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All Subscriptions Are Now On Our Mailing List

At the time we made our mailing strip this week our office force has processed all subscription lists and singles that had reached our office up through Saturday of last week. By that we mean that we have advanced all subscriptions renewed, we have added to our mailing list all new subscribers and have taken out of our files those subscriptions not renewed.

In working these three types of subscriptions it was necessary, in the three weeks, to handle between thirty-five and forty thousand names. It was our purpose to do exactly the right thing with every name. However, past experiences have taught us that it is quite possible, in such a staggering undertaking, to make some mistakes. Any mistakes we have made will be readily acknowledged and gladly corrected if called to our attention.

Since our list is complete to date, so far as we know, if any subscriber fails to get a paper this week either our office or the postal authorities will be to blame. The chances are that the fault is in our office. Do not hesitate to call our attention to any inaccuracy whether it be the omission of a name, a name misspelled or even a wrong initial. We are anxious to have our mailing list correct in every detail.

The confidence expressed in our publications by the service rendered by our ministers and lay workers in the campaign and by the largest subscription list we have ever had brings to us a deep sense of gratitude and leads us to a new consecration of ourselves to meet the challenge you have given us in the enlarged opportunity before us.

This Disappointing Conference Did Russia No Good

It appears that any hope for constructive agreements in the Big Four Conference in Berlin has about ended. The lack of agreements in this conference has saddened the free world and thrown a shadow across the future that will make it even more difficult to solve the problems confronting us.

One thing, we believe, has been accomplished by this meeting of minds of the "Big Four" nations. It must be clear to the nations of the world, clearer than at any time since communism became a menace to the world that it is Russia that does not want peace.

It is surprising now, as we look back over the results or lack of results of the conference, that Russia ever agreed to have the meeting. The very fact that Russia agreed to the conference created a hope that there might be some chance for peaceful agreements. Nevertheless, Molotov flatly rejected every reasonable proposal made in the conference. It has postponed almost indefinitely a peace treaty for Germany and Austria with Russian consent.

We believe Russian diplomacy made another major mistake in this conference. It gave unmistakable evidence in this conference that it stands ready, at any cost, to block any move that gives promise of real peace. Western Europe must see clearly now that it has but two choices; it must join forces in an organization for peace or must surrender to Russian domination. We do not believe that Germany, France or England will willingly submit to the role of a Russian satellite. This conference will likely bring free nations closer together.

Why Go To Church As Example To Others

ATTENDANCE at the services of the church is vital to our spiritual growth and development. To be sure, there are saints, providentially hindered from attending church, whose lives radiate spiritual power. This is true for two reasons: first, they are able to retain confidence in their own spiritual integrity because they know that they would attend church if they were able; second, under such circumstances they are able to compensate for the lack of church attendance by other experiences meaningful to them.

It is very doubtful, however, whether one, able to attend church, can deliberately and wilfully neglect to do so and be able to compensate for it some other way to the extent that his neglect of the church does not hurt himself spiritually and hurt-



fully affect others who look to him for a Christian example.

Hence it is that we should regularly attend church services, if able, not only for the help it brings us, but also as an example to others who may be looking to us for spiritual leadership. This is especially true for parents who want their children to love and believe in the church. Children are not easily deceived and quickly sense it is we are wilfully indifferent to the church. While they are not easily deceived they are easily impressed. They readily sense the fact if we truly love the church and act as if we believe it is vitally important.

The question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" is as old as the human race. The answer to that question, whether by Divine inspiration or by an awakened human conscience, has always been in the affirmative. As a Christian we have a definite responsibility for those about us. We should be a living testimony for careless church people of the fact that we believe the church is the most important institution of earth and is destined to become the church triumphant in the world to come.

There is a song that was frequently sung a few years ago, "The Gospel According To You." The sentiment of this song was to the effect that we—Christian people—are the world's Bible. There are multitudes about us who never see a Bible. All they really know about the Christian life they read it in our lives. For these unchurched people our lives should continuously magnify the church by the way we live and by the close relationship they know exists between us and the church.

More Legislation Not Always The Answer

WHO has not heard some one discuss a bad existing situation and come up with the stock solution? "There ought to be a law against that?" Granted that there are perhaps areas of human actions and relationships which could do with more prohibitive legislation, it is on the other hand a sad commentary on the present state of things to assume that every bad situation can be corrected by further legislation.

We have the feeling that many well-meaning people now feel little responsibility for correcting admittedly bad situations because "After all, there is a law against that, and it is simply a matter of law enforcement." They can likewise find a convenient way of escaping responsibility in any new bad situation by suggesting "There ought to be a law against it." Now, we are for laws and for better enforcement of same, but it doesn't necessarily follow that good citizenship is increased in the same proportion as the number of prohibitive laws is increased.

Church To Have Crusade For World Order

On page six of this issue is found a news release concerning the "Crusade For World Order" which the Bishops of The Methodist Church are soon to launch. This program is the Bishops' answer to action taken by the 1952 General Conference which responded to numerous "memorials" from annual conferences, local churches, individuals, and numbers of Methodist organizations that had petitioned that General Conference to take strong and creative action in behalf of world peace. If the number of memorials presented to General Conference is in any sense indicative of the feeling throughout the church on a particular subject, there can be no doubt that Methodists generally want world order created out of chaos, for there were more memorials on this subject than on any other. Interestingly enough, these memorials came from every section of the church.

As a result of thorough consideration by the General Conference Committee on State of the Church and its subsequent recommendations, the Conference voted to ask the Council of Bishops to initiate A Crusade For World Order during the 1952-56 quadrennium. At its annual meeting in December, 1953, The Council of Bishops completed plans for this program, and now announces that the first steps in this projected crusade will be taken next April. We earnestly invite your careful reading and study of the news story about this program and the Bishops' statement concerning same.

Methodism in its broad comprehensive program concerns itself with a number of matters, each one altogether worthy of support by all Methodists. Two factors, however, place the Crusade For World Order in a unique position: (1) There probably has never been a program projected which was requested by so many Methodist groups and individuals; (2) And coming at this particular hour in world history, there is an inescapable timeliness about such a program.

We believe that Methodists will respond enthusiastically and whole-heartedly to the leadership of the Bishops in this Crusade. We believe that the Bishops have planned wisely. There

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Church Extension Come To Life

First Of Two Articles On This District

By GEORGIA DAILY

Staff Photos

The impersonal phrase "church extension" has come to life in the Lake Charles District, in Louisiana. In the last few years the district has seen several mission projects started, and station churches established as a result; has seen a large church building an educational plant of its own, raise \$10,000 for another church which was meeting in a wooden Army barracks; and has seen a small but growing church construct a new sanctuary and pay for it and its equipment in "thanks offerings" of cash. On one of the most unusual rural charges in Methodism, a pastor serving three small churches for the past 13 years, receives \$6,200 a year from them.

The district itself is interesting in its variety. The pastor of one church on a levee travels to his appointments by boat or skiff. The site of one church is listed as "across the highway from the Gulf or Mexico." Until recently the district superintendent, Rev. Karl Tooke, reached one of his churches by mail boat, after a day's journey from the district parsonage.

In contrast, the areas around the cities of Lake Charles and Lafayette are industrial, and are growing rapidly. Largely Roman Catholic in the past, the district is now recording a large Protestant population.

Among the largest programs being undertaken by a single church is the building program of First Church, Lake Charles. Begun one year ago February 1, the plant will cost \$300,000. The new construction will double the present space.

Features of the new building will be a large dining room, seating 350 persons; a recreation hall with stage and dressing rooms; church parlor; kitchen equipped with stainless steel appliances; a Memorial Chapel seating 70; an audio-visual room for the previewing of films, for use of equipment already owned; flower rooms; a library; and modern offices for the church staff. The entire plant will be air conditioned for winter and summer.

The present church membership is 2,200, and the Sunday School 1,100.

The church staff consists of the pastor, the Rev. Carl F. Lueg; associate, Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Jr.; financial secretary, Miss Vera See; church secretary, Mrs. Nora Ware; director of religious education, Miss Barbara Terry; director of youth activities, Mrs. W. W. Paxton; and assistant secretaries, Mrs. Jack Malarkey and Mrs. Pat Bertrand. There are also two organists, who direct three choirs.



FIRST, LAKE CHARLES: Pictured are Jud Rives, general chairman of the building committee; the pastor, Rev. Carl F. Lueg; and the district superintendent, Rev. Karl Tooke, as they view the remodeling and new construction which will double the present square-foot area of the church and cost \$300,000. Retirement of the debt has already been subscribed as a result of an "every member canvass." Growing with the city itself, the church had taken in 105 new members by the end of the year, lists church membership at 2,200 and Sunday School at 1,100.

At Right—Other Lake Charles Churches

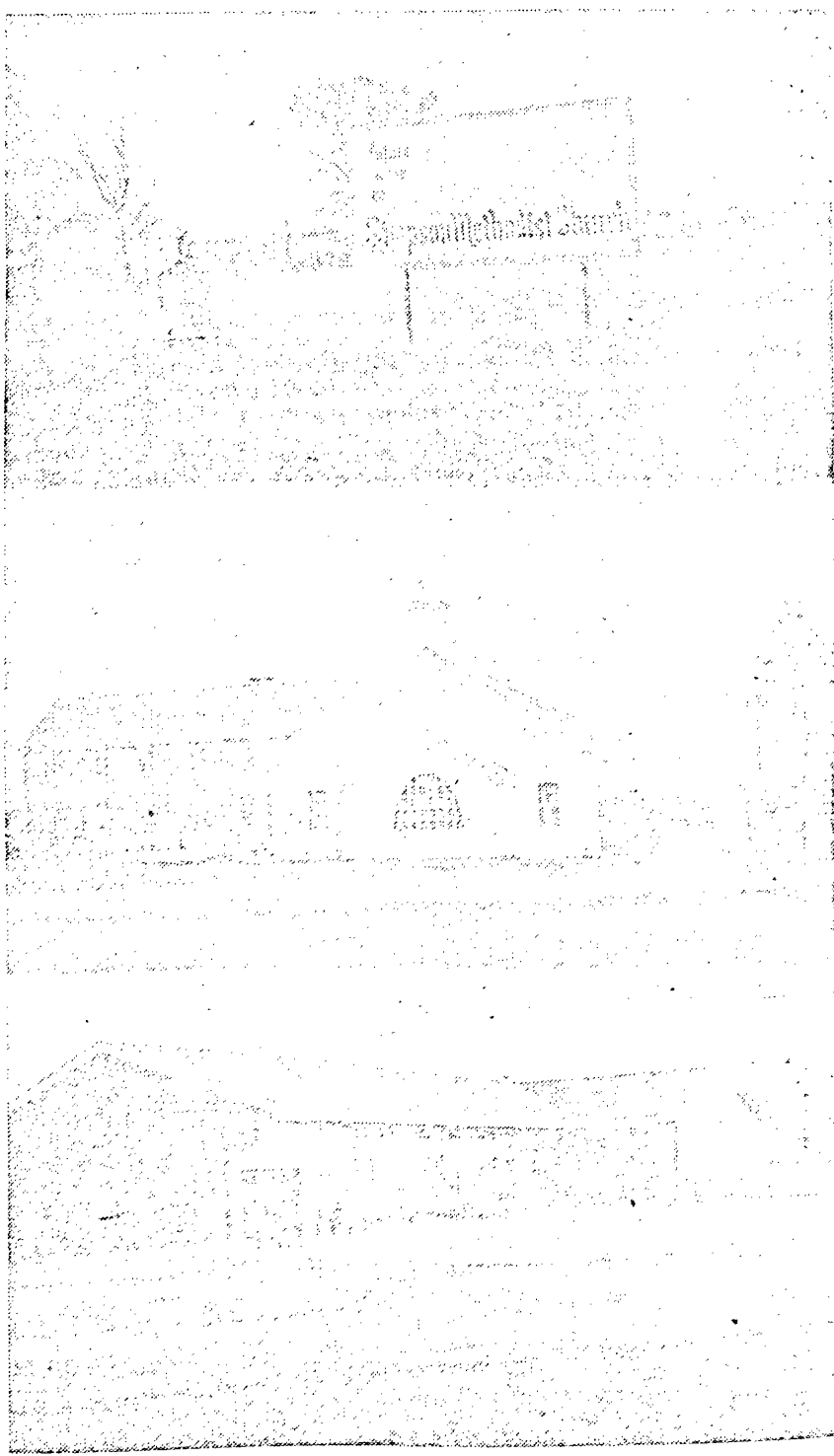
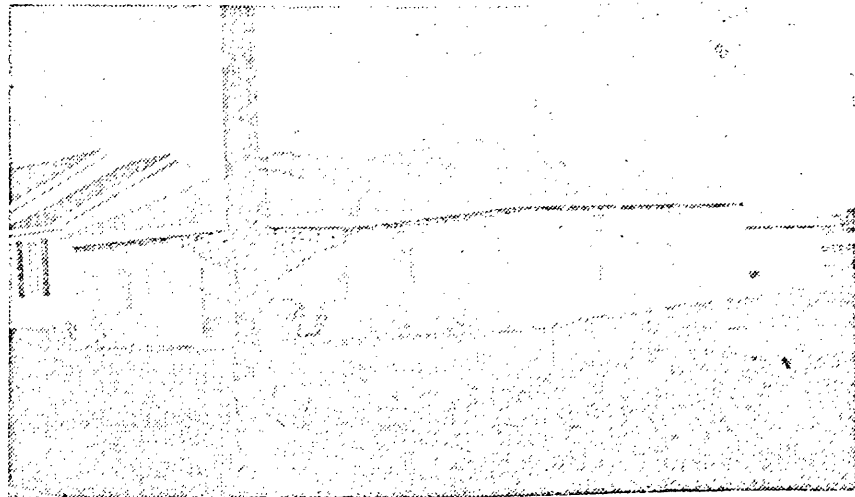
SIMPSON, LAKE CHARLES: Construction will be started this month on the first unit of the \$200,000 plant. The present unit will cost \$30,000. Rev. T. T. Howes is pastor.

UNIVERSITY PARK, LAKE CHARLES: With a total of \$15,000 on hand, plans to raise additional funds by Annual Conference for new sanctuary. The Rev. John B. Hefley is pastor.

OAK PARK, LAKE CHARLES: A new mission church and Advance Project. A \$10,000 annex will be added. Rev. R. L. Peyton is the Oak Park pastor.

Below:

DISTRICT PARSONAGE: Listed at \$25,000, it was acquired last year in an exchange of the old parsonage which was built just after World War I. The new building is all masonry with aluminum window sashes and frames.



HENNING MEMORIAL, SULPHUR: For the past two years Henning church, of which Rev. James C. Whitaker is pastor, has been engaged in a three-point building program. The program included erection of a new parsonage; building of a new sanctuary and temporary remodeling of the old; and, later, permanent remodeling of the old building. A financial campaign for the first two phases raised \$119,000 in pledges, to be paid over a 36-month period. The parsonage, built in 1952, cost over \$21,000. With a total of \$35,000 on hand, the membership will begin on the new sanctuary when 50 per cent of the estimated cost is available. The church has added 275 new members in the last three years, and increased its budget.

Below:

Full time service is given by the educational building of First Church, De Ridder. The building is used seven days a week by classes, Wesleyan Guild units, Woman's Society circles, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Bluebirds, Camp Fire Girls, servicemen and women from nearby Camp Polk, and young people's groups. During last conference year, 1952-53, a total of 2,895 servicemen and their families were served Sunday dinner in Fellowship Hall. From June to December of the past year, 1,740 were served.

A former pastor, the Rev. D. W. Poole, conducted the dedication service for the building in April, 1953. The plans for the building were begun in 1950, and ground breaking services were Sunday, March 4, 1951. Bishop Martin presided at the "laying of the cornerstone" the following May.

The building was used for the first time on Sunday, November 25, 1951. A year later the \$66,250 required to pay for it, equipped, was raised, and a "bonfire service" was held.

The Rev. George Pearce, Jr., has been pastor of this church since 1950.

Second Row—Left

DAVIDSON MEMORIAL, LAFAYETTE: Almost half the work done recently at Davidson was done on a volunteer basis by the men of the congregation. The new building is a two-story annex, joining the church in the form of an L. It was begun in March, 1953, and completed in September, the official opening September 13 serving as "homecoming day." The building contains approximately 2,200 square feet of floor space, and houses the Children's Division and a social hall. The church kitchen was enlarged to twice its former size. The old social hall is now used as a church parlor and, on Sunday, as a class room. Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor.

