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THE YEAR IN RELIGION

By DR. WINFRED E. GARRISON, Noted Church Historian of University of Houston

It cannot be helped if the annual survey of religion must begin—as it has begun, year after year—with the statement that church membership has increased faster than the population and is now at an “all-time high” whether viewed numerically or percentage-wise.

The monotony may be somewhat varied this time by adding that for the latest statistical year (figures for the most part representing the calendar year 1952) the churches as a whole had a much higher rate of growth than they have enjoyed for several decades. A net gain of 3,304,124 in the membership of all religious bodies in the United States, bringing the total to 92,277,129 shows an increase of nearly 4.1 per cent for the year, as compared with 2.12 per cent for the previous year, which was not far from the average for many preceding years.

One index of the health of an institution that depends on voluntary support is the willingness and generosity with which its members finance its activities. An incomplete compilation indicates that it has been a good year in this respect also. Forty-seven denominations, including about two-thirds of all American Protestants, gave \$1,286,633,160 through church channels, or \$34.32 a piece, an increase of 6.1 per cent over last year's per capita rate. The actual rate would probably be still higher, since Roman Catholics, Jews and some other groups of notably liberal givers are not included in these figures.

Those who have the impression that the Sunday school, or church school, is an outmoded institution may be surprised to learn that the enrollment in these schools increased 6.4 per cent, or even faster than the churches. The notable increase in Sunday school enrollment suggests that there may be more vitality in that institution than some have supposed, and it may have some bearing on the unprecedented growth of the churches.

Emphasis on evangelism has been a recognizable factor in the activities of the churches, including those which do not practice the more conspicuous evangelistic methods that are associated with “revivalism.” Whatever the method, the obvious fact is that the churches which grow are those which make a definite and sustained effort to grow—and most of them do.

The Bible continues to be a best-seller. The American Bible Society distributed nearly a million complete Bibles and almost one and a half million New Testaments, besides 11 million “portions.” The total sale of the new Revised Version was over 2,500,000 before the end of 1953.

Local and state councils of churches have increased in their activities, in the formation of new councils, and in the number of their participating churches. As of early in 1953 there were 227 such councils with employed executive secretaries and 733 with voluntary leadership.

Local councils have coordinated the efforts of churches of many denominations in evangelism, adult and leadership education, and many forms of community service and social welfare activities. State councils also have worked to develop public opinion and mobilize sentiment in regard to legislation affecting public morals.

The National Council of Churches, the most comprehensive Protestant agency, carried on a wide variety of cooperative activities.

Special study of the place and function of women in the work of the church has been intensively pursued by a commission. The National Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life sponsored and directed a week of study and emphasis upon “the relation of Christian faith to economic life,” Jan. 18-24. The Fourth National Study Conference on the Churches and World Order, held at Cleveland Oct. 27-30

by the Council's Department of International Justice and Good Will, considered the bearing of Christian faith on international policies and issued a statement for study by churches and individuals.

In the general and gradual movement away from discrimination on grounds of race in employment, schools, hotels, transportation and places of public entertainment and assembly, the churches have been somewhat in advance, but not radically so. If the resolutions of church bodies and the acts of their conventions are an index, church sentiment is more “liberal” in this matter than the general average of public opinion.

In East Germany all the churches have faced and survived the efforts of a Communist controlled government to sap their strength by imposing penalties for “illegal meetings,” cutting off previous subsidies, hindering the raising of voluntary funds, taking over youth organizations,

and forbidding social welfare work; but about the middle of the year a sudden change of policy under a new Soviet commissioner removed many of these restrictions.

Many hope that the broadening of Social Security will include ministers and priests in its coverage, though some see in this an improper Church-State connection. One bill introduced into Congress would obviate this by regarding the clergy as “self-employed,” thus avoiding any direct dealings between government and churches.

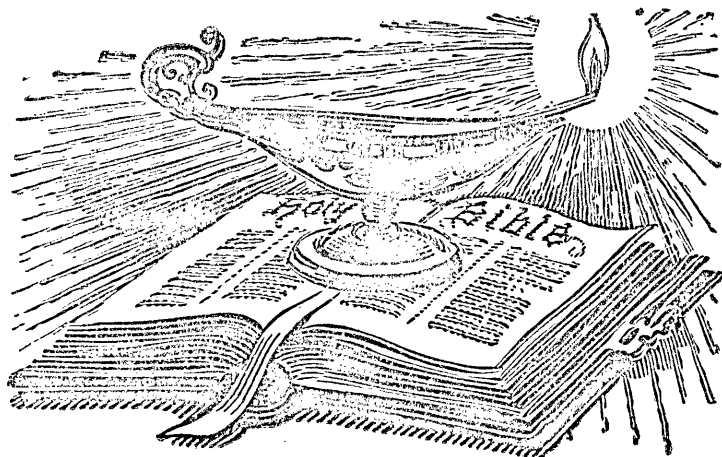
Church World Service, the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP), War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference and other relief agencies have continued their beneficent activities on behalf of needy areas abroad, to which were added the devastated Greek Islands.

In spite of the closing of some fields, notably China, the number of Protestant foreign missionaries under American boards increased from 15,000 to 18,000 during 1952. Roman Catholic missions showed a similar growth. Some Roman Catholic and Protestant missionaries were among the captive civilians released in Korea along with prisoners of war. The new International Christian University in Japan opened its college of liberal arts in April. Prof. Emil Brunner of Switzerland accepted a teaching appointment for three years in that university.

In India there was a celebration of the 1900th anniversary of the legendary (but perhaps actual) arrival of the Apostle Thomas to plant Christianity in that country. Christian missions in Asia and Africa are in process of changing some of their methods, without weakening their message, as they confront the Communist menace, new nationalistic ambitions, racial tensions, revolt against colonial status and anything that looks like “imperialism,” emphasis on military power, and preoccupation with urgent economic problems.

Jewish congregations in the U. S. and other Jewish religious institutions continued the growth that has been marked in recent years. As an example, the Union of American Hebrew congregations reported in October that membership in Reform temples has tripled during the past decade.

The Catholic Church suffered a new blow in its struggle with Communist-controlled regimes when the Polish government banished Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński from his primatial See of Warsaw and removed him to an unknown place. In other European Communist States, 24 bishops are imprisoned or under house arrest along with 6,000 priests and religious. In Communist China foreign missionaries continue to be expelled. Whereas in 1948 there were some 5,000 Catholic missionaries in that country only about 300 are now left. Many of these are in jail.



HELP CAN ONLY COME FROM THE PEOPLE

By ELEANOR NEILL, Director of Legislation
Arkansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union

CONGRESS convened Tuesday, January 6, 1954. When last summer the Defense Department issued a directive, kept for a time a secret, for a "major change in the policy and procedure applying to alcoholic beverages in the Armed Services", someone remarked "The Army hopes that most of the fuss will be forgotten before next January when Congress comes back to Washington."

Certain members of Congress even when on vacation have expressed themselves on the directive. Representative W. Sterling Cole (R., New York) said he will sponsor legislation to ban the sale of liquor at Army and Air Force posts. He declared, "It is both wrong and unnecessary for the federal government to be in the business of trafficking in bottled liquor." Representative W. Paul Shafer (R., Mich.) called the regulations a blunder and ridiculed the Defense Department's orders to post commanders to "encourage abstinence and enforce moderation." Senator Henry C. Dworshak (R., Idaho) telegraphed President Eisenhower asking him to overrule the Defense Department. "Aside from moral issues," he said, the move puts the government in direct competition with private enterprise and state agencies." Many other members of Congress, we are told, are opposed to the "liberal regulations, including most, if not all, of the Arkansas delegation."

On December 17th the Defense Department withdrew the permit for sale of package (bottled) liquors in military posts. This is the first small victory for those members of Congress who put the welfare of the men and women in all the services above all other considerations.

The situation now is this: by uniform regulations for the Army, Navy, and Air Force beer, wine, and distilled liquors may be sold by the drink in open messes (clubs) for officers and non-commissioned officers who are above 21 years of age. (However a warning has come from the spokesman for the Army that the bars must

not suggest a saloon or the cocktail bars resemble a gaudy night club.) Beer may be sold in installations for enlisted men.

The fact that the Defense Department has liberalized permits for liquor in the Armed Forces is a great disappointment to millions of parents and friends of the young people in the services, who had believed that this would not be because of the provisions of a law commonly known as the Cole Amendment to S-1. A Universal Training and Service Bill (June 19, 1951, Public Law 51, from section 6, 82nd Congress), which reads thus:

"The Secretary of Defense is authorized to make such regulations as he may deem appropriate governing the sale, consumption, possession of, or traffic in beer, wine, or any intoxicating liquors to or by members of the Armed Services or the National Security Training Corps at or near any camp, station, post, or other place primarily occupied by members of the Armed Forces or the National Security and Training Corps."

The intent of the author and supporters of this law was to provide a way by which all alcoholic beverages could be removed from military installations and their vicinity. They had faith that the Secretary of Defense would bring the light of attested scientific findings of the past twenty years to bear on the care of members of the services, and in appreciation of the individual's worth would make ample provision for "amethyst" or non-alcoholic drinks of every wholesome and refreshing variety to be kept accessible. Dismay and incredulity at the directive of last summer surpass words to express, and the reason for the act past all understanding.

Would the Secretary of Defense, the Hon. Charles E. Wilson, former president of General Motors, arrange for the sale of beer, wine, and distilled liquors in recreation rooms for his superintendents and foremen, and for sale of beer to all workmen? Would the Assistant Secretary of Defense, the Hon. John A. Hannah, who

is quoted in the press as saying he had no intention of backing down, "I made the decision," he said, "I am willing to take the grief," when he was president of a university in the northwest arrange for his professors, assistant, and fellows to have beer, wine, and distilled liquors accessible on the campus, and all students have access to beer? Has he not kept up with the findings of research which are accepted by every medical college in the civilized world, that alcohol is a simple narcotic which has only one effect on the user's nervous system, to depress or make torpid. Any "liveliness" or loosened up feeling after drinking is not stimulation (added energy) but a flag handing out for all the world to see that part of his brain, the inhibitory centers, is asleep. Impulsive behavior is not stimulated behavior.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THIS?

The Gallup Poll has already canvassed public opinion and reports that 47 per cent of the people are opposed to the new regulation, 44 per cent are for them, and 9 per cent have no opinion.

Certain members of Congress are working; but they must have the support of the people they represent, for the mobilized opposition of the liquor traffic is strong.

The late Henry Ford left some sage observations. He states in "My Views on Liquor and the Law" the following: "Prohibition was not a change that came down upon to an unwilling people by officials above them, it came up to the unwilling officials from the mass of the people. That is the only way it could have come."

This is the only way, too, that the directive for sale of liquor and beer by the drink in the Armed Services can be overcome, by tireless insistence by the people that the voice of science be obeyed and the men and women in their country's service be given the benefit of the latest proven truth as to the value of using wholesome substitutes for alcoholic drink.

The Church has a voice and eloquence and influence unequalled by any other group in the nation. Under her leadership, this great wrong and unscientific directive can be overruled and wholesome drinks be provided for every member of the services when in line of duty anywhere in the world.

WILL YOU WRITE THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES!

LITTLE ROCK'S ST. PAUL OPENS FIRST UNIT

The St. Paul Methodist Church of Little Rock worshipped Christmas Sunday, December 20, for the first time in its new building with the St. Paul pastor, Rev. Charles Rich-

ard delivering the sermon at the first service and Bishop Paul E. Martin being the preacher at the eleven o'clock service. Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock District Sup-

erintendent, assisted in the second service.

G. A. Denham served as chairman of the St. Paul Building committee for the new building, ground for which had been broken on April 26.

approximately \$70,000. During Rev. Mr. Richard's pastorate the church membership has increased from 280 members to a present membership of 526. The congregation has worshipped for more than two years in the Heights Theater, using the for-

METHODIST MEMBERSHIP NOW 9,151,524

Membership of The Methodist Church in the United States and possessions now totals 9,151,524, according to figures for 1953 released by the Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the denomination's statistical office in Chicago. He said this represents a drop of 28,904 from the 1952 membership of 9,180,428, reflecting a ruling of the 1952 General Conference that inactive members no longer were to be listed. Last year's total included 1,624,466 inactives, Mr. Hoover said. He credited intensive, successful evangelistic campaigns with compensating for most of the loss of inactive members pruned from the church rolls. This year's 9,151,524 total includes 25,907 ministers, but not 968,981 preparatory members—baptized children and others not received into full membership. A total of 406,153 baptisms in 1953 were reported, an increase of 18,245 over the previous year. Church-school membership increased 152,434—from 6,141,284 in 1952 to 6,293,718 in 1953. Average attendance at church schools was 3,192,382, a gain of 93,137. Membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service rose from 1,694,898 to 1,719,986 and their contribution to local church work increased nearly a million dollars. The women gave a total of \$24,871,100 to support local churches and a world-wide missionary program. Chartered groups of Methodist Men were listed for the first time, with membership totaling 267,356 in 6,098 groups. The value of church property was given as \$1,857,497,972, with a debt of \$82,318,462.

City Council Asks Methodists To Build New Municipal Hospital

Southwestern Methodists have agreed to build and run a \$1,750,000 municipal hospital in Arcadia, California at the unanimous request of the city council. At the first called meeting in the history of the Southern California-Arizona Methodist Conference, denominational leaders voted to accept a federal Hill-Burton Act grant of \$437,000 and start raising \$653,000 to go with it. They must raise the money within four months. The council directed that the 100-bed institution be erected on a 16½-acre site and operated on a non-profit basis. Clinical facilities and ample provision for emergency treatment must be provided. There can be no racial or creedal discrimination as to patients or in the selection of employees. "We believed," said a council spokesman, "that a church-operated hospital will most effectively and most economically fill our need."

Sermon Topic Cooperation

Ministers of three local churches in Albert Lea, Minn., within a few blocks of each other posted these subjects for Sunday sermons, in this order: "Where Is He?" "He Is Here." "God Changes His Address." The three ministers, who apparently chose their topics without consultation, are the Rev. Harold O. McNeil of First Baptist Church, the Rev. Melford S. Knutson of First Lutheran Church and the Rev. Lloyd A. Peterson of First Presbyterian Church.

Methodists Take Over Four Hospital Properties In Rochester, Minnesota

The national board of hospitals and homes of The Methodist Church will take over operation of four hospital properties in Rochester, Minn., the world-famed medical center on Jan. 1. By almost unanimous vote, stockholders of the Kahler Corp., approved sale of the properties to the Methodists for \$2,855,000. Properties involved and sale prices are: (1) the Colonial hospital—\$2,400,000; (2) the Worrall hospital—\$300,000; (3) Kahler hall,

a nursing school dormitory—\$100,000, and (4) a parking lot—\$55,000. The Colonial hospital has 366 beds and the Worrall hospital 186. The new properties will be known as the Rochester Methodist hospital. They will be operated as a non-profit corporation. The new corporation's 16-man board of directors met for the first time and named C. C. Pagenhart, Rochester building contractor, as chairman. Thirteen of the board members are Rochester residents.

Find Communist Youth Members Attending Church Services

Many members of the Free German Youth (FDJ), Communist youth organization in the Soviet Zone, are attending church services more regularly than they do FDJ meetings and indoctrination courses. This was revealed in a report based on an investigation ordered by the FDJ leadership of the Halle district to determine the reasons for absenteeism of members from Communist-sponsored activities. As a result of the findings, the Halle district headquarters has ordered a constant supervision of "church-friendly" members.

