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Many Of Our Members Are Still "Inactive"

FOR some years past the Methodist Discipline has carried a paragraph on "Inactive members." The statistical tables of our Annual Conference Journals carried a column in which the number of "inactive members" in a local church membership was recorded as a part of the total membership of the church.

This artificial division of our church membership did not prove to be satisfactory. Hence the last General Conference changed our Discipline so that there is now no official recognition of a division of our membership into active and inactive members. None of us will be so naive as to believe that this action by the General Conference, in eliminating the term "inactive member" from the Discipline of our church, also eliminated the inactive member from our church membership. Most of them have not yet even heard of the conference action.

However, what the General Conference could not do by legislation we are now attempting to do through the Church and Church School Attendance Crusade. We are trying, in this crusade to make the indifferent different. We are trying to make the inactive active. The active membership of a local church can do more at that job than a General Conference could do.

Board Of Missions In Annual Session

IT was our happy privilege last week to attend as a guest of the Board the annual meeting of Methodism's General Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. This is an experience that one could wish would be possible for every Methodist for there as perhaps at no other place is brought into focus the great task which Methodism has undertaken as its portion in spreading the Gospel at home and abroad.

We never attend this meeting but what we receive at least three impressions: Methodism has a mission to fulfil at home and abroad; Methodism has an adequate program to fulfil this mission; Methodism has capable and consecrated people to carry out this program.

Anyone who has anything like a passing acquaintance with world condition is aware of the great spiritual needs at home and abroad, needs which can only be met by those with vision, sacrifice and consecrated ability. Methodism through its Board of Missions is seeking to channel the best that Methodism has to offer in vision, talent and means, conscious of a sense of mission in this age of spiritual need. Methodism has developed a program in its Board of Missions, which, if adequately supported and given enough manpower, will help to fulfill its mission. This great program has sufficiently challenged a great host of workers who ask for nothing more than a place to serve at home or abroad. They count not the costs to themselves in terms of life nor do they seek gain for themselves.

Within the next two weeks we hope to be able to present some of the highlights of the Board's annual meeting. We would like to say here, however, that the Board's three divisions, World Missions, National Missions, and the Woman's Division, has cut out for Methodism a great work of world redemption, and under the leadership of the Board and its staff, this work is going forward in a splendid way.

Opportunities Active Members Have In Attendance Campaign

EVERY church that has an active church program must, of necessity, have a group of active church workers. This group is regular in church attendance and would likely continue to attend regularly without any special urging on the part of the pastor or other church leaders.

Hence it follows that the Attendance Crusade, in which we are to be engaged through Easter Sunday, has as its primary objectives the considerable number of our Methodist people who now attend church only irregularly or not at all. While this inactive group needs most the help that an active Attendance Crusade will bring and was the basic reason prompting the Crusade, it is true, also, that the Attendance Crusade offers to



active church members opportunities for service and spiritual growth that can be very meaningful.

There are those about us who have wanted to talk to their friends about being more active in the work of the church but who, under normal conditions, did not seem to find an appropriate time for such a conversation. This church-wide Attendance Crusade will not only open the way naturally and normally for such an approach and make it easier for those interested to talk to their friends but it will, in general, cause our friends to be in a more receptive mood for what we want to say.

The Attendance Crusade is still young but we have already been in some well-filled sanctuaries and have seen some, who have regularly attended church in the past, come from these crowded sanctuaries with a new joy in their hearts and a new ring of happiness in their voices because they have seen so many turning again to the services of the church. A well-filled sanctuary seems to generate a spiritual atmosphere that is lacking when empty seats about us tell a story of indifference and neglect. If we may judge from these experiences, we believe that the Attendance Crusade will not only help those who need help for their own soul's sake but it bring a blessing of renewed courage and faith to active church workers who "stand in need" of just such a spiritual uplift.

In the short period that we have been emphasizing the Church Attendance Crusade, some of our churches have already made plans for two morning services in order to accommodate the crowds. If the response continues to grow, this will be necessary in many of our churches. A full response by our membership would likely make it necessary in most Methodist Churches.

Report No. 1 Circulation Campaign

REPORT No. 1 of the Area-Wide Annual Circulation Campaign for the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist is published on pages eight and nine of this issue. This report reveals that in Arkansas Methodist 267 pastoral charges reported through noon, Saturday, January 23, 12,785 subscriptions, which by way of comparison with the 1953 circulation campaign is an increase of 400 subscriptions. Last year 294 charges reported 12,384 subscriptions the first week. The 400 increase reported this year is significant in the light of 27 fewer charges reporting than last year. In comparing the 1953 report with last year's, we find that on the whole a fewer number of charges are reporting larger subscription lists, with quite a number of charges showing substantial gains.

Among the districts, six show gains from 7% to 19% over reports of last year for the first week. The Batesville and Little Rock Districts report a 19% increase the first week, the Hope District 16%, the Fayetteville District 15%, the Fort Smith District 10% and the Pine Bluff District 7%. Last year eight districts reported more than 60% of their quotas while this year, with fewer charges reporting, six districts report over 60% of quota. It would appear then that as additional charges report the overall total should be greater than last year.

Arkansas Methodists will be interested to know that the first report for The Louisiana Methodist shows an increase of 1001 subscribers over the first report of last year.

The management of the Arkansas Methodist is sincerely grateful for the splendid cooperation of pastors, district superintendents and district directors, all of whom have made possible this first report. The second report, which will be published next week, will include all subscriptions reaching the office by noon, Saturday, January 30. Each charge in the state should have a report by that time.

The Church's Growing Edge

WE have pointed out in these columns several times that the past few years in this Area has been a time of unprecedented church building and this trend is continuing at a rather fast rate at the present time. A study of the conference journals will show that a rather substantial amount is being raised each year in this Area for this one purpose, namely, "cash paid out for buildings and improvements." The column on indebtedness also shows considerable activity as building obligations are made and paid out.

Seen on a church-wide level, something of the same building frenzy that we have known is also in progress throughout the church. This building trend, according to Dr. Earl R. Brown, executive secretary of the Division of National Missions, General Board of Missions, has been accelerated beyond that of normal times because of the depression of the early 30's, the war and building restrictions, and the increase of new communities following the war. Dr. Brown feels that Methodism is actually 25 years behind in its normal building program.

New buildings generally fall into one of two groups: (1) an existing congregation needs a new sanctuary or educational building, realizes the need, raises and/or borrows the necessary money and proceeds to build what is needed; or

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METHODIST LEADER SUPPLIES CHURCHES WITH DRAMATIC MATERIAL

An Atlanta Methodist leader whose "dearest love is the rural church" is supplying churches of all denominations throughout the South with dramatic material. In countless church parlors throughout the year both young people's groups and adult amateur actors stage plays, tableaux, and narrations written by the Rev. James W. Sells. More than 25,000 copies of "Christmas Comes to Shiloh," "My Wife Mary," "The Soldier and the Shepherd," and other Christmas plays by the Atlanta minister were bought by churches during the holiday season for "a nickel a copy." Mr. Sells, executive secretary of The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, writes his dramas as a "labor of love" and makes them available to congregations in a unique non-profit plan sponsored by The Progressive Farmer, a magazine which circulates in 16 states. The clergyman who also is a columnist for the farm magazine, began writing simple one-act plays for his own church congregations when he was serving pastorates in his native Mississippi 15 years ago. They proved so popular that other churches begged for them. The magazine's editors asked Mr. Sells to let the publication distribute copies about eight years ago. Sales—always at the five-cents-per-copy price which barely covers printing and mailing expenses—have been "phenomenal," the editor's report.

Methodist Leaders Ask Voluntary Social Security For Clergy

Leaders of The Methodist Church have asked Congress to amend the Federal Social Security Act to include ministers, on a voluntary basis, in its Old Age and Survivors Insurance program. A resolution requesting such action was adopted at a joint meeting in Chicago of executive committees of the Methodist Council of Bishops, Council on World Service and Finance, Council of Secretaries, and Board of Pensions. These four bodies were authorized by the 1952 General Conference to act for the Church on this question. Copies of the resolution were mailed to all members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Inaugurates First Protestant Chapel In Sahara

Pastor Marc Boegner, president of the French Protestant Federation and a co-president of the World Council of Churches arrived in Casablanca from Colomb Bechar where he inaugurated the first Protestant chapel in the Sahara. Commenting on present world tensions, Dr. Boegner said that they arise not so much from the opposition of two world blocs, but from the growing exasperation of the colored races against the white. "This is the greatest danger that the world will have to face during the coming 20 years," he said. Dr. Boegner called upon the Churches to protest against the policy of segregation in South Africa.

London 'Actors' Church To Be Demolished

St. Peter's church in Great Windmill Street, London, known as "The Actors' church," is scheduled to be demolished. An offer of 150,000 pounds (\$420,000) by a South African woman to save the structure had to be declined by the London Anglican Diocese because it was received after a bill of sale for the site had been signed. Diocesan leaders said the parish is being discontinued because it would be extremely difficult to find future vicars because of its small endowment and lack of a vicarage. The parish

plies can be obtained. The Korean government has arranged to send to the island boys found on the streets of Seoul, Taegu and Pusan who are without families and have no means of providing their own shelter, clothing, and food. Methodist officials said the venture was decided upon because these waifs usually found it difficult to adjust themselves to the regime of ordinary orphanages and often have run away from them.

Minister Delivers Sermon From Iron Lung

The congregation of the Anglican Church of the Ascension, in the town of Stonewall, 25 miles north of Winnipeg, Man., heard a sermon delivered from an iron lung. The sermon came from a recording made as their rector, the Rev. Maurice Hardman, lay flat on his back in the King George Hospital there. He fell a victim of polio last September and has been in an iron lung ever since. Dr. R. P. Coates, Winnipeg, public relations officer for the Manitoba Telephone System, who made the recording, set his loudspeaker up in the pulpit of Mr. Hardman's church at an evensong service. He explained the difficulties under which the recording was made, then played the sermon. It took 19 minutes and 55 seconds.

Plan Three-Faith Seminar To Europe, Holy Land

An intercultural travel seminar to Europe and the Holy Land, the first of its kind ever sponsored for Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish religious leaders and educators, has been organized by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The seminar, to be held from June 28 to August 6, will inaugurate a new experiment in intergroup education, according to Allyn Robinson, director of the NCCJ Commission on Religious Organizations, who will lead the summer study project. "It is based upon the NCCJ's twenty-five years of experience with its intergroup program," he

said, "which has demonstrated that living and working together is one of the best ways to develop understanding and good will among people of different racial and religious backgrounds."

World Brotherhood Group Mourns Two Leaders

Officials and staff workers of the European division of World Brotherhood paid tribute in Geneva to two founders of the organization who died recently. Albert Plesman, founder and president of the Royal Dutch Airline, K. L. M., and Thomas E. Braniff of Dallas, Tex., founder and president of Braniff International Airways, had both participated at Paris in June, 1950, in the establishment of World Brotherhood. European division officials recalled that since its founding both men had "given constant support to World Brotherhood and its ideals of justice, amity, understanding and cooperation among all persons regardless of their differing race, religion, nationality or culture." Mr. Plesman, 64, died at The Hague of an abdominal hemorrhage on December 31. Mr. Braniff whose airline had set a record of 3,000,000,000 passenger miles flown without a single fatality, was killed January 9 when a private plane in which he was flying with a group of friends from Dallas to Shreveport, La., crashed in a snow storm.

Bishop Martin Praises Army's Spiritual Program

Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, president of the National Council of Churches, arrived in San Francisco from a tour of the Korean front "satisfied that the Army is doing everything possible to satisfy the spiritual needs of its soldiers." "I am impressed by the way the Generals support their chaplains and the fine chapels that have been built," he said. At an earlier press conference, Bishop Martin said the Armed Services had replaced the college campus as the pivotal point where the Church must exert its influence. One ready way in which church groups can reach former members overseas in Korea is to send them letters, he said. "A soldier lives for mail call," Bishop Martin said. "Send him letters that make him feel his job is worthwhile, that make him know his friends back home are thinking of him and want to welcome him back to the church."

Methodist Educators Warned On Government Subsidies

Church-related and other independent colleges are as much a part of American free enterprise as business, President Earl A. Roadman of Morningside College, Sioux City, Ia., said in Cincinnati. He addressed the annual meeting of the National Association of Methodist Schools and Colleges, of which he is president. Declaring that totalitarian countries have neither free education nor private colleges, Dr. Roadman warned that "if the church colleges are forced into government subsidies instead of private support, free enterprise in America is going to be forced into government control." He said the church college president faced a most difficult task because of the demand that his school be genuinely and aggressively Christian and at the same time sufficiently sectarian so as to secure the goodwill and gifts of the supporting denomination.

will be amalgamated with that of St. George's, Bloomsbury. Money from the sale of the building and site will be used to erect urgently needed churches in London suburbs.

Rockefeller Gives Million To Harvard Divinity School

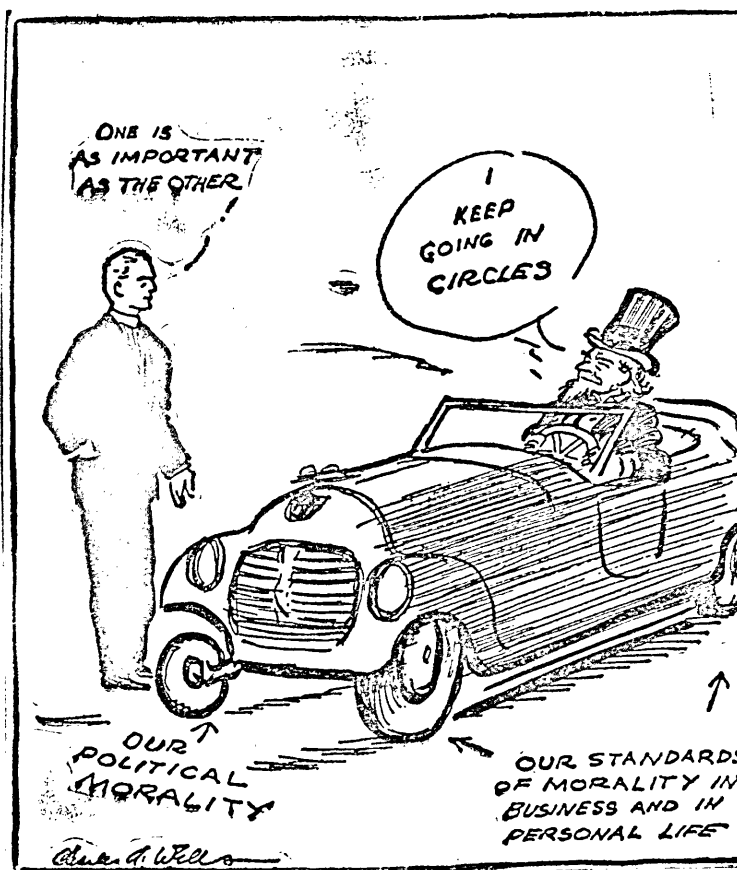
John D. Rockefeller Jr., has made a gift of \$1,000,000 in securities toward revitalizing Harvard University's Divinity School. The gift was announced by Dr. Nathan M. Pusey, president of the university, who said that Mr. Rockefeller stressed "the underlying importance of the spiritual life" at Harvard which "promises to have far-reaching influence on education in this country."

Methodists Building 'Boys Town' On Korean Island

An uninhabited island off the coast of Korea is being made into a "boys town" for homeless youth by the Methodist Committee on Relief. It will be a memorial to William Hamilton Shaw, a Methodist seminary student, who was killed during the Inchon landings while serving as a naval aide to General Douglas MacArthur. The 400-acre island has been renamed Chin-Woo (True Friend) Island and the first of a series of buildings that eventually will house about 1,000 homeless Korean lads has already been completed on it. Others are expected to be finished as rapidly as sup-

MORALITY AND PROGRESS

Chas. A. Wells



He Speaks In Parables And Pictures

By W. W. REID

Editors' Note: This article was written by Dr. Reid of the Board of Missions in appreciation of Rev. Ezra M. Cox, who retired as Western Secretary of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church at the recent meeting of the Board at Buck Hills, Pa.

