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"Watchful Waiting"—But Not So Hopeful

THE free world is intensely interested in the Big Four conference now meeting in Berlin. It is expected that the results of this conference will show whether there is justifiable hope for peace or whether indefinitely we are to continue an uneasy, armed truce.

In the brief time the conference has been in session nothing has happened that enables one to make even a good guess as to what the final outcome will be. To date there have been few, if any developments that give evidence that Russia is any more concerned now about a satisfactory settlement of the German and Austrian problems than it has been at any other time since the close of the war.

As stated before, editorially, we do not believe Russia wants either war or peace. The unsettled conditions of the world today create fertile soil for the growth of communism. While the preliminary sparring continues in the Big Four Conference we watchfully wait, but, judging from the early trends of the conference and judging from Russia's consistent policy of evading peace settlements in the past, we are not so hopeful.

Race Relations—A Problem Or An Opportunity?

THROUGHOUT the Methodist Church, Sunday, February 14th, will be observed as Race Relations Day. This is in keeping with General Conference action which fixed the 2nd Sunday in February as Race Relations Sunday.

Too often, when we talk of race relations we of America, and especially of the South, think largely of the relation of the white and colored races. We should remember, however, that one of the most important, one of the most complicated and one of the most potentially dangerous problems of the world today is that of finding a solution for the difficult matter of race relations.

If we become discouraged with the slow progress we are making at home and abroad in solving the present-day race problems, let us remember that this is one of the oldest problems of history and it even antedates authentic human history. We should not be surprised, therefore, if we are unable to solve such a problem within a generation.

Although this problem is as old as the human race one of the amazing developments of our day is the fact that we can see noticeable progress in better race relations in our nation and especially in the South over the short period of the last ten or twenty years. For this we should be devoutly thankful and take courage.

There is a case now pending in the Supreme Court regarding the segregation of the races. This case is in the Supreme Court today rather than in former years because better race relations has made it possible in our day to carry such a case to the Supreme Court. This is a controversial question. Hence some will be disappointed whatever the decision of the Supreme Courts may be. Christian people in the South, white and colored, must keep their balance and keep their religion whatever the Court decides. Only so will we be able to make opportunities

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Church Attendance Crusade Why Go To Church?

AS we work in the Church Attendance Crusade, some may seriously raise the question in their own minds and some may even ask us, "Why attend church anyhow?" We should be ready to give a reasonable, convincing answer to such a question.

There are, of course, many reasons one could give for attending church. There is one reason, however, for Methodist people attending the services of their church that is so basic that we are discussing it first in this series of articles. It is the fact that every member of The Methodist Church, as one of the requirements for being admitted into the membership of the church, has, in one form of words or another, promised to attend the services of the church.



This vow of church attendance, which we have all voluntarily made at the altar of the church, in our judgment, is as personal and sacred as any vow or promise of any character that we have made anywhere. It is a promise we should keep, unless providentially hindered, so long as we retain membership in the church.

In discussing this reason for church attendance first, in this series of articles, we do not mean to infer that this is the first reason we should give an indifferent friend for attending church. Possibly this would be the last reason we would suggest, if it were mentioned at all.

The thing we are really concerned about, is Methodists who have become careless in their relation to the church, not merely that they begin to attend church services again. We want to see that. However, what is of much more importance is that they have an experience in their lives that will make vital and vibrant again those impulses and motives that filled their lives when they were sincerely, actively Christians.

When we stand at the altar of matrimony the vow we make there is effective "till death do us part." Let us remember also that there is no "statute of limitation" on a church vow. It, too, carries to the end of the way. Hence we discuss this reason for a Methodist attending church, not as a pattern for something we should say to an indifferent Methodist, but in order that we may see anew how necessary it is for any Methodist to honor the elementary vows he made in entering the Christian life if he hopes to "grow in grace" and be able to believe in his own sincerity as a Christian.

Circulation Campaign No. 2 Shows Increase

ELSEWHERE in this issue is published Report No. 2 of the Area Circulation Campaign for the Arkansas Methodist and the Louisiana Methodist, reporting the number of subscriptions received at the publications' offices through noon, Saturday, January 30. These reports show increases in the total number of subscriptions for both publications when compared with Report No. 2 of 1953. The total thus far for the Arkansas Methodist is 18,576 or 2,540 more than were reported in the 1953 Second Report. There are 359 charges making reports, approximately the same as last year for the same period. Fewer than fifty charges have not made reports.

Arkansas Methodists will be interested to know that for The Louisiana Methodist there is an increase of 877 subscriptions in the Second Report of this year as compared with the Second Report of last year, with 8 more charges reported this year than last. To date three Arkansas Districts, the Camden, Pine Bluff and Monticello, have exceeded their quotas as well as Monroe of the Louisiana Conference. The Camden and Monroe Districts have 113% of their quotas. The Little Rock District lacks less than 1% of reaching its quota.

We believe there is every reason to be optimistic about the final circulation figures for both publications. Your editors sincerely appreciate the fine response that pastors, district superintendents, district directors and church members have given during this period of circulation emphasis. Reports indicate that there has been splendid cooperation on every hand and your staff deeply appreciates this support.

Report No. 3, the last of the published full charge reports, will be in next week's issue and will include all reports reaching the office of the Arkansas Methodist by noon, Saturday, February 6. Every charge in every District should have a report by that time.

They Do Listen

DR. Caradine R. Hooten, Executive Secretary of the Methodist General Board of Temperance in Washington, says that the recent rescinding of the order, which would have permitted the sale of liquor and beer in packages and by the drink on military posts and bases was brought about by the flood of comments and communications from interested citizens all over the nation.

The reversal of an order of this character relating to our military forces is very unusual. Once our leaders have announced a policy with reference to activities among our armed forces they usually stand by it until experience demonstrates that it is inadvisable. In this instance the reversal of policy came before it had been tested.

Dr. Hooten says that this change of policy is the result of a flood of comments that reached Washington from across the nation. When we consider this quick reversal of an order by our military leaders, we should be convinced beyond doubt that our leaders in Washington do listen to what the average American citizen says. When that voice is loud enough and insistent enough it is more powerful than the personal opinions or judgements of Washington leaders.

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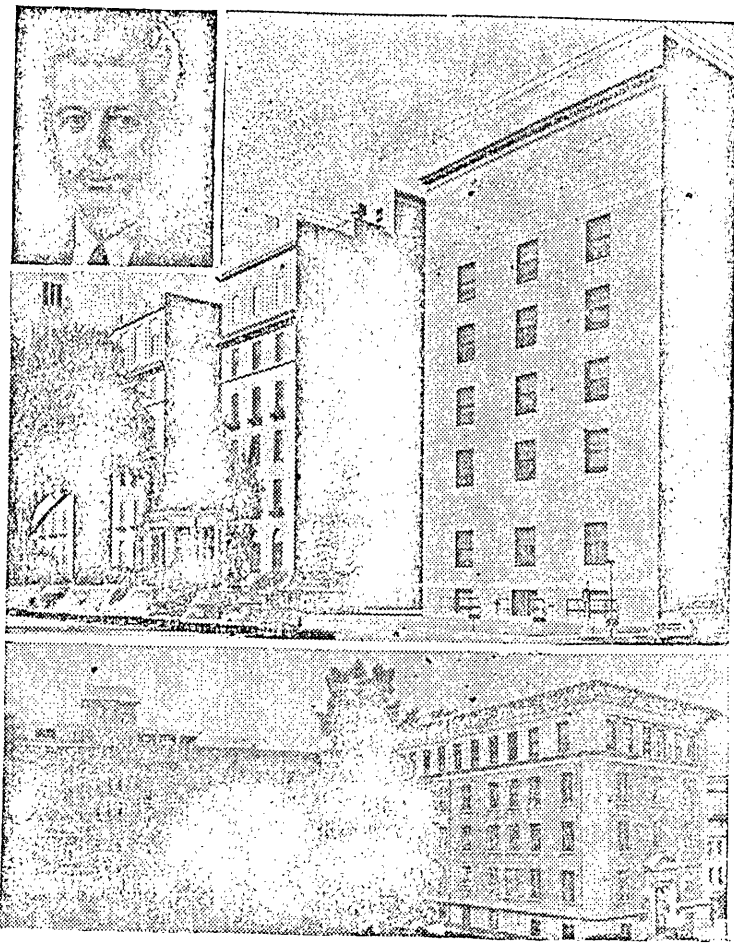
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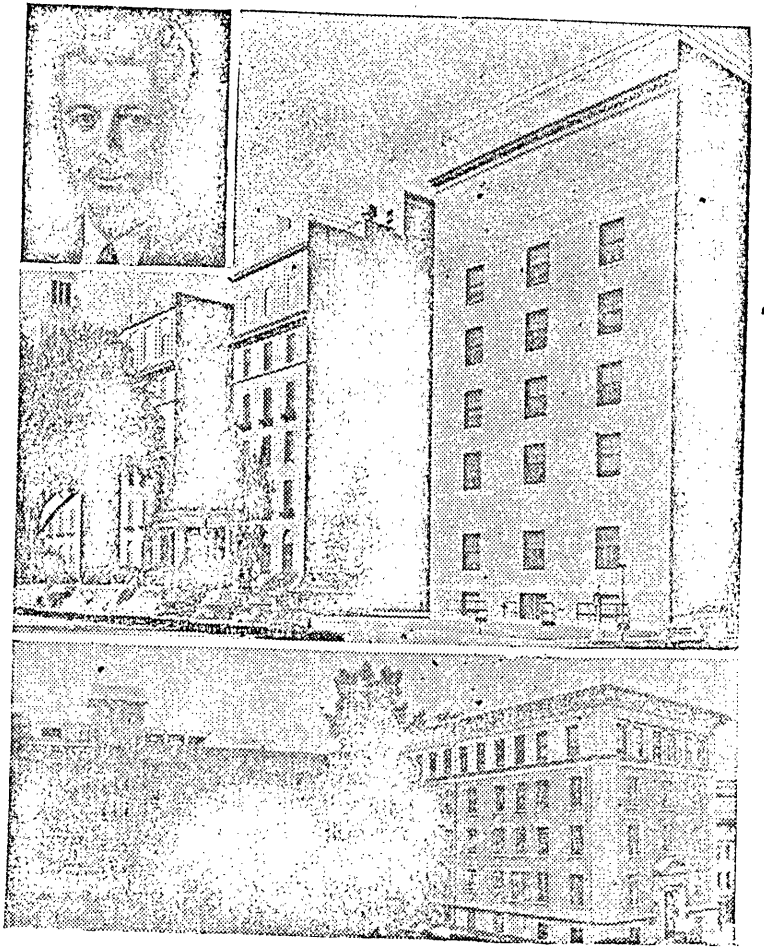
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Unit One—February 21–26

Conway, Forrest City, Ft. Smith and
Paragould Districts

Unit Two—March 7–12

Batesville, Fayetteville, Jonesboro and
Searcy Districts

By GEORGIA DAILY

Plans for a Spiritual Life Mission in the Methodist churches of the North Arkansas Conference were announced this week by the Rev. Paul Bumpers of Clarksville, director of evangelism for the conference.

The mission was planned at a meeting at Conway January 19 by the eight district superintendents of the conference, three representatives of the conference Board of Evangelism, and 10 other ministers. Also present was the Rev. Eugene Golay of Nashville, Tenn., representing the General Board of Evangelism.

The week-long missions, one in each district, are scheduled for February 21–26 and March 7–12, with the ministers of four districts interchanging pulpits with the ministers of the other four. During the February dates, host districts will be Ft. Smith, Conway, Forrest City and Paragould. During the week in March, Ft. Smith ministers will preach in Fayetteville District churches, Conway in Searcy, Forrest City in Jonesboro, and Paragould in Batesville.

A total of 230 charges are expected to participate, Ft. Smith District 30, Conway 32, Forrest City 28, Paragould 30, Fayetteville 30, Searcy 25, Jonesboro 30 and Batesville 25.

Emphasis of the week's preaching will be on practice of the holy habits, including tithing, church and church school attendance, prayer, daily Bible reading, family devotions, grace at meals, and personal

evangelism. Visitation of church members to enlist their participation is also a part of the program.

The churches of the conference are now engaged in a January-to-Easter church and church school attendance crusade, and the Spiritual Life Mission will supplement that program.

The planning meeting at Conway January 19 was directed by Mr. Bumpers and the Rev. John Bayliss, Siloam Springs, chairman of the Conference Board of Evangelism. A brief devotional was given by the Rev. Edwin B. Dodson of Pocahontas, secretary of the conference board.

Others in attendance were district superintendents, Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden, Conway; Rev. E. J. Holifield, Jonesboro; Rev. R. E. Connell, Batesville; Rev. Elmer H. Hook, Fayetteville; Rev. Otto W. Teague, Forrest City; Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Ft. Smith; Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Paragould; and Rev. A. N. Storey, Searcy; and the following ministers:

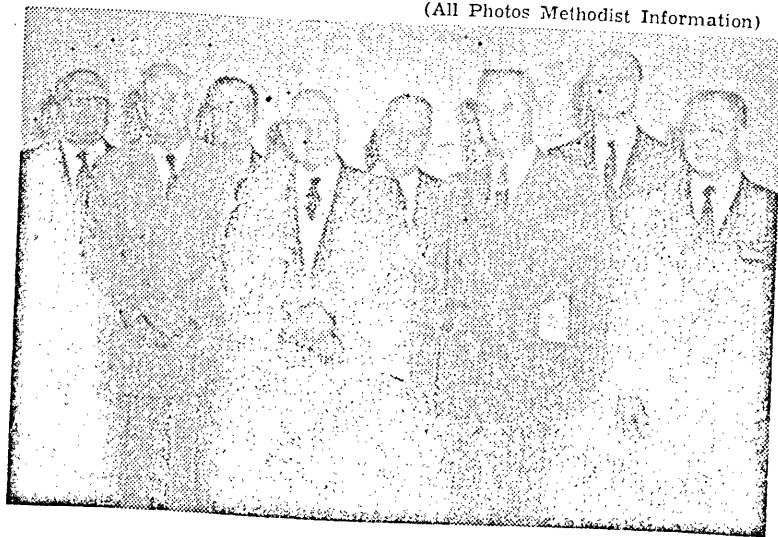
Rev. J. T. Byrd, Harrisburg; Rev. J. M. Barnett, Rector; Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers, Searcy; Rev. Elmo C. Thomason, Walnut Ridge; Rev. J. H. Hoggard, Van Buren; Rev. J. C. Wilcox, Brinkley; Rev. J. William Watson, North Little Rock; Rev. Guy Ames, Newport; Rev. S. B. Wilford, Paragould; and Dr. Ira Brumley, Conway, executive secretary of the conference Board of Education.

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Back Row: Rev. Guy Ames, Batesville District; Rev. J. William Watson, Conway District; Rev. J. C. Wilcox, Forrest City District; Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers, Searcy District. These men are all District Secretaries of Evangelism.

LOWER RIGHT: Paragould District Workers: The mission will be conducted in all 70 churches of Paragould District on a sub-district basis. Leaders will be, left to right, Rev. S. B. Wilford, Paragould; Rev. J. M. Barnett, Rector; Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, district superintendent; Rev. Edwin B. Dodson, Pocahontas; and Rev. Elmo C. Thomason, Walnut Ridge.

