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Rumors Of Terror Of H-Bomb Confirmed

SINCE 1952 there have been unconfirmed reports of the explosion of an H-Bomb in the Pacific. The report that the island on which the bomb was exploded was completely destroyed by the power of the blast was so fantastic that it raised a question as to the reliability of the whole story.

Last week Representative W. Sterling Cole, Chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, in a published speech, confirmed the fact that an H-Bomb was exploded in 1952. Furthermore he went the story about the disappearing island one better.

Representative Cole said that the H-Bomb explosion "completely obliterated" the island on which the test was made. Not only was the island destroyed but the bomb "tore a cavity in the floor of the ocean a full mile in diameter and 175 feet deep in depth at its lowest point." We should sincerely pray for peace. War with such weapons is inconceivable.

Methodism To Study The Church In Urban Life

IN recent years The Methodist Council led the way among American churches in holding nation-wide convocations to study rural life and the rural church. These great national convocations were held because our church felt that it should have a better understanding of the needs and the possibilities of the rural church.

This week, February 24-26, in Columbus, Ohio, our church is engaged in its first nation-wide Convocation on Urban Life. The best minds available for a study of the problems and possibilities of the urban church will be present in this meeting.

Many of the present-day problems of the urban church have come as a result of the same thing that has caused problems of a different nature in the rural churches. The migration of so many rural people to the city has, in many places, left the rural church depleted in leadership and financial support. This same migration of rural people to centers of population has caused problems there that must be solved if these new-comers to the city are to find opportunities for continued spiritual growth and Christian service.

It is easy for our leaders in population centers to see that it is not enough to build great church plants for worship and Christian education and simply throw open the doors with a "whosoever-will-let-him-come" attitude. This is not enough even for many who were formerly active leaders in their rural church and community, to say nothing of those who merely "belonged." It is not uncommon for some who have been active leaders in their "old home church" to be practically lost to the church on moving to town.

This problem of rural migration to the city is but one of the many problems incident to the life and progress of the city church that will be studied in this convocation. The leaders of the convocation say that these problems are to be studied with a definite view to solving them.

It is expected that one thousand ministers in city churches of The Methodist Church will attend this meeting in Columbus. The convocation is sponsored by the Division of National Missions, Department of City Work, of which Dr. Robert A. McKebben is superintendent.

Why Go To Church?-- For Christian Fellowship

ONE of our great hymns has lines that read, "The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above." If there are times on earth when we have companionship and fellowship in groups that "is like to that above" it is in our various services at the church.

When Christian people sing together, pray together and together give attention to a study of God's word, they enjoy a type of Christian experience that is not possible any other way.

We have the expression, "man is a gregarious animal." We generally dislike the word animal as applied to man. Nevertheless, the word "gregarious" is descriptive of our nature. We like to be



with other people. To be alone very long is a trying experience. One of the worst forms of punishment is solitary confinement. This character of punishment has caused many people to go raving mad. We feel the need to be with other people. In general we want to be with those of kindred tastes, dispositions and character. The old proverb, "Birds of a feather flock together," quite well describes the attitudes, practices and habits of normal human beings. We think the hermit peculiar because he wants to be alone.

This tendency to want to be together is especially characteristic of Christian people. It is this spirit of togetherness that has made possible the survival and progress of the Christian church across the centuries. In times of Christian persecution, when congregational worship was forbidden, Christian people have risked their lives and many lost their lives because they would not be denied the privilege and joy of Christian fellowship in worship.

Because the privilege of congregational worship has been so common all of our lives, we often lose the high sense of appreciation of this sacred privilege. While we may lose our appreciation of the opportunity for congregational worship, we never lose the urgent need for it. "While others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas" we have the sacred privilege of congregational worship so often that we should lack nothing that Christian fellowship can give.

Let us remember, also, that the matter of Christian fellowship at church services does not stop with our own personal needs. Others need us as badly as we need them. Fellowship is a two-way street. By our presence in a worship service we should try to do for others what we want others to do for us.

Week Of Dedication, 1954

WEEK of Dedication, February 28 through Sunday, February 7, is everything that the name implies, a time of spiritual re-examination by Methodist people of their individual lives that should result in spiritual rededication to Christ and His Church. For the sincere Christian spiritual introspection can have no other result than spiritual consecration. Any other interpretation of this week set aside for spiritual regeneration is one which misses the real meaning of this observance.

For several years now Methodism has set aside the week preceding the first Sunday in Lent as Week of Dedication. In some local churches special services of worship are conducted as means of helping Methodists find the deeper significance of the dedicated life. Other churches will be using other means to assist members toward the same goal. Whether or not there be any organized endeavor by all churches, no Methodist should neglect to use this week as an opportunity to deepen his or her spiritual life. Methodists have a way of everyone doing a certain thing together. There is added inspiration in the realization that throughout connectional Methodism Methodists are seriously concerned about the degree of their commitment to Christ and His Church. There is no finer way to begin the Lenten season.

"Paying The Preacher"

THERE is a very fine distinction being made today in the area of financial giving which is of such significance as to merit attention. There was a time not many years ago when it was not at all uncommon to hear people describe their giving to the support of the church as "paying the preacher." So often was the expression used that many colloquial sayings came into use which employed this phrase. Something of the same thing could be heard which described the support of presiding elders, bishops, executive secretaries, missionaries, "superintendents" of various programs, and other ministers in connectional work — yes, even editors. It was as if money given by the faithful was for the express purpose of providing support for the preacher concerned, whether he be the pastor of a local congregation or his responsibility be on a broader scale.

It seems to us that we have come a long way when we begin to describe more accurately what the church finances actually make possible. Enlightened churchmen no longer think of their contribution strictly in terms of "paying the preacher" but rather as supporting a church program and making possible the rendering of a piece of service that a minister is capable of giving. Connectional Methodism needs the service which administrative appointments as district superintendents, executive secretaries, bishops, missionaries, (yes, even editors) can render. Thus it is that when a Methodist conscientiously supports the program of his church financially he makes possible a number of programs, a multitude of services, and the carrying out the objectives which Methodism has accepted for itself. When one makes his weekly or monthly contribution to the budget of the church he is not simply "paying the preacher" but he is making possible all that the preacher does as he serves the congregation, the community and the Kingdom. When one contributes to the support of missions he is not simply sup-

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Triumphal Entry

FLORENCE H. COX

A quiet reserved little doctor from the Yellary Dispensary and Health Center in Decan, India, arrived in New York for special training in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She consented to leave her beloved Yellary only because she was persuaded that she might serve in a better way by so doing. When her advisers began to plan for a post-graduate course in Public Health to follow the practical training, she objected because she felt compelled to return to her work, for others were overburdened by her absence. Again she had to be persuaded that she could be more useful if she had a Master's course in Public Health.

Upon her return she modestly reported that she was glad to be back applying the knowledge and experience she had gained in the two years in America, and she went on to say, "When I came to Yellary, there was a cholera epidemic. So, I had to go right in and help out." But the version her colleagues gave tells a different story about her return:

"One of the greatest events of the year took place on August 23 when our own Deena returned to Yellary. En route from Bombay, there were a number of stations where friends met the train with garlands, food, and welcome. The climax was reached when she neared Yellary. She was made to get out of the jeep and was taken in processions led by two village bands and thousands of people cheering, singing, placing flower garlands by the dozens around her neck. Men, women and children were dressed in their best clothes and looked so colorful and happy. We were reminded of the occasion of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem."

For eight years before her Crusade Scholarship study, Dr. Deena Sonna rendered excellent service as physician-in-charge of the Health Center at Yellary, Hyderabad State—a model village dispensary and health center. She and her colleagues did much curative work, changed the attitude toward immunization, converted the whole life of the village in the disposal of waste and in sanitary construction around walls, almost entirely eliminating the guinea-worm infestation from which hundreds of the villagers suffered. It was with much rejoicing that they were able to surprise Deena with the new well which had been completed as a result of a generous gift from America, during her absence.

The new jeep with "air rubber seats" was another cause for thanksgiving. (Deena took driver's lessons in the States so that she might drive the jeep.) The people of the village thank God for the Indian girl who upon receiving her Master's degree in Public Health at Harvard University returned to her Yellary village to give her life to those "who must be born in stables because there is no other room." From her co-workers comes the statement, "India's villages need more well-qualified, consecrated nationals who

are willing to serve the lowly that they might be exalted."

It is through your WEEK OF DEDICATION dollars that more Crusade Scholars may meet this need as did Dr. Deena Sonna.

MISSIONS RESOLUTION PRAISE CHURCH EXTENSION, UN, AND ARMY

Among resolutions adopted by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church at its annual meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., were statements "taking deep satisfaction" in the nationwide effort of the Church to organize new parishes and erect new buildings; giving support to the United Nations; approving the growth of inter-racial facilities and churches; thanking American soldiers for their humanitarian ministry to the needy children and adults they find in Korea; and urging local churches to recognize at "services of recognition" young men who are called into the armed forces. Bishop W. Earl Ledden was chairman of the resolutions committee.