CONFUCIOUS, I am told, said that one good picture is worth a thousand words. Maybe he was also the fellow who suggested that one good pointed humorous phrase carried home more wakefulness and conviction for a cause than did a whole dull oration; and that a simple human interest story was remembered and applied long after well-reasoned exhortation had wearied a congregation.

Well, no matter who first put these ideas on paper or parchment, the best living exponent of their truth that I know is my friend, Ezra M. Cox, who is about to retire as "Western Secretary of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church." For Ezra Cox has captured priceless home mission pictures with his ever-present Graflex: especially has he captured the smiles, the needs, and the pains of little children — because he has been able to enter into their joys and sorrows and they have been "at home" with their big brother. He has that unerring sense of proportion that enables him to see the humor in almost any situation and to express it in a phrase that makes one laugh at folly, or inconsistency, or at ourselves — but that does not hurt anyone. And he stands well in that supreme test of the true humorist; he can tell a story or joke on himself as easily as upon another.

Then, too, he has a vast fund of human interest stories — tales about men and women gathered in the years he has travelled America's frontiers and hinterlands in the cause of Christian missions — and these have made missions vivid and real to audiences throughout the nation. Many of them — he says he has only 150 such stories! — have found their way into the *Christian Advocate*, *Reader's Digest*, and other publications, religious and secular.

This "western secretary," with his stories and his "punch for missions" has been welcomed as a speaker in every state in the Union and in the Union and in every conference of Methodism. His travelling bag and his influence have gone much further than his official portfolio. He has been an ambassador to Wesley's followers throughout America. He has been called "the Will Rogers of Methodism," and like Will, he could not be confined to the West.

Despite this western label — and

the drawl of speech which might have come from anywhere west of the Mississippi—Ezra Cox was born in a log cabin on a farm three miles north of Thornton, Indiana. Life was not easy on a midwestern farm in those days—and there were no government subsidies. Farm children had to make their contribution to farm labor, too, and it is to this school of experience and to the public schools of rural Indiana that Ezra credits not only his early schooling but much of his outlook upon life and its people.

The other great imprint upon his early life was made by Francis J. McConnell. When the young lad, green from the farm, decided to enroll as a student at Depauw University, Dr. McConnell was there as president. And when the boy sought a not-too-expensive place to live in Greencastle, the President invited him to live in his home. So that for four years he sat at the McConnell table, took his share in the McConnell tabletalk; that must have been as educational and character-forming as sitting on the other end of the proverbial log from Mark Hopkins.

When Dr. McConnell was elected a bishop and assigned to episcopal supervision in Denver, Ezra Cox, who had just received his A. B. degree, went along to continue to live in the McConnell household, to be the Bishop's secretary, and to attend Iliff School of Theology. Here the two men turned to a study of the growing social problems of Denver. That fitted well into the Iliff student's interests for he was then majoring in sociology.

Those were the days when Judge Ben Lindsey and the new ideas he was applying in his Juvenile Court in Denver were coming into the public eye and beginning to create controversy. The child crime in Denver was largely centered in an area that had one hundred saloons and a redlight district. Once a fashionable neighborhood, thirty of the leading churches, comprising all denominations, had abandoned the whole section to "rescue missions." They had built new churches in the better parts of town.

Bishop McConnell, talking the matter over with Judge Lindsey, Mr. Cox, and local church officials, decided to build a new church—and a new type of church—right in the heart of this crime belt. It was to have a seven-day-a-week program, and a program of such variety as to keep the children of the neighborhood "too busy to get into trouble with the law."

The building itself was completed in the closing days of World War I, and while Ezra Cox was completing his theological studies at Boston University. While there he had been pastor in Scituate and Stoughton,

Mass. In 1919 he was called from Boston to become pastor of this new Epworth Methodist Church of Denver and to pioneer in developing a program to fit the needs of this slum area.

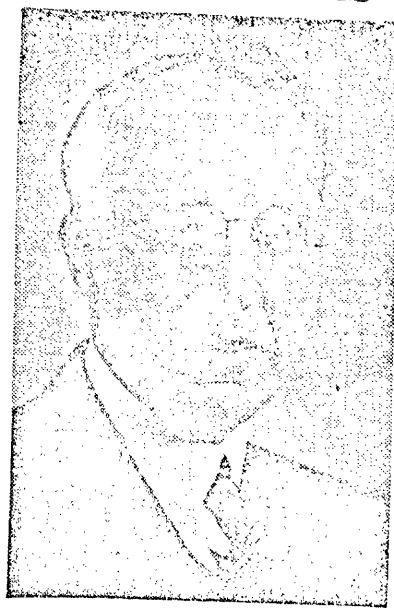
The fame of Epworth Church and of Pastor Cox's ministry there soon was in the newspapers and in the press of various churches. Many came to see the church in action. One particularly interested visitor was Dr. David D. Forsyth, the executive of the (former) Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was especially interested in what the papers were calling: "an interracial church."

"Dr. Forsyth came to church one Sunday morning and refused my invitation that he preach," relates Mr. Cox. "He said he had seen the social and welfare work of the church and now wanted to see what it was doing spiritually. After church he asked me where I got all those foreign-born people. There were in the congregation Greeks, Italians, Dutch, Germans, Russians, Danes, Japanese, Swedes, Mexicans, Austrians, Poles, and Jews. I think it was the moustaches of the ushers that impressed him: the ushers that morning had been a Greek, an Italian, a Russian, and a Swede—each wearing a moustache that really made them something to behold."

"Well, I told Dr. Forsyth that I had gotten these people like a preacher gets any others. I had gone after them and won them one by one, and had made them part of the life of Epworth Church. After that Dr. Forsyth never rested until I had agreed to become a member of his staff in Philadelphia."

So, in 1925, Ezra Cox joined the staff of the Board of Home Missions as secretary of the Bureau of Foreign Language Work. At that time, in the northern church, there were twenty-five different national groups—German, Italian, Mexican, Scandinavian, and others—with Methodist societies conducting services in their European and Asiatic tongues. Most of these churches have now been absorbed into English-speaking districts and societies—a process Mr. Cox promoted—but at that time they seemed often outside the stream of Methodist thinking and action. Mr. Cox's job was to weld them together, and help them with church building and missionary plans. And this work called for constant travelling and constant speaking.

"When I found I would have to do more speaking than I had done in Denver," Mr. Cox recalls, "I tried to recall what, in all the speeches I had listened to, impressed me most and stayed with me. Statistics, philosophy, and generalizations, I was sure, had always failed to lodge



REV. EZRA M. COX

themselves in my mind. But I always remembered the story of a battle fought and won. And I recalled that Jesus had used the story method successfully. So I decided that I would let the stories of the people I served do the preaching for home missions. I began then to gather and use them. Some have been tested many times before audiences and have seen the light of print."

That telling of human struggle—which is the story of home missions—has kept Mr. Cox so busy that he can now say, "I have never belonged to any organization but the Methodist Church; it has kept me plenty busy." Despite the title of "secretary," he doesn't like office routine—would rather be out working with "the real folks." He insists he has the best filing system yet: "I file everything under 'miscellaneous' and with no cross-filing. All that I am never able to find was not worth remembering anyway."

In the post from which Mr. Cox is now retiring, he has supervised, for the Division of National Missions, the Spanish-speaking, the Chinese, the Filipino, the Korean, and the Japanese churches on the west coast, and the church extension projects in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arizona, North and South Dakota.

Mr. Cox estimates that during the past 26 years he has averaged 50,000 miles a year of travel on behalf of home missions—administering, speaking, gathering articles and pictures. He has visited every state in the Union as well as Hawaii and Alaska, and more than 10,000 Methodist churches. In this wide field he has been called Methodism's "number one home missions publicist."

"I am grateful to Mrs. Cox for her willingness to let me engage in this 'travelling ministry' to which the Church has called me," says Mr. Cox. "She reared as fine a family as ever blessed a preacher's home. On a missionary's salary, which was not large when we needed it most, we sent four children through college and post-graduate schools."

Widely read and appreciated have been Ezra Cox's "parables," many scores of which have been told and

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. J. J. HICKMAN, member of the Methodist Church of Marked Tree, was honored by the church last week with a tea for her 50 years of service to the church.

SELECMAN HALL, dormitory building at Southern University, Dallas, which was named in honor of Bishop Charles C. Selecman, will be dedicated on February 2 at 3:30 p. m.

CHAPLAIN JOHN NIX, who is stationed at Camp Chaffee, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, on Tuesday evening, January 19.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD of the Methodist Church of Marked Tree has approved and supervised the installation of a new furnace to heat the Fellowship Hall at a cost of a little over \$1000. Rev. Alvin C. Murray is pastor.

REV. HOWARD COX, pastor of Shorewood Hills Methodist Church in the Arkadelphia District, underwent surgery at St. Vincent's Infirmary, Little Rock, on Tuesday, January 19. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

DR. JAMES W. WORKMAN, chaplain at the Lone Star Steel Plant at Daingerfield, Texas, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, on Friday evening, January 15.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN preached at the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday morning, January 24, speaking of his recent trip to South America. Rev. J. William Watson is pastor.

DR. GRANVILLE D. DAVIS, president of the Little Rock Junior College, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's organization of the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, on Wednesday evening, January 20. Leonard Fulkerson is president of Methodist Men.

STEED WHITE, new coach at the Fort Smith High School, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, on Wednesday evening, January 27, at the church. George Henry Wood, president, presided over the meeting.

REV. J. J. DECKER, pastor of the Methodist Church of West Helena, is doing the preaching in revival services at the Methodist Church of Cotton Plant. The meeting, which began on Sunday, January 17, will run for two weeks. Rev. Ray L. McLester is pastor.

DR. J. J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, delivered the commencement address for mid-year graduates of Louisiana Tech at Ruston on Wednesday evening, January 27. The graduating class had 91 candidates for degrees.

MISS MARJORIE BOWDEN, missionary from the North Arkansas Conference, is ill with jaundice in the Methodist hospital in India which she entered on New Year's day. Miss Bowden is Home Economics teacher at the United Christian Schools, Jullunder City. Her hospital address is Urindaban, U. P., India.

O. F. HUSON of Heber Springs, was elected president of the Cleburne County Methodist Men's Fellowship at the bi-monthly meeting held in Heber Springs on Friday, January 8. George Hooten of Quitman was re-elected secretary. Alton B. Raney of Little Rock spoke to the group on "The Qualities and Qualifications of a Methodist Layman."

REV. S. K. BURNETT, retired member of the Piney Grove Church in the Arkadelphia District, who recently suffered two heart attacks is reported much improved. He is in St. Joseph's Hospital in Hot Springs. On Saturday, January 23, Brother Burnett celebrated his 83rd birthday, surrounded by flowers and gifts from relatives and friends.

TWO FORT SMITH PASTORS, Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, of the First Methodist Church, and Rev. Alfred Knox, of Goddard Memorial Church, were interviewed by Joe Roppolo on Hunt's "Interesting People" radio program on Monday, January 18, concerning their recent participation in the Television Workshop in Dallas. Dr. Roebuck also reported on the meeting of the Jurisdictional Radio and Film Commission of which he is a member.

REV. ELDRED BLAKELY, pastor of the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, and Mrs. Blakely, were presented at Christmas time a twenty-one inch Philco television set and turntable from the members of the church. The Blakelys were surprised to find the gift under their Christmas tree upon their return from a short visit with the pastor's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Blakely, of Malvern, Arkansas.

REV. THURSTON MASTERS, pastor of the Methodist Church of Tyronza, writes: "On Sunday night, January 17, we had as guest lay speaker, Sid McMath who spoke on "Christianity Versus Communism." It was a stirring message, and one that should be broadcast into every American home. Accompanying Mr. McMath were his wife and five children. During their stay here, they were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. McDaniel."

REV. R. C. WALSH of Bearden was guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Men's Club of the Holly Springs Methodist Church on Thursday evening, January 14. The dinner was prepared and served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the church to the 20 men present. It was voted too by the men to have a dinner meeting each month. M. F. Hankwitz was elected president of the club and M. E. Ramsey vice-president. Rev. Irl S. Lancaster is pastor.

FOUR MEMBERS of the executive staff of the Board of Missions were retired from active service at the close of the annual meeting "because of the calendar." They were: Dr. Ezra M. Cox, associate secretary of the Division of National Missions, serving in the Western Jurisdiction at San Francisco; Miss Mildred Drescher, formerly missionary in India, and recently a field worker of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Miss Elizabeth M. Lee, executive secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for Latin America; and Miss Louise Robinson, executive secretary of the W.D.C.S. for Borneo, Burma, Malaya, and Sumatra; she is a former missionary to China. A special service of retirement was conducted by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, president of the Board of Missions.

NELLIE DYER RECEIVES "METHODISTS OF THE YEAR" AWARD

Five Methodist missionaries who were repatriated in May, 1953, after three years of internment in Korean prison camps, were given the annual awards of "Methodists of the Year" by "World Outlook," missionary magazine of the Methodist Church, at the meeting of the Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., January 20. Usually one award is made each year, but because of the common suffering and bravery of the three women and two men, each was given a certificate as a "Methodist of the Year" and a U. S. savings bond of \$100.00.

The five missionaries are: Miss Nellie Dyer of Conway, Ark., Miss Bertha Smith of Marshall, Mo., Miss Helen Rosser, R. N., of Cordele, Ga., the Rev. A. Kristian Jensen of New Cumberland, Pa., and the Rev. Lawrence A. Zellers of Weatherford, Texas.

The awards were made by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, Ga., president of the Board of Missions, at the request of Miss Dorothy McConnell and Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, editors of "World Outlook."

WORLD PEACE WORKSHOPS IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Dr. Carl Soule, of the Board of World Peace of The Methodist Church, will hold a series of workshops in the Little Rock Conference for ministers, local church commissions on World Peace, Christian Social Relations Secretaries of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild and all interested persons.

His schedule is:

Tuesday, February 9, at Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock.

Thursday, February 11, at the First Methodist Church, Monticello.

Friday, February 12, at the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia.

Sunday, February 14, at Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia.

These workshops will begin at 2:30 p. m. and an evening session will also be held.

Rev. David M. Hankins, pastor of Jackson Street Church, Magnolia, is chairman of the Conference Commission on World Peace. Other members are Rev. George Meyer, Rev. C. D. Cade, Rev. C. V. Mashburn, Rev. Robert Scott, Rev. Robert L. Riggan and Rev. John Rushing.

THE CHURCH'S GROWING EDGE

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(2) a new congregation is organized in a new community or residential area where there is a need for a church to meet the spiritual needs of the residents, and sooner or later a church building is erected to house the congregation for worship and educational purposes. It would indeed be surprising to know just what amount of money has been expended to meet the needs of the first category mentioned. Here in this Episcopal Area there are Districts where every pastoral charge has had some type of building program during the past eight years. As great as these accomplishments have been, however, the growing edge of the church is found in the second category referred to above, where new churches have been organized in new communities or new residential areas. These are the churches where many of the real struggles of today are being waged, for they must be begun on faith, with a view of the future, and with what financial assistance can be had from sister churches, district, conference, and General Board organizations.

We are proud that Methodism is taking seriously now its responsibility in the field of church extension. In each of the annual conferences of this Area, as is true in many of the other annual conferences of Methodism, there is shaping up definite strategy for giving assistance to new church situations, assistance when and where help is needed the most. The start we have made through the 1000 Club program is good, but it has only been a start. There is every reason to believe that a 1000 Club membership is a real stake in the future of Methodism.