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Covenant Card To Be
Used During Spiritual
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Spiritual Life Covenant

In fulfillment of my obligation to Christ, I make the following Covenant with Him, and will endeavor, so far as I am able, to observe these Habits:

- I will attend Church at least once a week.
- I will observe Grace at Meals in my home.
- I will conduct or take part in Family devotions (THE UPPER ROOM is a helpful guide).
- I will read the Bible daily.
- I will pray every day.
- I will tithe my income.
- I will invite others to accept Christ, and to unite with and attend His Church.
- I will accept responsibility for service in the Church.
- I will endeavor to live for Christ in all my relationships.

FOR THOSE NOT MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH

- I accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord, and desire to unite with this Church.
- I am a member of another Church and wish to transfer my membership to this Church.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CHURCH _____

BELOW:

TO DIRECT MISSION—Rev. John Bayliss, Siloam Springs, chairman of the Board of Evangelism; Rev. Eugene Golay, Nashville, Tenn., staff member, General Board of Evangelism; Rev. Edwin B. Dodson, Pocahontas, secretary, Board of Evangelism; Rev. Paul Bumpers, Clarksville, conference director of evangelism.



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. L. TUCKER, pastor at Smackover, is at St. Vincent's Infirmary, Little Rock, where he underwent surgery last week.

MRS. GEORGE E. PATCHELL of Newport wishes through these columns to thank her many friends for the cards of sympathy in the death of her husband, Rev. George E. Patchell.

REV. O. M. CAMPBELL, pastor at Holly Grove, has returned from the Baptist Hospital in Memphis where he has been since Monday, January 26.

REV. AND MRS. P. D. ALSTON have been presented with a number of gifts and gifts of cash as a love offering from the churches on the charge, Kingsland, New Edinburg and Hebron.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces that Rev. Thomas Cooksie, pastor at Alpena, was released on January 1 to attend school. Rev. C. S. Laster has been appointed to finish the year at Alpena and Omaha. His address is Alpena.

DR. ETHAN DODGEN, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, was the speaker at the Sunday morning broadcast over KNEA, at 9:30 on Sunday, January 24. The broadcasts are sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of Jonesboro.

REV. O. D. LANGSTON, former member of the North Arkansas Conference, passed away while in church on Sunday night, January 24. Brother Langston had lived in Auburn, Alabama, for some years. He served a number of appointments in Arkansas.

REV. J. WILLIAM WATSON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of Helena, West Helena and Marvell at West Helena on Tuesday evening, February 2.

EXTENSIVE repairs and re-decoration work are being carried out in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church of Malvern. While the repairs are being made, services are being held in Fellowship Hall of the church. Rev. Van W. Harrell is pastor.

DR. JOHN H. HICKS, professor of Bible at Southern Methodist University, gave a series of lectures, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week at the First Methodist Church of Arkadelphia. The lectures were based on "The Old Testament in Today's Life."

JERRY MYERS, a young layman of the Shorewood Hills Methodist Church, spoke at the morning service of the church on Sunday, January 24, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Howard Cox, who was in the hospital following an operation. Coleman Akin, another young layman, spoke at the evening service.

STEVE LOVETT of Star City, 10-year-old grandson of Mrs. T. S. Lovett, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Little Rock Conference, was accidentally shot in the temple by a playmate on Saturday, January 30. He is in the hospital at Star City. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, was guest speaker at the January meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Camden, on Wednesday evening, January 27. Dr. J. L. Dedman, Jr., president of the club was in charge of the program.

R. W. GREGG, superintendent of the Church School of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, was the principal speaker at the Workers' Council meeting of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Wednesday evening, January 27. Mr. Gregg discussed the methods and plans used in his church.

A HENDRIX COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP TEAM presented a program of recreation, group singing, discussion, and worship at the Sub-District meeting on Monday, February 1, at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro. Filmstrips on different phases of the youth work was shown.

GEORGE KELL was the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Weiner Methodist Men's Club. Mr. Kell, nationally known baseball player, has his contract with the Boston Red Sox at present. His home is at Swifton where he is a layman in the Methodist Church. The club had a good meeting with a large attendance.

MISS HELEN WILSON, missionary stationed at the Methodist hospital in LaPaz, Bolivia, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Crestamath Class of the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, at the regular meeting of the class on Monday, January 18, at the home of Mrs. Wilkes Crume. Mrs. Fred Blagg, class president, presided over the business meeting.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN on Sunday, January 31, dedicated Newton's Chapel on the Tillar Charge at 11:00 a. m.; laid the cornerstone for the McGehee Church at 2:00 p. m.; dedicated the church at Montrose at 3:00 p. m. and laid the cornerstone for the Monticello sanctuary at 5:00 p. m. These churches are all in the Monticello District, Rev. Wm. E. Brown, district superintendent.

REV. ROBERT E. L. BEARDEN of Conway was the speaker at a Youth Festival conducted by the Methodist churches of Dallas, February 4-7, at Oak Lawn Church. The theme of the festival was "Remember Now." Mr. Bearden also was the speaker at chapel at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Friday, February 5. He is the district superintendent of the Conway District.

REV. J. D. BAKER, retired member of the Little Rock Conference who is serving the Fountain Lake Church at Hot Springs, is in the St. Joseph's Infirmary in Hot Springs, with a serious heart condition according to word received from Mrs. Baker. She reports that he is now improving. Rev. C. H. Gilliam is filling the pulpit at Fountain Lake during Brother Baker's absence.

BISHOP AND MRS. PAUL E. MARTIN and nine Greater Little Rock ministers will be among the Methodists attending Ministers' Week activities February 1-4 at Southern Methodist University, Dallas Texas. The ministers are Dr. Francis A. Buddin, district superintendent of the Little Rock District; Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of First Methodist Church, Little Rock; Dr. Cecil Culver, Winfield Church; Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Pulaski Heights; Rev. Rufus Sorrells, Highland; Rev. George G. Meyer, Oak Forest; Dr. Elmer Thomas, Asbury; Rev. Harry Weed, Scott Street, and Rev. Irl Bridenthal, Gardner Memorial, North Little Rock.

TWO SPECIAL Pan American World Airways Clippers flew 112 Methodist ministers to Cuba to conduct an evangelistic mission and to visit Methodist churches and schools in the island. An additional group of 17 Methodist missionaries flew by Clipper to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, for an inspection of mission points. They continued to the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico to look over their outposts in these countries. The clergymen left for Havana and Camaguey from PAA's Miami terminal Wednesday, January 27, and will return on February 4. The missionaries departed for Port-au-Prince February 3 and will return from San Juan on February 12.

THEY DO LISTEN

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Sometimes, when we differ with governmental policies, we silence our protest with

the thought, "What difference does my individual opinion make with those in Washington?" Let us remember, if our opinion is reasonable and just, that all over America there are good citizens that feel as we do. If all of them give expression to their feelings the sum total of the weight of these opinions can and often do determine national policy.

DEATH OF REV. GEORGE A. FREEMAN

Rev. George Allen Freeman, aged 77, Methodist minister who had served a number of pastorates in Arkansas, died at a Little Rock hospital on Friday, January 29.

Brother Freeman served the Washington Avenue Methodist Church in North Little Rock for eight years. At the time of his death he was a resident of Quitman. He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. W. F. Bates, director of Children's Work for the Little Rock Conference; a son, Hugh Avery Freeman of Garland, Texas; a foster daughter, Mrs. A. R. Baker of Memphis; two brothers, Walter Freeman of St. Louis and Fred Freeman of Galveston, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Wellington Robbins, of Conway; six grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the family home at Quitman on Sunday, January 31, at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. A. N. Storey, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. Harold Wilson pastor at Quitman and Rev. George McGhehey pastor at Hardy.

BISHOP MARTIN ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS

Changes in Methodist pastorates involving seven men have been announced by Bishop Paul E. Martin, head of the Arkansas-Louisiana episcopal area.

All of the ministers concerned are members of the North Arkansas Conference.

The new appointments follow:

Rev. H. M. Sanford, from Fourth Street Church, Rector, to Lake Street Church, Blytheville.

Rev. Charles Holt, supply pastor, to Fourth Street Church, Rector.

Rev. William Troy Johnson of Kensett, released to attend Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Rev. W. W. Allbright, appointed to Kensett.

Rev. Walter Johnson released to attend Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo.

Rev. Cecil Harrison, supply pastor, appointed to Pangburn, from McRae Extension.

Rev. C. S. Laster, supply pastor, appointed to Alpena-Omaha.

The McRae Extension appointment is to be supplied.

All the appointment changes were effective February 1, according to Bishop Martin's announcement.

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KEEPING UP ENTHUSIASM

Who does not admire the enthusiasm of youth? We catch a glow from the rosy cheeks of children at play and from the lights which dance in their eyes.

But if all that sustains enthusiasm is the exuberance of animal spirits, after a time the pace slackens and the radiance fades.



Fleeting flares of enthusiasm are not good enough. When we say a person is an "enthusiast," we are not paying him a compliment. We mean that he is easily aroused but his zeal does not last long. He is like a match which soon burns itself out.

What we need is sustained enthusiasm like the incandescence of the electric light. A match carries all its fire in its own head. The electric light gets its glow from a current that flows through it.

Of course, part of our enthusiasm is self-generated by our own pluck and courage. A friend of mine, now a bishop, wanted to quit the ministry in his early thirties. He felt he was getting nowhere.

He went down to the office of his leading layman to resign. As he opened the door, he found the layman talking on the telephone. He was hopping from one foot to the other and gesturing wildly with his free hand. Finally the man banged down the receiver and shouted, "I'm going to quit this business. I'm through."

"Well, then," said the young minister, "we're both in the same boat. I'm quitting, too." As they stood and looked at each other, the saving grace of humor came to their rescue. Both recovered the courage and grit to carry on. It proved the turning point in the young minister's career.

When we hold on past the point of quitting, we are likely to release a new current of energy. The very word "enthusiasm" comes from two Greek words meaning "in" and "God." Enthusiasm depends for its endurance on a spirit breathed in from a Power higher than ourselves.

A man I know, now eighty, is so interested in others that he is interesting to others. Young people like to be around him. He began to remember his Creator in the days of his youth, and that consciousness of God's control gave a rhythm and timing to his life.

He did not exhaust the romance of his early years by trying to get in his teens the thrills that normally come in the twenties. Nor did he spoil his later years by feverishly rushing after financial and social recognitions which ordinarily come in the fifties and sixties. When he reached the "sun-set" years he did not try foolishly to recapture lost fun by resorting to antics of a silly second childhood.

He has enjoyed all the seasons of life and now lives in his past, present and future. Here age has the advantage over early childhood.

The infant lives in the present. It wants what it wants when it wants it—that time is now. It does little good to say to a child, "I gave you that yesterday" or "I shall give you that tomorrow." The present moment is all the infant cares about.

And recall how many things we worried about when we were young. We took so many troubles as final. Perhaps some of you men can remember the hopeless feeling you had when you lost out to a rival in the

TELLING WHY THEY GO TO CHURCH



Indicating something of the wide-spread interest in church attendance and its spiritual values, more than 2,300 persons sent in essays on "Why I Go to Church" during a recent contest sponsored by *Christian Advocate*, the Methodist Church's official weekly magazine published in Chicago. Miss Anna L. Stephens of the *Advocate* staff hands some of the essays to the Editor T. Otto Nall, whose desk is already piled high with the papers. The contest closed November 30. Winning essays appeared in the magazine's January 21st issue.

race of love. You thought the light of your life was gone out forever. Perhaps you met the lady some twenty-five years later and were glad you had lost!

The late Lord Tweedsmuir, beloved Governor-General of Canada, said that his vision grew longer with age. We speak of youth as climbing the hill of the years and of age as going down the western slope. Lord Tweedsmuir reminded us that when we are going up a hill we have to turn around to get the long view, but when we are descending it is straight ahead of us.

So it is with the person who abounds in good work, "knowing that his labor is not in vain in the Lord." Ponder what Auber, the father of French Grand Opera, said in his eightieth year, "I am eighty, I am four times twenty." Age properly approached and lived can quadruple the satisfactions of youth.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WE ARE WITNESSES FOR OR AGAINST

You and I are on the witness stand. We are on it every day and every hour of the day. On the witness stand we are giving testimony for or against Christ, the faith we profess, the way of life He has outlined for us . . .

There have been failures as well as triumphs for Christianity. The fact is that the sons of Africa and India and China have heard witnesses against the faith even more often than they have heard witnesses for it. They have seen two widely different products of the "white man's religion": they have seen and loved the missionary who has bound up their wounds—physical and spiritual, who has sacrificed his own comforts for their needs; but they have seen and felt the deeds of the white man who has cheated them of land and wealth, who underpays those he employs, who keeps them in political subjection through recourse to arms, who gambles and drinks, and who violates most of the Ten Commandments.

"If these men are Christians, we don't want our children to be Christians," said those people who met the Crusaders centuries ago, or the slave-traders during the last century, or the industrial and government representatives yesterday and today. And who hasn't heard in his

own town, "If John Brown is a church member, I don't want to be one!"

Of course, this is superficial and illogical reasoning, and we could make a good case against it. But the African and your neighbor—and we, if we are honest about it—must admit that the thief and oppressor are as much products of our so-called Christian civilization as are the missionary and the minister. The African cannot comprehend (and can we truly?) how men living within and under and benefitted by the Christian religion can be other than its products; they cannot make our fine distinctions between "white Christians" and "white non-Christians": neither would we be willing to so divide Hindus or divide Moslems.

Every one of us—missionary doctor or military governor—is, therefore, witnessing for or against Christianity, drawing men to Christ or driving them from Him. We cannot be neutrals in the matter. Indeed, we are daily being televised by our neighbors—the neighbors of town and world—as we take the witness stand.

The Christian religion which we profess is not judged "in the world" by what its ministers say or profess, or even by what they alone teach or do. It is judged rather by what the ministers and laymen (and especially the more numerous laymen) do and how well they apply the things they teach and profess: how they treat their fellowmen; how they dispense justice, grant freedom, promote goodwill and peace; how they get their hearts to do what their tongues say.

Nor is the Christian church in the world or in my home town judged by the beauty of the sanctuary, nor the truths that lie hidden in its Bible, nor by the broad scope and stately language of its creed, nor by the loftiness of its sermons and music and resolutions. It is judged

by the beauty of character, the righteousness of life, and the nobility of deeds of the men and women who are its products.

The church I attend is not judged by what the minister says on Sunday, but rather what I and my fellow members do on Monday and all the rest of the week. If we are not true to our Christian faith, we are publicly declaring that Christ and his teachings are irrelevant to our lives.

Wasn't it something like this that the Apostle James had in mind when he wrote to the twelve tribes: **Be ye doers of the word**—that is, of the message Jesus came to give us from God; to which he added, **"and not hearers only."** And then he noted one penalty of listening and not doing, **"deceiving your own selves."** Note that he does not say that by not doing you are deceiving God, or that man in Africa, or your next-door neighbor: you are deceiving only yourself.

Am I—are you—witnessing for or against the Christian faith? There are no neutrals in this enterprise!

RACE RELATIONS—A PROBLEM OR AN OPPORTUNITY

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out of our problems.

A special feature of Race Relations Day in Methodism is the offering taken for the "Christian education of Negro youth." This offering in Arkansas will be used for Christian education in Philander Smith College in Little Rock. In Louisiana the offering will help Wiley College, in Marshall, Texas, to educate its Negro youth.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Marked Tree Training School

The Marked Tree Training School was held January 25-27, with an enrollment of 97 from the following churches: Marked Tree, Harrisburg, Trumann, Gilmore, Turrell, Tyronza, Lepanto, and Joiner. Rev. William A. Stewart, Jr., served as Dean of the School. The following courses were offered.