On these matters the committee said in part:

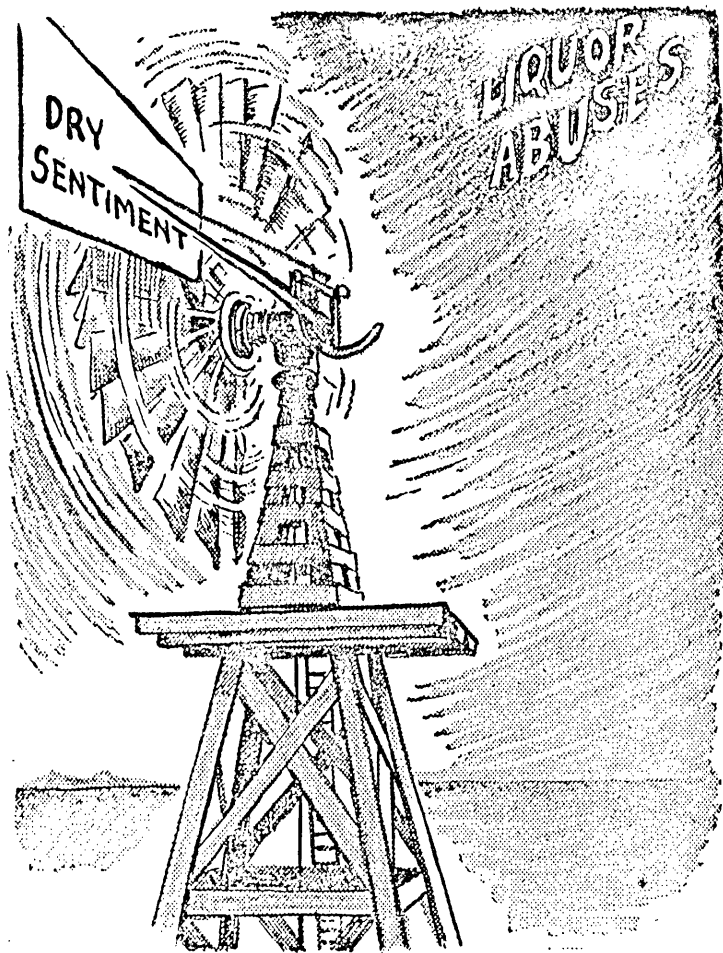
"We take deep satisfaction in the statement of the Division of National Missions that an unprecedented wave of church building is sweeping across America. We take note that Methodism has built one church a day for the past year, and probably will be building two churches a day by 1956. The majority of the annual conferences, in addition to the building of new buildings where strong congregations carry their own load, have set up church extension campaigns to raise funds for the organization of new congregations and to provide the first units for housing the congregation.

"The Board recognizes the urgent responsibility that rests upon the church to bring the total power of its spiritual and educational resources to bear upon the task of establishing and maintaining peace with justice. We believe that great hope for peace lies in economic, social and educational aid to the peoples of under-developed areas of the world. Therefore, we call upon our Church to continue to give support to the United Nations using our interest and influence as individuals wherever possible to the end that these aids be increased and strengthened . . .

"The Board records its profound gratitude for the response of American soldiers to needs of people in lands where they serve, especially in Korea. We express our sincere thanks to the American chaplains and soldiers of the U. N. forces for their Christian service to Korea, particularly to widows and orphans. This service is countrywide, highly efficient, and based entirely on need without regard to creed. We urge all Methodists to keep a steady stream of letters going to service men and women from their communities serving overseas . . .

"Inasmuch as great numbers of young Methodists are being drafted (Continued on page 15)

IT'S AN ILL WIND



Week Of Dedication Offerings Will Make Possible These Home Missions Project

BETTY THOMPSON

A large Japanese American congregation now occupying "an entirely inadequate and badly overcrowded" building will receive a new church from the 1954 national missions asking for the Methodist Church's "Week of Dedication," Feb. 28 to March 7. This request for \$35,000 is the number one priority on the list of eleven home missions needs which it is hoped the "Week's" gifts will provide.

Indian mission parsonages and a church can be built in Oklahoma if Methodists give their usual response to this appeal. Very few Indian mission charges now have parsonages. Those in use are in bad condition. A local Methodist builder has helped in the construction projects made possible by the "Advance for Christ and His Church" campaign. With his aid the church has been able to secure maximum facilities at minimum cost. For this need \$34,400 is sought.

Mobile units—mostly "churches on wheels"—can be provided to serve Negro Methodist congregations in the coalfields of Virginia, trailer cities near atomic energy developments, and the most isolated parish in America, a mountainous mining area in Idaho. This asking is for \$15,600.

"Scattered throughout the coal region of West Virginia are many pockets of Negro congregations too small in membership to support a full-time minister as a separate charge or to assume the responsibilities of constructing and maintaining a church building: a mobile unit can best serve this type of situation," says a national missions staff member who has studied the situation.

Four Spanish-speaking Methodist congregations need new sanctuaries from Week of Dedication funds.

These are Latin American Church, Georgetown, Tex., (\$25,000); Latin American Church, Pecos, Tex., (\$20,000); El Divino Church, Albuquerque, N. M., (\$25,000); Latin American Church, San Marcos, Tex., (\$25,000). In all of these places Methodist ministry to a large Latin American population is seriously curtailed by the inadequate, even unsafe buildings.

Chinese Church, Stockton, Calif., worships in an old printing shop converted into a small church. This Methodist Church is dwarfed by the large Buddhist temple next door. A new edifice is needed to provide a Christian center in a largely non-Christian community of hundreds of Chinese. The local congregation which has a week-day recreation program for youth has proposed to raise money locally to match the \$25,000 from "Week of Dedication" funds.

In the "outpost missions," \$25,000 is needed by Methodists for a church and parsonage at Spenard, a community of nearly 1,000 new homes, near Anchorage, Alaska. This is one of the fastest growing cities under the America flag. At Ponce, Puerto Rico, a \$20,000 educational unit and parsonage should be built for the large number of children in the Sunday school and the week-day school operated by the local Methodist church.

The Good Shepherd Day Care Center, Chattanooga, Tenn., which has appeared on "Week of Dedication" lists for the past few years, but has been too far down the list to benefit from the collection, still needs \$30,000 for new buildings. Now located in a wooden shack, this day nursery has done much for the Negro children of the area. Progress, however, is checked because of lack of space and facilities.

SET NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF CHURCH RELATED COLLEGES

Plans for the first national convocation of Protestant church-related colleges at Denison University, Granville, O., June 20-24, were announced in Cincinnati, O., by Dr. Raymond F. McLain, general director of the National Council of Churches' commission on Christian higher education. He said that 450 colleges affiliated with some 40 denominations will be asked to send their presidents and delegates representing faculties, student bodies and trustees to the meeting, which will study the church-related school and its place in the country's development. The Rev. John O. Gross of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Methodist Church's Division of Educational Institutions, will be general chairman of the convention, Dr. McLain said.

Evangelism Leader Criticizes Legion Poster

An American Legion poster showing a woman leading her children into church was criticized by Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Methodist board of evangelism, in a sermon in Boise, Idaho. "Where is the father in the picture?" he asked. "The family must worship together if our children are to have the religious training they need." Dr. Denman, whose office is in Nashville, Tenn., praised President Eisenhower for taking time out from his many responsibilities to attend a prayer breakfast recently. "You can tell the person who prays," the evangelism leader said. "He has peace, power and poise. We know God's great physical laws operate. His spiritual laws will operate in the same way if only we can believe they will."

Indians Revive Holding Of Spiritual Parliament

An ancient Indian practice was revived in Allahabad, India as leaders of various world religions met informally at a six-day International Spiritual Parliament. Among them were Buddhists from Burma and Cambodia, Hindus, Sikhs, Moslems and Christians. The delegates, many attired in monastic robes and other insignias of their order and faiths, sat in a semi-circle and quietly discussed basic concepts of religion and the need for world peace. Gov. K. M. Munshi of Uttar Pradesh, who presided, described the religious aspirations of the Indian people through the ages. Surveying world history of the last 200 years, Mr. Munshi said that a materialistic outlook on life had led to tensions that eventually resulted in wars. He declared that to emphasize frontiers was to underestimate the oneness of humanity and expressed hope that the Parliament's efforts would reach out beyond national barriers into the minds of men of goodwill everywhere.

Seeks Stamp Symbolizing Religious Freedom

A resolution calling for the Post Office Department to issue a stamp symbolizing America's belief in freedom of religion has been introduced in the House. Rep. Oliver P. Bolton (R-Ohio), the sponsor, said that postage stamps should be provided for use on overseas mail that tell something of America's belief in religious and political freedom. This would be a contribution to the worldwide theological contest with theistic Communism, he said. Mr. Bolton is a member of the House Post Office Committee to which the resolution was referred for action.