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PRESCRIPTION FOR BOREDOM

Some time ago a physician said that there is a disease more devastating than cancer or tuberculosis. In the conquest of these latter two curses, medical science is making progress.



But this other ailment of which the doctor spoke is beyond the reach of the medicine bottle and the surgeon's knife. It is called by various names, but the most inclusive one is—boredom.

Perhaps our first reaction to the physician's assertion is that he has overstated his case. Boredom, to be sure, is distressing—but hardly fatal.

It might be revealing, however, if it were possible to compute the effects of dull spirits and drab living on the actual lowering of bodily health and the consequent shortening of life. Second thought forces us to admit that low spirits do take a terrific toll.

And they can strike men of high spirits occasionally. A man who accompanied Admiral Byrd and his companions on one of the Antarctic expeditions said:

"Every provision had been made to keep the men happy. They had been chosen not only for their scientific skills but for their ability to get along with others. They were men of selflessness, enthusiasm and good will.

"They had a mission to perform and each rose to his responsibilities. The stark, barren icefields presented a challenge. The food was ample and good. Books and a piano were among the supplies.

"But there were times when we were idle and left to our own devices and became bored. Thoughts of home intruded, spirits drooped and some became irritable. The same masculine faces met at mess.

"One night we broadcast to the United States over short wave. Millions at home heard the piano and our voices. We felt that we were in contact with those we loved. It broke the tedium and raised our morale. We went to work with fresh enthusiasm next day."

Nineteen centuries ago, a veteran of life's hardest battles gave this advice to a young man who had fallen into low spirits; "Stir up the gift of God which is in thee." And the verb Saint Paul used there suggests the stirring of a fire.

When a fire has died down, what is the first thing you do? You poke it. And in plain down-to-earth language that is the first thing most of us need when we become bored. Our low spirits are often partly due to inertia. We need to stir ourselves into action.

But a smoldering fire needs not only to be poked. It usually needs more fuel. So with our spirits. Mere will to bestir ourselves is not enough. We must feed our minds more fuel; we must give them some new things to think about.

A doctor once said to a woman whose nerves had been worn raw by her household routine: "When we have gotten down in spirit so that we see molehills as mountains, our perspective is restored by the sight of bigness in nature or in human nature."

Here is some of the mental fuel which the great apostle told his friends to feed into their minds: "Whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

The master teacher did not try to keep up the spirits of his followers merely by talking to them. He set them at tasks so big that they had to

50 NEW MISSIONARIES COMMISSIONED BY METHODISTS

Buck Hill Falls, Pa., January 22— Fifty men and women were commissioned home and foreign missionaries of the Methodist Church Friday evening, January 20 in services at The Inn, Buck Hill Falls, Pa., where the denomination's Board of Missions held its annual meeting. Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., president of the Board of Missions; Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind., president of the Division of World Missions; and Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, participated in the commissioning service.

Agricultural missionaries, doctors, teachers, evangelists, student workers, and musicians are among the group of missionaries. The largest group—nine couples—will serve in India. Others will go to Africa, Latin America, Malaya, Philippines, Japan, and Korea.

An internationally known Boston thoracic surgeon, Dr. Reeve H. Betts, who gave up a lucrative practice to go into mission service, returns as a full-time missionary at the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. He is training Indian surgeons in a department which performs 1000 operations a year in the field of his specialty, chest surgery.

Dr. Walter Mikulaschek, a Swiss doctor who has been studying in the United States on one of Methodism's "Crusade" scholarships since 1950, will go to Gikuli, Mozambique, Africa, to head the Methodist hos-

pital and medical work. His German wife is the daughter of a Methodist minister in Germany.

Bringing messages of fellowship to the newly commissioned missionaries were the Rev. Glenn Evans, former missionary to Hawaii and now superintendent of Methodist mountain mission, Henderson Settlement, Frankes, Ky.; Miss Jane Hahne, a Woman's Division of Christian Service missionary to Lima, Peru; Miss Elizabeth Thompson, a rural worker in Louisiana; and the Rev. J. B. Holt, missionary to the Philippines.

Of the missionaries, 44 will serve the Division of World Missions and six—five home and 1 foreign—the Woman's Division of Christian Service. A larger group of missionaries of the Woman's Division will be commissioned at the national assembly of that group in Milwaukee, May 25-28.

Most of the men are veterans of World War II. An Air Force pilot, Marine, Navy, and Maritime service officers, and an infantryman are among the new missionaries. Five of the young men served as short-term missionaries under the three-year program sponsored by the Methodist Board of Missions. After their missionary experiences abroad, they returned to this country for further training, married, and are going out as life-time missionaries.

Division of World Missions candidates commissioned include: the Rev. and Mrs. F. William Price, Meridian, Miss., who will be assigned to India as an Advance Special of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

draw on a Power higher than themselves.

I recall a woman who was depressed to the point of distraction. Then her son fell seriously ill. She had to nurse him. She forgot her own troubles. And in that long siege of nursing she got a surge of power which left her unbelievably stronger and in better spirits.

That woman was stirring up the gift of God which was in her. And she was proving that Ben Franklin was right when he said: "God helps those who help themselves."

She was proving also that God helps even more those who try to help others.

No longer did she feel bored.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THERE'S A LESSON FOR AMERICA TO LEARN

Often it is easier to see injustice, or denial of freedom, or infringement upon human rights in some distant area of the world than it is at home. Or we can protest something that "foreigners" do, yet be really blind or uncomprehending when analogous deeds are done by Americans—or by "Christians", or white men. For example, how readily a "resolution against race discrimination in Capetown" will pass an annual conference session in Methodism in America; and how warmly it will be debated, pro and con, if the locale is (say) Detroit!

On the other hand, it is good to look at cause and effect of a situation an ocean or two away—if we can view it correctly and objectively. We may (and should) see mirrored in that instance aspects, meanings and long-range results of similar situations—or injustices, or wrongs, or dangers—in our own lands and acts that are to close for us to appraise dispassionately.

Take the situation in Kenya, British crown colony, where all the world has been

shocked by the Mau Mau terrorists. Here is an area of which three-fifths is arid and waterless, where 5,000,000 acres in the highlands (where there is agriculture) are reserved for the white man, where the natives hunger for food, land, freedom and education. This has long been literally the Britisher's happy hunting ground for big game and for agricultural wealth—the latter worked by the natives.

We deplore the Mau Mau cruelties and their alleged subversion; but we can see the causes. We can see, with Ralph E. Dodge, that in Kenya and elsewhere in Africa "the difficulty is basically due to an alienation of the African people from the land which they claim to own." And he adds: "It is unfortunate that the representatives of the western Christian culture should have made such a negative impact upon a primitive society that Africans feel they have no redress except through violence."

The Anglican bishop of Tanganyika, another British crown colony to the south of Kenya, looked north the other day and drew some "lessons" from the Kenya troubles. And it is these and similar "lessons" that the U. S. A.—a new imperial and world power—should both learn and apply:

"That grievances not rectified soon gather for themselves other grievances, real and imagined, that make a solution increasingly difficult, and if they continue to be ignored give to unscrupulous leaders the raw material for revolution and bloodshed.

"That in a multi-racial society such as we

have in East Africa those white or black who have a deep racial prejudice are the enemies of society and are disruptive force in the country.

"That education without real spiritual content is not an enriching force and soon becomes a destroying one.

"That Christianity does provide a positive corrective to all views based on prejudice and pride, and we are glad that from its earliest days the Church in this land (Tanganyika) recognizes no racial barriers, that 'there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female' but that we are 'all one in Christ Jesus'."

A high official in the Belgian Congo was quoted recently as saying: "It is no longer a question of if the Africans are going to demand independence; it has now become a question of when they are going to demand their political freedom."

As the expressive slang phrase has it—"You can say that again, brother!" It can be said in any land where there is servitude, or oppression, or injustice, or denial of food and land and elemental rights. It is only a question of when they are going to rise up and be free. It goes, too, for people under any form of communists oppression; and for any injustice that may be labelled white or American.

Let us pray that we may see the danger, right the wrong willingly—and prevent the horrors so vividly portrayed in the Mau Mau story.

SAYS THE NUMBER OF "UNCHURCHED" GROWS IN AMERICA

"This very hour there are more people living where churches are not effectively established than in any other period of American history," the Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, executive secretary of the Section of Home Missions, Division of National Missions, Methodist Church, told the Board at its annual meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., January 20.

Dr. Fisher said that despite the increased membership of the churches more than 60,000,000 Americans "are not members of any church — Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish." Failure to incorporate this large segment of the population in the churches was attributed in part to the "mobility" of Americans.

"In a recent year 31,000 Americans changed their place of residence — one out of every five in this country," Dr. Fisher said. "It has been estimated that seven out of ten of those who moved this past year will be on the move again within five years. America has a vast 'displaced' population."

"Communities continue to spring up overnight and in hundreds no provision is made for a spiritual ministry. In many areas where the church is already established the ministry is ineffective because of inadequate equipment and resources — unable to reach the teeming population at their very doorstep," the national missions executive in charge of organizing churches in new and growing communities said.

"In the face of a limited income, we are doing our best to meet challenges such as these, but we have had to turn down dozens of requests from almost every section of the country. This means we will not be able to start new work in growing rural areas, in Alaska and Hawaii, and in cities where we find a large influx of people," Dr. Fisher said, in an appeal for increased mission aid to meet new opportunities to include more of the millions unchurched.

Pointing out that the Oklahoma Indian Missions had shown one of the greatest increases in membership in the entire denomination, Dr. Fisher called for more aid to Indian missions.

"The Indian is on the threshold of a new day as more and more move off reservations to take jobs in cities," he said. "The church should help them in their readjustment both with vocational advice before they leave the reservation and with the inclusion of Indians in the fellowship of churches in the cities to which they go."

Methodism has forty local Indian missions scattered throughout the United States.

JAPAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY MAPS PROGRAM

A new long-term program for the Japan International Christian University Foundation Inc. was adopted at a meeting of its board of directors in New York. The Foundation, formed in 1949, is the agency through which more than \$3,000,000 was raised in the U. S. from 14 Protestant denominations and the National Council of Churches to establish the Japanese educational institution. The university, located at Mitaka near Tokyo, opened its doors to students last April.

METHODISTS SELECT SITE FOR ALASKA COLLEGE

Selection of the city of Anchorage as the site of the proposed \$2,000,000 Methodist college for Alaska was approved by the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, January 20. The "Alaska Christian College Committee" of the Division, under the chairmanship of Bishop A. Raymond Grant, of Portland, Oregon, was empowered "to make necessary negotiations with the Federal Government, the Territory of Alaska, and the City of Anchorage with regard to locating the college in Alaska, provided that satisfactory arrangements can be made with the agencies involved." This same committee is charged with "promoting the development of the college."

Plans for the organization of a Christian college in Alaska have been under study for more than two years by the Methodist Board of Missions. Half a dozen cities have been surveyed as possible sites for the institution, and the committee has found Anchorage most feasible. According to Methodism's superintendent for work in Alaska, Dr. P. Gordon Gould, the increase in population in Alaska during and since World War II has made it necessary to have higher education under church auspices. By 1955 and for some years thereafter, there will be about 1,200 graduates each year from Alaska's high schools. At present it is necessary for them to go to the United States for college training.

For the proposed college, about \$1,000,000 will be sought for buildings, and another \$1,000,000 for endowment.

WORK CAMP AT CAMP BREWER

On November 21 and 22, a group of Young Adults from the Shreveport Sub-District came down for a work camp at Camp Brewer. The group first wrote indicating their desire to do some repairs at the camp, and then they telephoned a specific date and amount of money that they had to spend, and time they could be on the job. And on November 21, they showed up with hammer and saw, plus food and some excellent cooks.

Camp Brewer never has seen as much work going on at once as it saw that week-end. Ten carpenters, not of the usual church variety, waded into the screening of the cabins, and before the next hours had past, they had screened 17 cabins, and 17 doors. They had consumed enough food to run the camp a week during regular camping season, all while having a grand time.

If any other group would like to undertake such a project, they would be welcomed by all concerned. This will help us more than you can know. The following were in attendance:

Park Avenue Church: George Simms, Roland Matthis, Murray Caudle, Tommie Sommers; Wynn Memorial Church: Bill Deputy, First Church, Bossier City, Virgil Rodgers and wife, Vivian, and son, Vicki, and daughter, Ginger, Abb Knighten and wife, Melba; Noel: Bill Wilcox and wife, Mary, James Kennedy.

Thanks, folks! You have helped us greatly. Now the Alexandria Young Adults are going to paint the swimming pool and buy 25 new mattresses for the cots.—Jolly B. Harper

Christian Education:

LENTEN READING PROJECT

Nashville, Tenn.—A special project for churchwide attention in the quadrennial Youth Emphasis is the Lenten Reading Project for seniors, older youth and adult workers with youth. Local churches should begin now to prepare for this project by announcements to youth groups and by discussions concerning it in MYF council meetings, in commissions on education, and in other interested groups.

To help "strengthen faith," which is one of the great needs being lifted up during this quadrennium, a special book is being made available to Methodist youth for personal reading and meditation, particularly during the Lenten season 1954.

The book is *I Believe*, by the late Dr. Nevin C. Harner. Its theme is a Christian faith for youth. Since it was first published a few years ago, its great value has been proved. The book deals with basic Christian beliefs about God, Jesus Christ, Christian living, immortality, the Kingdom, and many other topics. It is clear, meaningful and helpful. It is highly recommended by the Youth Department of the Board of Education.

I Believe has been reprinted as a Methodist Youth Emphasis reading book, in a handy pocket-size edition, with attractive cover and clear type. The new edition will be available for 35 cents a copy for single copies, 30 cents each for ten or more copies. Groups may order the book on consignment.

The book will be available in the branch houses of The Methodist Publishing House by February 1. It should be ordered by that date so that local churches will have it on hand by the middle of February in order to put it on sale by February 28, the last Sunday before the beginning of Lent.

The Lenten Reading Project and the volume *I Believe* should help Methodist youth and interested adults to strengthen their Christian faith. Both are designed also to strengthen personal devotions and

CLINTON, LA. PASTOR TO ADDRESS CHURCH SCHOOL WORKERS

The Rev. George Harkins will speak to the Church School workers of the Montpelier and Pine Grove Methodist Churches, on Wednesday, February 3rd. The church school officers, teachers, and substitutes will gather for supper in the lunch room of the Pine Grove School, at Pine Grove.

Mr. Harkins, pastor of the Methodist Church, Clinton, La., formerly served the Pine Grove Charge. He has had both professional and practical training in the field of Christian Education. He taught in the Public Schools of Mississippi, served as District Director of Children's Work and Youth Work in the Baton Rouge District of the Methodist Church, and worked in the church schools of several local churches. Speaking on "The Importance of the Church School" he will have a wealth of experience from which to draw.

Mrs. Cecil King of Pine Grove and Mrs. Thomas E. Morgan of Montpelier, superintendents of their respective Church Schools, are in charge of arrangements for the meeting.—J. P. Woodland.

the prayer life. Wide and very intensive participation in the project is expected throughout the church. "It is hoped that all seniors and older youth, and many interested adults, will purchase and read this very helpful book," states the Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of the Youth Department, Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education.

A free leaflet describing the project, making suggestions to local groups, and including an order blank for the book is available. Order No. 2400-B from the Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

PRE-SEMINARY EDUCATION OF MINISTERIAL STUDENTS

Four ways to improve the pre-seminary education of ministerial students were suggested at the annual meeting of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist Church, Jan. 11-12 in Cincinnati.

"A minister should be well educated within the cultural pattern of his society . . . schooled in history, letters, the sciences and the arts," said Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, director of the Department of Theological Schools, Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.

Pointing out that many college graduates enter seminaries without adequate preparation, Dr. McCulloh suggested the following ways in which "the pre-theological course at the college level can be enriched":

1. A recommended or required sequence of courses to include physical science, sociology, psychology, English, speech, philosophy, education, business administration, and the like.