Christmas-Beer Advertising Sign Draws Fire

An electric beer-advertising sign carrying the slogan "Put Christ Back Into Christmas" drew the fire of temperance forces in Louisville, Ky. The Rev. Walter C. House, executive director of the Temperance League of Kentucky, called the sign "sacrilegious." He said the slogan was incompatible with beer advertising. Mr. House asked Guy C. Shearer, administrator of the Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, to order the beer distributor to remove the slogan. Mr. Shearer said the board would consider the request soon. John J. Martin, head of the beer-distributing company, said the same slogan was used last year without complaint. High school girls who are promoting the slogan here asked that it be displayed on the sign, he said.

Methodists Name Director Of Refugee Program

Elizabeth M. Lee, a Methodist missions executive for the past 18 years, has been given the task of organizing support for the 1954-56 refugee rehabilitation program of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. The program is aimed at finding jobs and homes in America for 5,000 "new" immigrants from Europe. In announcing the appointment, the committee said Miss Lee's specific job will be to "persuade Methodists and Methodist churches throughout the country to open doors of work, residence and worship to these persons." She will begin this task next Feb. 1 when she retires as executive secretary



of the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions. In the latter post, she has for the past 13 years administered the division's activities in South America, Europe and North Africa.

Traffic Officials Enlist Bible To Combat Rising Death Toll

Worried traffic officials are enlisting the aid of the Bible in their fight against rising death rates on the streets and highways of Utah. A Biblical text will be printed on the regular Utah inspection stickers which must be displayed on all automobiles from Feb. 15th to May 15th. The text is: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." It is from Matthew VII:12. The Biblical quotation also will be publicized in other ways next year as a means of curbing selfish driving habits which imperil the lives and safety of motorists and pedestrians. A special decal design featuring the quotation has been prepared by Herbert M. Fahmel, State Road Commission artist, and will be affixed to the dashboards of all state-owned cars. Use of the Biblical text is being promoted by the newly-organized Golden Rule Club here.

Bible Society Adopts Record Budget

The American Bible Society will seek a record amount of \$3,271,250 in 1954 for its 138th year of activity in the publication and distribution of Scriptures to all parts of the world. Announcement of next year's budget was made after a joint meeting of the Bible Society's Advisory Council and the budget committee of its Board of Managers. The session was held during the Council's 35th annual meeting, attended by 81 delegates and guests from 53 denominations. Of the total sought, \$2,701,000, or \$150,000 more than this year's figure, will be devoted to the regular work of the Society, while \$570,250 has been allocated to a "program of advance." Under its ongoing activity, the Society is planning to produce 365,000 Bibles,

474,500 Testaments, 13,227,000 Portions and 30,000 volumes for the blind. The "program of advance" will include \$159,250 for the Far East, \$163,500 for Europe and the Middle East, \$122,000 for Latin America, \$40,500 for translation of Scriptures, and \$80,000 for expanded work in the United States.

Oxnam, McIntire Clash In Los Angeles

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and fundamentalist leader Dr. Carl McIntire clashed verbally in Los Angeles but without meeting face to face. "I don't believe I've ever met the gentleman," Bishop Oxnam said at a press conference, "although I was told that he attended one of my meetings once." The Methodist leader spoke before an audience of 3,500 in First Methodist Church on "Contemporary Threats to Civil Liberties." Dr. McIntire, whose International Council of Christian Churches and American Council of Christian Churches strongly oppose the bishop, addressed 500 at an anti-Oxnam rally the previous night. Asked for comment on Dr. McIntire's rally, Bishop Oxnam said: "If he (Dr. McIntire) will publish an audited statement of the organizations he represents, telling the sources of their income and where the money goes, I'll be happy to discuss them and him. 'Until he does, I'm afraid I'll have to do what I did in the case of a score of letters and telegrams he has sent me—not dignify him with an answer. 'The trouble with Dr. McIntire is that he has never realized that the word 'love' is in the Bible. He has turned the admonition to love one's neighbor to 'hate one's neighbor.' I have never seen any statement by his organizations that might be construed as spreading the Christian gospel of love." The bishop added that Dr. McIntire "represents almost nobody and nothing," and estimated that his organization, the American Council, had a membership of something like 170,000, as compared with the National Council of Churches' 35,000,000.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. CLAUD ROY, pastor at St. Charles, underwent surgery at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock on Tuesday, December 29.

REV. ARCHIE N. BOYD, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Berryville, was elected president of the Berryville Ministerial Alliance at the last meeting of the Alliance.

THE PREACHERS of the Jonesboro District will meet on Friday, January 8, at Leachville. The district superintendent, Rev. E. J. Holifield, will preside over the meeting.

MR. AND MRS. H. A. PERRY, members of Asbury Church, Little Rock, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 27, with an informal open house in the Bale Room of the church from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN preached at the morning service at the Methodist Church of Bentonville on Sunday morning, January 3. A reception was held in the educational building for Bishop and Mrs. Martin between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 p. m.

REV. J. H. HOGGARD, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, has been appointed chairman of the Crawford County March of Dimes, which is the annual fund-raising campaign for the National Foundation on Infantile Paralysis.

THE PIGGOTT CHURCH CHOIR presented the Christmas cantata, "The Music of Bethlehem" to an overflow congregation in a candle-light vesper service on Christmas Sunday at 5:00 o'clock. The choir was under the direction of Mrs. B. B. Layl with Miss Ruth Gwin as organist.

OPEN HOUSE will be held at the new educational building of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday afternoon, January 10, from 2:30 to 5:00 p. m. Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin is pastor. J. P. Streepey is chairman of the Building Committee.

THE PULLMAN HEIGHTS CHURCH, Hot Springs, has been completely redecorated at a cost of more than \$3500. Mrs. Dewell Jackson and daughter, Kathryn, have placed in the sanctuary a cross in memory of their husband and father, Dewell Jackson. Rev. Kirvin A. Hale is pastor.

MRS. C. M. LUTTERLOH of Corsicana, Texas, a long-time friend of the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, has given her home on the northeast corner of Main and Nettleton in Jonesboro to the Huntington Avenue Church. Mrs. Lutterloh and her late husband gave property to the church the sale of which made possible the erection of the present sanctuary and classrooms in 1939-1940.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY for the older adults of the church was held at the Methodist Church of Forrest City on Monday evening, December 14, with 36 in attendance. A Christmas program was given with Rev. Otto W. Teague, district superintendent, giving a devotional message. Representatives from each of the five classes in the Adult Division of the Church School formed the committee which planned the program. Rev. Raymond L. Franks is pastor of the church.

A TOTAL of \$42,390 in cash and pledges had been raised by members of the Clinton Methodist Church for the building of a new church and educational building when a report was made on Tuesday, December 15. The goal for the building fund was set at about \$35,000. At the time of the report only about 40 of the 100 or more families had been contacted. Howard Johnson is chairman of the Official Board and Rev. J. L. Pruitt is pastor.

TUPELO METHODIST CHURCH had its opening service on Sunday, December 13, in its new building. The pastor, Rev. M. L. Kaylor, preached on the text, "For the People Had a Mind to Work." Lunch was served at noon in the dining room and an informal service was held after lunch in the church. Group singing of Christmas songs, talks by members of the con-

gregation and a message by the pastor made up the service.

REV. H. W. JINSKE of Mountain View writes: "Mrs. Jinske and I and daughter, Joy Nell, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Jinske's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Croft of Crossville, Alabama. We also visited our married daughter, Betty Jean, and her husband, J. G. Greening, who is in Emory University preparing for the ministry. At the morning hour on December 27 I preached in the Crossville Methodist Church. Rev. Donald M. Mason is the pastor of the church."

A MEN'S BIBLE CLASS has been organized at the Sheridan Methodist Church with twenty-eight men present for the organizational meeting. Jack Williams was elected president of the class. Other officers are vice-president, Russell Hendon; and secretary-treasurer, V. M. Lowman. Teachers of the class are Russell Hendon, Reid Scales, Joe Sweatt and Jim Zimmerman. R. L. Newby was chairman of the committee that organized the class. Rev. D. James McCammon is pastor at Sheridan.

REV. JAMES K. MATHEWS, of Montclair, N. J., executive secretary of the Division of World Missions, Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, sailed on January 6 for a three-months' official visit to Methodist mission personnel and institutions in Africa, India, and Pakistan. In Africa, he will study at first hand, economic, social and religious problems in the Gold Coast, the Belgian Congo, Southern Rhodesia, the Union of South Africa, Mozambique, and Kenya. From Africa he will go to India, where he was formerly a missionary, and to Pakistan. He expects to return to New York in mid-April to report to the Board of Missions and to interdenominational missionary bodies.

DR. OLIN L. STOCKWELL, Methodist missionary who was a prisoner of the Communists in China for two years, was the guest preacher at the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Sunday morning, December 27. Dr. and Mrs. Stockwell were visiting during the holiday season their son, Foster Stockwell, who is stationed at Camp Chaffee. On Sunday evening Dr. Stockwell was the guest preacher at the Central Methodist Church in Fayetteville. Rev. Alfred A. Knox is the Goddard pastor and Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr. is pastor of Fayetteville's Central Church. Dr. and Mrs. Stockwell are scheduled to be the featured speakers at the seven Louisiana Conference District Missionary Institutes in March. Dr. Stockwell is the author of the book "With God In Red China."

BISHOP MARTIN ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS

Changes in pastorates of Methodist churches at Hot Springs, Magnolia and Stamps were announced Wednesday, December 23, by Bishop Paul E. Martin.

The new appointments became effective January 1.

Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist Church at Hot Springs, went to the First Methodist Church at Magnolia.

Mr. Hozendorf was succeeded by Rev. M. E. Scott, pastor of the Stamps Church.

Rev. Elbert B. Jean, who will be graduated from Southern Methodist University this month, replaced Mr. Scott.

Mr. Hozendorf succeeded Dr. J. L. Dedman at Magnolia. Dr. Dedman, former Pine Bluff District superintendent, resigned because of ill health.

Bishop Martin also announced that Rev. Robert Langley had been appointed supply pastor on the Arkadelphia Circuit.

FIRST 100 PER CENT REPORT

Rev. W. O. Scroggin, Jr., reports that the Methodist Church at LaGrange has put the *Arkansas Methodist* in the home of all contributing members. LaGrange, with twenty-four subscribers, is the first church in Arkansas to make

REPORT ON \$600,000 HENDRIX ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Paid in cash, January 1, 1954, \$195,803.23. Balance to be raised \$104,191.77.

The above figures tell the story of our achievement to date and present to us the challenge for completion.

The Arkansas Methodist will carry each week a report on our progress, so that every Methodist in Arkansas and every friend of Hendrix may know just how we stand. Week by week we will whittle down the amount needed to reach our goal, and the sooner we raise the amount the better for us it will be, for our money begins to draw interest just as soon as it is paid in.

The record which we have made thus far is commendable and it shows plainly enough that we can succeed in what we have set out to do. The General Education Board of New York has matched our money just as fast as we have raised it, so that we can actually count \$391,616.46 in cash on our goal of \$600,000.

Here is how you can help: (1) If you have an unpaid pledge, pay just as soon as you can—and add something to it if you can. (2) If your church has a pledge, make haste to get it paid, even before the due date. (3) If you or your church have not made a pledge, then come in with a liberal cash contribution—and do it just as soon as you can. (4) Influence somebody else to make a contribution in cash. (5) Look at the report in the *Methodist* each week and pray for the success of the Campaign.

a 100 per cent report of the 1954 *Arkansas Methodist* Circulation Campaign.

Brother Scroggin is pastor at LaGrange in connection with his work as pastor at Marianna.

At press time a report from Charleston Methodist Church, Rev. O. D. Peters pastor, indicates that this church is also entering a 100 per cent list of seventy subscribers.

DISTRICT RALLIES FOR STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE CRUSADE EMPHASIS

Monticello District, January 18, Monticello, 7 p. m.

Pine Bluff District, January 19, Pine Bluff, 7 p. m.

Camden District, January 20, Camden, 7 p. m.

Hope District, January 21, Nashville, 7 p. m.

Arkadelphia District, January 22.

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NATURE AND SECOND NATURE

How often we hear the saying: "You can't change human nature." For instance, civic reform begins to stir a city. Citizens demand a cleansing of the community. But as usual the cynics come forth with their sneering comment: "You can't change human nature. Corruption will continue."



Or we think of millions of youths we have recruited in the last two world wars, with slogans of making the world free from war and safe for democracy. The young people enlist, they struggle, and many die. Others are shelved away in hospitals. The rest return to meet the pessimistic prattle: "You can't change human nature; man is a fighting animal, always has been, always will be; therefore wars are inevitable."

And, succumbing to such skepticism, the survivors of one war accept the prospect of another war. Peace efforts become half-hearted.

The late Benito Mussolini declared, "There is no revolution which can change human nature." Holding that belief, he banked on humanity's worst elements, capitalized on its greeds and developed its deceitfulness, until at last he became the victim of brutality. He was left hanging by the heels—reviled by his own revolutionists whose nature he certainly had not changed.

But this pessimism about human nature runs counter to the soundest teachings of philosophy and religion.

The distinguished Harvard philosopher, W. E. Hocking, reminds us that man's instincts are less fixed than those of other animals. Therefore, human nature is the most plastic part of the living world. It can be changed.

When we turn to the realm of religion, we find that the great faiths have stressed the sins of man—but they have despaired of his possibilities. The Old Testament holds ever before men the promise of improvement. The prevailing attitude of the Hebrew prophets is in line with Isaiah's statement: "Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

Christ said that we can and must be born again. A man can be born only through the pangs of birth. To be born of the flesh costs travail. Likewise we are born of the spirit only through travail. We cannot change the pattern of our lives unless we want to do it most desperately.

But how many of us seriously want to change ourselves? Of course, many of us desire to change the conditions of our living. We want the world made better. But we can crave all this, and still not really desire to change our own lives.

The trouble is that sinful habit so often is felt by us as a groove. It is pleasant to go along in a groove. The pain comes when we try to get out. Hence, we slide along in the grooves of sin and become quite free from remorse.

Perhaps we can put it more simply in the naive prayer of a little boy who prayed thus: "O Lord, make me a better boy if you can; but if you can't don't mind it too much, for I am getting along pretty well as is."

Ah yes, so many of us are not taking this matter of changing ourselves too seriously, for we feel we are "getting along pretty well as is."

Hugh Price Hughes, the head of a Christian mission in the slums of London, was once challenged by an atheist to stage a debate. Hughes replied that he would accept, provided each speaker could bring some exhibits of his work. He wanted to have with him some of the drunkards and derelicts whom he had redeemed. Would the atheist bring some of his products? The debate never came off.

The godless can't change human nature. But, with the godly, goodness can become second nature. In this faith let us face the New Year.

The Rayne Memorial congregation is getting an early start on the "Circulation Campaign," with every department in the church participating in this church-wide New Year's project.

Prominent among church leaders cooperating are Mr. and Mrs. Don Galbraith, Senior Counselors, Henry Dorsey, Church School superintendent, Phillip Holland, Jr., Adult Division superintendent, Mrs. Joseph Henderson, Children's Division superintendent, Mrs. G. Wormuth, Friendship Class president, Mrs. Frank Spiess, secretary of Christian Social Relations Committee of Woman's Society, and Mrs. Willie Ray Jones, Wesleyan Service Guild.