Laymen Meet To Apply Christian Principles

More than a hundred Dayton business, professional and civic leaders met in Dayton to determine how they can put Christian beliefs to work seven days of the week. Among the questions they considered were: "Should a doctor pray for the recovery of a patient? Should a Christian salesman sell a product he himself is not 'sold' on? What should a churchgoing lawyer do when a client asks him to win a case, right or wrong?" The conference included doctors, salesmen, lawyers, factory hands, scientists, supervisors and government employees—selected by their pastors from a group of 250 denominations. The Church Federation of Greater Dayton sponsored the two-day meeting. Dr. D. Elton Trueblood of Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., set the stage for "The Christian and His Daily Work" theme.

Brooklyn Church Enters Fourth Century Of Service

The Flatbush Dutch Reformed church began its fourth century of spiritual service to members of this community with the best wishes of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, President Eisenhower and prominent clergy and lay people from all over the world. Dr. Henry A. Vruwink, pastor, read congratulatory messages at a tercentenary service. Queen Juliana referred to her personal visit to the church in 1952, and

said that she "hopes it may continue its important religious tasks for a long time to come." President Eisenhower extended his "warmest greetings to all participating in the celebration" with the hope that the church would continue to flourish. Dr. H. A. van der Valk, representing the Reformed Church in the Netherlands, extended greetings from its General Synod.

Methodist Minister Joins Lutheran Evangelistic Mission

A Methodist minister, Rev. Alfred Andersen, was guest evangelist at St. John's English Lutheran church in Duluth, Minn., during a week-long evangelistic mission conducted among 92 Lutheran churches in the Twin Ports (Duluth-Superior) area. Mr. Andersen, who ministers to a Methodist congregation at International Falls, Minn., and formerly occupied the pulpit of Asbury Methodist church here, is the father of the Rev. Stanley B. Andersen, pastor of St. John's. The son conducted special meetings at his father's church a short time ago. First notice of the unusual arrangement was given by the Rev. William E. Berg, evangelism director for the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, at a briefing session for host and guest pastors preceding the mission. "Our evangelism program has the unique privilege of having a Methodist minister participating in it," he said, "and we are very happy that this fine relationship exists here."

Soldiers Sentenced For Refusing Sabbath Work

Four Fort Richardson soldiers who refused to take part in a practice alert on a Saturday were sentenced to six months at hard labor in the post stockade and forfeiture of \$180 in pay each. They were found guilty of disobedience by a special court martial. The men, privates attached to the First General Dispensary, are Harold Massey, Salem, Ore.; Robert L. Nelson, Chicago; and Richard B. Spencer, New Orleans, all Seventh-day Adventists.

tists, and Numan V. Haffner of Har- risburg, Ore.; a member of the Seventh-day Church of God. Elder Roy L. Benton of the Seventh-day Adventist War Services Commission acted as associate defense counsel. He said that only a few such cases have ever come to court martial and that all of them have "terminated successfully." This is the first such case in Alaska. About 30 Adventist men are currently stationed there. Each of the men took the witness stand during the court martial to say he stands ready to defend his country in case of actual attack or real emergency on a Saturday, but that he cannot work or train on that day.

Miss. Bill Exempts Gospel Singing From Tax

Bitter controversy among Mississippi legislators over the difference between gospel singing and hillbilly gospel music nearly prevented passage in the House of a bill to exempt gospel singing from the state tax on exhibitions. The measure finally was approved by a vote of 104-to-3 after an amendment had been tacked on excluding hillbilly singing from the exemption. Rep. Rush Stinson of Lowndes County, who introduced the bill, said he proposed it because "you can't hold a gospel sing in this state anymore without having a tax collector stand outside the church door and yell 'hillbilly.'"

Protestant Scout Sponsorship Reaches New High

Protestant sponsorship of Boy Scout troops has reached a new high, a Scout leader reported in Cincinnati, Ohio. A. E. Iverson of New York told the National Council of Churches' committee on Scouting that 1,800 Protestant church-sponsored troops and cub packs had been added last year. More than a third of all Scout troops now are sponsored by Protestant churches, he said. Mr. Iverson, director of Protestant relationships for the Boy Scouts of America, spoke on the 44th anniversary of the Scout movement in this country. He said that there were now 89,000 Scout units in this country with an all-time record of 2,500,000 members. Of these, 32,000 units containing 700,000 boys are sponsored by Protestant churches. In addition, there are more than 1,000,000 Protestant boys in units not Protestant church-sponsored, the Scout official said. He attributed the "increasing interest" of Protestantism in Scouting to "a growing realization that Scouting and Christian education meet at many points."

Four Named To Methodist Hall Of Fame

Four new members were added to the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy in Chicago. They are Kenneth E. Cooper, Birmingham lawyer; Dr. Mark T. Goldstine, Chicago doctor; the Rev. Hans K. Madson, retired Minneapolis pastor, and Stanley O. MacMullen, Boston businessman. The awards were made at the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes. The Hall of Fame, also known as the "Honor Society of the Healing and Helping Hand," was established five years ago by the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes to honor outstanding contributors of time, service and money to institutions of the denomination.

CHOOSING OUR COMPANIONS

Chas. A. Wells



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BUD MORRIS of Gurdon writes he is available for any church wishing old-time singing in revivals. He will give references.

CHARLES TURNER is director of the newly organized Wesley Choir of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville.

DR. D. L. DYKES, JR., pastor of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was one of the speakers for Religious Emphasis Week at Louisiana Tech, Ruston, February 14-17.

REV. ROLAND E. DARROW, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monticello, was the guest speaker at the Southeast Arkansas Schoolmasters' Club on Monday evening, February 15.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Monday evening, February 22.

TWO COUPLES, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Beard, members of the Warren Methodist Church, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 21.

REV. WILLIAM WILDER, pastor at Lincoln, was the inspirational speaker at the Wesley Foundation Spiritual Life Retreat held in Parker Hall on Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, on Saturday, February 6.

THE WEDDING of Miss Mary Wynn Miller and Rev. H. Lynn Wade was solemnized on Monday, January 18, in the chapel of the First Methodist Church of Searcy by Rev. A. N. Storey. Mrs. Wade is health nurse of Woodruff County and Brother Wade is pastor at Augusta.

CHAPLAIN W. M. MOORE from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, was guest speaker at the vesper service in the Portland Methodist Church on Sunday, February 14. He spoke on "Religious Guidance in the Military Service."

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of Parkdale has raised \$100 which is being sent to India to provide for a high school scholarship under the Advance Special plan. Sammy Grice is president of the group. Mrs. W. T. Files and Mrs. Louis Morscheimer are counselors.

DR. CONNOR MOREHEAD, district superintendent of the Camden District, occupied the pulpit at the First Methodist Church, Camden, at both services on Sunday, February 14. The pastor, Rev. R. B. Moore, is in Alaska for the Alaska Evangelistic Mission.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will dedicate the new Church School at Fairview Church, Texarkana, on Sunday evening, February 28, at 7:00 o'clock. Rev. C. W. Good, the pastor, writes: "All former pastors and friends are cordially invited to attend the service."

MISS NELLIE DYER, Methodist missionary who was imprisoned for three years by North Korean Communists, will speak at the 10:50 a. m. worship service on Sunday, February 28, at the First Methodist Church, Conway. Miss Dyer's home is in Conway.

REV. PAUL M. BUMPERS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Clarksville, was the speaker at a Youth Rally in Fort Smith on Sunday evening, February 7, which was sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement, representing the Presbyterian, Methodist, Christian and other religious groups of the city.

GROUND-BREAKING SERVICES for the Rushing Memorial Methodist Church in Chidester were held on Wednesday afternoon, January 28, to formally begin construction of an educational building. Rev. R. L. Diffie is pastor. Construction is now under way and the foundation work has been completed.

REV. I. L. CLAUD, pastor of Washington Avenue Methodist Church, North Little

Rock, and Mrs. Claud will leave on Saturday, February 27, for New Orleans, La., to visit their son, Homer Claud, and Mrs. Claud. They will worship in Canal Street Methodist Church on Sunday, February 28.

DR. J. T. CARLYON, of Southern Methodist University, will hold a Bible Conference at the First Methodist Church, Warren, Friday, February 26, through Sunday, February 28. He will teach the Gospel of John. Dr. Carlyon will also preach at the morning worship service. Rev. J. Ralph Clayton is pastor at Warren.

MRS. W. F. BATES, director of Children's Work for the Little Rock Conference, announces that the textbook for Junior boys and girls for Junior Day camps should be Learning to Live With Others by Carrie Lou Goddard instead of Learning to Live Together as she announced last week.

THE MAGNOLIA COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN sponsored a Leadership Training Institute, on Friday, February 5, at the Jackson Street Methodist Church. Conducting the institute were Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Mrs. Henry H. Tucker and Mrs. Earl Cotton, all of Little Rock; Mrs. W. W. Draper of Forrest City and Mrs. R. H. Cole of Magnolia.

ANN KENNAN, president of the Senior Department of the Church School of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was selected by the CEP Class, a government class of the Fayetteville High School, to represent them at a convention sponsored by Columbia University at Los Angeles. She was chosen for her active participation in school functions. Ann also represents the youth groups on the Official Board of the church.