2. A special series of courses, such as an introductory course to the Bible, Biblical history, history of the Christian movement, a course in English literature concerned with discovering spiritual values, or a course in sociology designed for study of the church as a social institution.

3. A seminar providing instruction in the Methodist Discipline, church structure, Christian beliefs, great preachers and their sermons, and workshop sessions on sermon construction, the pastoral office, etc.

4. Special counseling to aid pre-ministerial students in selecting courses to meet their individual and general needs.

"Let the Methodist Church not merely conform to minimum interdenominational suggestions . . . let us take a significant place of leadership in the total training of the ministry of tomorrow," Dr. McCulloh said.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT TRAINING SCHEDULE

The Training School dates for the Alexandria District are as follows: Grant Parish School, Feb. 8-10; Oakdale School, Jan. 27-30; Olla School, March 1-3; Marksville School, Feb. 14-16; Melville School, Feb. 22-24; Winnfield School, March 8-10. The Oakdale school will be held at the Lecompte Methodist Church.

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Follow-Up Work and Reports

Many churches reporting the first time this week will make additional reports to the ARKANSAS METHODIST office of follow-up work of securing renewals and new subscriptions which were not obtained during the first week of the campaign, January 10-17. Results of these supplemental reports will be published in the Circulation Campaign reports each week in the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

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Arkadelphia, First Ch., Wm. O. Byrd	17	58	7	82	Wesley-Sulphur Springs, Winslow	18	20		38**	Huntington Ct., M. L. Edgington	2	12		14
Arkadelphia Circuit, Robert Langley	2	8		10	Brown	15	35	1	51**	Kibler, C. R. Nance	12	1		13**
Delight Circuit, W. H. Watson	12	27	3	42**	Rison, W. R. Boyd	7	29	1	37	Lavaca, Dewey Dark, Jr.	5	14		19*
Fountain Lake, J. D. Baker	3	7	2	12**	Roe Circuit, W. C. Lewis	6	22	3	31**	Magazine Ct., John W. Sandage	2	14		16
Friendship Circuit, V. C. Holiman	2	13		15	Rowell Circuit, J. R. Diffie	7	29	1	37	Mansfield, W. T. Watson	1	16	1	18
Glenwood Circuit, J. A. Wade	5	20	1	26**	Sheridan, Bryan Stephens	15	42	7	64	Ozark, Charles P. McDonald Jr.	7	45	2	54**
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Hot Springs Circuit, S. W. Mooty	5	10	1	16	Stuttgart, First Ch., A. C. Caraway	16	61	2	79	Prairie View, Virgil View	4	17		21
HOT SPRINGS					TOTALS	206	599	21	826	Van Buren, City Hgts., Felix Holland	4	20		24**
Grand Avenue, M. E. Scott	34	96	5	135**	NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE					St. John, Robert P. Sessions	12	22	4	38**
Oaklawn, Noel Cross	1	1		1	BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 965					TOTALS	311	815	30	1156
Pullman Heights, Kirvin Hale	20	52	2	74**	Batesville, Cent'l Ave., David Conyers	15	62		77*	JONESBORO DISTRICT—Quota 1453				
MALVERN					Batesville, First Ch., E. G. Kactzell	33	83	4	120**	Bono Ct., M. J. Pollard	27	25		52**
First Church, Van W. Harrell	1			1	Bethesda-Cushman, M. A. Thompson	8	22	2	32**	Dyess-Whitten, W. W. Peterson	5	19		24**
Keith Memorial, W. S. Cazort	10	44	1	55*2	Calico Rock, G. Wesley Grisham	11	22	3	36	Harrisburg, J. T. Byrd	9	66		75**
Murfreesboro, A. W. Hamilton	4	43		47**	Cave City-Sidney, W. Frank Shell	4	19	1	24**	Jonesboro, First Ch., Ethan Dodgen	6	58	11	75
Murfreesboro Ct., A. N. Youngblood	1	15		16**	Cave City Ct., Ivan R. Wilson	17	12		29**	Jonesboro, Huntington Ave., El-				
Okolona Circuit, E. T. McAfee	4			4	Charlotte Ct., T. O. Love	3	9	2	14	mus C. Brown	7	53		60**
Shorewood Hills, Howard Cox	3	8		11**	Concord, Vernon Anderson	7			7**	Keiser, J. M. Harrison	10	15		25*2
Sparkman, Orrie Thompson	15	33	1	54**	Desha Circuit, Walter Abree	45	11		56**	Lake City-Lake View, J. H. Barrett	1	22		23
TOTALS	153	506	24	683	Evening Shade, Carl Strayhorn	4	19		23	Leachville, J. E. Linam	9	35	4	48**
CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1947					Melbourne Ct., D. G. Hindman	11	27		38	Luxora, H. L. Robinson	4	23		32*
Bearden, J. R. Scott	3	28	2	33**	Moorefield-Asbury, B. W. Stallcup	6	28	1	35**	Manila, N. Lee Cate	10	26	4	40
Bradley, J. D. Montgomery	3	29	2	34**	Mountain Home Parish, Lee Anderson	2	2		2	Monette, Bennie F. Jordan	32	28	1	61*2
Buckner Circuit, Bruce H. Bean	1	1		1	Mountain View, H. W. Jinske	4	22		26**	Nettleton, Clyde H. Crozier	12	17	1	30**
Camden, First Ch., Robert B. Moore	1	1		1	Newark, John S. Workman	7	21	2	30**	Osceola, Garland C. Taylor	22	76	1	99**
Columbia Ct., R. M. Crain	42	45		87**	Newport, First Ch., Guy C. Ames	10	60	4	74	Trumann, A. W. Harris	9	31	1	41**
Calton-Quinn, S. B. Mann	14	23		37**	Newport-Umsted Mem., M. L. Kaylor	7	37	2	46**	Turrell-Gilmore, Aubra C. Hays	2	26		28**
Emerson Circuit, C. B. Harris	1	4		5	Oil Trough	4	14		18**	Wilson, Sam G. Watson	9	30		39**
Junction City Ct., D. L. McCauley	11	44		55**	Pleasant Plains, Burnell Stephens	31	10		41**	Weiner, Arvill Brannon	13	32		45**
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Magnolia, First Ch., C. R. Hozendorf	386	114		500*3	Swift-Alicia, Pryor Cruce	2	38		40**	Beech Grove, A. E. McIlvene	1	1		1
Magnolia Circuit, C. B. Harris	1	1		1	Tuckerman, Golder Lawrence	1	40		41**	Biggers-Knobel, Wm. Paul Lanier	4	29	3	36**
Marysville Ct., H. A. Stroup	7	36	1	44**	Yellville, Theron McKisson	5	8		13	Black Rock, Gail Anderson	7	22		29**
Stamps, Elbert B. Jean	10	38	3	51**	TOTALS	240	607	22	869	Camp Ground, W. C. Smith	4	2		6
Taylor Ct., Charles E. Lawrence	9	23	2	34*	CONWAY DISTRICT—Quota 1437					Corning, Byron McSpadden	16	33	1	50**
Timothy, H. R. Nabors	2	15		17*	Atkins, George Stewart	4	21	3	28**	Hardy, George L. McGhehey	17	19	1	37**
Waldo, W. Braska Savage	9	60	1	70**	Belle-Havanna, W. G. Connor	5	14	1	20	Imboden-Smithville, R. A. Simpson	3	31	1	35
TOTALS	511	533	12	1056	Bethel-Cato, Donald Smith	3	9		12	Mammoth Spring, M. B. Short	2	11	1	14
HOPE DISTRICT—Quota 1434					Conway, First Ch., Joel Cooper	25	67	22	114	Marmaduke, Gerald Hammett	5	26	2	33
Bingen Ct., Clyde Swift	2	15		17	Conway, Wesley Mem., Ralph Ruhlen	1	14	1	16	Maynard-Ravenden Spgs., L. Turner	4	10	2	16
Blevins Circuit, Joe W. Hunter	1	41		42*2	Danville, H. C. Minnis	5	35	3	43**	Paragould, Griffin Mem., J. H. Holt	14	40	3	57**
Center Point Ct., D. W. Haberson	3	1		4	Dardanelle, C. H. Farmer	8	44	2	54**	Piggott, Jesse Johnson	6	55		61**
DeQueen, Alfred I. Doss	1	1		1	Dardanelle Ct., Frank Weatherford	5	15		20**	Pocahontas, Edwin B. Dodson	5	42	4	51*
Dierks Circuit, C. E. Messer	21	13	1	35**	Greenbrier Ct., James R. Sewell	6	6		6	Rector, First Ch., J. M. Barnett	8	74		82**
Emmett Circuit, John W. Rushing	11	38	5	54	Morrilton Ct. No. 1, Wm. Yarbrough	5	19		24**	Rector Ct., Dave Smitherman	2	6		8
Foreman, Robert L. Riggins	5	19	1	25	Naylor Ct., Charles Cook	5	7		12	St. Francis, D. Kern Johnson	6	16	1	23
Hatfield Circuit, L. A. Peters	2	6		8	NORTH LITTLE ROCK:					Stanford-Lorado, Y. D. Whitehurst	20	14		34
Hope, Virgil D. Keeley	28	111		139	First Church, Wm. Watson	47	143		190**	Walnut Ridge, Elmo Thomason	11	90	1	102**
Horatio Circuit, W. M. Crow	7	21		28	Gardner Mem., Irl Bridenthal	11	29	15	55	TOTALS	134	521	20	675
Lockesburg Circuit, J. R. Callicott	11	24		35	Levy, Raymond Dorman	11	25	3	39	SEAFY DISTRICT—Quota 1149				
Mena, Alfred DeBlack	3	66	1	70**	Washington Ave., I. L. Claud	3	46		49	Antioch-Stony Pt., Cyril Wilson	7	18		25
Mena Circuit, B. L. Smith	1	1		1	Oppello, Eugene Rushing	4	5		9	Augusta, H. Lynn Wade		28	7	35
Nashville, J. E. Dunlap	22	50	4	76	Perry-Perryville, Geo. J. Kleeb	8	5	1	14	Bald Knob, Pharis J. Holifield	28	53	1	82**
Prescott, W. D. Golden	11	61	3	75*	Pope County Ct., J. A. Newell	10	17		27**	Beebe, Floyd G. Villines, Jr.	24	63	3	90**
Prescott Circuit, L. O. Lee	7	8	2	17	Salem Ct., Jim Gatlin	5	12	2	19**	Cabot, J. J. Clark	2	45	4	51**
Richmond Circuit, J. Wayne Mann	2	18	2	22	Vilonia Ct., Joe Linam	3	17		20*2	DeVew Ct., Eugene Shoemaker	3	2	3	8
Springhill Circuit, Claude Clark	5	20		25	Waltreak, J. M. Kitchens	1	2		3	Griffithville Ct., Ray Edwards	3	12		15
TEXARKANA:					TOTALS	169	552	53	774	Heber Springs, James E. Major	22	55	3	80**
College Hill, Howard Williams	9	31	2	42	FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 1278					Kensett, W. T. Johnson	4	18		23
Fairview, Clint W. Good	9	58	3	70**	Alpena-Omaha, T. F. Cooksey	1	1		1	Marshall, Vann Hooker	10	18		28**
Texarkana Circuit, Virgil Bell	35	42		77**	Bland Chapel, Lindsey Rolland	4	2		6**	McCrory, W. M. Womack	11	53	2	66**
Washington Ct., H. A. F. Ault	4	17	3	24**	Bentonville, Hubert Pearce	17	57	2	76	McRae, Robert Johnson	9	20		29
Winthrop Ct., A. J. Bearden	5	9	1	15**	Bentonville Ct., W. C. Hutton	6	12		18	Quitman Ct., Harold Wilson	6	22		28
TOTALS	205	669	28	902	Berryville-Shiloh, Archie N. Boyd	13	32	1	46**	Rosebud Ct., John Chapman	8	19	2	29
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 2544					Brightwater-Avoca, Fern Cook	13	26		39**	Searcy, Lloyd M. Conyers		1		1
Austin Circuit, J. R. Martin	7	14		21	Decatur, J. Hillman Byram	3	12	1	16**	Valley Spgs. Ct., Waymon Keel	4	7	2	13
Bauxite, Jeff. E. Davis	5	24	1	30	Elm Spgs.-Harmon, Woodrow Woods	11	44		55**	Van Buren County No. 1, Bobby S.				
Benton, H. O. Bolin	21	66	7	94	Eureka Spgs., Charles W. Lewis	3	11	1	15	Edwards		10	1	11
Bethlehem, C. C. Vanzant	6	6		6	Farmington-Rhea, A. L. Riggs	3	13		16	Wilburn-Ward, Wayne Hill	2	5		7
Carlisle Circuit, Maurice Burroughs	5	7		12	Fayetteville, Central, D. L. Dykes	8	69	21	93	TOTALS	143	449	29	621
Des Arc, F. W. Reutz	1	19	1	21	Fayetteville-Wiggins Mem., A. Simpson	9	26		35	ARKANSAS METHODIST DISTRICT SUMMARY				
Douglasville, J. R. Sewell	7	21		28	Gentry, W. W. Gibson	4	30	1	35**	District				

SPRINGHILL METHODIST OPENS NEW CHURCH

Sunday, January 31 is the first day that the congregation of the Springhill, La., Methodist Church will worship in its new Sanctuary. With this first service of worship, the church is celebrating the completion of a building program begun in 1949.

The Educational Building was completed and put into use in 1951, and was constructed at a cost of \$50,000.00. This building has class room facilities for 18 classes. In addition a large modern kitchen and a Fellowship Hall complete the first part of the building program.

The new Sanctuary that is being opened for worship on January 13 was built at a cost of \$70,000.00. The nave of the church building will seat 400 people. The building is completely air conditioned. The architect for the Sanctuary is Lester C. Haas, A. I. A. of Shreveport, La. His design incorporated many traditional features along with many ideas of contemporary conception.

The building has many unusual features, in particular, the roof being built with two by fours laid on edge. The internal structure is supported by very large laminated wooden arches. Both the roof and the arches as well as the interior of the church are finished in natural color.

The growth and the development of the Methodist Church in Springhill can best be symbolized by the

building program. During the six years the congregation has almost doubled in size and at the same time grown from a wood frame building to two large brick buildings that now constitute the church plant. The growth and development of the congregation came during the pastorate of Rev. W. D. Boddie who served the church from 1948 to 1953. The Sanctuary building has been constructed during the pastorate of Rev. Frank C. Tucker, Jr., who now serves the Church.

The building program for both the Educational Building and the Sanctuary has been under the general supervision of R. A. Smith. Under his direction and leadership both of these buildings were constructed, thus saving many thousands of dollars. The members of the building committee are as follows: Education Building: R. A. Smith, Chairman, T. O. Machen, J. T. Wilmoth, C. D. Hamaker, and Harry Blanchard, and the architect, H. H. Land. Sanctuary Building: Wayne Bryan, Chairman, I. L. Park, Clark Anthony, R. L. Byrd, D. L. Booth, and architect, Lester C. Haas.

In honor of the occasion of opening the Church for worship, a special service will be held at 11:00 o'clock on Sunday, January 31, to be followed in the afternoon with an Open House.

Rev. R. W. Vaughan, Superinten-

CHURCH BUILDING OFFICIALS REPORT 3,000 NEW CHURCHES NEEDED

Methodism will need to organize 3,000 new congregations before the end of 1956, church extension secretaries of the Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, Methodist Louisville, Ky., said at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., January 19.

"It is now quite clear that our estimate of 1500 new churches based

on a survey made in 1952 is far short of the actual need for this quadrennium (the Methodist quadrennium runs from 1952 to 1956)," the church building executives told board members, missionaries, and staff attending the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions.