The Seniors are making beautiful and informative posters to be used throughout the campaign. These posters will give some of the high-

lights of The Louisiana Methodist such as editorials by Dr. E. T. and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, "A Lift For Living" by Dr. Ralph Sockman, "On A Wide Circuit" by Dr. W. W. Reid, "Accent on Youth" by Dr. Hoover Rupert, "Methodist Youth" by Georgia Daily, Children's Page by Annie Winburne, and the weekly Sunday School lesson by Rev. H. O. Bolin.

Special emphasis will be given to the Woman's Society of Christian Service page edited by Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland which features the activities of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. This latter organization is asking its members to give the publication to their friends as gifts for birthdays, etc.

The general chairman of the church project is Mrs. Arlene Hawkins with George Gammil chairman of the Official Board and Raymond P. Starr, as co-chairman.

Rev. Oakley Lee, St. Mark's pastor, is assisting by presenting the highlights of The Louisiana Methodist to various church groups. The church also plans to send a year's subscription to the shut-ins and men in the armed services.

Dr. Adrian Serex is the Rayne Memorial pastor and Rev. George W. Pool is associate pastor.—Reporter.

Christian Education:

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

Training Report To Date

The North Arkansas Conference has had the greatest fall training program this year the conference has ever had in its history.

During the summer and fall the churches of the North Arkansas Conference have had representatives in a total of sixty-seven formal training enterprises, as compared with forty-eight for the same period the year before. More than two thousand persons have been enrolled in these training programs.

A total of 1632 course cards have been reported to the Board of Education office, thus far this conference year.

The report by districts is as follows:

Batesville District	237
Conway District	161
Fayetteville District	326
Forrest City District	44
Fort Smith District	274
Jonesboro District	232
Paragould District	152
Searcy District	186

The Melbourne Charge has set a

record in number of training schools to be held in one year on a charge, a total of fourteen schools have been held in that charge.

Siloam Springs and Prairie Grove have had the two largest one unit training schools held in the conference this year.

First Church, Fort Smith, leads in the number of training credits for one church with a total of 118 credits.

The district reports will be changed considerably during the month of January, as some fifteen schools are scheduled to be held during that time. Some thirty or more schools are already being planned for the remainder of the conference year.

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On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WHERE ARE THE ROOTS OF FREEDOM?

Few of us have paid a price or have suffered for the freedoms we enjoy in America. We are as accustomed to some freedoms as we are to the air we breathe; and we seldom stop to ask how we came by them, or who helped hand them on to us.

Take the freedom of religion. No one—army, neighbors, government officials, police—no one "made" you go to church today, or made you go to the particular church you are now attending. No one says you may not read the Bible, or sing hymns, or pray to Jehovah, or disagree with ideas expressed in the sermon.

But it has not always been so. Men have been marched in formation to church. They have been denied the Scriptures. Some have been forbidden to sing or to pray—or compelled to do it in a certain form. Men have been beaten, and jailed, and burned for holding particular beliefs, or for not holding them.

All over the world, and in all Christian centuries, men fought and suffered, even died, that

others might enjoy religious freedom—freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their consciences. They have taken their stand even to maintain the right of others to support ideas to which they themselves could not subscribe. Before them, the prophets and the martyrs fought and suffered for religious freedoms—fought kings, and conquerors, and alien teachers, and even the entrenched clerical hierarchy of their own people or nation.

Other freedoms came to you and to me in much the same way. Men and women have suffered and labored that you and I might have freedom of the press, freedom from want, freedom to express our thoughts. Whence came the driving force that sent men out to suffer for another's freedom? What was the philosophy or belief back of this long-continued drive?

Only when men have known and acknowledged the fatherhood of God and been inspired to help realize the brotherhood of all men have men been concerned with pressing on toward freedom. The roots of our freedom, and of our quest for greater freedom, lie back in the teachings of the Old Testament: Jesus picked these up and gave them new and significant meaning: "Who but God is our father?" "Who is my neighbor?" "All men are my brethren." Take from mankind the Bible and the teachings of those guided and inspired by Jesus Christ and freedom as we know it would disappear from the earth.

The missionary—ancient and modern—be-

lieving and teaching that God is Father of all, all men are brethren through Christ, and all men are of infinite worth in His sight—has planted the roots and the seeds of freedom "from pole to pole." From those plantings there has grown the world's quest today for the Four Freedoms: of religion, of speech, of the press, and from want. Directly or indirectly, this "good news of freedom" is being echoed around the earth.

But we, who have not personally suffered, who have not paid great price for our freedoms, too easily toy with them, see them threatened or curtailed without protest, perhaps smile indulgently when one points to religious faith as their source. Is it true, as some suggest, that the freedoms and even the religions that inspire and hold men will not pass from one generation to another; that each generation must pay its own price, suffer its own fresh agony? (Sometimes one wonders if the strength of the so-called "smaller sects" of Christians is not that their members have paid the price of standing out from the popular, drifting mass.)

It is at this point that I have the gravest fears for tomorrow. For in our public education program—in which I believe in general—we have practically killed the roots from which our freedoms have sprung—we are careful beyond care not to teach about God, or religion, or religious ideas and ideals. Whence then, will come tomorrow's religion, tomorrow's freedoms?

Little Rock Conference Treasurer's Report

JUNE 15 TO DECEMBER 7, 1953

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishop Fund	Conf. Claim.	M.S.P.	M.S.C.	W. S. & Conf. Ben.	W.S.S.	G. & J.	Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishop Fund	Conf. Claim.	M.S.P.	M.S.C.	W. S. & Conf. Ben.	W.S.S.	G. & J.
(Continued from December 24th Issue)																	
HOPE DISTRICT																	
ASHDOWN		\$ 200.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 30.00	\$2.00, St. Paul \$2.00, Washington \$3.00, Brownstown \$1.00, Winthrop \$1.00, Wickes \$1.00.								
TOTAL									TOTAL								
RETIREMENT MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: First Church, Texarkana \$643.00, Few Memorial \$5.00									RETIREMENT MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: First Church, Texarkana \$643.00, Few Memorial \$5.00								
TOTAL									TOTAL								
RACE RELATIONS: Hope \$300.00									RACE RELATIONS: Hope \$300.00								
1000 CLUB: E. D. Galloway \$10.00, Blevins \$30.00, Prescott \$50.00, College Hill \$90.00, Fairview \$10.00, First Church, Texarkana \$230.00, Washington \$20.00.									1000 CLUB: E. D. Galloway \$10.00, Blevins \$30.00, Prescott \$50.00, College Hill \$90.00, Fairview \$10.00, First Church, Texarkana \$230.00, Washington \$20.00.								
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NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Ashdown \$50.00, Averys Chapel \$3.00, Bingen \$15.00, Doyle \$2.00, Friendship \$2.00, Sweet Home \$3.00, DeQueen \$75.00, Foreman \$12.00, Hope \$300.00, Lockesburg \$12.00, Mena \$75.00, Mineral Springs \$25.00, College Hill \$24.71, Fairview \$50.00, Few Memorial \$5.00, Rondo \$5.00, Ozan \$5.00.									NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Ashdown \$50.00, Averys Chapel \$3.00, Bingen \$15.00, Doyle \$2.00, Friendship \$2.00, Sweet Home \$3.00, DeQueen \$75.00, Foreman \$12.00, Hope \$300.00, Lockesburg \$12.00, Mena \$75.00, Mineral Springs \$25.00, College Hill \$24.71, Fairview \$50.00, Few Memorial \$5.00, Rondo \$5.00, Ozan \$5.00.								
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WORLD WIDE COMMUNION: Ashdown \$72.40, Bingen \$14.76, Blevins \$20.00, DeQueen \$14.00, Emmet \$40.00, Foreman \$16.20, Gillham \$29.00, Hope \$100.00, Cove \$5.00, Mineral Springs \$8.00, Prescott \$35.00, College Hill \$8.00, Fairview \$59.33, First Church, Texarkana \$300.00, Few Memorial \$8.00, Rondo \$6.00, Columbus \$1.00, Ozan \$3.00, St. Paul \$2.00, Washington \$8.00, Brownstown \$2.00.									WORLD WIDE COMMUNION: Ashdown \$72.40, Bingen \$14.76, Blevins \$20.00, DeQueen \$14.00, Emmet \$40.00, Foreman \$16.20, Gillham \$29.00, Hope \$100.00, Cove \$5.00, Mineral Springs \$8.00, Prescott \$35.00, College Hill \$8.00, Fairview \$59.33, First Church, Texarkana \$300.00, Few Memorial \$8.00, Rondo \$6.00, Columbus \$1.00, Ozan \$3.00, St. Paul \$2.00, Washington \$8.00, Brownstown \$2.00.								
TOTAL									TOTAL								
WEEK OF DEDICATION: Midway \$3.35									WEEK OF DEDICATION: Midway \$3.35								
STUDENTS DAY: Mineral Springs \$12.00, Few Memorial \$5.00.									STUDENTS DAY: Mineral Springs \$12.00, Few Memorial \$5.00.								
TOTAL									TOTAL								
DISTRICT TOTALS									DISTRICT TOTALS								
MONTICELLO DISTRICT																	
CROSSETT		\$ 330.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 1100.00	\$ 100.00	CROSSETT		\$ 330.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 1100.00	\$ 100.00
DERMOTT		250.00	50.00	375.00		50.00	600.00	30.00	DERMOTT		250.00	50.00	375.00		50.00	600.00	30.00
DREW CIRCUIT									DREW CIRCUIT								
Green Hill		40.00	7.00	44.00			13.25	3.00	Green Hill		40.00	7.00	44.00			13.25	3.00
Lacey		20.00	8.00	16.00			20.00	1.50	Lacey		20.00	8.00	16.00			20.00	1.50
Prairie Chapel		13.00	2.50	11.50			8.25	1.00	Prairie Chapel		13.00	2.50	11.50			8.25	1.00
Valley		6.00	1.25	5.50			54.00	35.00	Valley		6.00	1.25	5.50			54.00	35.00
DUMAS		270.00	54.00	405.00			810.00		DUMAS		270.00	54.00	405.00			810.00	
EUDORA		120.00	21.00	180.00			150.00		EUDORA		120.00	21.00	180.00			150.00	
FORDYCE		303.00	112.00	420.00			975.00	50.00	FORDYCE		303.00	112.00	420.00			975.00	50.00
FOUNTAIN HILL CT.									FOUNTAIN HILL CT.								
Extra		40.00	8.00	32.00			50.00	3.00	Extra		40.00	8.00	32.00			50.00	3.00
Hickory Grove		10.00	2.00	8.00			12.00		Hickory Grove		10.00	2.00	8.00			12.00	
Mt. Tabor		15.00	3.00	16.50			15.00	2.50	Mt. Tabor		15.00	3.00	16.50			15.00	2.50
Pine Hill		5.60	1.00	4.00			8.00		Pine Hill		5.60	1.00	4.00			8.00	
Waller's Chapel		40.00	8.00	32.00			50.00	3.00	Waller's Chapel		40.00	8.00	32.00			50.00	3.00
Zion		3.00	4.00	16.00			10.00	1.00	Zion		3.00	4.00	16.00			10.00	1.00
HAMBURG		230.00	46.00	345.00	46.00	46.00	600.00	25.00	HAMBURG		230.00	46.00	345.00	46.00	46.00	600.00	25.00
HAMPTON-HARRELL									HAMPTON-HARRELL								
Faustina		25.00	5.00	22.50	2.50	5.00	25.00	2.50	Faustina		25.00	5.00	22.50	2.50	5.00	25.00	2.50
Hampton		120.00	24.00	144.00	24.00	12.00	150.00	12.50	Hampton		120.00	24.00	144.00	24.00	12.00	150.00	12.50
Harrell		35.00	7.00	33.00	5.00	7.00	50.00	5.00	Harrell		35.00	7.00	33.00	5.00	7.00	50.00	5.00
HERMITAGE CIRCUIT									HERMITAGE CIRCUIT								
Hermitage		31.00	12.00	28.00			30.00	3.00	Hermitage		31.00	12.00	28.00			30.00	3.00
Ingalls		5.00	4.00	16.00			18.50	2.00	Ingalls		5.00	4.00	16.00			18.50	2.00
Jersey		9.50	7.00	7.50			15.00	2.00	Jersey		9.50	7.00	7.50			15.00	2.00
Palestine		21.00	4.00	16.00			50.00	2.00	Palestine		21.00	4.00	16.00			50.00	2.00
Sardis		2.50	2.00	8.00			7.50	1.00	Sardis		2.50	2.00	8.00			7.50	1.00
HUTTIG									HUTTIG								
Bolding		8.00	3.00	6.00			20.00		Bolding		8.00	3.00	6.00			20.00	
Huttig		104.00	21.00	126.00	10.00	11.00	155.00	36.00	Huttig		104.00	21.00	126.00	10.00	11.00	155.00	36.00
KINGSLAND-NEW EDINBURG									KINGSLAND-NEW EDINBURG								
Hebron		20.00	6.00	18.00			16.00	5.00	Hebron		20.00	6.00	18.00			16.00	5.00
Kingsland		53.00	11.00	53.00			69.00	8.00	Kingsland		53.00	11.00	53.00			69.00	8.00
New Edinburg		20.00	3.00	19.00			18.00	20.04	New Edinburg		20.00	3.00	19.00			18.00	20.04
LAKE VILLAGE		210.00	42.00	315.00			42.00	499.98	LAKE VILLAGE		210.00	42.00	315.00			42.00	499.98
McGEHEE		300.00	60.00	450.00			60.00	900.00	McGEHEE		300.00	60.00	450.00			60.00	900.00
MONTICELLO		150.00	28.25	225.00	30.00	30.00	500.00	23.75	MONTICELLO		150.00	28.25	225.00	30.00	30.00	500.00	23.75
MONTROSE-FOUNTAIN HILL									MONTROSE-FOUNTAIN HILL								
Fountain Hill		20.00	3.00	6.60			18.55	7.50	Fountain Hill		20.00	3.00	6.60			18.55	7.50
Montrose		60.00	12.00	60.00			47.50		Montrose		60.00	12.00	60.00			47.50	
Snyder		20.00	4.00	10.00			10.00		Snyder		20.00	4.00	10.00			10.00	
PARKDALE		180.00	34.50	210.00			253.75		PARKDALE		180.00	34.50	210.00			253.75	
PORTLAND		180.00	36.00	270.00	27.50	36.00	210.00	15.00	PORTLAND		180.00	36.00	270.00	27.50	36.00	210.00	15.00
STAR CITY		60.00							STAR CITY		60.00						
STRONG		180.00	36.00	270.00			18.00	100.00	STRONG		180.00	36.00	270.00			18.00	100.00
THORNTON CT.									THORNTON CT.								
Chambersville		21.00	4.00	21.50	2.00	4.00	20.60	1.00	Chambersville		21.00	4.00	21.50	2.00	4.00	20.60	1.00
Stoney Point		5.00	1.00	5.00	.50	1.00	6.00	.50	Stoney Point		5.00	1.00	5.00	.50	1.00	6.00	.50
Temperance Hill		21.00	4.00	21.50		4.00	30.00	1.00	Temperance Hill		21.00	4.00	21.50		4.00	30.00	1.00
Thornton		57.50	11.50	57.50	11.00	11.50	50.00	2.50	Thornton		57.50	11.50	57.50	11.00	11.50	50.00	2.50
TILLAR-WINCHESTER									TILLAR-WINCHESTER								
Newton Chapel		50.00	10.00	55.00	5.00	10.00	100.00	6.00	Newton Chapel		50.00	10.00	55.00	5.00	10.00	100.00	6.00
Selma		16.50	3.00	18.00		3.00	17.50	1.50	Sel								