DR. GEORGE HARPER, editor of *Power* devotional booklet for youth, was one of the Methodist leaders for Religious Emphasis Week on the campus of the University of Arkansas this past week. Dr. Harper preached at the morning services at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Sunday, February 21, at 8:30 and at 10:45 a. m. He has just returned from a trip around the world studying the youth movements in many countries.

W. H. FLEMING, member of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church, Conway, died on Wednesday, February 10, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage in Conway. Mr. Fleming was active in the work of the church and the lay work in Faulkner County. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Rev. James Fleming and Joe Lee Fleming, students at Southern Methodist University, his mother, a brother, four sisters and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Conway, in charge of Rev. Joel Cooper and Rev. J. Albert Gatlin.

EIGHT REPRESENTATIVES of the Little Rock Conference are attending the Convocation on Urban Life at Columbus, Ohio, February 24, 25 and 26. The Woman's Society will be represented by Mrs. George G. Meyer of Little Rock; the Board of Evangelism by Dr. Cecil Culver of Little Rock, chairman, and the Rev. Fred W. Schwendimann, of El Dorado; and the Little Rock District by the superintendent, Dr. Francis A. Buddin and the Rev. Kenneth Shamblin of Little Rock. Also attending will be the Rev. Russell Shaffer of El Dorado, the Rev. Alfred DeBlack of Mena, and the Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf of Magnolia.

FOUR MEN were honored with membership in the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy in Chicago on February 10. The awards were made at the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes. The Hall of Fame in Philanthropy, known also as "the honor society of the healing and helping hand," was established five years ago by the church's national Board of Hospitals and Homes as a means of recognizing outstanding contributors of time, service, and money to Methodist philanthropic institutions. Honored this year were: Kenneth E. Cooper,

Birmingham, Ala., corporation lawyer and president of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home, Selma, Ala., and board member of Carraway, Methodist Hospital, Birmingham; Mark T. Goldstine, M. D. Chicago, emeritus chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology of Wesley Memorial Hospital and emeritus professor in this department of Northwestern University Medical School; The Rev. Hans K. Madsen, Minneapolis, Minn., retired Methodist minister, honored for his work in establishing Methodist institutions; Stanley O. MacMullen of Newton, Mass., Boston business man and philanthropist.

PAYING THE PREACHER

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porting missionaries; his contribution is making possible the great work which missionaries in the four corners of the world are doing.

We are quite aware that there is great value in personalizing giving, of associating pastors with their churches, district superintendents with their districts, missionaries with their countries, secretaries with their boards—yes, even editors with their publications. What we sometimes forget is that each and all of these pieces of work are greater than those who give themselves through these mediums. In most instances these pieces of work were in operation before the present servants came on the scene and will likely continue after they are gone.

This distinction is one that is being made properly as Methodists come into a greater understanding of Christian Stewardship.

BOOKS NEEDED FOR LIBRARY IN GERMANY

Dear Brother Wayland,

Could you, please, help me through your paper to establish a small Protestant Library?

I have been assigned to Dachau for a three-year period. There are about 2000 Army Personnel here including 146 children from cradle to 19 years of age.

Since I do not have a fund to purchase books it occurred to me that many of your readers might send me a book or two to help start a small library.

I can use books suitable for children, families and soldiers. Any religious magazines that folks have already read would be of great value here since we have no place to buy such items in Germany.

I hold three services each Sunday; supervise two Sunday Schools; and meet with both a Junior and Adult Choir.

Sincerely yours

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MAKING TIME

We have mentioned "Spending Time" and "Saving Time." This week we consider "Making Time."

Time is elastic. Some days stretch out with seeming endlessness, others snap past in a flash. An hour spent in a hospital awaiting the outcome of an operation may seem an eternity, while to a pair of lovers an hour is gone before they know it.



Since time is so elastic, God can help us to make time by crowding more experience into certain magic moments. By that I do not mean rushing around fussing with more things or trying to cram more thrills into a crowded schedule, as some tourists try "to do" Rome in an afternoon or try to take in a half dozen night-clubs before closing time.

We can compute man-hours of manual labor and horse-power of machines, but who can say how much thought and feeling can be put into an hour? We can open our minds and hearts to a greater flow of thought and emotions. Recall how Handel composed "The Messiah." For twenty-four days he was completely withdrawn from the things of this world. He was so immersed in his music that the food brought to him was sometimes left untouched. Describing his feeling when the Hallelujah chorus burst on his mind, Handel said, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me and the great God Himself."

We ordinary mortals do not have the capacity of a Handel but we can have our high moments when we feel that "one crowded hour of glorious life is worth an age without a name." If we hold our minds to the highest we know and open our hearts to the best we feel, God fills our minutes with magic content.

Another way to make time is to decide in advance what you most want to do. We can always make time for a thing if we desire it enough. We commonly say that when you want a thing done, go to the busy person. We mean that he handles his time efficiently. He knows how to put first things first.

Hence it is a good thing to start the morning by making a preview of the day. Decide on the "musts." Emergencies may arise to interrupt your schedule, but don't let them sidetrack you. It was said of Oliver Cromwell that he always gave the impression of "going somewhere." He knew his goals and he was on his way, leaving the world to marvel at his energy and achievement.

God helps us to make time by living concurrently in other lives. There is a good sense as well as a bad sense in which a man can live a double life. I think of a father whose son died young. That father once told me that he felt he must somehow carry on his work, and he does double duty, exerting almost superhuman efforts.

During the last war a young naval officer of my acquaintance saw a shipmate die when his destroyer was hit. The young lieutenant said to me: "When I think of my future, the most compelling thought which comes to me is that I must carry on what that lad wanted his country to do."

God helps us to make time by living in lives that will come after ours. We can experience what George Eliot prayed for: "Oh may I join the choir invisible of those immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence." We are not limited to our own little span of

NAMED TO BIBLE INTERPRETATION PROGRAM

New York, Feb. 1—Dr. J. Carter Swain, of Pittsburgh, Pa., recognized authority on the Bible and specialist in Christian education, will head up a nation-wide program of interpreting the Revised Standard Version of the Bible to the American people.

Currently a professor of New Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Dr. Swain will take up his new duties July 1 as executive director of the Department of English Bible in the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education, Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, executive secretary for the Division, announced here today.

"In all the history of book publishing, there has been nothing to equal the phenomenal sale and public acceptance of the RSV Bible," declared Dr. Knoff. "It will be Dr. Swain's chief responsibility to spread knowledge and understanding of it, and to interpret the continuing work of the National Council committee which produced it. Dr. Swain is outstandingly qualified," Dr. Knoff added, "and we are delighted that he has accepted."

Dr. Swain's assignment will take him into virtually hundreds of U. S. communities each year, as denominations, state and local church councils and local churches call on his speaking services. He will be carrying on a program begun six years ago and administered for most of that time by Dr. John C. Trever. The latter resigned recently to become professor of religion at Morris Harvey College, Charleston, W. Va. Author, theologian, preacher, lec-

turer and teacher, Dr. Swain will come to his new post after rounding out nearly ten years of teaching New Testament Literature and Exegesis at the Pittsburgh seminary. During 1947 he served, on loan from the school, as educational representative of the Standard Bible Committee which, under National Council sponsorship, carried out the 15-year project of the new Bible translation. This committee of scholars, with Dr. Luther A. Weigle as chairman, is now engaged in re-translating the Apocrypha. During his eight months with the committee, Dr. Swain traveled 54,000 miles in 33 states, delivering 173 addresses in 78 communities.

