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Circulation Campaign Materials Available

PREPARATIONS are just about complete in the office of "The Louisiana Methodist" for the Annual Area-Wide Circulation Campaign. Scheduled for January 10-17, district and local church leaders will give attention during this period to the renewing of subscriptions to this publication and the securing of new subscribers. The second week of January in each year is set aside by the three annual conferences of the Area for this purpose.

In some instances pastors and local church leaders will want to give attention to the Circulation Campaign ahead of the date set. For this reason many of the materials used in the Campaign are prepared ahead of time and made available to those requesting them. Pastors who desire such materials, report blanks, and a list of present subscribers may have these by requesting same from our office. Sample campaign envelopes have already been mailed to all pastors in the Area with a return envelope for requesting the number of envelopes needed. These envelopes are also available in any number needed.

The subscription price remains at \$2.00 with a \$1.50 rate available to those churches which send lists of all the contributing families in their congregations. These rates can only be maintained at this comparatively low rate as long as these publications continue to have a large circulation. Since January is a crowded month in the church calendar it is imperative that local church leaders make a special effort to conclude the circulation campaign during the prescribed time.

"Peace On Earth" Our Last Chance

TWO thousand years ago, at the birth of Christ, angels sang over the Judean hills, "On earth peace, good will toward men."

We have learned long years ago that this song of the angels was not a prophecy or promise of an early "peace on earth." Rather it seemed to be an expression of the will of God for the world He had created for whatever period in world history mankind is willing to accept God's plan for life.

When Jesus taught us to pray "Our Father," He planted in the human heart the idea of world brotherhood and world peace. That idea has been growing for two thousand years but no informed person needs to be told that we are yet far removed from either world brotherhood or world peace.

Instead, we seem to have come on a day when man must make "peace on earth" a reality or face the possibility of self-annihilation. The first and second World Wars were destructive beyond words to describe. Nevertheless, at the close of each of these terrible wars, mankind gathered up the fragments of our broken world and, amid growing suspicions, fears and hatreds, started to rebuild, while thinking some and talking much about world peace.

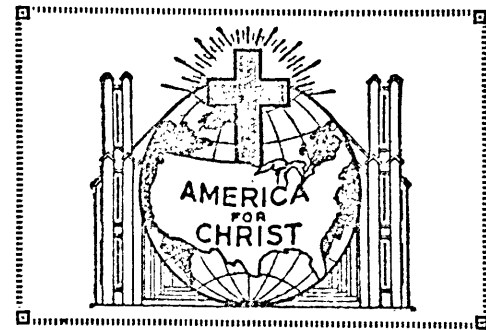
We had a chance, in the First World War, to see what total war can do to man. However, when it had closed, we selfishly, blindly squandered our opportunity to build a warless world and soon found ourselves in another World War more horrible and destructive than the first. In that war we had another chance to see what total war can and does do to humanity.

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The Pulpit Can Help-- To Promote Evangelism

BASICALLY there is little or no difference in the nature or ultimate objective of the work of evangelism and missions. However, in the common usage of the terms, they have, in our minds, come to have a difference in meaning. In general we use the word evangelism when we talk of the specific efforts a church makes to reach the unreached in the immediate area it serves. We commonly use the word missions to describe the work supported by local churches outside their territory and constituency whether that work be at home or abroad.

We usually think of evangelism as a direct effort, locally, to bring people to an immediate decision for Christ and Christian living. The work of missions, along with spiritual development, may include institutional work of various kinds to raise



the intellectual, physical, economic and cultural level of life of the people served. In this article we are thinking of evangelism in the common usage of the term.

It has not been so many years since the weight of the work of evangelism rested on the pulpit. Central in that was the sermon followed by a passionate appeal for an immediate decision by sinners and backsliders to accept the Christian way of life.

Today the pulpit appeal does not carry the larger weight of the work of evangelism. While the sermon is still important in the general work of evangelism, personal work and home visitation, largely by lay workers, is now the most effective and fruitful way of reaching those outside the church.

While the function of the pulpit in the work of evangelism has changed, the importance of the pulpit in evangelistic work has not changed. Non-professors of religion do not now regularly attend our Church services in numbers. Christian people, however, do attend. A vitally important service the pulpit can render in evangelistic work is to awaken Christian people to their personal responsibility for reaching the unchurched about them and give them training and guidance for the work.

Our United Evangelistic Missions combine preaching and personal evangelism in a new and effective manner. Methods in evangelistic work may change. Nevertheless, it is our feeling that, in The Methodist Church, the pulpit will always have an important part in promoting any form of evangelism Methodism may project.

Remember Our Children With A Christmas Offering

NEXT Sunday, December 20th is the time fixed for the offering for our children at The Methodist Children's Home. There is no work being done in our midst that makes a stronger appeal to our people than the group of children Methodism has accepted in our Children's Home. There is no question but that our people will respond with a liberal offering when the matter is presented to them in the Christmas season.

Every pastor should consider it a privilege to have a part in providing for the work being done by our Home. We have a wonderful group of children there who have had misfortunes for which they are in no way to blame. They deserve the chance in life that this Home can give them if our offerings are as liberal as they should be.

Every church that has not already done so should make a special offering for this cause next Sunday. Gifts for such a cause bless not only the children for whom they are intended but also the one who makes the gift.

People Need The Church

WE like the way that many of the leaders in Arkansas and Louisiana Methodism are going about in their preparation for the Attendance Crusade scheduled for January through Easter of next year. The seriousness with which they are preparing for this emphasis is an indication that this Crusade will have the desired results in the local churches of the Area. In studying the plans as adopted by the three conferences it is our conclusion that more than half of the battle is already won if the proper preparations and organization are completed on a local level. Many local church and district leaders are even now completing these preparatory measures.

We have been further impressed by a statement which we have heard pastors from both states make concerning the timeliness of this program. "This is just what my church needs. We should have done this a long time ago. Attendance by a larger number of our members would put new life in our church program." In our humble opinion the Attendance Crusade is the right program at the right time designed to meet a real need in the life of Methodism.

This word of caution should be said lest we emphasize one point to the neglect and even hurt of an equally important point. Church and Church School attendance should be emphasized because the church needs more people to participate in its worship, Christian education activities, and other functions. But of equal and oftentimes more importance, systematic Church and Church School attendance should be stressed because of what that attendance will mean to the people themselves who are led to a more active experience in the life of a local church. There are many casual church members who know full well that their church needs their prayers, presence and support, but they are not equally convinced that they themselves need the church and what it has to offer to them. People who are persuaded that they need what the church has to offer are usually systematic attenders at the worship services and church school activities. Where else can they get satisfying spiritual bread for the hungering soul? People need the church!

As one pastor put it, the Attendance Crusade
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News In Brief

The women of Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, cooperating with the Wesleyan Service Guild and W. S. C. S. have participated in three church-wide projects this year. The W. S. G. held a rummage sale in the Spring. Sales totaled \$234.

Mrs. George Queen, Miss Margaret McGowan, and Mrs. John Young, officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild, were in charge of a Minstrel Show held in October. Profits of this show were \$450.

Most recent project was a bazaar sponsored by the W. S. C. S. with the help of all women members of the church and their friends. Mrs. A. J. Beeh, President of the W. S. C. S. was General Chairman. The net proceeds were \$940.00.

Money received from these three projects was used to purchase a new G. E. refrigerator and a new stove for the church kitchen. The balance will go towards paying the Building Debt. Last year the ladies of the church, as the result of their bazaar, contributed \$1100.00 payment on this same debt.

A new Circle of the W. S. C. S. was organized in September, 1953, in Gentilly Woods, a new sub-division.

Preparations are being made for special Christmas parties for members of the Wesleyan Service Guild and all the Circles of the W. S. C. S.—Mrs. J. F. Reeks, Jr.

The Woman's Society of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, met at the church December 1 for the regular monthly business meeting and devotional. Circle 1 was hostess for a one o'clock luncheon.

Mrs. Lawrence Harvey was devotional leader, with Mrs. Luther Lemmons, Mrs. Arthur Williams, and Mrs. J. Y. Dollar participating. Mrs. Edwin Buckalew, president, had charge of the business meeting. Roll call was answered by 21 members and one guest.—Mrs. Fay Williams,

Christian Education:

NORTH ARKANSAS
CONFERENCE NOTES

1954 Arkansas' Pastors' School

September 6-10, 1954 is the date set for our next Pastor's School. Every pastor and district superintendent will want to get this date down in his schedule. Plans are being made to make this a great school. Already six outstanding leaders have been secured for the school.

Dr. Walter Williams of Denver, Colorado, has been secured for an Old Testament course.

Rev. Harold Ewing of the Youth Division of the General Board of Education is to offer a course on Youth Work.

Dr. Harry Barnett of Florida is coming for a course on Missions.

Dr. Henry Johnson of Emory University is to offer a course on Leadership in the Local Church.

Prof. Clark Ellzey of Columbia, Mo., will offer the course on Home and Church.

Dr. J. K. Benton of Nashville, Tenn., will be offering the course on Christian Beliefs.

We hope to have one additional course and an outstanding platform program.

Plans are being worked out for afternoon discussion groups. There are those who want such a special leadership for such groups. Some members of the faculty will lead such discussion groups.

Put this date in your schedule and plan to enjoy the rich fellowship and the rich educational program being offered.

Prairie Grove reports that they are finishing a great training school with more than fifty people enrolled. The pastor, Rev. S. O. Patty taught the course. This is a good way to have a great school.

Brightwater School

The Brightwater Church in the Fayetteville District reports a splendid school, November 30-December 2, with 34 course cards issued. Two courses were offered:

How to Teach in the Church School, Mrs. E. H. Hook.

Christian Stewardship, Rev. S. O. Patty.

Miss Fern Cook, pastor of this church, had the school well planned.

Student Recognition Day

The last Sunday in December is

Student Recognition Day. Programs have been placed with our pastors. If any pastor has failed to get a copy, or needs additional copies he should write General Board of Education, Division of Higher Institutions, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

The right use of Student Recognition Day can mean much in our churches in helping our young people to think rightly about college training. This can be a time for giving emphasis to the importance of Christian training.

Watch Night Service

Let us plan to use the night of December 31 as a great time for helping our people to prepare for the beginning of the new year emphasis on outreach. We need to bring our people to a deeper dedication. The right use of "WATCH NIGHT SERVICE" can add much to this program of development.

January is to be a great month of training work. Many formal training schools have already been listed for January.

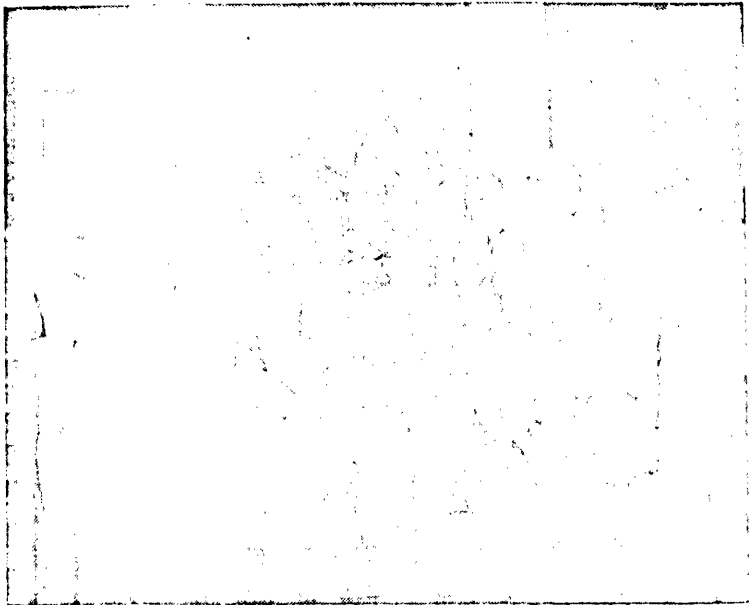
CHURCHES ASKED TO
RESIST TYRANNY,
HELP PREVENT WAR

CLEVELAND — (RNS) — The National Study Conference on the Churches and World Order urged churches to support resistance to the expansion of Soviet totalitarianism and to help prevent a third world war.

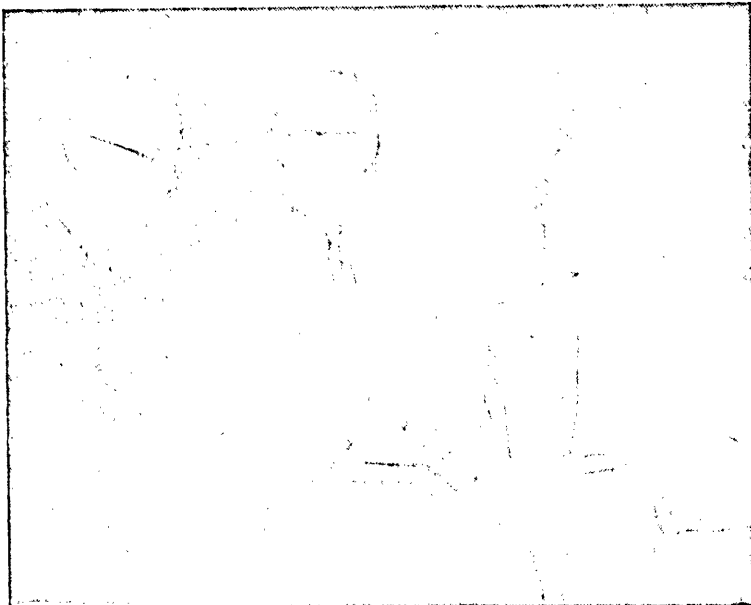
The plea was made in a "message to the churches" adopted by the Conference at its sessions here. The meeting was sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

The United States must be prepared, the message stated, not only to utilize all its resources to meet the twin threats of tyranny and war but pursue measures that may create a climate conducive to the establishment of peace and justice throughout the world.