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishop Fund	Conf. Claim.	M.S.P.	M.S.C.	W. S. & Conf. Ben.	W.S.S.	G. & J.
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cello \$15.00, Montrose \$2.50, Portland \$5.00, Strong \$6.25, Warren \$30.00, Wilmar \$4.50.
TOTAL \$323.79

CAMP FUND: Crossett \$100.00, Green Hill \$10.00.
TOTAL \$110.00

RACE RELATIONS: Dermott \$14.00 \$ 14.00

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION: Dermott \$26.65, Dumas \$127.47, Fordyce \$108.00, Fountain Hill Ct. \$15.00, Hickory Grove \$13.75, Hamburg \$34.00, Hampton \$6.12, Harrell \$4.00, Hermitage \$11.00, Jersey \$5.00, Huttig \$16.00, Kingsland \$12.00, Lake Village \$14.16, McGehee \$50.00, Monticello \$30.00, Montrose \$4.00, Portland \$93.50, Chambersville \$2.00, Temperance Hill \$2.00, Thornton \$13.80, Newton Chapel \$7.85, Selma \$7.00, Tillar \$31.29, Winchester \$8.70, Warren \$31.16, Watson \$22.00, Miller's Chapel \$6.45, Wilmot \$34.50.
TOTAL \$737.40

NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Crossett \$125.00, Dermott \$37.50, Lacey \$3.00, Prairie's Chapel \$1.00, Dumas \$75.00, Fordyce \$150.00, Extra \$8.00, Mt. Tabor \$3.00, Pine Hill \$2.00, Waller's Chapel \$8.00, Hamburg \$75.00, Faustina \$2.50, Harrell \$13.00, Hermitage \$4.00, Ingalls \$2.00, Jersey \$2.00, Palestine \$2.00, Balding \$4.00, New Edinburg \$4.00, Monticello \$31.25, Fountain Hill \$4.00, Portland \$12.50, Strong \$25.00, Chambersville

\$2.00, Temperance Hill \$2.00, Thornton \$3.50, Newton Chapel \$10.00, Selma \$5.00, Winchester \$10.00, Warren \$125.00, Watson \$44.00, Mt. Pleasant \$2.00, Wilmar \$5.00.
TOTAL \$802.25

1000 CLUB: Monticello Dist. \$70.00, Crossett \$150.00, Fordyce \$70.00, Hampton \$10.00, McGehee \$60.00, Montrose \$20.00, Portland \$20.00, Star City \$10.00, Warren \$120.00.
TOTAL \$530.00

STUDENT DAY: Wilmot \$7.50. \$ 7.50

DISTRICT TOTALS \$26,759.79

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

ARTHUR TERRY, D S	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ALMYRA	125.00	25.00	150.00	12.50	50.00	140.50		20.00	
ALTHEIMER-WABBESEKA									
Altheimer	105.00	20.00	160.00	20.00	20.00	150.00		20.00	
Wabbeseka	90.00	18.00	135.00		18.00	168.50		9.00	
BAYOU METO									
Bayou Meto	67.50	7.00	100.00		27.00	107.00		15.00	
Lodges Corner	67.50	27.00	94.50		27.00		60.00	15.00	
CARTHAGE-TULIP									
Carthage	65.00	14.00	65.00	12.00		5.00	55.00	12.00	
Tulip	6.00		9.00		4.00	9.00		4.00	
DEWITT	250.00	50.00	375.00		100.00	750.00		40.00	
ENGLAND	315.00	84.00	630.00	42.00	84.00	840.00		70.00	
GILLETTE	150.00	50.00	200.00		25.00	200.00		8.00	
GLENDAL-TUCKER									
Center Grove	9.00	2.00	9.00			7.00		1.00	
Glendale	25.00	10.00	30.00			25.00	10.00	5.00	
Tucker	30.00	12.00	30.00			31.00	6.23	5.00	
GOOD FAITH	270.00	54.00	351.00		54.00	308.00		15.00	
GRADY-GOULD									
Grigler	20.00		25.00			30.00			
Gould	50.00	14.00	34.00		14.00		60.00	6.00	
Grady	50.00	36.00	75.00		36.00	75.00		12.00	
HUMPHREY	112.50	45.00			45.00	65.37	104.24	14.00	
KEO-HUMNOKE									
Humnoke	50.00	10.00	60.00		10.00	50.00		6.00	
Keo	75.00	15.00	82.50		15.00	95.00		9.00	
LEOLA CIRCUIT									
Hunters Chapel	10.00	4.00	8.00			28.00		3.00	
Leola	110.00	22.00	110.00			143.00	5.50	10.00	
LITTLE PRAIRIE CT.									
Campshed	92.00	18.00	111.00		18.00	123.00		5.00	
DeLuce	8.75	7.00	10.50	3.00	7.00	19.00		5.00	
LaFargue	9.50	4.00	11.50	2.00	3.00	15.00		2.00	
Prairie Union	31.50	13.00				18.00	7.89	5.00	
PINE BLUFF									
Carr Memorial	210.00	42.00	315.00		42.00	430.00		20.00	
First Church	375.00	75.00	562.50	37.50	75.00	2400.00		92.50	
Hawley Memorial	175.00	62.00			70.00			25.00	
Lakeside	330.00	66.00	607.31	33.00	66.00	971.82	432.78	64.00	
Wesley	60.00	12.00	72.00	22.00	12.00	16.50		4.00	
WESLEY-PINE BLUFF									
Sulphur Springs	50.00	10.00	60.00	5.00	5.00	33.50		4.00	
RISON	113.32	22.66	170.00	35.25	22.66	167.32	3.33	13.32	
ROE CIRCUIT									
Hunter	5.00	6.00	33.00					3.00	
Roe	90.00	18.00	99.00			134.00		4.00	
Shiloh	10.00	6.00				18.00	25.00	3.00	
Ulm	15.00	6.00					30.00	3.00	
ROWELL CIRCUIT									
Center	10.00	2.00	5.00			5.00			
Mt. Olivet	10.00	2.00	5.00			5.00			
Prosperity	25.00	5.00	27.50			24.00		3.00	
Union	25.00	9.00	22.00			9.46	13.39	6.00	
ST. CHARLES									
Pleasant Grove	31.00	7.00	35.00			30.00		5.00	
St. Charles	58.50	12.00	65.00			75.00		5.00	
SHERIDAN									
Moore's Chapel	6.00	1.50	9.00		1.50	7.00		1.00	
New Hope	12.50	2.50	19.00		2.50	40.00		1.50	
Sheridan	180.00	63.00			72.00			40.00	
SHERRILL-TOMBERLIN									
Sherrill	99.00	18.00	136.00		18.00	220.00		10.00	
Tomberlin	90.00	18.00	134.00		18.00	60.00		10.00	
STUTTART									
First Church	250.01	50.02	375.00	25.00	50.02	800.02		40.01	
Grand Avenue	300.00	60.00	450.00	30.00	50.00			50.00	
Whitehall	90.00	36.00	99.00			44.00		4.00	
District Totals	\$4805.58	1172.68	6166.31	299.25	1061.68	8892.99	813.36	727.33	
ADVANCE: Pine Bluff Dist.	\$54.78								
Lodges Corner	\$25.00								
Glendale	\$6.00								
Tucker	\$25.00								

RECAPITULATION	District	Amt. Receipt	D. S.	B. F.	C. C.	Benev.	W. S.	G. & J.	M. S. P.	M. S. C.	Adv.	R. M. End.	C. S. Day	M. Y. F.
Arkadelphia		\$ 26,273.44	4,014.95	1,166.66	5,274.94	9,175.83	278.50	827.70	130.00	873.76	804.85	450.50	747.81	295.85
Camden		39,018.06	5,325.25	1,477.66	7,343.90	14,162.65	224.50	1,090.50	304.35	1,196.85	1,075.37	547.28	815.13	518.27
Hope		25,962.87	4,096.00	800.60	4,639.95	9,921.00	235.92	676.15	135.50	611.50	812.35	648.00	591.05	276.95
Little Rock		43,588.91	5,839.98	1,602.77	8,829.31	15,206.25	162.36	1,507.67	228.68	1,030.32	1,816.79	638.38	433.50	499.62
Monticello		26,759.79	4,478.50	1,009.50	5,805.10	9,189.20	401.80	543.27	223.50	773.00	744.53	162.50	414.50	489.45
Pine Bluff		28,101.11	4,805.58	1,172.68	6,166.31	8,892.99	813.36	727.33	299.25	1,061.68	341.78	314.50	783.35	321.69
TOTAL		\$189,704.18	28,620.26	7,229.87	38,059.51	66,547.92	2,116.44	5,372.62	1,319.28	5,547.11	5,595.67	2,761.16	3,785.34	2,401.83

	Area Fund	Camp Fund	M. Inf.	Inter. Co-Op	Nov. Spec.	Race Relations	Week Ded.	W. W. Com.	1000 Club	Wesley Foundation	Board Temp.	American Bible Soc.	Student Day
Arkadelphia	\$ 106.00		120.00	70.00	954.00	18.00	1.00	609.09	290.00	39.00	25.00		
Camden	140.75	59.33	182.00	335.26	1,404.86			1,119.36	815.00	75.90			
Hope	342.15				663.71		5.35	749.69	440.00				60.73
Little Rock	31.00	230.00			1,919.10	61.54		743.14	2,710.00	22.50		10.00	17.00
Monticello	323.79	110.00			802.25	14.00		737.40	530.00				68.00
Pine Bluff	147.00	262.50	114.00	253.00	647.51	20.00	10.45	786.15	130.00				7.50
TOTAL	1,090.69	661.83	416.00	658.26	6,391.43	413.54	16.80	4,744.83	4,915.00	820.56	25.00	10.00	183.23

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Refund Pageant	\$ 150.80
Refund Historical Commission	25.00
Sale Books Historical Commission	161.30
Trustees Permanent Fund	81.91
Refunds Board Education	442.08
Refund Board Temperance	245.60
Refund Town and Country Commission	648.88

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

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Church School Rally Day Offerings

We are also able to report that we have had the finest response on Church School Rally Day offerings for the first seven months of the conference year ever made in a like period in the North Arkansas Conference; in fact, we lack less than \$23.00 of having an amount equal to the total contributed to Church School Rally Day for the conference year 1952-53.

The following offerings have been

received since our last report: Moorefield, \$11.15; Rector, Fourth Street, \$10.00; and Tupelo, \$10.00.

The report to date by districts is as follows:

Batesville District	\$ 243.55
Conway District	647.65
Fayetteville District	618.25
Forrest City District	649.57
Fort Smith District	944.66
Jonesboro District	767.60
Paragould District	430.05
Searcy District	284.10

TOTAL \$4,585.43

A vision without a task is a dream. a task without a vision is drudgery; a vision and a task is the hope of the world.—Origin unknown .

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishop Fund	Conf. Claim.	M.S.P.	M.S.C.	W. S. & Conf. Ben.	W.S.S.	G. & J.
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Good Faith \$50.00, Lakeside \$100.00, Sherrill \$75.00, Tomberlin \$6.00.
TOTAL \$341.78

RETIRED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Humphrey \$100.00 \$100.00

RETIRED M. END.—PASTORS: Arthur Terry, D. S., \$20.00, England \$42.00, Campshed \$5.00, First Church, Pine Bluff \$37.50, Lakeside \$33.00, Wesley \$22.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$25.00, Grand Avenue \$30.00.
TOTAL \$214.50

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: Almyra \$4.55, Altheimer \$30.00, Wabbeseka \$15.00, Bayou Meto \$5.00, DeWitt \$55.00, England \$50.00, Gillett \$25.00, Good Faith \$20.00, Gould \$5.00, Grady \$10.00, Leola \$10.00, Campshed \$4.00, DeLuce \$2.00, Prairie Union \$5.80, Carr Memorial \$30.00, First Church, Pine Bluff \$120.00, Hawley Memorial \$40.00, Lakeside \$85.00, Wesley \$5.00, Sulphur Springs \$5.00, Rison \$32.00, Hunter \$5.00, Prosperity \$5.00, Sheridan \$35.00, Sherrill \$15.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$55.00, Grand Avenue \$60.00, Whitehall \$5.00, Lodges Corner \$25.00, Carthage \$5.00, Humnoke \$5.00, Keo \$10.00.
TOTAL \$783.35

METHODIST YOUTH FUND: Almyra \$14.56, Altheimer \$5.19, Lodges Corner \$31.00, DeWitt \$55.89, Gillett \$40.00, Glendale \$3.00, Tucker \$3.00, Grady \$10.00, First Church, Pine Bluff \$22.58, Hawley Memorial \$5.00, Lakeside \$18.75, Rison \$8.00, St. Charles \$4.00, Sheridan \$4.20, First Church, Stuttgart \$96.52.
TOTAL \$321.69

AREA FUND: Almyra \$3.00, Altheimer \$3.00, Wabbeseka \$3.00, Bayou Meto \$2.00, Lodges Corner \$2.00, Carthage \$4.00, DeWitt \$8.00, England \$8.00, Gillett \$2.50, Center Grove \$1.00, Glendale \$2.00, Tucker \$2.00, Good Faith \$5.00, Gould \$1.00, Grady \$1.00, Humphrey \$3.00, Humnoke \$2.00, Keo \$2.00, Hunters Chapel \$1.00, Leola \$2.00, Campshed \$2.00, DeLuce \$1.00, LaFargue \$1.00, Prairie Union \$1.00, Carr Memorial \$6.00, First Church, Pine Bluff \$9.00, Hawley Memorial \$3.00, Lakeside \$12.00, Wesley \$2.00, Sulphur Springs \$2.00, Rison \$1.00, Hunter \$3.00, Roe \$4.00, Ulm \$2.00, Prosperity \$2.00, Union \$2.00, Pleasant Grove \$2.00, St. Charles \$3.00, Moores Chapel \$1.00, New Hope \$0.50, Sheridan \$5.00, Sherrill \$2.00, Tomberlin \$2.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$8.00, Grand Ave. \$10.00, Whitehall \$3.00.
TOTAL \$147.00

CAMP FUND: Altheimer \$25.00, Wabbeseka \$12.50, Humphrey \$25.00, First Church, Pine Bluff \$100.00, Lakeside \$100.00.
TOTAL \$262.50

METHODIST INFORMATION: Almyra \$2.00, Wabbeseka \$2.50, Lodges Corner \$5.00, Carthage \$3.00, DeWitt \$10.00, England \$10.00, Gillett \$5.00, Good Faith \$5.00, Gould \$2.00, Grady \$2.00, Humphrey \$5.00, Humnoke \$4.00, First Church, Pine Bluff \$12.50, Hawley Memorial \$5.00, Lakeside \$10.00, Roe \$2.00, Shiloh \$2.00, Pleasant Grove \$1.00, St. Charles \$2.00, Sheridan \$5.00, Sherrill \$4.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$5.00, Grand Avenue \$10.00.
TOTAL \$114.00

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOP: Almyra \$5.00, Altheimer \$2.50, DeWitt \$27.00, England \$22.00, Gillett \$5.00, Good Faith \$5.00, Gould \$10.00, Grady \$10.00, Humphrey \$10.00, Humnoke \$6.00, Leola \$5.00, First Church, Pine Bluff \$33.50, Hawley Memorial \$10.00, Lakeside \$22.50, Shiloh \$2.00, Pleasant Grove \$2.00, St. Charles \$3.00, Sheridan \$20.00, Sherrill \$10.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$12.50, Whitehall \$30.00.
TOTAL \$253.00

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION: Almyra \$6.35, Bayou Meto \$7.65, Lodges Corner \$25.00, Carthage \$10.00, DeWitt \$30.00, England \$75.28, Gillett \$36.05, Glendale \$5.00, Good Faith \$10.00, Gould \$5.00, Grady \$7.50

ANNUAL SIMULTANEOUS

January 10th Through January 17th, 1954

Campaign In Local Church

1. Solicit every Methodist Home for a new subscription or renewal for your church paper during the week of Circulation Campaign.
2. Make a report on Monday, Jan. 18th, to your District Superintendent and to the office of publication in Little Rock, of the results of the Campaign.
3. Any necessary follow-up work may be reported as soon as complete.

