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"Guide To Lay Speaking In Rural Churches"

WE have just received in our office a booklet "Guide to Lay Speaking in Rural Churches" written by Charles A. Stuck, Lay Leader of the North Arkansas Conference, and published by the General Board of Lay Activities in Chicago. Mr. Stuck is the author also of a booklet, "Lay Preaching in the Rural Church", published by Tidings, in Nashville, Tennessee.

The first booklet by Mr. Stuck, "Lay Preaching in the Rural Church", was a brief discussion of the opportunities of Lay Preaching for both the lay preacher and the churches served. The booklet just received, "Guide to Lay Speaking in Rural Churches" is just what the title indicates. It sets out the 1, 2, 3, of the steps that have been used in some very successful Lay Speaking adventures.

Any group of Laymen contemplating a program of Lay Speaking will find this booklet very helpful in getting started in the most promising manner. The booklet may be had by writing the General Board of Lay Activities, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill. The cost will be 10c per copy; \$1.00 per dozen; \$6.00 per hundred.

"A Prayer For The New Year"

ONE of the joys of Christmas time is in the sending and receiving of Christmas cards with their many forms of Christmas greetings and wishes for a "Happy New Year." Among the cards we received this year was one from some very dear friends that carried on the back "A Prayer for the New Year." This prayer seemed to us to be so helpful and meaningful, in these crowded, hurried times, that we want to pass it on to our readers believing that they too will want to preserve it.

The card did not carry the name of the author but the prayer was as follows:

"Slow me down, Lord! Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time. Give me, amidst the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the magical, restoring power of sleep. Teach me the art of taking Minute Vacations . . . of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book. Remind me each day of the fable of the hare and the tortoise that I may know that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to life than increasing its speed. Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slowly and well. Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny. We always pray in Jesus name, Amen."

Life has become so crowded with demands, opportunities and desires that life is almost continuously lived under high tensions and constant

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Give God A Chance Now

LAST week, at the call of Bishop Martin, Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana had state-wide meetings launching an intensive, meaningful Methodist movement that will continue through Easter Sunday. The slogan for the pre-Easter crusade is, "Give God a Chance Now." The meeting in Arkansas was on Wednesday, January 6 at Winfield Methodist Church in Little Rock. In Louisiana the meeting was held on Thursday, January 7, at The First Methodist Church in Alexandria.

This movement will give attention to three interests. The major emphasis from the present time through Easter Sunday, with the slogan "Give God a Chance Now, will be a Church and Church School Attendance Crusade. This movement is church-wide and was initiated by the Council of Bishops. As a minor emphasis through the pre-Easter attendance crusade, and continuing throughout the present quadrennium, with increasing tempo,



will be special Stewardship and Youth Emphases which were planned at the last General Conference. These three interests were presented at the state-wide meetings and will be the principal subjects for discussion in District Meetings throughout the Area which are soon to follow the state-wide meetings.

In the two quadrenniums preceding the present one, The Methodist Church projected two of the greatest church-wide movements in its history. The first of these movements was "The Crusade for Christ" which came in the quadrennium following the second World War. In that great movement, coming during one of the most depressing, discouraging periods of world history, The Methodist Church led the way for similar movements by practically all major, church denominations. The results of these movements not only saved the church from a post-war slump, but lifted it to a period of activity and progress without parallel in church history. During the quadrennium just closed, The Methodist Church made impressive, striking progress through the "Advance for Christ and His Church."

These were great movements and only eternity will reveal the far-reaching results they have had in helping to shape the post-war history of the world. We will remember, however, that the ultimate objectives in these movements were largely outside the local church. In the Church and Church School Attendance Crusade, which runs through Easter and in the quadrennial emphasis we are to give Stewardship and Youth we are recognizing the need for strengthening the home base in the local church. In this work, of course, ministers and lay workers will gladly join.

We Are Indebted

WE would like to take this opportunity to express in behalf of all of Methodism in these two states the appreciation of the church to many business firms and business men who so generously have made possible much which has been done in the field of publicity for the Church and Church School Attendance Crusade. A communication from the General Board of Evangelism informs us that the Arkansas-Louisiana Area has the best organized and promoted program of publicity in Methodism for the Crusade. It has been possible to carry out such a program because of the splendid cooperation that business firms and men have given those who were instrumental in setting up the program.

At the last count there were arrangements made for 271 billboards with the "Give God A Chance" slogan. For practically all of these billboards, the church is paying for the billboard poster and the billboard company is furnishing the space free of charge. Newspapers have been wonderful in giving space to publicizing the program. Movie trailers are being used in many theaters. Radio spot announcements are being aired. For these services and others that could be mentioned Methodism is indebted to these who have given of their facilities that the "Give God A Chance" slogan may be kept before so many people.

This Is Circulation Campaign Week

THIS is the week of the Annual Area-Wide Circulation Campaign for the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist. January 10-17 is the date fixed in the calendar of the Little Rock, Louisiana and North Arkansas Conferences for the various local churches of these two states to secure renewal of present subscriptions and receive new subscribers to the Area publications.

Experience has shown that subscription lists for these publications can most efficiently be handled in local churches and by the publications' office if a week is set aside annually for this program. At the present time more than ninety-five per cent of all subscriptions expire in January at the time of the Circulation Campaign; thus it is imperative that present subscriptions be renewed at an early date. Experience has further shown that when all local churches give attention at the same time to the publications' circulation the best results are obtained.

This is the only time during the year when circulation of these publications is emphasized. This frees both local churches and the publications' staff to devote the remainder of the year to producing the quality of publication that meets the needs of subscribers and the church.

We want to sincerely request that all present subscribers cooperate to the fullest with local church leaders who have responsibility for the circulation campaign. You will make their work easier and hasten the time when a complete report can be made to the publications' office of the results of the circulation campaign.

Perhaps at no time have these two publications been in a position to render such a large service to their subscribers and the church than in the year before us. Indications are that the subscription lists will be at an all time high. Years of experience have made possible publications that help in many ways to strengthen the program of the local churches, the annual

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Three-fold Emphasis In State-wide Meetings

By GEORGIA DAILY, Methodist Information

Attendance Crusade, Stewardship and Youth Emphasis Stressed by Church Leaders

Two thousand Methodists attended rallies opening their 1954 Church and Church School Attendance Crusade in Arkansas and Louisiana the past week.

The Arkansas rally was held January 6 at Winfield Church in Little Rock, serving the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference, and the Louisiana Conference Rally was held at Alexandria First Church January 7.

Heading the slate of speakers for both rallies were Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area, Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, and Dr. Eugene Golay of Nashville, Tenn., staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism and director of the crusade in the South Central Jurisdiction. Bill Mann, Baton Rouge youth director, sang several solos of Gospel music at both meetings.

The church's three-fold program of emphasis was developed in talks on attendance, stewardship and youth work. The place of the church school in the total program was discussed by Dr. Roy Bagley of Blytheville at

Monticello; Pine Bluff District, January 19, Pine Bluff; Camden District, January 20, Camden; Hope District, January 21, Nashville; Arkadelphia District, January 22.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE: Conway District, First Methodist Church, Conway, January 12; Fort Smith District, Midland Heights, Fort Smith; other North Arkansas Conference district dates not presently available.

HOSPITAL-HOMES BOARD MEETING SET

The annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes will be held at the Palmer house, Chicago, Feb. 10 and 11, according to an announcement made by Dr. Karl P. Meister of Chicago, executive secretary of the church's Board of Hospitals and Homes.

Dr. Meister predicts the largest attendance in the history of the association, with the 192 institutions affiliated with the board sending their administrators or staff leaders. Delegates will also include board and auxiliary presidents, chaplains, directors of nurses, and other officials.

Rev. Harold R. Barnes, executive director of the Fred Finch children's home, Oakland, Calif., is president of the association.

Highlighting the banquet on the opening night of the convention will be the awarding of memberships in the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy to persons who have given outstanding contributions or service to Methodist hospitals and homes.

Dr. Harold A. Bosley, minister of First Methodist church, Evanston, Ill., will give the keynote address.

Other speakers will include Bishop William T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky., president of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes; Bishop John W. Branscomb, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, U. S. director of mobilization; Dr. Leonard Scheele, surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health service; Robert G. Mayfield, executive secretary of the Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church, Chicago; and Dr. Allen B. Rice, Michigan City, Ind., superintendent of The South Bend district of The Methodist Church.



Bishop Costen J. Harrell, center, and Bishop Paul E. Martin, right, were the principal speakers at state rallies in Arkansas and Louisiana opening the area's January-to-Easter Church and Church School Attendance Crusade. Bishop Harrell spoke on the church's stewardship emphasis, and Bishop Martin reported on his recent trip to South America in an address titled "South of the Sun." At left is Nels Barnett of Batesville, director of stewardship in the North Arkansas Conference. (Arkansas Gazette Photo)

BISHOPS MEET IN SOUTHLAND

Coincidence marked the semi-annual meeting of the Council of Bishops at Epworth-by-the-Sea, December 8-11.

In December 1941 Methodist bishops came to historic Sea Island near Brunswick, Georgia, on the day of the Pearl Harbor attack. They paused in the first session of their Council in the Cloister Hotel to listen in solemn silence to President Roosevelt's war message.

Twelve years later they returned to Georgia. This time they adjourned their first session to hear another President plead in the United Nations for a peacetime use of atomic power that would bless the world.

Following President Eisenhower's address the Bishops sent a message of appreciation to the President assuring him of their prayers in behalf of his great endeavor and pledging him their support.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, host to his colleagues, housed the bishops in the lodges at Epworth-by-the-Sea and in the Cloister Hotel. Daytime sessions of the Council were in the St. Simon's Island Yacht Club.

Sufficient "time-out" was taken for a pilgrimage to shrines made sacred by the Wesleys during their days in the Ogelthorpe colony.

Other memorable incidental but unforgettable events were a barbecue at the plantation house of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones and a fish fry on the final day when a thousand Georgia guests came from all over the state to welcome the bishops.

Sessions of the Council were under the presidency of Bishop William C. Martin with Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam as secretary.

Beginning with this Georgia session the bishops established a policy of issuing from each meeting of the Council a brief episcopal message dealing with a contemporary social, economic or religious problem fac-

ing Methodism. The current pronouncement is in the area of civil rights.

Concern over the success that certain enemies of the church have had in misleading and confusing numerous church people, the bishops viewed with alarm their "lethargy in complacently accepting sinister and unwarranted attacks upon religion and democracy as though these attacks were established facts."

The bishops called upon every agency of the church to join forces in providing the truth. Armed with the real facts Methodists can then express themselves through letters to the press, to legislative representatives and in conversation. "We trust that these expressions would be commendatory as well as critical," the bishops added.

Lovely Lane Chapel was the scene of the evening memorial service and the session in which bishops recently returned from overseas missions shared their new knowledge. A retired bishop's wife, an effective bishop, and a retired bishop were commemorated in a liturgical service prepared and led by Bishop Edwin E. Voigt. The eulogies were spoken, for Mrs. E. W. Kelly by Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.; for Bishop Robert N. Brooks by Bishop A. Frank Smith; and for Bishop Francis J. McConnell, retired, by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

The reports of foreign visitations took the Council to India (Bishops Corson and Franklin), to Europe and North Africa (Bishops Purcell and Phillips), and to South America (Bishop Paul E. Martin).

Aspects of almost every department of church life came, in one way or another, under the bishops review:

Advance Specials from May to October were reported as \$1,004,318. (Continued on page 15)

Does Your Church Have An Advance Special?

Lester Finley, Missionary to Gujarat Conference in India, Supported Largely by An Arkansas Church, Writes His

INDIA LETTER

Local church leaders should study the list of advance specials given here. The goal in this area is an advance special in every local church this year.

May each of you have these three gifts this season: peace of mind, joy in the heart, victory in the soul! We feel we have had a whole year of "gifts" on our furlough: being with our families, renewing friendships, making new acquaintances with those who are interested in the growth of His Kingdom 'round the world.

Opportunities For Education

Lester had four months in a study fellowship at Union Theological Seminary in New York City last Spring. It was under the auspices of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, and dealt with the confrontation of Christianity with Communism. Then we both learned much through our traveling and speaking—much about American church life. Just as we have moved out of political and economic isolationism, so we must move out of religious isolationism as well.

Itinerating

Ada spoke many times to women's groups in and about Rochester. Both together, (and taking Christine and Kathleen), this summer we attended the inspiring Greencastle Furloughed Missionary Conference, and then visited our supporting churches in Princeton, Indiana, and Jonesboro, Arkansas. In later tour of most of the conferences in Arkansas. Lester found our people there very responsive. Every Methodist must be concerned that the co-called "backward nations" receive not only technical "know how", but also what Paul called "the fathomless wealth of Christ". Lester thought of his work as a "salesman of a vision"—the vision of a world church, everywhere committed to its first task, evangelism. We must be committed not so much to "foreign missions", (there is no place foreign to God), but to Christ's church—a living symbol that "God so loved the world. . ."