Second Row—Right

IOWA: The new \$30,000 structure will be dedicated this year. A small church, with total membership of 218, the church provides much of the district leadership. The new church was paid for in 1952 on its 50th anniversary. On its 51st birthday, last Fall, members paid for the new pews with a "thanks offering." Rev. W. F. Howell came to Iowa in 1951.

Third Row—Left

FIRST, CROWLEY: Under a "second generation plan" which looks to the future, First Church, Crowley has remodeled its educational facilities and has made plans for a new educational building, air conditioning, and increased facilities for future growth. While caring for its own, it also sponsored Wesley, a mission church. Under the pastorate of the Rev. A. L. Brown, the members converted the basement into Memorial Hall and redecorated it at a cost of \$50,000 which has been paid. Also, 33 persons pledged to tithe. The church is justly proud of its fine sanctuary and of three special projects: collection of a fund, now reaching \$1500, to air condition the entire building; two ministerial students, the first from this church, at Centenary, one on a scholarship from his home church; and the new educational plant, to cost \$100,000. The present pastor is the Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, who came in June.

Third Row—Right

FIRST, JENNINGS: From hitching post to sanctuary in stone is a phrase characterizing First Church, Jennings. Its members have built a \$60,000 educational plant, dedicated three years ago, and have plans for a \$100,000 sanctuary. Organized in November, 1828, with 19 members, it has grown to 631 members. The pastor is Rev. Robert B. Crichtow.

Fourth Row—Left

WESLEY, CROWLEY: Sponsored by First Church, Crowley, and the district Board of Missions, the church will be dedicated during this conference year. It is an Advance Project for the district. Rev. A. Leroy Dickerson is pastor.

Fourth Row—Right

WELSH: The first worship service was held in the new sanctuary at Welsh on April 12, 1953. Plans for the new building were begun during the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Bengston, but the first fund-raising campaign was conducted by the Rev. A. T. Law in 1950, when the congregation gave and pledged \$40,000. In November, 1950, the contract was signed to construct the exterior at a cost of \$55,000. When this was completed in the summer of 1951, the building committee decided to stay on a "pay as you go" basis, and nothing more was done for a year. The present pastor, Rev. Jack Cooke, was appointed to Welsh in 1952, and under his leadership the interior of the church has been finished and the sanctuary is one of the finest and most beautiful in the state. The membership has spent almost \$125,000 on the building.

JEANERETTE: First services were held early this year at Jeanerette. Construction on the new building was begun the first of October. The pastor, Rev. A. M. Martin, led the fund-raising campaign for two years, raising \$13,000. The quarterly conference authorized an expenditure not to exceed \$17,000. Art glass windows from the old structure are used in the new church.

Below

WESLEY, DERIDDER: Organized in June, 1952, through the efforts of the Rev. George Pearce, Jr., pastor, and members of First Church, De Ridder, Wesley held services in a wooden Army barracks building for about nine months until a permanent building could be completed. Services were conducted by Mr. Pearce and by chaplains and lay preachers stationed at Camp Polk, 20 miles away. The two-story brick educational building was erected in a growing residential section, with the first services in April, 1953. The first pastor, the Rev. Alvin P. Smith, was appointed in June.



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. O. C. BIRDWELL, wife of Rev. O. C. Birdwell, Mabelvale pastor, is a patient at Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, room 307.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, filled the pulpit at the Morrilton Methodist Church on Sunday morning, January 31.

REV. HOUSTON FARMER, pastor at Dardanelle, was the guest speaker at the Conway County Layman's meeting at Solgohachia on Friday evening, January 29.

THE HENDRIX COLLEGE CHOIR, under the direction of Dr. V. Earl Copes, will give a concert at the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, on Monday evening, February 22.

MRS. FRED SCHWENDIMANN, wife of our pastor at Vantrease Memorial Church, El Dorado, is showing improvement following recent surgery, according to report.

DR. FRED G. ROEBUCK, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, spoke on his trip to the Holy Land at the evening hour on Sunday, February 7, at the Alma Methodist Church.

REV. SAM P. AUSLAM, associate pastor of the Polytechnic Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, was guest preacher at the Methodist Church of Atkins on Sunday, January 31. Mr. Auslam is an Arkansas boy and a graduate of Hendrix College.

REV. J. KENNETH SHAMBLIN, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, is the speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at the State Teachers College, Conway. Daily services are scheduled by the Student Christian Association through Thursday.

REV. W. C. LEWIS of Roe was the officiating minister at two weddings in the parsonage at Roe on February 7. Mrs. Betty Jo Mata and David Mata were married at 2:00 p. m. and Miss Marian Baker and Lt. Paul J. Kennedy were married at 4:00 p. m.

THE SECOND ANNUAL CHOIR FESTIVAL, sponsored by Northwest Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists was given at the First Baptist Church of Fort Smith on Sunday afternoon, February 7. Various choirs of the city joined in the festival.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN dedicated the parsonage at Wynne on Sunday, February 14. Following the dedication a reception was held at the parsonage for Bishop and Mrs. Martin, sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Bishop Martin also spoke at the evening service. Rev. Harold Womack is pastor.

DR. CECIL R. CULVER, pastor of Winfield Church, Little Rock, was the speaker on Monday night, February 15, for the kick-off dinner for the Stewardship Revival held at the Hawley Memorial Methodist Church, Pine Bluff. Rev. George Kerr is pastor. Rev. J. Edwin Keith is directing the revival.

JOHNN MARTIN, Arkansas County Supervisor of Schools, was the speaker at the recent monthly meeting of the Almyra Methodist Men's Club. After the chicken dinner, which was served to the 21 men in attendance, a film was shown by Orville Wilson. Rev. C. V. Mashburn is pastor at Almyra.

THE METHODIST MEN of Piggott met in the fellowship hall of the church on Thursday evening, January 21, for a duck supper. There were 51 men who came through the cold and sleet, according to the pastor, Rev. Jesse L. Johnson, for the meeting. Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, district superintendent of the Paragould District, was the guest speaker.

REV. MOUZON MANN, pastor of the Methodist Church of McGehee, is doing the preaching in evangelistic services at the Meth-

odist Church of Harrisburg. Moody Cunningham of Memphis is in charge of the music. Rev. J. T. Byrd is pastor. The meeting which began on Wednesday evening, February 17, will run through Sunday, February 28.

REV. M. L. EDGINGTON, pastor at Huntington writes: "Our parsonage at Huntington burned on Tuesday, February 9, at about 4:00 p. m. Most of the clothing and bedding were saved, but everything in the kitchen was lost. Most of the pastor's books, all records, typewriter and mimeograph were saved. We are happy that no one was injured."

HOME-COMING DAY will be observed at the Pullman Heights Methodist Church, Pullman at State Streets, Hot Springs, on Sunday, February 28. The church is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh will preach at the 10:50 service of worship. A basket lunch is to be brought and served at noon. Rev. Kirvin A. Hale, pastor, writes: "All former pastors are invited and all former members and relatives are urged to attend."

ALUNCHEON was given at the First Methodist Church in Camden on Friday, February 5, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Dedman who had returned to make Camden their home. Other guests were Dr. Connor Morehead, district superintendent of the Camden District, and Mrs. Morehead; Rev. R. B. Moore, pastor, and Mrs. Moore; Miss Blanche Jackson, church secretary, and Miss Mary Lou Henry, minister of music. Members of the Kate Steel Bible Class were hostess.

MRS. E. J. SLAUGHTER, wife of the late Rev. E. J. Slaughter, member of the North Arkansas Conference, died on January 29, in Morrilton after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 30, in the Morrilton Methodist Church by Rev. A. N. Storey and Rev. R. E. L. Bearden. Burial was in the Harrisburg Memorial Park beside her husband. Interment was conducted by her son-in-law, Rev. H. J. Couchman. Mrs. Slaughter had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Couchman, for the last nineteen years.

THE GRACE-CURTISS SUB-DISTRICT of the Paragould District met for its January meeting at Piggott with a number of churches represented. The Sub-District Council presented to the group a project, which was accepted, calling for the adoption of a Korean child to be supported by the Sub-District. Each church will have a part toward the financial support of the child. The worship service was led by Phyllis Forrest of Piggott. Miss Marilyn Stallings sang a solo. Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, district superintendent, was the speaker for the occasion.

JIM WALTON, son of Dr. and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton of Little Rock, sophomore at Little Rock Central High School won the Greater Little Rock Optimist Club's oratorical contest on February 14. The award carries a \$1,000 scholarship and the right to compete in the Club's District 7 contest at Dallas in May. District winners will compete for another \$1,000 scholarship, the national first prize. The finals of the contest, which drew 164 entries, were televised by KRTV. All contestants gave five-minute talks on "Power of Optimism."

CHURCH TO HAVE CRUSADE FOR WORLD ORDER

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will be no effort to dictate to individual church members what they should believe about world order just as there will be no detailed program to be followed through by local churches. The Crusade on the other hand will open up fresh opportunities for local churches and church members to think and act creatively on a matter which is not only timely but which they have expressed a desire to consider. Besides, who among us would say that there is no need for such a Crusade?

TO PARTICIPATE IN RURAL LIFE SEMINAR

The Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, district superintendent of the Paragould District, and Charles Stuck of Jonesboro, lay leader in the North Arkansas Conference, will participate in a seminar on rural life at Hiwassee College, Madisonville, Tenn., March 1, 2 and 3.

They were invited by the Rev. James Hankins, pastor of the Methodist Church at Johnson City, Tenn., executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission in Holston Conference.

Interest of other areas in the Town and Country program in the North Arkansas Conference has been evident in similar invitations in recent months. Mr. Stuck has just returned from the Gatesville District in the Central Texas Conference, where he explained the program.

FROM DR. ARTHUR TERRY ON EVANGELISTIC MISSION IN ALASKA

February 13, 1954

Editors:

I told you if anything happened, I'd let you know. Well it happened. It seems that Juneau is a difficult place to land and yesterday the wind was terrific. We made it, but didn't take off. So here we are in the Baranof Hotel in Juneau, the guests of the Pacific North American Air Lines, a happy group of people to get to visit the territorial capitol.

Fred McGinnin, Juneau pastor, took us around last night. His church seats 158, lay count, (opera seats). We attended the mission, then over to Douglas, the church there, the parsonage, and on to the house of the district lay leader.

We saw Ketchikan as we flew over. Beautiful glaciers, scenery that matches Northwest Arkansas. Juneau, from across the channel, is as enchanting as Winslow, Arkansas.

We were to leave here at 8:30 this a. m., but a note on our doors last night said 12:15 p. m. So we will see more sights this a. m. I am afraid I've missed my ride to Homer. Eventually I'll get there.

Saw the pastor and guest pastor at Douglas last night and they had three commitments already.

Arthur Terry

DEATH OF REV. C. B. DAVIS

Rev. C. B. Davis, retired member of the Little Rock Conference, died at a hospital in Malvern on Wednesday, February 3, following an illness of several weeks. He had made his home in Malvern for the past three years where he was active in the work of the First Methodist Church. He had served a number of charges in the Little Rock Conference.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Walton Davis of Pennsylvania; one sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Davis of Whittier, Calif.; three brothers, W. K. Davis of Texas, T. C. Davis of St. Joe, Texas, and J. L. Davis of Ennis, Texas.

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SAVING TIME

Last week we discussed the matter of spending time. This week let us think about saving time.

We are the most time-conscious generation ever to appear on this planet. We chafe at delays. If we are kept waiting for an appointment we pace the floor like prisoners. Whatever our right hand findeth to do, our left hand carries a wrist watch to show how long we take to do it.



But we do not learn the value of time merely by trying to save it. We cannot save time in the sense that we can save money or food. All of today's time has to be spent before midnight. When it is gone, it is gone forever.

How eagerly we welcome each new time-saving device. Some few years ago I was asked to give the invocation at a luncheon session of a large convention.

As we were waiting in the hotel lobby, I noticed a man walking through the crowd with an instrument slung over his shoulder. It looked like a piccolo with a short fishing rod attached.

I asked him what it was and he said it was a "walkie-talkie." He let me handle it; he seemed to feel that "walkie-talkies" were somewhat in my line!

I was very much impressed. With it he could send messages to, and receive messages from, other committeemen carrying similar devices in other parts of the hotel.

What a time-saver! No phoning, no paging. But a little later I had the feeling that if I had taken more than the minute or two allotted for my invocation, the busy men assembled there would have thought I was wasting their time.

Walkie-talkies appeal to us as time-savers, but prayer strikes many as a waste of time. We turn to gadgets but not to God for time-saving.

Yet turning to God does save time. He helps us to save time by restoring the sureness of touch when our hands grow weary from the daily grind and our vision begins to blur.

Countless readers can no doubt testify that a few moments spent with God steady the nerve when the grip slackens, sweeten the temper when things go sour, clear the vision when the fog of uncertainty rolls in.

God helps us to save time also by giving us the power to keep going toward our goals. Read what Henry M. Stanley said about his travels in Africa when he was exploring that continent in the days of David Livingstone:

"On all my expeditions prayer made me stronger morally and mentally than my non-praying companions. It did not blind my eyes or dull my mind or close my ears; but on the contrary it gave me confidence. It did more, it gave me joy and pride in my work, and lifted me hopefully over the one thousand five hundred miles of forest tracks, eager to face the day's perils and fatigues."

God gives that stamina and fortitude to keep us plodding along without fainting.

Moreover, God helps us really to save the time which we cut from our schedules of work and travel. We are ever shortening the periods it takes to do things and get to places. And then what do we with the time we save? Men want a forty-hour work week. That leaves us 128 hours in the week. If we sleep eight hours a day, more than many of us do, that leaves 72 hours.

What do we do with this time off? Let us remember that we can suffer from the misuse of our leisure just as truly as from the mismanage-

1200 METHODISTS TO HEAR SPEAKERS ON CITY PROBLEMS

The "Convocation on Urban Life in America," meeting February 24 to 26, in Columbus, Ohio, under the joint auspices of the Methodist Church's Board of Missions and its Council of Bishops, will feature three general sessions open to the public, a banquet, and two days of sectional meetings and "workshops" on special phases of city church activity and problems. The convocation will be under the general chairmanship of Bishop Frederick B. Newell, of New York, with Dr. Robert A. McKibben, of the Board's Department of City Work as its executive secretary. There will be 1,200 delegates attending.

Principal speakers at the opening session, Wednesday, the 24th, at 9:45 a. m. (in the Neil House), will be Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of Washington, D. C. on "Human Factors in City Living"; and Prof. Murray H. Leiffer, of Garrett Biblical Institute and Northwestern University, on "Facts About the American City." Bishop Edgar A. Love of Baltimore, Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, and Dr. McKibben are also on this evening's program.

On the Wednesday evening session, in Columbus' Memorial Hall, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Methodist Church, New York City, will be the principal speaker; his topic will be, "The Mission of the Christian Church in Urban America." Bishop Hazen G. Werner, of Columbus, will greet the delegates on behalf of Ohio Methodism; and there will be responses from Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver of Winona Lake, Ind., and Secretary Robert Mayfield of the Board of Lay Activities. At this session the Convocation will sing for the first time the new "city hymn" which has been written for the occasion and has been selected by the Hymn Society of America. The A Capella Choir of Ohio Wesleyan University will sing during this evening.

At the fellowship banquet on Thursday evening, at Ohio State University, the principal addresses will be made by Dr. Howard Whip-

ple Green of Cleveland's Real Property Inventory Bureau, whose topic is, "Serving the People of the City"; and by Dr. Marshall Steel, pastor of Methodism's largest church in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Steel's topic is, "The Mission of the City Minister."

The final session of the Convocation will be on Friday morning, when reports from the eight sectional meetings will be heard.

FINDS BETTER CHURCH ATTENDANCE IN AFRICA THAN IN EUROPE

The church-going population on the continent of Europe is probably smaller in percentage than it is in so-called "pagan" Africa, according to Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Dodge, Board of Missions' administrative secretary for missions in both Europe and Africa.

"I was amazed," he said, "to have people tell me in certain sections that the percentage of people attending church services more than three times in their span of life—when they were christened, when married, and when buried—is in some areas as low as one per cent, and in most places may not go beyond ten per cent."

ment of our labor. Here is a major moral problem of our time—to make our leisure hours true recreation and not mere dissipation.