Understanding Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel.

Making Homes Christian, Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen.

The Prophet Jeremiah, Ira A. Brumley.

A total of sixty-six course cards were issued.

Conway Area School

The Conway Area School was held January 25-29 with the following courses offered:

Teaching Children, Mrs. M. G. Joyce.

Teaching Youth, Rev. Robert Paul Sessions.

Helping Adults Learn, Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden.

Preparing for Marriage, Dr. Neill Hart.

Reports reaching our office indicate more than one hundred were enrolled.

The following churches participated: Conway, First Church; Conway, Wesley; Salem; Naylor; Graham's Chapel; Vilonia, and Greenbrier.

Miss Sue Osment served as Dean. Rev. Thurston Masters of Tyronza has been certified as a Dean for training enterprises.

National Conference On Family Life

It is not too early to begin making plans to have a representative attend the National Conference on Family Life, October 6-10, 1954, Cleveland, Ohio. Outstanding leaders on Family Life have been invited to participate in this program: Mrs. Evelyn M. Duvall; Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver; and Prof. Wilbur Blume.

Children's Workers' Conference

The date for the North Arkansas Conference-wide meeting for Children's Workers has been set for the date of June 28-30. Outstanding leadership is being secured for this program. Local churches should begin making plans to have Children's Workers in this program.

Membership Study Being Made

A number of pastors of the North Arkansas Conference have been invited to assist in a membership study: Church Membership and Church School Membership. The following information is being asked for from local churches:

Number of total church membership; number of resident church members; number of church members not enrolled in church school; number of present church school membership; number of church school members, of junior age and above, not members of local church.

The first eight reports have reached our office. These reports give the following totals.

Total church membership, 1538; resident membership, 951; number of church members not enrolled in church school, 320; total church

school membership, 1154; number of age and above, not members of the church school members, of junior local church, 180.

These reports are very revealing. They indicate that more than one third of the membership of these churches are absentee members. These reports indicate that one third of the resident membership of these churches is not in the church school. There is one more encouraging factor; that is, there are 1154 enrolled in these church schools, which is a larger number than the church resident membership. There are also 180 church membership prospects in the membership of these church schools. We hope to give in the near future a report on a much larger number of church schools.

The churches of one whole district have agreed to make this study on membership. Letters are going out to a large number of other pastors of the conference inviting them to join in this study. It is our hope that such a study will be made in each church and church school of the North Arkansas Conference.

It is important that we make the most of our membership situation. Every resident member of the church school should be encouraged to become a member of the church school. Those who are unable to attend should be Home members.

Local churches should make every effort to encourage the great mass of absentee members to transfer their membership to a Methodist Church in the community in which they live.

Church School officers and teachers, under the leadership of the pastor, should seek to lead Church School members, junior age and above, to a profession of faith in Christ, and into membership in the local church.

Vacation Church School Institutes

The North Arkansas Conference is planning for Vacation Church School Institutes to be held in the various districts of the conference. The following is the schedule of these institutes:

Paragould District, March 15
Jonesboro District, March 16
Forrest City District, March 18
Fort Smith District, March 25
Fayetteville District, March 26
Batesville District, March 2
Searcy District, March 3

The plan is to have these institutes begin at 10:00 a. m. and continue until 3:00 p. m., with one hour out for the noon-day meal.

Plans are being made to have the following units presented in these institutes:

Kindergarten, Stories About Jesus; Primary, Friends at Home and in the Community; Junior, Praise Ye, the Lord.

Don't wait for the inspired moments; work every day or you may miss them. Little by little you may find that your best work in a sense creates itself, your hands functioning almost without conscious control. You may come to wonder . . . how much is really yours and how much mysteriously part of some universal force.—Wheeler Williams.

A work of art is a corner of creation seen thru a temperament.—Emil Zola, quoted in Good Housekeeping.

IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH EMPHASIS VOICED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Nashville, Tenn.—All departments of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, are co-operating with the Youth Department in increasing the Youth Emphasis now being fostered throughout the church.

Expressions of the importance of the emphasis were voiced recently by the department heads.

Said Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director of the Children's Department, "The younger boys and girls look up to the older boys and girls even more than to adults for patterns of Christian conduct and attitudes. We want a vigorous youth program to provide a favorable environment for Christian education of children and to hold before the children the expectation of growing up to be worthy members of an exciting youth Christian fellowship."

The Rev. M. Leo Rippey, director of the Adult Department, declared: "Now is the time to reach young people. Young people are the future. Whatever adult church, if any, we come to have tomorrow is in the youth ages today. That's why the Youth Emphasis is urgent now."

The Rev. Richard G. Belcher, secretary, Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, said: "I am for the Youth Emphasis because it lays upon the hearts of youth and their adult counselors alike the insight that work is a way of Christian witness, and that Christian commitment must influence directly occupational choice and practice."

Why he believes in the urgency of the Youth Emphasis was stated by Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the Department of the Christian Family, as follows: "I believe in the Youth Emphasis because in the years I spent in youth work I discovered that little progress is made in a local church youth program unless parents are sympathetic and enthusiastic. The Youth Emphasis recognizes this fact, especially in the action projects for the fall of 1954 following the National Conference on Family Life."

Church school superintendents have a very important part to play

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

A First Series School for Christian Workers will be held at the First Methodist Church in Pineville, February 15, 16 and 17. These classes will meet at 7:30 p. m., each night. The three courses being offered are "Adult Work in the Church School" which will be taught by Rev. Beverly Bond, "The Methodist Youth Fellowship" which includes young people 15 years of age and over, with teachers and adult counselors to be taught by Mrs. T. J. Folk of Ruston. The course on "Intermediate Program and Organization" for Adult Workers and counselors only, will be taught by Mrs. Helen Couch, Director of Religious Education at First Methodist Church, El Dorado, Arkansas.

This school is being sponsored by the First Methodist Church in Pineville, and the Trinity Methodist Church in Alexandria.—Reporter

in the Youth Emphasis. The Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work, said: "Every church school superintendent in Methodism has a tremendous stake in the success of the Youth Emphasis. There are two reasons for this: First, the church school cannot succeed without youth. Second, youth is attracted or repelled by the quality of the school as a whole."

SHREVEPORT TRAINING SCHOOL

The 1954 Shreveport Training School for Christian Workers was held at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Monday, January 25, through Friday, January 29. The school was made up of groups from the General Division, the Youth, Adult and Children's Divisions.

Dr. W. F. Pledger and Dr. Bentley Sloane taught the General Division courses. Dr. Pledger taught "Toward a Christian World Community," and Dr. Sloane taught "The Work of the Local Church."

Leader in the Youth Division was Rev. Allen O. Jernigan, director of the Wesley Foundation, L. S. U., Baton Rouge, who taught the course for youth on "Choosing a Vocation." Miss Tennie V. Severtson taught "Teaching Intermediates" and Rev. R. D. Shoulders conducted the course "The Methodist Youth Fellowship."

The Children's Division included "Teaching Nursery Children," by Mrs. Robert D. Newton of Camden, Arkansas; "Teaching Kindergarten Children," Mrs. Uel D. Crosby; "Teaching Primary Children," Mrs. Lloyd C. Beall; "Teaching Juniors," Miss Olive Smith, Highland Park Church, Dallas, "The Child's Approach to Religion," Mrs. Uel D. Crosby, a course offered during second period each evening for Nursery and Kindergarten workers and parents of pre-school children, and "Children and the Bible," by Miss Smith which was offered during the second period each evening for Primary and Junior workers and parents of this age group.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Managers in charge of the school included Dr. B. C. Taylor, district superintendent; R. H. Nelson, chairman; Rev. Roy Mouser, dean; Miss Opal Rogers, secretary; Fred Hamilton, publicity chairman, and E. A. Holley, treasurer.

ADVANCE SPECIAL PROGRAM STRENGTHENS

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conference basis, at the expense of General Advance Specials. "The leaders of our people ought not lead them into a movement that takes from one important cause to bolster another. It is not a question of either-or, but both-and. The promoters of this new movement intended that we should hold the line in all general specials, including Week of Dedication offerings, and at the same time make a major advance in church extension," Dr. Mohn said. "That can be done if the whole team works together for the total objective."

HIGH COURT DECISION ON MOVIE CENSORSHIP NOT CLEARCUT

The states of New York and Ohio acted in an unconstitutional manner in banning from exhibition the movie "La Ronde" and "M", the United States Supreme Court unanimously declared in Washington, D. C. The court overruled the supreme courts of the two states which had upheld the constitutionality of their respective censorship decisions, but so without handing down a written opinion. With the single word "reversed," the court gave its opinion in favor of the appealing motion picture distributors just 10 days after hearing the case argued before its bench. Although the appellants attacked the constitutionality of Ohio's censorship law the Supreme Court's decision did nothing to invalidate that law, except as it was applied to the particular movie in question. Nor, as observers here were quick to point out, did the court's decision in any way block prosecution by New York or Ohio authorities if movies

should be shown which are considered obscene or harmful to morals, and the exhibitors are indicted under laws other than the censorship statute. It would be highly erroneous, court observers said, to conclude that any movie may now be shown whether it meets censorship standards or not. The Supreme Court has in several instances upheld convictions for violation of obscenity statutes, although it has been increasingly harsh in recent years in dealing with censorship laws.

completely in the hands of the young people, except for the message from Mr. Nixon, according to the pastor, Dr. Philip G. Scott. "I will be there myself only as a member of the congregation because this is the day we let our young people have the service," Dr. Scott said.

Bishop Oxnam Writing Book On Communist Charges

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington announced in Washington that he is writing a book relating his battle against allegations that he was sympathetic to Communism. The book, to be entitled "Investigation or Inquisition; A Personal Experience with the House Un-American Activities Committee," will be published by Harper's in April.

Urges Churches Stimulate Letters To Servicemen

Churches should stimulate a nationwide campaign of letter-writing to men and women in the Armed Forces, Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex., president of the National Council of Churches, urged in New York. Bishop Martin issued the plea in his first formal report on a Far East tour he made under National Council auspices from Dec. 16 to Jan. 12. The report was the highlight of a dinner given in his honor by the Council's general board, and attended by some 200 persons. Stressing that America's military training and service program is likely to continue a long time, Bishop Martin said that clergymen, friends, and relatives should keep in close, constant touch with the nation's youth in uniform who, he said, are doing their job "with real spiritual conviction." He also called on clergymen to back up "their brother pastors in the chaplaincy."

Buddhists Plan World Conference

A world conference of Buddhists will be held in Burma beginning next November, it was reported in New York by Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, administrative secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions, who recently returned from a trip to Southeast Asia. "Thousands of Buddhists from all over Asia and some from Europe and the United States are expected to attend," Dr. Cartwright said. He added that some Buddhist leaders "predict the gathering will give 'a new and powerful surge' to Buddhist evangelization and greatly affect the work of Christianity in Buddhist countries." The Rev. Hosen Seki, pastor of the Buddhist church of New York, said the conference has been called to commemorate the 2,500th anniversary of the death of the Gautama and will last for more than

THE ONLY PLACE IT'S SAFE

Chas. A. Wells



a year, extending into 1956.

'Fortress Of God' Dedicated Near Iron Curtain

The first "Fortress of God" to be established at close range to the Iron Curtain was dedicated in the presence of high ranking Roman Catholic leaders at Bebra, a West German town a few miles from the Soviet Zone border. The "Fortress" is one of seven monasteries scheduled to be erected during 1954 adjacent to the Soviet Zone under the sponsorship of the Aid to Eastern Priests organization. This is a joint Dutch-Belgium Catholic group founded in 1948 to provide pastoral care and charitable services to displaced German Catholics. Reputed to be one of the largest monasteries in the world, the Bebra "Fortress" will be operated by 18 Franciscan Capuchin monks who are motorized to facilitate their spiritual ministry in this diaspora area.

House Group Approves Tax Exemption Of Clergy Rental Allowances

The House Ways and Means Committee has voted to exempt from income tax the rental allowance given a minister by a church in lieu of furnishing him with a parsonage. The provision is one of several score amendments to the Internal Revenue Code which will be incorporated in a bill for over-all tax revision designed to remove inequities from the present federal tax structure. The committee expects to report the bill shortly. Under the present law, a clergyman need not include in his taxable income the rental value of a parsonage furnished him by the congregation he serves. Several bills have been introduced in Congress to provide for tax exemption of a rental allowance. Failure to make such provision, the sponsors assert, subjects to unjust discrimination pastors of small churches and new parishes which are not able to afford a parsonage. The rental allowance would be tax-exempt only if the church specifically earmarks the sum, and only to the extent that the allow-

ance is actually used for rent payments. If the allowance is larger than the rent actually paid, the clergyman would be taxed on the difference.

German Church Hails Big Four Conference

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Thuringia issued a message hailing the Berlin Conference of Big Four foreign ministers as "a promising sign of a sincere effort to resolve threatening international problems through negotiation." "The whole world fears that new catastrophes will befall it if these problems are not counteracted by a display of good will by all parties concerned," the message said. "After two wars have brought infinite distress to millions of people, it would be irresponsible if the statesmen of the world powers did not try everything possible to prevent a third, and probably much worse, catastrophe." The Church statement urged that Germany be granted "through reunification and a just peace treaty," a status that will enable her to "build up national life in freedom and independence."

Lithuanian Reds Rebuked For Inefficiency In Anti-Religion Drive

The Vilna Radio in Soviet-controlled Lithuania broadcast a sharp attack on the regime's Ministry of Culture for "clumsiness and inefficiency" in its campaign against religion. The broadcast quoted from the Communist newspaper, Tiesa, which said that "to fight the religious superstition of the masses, all cultural, educational establishments and universities must be supplied with increased amounts of the latest scientific-Godless literature." "Their cadres," it said, "must receive more training and help than hitherto from the Ministry of Culture and particularly from its department concerned with anti-religious campaigns." "The Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge," Tiesa said, "must increase their lectures on Godless themes." This organization formerly was known as the Soviet Godless Society.

Intercession Services Held For Big Four Conference

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault attended worship services at churches in the American, British and French sectors of Berlin prior to the opening of the Big Four Ministers' Conference. At a special service of intercession held in East Berlin's Mary church as the conference got under way, Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, head of the Evangelical Church in Germany, prayed that the conferees would "be given superior wisdom" and would lose no time in finally achieving a just peace. "We do not know how many influential statesmen care whether or not many thousands of men intercede for their negotiations," he told an overflow congregation, "but I, for one, have reason to believe that our prayers will be a genuine help to some of them."