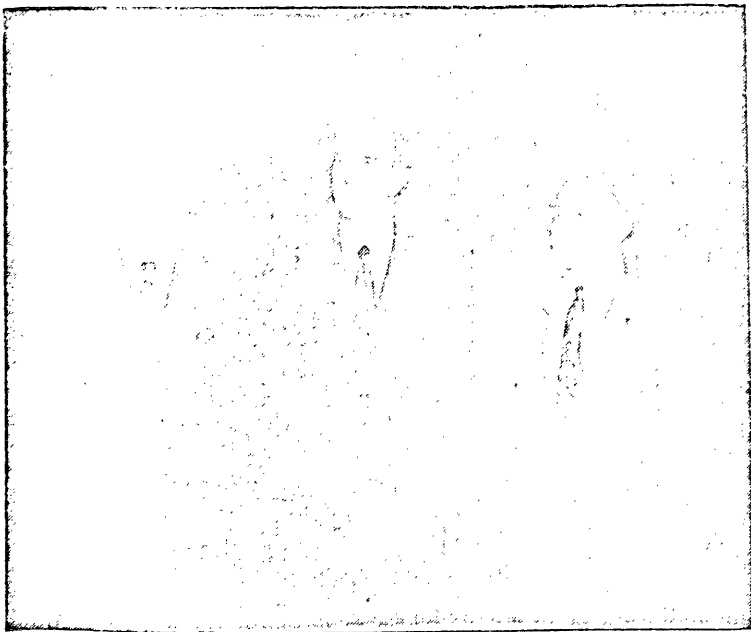
Although declaring that reconciliation between the free world and the Soviet was not impossible, the message acknowledged that "fundamental differences and mutual lack of confidence seemingly offers no immediate hope of reconciliation."



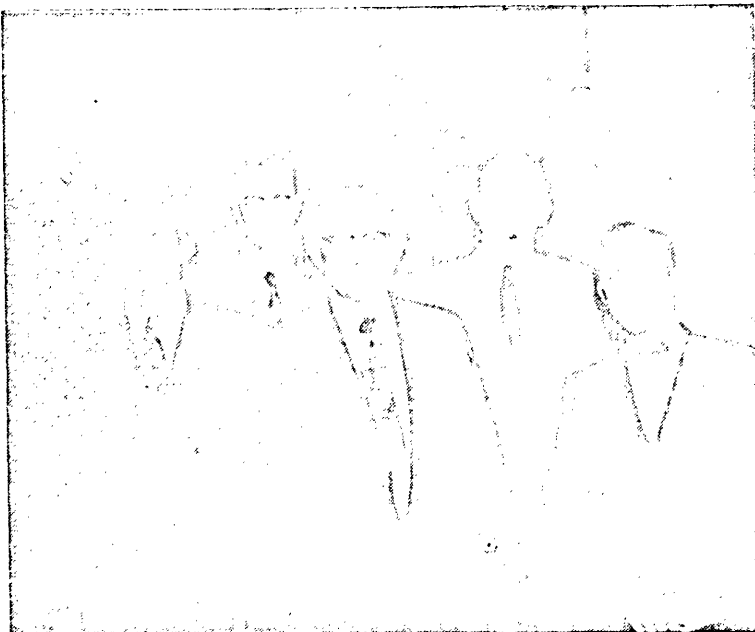
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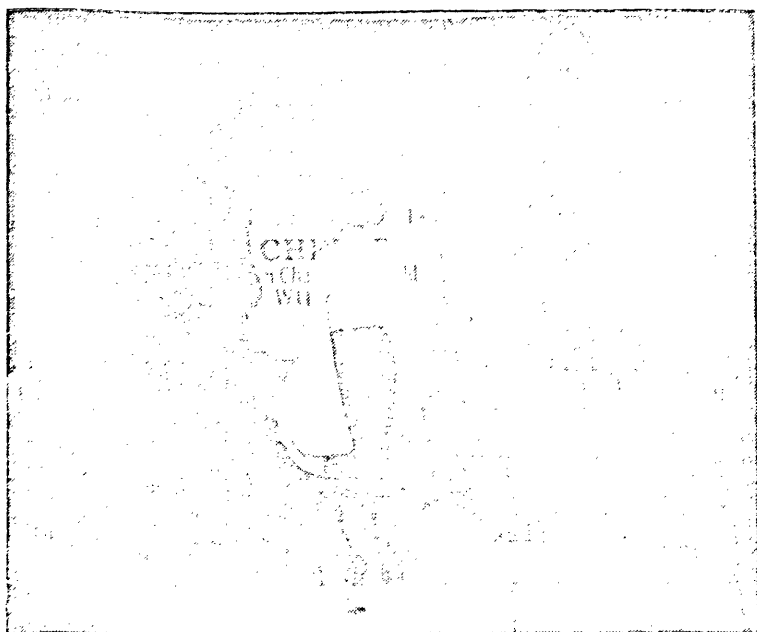
Inspirational Speakers



In Texarkana Churches



On Texarkana Circuit



Sub-District Youth Rally

Hope District UEM November 27 - December 6

THESE RESULTS . . .

Attendance	24,000
Visits	595
Additions:	
Profession of Faith	96
Transfer of Membership	88

FOLLOWED THEIR EFFORTS . . .

- Top left: The host ministers.
- Top right: Inspirational speakers, Dr. Arthur Terry, Dr. Cecil Culver, Rev. W. O. Byrd.
- Center left: In Texarkana churches, the Rev. George G. Meyer at College Hill; the Rev. Doyle T. Rowe at Fairview; the Rev. Fred W. Schwendimann at First Church.
- Center, right: On Texarkana Circuit, the Rev. Wesley Reutz at Harmony; the Rev. Winslow Brown at Few Memorial; the Rev. C. E. Lawrence at Pleasant Hill; the Rev. W. O. Byrd at Rondo; the Rev. Virgil C. Bell, host pastor.
- Bottom, left: One of the five sub-district rallies, with a total of 304 in attendance.

(Methodist Information Photos)

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. WILLIAM SHERMAN of Fayetteville will spend Christmas with his son, Selwyn Sherman in Statesboro, Georgia. Brother Sherman called at the Methodist office on Monday of this week on his way to Georgia.

JIM RANDLE, son of Mrs. Randle and the late Rev. J. R. Randle, member of the North Arkansas Conference, was licensed to preach at the recent District Conference of the Forrest City District which met in West Memphis.

MEMBERS of the Ft. Smith Area Methodist Ministers' Breakfast Conference were guests of Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor of First Church, Ft. Smith, for breakfast at Goebel's Restaurant on Monday morning, December 7.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces that effective January 1 Rev. W. B. Yount will be appointed to the Cherry Valley Circuit. He has been serving the Brookland Circuit. Rev. Alfred F. Blair, a supply, will go to Brookland from Cherry Valley.

REV. RICHARD IRVIN, newly-appointed staff member of the General Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church with headquarters in Washington, D. C., preached at the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, on Sunday, December 6. The subject of his message was "Echoes From You."

REV. COY E. WHITTEN is in the Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, where he is slowly improving. Mrs. Whitten is staying with their daughter, Mrs. Inez Sanders at 415 N. Spruce, Little Rock. She reports that Brother Whitten is in Room 295 in the hospital and is happily situated.

REV. L. C. BEASLEY, former member of the Little Rock Conference and now a retired member of the Southwest Texas Conference, writes that he can give some time to holding revivals. He says: "Some may need such services as I can give during our Methodist Crusade between now and Easter. They can write me at Austin, Arkansas, Route 1."

REV. JAMES I. SPAINHOWER, pastor of the First Christian Church, Fayetteville, was guest preacher at the Wiggins Memorial Methodist Church of Fayetteville, on Sunday evening, December 6. The membership of the First Christian Church were guests at the service. Rev. Arnold Simpson is pastor of Wiggins Memorial Church.

LOCAL PREACHER'S LICENSE was granted to Tom Cowan and C. S. Laster, both members of the First Methodist Church, Eureka Springs, at the recent District Conference of the Fayetteville District which was held at Bentonville. Mr. Cowan has been superintendent of schools at Eureka Springs and Mr. Laster was an elder in the Southern Methodist Church. Rev. Charles W. Lewis is pastor of First Church, Eureka Springs.

THE SANCTUARY of the new \$125,000 Methodist Church at Bentonville was filled to overflowing at the formal opening on Sunday morning, December 6. The service was in charge of the pastor, Rev. Hubert E. Pearce, assisted by Rev. William Sherman, who was presiding elder of the Fayetteville District some 40 years ago, and Rev. Elmer H. Hook, the newly appointed district superintendent. A communion service was held at the evening hour.

A RECEPTION will be given on Sunday evening, December 20, from 6:00 to 7:00, preceeding the evening service in the dining room of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Floyd William Price, for members and friends of the church. The reception is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mr. and Mrs. Price are missionaries to India and will be supported by the First Methodist Church.

MILTON ARTHUR UMSTED, a leader in the First Methodist Church of Newport, died in

a Newport hospital on Sunday, December 6. He was 70 years old. Mr. Umsted was born at La-Crosse, Arkansas, and was the son of the late Rev. M. B. Umsted who organized the First Methodist Church and the Umsted Memorial Church at Newport. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and two sons. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Newport, on Tuesday, December 8, with the pastor, Rev. Guy C. Ames, officiating.

CHAPLAIN RAY D. SEALS, sending a Christmas card, writes: "Just a note to let you know I have been assigned to Dachau, Germany. My chapel was built by Nazi prisoners during World War II. Nearby stand the old hanging tree and the cruel crematorium. The horror of the past seems unbelievable now as we assemble for Sunday School and church. I hold three services each Sunday and on special days. We are having two Christmas trees for our children and four for our German children. Will be a busy time. Merry Christmas to you and all the people of Arkansas Methodism."

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN was one of 58 bishops of the Methodist Church who attended the Council of Bishops meeting at Epworth-by-the-Sea, Saint Simons Island, Ga. The meeting began Tuesday, December 8, and closed Friday, December 11. Sessions of the Council were held at Saint Simons Yacht Club, the Cloister Hotel, and at Epworth-by-the-Sea, a Methodist resort. Epworth-by-the-Sea is of particular interest to Methodists because it was in this section that John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism, lived for a time and did missionary work. Bishop William C. Martin, president of the Council and resident bishop of the Fort Worth-Dallas Area, presided at the sessions.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE ON "CHURCH OF THE AIR"

A special children's Christmas service, with the sermons, prayers and benediction written and read by children of various churches and faiths, will be presented by CBS Radio's "Church of the Air" SUNDAY, DEC. 20.

All sermons were written by children of St. James Episcopal Church, with children from Baptist, Congregational, Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, Moravian and Russian Orthodox churches in New York leading the worship.

The Youth Bell Choir of the Brick Presbyterian Church will provide all music for the broadcast. The bell choir is traditionally heard in England. The idea, inspired by Dr. Clarence Dickinson, organist at Brick Presbyterian Church, was introduced in this country in 1946. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Doris Watson.

PEOPLE NEED THE CHURCH

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is a program to re-church the unchurched in the church. Talk up the Crusade; ask your pastor what you can do to help. Give God A Chance To Work Through You and Now!

"PEACE ON EARTH" OUR LAST CHANCE

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After these experiences, we now have another chance to build the kind of world the angels sang about two thousand years ago. The alarming, frightening thing about this chance we now have to build a peaceful world, according to the general consensus of opinion, is that it is our last chance. A Third World War would leave no opportunity for second guessing.

The First World War was fought "To make the world safe for democracy." That idealism was lost in the Second World War and we fought "A war for survival." If we bungle this, our last chance for world peace, and total war comes again, we will be fighting simply a war of retaliation in which there will be little hope of even the "survival" of a world worth living in.

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WHOM CAN WE TRUST?

A postmaster in a small town once owned a St. Bernard dog. This dog possessed physical strength and unusual intelligence. He was a one-family dog and became the devoted protector of the youngest daughter of the family. The huge creature would follow the little girl wherever she went.

He slept outside her bedroom door. Occasionally he prowled through the house, just to be sure that no one molested his master and his "flock."

His great shaggy head and superb dignity won the hearts of the neighbors.

One day the owner said to a friend: "This dog seems to think. Somehow he has become a sort of anchor here in our family. He has revived faith in this household." The father wanted to demonstrate his faith in his dog.

One morning he took his friend, his small daughter and the dog to the railroad station. Half a mile down the track, the engineer pulled the whistle cord.

The father placed his little daughter on the rails. He said, "I want you to see the faith I have in our St. Bernard." To his friend the thing seemed preposterous.

The dog, alarmed at the danger, leaped to the rails. He snatched the child by an arm and deposited her safely on the platform.

That father's act may be so extreme as to seem foolish. A dog's fidelity, beautiful as it is, can hardly be counted on in life's exigencies.

A certain trust in oneself is essential to success. Horace, the old Roman poet, had a kernel of truth when he said: "He who relies on himself is the leader to guide the swarm."

We all know persons whose faith in themselves serves them as the whiskers of a cat serve that animal. I have no inside information on this subject, and I may be wrong, but my understanding is that a cat's whiskers enable it to tell whether a hole is large enough for it to get through. Some people have a faith which makes them feel confident they can get through a situation.

This helps—but it is not a faith worthy enough and strong enough for these times. I cannot trust completely my conscience, my will, or my strength. I need God these days to keep me from drifting.

Likewise, our faith in our fellowmen is good—but not good enough. If I received a telegram tomorrow that someone dear to me had just died, I could not comfort myself by going out for a walk to look at the men I met on the street.

When I walk through the "valley of the shadow of death," it is not the crowd which comforts me. Nor is it enough to know that other people are going through the same sorrows. I need to feel the care of a Divine Shepherd.

Faith is an anchor—faith in ourselves, in our fellows and in our nation. All these are not secure, however, unless our anchors of faith lay hold on the rock bottom, which is God. As we draw near to Christmas, let us drop anchor in the Bible's promise: "The Eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Think what life would be in a land like Russia, whose leaders do not believe in God. How far could we trust dictators who recognize no higher law than their own desire? Who could be sure what the law would be tomorrow? What trust could one put in the future?

When I was in Russia seven years ago, I could feel the fear and uncertainty which hung like a pall over the people. I saw the peasants crowding the churches, because they knew that the promises of godless dictators are not enough to live by and die by.

President William McKinley once tapped his desk in the White House

EVANGELISM BOARD
REPORTS MEMBERSHIP
GAIN

Evangelistic missions throughout the nation this year gained the Methodist Church 183,790 members, it was reported by the denomination's Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

The results of 43 city and regional campaigns numbered 113,395 persons received by profession of faith and 71,595 membership transfers, it was announced by the Rev. Dr. Harry L. Williams, the board's director of evangelistic missions.

The special missions this year were part of a world-wide observance of the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism.

"When the results of local church and numerous district campaigns are tabulated I am sure American Methodism will have reached its 1953 goal of 250,000 new members through special evangelistic efforts," said Dr. Harry Denman, the board's executive secretary.

A report to the board's executive committee by Dr. Williams shows steady annual gains in new church members attributed to the Methodist program of united evangelistic missions.