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Watch your issue of the paper of January 28th for a full report by Districts and by Charges of the results of the Circulation Campaign as received the week of January 18th through January 24th.

In The Arkansas-Louisiana Methodist and Members of The Methodist Church

Recently I had the opportunity to read the ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA METHODIST for a period of two and one-half months. I thoroughly enjoyed these papers, with their news items, the excellently edited and written editorials—all of which contributed to the program of the Church.

As I finished the last copy of the paper, I thought how fortunate we are to have it. We may all work together toward the goal of the Conference papers read in the Methodist family in Arkansas and Louisiana.

To that end I commend to you the campaign for subscriptions, January 10th through January 17th.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE



R. E. Connell

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R. E. Connell
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Without the ARKANSAS METHODIST, Methodism within the bounds of our Area cannot be a connectional, and effective, Christian organization.—R. E. Connell

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One of the most frequent remarks I hear in our District is, "I saw it in the Methodist." Very often I have approached a group of lay people about a church program only to find that they have already been briefed by reading our State paper. No area of the church renders more service to the Methodists of Arkansas, because in our paper they find information and inspiration. Our only need now is to see that the ARKANSAS METHODIST goes into every church home.—Robert E. L. Bearden



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Our interest in the Little Rock Great Movement, will be enhanced and inspiration both come from it.

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"What we're not up on, we're not in. Our people in this Area to get to the information, inspiration and inspiration both come from it."—Connor Morehead



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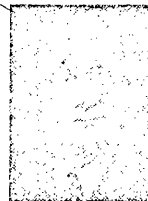
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In its field of service, I consider the ARKANSAS METHODIST an agency in stimulating and advancing the Hope District. It should be a must.

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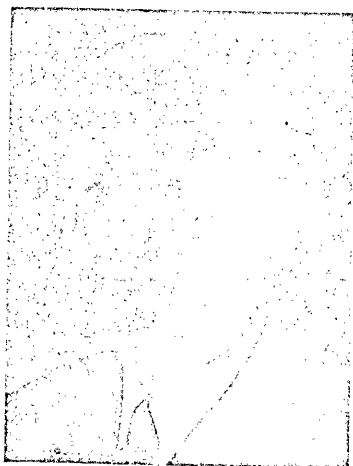
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As a Church newspaper, THE LOUISIANA METHODIST is bringing to our section of the Church information that it cannot obtain elsewhere. It makes for unity, purpose and progress as individual churches and persons are related to our church-wide programs. It is serving a great need in our District in an admirable way.—George W. Pomeroy

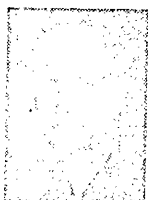
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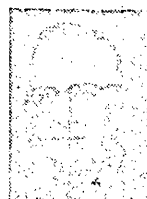
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ITS CHURCH PAPERS ... JAN. 10 Through JAN. 17th



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



THE MYSTERIOUS BOX

By Margaret Jordan Sprinkle

"CHRISTMAS," Alice Moore fretted, "can be the worst day in the year."
"Why, dear," her mother soothed, "I thought you had a very nice Christmas. No girl on this street received so many gifts, and surely—"

"Aunt Alice forgot me," grumbled Alice.

"But Aunt Alice is working with the Red Cross in Europe. Maybe she was too busy. Christmas must have been sad in Europe this year."

"But I was named for Aunt Alice," pouted Alice.

"I'm certain that Aunt Alice did not forget you. Maybe she adopted an orphan in your place, just for this Christmas. That would have been my idea of a wonderful Christmas. Would you not like to have some little girl share with you this year?"

"Aunt Alice never forgets me, even if she adopts a dozen orphans. Alice kicked the rug into a crumpled heap as she went to answer a loud ring of the door bell.

In a minute she ran back carrying a large box covered with foreign stamps. "It's from Aunt Alice, Mother, my Christmas present has come." She tore off the brown wrapping paper.

Alice saw the card tied to the silver box before all the outside wrappings were removed. "Please do not open until New Year's," it read.

"Now," beamed Mrs. Moore, aren't you glad the package came late? Think how hard it would have been to wait a whole week or more."

"Tomorrow is New Year's day. Don't you think I could open the box now?" begged Alice.

"I wouldn't open it now, but it would be fun to guess what is inside," said Mrs. Moore. "Then tomorrow we'll see who came the nearest guessing right."

They shook the box, and from the inside came the tinkle of metal. "It's a watch," guessed Alice. "And I want a watch more than anything in the world."

Mrs. Moore thought it might be a musical powder box.

All day long Alice carried the mysterious box up and down the street showing it to her friends, letting them shake it and guess at the contents. And when night came, she put it by her bed. It was almost as exciting as Christmas Eve.

"It's like having two Christmases," thought Alice as she fell asleep.

Long before her mother and father were awake the next morning Alice had torn open the box and sat in bed holding a gold bird cage in her hands. From inside the cage a tiny gold canary looked at her as if it wanted to tell her a secret.

Alice turned the cage over. The bird's wing fluttered and its head tilted to one side, but not a sound came from its throat.

Then Alice found the button on the bottom of the cage. "It winds just like a clock," she said, "but it isn't a clock, and I wanted a watch more than anything." The ugly frown returned to her face.

Suddenly the little canary raised

its head, opened its tiny mouth and began singing.

Alice had been taking music lessons for almost a year. She could play the waltzes and "America" from memory, but she had never heard such music as the canary was singing.

Gradually the frown on Alice's face gave way to a happy smile. "I'll surprise them," she whispered to the canary. And, carrying the bird cage with her she slipped down the stairs, through the dining room, and into the kitchen. Not a sound could be heard in the house. Even the cat slept peacefully on where it lay under the stove.

Alice had to put the bird cage down when she began working. And, when she did, the canary stopped singing. Suddenly Alice felt cold and lonely in the sleeping house. She picked up the cage and started back upstairs.

But, when she lifted the cage, the canary began singing again, the room seemed warm, and the happy smile crept back onto Alice's face.

"I'll just have to hang you up so you won't stop singing," scolded Alice, looking around her.

"There! Just the thing." It took but a moment to lift the flower pot from the bracket between the windows and hang the cage in its place.

The early rays of the rising sun, peeping through the kitchen window, softly caressed a little gold bird singing lustily in its cage and a small girl working happily near by.

And an hour later Mr. and Mrs. Moore were surprised by Alice coming into their room carrying a breakfast tray. "Happy New Year, Mother. I'll be back in a minute

with a tray for you, Daddy," beamed Alice.

Mrs. Moore was too happy to say anything, and Mr. Moore thought he was dreaming.

"You guessed wrong, Mother," said Alice, as she ran from the room to return with her father's tray. "It wasn't a powder box. Listen? What do you hear?"

Mrs. Moore listened and Mr. Moore listened. At first they could hear nothing. Then from the kitchen came the clear notes of a canary. But it was unlike any canary that they had heard before. As they listened to the bird sing, they became restless; they wanted to get up and begin doing kind things for others.

"What," gasped Mr. Moore, "is it?"

For an answer Alice brought the gift to show them. "It's magic," she whispered. "I know it's magic. When it sings I want to be good. When it stops, I turn selfish again. So I'm going to keep it singing all the time."

"Yes, it's magic," agreed Mr. Moore. "It's like the beginning of a new year, all bright and full of promise of good things to come."

"That's why Aunt Alice sent it for a New Year's gift," said Mrs. Moore. "She is starting us off with a song."

"I'll name him Happy," said Alice, "because he came on New Year."—North Carolina Christian Advocate

A judge's little daughter, who had attended her father's court for the first time, told her class the next day: "Papa made a speech, and several other men made speeches to 12 men, who sat together and then those 12 men were put into a dark room to be developed."—Indiana Teacher

TRY IT

List the things you're thankful for,
Write them in a row;
Extra paper you will need,
First thing you know.

You'll be so much surprised—
(Another pencil, please!)
Start with things you love outdoors—
Roses, birds, and trees.

Add the sun, the moon, and stars,
Don't forget the brook;
Goodness me, before you're through,
You will fill a book.

Keep right on and go inside,
Look around awhile;
All your playthings, home itself,
Mother's loving smiles.

Mind you, don't leave out a thing,
Write it down in ink;
Every blessing, big and small—
Did I see you blink?

You can't do it possibly?
Row on it now—
Well, I didn't think you could.
Aren't you thankful, though?

—Daisy Stephenson in Concordia

"OPERATION CHICKLIFT"

Many children's groups across the United States are contributing to "Operation Chicklift," sending their contributions through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. On November 23, some 37,000 chicks went sailing through the skies to Egypt, under the specific care of Robert Messner of Harrisonburg, Virginia. One of Mr. Messner's duties on arrival in Egypt would be to inspect the earlier "sailing" of 65,000 chicks, now chickens, that were sent out in March, 1953.

JUST FOR FUN

A city visitor asked an old French peasant about his cows.

"Why," he said, "do some of them have no horns?"

"There are three cases," said the old peasant, in that logical way of the French. "Some are born without horns, some are dehorned, and some knock their horns off by fighting."

"And what about that one in the corner?" the visitor asked.

"Ah," said the peasant. "That is a fourth case. That is a horse."—Wilson O. Clough, Modern Language Journal

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Asked to define "memory," one youngster replied sagely, "The thing I forget with."—National Parent-Teacher

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An important-looking individual rushed up to the box-office. "I want two tickets for tonight's show," he said.

"Sorry," responded the ticket-seller. "We simply haven't a seat left—only two standing room."

"Only two standing room, eh," the prospective purchaser meditated. Then he queried, "Are they together?"—Ticket-Seller



A DECISION

In our family we've decided that we
Will all try this plan every day,
If things all go wrong and frowns come along,
We will smile so the frowns cannot stay.

It's not easy to do when you're all cross inside
And nothing seems turning out right,
But we've found that we feel much better, you see
When we smile and put frowns out of sight.

What a change could be made in this old world of ours
So much joy could be spread all around,
We hope that you'll help to pass this along,
It's an old, old secret we've found.—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

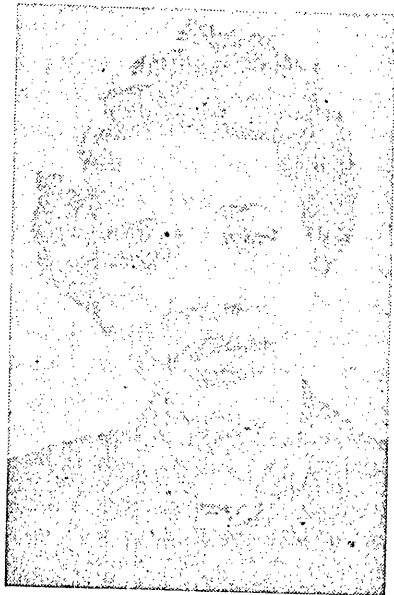
MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

MISS HOOVER ON INDIA VISIT

Miss Theresa Hoover of Fayetteville, Arkansas, field worker of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, is now on a study tour of India and Pakistan on behalf of the Division and of the young people of the Methodist Church. She spent Christmas in Calcutta, and will participate in the Delhi Area Youth Conference at Bareilly, India, beginning January 12. En route home to the United States, she will visit the Holy Land, Scandinavia, and England.

On her return to New York in February, Miss Hoover will begin a speaking tour across the United States on the problems and missionary activities in India and Pakistan; and she will teach "accredited courses" in missions at the summer schools of the Methodist Church during July and August.

Miss Hoover is a graduate of Philander Smith College and of Gar-



MISS THERESA HOOVER
rett Biblical Institute. Her home is at Fayetteville.

GREETINGS FROM MARY MITCHELL RABER

Pusan, Korea
October 22, 1953

Dear Friends:

So much has happened since I last wrote to you that I hardly know where to begin. That same week Ernest Raber and I announced our engagement and approaching marriage. Ernie is a Mennonite from Ohio out here working with their relief program for three years. Their main piece of work is in and around Taegu, but Ernie is stationed here to attend to the business in Pusan.

On October 7th we were married in the Posutong Methodist Church with Dr. William Shaw officiating. Everyone helped to make it a special occasion; it was a simple but beautiful wedding. The Methodist women missionaries decorated the church with fern and graceful sprays of white cosmos. Sparks played as maid of honor and bridesmaid. Stan Wilson gave me away. Dale Weaver was Ernie's best man and Harold Yoder lit the candles. Mother made my dress and sent it to me, so it seemed like she had some part in the wedding.

Everyone came to the house afterwards for the reception. Mollie had had the walls newly papered. Pek-si had scrubbed the house spic and span. Yi-si had baked cakes for two days, including a lovely wedding cake for us to cut. Sadie Maude was in charge and she had taken the doors out between the two front rooms and the porch so we had one large room which filled up with Korean and western guests. It was a most gracious time for all, I think.

We are each going to continue doing the same work that we were doing, Ernie with M.C.C. and I with the Methodist mission. The Board in New York has accepted me as an employed worker out here on the field which means that I can keep on working with the youth department of our church. All but one of my former groups have

moved back to Seoul, so I will have to start out anew. I'm hoping to spend some time preparing materials to use. The district leaders of youth have asked for at least one help to come out each month and we will try to give suggestions in each edition of the Methodist News.

The summer passed very rapidly. After the ten day conference of Methodist leaders in Shin-tan-jin, I stayed on in Taejon for another three weeks of work camp. It was certainly an interesting experience. There were about 26 of us who were regular work campers with others coming in occasionally. We lived in the new buildings prepared for the amputee project, ate Korean meals three times a day, worked, sang, and worshipped together as one group. The work project included leveling the ground for a Christian rural institute building, repairing roads, and some soil conservation. It was terribly hot. We had to cut down on work hours from five to four with ten minute rests each hour! There is a lot that we could do to improve another such work camp, but I do believe that all of us who attended learned something of value.