We found that our colored slides of life in Gujarat, India were very helpful visual aids, as was our display of Indian handcraft, religious objects, and clothing. Lester also spent some time speaking in the Newburg and Poughkeepsie Districts of the New York Conference. Everywhere there was evidenced a new alertness about India. Our report on the problems and opportunities in India in general, and in our Gujarat Conference in particular, were listened to with interest. Dallas, Texas, (Jan. 3-10) is the next and last speaking engagement of this furlough. The Aldersgate Church there is assuming some of our support.

Family Note

A missionary once asked his youngest what he'd like to be when



REV. LESTER FINLEY

Rev. and Mrs. Lester Finley and their two children are supported in part as an Advance Special by the First Methodist Church of Jonesboro, Ark.

he grew up. The child replied, "I want to be a missionary. . . . on furlough."

Our three girls, Christine, (6½) Kathleen, (4½) and Carol, (2), had their first experience with snow, and the older two enjoyed first experiences in school also. Now they are ready to return and see their Indian friends and playmates.

Return To India

We are now making preparations to sail from New York on February seventeenth, 1954, on the Queen Elizabeth. We will have a week in London, and then go on out to the east via the Suez Canal. Lester has been appointed as hostel superintendent at the Hill Memorial High School in Baroda, and as Gujarat Conference evangelist. We are looking forward to again be working with our Indian colleagues for the growth of His Church in India. From our Gujarat Conference has come many encouraging reports; a renewal of the spiritual life in the church; a reaching out to non-Christians through City Tent Meetings, and use of the film "King of Kings"; distribution of large numbers of tracts and Bibles; classes for instructing new believers.

Pray for us; write us when you can.

Yours in His Service,
Ada and Lester Finley

After March 20, 1954

P. O. Baroda Residency
Baroda, B. S.
India

ANOTHER ADVANCE SPECIAL FROM ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA



Rev. and Mrs. Floyd William Price, engaged at the present in completing their special studies at Cornell University preparatory to serving as Methodist missionaries in India, are shown here during a recent visit to Little Rock where they visited the First Methodist Church and were the featured speakers at the evening service, Sunday, December 20. Rev. and Mrs. Price will be commissioned at the Annual Meeting of the General Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Friday Evening, January 22, and will leave for their assignment in June. They will be supported by Little Rock's First Church as an Advance Special.

MISSIONARY ADVANCE SPECIAL PROJECTS 1952-1956 GUJARAT CONFERENCE—INDIA

PASTORAL SUPPORT \$25.00 shares

Many of our pastors and evangelists receive less than \$15.00 per month. This is below minimum standards for support of their families. Will you subsidize the salary of a pastor or evangelist? The Church in Gujarat is not yet self-supporting.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE AND ADULT LITERACY \$50.00 shares

We have about 20% literacy in our Church. Would you give \$2.50 so that someone could learn to read? It would open the scriptures, and the life of the world to him. Eleven million people speak Gujarati, Gandhi's mother tongue. Help us subsidize the printing of Christian and health education literature.

TRAINING INSTITUTES \$50.00 shares

Ministers, lay leaders, teachers—all need spiritual life meetings, refresher courses. Our conference budget cannot provide for this item. Will you help us?

ANKLESVAR RURAL TRAINING CENTER \$25.00 shares

We have a fine, interdenominational rural extension program here. \$3480 has been given for the training quarters building; we need \$3500 to complete the necessary amount.

Scholarships

PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS \$75.00 per year

This amount subsidizes the education of a village youth. It pays for food, tuition, dormitory expenses for one year at Godhra or Nadiad Primary Schools.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS \$100.00 per year

Our Indian Christians are poor, and few of them could go on to high school without a subsidy. This \$100 is an investment in the life of a future Church leader.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Theological \$200.00 per year
We have only 60 ordained ministers for the 35,000 Christians in the Gujarat Conference.

Medical \$300.00 per year
India has only one doctor for every 7,000 people, and one nurse for every 43,000 people.

Teacher Training \$150.00 per year
Besides the needs of our Christian schools, the Gov't is ready to employ many Christian teachers.

Building Projects

PARSONAGES FOR VILLAGE PASTORS \$50.00 shares

We have to rent the mud huts in which our workers and teachers live in the villages. We need to build brick houses. The total amount needed is \$50,000.

VILLAGE CHURCHES \$50.00 shares

Most of our village congregations meet on the mud veranda of someone's house. The people are often ready and able to make the brick, and provide the labor, but need financial help in constructing a church building. The total amount needed is \$10,000.

MILL AREA CHURCH — AHMEDABAD \$50.00 shares

This congregation of several hundred in a city of 800,000 people has no church building. The total amount needed \$25,000.

CHRISTIAN HOSTEL — AHMEDABAD \$50.00 shares

There are several government universities in Ahmedabad, but no place for our Christian students to live in a Christian atmosphere while they study in these non-christian universities. The total amount needed is \$25,000.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL — NADIAD \$50.00 shares

Plans are under way for reopening this important school in Nadiad. We have the buildings, but need money for tools and equipment. The total amount needed is \$6,000.

CONVEYANCES \$50.00 shares

We have only one station wagon jeep for our village touring. We need several vehicles to make it possible to reach out-lying villages more readily. We need \$9,000.

Your church will receive Advance Credit if, after you have fulfilled your local World Service giving quota, you give to any of the above projects.

Send money to your conference treasurer or Mr. H. B. Kirkland, Treas.

Methodist Church, Division of World Missions
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City 11, New York

Write him the purpose of the gift, name and address of donor and/or correspondent, and the name of your Church, District, and Conference.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN preached at the morning service of the Vantrease Methodist Church, El Dorado, on Sunday, January 10.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will preach and dedicate the new Methodist Church at Montrose on Sunday, January 31. Rev. James Constable is pastor.

E. W. MARTIN, treasurer of Hendrix College, Conway, who suffered a heart attack in late December is in the Army and Navy Hospital in Hot Springs. His condition is considerably improved.

GODDARD MEMORIAL CHURCH, Ft. Smith, Rev. Alfred Knox, pastor, will have two identical services on Sunday mornings, beginning with Sunday, January 31. The first service will be at 8:30 and the second at 10:55.

THE MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of the Gardner Memorial Church has honored Bruce M. Huddleston, who has been teacher of the class for the past 31 years by naming the class The Bruce Huddleston Class.

REV. ROBERT E. L. BEARDEN of Conway was guest speaker at a youth meeting December 28-31 at Wichita Falls, Texas. The meeting was the mid-winter Institute of the North Texas Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship.

THE REPORT of the Little Rock Conference Treasurer, Fred Gannt, which was carried in recent issues should have carried the dates June 15 through December 10 instead of June 15 through December 7.

DR. FRED G. ROEBUCK, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith and former pastor of Asbury Church, Little Rock, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of Asbury Church on Friday evening, January 15.

DR. ETHAN DODGEN, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, left Sunday night January 10, for New York to attend the meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Methodist Church of which he is a member. He will also visit the United Nations while in New York.

REV. BRADY COOK writes that he and his sister, Miss Fern Cook, have just returned from the National Association of Conference Evangelists which was held in the First Methodist Church in Centralia, Illinois from December 30 through January 1.

A REVIVAL MEETING is in progress this week at the St. John's Methodist Church, Van Buren, with Rev. Harold Spence, pastor at Jacksonville, as the evangelist. Rev. Ewing Wayland of Little Rock preached at the evening service on Sunday, January 10.

REV. A. W. HARRIS, pastor at Trumann, and Mrs. Harris, left on Monday, December 28, to visit their son, Major Chester R. Harris of the Marine Air Corps, stationed in Miami, Florida. They will return in time for Brother Harris to occupy his pulpit on Sunday, January 17.

REV. ALFRED DEBLACK, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Mena, was the speaker at the meeting of the Mena Rotary Club on Tuesday evening, January 5. Continuing the series of educational programs sponsored by the Club, Mr. DeBlack spoke on "Youth In Its Community."

THE DISTRICT RALLY for Stewardship and Attendance Crusade Emphasis for the Pine Bluff District will be held at 10:00 a. m. on Tuesday, January 19, instead of 7:00 p. m. as reported in last week's issue of the *Arkansas Methodist*. The rally will be held at Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff.

OPEN HOUSE and an informal reception was held in the new educational building of the Vantrease Methodist Church, El Dorado, on Saturday evening, January 9. Guests of honor were Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin and Dr. and Mrs. Connor Morehead. Rev. Fred Schwendimann is pastor.

REV. AND MRS. ALFRED KNOX of Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, held open house at the parsonage on Sunday afternoon, January 3. Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Knox were Mr. and Mrs. Neal Jones, Mrs. Julius Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald. A large number of members and friends of the church called during the hours.

REV. L. R. SPARKS, pastor at Carthage, who underwent a major operation on October 27 at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Hot Springs, has been back in his pulpit for some time. Brother Sparks wishes to thank his many friends for their love and sympathy, also the doctors and hospital staff for kindnesses and especially his parishioners of the Carthage-Tulip Charge.

MISS IRENE LONG, of Argo, Ala., is the new director of Georgia Methodist Information. She succeeds the former Miss Carolyn Williams who resigned following her marriage to Edward R. Flynt. Miss Long has been employed as a reporter and editorial assistant for the Methodist Board of Missions in New York during the last four years. She received her B. S. degree in English and journalism at Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, where she was editor of the student Auburn Plainsman.

THE LAGRANGE METHODIST CHURCH, according to the pastor, Rev. W. O. Scroggin, had every connectional obligation paid in full before District Conference and has made a very fine contribution to every cause of Methodism to date. The average attendance is about 35 persons a Sunday with only 36 active members on the roll. They are now waiting for the architect to complete the drawings for a new church building with three additional class rooms which can be converted into a fellowship hall. The building will also include a kitchen. It is to be built of brick tile and construction is expected to begin in the spring.

E. VERNON MARKHAM, vice-president and manager of the Haverty Furniture Co., of Little Rock, was one of eleven men in the nation to be named "All American Merchant" for 1953 at the annual dinner of the National Retail Furniture Association held in Chicago. Business and civic accomplishments acknowledged in the presentation included his duties as director of Haverty Furniture Companies, Inc., Atlanta, Ga. He has twice been president of the Arkansas Retail Furniture Association; twice president of the Greater Little Rock Furniture Association; Chamber of Commerce Board member; chairman of the retail merchants' division of the Chamber of Commerce; YMCA Board member; Arkansas Children's Home and Hospital Board member; chairman of the furniture division in the Community Chest Drive in 1949 and 1950 and president of the Little Rock Kiwanis Club in 1952. Mr. Markham is chairman of the Board of Finance, the Official Board and ushers of Winfield Church, Little Rock. He is also one of the Commissioners of the *Arkansas Methodist*, a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner and a charter member of the Knife and Fork Club.

DEATH OF REV. GEORGE E. PATCHELL

Rev. George Edward Patchell, of Newport, who served for 50 years as a Methodist minister in the North Arkansas Conference, until his retirement in 1946, died on Tuesday, January 5, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. W. Lawrence, in Gurdon. He was 74 years of age.

Brother Patchell was admitted into the North Arkansas Conference on trial in 1906 and was admitted into full connection in 1908. He was ordained a deacon in 1901 and an elder in 1910. Among his pastorates were Alma, Brinkley, Elaine, Goddard Memorial of Ft. Smith, Harrisburg, Hoxie, Round Pond, Weiner and Widener.

Surviving are his wife, another daughter, Mrs. L. J. Lineback of Brinkley, six grandchildren, three brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Newport, on Thursday with Rev. Guy C. Ames officiating.

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NEW OFFICERS FOR CHURCH SCHOOL

Nashville, Tenn.—It has been demonstrated that next to the Christian home, the church school is society's chief and best agency for teaching persons the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His way for their lives. This being true, it is incumbent upon each Methodist church school to put forth its best efforts to increase its membership and attendance.

Realizing the importance of bringing into the church school as many persons as possible, the last General Conference made provision for a new officer whose specific duties are expressed in his title "Assistant Superintendent for Membership Cultivation." (*Discipline*, Par. 229.)

"Great accomplishments do not happen by chance," said the Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education. "They come about because somebody is on the job. When something of great importance is to be done, it is wise to make somebody responsible for doing it. In the case of increasing membership and attendance in the church school, that person is the assistant superintendent for membership cultivation."

The Department of General Church School Work has prepared for the assistant superintendent a

kit of splendid materials that will help him accomplish the important work the church has given him. The kit may be ordered from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee. Ask for Assistant Superintendent's Kit, No. 8316-C, price \$1.00. Please send cash with order to save cost of bookkeeping.

MOVIE ON ST. PAUL SET FOR POPULAR RUN

A feature-length motion picture based on the life of St. Paul will be released Jan. 18 for showing in movie theatres over the country, it was announced in Hollywood by Cathedral Films. Production of the film, entitled "Magnificent Adventure," was supervised by the Rev. James K. Friedrich, Cathedral's president. Mr. Friedrich noted that it is only the second picture in Cathedral's 15-year history to be produced primarily for release to regular movie houses. The bulk of the company's production is designed for showing in churches, schools and on TV.