Florida Church Installs Closed TV Circuit

First Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, Fla., became the third church in the country to televise Sunday morning services on a closed circuit to overflow congregations. While pastor Dr. Earl B. Edington preached, 500 worshippers in the lower auditorium watched through four TV sets. They participated in all phases of the service. The closed TV circuit will be continued until Easter when most winter visitors will have returned north. Duplicate morning services have been eliminated by this method. The other churches using closed circuits are Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, and First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

Nixon To Lead Youth Sunday Observance

Vice President Richard M. Nixon will lead the national observance of Youth Sunday sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement on Sunday, January 31, by delivering the sermon at a youth service in Westmoreland Congregational church in Washington where his children are members of the Sunday school. The service will be

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Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total	Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total	Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE														
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1262														
Amity Circuit, Connie Robins	6	13	1	20	Dermott, Clint M. Atchley	3	49	2	54	Elm Spgs.-Harmon, Woodrow Woods	11	44	...	55**
Arkadelphia, First Ch., Wm. O. Byrd	13	58	7	83	Drew Circuit, Frank Rowland	6	23	...	29	Eureka Springs, Chas. W. Lewis	4	12	1	17
Arkadelphia Ct., Robert Langley	2	11	...	13	Dumas, R. A. Teeter	5	49	1	55**	Farmington-Rhea, A. L. Riggs	4	17	...	21**
Bismarck Ct., W. C. Onstead	6	19	...	25**	Eudora, C. Everett Patton	4	20	2	26	Fayetteville, Central, D. L. Dykes	8	69	21	98
Dalark Ct., Roy W. Bevan	11	55	1	67**	Fordyce, Louis W. Averitt	6	74	...	80**	Fayetteville, Wiggins Memorial, A. Simpson	9	33	...	42**
Delight Circuit, W. H. Watson	12	27	3	42**	Fountain Hill, Arthur White	10	17	...	27	Gentry, W. W. Gibson	4	30	1	35**
Fountain Lake, J. D. Baker	3	7	2	12**	Hamburg, M. W. Miller	5	56	4	65**	Goshen, O. L. Cole	3	10	...	13**
Friendship Circuit, V. C. Holiman	3	13	...	16	Hampton-Harrell, G. W. Warren	10	33	1	44	Gravette, C. H. Harvison	10	23	1	34**
Glenwood Ct., J. A. Wade	10	20	1	31	Hermitage Ct., W. W. Barron	6	18	...	24	Green Forest-Piney, O. W. Barbee	5	26	1	32
Gurdon, R. O. Beck	13	56	2	71**	Lake Village, Cagle E. Fair	13	45	...	58**	Lincoln, Wm. M. Wilder	5	29	2	36
Hot Springs Circuit, S. W. Mooty	5	10	1	16	Kingsland, P. D. Alston	5	15	4	24	Madison County No. 1, T. A. Whiddon	5	26	...	31**
HOT SPRINGS					McGehee, D. Mouzon Mann	20	57	2	79**	Madison County No. 2, L. L. Langston	11	11	...	22**
First Church, E. C. Rule	37	76	...	113	Monticello, Roland E. Darrow	7	43	3	53	Morrow-Evansville, Walter Pennel	4	10	...	14**
Grand Avenue, M. E. Scott	34	96	5	135**	Montrose, James Constable	1	5	...	6*	Pea Ridge, Tuck's Chapel, O. R. Findley	11	16	...	27**
Oaklawn, Noel Cross	19	53	6	78**	Parkdale, Philip Pierce	22	22	1	44**	Prairie Grove, S. O. Patty	20	59	2	81**
Pullman Heights, Kirvin Hale	20	52	2	74**	Portland, Robert B. Moore, Jr.	15	29	1	45**	Rogers, Vernon Chalfant	8	53	6	67
MALVERN					Star City, Claude O. Hall	10	27	...	37**	Siloam Springs, John Bayliss	6	51	6	63
Malvern, First Ch., Van W. Harrell	9	96	...	105	Strong, Francis M. Stage, Jr.	8	26	...	34**	Springdale, A. J. Christie	8	105	1	114**
Keith Memorial, W. S. Cazort	10	44	1	55**	Thornton, Winston H. Hudnall	12	28	1	41**	Springdale-Wesley, J. W. Workman, Jr.	7	12	...	19**
Mt. Ida Ct., Osborne White	2	35	1	38**	Tillar-Winchester, J. C. Van Horn	9	47	...	56**	Sulphur Springs, Charles Wages	4	20	1	25*
Murfreesboro, A. W. Hamilton	4	43	...	47**	Warren, J. Ralph Clayton	23	59	4	86**	Winey Grove-Cincinnati, W. L. Scott	2	9	...	11
Murfreesboro Ct., A. N. Youngblood	1	15	...	16**	Watson, Omma Daniel	5	51	2	58**	Winslow, Eugene Miser	3	7	2	12*
Okolona Ct., E. T. McAfee	14	47	5	66**	Wilmoth, C. D. Cade	1	25	...	26**	TOTALS	210	859	47	1116
Rockport Ct., Marvin Wilkins	5	23	2	30**	TOTALS	222	920	30	1172**					
Shorewood Hills, Howard Cox	3	8	...	11**	PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1420					FORREST CITY DISTRICT—Quota 1265				
Sparkman, Orrie Thompson	15	38	1	54**	Almyra, C. V. Mashburn	5	12	...	17**	Aubrey, J. C. Richey	2	48	...	50**
Traskwood Ct., A. E. Jacobs	2	22	1	25	Altheimer, Harold Scott	9	42	...	51**	Cherry Valley, W. B. Yount	14	29	1	44**
TOTALS	263	936	40	1239	Whitehall, Curtis Monroe	15	11	...	26**	Clarendon, G. B. Ames	57	44	...	101**
CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1947					Bayou Meto, Horace M. Grogan	3	30	...	33**	Colt, Wm. G. Stegall	8	19	3	30
Bearden, J. R. Scott	3	28	2	33**	Carthage, L. R. Sparks	4	24	...	28**	Crawfordsville-Blackfish Lake, J. W. Glass	7	35	...	42**
Bradley, J. D. Montgomery	3	29	2	34**	DeWitt, O. E. Holmes	18	87	...	105	Elaine, Glenn Bruner	5	52	...	57**
Buckner Ct., Bruce H. Bean	24	3	...	54	England, John L. Hoover	8	67	2	77**	Forrest City, Raymond Franks	12	105	...	117**
Camden, First Ch., Robert B. Moore	17	77	10	104	Gillett, Everett Vinson	17	19	...	36	Helena, E. B. Williams	1	1	...	1
Camden, Fairview, Jas. A. Simpson	19	49	...	68**	Glendale-Tucker, Carr D. Racop, Jr.	11	10	...	21**	Hughes, James R. Chandler	9	21	...	30**
Columbia Ct., R. M. Crain	44	45	...	89**	Good Faith, B. F. Fitzhugh	3	28	1	32**	Hunter, Dale E. Crozier	3	13	4	20
Culion-Quinn, S. B. Mann	19	23	...	42**	Grady-Gould, W. T. Bone	20	55	...	75**	LaGrange, W. O. Scroggin	18	6	...	24**
EL DORADO					Humphrey, O. Hoover	3	15	...	18**	Marianna, W. O. Scroggin, Jr.	17	146	...	163**
First Ch., W. Neill Hart	82	169	...	251	Kee-Hummock, Palmer Garner	20	22	...	42**	Marion, Alf A. Eason	34	41	...	75**
Vantrease, Fred W. Schwendimann	14	62	3	79**	Little Prairie, Geo. C. Bailey	1	21	...	22	Marvell, Porter Weaver	7	57	...	64**
St. Luke's, Russell L. Shaffer	29	18	...	47	Carr Memorial, Clem Baker	11	53	...	64**	Parkin, H. F. McDonal	1	27	1	29
Emerson Ct., C. B. Harris	1	9	...	10	First Ch., Kenneth L. Spore	149	47	6	202**	Vandale, A. L. Peterson	11	22	...	33**
Harmony Grove-Buena Vista, H. R. Nabors	15	36	...	51**	Hawley Memorial, Geo. W. Kerr	6	37	2	45**	West Helena, J. J. Decker	8	71	...	79**
Holly Spgs. Ct., Irl S. Lancaster	2	29	...	31**	Lakeside, John M. McCormack	33	61	6	100	West Memphis, J. Ralph Hillis	1	1	...	1
Junction City Ct., D. L. McCauley	11	44	...	55**	Wesley-Sulphur Springs, Winslow Brown	18	20	...	38**	Widener, D. P. Remaley	20	39	1	60**
Lewisville Ct., H. Barry Bailey	6	64	1	71	Rison, W. R. Boyd	15	35	1	51**	Wynne, Harold D. Womack	9	50	...	59
Louann Ct., Giles B. Pixley	10	25	...	35	Roe Circuit, W. C. Lewis	6	22	3	31**	TOTALS	243	826	10	1079
Magnolia, First Ch., C. R. Hozendorf	440	70	...	510**	Rowell Circuit, J. R. Diffie	7	29	1	37	FT. SMITH DISTRICT—Quota 1902				
Magnolia, Jackson St., D. Hankins	11	45	...	56**	Sheridan, Bryan Stephens	17	45	7	69	Alix Ct., Troy Clinesmith	2	16	...	18
Marysville Ct., H. A. Stroup	7	36	1	44**	Sherrill-Tomblerlin, D. J. McCommon	8	21	...	29**	Alma, Mountain View, T. C. Chambliss	39	39	...	78**
Norphet, Myron C. Pearce	17	48	...	65**	St. Charles, Claude R. Roy	5	12	1	18	Altus Ct., Aaron Barling	15	2	1	18
Parker's Chapel, C. W. Baughman	2	44	3	49	Stuttgart, First Ch., A. C. Caraway	17	65	2	84	Booneville, W. J. Spicer	50	103	3	156**
Princeton Ct., Ernest E. Hays	6	15	...	21	Stuttgart, Grand Ave., H. M. Lewis	32	94	...	126**	Branch Ct., J. E. Thomas	4	34	1	39
Smackover, John L. Tucker	12	52	4	68**	TOTALS	461	984	31	1476**	Charleston, O. D. Peters	27	51	1	79**
Stamps, Albert B. Jean	12	59	3	74**	NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE					Clarksville, Paul M. Bumpers	25	82	2	109**
Stephens, Doyle T. Rowe	2	49	...	51*	BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 965					FT. SMITH				
Taylor Ct., Charles E. Lawrence	9	23	2	34*	Batesville, Cent'l Ave., David Conyers	15	62	...	77*	Goddard Memorial, Alfred Knox	30	85	5	120
Timothy-Westside, H. R. Nabors	4	26	...	30**	Batesville, First Ch., E. G. Kaetzell	33	83	4	120**	Grand Ave., C. B. Wyatt	9	20	...	29**
Union-Rhodes Chapel, Ralph S. Mann	14	21	1	36*	Bethesda-Cushman, M. A. Thompson	8	22	2	32**	Mascard, Earl V. Hughes	10	12	1	23
Village, Charles G. Ashcraft	9	34	1	44	Calico Rock, G. Wesley Grisham	13	23	3	39	Midland Heights, W. A. Downum	10	39	...	49
Waldo, W. Braska Savage	9	60	1	70**	Cave City-Sidney, W. Frank Shell	4	19	1	24**	St. Luke, Paul Kelley	14	18	2	34
TOTALS	853	1320	34	2207**	Cave City Ct., Ivan R. Wilson	17	12	...	29**	St. Paul's, Martin Bierbaum	17	37	3	57*
HOPE DISTRICT—Quota 1434					Charlotte Ct., T. O. Love	3	9	2	14	Greenwood, Verlie F. Harris	11	41	3	55**
Ashdown, H. D. Ginther	8	74	...	82**	Concord, Vernon Anderson	7	7**	Hartman Ct., Earl D. Carter	15	51	...	66**
Bingen Ct., Clyde Swift	4	26	...	30	Desha Circuit, Walter Abree	45	11	...	56**	Hartford-Midland, E. C. Hance	1	20	...	21
Blevins Ct., Joe W. Hunter	3	44	...	47**	Evening Shade, Carl Strayhorn	4	19	...	23	Huntington Ct., M. L. Edgington	2	12	...	14
Center Point Ct., D. W. Haberson	3	1	...	4*	Melbourne Ct., D. G. Hindman	11	30	...	41	Kibler, C. R. Nance	12	1	...	13**
DeQueen, Alfred I. Doss	15	52	4	71**	Moorefield-Asbury, B. W. Stallcup	6	35	1	42**	Lavaca, Davey Dark, Jr.	5	14	...	19*
Dierks Circuit, C. E. Messer	21	13	1	35**	Mountain Home Parish, L. Anderson	4	13	...	17	Magazine Ct., John W. Sandage	2	14	...	16
Doddridge Ct., W. P. Walker	7	12	...	19	Mt. View, H. W. Jinske	4	22	...	26**	Mansfield, W. T. Watson	1	16	1	18
Emmett Circuit, John W. Rushing	11	38	5	54	Newark, John S. Workman	13	35	2	50**	New Hope-Dyer, Uriah Smith	4	14	...	18
Foreman, Robert L. Riegin	5	20	1	26	Newport, First Ch., Guy C. Ames	10	60	4	74	Ozark, Charles P. McDonald Jr.	9	45	2	55**
Hatfield Circuit, L. A. Peters	2	6	...	8	Newport-Umsted Mem., M. L. Kaylor	7	37	2	46**	Paris, L. F. LaFever	11	64	2	77
Hope, Virgil D. Keeley	33	145	...	178**	Oil Trough	4	14	...	18**	Prairie View, Virgil Hainsey	4	17	...	21
Horatio Circuit, W. M. Crow	7	21	...	28	Pleasant Plains, Burnell Stephens	30	13	1	44**	Van Buren, First Ch., J. H. Hogard	2	52		

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not	Total
Rector, Fourth Street, H. M. Sanford	1	7	8	
Rector Ct., Dave Smitherman	2	6	8	
St. Francis, D. Kern Johnson	6	16	22	
Stanford-Lorado, Y. D. Whitehurst	21	19	40	
Walnut Ridge, Elmo Thomason	11	90	101	
TOTALS	148	628	776	1522

SEAPCY DISTRICT—Quota 1149

Antioch-Stony Pt., Cyril Wilson	7	18	25	
Augusta, H. Lynn Wade	1	30	31	
Bald Knob, Pharis J. Hollifield	28	53	81	
Beebe, Floyd G. Villines, Jr.	24	63	87	
Cahot, J. J. Clark	2	45	47	
Clinton, J. L. Pruitt	14	49	63	
DeView Ct., Eugene Shoemaker	3	2	5	
Griffithville Ct., Ray Edwards	3	12	15	
Harrison, Earle Cravens	18	55	73	
Heber Springs, James E. Major	24	56	80	
Jacksonville, Harold Spence	36	58	94	
Kensett, W. T. Johnson	4	11	15	
Leslie, Travis Williams	7	18	25	
Marshall, Vann Hooker	10	18	28	
McCrory, W. M. Womack	11	53	64	
McRae, Robert Johnson	9	22	31	
Panburn Ct., Walter Johnson	3	3	6	
Quinn Ct., Harold Wilson	7	37	44	
Rosebud Ct., John Chapman	8	19	27	
Searcy, Lloyd M. Conyers	32	83	115	
Valley Springs Ct., Wavmon Keel	5	8	13	
Van Buren County No. 1, Bobby S. Edwards		10	1	11
Van Buren County No. 2, D. Kennedy	3	10	13	
Wilburn-Ward, Wayne Hill	2	5	7	
TOTALS	261	738	999	1260

ARKANSAS METHODIST DISTRICT SUMMARY

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District	Quota	New	Renewal	Not	Total	% of
Little Rock	2544	323	2134	73	2530	99%
Camden	1947	853	1320	34	2207	113%
Pine Bluff	1420	461	954	31	1416	103%
Ft. Smith	1902	352	853	34	1339	70%
Conway	1437	479	764	54	1297	90%
Arkadelphia	1262	263	935	40	1239	98%
Hope	1434	247	804	35	1116	78%
Monticello	1170	222	920	30	1172	100%
Jonesboro	1453	275	852	28	1155	80%
Fayetteville	1273	210	859	47	1116	88%
Forrest City	1235	243	826	10	1079	87%
Searcy	1140	261	738	35	1034	91%
Batesville	965	257	654	23	934	97%
Paragould	1170	148	623	26	802	69%
TOTAL	4,614	13,462	500	18,576		

