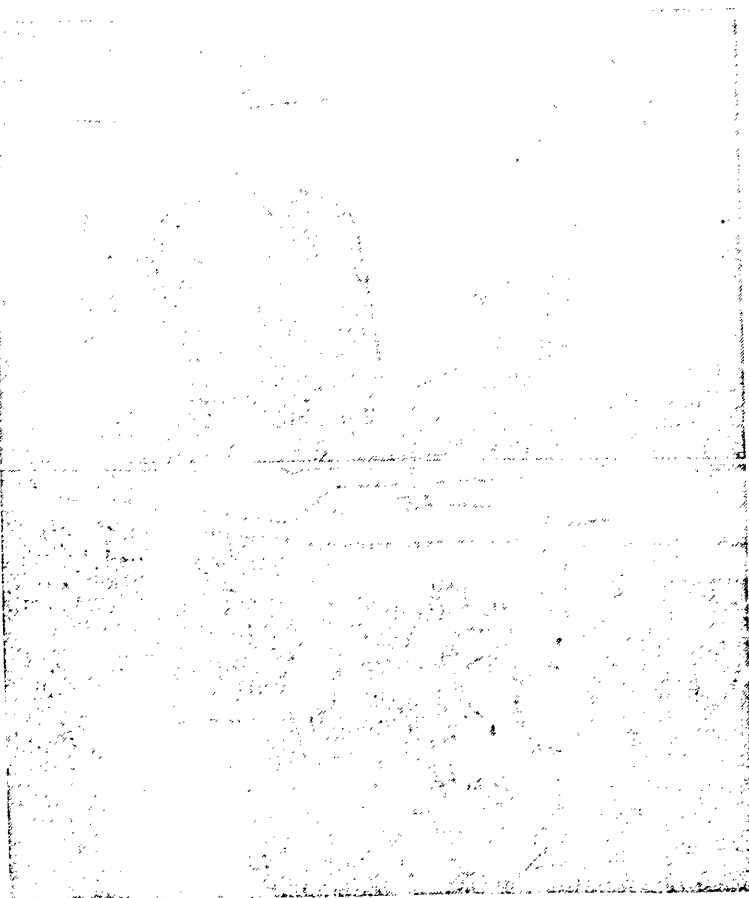
Participating in the workshop will be primary and junior workers from the churches of the Little Rock District.

Co-chairmen who direct the institute are Mrs. Herbert Monday, district director of children's work, and Mrs. C. C. Arnold, district

secretary of children's work for the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Among the leaders will be Mrs. A. S. Ross, conference Woman's Society secretary of children's work; Miss Fay McRae, a former conference director.

The missionary emphasis for children for the coming year is to be presented at the institute. The two courses are "Spanish-Speaking Americans in the U. S. A." and "Work and Worship around the World."



TOP PHOTO: Speaker for a banquet of Beebe area laymen November 12 was Dr. Cecil Culver, center, pastor of Winfield Church, Little Rock. At left is the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., pastor of the Beebe church. Greeting Dr. Culver is J. A. Gilliland, chairman of Beebe area laymen.

BOTTOM PHOTO: Attending the banquet were laymen of the area who are participating in a group ministry project to provide regular services to the churches in the area.



"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

COMMITMENT DAY—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

A letter from Rev. Dorman, Chairman of the Board of Temperance states that the General Board of Temperance has set Sunday December 6 for the churchwide observance of personal and family commitment against the use of alcoholic beverages. Commitment Day is indeed one of the finest pieces of strategy promoted by our temperance board. It is a most appropriate time for such observance in that it will give emphasis not only to the personal salvation of many souls but will also give great opportunity to create a Christian attitude concerning observance of the birthday of our Saviour. Satan knows no laws or principles so far as things sacred are concerned. He and his followers are interested only in greed of the spirit and lust of the flesh. He will go as far as the decent forces of life will allow. Nothing suits him better than to drag the name of God in the mire or bring disrepute to the name of His Son.