Out of ignorance is born most of the fear and cruelty and misery and hatred in this world. Not one of us, however unimportant or little endowed we believe ourselves to be, has the right to remain in avoidable ignorance — *Woman's Wkly*, London.

SELF-ASSURANCE

When we say of a person, "He is very sure of himself," are we paying a compliment or are we criticising? I have asked this question of several friends. The answer almost invariably has been, "That depends."

Self-assurance may make us think of what John Galsworthy called a "cockeyed cocksureness," which distorts the vision and weakens the judgment. Or we may think of those bumpkins who break into a company or conversation and forfeit the respect of the more reserved and thoughtful.

Too much self-assurance hinders progress. And it may also keep men from God's help. In the treatment of bad habits like that of drunkenness, the victim must often be brought to the point where he no longer thinks he can manage himself and therefore puts his trust in a Higher Power.

Yet on the other hand self-confidence and self-reliance are regarded as virtues. Emerson wrote that "self-trust is the first secret of success."

How far, then, is self-assurance to be encouraged. Where does its danger start?

Let us turn for light to the Great Apostle's advice: "By the grace given to me I bid everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned him."

Faith in God keeps us from thinking so much about ourselves that we really get the measure of ourselves.

Dr. Rollo May, the psychologist, tells of a young man who came for mental therapy. Though intellectually competent and superficially successful, he had lost all spontaneity of action. He could not forget himself sufficiently to enter wholeheartedly into any human companionship.

He was ever standing outside looking at himself. When listening to music, he was so concerned with how well he was listening that he would not enjoy the music. Even in making love, it was as though he were standing outside watching himself and asking, "How am I doing?"

Was he too self-conscious? No, answers the psychologist, he was not fully conscious of himself.

The more fully we are aware of our true selves, the more free and self-forgetting and spontaneous we are. Our religious faith should help us to be just that. Beholding ourselves in the divine light, we blend into something bigger than ourselves.

A young lieutenant, not long out of the U. S. Naval Academy, was a junior officer aboard the U. S. S. San Francisco in the Second World War. The flag officer on that cruiser was Rear Admiral Callaghan. As the task force moved through the night, it found itself unexpectedly surrounded by part of the Japanese fleet.

Yellow shafts from hostile guns challenged their progress. Shells struck.

The captain ordered the young lieutenant to take a message to Admiral Callaghan. It was too late. The admiral was dead.

The young man returned to the bridge to find his captain and all senior officers dead. He was now "senior officer aboard." He said to himself, "I must slug it out." And he did.

For his devotion to duty Bruce McCandless received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

A mutual friend has let me in on the secret of the young officer's self-assurance and heroic feat. Although his commanders had been killed he did not feel himself alone on that bridge. He did what it is reported King David did centuries ago — "He encouraged himself in the Lord." Proper self-assurance is God-sureness.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THE PRICE OF VIGILANCE AND FREEDOM

My Baptist friend, Dr. William B. Lippard, makes the wise observation that though the Constitution of the United States and its freedom-assuring Bill of Rights are well preserved as documents in the Archives Building of Washington, D. C., "their chemical preservation as documents does not preserve the rights."

He notes the attacks and threats being made currently by Americans in high place (beneficiaries of these rights) upon freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, and freedom of assembly, right here in the U. S. A. Adds Dr. Lippard, "Only a strong, alert people, passionately fond of freedom, can preserve them. Otherwise the Archives Building, instead of being the preserver of the Bill of Rights, will merely be its tomb. It is still everlastingly true that eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."

And what constitutes "eternal vigilance?" A great army and navy, equipped with super and fantastic weapons, poised to strike at a moment's call? An individual or a committee, armed with extra-legal powers, wrapped in the patriot's banner, stirring up the witch's cauldron of suspicion, hate, false accusation, character poisoning — all "to preserve the American way of life?" The drawing tight about America of a skirt of radar, of tariffs, of immigration restrictions — all to keep alien goods and ideologies

from encroaching upon our possessions or our minds?

No, this is not vigilance! This is the nullification of the Constitution, the destruction of all the Bill of Rights has guaranteed! This is national suicide!

If there is any lesson that history teaches us — teaches from the days of the ancients to current times — it is that men have lost their freedoms and their countries have been laid in ruins only when dictators or would-be dictators have spread fear, distrust, hate — and have seized power on the pretense of protecting the people from some impending danger or calamity. Remember the "great orations" delivered in the Roman senate; the fears and bewilderments that made Napoleon possible; the ragings of Hitler — at which we first laughed and later trembled? The pattern is too clear, the road is too certain, for us to sit quietly by and make no protest whenever demagoguery shows its head.

There is a sense in which each generation must re-affirm the Constitution, must re-adopt the amendments that make up the Bill of Rights. Their "freedoms" are not real estate bequeathed by one generation to the next. They constitute a spiritual estate that must be constantly earned and re-earned; not by the violence of war (as was the first winning) but by scrupulously honest application of the spirit of these documents to new occasions and new situations, and to more and more people in an everwidening society of nations.

And so conscious and pealous (in its best sense) must each generation be of these rights, so quick must each be by democratic methods to suppress any attempt of encroachment upon them, that no demagogue or would-be dictator will dare life voice, or pen, or hand to spread fear, distrust, hate, lies, or any other ingredient of national strife. Above all, truth—truth fearlessly told—must be the tool of vigilance. Indeed, without truth there can be no vigilance—and

no freedom.

In this vigilance, the church, the press, the public official, the government agency, and especially you and I must be active participants.

THIS IS CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN WEEK

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conferences and the Episcopal Area. Church leaders of the Area are making liberal use of the columns of the publications to disseminate information concerning the program of the church. The publications are featuring in each issue the writings of gifted writers. 1954 should be the best in the history of the publications.

We are confident that our subscribers and pastors will continue in the same fine way as in the years past so that the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* may serve you, Methodism and the Kingdom in a greater way than ever before and also maintain their place of leadership among the publications of the church.

The first publication of the results of the Circulation Campaign will be in the issue of January 28 and will have the reports received in the publications' office through noon, January 23. The report will be a charge by charge report of those local churches reporting by that date.

"A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR"

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speed. In competitive business, in sports, in automobiles and rocket planes we depend on speed for success. We should remember that great character cannot be hurriedly built, and "that there is more to life than increasing its speed." Most of us would add to the length of our days and the usefulness of our lives if we would build into our lives the beautiful truths embodied in "A Prayer for the New Year."

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Plan Your Vacation Church School Now

It is not too early for local churches to begin their Vacation Church school plans. Each local church through its Commission on Education should select a director for the Vacation Church School program and set up a committee to work with the director in the selection of personnel and in the planning of the details of the Vacation Church School program.

Since annual conference comes a week later in 1954 than last summer this will give more time for local churches to get their Vacation Church School in early June.

A number of persons have been asked to make suggestions about the units to be used in the Vacation Church School. Just as soon as we can have these reports we will announce the suggested units for this year. However, a church should feel free to select the units it desires without reference to the units we suggest.

It is our hope that we will be able to arrange a good workshop in each district to help Vacation School workers to prepare for the coming Vacation Church School. The dates of such programs will be announced as soon as we can work them out.

It is not too early for local churches to begin making their plans to have workers in the various programs next summer; Children's Workers' Conference, Young Adult Conference, Older Adult Conference; Camps and Assemblies for Young People, and the Jurisdictional programs at Mt. Sequoyah.

There will be at least three opportunities next summer for local churches to send adult workers with youth to training centers. The Conference Youth Assembly will be open to a limited number of adults, as will be true in the Jurisdictional Youth Conference and the Youth Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah.

It is probably just as important for a local church to provide special training for adult workers with youth as it is to send young people to camps and assemblies.

Dates To Be Remembered

The year of 1954 will offer many opportunities for training. The following are some of the special opportunities that are to be offered:

The South Central Jurisdictional Recreational Workshop is to be held in Norman, Oklahoma, April 22-28. This recreational workshop provides training for recreational leaders for various summer programs and the local church recreational leaders. Local churches should begin making plans now to have a recreational leader in this workshop.

The annual School of Missions will be held at Mt. Sequoyah, June 29-July 6, to be followed by the Missionary Conference, July 6-9. Following the Missionary Conference there is to be a three day program for chairmen of local church Commissions on Missions. Missionary leaders in the annual conference,

district, and local churches will want to keep these dates in mind.

The annual leadership school for the South Central Jurisdiction will be held at Mt. Sequoyah, July 19-30. This promises to be an outstanding leadership school. An added feature this year is to be a special course for district superintendents, to be taught by our own Bishop Paul E. Martin. Along with the laboratory school for Workers With Children and the workshop program for youth workers, there are to be some unique courses in the field of adult work. Watch for announcements of these special courses. The North Arkansas Conference should not have less than fifty persons in the leadership school this year.

The local church youth Conference of the South Central Jurisdiction is to be held at Mt. Sequoyah, August 2-9. This will be the third year of this program. It has come to be a very significant program for young people and adult workers with youth.

The South Central Jurisdictional Workshop, for Conference, District, and Sub-District officers is to be held August 11-20.

There are to be large numbers of conference leadership programs:

The Conference Youth Assembly is to be held on the Hendrix Campus, June 1-5. The program this year is to be centered in an emphasis on Christian Beliefs. Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden is to be the inspirational speaker. Provision is being made for a limited number of adult workers with youth, as well as young people, in this conference-wide program. Local churches would make progress in their youth program if they would provide for the training of adult workers with youth.

The Children's Workers' Conference is to be held on the Hendrix Campus, June 28-30. The program this year is to be centered in Teaching Nursery Children, Teaching Kindergarten Children, Teaching Primary Children, and Teaching Junior Children.

There will be an Older Adult Assembly and Young Adult programs, the dates yet to be set.

The W. S. C. S. Conference School of Missions is to be held in early July.

The Arkansas Pastors' School is to be September 6-10. We have already secured an outstanding faculty for this program. The prospects are that this will be a far better school in some respects than we have had in many years. We do not hope to have a stronger faculty than we had last year, but every indication is that there will be a much greater participation in the school.

Minister's Week

The annual Ministers' Week held at Southern Methodist University comes this year the week of February 1-4. Many ministers from the North Arkansas Conference are making plans to attend. This has become an outstanding event in the calendar year of the South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. It is a time for hearing some outstanding messages from great leaders and also a time for inspiration and fellowship.

New Certifications

Rev. Worth W. Gibson of Gentry

SPECIAL GIFTS TO COLLEGES SET A RECORD HIGH

Nashville, Tenn.—Special gifts to Methodist colleges and universities totaled more than \$10,000,000 in 1953 to set a record high, it was announced by the denomination's Board of Education.

Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the board's Division of Educational Institutions, said a year-end survey of 117 Methodist-related schools showed that 15 institutions had received gifts and grants from individual donors in excess of \$100,000 each.

The largest single contribution during the year, he said, was \$6,000,000 bequeathed to Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. The donor was the late George W. Davison, Greenwich, Conn., who was president of the school's board of trustees for 41 years.

Anonymous gifts accounted for more than \$1,500,000, including \$750,000 to Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio; \$300,000 to Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, N. C., and \$132,000 to the University of Chattanooga. Dillard University, New Orleans, and Drew University, Madison, N. J., also received anonymous gifts of \$100,000 or more.

The College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., received \$225,000 from the estate of the late Everett Archer, Salinas, Calif., and \$125,000 left by Ophir Ore Schroeder of Oakland.

Dr. Stephen H. Watts, for many years dean of the University of Virginia's School of Medicine, willed

becomes the first person, attending the Coaching Conference, November 30-December 2, to become certified. He has been certified for the first and second series course on Teaching Youth.

Rev. H. M. Sanford and Rev. Alvin Murray have been certified for the course on Helping Adults Learn. They also attended the Coaching Conference.

Rev. Thomas R. Whiddon is planning for a one unit training school on Christian Stewardship, in the Huntsville charge.

Church School Rally Day

The following Church School Rally Day offerings have been received since our last report: Tupelo, \$10.00; Russell, \$5.00; Bradford, \$5.00; Ebenezer, \$4.00; Batesville, Asbury, \$5.00; Searcy, \$150.00; Waldron, \$10.00.

The standing by districts to date is as follows:

Batesville District	\$ 248.55
Conway District	647.65
Fayetteville District	618.25
Forrest City District	649.57
Fort Smith District	954.66
Jonesboro District	767.60
Paragould District	434.05
Searcy District	444.10
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This total is \$150.00 greater than the amount received last conference year. There are a number of church schools yet planning to observe Church School Rally Day. Others have observed the day, but have not yet sent in their offering.

\$253,000 to Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., for special studies in physics and biology.

Adrian (Mich.) College received \$104,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Davis, Adrian, to support a chair of English literature.

The survey showed several large gifts from foundations and groups. The Washington Star Broadcasting Co., gave \$250,000 for a new radio-television workshop building at American University in the nation's capital, and the school received \$400,000 from the Housing and Home Finance Agency for the two new dormitories.