The program was initiated in Philadelphia in December, 1949, resulting in 8,074 commitments. The nation-wide series of missions registered 44,421 commitments in 1950, advanced to 82,009 in 1951, and 105,919 in 1952.

The usual pattern is for Methodist churches of a city, district or state to join in a simultaneous effort, featuring an exchange of pastors, mass rallies, and intensive home visitation by laymen.

The Office of Business Economics, has estimated that total expenditures of consumers for alcoholic beverages in the U S in '52 were over \$9.5 billion. This was an increase of \$770 million since '48. —Dep't of Commerce report.

and said, "No man will ever sit here who does not believe in God." What confidence it gives us in lands like Canada and the United States, to have leaders who look up to a Higher Power!

Read again the motto on our coins: "In God we trust." And take heart.

EVANGELISTIC LEADERS TO
ASSIST EUROPEAN
CAMPAIGN

Three officials of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., will go to Europe in 1954 to help conduct a four-country evangelistic campaign.

At the invitation of Methodist Bishop Odd Hagen, Stockholm, Sweden, the board will send its president, Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, and two Nashville executives, Dr. Harry Denman, secretary, and Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of "The Upper Room," international devotional guide.

Bishop Hagen, who visited the board headquarters while in this country to attend a meeting of the Methodist Council of Bishops, December 8-11 at St. Simons Island, Ga., said the evangelistic missions will be held in February and March in Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway.

The Methodist constituency in those countries numbers about 100,000 persons, including children, Bishop Hagen said. "We are small but effective," he said, and pointed out that Scandinavian Methodists have the best record in the denomination for per capita financial support of missionary work.

Communism is weak and presents no major threat to freedom in Scandinavia, Bishop Hagen said. In the Balkan states, however, there has been no contact with Methodist churches since 1940, he commented. "We can only hope that our Methodist leaders there are still alive," Bishop Hagen said.

While in Nashville he also conferred with Bishop Roy H. Short, who will represent American Methodism in an episcopal visitation of Europe next summer.

Bishop Short will be the guest of Bishop Hagen during the annual conference of Swedish Methodists, and also visit in Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, Italy and possibly Spain.

MOST IMPORTANT MECHANISM IN NATIONAL DEFENSE

Eleanor Neill, Director of Legislation

Arkansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union

In telling last week of plans for the Army, Navy, and Air Force to sell liquor I quoted a national leader as saying, "If there is any branch of the military which needs clear heads and perfect control it is the Air Force."

This was brought forcibly home to those of us who on December 8 attended the groundbreaking for the Strategic Air Command base near the center of our State (off Highway 5, near Jacksonville, and 12 miles from North Little Rock.) There with the aid of the writings of Major Willars Hawkins, an authority on the subject, we could foresee the B-47 bombers start on their missions. As they travel at 600 miles per hour no human eye can follow them more than a part of a second. Within a tiny compartment supplied with oxygen and instruments for flying and bombing three men stay in their assigned positions. They are to protect our country in case of an atom bomb attack (which, God grant, may never be made).

"It takes split second coordination to fly today's bombers," says Major Hawkins. . . "You can't overestimate the split-second timing, the hair-splitting navigation, and the superb pilot-

ing that go into a B-47 mission."

So the success of the Strategic Air Command, as well as the success of all military plans and efforts depends on the caliber of the men who direct and carry them through. They must obey the known laws of physics, chemistry, metallurgy, electric engineering, and other sciences. Thus they bring forth the secrets of nature and achieve triumph over her domain of space and even of time.

The mechanism of the bomber machines is beyond a layman's power to describe, but he is aware of its priceless value to the flyers and to the country as a whole. Yet there is another mechanism of far greater intricacy, worth, and power to serve, — a mechanism on whose integrity all safety and success of Air Command and all other human efforts depend, — the human nervous system.

This bit of machinery, which is at one and the same time the animating system, the learning system, and the control system of the body, also operates under known laws. One of these is that it suffers stupefaction when any narcotic drug enters the blood stream, and is thus

unable to do its work.

A just evaluation of the worth of this mechanism and just provision for its care and health seems to be overlooked by a leader in the Department of Defense, the Assistant Secretary who said he made the decision for liquor to be sold in officers' messes. This means that the government will promote drinking by making liquor accessible and put its seal of approval by selling various brands of liquor. This also means that the nervous system of every man who drinks will be disorganized for a time at least and the delicate machinery damaged to a degree.

This will be an especially dangerous thing for men in the Air Force — there are to be 7,000 at the base in Arkansas. Does not this put a special responsibility on the citizens of our State to use every means possible to have rescinded the directive of the defense Department which has resulted in uniform regulations of the Army, Navy, and Air Force for sale of liquor in officers' open-messes and sale of beer in installations for enlisted men?

We can do as did Thomas Jefferson,—write letters. His efforts in this line at one time is said to have changed the history of our country.

Will every citizen of Arkansas who esteems the service of our Air Force and the welfare of the men who will serve at the base here write the President and the Secretary of Defense urging prohibition of all alcoholic drink in military installations.

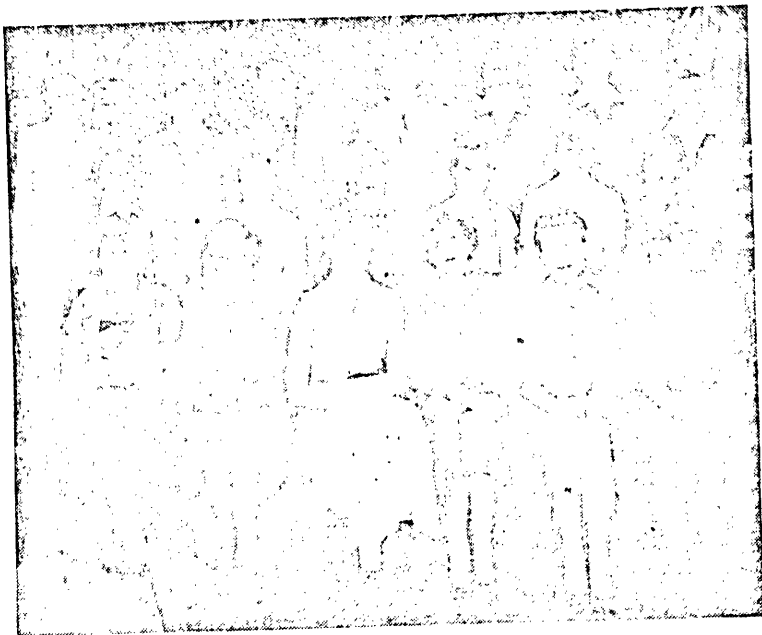
North Arkansas Conference Treasurer's Report

JUNE 15 TO DECEMBER 7, 1953

	World Service and Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Dist. Supt.'s Fund	Gen. Jurisd. and Inter-denom.	Minim. Salary Fund	World Communion	Ad- vance Spe- cials
BATESVILLE DISTRICT								
BATESVILLE: First	\$1620.00	\$49.98	\$456.00	\$265.00	\$62.52	\$85.98		\$
Central Ave.	607.50	40.04	320.02	200.02	47.54	48.00		
BETHESDA	50.00		144.00	90.00				
Cushman	1.00	.75		4.00	1.35	1.00		
FLAT ROCK	1.00	.75	1.75	4.00	.75	.75		
Iuka	1.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	1.00		
Spring Creek	1.00	.75	2.00	4.50	1.00	1.30		
Wideman							11.00	
CAVE CITY	23.50	3.50	28.00	20.00	2.00	2.50	5.00	
Sidney	10.75			8.25				
Palestine	25.00		30.00	25.00	6.00	10.00	4.00	
GRANGE	5.00		10.70	4.00				
Gray's Chapel	4.68		4.60		5.00	3.00	8.00	
Hickory Valley	7.00		9.00		4.00		7.00	
Lees Chapel								
Mt. Tabor	14.73	1.35	4.50	3.40				
CHARLOTTE	25.00							
Cave Creek		6.25	52.00	25.00	4.75			
Oak Ridge	2.50		7.50	10.00				
Sharpe	100.00	14.50	134.00	82.50	11.15	18.75	10.00	
COTTER	100.00	6.00	100.00	100.00	11.00	10.00	60.00	
DESHA	58.00	3.00	20.00	15.00	2.00			
McIntee	5.25	1.75	5.00					
Jamestown	17.50	2.84	26.00	13.75			6.72	
Salado								
EVENING SHADE	14.00	2.00	15.00	11.00	1.00		5.00	
Asa Flat	56.50	8.25	88.00	55.00	15.00	15.00		
MELBOURNE	22.00	1.40	13.00	8.26	2.00	.76		
Forrest Chapel	7.00	1.18	10.50	6.00	2.00	2.00		
Franklin		.25	2.00	1.25				
Newburg	5.00	2.62	20.00	13.00	2.00	2.00		
Guion	20.00	2.10	20.00	12.00	4.00	1.50		
New Hope	22.00	2.30	16.00	12.00	2.50	3.00		
Oxford	3.50	.75	4.00	2.50	.44	.34		
Philadelphia	37.00	4.00	30.00	19.24	3.50	3.50	3.14	
Wiseman	120.00	13.12	120.00	75.00	8.50	10.50	8.00	50.00
MOOREFIELD	135.00							
Asbury	7.50	2.65	12.00	7.50	2.00	1.00		
FAIRVIEW	35.00	7.00	32.00	40.00	8.00	1.40		
Gassville	5.00	1.00	8.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	6.00	
Midway	62.50	12.00	96.00	60.00	9.25	9.87	10.00	
MOUNTAIN VIEW	10.00	1.50	12.00	7.50	2.00	1.76	11.95	
St. James			384.00					
NEWARK	525.00	26.25	240.00	150.00	31.25	45.50		
Weldon	75.00	7.00	57.50	36.00	10.00			
NEWPORT, First	100.00	16.00	160.00	100.00	8.00		12.00	
Oil Trough	20.00		40.00	25.00			11.50	
OAK GROVE	33.75	4.38	40.00	25.00	2.50	3.00		
PLEASANT PLAINS	16.75	2.50	20.00	12.50	1.25	1.50		
Corner Stone	145.00	48.00	165.00	100.00	37.00			
SALEM	2.00			2.00				
Camp	2.00			2.00				
Mt. Pleasant	10.00	1.76	16.00	10.00	27.00		29.72	
SULPHUR ROCK	43.40		291.00	70.00	7.50	10.00		
SWIFTON	87.50	9.80	78.40	49.00	4.00	10.00	19.18	
Alicia	41.00	10.00	55.00	50.00			3.35	
Strangers Home	500.00	74.00	532.00	370.00			2.00	
TUCKERMAN					4.00	2.00	3.00	
Hope	26.00	5.25	40.00	25.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	
VIOLA	24.00	2.50	24.00	15.00	2.00	.50		
Bexar	4.50	.50	4.00	2.50	1.00	1.00		
Hebron	8.00	1.00	8.00	5.00	1.00	1.00		
Mt. Calm	4.50	.50	4.00	2.50	1.00	.50		
Corinth	50.00	14.00	112.00	70.00	10.00	14.00	6.50	
BULL SHOALS	18.00	6.00	32.00	20.00	2.00		2.00	
Cedar Grove	8.00	2.00	8.00	5.00	1.00			
Pleasant Ridge								
TOTAL	\$5070.57	466.02	4266.27	2410.77	363.75	485.65	205.54	220.00
GOLDEN CROSS: Umsted Mem. \$10.00.								
RACE RELATIONS: Salem \$10.00.								
STUDENT DAY: Viola \$2.00, Bexar \$1.00, Mt. Calm \$1.00.								
CONWAY DISTRICT								
DIST. SUPT., et al	\$	\$	\$64.50	\$	\$	\$152.50	\$	\$155.60
ATKINS	27.50	3.00	60.00	35.00	6.00	10.50	13.57	
BELLEVIEW		12.00		60.00	10.00	9.00	3.00	
BETHEL	8.38							
Cato	1500.00	60.00	493.75	285.00	55.00	147.00	48.46	
CONWAY: First	93.75	16.20	133.25	83.25	16.75	12.70		
Wesley Memorial	300.00	30.00	240.00	225.00	35.00	45.00	13.00	
DANVILLE	100.00	42.00	328.00	205.00	35.00	62.00		
DARDANELLE	18.00							
DOVER	60.00	5.20	41.00	25.00	6.00	8.55	7.30	
BLUFFTON	45.00	14.00	100.00	75.00	8.00	8.00		
GREENBRIER	15.00	2.50	20.00	12.50	3.00	1.25		
Republican	300.00	25.00	100.00	75.00	25.00	30.00	70.00	200.00
MORRILTON	5.00	1.00	8.00	5.00				
CLEVELAND	26.50	2.50	24.00	15.00	3.00	1.00		
Soligohachia							2.50	
Lanty	7.50	1.50	12.50	11.00	1.00			
Overcup	10.00	2.40	19.20	12.00	2.00			
MT. CARMEL	10.00	4.00	22.00	10.00	4.00			
Cypress Valley	20.00	5.00			5.00		13.90	
NAYLOR								
Oakland	10.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	3.00			
Mt. Vernon	1749.96	57.43	522.00	330.00	62.45	174.00	77.00	
NO. LITTLE ROCK: First	750.00	54.00	473.00	270.00	54.95	123.45	60.00	
Gardner Mem.	125.00	18.00	176.00	90.00	17.50	77.00		
Levy	50.00				5.00			
Rose City	37.50	23.80	248.20	144.00	26.80	17.60		
Sylvan Hills	237.50	22.50	213.78	112.50	21.25	8.00	10.55	
Washington Ave.	85.00							
OLA	10.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	4.00	14.75	3.00	
Birta	19.00	2.75	24.00	15.00	14.00	8.50	9.25	
PERRY	114.00	14.00	112.00	70.00				
Perryville	8.00	4.00	16.00	10.00	4.00			
ADONA	4.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	2.00		4.33	
Bigelow	7.50	3.00	24.00	15.00	2.00			
Houston	50.00	13.00	123.50	81.00	13.00	8.00	25.00	
PLAINVIEW	10.00	2.00	28.50	15.00	2.00	.50	4.35	
ST. PAUL	10.00	3.00	24.00	14.50	2.00	.50	4.35	
Center Valley	15.00	4.50	30.00	17.00	3.00	1.50		
Moreland	89.00	12.00	225.00	150.00	12.00	12.00		
POTTSVILLE	1500.00	52.50	480.00	300.00	50.00	155.00		
RUSSELLVILLE	106.00	16.00			9.00		50.00	
VILONA	20.00	2.00	16.00		1.00	1.00		
Graham Chapel	6.25	2.00	17.00	10.00				
WALTREAK	\$7610.34	545.83	4718.78	2908.75	512.92	1212.15	362.16	455.69
TOTAL								
GOLDEN CROSS: Danville \$12.00, Morrilton \$25.00, North Little Rock First \$50.00, Washington Ave. \$8.25.								
METHODIST YOUTH: Youth Assemblies \$39.05, Conway First \$71.23, Danville \$12.00, Gardner Mem. \$33.00, Washington Ave. \$12.40, Salem \$10.00.								
RACE RELATIONS: Danville \$12.00, North Little Rock First \$100.00, Washington Ave. \$8.25.								
WEEK OF DEDICATION: Danville \$13.00, Washington Ave. \$6.25.								
STUDENT DAY: Conway First \$200.00, St. Paul \$1.00, Center Valley \$1.00, Moreland \$1.00.								
THOUSAND CLUB: Naylor \$10.00, North Little Rock First \$290.00, Gardner Memorial \$20.00, Rose City \$40.00.								