Certainly, the wonderful spirit of giving engendered at the Christmas Season offers the proponents of the liquor traffic a great opportunity to cash in. No one is simple minded enough to believe that they are interested in adding one whit to the sacred event of the birth of our Lord. Neither are they interested in leading any fellow human being into a saving knowledge of his grace. Indeed they would be out of business entirely if humanity should go all the way in receiving Christ in its life.

The Methodist Church has a clean and righteous record as regards the liquor traffic. The example was set by John Wesley who knew the devil on sight and never flinched before him. Our present day leaders are rising up to meet this vicious enemy of mankind with implements of warfare that will have good effect in destroying his power over humanity.

As is usual in all church wide efforts the majority of our churches will not have the privilege of the pastor's presence on Commitment

Day. However, there are splendid laymen in every church who can assist in this matter. With proper guidance they will be able to present the cause in a most effective manner. This is a good day for every lay speaker in the conference to be in some pulpit. With clear, intelligent, earnest, and forceful presentation these laymen can give power to Commitment Day. We have back of us to support us in our war against the liquor traffic the Holy Scriptures that reveal to us the will of God in the matter. We have from liquor the evidence of its destructive power. We have back of us the daily records across this nation which show the awful mounting of crime as more and more of our people are led astray. Murders are perpetrated that have no equal in the annals of human history, not in our land but in the history of lands where organized atheism hold forth. Minds poisoned and made dull by liquor devised brutal ways of killing innocent people and cause other innocent people to suffer worse than death. All of the taxes gathered, all of the money placed in the hands of evil men, all of the release for social discourse gained by "cocktail" sipping, all of the so called freedom and liberty gained by legalizing a narcotic poison, all of the money gained by advertising in papers, magazines, billboards, etc.; Yes, all of the multiplied so-called material good that could possibly be gained throughout human history could not amount to enough to justify the death of one little, happy, innocent, child, who was lured to his death by two liquor-poisoned, spiritual and moral morons, who, under the craving for liquor and luxury, planned the most brutal crime of our nation's history.

Yes, with cold, deliberate, careful, study of the record of the liquor traffic, with an eye single to the glory of God and service to humanity, with burning, controlled emotion, with prophetic passion let us call our people to be done with the liquor business in every form.

Albert Gatlin.

HYMN FESTIVAL—A METHODIST TRADITION

Dr. N. R. Griswold will lead in a "heart warming" hymn sing at Dalark Church on Sunday night, November 29th. This Festival of Song is being sponsored by the Sparkman-Sardis Charge and the Dalark circuit, which includes Dalark, Bethlehem, Manchester, Rock Springs, and Manning Churches. In addition to the congregation singing there will be two specials. A group of men from Sparkman will give numbers on stringed instruments, and a ministerial quartet, Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Rev. O. L. Thompson, Rev. Harold Bevan, and Dr. Griswold, will render several numbers. Sardis will provide the pianist.

The period of fellowship will be-

gin at five-thirty, followed by a potluck supper. The minister and members of the Dalark Church will serve as the welcoming committee and the Dalark Circuit Woman's Society will arrange for the serving. Following the supper the youth of Manchester will have charge of a period of worship leading into the festival of hymns.

These churches have joined themselves together in a Group Ministry Fellowship in order to broaden their fellowship, share their resources, and meet the common needs of the area. The Hymn Festival is one of the means of bringing this to pass.

—Reporter.

LEAD HOPE DISTRICT UEM

Dr. Fred R. Harrison, left, and the Rev. E. D. Galloway, right, will direct the United Evangelistic Mission in the Hope District November 27-December 6. Mr. Galloway is superintendent of the district and Dr. Harrison is district secretary of evangelism, and pastor of First Church, Texarkana. The mission will be conducted in 31 of the district's local churches.

Thirty-one Methodist Churches of the Hope District will participate in a United Evangelistic Mission during the week of November 27-December 6, according to an announcement by the district superintendent, the Rev. E. D. Galloway.

Visiting ministers from the other districts of the Little Rock Conference will fill the pulpits during the mission, beginning services Friday night and continuing Sunday morning, Sunday night, and every night during the week.

Groups of local church laymen will conduct visitation campaigns during the week in connection with the evangelism program.