A donor group contributed \$350,000 to the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash., and Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., received \$266,000 from a 41-member group. The church board itself granted Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., \$300,000 for endowment contingent upon the school raising a like sum.

Gifts of less than \$100,000 were reported by seven schools: Tennessee Wesleyan, Athens, Tenn.; Young Harris College, Young Harris, Ga.; Union College, Barbourville, Ky.; Westminster (Md.) Theological Seminary; Iowa Wesleyan, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; Kansas Wesleyan, Salina, Kan., and Pennington (N. J.) School.

The education board received \$15,000 from J. M. Wilson, Floydada, Tex., as a trust fund for a lectureship in religion at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex. He has given more than \$70,000 for similar lectureships at Texas schools.

Dr. Gross said \$10,000,000 in special gifts was aside from several million-dollar fund campaigns sponsored by Methodist annual conferences across the country.

The Holston Conference, composed of local churches in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia, has launched a drive for \$1,750,000 in support of regional Methodist colleges. The Memphis Conference exceeded its million-dollar goal, raising \$1,330,000 for Lambuth College, Jackson, Tenn.

The North Carolina Conference has raised \$1,500,000, and the Western North Carolina Conference \$1,000,000. Indiana Methodists are campaigning for \$1,500,000 for DePauw University, Greencastle, and Mississippians are mapping a \$1,000,000 fund drive for Millsaps College at Jackson.

After three years "in exile" in makeshift buildings on a hillside in Pusan, the far-famed Ewha University, first college for women in all Korea, is now back on its original campus in Seoul. The fighting between northern and southern forces in Korea drove the young women south of the city of Seoul, but their president, Miss Helen Kim gathered them together and opened classes on the various tiers of a Pusan hillside, eventually adding temporary buildings for instruction and for dormitory purposes. Despite the nearness of the war, the student body increased until there are now more than 2,000 young women enrolled.—W. W. Reid

Cornerstone Laid For Fiji "Mother" Church

A descendant of Ratu (King) Thakombau, ruthless cannibal chieftan whose conversion in 1854 made the Fijis a Christian land, laid the cornerstone in Suva of a building planned as the central Methodist church for the Fiji Islands. Ratu George Kadavulevu Thakombau, Vunivalu (chief) of Bau and a Member of the Order of the British Empire, put the cornerstone in place. He also was the principal in a typically Fijian feature of the service—the presentation to the congregation of two roast pigs and a large quantity of other native foods. When completed, the edifice will become the "mother" church for the islands' 135,000 native Fijians, some 87 per cent of whom are Methodists. Constructed of concrete blocks faced with sandstone, the Church will seat well over 1,000 worshippers. The Methodist Church has 130 ministers, some 700 officially-appointed catechists and exhorters and more than 5,000 lay preachers in the Fijis who conduct regular services at more than 1,000 locations in the islands.

Methodist Colleges Get Record Special Gifts

Special gifts to Methodist colleges and universities reached a record high of more than \$10,000,000 in 1953, it was announced in Nashville, Tenn., by the denomination's Board of Education. Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the board's Division of Educational Institutions, said a survey of 117 Methodist-related schools showed that 15 institutions had received gifts and grants from individual donors in excess of \$100,000 each. The largest single contribution during the year, he said, was \$6,000,000 bequeathed to Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., by the late George W. Davidson, Greenwich, Conn., who was president of the school's board of trustees for 41 years. Dr. Gross said the special gifts were separate from several million-dollar fund campaigns sponsored by Methodist Annual Conferences across the country. He said the new Church-wide annual goal of at least 50 cents per member in support of higher education, and 15 cents for Wesley Foundation campus centers, is being oversubscribed in several conferences.

Young Folks To Take Over Toledo's Protestant Churches

A group of determined college and high school students representing the Toledo United Christian Youth Movement are making plans to take over Toledo's 200 Protestant churches. On Jan. 31, for the first time here, the Protestant young folks will assume complete charge of worship services all over town. Meeting in Ashland Ave., Baptist Church, the TUCYM made arrangements for the program under the sponsorship of the Toledo Council of Churches.

Methodists Vote Fund To Aid Students Abroad

Some 2,500 representatives of Methodist Student Movement groups at more than 500 colleges over the nation voted at their national conference in Lawrence, Kansas to raise \$50,000 by next June 1 to aid college students in foreign countries. Dr. Claude Singleton of New York, staff member of the Methodist Board of Missions, said that a major portion of the money will be channeled to special Methodist campus projects overseas through the World Student Christian Federation. Philippe Maury of Geneva, Switzerland, executive secretary of W. S. C. F., was a featured speaker at the conference here. The

educational donations and spent \$17,000 a minute for alcoholic beverages. Other national per minute expenditures by the American people last year were: Federal Taxes, \$135,000. State and local taxes, \$38,000. National defense, \$85,000. Foreign aid: \$11,600. The bureau calculated American income at \$600,000 a minute.

India's Home Minister Reassures Missionaries

Fears of foreign Christian missionaries that the Indian government planned to restrict their evangelistic activities have been allayed in Parliament by the Home Minister, Dr. Kailash Nath Katju. Dr. Katju, referring to the administration's attitude toward foreign missionaries and mission organizations, said the government would not interfere with their internal operation. Although other assurances on the government's attitude toward missionaries had been given recently, Dr. Katju's statement was regarded as most significant. In October, foreign missionaries were encouraged by an address given by Rajkumari (Princess) Amrit Kaur, Minister of national Leprosy Conference at Lucknow, India. She said the government placed no restriction on purely religious and welfare activity of foreign missionaries. The government wants only that missionaries keep themselves "aloof from political propaganda and carry out only social welfare and religious work," she said.

Methodists Join Presbyterians In Sponsoring Rural Institute

Methodists of Virginia have teamed up with Presbyterians in a joint effort to attack problems of the rural church. The annual Town and Country Ministers' Institute at Union Theological Seminary (Presbyterian) here will be co-sponsored this year by the Virginia Methodist Commission on Town and Country Work. Some 150 clergymen from Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North and South Carolina are expected to attend the in-

stitute which opens on Jan. 25

Historians Told Of Gulf Between Religionists

There is a "broad gulf" between the "loudly committed and the deeply committed" religious people of America, a sociologist said in Chicago. Prof. Max Lerner of Waltham, Mass., told college historians at the 68th annual meeting of the American Historical Association that the gulf exists between those who give lip service to religion for respectability's sake and those who practice it. The Brandeis University professor said Americans are wavering between a sense of need for God and the traditional American attitude of optimism and self-sufficiency. His address was entitled "Christian Culture and American Democracy."

Spiritual Renewal Movement Launched In Memphis

A spiritual renewal movement was launched in Memphis, Tenn., at a rally attended by more than 5,000 members of 16 denominations. Some 3,000 of those present signed cards pledging themselves to daily prayers. Another 7,000 cards went to ministers for distribution in regular services. The prayers will ask God to use the petitioners as His instruments for the promotion of peace and freedom. Renewal sponsors — local clergymen and laymen — said they were prepared to print up to 100,000 of the pledge cards. The card distribution will be directed by Dr. A. W. Dick, pastor of Second Presbyterian church. The prayer pledge: "Conscious of the real peril that now confronts the whole world, and 'Realizing that our plight is the result of the source of materialism that we His children have made possible through erring in our daily living, therefore 'I do hereby pledge myself to try to pray each day that God may so transform my life in all its ways that I may become, increasingly, through faith in Christ our Lord, a more effective instrument of peace and freedom for all mankind.'"

balance of the fund, Dr. Singleton said, will be used largely to support Methodist groups at colleges and universities abroad. In many cases, he said, Wesley Foundation groups on American campuses will "adopt" individual foreign projects.

Proposes 'Cell' System To Christianize Our Culture

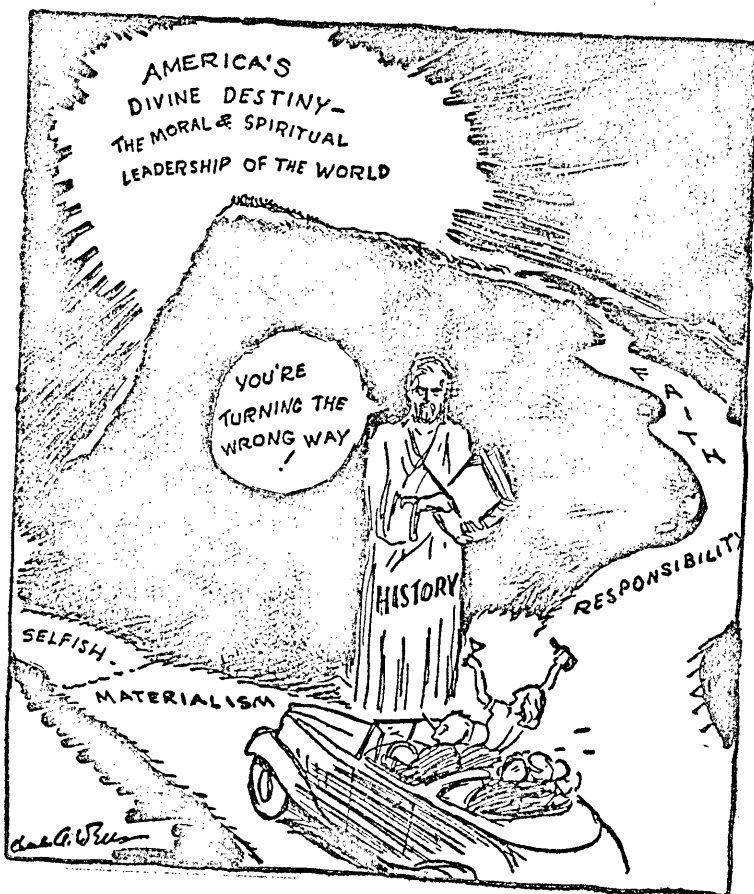
A proposal that the Communists' "infiltration cell" principle might be utilized to "Christianize our culture" was made at Lawrence, Kan., by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York, noted Methodist preacher. Addressing the national conference of the Methodist Student Movement, he suggested that Christians could turn the Communists' method to good purpose by using it "not for subversion but for conversion, not for overthrowing governments but for improving them." "One Christian member of a family can so influence a household that it behaves in a Christian manner," Dr. Sockman said, "and a dozen devoted Christians can change the moral climate of a college campus."

Liquor Purchases Exceed Charity Contributions

The American people are spending twice as much per minute for liquor as they are for religious, charitable and educational institutions. This was one of the findings reported in Minneapolis by the family economics bureau of Northwestern National Life Insurance Company. During 1953, according to the bureau, the American people contributed \$8,500 a minute in religious, charitable and

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3. Any necessary follow-up work may be reported as soon as complete.

Watch Reports Of Campaign

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 Area and Members of The Methodist

Recently I had the opportunity of perusing the ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA METHODIST for a period of two and one-half months. I have thoroughly enjoyed these papers, with their interesting items, the excellently edited articles, and the 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 all work together toward the development of the Conference papers read in the home of every family in Arkansas and Louisiana.

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

Cordially

Paul

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE



R. E. Connell

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Without the ARKANSAS METHODIST, Methodism within the bounds of our Area cannot be a connective, 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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For any Methodist who expects to keep abreast of the times, in so far as his church is concerned in Arkansas, the ARKANSAS METHODIST is a must.—Otto W. Teague



W. Henry Goodloe

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District Superintendent

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Wm. E. Brown

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



JACK AND THE SLED

A True Story by Margaret G. Wilson

SANTA had left Jack a new sled. It was a beautiful, shiny red one. It was big enough to hold three children, and it fairly flew down the hills.

Rosslund seemed to be a town just made for boys and girls. There were hills everywhere. Every street was a hill, and in winter some of these hilly streets were roped off so children could go sledding in safety without having to think about trucks or autos, because they were not allowed down them.

It was a grand winter with lots of snow, so Jack and the other children could use their sleds every single day. Twice, too, Jack's Dad had taken him and Lucille, who lived next door, out after supper to slide down the big hill in the park at the other end of town. What fun that had been! The slide went right between two rows of huge trees and then at the bottom you went sliding across the icy creek and stopped just before you got to the opposite side. The place was all lighted up, too, and it was crowded with big and little people who used big and little sleds.

But Jack was never allowed to go to that big hill alone. His father always said, "No one can live by himself alone, remember. It is a dangerous spot. The big boys use it a great deal, and when they are having fun they can't watch out for you younger children and someone may bump into one of those trees and get hurt, or get an icy bath in the creek if the ice is too thin."

Just what he meant by "No one can live by himself alone" Jack couldn't understand, but he did understand the "No." So he played on the hills that were roped off and had a happy time.

Then one day his father was called out of town on business. That happened to be the same day his mother had a dental appointment, so she told Jack he could go on the hill to play while she was at the dentist's.