"The denomination will need to raise \$100,000,000 for the housing of newly organized congregations during the remainder of the quadrennium," Dr. Middleton said. He told of some of the methods used by local conferences to raise these funds:

—some conferences promote the observance of Church Extension Day and seek an offering in each church.

—conferences request church members to contribute an amount equal to a day's income on Church Extension Day.

—shares of participation in new church building projects are sold to individuals.

The church extension offices reported assistance of 720 projects with loans of approximately \$2,500,000 during the fiscal year. Nearly 600 projects received donations totaling \$1,130,397. These loans and donations were used for church building for new communities, minority groups, and "outpost" missions: Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Angie, E. W. Corley	3	19	22**	
Baker, Marvin H. Corley	3	19	22	
BATON ROUGE:				
First Church, W. Johnston	43	60	24	127
Ingleside, W. R. Irving	5	5	10	
Istrouma, A. Jerome Cain	24	24	24	
Reiley Memorial, Wm. E. Trice	8	22	30	
Winburne Ave., A. A. Collins	8	3	11	
Bethel, Van Carter	10	10	10	
Blackwater, A. G. Taylor	22	14	36	
Bluff Creek, Wm. H. Porter, Jr.	8	1	9	
Bogalusa, E. Sullivan Mem., W. H. Giles	43	43	43	
Clinton, George W. Harkins	8	11	2	21
Deerford, A. M. Freeman	6	11	17**	
Denham Springs, Edward R. Thomas	6	20	26	
Greenburg, H. R. Hine	2	13	15	
Jackson, J. B. Shearer	16	28	44**	
Kentwood, G. C. Dean, Jr.	9	1	20	
Live Oak, Clifford E. Davis, Jr.	3	3	1	7
Lottie-Rosedale, Collins D. Pinkard	5	27	34**	
Magnolia, L. W. Taylor	3	1	4	
New Roads-Port Allen, G. H. Corry	8	3	11**	
Pine Grove, James P. Woodland	22	12	35**	
Plaquemine-Bayou Chapel, C. R. McCammon	10	37	47*	
Ponchatoula, Wilson Watson	25	54	79**	
St. Francisville, E. Lee McKay	2	8	10	
Slaughter, Dale K. Smith	2	9	11	
Springfield, P. W. Sibley	8	15	23	
Tangipahoa, A. L. Carruth	4	12	52**	
Walker, George M. Horne	3	5	8	
Wesley Chapel, C. J. T. Cotton	21	11	32**	
Zachary, J. W. Ailor	8	8	8	
TOTALS	307	538	30	875

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Quota 1697				
Crowley, First Ch., Louis Hoffpauir	10	10	10	
Crowley, Wesley-Iota, Leroy Dickerson, Jr.	16	5	21	
DeQuincy, E. W. Day	39	34	73**	
DeRidder, George Pearce, Jr.	27	21	3	51
DeRidder, Wesley, Alvin P. Smith	5	1	6**	
Gueydan, D. B. Boddie	6	28	34**	
Hornbeck, C. J. Thibodeaux	29	23	52**	
Indian Bayou, M. C. Davis	69	10	79**	
Iowa, W. F. Howell	13	20	33**	
Jennings, Robert B. Crichlow	19	21	2	42
Lafayette, Davidson Mem., A. B. Cavanaugh	10	30	40**	
Lafayette First Ch., D. W. Poole	1	1	1	
LAKE CHARLES:				
First Church, Carl F. Lueg	13	90	2	105
Oak Park	4	1	5	
University, John B. Hefley	29	34	63	
Leesville, John F. Kilpatrick	14	16	2	34
Merryville, J. Taylor Wall	16	5	21**	
Oberlin, R. M. Brown	6	9	15*3	
Raymond, Clarence B. Krumnow	5	15	4	24
Rayne, D. T. Williams	5	18	1	24
Vinton, Ivan O. Donaldson	69	16	85*2	
Welsh, Jack Cooke	15	30	45	
TOTALS	420	429	14	863

MONROE DISTRICT—Quota 1544				
Bastrop-Beekman, R. H. Staples	15	131	1	147**
Bonita-Jones-Sunrise, S. P. Dampier	15	17	32**	
Columbia-Hebert, S. S. Holladay, Jr.	21	51	72**	
Crowville-Baskin, D. R. Deen	7	11	18	
Delhi, Don Wincinger	14	24	38*	
Epps-Floyd, J. B. McCann	26	20	46**	
Ferriday-Clayton, Don W. Alverson	10	23	33**	
Gilbert-Boof Prairie, J. W. Boyd Sr.	33	41	74*2	

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Goodwill-Bartholomew, Geo. P. Goodwin	1	13	14	
Grayson-Heights-Kelley, S. P. Emanuel	19	34	1	54**
Jonesville-Harrisburg, V. M. Culpepper	5	20	25	
Lake Providence, T. M. Lancaster	30	30	60**	
Mangham-Little Creek-Union, Lael S. Jones	7	40	47**	
Mer Rouge-Bonne Idee, Floyd M. Durham	36	35	2	73*2
MONROE:				
First Church, H. L. Johns	66	95	161	
Gordon Ave., M. D. Felder	15	47	1	63*2
Stone Ave., L. Yeager	15	22	37**	
Oak Grove, E. L. Tatum	19	16	35	
Oak Ridge, James Poole	14	29	43**	
Rayville, Earl B. Emmerich	10	47	57*	
Sicily Island, J. J. Davis	46	28	74*2	
Sterlington, J. A. Jones	5	24	29**	
St. Joseph-Wesley, A. M. Baker	1	16	17**	
Sunrise, W. F. Ragsdale	1	3	4*	
Vidalia, George Cagle	7	17	24**	
WEST MONROE:				
Brownsville, Tillman A. Brown	11	10	1	22**
First Ch., W. D. Milton	28	95	123	
Winnboro, W. H. Bengtson	1	1	1	
Wisner, L. Gray Wilson	28	33	61**	
TOTALS	506	976	7	1489

NEW ORLEANS—Quota 1833

Berwick-Patterson, C. W. Bennett.....	47	....	47**			
Buras-Triumph, C. E. Henkel	2	12	14**				
Covington, Robert C. Carter	34	....	34			
Donaldsonville, T. O. Rorie, Jr.	2	13	15**				
Franklin, E. R. Haug	27	29	56				
Houma, First Ch., Sam Nader	100	....	100**			
Houma Heights, Rex Squyres	24	....	24			
Lacombe-St. Tammany, J. C. ....	....	....	....	
Rousseaux, Sr.	11	....	11**			
Lockport, John W. Keller	7	1	8**				
Morgan City, R. W. Bengtson	8	12	20				
NEW ORLEANS:							
Aldersgate, A. D. Roberts	16	....	16**			
Algiers, J. W. Matthews	5	10	15				
Canal Street, P. M. Caraway	23	18	1	42			
Carrollton Ave., Henry A. Rickey. .	2	43	2	47			
Eighth Street, C. H. Snelling, Jr....	11	11	17			
Elysian Fields, Glenden M. Messer .	8	9	17			
First Church, Nathaniel H. Melbert .	30	31	61			
Gentilly, G. Eldred Blakely	20	21	1	42			
Gretna, E. C. Dufrense	25	....	25			
Harahan, Robert H. Jamieson	10	10	10			
Kenner, H. L. Baker, Jr.	12	13	1	26**			
John Wesley, T. O. Rorie	27	....	27**			
Lake Vista, Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. .	3	7	10			
Munichland Mem., D. Dawson, Jr. .	25	....	25			
Napoleon Ave., A. S. Hurley	18	....	18			
Parker Mem., A. T. Law	25	....	25			
Rayne Mem., A. M. Serex	1	70	71			
St. Bernard, A. D. Roberts	9	....	9**			
St. Luke's, Spencer W. Wren	10	10	10			
St. Mark's, Oakley Lee	15	....	15			
Second Ch., T. O. Carlstrom	15	....	15			
Severn	2	....	2			
Point-a-la-Hache, Fred Campbell ..	9	1	10*2			
Slidell, R. C. Clayton	10	19	7	36			
Thibodaux, R. R. Miller	8	9	17**			
TOTALS				192	727	12	931

RUSTON DISTRICT—Quota 1540

Arcadia, Hubert A. Gibbs	14	57	71**	
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Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Athens, L. M. Sawyer	16	12	28	
Bernice, Roy Grant	4	23	27**	
Beulah-Indian Village, R. H. Hearne	4	6	1	11
Bienville-Castor, K. K. Carithers	3	25	28	
Calhoun, A. M. Wynne	4	18	1	23**
Chatham, J. T. Garrett	12	28	40	
Choudrant	7	7	7	
Clay, Leo Westbrook	12	27	39**	
Cotton Valley, J. P. McKeithen	5	18	23	
Downsville, Sidney E. Sterrett	3	26	29**	
Doyline-McIntyre, Fred A. Mead	7	22	29**	
Dubach, Henry Blount	8	28	36**	
Gibbsland, W. V. Sirman	14	82	96*2	
Haynesville, J. H. Midyett	23	102	125**	
Hodge, G. A. Morgan	22	22	22**	
Homer, Luman E. Douglas	13	72	87	
Jonesboro, W. O. Lynch	13	77	90**	
Lisbon, B. P. Durbin	3	30	33**	
Marion, Edwin L. Brock	2	8	10	
Minden, First Church, Ira W. Flowers	11	54	2	67
Minden, Lakeview, H. G. Williamson	9	29	1	39*2
Ringgold, D. F. Anders	14	35	1	50
Ruston, Grace Church, D. L. McGuire	17	18	35**	
Ruston, Trinity, R. R. Branton	49	56	105	
Shongaloo, Wm. Paul Cassels	7	29	36	
Simsboro-Antioch, Kirby A. Vining	10	20	2	32
Hilly	7	12	19**	
Springhill, Frank Tucker	9	37	46	
TOTALS	293	980	10	1283

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—Quota 2414

Barksdale	30	1	31**	
Belcher-Gilliam, J. L. Beasley	15	36	1	52*2
Bethany-Keithville, Robert DeBusk	1	2	3	
Bossier City-Curtis Park, H. C. Norsworthy	19	7	26	
Converse, H. T. Isgitt	4	5	9**	
Grand Cane, Marvin Hockenhuil	6	9	15	
Greenwood, W. C. Barham	17	27	2	46**
Haughton, W. M. Allen	10	26	36**	
Ida-Hosston, James Woodward	5	24	1	30**
Keatchie, Bentley Sloane	2	2	2	
Logansport, J. G. Grambling	8	40	48**	
Mansfield, Merlin W. Merrill	25	37	5	67**
Many, George York	5	18	2	25
Oil City, H. M. Law	5	16	21**	
Pleasant Hill, W. T. Hall	6	25	2	33*2
Rodessa, B. L. Lawton	2	8	1	11
SHREVEPORT:				
First Church, Guy M. Hicks	38	62	100	
Morningside, J. J. Caraway	9	32	1	42
North Highland, John Koelman	11	7	18*	
TOTALS	218	382	15	615

LOUISIANA METHODIST DISTRICT SUMMARY

Report No. 1		Re-		Not		% of	
District	Quota	New	Renewal	Due	Total	Quota	
Monroe	1544	506	976	7	1489	96%	
Ruston	1540	293	980	10	1283	84%	
New Orleans	1833	192	727	12	931	51%	
Baton Rouge	1965	307	533	30	875	45%	
Lake Charles	1697	420	429	14	863	51%	
Shreveport	2414	218	382	15	615	25%	
Alexandria	1198	164	324	9	497	41%	
TOTALS		2,100	4,351	97	6,553		

* Charge has Reached Quota.
** Charge has Exceeded Quota.
*2 Charge has Doubled Quota.
*3 Charge has Trebled Quota.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



DAVID'S SPECIAL RESOLUTION

By Rose Ross

It was the first day of January. David dashed into the kitchen where Mother was pouring the cereal into the bowls.

"Mother," cried David, "I've thought of a wonderful New Year's resolution. Guess what it is!"

"You are going to hang up the towel," guessed Mother, "and put your toothbrush away."

"No, Mother! That isn't it!"

"Do you plan to feed Skippy every morning?" asked Father.

"That isn't it," giggled David. "It's something very special."

Mother and Father could not guess the special New Year's resolution. They were puzzled.

After breakfast David went out to play in the snow with his dog Skippy.

After a time the noon whistle blew and Mother called to him. "It is lunch time, David. You must come inside now," she said.

David went right on playing in the snow. He did not want to stop. He was having a fine time. Suddenly he remembered his resolution and raced into the house.

When lunch was over Mother said, "We are going to have guests tomorrow. We must get ready for them. David, you carry up some kindling for the fireplace."

"Yes, Mother," said David and skipped downstairs.

When Father came home from work the house was tidy. It had on its best Sunday look. "My!" said Father, "You must have been busy today."

Father took off his overcoat. Then he took off his rubbers. "Please put these on the back stairs, David," he said. "They have snow on them."

Slowly David laid down his storybook and put away the rubbers. Then he brought Father his slippers.

At dinner, Father and Mother tried again to guess David's special New Year's resolution.

"David and I got through with our work much sooner than usual today," said Mother.

"Perhaps you worked faster," said Father.

"Perhaps," smiled Mother. "It has

been a fine day. Things have gone as smooth as silk."

"There has been something different about this day," agreed Father. "It has gone smooth and fast."

After dinner, Mother said, "David, please stack the dishes while I finish the baking."

David thought of his television show. His mouth drew down in a pout. Then he thought of his special resolution, and he set to work. Father went into the living room to look over his mail. Everyone was quiet and busy. Then, all at once, Father gave a whistle.

Mother and David rushed to the door. Father grinned. "I know what that pesky New Year's resolution is," he said.

Father whispered something in David's ear, and David nodded "yes."

Mother looked puzzled. She could not guess it. Then Father wrote something on a card and David handed it to Mother. It said: "I shall do whatever I am told to do without having to be asked twice." —My Sunday Paper

"I trust," said the employe, "that now I've proved my capabilities, you'll pay me what I'm worth."

"But my dear fellow," retorted his boss, "you've got to live!" —Pivot, Smith's of England

LITTLE SNOW LAMB

By Marcia McWilliams

One afternoon Bobby Bradley's father called him from the big house on their Montana ranch. When Bobby went out, he saw his father holding a little lamb in his arms. "This lamb is an orphan, Bobby," his father said. "We are going to have to feed it with a bottle. Would you like to feed it and have it for your own?"

"Oh, yes, Dad," Bobby cried excitedly.

"All right," his father said. "At first you will have to give it a little milk every two hours. After a few weeks you can give it more, three times a day. But you must warm the milk first."

"I will," Bobby promised. "Thank you, Dad." Bobby decided to call the lamb "Snow" because it was so white.

Every day Bobby warmed some milk for his lamb and fed it with a baby's bottle. Snow learned to love his new owner and would follow him about the big yard and garden like a faithful dog.

One day Bobby was playing in the loft of the barn, and he completely forgot about little Snow. When at last he remembered the lamb, it was long past the afternoon feeding time. Quickly Bobby ran to the house and poured some cold milk into the bottle. The hungry lamb drank it very rapidly and then Bobby ran back to his play.

That evening Bobby went out to call Snow for his supper. But the

lamb did not answer. Bobby walked throughout the garden, searching and calling for Snow. At last he found him, lying under a rosebush, very, very, sick.

With a cry, Bobby stooped and lifted the lamb in his arms. Tenderly he carried it into the shed where his father helped him make a bed for it in a box. "We can only keep it warm and hope," Bobby's father told him. "It's strange that Snow should get sick so suddenly."

Bobby could not answer. He was thinking of the cold milk he had hurriedly given his pet that afternoon. He remembered his father's warning about it. Silently he piled straw around the sick lamb. Then he went to the house with his father.