Host and guest ministers will meet at 3 p. m., Friday, November 27, at the Methodist Church in Nashville, at which time Dr. Cecil R. Culver of Little Rock, secretary of evangelism in the Little Rock Conference, will be the inspirational speaker. Two other group meetings will be held during the week, for worship services and reports on the progress of the mission. Dr. Arthur Terry, superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, will speak at the meeting beginning at 10 a. m., Tuesday and the Rev. William O. Byrd, pastor of Arkadelphia Methodist Church, will speak at the meeting Friday morning. Both meetings will be at Nashville.

The young people of the churches, who will participate in the evening services and in the visitation program, will hold sub-district rallies on Sunday, November 29. Speakers and locations of the meetings are to be announced at a later date.

Participating churches, host pastors, and guest ministers are as follows:

Bingen, Rev. Clyde Swift, Rev. Osborne White of Mt. Ida.
Prescott, Rev. W. D. Golden, Rev. Everette M. Vinson of Gillett.
Mena, Rev. Alfred De Black, Rev. O. W. Beck of Gurdon.
First Church, Texarkana, Dr. Fred R. Harrison, Rev. Fred Schwendimann of Vantrease Church, El Dorado.
Hope, Rev. Virgil D. Keeley, Dr. Cecil Culver, Winfield Church, Little

Rock.

Fairview, Texarkana, Rev. C. W. Good, Rev. Doyle T. Rowe of Stephens.

College Hill, Texarkana, Rev. Howard Williams, Rev. George G. Meyer of Oak Forest Church, Little Rock.

Cove, Mena Circuit, Rev. B. L. Smith, Rev. Bill Watson of Delight. Texarkana Circuit, Rev. Virgil C. Bell; Rondo, Rev. William O. Byrd of Arkadelphia; Pleasant Hill, Rev. C. E. Lawrence of Taylor; Few Memorial, Rev. Winslow Brown of Wesley Church, Winslow Bluff.

Dierks, Rev. C. E. Messer, Rev. O. C. Birdwell of Mablevale.

Lockesburg, Rev. J. R. Callicott, Rev. Noel Cross of Oaklawn Church, Hot Springs.

Springhill, Rev. Claud Clark, Rev. Bruce Bean of Buckner.

Washington, Rev. H. A. F. Ault, Rev. C. R. Andrews of Huttig.

Nashville, Rev. J. E. Dunlap, Dr. Arthur Terry of Pine Bluff.

De Queen, Rev. Alfred I. Doss, Rev. Fred L. Arnold of Hunter Church, Little Rock.

Foreman, Rev. Robert L. Riggin, Rev. O. W. Hoover of Humphrey.

Emmett, Rev. John W. Rushing, Rev. C. Everett Patton of Eudora.

Churches which will participate but for which assignments have not yet been announced are Elvins Circuit, Rev. Joe W. Hunter; Prescott Circuit, Rev. L. O. Lee; Ashdown, Rev. H. D. Ginther; Harmony, Texarkana Circuit, Rev. Virgil C. Bell; Doddridge Circuit, Rev. W. P. Walker; and Mineral Springs, Rev. Woodrow Smith.

Two men were sharing a seat in a train. One of them was no less than 80, but his eyes were keen, his laugh sounded young, and there was vigor in his every movement. The other man, about middle age, envied the stranger his youth.

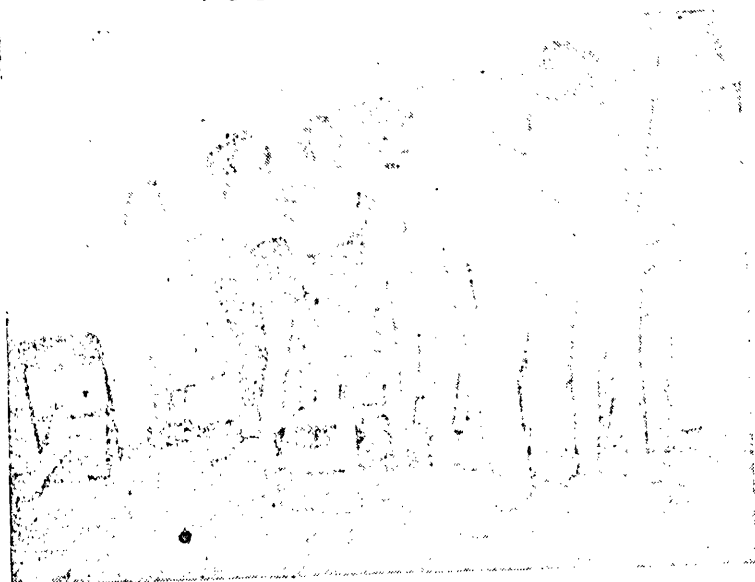
"What is the secret," he asked, "of your astounding vitality?"