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—Quota 1198

Alexandria, First Ch., J. H. Bowdon	23	54	3	80	
Alexandria, Wesley, G. A. LaGrange	14	7	2	21	
Ball, Frank Lankford	7	12	2	21	
Bowce, W. L. Doss, Jr.	2	17	10	29	
Bunkie, W. D. Roddie	23	29	52	104	
Colfax, Claude W. Bell	13	19	32	64	
Elizabeth, J. R. Strozier	14	23	30	67	
Glenmore, J. W. Lee	4	27	31	62	
Jena, Otis W. Spinks	6	41	2	49	
Lecompte, E. W. Sandel	24	28	1	53	
Marksville, Joe Robinson	14	14	14	42	
Melder, Clyde T. Shaw	13	11	24	48	
Melville, A. D. St. Amant	2	22	24	48	
Kroft Springs, J. C. Zerrangue	3	11	14	28	
Montgomery, E. A. Keasler	5	21	1	27	
Mt. Zion, A. N. Baum	3	6	9	18	
Natchitoches, First Ch., B. A. Galloway	1	6	1	11	
Natchitoches, Second Ch., R. Crofoot	4	7	28	35	
Oakdale, Edwin J. Barksdale	7	8	14	29	
Oak Grove, H. D. Fisher	14	8	17	39	
Ola, Hardy Carroll	7	17	24	48	
Onondaga, R. E. Walton	8	34	42	84	
Palmetto, R. E. Carter	7	21	28	56	
Pollack, L. A. Rodie	2	11	13	26	
Trou, Fred Kelly	6	10	16	32	
Urania, John Kellogg	9	4	13	26	
Winnfield, Luther L. Booth	2	41	43	86	
TOTALS	229	535	12	776	

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—Quota 1965

Amite, Donald M. Risinger	8	19	27	
Angie, E. W. Corley	3	19	22	
Baker, Marvin H. Corley	4	19	23	
BATON ROUGE:				
First Church, W. Johnston	43	60	127	
Indeside, W. R. Irving	7	8	15	
I-trauma, A. Jerome Cain	7	43	50	
Reiley Memorial, Wm. E. Trice	8	22	30	
North, James L. Stovall	3	9	12	
Winburne Avenue, A. A. Collins	8	3	11	
Reith, Van Carter	10	10	20	
Blackwater, A. G. Taylor	23	14	37	
Bluff Creek, Wm. H. Porter, Jr.	8	1	9	
Boualusa, E. Sullivan Mem., W. H. Giles	7	35	42	
Clinton, George W. Harkins	8	11	21	
Deerford, A. M. Freeman	6	11	17	
Donham Springs, Edward R. Thomas	11	35	46	
Franklin, J. H. Sewell	10	40	50	
Gonzales Ct., Brady B. Forman	5	13	19	
Greenburg, H. R. Hine	31	31	62	
Hammond, Fred S. Flurry	28	31	59	
Jackson, J. B. Shearer	17	31	48	
Kentwood, G. C. Dean, Jr.	9	16	25	
Livingston-James Chapel, A. D. George	3	6	10	

DR. DEETS PICKETT HONORED ON RETIREMENT

Washington, D. C.—For 41 years Dr. Deets Pickett has served as research secretary "in charge of editing all publications, statistical data, information, propaganda, contact with Congress, European work and public relations" for the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church. This month he retires and becomes Editor Emeritus.

FEBRUARY 4, 1954

A dinner honoring Dr. Pickett for his years of service was given on Jan. 13 at the Dodge Hotel. Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Arkansas, was master of ceremonies. An address, "Temperance for these times," was given by Dr. Andrew C. Ivy of Chicago, a physician, scientist, and leader in the field of alcohol education.

For half a century Dr. Pickett has towered as one of the most significant leaders in the country in the stewardship of sobriety. He has de-

voted a lifetime to true temperance. Following his graduation from college, Pickett, born in Daingerfield, Texas, used his versatility to advantage on Capitol Hill. There was a time when he knew personally nearly every important "name" in Washington.

So impressed with his ability were many Administration leaders that he was invited more than once to assume prominent White House responsibilities. He could have occupied important posts in the gov-

ernment. He elected to stay with the Board of Temperance.

It may take a heap o' livin' to make a house a home, but before that it takes a heap o' borrowin'—Changing Times.

The easiest way to get into trouble is to be right at the wrong time.—Homer D. King, Hemet (Calif.) News.

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not	Total
Live Oak, Clifford E. Davis, Jr.	3	3	1	7
Lottie-Rosedale, Collins D. Pinkard	5	26	3	34
Magnolia, L. W. Taylor	3	1	4	
New Roads-Port Allen, G. H. Corry	8	3	11	
Pine Grove, James P. Woodland	23	12	40	
Plaquemine-Bayou Chapel, C. R. McCammon	10	37	47	
Ponchatoula, Wilson Watson	25	54	79	
St. Francisville, E. Lee McKay	3	9	12	
Slaughter, Dale K. Smith	2	9	11	
Springfield, P. W. Sibley	8	15	23	
Tangipahoa, A. L. Carruth	40	12	52	
Walker, George M. Horne	3	5	8	
Wesley Chapel, C. J. T. Cotton	21	11	32	
Zachary, J. W. Ailor	17	1	18	
TOTALS	367	632	34	1033

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Quota 1697

Bell City, M. C. Cady	1	12	13	
Crowley, First Ch., Louis Hoffpauir	10	10	20	
Crowley, Wesley-Lota, Leroy Dickerson, Jr.	16	5	21	
DeQuincy, E. W. Dav	39	34	73	
DeRidder, George Pearce, Jr.	27	21	48	
Gueydan, Wesley, Alvin P. Smith	5	1	6	
Hornbeck, D. B. Boddie	6	28	34	
Indian Bayou, M. L. Davis	29	23	52	
Iowa, W. F. Howell	69	10	79	
Jennings, Robert B. Crichtow	13	20	33	
Lafayette, Davidson Mem., A. B. Cavanaugh	19	21	40	
Lafayette First Ch., D. W. Poole	10	30	40	
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	15	18	33	
Merryville, J. Taylor Wall	16	5	21	
Oberlin, R. M. Brown	6	9	15	
Raymond, Clarence B. Krumnow	5	15	20	
Rayne, D. T. Williams	5	18	23	
Vinton, Ivan O. Donaldson	69	16	85	
Welsh, Jack Cooke	60	50	110	
TOTALS	467	461	14	942

MONROE DISTRICT—Quota 1544

Bastrop-Beckman, R. H. Stables	15	131	1	147
Bonita-Jones-Sunrise, S. P. Dampier	12	19	31	
Columbia-Hobart, S. S. Holladay, Jr.	21	51	72	
Crowville-Backin, D. R. Deen	7	11	18	
Delhi, Don Wineinger	14	24	38	
Enpe-Flord, J. B. McCann	26	20	46	
Ferriday-Clavton, Don W. Alverson	10	28	38	
Gilbert-Boof Prairie, J. W. Boyd Sr.	33	41	74	
Goodwill-Bartholomew, Geo. P. Goodwin	1	13	14	
Grayson-Heights-Kelley, S. P. Emanuel	19	35	54	
Jonesville-Harrisburg, Virgil M. Culpepper	6	21	27	
Jones, James T. Harris, Jr.	1	1	2	
Lake Providence, T. M. Lancaster	30	30	60	
Manham-Little Creek-Union, Lael S. Jones	8	40	48	
Mer Rouge-Bonne Idee, Floyd M. Durham	36	35	71	
MONROE:				
First Church, H. L. Johns	74	95	169	
Gordon Ave., M. D. Felder	15	47	62	
Memorial, Ralph Cain	77	85	162	
Stone Ave., I. L. Yeager	15	22	37	
Southside-Fairbanks, Miss Lea Jovner	16	27	43	
Oak Grove, E. L. Tatum	19	16	35	
Oak Ridge, James Poole	14	29	43	
Pioneer Ct., I. A. Patton, Jr.	5	16	21	
Raville, Earl B. Emmerich	10	47	57	
Stevly Island, J. T. Davis	46	28	74	
Sterlington, J. A. Jones	5	24	29	
St. Joseph-Wesley, A. M. Baker	1	16	17	
Sunrise, W. F. Ragsdale	1	2	3	
Vidalia, George Cagle	9	17	26	
WEST MONROE:				
Brownsville, Tillman A. Brown	11	10	21	
First Church, W. D. Milton	30	96	126	
Claborne, F. L. Hearne	4	18	22	
McGuire, I. A. Love	14	10	24	
Winnboro, W. H. Bengtson	13	45	58	
Wisner, L. Gray Wilson	32	33	65	
TOTALS	650	1182	7	1839

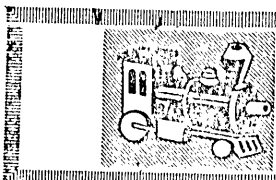
NEW ORLEANS—Quota 1833

Berwick-Patterson, C. W. Bennett	47	12	47	
Buras-Triumph, C. E. Henkel	2	12	14	
Covington, Robert C. Carter	14	23	42	
Donaldsonville, T. O. Rorie, Jr.	2	13	15	
Franklin, E. R. Haug	29	29	58	
Golden Meadow, R. H. Harner	11	1	12	
Houma-First Ch., Sam Nader	100	1	101	
Houma Heights, Rex Squires	24	24	48	
Lacombe-St. Tammany, J. C. Rousseau, Sr.	3	7	10	
Lacport, John W. Keller	7	1	8	
Morgan City, R. W. Bengtson	8	12	20	
NEW ORLEANS:				
Aldersgate, A. D. Roberts	16	16	32	
Algiers, J. W. Matthews	1	15	16	
Canal Street, P. M. Caraway	25	20	45	
Carrollton Ave., Henry A. Riekey	2	43	45	
Fifth Street, C. H. Snelling, Jr.	11	9	20	
Elvian Fields, Glendon M. Messer	8	9	17	
First Church, Nathaniel H. Melbert	30	31	61	
Gentilly, G. Eldred Blakely	23	24	47	
Gretna, E. C. Dufrense	14	14	28	

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not	Total
Jefferson, John T. Redmon	5	32	37	
Harahan, Robert H. Jamieson	10	10	20	
Kenner, H. L. Baker, Jr.	12	13	25	
John Wesley, T. O. Rorie	6	2	8	
Lake Vista, Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.	3	7	10	
Munholland Memorial, Dana Dawson, Jr.	18	8	26	
Napoleon Avenue, A. S. Hurley	4	14	18	
Parker Mem., A. T. Law	25	25	50	
Rayne Memorial, A. M. Serex	53	24	77	
St. Bernard, A. D. Roberts	9	9	18	
St. Luke's, Spencer W. Wren	6	4	10	
St. Mark's, Oakley Lee	15	1	16	
Second Church, T. O. Carlstrom	1	15	16	
Seyern	2	2	4	
Point-a-la-Hache, Fred Campbell	9	1	10	
Slidell, R. C. Clayton	10	19	29	
Thibodaux, R. R. Miller	8	9	17	
TOTALS	329	651	18	998

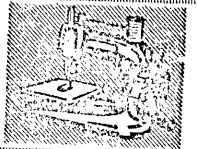
RUSTON DISTRICT—Quota 1540

Arcadia, Hubert A. Gibbs	14	57	71	••
Athens, L. M. Sawyer	16	12	28	
Bernice, Roy Grant	4	23	27	•
Beulah-Indian Village, R. H. Hearne	5	6	1	12
Bienville-Castor, K. K. Carithers	3	25		28
Calhoun, A. M. Wynne	4	18	1	23
Chatham, J. T. Garrett	19	36		55
Choudrant		7		7
Clay, Leo Westbrook	12	27		39
Cotton Valley, J. P. McKeithen	7	20		27
Downsville, Sidney E. Sterrett	3	26		29
Davline-McIntyre, Fred A. Mead	7	22		29
Dubach, Henry Blount	11	29		40
Eros, Abe Conerly	4	10		14
Farmersville, M. S. Robertson	2	39	7	46
Gibbsland, W. V. Sirman	14	82		96
Havensville, J. H. Midyett	23	102		125
Hoffin-Brushwood, S. L. Lantrip	5	4		9
Hodge, G. A. Morgan		22		22
Homer, Luman E. Douglas	13	72	2	87
Jonesboro, W. O. Lynch	13	77		90
Lisbon, R. P. Durbin	3	30		33
Marion, Edwin L. Brock	2	9		11
Minden, First Ch., Ira W. Flowers	11	70	2	83
Minden, Lakeview, H. G. Williamson	9	29	1	30
Quitman, Terry L. Baker	25	5		30
Rinegold, D. F. Anders	16	35	1	52
Ruston, Grace Church, D. L. McGuire	17	18		35
Ruston, Trinity, R. R. Branton	49	56		105
Shongaloo, Wm. Paul Cassels	7	29		36
Sibley		3		3
Simsboro-Antioch, Kirby A. Vining	10	20	2	32
Hilly	7	12		19
Springhill, Frank Tucker	14	37		51
TOTALS	349	1069	17	1435



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



THE MISFORTUNES OF BARBARA

By Margaret Brown Elms

"O H, DEAR!" exclaimed Priscilla, the beautiful French doll. "I wish it wouldn't rain or snow again for a year!"

Eliza Jane, the talking-doll, smiled but said nothing. She was thinking of how easy it sometimes is to find fault when one really has nothing to complain about.

"I haven't been out of doors for a week," continued Priscilla, "and there's nothing to do around here, but sit still and try to be pleasant." How she wished some one would do something out of the ordinary, so that the time would pass more quickly!

"I've had a delightful time this week," said Barbara, the little doll who had been in the nursery seven months. "I've enjoyed hearing Eliza Jane tell stories, and haven't found it a bit hard to be agreeable. In fact, I'm glad it has snowed so long, because Mother Dorothy likes to go coasting so well."

"Well, of course you wouldn't mind being shut up in the house so much as I would," Priscilla admitted, "because you never go anywhere anyway."

"You said something worth while that time, Priscilla," smiled Eliza Jane. "Sometimes dolls go about so much that they're unhappy if they're obliged to stay home for any length of time."

"Remember, Eliza Jane, that we're not all made like you and Barbara," Priscilla cautioned. "I've often wondered how you and she happened to have such happy dispositions. I suppose you were born that way; weren't you?"

Eliza Jane smiled. "I guess it is partly because of the hard knocks we have had all our lives. I feel sure that this is true in Barbara's case, because she is always having something unpleasant happen to her, and she is as sweet as any doll can be."

Priscilla opened her beautiful eyes wider than ever. "That's the strangest statement I ever heard you make, Eliza Jane," she declared; "but I suppose you know what you are talking about, as usual. I think it is just the other way around. Take my case for instance, I feel just as disagreeable as possible because it has done nothing but snow for a whole week. I'm completely disgusted with this weather. So there!"

"That's just the point," Eliza Jane reasoned, "your life has been too easy for your own good. That is why such a small thing as a little snow disturbs you. Barbara isn't complaining. I wish she would tell you of some of her experiences. Perhaps she will if you care to listen."

Several of the dolls who had not spoken as yet agreed that they would like to hear Barbara's story, so she consented to tell it. As they looked at Barbara, they realized that she did not look a bit like the doll who had come to live in the nursery only seven months ago.