After Jack watched his mother on the bus, he started off with his sled. On the way to the hill he thought "Mother said I could go to the hill and play with my sled. She didn't say what hill. Maybe she even meant the park hill. She didn't tell me not to go there." Of course he knew he shouldn't go, but he turned around and started for the park. On the way he met Lucille. He told her where he was going and begged her to go, too. So the two children went.

The hill was crowded. Everybody was laughing and yelling and looked for all the world like living snowmen, they were all so covered with snow. The two children had lots of fun. The hill was just right for sliding. They soon forgot they were doing something they had been told not to do. It began to get dark, but they didn't even notice that because the lights in the park were all on and they were having such a good time.

Suddenly, however, Jack began to feel hungry. "Let's have just one more slide and then go home," he

said, "'cause I'm hungry and anyway maybe Mom is back by now."

Down they went, following right behind another sled full of children. About halfway down the hill the sled in front struck a bare spot. The back tipped up and the girls were all dumped into a snowbank. Jack and Lucille came behind, laughing and shouting. That was all that Jack knew until the next day in the hospital when he asked his mother what happened and why he had such a sore throat.

"Well," said his mother, "you were yelling and laughing as you were going down the hill. You had your mouth wide open when the sled in front tipped up and the runner of that sled went down your throat. The older boys pulled you on your sled to the hospital. The nurses didn't know what had happened and you were losing so much blood they called up Dr. Ross who lives down the street here just a little way.

"Fortunately, it was his office hours so he went into the waiting room and told his patients that he had received an emergency call to the hospital, and as he didn't know how long he would be there they

had letter return to their homes and come back the next day

"When he examined you, he said the runner of the sled had gone down your throat and had actually cut out your tonsils. He was afraid that with a dirty runner you might have a very, very sore throat for a long time. He treated it very carefully, and when he looked at it today he said you were going to be all right.

"You see, dear, it is just as Daddy has so often said, 'No one can live by himself alone.' Just see how many people suffered because you disobeyed; you, of course, and me, and Daddy when he hears about it tonight, the nurses here in the hospital, Dr. Ross, and all the patients he had to send home last night, and Lucille, who caught a cold when she lost her hat yesterday and was dumped into the snowbank, and her father and mother. But we are glad Lucille only got a cold and that you will soon be all well again."

"Gee, Mom, I never knew what Dad meant when he said 'No one can live by himself alone.' I never thought what I did would make any difference to anybody else. I know now though it does, and I sure won't forget how I got my tonsils out either."—The United Church Observer, Canada

GRATITUDE

By Gladys Lloyd

*I thank you, God
For meat and bread,
For Daddy's roof
Above my head;
I thank you for
My mother, who
Has brought me up
In love for you;
For Sunday School
And all things good—
My heart is full of gratitude.*

—Story Time

HOLES IN THE DOUGHNUT

Do you know why doughnuts have holes in the middle? It all came about because of a boy.

His name was Hanson Gregory, and he lived in New England in the early days. His mother made cookies for him and fried them in grease. He loved to eat them, but his hands got very greasy when he handled them, and he noticed that the center of the cookie was not cooked like the other part. The center was soft and doughy and uncooked.

He suggested to his mother that she just cut a hole in the center of the cookies before cooking them, and then all of the cookies would be nicely cooked. She did so, and soon the neighbors all cooked their cookies with a hole in the center.

And this is how the hole came to be in the doughnut. — From The Young Soldier, Toronto

JUST FOR FUN

"I look forward every Sunday to the after-dinner nap."

"I thought you never slept after dinner."

"I don't, but my wife does."

Teacher: "Why was Columbus so anxious to discover a new world?"

Bobby: "I think he was looking for a place to park."

"If your mother gave you a large apple and a small apple and told you to divide with your brother, which apple would you give him?" asked the teacher.

The pupil thought a minute and then inquired, "Do you mean my big brother or my little brother?"—Lion

A Sunday School teacher was telling the story of Moses to a class of wide-eyed 5-year-olds. "Now," she asked dramatically, "who do you suppose the beautiful Egyptian princess found to take care of the little boy she had discovered in the bulrushes?"

Without hesitation a little girl answered: "A baby-sitter."—Louisville Courier-Journal Magazine

A young woman engaged in teaching Indians grammar on a western reservation was asked if her work was meeting with success. "It's beginning to," she replied. "Yesterday 2 of my pupils, Mr. and Mrs. Bear Don't Walk, went to the Indian agent and applied for the right to change their names to Mr. and Mrs. Bear Doesn't Walk."—Christian Science Monitor



RESOLUTIONS

*I'm thinking up a lot of things
I'd like to do this year,
I think I'd better write them down
And keep them always near*

*So that I'll not forget to be
Kind to everyone,
And think of happy things to do
And always quick to run*

*To be a help to Mother,
She needs me every day,
I hope she won't forget to call
Even if I'm at play.*

*There's something I can always do
That spreads from mile to mile,
I believe that you have guessed it.
I can always have a smile.*

—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

NEWS IN BRIEF

Members of the Louisiana Conference and South Central Jurisdiction Executive Committee and friends presented Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey with a gift certificate at Christmas time to buy silver and china. Mrs. Laskey's home was completely destroyed by fire November 20.

The Rayne Memorial Wesleyan Service Guild gave their annual party for the patients at the Methodist Home Hospital, December 21. Each year the Guild takes gifts to every girl at the Home and gives a Christmas party.

Guild No. 1 of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, is sponsoring the study of "Jeremiah" for all of the Guilds of the city, with sessions being held January 5, 7, 12 and 14. Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Field Worker of the Woman's Division, and Mrs. James Wellons, Secretary of Missionary Education of the First Church Woman's Society, are the teachers. More than seventy are registered for the study.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

Miss Leatrice Sakuma, a young Nisei Methodist, is the first native of Hawaii to serve as a Methodist missionary in the Islands. She is youth worker on the island of Maui where she serves a plantation camp village, Puukoolii. A graduate of Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas, with honors, Miss Sakuma, a member of a Buddhist family, first attended the Methodist Church at Aiea, a suburb of Honolulu, seven years ago. At a Christian youth institute at Camp Kalani, she made her decision for a Christian life and a commitment to become a church worker.

In crowded Hongkong—harboring hundreds of thousands of Chinese mainland refugees who have fled from communism—the most crowded spot is Rennie's Mill Camp. According to Miss H. Wilson, a nurse of the Church of Scotland mission, the Camp was originally prepared for 6,000 refugees, but the population now numbers 20,000. The additional refugees are actually "squatters" and most of them live in huts made of paper, of bamboo, or of wood—according to the "wealth" of the builder-resident. Rennie's Mill Camp has in addition to small individual huts, some large ones housing from 20 to 60 people each. Conditions under which they live in these big huts can be endured for a month or two, but when time stretches to three or four years, it takes a high type of character to take it with a smile, says Miss Wilson who ministers as best she can to their medical needs. The people come from every part of China, speak different dialects, have different customs and habits, different standards of living. There are the aristocrats, the professionals, and persons accustomed to poverty, living side by side; no better picture of democracy could be seen. The "vitamin clinic," under Miss Wilson serves 3,000 patients a month.

One of the most beloved women

METHODIST WOMEN NAME NEW OFFICER

Miss Marguerite Harris, formerly of Lexington, Ky., has been named an assistant treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions, The Methodist Church. Her office is at 150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

A native of Kentucky and daughter of a Methodist minister in the Kentucky Conference, Miss Harris attended Asbury College and the University of Kentucky. In 1946 she came to New York to be an accountant for the Woman's Division. Before that she had worked in the Trust Department of the First National Bank and Trust Company, Lexington, Ky.



MARGUERITE HARRIS

in all Japan is Mrs. Nobu Jo, now 80 years of age, founder and head of the Kobe Women's Welfare Association. With the aid of the Association and of Christian and non-Christian friends, Mrs. Jo has organized and conducts a home for orphaned girls—most of them victims of the recent war and its aftermath, and a home for mothers and children. Recently the leading newspaper of Kobe, once a major industrial city of Japan, honored her as the leading social welfare worker of the community. Despite her age, through the war years, she worked daily helping women and girls, and finding them food and shelter.

Principal Marvin H. Harper, of Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur, India, reports that "after many years of prayer" there now stands on the campus of the College a dormitory for women. This new edifice houses young women who are being prepared for religion, educational and deaconess tasks in the Methodist Church of India and in some other denominations served by this institution. The dormitory was provided by the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Church, from offerings received during their "Week of Prayer." Now the Church's Division of World Missions is planning, from gifts given largely by the Boston (Mass.) area of the Church to erect a men's dormitory for theological students on the same campus.

At seventy-five years of age, Mrs. Maria Q de Frausto, of Chihuahua, is still "the best-known woman preacher in all Mexico." When her husband died in 1926—he had been pastor of Methodist Spanish-speaking churches in Texas and Mexico—she was left with four sons and three daughters and no funds. But she decided to continue in church work and was commissioned a deaconess. But the Methodist people of Santa Barbara wanted her for their pastor; she was appointed there and has been preaching ever since. She was secretary of the Confederation of Missionary Societies for five years; pastor of the Methodist Church in Juarez for five years; and is now (in addition to regular

preaching) house mother of the Nurses Training School in Chihuahua. She preaches in both English and Spanish, translates hymns from one language to the other, and plays the organ.

Miss Fidela Ponce has taken new methods of Christian education to Chile after a year's study at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn. She is secretary of religious education for the Methodist Board of Education in her native Chile and has served as a supply pastor. Miss Ponce is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She is particularly interested in youth work and says Methodist youth have been "pioneers" of the ecumenical movement in Chile.

Is the fairer sex discriminated against in leadership of the local church? Women and girls constitute sixty per cent of the membership of the average church yet the men hold most of the governing positions. Effects of this are among the problems being studied by a group of eighteen churchmen—seventeen men and one woman!—in preparation for Methodism's church-wide "Convocation on Urban Life" to be held in Columbus, Ohio, February 24-26, 1954. Leaders from city churches in every state will be present. "Religious Leadership in Urban Life" is under the chairmanship of Dr. Herbert Cockerill, Kansas City, and with Dr. John C. Irvin, Evanston, Ill., as editor of the findings. This is the group exploring methods of developing lay and ministerial church leadership. Problems of dealing with the church leader who holds several responsible positions and those who have held the same position year after year will be considered by the Methodist ministers and laymen as they discuss possibilities of rotating responsibilities and putting time limits on office tenure. Solutions to such knotty problems as how to deal with the ineffective office holder in the local church will be posed.

Friday, March 5, 1954 will be the 67th "World Day of Prayer" for peace observed by women all over the world. This year a total of 113

JUST OFF THE PRESS!

A copy of the Minutes of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference for the years 1884-1894 and 1896!

These Minutes are a verbatim copy of the original hand-written Minutes of these Conferences. No previously printed copies of them are known to exist. They cover the Conferences held in Mansfield in 1884; Minden in 1885; Mansfield in 1886; Ruston in 1887; Alexandria in 1888; Delhi in 1889; Baton Rouge in 1890; Shreveport in 1891; Keatchie in 1892; Grand Cane in 1893; Le-Compte in 1894; and Mansfield in 1896.

This is an authentic history of the development of Womans Work in the Louisiana Conference from its beginning in 1879, and will interest all those who had relatives who were active in this work in that era, as well as all those who are interested in the growth of the Womans missionary movement. Every Society in Louisiana should have a copy in their permanent file.

A limited number of copies are available on a first come first served basis, postpaid, for \$1.75, from Mrs. E. E. Stewart 254 Forest Ave., Shreveport, La.

EMPHASIS ON CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

Nashville, Tenn.—In a recent statement to conference directors of adult work and conference presidents of young adult fellowships, the Adult Department of the General Board of Education is making two important suggestions for meetings of adult workers next summer.

The first suggestion is that special emphasis be placed upon Christian family life. This emphasis would include preparing young adults for Christian marriage, adjustment in the home, teaching children, and developing a faith for families to live by. The Adult Department suggests that this emphasis be carried on in connection with the National Conference on Christian Family Life that will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 8-10, 1954.

The other suggestion is that conference adult workers introduce some experiences in religious drama. In Christian education, drama may be used as a basis for discussion; it may be used informally as part of recreational experiences; and it may be used as the motivating form of worship experiences.