Ernie and I are living in the M.C.C. House here in the same community with the Methodists. Kim-si comes each day to help us with cooking, cleaning, and washing. She was gone on vacation when we first got back from our trip and it really took me most of the day to cook and do the dishes and watch the house. Out here people never leave their houses without someone in them. Now that she's back I'm free to do other things. Seemed like I'd better get a letter off to you first of all to let you know of my special happiness—and my new name. I pray that we may both serve our Father more completely than ever before.

With love,
Mary Mitchell Raber

FINANCIAL REPORT—NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE W.S.C.S.—SECOND QUARTER—1953-54

Balance September 1st, 1953	\$3,320.23	W.S.C.S.	1,184.19
RECEIPTS:		W.S.G.	120.50
Pledge to Missions:		Foreign	
W.S.C.S.	\$ 9,805.52	W.S.C.S.	500.00
W.S.G.	2,700.83	W.S.G.	37.00
Projects:		Supplementary Gift	30.00
W.S.C.S.	387.20	Miscellaneous	2.25
W.S.G.	9.95	Total—W.S.C.S.	\$ 5,583.31
Special Memberships:		Total—W.S.G.	782.77
W.S.C.S.	410.00	TOTAL sent to division	\$18,583.31
W.S.G.	60.00	OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:	
"In Remembrance" Gifts,		Narcotic Education	\$ 250.00
W.S.C.S.	140.00	Sunshine Fd.—Booneville	25.00
Children-Gifts to Missions,		Car Expense for Workers	210.00
W.S.C.S.	25.79	Worker's Salary	450.00
World Federation,		Officers Expense	283.25
W.S.C.S.	3.21	District Cultivation	750.00
"Love" Offering, W.S.C.S.	7.00	Insurance on Car	120.20
Narcotic Education:		Printing	791.75
W.S.C.S.	517.18	Miscellaneous	28.40
W.S.G.	71.50		
Week of Prayer:		Total Disbursed	2,913.60
W.S.C.S.	3,084.10	Balance December 1, 1953	\$21,493.91
W.S.G.	625.27		6,945.78
Cash for Supplies:		TOTAL accounted for	\$28,439.69
W.S.C.S.	1,776.25	MRS. BEN DeVOLL	
W.S.G.	163.75	Conference Treasurer	
Supplementary Gift,		SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS	
W.S.C.S.	30.00	MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP: Rev. W.	
Miscellaneous	9.95	F. Cooley, by Conference Executive Board.	
From District Treas.:		CONWAY DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. W. J.	
W.S.C.S.	\$16,196.20	Broach, Atkins; Mrs. Earl Walter, North	
W.S.G.	3,631.28	Little Rock, Washington Ave. Church.	
TOTAL	\$19,827.48	Baby: Mary Alice Harris, Danville.	
OTHER RECEIPTS:		FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT: Adult:	
Methodist Youth Fund...	111.37	Miss Bess Welton, Fayetteville, Wiggins	
Refunds	78.11	Mem. Youth: Ann Kennon, Rose Mary	
Memorial Membership ..	45.50	Henbest, Mary Lou Wray, Marilyn McRoy,	
Total to be accounted for	\$ 234.93	Evelyn Hunnington, Sandra Noll, Retha	
DISBURSEMENTS:		Woods, Diana Strickland, Fayetteville,	
TO DIVISION—		Central Church. Baby: Linda Lou Stock-	
Pledge to Missions:		burger, Winslow.	
W.S.C.S.	\$ 9,845.69	FORREST CITY DISTRICT: Baby:	
W.S.G.	2,000.00	Robert Scott Fogleman, Marion.	
Projects:		FORT SMITH DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs.	
W.S.C.S.	387.20	Harry Ray, Mrs. R. E. Sengel, Mrs. Harry	
W.S.G.	9.95	Mitchell, Mrs. Frank Grober, Miss Ruth	
Special Memberships:		Hardin, Fort Smith First Church; Miss	
W.S.C.S.	420.00	Nellie Rose, Fort Smith First Church	
W.S.G.	60.00	W.S.G.; Mrs. Claude Sartain, Van Buren.	
"In Remembrance" Gifts		JONESBORO DISTRICT: Adult: Miss	
Total on Pledge:	140.00	Helen Hetherington, Jonesboro First Ch.	
W.S.C.S.	\$10,792.89	W.S.G. Baby: John Thomas Donnell,	
W.S.G.	2,069.95	Jonesboro 1st Ch. W.S.G.; Carol Ann Lem-	
TOTAL	\$12,862.84	ley, Whitton; David Lawrence Shamlin,	
Children-Gifts to Mission	25.79	Blytheville Lake St. Ch.; Phillip Lee Sit-	
Methodist Youth Fund...	111.37	cler, District, W.S.G.	
TOTAL on Appropriations	137.10	PARAGOULD DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs.	
Week of Prayer:	\$13,000.00	Richard Austin, Paragould 1st Ch. Baby:	
W.S.C.S.	3,084.10	James Allen Read, Paragould First Ch.;	
W.S.G.	625.27	Lynn McNabb, Pocahontas.	
Supplies—Home:		SEARCY DISTRICT: Baby: Master	
		Rickey Carter Holder, McCrory; Bruce	
		Dan Walker, Searcy; Winnifred Frances	
		Richards, Searcy.	

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Camden District held its District meeting in the First Methodist Church of Camden on Sunday, December 6, with Mrs. A. G. Buckworth and Mrs. Gordon Morgan presiding over the meeting. Churches presented included Magnolia,

Bradley, Camden, First Methodist Church El Dorado, and Vantrease Methodist Church El Dorado.

Following opening organ selections by Miss Elizabeth Copeland, the Reverend R. B. Moore, host pastor, pronounced the invocation. The Devotional on the subject of Christmas was given by Mrs. R. B. Moore. A vocal trio composed of Mrs. David

Moore, Mrs. T. D. Spruce and Miss Mary Lou Henry sang "Christ Child's Lullaby", a French Carol. Mrs. Becky Myers told of the "Significance of the Wesleyan Service Guild Emblem", and Mrs. Charles Herrington related the "History of the Wesleyan Service Guild". Miss Ruth Womble told of the "Quadrennial Goals and Emphasis". Among guests introduced was Mrs. R. B. Thomas, Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The meeting closed with a fellowship hour in charge of the members of the host Guild.

The Executive Committee of the Shreveport District Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. W. D. Snelling at Shreveport in December. Mrs. Glenn Bryant, District President, gave the Devotional using the story and the meaning of Christmas.

Mrs. Bryant presided over the meeting and heard reports from the following officers who were present: Mrs. Jack Toombs, Vivian; Mrs. Clyde A. Black, Shreveport; Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Rodessa; Mrs. R. N. Baker, Shreveport; Mrs. W. D.

Snelling, Shreveport; Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Shreveport; Mrs. Robley Davis, Vivian; Mrs. Hardy Rayburn, Shreveport; Mrs. M. F. Smith, Rodessa; Mrs. L. D. Salter, Shreveport.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Conference Secretary of Promotion, was present and gave a short summary of conference reports.

Mrs. McDonald emphasized that the district has one society, East Point, that is 100% organized; that is, all women of the church are members of the Woman's Society.

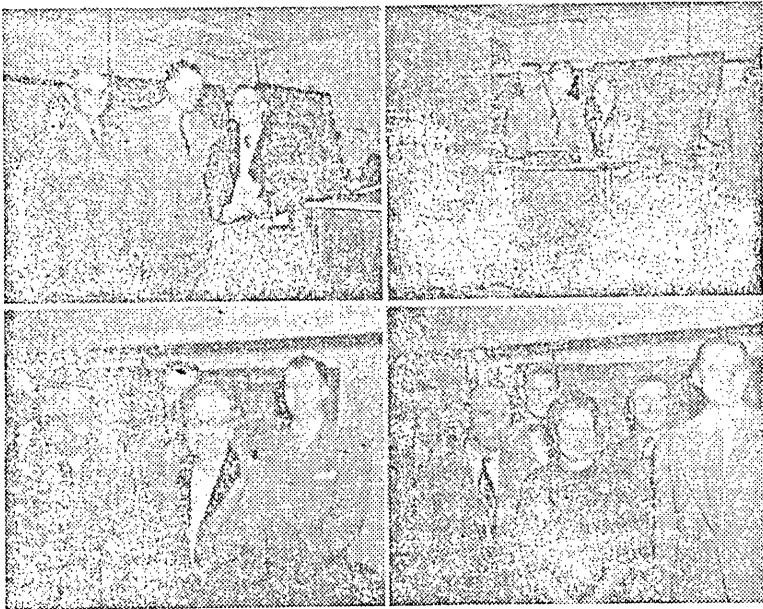
The reports given on the three zone meetings were very gratifying. The meeting closed with the forming of the Friendship Circle and the repeating of the Lord's Prayer.—Mrs. Clyde Black.

Christmas parties and programs were held by the three circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, December 15. Mrs. J. Y. Dollar was hostess for circle one; Mrs. Lawrence Harvey and Mrs. Harry Freeman were co-hostesses. Mrs. Ferrell Swearingen, Jr., gave the Christmas story fol-

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

DUMAS HAVING STEWARDSHIP DRIVE



The congregation of Dumas Methodist Church has raised nearly \$40,000 toward its goal of \$50,000 for the construction of a new educational plant. The campaign for finances was launched with a banquet December 9. The Rev. R. A. Teeter is pastor of the church. Pictured are: top left, Mr. Teeter, the Rev. Mouson Mann of McGehee, who spoke at the banquet, and the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, director of stewardship in the Little Rock Conference. Top-right, Dr. J. H. Helms, general chairman; in back-

ground, S. T. Frank, chairman of solicitation, and Mr. Keith. Bottom left, some of the division chairmen, who include S. T. Frank, chairman of solicitation, Alvin Bridwell, chairman of committee on mechanics, Mrs. R. A. Adcock, chairman of committee on Women's Work, and Tommy Shea and Dr. H. A. Rands, co-chairmen of committee on education. Bottom right, S. T. Frank with the section leaders, Mrs. J. L. McKennon, C. W. Meador, M. F. Peterson, W. E. Leek and E. C. Freeman.

Ministers Wives Of Camden District Meet

The wives of the pastors of Methodist Churches in the Camden District were entertained at a luncheon in the parsonage home of Mrs. Neill Hart, Summitt Avenue, El Dorado, Ark., on December eighth. Twenty guests were present.

Assisting Mrs. Hart in planning and serving were ministers' wives of the El Dorado area: Mrs. Russ Shaffer, Mrs. John Tucker, Mrs. Charles Baughman, Mrs. Omar Arnold, Mrs. Fred Schwendimann, Mrs. J. T. Bolding, and Mrs. Bede Pickering.

During the fellowship hour, games were directed by Mrs. M. E. Scott, with Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Arnold receiving prizes for their efficiency.

WALDO PASTOR AND FAMILY HONORED

Rev. W. B. Savage, who is serving his third year as pastor of the Waldo Methodist Church, his wife, and daughter Nila Faye, and son Royce, were honorees at a Fellowship supper at the church Tuesday night. Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service sponsored the meeting to which all members of the church were invited. Christmas carols were sung. Following the meal, a gift of silver, setting for eight, of Heritage pattern was presented to the pastor and family by Richard Clark, chairman of the Board of Stewards. Words of appreciation were expressed by the family. Tall floor baskets of poinsettias were used to brighten the rooms. Mrs. T. H. Jones was general chairman for the evening.—Mrs. J. W. Rhea, Reporter.

METHODIST MEN OF DeQUEEN

The Methodist Young People of the DeQueen Church were guests of the Methodist Men at the November meeting. The church Fellowship Hall was filled with men and boys and girls. The program was given by the MYF with Diane Dodson as leader. "A Day At Camp Tanako" was the program, beginning with morning watch and concluding with cabin "lights out." It was a delightful sight to see the men playing "Folk games" with their sons and daughters. C. L. Leighton is president of the Methodist Men.

SEVIER COUNTY REMAINS DRY

The "wets" sponsored an election on December 9 with the hope of making DeQueen and Sevier County an open field to the sale of whiskey and beer. The "wets" were defeated 1600 to 500. Officers of the Sevier County "drys" are Rev. Alfred I. Doss, chairman, Rev. Earl Humble, Secretary, Harold Hodge, Treasurer, and Gordon B. Carlton, Attorney.

Christmas At Vantrease Methodist Church

Sunday, December 20, was used by the Vantrease Methodist Church as a time of celebrating the Birth of Jesus in the services of the church. Forty children of the church sang Christmas carols on the Vantrease Methodist Hour, 30 minute radio program of the church heard each Sunday morning over Radio Station K. E. L. D. At the morning service, the choir of the church, with Mrs. A. B. Sellers as organist and director, sang "The Shepherd and the Star." The pastor's Christmas sermon was "Keeping Christmas."

The Sabbath closed with a presentation of "The Pageant of the Holy Nativity," directed by Mrs. Bynum Blackmon, in which the Children and Youth of the Church formed the choir and sang special music. Two readers took part in the service, Nellie Childs and Mary Ann Wilkins, who in turn read chronological account of the Birth of Jesus from the Bible. Connie Gathright sang "Infant Lowly." Early in the service the curtain was pulled, revealing a beautiful scene of the Holy Family and the Manger. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark acted as Mary and Joseph, and their little son Frederick Vance Clark played the part of Baby Jesus on the hay. To the singing of the appropriate Christmas carols, various groups of characters made their entrance at proper time. Wise men and shepherds were the boys of the Intermediate Department and included Larry Campbell, Malcolm Duke, Freddy Schwendimann, Sonny Cheatham, Judd Barner, Junior McKinnie, David Hendricks, James Franklin, Jerrell Millican, Tommy Nethercutt, Carroll Sinyard, Carroll Godwin, Alfred Silliman, and Art Russell. The little angels were the girls in the first year class of the Primary Department, and included Sandra Hall, Beth Hendricks, Eloise Holdridge, Nancy Hunter, Lynn Scoggins, Judy Slayter, Donna Tull, Sandra Inlow, and Martha Alice McDuffie.

After the presentation of the pageant, "Holy Night," a colored sound film was shown. It is felt that this emphasis, along with the use of the Tidings Tract "Keeping Christmas," and the "Christmas Worship Service in the Home," prepared by the Board of Education, will do much to make "Holidays Holy Days" and "Keep Christ in Christmas."

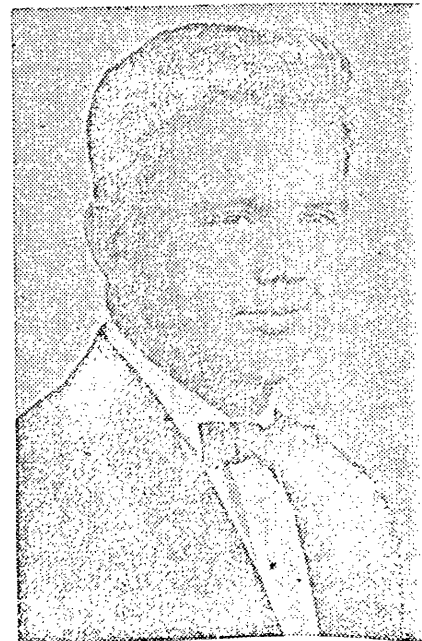
The Reverend Howard Childs, pastor of Markham Methodist Church in Little Rock, and student in Hendrix College, Conway, was the guest preacher at the Vantrease Methodist Church in El Dorado on Sunday, December 27, when Student Recognition Day services were observed. Childs is the son of Mr. and

Mrs. J. H. Childs, Wesson Road, El Dorado, who along with two of their children are members of Vantrease. Miss Nellie Childs, along with Miss Connie Gathright, are life service volunteers, looking forward to specialized religious service.