"One day," Barbara began, "Mother Dorothy went to a party and left most of you in the nursery. For some reason or other, she decided to put

me out in the sleepingporch where I could rest in the fresh air and sunshine. I was left in care of Dorothy Daning. All the windows were wide open, and of course mother didn't know that the sun wasn't going to shine all day, and that her children would get soaking wet. However, that is just what happened. Soon, it began to pour. There was a strong east wind, so the rain came right in where I was lying in the doll-hammock. For the longest while, it rained as hard as I have ever seen it. In no time, my dress was wet, my feet were cold and damp, some of my paint was gone, and my hair was not only wet, but sticky.

"When Mother Dorothy came home, she was afraid that I would be sick, so she dried me thoroughly and gave me some ginger-tea. She thought I would be as good as ever after that, and of course I should have, had I been a rag-doll. But I knew from the first that I could never be like myself again. While Mother Dorothy was drying my dress and brushing my hair, she kept saying something like this: 'You precious darling, don't you mind! Mother knows what to do for her Barbara. Yes, mother knows.'"

"Yes, of course Mother Dorothy knows a great deal," Priscilla agreed. "What did she do next?"

"That's the sad part," sighed Barbara, "but mother meant to do well, I am sure. She put me in a tub of warm water, and scrubbed me with a sponge on which was an abundance of soap. Too much soap and warm water is not good for dolls, but I couldn't tell Mother Dorothy

that because she doesn't understand the doll-language. Consequently, there was nothing for me to do but keep quiet and let her scrub me as much as she pleased. In no time, what little paint remained, after my cold water bath in the sleepingporch was gone, and I was very blue."

"What did Mother Dorothy say then?" asked Esther, the pretty doll with the long curls, who had come from New York.

"She almost cried," murmured Barbara. "But that was not all that happened. Mother got a comb, and she combed and combed my hair so long and so hard that I thought I never should be able to wear a ribbon again. I guess she thought so too, because she held me in one of her hands a long time, and looked me over carefully. At last, she took all of my hair in her hand, pulled it up on the top of my head, and told me if I wore a ribbon hereafter, it would have to be tied on every hair I had on my head. That is why I wear my hair as I do."

"Oh, I see," Esther nodded. "I've often wondered why all your hair is pulled up on the top of your head. Do you like to have it that way?"

"Of course not," Barbara declared, "but it can't be helped."

Just then, Mother Dorothy came into the nursery, so the dolls stopped talking.

"So that is why she never fusses when it snows or complains when she has to stay in the house all the time," Priscilla said to herself. "I guess Eliza Jane has the right idea, for it does seem that misfortunes are often blessings in disguise."—In Zion's Herald

"This has gone too far," said the stern parent when his son brought home a 3-D report card.—Kroehler

AFRICAN MISSIONARY

By Margaret G. Wilson

Dr. Albert Schweitzer is a medical missionary in Africa. He is no longer a young man. In fact I'm sure you will think he is very, very old, because he is seventy-two years of age. But he still works very hard, working in the hospital often from six in the morning until after midnight.

Years ago when Dr. Schweitzer first went to Africa, he opened up his first little hospital in a hen-coop. Today he has a big hospital with 200 beds for sick patients and four other doctors who assist.

Many of the people who came to Dr. Schweitzer for help had to be operated upon, and so many got well again that these people thought the great doctor had cut out the evil spirit.

That wouldn't have been too bad, but of course all the people didn't need an operation. All they needed was some medicine. Well they didn't want the medicine. They wanted the evil spirit cut out. So poor Dr. Schweitzer had his troubles. But of course he didn't do any cutting if it wasn't necessary, and the sick people did take their medicine. Doctors have a way of getting people to take medicine, no matter how kind the doctors really are.

He gets so tired that you would think when he was finished with the last patient he would jump into bed and get to sleep. But there are other things to be done. He is writing, writing, writing. He is writing a book, and that, of course, takes a lot of time.

Just outside his room, in a little pen, live his two closest friends, two pet antelope fawns. When they come into his room they get too chummy, and have even chewed up pages of the book he is writing until some pages of that book have had to be rewritten six different times.

Then every night, when he is perhaps too tired to write any more, he plays on his organ. People say it is strange hearing this music in the jungles of Africa. As one person said "One night when I heard that glorious music in the stillness of the night I fully expected to hear the voices of angels."

A missionary's life isn't easy, but Dr. Schweitzer is so happy in his work that he never thinks what he is giving to those people in Africa. He is happy in seeing the sick healed. He is happy to be able to write, and he is happy in his music.

We can't all be Dr. Schweitzers but we can all learn to be happy in doing the things at hand, right here at home.—The United Church Observer

JUST FOR FUN

Margery's father told her about our founding fathers. Finally, he concluded, "They set foot on a dry and barren rock. And what do you think was the first thing they did?"

"Looked for an apartment," promptly answered Margery.—Dixie Roto Magazine

WINTER TIME

*The winter days are full of fun,
The air is cold and bracing.
Our cheeks are red, we laugh and play,
This sets our blood to racing.*

*We are always very careful
In cold and stormy weather
To keep our feet both warm and dry
When playing all together.*

*We want to be both well and strong
We find our coats and caps
Before we play or go to school,
We won't forget our wraps.*

*So winter days are happy days
Made up of work and play.
Let's all resolve in this new year
To help them stay that way.*

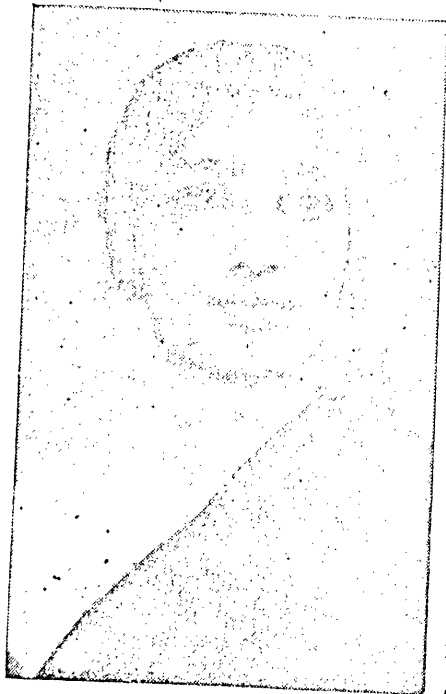
—A.E.W.



WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

SARAH CHAKKO, WORLD CHURCHWOMAN, DIES



MISS SARAH CHAKKO

Miss Sarah Chakko, principal of Methodism's noted Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, India, one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches, a vice-president of the World's Young Women's Christian Association, and president of the Student Christian Movement of India, Burma, and Ceylon, died on Monday, January 25, on the college campus from a heart attack.

Miss Chakko was probably India's best-known Christian woman and educator, and was a leader of Christian movements on three continents. She was born in North Parur, South India, in 1905. She came from the Syrian Christian Church in South India—the church which, according to tradition, was founded by St. Thomas in the First Century. Her father was a prominent police official and organizer of the church in Trichur, Cochin, South India. She was educated at Queen Mary's College, Madras, taking her A.B. and her M.A. in history degrees there. Later she studied at the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan, receiving from the latter the degree of Master in Education. Miss Chakko taught for three years in Alwaye, South India, and was then called to the Isabella Thoburn College faculty. For thirteen years she was professor of history and vice-principal; then in 1945 was elected to the principalship. She was the second Indian woman to be its principal in 85 years of the school's history.

In 1948 at the Constituting Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, Holland, Miss Chakko was largely instrumental in persuading the inaugural assembly of the World Council of Churches to set up the "Commission on Life and Work of Women in the Church." On leave of absence from Isabella Thoburn College, she accepted the task of setting up the commission, and traveled extensively to study relevant problems at first-hand. She visited the United States again late in 1950. From her

Mrs. Annie Hickman Honored at Marked Tree

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Marked Tree Methodist Church honored Mrs. Annie Hickman at a reception in Fellowship Hall January 13. Mrs. Hickman has given fifty years of service to her church and recalled the first meeting of the Ladies Aid Society in January, 1904. She has served as president in 30 different years, and has also held virtually every other office in the organization.

Always a leader in the women's organizations, she took charge of a committee to serve the Rotary Luncheon meetings, after that club's organization 27 years ago. She resigned as chairman of this committee last month.

In 1926 members of the Methodist Church named Mrs. Hickman to the Church's Board of Trustees, a position she still holds.

There were ten members in 1904, today there are 100, including Mrs. Anna Ritter another charter member. Many of these were present to demonstrate their appreciation for



MRS. ANNIE HICKMAN

Mrs. Hickman and her service, to see her receive a handsome leather bag as a token of that esteem of her friends. —Dorothy Stuck

THE MINNIE FERGUSON NURSING FUND

For 52 years Miss Minnie Ferguson of Cuero, Texas, devoted her life to the field of nursing. After her death, in tribute to her life of service, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Cuero Methodist Church established the Minnie Ferguson Nursing Fund, hoping to help some Methodist girl in training for the nursing profession.

In October, the first scholarship award from this fund was made. One hundred and seventy-five dollars went to Marilyn Ethel Davenport, an outstanding student nurse at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. "My wanting to be a nurse did not start with my entering training," Miss Davenport says. "It seems that all my life, there has been a deep desire to serve people who were sick. When I finished high school, the need for nurses was so great that no other thought entered by mind, other than to help fulfill that need. I consider helping people who are sick or wounded a wonderful privilege in serving God and His cause."

Every year our Methodist Schools of Nursing need 2500 new students. Among these young women, who come from every city and village in our nation, are many who need financial help to complete their three years of training. The Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church can help any church organization or individual

work with the World Council of Churches, Miss Chakko rapidly grew to international fame.

The service of worship, that women around the world will use on "World Day of Prayer" on March 5 of this year, was written by Miss Chakko.

Funeral service for Miss Chakko, held in the college chapel, was attended by more than 2,000 people.

who would like to contribute to Christ's healing ministry in this way by directing funds to worthy Christian girls in training in any of our hospitals. Any organization or individual interested in providing such help should contact the Personnel Director of the Board, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

Just how do the girls in training feel about the nursing profession? Again, the words of Miss Davenport, who was an active "MYFer" in Houston's McAshon Methodist Church: "I enjoy my work as a student nurse thoroughly, and I try to be good student. I shall always try. As for compensation, what greater payment could I receive than knowing that I helped in a small way toward the recovery of someone? I could talk all day about it, but I think in these few words you can understand why I want to be a nurse."

The need for such Christian young people in our hospitals is great. Voluntary health pre-payment plans and better education have resulted in more people using hospital facilities. As these facilities are expanded, the number of nurses, doctors, technicians, office workers, maintenance men must increase, too. Realizing that "human life, being a gift of God, is sacred," means that every Christian must do his part to see that the hospitals, the children's homes, and the homes for the aged are able to care for all who need help, and that the men and women who serve humanity in this way are well qualified for their jobs and of the finest Christian character.

More than half of all scientific research and development in the U. S. is now sponsored and paid for by the Federal Government. —Scientific American.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Coushatta Woman's Society of Christian Service has begun the study "Within These Borders" under the leadership of Mrs. Ira Campbell.

For the opening session Mrs. H. D. Haberyan of Shreveport, Chairman of the Committee on Missions of the National Council of Churches, spoke to the society on Latin American people and their background.

A new unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild was organized for the Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, Friday, January 22 at the home of Mrs. Gus Dickey. Miss Dorothy Garner was elected temporary chairman and Miss Dora Mae Anderson, temporary secretary. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harold Goss with Mrs. Kenneth Carter as co-hostess.

The New Iberia Woman's Society of Christian Service met in special session on January 20 with Mrs. Katherine Hester presiding. After the introduction of a delegation of women from First Church, Lafayette, Mrs. Eloi Girard, president of the guest society, spoke words of appreciation, and then sang an inspiring solo.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. Robert E. Parrott, director of the Student Center at S. L. I. Mr. Parrott brought an encouraging report on the activities at the Student Center. The climax of the program was reached when Mrs. W. H. DuPuy presented Mrs. W. R. Wendt, the pastor's wife, with a Life Membership pin.

Enjoying the refreshments and fellowship following the program were 68 members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of New Iberia, and ten from Lafayette.

Mrs. Alfred Knox began a class on "Alcohol - A Christian's Responsibility" for the Wesleyan Service Guilds of Fort Smith on January 25. Mr. D. J. Blaylock, Narcotic Consultant for the state, was a guest speaker for this first session.

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Franklin, Louisiana, held open house in the parsonage, the evening of December 18th.

Beautiful floral arrangements abounded throughout the house and a large and beautiful Christmas tree stood in one corner of the living room, while a creche had been arranged on the living room mantel.

Throughout the evening Christmas Carols were played very softly on a concealed phonograph.

Punch, coffee, sandwiches, cookies, and candy were served the guests who called.

Rev. E. R. Haug is pastor of the church at Franklin.

The Alexandria District W. S. C. S., Zone 3, meeting will be held Friday, February 5th at the Le-compte Methodist Church. — Mrs. Merlin Keenze.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

Area Ministers To Be In Evangelistic Mission In Alaska

Five ministers from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area are among the Methodist leaders who will participate in the second biennial Evangelistic Mission to be conducted in the Methodist churches of Alaska February 10-24.

They are Dr. Arthur Terry, district superintendent of the Pine Bluff District; the Rev. John M. McCormack, pastor of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff; Rev. R. B. Moore, pastor of First Church, Camden; Rev. George W. Pomeroy, district superintendent of the Ruston District; and Rev. Douglas L. McGuire, pastor of Grace Church, Ruston.

Dr. Joseph H. Edge is in charge of the mission. He is a member of the denomination's General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn. The mission is sponsored jointly by the Boards of Evangelism and Missions.

The mission will be conducted by 10 ministers and 10 laymen from over the nation, working in groups of twos, directing preaching services and visitation.

Participants are to arrive in Seattle February 10. On February 11 they will have a prayer service and words of instruction from the bishop of the Seattle Area before

departing by air for their assignments, which will begin on arrival in Anchorage February 12.

Dr. Gordon P. Gould, superintendent of Methodist work in Alaska, will be the speaker at a mass meeting at Anchorage February 23, when ministers and laymen come together again. Dr. Gould was a visitor in Arkansas last summer.

Dr. Terry's trip is being sponsored by First Church, Pine Bluff, Mr. McCormack's by Lakeside Church, and Mr. Moore's by First Church, Camden. Each church will receive Advance Special credit.

They will return to Seattle February 24.

The first evangelistic effort of this nature was in March, 1952.

OPENING OF NEW LAKE CITY CHURCH

The first service in the new \$20,000 Lake City Methodist Church was held on Sunday, January 24.

Rev. John Barrett, pastor of the church, preached at the service at the 11:00 o'clock hour. A special open house program, attended by a number of special guests and several hundred visitors, was held on Sunday afternoon, followed by the regular evening service.

The new structure, built on the site of the old building, has in addition to the sanctuary, five classrooms and a kitchen. Four of the classrooms can be converted into a recreation hall.

The main sanctuary is 22 x 50 and has a large seating capacity.

Two former pastors, Rev. B. W. Stallcup, pastor of the Moorefield-Asbury Charge, and Rev. Gale Anderson, pastor of the Black Rock Church, were present for the opening. Rev. E. J. Holifield, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District, was also present.

Members of the Building Committee which supervised the planning for the new building were Fred Stotts, W. J. Newton and W. R. Willis. Fred Plyland headed the Finance Committee.