What do we do when we can do what we please? One sure way to test a person's character is to find out what he calls having a "good time." Godly living helps to lift our tastes so that we enjoy the simple wholesome things that do us good—good conversation, good games, good music. Our "time off" can help to put character on.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

YOU CAN'T BLAME GOD OR NATURE

The picture of the world in which we live is not a very happy one as the statistically-trained economist paints it. And for women, and for the children who are to be the men and women of tomorrow, the portrayal seems dark-

Eight years after the end of World War II in Europe, there are more than 100,000 persons still living in refugee camps—part of 11,000,000 persons still uprooted by the political-economic upheaval on that continent. To this group other thousands are added daily as they flee from communist-dominated areas without food, clothing, shelter, or prospect of work. Many of them are old, sick, disabled, disheartened: it is unlikely that they can be resettled in any other land. Those in Germany, Austria, Trieste, Yugoslavia and Greece are most in need; but there is wide suffering, too, in France, Belgium, Turkey, and Italy.

In Palestine there are nearly 1,000,000 refugees living in caves, tents, and improvised shelters, surrounded by hunger, ragged clothing,

unschooled children.

It is estimated that in Korea more than 9,000,000 people—one-third the normal population—are in desperate need—typhoon and fire and poor crops adding to war-brought distress. There are 400,000 widows in the land; more than 100,000 orphans. Thousands of families, driven before communist invaders, are living in shacks of straw and mud, or made with destroyed war equipment; thousands of the more fortunate orphans are in homes and orphanages, but other thousands roam the streets.

Six successive years of drought and consequent famine, accompanied by a poverty which made the importation of food almost impossible, have left permanent marks on millions of people—especially upon the children who must run the ominion of tomorrow. The same picture is found in Moslem Pakistan. Both nations have tried to absorb millions of refugees from each other—but the rice, the shelter, and the jobs have just not been sufficient to go around. Elsewhere in Asia—dug into or atop the steep hillsides of Hongkong's precarious island—300,000 refugees, European and Asiatic, live in squatters' huts.

The United Nations Children's Fund says that millions of children in 75 countries are in need of food; it has been able only to minister to 700,000 mothers and children in 1953. It finds more than 5,000,000 boys and girls suffering from yaws; and twice as many hungering for food at the close of each day.

Extreme and unusual situations these? Perhaps. But even without war and without major

disasters there is need—desperate need—on every continent, every day of every "normal" year. We are told that the average wage of an American of Indian descent in Peru is 61 cents (in U.S.A. values) per day for a man, 23 cents for a woman; of this more than 50% is needed for food alone. In South Africa's wealthy mines the native miner averages the equivalent of \$57 per year in wage—less than half the estimated minimum requirement to raise a family; that is about one-fifth the wage paid a white miner for the same work . . . And so one might draw the picture of need in all but a few favored nations the world over.

"Nature" is not to be blamed for this excess (as in America) or this poverty (as in India), but man alone is, suggests Prof. Howard A. Meyerhoff, of Smith College, in the volume, *Most of the World*. "At this point in history," he notes, "the geologist and the geographer can provide the assurance that there is still enough to meet the needs of the human race. He must add that the most serious problems are not with nature's gifts but with man's mentality."

MCOR, CARE, Church World Service and other church agencies are today asking wealthy America—you and me—from our full larders and bulging wardrobes—to make some contribution to relief of the world's needy. This we must do. But over and over all this relief, and through all the years, the problem is one of Christian stewardship. God has given enough for every babe that comes into the world: man must "use his mental" to see that it gets to the babe.

METHODIST LAUNCH WORLD ORDER CRUSADE

The bishops of The Methodist Church, complying with the formal request of the 1952 General Conference, announce plans for a Crusade for World Order to be carried out through the denomination during 1954 and 1955.

The campaign is based upon belief that the church is responsible for bringing "the total power of its spiritual and educational resources to bear upon the task of establishing and maintaining peace with justice."

The crusade, as planned by the bishops, centers around four fundamental issues: the Meaning of Peace, the United Nations, Disarmament and Charter Review and Revision.

Concern in maintaining loyal and intelligent support for the United Nations surpassed all other interests in the General Conference as judged by the number of memorials received on this subject. One hundred and sixty-five of these petitions for legislative action came from groups, congregations and conferences and were referred to the committee on State of the Church, which handled this subject.

Particular interest in this crusade centers on the question of the possible conference on U. N. Charter Review and Revision in 1955.

Steps In The Crusade

The crusade will open officially when the bishops spend three days of intensive study of and contact with the United Nations, this April 26-28, 1954.

The district superintendents, meeting in Chicago, November 22-24, will hear four world-renowned statesmen and church leaders on the crusade issues.

Each bishop will bring the crusade themes to his people, using methods of his own choice.

Sermons on the Meaning of Peace, the United Nations and Disarmament will be preached, successively, on the first three Sundays of February 1955 in all the nation's 40,000 Methodist churches. Popularly written study booklets upon the several emphases are being prepared.

Additional efforts will be made by the several boards and commissions of the church, as they shall determine, to strengthen support of the U. N.

Costs of the Crusade will not be large, since the General Conference provided for the utilization of existing agencies of the church to implement the project. Payment of necessary expenses from the General Administration fund was authorized.

The Bishops Committee on the Crusade for World Order is composed of two from each Jurisdiction plus Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam who directed the Crusade for a New World Order in 1943-44: Bishops Moore, Harrell, Corson, Ledden, Love, Clair, Reed, Ensley, Martin (W. C.), Dawson, Grant and Tippet.

The Bishops' statement, adopted December 10, 1953, at this Annual Meeting, is as follows:

A CRUSADE FOR WORLD ORDER

Adopted by the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church

The General Conference requested the Council of Bishops to lead a Crusade for World Order, for the purpose of rallying support for the United Nations, of studying the question of Charter review and revision, and of taking effective actions necessary to make the United Nations a more effective instrument of peace.

The Council of Bishops now recommends that four fundamental issues be studied:

The Meaning of Peace, The United Nations, Disarmament, Charter Review and Revision.

Crusade Procedure

1) The Council of Bishops will visit the United Nations April 26-27 and 28, 1954 for the purpose of meeting its leadership and becoming fully acquainted with its service.

2) Those in charge of planning the program for the forthcoming District Superintendents' Conference to be held in Chicago on November 22-24, 1954 will be asked to allot four forty-five minute periods for the consideration of these themes and the committee directing the Crusade for World Order will seek to bring top level leaders both from the United Nations and United States Department of State and from inter-church agencies dealing with international relations to Chicago to address the District Superintendents on these themes.

3) Each Bishop in his own Area or within Annual Conferences will bring these themes to his people in such fashion as he may deem wise.

4) The first three Sundays of February, 1955 will be set apart and our ministers throughout the Church are requested to preach simultaneously upon *The Meaning of Peace, The United Nations, and Disarmament* on the three successive Sundays. On the fourth Sunday, it is hoped that the literature of the Week of Dedication may include references to peace and the dedication of our people to its achievement.

(The subject of Charter Review and Revision is a technical one; and it is suggested that the ministers deal with it in the local church as may seem wisest to them.)

5) Three basic booklets upon the three emphases should be prepared and made available to the local churches for study following the sermons, and a fourth for use in connection with Charter Review and Revision study. Proper materials should be made available to the ministers for study in connection with the preparation of the sermons.

The fundamental purpose is to think deeply upon the meaning of peace, to support the United Nations, and to undermine the present vicious attacks upon this organization which our church is pledged to uphold, to be ready to evaluate critically the proposals for disarmament, and to be so advised concerning

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE IN SPIRITUAL LIFE MISSION

By Area Methodist Information

Conway, Ft. Smith, Jonesboro and Paragould Districts will play host to ministers from the other four district of the North Arkansas Conference during the first week of the conference-wide Spiritual Life Mission, February 21-26.

During Unit II of the mission, March 7-12, ministers from the above districts will preach in the churches of the Searcy, Fayetteville, Forrest City and Batesville Districts.

In addition to the preaching and visitation phases of the mission, host and guest pastors will meet together during the week for worship services and sharing of plans and ideas. The Conway District meetings will be at North Little Rock First Church and Russellville First Church. At the North Little Rock session, the Rev. Pharis Holifield, Jr., of Bald Knob will discuss "Holy Habits in the Ministry" and the Rev. Earle Cravens of Harrison will speak on "Implementing the Holy Habits." Speakers at Russellville will be the Rev. Harold Spence of Jacksonville and the Rev. Floyd Villines, Jr., of Beebe.

The Rev. J. Gatlin, superintendent of the Paragould District, will conduct a daily radio service in connection with the mission, speaking at 8:15 a. m. February 22 through February 27 over Station KDRS in Paragould. His subjects will be "I Believe in God," "I Believe in Jesus Christ," "I Believe in the Holy Spirit," "I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church," "I Believe in the Salvation of Men," and "I Believe in the Life Everlasting."

Assignments for Unit I follow:

CONWAY DISTRICT: Atkins, Dr. C. M. Reves; Belleville, Rev. C. A. Simpson; Bethel, Rev. Cecil Harrison; Conway First, Rev. James Major; Conway Wesley, Rev. Harold Wilson; Danville, Rev. H. Lynn Wade; Dardanelle, Rev. Harold Spence; Dardanelle Circuit, Rev. Edwin Sooter; Dover, Rev. Van Hooker; Fourche Valley, Rev. W. V. Walthal; Greenbrier, Rev. Robert Johnson; Morrilton, Rev. Neil Storey; Mayflower, Rev. Davis Bilberry; Naylor, Rev. John Chapman; North Little Rock First, Rev. Earle Cravens; Gardner, Rev. Lloyd Conyers; Levy, Rev. Ira Brumley.

Washington Avenue, Rev. Pharis Clark; Sylvan Hills, Rev. Albert Gibbs; Ola, Rev. Frank Weatherford; Oppelo, Rev. Ray Edwards; Perry, Rev. J. L. Pruitt; Perry County Circuit, Rev. Wayman Keel; Plainview, Rev. William Yarbrough; Plummerville, Rev. Travis Williams; Pottsville, Rev. William Womack; Russellville, Rev. Floyd Villines, Jr.; Salem, Rev. Cy Wilson; Vilonia, Rev. Bob Edwards.

JONESBORO DISTRICT: Bay-Lunsford, Rev. Glen Bruner; Blytheville First, Rev. Ralph Hillis; Blytheville Lake Street, Rev. Clarence Wilcox; Blytheville Wesley, Rev. A. L. Peterson; Egypt-Bono, Rev. N. N. Johnston; Caraway, Rev. J. W. Moore; Dyess-Whitten, Rev. W. M. Stegall; Hickory Ridge-Fisher, Rev. H. F. McDonald; Joiner, Rev. O. M.

the question of revision of the U. N. Charter as to be effective in the formulation of public opinion supporting measures that evidence the further extension of world law and order and the maintenance of democratic processes.

This endeavor, led by the Committee on the Crusade for World Order, should conclude in February, 1955 and should be followed by such additional efforts on the part of Boards and Commissions as they themselves may determine.

Campbell; Jonesboro First, Rev. O. W. Teague; Jonesboro Fisher, Rev. Ray L. McLester; Jonesboro Huntington, Rev. Bill Scroggin; Keiser, Rev. Porter Weaver; Leachville, Rev. Jack Glass; Lepanto, Rev. Harold Womack; Manila, Rev. James Chandler; Marked Tree, Rev. Raymond Franks; Luxora, J. J. Decker; Nettleton, Rev. D. P. Remaley; Osceola, Rev. E. B. Williams; St. John-Riverside, Rev. W. B. Yount; Trumann, Rev. G. B. Ames; Turrell-Gilmore, Rev. J. C. Richey; Tyronza, Rev. Alf Eason; Weiner, Rev. G. A. McKelvey.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT: Beech Grove, Rev. T. O. Love; Bigger-Knobel, Rev. Maurice Lanier; Black Rock, Rev. Wesley Grisham; Brookland, Rev. Burnell Stevens; Camp Ground, Rev. Marvin Thompson; Corning, Rev. W. L. Diggs; Hardy, Rev. Frank Shell; Hoxie, Rev. Pryor Cruce; Imboden, Rev. M. L. Kaylor; Leonard, Rev. Lee Anderson; Mammoth Spring, Rev. John Workman; Marmaduke, Rev. H. W. Jinske; Maynard, Rev. Carl Strayhorn; Paragould First Church, Rev. David Conyers; Paragould Griffin Memorial, Rev. Theron McKisson; Paragould Circuit, Rev. D. G. Hindman; Piggott, Rev. Ben C. Few; Pocahontas, Rev. E. G. Kaetzell; Rector First Church, Rev. R. E. Connell; Rector Fourth Street, Rev. D. W. Stallcup; Rector Circuit, Rev. James Smith; Stanford, Rev. Walter Abee; Walnut Ridge, Rev. Guy C. Ames; Willford, Rev. Ivan R. Wilson.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT: Alma, Rev. S. O. Patty; Booneville, Rev. John Bayliss; Branch Circuit, Rev. Kenneth Hatfield; Charleston, Rev. William Wilder; Clarksville, Rev. Andrew J. Christie; Ft. Smith Glover Memorial, Rev. Woodrow Woods; Goddard Memorial, Rev. Charles Lewis; Grand Avenue, Rev. Wendell Barbaree; Massard, Rev. J. Hillman Byram; Midland Heights, Rev. Arnold Simpson; St. Luke's, Rev. O. L. Cole; St. Paul's, Rev. Vernon Chalfant; Greenwood, Rev. Thomas Whiddon; Hackett Circuit, Miss Fern Cook; Midland, Rev. L. L. Langston; Spadra, Rev. C. L. Laster; Bonanza, Rev. O. R. Finley; Magazine Circuit, Rev. W. C. Hutton; Mansfield, Rev. C. H. Harvison; Ozark, Rev. James W. Workman, Jr.; Paris, Rev. Archie Boyd; Van Buren First Church, Rev. Worth Gibson; City Heights, Rev. Charles Wages; St. Johns, Rev. Jack Winegeart; Waldron First, Rev. Hubert Pearce; Waldron Circuit, Rev. E. J. Reeves.

CHURCHES CHALLENGE EVANGELIST; OFFER REWARD FOR 'MIRACLE'

A heated controversy raged in St. Petersburg, Fla., between evangelist Oral Roberts and the Churches of Christ, who offered a \$1,000 reward for proof of one "miracle." Mr. Roberts is conducting a two-week tent campaign on the outskirts of the city, with special meetings daily to pray for the sick. The campaign ended February 14. The Pinellas County Churches of Christ ran a large ad daily offering the reward. It said the group would give "\$1,000.00 for acceptable evidence of one case of miraculous, divine healing of cancer, tuberculosis, withered limbs, or paralysis. Certified testimony of any three reputable physicians, members of the Pinellas Medical Society, will be accepted as sufficient evidence." The ad concluded with an invitation to hear a Churches of Christ evangelist preach. Mr. Roberts previously was denied a city license to bring his tent revival campaign here after protests from the United Churches of Greater St. Petersburg. The license was granted, over further objections by United Churches spokesmen, when the evangelist promised to comply more strictly with the city's sanitary code in setting up the tent, which accommodates 6,000.

Plan Conference On Controversial Preaching

A conference on "Preaching on Controversial Issues" will be held in Los Angeles April 26-27 under auspices of the University of Southern California School of Religion and the Methodist boards of social study and action and evangelism. Dr. Harold Bosley, pastor of First Methodist church, Evanston, Ill., will be the major speaker. He is the author of a book on the subject.

Smithsonian Bible Exhibit Breaks Attendance Records

An archeological exhibition from the Holy Land broke all attendance records at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. More than 30,000 people saw the two-week exhibit, sponsored by the American Fund for Israel Institutions, which featured ancient Bible manuscripts. This considerably exceeded the best previous record for a scientific display at the museum. The exhibition will tour several major cities.

Court Upholds Right Of Boy To Choose Own Religion

The right of a 12-year-old child to choose his own religion despite a pre-marital pact by his now-separated parents was affirmed by the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court in a 3-2 decision. The decision upheld a ruling handed down in Brooklyn last February by Supreme Court Official Referee Meier Steinbrink in the case of Malcolm Jr., son of Malcolm Martin, a Roman Catholic, and his wife Clara, a Christian Scientist. The referee held then that the boy could attend Christian Science Sunday school and public school if he so desired although Mrs. Martin, prior to her marriage in a Catholic church in 1938, had agreed that any children of the union would be raised as Catholics.