Presiding and directing the service was Bobby Rogers, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.; Calvin Fudge, Southern State College, Magnolia, Ark., led the morning prayer. The Responsive Scripture lesson was read by Charles Thornton, Little Rock Junior College, Little Rock, Ark.; Bill Baker, Southeastern College, Hammond, La., rendered an Oboe solo.

Other students from the church honored at the service include Miss Arleta Adams, Southern State College, Magnolia, Ark.; Thomas Carmichael, University of Indiana, Bloomington, Ind.; James Bradshaw, Virginia Technical Institute; Charles Carmichael, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

The annual Christmas party for children and youth of the Vantrease Methodist Church was held on Wednesday night, December 23, at the church. Sponsored by the Commission on Education, the hour began with the reading of the traditional story and prayer by the pastor. The program featured the showing of a series of Christmas cartoons which were enjoyed by all children young and old. At the close of the films, Old Santa Claus made his appearance to the delight of the boys and girls, and distributed gifts to each child present. "We heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night." ...




REV. HOWARD CHILDS

TO MY FRIENDS

Some years ago some man suggested that the retired pastors be called "the forgotten men." I am glad to report that I received many Christmas and New Year greetings, from New York to California, even one from a friend in England. Since there were too many for me, at my age, to answer personally, through the kindness of the Arkansas Methodist, I am expressing my heartfelt

thanks and appreciation to all of you for your thoughtfulness. May our Lord richly bless you.—E. B. Sewell.

Boys are the building blocks of a nation. The man who gives a boy a helping hand is therefore building sound foundations for the future. — Paul Martin, Canadian Minister of National Health & Welfare, Optimist Magazine



"Along A Country Road"
The North Arkansas Conference
The Town and Country
Commission
The Methodist Church
 Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas
 Paul E. Martin, Bishop Mr. Lester Hutchins,
 Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Vice-President
 President Rev. David P. Conyers,
 Secretary
 Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

THE CHURCH AND CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CRUSADE

Throughout the Church there is a definite and far reaching program being launched for the deepening of the Spiritual Life of the Church. The North Arkansas Conference has made very splendid plans for the carrying out of this program. Materials for promotion are to be in and by the first of the year. An all out effort will be made to enlist all of the leaders of the churches to take an active part in the crusade. A state wide rally will be held at the Infield Church in Little Rock on Wednesday, January 6. Pastors, Conference Leaders, including laymen, will gather for this most important occasion. From this meeting we go to district rallies over the conference. The program will be carried to every local church over the conference. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our laymen to give full account of themselves. Again the writer wishes to call attention to the fact that the majority of our churches will not have the benefit of this enrichment program unless the laymen get into the work with whole hearted support. It is most difficult for a pastor to carry out the effort where he serves four or five churches. If his laymen will attend the rallies both state and district they will be able to get a deeper understanding of the program and be able to carry it out in their respective churches.

"Give God a Chance Now." These are words that lend a tremendous impact to this movement. The report made by Paul Bumpers to the district conferences in regard to the need of a more universal attendance and support of the people called Methodists was indicative of a situation that must be remedied. During the Attendance and Stewardship Crusade we will have an opportunity to increase the attendance of our people at Church and Church School. We will have an opportunity

to deepen the personal spiritual life of all of our people. We will have an opportunity to stress the Beliefs of the Methodist Church.

The emphasis upon the Holy Habits and the beliefs of our church will certainly be in order. I have heard it said that one can believe anything and be a Methodist. That is a statement made by those who do not wish us well as a Church. The Methodist Church has her doctrines. I have never yet been in a conference on a local, district, annual or general level where the articles of religion have been repealed or our General Rules set aside. It is the earnest hope of this writer that we can have a three months crusade over our conference which will set aflame the spirits of our people and call them into a deeper consecration.

When we come to the preaching week to be carried out over the conference every church should have either a preacher or laymen in the pulpit when the mission comes to the district. That could be done if the host pastor will get a laymen to serve as host and allow him to go preach in another church. We should never feel that we have succeeded in any campaign until we have reached the last church in the district.

Following this three months' effort the Town and Country Commission will direct a two months program of planning and pledging the budget on the local level. Each church in the conference that does not make provision for a cultivation and pledging program will be urged to do so. Those churches that plan in a careful manner their budgets and then lead their people to pledge them have little financial difficulty. It will be a high day when all of our people tithe, attend the worship and church school services and give all out support to our Lord and His Kingdom.—J. Albert Gatlin.

JONESBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Jonesboro District Conference met December 8th at Weiner with Rev. E. J. Holifield, District Superintendent, presiding. Rev. Clyde E. Crozier of Nettleton was elected secretary.

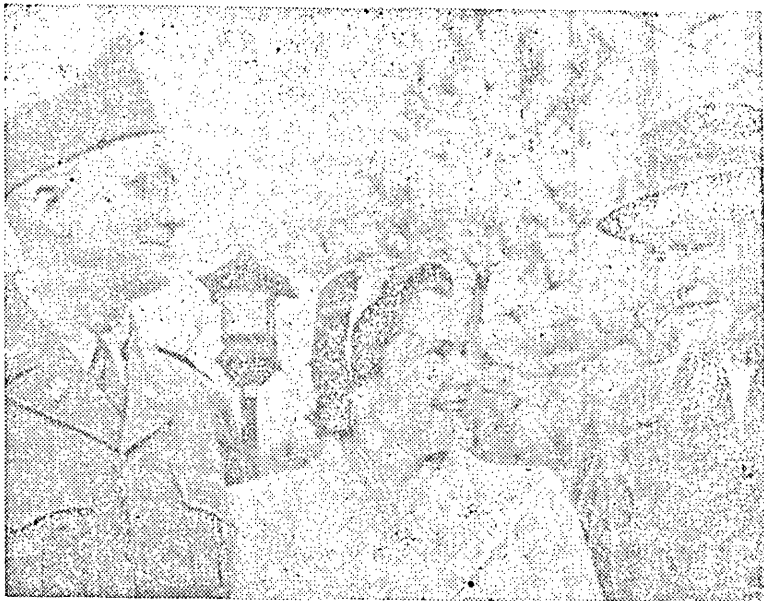
A composite report of the work accomplished and to be done in the future was presented by a committee composed of Rev. Alvin Murray, Rev. Thurston Masters, and Rev. W. Stewart, Jr.

The following spoke to the report: Rev. Ted McNeil representing the Children's Home, Dr. E. T. Wayland of Arkansas Methodist, Dr. I. A. Amley and Rev. Bennie Jordan of Christian Education in the Church School, Dr. C. M. Reves of Endowment Fund to Hendrix College, Rev. Byron McSpadden of Iden Cross, Mr. Charles Stuck on Youth Activities, Rev. Paul Bumpers

on Evangelism, Rev. N. Lee Cate on Advance Specials, Mr. R. H. Patton reported on the District Fund, Rev. Elmus Brown reported for the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, Rev. Albert Gatlin spoke on the work of the Town and Country Commission, Rev. J. W. Glover on Education for Abstinence, Rev. Elmus Brown on the Crusade for Attendance in the Church and Church School, Rev. C. C. Neal spoke to the Conference and received an offering for the work of the Haygood Institute, and Mr. B. H. Crider gave report of Young Adult Conference.

James Leon Wilson and Leroy Middleton of Blytheville are to be licensed to preach when the course of study is completed; Rev. M. J. Pollard and Rev. W. L. Douglas were recommended for admission

Bishop Martin Meets Winsteds In Japan

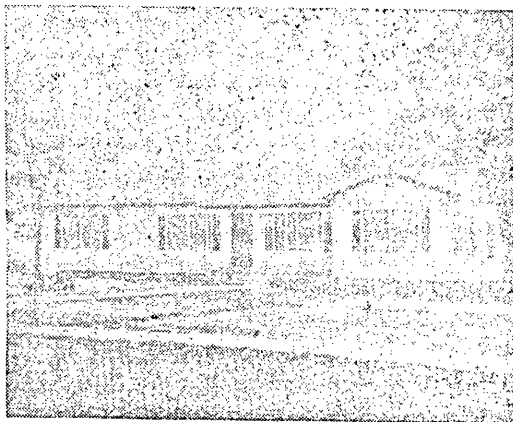


TOKYO—Lt. Col. John B. Winsted of Fayetteville, Ark., and Mrs. Winsted, the former Miss Ruth Yancey, hunt up their old friend, Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas. Bishop Martin arrived in Japan December 13 enroute to Korea, where as president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., he brought greetings during the holidays to the service men and women in the Far East. Colonel Winsted is in the Signal Corps. Mrs. Winsted joined him in Japan recently.

NEW PARSONAGE AT MULBERRY

The New Parsonage of the Mulberry Charge, Fort Smith District, has been finished and the pastor and family have moved in. They are enjoying this new seven room, ranch type home with two complete baths. The study with outside entrance is also in the parsonage.

At an open house on Nov. 15th about one hundred and fifty persons viewed the house. The people of the charge gave of their time and money in a very gracious manner and in three months time they tore away the old building and rebuilt



the new, all with free labor, except the master builder. The house is valued at \$15,000.00—Reporter.

on trial into the Annual Conference. The following had their license renewed: Austin Green Moody, A. R. Ellis, Calloway and James Gossett, and James Linam.

The statistical report showed that 413 members had been received by the thirty-four charges in the District since June 1st, 1953; 202 training credits had been earned; 1489 children were enrolled in 24 vacation Church Schools; 8389 enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 4541; 179 youth were in camp at Wayland Springs; 424 were in a Youth Activities Week this past summer; fifty-six "Thousand Club" members had been secured; \$4,870.00 has been assumed in Advance Specials; \$25,639.00 assumed for Hendrix College Endowment with \$12,486.00 paid; \$960.00 given on World Communion Day; \$798.00 paid on Church School Rally Day; \$100,786.00 paid on Church Buildings, parsonages and debts, with all of the Conference items, local and district expenses fifty per cent or more paid, for the year and with a grand total paid out for all causes of \$261,319.00.

Mrs. Olin Shockley, District President of the W. S. C. S. spoke on the work of the women and the report showed that there are 1977 members of the WSCS in the District and they had spent locally

\$10,828.00, and sent to the Conference Treasurer \$4,813.00.

Rev. Otto Teague brought a very helpful, and inspirational message at the morning worship hour and the choir of the Weiner Church aided beautifully in the service.

The conference voted to meet at Leachville in 1954.

Rev. Hascle O. West in presenting the report of the Courtesy Committee pointed out that even though this was the first year for the Weiner Church to serve as a station, they and their pastor, Rev. Arvill Brannon, had done an outstanding job in entertaining the conference.

The report of the District Church Location Board showed that new parsonages had been completed, or were in the process of being built, at Bay, Hickory Ridge, Pleasant Valley or Harrisburg charge, and First Church, Jonesboro; new educational buildings at Joiner and Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro, and new churches at Caraway, Mt. Carmel, Harrisburg, and Lake City.

R. H. Patton, William Stuck, Curtis V. McKinney, Harvey Morris, G. B. Segraves, John Emrich, Fred Stuckey, W. R. Willis, and C. G. Perry were elected District Parsonage Trustees. Rev. Bennie Jordan and Mr. Charles Stuck were elected trustees of Wayland Springs Camp.—Clyde E. Crozier, Secretary.

METHODIST YOUTH

Georgia Daily, Editor

LOUISIANA HAS LARGE DELEGATION AT CONFERENCE

With 74 students and counselors of the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement, Louisiana had one of the largest delegations to attend the Fifth Quadrennial National Methodist Student Conference at University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, December 28-January 2nd.

"Christ Transforming Culture" was the theme of the five-day meeting when 2,500 students sought to understand the problems and issues of Christian faith and action.

Among the speakers were Ralph Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, New York; Nels Feire of Vanderbilt University; Albert Outler of Southern Methodist University; Glen Olds of University of Denver; Harold Ehrensperger of Boston University; John O. Gross, executive secretary of the Board of Education's Division of Educational Institutions; Bishop Newell Booth of Elizabethville, Africa; and Phillippe Maury, Geneva, Switzerland, general secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation. Daily Bible studies were guided by Charles S. Laymon, editor of Methodist adult publications. Watchnight communion service was led by Bishop Matthew W. Clair of St. Louis Area.

Between conference sessions students participated in study groups, forums and campus-style discussion groups or "bull sessions," and had an opportunity to share experiences in Christian living on college campuses.

The Louisiana students and counselors who attended the conference included: from Southeastern—Bobby Sims, Bob Allen, T. W. Prewitt, Joe Stamey, Sarah Cook, Marianne Burns and Lillian Hay, counselor; from Southwestern, Lucy Cole, Fritz

Hess, Beulah Hoffpauir, Carol Ann Hoffpauir, Minette Hoffpauir, Paul Mayfield, Ileen Robinson, Harold Sanders, Harry Southall, Jr., and Bob Parrott, counselor; from Northeast, Charline Strapp and Robert Mitchell; from Dillard Mose Pleasure, Blanche Troullier, Elemenia Sawyer and Charles Bowers, Jr., and Dr. Joseph T. Taylor, counselor; from Southern University, Carolyn Joan Turner, Jeffery Moss; from Grambling, Katie DuBoise and Ezma Watts; from McNeese, Aaron Bertrand, Charles Carville, Sylvia Lou Haines and Troy Parsons; from Louisiana Tech, Ray Branton, David Batts, David Camp, "Dub" Humble, Bill McCasland, Edwin Peden and Jehnelle Farley; from Northwestern, Gail Epperson, Don Morgan, Delano Brister, Betty Sue Boydston, Nancy Kimbrell, Ruth Herron, Shirley Hays, Carla Tolar, Martha Coldwell and Ann Adams, counselor; from Centenary, Mildred Chapman, Bonnie Black, Betty Willis, Mary Jane Hitchcock, Frank Harris, Jimmy Donaldson, Betty McKnight, counselor; from Louisiana State University, Dee Platt, Henry Johnson, Mary Jane Ramsey, Hallie Loy, Frank Poole, Carolyn Tillery, Cyril Lamp, James Hensley, Helen Saint, Glynn L. Wood and Allen Jernigan, counselor.—Lillian Hay, Conference Director of MSM.

METHODIST GIRL WINS TOP 4-H AWARD

A Methodist girl—Miss Ann Wade, 19, of Ochlocknee, Georgia — was one of the two top winners of national 4-H achievement awards at the 4-H Congress held in Chicago the first week in December. Sharing the spotlight with the Georgia miss was Kenyon E. Giese of Logansville, Wis.

Each received a chest of sterling silver flatware in the name of President Eisenhower and a \$300 scholarship awarded by the Ford Motor Company.

Miss Wade is a junior college student in Americus, Ga., and has been active in the Methodist Church for several years.

SUB-DISTRICTS

Hammond

The Hammond Sub-District met at Bogalusa on Tuesday evening, December 15, with a large attendance despite the cold weather.

The Fischer M. Y. F. presented the worship service and the film, "Crossroads" was shown.