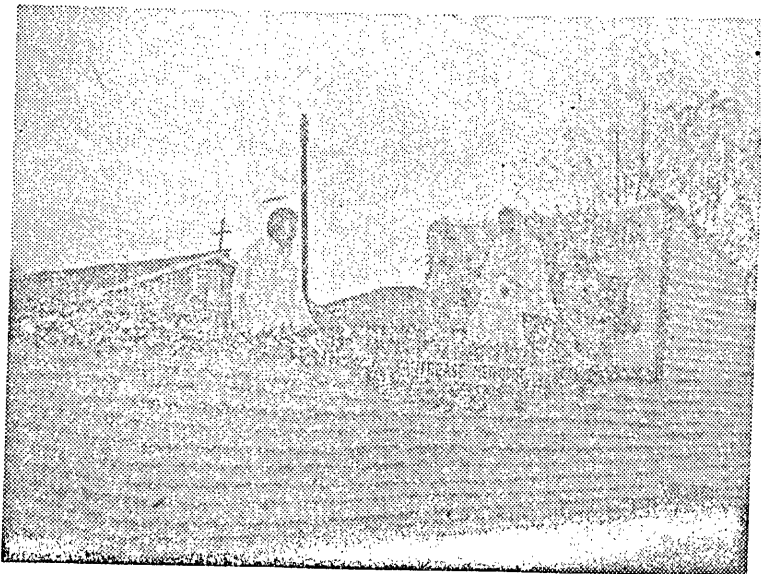
It is expected that these two suggestions will meet with a hearty response throughout the church as did the emphases upon the use of hymns and the improvement of worship experiences that were featured in young adult groups last summer.

countries will participate in the World Day of Prayer, as contrasted with 90 five years ago. Among the new countries participating this March will be Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Australia, the Carolina Islands, Yugoslavia, Portugal, Germany, the Philippines, the Fiji Islands, Haiti, Korea, the Netherlands.

Adopt this rule in conversation: never repeat any gossip until you have verified it. If it is true, then forget it.—P. S. Brenner.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

Vantrease Methodists Have Float In Annual Christmas Parade



Pictured above is the float of the Vantrease Methodist Church as it appeared in the annual Christmas Parade sponsored jointly by the Ministerial Alliance and the Chamber of Commerce of El Dorado. Approximately 15,000 people of El Dorado and nearby communities lined the 25 block route of the parade and thrilled to the simple events connected with the Birth of Jesus as they were depicted by different church floats. Led by the El Dorado High School Band, with the Junior High Band closing the parade, the music of lovely Christmas carols permeated the air as church choirs joined in the singing.

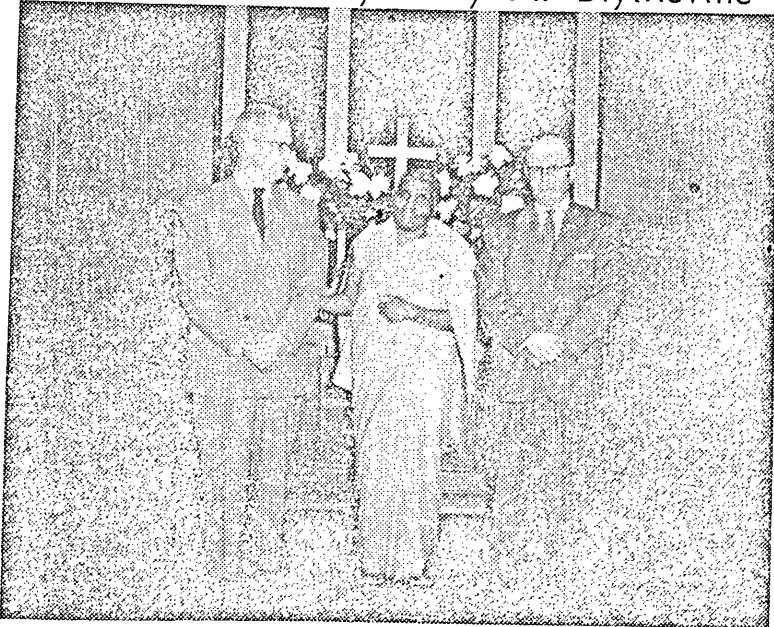
The float of the Vantrease Church depicted the "Annunciation," based upon the scripture "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son" and represented the appearance of the angel to Mary. Miss Mary Frances Bradshaw acted the part of Mary and Miss Connie Gathright played the part of the Angel.

Chairmen of the Float Committee

was Mrs. Mary Harris; those assisting in the planning and decorating were Mrs. E. P. Hendrix, Mrs. Perry Bolding, Mr. and Mrs. James Bradshaw, Mrs. L. L. Herring, Mrs. W. B. Self, Mrs. Joe Burley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waller, Mrs. W. M. Meeks, Jr., Mrs. James Hall, Mrs. Raymond Johnson, and Mrs. Leonard Scoggins. The truck was furnished through the courtesy of the Lion Oil Company, with L. L. Herring serving as the driver. Jimmy Wilkins of the El Dorado Laundry furnished the place in which the float might be decorated. Signs were painted by Barnes Sign Service. Framing of the truck was prepared by Leonard Scoggins, L. L. Herring, Perry Bolding, and Fred Schwendimann.

This was the second year the religious Christmas parade has been held. It has made a terrific impact upon the citizens of this city. Its being held this year has made a definite contribution toward the "Keeping of Christ in Christmas."

District Missionary Rally At Blytheville



L to R: Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Dr. Jaya Luke, Rev. N. Lee Cate

Dr. Jaya Luke, who operates a hospital in the Sironcha District of India, is pictured here with Dr. Roy I. Bagley and Reverend N. Lee Cate. This picture was made at the close of the Jonesboro District Missionary Rally, which was held at First Church, Blytheville, Friday, November 27, 1953.

Dr. Luke showed color slides of her work and told a captivating story of the ministry of healing in India. She was introduced by Reverend N. Lee Cate, District Missionary Secretary of the Jonesboro District.—Reporter.

CLINTON TO BUILD NEW CHURCH

The Methodist Church at Clinton, in the Searcy District, Rev. J. L. Pruitt, pastor, has plans for the building of a new church.

The congregation has bought a lot just west of the parsonage for the site of the new building. The lot has a two hundred twenty foot front and a depth that gives promise of plenty of room for the church in its new location. The cost of the lot was \$4,000.00, which has been paid.

Buildings on the lot have been sold for \$435.00. In addition, the church now has \$50,000.00 in cash and pledges on the new building. Present plans call for an additional ten to twenty thousand dollars for the building. The congregation expects to start building in the spring. The old church building nearby will be used until the new building is completed.—Reporter.

ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY AT KEITH MEMORIAL

Members of the Busy Bees Sunday School Class of Keith Memorial Church at Malvern held their annual family Christmas party Tuesday evening December 22 in the

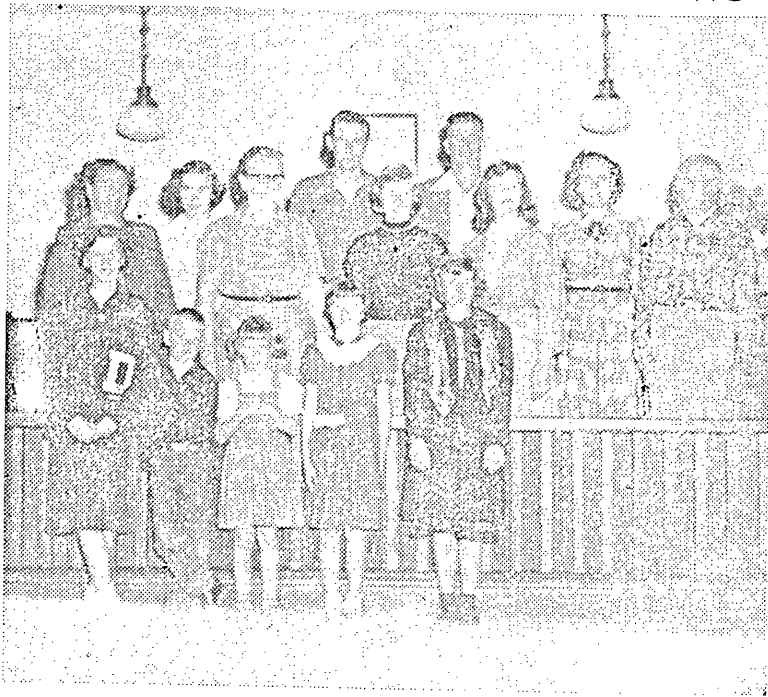
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educational building of the church. A Christmas supper with all the trimmings was served at seven o'clock. Tables were laid with white cloths and held attractive Christmas decorations of holly, pine and candles. Place cards and napkins were gaily decorated with the traditional Christmas flower, the poinsettia, and each carried an appropriate verse of scripture. The invocation was given by Brother Bill.

Following the meal, gifts were exchanged and games enjoyed by all. About 50 attended. This annual party, at which the members are hostesses to their families, is one of the most "looked-forward-to" events of the year. The class is composed of 24 matrons and has been taught by Mrs. Arnold Bland for a number of years.—Mrs. Jewel Myers.

DOVER METHODIST CHURCH NEWS



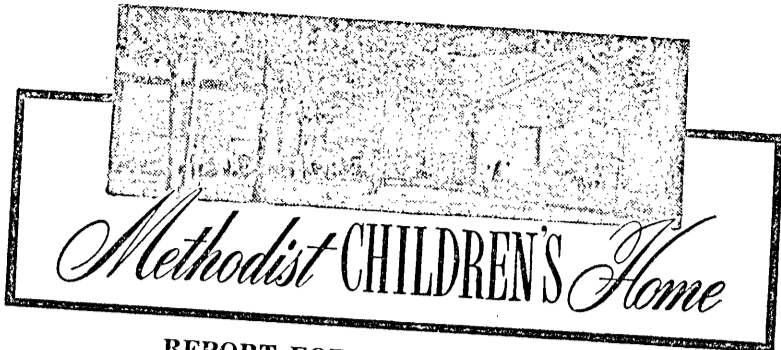
L to R: Front Row: Ruby Lynch, John Lynch, Gayle Page, Nadine Elliott, Mary Nelle Elliott.
Middle Row: Mrs. Odess Lynch, Mrs. John Page, Freida Jo Elliott, Joyce Cloud, Mrs. Lee Cloud, Lee Cloud, E. J. Neill.
Back Row: Sue Lynch, Tom Cloud, Lee Cloud.

During the past ten years, the annual budget of the Dover Methodist Church has increased almost one hundred per cent, and the Church School attendance has increased proportionately. This increase is due largely to the sense of loyalty and faithfulness of its members. To encourage and promote loyalty, the church gives a supper each year, and presents certificates of perfect attendance to those who have not missed a Sunday throughout the year. The accompanying picture is one taken of the perfect attendance group, at the altar of our church, on the night of our supper this year. There were fifteen of our members who did not miss a Sunday this past year ending October 1. The one

not on the picture, Betty Lynch, was away at school and missed the supper. Of this group there are three who have not missed a Sunday in seven years, six who have not missed a Sunday in six years, and all but three have not missed a Sunday in three years. There was a large group who missed only one or two Sundays last year because of illness. Come rain or shine, cold or hot, our people are in church and church school. Our church school has been able to make these tremendous strides because of the able leadership of our church school Superintendent, Mr. John Page, and a staff of faithful, loyal, and cooperative teachers and officers. Rev. Elvis Wright is the pastor.—Reporter



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THE ATTENDANCE CRUSADE

The great state rally at Little Rock was one that deepened the spiritual life of all present. It brought to light the need for a definite emphasis upon church and church school influence being exerted by the church in the world, yet there is always need for adding strength to its program. With the world moving in dangerous waters the church must be at its best. The wide-spread desire on the part of humanity for peace and good will is of course the fruit of the Christian Church. The United Nations is the outgrowth of nearly two thousand years of Christian influence. The great advancement along all lines of endeavor stems directly from the life of the Master. The church has been his greatest agency and instrument through which to work. The church cannot operate alone on past history and accomplishments. It must have constant renewal and replenishing. The attendance Crusade will help us in many ways.

First of all, through the study of attendance we will discover our true condition church by church. We will have our own statistics to help us understand our own

situation. We will have an opportunity to inform our people as to the real condition of their own individual church. Having seen the situation that prevails, they no doubt, will have to have very little encouragement to make improvements. The Crusade will enable all the churches to work at the same time at the same task. All will be striving to reach the same goal. Not only will those in the area of their own church be helped but many non-resident members will be reached for more active service.

The church school emphasis should be given great attention especially where there are several churches on a charge. This will be their only opportunity for a Sunday emphasis.

The personal life of individual members of the church will be enriched as they come into a closer fellowship with God. The entire church family will be inspired toward greater service in the Master's Kingdom.