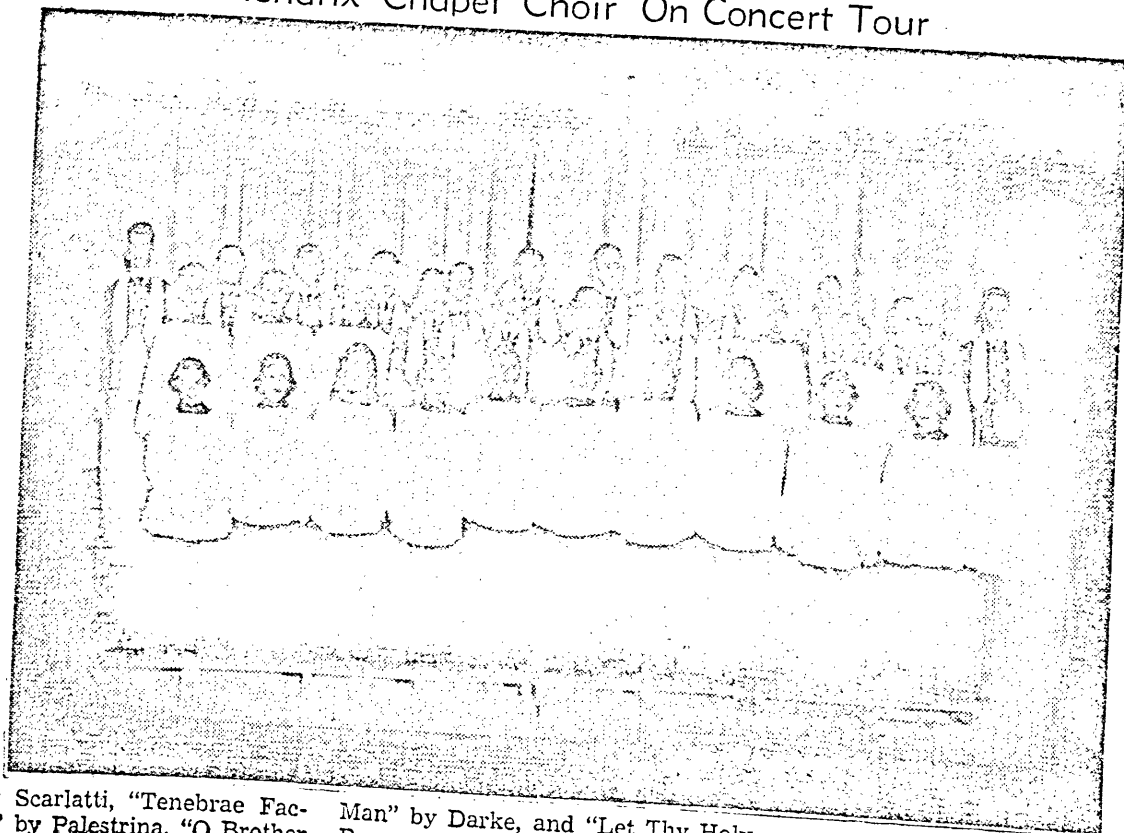
An ordained Presbyterian minister, he served 14 years in the pastorate before his career in the training of young ministers. In 1930 he was assistant minister at an Edinburgh, Scotland church. The following year he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Staten Island, N. Y., where he remained ten years. From 1941 to 1944 he was minister of the Kings Highway Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Long a leader in inter-church activities, Dr. Swain has served on many inter-denominational committees and projects in New York and St. Louis. He has also been vice-chairman of the New York Presbytery's committee on Christian education, and chairman of the St. Louis Presbytery committee. Dr. Swain is author of four books of a religious nature, his latest being "Right And Wrong Ways to Use The Bible," published last fall.

years. Some of us will go on living in our children and grandchildren. Some will be living fifty years from now in the careers of those boys and girls whom they are helping through college. Some will be living a hundred years hence in movements and causes which they have aided.

Would we make the most of our time as Saint Paul bade us? Then let us improve each passing moment, but also remember that we can make added time by extending our lives into lives and causes which will be going on far beyond our years.

Hendrix Chapel Choir On Concert Tour



lulia" by Scarlatti, "Tenebrae Factae Sunt" by Palestrina, "O Brother

Man" by Darke, and "Let Thy Holy Presence" by Tschernokoff. The

program will also include two numbers by Mr. Copes.

FEBRUARY 25, 1954

Church Extension Comes To Life In Lake Charles District

The Second of Two

Articles By
Georgia Daily

BELOW: WAKEFIELD: Wakefield Memorial Church was dedicated Sunday, November 29, 1953. The church was completed in 1950 during the ministry of Rev. Allie Ellender, at a cost of \$15,000 plus donated labor and material. The indebtedness was retired in 1951. The church, under the pastorate of Rev. James A. Knight, serves a growing community where many people live in house trailers because of a lack of housing facilities. The church is gaining new members, and has increased its budget 65 per cent over a year ago.

BELOW: LEESVILLE: After several months of holding church school classes in any available space and under varied and sometimes trying conditions, First Church moved into its newly completed educational building. The main building is two stories high. The sanctuary was lengthened to accommodate an additional 120 persons. A choir room and pastor's study were added. The sanctuary was redecorated, and air conditioning installed. The dining hall, also air conditioned, will accommodate 150 persons. A new kitchen was built, and the parsonage was redecorated.



ABOVE: RAYMOND: The Raymond church is one of the older churches in the district. Organized in 1889, it has for 65 years been a constant reminder of the presence of God to a rural community. The minister, Rev. C. B. Krumnow, came to the community 19 years ago. The picture above shows one of the latest building projects at Raymond, enlargement of the facilities of the educational building to provide more class rooms, a larger kitchen, and a study for the pastor.

ABOVE: WESTLAKE: The church was established in 1939, and the new church building shown above was built in 1948. The present educational building is being remodeled, but a new plant is needed because the church school has outgrown the available space. A new parsonage, costing approximately \$10,000, will be built in the spring or summer. The property adjoining the educational plant will be bought to allow for further expansion. Rev. Jim Lawton is pastor.

ABOVE: INDIAN BAYOU: The Indian Bayou parsonage was rebuilt in the early part of 1952 at a cost of \$6,156.58 plus donated labor and use of materials already available. The new pastor, the Rev. M. L. Davis, and his family moved into the new parsonage last year.

First Church Lafayette

Growing like the other Methodist churches in the Lake Charles District in Louisiana, First Church, Lafayette, has more than doubled its membership in the past decade. It now has about 1,200 members.

The present building was erected in 1924, and it shows great insight by the small congregation of that time. It has in the past few years become inadequate to serve the present congregation properly, and a need is felt throughout the church for a new church school building. At present there are two services held each Sunday morning—at 8:30 and 11—and an evening service is held at 7. The Church School meets between the morning services from 9:45 to 10:45. It has a membership of about 700 and an average attendance last fall of 387. This is an increase of over 100 since the same period last year. The evening MYF is also growing steadily under the leadership of interested counselors. The average for the Senior and Intermediate groups is now about 45 each Sunday and recently an evening fellowship for Junior boys and girls was begun.

The church has shown much growth in both physical and spiritual ways during the past year. A new director of Christian education has been with them for six months now, the church having felt the need for one for some time. The staff of the church school has been increased and one new class, the Young Adult, has been formed. The auditorium and basement were air-conditioned this past summer and it is hoped that before the next hot weather the whole building will be covered. Another

indication of growth in First Church is the realization on the part of its membership that Methodism in Lafayette has a great potential, but that in order for this to develop to the fullest extent possible, First Church cannot work alone. There is already one other Methodist church in Lafayette, but another is needed to reach the new people in the section which is fast developing on the Abbeville Highway. A committee has been studying this along with the district superintendent and has recently decided upon a plot of land which is being purchased for this new church. Although the full responsibility does not lie with First Church to finance it, the land will be held in its name and the people feel a spiritual obligation to those who will come under the influence of this new Methodist church.

New Iberia

First Church, New Iberia, has just completed a \$44,000 improvement project. A total of \$16,300 was spent on building repair and improvement. A new pipe organ was installed at a cost of \$17,000. A year-round air conditioning plant was installed at a cost of \$8,000. The sanctuary floor has been covered with a new carpet at a cost of \$1,700.

In addition to these improvements made in the sanctuary, the Methodist Men took as a project painting the interior of Fellowship Hall and the Woman's Society put carpet on the stairway in the parsonage.

The greatest need of Methodism in New Iberia is an additional educa-

tional building to provide class rooms and assembly halls for the many children that would be in the Sunday School if there were facilities.

First Church, New Iberia, has a beautiful new parsonage that was recently freed of all indebtedness. This parsonage was built four years ago under the ministry of the Rev. C. E. McLean, at a cost of about \$17,000.

Rayne And Branch

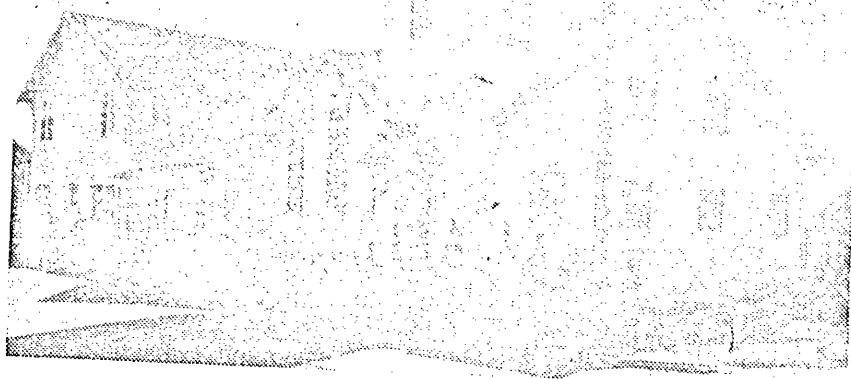
Efforts of the members of Rayne and Branch churches have resulted in an increase of 40 per cent in attendance.

Outstanding accomplishments in 1953 were the organization of a Methodist Men's group on the charge, with 34 charter members, and organization of a men's Bible class at Rayne. The Methodist Men purchased a new stove for the Rayne church kitchen, and made additional improvements to the church property.

A new parsonage was completed at Rayne in April, 1951. It is of brick veneer and has three bedrooms and two baths. The debt on it has now been reduced to \$2,200. It is hoped that it will be ready for dedication in the fall of 1954. Rev. D. T. Williams is pastor of the charge.

The entire building and church extension program in the Lake Charles District has been guided and in many cases initiated by the district superintendent, the Rev. Karl Tooke. He is serving his third year as superintendent of the district.