Before they went to bed, Bobby's father read him a story from the Bible about the Good Shepherd and his flock. When he had finished, Bobby said, "Dad, Snow is sick because I forgot his feeding time and I gave him cold milk, I wasn't a good shepherd."

"Few men are, at first," Bobby's father answered. "We have to learn to be good shepherds."

Bobby was thinking about that the next morning when he jumped out of bed and ran to the barn to see Snow. As he entered the door, the lamb raised its head and gave a weak bleat of greeting. Bobby rushed joyfully to it. Snow was well again!

As he started out to tell his father the good news, Bobby decided that he had learned well his first lesson in being a good shepherd.—Little Folks

THANKFULNESS

By Nora Sligh

I'm thankful for my mother,
And for my father, too.
I'm thankful for my doggie Jim,
And for my kitty Sue;
I'm thankful for my lovely home,
And for my sister dear,
I'm thankful for the food God gave,
I'm thankful I can hear;
I'm thankful for my shiny jacks,
And for my rubber ball—
But then there are so many things,
I cannot name them all.

—Doran's Minister's Manual,
in Exchange

JUST FOR FUN

"What did mama's little boy learn at school today?" simpered a lady to her offspring.

"I learned two boys," responded junior, "not to call me 'mama's little boy'."—Journeyman Barber

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Three little Indian boys in blue jeans and plaid shirts were watching the filming of War Paint at Death Valley when a Hollywood extra in make-up and full feathered Indian dress stepped out of a station wagon. "Gee," said one of the wide-eyed Indian boys, "Look at the Indian." —Erskine Johnson, Photoplay



STORING UP JOYS

I am too young to read but I can look
At the pictures I find in my Nursery Rhymes book.

And Mother reads the stories to me,
Someday I'll read them as well as she.

These are joys to store away
And enjoy again on another day.
—A.E.W.

BE HONEST

Be entirely honest in trivial matters. One who borrows a cent should be as careful to return it as if he had borrowed a dollar. If grocers and market men were asked to tell their experience, they would sometimes relate stories of small thefts made by customers who picked up an apple, a bit of candy or sugar, and had not the least idea that in doing this without payment they were violating the rule of strict honesty. A girl at school was warned against another because the latter, though very sweet in manner and amiable in conduct, borrowed ribbons, hair-pins, postage stamps, note-paper and loose change and seldom took the trouble to return the loans. Be honest, not for the reason that this is the best policy, but for the higher reason that it is right.—Exchange

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TO MEET

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference will convene in Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, March 2, at 2 P. M., and will close with the luncheon, Thursday, March 4.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure is closing her fourth year as president of the Conference, and election of officers will be a part of the business.

Guest speakers include: Mrs. Otto Nall of Evanston, Illinois and Mrs. George Dismukes of Westville, Oklahoma, both of whom are members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Secretary of Literature and Publications of the South Central Jurisdiction, whose home is at Fayetteville; Miss Nellie Dyer of Conway; Miss Mary Chaffin and Miss Sally Ingels who are doing rural work in the Batesville and Paragould Districts. The devotionals will be given by: Rev. D. L. Dykes, Rev. A. J. Christie, Rev. Elmer H. Hook, and Mrs. J. E. Critz.

Registration of delegates must be made by February 15. Each Woman's Society of Christian Service is allowed two delegates (the President or her alternate, and one other member); and these names, accompanied by the fee of \$3.00 per person, must be sent to Mrs. Paul Petty, Assembly Road, Fayetteville, Arkansas by February 15 so that the entertainment committee can proceed with its work.

All Conference and District officials are official delegates and their registrations will be due by February 15, also.

The Standing Committees will meet on Monday, March 1, at 3 P. M. The Executive Committee dinner and meeting will begin at 6 P. M. Monday evening, and the Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, closing with their luncheon.

Mrs. Hubert Pearce, Bentonville, is Program Chairman for the Annual Meeting.

FRANKLIN ORGANIZES GUILD

A Wesleyan Service Guild was organized recently, at the First Methodist Church, Franklin, La. Mrs. Spencer Todd, Jr., was elected President; Mrs. Berwick Chauvin, Vice-President; Miss Alice Prince, Promotion-Secretary; Miss Ann Hoy, Treasurer. Mrs. Victor Feske of the W. S. C. S. was elected Co-Ordinator.

Mrs. Chauvin had charge of the program with several members taking part. It was decided the regular meetings would be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The President announced that she would appoint committees at the January meeting at which time they would also have the installation and pledge service. Hostesses and program leaders were named for the remainder of the church year.—Mrs. Merlin Keenze.

MARIAN DERBY JOINS DIVISION STAFF

Miss Marian Derby, of Frewsburg, N. Y., principal of Crandon Institute, secondary school maintained in Montevideo, Uruguay, by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Board of Missions, will assume the post of executive secretary of the Division on January 23. She will administer the work of Methodist women in Latin America, succeeding Miss Elizabeth M. Lee, of Pittsburgh and New York, who retires after holding that position since 1935.

Miss Derby is a graduate of Taylor University, and did graduate work at Cornell and Northwestern. She taught in Decatur, Mich., and in her native Frewsburg, before her appointment as a missionary in 1936. Her missionary service has been principally as a teacher, vice-principal and principal at Crandon. As a member of the River Plate (Uruguay and Argentina) Conference of the Methodist Church, Miss Derby has served on many important committees and has been a leader in the evangelical church life of the



MARIAN DERBY

continent.

In her new post she will administer the work of Methodist women in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Suba, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay.

CHRISTMAS IN KOREA - 1953

Pusan, Korea
December 31, 1953

A letter to my friends . . .

Christmas is always a happy time, but this year was especially significant as it was the first Christmas that Ernie and I have spent together. Early in December we went out into the country to a place where the hillsides are covered with small scrub pine. There we searched until we found a tree shaped right and not too big for us.

We took out two of the sliding doors to the closet in the front room and made our Christmas center on the table-like platform inside. On the right we placed the little tree and decorated it with lights, a few small bulbs, and tinsel. To the left we put the manger scene which came from the Franciscan Monastery in Washington. As students and other guests came to the house they all stopped to worship momentarily and remember the birth which we were celebrating.

As cards and greetings came from friends we put them on the door facings around the house. It is wonderful to hear from you. It has made us feel so rich to know of your interest and to feel a part of your circle of friendship.

A couple of days before Christmas we went out to the Army commissary where we were able to buy a turkey, candy and nuts. Christmas Eve we cooked the turkey and on Christmas Day took it with us to Taegu where we had Christmas dinner with all the Mennonite group.

There was little of Christmas to be seen on the streets. One or two stores had decorated windows. Several of the Army installations put up Christmas scenes. Other than that there was nothing. Even the churches did little this year.

The fellowship group came to our

house for a party before Christmas and invited friends from an island church to join us. Two of the students came early and helped by shelling the peanuts and wrapping the gift hymnals. Just the day before a box came with Christmas paper in it, so we had enough to wrap every hymnal in different paper. I think the students enjoyed the paper almost as much as the hymnal! We played Christmas games, had refreshments of cocoa, cookies, candy, and nuts, and ended with a brief worship service.

Kim Tu-sil, one of the girls, in talking with another student later said that she gave her new hymnal to a friend who had just become a Christian. She thought she needed it more than she herself did. Christmas Eve Mrs. Yang who has a hostel for girls over the hill brought us a cabbage which they had grown. The pastor and Bible woman from Suongtong Church brought us a chicken. The lay leader from Chungmulo Church came with a bag of walnuts. The church people that had been helped with relief goods after the recent fire sent the Bible women with their thanks and a small brass bowl.

Ernie and I wondered for a long time what we could give to our Kim-si that she would really appreciate and finally thought of the CARE cloth packages. Ernie went downtown and bought one. She was so happy to have it, not for herself, but for her children. The navy blue wool is just the thing for school uniforms. Christmas is a hard time for Kim-si as that is when several members of her family were killed by the Communists, but even so she has a wonderful spirit. For her gift to the church she took eggs.

Christmas morning beginning at 3 we had group after group of carolers coming to sing of the birth of

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NOTES FROM BUCK HILL FALLS

The Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church at its annual meeting appropriated over \$7,000,000 January 15 for missionary work in 28 foreign countries and the United States during 1954-56. Miss Henrietta Gibson, treasurer of this Division of the denomination's Board of Missions, which has 1,722,011 members, reported that total giving for the past fiscal year went over the \$9,000,000 mark for the first time.

Of the \$9,052,640 raised by the Methodist women, nearly one-half million was given during the Woman's Division of Christian Service's annual Week of Prayer and Self Denial. Per capita giving of Methodist women was \$4.51 for the past year.

Plans for increasing membership were discussed in the meeting of the Section of Education and Cultivation. "Our objective is to have every woman in the Methodist Church a member of the Woman's Society, or the Wesleyan Service Guild, our organization for professional women," said Mrs. John M. Pearson, of Hancock, N. Y., the chairman.

Protestant virtues of freedom of individual thought and action and of stewardship combined to give America the highest standard of living in the world, Lawrence Senesh, assistant director of the Joint Council of Education, told the Methodist women.

That same Protestant heritage of scientific inquiry must be used for moral ends as we seek solutions to the complex economic problems of the world, the economic expert said.

The Rev. George Harper, Nashville, Tenn., co-editor of the Methodist weekly magazine, "Concern" told the Methodist women that "deliberate, continuous sacrifice is necessary for you and me and our children and theirs in a world where two out of three go to bed hungry every night."

Mr. Harper, who recently made a round the world tour of Methodist missions, warned the women not to become "too involved in their fine program, large numbers, and mass appreciation to remember the individuals involved."

The mission group heard that Malaya, a country of six million people has 62 Methodist schools and between 35 and 40 thousand pupils. Miss Louise Robinson, executive secretary for Southeast Asia, told the group that in the struggling new nation of Malaya, the church needs more workers and resources. Most of the Methodist schools have native principals, she said.

A nurse from India, Miss Ruby Hobson, told of the training of medical personnel in Methodist schools and hospitals in India. From Korea came a call for more missionaries in a nation where the interest in communism following World War II has been replaced by disillusionment and a "great opportunity for Christianity."

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

BATESVILLE DISTRICT MINISTERS' MEETING

The January meeting of the ministers of the Batesville District was held in the First Methodist Church, Batesville, January 15. Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent, presented the following items of business:

1. Visitation program in connection with the Attendance Crusade now under way.
2. Week of Dedication and the causes connected with it.
3. The Stewardship program with a view of deepening the sense of Stewardship responsibilities relative to the use of our talents and material resources.
4. The Hendrix College Endowment Fund: Brother Connell said that the district has already raised more than one half of its quota and that all of it will be in due time.
5. The Wesley Foundation at Fayetteville:

About \$1000 has been sent in from this district toward its total quota of \$2500.

6. Lay speaking: Brother Connell spoke highly of the laymen who go to the various churches to preach each Sunday. Among them are Vernon Anderson and W. D. Murphy Jr. Brother Anderson has a local preacher's license and is doing a great work at the Concord Church.

7. Arkansas Methodist campaign: Almost all of the Churches will meet their quotas and some will exceed them.

Rev. E. G. Kaetzell made an interesting comment on the Attendance Crusade. He stated that we are going after people this time and not after money. The church must make them feel that it wants them and not just their money.

Miss Mary Chaffin, Deaconess in Izard County, opened the meeting with prayer.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT MEETING

The ministers and their wives of the Forrest City District met at Wynne, January 14. Rev. Harold Womack, host pastor, led the devotional service on the theme, "Growing in Christian Character." Rev. Otto W. Teague, district superintendent, spoke on the Attendance Campaign and the Spiritual Life Mission. Assignments for the Spiritual Life Mission were read.

Brother Womack gave the report on the advertising in the Attendance Crusade. Appreciation was expressed for the free billboard space. The pastors were urged to use every advertising medium available to make our people acutely conscious of the campaign.

Instructions were given to the pastors to send the loose change offering of January 24 to the district office that it may be used to care for the district expense in the campaign.

The group voted that the host churches should take care of the travel and entertainment expense of the visiting preachers in the Spiritual Life Mission.

Other items emphasized were the Group Insurance Program the Arkansas Methodist Campaign, and the Week of Dedication.

A potluck lunch was served in the fellowship hall. —Alf A. Eason, Secretary.

NEWTON'S CHAPEL TO BE DEDICATED

Newton's Chapel, Methodist Church on the Tillar Charge, has recently paid off the church debt on the Educational Building that was begun and completed in 1951 and 1952 under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. O. L. Daniel, and District Superintendent, T. T. McNeal.

Dr. Wm. E. Brown, present district superintendent, has also had a part in the project, in giving inspiration to retire the debt.

Arrangements have been made for Bishop Paul E. Martin to be with us on Sunday, January 31, at 11:00 o'clock, to lead in the Service of Dedication. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

We feel that this is not only a day of rejoicing for the members of the church, but for its many friends. Especially, for the pastors who have given much hard work, and sacrificial service.

The church was organized in the spring of 1892, under the leadership of Rev. W. F. Newton, a local preacher, who gave the land on which the church was built, and for whom the church was named. The first building on the present site, was completed in October 1892, at an approximate cost of \$750.00. Rev. J. W. Rogers, then pastor of the Selma Charge, was the first appointed preacher and from this humble beginning the church has continued to grow.

On April 16, 1939, a tornado struck the community, and completely destroyed the church building. Almost immediately, the people under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. C. R. Roy, the present building was begun. The whole community gave generously of their time and money to the building of the new church.

The valuation of the church property has increased from \$750.00 in 1892 to \$14,000.00 in 1954. The church has not only grown physically, but spiritually as well.

Pastors who have served the church are: J. W. Rogers, E. N. Evans; J. F. Roscoe; J. P. Pinnell; R. J. Rayford; W. R. Harrison; J. H. Riggins; J. J. Colson; A. P. Few; J. J. Millard; J. W. White; P. S. Herron; J. H. Cummins; R. H. Cannon; J. W. Mann; J. A. Coleman; J. L. Leonard; J. T. Thompson; W. R. Burks; C. R. Roy; R. W. Core; Fred Schwendemann; J. E. Major; Roy W. Bevan; Joe B. Roe; James E. Christie; L. C. Gatlin; O. L. Daniel; and J. C. Van Horn.—J. C. Van Horn, Pastor.

Good example has twice the value of good advice.—Animator, Alexander Film Co.

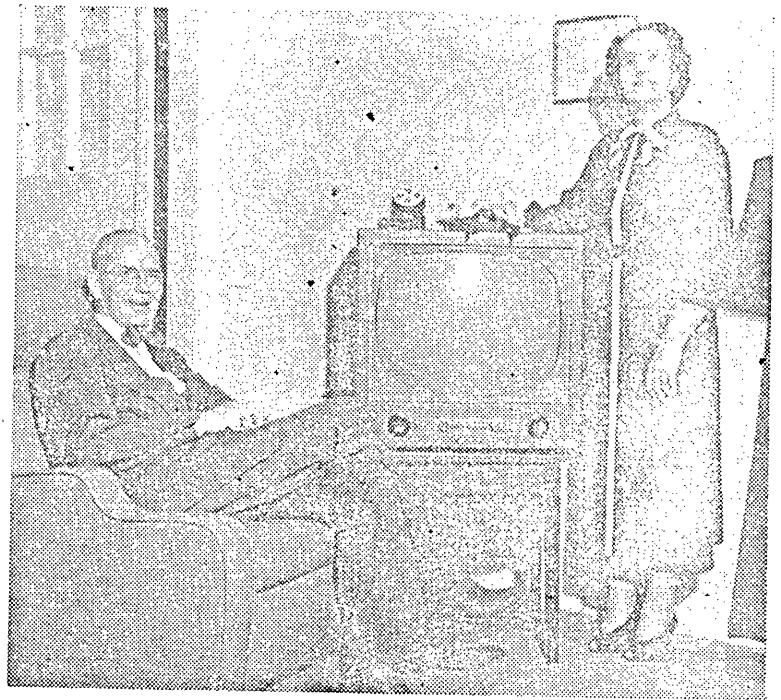
THE HENDRIX ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Cash in hand, January 20, 1954, \$202,008.31.