The older man laughed with contentment. "I'm living," said he, "on the interest of a well-invested youth!" Highways of happiness.

METHODIST YOUTH

Georgia Daily, Editor

YOUTH AT WORK



The intermediate department of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, painted the basement of the old sanctuary of the church for their use as a recreation room. Shown working at the task are, left to right, Miss Helon Martin, educational assistant, Richard Elmore, Linda Yates, Carolyn Stewart, Ann Shellberg, Linda Buck, Eugenia Stewart, and Pat McLean.

BANQUET TO BE AT MAGNOLIA

The Columbia County Sub-district will meet at 7 p. m. Monday, November 30, at Magnolia for its annual Methodist Youth Fellowship banquet. The meeting will be at Magnolia Inn.

Dr. Connor Morehead, district superintendent of the Camden District, will be the principal speaker. Also invited are Ann Rice of Tillar, conference MYF president; Miss Dot Baber, conference director of youth work; Miss Georgia Daily, from the office of Methodist Information; the Rev. Charles Baughman, district director of youth work; and the Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretary of the conference Board of Education, and Mrs. Fawcett.

The evening's program will include a turkey dinner, group singing and special music.

Kelvin Wyrick of Magnolia is president of the sub-district.

DYER-MITCHELL SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Dyer-Mitchell Sub-district met November 9 at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Conway. The program was presented by George Schisler of Brazil, a student at Hendrix, who discussed life in his native country and showed slides.

Mary Ann Faris led the recreation. Martha Holloway had charge of the closing worship service.

The next meeting will be December 14 at Salem.

Pat Boydston is reporter for the group.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers of the Intermediate Youth Fellowship of Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, were installed Sunday night, November 15: President, Nancy Waddell; vice president, Sally Fouts; secretary, Annette Hooker; treasurer, Heddie Mullican.

The intermediate counselor is Miss Millie Lucas, Centenary College Student, from Baton Rouge.

ARKANSAS VALLEY REPORT MADE

The Arkansas Valley Sub-district Council, with 32 members present, met at the Clarksville Methodist Church October 22 and made plans for programs and meeting places for the rest of the year. Plans were also made to send an offering to the Methodist Children's Home at Little Rock.

The executive committee composed of Don Stumbaugh, president; Carl Lee, vice president; Clydette Hays, secretary; Patsy Loris, treasurer; Barbara McDaniel, publicity chairman and a counselor from each church met at Clarksville November 9 to make plans for the program area chairmen.

After the business meeting, the group was entertained with a chicken dinner at the Ford Hotel followed by group singing led by Barbara McDaniel.

The Arkansas Valley Sub-district held its monthly meeting at the Clarksville Methodist Church November 9 with 135 members present, breaking a two year attendance record.

Clarksville presented a program on Christian Vocations with five professional leaders speaking about their fields. They were Robert Potter, introduction; Glenn Pye, agriculture; Wert Wish, business; Mrs. Bill Simmons, nursing; O. D. Hightower, teaching; Mrs. Paul Bumpers, church vocations.

In the past two months, two churches, Grenades Chapel and Gar Creek, have organized new M. Y. F. These two members had a fine representation at the last meeting and we want to welcome them to our Sub-District.

NORTHEAST GROUP MEETS AT DELHI

The Delhi Methodist Youth Fellowship was host to the Northeast Sub-district meeting Sunday afternoon, November 15, when 47 young people and their counselors came together from five neighboring

NORTH ARKANSAS YOUTH COUNCIL TO MEET THIS WEEK

The Youth Council and adult workers with youth of the North Arkansas Conference will meet at Conway Friday and Saturday, November 27 and 28 for their annual training and planning session.