In addition to the church program, his guidance extends to an excellent student program in the district, centered at Southwest Louisiana Institute in Lafayette and McNeese at Lake Charles. The Rev. Robert Parrott is full time director in Lafayette and Mrs. R. L. Peyton serves McNeese on a part time basis, although future plans call for a full time worker and a new building.



DE QUINCY: The De Quincy church has made great progress in the past two and one-half years. All indebtedness has been paid on the educational building except two notes. The church lawn has been landscaped and shrubbery planted. Attendance has increased at all services, and there a number of tithers in the church. The sanctuary has been improved with new pews and tile floors, the work being paid for by the time it was completed. The pastor is the Rev. E. W. Day.

In The Methodist Connection

WEEK OF DEDICATION OBSERVANCE SET FOR FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 7

The Methodist Churches will join with fellow Methodists throughout the nation in observing the Week of Dedication, February 28-March 7. It will be the denomination's sixth consecutive annual observance.

Purpose of the week is to deepen the spiritual life of Methodists as the Lenten season begins. An offering will be received for urgent needs in the church mission fields at home and overseas, with special priority being given to a fund to bring Crusade scholars from other countries to study in the United States.

Dedication Week includes Ash Wednesday, March 3, and ends on the first Sunday in Lent, when the special offering will be taken. The offering, sent to the general treasurer of The Methodist Church, is used exclusively for the support of Week of Dedication projects.

Projects designated for aid this year are as follows:

Crusade Scholarship fund, \$100,000; Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Division of World Missions: Immanuel Church and Central Church, Oslo, Norway; Kwansei Gakuin, Japan; Area Center, Hyderabad, India; Literature and publishing interests in Latin America; Philippine Wesleyan College, Cabatuan, The Philippines; Inter-denominational high school, Mutoto, Central Congo.

Division of National Missions: Japanese Church in Berkeley, Calif.; Indian Mission Church, Oklahoma; mobile units; Chinese Church, Stockton, Calif.; Latin American Church, Georgetown, Texas Spensard Church, Anchorage, Alaska; Latin American Church, Pecos, Texas; day care center, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Latin American Church, Albuquerque, N. M.; Latin American Church, San Marcos, Texas; parsonage and educational unit, Ponce, Puerto Rico.

The real free press is lost in antiquity. Anyone who wrote a manuscript or inscribed a rock or printed a page disagreeing in any manner with injustice; anyone who fought in any manner for truth and the right to express it—these were the real beginners of the free press. —Doris Barnard, quoted in *Phoenix Flame*, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

HOSPITAL AND HOMES BOARD IN ANNUAL MEETING

Chicago—The Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, at its annual meeting here Feb. 9, heard the tenth annual report of Executive Secretary Karl P. Meister, filled a vacancy in its membership, and adopted a series of recommendations for annual conferences to expand their work in health and welfare.

"We need not fear the welfare state," Dr. Meister told the board, "when 74.5 per cent of the national budget is for wars—past, present, and future—and only 3.1 per cent is for welfare."

"The health and welfare of all people is important," he declared, "and the church can expand its influence by activating its current programs and by the addition of other facilities for health and welfare."

He reported that there are now 199 hospitals and homes affiliated with the national board—an increase of six during the past year and a gain of 22 institutions since 1946. Total assets of these institutions now equal \$268,945,384, while operating expenses total \$94,151,486. A total of 1,189,939 persons were served last year by these Methodist hospitals and homes.

The board adopted and passed on to annual conferences a handful of significant suggestions for the development of new philanthropic work and the expansion of present facilities. Among them were recommendations that

—each annual conference cooperate with the government's new de-

partment of health, education, and welfare.

—each conference develop at least one home for the aged in the next five years.

—each conference develop a health and diagnostic center in unserved rural areas.

—each area develop within the next five years at least one center for the care of the chronically ill.

—the church consider rehabilitation centers for unwed mothers and their babies in areas of dense population.

—all institutions establish adequate chaplain service.

—the church develop necessary funds for training personnel in health and welfare and conduct recruitment programs to enlist young men and women for full-time service in this field.

Among those attending from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area were Rev. T. T. McNeal, Director of the Methodist Children's Home, Little Rock; Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith, President of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home board; Rev. Elmer

L. Thomas, Little Rock, Little Rock Conference Golden Cross chairman; Rev. C. Everett Patton, Euroda, chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes; and Rev. Earle Cravens, Harrison, chairman of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes.

J. M. Crews, administrator of the Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., was installed as the new president of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes at the final session of its two-day convention on Feb. 10-11. He succeeds the Rev. Harold R. Barnes, executive director of Fred Finch Children's Home, Oakland, Calif.

About 500 persons attended the convention, hearing major addresses by leaders of religion, government, and medicine. General theme of the convention was "Christianity in Action." Seven simultaneous section meetings, in addition to general assemblies, provided opportunity for addresses and papers by experts in the various fields, panel discussions, and group thinking.

CHICAGO—A joint message of thanks to all Methodists has been issued by the Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance. The statement expressed gratitude "for the fine response to the appeal for World Service and other general causes of the church."

The complete text of the message follows:

A MESSAGE OF THANKS TO ALL METHODISTS

The Council of Bishops and The Council on World Service and Finance at their recent meetings noted the very fine response of our ministers and members to the appeal for World Service and other general causes of the Church. The reports from every section of the Church are most encouraging. The response on the part of our people is generous. This is an indication that the Church has accepted the changes made at the San Francisco General Conference in good spirit. We note also from the monthly reports since last May that there is a gradual increase in most of the general funds. The Council of Bishops and The Council on World Service have jointly requested that our people be advised of our sense of appreciation for this splendid record.

As we approach the mid-quadrennial date, May 31, we confidently expect to see our beloved Church go far beyond the giving of any other year in its history. Let our people be reminded that World Service and Advance Specials are the basic means for Methodism in extending the Kingdom of God throughout the earth.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Attendance Campaign Successful

The reports coming to our office indicate that the attendance campaign is being successful in increasing church school and church attendance. A number of church schools have reported that they have broken all previous attendance except those of Easter time. Some have even reported greater attendance than Easter attendance.

It is hoped that many unreached people will be brought into the church school membership during this period.

The study of church membership rolls show that about one-third of our resident church membership does not belong to the church school. This is a real challenge to the church schools of our conference to try to bring these church members into the membership of the church school. Every church member should be enrolled in the church school. Some of these are persons who cannot attend the Sunday school session of the church school and should be enrolled as home members. Every church school should have an active Adult Home Department.

"I Believe"

Our young people are being invited to use as their Pre-Easter reading course the little book, "I Believe," Harner. This book can be secured from the Methodist Publishing House at 30c per copy, if as many as ten copies are ordered. A single copy is 35c. It is an excellent book and can mean much to our youth, if they will read it. It is just what the name of the book indicates. It is to help the young people with their questions about Christian faith.

It is our hope that local churches will secure copies of this book for their young people.

April 2 is the date for the Conference Youth Rally, to be held on the Hendrix College Campus. The National Youth President is to be the Speaker.

March Training Program

The month of March is to be a good month in the formal training program of the North Arkansas Conference, even though many other activities will be carried on in the conference.

There is to be a three unit school at Osceola with the following courses offered; March 1-3:

Christian Beliefs, Rev. Thurston Masters

Christian Stewardship, Dr. C. M. Reves

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Ira A. Brumley

Weiner will have a school in which the pastor will be offering the course on Helping Adults Learn.

Damascus will have a one unit school on Christian Stewardship. This school was to have been held in January, but had to be changed because of weather conditions.

The North Little Rock Area will have a five unit school, March 21-23, with the following courses being offered:

Teaching Children, Mrs. J. T.

Carlyon

Personal Christian Growth (Youth Only), Rev. R. E. L. Bear-den

Facing the Alcohol Problem, Dr. A. G. Walton

Helping Adults Learn, Miss Fern Castell

Home and Church Working Together, Rev. E. V. Underhill

The Arkansas Valley sub-district of the Ft. Smith District will have an area school at Ozark, March 22-24, with the following courses being offered:

Christian Beliefs (What Methodist Believe)

The Life of Jesus

Teaching Youth

Teaching Children

There is to be a four unit school at Beebe, March 29-31.

Dr. Eller of Fayette, Missouri, is to come to Batesville the latter part of March and early April for three three-day Bible schools, places and dates to be announced.

The Batesville Area School is to be held at Central Ave., Batesville, March 28-April 1, with five courses being offered:

Guiding Kindergarten Children in Christian Growth, Mrs. J. H. Monday.

Guiding Primary Children in Christian Growth, Miss Caroline Hess

Guiding Junior Children in Christian Growth, Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Rev. Pryor Reed Cruce

Christian Stewardship, Rev. Arville Brannon

Other one unit schools are in the process of being planned.

It is not too early for your church to begin plans to have one or more persons in the Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah, July 19-30. The second week of this program is to offer special opportunity for local church workers in the adult program.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AT MALVERN

On Tuesday, February 9, at 9:00 p. m. Commencement exercises were held for a highly satisfactory three-night Leadership Training School held at Keith Memorial Church, Malvern.