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT										\$ 50.00
DISTRICT	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ALPENA										16.60
Omaha					25.00					16.90
BLAND CHAPEL										3.00
BENTONVILLE	540.00	42.00	336.00	210.00	33.00	59.50				6.50
COUNCIL GROVE	61.00	5.00	60.00	20.00						1.00
Mt. Hebron	17.00	3.50	29.00	13.00	4.00	2.00				26.65
Oakley Chapel	64.30	5.00	40.00	25.00	7.00	2.00				1.00
New Home	41.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	1.00					
BERRYVILLE	300.00	40.00	320.00	200.00	50.00	96.00				
Shloh	7.00	1.00	9.50	6.00	2.00	1.00				
BRIGHTWATER MEM.	42.50	18.00	148.50	90.00	10.00	15.00				12.55
Avoca	21.00	5.00	20.00	10.00	13.00	3.00				25.00
CENTERTON	61.50	22.64	183.30	113.31	15.77	33.00				40.00
DECATUR	35.00	48.00	324.00	40.00	20.00	49.60				5.00
ELM SPRINGS	84.50	12.00	109.00	60.00	12.00	24.00				10.50
Harmon	179.00	10.50	96.00	60.00	11.00	12.00				25.50
Robinson	3.50	.50	4.00	2.50	.50					
Thornberry	5.00	1.00	8.00	5.00	2.50	1.00				
EUREKA SPRINGS	185.00	25.00	250.00	150.00	6.00	6.00				10.00
FARMINGTON	40.00	8.00	70.00	40.00	4.00	1.00				10.00
Rhea	20.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	87.96	122.52				3.00
FAYETTEVILLE, Central	227.96	78.00	936.00	370.00	50.00	84.00				50.00
Wiggins Memorial	163.75	72.00	238.00	180.00	39.00	24.00				32.11
GENTRY	162.00	54.00	216.00	130.00	9.00	22.00				32.00
GOSHEN	40.50	17.50	170.50	100.00	15.50	32.00				13.00
GRAVETTE	169.00	24.00	192.00	120.00	6.00	8.00				15.40
GREEN FOREST	88.23	16.00	75.00	60.00	2.00	1.00				17.41
Pinney	7.00	1.50	12.00	7.50	6.00	1.60				3.75
LINCOLN		28.00	90.00	140.00	21.00					42.00
Summers	7.50		17.00	18.00						2.60
HUNTSVILLE										12.50
Prosley Chapel	41.00	5.00	24.00	15.00	5.00	4.00				
BRANNON MEMORIAL		2.00		10.00	4.00					
Delancy	10.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	2.00					5.00
Elkins	20.00			23.00						
Nickells Memorial		3.00	31.00	13.00		10.00				
St. Paul	14.00	3.00	30.00		5.00					
MORROW	34.00	5.00	48.00	25.00	4.50	8.00				14.75
Evansville	27.00	8.00	32.00	24.00	3.00	1.00				26.07
PEA RIDGE	42.00	12.00	120.00	75.00	10.00	8.00				19.93
Tuel's Chapel	12.00	1.50	12.00	7.50	2.00	1.00				6.25
RAIRIE GROVE	378.00	33.00	262.50	165.60	22.50	37.50				30.00
ROGERS, Central	675.00	50.00	432.50	250.60	41.50	73.50				251.00
SILGAM SPRINGS	875.00	50.00	437.50	250.00	44.00	123.00				150.00
SPRINGDALE, First	705.00	53.00	449.00	265.60	88.00	105.00				
SPRINGTOWN	15.00									
Highfill	18.50	3.25	26.00	16.25	2.50	1.00				
SULPHUR SPRINGS	92.00	13.00	92.00	53.00	9.00	18.00				21.50
TOTAL	\$ 7672.70	787.89	6063.80	3429.00	676.73	1097.52				630.90
GOLDEN CROSS: Bentonville \$50.00, Brightwater \$40.00, Eureka Springs \$8.00, Farmington \$4.00, Gentry \$5.00, Silgum Springs \$5.00, Sulphur Springs \$3.00.										
METHODIST YOUTH: Bentonville \$12.50, Brightwater \$40.00, Eureka Springs \$8.00, Farmington \$4.00, Gentry \$5.00, Silgum Springs \$5.00, Sulphur Springs \$3.00.										
STUDENT DAY: Farmington \$10.00, Rogers Central \$25.00.										
THOUSAND CLUB: Elm Springs \$10.00, Green Forest \$20.00, Rogers Central \$80.00, Silgum Springs \$170.00.										
FORREST CITY DISTRICT										\$ 40.00
AUREY	\$ 100.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 16.00	\$	\$	\$	
Moro				40.00						14.00
Rendo	33.00	5.00	35.00	22.00	7.00	6.00				
Ebenezer	10.00		15.00	10.00	6.00	5.00				
BRINKLEY	237.50	34.12	312.00	155.00	35.00	46.50				14.25
CHERRY VALLEY	33.70	18.00	144.00	60.00	5.50	13.00				
Bay Village	10.50	3.00	24.00	15.00	2.00	3.00				
CLARENCE	200.00	65.00	200.00	250.00	72.00	125.00				25.00
COIT	40.00	5.00	55.00	35.00	5.00					100.00
Forrest Chapel	20.00	6.00		33.00	4.00	5.00				
McElroy	5.00	4.00	29.00							
Smith Chapel	10.00		10.00	7.00		3.00				
Wesley Chapel	30.00	11.00	52.00	30.00	4.00	5.00				25.00
COTTON PLANT	520.00	60.00	510.00	300.00	60.00	110.00				
McClelland	30.00	4.00	34.00	20.00	4.00	10.00				5.00
CRAWFORDSVILLE	137.20	50.00	100.00	100.00	42.00	53.00				7.00
Blackfish Lake	24.00	22.00	88.00	55.00	18.00	13.00				68.00
EARLE	325.00	60.00	360.00	200.00	84.00	43.00				35.00
ELAINE	150.00	18.50	140.00	97.50	17.50	21.00				13.90
Mellwood	75.00	10.00	80.00	50.00	8.75	12.00				11.65
Wabash	75.00	7.00	64.00	40.00	10.00	9.00				14.85
FORREST CITY	1220.00	60.00	450.00	300.00	60.00	91.00				100.00
HAYNES	50.00	8.00	60.00	35.00	5.00	3.00				6.00
LeGrange	65.00	10.00	80.00	54.00	5.00	3.00				75.00
HELENA	1100.00	60.00	425.00	300.00	110.00	150.00				24.00
HOLLY GROVE	500.00	60.00	500.00	300.00	43.00	83.00				20.00
HUGHES	250.00	40.00	320.00	210.00	84.00	144.50				100.00
HUNTER	225.00	30.00	50.00							
MARIANNA	1000.00	45.00	400.00	255.00	45.00	75.25				155.00
MARION	1000.00	50.00	324.00	240.00	84.00	140.00				25.00
MARVELL	200.00	30.00	255.00	150.00	15.00	44.00				15.00
Lexa	160.00	24.00	200.00	120.00	15.00	35.20				17.70
Turner	40.00	6.00	51.00	30.00	6.00	8.00				5.00
PARKIN	200.00	30.00	230.00	120.00	20.00	42.00				90.00
VANDALE	140.00	26.00	50.00	75.00	8.00	23.00				24.00
Ellis Chapel	24.00	4.00	23.00	13.00	3.00	3.00				
Central	25.00	5.00	44.00	20.00	3.00	4.00				
WEST HELENA	200.00	50.00	230.00	120.00	20.00	42.00				12.50
WEST MEMPHIS	500.00	54.00	472.50	270.00	42.00	137.50				33.05
WHEATLEY	150.00	21.00	180.00	105.00	10.00	20.00				40.00
Goodwin	10.00	1.00	10.00	5.00	3.00	5.00				
Salem	40.00	5.00	45.00	25.00	7.00	10.00				10.00
WIDENER-MADISON-ROUND POND										
WYNNE	317.50	30.00	240.00	150.00	27.50	30.20				100.00
TOTAL	11220.10	1154.42	7066.00	4245.50	1072.50	1625.25				2797.00
GOLDEN CROSS: Marion \$75.00, Marvell \$10.00, Turner \$5.00, West Helena \$20.00.										
METHODIST YOUTH: Cherry Valley \$30.00, Blackfish Lake \$2.00, Earle \$5.15, Forrest City \$25.00, Hughes \$10.00.										
RACE RELATIONS: Brinkley \$12.50, Holly Grove \$10.00, Hughes \$15.00, Marion \$50.00, Marvell \$2.00.										
WEEK OF DEDICATION: Hughes \$35.00, Marvell \$10.00, Turner \$5.00.										
STUDENT DAY: Hughes \$15.00, Marianna \$25.00, Vandale \$3.00.										
THOUSAND CLUB: District \$20.00.										
FORT SMITH DISTRICT										\$
ALIX	\$	\$ 3.00	\$ 23.00	\$	\$ 7.00	\$ 1.00	\$	\$	\$	
Mt. Vernon	12.50	5.00	24.00	15.00	5.75	.25				
Coal Hill				60.00	7.00	3.00				
ALMA	145.00	20.00	170.00	100.00	24.00	37.50				10.00
Mountain View	34.00	10.00	85.00	50.00	5.50	18.50				40.00
Newberry	6.00	1.00	9.00	5.00	1.00	1.00				
ALTUS	16.00	7.20	57.00	9.00	5.00	2.50				2.69
Gar Creek	20.00	1.20	14.00	14.00	2.00	1.00				
Danning	20.00	2.70	21.00	14.00	3.50	1.00				
Grenades Chapel	40.00	3.00	23.00	12.00	6.00	5.50				13.00
BOONEVILLE	555.00	39.00	344.64	195.00	38.50	98.64				205.00
Cole's Chapel	44.00	4.50	36.00	22.50	6.00	8.00				6.00
BRANCH		18.00	144.00	90.00	14.00	15.00				10.00
Cecil	30.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	3.00	2.00				19.00
Lowe's Creek	27.75	4.00	16.00	10.00	6.00	4.00				12.20
Grand Prairie	18.50	2.75	22.00	13.75	2.75	2.25				5.00
Vesta	42.00	12.00	46.00	30.00	11.00	9.00				11.00
CHARLESTON										75.00
CLARKSVILLE	1200.00	49.98	437.46	240.96	52.50	125.00				60.00
FORT SMITH: First	4550.00	150.00	1056.25	500.00	69.00	90.86				400.00
Goddard Mem.	1404.96	52.50	480.00	300.00	5.00					651.00
Glover Mem.	47.50	10.00	80.00	50.00						93.91
Grand Ave.		30.00	240.00	148.00						8.08
Massard	81.00	20.00	160.00	100.00	17.50	12.00				10.00
										40.00
										25.00

"I Was Hungry... Ye Fed Me..."



Young People In The Home

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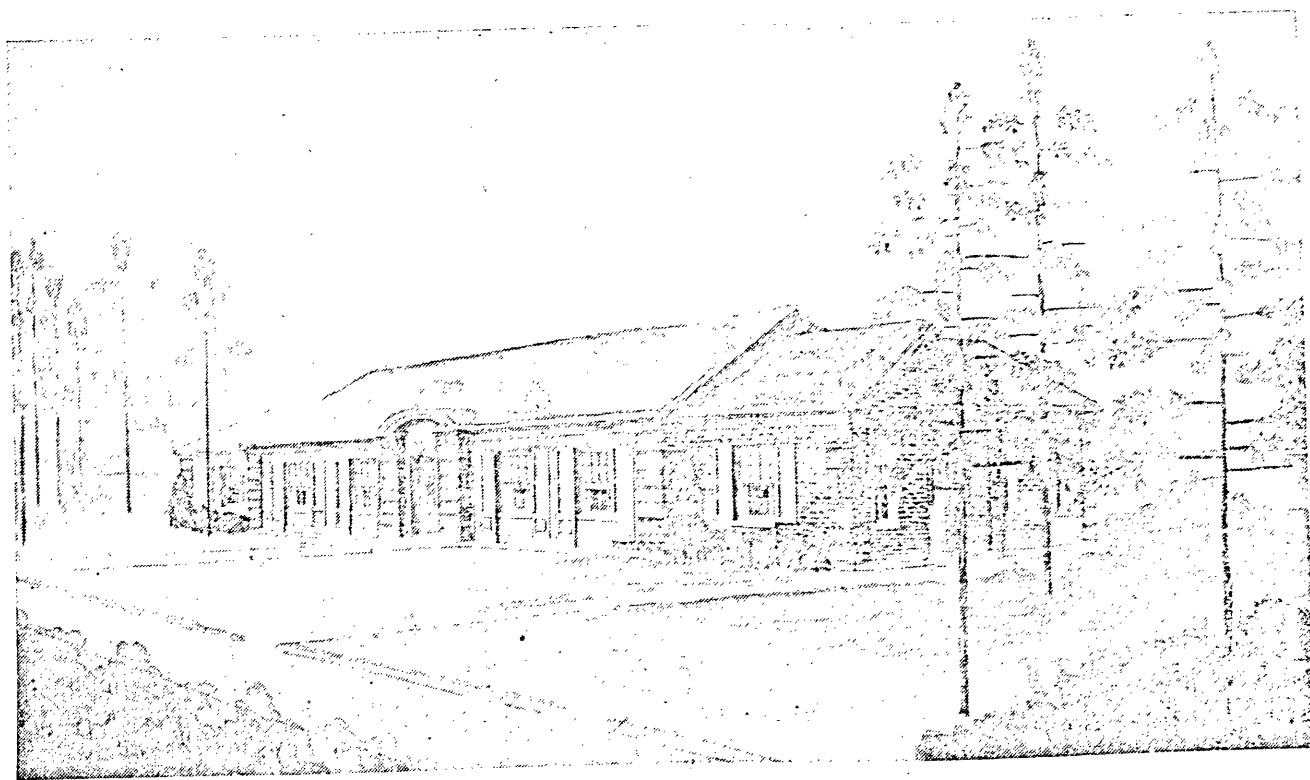
For the Christmas Offering

Try and find it in your heart to be generous. It is only through your generosity that the Home is maintained and children are provided with the advantage of a Christian Home. Give through your church.