The meeting will be directed by Dr. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary of the conference Board of Education; the Rev. Pryor Reed Cruse, associate director of youth work in the conference; and Bill Goodloe of Fort Smith, conference Methodist Youth Fellowship president.

Among the features of the two-day program will be presentation of the new film strips on youth work.

Persons invited to the meeting include the district superintendents, district directors of youth work, members of the conference youth council, secretaries of youth in the conference and district Woman's Societies, and the presidents and coun-

cilors of the sub-districts.

Members of the council in addition to Goodloe are Jean Read, Helena, vice president; Joyce Cook, Harrison, secretary; Ann Faris, Conway, treasurer; Lynn McSpadden, Corn- ing, chairman of Christian Faith; Mary Sue Smith, North Little Rock, Christian Witness; Patsy Gentry, Searcy, Christian Citizenship; Janis Luginbuel, Lincoln, Christian Outreach; and James Simson, Paragould, Christian Fellowship.

District directors of youth work are the Rev. David P. Conyers, Batesville; Rev. R. A. Dorman, North Little Rock, Conway District; Rev. Arnold Simpson, Fayetteville; Rev. G. A. McKelvey, Earle, Forrest City District; Rev. Robert Paul Sessions, Van Buren, Ft. Smith District; Rev. Bennie Jordan, Monette, Jonesboro District; Rev. Robert Simpson, Imboden, Paragould District; and Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Beebe, Searcy District.

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Rayville was responsible for the worship program, a dramatization entitled, "Beating Swords Into?", written by Robert B. Powell. This drama portrayed the dilemma faced by youth today as they live in a time of war hysteria, and made suggestions as to ways the difficulties could be countered.

Following the worship, Juan Watkins, president of the sub-district, presided during a business session. Announcements were made concerning the district Career Clinic to be held in Monroe First Church December 4 and 5, and the Essay Contest, on the subject, "Gambling and Its Effect on Young People."

The following officers were elected to serve until June, 1954: Max Allen McDonald, Tallulah, president; George Purvis, Rayville, vice-president; Betty Norris, Rayville, secretary; Mary Alice Insley, Delhi, treasurer; Roy Horseman, Tallulah, counsellor. The program area chairmen remain unchanged.

The meeting closed with a period of recreation, and light refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Evans, Jr., are counsellors of the host church, and worked with the following commit-

SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN FOR MISSIONARY

A \$300 scholarship for a medical missionary student in India will be sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship of England. This project will be in addition to the regular contributions to the MYFund and pledge.

Adult sponsors of the group are Mrs. W. G. Rye, Mrs. Francis Ashcraft, Mrs. Lois Dickinson and John Green.

The Rev. John L. Hoover is pastor of the church.

tees for the sub-district meeting: Briggs Hopson, Jr., recreation; Mary Alice Insley and Juan Watkins, ins-ignia; Betty Shoemaker, registra- tion.

Methodist youth groups represented were Oak Grove, Tallulah, Rayville, Kilbourne, Epps, Delhi.

Upon invitation of the Epps youth group, the next meeting date was announced as the second Sunday afternoon at 3 in the Epps Methodist Church.

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OBITUARY

PETERS—A large group of people in Louisiana were saddened on Friday, November 6, 1953 by the passing of William Asbury Peters of Spring Creek, Louisiana. Mr. Peters was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. He came from a family of Methodists. Two of his brothers were Methodists ministers in Tennessee and preceded him in death. One of his two surviving brothers is Dr. Edmond Peters, president of Paine College, Augusta, Ga.

Mr. Peters was born at Burrville, Tenn., on October 3, 1882. He was a scion of the fourth generation of Peters in the U. S., his paternal grandfather having been born in Germany and as a mere boy he emigrated to this country, settling in Anderson County, Tenn. On the maternal side, he was a direct descendant of John Howland, one of the Pilgrim Fathers who came from England on the "Mayflower."