Rev. Roy Fawcett, Miss Margaret Marshall and Miss Dot Baber were the faculty; Oliver Lancaster of the Rockport church was dean and Mrs. Lloyd Moore of Magnet Cove church was secretary.

There were 85 present the first night. The attendance was good to the end, 81 being present the last night of the school.

Fifty-eight diplomas were awarded.

Churches at Rockport, Butterfield, Magnet Cove, Social Hill and Leau Fraiz sent students to this school.

To this excellent faculty and the officers of this school is due sincere praise for their efficiency in promoting the school, and in keeping interest up to a high pitch through every hour of class room work.—W. S. Cazort; Keith Memorial Church.

EIGHT HUNDRED ATTEND DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

Miss Mary Jane Hitchcock, Centenary College Senior, was the inspirational speaker for the annual Baton Rouge District Rally, which was held Monday night, February 15, at the Music Hall on the Southeastern Louisiana Institute Campus, Hammond. She spoke to a capacity crowd of youth, adult workers with youth, and ministers, representing forty one charges, by actual count more than eight hundred in number.

Miss Hitchcock is the president of the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement and is a member of the National Conference of Methodist Youth. She is employed part time as Youth Director for First Methodist Church, West Monroe, serving there on week-ends.

Among extra curricular activities on Centenary College campus, Miss Hitchcock holds for this year the coveted title "Centenary Lady." She is also a member of Sigma Tau

Delta, honorary English fraternity, and Maroon Jackets, a girls' service club.

Her theme for the rally was "What About Jesus?", and her development of the theme was a thrilling personal testimony that reached the heart of every person in the packed auditorium.

The Rev. George Harkins, pastor of the Clinton Methodist Church, and District Youth Director, presided. Bill Mann, Youth Director of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, led the group singing. Miss Carol Courtney is the president of the Baton Rouge District Youth Fellowship. The Rev. Edward W. Harris is District Superintendent.

BIBLE COURSES FOR LAY WORKERS

Nashville, Tenn. — One of the needs of The Methodist Church today, as it always has been, is for lay workers who know the Bible, it was said here by the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the Department of Leadership Education, General Board of Education.

In meeting this need, the department has from its beginning offered a series of courses on the Bible. The number of these courses has increased from year to year until there are now six First Series courses and twelve Second Series. The former are designed for persons just beginning to serve as leaders; the latter are somewhat longer and more adequate.

Due to the increasingly wide interest in the Bible, and in the Revised Standard Version in particular, more and more leaders are being certified to teach the Bible courses.

At the present time more than 2000 persons are certified by the Board of Education to teach the Bible courses. Courses on how to teach the Bible to children, youth, and adults are available. During the past year the following new Bible courses have been offered: "How to Read and Study the Bible"; "Understanding the Bible"; "The Making of the English Bible"; and "The Use of the Bible in Teaching Adults."

The Bible courses for which more instructors are certified than for any others in the group are "The Teachings of Jesus," "New Testament—Content and Values," "The Life of Jesus," and "Old Testament—Content and Values."

TRAINING FOR WORKERS WITH ADULTS

Nashville, Tenn.—No local church worker in the field of Christian education of adults needs to be a poor, ineffective leader, says the Rev. M. Leo Rippey, director of the Adult Department, General Board of Education. He can become a good leader if he wants to be a good leader enough to take advantage of the help that is available.

Many leaders have been trained and are now ready to assist workers in local churches discover more effective ways of working with adults, according to Mr. Rippey. This help is available in sub-district or district meetings of teachers and presidents of adult classes, district workshops, conference and district meetings of young adults, and other training opportunities.

Leaders in local churches can become informed and take advantage of the training enterprises made available by the Conference Boards of Education by writing to their conference executive secretaries of Christian education.

LAKE CHARLES TRAINING SCHOOL

The Lake Charles Area Christian Workers' School began on Monday night, February 15, at 7:00 p. m. Seven courses were offered as follows:

"The Acts of the Apostles" — Dr. John Berglund

"Young Adult Work in the Church" — Mrs. Howard Grimes

"Children and the Bible" — Mrs. John Carter (Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior)

"Teaching Nursery Children" — Miss Elizabeth Workman

"The Acts of the Apostles" — Dr. John Berglund

"Interpreting the Bible to Youth" — Mrs. Howard Grimes

"Teaching Primary Children" — Miss Elizabeth Workman

"Teaching Junior Children" — Mrs. John Carter

The school ran through February 19.



ARKANSAS METHODIST

Protestant Christianity Outlawed In 3/4 Of Columbia; Congregations Prepare To Go Underground

(Ecumenial Press Service)

The National Government, by an order dated September 3, 1953, directed Departmental Governors to stop every form of religious activity distinct from the Roman Catholic Church in 18 parts of the country designated as Catholic Mission Territories. The Government's directive means the abandonment of thousands of Protestant Christians and tens of thousands of Protestant sympathizers. Forty-one foreign missionaries and about 20 Colombian Pastors are presently stationed within the Mission Territories. The Protestants affected own 25 churches and chapels, with an equal number of manses, one Bible Institute, 3 dispensaries, a dozen cemeteries, and some 25 primary day schools. The value of their property in the Mission Territories is approximately 364,000 pesos (\$145,600).

No Protestant religious services are to be allowed, not even under the direction of Colombian pastors. The sacraments, as a consequence, are also proscribed. Protestant primary day schools and health centers are disallowed.

Hardest hit by the interdict are San Andres and Provenca, Colombian islands in the Caribbean Sea, entrusted to the spiritual care of Spanish monks of the Capuchin Order by terms of the 1953 Treaty with the Vatican. The islanders, predominantly Protestant, have one Adventist and six Baptist congregations which, by terms of the Government's order, are prohibited from gathering for divine services.

The Government's Order was issued on September 3rd in the form of a Circular signed by the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Government, Sr. Carlos Valderrama Ordoñez. The Circular makes the surprising statement that since 1902 Protestant pastors and missionaries have been excluded from the Mission Territories. The truth is that Protestant Christian work has been carried on in the Territories for many years, openly, and with the knowledge and permission of the Colombian Government.

The Mission Territories referred to in the Government injunction are 18 regions of the Republic enumerated in a 1953 Treaty on Missions between Colombia and the Vatican. Made up of 11 Vicariates and 7 Prefectures Apostolic, they cover an area of 331,000 square miles and are equal in size to the combined areas of France and Italy, or to the State of Texas plus the six New England States.

Paucity of Priests. For this vast region, containing 1,064,000 people, there are 200 Roman Catholic missionary priests. This means that

each priest must oversee an area of 1,600 square miles (larger than the State of Rhode Island) in which there live an average of 5,323 persons.

An impossible task. The Roman Church fixes one priest for every thousand Catholics as the ideal ratio for adequate pastoral care and prefers that in no case should that ratio drop below one for every two thousand. It should be noted that in the Mission Territories of Colombia the proportion is over five times lower than the Church's standard. Much of the territory set aside for Roman Catholic missions is jungle and wilderness. Many of the Indian tribes living there are unevangelized and, after four centuries of Catholic domination in Colombia, are as completely pagan as any primitive people to be found anywhere in the world. The tremendous distances to be covered, coupled with the lack of roads and transportation facilities, make it humanly impossible for the small force of missionary priests to shepherd and evangelize the more than one million souls of the Mission Territories. Protestant missionaries, educators, and nurses have shown their willingness to aid the Colombians living in the Mission Territories, and for a number of years have demonstrated their effectiveness. The conclusion is unavoidable that Colombia's pro-clerical Government prefers that the backward segment of its population remain in ignorance and paganism rather than be taught by Protestant missionaries.

Violation of Colombian Constitution. The order proscribing Protestant Christianity in the Mission Territories is a glaring contradiction of Article 53 of the Constitution:

The State guarantees liberty of conscience. No one shall be disturbed because of his religious opinions, nor compelled to profess beliefs nor to observe practices contrary to his conscience. Liberty is guaranteed to all worship which is not contrary to Christian morality or to the laws...

Violation of U. N. Declaration. In 1948 Colombian's representatives signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 18 of which states:

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

The Government's order violates this Ar-

ticle on several counts. For those Colombians living in the Mission Territories the Government chooses the religion. No Colombian is free to leave Catholicism or to practice privately or in public any other form of Christianity. The pro-clerical Government of Colombia thus extends into the 20th century the medieval concept that the religion of the ruler determines the faith of his subjects.

Violation of O. A. S. charter. Signed in Bogota in 1948, the charter of the Organization of American States affirms that,

All human beings, without distinction as to race, nationality, sex, creed or social condition, have the right to attain material well being and spiritual growth under circumstances of liberty, dignity, equality of opportunity, and economic security. (Article 29, Paragraph a)

Colombia's Conservative Government, which signed this pact, is now forcing a distinction upon its citizens because of their religious creed. Roman Catholics shall enjoy freedom, but not Protestants. Their religious services are outlawed. For them no possibility exists for "spiritual growth under circumstances of liberty, dignity, equality of opportunity..." The Government has reduced Protestantism to a position of inferiority, denying it equality and liberty, in open contradictions to the affirmation it made in signing the OAS charter five years ago.