So many homes are shattered by divorce and separation. Many children from such homes must be provided for away from both parents. These are the children who populate our own Methodist Home.

When you give, you give to a child.

You can also help by visiting your Methodist Children's Home.



A Cottage At The Children's Home

Questions And Answers

- Q. By whom is the Home owned?**
A. The Home belongs to the Methodist Church in Arkansas.
- Q. Who forms the Policies by which the Home is operated?**
A. A Board of Trustees comprised of fifteen business and professional men, manage the Home and determine Policy. Bishop Paul E. Martin is one of the Trustees. The other fourteen members are divided equally between the two Conferences.
- Q. Are the children in the Home eligible for adoption?**
A. No. At present we do not have a child eligible for adoption. The children are from broken homes primarily and parents will not consent to their adoption.
- Q. How are the children clothed?**
A. Most of the children have a sponsor who sends money for clothing. These sponsors are individuals and organizations in the Churches across the State.
- Q. Are children permitted to leave the Home for a visit?**
A. Yes. Many of our children visit in numerous homes throughout the State.
- Q. What is the greatest need of the Home?**
A. More buildings to house children. In the month of September, we turned away thirty children, an average of one per day.
- Q. How is the Home financed?**
A. Almost entirely by the Christmas Offering.
- Q. How many children in the Home?**
A. We have 43 children, 22 from the North Arkansas Conference and 21 from the Little Rock Conference.

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Our children and staff Christmas season and a new

ARKANSAS METHODIST

Was Naked... Ye Clothed Me''

How You Can Help

MEMORIAL GIFTS: By giving the money or the portion of the money for a memorial building, honoring a loved one; such as a cottage for the children to live in or a chapel.

When friends pass away, send a gift to the Home and the Home will send an attractive condolence card, with your name to the bereaved family.

YOUR WILL: By remembering the Home in your will.

Say today, while you have the chance, what you want done with the dollars you leave behind tomorrow—before it is too late to have anything to say about it.

AND by giving generously to the Annual Christmas Offering for the Home.

CHILDREN'S HOME

Christmas Offering

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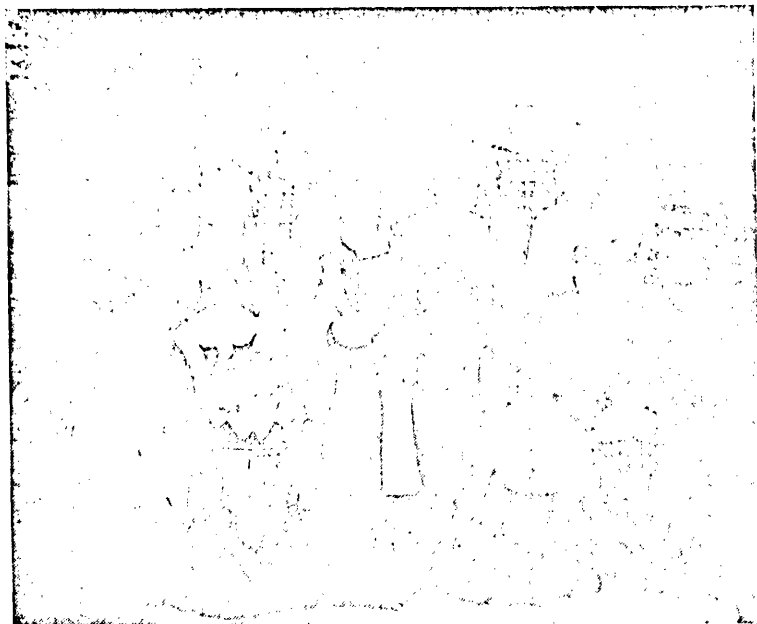
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every one of you a joyous with happiness.

I. T. McNeal, Superintendent



Part Of Children In The Home

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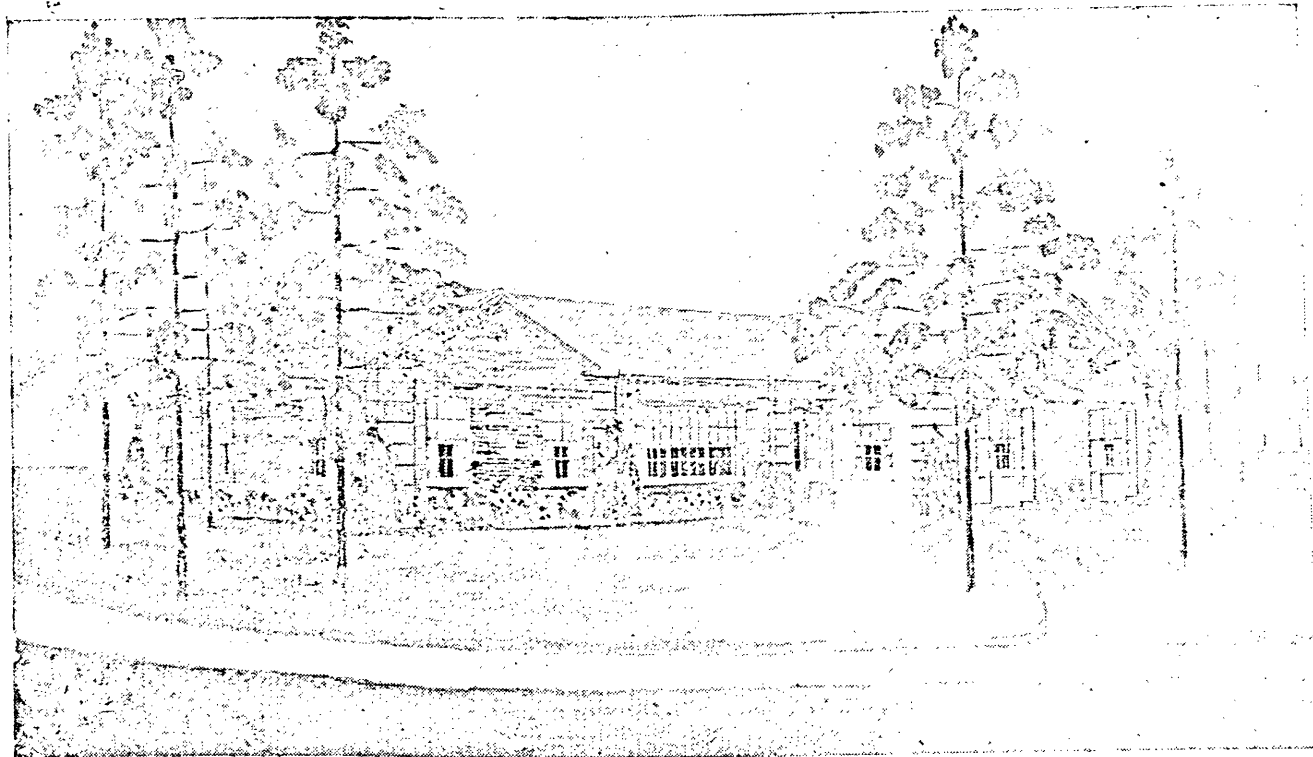
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A Cottage At The Children's Home

METHODISTS LAUNCH NEW FAMILY RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION PLAN

The Methodist Church has completed a three-year experiment in religious instruction which provides for cooperation between parents, pastors, and Sunday school teachers, it was announced at the annual meeting of the denomination's curriculum committee in Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Edward D. Staples, Nashville, director of the family life department, Methodist Board of Education, termed the plan highly successful following a three-year trial by 31 churches in Michigan and Ohio, and a one-year test by 38 churches in New York, Pennsylvania, California, Arizona, and Wisconsin. He said the new project is expected to be ready for Churchwide use by next Fall. Under the plan, parents and Sunday school teachers will meet periodically to discuss lesson series. Teachers will visit the homes of pupils and special guidance materials and a library service will be provided for parents. Parents also will receive report cards on the classroom progress of their children. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, editor of Methodist church school publications, called the plan "the most significant action that has come before the committee," and said it will "open an entirely new area of family-church relationships."

Dr. Bader Honored On Retirement From Evangelism Post

Dr. Jesse M. Bader, who is retiring Dec. 31 as executive director of the National Council of Churches' department of evangelism, was honored at a dinner in New York attended by some 300 church workers of all denominations associated with him in his long service to evangelism. An active churchman for 34 years, he has headed the evangelism departments of the National Council and its predecessor, the Federal Council of Churches, for 22 years. During this period "the Church has witnessed a tremendous development in the recognition of the central importance of evangelism in the major Protestant denominations of America," it was stated by the principal speaker at the dinner, Methodist Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex., president of the National Council. When Dr. Bader came to the national post, Bishop Martin said only one denomination had a full-time evangelism secretary whereas now there are 46 of them active in 30 denominations. In the same period membership in Protestant churches rose from 30 per cent of the country's total population to 35 per cent, the bishop said, adding that the net increase in Protestant membership last year alone was 3.9 per cent.

25 Million Scriptures To Be Circulated Next Year

More than 25,000,000 copies of the Scriptures will be published or circulated throughout the world in 1954, but the actual need is for twice that number, the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society was told at its 35th annual meeting. Dr. Gilbert Darlington, treasurer of the Society and head of its Publication Department, said that the figure of 25 million represents the combined program of the 24 national Bible groups associated in the United Bible Societies. In the past 150 years, he added, these societies have distributed, donated or sold below costs, well over 1,200,000,000 copies of the Scriptures in about 900 languages and dialects. Of these, about 66 per cent were separate Gospels or books of the Bible, about 19 per cent were New Testaments, and about 15 per cent were Bibles. Dr. Darlington said the American Bible Society's production schedule next year calls for the publication of 365,000 Bibles, 474,500 Testaments, 13,227,000 Gospel Portions,

and 30,000 volumes for the blind, or a total of 14,096,500. This estimate does not include ABS production overseas. Pointing out that the American people donated 1.157 cents per capita to the work of the Bible Society in 1953, Dr. Darlington noted that Canada is donating 3.38 cents per capita, New Zealand 4.633 cents and Australia 1.775 cents.

Bible Societies Plan World Good Will Book

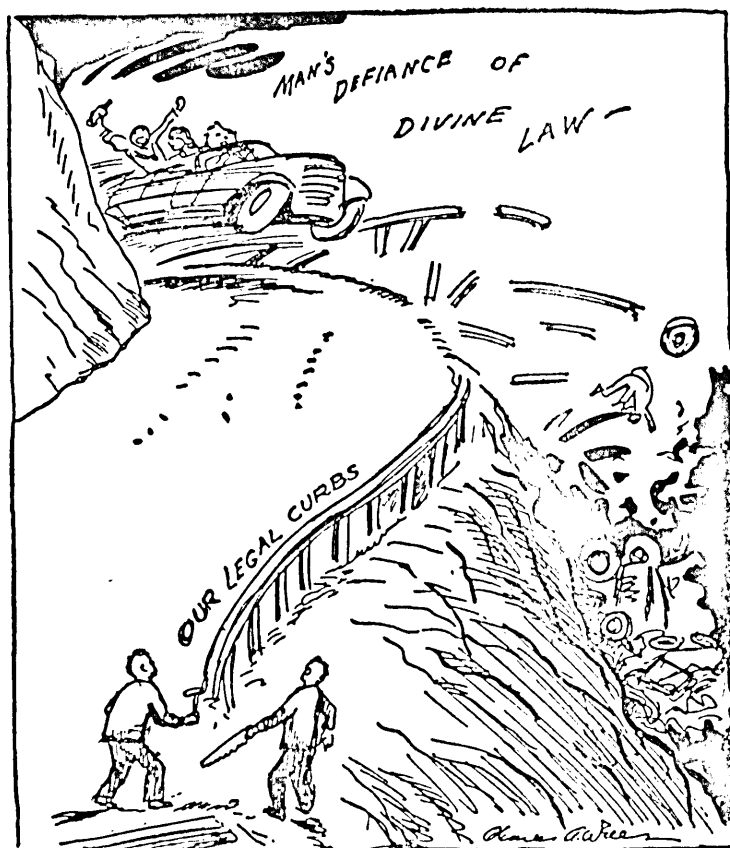
A World Good Will Book will be compiled next year to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the beginning of Bible Society work. The first Bible Society was established in London on March 7, 1804. Details of the project were announced in New York by Dr. Robert T. Taylor, a general secretary of the American Bible Society, at the 35th annual meeting of its Advisory Council. The two-day session drew a turnout of 8 delegates and guests from 53 denominations, the largest attendance in the Council's history. Describing the World Good Will Book as "one of the greatest mass statements of faith in human history," Dr. Taylor said people of more than 60 nations are expected to sign their names on its pages "as testimony to their love for the Bible, their faith in its teachings and their desire to share it with others." The book, a project of the 24 national Bible groups associated in the United Bible Societies, will contain the names of all who contribute one

dollar or more to send Scriptures to people throughout the world. When completed, the volume will be displayed in each of the 24 countries. Plans for the book, Dr. Taylor said, grew out of a similar Good Will Book for Japan in 1950.

Reports Attendance Of 20,000,000 At Army Services

Attendance at religious services conducted under auspices of the Army totaled more than 20,000,000 during the last fiscal year which ended June 30, 1953, the Department of Defense announced in Washington. The annual report of Chaplain (Major General) Ivan L. Bennett, Army Chief of Chaplains, showed

that attendance by service personnel and dependents at services conducted by Army chaplains totaled 17,413,715 while services held at Army installations by visiting civilian clergymen drew 2,811,286. In the 12-month period, Army chaplains officiated at 324,005 services, and visiting civilian clergymen led 38,632. The figures do not include attendance by servicemen at civilian church services. During the fiscal year, Army chaplains directed 125,817 religious education classes, with attendance reported at 2,003,044. Chaplains solemnized 8,599 marriages, performed 11,666 baptisms, and conducted 6,603 funerals.