We of the U. S. are: 44 million Protestants; 23 million Roman Catholics; 4½ million Jews; 1 million Eastern Orthodox Catholics; ¾ million Mormons; ½ million Christian Scientists; 1-10 million Quakers.—The Cardinal, student publication, Fulton High School, Atlanta, Ga.

No child can ever be greater than the ideal set before him.—Elizabeth Lee, Church & Home.

THE HENDRIX ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Cash in hand, January 29, 1954, \$202,128.31.

To be raised in 1954, \$97,871.69.

You can help in reducing the amount to be raised:

1. By paying your own pledge.
2. By making a cash contribution.
3. By sending in a payment on your church pledge.

NELLIE DYER RECEIVES "METHODIST OF THE YEAR" AWARD



At the annual meeting of the Board of Missions, of The Methodist Church, at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., the Methodist missionaries who were repatriated in May of 1953 from communist prison camp in North Korea were each awarded the annual "Methodist of the Year" certificate and government bond by

World Outlook, official monthly by the Board. The presentations were made by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, on behalf of Editors Henry C. Sprinkly and Dorothy McConnell and their staff.

In the picture above Bishop Moore is shown presenting the award to Miss Nellie Dyer of Conway.



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HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Second Semester Gets Under Way

Classes resumed January 29th after the conclusion of the first semester tests and registration the two weeks preceding. Enrollment for the second semester has reached 420. This is 20 more students than were enrolled for the second semester last year.

Chapel Choir On Television

The Chapel Choir sang several selections on Marjorie Lawrence's television program from Station

KRTV in Little Rock last Saturday. The Choir, under the direction of V. Earle Copes, sang "Alleluia" by Scarlatti and two selections from the Missa Brevis Mass by Kodaly.

Devotional Program On Radio

Hendrix College will give a devotional-type program over radio station KTHS Sunday, February 21, at 12 o'clock. The program will be one of a series of radio broadcasts given by various colleges about the state.

The program will be recorded at

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"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 CRUSADE MISSION IN EVERY CHURCH

The interest in the Church and Church School Attendance Crusade seems to be growing over the conference. This is one of the finest opportunities that we have had for the spiritual enrichment of our people. Assignments of pastors have been made for the preaching missions by the District Superintendents. The question as to the carrying of the preaching mission to every church has been given lively consideration. It is true that across the years the difficulties of total coverage of the churches has caused such an effort to come to naught. One cannot, of course, expect that such a far-reaching effort could be made over night. It is interesting to note, however, that there is at least a consciousness being developed along those lines. For instance a letter from Pryor Cruce, of Swifton Alicia, reveals that he will have visitation and preaching missions at all three of his churches with two nights for each church. He will thereby have the privilege of having the visiting minister in each church. It seems to me that this is very wise procedure. This policy

could be followed to a good advantage in other charges.

Another approach to this matter is the organization of laymen, retired minister, members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the youth groups to prepare messages on the Holy Habits and present them to each church.

Two nights of visitation and of preaching by pastors or laymen can do much to strengthen the life of the local church. That is indeed far better than serving only one church with the others left out. In some instances where there is a good organization with laymen capable of presiding in worship services, the host pastor of a church can preach at a nearby church while the guest pastor preaches in his church. That would give greater coverage to the program.

If one church needs this program then it goes without argument that others also are in need of it. The next few weeks will be great weeks in the life of the Methodist Church throughout our Conference.—J. Albert Gatlin

FIVE HUNDRED CHURCHES ENROLL IN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Nearly five hundred churches have enrolled in the 1953-54 Town and Country Church Development Program which is sponsored jointly by Emory University, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, and thirteen state committees, it was announced this week by the Director, G. Ross Freeman, of Atlanta.

The purpose of this interdenominational and inter-racial program is to spread stimulating ideas for church development across the South, to furnish guidance in surveying and planning progressive programs, to encourage participation in community improvement activities, to promote the world mission of the church, and to recognize outstanding achievement.

To participate, a local church enrolls, examines its present program, selects some projects in each of the three areas, and sends in a report of its progress May 1, 1954.

Complete information is sent to each church that enrolls in the "Development Packet." In addition, they receive a monthly News-letter and other helps throughout the year.

A state committee will examine the "Reports of Progress" and on the basis of them will select the ten top churches. The Sears-Roebuck Foundation will write checks totalling \$12,650 for these showing the most outstanding progress during the year.

Enrollments will be accepted through March 1, 1954. Any church interested in participating can write Box 309, Emory University, Georgia.

HOPE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Hope District Conference met Wednesday, November 25, in the First Methodist Church in Prescott. Rev. E. D. Galoway, District Superintendent, presiding. W. D. Golden was elected secretary.

Instead of a composite report, each pastor made a report of the work in his charge. A report was made of her work by Miss Dot Kelley, District Worker. A report of the District Trustees and the report of the District Treasurer were read by Fred Gantt.

Dr. E. T. Wayland, editor of the *Arkansas Methodist*; Rev. T. T. McNeal, Director of the Methodist Children's Home; Dr. Matt L. Ellis, President of Hendrix College and Rev. Roy Fawcett addressed the conference in the interest of the causes they represent.

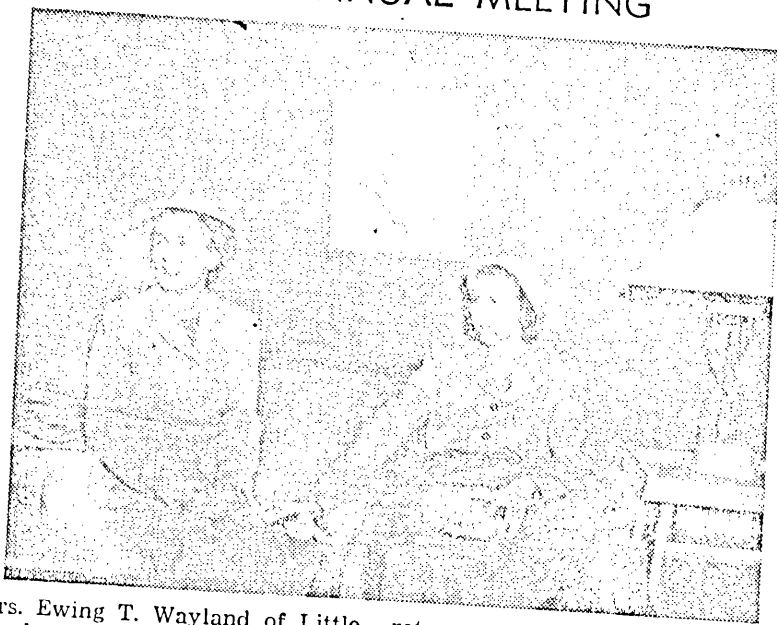
At eleven o'clock Rev. Alfred DeBlack, pastor of our church at Mena, preached the conference sermon. Lunch was served at the church at the noon hour by the ladies of the host church.

At the lunch period Mrs. W. F. Bates, Conference Director of Children's Work and Rev. Virgil Bell, District Chairman of the Temperance Committee, addressed the group. The Rev. Mr. Bell showed a film strip in the interest of the cause of prohibition.

The afternoon was given to the reports of the various. Dr. C. C. Neal spoke to the conference in the interest of his work in Pine Bluff.

Mineral Springs was selected as the place of meeting for the next District Conference.—W. D. Golden, Secretary

PLAN ANNUAL MEETING



Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland of Little Rock, left, and Mrs. J. C. Upton of Camden, right, head committees making plans for the annual meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society at Camden in April. Mrs. Wayland, conference secretary of promotion, is serving as program chairman for the meeting.

Mrs. Upton, vice president of the host society, will be general chairman for local arrangements. The meeting will be held at Camden's First Methodist Church.

WASHINGTON CHURCHES PLAN MINISTRY TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) A six-point program for a more effective ministry to public officials here was adopted by the Washington Federation of Churches.

One plank of the program calls for designation of the Sunday after the opening of Congress each January as a special day of worship for government officials and employees.

Another provides for an appeal to ministers throughout the country to let their denominational leaders here know when persons active in their home-town churches come to the capital to take a government job.

This, the Federation's executive board agreed, would make possible a more effective spiritual ministry to persons in government by Washington churches.

Seven leading ministers have been named to a Committee for a More Effective Ministry to Government Personnel to implement the program. Its chairman is Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, pastor of Mount Vernon Methodist church, who spearheaded the plan.

The Protestant leaders discussed the possibility that each denomination might plan a special service on the Sunday after Congress convenes.

Also considered was the idea of a general co-operative Protestant service patterned after the service of communion and intercession sponsored successfully each January for the last six years by National Presbyterian church here.

President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon, Chief Justice Warren and many other high officials attended this year's Presbyterian service, held on the morning of the opening day of Congress.

CHRISTIAN GROUPS MEET CHALLENGE IN MALAYA

Kuala Lumpur, Malaya (RNS) — Christian missionaries of several denominations are playing an important role in the Federation of Malaya's far-reaching program to re-

settle some 500,000 people in new communities as a means of combating Communist infiltration and depredation.

The vast majority of those being resettled are Chinese who had been living in what virtually was a "squatter" existence in tiny isolated settlements in, or on the fringe of, the jungle. It was from these defenseless people that the Communists, by force, got most of their food and many of their "recruits."

Life in the new communities has brought the "former squatters" amenities they never knew—substantial housing, movies, buses, cafes, nursing and medical and other social services. It also has created among them a hunger for spiritual nourishment.

Among the mission groups braving Communist terrorism to help satisfy this hunger are the Methodists, Anglicans, Quakers and Adventists.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

(Continued from page 12)

the college on the night of February 10 in the Auditorium. The choir will sing and President Matt L. Ellis will give the devotional.

The Chapel Choir will present the complete "Missa Brevis" the afternoon of February 7 under the direction of V. Earle Copes. This program will be given in the Auditorium.

Five Complete Graduation Requirements

Five seniors of Hendrix College completed all requirements for the bachelor of arts degree with the end of final examinations for the first semester, Victor Hill, Registrar at Hendrix, has announced. They were Mrs. William Bell of Conway, department of education; Ed Thompson of Conway, division of education; Don Vogan of Conway, health and physical education; Mrs. Kenneth Stephens of Oklahoma City, Okla., division of the natural sciences, and Richard T. Ware of Conway, religion and philosophy.

Seniors completing graduation requirements at mid-semester will receive their diplomas formally with other members of the class of 1954 at the May 30 commencement.—Chris Holmes.

METHODIST YOUTH

CHURCH NEEDS FULL-TIME WORKERS

THE Methodist Church will need 5,150 full-time workers this year in specialized jobs.

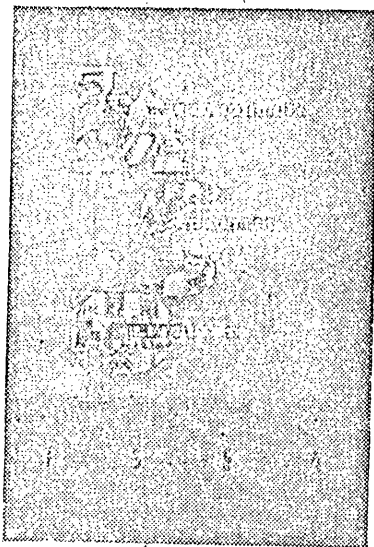
That is the current annual estimate of personnel needs in four major fields—the ministry, missionary service, Christian education and hospitals—according to the Methodist Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, Nashville, Tenn.

The committee has just issued its 1954 vocational manual, **Methodist Service Projects**, which summarizes 73 different types of work in a dozen general program areas of the church.

The 68-page guide is designed to assist young people who are considering church vocations, and pastors, teachers and other adults who counsel youth.

In addition to job descriptions, the booklet also contains a statement on the Christian philosophy of vocation; a summary of volunteer, short-time and summer service projects, and information about student loan and scholarship funds.

"At this time of world crisis the Methodist Church needs consecrated and qualified personnel, both young and adults, and the need is urgent," said the Rev. Richard G. Belcher, secretary of the interboard committee.



He estimates that in the next four years the church will need: 6,000 ministers, 1,000 educators, 1,600 in mission service at home and abroad, and 12,000 doctors, nurses, technicians and social workers.

Copies of **Methodist Service Projects** can be obtained from the Rev. Mr. Belcher for 10 cents each. His address is Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

SUB-DISTRICTS

Buffalo Island

The Buffalo Island Sub-District met at the Black Oak Methodist Church on Monday night, January 18. Seven churches from this district were represented at the meeting.

The group assembled for a devotional program, presented by the Black Oak M. Y. F. Winnie Pace, president of the Black Oak M. Y. F., led the group in the opening hymn; Rex Pace read the Scripture. The theme of the program, "Our Dependence on a Power Beyond Ourselves," was presented by Angeline Jackson.

Rosalie Gorham led the group in games and Donald Strickland was the leader in a Bible quiz. Refreshments were served.

Robeline

The monthly meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowships was held at the Robeline Methodist Church on January 18, with the following attendance: Faith, 20; Oak Grove 12; Marthaville, 14 and Robeline 23. Carey Durr presided in the absence of the president.

An offering of \$3.34 was received for the M. Y. F. Fund and \$6.11 for Meals for Millions.

Robeline was in charge of the consecration service with the following taking part: Mrs. E. E. Law, Lois Ann Jordon, Hazel Rowe, Doris Walker, Mary Shumach, Carolyn Wingfield, Claudine Rowe, Barbara Walker, Barbara Lynn Johnson, Mrs. J. E. Whitley and Doyle Barnhill. The altar call and closing prayer were given by Cecil Mims of Marthaville Church. Rev. Raymond Crofoot was present and assisted in the meeting.

YOUTH ESSAY-SPEECH CONTEST ON GAMBLING

The Methodist Board of Temperance of Louisiana is sponsoring an Essay-Speech Contest for high school young people of the Methodist Youth Fellowships on the subject: "GAMBLING AND ITS EFFECT ON YOUNG PEOPLE."

Young people in every Methodist Church in Louisiana are eligible to enter this contest to compete for first place awards amounting to \$118.; second place, \$68.; third place \$43.

If interested see your Methodist pastor for information, and write the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, P. O. Box 360 Baton Rouge 1, for material.

The Local Church contest will be held either February 28 or March 7. The Final State contest will be held at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, on March 27 at 10 a. m.

LAKESIDE YOUTH TO BUY RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

The Intermediate and Senior M. Y. F. gave a chili supper in Fellowship Hall of Lakeside Methodist Church in Pine Bluff on January 14th. The supper was given to raise money for the buying of equipment for a lot at the south side of the church, which is to be converted into a recreation center. Some women of the Church prepared the chili and the youth served and cleared the tables. There was a good crowd and an approximate sum of \$50.00 was taken in.

The recreation center will be for everyone, and the church feels sure it will play an important part in the Youth Fellowship.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

Teen Drinking

There is hardly an informed person who is not concerned with the increasing problem of drinking among teen-agers. Certainly anyone who keeps up with youth today must know of the increasing incidence of drunkenness among youth, the increasingly acute problem of alcoholism among adolescents, and the appalling indifference on the part of some parents to the goings-on within their circle of youth and their friends.

Last week's newspaper reported that raiding of teen-aged drinking parties is becoming a regular week-end chore for police in the city of Detroit. Usually held in cars, private homes, and public parks, these juvenile parties are continuing in spite of the tough action policy of the police. One of the court officials is quoted as saying they must get tough "because the whole problem of teen-age drinking is getting out of hand in Detroit." He blamed "broken homes, lax parents, fast cars, and the impressionable age." And he pointed out that any solution must come through the parents. Another official says we can look

for the cause and the cure in the home, because "many times youngsters have parents who simply ignore the trouble."