Mr. Peters was a school man and a good one. After finishing high school in Burrville, he taught four years in the schools of his native state. He came to Louisiana as principal of the Sunny Hill Grade School, in Washington Parish. Successively he was principal at Spring Creek, the Agricultural High School at Cheshbrough, then Natchitoches Junior High and Junior at Rosebud, all of the last four schools being located in Tangipahoa Parish.

He entered Teachers College at Louisiana State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree. Returning to the high schools of the state, he served two years as principal at Denham Springs and seven years at Zachary High School. The last 20 years of his school career were spent as teacher and principal in a number of schools in Alexandria, his last school being West End Grammar School where he was principal 13 years. During these last 25 years he returned to L. S. U. during the summers and completed his Masters of Arts degree. Altogether he taught 49 years before his retirement in July, 1952.

In 1911, Mr. Peters married Miss Winnie McDaniel of Kentwood, La., who died in July, 1950, at Alexandria, leaving no children. After his retirement in 1952 he left Alexandria to return to Spring Creek, La., to make his home, where he married Ivanita Conerly McDaniel who survives him.

Mr. Peters was a faithful and loyal supporter of our Methodist program. He stood behind the ministers of the churches where he held his membership. He enjoyed singing with the choirs. His membership went with him as he moved from school to school.

Besides his wife and brother in law, he is survived by another brother, Robert, a retired salesman, living in Tyler, Texas, and a host of nieces and nephews. —Garland C. Dean, Jr. Pastor

YOUTH AND OLD AGE TAX CHURCH PROGRAMS

Church leaders of all denominations are concerned with the rapidly-growing birthrate in the United States in recent years (3,889,000 babies born in 1952 and probably more than that in 1953) and with the inadequate facilities of most churches to care for the education and religious nurture of the children. In most of the major denominations there is a feverish effort being made to erect new churches and parish-educational buildings and thousands of older church plants are undergoing enlargement or modification to help meet new calls for service.

Now the churches are learning also that "at the other end of life" the needs for the church and its services are growing also.

"There are more persons over 70 years of age in America today than at any other period in her history," announces one life insurance company. Actuarial and health department figures show that from 1800 to 1900 the "life expectancy" of Americans rose from 40 to 47 years of age; but that from 1900 to the present time it has risen from 47 years to 68 years. With old age pensions, social security, and greater medical and surgical skill, it is pointed out, there are in the nation millions of healthy old people — not impoverished — but eagerly looking for something to do in their spare time. Especially do they need friends, fellowship, leisure-hour interests.

For this help a large proportion of their older people turn to the church, and in many cases find the churches unequipped to serve them.

Practically all the home mission agencies of the major churches are studying this new problem which they think will grow rather than lessen for the remainder of this century — and advising local churches on method of coping with it.

WARREN SOCIETY HAS QUARTERLY LUNCHEON

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with the president, Mrs. P. H. Herring, presiding.

The Fall Study Class has been changed to begin Sunday night, November 29 with classes to be held

three nights following. The theme of the Study is the "Life and Task of the Church Around the World." These classes are to be held at night so that all church members will have the opportunity to attend. There were forty-one in attendance.

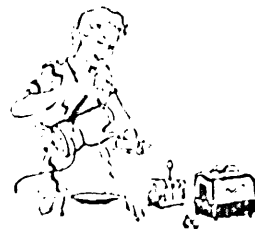
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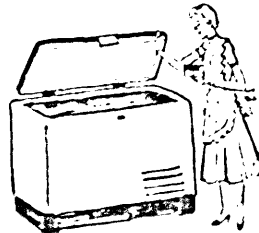


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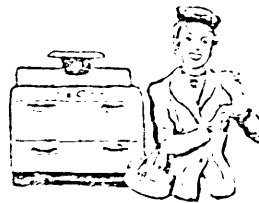
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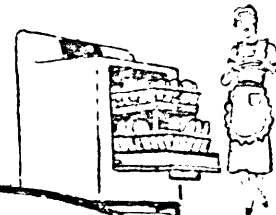
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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 6, 1953

GOOD GOVERNMENT—HOW?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Isaiah 31:1; Acts 5:17-24. Printed Text: Romans 13:1-10;
Acts 5:25-29.