Church Leaders Ask Big Four Act On Germany, Austria

The Big Four Ministers Conference meeting in Berlin was urged by the executive committee of the World Council of Churches to find an acceptable plan that would "restore Germany and Austria to a position of freedom and independence." The committee's plea was made in a letter written on its behalf by Dr. George K. A. Bell, Anglican Bishop of Chichester, England, chairman. It was sent to French Foreign Minister Georges

Bidault; British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden; Russian Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov; and U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Authorized by the committee at its semi-annual meeting at Castle Koenigstein, near Frankfurt, Germany, the letter was released by Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, World Council associate general secretary, on his arrival here by plane from Berlin. It was made public simultaneously in Frankfurt.

Church Marks Youth Week With Bible Marathon

Forty-six persons took an unbroken 73 hours and 25 minutes to read the entire King James version of the Bible in Pilgrim Holiness church in Springfield, O. The reading marathon set the stage for a three-night speaking engagement by the Rev. Richard Powell of Cincinnati in observance of National Youth Week. The Rev. Virgil Caudill, pastor of the church, said that Mrs. Homer Roberts read for the longest sustained time—four hours. A visitor, the Rev. George Galloway, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene here, completed the marathon.

Says Church Building Revolution Needs Harnessing

Church building specialists were warned in Philadelphia that "the

revolution in church architecture sweeping America today urgently needs harnessing" by architects who know Christianity and clergymen who understand "the new look" in architecture. The warning was sounded by Dr. C. Harry Atkinson of New York, director of the National Council of Churches' bureau of church building, at a meeting of the Institute of Church Architecture. The session was jointly sponsored by the National Council bureau, the Philadelphia Council of Churches and the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Dr. Atkinson called for "a marriage of architecture and theology rooted in university and seminary training" in order to avoid the "twin pitfalls of, on the one hand, modern designs that have no spirituality and, on the other, new churches that ignore modern trends."

Jackie Robinson On NCCJ Tour

Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodger star, opened a speaking tour in Pittsburgh for the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He gave six talks on brotherhood to groups of businessmen and school children and over local radio and television stations and was scheduled for similar engagements in Detroit, South Bend, St. Louis, Tulsa and Los Angeles. Mr. Robinson is being accompanied on the trip by Louis Radelet, director of the NCCJ Commission on Community Organizations. The Negro ball player is serving as National Chairman of Community Organizations for Brotherhood Week, to be observed Feb. 21-28 under the auspices of the NCCJ. In this capacity he is enlisting cooperation for the national observance from women's, youth, veterans', fraternal, labor, industry and farm groups.

Church Uses 'Time-Clock' To Spur Attendance

Trinity Methodist church in Kansas City is using an adaptation of industry's time-clock system to spur attendance. Trinity members now

register their presence at services by removing cards from racks resembling those in clock-punching systems and dropping them in a receptacle behind the racks. Use of the attendance cards was begun recently as part of Trinity's cooperation in a nationwide Methodist attendance and membership campaign to run until Easter. The pastor, Dr. Ben Morris Ridpath, says the cards already have boosted Sunday attendance close to 500. Previously average Sunday attendance fluctuated between 350 and 425. Members' cards are placed in alphabetical order in the racks. As each worshiper enters the foyer, he picks out his card and deposits it in the receptacle. At one end of the card are squares for each Sunday through April 11. Each week, the cards are removed from the receptacle, punched to indicate attendance for that Sunday and put back in the racks.

Washington Rally Offers Prayers For Graham's British Crusade

Chief Justice Earl Warren headed a contingent of high government officials attending a "farewell" rally in Washington for Dr. Billy Graham at which prayers were offered for the success of the evangelist's British crusade which opens in London on March 1. The government leaders included two Senators and 11 Congressmen. "We are going to London with fear and trembling in our hearts," Dr. Graham told the rally. "But if a spark is ignited there it will sweep quickly over the British Isles, and we may be on the verge of the greatest spiritual revival in years." Stressing the need of such revival, the evangelist said that less than five per cent of the English people attend church, with the percentage dipping to as low as two in London itself.

Methodist Officials Select Land For Alaska College

Two Methodist Church officials spent a day in Anchorage, Alaska selecting 300 acres of public land for the erection of a new \$2,000,000 college. Bishop A. Raymond Grant of Portland, Ore., and the Rev. P. Gordon Gould, director of Methodist work in Alaska, also conferred with civic leaders on the project. A decision to build the new school in Anchorage was made last month by national officials of the Church. Original cost is expected to be approximately \$2,000,000, with about one-half of this sum to be spent for construction and the remainder for endowment and other expenses. The funds are to be raised by Church subscription throughout the United States. An exact site for location of the college must be made from an 800-acre reservation of public land here, before a law for acquisition of the land can be placed before Congress. Delegate E. L. Bartlett of Alaska has informed civic officials here that he believes such a law can be passed this winter.

Labor Union Fetes Clergymen

Minnesota's largest labor union, AFL Teamsters' local 1145, entertained some 300 clergymen at dinner during the annual Minnesota State Pastors' Conference (interdenominational) at Mount Olivet Lutheran church here. The union is made up of 9,000 production workers at the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.

ALLIES STRONGER THAN ARMAMENT

Chas. A. Wells



NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Membership Report Shows

We have received additional reports from pastors with reference to the membership study being made in local churches of the conference. This study is with reference to church and church school membership. We have to date a total of forty-seven churches which have made the report. These churches show about the same percentages as we gave last week. Thus, it begins to appear that these reports indicate certain definite trends. These forty-seven churches show the following report:

Number of total church members, 8,607.

Number of resident church members, 5,774.

Number of resident church members not enrolled in church school, 1,880.

Total church school membership, 5,625.

Number of church school members, junior age and above not members of church, 763.

These reports indicate that almost one third of the total church membership is absentee membership. These reports show that the church school membership of 5,625 is almost equal to the resident church membership. You will note that one-eighth of the church school membership are church prospects.

The above report indicates that there are thousands of church members in the North Arkansas Conference who should be enrolled in the church school; and that there are other thousands in the church school who should be brought into the church membership.

Rev. J. Harmon Holt has been certified for the Second Series Course on Helping Adults Learn.

Rev. Byron McSpadden reports that he has had a one unit school in the New Home Church on the Corning Charge with an enrollment of 16 and fourteen credits. He taught the course on How to Teach in the Church School.

A one unit school was held recently at Fairbanks on Van Buren County Ct. No. 2, with an enrollment of twenty-one. There was an average attendance of even a greater number.

The Paris Training School, held February 7-11, using the course on How to Improve the Church School, had an enrollment of thirty-nine.

Many church schools are reporting good increases in attendance during the period of emphasis on church and church school attendance.

The Monette Church is having a one unit training school, Educational Work of the Church School, taught by the pastor, Rev. Bennie Jordan.

"The staff of the Division of the Local Church seeks to give stimulation and guidance to conference and district workers and encourage them and help them as they in turn seek

SUGGESTED TEXTS FOR VACATION SCHOOLS

Emphasis will be placed upon the study of the New Testament, and particularly the life of Jesus, in the Vacation Schools in the Little Rock Conference this summer. The following texts are suggested:

Kindergarten, "Stories of Jesus," by Brumley.

Primary, either, "Jesus The Friend," by Roorbach; or, the last half of "Child Life in Bible Times," by Taylor.

Junior, either, "We Would Follow Jesus," by Crosby; or, the latter half of "Learning to Know the Bible," by Smith.

Intermediate, "God In Our Lives," by Barber.

Vacation School Institutes are being planned for each district, but there are certain things that each church should do prior to the date for the institute:

1. Order any textbooks that are needed.

2. Select workers for the Vacation School.

3. Furnish each worker with the text material she needs; encourage worker to read the complete text.

4. Have at least one preliminary meeting with the workers before time for the district institute.

Our churches are finding that early, thorough preparation pays big dividends in the lives of our boys and girls. **Begin now to prepare for the Vacation Church School in your church this summer.**—Mrs. W. F. Bates.

CAMPING WITH JUNIORS

Several churches in the Little Rock Conference are planning to experiment with Junior Day Camps for their Junior boys and girls. Those churches will want to order the following resource material:

LEARNING TO LIVE TOGETHER, by Goddard (copy for each worker).

Sample copy of the Junior's own Camp book which may be used by the Juniors in camp.

Each church select leaders for their own Day Camp from among the regular Junior workers, and other qualified persons in the church. Plan to send all prospective Junior Day Camp workers to the nearest institute on Junior Camping. There will be three institutes on camping in the conference, including Junior Camping, to be held as follows:

Monticello and Camden Districts: March 9, Fordyce.

Arkadelphia and Hope Districts: March 10, Hot Springs, First Church.

Little Rock and Pine Bluff Districts: March 11, Little Rock, Asbury. —Mrs. W. F. Bates

to help the local churches of their conferences. Likewise, we are constantly learning from conference and district workers and from creative spirits in local churches."—Dr. J. Q. Schisler.

"Wherever we turn there are persons unreached by Christian teaching, persons who do not know Christ or His way. This fact unavoidably rests heavily upon the heart of a church school superintendent." —Rev. Walter Towner.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER YOUTH

Nashville, Tenn.—More and more, older youth, 18 to 23 years of age, are receiving the attention of church school workers.

Some of the reasons for this increased attention were stated recently by the Rev. Wallace Chappell of the Youth Department staff, General Board of Education.

"Many older youth are away from home in new responsibilities, and may be quite lonely; their get-togethers should provide opportunity for plenty of friendship and fellowship in easy, informal situations," Mr. Chappell said. "Since this age-group is close to marriage it needs wide contacts between the sexes."

"Because eleven out of thirteen older youth do not go to college, the working group is a serious chal-

lenge. They are less free to engage in some youth activities because these conflict sometimes with their jobs. Hence working youth attend weekend camps better than they do week-long sessions."

Older youth work on a more flexible schedule, needs less supervision and takes a more responsible role in developing and carrying out their program, it was said.

The Youth Department staff suggests that a wide variety of summer opportunities be provided for older youth. Some of these are: organizing a new church as a result of a Christian Witness Mission; clear and equip a playground in a needy community; educate a community on the significance of the United Nations; work to establish older youth groups in local churches.

Post high school youth are the most neglected age group in the church, Mr. Chappell said. They will respond amazingly to any church that provides a challenging program with and for them. They are there, in the community, awaiting an opportunity to join a friendly group between high school and young adult age.

DR. DAVIS AT LAKESIDE CHURCH

Dr. Wesley C. Davis, Professor of New Testament at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, spoke on January 24 to both the Senior and Intermediate youth groups of the Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff. He used as his subject "Faith." The youth all felt it a privilege to hear Dr. Davis, and that they were fortunate to obtain such a speaker. The meeting was held in the new Lakeside Methodist Chapel.

Dr. Davis conducted a training course at the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, on "The New Testament" and delivered the evening message at Lakeside on January 24th.—Bobby Clanton, Reporter.

A TRAINED MINISTRY

We assure the young Christian he can "live his faith in industry as well as in the ministry"—and I believe our world needs that desperately. Yet we need to direct our choicest and best-trained men into the ministry: "a highly educated constituency cannot be served by a less-literate ministry." The church—in your town and in mine—must select its finest sons at high school age and lead them into colleges and seminaries, providing generous scholarships if necessary. And it must provide adequate living salaries for its clergy: no young man should feel called upon to serve a group of people who fail to provide for his family as well as they do for themselves.—W. W. Reid.

"We ministers may or may not have had systematic training to be leaders of our church schools, but any agency which brings into the membership of the church six out of ten of the members of the church is important enough for the minister to include among his responsibilities."—Dr. N. F. Forsyth.

SUGGESTIONS FOR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

Nashville, Tenn.—"What changes in the lives of boys and girls do I hope will result from this study?"

This is one of the questions teachers in a Vacation Church School should be able to answer definitely if the school is to be a success, according to the Children's Department of the General Board of Education.

Other questions persons preparing to teach in Vacation Church Schools might ask themselves, as suggested by the department, are: "What activities will help bring about these changes in the lives of boys and girls?" "What supplies will I need?" "What shall I do the first session?" "What are my plans for the remaining sessions?" "What are some ways to let parents know about what is happening during the school?"

A wealth of suggestions as to how these questions may be answered in the best possible way is contained in the catalog of Vacation Church School materials for 1954 prepared by the Children's Department in cooperation with The Methodist Publishing House. The catalog is free. Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving you.

SHREVEPORT SCHOOL ENROLLS MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED

One hundred five young adults from the Shreveport District registered in the Shreveport Training School held at First Methodist Church, January 25 through January 29, 1954. The course of instruction, "Young Adults Work in the Church," was under the direction of Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Alexandria District Superintendent. At the final session of the School, the young adults held their District Workshop. The leaders in the workshop groups were Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Administration; Mrs. James J. Kennedy, Evangelism and Church Loyalty; Mrs. Ruby Cochran, Study and Worship; Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Social Action and World Service; Mr. Barnaby Tilley, Recreation and Creative Arts.

Rev. Roy Mouser, pastor of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church of Shreveport, served as dean of the school.—Mrs. James J. Kennedy.

THE CHURCH IN KOREA

By BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN

(Second in the series of reports from Bishop Martin's recent visit to Korea)

KOREA has been called the Land of Tragedy—and of Hope. As I begin this brief article on the Church in Korea, I wish I could find words to describe, with sufficient vividness, these two elements of this tortured yet courageous country. Just as she was emerging from more than forty years of dominance by a more powerful neighbor she was bisected at the 38th parallel and only a little more than four years later she became the battle-ground of two world powers with the result that every city and large town has either been destroyed by the fury of battle or over-run by starving refugees. Her story is not unlike that of ancient Israel except that the modern implements of warfare are more destructive than were the primitive weapons.



Before the Communist invasion in June 1950, Korea had been more widely influenced by Christians than any other Oriental country. There are approximately a million Korean Christians, but their leadership in National affairs far exceeds their numbers. The President and Vice-President are Christians as are many members of the National Assembly. More than half the cabinet members are Christians. The heads of practically all of the government agencies of health and rehabilitation are Christians. Chosen Christian University, Ewha College, Severance Hospital and many other similar institutions are under Christian direction.

The people are eager to hear the Gospel. A Christian missionary told me that if they had money to build a church and a missionary to preach in it there could speedily be a strong Christian church in every village in Korea.

The level of devotion and loyalty among Korean church members is such as to put to shame the seriousness with which the average American takes his church membership. They are "all out Christians" in worship, service and giving. In Taegu, for example, and in other parts of Korea, the church bells ring every morning at five o'clock, summer and winter, calling the people to prayer. And they go, in great numbers. This has been the practice since the invasion more than three and a half years ago.

Without minimizing the opportunities in Japan or elsewhere in the Orient, it is probably true that no other part of the non-Christian world is so ready to answer the call of Christianity as Korea. To let this call go unheeded would be a tragic mistake.

What does Korea need that Christians in America can supply?

Korea needs clothing, bedding and shoes. Any garment that is not completely worn out will serve a good purpose. A worn sweater may be unraveled and knitted into socks if the need for socks is greater. Korean women are skillful workers. Over the entrance to a U. S. Ordinance Unit in Seoul I read this inscription, "We have done so much, with so little, for so long, that now we can do anything with nothing." This is almost literally what Korean people are constantly doing. Clothing should be cleaned, securely bundled and marked "For Korea" and shipped to Church World Service, 3146 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. Whatever is sent will be well used.

Missionaries told me that it would be of great value to them if they had some clothes to distribute to faithful church members who might be overlooked in the general distribution. If you do not know a missionary, I suggest you send such

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE ACQUIRING NEW LOOK ARCHITECTS SAY

Knoxville—(NC)— American church architecture is acquiring a "new look" in an era of building that dwarfs anything in the past.

This is the news that comes from the annual Joint National Conference on Church Architecture which

attracted more church architects and church leaders than any previous session.

Spurred by increasing demands for edifices that retain a worshipful atmosphere and at the same time accommodate the needs of a 20th Century church program, architects are turning their backs on traditional Gothic and Colonial styles in which they were schooled.

A hundred-year era in which the Gothic spire has been exalted as the "trademark" of Christian architectural style is coming to an end as architects turn to contemporary design functionally superior and utilizing new building materials of the plastic age.

"Improved techniques and the growing acceptance of 20th Century designing are rapidly bringing to the American continent a new, fresh and vigorous architectural expression worthy of the current resurgence of religious interest," declared Dr. C. Harry Atkinson, director of the Bureau of Church Building and architecture of the National Council of Churches.

He acknowledged that the "new look" tends to be "cool" and "angular" but that the importance of form and beauty as adjuncts to worship have been stressed in most of the hundreds of churches he has visited.