To be raised in 1954, \$97,991.31.

Do something this week to help in reducing the amount to be raised this year. AND REMEMBER THAT EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN HENDRIX IN 1954 MEANS TWO DOLLARS FOR THE COLLEGE.

FORMER CAMDEN PASTOR AND WIFE AT HOME IN CAMDEN



Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Dedman enjoying their new Television set, the gift of Camden friends, at their home "Cozy Nook Place" on Ash St. adjacent to the new Fred Whiteside School.

Because of failing health and in order that he might have the advantages of several months of complete rest, Rev. J. L. Dedman asked to be relieved of his responsibilities as pastor of First Methodist Church, Magnolia, early this month. He and Mrs. Dedman are now residing in Camden at their home in the 200 block on Ash Street just off Maul Road and within a short distance of the homes of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Butt and Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Dedman, Jr., and the five grandchildren.

Mrs. Dedman has already actively identified herself with local interests and is a member of Circle No. 10 of the Woman's Society. At one time, she was teacher of the Sunshine Class at First Methodist Church and is also a former teacher of the Kate Steel Bible Class. Mrs. Dedman served as Secretary of Children's Work of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society and in the North Arkansas Conference as Secretary of Spiritual Life.

Dr. Dedman was licensed to preach in 1911. He then entered Henderson-Brown College. In 1914, he was admitted to the Little Rock Conference at the session held in First Church, Little Rock. He had forty years of active service and distinguished leadership in the Methodist Church—20 years as district superintendent and 20 years in the pastorate. His first pastorate was the Cedar Glades Mission near Hot Springs and since then, has served as pastor at Thornton, Rison, Sheridan, Carr Memorial, McGehee, Asbury, Little Rock, Hot Springs, First Church, Camden and Magnolia. He has served the Prescott, Monticello, Camden, Helena, and Pine Bluff Districts as Superintendent.

For eighteen years, Dr. Dedman has been a Trustee of the Methodist Children's Home and is now vice-chairman of that group. For four years, he was chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions, is a former member of the Conference Board of Education and is now

a member of the Board of Conference Claimants. His brethren have elected him to membership on the delegations to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the church meeting at Jackson in 1934, El Paso in 1948 and at Wichita in 1952.

During his ministry, Dr. Dedman has built or purchased five parsonages and has built three new churches where there was none. While pastor at Camden, First Church, Dr. Dedman led in the rebuilding and extension of the Educational annex at a cost of \$50,000.00, and it was during his pastorate here that Camden, First Church, contributed \$10,000.00 to the Methodist Hospital at Hot Springs and \$15,000.00 to Hendrix College in 1947.

"It was with profound regret that we learned of the advice of physicians who had counseled Dr. Dedman to give up his active work for a while," Rev. Connor Morehead, district superintendent, told the Camden News, but, said Mr. Morehead, "the church and this entire community will profit greatly by the presence of the Dedmans among us again. Dr. Dedman has been for years one of our most stalwart leaders, tried and true; he is a warm personal friend to all of us; and God has made of him a mighty power for His Kingdom."

A group of friends called last night, January 19, at the Dedman home for a "welcome back to Camden" potluck dinner and social hour.—The Camden News.

MONTROSE CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

Bishop Paul E. Martin will conduct the dedication service for the new Methodist Church at Montrose at 3:00 p. m., Sunday, January 31. Bishop Martin will preach immediately prior to the dedicatory service.

The new church is a \$40,000 brick structure which is beautifully appointed within and without. It was built during the past year.

Rev. James Constable is pastor.



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

A ROMANTIC APPROACH TO FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dear Christian friends:

"You may not be able to go but you can have a part in the growth of his church! You may give to one mentioned in this pamphlet." Thus begins the message from Lester Finley, one of Methodism's great missionaries to India. The complete record of possible missionary Advance Special Projects for the North Arkansas Conference in the Gujarat Conference, India, appeared in the *Arkansas Methodist* of last week. As we study this great program, we are reminded of the wonderful new strategy now being used by the Methodist Church in the foreign missionary enterprise. Not only do the Methodist people have the great privilege of contributing to the world missions enterprise of our church, through the regular world service channels, but there is now the opportunity to give direct support to a definite project in a Methodist conference in a far away land.

This is perhaps the most outstanding and romantic approach to the carrying of the gospel news to non-Christian lands, that any church has ever discovered. Regardless of the size of a church at home it may have the joy of a definite missionary project. Shares of investment from \$25.00 on up are offered to churches and church groups. It is amazing to think of how much can be done with so little. For instance, we are told that many of the pastors receive less than \$15.00 a month for

support. Most any church could help in this matter. With only 20 per cent literacy in the church in India, a small contribution would help in opening the scripture to the people. Scholarships for youth are available for those who are interested in helping to develop leadership for tomorrow. Since many of the congregations met on the mud veranda of some one's home a gift for church building would be in order. Never before in the history of the human race have there been so many open doors for the evangelizing of the world with the Christian gospel. Can we afford not to take advantage of these great opportunities?

It is true that many of our small churches in our conference are not self-supporting. It is also true that many of them could be more than self-supporting if the right spirit and attitude prevailed among the members. Even though help may be received by many of our churches from the missionary funds at home, yet it would be wonderful, in spite of that, if each small group had a more definite share in the carrying of the message of the Master to a lost world. No doubt, the stimulus of such an enterprise would add great interest to the work at home. The smallest Methodist chapel and the close economic condition at home, no doubt, offer a luxurious existence in comparison to the life of countless millions in other places across the world.—J. Albert Gatlin

Choir" was read by Mrs. Henry Morgan.

The committee in charge of arrangements, composed of Mrs. Gregg Wilson, Chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Ritter, Mrs. H. Herndon, Fred Luffman and A. G. Stannard had decorated the hall with gold musical notes. Centerpieces for the tables were gold notes arranged in a styrofoam and topped with greenery. The centerpiece for the choir's table was composed of red roses, white snapdragons, surrounded by gold musical notes set in styrofoam and flanked with greenery. At the close of the program this centerpiece was presented by Mrs. Baker to Carolyn Chalfant, for the Chalfant family.

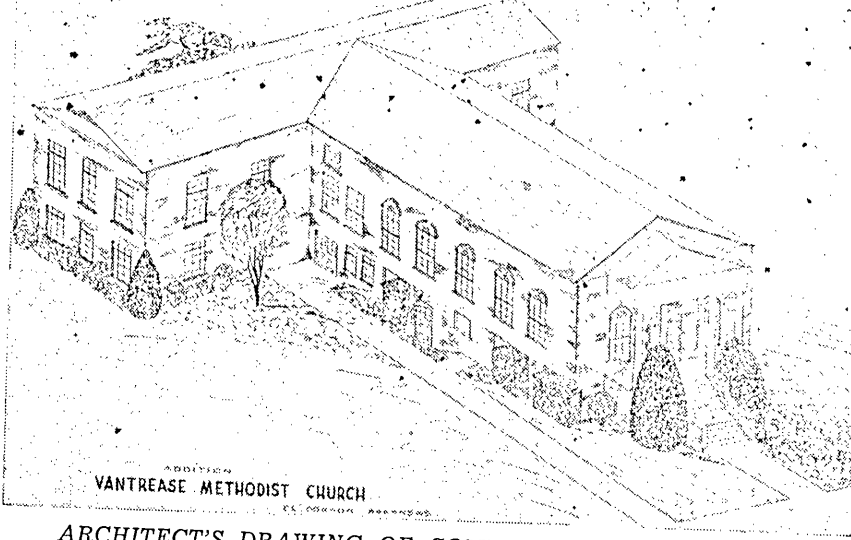
Mr. Chalfant closed the program with the benediction and the choir sang a response written by Mr. Ingram for the occasion.—Mrs. A. W. Anderson

NEWS FROM COTTON PLANT

The Cotton Plant Methodist Sunday School had a White Christmas at the Sunday School hour, Sunday, December 20. A splendid program was rendered. Gifts were placed on the altar for the Methodist Children's Home and also for some needy families of the town.

At the 11:00 o'clock hour the pastor, Rev. Ray L. McLester, brought a splendid Christmas message. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon a candle-light vesper service, "The Light of

VANTREASE CHURCH OPENS NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF COMPLETE CHURCH PLANT
VANTREASE METHODIST, EL DORADO

Special services marking the opening of the new educational building of the Vantrease Methodist Church of El Dorado were held on Sunday morning, January 10. Bishop Paul E. Martin led the congregation in the ritualistic service, and preached the sermon, the subject of which was "The Temple of God." Dr. Connor Morehead, district superintendent of the Camden District, assisted in the service. Special music "The Open Door" was given by the church choir, of which Mrs. A. B. Sellers is the organist-director.

On Saturday night, January 9, open house and an informal reception were held in the parlor of the new building, and approximately 300 friends called during the evening. In the receiving line were Bishop and Mrs. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Connor Morehead, and the pastor, Rev. Fred Schwendimann and Mrs. Schwendimann. Friends were then directed to the miniature social hall for fellowship and refresh-

ments. Presiding at the punch bowl were Mrs. Claude Baker, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. W. T. Myer, President of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Assisting were the Chairmen of the Circles of the W. S. C. S., who were Mrs. James Bradshaw, Mrs. E. E. Baggett, Mrs. James Hall, Mrs. Hop Ward, Mrs. Amos McKinnie, Mrs. Dwight Starritt, and Mrs. James Simpson. Youth taking part in the serving were Patricia Joiner, Nell Lea, Nellie Childs, Pat Starritt, and Connie Gathright.

The Committee in charge of the general arrangements included Mrs. A. B. Sellers, Mrs. J. T. Bolding, Mrs. J. E. Reese, Mrs. W. B. Self, and Mrs. Gordon Morgan. During the evening, representatives of the various Sunday School Classes were in their respective rooms to greet visitors. Each room was attractive with lovely flowers, and display of materials used by the pupils.

MARCH OF DIMES IN NEED OF \$650,000 FOR 1954

Arkansas must raise \$650,000 for the 1954 March of Dimes if we expect to do our full share in stamping out the dread disease, infantile paralysis once and for all.

The 1954 polio campaign should have the strongest appeal of all drives because science is on the threshold of conquering polio. The most important phase of the year's program is polio prevention.

Of the money raised in Arkansas, one-third will help finance the polio prevention program. The remainder will be divided equally between the state and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

In 1953, Arkansas raised \$433,316 through the March of Dimes for the fight against polio. For several years, Arkansas has had to call on the National Foundation for additional money. Fifty-three counties in 1953 received epidemic aid from the Foundation. It dipped into contributions that had been sent in by other states.

We have been relying too heavily

"The Ages," was beautifully portrayed in story and song.

On Sunday, January 17, a special evangelistic campaign began with the Rev. J. J. Decker of West Helena bringing the messages.—Mrs. J. F. Angelo.

on the extra help of the foundation. This year's March of Dimes campaign should show that we can and will bear our full share of the national program.

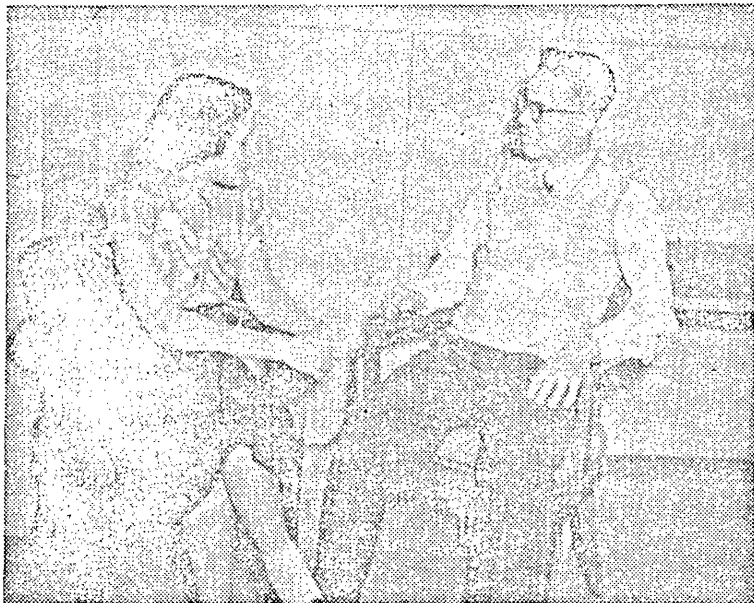
Don't delay, Methodists! Contribute today! You'll be glad you did! —Charlie Mooshian, Publicity Director, Pulaski County.



METHODIST YOUTH

Georgia Dally, Editor

Oscar Escamilla At Student Conference



Among the delegates to the Methodist Student Movement conference at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, the last week in December was Oscar Escamilla, right, of Mexico. Oscar is well known to the young people of the Little Rock

Conference having worked during the summer of 1952 at Camp Tanako. He is now a student at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Shown with him is Mary Lou Ames of Missouri. (Methodist Information Photo)

HALF MILLION NEW MEMBERS GOAL OF YOUTH DIVISION

A goal of a half million new members of the youth division of The Methodist Church within the next two years was set Jan. 7-8 in Cincinnati, Ohio, at a meeting of the general advisory committee on the denomination's current Youth Emphasis.

Latest available figures show 1,217,042 members in the youth division (ages 12-23). The goal set at the meeting would aim at adding 500,000 to this number by the time the church's 1956 General Conference meets.

Other tentative plans adopted at the Cincinnati meeting include annual conference planning meetings to be called by the bishops to promote the Youth Emphasis, citizenship councils, and special Lenten reading courses for young people.

The committee enthusiastically endorsed the 1954 Lenten reading project on the book, "I Believe," a Christian faith for youth, by Nevin C. Harner.

This fall's emphasis on "Youth in Their Families" will be tied in with the National Methodist Conference on Family Life slated for Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 8-10, and will seek to apply the findings of that conference to better youth-parent relationships in the churches.

Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston, Mass., presided at the two-day meeting, which brought together consultants from various phases of the church's life to confer with staff members of the youth department of the Board of Education headed by the Rev. Harold W. Ewing.

Lawn grasses and hedges meticulously kept do not necessarily recommend a man. Look for the little worn path in them, leading to the neighbors.—Burton Hillis, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

SUB-DISTRICT ELECTS OFFICERS

A Sub-District meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship was held at Dierks, January 14 at 7:30 p. m.

New officers were elected for the year. They are: Charlotte Lovell of Dierks, president; Elbert Cook of DeQueen, vice-president; Janis Hale of Lockesburg, secretary-treasurer; Judy Pickett of Horatio, chairman of Christian Faith and Witness; Clara Doss of DeQueen, chairman of Christian Outreach and Citizenship; Joan Townsend of Dierks, chairman of Christian Fellowship.

The Dierks youth provided the program, recreation, and refreshments.

The group was made up of youth from Lockesburg, DeQueen, and Dierks.

The next meeting will be held on February 11 at Horatio.—Janis Hale, Secretary

SUB-DISTRICT SWEETHEART BANQUET

The annual Sub-District Sweetheart banquet will be held this year at the First Methodist Church, Vinton, on Friday night, February 12, at 7:00 o'clock. A short business meeting will be held at 6:15 at which time the Sweetheart will be selected.

Miss Margie Barnes and Mrs. Pat Davidson, who do specialty acts for the Melody Maids of Beaumont, Texas, will do comedy skits and songs. They made a tour of Europe this past summer and entertained in camps and U.S.O.'s in this section.—Don Donaldson, President of Sub-District

The realest force in the world to us are spiritual—goodness, beauty and truth—and in the face of them it is hard to disbelieve in God.—Harry Emerson Fosdick.