MEMORY SELECTION: He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. (Isaiah 42:4)

This is the seventh lesson of UNIT II: "BIBLE TEACHINGS APPLIED TO WORLD PROBLEMS." It is well to keep in mind the aim of the unit: "To help adults apply the principles in selected Bible teachings to various world problems." The following problems have been dealt with thus far: The liquor traffic; the Christian home; Relationship of Church to community; Stewardship; Feeding the world; World of opportunity for all; and the lesson for today, "GOOD GOVERNMENT—HOW?" It will be noted that all of these are great problems. All members of various Sunday School classes will do well to study them carefully.

A Look At The Scriptures

We might do well to note briefly a passage or two that are in the assignment but not in the printed portion of our lesson text. We are doing this because these passages are so applicable to the general theme.

Our Greatest Source of Security — God

The first passage (Isaiah 31:1) gives a warning of nations depending altogether on human help, rather than looking to God. Israel was in great danger from the Assyrians and in the place of looking to God for help the nation's leaders turned to Egypt. In our day, we need to be very careful that we don't depend altogether on our military power and created implements of destruction and leave God entirely out of the picture. Other nations have made this mistake in other ages of the world and all, without a single exception, have gone down into defeat. It is well enough that we have these material resources, but in it all we must not forget God.

God Has Plans For The World

The next passage (Isaiah 42:2) emphasizes the fact that God has plans for this world. His chief objective is to see that justice is rendered everywhere. He will not fail or even be discouraged until this objective has been carried out. This passage is our memory selection. It was well selected for this particular lesson. Sometimes things go so badly that people are likely to lose heart, but when they know that God is under the load with them they can continue the struggle with assurance.

Some Bible scholars feel that the person spoken of here as not being discouraged is Jacob, or the nation of which he was the founder — Israel. Others feel that the passage refers to Cyrus the Great, who was founder of the Persian Empire, and was a great friend to the Jews. The Jewish scholars themselves, however, insist that it refers to the coming Messiah. As Christians, we can

well afford to accept this latter interpretation, but we feel that Jesus was the promised Messiah and that he has already come. It is wonderful to know that the living Christ is working in this world of fear, hatred, and confusion and that he will never cease until justice comes to the end of the earth.

Obedience To Constituted Authorities

The next passage (Romans 13:1-10) emphasizes the matter of obedience to constituted authorities. There are three different ideas as to the source of governmental authority. One is the idea that Paul expressed here. He felt that God is the source of the authority. His background naturally led him to this conclusion. He was a Jew and had been raised a Pharisee, which was the strictest sect of the Jews. They were strong believers in theocracy, which is a form of government in which God is thought to be the Ruler. The human being who occupies the highest place in this form of government is said to be God's regent or representative. It will be remembered that Paul had had no experience whatever with democracy. He was very favorable to the Roman Government for up to this time that government had protected the early Christian movement. At that particular time the Jews who remained faithful to Judaism were the greatest persecutors of the Christians. The Roman Government, which permitted religious freedom at that time, protected the Christians from those who would eliminate them. Later, however, the Roman Government under certain emperors turned persecutor and killed Paul himself.

This idea expressed by Paul was later on, badly abused in history. The theme in history is known as "the divine right of rulers." Many rulers, who were not religious in the least and who never raised any questions even with their own conscience as to whether or not they were ruling according to the will of God claimed to hold their authority by divine right.

On the whole, this passage contains some very good advice. Christians simply cannot afford to be habitual law-breakers. For the most part this is true even when the laws are bad. Take for example the law that permits the legal sale of liquor. All of us know that liquor is an unmitigated evil, and that far more of it is consumed when it is easily accessible through legal channels. We might feel like Carry Nation, and want to go out and destroy the stuff, but there are laws that protect these liquor peddlers, and as Christians we respect those laws. We should, however, work hard to

see that such bad laws are repealed. The legal sale of liquor is such a law.

Paul goes on to mention in detail some of the things we are to take into consideration in the matter of obedience. We are to "Pay all of them their dues, taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due." He further insisted that all debts of whatever nature be paid. He goes on to say, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law." The passage closes with this illuminating statement: "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Wherever there is sincere love between citizens the law of the land will be habitually kept.