Dr. Atkinson, who is concluding his first year as successor to the late Elbert M. Conover as director of the Bureau, said that 1954 probably will be the greatest year in the history of church building. He estimated that the dollar volume would exceed \$500,000,000 compared with a government estimate of \$473,000,000 in 1953. Many denominations are engaged in multi-million dollar building fund campaigns.

The joint conference which attracted nearly 200 to Knoxville last week was sponsored by the Bureau and the Church Architectural Guild of America.

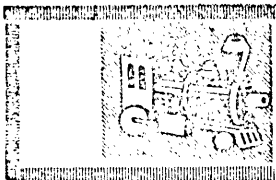
AREA CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT NO. 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 13TH ARKANSAS METHODIST

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Total 1290**				
Arkadelphia, First Ch., Wm. O. Byrd	18	59	7	84
Bismarck Circuit, W. C. Onstead	7	22	2	29**
Glenwood Circuit, J. A. Wade	16	22	2	38**
Mt. Ida Circuit, Osborne White	2	36	1	39**
CAMDEN DISTRICT—Total 2274**				
Louann Circuit, Giles B. Pixley	12	29	2	41**
Marysville Circuit, H. A. Stroup	7	42	2	49**
Princeton Circuit, Ernest E. Hays	6	16	2	22
HOPE DISTRICT—Total 1404				
Center Point Ct., D. W. Harberson	6	1	2	7
Doddridge Ct., W. P. Walker	7	18	2	25
Texarkana-College Hill, H. Williams	9	34	2	45**
Texarkana First Ch., F. R. Harrison	7	123	9	139
Texarkana Circuit, Virgil Bell	35	44	2	79**
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Total 2751**				
Carlisle, Curtis Williams	4	32	1	37
DeValls Bluff, George E. Williams	2	23	2	25
LITTLE ROCK				
Asbury, Elmer L. Thomas	37	164	16	217
Capitol View, George E. Reutz	7	30	11	48
First Church, Aubrey G. Walton	20	1106	4	1130
Hunter, Fred L. Arnold	27	46	2	73
Oak Forest, George C. Meyer	10	9	2	19
Pulaski Heights, J. K. Shamblin	16	68	3	87
St. Paul, C. W. Richards	43	57	1	101**
Winfield, Cecil Culver	30	124	4	158
Circuit, Fred H. Arnold	19	3	2	22
Lonoke, W. R. Burks	1	48	2	49
MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Total 1282**				
Eudora, C. Everett Patton	5	21	2	27
Kingsland, P. D. Alston	5	21	4	30
Monticello, Roland E. Darrow	8	43	3	54
Montrose, James Constable	2	7	2	9**
Watson, Omma Daniel	9	56	2	67**
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Total 1496**				
Carthage, L. R. Sparks	4	26	2	30**
Keo-Humnoke, Palmer Garner	20	23	2	43**
PINE BLUFF				
Carr Memorial, Clem Baker	11	54	2	65**
Hawley Memorial, George W. Kerr	6	40	2	48**
Lakeside, John M. McCormack	36	63	6	105
Sheridan, Bryan Stephens	17	46	7	70
Stuttgart, Grand Avenue, H. M. Lewis	33	94	2	127**

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Total 995**				
Batesville Central Ave., D. Conyers	15	63	2	78**
Bethesda Cushman, M. A. Thompson	9	24	2	35**
Melbourne Ct., D. G. Hindman	12	34	2	46
Mt. View, H. W. Jenke	4	23	2	27**
Newark, John S. Workman	17	35	2	54**
Tuckerman, Golder Lawrence	1	42	2	43**
CONWAY DISTRICT—Total 1499**				
Belleville-Havana, W. G. Conner	6	14	1	21
Conway First Ch., Joel Cooper	32	89	22	143
Conway Wesley Memorial, R. Ruhlen	1	16	1	18
Morrilton First Ch., H. J. Couchman	23	90	3	116**
NORTH LITTLE ROCK				
First Church, Wm. Watson	51	151	2	202
Gardner Memorial, Irl Bridenthal	22	39	10	71
Rose City, J. F. Wilson	5	10	15	22
Levy, Raymond Dorman	15	29	2	44
Sylvan Hills, L. K. Wilson	3	14	1	18
Perry County Ct., Robert Harris	6	2	2	6
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Total 1185				
Green Forest-Piney, O. W. Barbee	7	26	1	34
Madison County No. 1, T. A. Whiddon	5	31	2	36**
Rogers, Vernon Chalfant	9	53	3	68
Springdale, A. J. Christie	9	105	1	115**
FORREST CITY DISTRICT—Total 1465**				
Brinkley, J. Clarence Wilcox	2	35	2	37
Earle, G. A. McKelvey	31	39	2	70*2
Helena, E. B. Williams	14	72	2	86
West Memphis, J. Ralph Hillis	21	25	2	46
FT. SMITH DISTRICT—Total 1718				
Fifth Street, Floyd G. Villines, Sr.	3	16	1	20**
Glover Memorial, Roy Poyner	2	8	2	8
Lamar Ct., Carl B. Adams	12	2	2	12
JONESBORO DISTRICT—Total 1567**				
Huntington Avenue, E. C. Brown	7	54	2	61**
Fisher Street, John W. Glover	6	23	2	29*
Lepanto, Wm. A. Stewart, Jr.	7	27	2	34*
Trumann, A. W. Harris	10	37	2	47**
PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Total 965				
Biggers-Knobel, Wm. Paul Lanier	4	30	3	37**
Black Rock, Gail Anderson	7	24	2	31**
Rector Circuit, Dave Smitherman	5	15	2	20
Walnut Ridge, Elmo Thomason	12	90	1	103**
SEARCY DISTRICT—Total 1113				
Augusta, H. Lynn Wade	5	52	1	85
Kensett, W. W. Albright	7	18	1	26
McRae, Robert Johnson	10	23	2	33
McRae Extension, Cecil Harrison	3	1	2	5
Newton County, C. A. Simpson	3	2	2	5
Rosebud Ct., John Chapman	8	21	2	29

THE LOUISIANA METHODIST

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—Total 968				
Alexandria First Ch., J. H. Bowdon	27	69	3	99
Elizabeth, J. R. Strozier	15	23	2	40**
Glenmore, J. W. Lee	4	23	2	32**
Marksville, Joe Robinson	9	12	2	21**
Melville, A. D. St. Amant	3	24	2	27
Opelousas, R. E. Walton	9	35	2	44
Pineville, George W. Dameron	35	10	2	45
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—Total 1261				
North, James L. Stovall	10	27	2	37
Winburne Avenue, A. A. Collins	9	3	2	12
Bethel, Van Carter	9	1	2	10
Gonzales Ct., Brady B. Forman	11	28	2	39**
Hammond, Fred S. Flurry	16	22	2	38
St. Francisville, E. Lee McKay	5	13	2	18
LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Total 1318				
Crowley First Church, L. Hoffpauir	27	7	2	34
DeRidder, George Pearce, Jr.	30	22	2	52
Jeanerette, A. M. Martin	10	1	2	11
Lafayette First Ch., D. W. Poole	59	45	1	105
Lake Charles, University, J. B. Hefley	30	35	2	63
New Iberia, W. R. Wendt	38	29	2	67
Rayne, D. T. Williams	7	19	2	26
MONROE DISTRICT—Total 2023**				
Bastrop-Beekman, R. H. Staples	15	133	1	149**
Mangham-Little Creek-Union	10	40	2	50*2
Lael S. Jones	6	7	2	13
Monroe, St. Paul, B. R. Oliphint	16	47	2	63**
Rayville, Earl B. Emmerich	16	47	2	63**
WEST MONROE				
First Church, W. D. Milton	31	96	2	127
Claiborne, F. L. Hearne	6	21	2	27
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Total 1143				
Houma, Heights, Rex Squyres	39	31	2	70**
NEW ORLEANS				
Aldersgate, A. D. Roberts	14	7	2	21**
First Church, Nathaniel H. Melbert	32	31	2	63
Parker Memorial, A. T. Law	3	22	2	25
Pearl River, Don Miller	11	11	2	11
RUSTON DISTRICT—Total 1542**				
Dodson-New Hope, C. L. Shaw	8	5	2	15
Heflin-Brushwood, S. L. Lantrip	5	8	2	13
Ruston, Trinity, R. R. Branton	51	56	2	107
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—Total 1249				
Bossier City-Curtis Park, H. C.	29	17	2	46**
Norsworthy	10	30	1	41**
Coushatta, B. E. Bond	12	19	2	31
Pelican, Stanley J. Manking	12	19	2	31
SHREVEPORT				
First Church, Guy M. Hicks	51	87	2	138
Zwolle, Frank Collins	5	21	2	26



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



MISS FIDGET'S GOLD LOCKET

By Mabel S. Merrill

LITTLE Flora Lee came stepping slowly along that quaint street of old Boston—a very quaint street it was in that year of 1748. For the third time that morning she stopped and peeped in at the door of the little shop. Inside, a dark-eyed boy of twelve or thirteen looked up from his work. "Here's little Miss Fidget again," he said with a laugh.

The girl at the door frowned at him. "My name is Flora," she said shortly, "and you know it, Paul Revere."

"So I do," laughed the boy. "You have come to live in the house down the street. I call you Miss Fidget because you wander about so much. Why do you do it?"

To his dismay Flora Lee began to cry as she dropped on a bench at the door.

"It is because I am so lonely," she sobbed, "and so homesick and sad. I want to go home."

"But you are at home," argued Paul Revere. "You live in your aunt's house close by."

Flora Lee's head came up and her eyes flashed. "That mean little house down the street is not my home. I live in England in a beautiful stone house with great gardens. I will never call my aunt's house home."

Paul Revere looked hard at the sulky little figure by the door.

"Whatever you call it," said the boy shortly, "you have to live there two years while your parents are on a voyage to the other side of the world. Why not make the best of it instead of the worst?"

Flora wiped her eyes and stared at him. "How can I make the best of it when there is no best? I have nothing to do all day long but think how miserable I am."

It was Paul's turn to stare. "Nothing to do?" he repeated. "How can you say that with your five little cousins running about in rags and your aunt at work from morning till night?"

Flora began to cry again. "You are a very rude boy, Paul Revere! I hate to sew. And when I offered to help my aunt this morning she said my fingers were all thumbs and that I might as well go outdoors and take a walk."

"Your fingers are thumbs because you do not know the proper use of them," declared Paul. "If you should learn to sew well, you would like to do it."

"But I don't want to work; I want to play," confessed Flora.

"Work that you know how to do is more fun than play," urged the boy. "Come, Flora, forgive my rudeness and let me show you some of the things my father and I do here in the shop."

The little girl's eyes grew wide and bright with interest as she followed him about the little shop. Paul was learning the goldsmith's art and was already able to turn out work remarkable for a boy of his age.

Flora stopped by and by to look at him. "I began to think you are a wizard such we read about in fairy tales. You can turn a gold coin into

a ring. You can take a bit of old black battered jewelry and make it into a shining ornament."

Suddenly she pulled a big heavy old-fashioned locket from the front of her dress where it had hung on a ribbon. It was badly scarred and tarnished.

"It is so black and ugly that I wear it out of sight under my dress. I found it in a rubbish heap at the corner of a street in London. Father said it was real gold. Could you make something pretty of it, little Mr. Goldsmith?"

Paul took the locket and looked it over sharply. Then his eyes began to shine.

"I think I can, little Miss Fidget. Come again in a day or two and I may be able to give you a surprise."

It was a whole week before Flora came to the goldsmith's shop again. Two of the little cousins had been ill and she had had to stay beside them while her aunt was at work. During those long hours in the sick-room Flora had tried to sew and had found out that there was a right and a wrong way to do it.

"I'm going to learn to do it right," she said to herself, "and see if it is true that I shall like it as Paul said. Anyhow, nobody shall say again that my fingers are all thumbs."

It was a fine sunshiny morning when she peeped it at the door of the Revere shop. Paul came to meet her with a little box in his hand.

"The thing I made out of your locket is inside," he said. "I never made one before, and for a while I thought my fingers were all thumbs too. But it came out right at last."

Flora had given a little cry of

delight as she took the cover off the box. There on a bed of soft wool lay the daintiest, brightest gold thimble she had ever seen.

"Oh, Paul, it's beautiful! I shall not hate to sew after this. I shall want to sew all day long."

Paul smiled as he stood in the doorway. Somewhere far off in the clear morning air a bell was ringing.

"I am happy when I am making things," said the boy. "Some day I mean to learn to make sweet-toned bells. I dream about it at night. Who knows but I can do it in years to come if I do my best now at making thimbles and such trifles?"

"My thimble is not a trifle," cried Flora. "It is a fairy gift, and I am going to work magic with it."—*Zion's Herald*

GOODNIGHT PRAYER

Thou hast guarded me all day;
Father, unto Thee I pray—
Safe I am while in Thy sight;
Safely let me sleep tonight.

Bless my friends, the whole world
bless;
Help me to learn helpfulness;
Keep me ever in Thy sight—
So to all I say goodnight.

—Henry Johnson in Ex.

STARS

I'm glad the stars are over me
And not beneath my feet,
Where we would trample on them
Like cobbles on the street.
I think it is a happy thing
That they are set so far;
It's best to have to look up high
When you would see a star.

—Author Unknown

MY ROVER

When my upper lip is trembly,
And a lump gets in my throat,
And the fellows that I'm scared of
Have tried to "get my goat,"
And I'm feeling kind of lonesome
And I'm losing all my sand,
It's great to have my Rover
Come up and lick my hand.

For Rover is my buddy,
And I'm happy as can be
For I know there's simply nothing
That he wouldn't do for me;
For he loves me, and I know it,
And though other friends may fall
This world looks good, I tell you,
When Rover wags his tail.

You couldn't keep discouraged;
You couldn't long be blue
If you have a friend like Rover,
And know he's loving you;
For he rushes out to meet me;
When I'm coming through the
yard;
He wags himself all over
'Cause he's loving me so hard.

—Florence E. Marshall, in
Our Dumb Animals

JUST FOR FUN

Teacher: "Johnny, where is Brazil?"

Johnny (stalling): "Where do you think it is?"

Teacher: "I don't think, I know."

Johnny: "I don't think I know either."

A tramp knocked at the door and asked a bite to eat. The lady of the house said:

"You don't look like a man who should starve for lack of work. Why don't you get a job?"

"I would lady," was the reply, "but everybody wants a letter of reference from the man I worked for."

"Well, why not get it?"
"Because, madam," as he backed away, "he has been dead for ten years."

In Fairfield, Ala., Boy Scout George Walters, who was acting mayor for a day, told how he handled the job. "Nothing to it," he said. "I just answered the phone, listened to their problems, and referred them to some other department."

A clever lady, asked to a brilliant public function, was assigned a place between a noted bishop and an equally famous rabbi. It was her chance to break into high company, and she meant to make use of it. "I feel as if I were a leaf between the Old and the New Testament," she said during a lull in the conversation. "That page, Madam," replied the rabbi, "is usually a blank."
—Capper's Weekly

Customer: "Remember that cheese you sold me yesterday?"

Grocer: "Yes, madam."

Customer: "Did you say it was imported or deported from Switzerland?"



MY THANKS

I thank Thee, Father, for winter days,
For rain and snow and glistening ways.

For birds that sing of springtime near,
For sun that makes the buds appear.

I give Thee thanks for all these things,
And for the joy that each one brings.

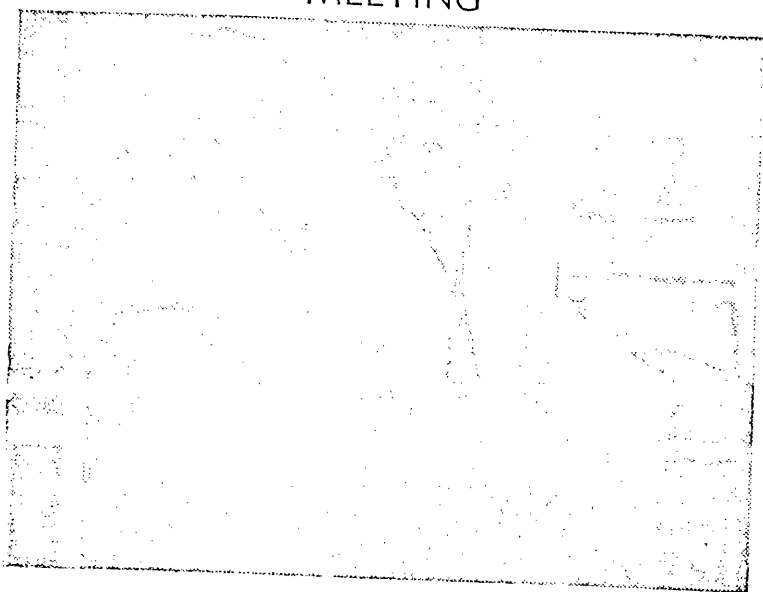
—A.E.W.