It's very difficult for those of us who share the conviction of total abstinence to abstain from an attitude of "I told you so." I was raised in a prohibition state and so am unable to speak out of personal experience as a youth growing up where liquor is legal. The temptation to drink just wasn't there. Few high school youth ever thought of patronizing any bootlegger who happened to be peddling nearby. Other narcotics were mentioned only in laboratory discussions or an infrequent observations of the human derelicts in the north end of nearby Kansas City. But I do remember from my high school days the campaign for "Beer and Prosperity" which sparked the efforts at Repeal of Prohibition. And I recall the sacred promises that we would not return to the days of the old-time saloon.

Well that promise has proved true. We haven't returned to the old-fashioned saloon which had no place for women, children and youth. (We might be better off with it.) How we have glamorized drinking to the place where one of the real temptations of the sincere Christian youth has to do with going along with the crowd in teenage tipting, or saying no, and risking the loss of drinking friends. Let those of us who are adults try fully to understand the terrific pressure which is exerted against our youth in this regard. In many ways it is greater than that which non-drinking adults face socially. Nor let us in a dominating way, demand of youth complete resistance to that temptation, without (1) demonstrating our sympathetic understanding of their problem, (2) avoiding a holier-than-thou, dictatorial, when-I-was-your-age, attitude, (3) offering a positive substitute for those activities which make social drinking attractive to youth, (4) being willing ourselves to accept the code of abstinence we expect of youth.

This in no way relieves youth of the responsibility of decision and adherence to Christian standards in social behavior. Rather it points up the fact that this problem is one which youth and adults must face together.

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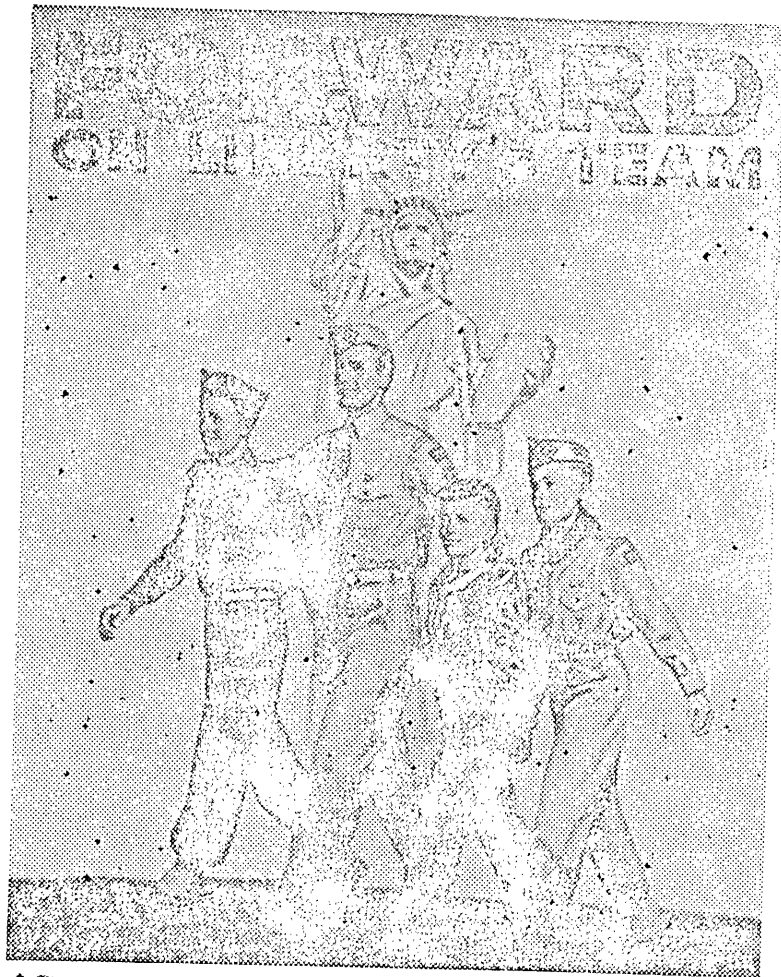
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The 44th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America will be observed during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 to 13, by more than 8,800,000 boys and adult leaders. Since 1910 more than 21,000,000 boys and leaders have been members.

Boy Scout Week will highlight the "Forward on Liberty's Team" theme which seeks to produce a

greater functioning manpower and provide a higher quality program for an ever-increasing membership.

In countless communities, Scouts, their parents, local institutions and public officials will pay tribute to the leaders of 89,000 Units for the contribution they are making to the boyhood of America.

OBITUARIES

ADCOCK — Luther Willis Adcock, native of Miller County, Arkansas and member of the Olive Branch Church, Doddridge Charge, died at the home of his son, Estell Adcock in the Doddridge community on Sunday night, January 10.

Mr. Adcock united with the Methodist Church at Olive Branch in early manhood and was a devoted consecrated Christian and greatly loved by all who knew him. He was a Royal Arch Mason and a charter member of the Miller County school board.

Surviving are three sons, Aubrey Adcock, Texarkana; Captain Vernon Adcock, Colorado Springs, Col.; Estell Adcock, Doddridge; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the church he loved, the Olive Branch Church, by his pastor Rev. W. P. Walker, assisted by Rev. Mr. Ely and Rev. Ell Westbrook.

HEARN—The spirit of Mrs. Eugenia White Hearn passed into the life eternal on December 1 at her home in Columbia, La.

"Miss Eugenia", as she was affectionately called by her friends, was born and reared in Louisiana, the daughter of the late Rev. and

Hearn, she leaves a daughter, Miss Bert Hearn, who was ever at her side, administering to her needs and comfort. A foster daughter, Mrs. Mirriam Hearn McDaniel, and the following sisters, Mrs. Leola Nixon, Miss Nettie White, Miss Daisy White and Miss Marylena White, and a number of other relatives also survive.

Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. Sam Holloday, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. D. Kitchingham. Her favorite scripture and hymns were used in the service. A host of friends gathered to pay their last tribute to this fine Christian character who will always be remembered.—A Friend

BETHEL—Mrs. Ida Bethel, 84 years of age, of Bates, departed this life on January 21. Mrs. Bethel was the third member of the Methodist Church at Bates to leave us during the past 12 or 15 months. Mrs. Williams was the first to go, followed by Mrs. L. J. Riddle. We will miss these saintly mothers very much, but may we strive to be as brave in our pilgrimage as they have been. We lost Mrs. J. O. Gibson of Square Rock in December. She had been a member of the Methodist Church

for many years.—Mrs. Fred Thompson

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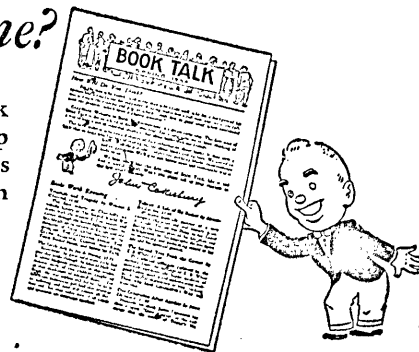
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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 14, 1954 WHY IS CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
John, chapters 7 and 8. Printed Text: John 8:12-19.

MEMORY SELECTION: "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

This is the sixth lesson of the present unit of study. It will be remembered that the general theme is "CHRIST SPIRITUALLY INTERPRETED." The first lesson dealt with the menace of commercialism, the second, with the importance of being born of the Holy Spirit; the third, with the danger of permitting artificial barriers to separate us from our fellow men; the fourth, with the sickness caused by the consumption of alcohol as a beverage; and the fifth, with Christ as the bread of life. Our theme today raises the question "Why Is Christ the Light of the World?"

The Darkness Of The World

In answering the question of our theme it might be well to raise another—What darkness in the world does the coming of Christ illuminate? One thing is certain and that is when the Lord said, "I am the light of the world" he was not talking about literal light. He does not propose to turn night into day as the sun does when it rises each morning. The Lord is thinking in terms of moral and spiritual darkness, and it is light along these lines that he proposes to bring to the world. In spite of the fact that he came nearly two thousand years ago to bring light of this type there is still a lot of darkness in the world.

The Darkness Of Confusion

There is the darkness of confusion. People are confused as to the true values of life. The vast majority habitually put the material things of life ahead of the spiritual realities. We speak of this as being a materialistic age. In this respect it is like all other ages of the world. There has never been a time when the majority of the people habitually put first things first. They did not do it before Christ came in the flesh; they did not do it while he was here; and they have not done it since he went away visibly to return in Spirit. Christ insisted that people cannot live by bread alone but the vast majority—many of whom are in the various churches—are trying to do it. With much emphasis, the Lord declared that the life is more than food and the body more than raiment, but somehow people in general have not taken him seriously. So, like a cancerous growth materialism has spread throughout the world. Communism is nothing more or less than organized paganistic, atheistic materialism. The Communists declare bluntly that there is no such thing as spiritual values, and they live as though no such values exist. At least they are logical in that respect. They deny that there is a personal God who can hear and answer prayers. The authors of an encyclopedia recently published in Russia deny that

Christ ever existed at all. They deny that there is a future life for human beings beyond the grave. It is upon this ground that they claim that Christianity is an opium which puts people to sleep. They contend that if people are promised a happy and contented life hereafter they will be inclined to put up with wrongs on this earth that they should rebel against. They deny that love, honesty, and truth are virtues. They teach a doctrine of hate and a life of dishonesty and falsehood. They place no value whatever on the individual. They think of their people only in the masses. Each individual is a mere cog in the wheel of state or party. Practically all of their teaching is in direct opposition to the teaching of Christ. If Jesus were in the flesh in Russia today, they would be sure to kill him.

There is no question about the fact that the leaders of Russia and the other countries behind the Iron Curtain are confused. It is said that many people in those countries are trying to cling to Christianity, but their voices cannot be heard. They are ruled with an iron hand.

Not only are the leaders behind the Iron Curtain confused, but that confusion is world-wide. The majority of the people in every nation is failing to put first things first. Our nation has forged to the front in the matter of spiritual leadership and yet we are materialistic to the core. What is the source of our political corruption? The answer is simple—materialism. What is the source of the dope and liquor traffics in our nation? The answer again is materialism. People think more of money and what it can buy than they do of the health and the physical and spiritual lives of millions of people whom they are ruining with their traffic.

The Darkness Of Prejudice

The prejudices of life are also causing quite a bit of moral and spiritual darkness. We observe these evil forces on every hand. There is prejudice between denominations. This is a sad plight indeed. The only force that can successfully combat Communism is Christianity, and yet Christianity is sadly divided. We are greatly weakened by these divisions. The tragedy of the whole matter is that we are not divided over anything that makes any difference. No denomination can save a person; the Lord only can do that, and all of them preach salvation through the forsaking of sins and the acceptance of him as Saviour and Lord. If all Christian groups would learn to be firm on essentials but liberal on nonessentials, they would soon get together; not necessarily in the matter of having but one group, but working together over and above denominational

lines. There is a sore need for this co-operation as we take our stand against the common enemy of all Christian groups.

Then, there is prejudice between management and labor. Above all things, materially speaking, there should be harmony between these groups. The problems between these two groups will never be fully settled until this prejudice is removed. Each of these groups needs to practice the golden rule with regards to the other.

Another prejudice we would like to note here is that of race. The people of this nation need to realize that there are rights and privileges that are due to all citizens, and that regardless of race, creed, or color. We are making great progress along that line. This progress has come about, not through legislation, but through understanding co-operation, and education. We should continue along this same line. Attempted legislation would only serve to create a greater spirit of prejudice, and this above all things is what we want to avoid. According to Christ, the greatest value on earth is personality. Personality can be developed along right lines. We call such development the building of righteous character. Those who help in the building of such structure, whether in themselves or others, are building for eternity. Since self-development along right lines; the building of good character is so important no citizen, through prejudice on the part of others, should be deterred from attaining this goal to the fullest possible extent.

The Darkness Of Sin

The greatest darkness of all is that which is occasioned by sins. The poet sang "Dark the night of sin has settled, loud the angry biltled on the world, but we are told that it is always darkest just before dawn, and we cannot help but feel that a new day is dawning. There is a great turning of the people back to the church. In 21:11 we find the Prophet Isaiah speaking of this night of sin: "The oracle concerning Dumah. One is calling to me from Seir, 'Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?' The watchman says: 'Morning comes, and also the night.'" The world has passed and is passing through the night of sin, but we feel like saying in the words of the prophet, "Morning comes." More and more, people are coming to realize the importance of religion and as they do they are, in ever increasing numbers, turning to God and the church. If this trend keeps up this world will yet be made a safe place in which to live and rear a family.

In considering the matter of sin we need to remember that there are sins of omission as well as commission. God is expecting all of us to do our duty. It must be said of us as it was of the Israelites: "They stood every man in his place around about the camp." We must always be found at our post of duty realizing that our time to serve here on this earth is short at its best.

Why Christ Is The Light Of The World

Our lesson theme raises the question "Why Is Christ the Light of the World?" The answer is simple, he is the light of the world because the world needs such light. People are confused and lost in the maze of values and Christ helps them to get their bearings and see their lows roar." The night of sin has set-

way. He did not say that material things are wholly devoid of value. He admitted that they were of value but insisted that they must not be put first in life. People were to seek first the Kingdom of God and permit these material things to occupy a secondary place in their lives. He taught that the abundance of a person's life did not consist in these material possessions. He gave the parable of the pearl merchant. This merchant went about buying pearls. He finally found the pearl of great price; membership in the Kingdom of God. This membership in the Kingdom of God stood for good will, love, and helpful service toward all mankind.

What Christ did for this problem of confusion he also did for prejudice and for sins. He illuminated these problems. In the matter of racial prejudice he made a hated Samaritan the hero of one of his greatest parables. He had no feeling of superiority toward any individual or race. In order to deal with the problem of sin he died on the cross for the justification of all who will put their trust in him, and then he rose from the dead to make possible their consecration, as they work with him in the making of a better world.

Christ Helps People See

Christ is the light of the world and as such he helps people to see. He helps people to see God. The greatest need of the world is to see God; to know what he is like. It is said that people always tend to become like the God they worship. If they worship a cruel, capricious God they will become like that in their own lives. This makes it very necessary that people have a clear conception of God. Jesus came to throw light on this all-important question. He not only revealed God in his teaching, but he did it far more in what he was and what he did. He was really and truly God in the flesh. When the Jews spoke to him about the Father he said "I and my Father are one." Just a few hours before his crucifixion Philip asked him to show him the Father. He was disappointed at this request, and raised the question, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Phillip? He who has seen me has seen the Father." There was such a oneness between the Father and the Son that Christ not only showed what the Father is like, in a vital sense he showed the Father to his disciples. He was God in the flesh; all of God that could possibly inhabit human flesh. In Colossians 2:9 Paul goes on to say "For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily." Other teachers could teach about God and thus reveal him as far as their finite minds could go, but Christ was God, and to see him was to see God in the flesh. No other teacher ever made such claims. Little wonder that the people were so badly divided over him. They were either ready to worship him or they wanted to kill him as a blasphemer. In the words of Thomas we feel like saying, "My Lord and my God."

Christ was not only a full and complete revelation of God, he also revealed man. He is our Light for he helps us to see God in his fullness and man at his highest and best. He was God in the flesh, and throughout the ceaseless ages he will forever remain the God-Man.

Indecision is a very near relation of unhappiness.—Stanley Mills, Universalist Leader.

ARKANSAS METHODIST