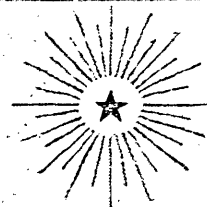


IN THE LONG AGO

... came Wise Men with gifts for the Christ-child—gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

TODAY - 1953

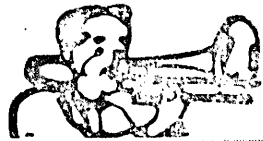
... through generous gifts to Methodist World Service you can help people to live together in peace and good will.





THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



CHRISTMAS HERE AND THERE

By Margaret G. Wilson

CHRISTMAS is not celebrated in Canada and the United States alone. It is celebrated by people all over the world. They are having festivities because it is the birthday of Jesus, and surely that is sufficient reason to develop a bond of friendship with others wherever they may be.

Many of the things we do at Christmas were brought to us by people who have come from other lands.

In England it is a great time for merry-making. Halls and homes were decorated with holly. Kitchens smelled of spicy cakes and plum puddings. Yule logs burned in the open fireplace. Baskets of food were taken to the hungry, and people in warm, woolly holiday clothes went from house to house singing carols. Perhaps the next time you hear mother or daddy singing "Deck the halls with boughs of holly" or "God rest ye merry, gentlemen," you will remember that those carols came to us from England.

In Austria, candles burn brightly in the windows of everybody's house to lead the way for the Christ Child. From them, too, we get the beautiful carol that even very little children in this country like to sing, and that is "Silent Night."

Some people say that long ago in Austria there lived a man named Father Josef Mohr. One Christmas-time he was reading the story of the shepherds because he expected to preach about it in Church on Christmas Eve. While he was reading it, a messenger came to his door and asked him to call at the home of a poor charcoal maker to bless the new born baby there. Of course, Father Josef Mohr went to the poorly-lighted hut, and as he looked at the dear little baby and its mother he thought of the other Baby and mother he had been reading about. So on his way home he composed the words of "Silent Night." His music teacher took these words and wrote music for them, and so we enjoy this Austrian carol every year.

Another carol little children like to sing is "Away in a Manger," and that came to us from Germany. It was written by a man named Martin Luther, and he wrote it for his own little children to sing.

In Germany they start to celebrate Christmas four weeks ahead, by placing wreaths and lighted candles in their windows. Then on the sixth of December, St. Nicholas Day they call it, the Christmas street markets and fairs begin. At these markets, they sell such things as cookies, candies and Christmas trees. The trees are decorated in the homes and children dance and sing around them.

Mexico celebrates for a long time, too. Their festivities last three weeks and end with the Wise Men bringing gifts for the children. Groups of people walk from house to house playing the story of Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay. This story is ended back home in prayer before a manger scene. The rest of the evening is spent playing games, singing, and having

a happy time.

Poland has the Wise Men visit them, too. Churches are lighted and trimmed with evergreen boughs! Three young men dressed as Wise Men carry a lighted star from house to house. All the children in the village follow them and are dressed as animals in the stable. The Christmas supper begins with the eating of a thin wafer on which figures of the Holy Family can be seen. Straw covers the floor to represent the stable, and one chair is always left empty, nobody ever sits in that chair, because it is intended for the Christ Child.

Some of these things may sound strange to us, but some things we do would sound strange to them no doubt.

You see, in this big land of ours

people live here who have come from England, Scotland and Ireland,



CHILDREN EVERYWHERE

Christmas is not far away,
It is such a happy day.

Little folks all love it so
As their eyes with wonder glow.

Day we honor Jesus' birth,
Singing "Peace, goodwill on earth."

May little children everywhere
Know His tender, loving care.

—A.E.W.

A CHRISTMAS WISH

What can I give, what can I do
To make this Christmas better for you?

Better for you whom I do not know,
A far away child who cannot go

Down to the shops, who cannot see
As I shall, a shining Christmas tree.

I'll ask my mother if this year, please,
I may send some of my presents over the seas.

That game I asked for, that book to read,
I'd rather you had them—I would indeed.

Far away child, whoever you are,
I hope you will see the Christmas star.

Be warm and happy on Christmas Day,
With a package to open, and games to play.

—Agnes Louise Dean, American
Friends Service Committee

from Greece, Turkey and Italy, from Mexico, Czechoslovakia and Holland, and almost every other country in the whole world. They have brought with them many lovely customs. Some we like so well we use them ourselves, and forget that at one time the people in this country never knew about them.

It is fun to share our customs with other people, and it is fun for them to share their customs with us. Friends do that kind of thing. Friends like to share what they have with others. We should be friends with everybody everywhere, particularly when we are enjoying so many of their things and all holding a party for the same Person on the same day.—The United Church Observer, Canada.

JUST FOR FUN

A tourist spending the night in a small Vermont town joined several men sitting on the porch of the general store. They were a taciturn bunch and, after several vain attempts to start a conversation, he finally asked, "Is there a law against talking in this town?"

"No law against it," answered one of the men, "but there's an understanding no one's to speak unless he's sure he can improve on silence."—Illinois Medical Journal.

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The lady of the house summoned a TV serviceman to fix the set. Spreading out his tools, the repairman inquired: "What seems to be the trouble?"

Replied the little woman: "Well, for one thing, all the programs are lousy."—United Mine Workers Jnl.

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The minister was trying to get an appropriation of \$200 for a new chandelier. One old fellow on the board refused to consent. "Just why, Henry, do you persist in your disapproval?" asked the pastor. "For two reasons," said Henry. "First, \$200 is too much money, and 2nd, I don't believe there's anyone in our whole congregation that can play a chandelier."—Northwestern Bell, Bell Telephone Co.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS AT ASBURY

Asbury Methodist Church in Little Rock, with an organized approach, set out to enlist every member in participation and interest in church activities, and proved its point by subscribing half its budget at the pledge meeting of a recent campaign.

An urban church of 2,023 members, Asbury followed up a training school in October with the setting up of the four commissions called for in the new church organization, and immediately launched its "every member canvass" under the supervision of the Commission on Finance.

In accordance with a plan worked out by the pastor, Dr. Elmer Thomas, who came to Asbury last June, and the other leaders, the church developed the campaign with a definite schedule running through November and December to be climaxed with "Victory Sunday" on December 20. Dr. Thomas' sermons during the month of November were on stewardship and attendance. On November 29 he centered his sermons on the canvass, emphasizing each member's responsibility for signing pledge cards. His morning sermon title was "Cult of the Irresponsible," and the evening subject was "Your Position - Guard or Tackle?"

As the campaign developed, the Sundays in December were designated as special days, December 6 as Pledge Sunday, December 13 as Loyalty Sunday, and December 20 as Victory Sunday.

In addition to these phases, training of workers and distribution of helpful materials to workers and church members were also developed as an important part of the campaign.

In the beginning, the campaign got underway with assignment of the following committees:

"Every Member Canvass" Committee: Ben R. Williams, chairman, Mrs. A. Williams, Elmer W. Smith, H. H. Jacoway, Mrs. W. C. Erfurth, Buddy Rice, Bob Saxon, James Cotley and W. Roy Sanders.

Committee on envelopes and pledge cards: Wayne Farris, chairman, John Stevens, Mrs. John Bale, Harlan T. Holmes, Mrs. M. L. Lipski and Harvey Simmons.

Budget committee: Paul Griffin,

Sr., chairman; J. Gordon Wilson, Theo Dillaha, Jennings Mize, John Bale, J. G. Bowman, Mrs. J. E. Williams, J. V. Flack, and Worth James.

The budget committee set up a budget of \$53,130 for the fiscal year December 1 to November 31, half of which was pledged on Sunday, December 6. J. Gordon Wilson was chairman and Elmer W. Smith secretary of a committee which set up a \$50,000 building fund goal to be raised by January, 1954, and one fourth of this goal was reached in Sunday's pledges.

Bringing the campaign to the people, the church members themselves, the committee on stewardship cultivation divided the entire membership, residents of Greater Little Rock into 53 zones. Every member of the church was expected to attend a meeting in a home center in each of these zones, where he would be informed, by trained workers, how the campaign was being operated and, more important, how the budget was set up, where every dollar contributed to the church was used. Workers who handled the home center programs were themselves trained by Dr. Thomas, using prepared materials and visual aids.

Asbury Church's bulletin carried each week a message from the pastor on the launching of the canvass and, during the week that followed, a detailed report of its progress. In his first message, Dr. Thomas said:

"In everything undertaken our Official Family is showing a fine loyalty, a definite Christian spirit of unity, and a great response. So it has been with the great mass of our members who are not in official positions. Realizing that not everyone has had a chance to become informed about the total program of our church with its many phases and its great need for full cooperation of every member, we propose to give every member an opportunity to know always just what is going on and thereby enable each one to realize his own stewardship opportunities and the greatest blessings which can only come through full participation. We believe in a thoroughly democratic procedure. We are trying hard to make this phil-

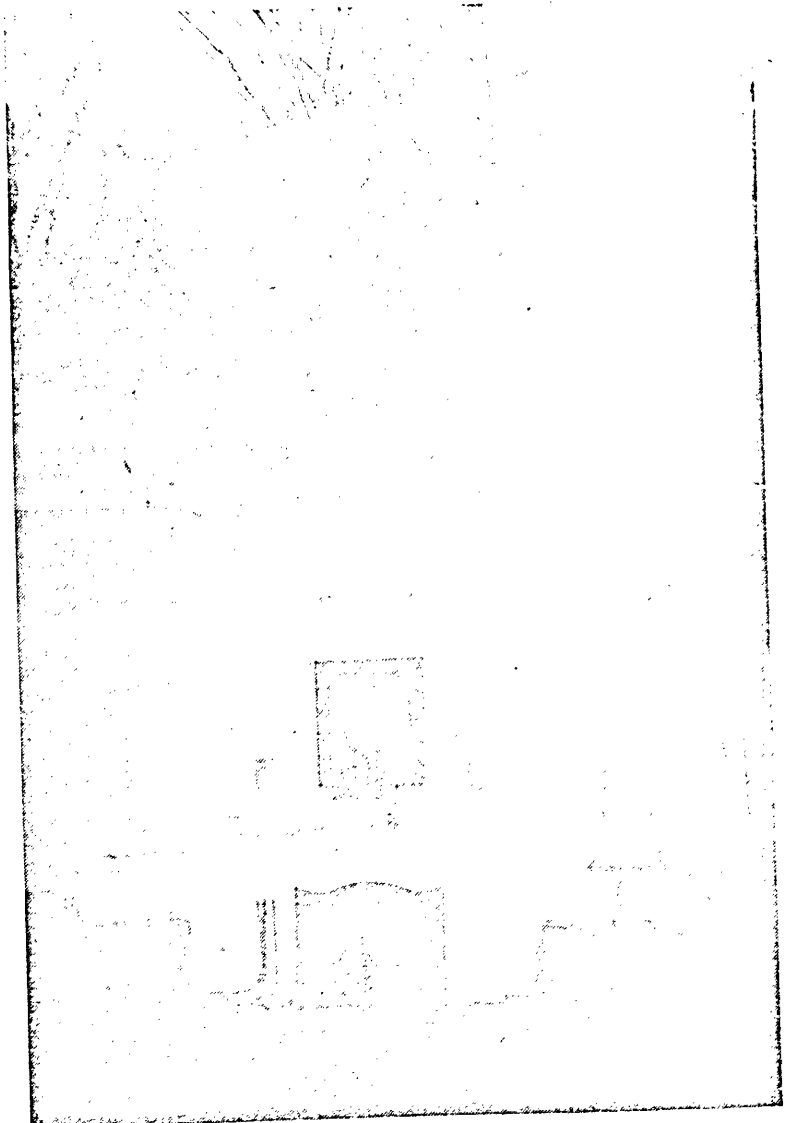
New District Parsonage - Conway District

The newly purchased district parsonage at Conway is now being occupied by the district superintendent, the Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden, and his family. The Beardens moved into the house October 23, and plan to hold open house in the early spring.

The eight-room brick structure includes a large living room, dining room, modern kitchen, four bed-

and garbage disposal unit.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service assisted in furnishing the house. The district parsonage committee included Mrs. R. T. Steel, Mrs. Coy Gentry and Mrs. Joe Shaw, all of Conway. District trustees, who approved the purchase of the parsonage, are R. T. Steel of Conway, chairman, Van A. R. Moores of Russellville, J. Frank Warden of



rooms, a bath and a half. A large attic can be converted to additional space.

The district superintendent's office is in a room added to the original building. It faces Hunter street, and has an outside entrance.

Hunter street, on which the home is located in Conway, was named for Dr. Andrew Hunter, a pioneer Methodist minister. It is in the Hendrix College addition of the city, where all streets are named for Methodists.

In addition to remodeling the home, the district added a new heating unit and installed an automatic washing machine, dish washer

North Little Rock, Monroe Treadwell of Morrilton, and E. W. Martin of Conway. V. D. Hill of Conway is district treasurer.

The furnishings and decorations of the parsonage are traditional in motif. There is a large wood burning fireplace in the living room. Of special interest is the Early American kitchen, with walls of pickled pine woodwork, colonial table and Hitchcock type walnut chairs which may be used in the kitchen or dining room. On display now in the open shelving is a collection of Wedgewood plates which the Beardens obtained during the centennial year of Duke University.



Group Of Instructors

osophy work. 'It is well to give when asked, it is better to give unasked, through understanding.' We feel that every normal person in our church who has health, to get around and some earning power has an obligation of time, talent and position to share with the church. And, to anyone who is not blessed the church has an obligation to the extent of that one's basic needs."

Safety engineers too long have overlooked the importance of the Emotional Equation in danger-time. Often we look to faulty brakes, exposed wires, unguarded machines, when we should look to faulty family relations, exposed consciences and unguarded character habits. — Rev. Herbert E. Richards, 1st Methodist Church, Boise, Ida.



"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

DISTRICT CONFERENCES OF HIGH ORDER

Once again we have experienced the season of district conferences in our great section of the Lord's vineyard. Those attended by the writer were of unusual interest and inspiration. A wonderful spirit prevailed. The Methodist Church will be greatly blessed by the program outlined for the time of December until Easter. A mighty impact will be made upon all of our people if the program is followed through with careful attention and enthusiasm.