From this renewed spiritual life the community itself should feel more keenly the influence of the church.—J. Albert Gatlin

REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1953

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

Birthday gifts for children for the month of December by Friendly Class—Winfield Methodist Church

Alfred Watson Sub-District M. Y. F. Fayetteville District—canned goods and vegetables

Mrs. N. Martin—clothing and assorted gifts

Perry-Perryville—canned goods and clothing

Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Stuttgart, clothing and food

Russellville Methodist Church—quilts

Earl O'Neal—pecans

Chidester Methodist W. S. C. S.—quilt

McGenee Grammar School—canned goods, pecans

Little Rock Junior College—buns

Mrs. P. Pittman—assorted toys

Mrs. M. O. Massey, Desha—towels, wash cloths and tooth paste

Optimist Club—Christmas trees

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—clothing

W. S. C. S., Union Methodist Church—towels, tooth paste, soap, clothing and assorted gifts

Scrap Club of Pine Bluff—quilts

Abigail Class, Marion Methodist Church—canned food and pecans

Farmington Methodist Church—assorted gifts

Bellefonte Methodist Church W. S. C. S.—quilt

Dardanelle Church, Methodist—assorted gifts

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Mrs. J. A. Riggs—books and assorted gifts

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Mrs. Marvin W. Moore, Lepanto, Ark.—color books and crayolas

Leola Methodist W. S. C. S.—quilt

Central Methodist Church, Rogers, Ark., Circle No. 1—candy, nuts, gum, soap, wash cloths, and assorted gifts

W. S. C. S., Methodist Church of Decatur—assorted gifts

W. S. C. S., Camp Methodist Church—clothing and quilt

Women's Bible Class, First Methodist Ch., North Little Rock—jelly and jam

Siloam Springs Methodist Church—canned fruit and vegetables

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W. S. C. S., Cherry Valley Methodist Church—assorted gifts

Jersey Methodist Church—assorted gifts

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Mrs. Virgil Eifird, Malvern—clothing and gifts

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Denning M. Y. F.—assorted gifts and towels

Martindale and Cross Roads Methodist Churches—canned goods

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Mrs. E. R. Russell—poinsettia

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Beech Grove Methodist Church—canned food

The We Will Class, First Methodist Ch., Stuttgart—quilt

Miss Lucille Henshaw, El Dorado, Ark.—quilts

Jane Buey, Rector—assorted gifts and underwear

Mrs. H. G. Summers, Arkadelphia—clothing

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Humnok Methodist W. S. C. S.—canned goods

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(Report to be continued)

CHRISTMAS AT THE SANATORIUM

In this brief article I want to give report of activities at the State sanatorium during the Christmas season. Suffice it to say it was a very busy time, but I enjoyed it very much.

I appreciated the lovely tray cards sent by different Church groups.

They brought cheer to many patients. Contributions to the Methodist Sunshine Fund proved a blessing at Christmas and other times. It is my happy privilege to give packages and fruit to seventy one patients who would scarcely have received anything special for Christmas. Funds in the Sunshine Fund made this possible. The children in the Clinic Building also benefited from contributions I received. I played the piano over the sanatorium to the enjoyment of our patients on all of the various buildings. A beautiful Christmas Bulletin with mimeographed message in it and a small book on prayer was given patients. These came out of the Sunshine Fund.

Now I wish to THANK YOU of Conferences for your co-operation and prayers. What a lot of sunshine and happiness your help and interest brought to the entire patient body. So many of the em-

ployees enjoyed the Carols along with the patients.—Chaplain Bates

teacher must believe in the value and interest of his subject as well as believe in health.—Gilbert

and The Art of Teaching

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NEW PARSONAGE AT BROOKLAND

A new five frame parsonage for the Brookland Circuit has been completed at Brookland, and the pastor, Rev. W. B. Yount, has been living there since early fall.

The new building is of frame construction covered with white asbestos shingles and has hardwood floors throughout, with the exception of the kitchen and bathroom which are of tile.

The parsonage has three bedrooms, a large living room, a kitchen and bath.

Construction of the building began July 20, when workers began tearing down the old parsonage. Some of the lumber was salvaged from that structure and used in the new building, which was completed September 20, and the pastor's family moved into the beautiful structure.

Members of the building committee were: E. C. Henson, chairman, New Haven; Grover Baker, Brookland; Edwin Gibson, Pleasant Grove; and Jesse Couch, Pine Log. Value of the building is estimated at \$7,000.—Reporter

You are a citizen of a nation that can no longer live apart from the rest of the world. Once this could be done, but now the scope of American existence is as extensive as the little white crosses that mark the graves of American soldiers beneath the entire pathway of the sun.—Walter Chamblin, Jr., Sabbath Recorder.

METHODIST YOUTH

Georgia Daily, Editor

REPORT OF NATIONAL METHODIST STUDENT MEET AT LAWRENCE

By O. B. FANNING

More than 2300 future leaders of the Methodist Church met together for a week during the Christmas holidays at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, attending the fifth quadrennial national conference of the Methodist Student Movement, Dec. 28 - Jan. 2.

Representing every state, 37 foreign countries and 500 American colleges and universities, they came in search of answers and counsel relative to the conference theme, "Christ Transforming Culture."

Three times a day they assembled for worship, music, drama, Bible study and to hear eminent platform speakers. In between they divided into 143 groups for discussion, vocational guidance, fellowship and recreation.

When the organ pealed the last "Amen" and the big red curtain in Hoch auditorium descended on the closing session, the breathless silence was a distinct tribute to the success of the "once in a college generation" meeting.

"Keep on asking questions, but remember that you must live the answers," Prof. Harold Ehrensperger of Boston University told the group in his summary at the closing session.

He decried "partial and puny Christianity" and declared "I used to feel that Christians ought to be inconspicuous, but I am now convinced that the tragedy is that we are not marked people—people who are different."

What was the consensus of the conference taken back by delegates to their respective campuses?

— A renewed commitment to the Christian's task aptly described by President Eisenhower in his message to the conference: "In your earnest endeavor to resolve the problems of today's world by the application of timeless spiritual truths, you are strengthening the surest foundations of our Republic — which is the political expression of a deeply held religious faith. . ."

— Concern for the individual: "Political strife, social unrest, moral disorder, cultural anarchy are only by-products of the inner struggle of modern man to find something above himself. He cannot live like a machine which only does things, he feels the need for a purpose in life," said Philippe Maury of Geneva, Switzerland, secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation.

— "The first business of the Christian is to remember who he is, how he lives and what his life is founded on. The Christian is a person for whom God stands first. . . it is quite likely that many of us do not quite realize how close we are now to a culture-Christianity, in which church membership is one of those things which go with comfortable middle-class living like good plumbing and television," warned Dr. Albert C. Outler of Southern Methodist University.

"The Christian corrective for the sickness of our culture must point toward the single-minded loving obedience to the living God; we must have a complete turn-around

in order to place God above all worldly things and view life as service, not a mere vocation," declared Dr. Glenn Olds of the University of Denver.

— "Are we satisfied with the world as it is, are we satisfied with ourselves?" asked Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of New York's Christ Methodist Church. "Christ fought sin, but loved the sinner. . . more than mere interest in religion is required if our natures are to be transformed; if we are to feel the lift of it, we must give ourselves to it," he advised.

— "God Himself is the supreme artist," said Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre, Vanderbilt University, in his penetrating analysis of "Theology of the Arts." But he warned that though art and religion are both forms of religion, Protestants must guard against substituting art for religion in ceremonial worship. "The duty of the Christian interpreter and teacher is to see to it that religion does not profane art by denying its rightful place in experience. . . if the experience is focused on the God who created the glory, it is religious; if it is focused on the glory it is aesthetic," he explained.

— "Culture is a concern of the church (and) there is a close connection between a nation's culture and its education. . . when God is left out of education civilization deteriorates," the students were told by Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Education's Division of Educational Institutions.

— "Economics and politics are changing conditions, but Christian education changes the patterns of culture," said Bishop Newell S. Booth of Methodism's African mission fields. "Christian education could fail in Africa from a lack of funds and personnel," he added in a plea for missionary trainees.

— "Follow through after college," beseeched Bishop Donald H. Tippet, San Francisco. "The church can be a greater instrument for transforming culture if it has the loyal support of college men and women both during their campus days and after graduation," he said in his appeal for "dedicated followers as well as leaders."

— "If the church is to spearhead the drive to bring the peace of God to a world that's all but lost its peace of mind, her pews must be filled with lawyers, doctors, teachers, businessmen and farmers who worship God and serve their neighbors in and through their daily work," declared Dr. Everett Tilson, Vanderbilt University.

— "The Christian student seeks no special privilege for religious truth, but rather seeks to bring the experience of his religion into intimate relation with the experience of laboratory and classroom," said the Rev. Paul Deats of Boston University.

— "There is power in committed Christian living, and students at this conference can be channels of God's power on their campuses and in their home communities. . . God

waits to use it," the group was told by Jameson Jones, Vanderbilt student and "Concern" editor.

For many delegates the conference's unfolding theme was highlighted by a play, Christopher Fry's "The Boy With a Cart," presented by a student cast of Lon Morris College, and a unique movie, "Christ Among the Primitives."

Another high moment was the music of a student orchestra and 500-voice choir, recruited on the spot and expertly directed by Russell Ames Cook of Princeton University.

The New Year's Eve "watch night" communion service led by Bishop Matthew W. Clair, St. Louis, was made a deeply personal experience for every delegate. The sacraments were served by 100 students in front of an on-stage cross-chalice and altar, the central symbolism of the conference.

Working quietly behind the scenes as conference directors were staff members of the Methodist Board of Education, headed by Dr. H. D. Bollinger, Dr. Harvey C. Brown and the Rev. Roger Ortmyer.

Student leaders comprised the conference steering committee, headed by Jerry Gibson of Boston University, program chairman; George Goodman of Oregon State College, chairman of the Methodist Student Commission, and Richard Thompson of Southwest Missouri State College, president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

Dr. Edwin F. Price, K. U. Wesley Foundation director, was in charge of local arrangements. He was ably assisted by Miss Helener Kane Currier, associate director, and Wilson Speer, student president.

The Methodist Student Movement's next national conference will be held in 1957, the place to be selected later.

UCYM YOUTH WEEK SCHEDULED

American Christian youth will play host to foreign students now in American colleges and universities in thousands of U. S. churches during the eleventh annual observance of Youth Week January 31 to February 7, 1954.

Sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement, the youth arm of the National Council of Churches, Youth Week is the largest Protestant youth observance in North America. This year's theme of "So Send I You" is intended as a challenge to Christian youth (1) to discover their responsibilities as world Christian citizens in a world filled with war and tension, and (2) to strengthen and enrich their activities toward building world

SUB-DISTRICTS

New Orleans

The Rev. George W. Poole III, associate pastor of Rayne Memorial Church, led the worship service at the New Orleans Sub-District meeting January 12 at Rayne.

Fred Tillel, Steven Andry and Dick Morris gave reports of the Mid-winter Institute at Centenary College.

The Rev. Glen Messer, pastor of Elysian Fields Methodist Church, is counselor of the sub-district group.

Southwestern

The story of "The Other Wise Man" was presented at the meeting of the Southwestern Sub-district at Douglassville Church December 7. Christmas music was sung.

After the program the group was entertained by the National Guard Band.

Helen Totten of Benton is reporter.

Mississippi County

A total of 65 persons attended the Mississippi County Sub-district meeting December 14 at First Methodist Church in Blytheville. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mary Abbott, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. After a short business session the group was entertained with games and refreshments.

Ronnie Bagley led the worship service. Miss Jo Ann Trieschmann sang "O, Holy Night." A talk on "What Is Christmas?" was given by Peggy Taylor. The worship service was closed with the MYF benediction.

Betty Johnson is reporter.

brotherhood in their own communities.

The national president of UCYM, Roderick French of LaGrande, Oregon, a student at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, says, "Youth Week gives the young people of the churches an opportunity to express their concepts of world citizenship in concrete terms.

"As we study our own communities, we see that world citizenship begins where we live. We believe in the Christlike way and dedicate our daily lives to Christian living and to the sharing of this way with others."

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BISHOPS MEET IN SOUTHLAND

(Continued from page 2)

The latest word on Missions, World and National, and on benevolent giving was reported to the bishops by the respective secretaries. Mr. Lovick Pierce, president of the Methodist Publishing House, spoke on *The Christian Advocate*.

Korean needs were given serious attention.

The coming emphasis upon stewardship will be launched by a pronouncement which the bishops framed in this session. It will be issued by the Board of Lay Activities.

A number of special appeals approved by the Council on World Service and Finance and referred to the bishops for their concurrence came before the Council.

One was sanction of a project of the Board of Temperance to raise funds for a large-scale motion picture dramatizing the possibility of an alcohol-free family life.

Another approved taking an offering in each Methodist Church on August 15, the Sunday the World Council Assembly opens, to raise funds for a World Council Chapel to be erected in its headquarters city, Geneva, Switzerland.

A third cause approved is an advance program of the American Bible Society. Methodist participation is dependent upon similar action by other Protestant bodies.

Introduced by Bishop Tippet, who made an illuminating report on the power of television as a maker of public opinion, the bishops voted favorably on a proposal to ask the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation to raise \$296,000 for a continuing Methodist T-V ministry. A 30-minute program presenting the experiences of a minister who is human and understanding is contemplated. This project will require concurrent action by the Council on World Service and Finance.

Another special benevolence grew out of an appeal to aid in the renovation of Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London. The bishops have each taken upon themselves responsibility for personally raising, in whatever way they choose, \$1,000 for this purpose.

The Crusade for World Order is ready for launching. Announcement of the program will be made soon. Its purpose is to mobilize the church for active, understanding support of the United Nations.

The next session of the Council of Bishops to be held in New York in April will devote three days to an intensive firsthand study of the world agency.

Several coming churchwide gatherings were promoted: the Convocation on Urban Life, Columbus, Ohio, February 24-26; the Family Life Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, October 8-10; the meeting of district superintendents, Chicago, November 22-24; the Assembly of Boards and Commissions, Cincinnati, Ohio, a year from now, January 13-14, 1955.