MEALS FOR MILLIONS PROGRAM THEME

The Monticello Sub-district MYF met at the First Methodist Church in Monticello Monday, December 7. The theme of the program was "Meals for Millions". A sacrificial supper of Multi-Purpose Food was served and the young people contributed their money to help feed the starving millions. Much of the money contributed was "self-denial" funds saved for this meeting. One-hundred-eighty-nine young people contributed \$110.37 for an average of \$.584 each. The largest sum donated by self-denial was \$4, with other amounts of \$3 each and \$2 each.

Mountain Home Church of the Star City Circuit had the largest attendance and is the newest MYF in the sub-district. Miss Joyce Johnson of Monticello gave a vocal solo and a clarinet quartet from the Monticello Church played Christmas music from foreign countries. After several guessing games were enjoyed the sound film, "Penny Miracle," was shown. This film portrayed what the 3-cent meals would do for starving peoples.

The next meeting of the Monticello Sub-district will be held in January at the Wilmar Church and will be centered about Christian Citizenship. A foreign student from the Arkansas A. & M. College will present his views of Christian Citizenship from his viewpoint, which is Mohammedan.

MYF SEES MOVIE ON MYFund

A movie on the MYFund was shown at the Texarkana Circuit MYF meeting by Miss Dorothy Kelley, district worker.

The monthly meeting was held at Pleasant Hill with the president, Janice Wardlaw, in charge. The Rev. Howard Williams, district director of youth work, led group singing.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY AT McGUIRE CHURCH

Student Recognition Sunday was observed in McGuire Church, West Monroe, Dec. 27, with a special sermon by Rev. Norman F. Simmons, student at Emory University School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga.

Young Simmon, a former resident of West Monroe is a graduate of the Ouachita Parish High School, and of La. Polytechnic Institute. He is married to the former Virginia DeFreese, also a Louisiana Tech graduate. He enrolled in the Emory University June 1, 1953.—Reporter

The most wonderful thing a man ever made is not the automobile, the television set, the atom bomb or any such. It's a living for his family.—Oren Arnold, *Kiwanis Magazine*.

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HE SPEAKS IN PARABLES AND PICTURES

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printed in the church press. Perhaps the parable, "Butch Dodged the Dumbbell" will illustrate the style and the pointedness of this form of "preaching the truth":

"A certain minister, full of love and compassion for humanity, invited a gang of street boys into the basement of his church to play.

"At their play they did put nicks in the furniture, and had a softening effect upon the plastering on the wall. But the minister had more love for boys than he did for church furniture.

"Alas, one night two church officials were passing by and beheld the light in the basement of their church.

"One said unto the other: 'What can this noise be?' As they drew near they heard sounds of joy and laughter. And when they beheld their minister playing with boys who did not belong to their fold, their ire did wax exceeding hot.

"They entered the church and looked about and beheld the nicks in the furniture and the crumbs of plastering on the floor.

"After this their wrath knew no bounds and they called the minister and said: 'This thing cannot be.'

"And they said unto the street boys, 'Get hence, for this church is no place for boys to play.' So the boys were cast forth into outer darkness and the officials turned off the lights.

"The boys returned to their accustomed streets and did quickly pass the centurian swinging his club for they were fearful of all men. As they passed along the way they met a man dressed in fine raiments who greeted them with a friendly smile. 'Come,' he said, 'into the basement of my church for I have a nice place for boys to play.'

"One of the boys lifted up his voice and said: 'Good sir, we have just been thrown out of a church because I did cast a dumbbell at Butch, and he dodged, and the dumbbell brought down some plaster from the wall, and we were cast out.' And the minister entreated them saying: 'Fear not, for in my church we do not have dumb-

bells—that is, not the kind you throw.'

"The boys followed after him, for they had learned that after they played in a church it was good and they did not fear the centurian guards who patrol the streets at night.

"And it came to pass that neither nicks in furniture nor falling plastering nor principalities nor powers nor officials could separate that minister from his love and devotion to those boys. And they grew up in that church and became members. And the thrower of that dumbbell became a Methodist minister."

CHRISTMAS IN KOREA—1953

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Jesus. The last group was children from the free school at Taechi. Mun Chin-han had been down and gotten relief clothing, pencils and Christmas cards for the children. Seeing our tree with its few decorations he had made stars and stockings out of cardboard and tinfoil for us to use on our tree. As we were talking together he said this year was better than two years ago when he was fighting on Christmas Day. I surely do appreciate the many used Christmas cards that some of you sent. They were in great demand for church use in the Sunday schools and youth groups especially.

Hong-si, one of the boys who helped in a free school over on the island got his students together when they came from Seoul for the holidays. A WSCS group had sent crayons, tablets, pencils, and candy for Christmas for children. He took what he needed and Christmas cards for all, dressed up like Santa with a pack on his back and gave the children a happy time. Coston's, our neighbors to the west, had a real live Christmas present this year. Jackie brought them a GI baby from her babyfold near Taejon. He's a lucky baby. There are so many that need homes.

The New Year will be here tomorrow. I don't know what it will hold for our Korean friends. The times are not easy. You almost don't dare to hope. Still, the Love that came down at Christmas time is active in the hearts of men. If we just give of ourselves, great things are possible. It is with great joy that I look forward to a new year

with Ernie as my partner in service to our Lord.

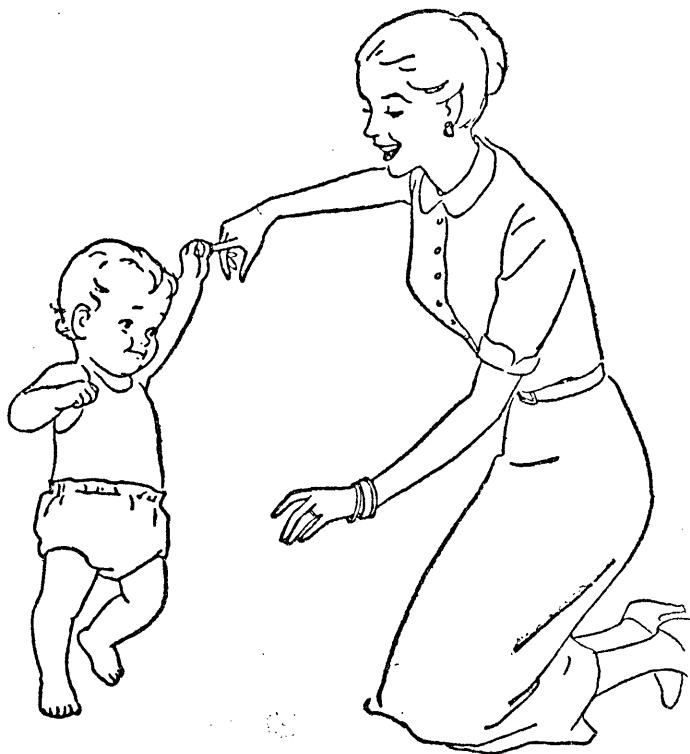
Lots of love,
Mary Mitchell Raber

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NOTES FROM BUCK HILL FALLS

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Attending the meeting from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area were Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Pineville; Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Springdale; Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Little Rock, Miss Nellie Dyer, Conway; and Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Little Rock.



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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 7, 1954 WHAT IS MEANT BY THE BREAD OF LIFE?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
John 6; Galatians 1:15-21. Printed Text: John 6:48-59.

MEMORY SELECTION: I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst. (John 6:35)

This is the fifth lesson of our nine-session UNIT V: "CHRIST SPIRITUALLY INTERPRETED." The first lesson dealt with commercialism, or the disposition of many people to put material possessions ahead of the spiritual realities of life. The second lesson dealt with the new birth. It is necessary to be born of the Spirit in order to live the spiritual life. The third lesson had to do with man-made barriers. Such barriers get in the way of world brotherhood. The fourth lesson raised the question, "How Can We Help the Sick?" This was our quarterly temperance lesson. The idea that alcoholics are sick people was strongly emphasized. These people are sorely in need of help. The theme of our lesson for today is also in the form of a question, "What Is Meant by the Bread of Life?"

The Background Of The Lesson

At the close of our last lesson Christ was in Jerusalem where he had healed a man who had been sick for thirty-eight years. This occasioned quite an argument on the part of the Scribes and Pharisees who contended that Christ did wrong in having the man carry his pallet, for this healing miracle took place on the sabbath.

From Jerusalem Christ and his disciples headed northward, reached the upper end of the lake of Galilee and crossed over the Jordan River to the town of Bethsaida. A great multitude was following them. We are told that these people were following him because they saw the miracles which he performed on the diseased.

These people had gathered from all over Palestine. Many of them had traveled a long distance. Among them were older people, as well as those who were physically handicapped. Women and children were also in the group. They were hungry. As usual under such circumstances Christ's heart was moved in sympathy for them. He raised the question about food for the multitude and was informed by the disciples that they had neither money nor food; it would take at least \$40 to buy enough bread for each individual to have a small piece. Andrew discovered that a small boy was present who had five barley loaves and two small fish; just enough for his own lunch. To make a long story short, the Lord took the lunch of a child, said grace over it, passed it out to the disciples and they in turn to the multitude and all were fed. The food multiplied so that there was no scarcity. Not only did all eat until they were filled but twelve baskets of food were gathered up from that which remained. The multitude marveled at this display of power and were about to force Christ to become a king and he had to withdraw from them.

During the night Christ and his disciples crossed over to the other side of the lake. It was on this occasion that the Lord walked on the water. He knew that the multitude mistook his mission; they were trying to make of him an earthly king. He was trying to get away from them. Early the next morning they missed him and came around the lake where he was.

Jesus accused these people of following him not for any spiritual good but for material blessings; the loaves and the fish. He was trying to thrust heaven upon them but their minds were wholly occupied with the things of this earth. They had a good appetite for loaves and fish but none for the great spiritual realities of life. When he drew the line and began to teach them spiritual doctrines they turned away from him.

"The Bread Of Life"

As the Lord taught these people great spiritual truths concerning himself, they demanded an additional miracle (or sign as John calls miracles) in order that they might believe him. They went on to inform him that in miraculously feeding the five thousand he had done no more than Moses; in fact they implied that he had not done as much. He had fed them by multiplying the food of this earth—loaves and fish. Moses had given their fathers manna, or bread from heaven. This opened the way for one of the greatest sermons the Lord ever preached. He insisted that neither the loaves and fish that he had fed them the day before nor the manna that rained on their parents in the wilderness was the true bread from heaven.

He proved his point by calling attention to the fact that even though their fathers had eaten manna in the wilderness they were dead. He insisted that whoever ate of the spiritual bread lived forever. Of course, he was speaking of spiritual life. He had the same truth in mind here as he did when he said to Martha, "Whoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." There are two deaths spoken of in the Bible—physical and spiritual. Neither of them mean annihilation; they rather mean separation. Physical death is the separation of the soul from the body, while spiritual death means the separation of the soul from God. A person may be very much alive physically and yet dead spiritually, and on the other hand, a person may be dead physically but very much alive spiritually. So, the Lord is here speaking in spiritual terms. If an individual habitually partakes of Christ, the spiritual bread, which came down from heaven, he will live eternally; that is he will never be separated from God. Whether, physically speaking the individual is in life or death, he is still in spiritual contact with God. Physical

death brings the individual into such close contact with God that there is a sense in which he is more spiritually alive after physical death than he was before.

As material food is necessary to sustain physical life so spiritual food is necessary to sustain spiritual life. Christ sustains the same relationship to the individual's spiritual life as does material food to his physical life. The trouble with the multitude on that occasion was they had quite an appetite for material food but no conscious desire for spiritual food. We use the word "conscious" advisedly, for there are no people who are wholly without spiritual appetite. The trouble is they have it but do not know the meaning of it. Deep down in the center of every personality; the citadel of every life there is a hungering of the soul for God. There is a thirst for the living water from the fountain of life; a thirst which many foolishly try to slake at the fountains of the world.

What Is This Bread?

The Bible does not leave us in the dark at this point. The revelation of God the Father in and through Christ the Son is the bread of life. In John 17:3 we find Christ in prayer to the Father saying, "This is eternal life, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." The bread of life is that which sustains life, and Christ said that this knowledge of God would keep a person alive spiritually forever. Of course, it is understood that this knowledge is acted upon; it is faith plus obedience. Anything, therefore, that helps an individual to know, accept, and love God is the bread of life.

People learned many things about God before the coming of Christ in the flesh. Much of this knowledge came through the observation of external nature. They learned about his power. They knew that it was he who created and sustained the universe. They learned about his wisdom. They noted the fact that there is order and precision in the universe; all things so worked together that they knew they were created and directed by an intelligent will. They learned a great deal about the moral nature of God. We find the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament. It was in that Testament that God said through one of the prophets, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Not only did God reveal his own holiness but he made known the fact that he expected others to be holy. So, people had come to learn a lot about God before the coming of Christ, and all of that helps to make up the bread of life. But the greatest characteristic of God could never be fully known without a full and complete revelation of him in the flesh. Christ came as that revelation. He revealed the fact that God is Father, not only of the Israelitish nation, as the Jews thought, but of each individual who would accept him as such. He said to his disciples, "God is my Father and your Father." He taught them to begin their prayers by saying "Our Father." He not only revealed God as Father, but as a Being of infinite, sacrificial love. He so loved all people whether saints or sinners that he suffered with and for them. He taught the people that he himself was one with God; that he was God in human flesh and then died on the cross. A fact which proved not only in word but also in deed and in truth that God so loved sinners that he was willing to become a man and die on a cross to save

them. That full and complete revelation of God helps to constitute the bread of life; It is food for the soul.

Christ in his own Person is the bread of life. The Father gave him as such to the world. John 3:16 makes this fact very clear. Christ insisted that spiritual life is sustained in all those who eat his flesh and drink his blood. Here again he was speaking in spiritual terms. When the people raised the question, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat and his blood to drink?" The Lord informed that these words are spirit and life; that is, they were to receive a spiritual interpretation. People turn away with aversion from literally eating the flesh and drinking the blood of any person. Some skeptics have even gone so far as to accuse the Christians in the taking of the Lord's Supper, of practicing cannibalism. This is a foolish accusation, and made only by people who do not understand the teaching of Christ at this point. He plainly said that the statement concerning the eating of his flesh and drinking of his blood was to have a spiritual interpretation. Out of all the hundreds of Christian groups only one claims that the bread used in Communion and the wine actually turn into the flesh and blood of Christ. All of these groups, except this one, teach that these elements symbolize the flesh and blood of Christ.

When one stops to meditate upon the matter he realizes that the flesh and blood of Christ taken in their literal sense could not make up the bread of life in its entirety. His body, like our own, was simply the house he lived in; the home of his great Personality. Christ in all of his fullness constitutes the bread of life. He himself said "Man cannot live by bread alone" — the material things of life alone—"but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." What is this word of God by which men live spiritually? The first verse of the Gospel according to John tells us: "In the beginning was the word." Then he continues by telling us that this word is Christ. In the beginning Christ was not in the flesh but still he was the word of God. He partook of flesh and blood for two great reasons — first, to fully reveal God, and second, to die on the cross for man's redemption. It was as a human being in a flesh and blood body that the Son of God died. In his pre-existence he did not live in a physical body and therefore, could not have died a physical death. His death, however, was necessary as a propitiation for our sins. One of the greatest truths of theology is the fact that Christ died for the sins of people, but the fact that he became incarnate; became man is just as great, for without this, his death would not have been possible.

We cannot make too much of the fact that Christ became man, but in order to do this it is not necessary to say that we actually eat his flesh and drink his blood when we take the Communion. It is a much higher thought to realize as we take elements which represent the broken body and shed blood of Christ, we are taking him in his fullness and not merely in a physical sense.

Do not have your concert first, then tune your instruments afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all in harmony with Him.—J. Hudson Taylor.