Rev. John Wilkes, pastor of the Loranger Methodist Church and counselor for the Sub-District, presented information on the mid-winter institute at Centenary and urged all those who could possibly attend to do so.

President Ellen Morris Wood presided over the business meeting. A recreation hour followed. The group sang Christmas songs and carols and Mrs. Yvonne Walker of Varnado entertained with accordion solos.

Refreshments were served and the meeting closed with the usual Friendship Circle and the M. Y. F. benediction.

The next meeting will be held in Hammond on February 23.

Alexandria

The Alexandria District M. Y. F. met at the Glenmora Methodist Church on Monday night, December 7. A large group of young people and their sponsors were present for the meeting. The Oakdale Church had the largest group present and retained the banner for a third time.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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lowed by the exchange of gifts. There were 13 members and 2 guests present.

Circle two met at the home of Mrs. Willis Campbell with Mrs. J. F. Keeton as co-hostess. Mrs. Fay Williams gave a Christmas devotional "Festival of the Heart." Gifts were exchanged by the 14 members and 2 guests present.

Mrs. Charley White, assisted by Mrs. E. E. McBride, Mrs. C. R. Brant and Mrs. Matt Wallace, entertained members of circle three. Mrs. W. N. Shaver gave a reading, "The Other Wise Man." Gifts were exchanged by the 19 members and 1 guest.—Mrs. Fay Williams

LITTLE ROCK'S ST. PAUL OPENS FIRST UNIT

(Continued from page 2)

Board of Mission, the First Methodist Church of Little Rock; the Little Rock Conference 1000 Club recently made a contribution of \$5,000 toward the new building.

The new structure is of brick, concrete, wood and steel construction and has been built on Durwood Road between Pine Valley and Hawthorne Streets in the Queen Manor—Kingwood section of Little Rock. The building is the first unit of a building program which contemplates the erection of a sanctuary on the north side of the new building at a future date. The present chapel will later become a fellowship hall. The educational facilities are capable of handling a church school attendance of 500 pupils and the chapel will seat about half that number. The new chapel and further educational facilities will be erected after the present indebtedness is liquidated.

Vincent W. Robinson served as chairman of the first financial campaign with Dick Finch as Co-Chairman and Vernon Fitzhugh as Finance Chairman. Mr. Finch served as General Chairman of the second campaign with Mr. Robinson as one of the section leaders and Harry Dace serving as the second section leader.

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 17, 1954

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BORN OF THE SPIRIT?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: John 3 and II Corinthians 5:17-21. Printed Text: John 3:1-16.

MEMORY SELECTION: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

This is the second of the nine lessons of UNIT V: "CHRIST SPIRITUALLY INTERPRETED." All of the lessons of this unit are taken from the Gospel according to John. The first lesson raised the question "How Does Commercialism Menace Human Life?" We noted in that lesson how great days like Christmas and Easter are commercialized, even to the extent that we lose the true meaning of them. The same is true to a lesser extent with Sunday. This holy day which is set apart in each week as a time for rest and worship is largely being used as a time to buy and sell. That is what commercialism is doing to us. It is leading us to put material values ahead of spiritual realities.

A Look At The Scriptures

Our lesson today raises the question "What Does It Mean To Be Born of the Spirit?" When we come to think in spiritual terms there is no greater question than this. It is largely answered through the experience that the Lord had with Nicodemus.

There are a few things we need to note about this man. First, he was a Pharisee. That is he belonged to a very strict religious sect. The Pharisees were the church leaders of that day. Nicodemus was not only a member of this sect but he was one of their trusted leaders. He was a teacher in Israel. He belonged to the Sanhedrin; the Jewish court of seventy members which met in the Temple. He had conferred on him the highest office any Jew of that day could hold except that of being high priest. The high priest was the president of this court.

Another thing we note about Nicodemus was his timidity. He was a cautious man. He was not satisfied with the religion he already had. He knew that something was wrong. But he was not sure that Christ had the answer to his problem. He was greatly impressed with the miracles that Christ wrought, as well as with his teaching. He wanted to learn more about this young Man from Galilee, but he wanted to do it quietly and secretly. He knew that if he came out boldly and declared himself for the Lord he would have been thrown out of his job and excommunicated from his church. He might have been willing to suffer both of these losses if he had had stronger faith in Christ. He felt that Christ was the promised Messiah but he was not absolutely sure of it. He wanted to make a thorough investigation before he took a stand that would entail so much sacrifice on his part. He, therefore, came by night. He has been harshly criticized for this, mostly by people who do not understand just what the situation was. They are inclined to look at the

situation from our modern standpoint. We come after the death and resurrection of Christ and at a time when vast numbers of the human race have had hundreds of years of experience with him, and have noted what his influence has done in the world. Nicodemus did not have that information. He first met the Lord pretty early in his ministry and at a time when most of the things that bolster our faith had not taken place. In the place of criticizing him for coming by night we ought to be singing his praises for coming at all. At least the chances of his not coming were sixty-nine to one. There were sixty-nine other members of this court, and counting the high priest who was its president, there were seventy, but none of them came.

A Question Answered

Nicodemus came with a question in his mind, but he never got around to asking it. He began his conversation by complimenting the Lord very highly—"We know that you are a teacher come from God." Jesus ignored this compliment, and looking straight into his mind and realizing that he came to talk to him about the kingdom of God said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." This matter of the kingdom of God was the subject of chief discussion ever since John the Baptist had announced its near approach.

Nicodemus seemed not to understand the full meaning of the Lord's statement. It should not have been too hard for him. For many years, when a Gentile became a proselyte to the Jewish religion he was baptized in token of that fact. He was born of the water. He went down under the water a Gentile and was supposed to come out a Jew. If Christ had told Nicodemus that only Gentiles had to be born anew, he would have had no trouble whatever with the idea. The thing that shocked and surprised Nicodemus was the fact that he had to go through the same process as did the Gentiles. It will be remembered that he not only was a leader in the strictest religious sect of the nation, but that he was also a teacher of religion.

Jesus did here for Nicodemus what John the Baptist had previously done for the whole Jewish nation; he told him that the fact that he was a Jew; a son of Abraham made no spiritual difference, if he were going to get into the kingdom of God he had to do so through a spiritual birth. Christ was not saying here that John's baptism was sufficient. Those who get into the kingdom of God will have to do so through the activity of the Spirit. Water baptism is only a symbol of

the spiritual birth. That is why it is worse than time wasted to be forever arguing about the mode of baptism. People had better spend their time ascertaining whether or not they have the spiritual birth rather than whether or not they have been properly born of the water. They can get so busy with the nonessential that they completely ignore that which matters most.

A Step Of Faith

Another thought that comes to mind here is the fact that one does not have to fully understand all the details about religion to get great benefits from it. When Nicodemus continued to raise hard questions, the Lord pointed out the fact that there were questions about the material world he did not understand and yet he accepted them. No doubt, at that very moment the wind was blowing. The branches of the trees were waving in the breeze. The Lord went on to say, "The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you cannot know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." We are constantly meeting with things we do not fully understand. No person fully understands electricity, but even a child can learn to press the button and use it. The same thing is true with digestion. No person fully understands it and yet people go on eating just the same. We would think a person had lost his mind if he insisted that he would never eat again until he came to fully understand how inanimate food taken into his stomach can become living tissue in his body.

In this connection Christ informed Nicodemus that there were certain truths that had to be accepted on the testimony of others. He went on to say, "We bear witness of what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you of heavenly things?" Then the Lord went on to insist that he had come down from heaven to make these spiritual truths known. He reminded Nicodemus that Moses had lifted up the serpent, made of brass, in the wilderness to cure the Israelites who had been bitten by the poisonous serpents of the place. These sick people did not understand how that looking at a brass serpent on a pole could cure them from the bite of these poison serpents, but none the less they looked and were healed. The Lord then went on to say that he too would be lifted up and that all who looked to him in faith would be healed of their sins.

Why Salvation Was Procured

Salvation came to the human race at a terrific price. It required that the only begotten Son of God become a man and die on a cross. It cost God more to save a soul than it did to make a world. God spoke the world into existence, but when he got ready to save souls he had to sacrifice himself. The Bible tells us that this sacrifice was so great; so astounding that the angels could not understand it; they desired to look into it. Why would God make such a sacrifice as that? Our memory selection answers the question: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." Salvation will come to all who will forsake sins and trust Christ and the sacrifice made by him as a means of redemption. The reward that will come to all true believers is eternal life; a life of greatest joy, peace,

satisfaction, unselfish service, forgiveness, and love, lived daily in conscious companionship with the resurrected Christ. This not only means heaven hereafter, but it brings a foretaste of heaven here on this earth.

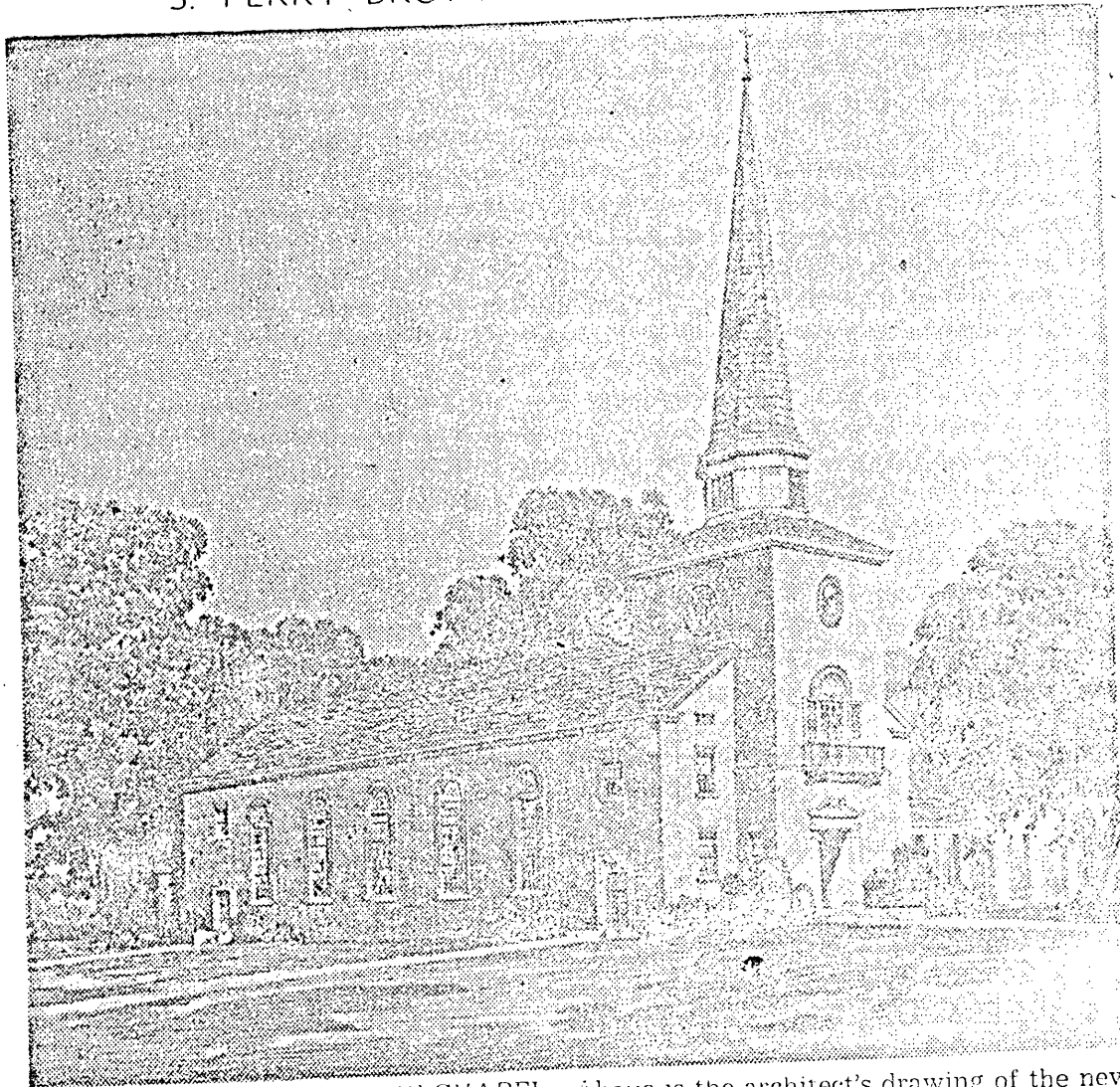
The Necessity Of The New Birth

This new birth is an absolute necessity if one is to get into the kingdom of God. One cannot get into this physical world without a physical birth neither can he get into the spiritual world without a spiritual birth. That which is born of the earth is earthly and that which is born of the Spirit is heavenly. The reason why a physical birth alone is not sufficient is the fact that Christ said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Paul said "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." This "righteousness" is a rightness of relationship with God and all others, and one cannot have this without this new birth. This "peace" is a peace that passes understanding; It means that one is at peace with God and all others. The world cannot give this peace and the world cannot take it away. A person can experience it in the midst of strife and confusion on every hand. This "joy" is unspeakable and full of glory. Consecrated Christians are the happiest people in all the world.

Every human is born with the capacity for this spiritual birth. He may never attain to it, but it is his privilege to do so anyway. Every caterpillar is born with the capacity of becoming a butterfly. The naturalists tell us that only a small per cent of them ever attain to this glorious experience. Most of them live and die as nothing but caterpillars. Think of what they missed. Let it be noted that the butterfly that comes from the caterpillar is not merely an improved caterpillar. To become a butterfly the caterpillar had to experience a new birth; he had to become a new creature. The same is true with a Christian. He is not merely an improved once-born person. He is a born again individual. It is possible to so train a child in the home and in the church that there will be no sudden change in his life. This new birth can be brought about so gradually that he cannot say it happened here at this place and at this particular moment, but because of his relationship with Christ and others, he can know it has happened. The greatest proof that one has been born physically is the fact that he now lives or has lived physically. The same is true with the spiritual life. If one is living the spiritual life; a life in which God is loved supremely and others as self; a life of peace and good will toward all; a life which constantly seeks to refrain from sin and which renders helpful service to others, then he is born again and that is true whether it happened suddenly at some crisis time and under some great emotional upheaval, or as gradually as the coming of the sunlight as day breaks in the east. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating;" the proof that one has been born again is in the life he now lives. Of course, there is the possibility of one once having but losing his first love, but the command of Christ to him is to return to it immediately. All can have this wonderful experience by forsaking their sins and trusting Christ as their Saviour.

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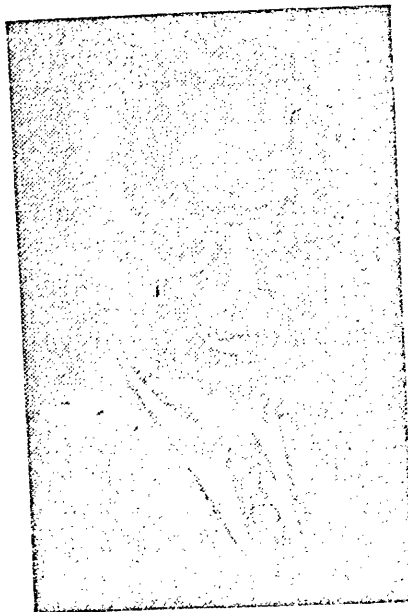
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