For the new district superintendent of the Paragould District it was a great experience of homecoming and renewing of old friendships. My first service was at Marmaduke where I went as pastor from S. M. U. in 1923. It was good indeed to see so many of my old friends at the service. The people were more than cordial in their reception. We conducted services at Bard at 11:00 o'clock where we had another splendid group of people. They were warm and responsive in their reception. At the evening hour we were in Piggott for the worship service. A splendid congregation was on hand. A surprise informal reception was given to the writer at

the close of the service which was greatly appreciated. The visit in the home of the Johnsons was greatly enjoyed.

The District Conference on Monday was wonderfully attended. Rev. A. N. Storey, just transferred to Searcy District, gave the opening devotional which was in the form of a biographical sketch of his life in a Methodist parsonage. Brother and Mrs. Storey were honored in the afternoon by a love offering from pastors of the district in appreciation of their five and one half year service in the district.

The conference representatives did splendidly in presenting the great causes of the church. Rev. Ethan W. Dodgen of First Church Jonesboro brought an inspiring message at the worship hour. A ladies chorus brought a great Christian message at the worship hour through song. This was indeed a joyous occasion for all of us as we enjoyed together another district conference. The people of the Piggott church were indeed gracious and hospitable in spirit. It is with great joy that we look forward to serving the fine people of the Paragould District.—J. Albert Gatlin

A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Reverend Laurie Craig Gatlin Memorial Scholarship Fund of five thousand dollars has been established at Southwestern University by Mrs. L. C. Gatlin and the Rev. G. Weldon Gatlin, widow and son of the late Arkansas minister.

Income from the fund is to provide a scholarship for students preparing for work in foreign missions. Such a student must have junior or senior standing in the university and must have the recommendation of his pastor for the honor.

Mrs. Gatlin now lives in Prescott, Arkansas. The Rev. G. Weldon Gatlin is serving as chaplain in the United States Navy. Born at Prescott, Arkansas, on January 9, 1882, the Rev. Laurie Craig Gatlin spent his entire ministry in the Little Rock Annual Conference, in which he served on many conference boards. Upon retirement from the active ministry, he was appointed to the Wilmar, Arkansas, Charge. He died on February 14, 1952.

Inspiration for the scholarship fund and its designation for those studying for foreign mission service arises from the fact that Rev. Laurie C. Gatlin was a strong believer in both foreign and home missions. According to Mrs. Gatlin, he frequently expressed a belief that "It is the missionary program of the Christian Church that will bring peace to the world." His churches were often commended for the amount of their contributions to missions.

During Christmas of 1951, the Rev.

and Mrs. L. C. Gatlin visited their son and his family in Trinidad, British West Indies. While there, they spent much time with the British Methodist missionaries and with other missionaries of the area, noting "the tremendous work being done for Christ!" Returning home in January of 1952, they determined to spend their last days in even more active support of missions in their own church, Mrs. Gatlin explained.

Through the Rev. L. C. Gatlin Memorial Scholarship Fund, the wife and son have found the means of continuing their contributions to the mission work of the Methodist Church. It will provide a means, they recently wrote, "to carry out for years to come the taking of the gospel to those who have not had the opportunity to hear. The fund will afford another opportunity to bear witness to the faith our husband and father had in Jesus Christ, in and through the Methodist Church."

In accepting the scholarship fund, Dr. William C. Finch, president of Southwestern University, has expressed deep appreciation of the university and of the missions board for the type of fund and "for the living force it will provide for preaching Christ to the world."

Small child, lost in a large store, accosts an assistant with the question: "Have you seen a frantic mother? This is the first time she has lost me!"

NOTES FROM McRAE

A Thanksgiving service was held at the Methodist Church in McRae on the evening of November 27. In response to the pastor's request, the members of the church brought bountiful gifts for The Methodist Children's Home and placed them about the altar. Brother Johnson, pastor, had as his guest, Rev. C. C. Vanzant, who delivered a very inspiring sermon after which the film, "Love Thy Neighbor" was enjoyed by all.

The Official Board with the four commissions, held their monthly meeting Wednesday evening, December 2. A potluck supper was served. C. D. Rowland is Chairman and presided at the meeting. Twenty members were present. It was decided at the meeting that the church would bear the expense of the MYF meeting to be held at McRae on the third Monday night. Plans were discussed for a fellowship hall to be added to the present sanctuary. It was decided to send Christmas greetings to boys from our charge who are in the service.

The ladies of the W. S. C. S. of McRae finished the study course on "Jeremiah." Mrs. Vera Bone, local secretary of missionary education, had charge of the study. We feel that we were helped spiritually in this work.—Mrs. Nets Bennett

ROE CIRCUIT REVIVALS

During the last week in July we held a revival at Shiloh church which was a revival that strengthened every avenue of the church, and we are still feeling the good effects of this meeting.

On Nov. 29th we began a revival here at Roe, and carried it through Dec. 6. This was indeed a very helpful revival. Dr. H. M. Lewis, of Grand Avenue church of Stuttgart preached each night, and his preaching was soul inspiring. The Shiloh Choir conducted the devotional on Friday night. Each morning was held a special service for the children, and Mrs. W. C. Lewis, at the piano and leading the children in songs. Mrs. Holiday Catlett and Mrs. Gerani Gray, supplied special music for the night services with Mrs. Calvin Bock, at the piano. Brother Carraway of First Church Stuttgart

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

The Hendrix Chapel Choir will present by transcription a thirty minute radio broadcast Dec. 27. The program will consist of parts of the Bach Christmas Oratorio. The program will be broadcast over Little Rock radio station KTIS beginning at noon.

Hendrix will dismiss for the Christmas holidays Friday, Dec. 18. Classes will resume at 8 o'clock the morning of January 4.

Pre-Christmas activities on the campus have varied from musical programs to the Annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

The Hendrix Band, under the direction of Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, presented its annual Christmas Concert Dec. 8 in the Auditorium.

The Hendrix Chapel Choir presented the Bach Christmas Oratorio at the Little Rock Pulaski Heights Methodist Church Dec. 13. The Chapel Choir and the Pulaski Heights choir sang the Oratorio under the direction of V. Earle Copes, Hendrix faculty member. On Dec. 14 the Hendrix Choristers sang the Oratorio at Hendrix with the Pulaski Heights Choir.

The music department presented a one-act opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors." This contemporary opera by Menotti, was presented under the sponsorship of the Hendrix Christian Association Dec. 16. The opera tells in modern form an incident that happened in the lives of the three kings on their way to visit the Christ Child.

December 9th marked the fourth annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. After singing Christmas carols, the story of the birth of Christ was read. Phil Dixon of Little Rock lighted the Christmas tree in the absence of President Matt L. Ellis.—Chris Holmes.

did the preaching at Shiloh, and did well, with Mrs. James Gunnell in charge of the morning services and Supt. of Vacation school.

Everything is moving along fine, and we are really enjoying living in our new parsonage. Our Brother R. H. Richerts, preached for us on the night of 29th.—W. C. Lewis, Pastor

CRUSADE CALENDAR AND ORGANIZATION

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

DECEMBER — 1953

1. Organize Publicity and Promotion Committee

Personnel: Lay Leader
Church School Superintendent
Presidents of WSCS, MYF, and Methodist Men
A Layman who has entree to newspaper and radio
Others needed

Purpose:

- (1) Publicize the Crusade through all available media
—Send a letter to each member urging cooperation
—Bulletins, news letters, post cards, church papers
—Arrange newspaper advertising
—Distribute window stickers, for homes, stores and automobiles
—Arrange for movie trailer in local theatre
- (2) Promote the crusade through all organizations and groups
—Get the crusade into every phase of the church program
—Arrange for "minute speakers" at church services in Sunday School
Classes and organizations
—Have series of "Roll Call Sundays"
—Enlist community groups, civic clubs, luncheon clubs, etc. to promote the crusade

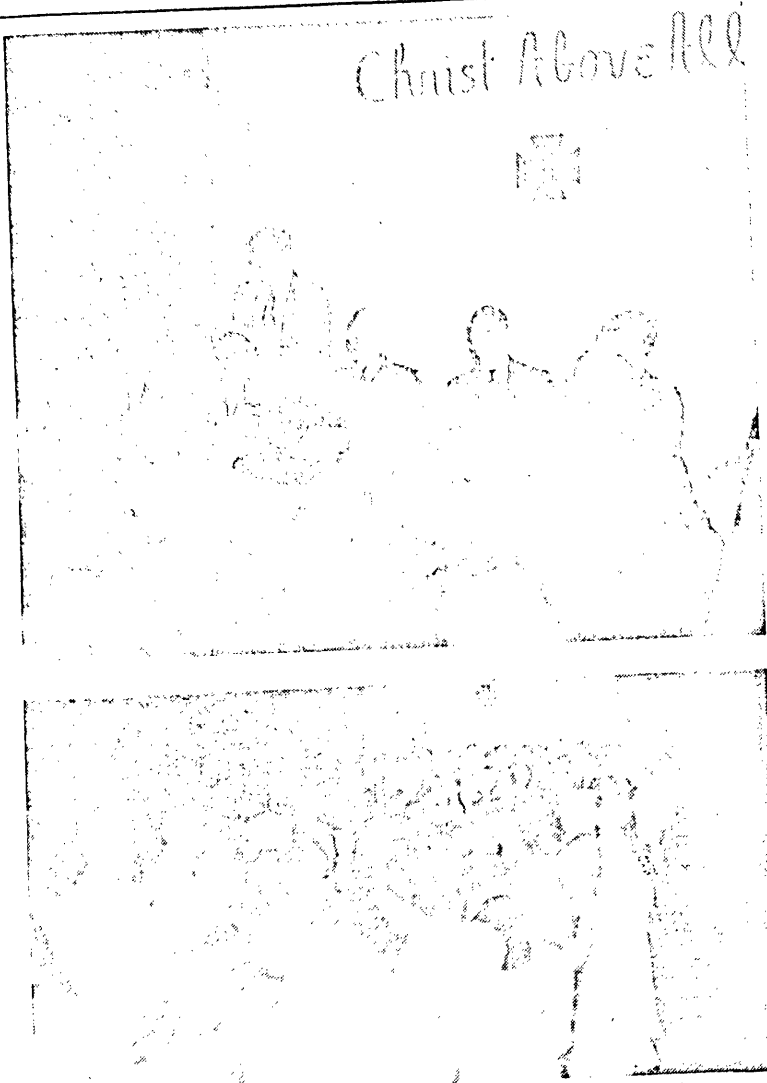
2. Order Publicity and Promotion Material

(Order materials in proportion to church membership from TIDINGS, 1903 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee)

- a. Newspaper
—"Give God a Chance Now" mats, 1 column—15c ea., 2 column 20c ea.
—"What Methodists Believe" mats, 12 in series, \$3.00 per set
 - b. Radio
—Spot announcement platter, \$4.00 ea., 33 1/3 rpm Microgroove record containing 40 spot announcements
 - c. Movie Trailer
—"Give God a Chance", \$5.00 ea., 45 seconds
 - d. Local Church Materials
—Church Attendance Chart for keeping record of attendance each Sunday, 25c ea.
—Attendance Registration Cards, 50c per 100 \$4.00 per 1000
—Posters—17x22 in., 10c ea., 6 for 50c
—Window Cards—11x8 1/2 in., 5c ea., 6 for 25c
—Sheets of Stamps, 20c per sheet of 100
3. December 31—Watch Night Service in Every Church
—Use Service prepared by TIDINGS, 2c ea.

METHODIST YOUTH

Georgia Daily, Editor



COLUMBIA COUNTY MYF HEARS DR. MOREHEAD

Nearly 150 young people and their adult counselors attended the Columbia County Sub-district banquet at Magnolia, Ark., Monday, November 30. Dr. Connor Morehead, superintendent of the Camden district, was guest speaker.

The banquet was held at Magnolia Inn. Kelvin Wyrick, president of the sub-district, directed a business meeting. Dr. Morehead was introduced by J. C. Gunnels, new president of the Jackson Street MYF in Magnolia. Sue Hudson led group singing and the Rev. David Hankins, sub-district counselor and pastor of Jackson Street church, pronounced the benediction. Special musical numbers were presented by the Magnolia high school girls choir, directed by Glenn Pinnell.

The Village MYF won the banner. MYF members from Stephens attended the Columbia County sub-district for the first time. Other churches represented were Welcome, Magnolia First Church, Jackson Street, New Era, Waldo, Philadelphia, Ebenezer, Harmony, New Hope, Village, and Lydesdale.

The next sub-district meeting will be at Lydesdale on December 28.

Guests at the banquet were Dr. and Mrs. Morehead, the Rev. and Mrs. Roy E. Fawcett, the Rev.

Charles Baughman, district director of youth work, Miss Georgia Daily, the Rev. John Tucker, and Richard Irvin of the General Board of Temperance.

In the top photo, seated, Rev. David Hankins, Mrs. Morehead, Dr. Morehead, Kelvin Wyrick and Sue Hudson, and standing, Rev. Charles Baughman.

Too many necessities is the mother of tension. —T. N. Tiemeyer, Pulpit Digest.

PELICAN-MITCHELL MYF MEETS

The Pelican and Mitchell MYF had five regular meetings in November, each consisting of a devotional and a short period of recreation. On November 30, the group cleaned up the Mitchell Church.

The two groups on the Pelican charge alternate meetings. In November they had a Thanksgiving

party, with a short devotional, games and refreshments. Special guests were the pastor and his wife.

The MYF has been organized almost six months, and has made many plans toward a more progressive program. Carolyn Bice is reporter for the group.

For outward beauty, try inward harmony.—The Highway.

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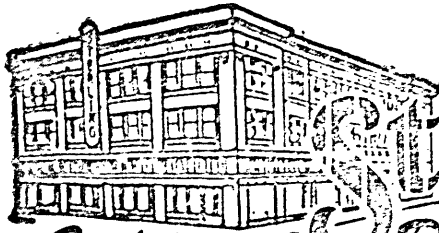
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CITY CHURCHES PLAN TO REACH NON-MEMBERS

Despite encouraging recent gains in church membership, today there are more Americans outside the church than the total population of the United States before 1890. How to reach the non-church members in the American city is being studied by a group of fifteen Methodist laymen and ministers in preparation for the denomination-wide "Convocation on Urban Life" to be held in Columbus, Ohio, February 24-26.