The delegation of The Methodist Church to the coming Assembly of the World Council of Churches next August 15-30, not yet complete, will be announced later. In addition the Council will appoint 44 "accredited visitors". This status carries throughout the Evanston Assembly.

Among assignments, elections and appointments was Bishop Paul E. Martin fraternal delegate to the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago in May.

OBITUARY

KENNEDY—Elias Emmanuel Kennedy was born in 1870 and died at his home near Concord, Arkansas, on November 19, 1953. He came to Arkansas from Stoney Point, South Carolina, in 1902. He united with the Methodist Church in 1912 and was loyal to the church for 43 years.

For many years he attended the Annual Conferences as a delegate from the Oak Grove Methodist Church.

Mrs. Kennedy preceded her husband in death in 1946.

Surviving children include Mrs. Elsie Ruble, Concord; Miss Olga Kennedy, Batesville; and Mrs. Chattie Sanders of California.

Funeral services were held on November 24 at the Oak Grove Methodist Church with Rev. Burrell Stephens officiating.

CALHOUN—On November 21, 1953, Mrs. Gussie Wafer Calhoun, wife of Dr. John C. Calhoun, passed to her reward in her home in Rayville, Louisiana. Mrs. Calhoun was in her 75th year. She was known, not only in her local church, but throughout the whole state as a leader, a world-minded Christian. She was proud to wear a life membership pin of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

One remembers her as a lover of beauty and art. She loved flowers and color. Her place in the church was a colorful, meaningful place of leadership. She was a member of many clubs and was a leader in the community. She was born with the desire to lead people to better things in life. No organization had a place higher in her affections than the church and her Christ.

The Monroe District will remember Mrs. Calhoun as a leader in the district organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She loved missions and opened her home to missionaries. Her acquaintance in the mission work stretched around the globe. This tribute is being sent to the Conference organ in order

that friends and leaders of the church may know of her going and that her life may be an inspiration to us all.—Her Pastor, Earl B. Emerich.

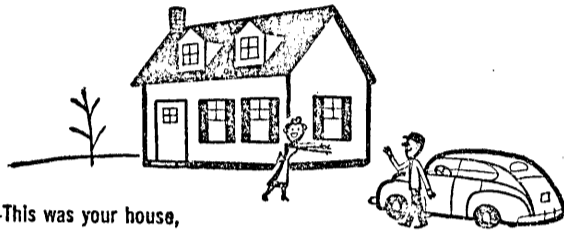
HAYS—Charlie Hays departed this life on December 3, 1953, at the age of 61 years. He is survived by his wife, one son, Wesley of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Julie Marth Louman of Cabot; one grandson; four brothers, Wiley of Benton, Harvey of Little Rock, Lonnie of Morrilton and Earl of Bethlehem; three sisters, Mrs. Ora Scroggs of Beebe, Mrs. Hattie Ginther of Ashdown and Mrs. Susie Glover of Bethlehem. Mr. Hays was born and reared in

Lonoke County and Bethlehem community. He professed faith in Christ early in life and united with the Bethlehem Methodist Church to which he was always loyal. He served as steward and Sunday School superintendent for many years. When a neighbor was sick or in need he was always there, ready with a helping hand. He will be missed by the whole community and church.

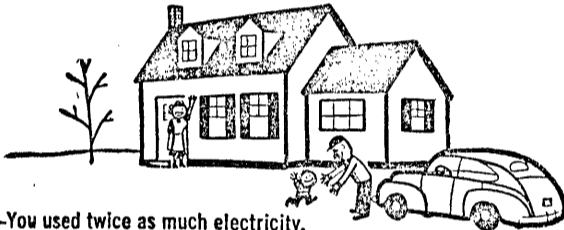
Services were held in Bethlehem Church on December 5, conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. C. Vanzant and his brother-in-law, Rev. Herman Ginther, of Ashdown. Interment was in the Old Austin cemetery.—Lela McCrosky Smith.

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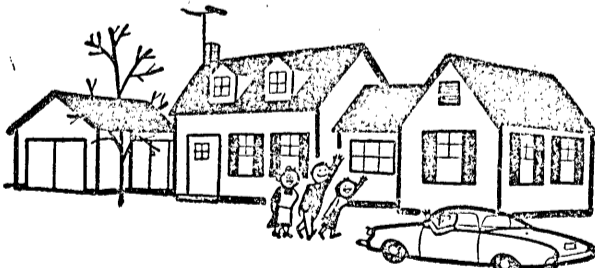
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LESSON FOR JANUARY 24, 1954 MAN-MADE BARRIERS—WHAT TO DO WITH THEM

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
John 4:1-42. Printed text: John 4:27-42.

MEMORY SELECTION: We have heard for ourselves,
and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.
—John 4:42

As we study these nine lessons of Unit V it is very necessary that we keep the general theme in mind: "CHRIST SPIRITUALLY INTERPRETED". This is the third lesson of the unit. The first raised the question "How Does Commercialism Menace Human Life?" We noted that the danger of commercialism comes about through the disposition on the part of many to put the material values of life ahead of the spiritual realities. That is why the idea of the resurrection is largely taken out of Easter and Christ is largely taken out of Christmas. This is equally true of the commercialization of our weekly Sabbath, or First Day of the week. The second lesson raised one of the most important questions in religion - "What Does It Mean to Be Born of the Spirit?" In the study of this lesson we learned that to be born of the Spirit is a necessity, if one would be a member of the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is not of this world. Christ himself declared this fact. Paul tells us that the "kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." It is just as necessary to have a spiritual birth to get into this spiritual kingdom as it is to have a natural birth to get into the kingdom of this world. This new birth may be brought about gradually by a process of Christian teaching in the home and in the church, or it may come suddenly at the end of a crisis period of pungent conviction. The question is not how one obtained the new birth but rather the certainty that he really has it. The acid test that one has been born physically is the fact that the individual has now or has had physical life. The test of spiritual birth is seen in the fact that the individual in question is living the spiritual life.

A Look At The Scriptures

This fourth chapter of the Gospel according to John is a great passage indeed. It has many points of emphasis. For example, the lesson today might have had any one of some three or four themes: it might have been a lesson on evangelism or it might have been a lesson on missions; or it could have been a lesson on the method and importance of personal work. Our theme, however, is "Man-made Barriers - What To Do With Them".

Jesus' Attitude Toward Foreigners

At the beginning of our chapter Christ was in Judea. He had been performing many miracles there and had become quite famous. We are told that many people believed on him because of these signs, or miracles, but they did not have the right type of faith. They had a wrong conception of what the king-

dom of God was to be like, or what kind of person the Messiah was to be. They wanted Christ to be an earthly king. He insisted that his kingdom was not of this world. To prevent these people from acting hastily and foolishly he decided to leave Judea and return to Galilee. The nearest route to Galilee was directly across Samaria. The enmity between the Samaritans and Jews was such that most Jews in making this journey took the longer route. This not only was several miles farther but they were forced to cross the Jordan River twice in making it, but it kept them from passing through Samaria. Christ had no prejudice or hatred against the Samaritans, so he decided to take the shorter route. This was indicative of his kind feeling toward people of a nationality that was different from his own. This attitude is also brought out in the fact that he made a Samaritan the hero of one of his greatest parables. We never shall forget how the good Samaritan ministered to the wounded Jew by the roadside. The Lord did all this in the face of the fact that he knew that his own people had a great hatred against the Samaritans.

The Disciples Marvel

In their journey, the Lord and his disciples had reached the village of Sychar. Jacob's well was there. The Lord rested on the well-curb while the disciples went into the village to buy food. Pretty soon a woman of questionable character came to draw water. The Lord asked her for a drink. She was greatly surprised that one who was Jew would ask such a favor of her. She spoke sarcastically to the Lord, but he replied in kindness. He spoke to her about the water of life and gradually led her to feel the need of it. He informed her that he was the Messiah and she accepted him as such. Her sins were forgiven. She was filled with joy in her new found freedom and rushed into the village to take the good news. In her zeal to render spiritual service she left, at least for the time being, her water jar.

We are told that when the disciples returned from the village they found the Lord talking to the woman and they marveled at it. Little wonder that they did. Long before this time the Jewish rabbis had decreed that no man should speak to a woman in public, not even his own wife. Here was Christ not only speaking to a woman in a public place but that woman was a hated Samaritan, and not only so, she was a woman of ill repute. The disciples could tell this because of the garb she wore. They were greatly surprised, as well as was the woman, that the Lord would speak to her at all. The thing that made

them marvel was not the fact that the Lord won her, but that he had anything to do with her at all.

The Lord's Food

After the first shock of surprise was over and the woman had gone away to the village, the disciples began insisting that the Lord partake of the food which they had brought. They learned that the Lord had become so engrossed with the spiritual work he was doing that he completely forgot all about being hungry and thirsty, from the physical standpoint.

Jesus was hungry and thirsty that day. The disciples had gone away to buy food for him and he asked the woman to give him a drink of water. But when he noted her spiritual need his physical desires were all forgotten in his effort to meet that need. The Lord is beyond the reach of physical needs today, but he is still hungering and thirsting in a spiritual way. He hungers for the redemption of the world and he thirsts for the salvation of every soul. The sad thing about the matter is the fact that his followers today are letting him go hungry and thirsty. The fields are white to the harvest but we lack the vision of this spiritual need.

The Woman's Testimony

The passage goes on to tell how that many believed on Jesus because of the testimony of the woman. They went to him with the request that he tarry with them and he agreed to remain for a couple of days. Many more then believed on him because of his own words. In the words of our memory selection, they said to the woman "We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." This woman of ill repute was a pioneer in the matter of faith in Christ as the promised Messiah. It is true that other members of her community also came to believe, but the fact remains that she was the first; she was the pioneer. It was through her influence that the others were saved.

The Barriers In Life

There are many barriers in human life, and for the most part they are man-made. For example, there is the barrier of nationalism. There has been a great upsurge of nationalism in recent years. This has been sparked by the fact that many small nations, as well as large ones like India, have been set free. Wendell Willkie talked in terms of "one world" and the world will never be made safe until there are more citizens in it who are world-minded. It is well enough for one to love his own nation but he must also take other nations into consideration. Christ was a good Jew, but he had a world vision. To him the fact that this woman was a Samaritan rather than a Jew made no difference whatever.

Another barrier is that of class distinction. There is a great deal of talk of bringing people of all colors together, when the real truth of the matter is the people of no one color have ever been brought together. It is true that the Jews and the Samaritans were not together in the time of Christ's sojourn in the flesh, but it is equally true that not all the Jews were together. The Pharisees who were supposed to be the religious leaders of the day looked with contempt upon what they called "the common people." They said they were cursed of God because they knew not the

law. One of the accusations brought against Christ at his trial was not the fact that he was a friend of Samaritans, but of Jews. They said, "He is a friend of publicans and sinners." Note the various classes of people of the same color here in the U. S. The same is true with every other nation in the world, including Russia in spite of their loud boasting that they have done away with all class and race distinctions. Go to their slave labor camps and see if that is true.

These barriers are brought about through the fact that some people are educated while others are ignorant; some are rich, while others are poverty stricken; some are skilled laborers drawing big salaries, while others barely make a living; some hold political jobs from President on down, while the fact that others even exist is known by but a few people in the world; some are big social leaders, while others are more or less crude in this particular realm. Altogether, too many people are like Martha, the sister of Mary and Lazarus. The Lord said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion which shall not be taken away from her." All of these barriers are bad. They come about through the fact that people put material values ahead of the great spiritual realities of life. These barriers can never be eliminated by law. They will only cease when enough people in the world imbibe and radiate the Spirit of Christ.

We also have religious barriers. Religion is the one thing that ought to be busy eliminating all these other barriers, but in the place of it doing so it has its problems along this line. It is said that there are some two hundred different religious sects in the U. S. Some of these sects are filled with prejudice toward all others. Some claim to be the only true followers of Christ and would relegate to eternal perdition all who disagree with them in the least. They argue about non-essential points and feel that all must be fitted into the same little groove. This division of the Church has greatly weakened it. It finds itself in the position of saying to the nations of the world, "You must get together; there must be some kind of fellowship of nations or the world cannot continue to stand." That is good advice, but what about the Church taking that to itself? If the various denominations of the Church cannot get together, then why should it ever dream that the nations of the world could? Maybe we do not need to eliminate our denominations but over and above denominational lines there must be a greater spirit of brotherhood between all Christians of the world.

The last barrier we would mention here is that of race. Let it be said reverently but with great emphasis, there is a sense in which God is color blind. The color of a man's skin amounts to nothing with him; it is the color of his character that counts. Through blood tests and otherwise science has proven that the human race is one. There are, however, distinct color groups within the race. No group should be considered inferior to another, because of color. No group should feel inferior to another. All should have equal rights and privileges. All should have equal opportunities in the matter of self-development. This can be done in a democracy without a lot of hatred and confusion.