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WORKERS TO REPORT AT ANNUAL MEETING



(Photo by Methodist Information)

Miss Mary Chaffin and Miss Sally Ingels, rural workers in the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, will report to the conference at the Annual Meeting to be held in Fayetteville March 2, 3, and 4. Miss Chaffin and Miss Ingels will make their report on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure, president, will preside at the meeting, and it will be held at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville.

Mrs. Paul E. Martin is to be a special guest of the Conference and will speak Wednesday, March 3, at the World Federation Luncheon. Mrs. Martin spent three months last fall traveling with Bishop Martin in South America and she visited many of the members of the World Federation.

On Wednesday evening, there will be a special Youth program at which time Mrs. A. J. Mitchell, Conference Secretary of Youth Work, will preside. The Youth Choir of Central Church will sing, and among the foreign students who will appear on the program will be Miss Myra Mayr of Austria. Miss Mayr is a student at Northwestern University, coming to this country as a protegee of Mrs. Johnnie McClure. Mrs. McClure met Miss Mayr and her family while in Austria two years ago. Myra's father is a Methodist minister.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Bogalusa Woman's Society recently held its Annual Camelia Show in which 196 varieties were shown. More than fifty new varieties were exhibited. Rare colors, shades, two-tones were to be seen. Several hundred people enjoyed the beauty and fellowship of the occasion.

Three Jonesboro, Arkansas, Methodist churches have completed in January the study of Jeremiah with Mrs. Elmus Brown leading the class. Two sessions a day were held; one during the afternoon for Woman's Society members and one in the evening for Guild and Business women enrolled.

As a result of the study, an offering was taken to help buy an oil refrigerator for Dr. Jaya Luke's Hospital in Sironcha, India.

The United Church Women of Jonesboro, Arkansas, studied together in 8 sessions in October and November "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World," under the leadership of Miss Mildred Osment. Five denominations and eight churches participated. 308 women enrolled. Two sessions a day of each study class were held; one at 10:00 a. m. followed by a fellowship luncheon, the other at 7 p. m. for Business women's groups.

The Vidalia Woman's Society are planning the Sixth Annual Spring

Carnival sponsored by the local society and scheduled for February 26. The contest for queen started February 9 and the final elimination will be February 19. Everyone looks forward to this occasion every year and hope this affair will be more successful than ever.—Mrs. Clyde H. Smith

Mrs. Louise Eggleston, Spiritual Life Secretary of the Virginia Methodist Conference, was principal speaker at the "Day Apart" program at Rayne Memorial, New Orleans, January 26. This day of Prayer was sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. About 300 women attended. Mrs. Eggleston is nationally known for her work with Dr. Frank Laubach and the World Literacy Prayer Group.

All three Circles of the W. S. C. S. of the Wisner Methodist Church met in the recreational center of the Church Tuesday, January 26th for the regular monthly program meeting.

Mrs. Harry W. Gilbert, chairman of Circle No. 1 presided over the meeting, the theme being "Love Never Fails."

Mrs. J. Floyd King gave a most inspiring devotional on South East Asia. Assisting Mrs. King in the discussions were Mrs. Ola Huff,

UNITED NATIONS WORKSHOPS

FEBRUARY 23, 1954 — NEW ORLEANS — Y. W. C. A.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Opening Devotional—The Reverend John Redmon, Chairman Board of World Peace, Louisiana Conference
- 10:20—Accomplishments of the United Nations—Mrs. C. A. Bender Woman's Division of Christian Service
- 11:00—Panel: Special Agencies of United Nations
 - Why the A. A. U. W. Believes in UNESCO—Mrs. Allen Hackett Chairman on UNESCO, A.A.U.W.
 - Why the League of Women Voters Believe in Technical Assistance—Mrs. George Dreyfus, President, League of Women Voters
 - Why Educators Believe in UNICEF—Miss Fanny C. Williams, Principal, Valeria Jones School
 - Why the P.T.A. Believes in the Trusteeship Council—Mrs. James Feuer, State P.T.A. Chairman on Legislation
- Moderator—Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations
- Question Period
- 12:00—Luncheon period

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Attacks on United Nations—Mrs. C. A. Bender
- 1:50—Buzz Session—What Can WE do About These Attacks?
- 2:15—Legislation Before the 83rd Congress—Mrs. C. A. Bender
- 2:45—Report of Findings Committee

Mrs. Clifford A. Bender, official observer at the United Nations for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is Associate Secretary, Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities for the Woman's Division. She is a graduate of the University of Wash-

ington, attended the University of Upsala in Sweden under a Scandinavian-American Scholarship and did graduate work at Columbia University in International Relations. She attended the Stockholm Church Conference on Life and Work.

Mrs. Georgia Brown, and Mrs. E. O. Cannon.

Rev. J. J. Davis, pastor of the Sicily-Island Methodist Church was the guest speaker and gave a temperance lecture.

After the meeting Circle No. 3 was the host, and delicious refreshments were served to all members and visitors present.

Eloise Butler Martin, who with her husband is serving at the Christian High School, Jabalpur, India, writes of the birth of a son, Daniel Tunnie, on November 28. Not having a hospital at Jabalpur with Christian doctors, she went to the provincial capitol, Nagpur, where there was a fine Scottish Presby-

terian Mission Hospital.

Although the Martins had expected to return to the United States this spring, the Annual Conference urged them to stay at least another six months, so knowing the desperate need for them in India, they stayed.

Twenty-eight members of the Van Buren First Church Woman's Society met at the church Feb. 2 for lunch, served by Circle three, followed by the devotional and business program. Mrs. Bob Vandergriff gave the program, assisted by Mrs. Claire Bates, Mrs. J. Y. Dollar and Mrs. Bob Hardecastle. Mrs. J. E. Buckalew, president, presided at the business meeting.—Mrs. Fay Williams

FORT SMITH DISTRICT ELECTS OFFICERS

The women of St. John's Methodist Church in Van Buren were hosts to a meeting of the Fort Smith District Woman's Society of Christian Service Thursday, January 28. Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, District President, presided and introduced the ministers, Dr. W. H. Goodloe, District Superintendent, and Rev. W. A. Downum, pastor of Midland Heights Methodist Church in Fort Smith.

The meeting opened with a devotional led by Mrs. Robert Sessions. A lovely worship in song was presented by a choir composed of high school girls under the direction of Mr. Clarence Williams.

The report of the district nominating committee was presented by Mrs. L. W. Blakely, chairman. The following officers were elected.

President—Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, Alma; Vice President—Mrs. Gene Davidson, Waldron; Sec. of Promotion—Mrs. Ralph Cornelius, Ft. Smith; Treasurer—Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Greenwood; Rec. Secretary—Mrs. W. A. Downum, Ft. Smith; Miss. Education—Mrs. Alfred Knox, Ft. Smith;

C. S. R. & L. C. A.—Mrs. Sam Roberts, Booneville; Literature & Pub.—Mrs. J. E. Buckalew, Van Buren; Spiritual Life—Mrs. Robert Sessions, Van Buren; Youth Work—Mrs. Robert Stambaugh, Clarksville; Children's Work—Mrs. V. F. Harris, Greenwood; Supplies—Mrs. E. E. Sexton, Ft. Smith; Status of Women — Mrs. Arrie Dickerson, Ozark; Miss. Personnel—Mrs. L. W. Blakely, Ft. Smith; Student Work—Mrs. O. J. Evanson, Waldron.

Mrs. Fred Roebuck gave a most interesting account of "My Trip to the Holy Land."

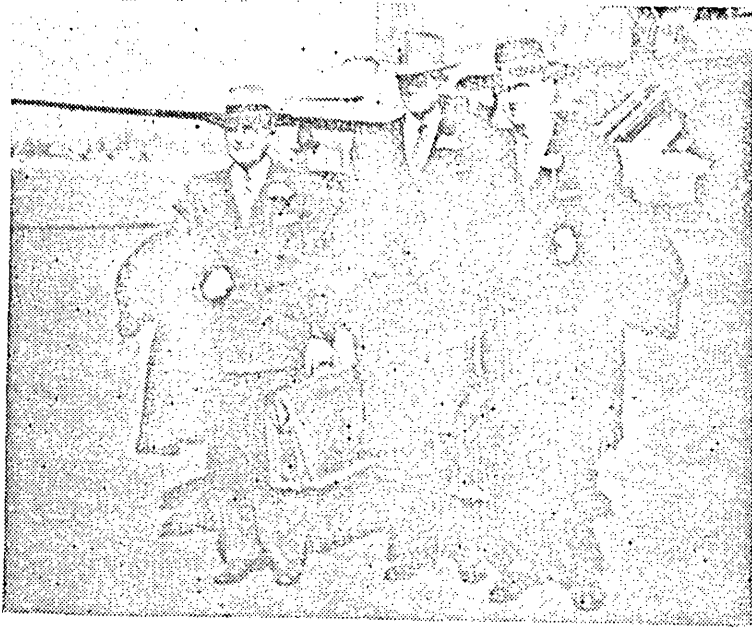
At noon a delicious lunch was served by the women of the hostess society.

The afternoon session was opened with a most challenging devotional led by Mrs. Hubert Pearce, North Arkansas Conference Spiritual Life Secretary.

The meeting was closed with installation of officers by Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, North Arkansas Conference Missionary Project Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Lewis

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

ARKANSAS METHODISTS IN ALASKA THIS WEEK



Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff Superintendent, Rev. Robert B. Moore, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Camden, and Rev. John McCormack, Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, pastor, left by plane Wednesday afternoon, February 10, for Seattle, Washington where they were to join 20 other Methodist ministers and laymen who are giving leadership this week to an evangelistic mission in Alaska. The accompanying picture was made just prior to the departure of the Arkansas ministers from the Little Rock Municipal Airport.

Rev. Mr. McCormack will serve at the First Church, Ketchikan, where Rev. Robert McMaster, former Arkansan, is the pastor. These ministers were formerly associated in the Jonesboro District. Dr. Terry is serving at Homer and Rev. Moore was assigned for the week at Fairbanks. Two Louisiana ministers, Rev. George W. Pomeroy and Rev. Douglas McGuire, both of Ruston, are also serving in the mission.

Word was received from Dr. Terry that the group arrived in Seattle at 1:10 a. m. Thursday. There they received instruction on the mission and left by air for their assignments.

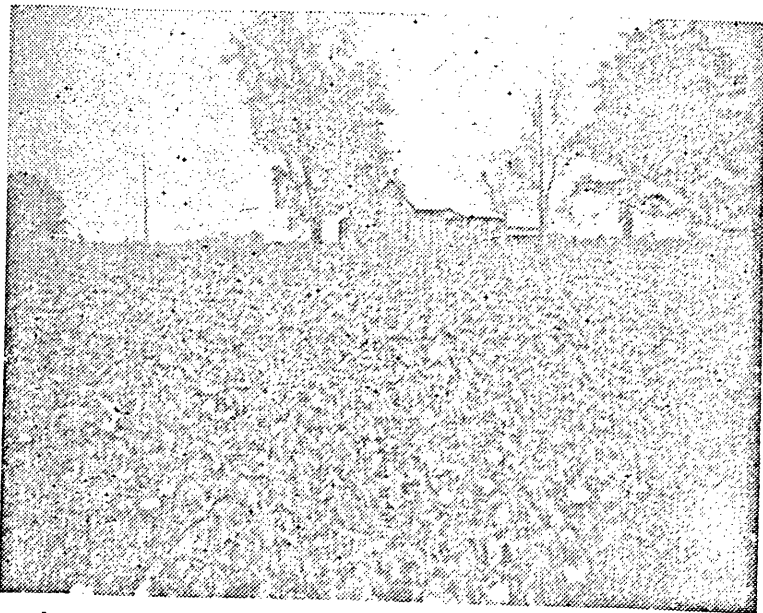
IN PEACE WORKSHOPS LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE



Church members concerned with issues of world peace and brotherhood were privileged to hear Dr. Carl Soule, staff member of the Methodist Board of World Peace, Chicago, in four workshops in the Little Rock Conference. The workshops were sponsored by the Conference Committee on World Peace. Pictured above are the Rev. David Hankins, Jr., left, pastor of Jackson Street Church in Magnolia, chair-

man of the conference board, and Dr. Soule. Mr. Hankins was assisted by Mrs. Earl Cotton of Little Rock, secretary of Christian Social Relations in the conference Woman's Society, in making plans for the sessions. They were held in the Little Rock District February 9, Monticello District February 11, Arkadelphia District February 12, and Camden District February 14.

LORD'S ACRE PLAN SUCCESSFUL AT BIGGERS



Around a heating stove in the winter of 1952-53, Mr. Odie Pulliam and Mr. Myrt Bennett planned a cotton crop, the major proceeds of which would go to the remodeling and repair of a small town church in bad need of repair. Brother Willis E. Cooper, having been a carpenter by trade, built the church some 20 years ago while pastoring here. The building is concrete block and has been one room.

Mr. Pulliam planted and plowed the crop. Some of the chopping and picking was donated by members but for the most part the money

was borrowed from the local bank to pay for this.

After the twenty acres was up it looked for a while as if the dry weather would cut the crop short. When picking time came the crop appeared only average. Eight bales were picked the first time over and by the end of the season there was a total of twenty two bales.

Brother Storey directed the plans and worked with the remodeling committee which was composed of Myrt Bennett, chairman, Odie Pulliam, treasurer, Gail Tidd (since moved and replaced on the commit-

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

First Semester Dean's List

Forty-two students at Hendrix were named to the Dean's List of outstanding students for the fall semester's work, Dean W. C. Buthman has announced. Three of these received A scholastic average for the semester's work. These were George Kamp, Conway; Guy Shannon, Carlisle, and Carl Slaughter, Little Rock.

Included on the Dean's List are students who make better than B-average grades and meet certain citizenship and attendance requirements.

Others winning places on the fall Dean's List are Mansel Baker, Genie Comer, John Moore, Robert Rorex, and Doyne Williams, all of El Dorado; Ted Blair, Clinton; William Cazer, Carlisle; Martha Choate, Mary Lee Holmes, Dennis Lucy, W. I. Moody and Thomas Snider, all of Little Rock; Thomas English, Plainview; Dick Ezell and John Meeks, both of Pine Bluff; Ann Franks, Forrest City; William Gentry and Sydney McMath, both of Hope; Jack

field and Gene Evans.

To add to the \$1291 realized from the cotton crop, the Biggers W. S. C. S. raised \$818 through rummage sales and other projects. Work was begun to repair the belfry and to paint the gables. Today we have four Sunday School rooms, a vestibule, choir loft, pulpit platform and communion rail and celotex ceiling. \$2031.65 has been paid to date for labor and materials. We have yet to finish the floors and paint the sanctuary.—Paul Lanier, pastor,

THE HENDRIX ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Cash in hand, February 10, 1954, \$203,378.31.

To be raised in 1954, \$96,621.69.

The typist's test exercise runs "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party." In our situation, "the party" is the Endowment Campaign and "all good men" includes the friends of Hendrix. Read this report and hasten to do something toward lowering the figure in line 3 above.

Hamman and Ralph Reed, both of Jonesboro; Helen Hughes, Nashville; Betty Jane Johnson, Green Forest; Gerry LeVan, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Ed Moore, Dallas, Tex.; Ernest Nipper and James Westbrook, both of Camden, Marcia Nutt, Hot Springs; L. M. Phillips and John Thurman, both of North Little Rock; Edna Ruth Rowland, Roswell, N. M.; Norman Totten, Benton; Mary Mitchell Williams, Helena; and William Womack, McCarty.

Major Dramatic Production

Alpha Psi Omega, a national honorary dramatic fraternity at Hendrix, is presenting "Yellow Jacket" by Hazelton and Benrimo. The play, done in a Chinese manner, will be given the nights of February 18 and 19 in the Hendrix Auditorium. Admission of 25c for students and 30c for others will be charged.