Obedience To God Comes First

The next passage (Acts 5: 25-29) tells of an event that took place between the disciples and the Jewish Council or Sanhedrin. This was the Jewish court of seventy-one members counting the chief priest who was its president.

The Apostles had been teaching, preaching, and healing. Their popularity spread abroad and great crowds were coming to them. Many were being healed. The Apostles were arrested and thrown in jail. During the night they were miraculously released. They immediately went back to the temple and began to preach. The authorities not knowing that they had been released sent to the prison for them the next morning and learned that they were not there. They later found them preaching in the temple. They brought them before the Council and threatened to severely punish them if they did not cease to preach and teach in the name of Jesus. Then the writer goes on to say, "But Peter and the apostles answered, We must obey God rather than men . . ." This leads us to say that wherever a law is in direct opposition to the revealed will of God, Christians must stick with God's will rather than man-made laws. Obedience to God must come first. On this particular occasion the Apostles continued to do exactly what the authorities told them not to do; they continued to teach, preach, and heal in the name of Christ.

Other Sources Of Authority

We have already called attention to the one source of governmental authority — that is God. There are two other sources which are recognized by many people. One is that which is recognized by the Communists. They feel that the source of authority is the Community Party. Treason to them is opposition to this party. It seems perfectly reasonable and right to them that individuals who in any way oppose the party should be purged. This idea has led to several blood-paths behind the Iron Curtain.

The other source of authority is that which is set forth by Democracy. Democracy teaches that the people who are to be governed are the source of authority. The simplest statement of this type of government is found in Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech: "Government of the people, for the people, and by the people." It is government by the consent of those to be governed. It is authority granted by the people and, under circumstances, can be taken away by the people. It is the

world's greatest form of government. It grants more freedom than any other form of government.

Freedom Can Be Abused

Democracy grants a lot of freedom, and freedom is what we want. Thousands of people have died for our freedoms, and we must be careful that we do not sell them for a mess of pottage. Jesus once said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty, or give me death."

One thing we need always to bear in mind and that is the fact that Democracy grants freedom, but it does not determine how it shall be used. These freedoms might be used in doing wrong as well as right. Selfish people may take advantage of these freedoms and use them as a means for grinding the faces off of others. World War I was fought for the avowed purpose of making the world safe for Democracy. Those of us who love this form of government need to be careful that we make Democracy safe for the world. There is no form of government that can be so readily abused by sinful, selfish, and conniving individuals. Democracy seasoned with religion is the greatest form of government known to the mind of men, but without religion it might become a dangerous thing. Uncurbed selfishness can run wild and do a lot of harm. There is but one successful antidote to this selfishness and that is the true Christian way of life. The one point at which Christ was most different from others is in the fact that he was wholly unselfish. He was born for others; he lived for others; he died for others; he rose for others; he went back to the right hand of the Father and is now praying for others. The biggest word in the Lord's vocabulary was "others." It is only as people in a Democracy come to live for others that we have the assurance that the freedoms which this form of government grant will not be abused. Some years ago the writer read a statement that was supposed to have been made by the Great Philosopher Plato. Some one asked him what he considered to be the best form of government, and he replied "A benevolent dictatorship." He went on to explain that what he meant by that was a case in which the ruler looked upon himself as the father of his subjects, and governed them as a just parent would rule. There is one thing to bear in mind and that is that Plato came long before the time of Christ. He never knew what true Christianity could do in the way of conquering the spirit of greed and selfishness. The chances are that if he had come later and have had the opportunity of seeing Christian Democracy in operation he would have chosen it as the greatest form of government. At least, we know it to be the greatest form of government under which people have ever lived. If, however, we ever lose the spirit of Christianity out of our Democracy, it will fail. It will grant too many freedoms to be abused by greedy, selfish people.

Our Greatest Need

Our nation is slipping a bit. Political corruption, juvenile delinquency, gambling, drunkenness, and sex immorality are running rampant. All of these evils come from the common stem of materialism. Our greatest need today is a revival of interest in the spiritual values of life.

ARKANSAS METHODIST