Dr. W. Clifford Newman, Memphis, Tenn., discussion leader, and the Rev. Walter Lee Underwood, McKenzie, Tenn., editor of the findings, head the study topic on "Reaching the Unchurched and Developing Christian Fellowship." Findings of this group and seven other research committees across the nation will be brought to the over 1,000 Methodists who are to attend the urban convocation sponsored by the Board of Mission of the Methodist Church. Chairman of the Convocation is Bishop Frederick B. Newell, of New York. Dr. Robert A. McKibben, head of the Department of City Work, Division of National Missions, is in charge of planning the conference.

Best methods of reaching people living in apartments, hotels, housing projects, and trailer camps will be discussed. Practical ways the city minister can reach the unchurched range from making friends with the doorman of apartment houses to checking voters' registration and rental offices for names of newcomers.

Family worship, common in the 19th century, is disappearing today, say the churchmen. Urging families to have personal and family devotions at home is one of the methods of developing Christian fellowship being explored by the study group.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXPERIMENT CONCLUDED

The Methodist Church has completed a three-year experiment in religious instruction which provides for cooperation between parents, pastors, and Sunday school teachers, it was announced at the annual meeting of the denomination's curriculum committee here.

Dr. Edward D. Staples, Nashville, director of the family life department, Methodist Board of Education, termed the plan highly successful following a three-year trial by 31 churches in Michigan and Ohio, and a one-year test by 38 churches in New York, Pennsylvania, California, Arizona and Wisconsin.

He said the new project is expected to be ready for church-wide use by next fall.

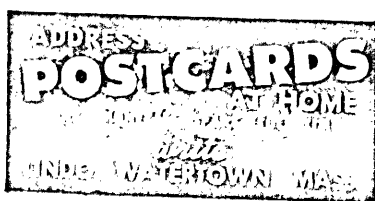
Under the plan, parents and Sunday school teachers will meet periodically to discuss lesson series. Teachers will visit the homes of

pupils and special guidance materials and a library service will be provided for parents. Parents also will receive report cards on the classroom progress of their children.

Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, editor of Methodist church school publications, called the plan "the most significant action that has come before the committee," and said it will "open an entirely new area of family-church relationships."

At the meeting, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburg, chairman of the curriculum group, named a committee to ascertain the functions of Methodist church school literature in dealing with crucial human relations issues.

The committee was instructed to report at the next annual meeting to be held here November 30-December 2, 1954. Dr. Charles Laymon, Nashville, editor of adult publications, is chairman and other members are: Dr. Mary Alice Jones and Miss Rowena Ferguson of the Board of Education staff here; the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, Chicago, executive secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations, and the Rev. Prince A. Taylor, New Orleans, edi-



tor of the *Central Christian Advocate*.

Lovick Pierce, president of the Methodist Publishing House, reported a quarterly circulation increase of 176,000 for church school literature, bringing the total circulation to 6,000,000 pieces each issue.

Zeal is the fire of love, active for duty, burning as it flies.—W. R. Williams

Youth today is interested in a living religion. Narrow intolerance must go. We must launch forth with our Master wherever that takes

us, or Christianity will exert a very minor influence in the pioneering of an adventurous humanity. —Richard Keithahn

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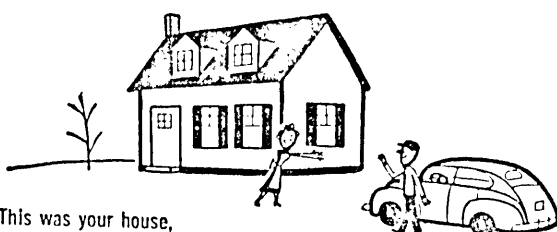
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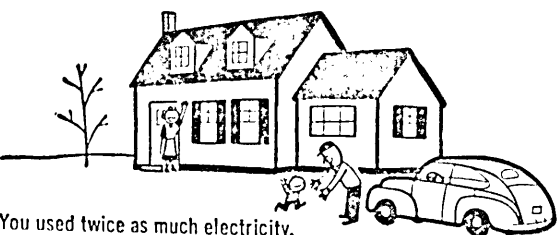
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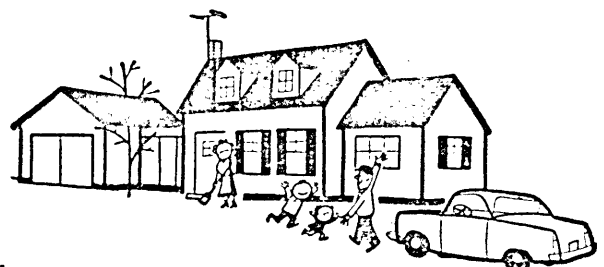
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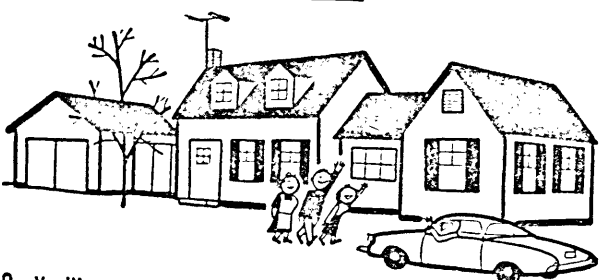
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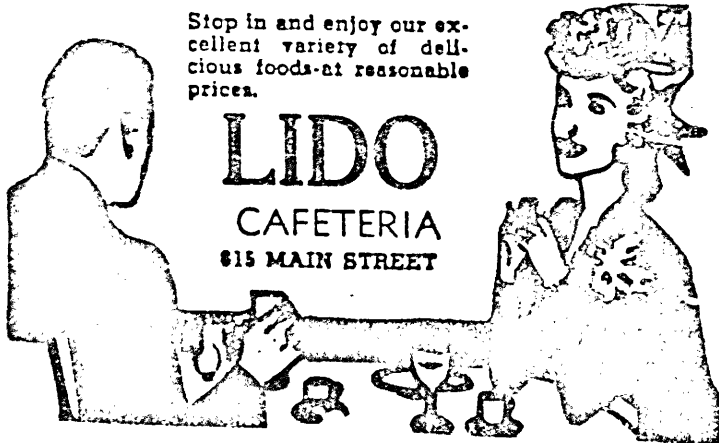
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The Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 27, 1953

DO WE WANT GOD'S KINGDOM TO COME?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Matthew 6:9-10, 28:16-20; John 17:18-21; Acts 1:6-8;
Revelation 11:15.

MEMORY SELECTION: The kingdom of the world
has become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ, and
he shall reign for ever and ever. (Rev. 11:15)

This is the first lesson of UNIT III: "God's Kingdom." There is only one lesson in the unit, and the aim is "To sum up the lessons of Unit I and II in the light of God's kingdom of love and righteousness." All plans which have to do with the building of a better world are summed up in the bringing in of the kingdom of God. In studying this lesson it will be well to at least have the subjects of Unit I and II before us and the titles of the lessons in these units. The subject of Unit I is "Foundational Principles For A Better World." The unit consists of the three following lessons: "What Kind of World Could God Approve?"; "What Kind of Men Can God Use?"; "How Can Redeemed Men Serve God?" The subject of Unit II is "Bible Teachings Applied To World Problems." The unit consists of the following nine lessons: "How Can We Abolish the Liquor Traffic?"; "What is a Christian Home?"; "What Relation Has the Church to the Community?"; "Why Be a Steward?"; "Must We Feed the World?"; "How Create a World of Opportunity for All?"; "Good Government—How?"; "Better Race Relations—Why and How?"; and "Is World Peace Possible?" A careful reading of the subjects of the two units and the titles of these twelve lessons will show that all have to do with the bringing in of the kingdom of God, as Jesus understood it.

Our one-lesson unit today raises the question "Do We Want God's Kingdom to Come?"

A Look At The Scriptures Two Petitions

Our first passage (Matt. 6:9-10) gives the beginning of what is commonly called "the Lord's Prayer," a more exact title, however, would be "the Disciples' Prayer." In the prayer we find a petition which has to do with forgiveness of sins, but Christ had no sins. He was teaching the disciples the type of prayer that they were to offer.

The first words of the prayer are "Our Father." Both of these words carry a helpful meaning. It is wonderful to know that the great God of this universe has the attributes of a father. Before Christ came in the flesh the prophets had already taught that God is the Father of Israel, as a nation, but they had never fully realized that God is the Father of individuals. Christ taught that God is the Father of each individual who would accept him as such, through meeting the required conditions. This was something new under the sun. This idea placed a value on each individual that had never been dreamed of before. This idea laid the foundation of Christian democracy. If each individual is potentially a child of God, then no individual can be a mere cog in

the wheel which Communism calls the party or the state. The individual is more important than either party or state. Government must exist by his consent and for his good, and this is democracy.

The word "our" is also helpful. God is not my Father to the exclusion of others. He is potentially the Father of all people, and actually the Father of all who have accepted Christ as Saviour. This means that all Christians are brothers, and that regardless of their color, church affiliation, politics, economic standing, social alignment, or nationality. If enough people throughout the world will become Christian brothers, the more serious problems of the world will cease. This is all tied up in the idea taught by Christ of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of men.

The first petition of this prayer is that God's name be "Hallowed"; adored; honored; revered; placed above all other names. God's name stands for and reveals his character. The second petition has to do with the coming of his kingdom. It is the height of hypocrisy to utter these petitions and then refrain from putting God first in life and doing our bit in helping to bring in his kingdom.

A Claim, A Commission, And A Promise

The next passage (Matt. 28:16-20) tells of the meetings of the disciples with the resurrected Christ on a mountain in Galilee. There, the Lord made a sweeping claim—"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." It is wonderful to know that this Christ whom we love and serve has universal authority and power. Little wonder that Paul would say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." In this passage Christ gave a world-wide commission—"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." The kingdom of God will not fully come on this earth until this task has been accomplished. At least the leaders of the various nations will have to become Christians before we can have a warless world. Next, we have Christ making a wonderful promise—"Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." With his dying breath John Wesley cried us. The best of all is God is with us. The Bible is simply full of helpful promises, but this one is best of all. Can you think of anything better than to know that Christ is with you; "Closer to you than breathing and nearer than hands and feet?" He is with you when you are in sorrow; when you are sick; when you are in trouble; when you are tempted; when you are disappointed; when you suffer losses; and he will be with you when you "walk

through the valley of the shadow of death." He is also with you when life moves on like a song and good fortune comes your way. He will be with you when you go out to serve and help others and work in the building of His kingdom. He furnishes the power and we furnish the instrumentality and the work goes on. Christ and people working together can build the kingdom of God on earth.

One In Christ

Our next passage (John 17: 18-21) begins with the idea that Christians are under orders. In speaking to the Father Jesus said, "As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them."

There can be no doubt that Christ was sent into the world by the Father, and he insists that as truly as the Father sent him he also sends his followers. He came to accomplish a great task. In his prayer just a few hours before his death he said, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do," and his last words on the cross were, "It is finished." He had purchased our redemption at tremendous sacrifice. Now he is depending on his followers to go out and get others to accept this redemption. Some one has said that "Christ alone can save the world, but he can't save the world alone." That sounds like a contradiction, but it is not. No mere man can forgive people's sins. Christ alone can do that. But all are free moral agents. Before salvation comes to people they must want to be saved, and that is where our part comes in.

The latter part of this passage tells of the Lord praying, not only for the disciples of that age but of all ages of the world; those who would believe on him through the word of his present followers. This means that you and I were included in that prayer.

Another thing the Lord mentions is that all believers might be one, as he and the Father are one. This part of his prayer has not yet been answered. To its shame, the Church is divided into more than two hundred competing sects. This fact has retarded the coming of the kingdom of God. The various branches of the Church are not divided over any-thing that is essential. The essential elements of salvation are the forsaking of sins, the acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour, and the working with him in serving others and building the kingdom of God on earth. All branches of the Church are agreed on these points. The argument starts when non-essentials are brought in and declared to be essential to salvation. In the essentials of salvation there should be strict conformity but on the non-essentials there should be liberality. We must learn to disagree on these non-essentials in an agreeable manner. Until this is done the prayer of Christ for unity will never be answered. All Christians should recognize their unity in Christ over and above differences of opinions on minor points.

These differences of opinions on minor points will always exist. They began even during the time of the Apostles. In Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth we find him saying "It has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each of you say, I belong to Paul, or I belong to Apollos, or I belong to Cephas, or I belong to Christ." Paul condemned these divisions and accused these

people of being carnal in that they permitted such condition to exist. The Church would be far more spiritual today if it were not for its divisions.

Israel's Dream

Our next passage (Acts 1:6-8) tells of a question that the disciples raised with Christ: "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" The "time" spoken of here was that of the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Lord had just told them to tarry in Jerusalem until the Spirit came. Down through the years the Jews had been greatly disappointed over the loss of their kingdom which had greatly flourished under the rule of David and Solomon. They had hoped that Christ would restore the kingdom while here in the flesh, but when they saw he would not, they expected it to come under the leadership of the Spirit. Christ informed them that the Spirit would come in a time of great power, but he did not tell at what time the kingdom would come.

The Lord's Kingdom

The memory selection (Rev. 11:15) speaks of a future time when the kingdom of the world shall become the kingdom of our Lord. Note the fact that the word "kingdom" is used in the singular number when speaking of the world. Some believe that there will come a time when the world will be under one ruler. It will be the kingdom of the world rather than the kingdoms.

Do We Want The Kingdom?

This is a serious question. Many people say they want the kingdom to come, but they are not willing to pay the price. The coming of the kingdom will mean that we no longer play at the job of being Christians. It will require full and complete consecration on the part of all true followers of the Lord. It will mean lives of stewardship, which means sharing with others. This sharing will not be done under pressure, but will be a voluntary basis. We will willingly share not only with individuals around us but with nations across the world. We will share our implements of production and teach them our "know-how" and thus bring their standard of living up to our own. We will recognize all believers in Christ as our brothers and treat them as such, regardless of their color, economic possessions, social standing, educational qualifications, church affiliations and political parties. That is a pretty big order, and yet if the kingdom of God means the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of all Christian believers it cannot be made anything less than what we have stated above.

The coming of the kingdom of God means the practice of the golden rule—rather than the rule of gold—in all phases of life. It means that the chief motive of all activities whether in the professional, economic, religious or industrial realms will be of service to others rather than profit for self.

The coming of the kingdom of God means love for all mankind, even including one's enemies. It means a forgiving spirit, a heart that is free of all hate, and a mind that is clear of all prejudice.

There are some who are already living according to these standards, and the kingdom is in their hearts, and also in their outward relationships when it comes to dealing with others like themselves. For most still a matter of the future.

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