The play is directed by Jim Price (Continued on page 13)

ARKANSAS METHODIST

NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION



The Rev. A. N. Storey, right, was elected by the North Arkansas Conference Town and Country Commission February 9 to be executive secretary of the commission. He will succeed the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, left, the appointment becoming effective March 15.

In special appointments last November by Bishop Paul E. Martin, Mr. Storey was named superintendent of the Searcy District and Mr. Gatlin succeeded him as superintendent of the Paragould District. Mr. Storey will continue to serve as district superintendent until annual conference.

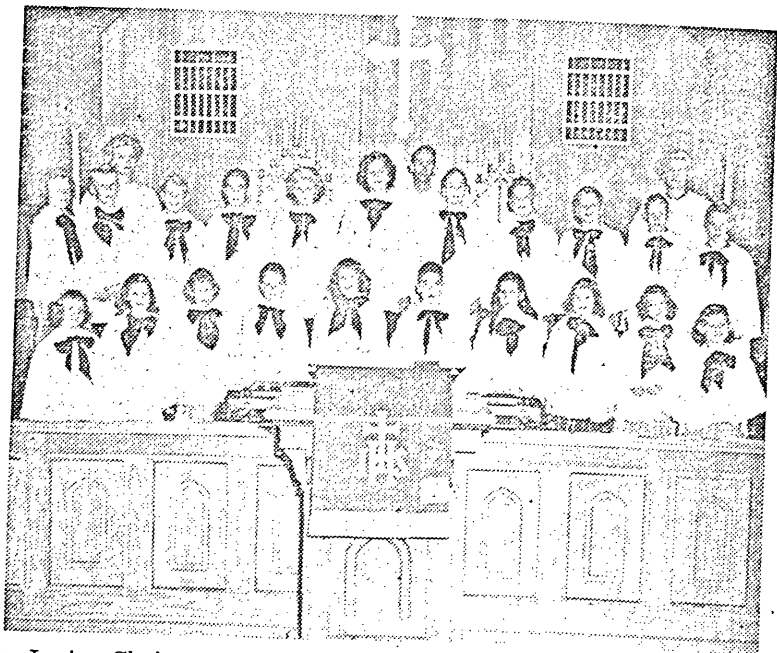
The Rev. Floyd G. Villines of Beebe, chairman of the conference

commission, presided at the February 9 meeting at First Methodist Church, Conway. Talks were made by Mr. Gatlin, Bishop Martin and Charles Stuck, lay leader in the conference.

A program on stewardship, presenting materials and a film available for conference use, was given by the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, director of stewardship in the Little Rock Conference.

It was announced that the annual Town and Country Convocation would be held from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Tuesday, May 18, at Eli Lindsey Church in the Paragould District.

LEPANTO JUNIOR CHOIR CELEBRATES SECOND BIRTHDAY



The Junior Choir of The Lepanto Church will celebrate its "second birthday" during February 1954. The present junior choir organization was formed two years ago under the direction of Miss Odessa Mellard with Mr. Bill Hudgens as organist. A year ago Mrs. John Fields joined the organization as Associate Director.

There are twenty-seven members of the Junior Choir at present; a number of the boys and girls have been promoted to sing with the "Chancel Choir". The Junior Choir serves the church for Morning Wor-

ship on the third Sunday of each month and alternates with the Chancel Choir for the service of The Holy Communion, which is served the first Sunday of each month. The entire ritual for service I of The Lord's Supper is used for the Communion Service and the Junior Choir has been trained for all of the choral responses, chants, and choral prayers for this service.

The Junior Choir also prepares the special music for Mother's Day, Palm Sunday, and Christmas Sunday.—Reporter

Methodist CHILDREN'S Home

REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1954

We want to express our sincere thanks to the groups and participants listed below who have rendered a service or presented gifts to the Home during the month of January, 1954.

Winfield Methodist Church, Friendly Sunday School Class—birthday gifts
Stebbins and Robbins, Inc.—assorted gifts
Lion Oil Company Division Sales Office, Little Rock—candy
Children's Division, Jonesboro Huntington Avenue Methodist Church—socks
W. S. C. S. of Traskwood Methodist Church—canned food and candy
Markham Methodist Church—food and assorted gifts
Mountain View Methodist Church—fruit and candy
Coal Hill Methodist Church—assorted gifts
Norphlet M. Y. F.—gifts
Jack Burch, Hughes—clothing
Fairview Meth. Ch.—soap, towels, tooth paste, tooth brushes and assorted gifts
Mr. Chas. R. Baber—gum
Shorewood Hills Church—canned goods
Goddard Memorial Ch., Ft. Smith—canned goods
Mrs. Imogene Cobb, Little Rock—clothing
Miss Mary Elizabeth Stoddard, Hughes, Ark.—clothing
Eudora Grade School—canned fruits and vegetables
W. S. C. S. of Rogers Meth. Ch.—pajamas and assorted gifts
M. Y. F. of Almyra, Ark.—towels, wash cloths, tooth paste and tooth brushes
Mrs. P. J. Garot, Hot Springs—cards
Circle No. 6—Asbury Meth. Ch., Little Rock—assorted gifts
The Margaret Redding Sunday School Class of McRae Meth. Ch.—soap
Daniel Variety Store—circus tickets
Burton Furniture Co.—circus tickets
W. S. C. S. of Okolona Meth. Ch.—assorted gifts
Ladies of Mulberry Meth. Ch.—wash cloths, soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes and towels
Sears, Roebuck and Co., Little Rock—shoes and clothing
Mrs. Walker Sanders, Little Rock—water glasses and clothing
Mrs. N. Martin, Little Rock, assorted gifts and clothing
Circle No. 3, Midland Hgts. Meth. Ch., Ft. Smith—quilt
Mrs. Paul Cheatham, Little Rock—books

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:
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Mrs. Alice Thornton given by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Longley and Mrs. George W. Clark
Mr. Jim Patterson given by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Teague
Mr. Shannon Kennedy given by Mrs. P. W. Phelps and family
Mrs. L. E. Whitmore by Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Wells

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Mrs. S. C. Johnston given by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chenault and Miss Martha Meek
Mrs. J. Frank Simmons given by Ministers Wives of Little Rock District
Mrs. Olive Jessup Hammond given by Circle No. 1, Hazen Meth. W. S. C. S.
Miss Janie Gordon given by Mrs. Edwin Horton, Jr.
Mr. L. W. Strozier given by Mrs. Fred S. Stewart
Mrs. E. B. Hall given by Burt Pickens Jr. Memorial Methodist Church
Mrs. Mack Johnston given by Mr. and Mrs. Watt Childs
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Mrs. L. E. Whitmore given by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gates
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P. S. Morgan given by Garland E. McDonald
Mr. Amos Lollar by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Underwood
Mrs. Paul Morgan given by Mrs. Ethel M. Ellis
James Hugh Garrett, Jr. given by Wallace Baker Sunday School Class of Beebe Methodist Church
Mr. Frank J. Glanker by Mr. Louis Barton
Mrs. Maria Peck by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wagner
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Mrs. Maria L. Peck given by Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Brown
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Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Amos given by Mildred Butler
Mary Alicia Horne given by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Durham
Mrs. Bessie Miller Armstrong given by Mrs. C. E. Morrison
Rev. W. F. Cooley given by Rev. and Mrs. David P. Conyers
Mr. Cecil White given by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nance
Mrs. Leta Bonds given by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dodgen
Rev. George Patchell given by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Dial
Mrs. M. L. Peck given by Mrs. J. L. Woodfin

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HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

(Continued from page 12)

of Conway and Patty Jo Hoff of Little Rock. The cast includes Travis Williams of Leslie; Walter Workman of Lone Star Texas; Dick Ezell, Pine Bluff; Ann Wilford, Paragould; Donna Wasson, North Little Rock; Ray Culver, Lovell, Wyo.; Jerry McNeal, Sue Martin, Joan Kazzia, Carolyn Tull and Patsy Courtney of Little Rock; Judy Rowlett, Conway; Guy Shannon, Carlisle; Mary Virginia Speaker, Conway; Buzzy Teague, Forrest City; Allan Brockway, Fayetteville; Jack Harrison, Texarkana; Janet Williams, Hot Springs; Sarah Shanks, Conway; Anne Abel, Dallas, Texas; Mary Dean Rankin, Morrilton; Joe Stroud, McGehee; Sue Huffaker, Beebe; Kay Terry, St. Charles; Dewel Turner, Maynard; Tommie Hampton, Conway; and Harold Wells of Russell.—Chris Holmes.

LEPANTO PLANS NEW PARSONAGE AND CHURCH REMODELING

The Planning Committee of the Methodist Church of Lepanto met on Friday evening, January 15, to discuss plans for a new parsonage and for church remodeling. The committee is composed of Raymond Pritchett, chairman; Mrs. T. B. Goldsby, Mrs. Frank Bell, Joe Wilson, T. B. Goldsby, Sam Stuckey, Wm. Stewart and Gene Hazelwood.

The duties of the committee are to assimilate ideas and plans from the church membership and present them to the Building Committee of the church.

Members of the Building Committee are: W. H. Cross, chairman; T. B. Goldsby, A. T. Bell, treasurer, Dan Portis, Raymond Pritchett, Fred Stuckey and James Wilson.

Rev. W. A. Stewart, Jr., is pastor.

METHODIST YOUTH

SUB-DISTRICT RECREATIONAL WORKSHOP

Friday and Saturday, January 1 and 2, the Russellville Methodist Church sponsored a Recreational Workshop for the churches of the Russellville Sub-District and a few of the larger churches in the surrounding area. Representatives from the following churches, Atkins, Dardanelle, Pottsville, St. Paul's, Moreland, Conway, Clarksville, and Russellville, attended this Workshop. Two representatives from each church were invited, and the registration fee was \$2.00 to help cover the cost of the meeting.

The visiting young people stayed in the homes of Russellville Seniors for the night, and the meals were prepared and served by the mothers of this group. Leading in the Workshop were Rev. Raymond Dorman, pastor of the Levy Methodist Church in North Little Rock, and Rev. Harold Eggensperger, pastor of the Russellville Methodist Church.

The Rev. Mr. Dorman led in the teaching of new games and in the making of different game equipment to take back to the various local churches. He also furnished the young people with considerable information as to the various books and material that would be helpful in planning the recreational program of their church youth groups.

The Rev. Mr. Eggensperger assisted the youth in their crafts periods, demonstrating varied crafts and then giving them a choice as to what they preferred to make. The group decided to make small animals out of old newspapers. Each person chose his own animal and then made the body out of newspaper, painting it with poster paint. This is both an inexpensive craft, also one which affords the young people a great deal of entertainment while developing initiative and imagination. These multi-colored animals were then used as the table decoration for the closing meal.

It is hoped that this Recreational Workshop will be of benefit not only to the Sub-District, but also to other churches in the Conference, and that the idea will take hold and spread throughout the other Sub-District and District Areas. It was a time of instruction as well as fun and fellowship for our youth. The recreational program of the Russellville Sub-District will be greatly improved due to this Workshop.—Maion Sorrells, Educational Assistant, Russellville Meth. Church

INTERDENOMINATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE

An interdenominational community youth service was held Sunday, February 7, at 3 p. m. at the St. Charles Avenue Christian Church, New Orleans.

The meeting, in observance of National Youth Week, had as its theme "So Send I You."

Richard Morris, Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, was worship leader.

Youth speakers included Arthur Hastings, St. Charles Christian church; Jimmy Bergiglia, St. Charles Presbyterian church; Stephen Andry and Billy Coker, Carrollton Methodist church.

Music was provided by the youth choir of Rayne Memorial church.

ALEXANDRIA SUB-DISTRICT PUBLISHES A NEWSPAPER

The youth of the Alexandria Sub-District have organized and begun publication of a quarterly mimeographed newspaper. It contains news from each church in the Sub-District and news from other sources in the Sub-District. The newspaper staff is chosen from the different churches. Subscriptions are sold at 25c per year. This money is used to buy supplies. "The Youth Speaks" was chosen as a fitting title for our paper.

The Alexandria Greater Parish Sub-District officers are: Elaine Brown, President, Ball Church; Sidney Durant, Vice President, Clear Creek Church; Mary Morgan, Secretary, Palestine Church; Jettie Molan, Treasurer, Palestine Church; Lucille Brown, World News Chairman, Ball Church; J. W. Dillard, Comm. Serv. Chairman, Ball Church; Wallace Anthony, Program Chairman, Colfax Church; Margaret Morgan, Recreation Chairman, Palestine Church.—Reporter

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Francis-Lee

The Francis-Lee Sub-District met recently at Round Pond. Rev. Otto W. Teague, district superintendent, was a guest and opened the meeting with prayer.

Roll call showed Round Pond had the largest attendance.

The organization of a Fellowship Team to go into different churches and help organize Methodist Youth Fellowships was discussed. The council will work on this at its next meeting.

The program for the evening was on Korea.

A recreation period was held and refreshments served.—Rosalyn Gilbert, Reporter

Alexandria

The Alexandria Greater Parish Sub-District of the M.Y.F. met recently at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.

The program following the business session consisted of a series of talks on the topic "Give God A Chance Now". Wallace Anthony, public relations chairman of the group, announced that the next meeting would be held at the Palestine Methodist Church.

A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

The Arkansas Valley Sub-District sponsored a "Trip Around the World", under the workers in the program area on Christian Outreach, at the Ozark Methodist Church on Monday, February 8.

Don Stumbough, president, presided over the business session, and a welcome was extended by Tommy Myers, president of the Ozark Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The introduction to the "Trip Around the World" was given by Mrs. Fay Cloos, Sub-District adviser to the area of Christian Outreach. Pilots for the journey were Tommy White, Charles Warner and John McElroy.

Others taking part were Ila Trene Kelley, John Loveless and Barbara

AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

The charge-wide Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Bienville, Castor, Mill Creek, and Strange Methodist Churches met at Bienville on Monday night, February 8, for an evening of fellowship and fun.

Games for the evening were directed by Rev. Rose P. Carithers, associate pastor of the charge. The climax was a worship service of hymns and spirituals. It was decided to begin a full scale M. Y. F. program each Sunday night at 7:00 to be held in a different church on the charge each Sunday night. These Sunday night services will begin on the third Sunday night, February 21, at Castor. The Castor young people are preparing the worship program.

Refreshments for the party were arranged by a committee of women of the Bienville church composed of Mrs. E. H. Patterson, chairman, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Elon Toms, Mrs. Otis Poole, and Mrs. Roland Hart.

Beside the pastor, Rev. K. K. Carithers, the following young people were present: Bienville: Nolan and Ruth Bailey, Gerald and Mary Alice Jordan, Pat Patterson, Juanita Matthews, Sherry and Martha Posey, Rufus and Carol Toms; Castor: Donald and Barbara Dorris, Delores Wimberly, William and Shirley Plunkett, Charles Riser, Alma Wallace; Mill Creek, C. H. Cheatwood, Burnell Dison, Hairly Eugene Hicks, Donald Humphry, and Shelton Reese; Strange, Alice Collie, Jimmie Ray, Levenia, and M. R. Johnson, Eunice Smith, Patsy Tyler, and Willie Smith.—Reporter

McDaniel.

Places visited were Missions Fields at Home and Abroad; Youth Department of the General Board of Education; Youth Work in the Annual Conference, Youth Work in the National Conference.

The pilots then took groups to the recreation room for an Olympic Meet, Songs from Various Countries and a evening snack served by the stewardesses.

A Friendship Circle was then formed.

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NATIVE OF CUBA JOINS YOUTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

Nashville, Tenn.—A native of Cuba, Rene F. Pino, has been named to the Youth Department staff of the Methodist Church's national Board of Education headquarters here.

His appointment was announced by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the board's Division of the Local Church. He said that Pino will have charge of the division's church-wide Christian education program for Intermediate youth, 12 to 15, and church camps for that age group.

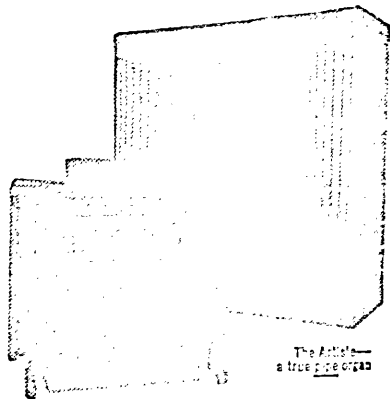
Pino comes here from Palestine, Tex., where for the last two years he was assistant executive secretary of the Texas Methodist Conference's education board, and director of youth work.

Previously, he was director of Christian education for two years at First Methodist Church in Texas City, Tex., 1947 to 1950. He served in the U. S. Air Force from 1942 to 1946.

Pino attended the Eliza Bowman school in Cienfuegos, Cuba, and the Peabody Demonstration school, Nashville, and received the B.S. degree from Peabody College, Nashville, in 1940, and the M.A. degree from Columbia University, New York, in 1947.

He and Mrs. Pino, the former Margaret Harper of Jackson, Miss., have two children—Alan, 5, and Malinda, 3. The family resides at 4112 Cove Place.

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OBITUARIES

PATCHELL—Rev. George Edward Patchell of Newport who died on Tuesday, January 5, was born in Independence County, Arkansas, about 15 miles west of Batesville, on May 26, 1879, the son of Isaac Andrew Patchell and Martha Louisa Sibley Patchell. The family later moved to Van Buren County. In 1881 a home was built at Quitman.

Brother Patchell joined the church at Goodloe's Chapel at the age of 10. At the age of 17 he was licensed to preach and preached his first sermon on August 15, 1896, in Goodloe's Chapel. At the age of 20 he took his first pastoral charge, Gravelly Circuit in Yell County. He joined the Conference in November 1900 and was left without appointment to attend school at Hendrix College. The Conference met in Central Church, Fort Smith, with Bishop Charles B. Galloway presiding.

Brother Patchell served the following appointments: Berryville Circuit, Plumerville Circuit, Siloam Springs, Dodson Avenue Church, now Goddard Memorial, Alma, Huntington and Mansfield, Perry, Hoxie, Brinkley, West Helena, Elaine, Harrisburg, and Widener-Madison-Round Pond. He took the superannuate relation at the Conference session meeting in Searcy in 1946.

Brother Patchell served 14 pastoral charges, performed 500 marriage ceremonies, held 1000 funerals and baptized 1500 people, preached 5000 sermons and made nearly 40,000 pastoral visits.

Funeral services for Brother Patchell were held on Thursday, January 7, at the First Methodist Church, Newport, with Rev. Guy C. Ames, officiating.

Surviving are Mrs. Patchell, two daughters, Mrs. E. W. Lawrence, of Gurdon and Mrs. L. J. Lineback of Brinkley, six grandchildren, three brothers and five sisters.

FAIR—Mrs. Lillie Agatha Sorrels Fair was born at Abbott, Arkansas, on August 31, 1880, and passed away at her home in Mansfield, Arkansas, on February 4, 1954.

Mrs. Fair was left an orphan at the age of 7 and was reared by an uncle, Dr. J. W. Sorrels in Mansfield. She united with the Methodist Church when a young girl and was a faithful member for many years. She was married to Rev. Lewis W. Fair on December 1, 1898, in her uncle's home on the site where the Methodist Church now stands. Rev. J. J. Galloway was the officiating minister.

After many years of active service as a minister in the Methodist Church, Brother Fair retired and he and Mrs. Fair made their home in Mansfield.

Mrs. Fair had been in failing health for several years. Her great faith and love for the Master were her comfort and strength. She leaves to her family and many friends the pleasant memories of her loyalty and love as a devoted wife and mother. All who knew her had a profound respect for her Christ-like spirit.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, Frank R. Fair, of Mansfield, and Arthur L. Fair, of Matador, Texas; three daughters, Mrs. E. M. Burr, of the home, Mrs. James Wright, of Hot Springs, and Mrs. W. E. Hays, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; one sister, Mrs. Minnie Loop-er, of Mansfield, and seven grand-

WEEK OF DEDICATION TO AID MISSIONS

Methodists around the world will observe Sunday, February 28, through Sunday, March 7, as their Week of Dedication.

The week includes Ash Wednesday, March 3, and the World Day of Prayer, March 5.

During this week, the special giving of Methodists in their churches will be applied to definite major projects on both the home and the foreign mission fields.

The projects of the Division of World Missions which will be placed before Methodist people during this week are in the areas of evangelism, education, and the production and spread of Christian literature—in six geographic fields.

These are the principal undertakings the Division of World Missions hopes to be able to complete or advance by Week of Dedication offerings:

Europe

Immanuel and Central Churches, Oslo, Norway—In the Methodist Church in Norway, a small but sturdy and growing denomination, there are two strategically located parishes: Immanuel on Oslo's Royal Square, and Central that serves a growing industrial and residential Oslo suburb. Week of Dedication funds will help Immanuel and Central in their attempt to conform with city building regulations and to secure enough space to provide effective ministry.

Japan

Kwansei Gakuin—Coeducational, interdenominational Kwansei Gakuin at Nishinomiya, Japan, includes high school, junior college and senior college. One church leader named Kwansei "the outstanding Christian school in the western area of Japan." Modernization of Kwansei's education system has called for changes: separate department space, seminar rooms, research area, facilities for the theological students. The Week of Dedication funds will aid in the erection of Kwansei's first need—a junior college building.

India

Area Center, Hyderabad—in the center of India lies Methodism's Hyderabad Conference with a constituency of almost 100,000 people. The Methodist church in Hyderabad City, Hyderabad, has four overflow congregations worshipping in the Telugu, Kanarese, Hindustani and English languages. The proposed Methodist Area Center would use this church, enlarged, and provide for social, medical and recreational work, as well as housing for the Center staff.

Latin America

Literature and publishing interests: Publishing House, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Publishing House and Literature program in Argentina—The importance of Christian literature in the language of the people to present-day mission strategy can not be overestimated. It has peculiar importance in Latin America where the book will enter many homes whose doors are not open to a pastor. In the Sao Paulo House, Protestant Christian literature in Portuguese is supplied to Brazil and to Portuguese territory in Africa.

children.

Funeral services were held on February 6 in the Methodist Church in Mansfield by the writer, Rev. J. J. Galloway, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe and Rev. M. L. Edgington.—W. T. Watson, Pastor.

In the Buenos Aires Publishing House the demand for literature is so great that more than half of the printing has to be given out commercially at great cost. Week of Dedication gifts will increase floor space, add to equipment, and improve the literature program for these two key sources of Christian literature for Latin America.

The Philippines

Philippine Wesleyan College—at Cabanatuan, Luzon, in the "rice bowl of the Philippines," was begun in 1946. War had destroyed 80% of the public school buildings of the country and thousands of students had gone unschooled during those disturbed years. In the Cabanatuan area of Luzon there are many landless people. It is here that the communist-led "huk movement" had its birth. It is here that severe social and economic problems are most acute. Thus, students and graduates of Philippine Wesleyan

have an unusual opportunity to demonstrate Christianity's concern with all of life. Added dormitory and classroom facilities are essential. The Week of Dedication proposes to provide them.

Africa

Mutoto Union High School—In January 1953, a school was born in the Belgian Congo, the first Protestant mission school for Africans to supply full secondary training with uniform curriculum on an interdenominational basis. Mutoto's building is borrowed for three years. To continue, permanent headquarters must be found before 1956. The Week of Dedication 1954, will aid the Congo through Mutoto High School to train more African primary teachers; and help raise up a trained African Christian leadership. If the Christian church raises 20% of the funds needed for classrooms and dormitories at Mutoto (a Protestant mission school), the Belgian government has pledged to contribute the other 80%.

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Since resigning from his pastorate in the First Methodist Church, Waco, Texas eight (8) years ago, he has held 108 Revival Campaigns, in twenty-one (21) different States, with the following tangible results:

7,525 Conversions and Reclamations

2,264 People Joining the Churches

3,094 Individuals Pledging to Tithe

6,226 Individuals Pledging to Erect Family Altars

In giving advice to Timothy, Paul said with great urgency: "Do the work of an Evangelist, make full proof of your ministry". In these eight (8) years I have tried to be faithful to this great task.

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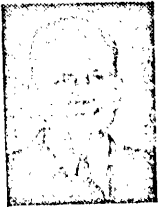
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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 28, 1954

CHRIST THE TRUE DOOR TO SALVATION

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
John 10; Ezekiel 34:11-16. Printed Text: John 10:1-11.

MEMORY SELECTION: I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved. (John 10:9)

This is the eighth lesson of Unit V. It will be remembered that our general theme is "CHRIST SPIRITUALLY INTERPRETED." Thus far our lessons have dealt with the sin of commercialism; what it means to be born of the Spirit; man-made barriers; helping the sick; Christ as the bread of life; Christ as the light of the world; and how Christ enables us to see. Our theme for today is "Christ the True Door to Salvation."

Lesson Background

The lesson for today grows naturally out of the one of last week. It will be remembered that in that lesson we dealt with the case of the man who was born blind, and was healed by Christ. This healing took place on the sabbath day. The Pharisees became very angry over the whole matter. They got into an argument with the healed man and finally excommunicated him; turned him out of the synagogue. This cut the man off from fellowship with all good men. It also made it next to impossible for him to secure an occupation from which he could make a living. This poor fellow was glad to have his sight, but he naturally felt that it was a pretty high price to pay for it.

When Jesus heard what the Pharisees had done to this poor man he sought him out and proceeded to open his spiritual eyes as he had already done to his physical eyes. Then to encourage him the Lord rebuked these Pharisees. He went on to tell them that they were the ones who were really blind. He was speaking, of course, of spiritual blindness. These Pharisees had no right, or authority to turn the man out of the synagogue; to exclude him from fellowship with good men. They were usurping that authority. The Lord then went on to tell them that he alone is the door to the sheepfold; to the kingdom of God.

The Ancient Sheepfold

In our lesson for today Christ applies two figures to himself — he calls himself the door of the sheepfold and also the good shepherd. To better understand these figures as they apply to Christ it might be well to take a little look at them.

The sheepfold was a large space that was enclosed by four high walls, usually made of stone. There was no shelter over this enclosure. There was one opening, or door in it through which the sheep entered. This fold held several flocks of sheep. This meant that several shepherds had sheep in the fold at the same time. One man kept the door of the fold, so that sheep could not escape and that wild animals could not get in to devour them. The shepherds came for their various flocks of sheep each morning. The matter

of separating the flocks was not difficult since each flock had been trained to distinguish the voice of its own shepherd and follow only him. The gate-keeper of the fold knew the different shepherds and the shepherds knew their own sheep and their sheep knew them. There was no possible way for thieves to get the sheep through the door of the fold. They could only get them by climbing over the wall.

The Lord is here comparing these Pharisees to thieves and robbers. They were doing all in their power to prevent the sheep—the masses of people—from following Christ, the Good Shepherd. They brought every accusation they could against him. They said he was demon-possessed. They said he was a sinner. They claimed that he was a blasphemer because he made himself equal with God, or one with the Father. They were only waiting for an opportunity to kill Christ. They agreed among themselves that they would excommunicate, or turn out of the synagogue who expressed faith in the Lord. They did this very thing to this man whom Jesus healed.

On another occasion the Lord called these Pharisees hypocrites. He accused them of blocking the way into the Kingdom of God. They would not enter themselves and neither would they suffer others to enter.

In speaking of these who came before him as being thieves and robbers the Lord was not talking about Moses and the prophets of the Old Testament. He always spoke well of these great religious leaders, and often quoted them. He was speaking of the Pharisees of his own generation. They had gone before him in the matter of taking possession of the sheep. They were thieves and robbers because they were trying to prevent them from accepting and following Christ. The Lord would place people of any generation in this category who tried to prevent people from following him. Think of the condemnation that rests on the Communists of our day who are preventing whole nations from following Christ, the Good Shepherd.

Entrance To Salvation

A door is a place of entrance. When Christ claims to be the door, he is insisting that through him people enter into all the blessings and privileges of salvation. May we note what some of those blessings and privileges are:

Salvation is harmonious relationship with God. God is the home of the soul. The great church father, Augustine, was right when he said to God in prayer, "Thou hast made us for thyself; and we cannot rest until we rest in thee." Christ was extending the greatest invitation the

world ever heard when he said to the multitude, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He meant here not only rest from the burden of sins, though that is man's chief burden. He was talking about the burden of sorrow; the burden of disappointment; the burden of the loss of material possessions; the burden of disease; the burden of old age; and all other burdens that are caused by the wear and team of life. The Lord always helps his followers with all their burdens. He does so either by removing the burdens or by giving us greater strength to bear them. Of course, with regards to the burdens of sins, he always removes them. He saves us from our sins rather than in them. He is, therefore, the door through which people pass to rest from all the burdens of life, which rest is found through harmonious fellowship with God.

Another blessing of this salvation which comes to all who enter through Christ, the door, is that of peace. The greatest longing of the entire world today is for peace. Even millions behind the Iron Curtain long for peace. Those who come to the Father through Christ find peace. Man is dual in his personality; he has two sides to his nature. One side of his nature longs for good, while the other is prone to evil. Every unconverted person has within himself a Dr. Jekyll and a Mr. Hyde. It is more pronounced in some, however, than in others. The Prophet Isaiah was right when he said, "There is no peace, says my God, for the wicked." None of us is perfect in the absolute sense. Like the apostles of old, we will always have to pray "Forgive us our trespasses." But when we come to God through Christ, the evil within us is crucified and Christ sits upon the throne of our lives. The battle is largely over; the struggle is at least partially ended and a sweet settled peace comes to our souls. Outward circumstances in life cannot give us this peace neither can they take it away. A person may have this peace in his heart even while the noise and confusion of a battle rages around him. Not only does one have peace in his heart and with God, but he has it with all others so far as this peace depends upon his attitudes. He will hold no hatred and grudges in his heart against any one.

Along with these wonderful blessings of rest and peace that come to the individual who enters into the Kingdom of God through Christ, the door, are pardon and power. All of his past sins are pardoned. This takes care of a misspent past. Then power comes into his life. This takes care of his present and future. This is the power of the indwelling Spirit of God. It is power to overcome the temptations of life and to render acceptable service.

The greatest of all blessings that comes into the individual's life who accepts Christ is that of love. He loves God with all of his heart, soul, mind, and strength, and his neighbor as himself. This leads him to put God and his cause first in life. It also leads him to put the interest of others along beside his own. One's neighbor is the individual who needs his help, whether he be the person who lives next door or some one across the world from him. In a vital sense the sheepfold that Christ uses here in this figure is the Kingdom of God. Christ is the

door through which we enter it. The only law of this kingdom is love. Its challenge is service to all mankind. This kingdom is thought of in terms of a great family. God is the Father of all members of this family, and since this is true, all—regardless of color, nationality, or race—are brothers. Christ himself is the elder Brother.

"The Good Shepherd"

Man has two important needs with regards to the Kingdom of God. He needs a door through which to enter it and when once he is on the inside, he needs a guide to make known to him the rules and regulations of this Kingdom. In these two figures of the door and the good shepherd Christ claims to meet both of these needs.

Christ proves his claim of being the good shepherd in five particulars: He uses a legitimate mode of access to the sheep; His object is the welfare of the sheep; His Spirit is self-devoted; He knows and is known by his sheep; and all he does his Father has given him commandment to do.

The good shepherd enters the door of the sheepfold to bring out the sheep. He doesn't climb up some other way. Those who do that are thieves and robbers. The terms "thieves and robbers" applies to all who would stand in the way of the good shepherd leading his sheep.

The one object of the good shepherd is the welfare of the sheep. The Pharisees are hirelings. They are thinking only of themselves. They have no love whatever for the people whom they aspire to lead. They would never make a sacrifice for them. They would naturally flee when danger comes, for they think more of themselves and their own safety than they do of the sheep. The good shepherd will lay down his life for the sheep. That is exactly what Christ did; he died for all mankind. All may not accept him but none the less he died for all. His death for others does not prevent his followers from dying physically. "It is appointed unto man once to die." That is an ordeal that comes to all alike. But the Bible speaks of two deaths, both of which mean separation. Physical death is separation of the soul and body, while spiritual death is the separation of the soul from God. The first death is not so bad, especially if one is prepared for it. It is then only a step into a bigger and fuller life. The tragedy is that many people die twice; they die spiritually as well as physically and find themselves eternally separated from God. Those who, while they live physically, trust him for salvation never die spiritually.

The good shepherd knows his sheep and is known by them. The Lord knows all of his people. He knows them in the mass and he also knows them as individuals. He knows each individual better than that individual knows himself. He knows the desires and purposes of each heart; the secret thoughts of each mind; and the aspirations and motives that move each individual to action. It is wonderful to know that there is One in the universe who knows all about us, and yet loves us in spite of our faults and failures. The followers of the Lord also know him. They know him as a constant, loving and ever-present Companion. We enter eternal life through him and he leads us to the end of the way.

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