Denial of Democracy. The present move to extirpate Protestant Christianity in the Mission Territories places in doubt all the praises to democracy uttered by the new military Government. Religious liberty is that most basic of all human freedoms. To effectively deny it, the Government must also withdraw from Protestants freedom of press, of assembly, and of public expression.

Congregations prepare to continue secretly. The Government's arbitrary and unconstitutional act involves a violation of conscience which Colombian Protestants cannot accept. Protestant pastors, in the time which remains to them before expulsion from the Mission Territories, are instructing their congregations in ways and means of preserving their spiritual heritage in the Evangelical Faith. The church members will meet in secret, if necessary, for divine services. Indeed, some are doing that at this time. Holy Communion and the sacrament of baptism will be administered to small, concealed groups. Until this shameful denial of freedom is ended, Protestant Christianity will exist underground as The Church of Silence.

A total of 172,000 Bibles, New Testaments, and portions of the Scriptures were circulated in Colombia last year. This was the largest distribution since violent persecution of Protestants began in 1948. The sale of whole Bibles (8,531 copies) and New Testaments (13,462) exceeded all previous records in Colombia's history.

AREA CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT NO. 2

THROUGH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

ARKANSAS METHODIST LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Total 1310**				
Arkadelphia Circuit, Robert Langley	1	1	14	
Malvern, First Ch., Van W. Harrell	7	8	120	
Screwwood Hills, Howard Cox	1	1	12**	
Traskwood Ct., A. E. Jacobs	1	1	23	
CAMDEN DISTRICT—Total 2285**				
Childester Ct., R. L. Diffie	1	1	35	
El Dorado—First Ch., W. Neill Hart	1	1	252	
Princeton Ct., Ernest E. Hays	1	1	23	
Smackover, John L. Tucker	2	6	76**	
HOPE DISTRICT—Total 1414				
Center Point Ct., D. W. Harberson	1	1	8	
Oddridge Ct., W. P. Walker	5	1	25	
Mineral Springs Ct., Woodrow Smith	1	1	43**	
Prescott Ct., L. O. Lee	1	1	20	
Winthrop Ct., A. J. Bearden	1	1	17**	
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Total 2763**				
Penton, Park View, Bill Elliott	3	1	56*4	
Carlisle, Curtis Williams	2	2	39	
Dee Arc, F. W. Reutz	1	1	23	
LITTLE ROCK				
Capitol View, George E. Reutz	3	1	52*	
Henderson, H. R. Holland	1	1	68**	
Highland, Rufus Sorrells	1	1	74	
Hunter, Fred L. Arnold	3	1	76	
MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Total 1232**				
Crew Circuit, Frank Rowland	3	1	32	
umas, R. A. Teeter	1	1	73**	
adora, C. Everett Patton	1	1	29	
amburg, M. W. Miller	1	1	68**	
ampton-Harrell, G. W. Warren	1	1	45	
ake Village, Cagle E. Fair	1	1	59**	
atson, Omma Daniel	1	1	68**	

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Total 1499**				
Carthage, L. R. Sparks	1	1	31**	
Pine Bluff, First Ch., K. L. Spore	2	1	204**	

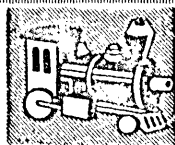
NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Total 1038**				
Bethesda Cushman, M. A. Thompson	1	1	36**	
Cotter, W. L. Diggs	1	1	14	
Mountain Home Parish, L. Anderson	1	4	22	
Newport-Union Mem., M. L. Kaylor	1	1	47**	
Viola Ct., James Smith	1	1	23**	
Yellville, Theron McKisson	6	15	33*	
CONWAY DISTRICT—Total 1506**				
NORTH LITTLE ROCK				
Rose City	1	1	16*2	
Washington Ave., I. L. Claud	1	1	76**	
Russellville, Harold E. Gensperger	4	1	363*2	
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Total 1190				
Elm Springs-Harmon, W. Woods	1	1	55**	
Fayetteville, Wiggins Memorial, A. Simpson	1	1	43**	
Gravette, C. H. Harrison	1	1	36**	
Springdale, A. J. Christie	2	2	117**	
FORREST CITY DISTRICT—Total 1476**				
Forrest City, Raymond Franks	3	1	132**	
Helena, E. B. Williams	1	1	87	
Holly Grove, O. M. Campbell	1	1	30**	
Wheatley, J. W. Moore	1	5	33	
FT. SMITH DISTRICT—Total 1721				
Alix Ct., Troy Clinesmith	1	1	19	
Branch Ct., J. E. Thomas	1	1	40	
Ft. Smith, First Ch., F. G. Roebuck	1	1	209	
JONESBORO DISTRICT—Total 1572**				
Jonesboro, First Ch., Ethan Dodgen	2	1	95	
Lepanto, Wm. A. Stewart, Jr.	1	1	30**	
Marked Tree, Alvin C. Murray	1	1	150*2	
PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Total 972				
Piggott, Jesse Johnson	3	4	87**	
SEARCY DISTRICT—Total 1122				
Augusta, H. Lynn Wade	2	1	87**	
Cabot, J. J. Clark	1	4	56**	

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
HARRISON, EARLE CRAYENS				
Judsonia, Albert Gibbs	1	1	74	
	1	1	18	

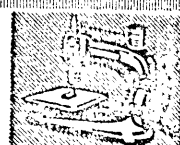
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ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—Total 984				
Alexandria, First Ch., J. H. Bowdon	3	3	105	
Atlanta	1	4	5	
Elizabeth, J. R. Strozler	1	1	41**	
Olla, Hardy Carroll	1	1	25**	
Palestine Ct., Odell Simmons	1	1	28**	
Pollock, L. A. Bodie	1	1	18**	
Trout, Fred Kelly	1	1	17**	
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—Total 1305				
BATON ROUGE				
First Church, W. Johnston	5	5	137	
Ingleside, W. R. Irving	1	1	16	
Hammond, Fred S. Flurry	27	1	65*	
Tangipahoa, A. L. Carruth	1	1	54**	
Tickfaw, J. M. Wilkes	1	4	5	
LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Total 1329				
Church Point, William G. Wilson	2	5	7	
DeRidder, George Pearce, Jr.	1	1	53	
Hornbeck, C. J. Thibodeaux	1	1	53**	
Lafayette-Davidson Memorial, A. B. Cavanaugh	1	1	42**	
MONROE DISTRICT—Total 2024**				
Rayville, Earl B. Emmerich	1	1	64**	
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Total 1146				
Covington, Robert C. Carter	2	1	44**	
New Orleans, Gentilly, G. E. Blakely	1	1	55	
RUSTON DISTRICT—Total 1545**				
Farmersville, M. S. Robertson	2	1	50**	
Marion, Edwin L. Brock	1	1	13	
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—Total 1372				
Bossier City-Curtis Park, H. C. Norsworthy	1	1	47**	
Bossier City, First Ch., A. M. Brown	1	1	29	
Hall Summit, A. W. Coody	8	1	48**	
Shiloh, B. D. Watson	10	1	10**	
SHREVEPORT				
Broadmoor, H. George Harbuck	17	63	86	
Cedar Grove, Roy E. Mouser	6	2	42	
First Church, G. M. Hicks	2	2	142	
Noel Memorial, John J. Rasmussen	5	1	155	



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



JOHN AND JUAN

By Trudy C. Roddy

JOHN ran into the sunshiny kitchen where Mother was cooking breakfast.

"Good morning," said Mother happily. "I see you have dressed all by yourself. You are my grown-up boy now!"

"Good morning," said John. He gave Mother a great, big hug. Mother had cooked his favorite breakfast.

First, he drank his orange juice. Next, he ate his hot cereal and bacon.

Then he broke his toast into small pieces. He let his toast swim around in his hot cocoa.

"I like to save the best till last," laughed John. "Thank you for a nice breakfast, Mother."

A knock-knock sounded at the kitchen door. Mother opened the door. There stood a lady and a boy just the size of John. They both had brown skin and black hair.

"Come in, Rita," said Mother.

The lady stepped into the sunshiny kitchen, and the little boy followed.

"This is my son, Juan," said Rita Rodriguez.

"John," said Mother, "Mrs. Rodriguez has come to help me with the house cleaning. Juan has come to play with you. Juan and you have the same name. Juan is the Spanish name for John."

John smiled at Juan, and Juan smiled back.

Juan pulled a little red fire engine out of his pocket and held it out to John. John took the red fire engine.

"Let's go outside to the sand box," said John. "I have a blue car and a yellow trailer-truck. You may play with them."

Soon the two boys were busy playing in the sand box.

"Hi!" a voice called. "What are you doing? I'm up here in the tree next door."

"Hello, Sam," called John. "Come play with us. We are making a town in the sand."

"Wait till I get my cars!" cried Sam.

In a few minutes, Sam climbed the fence and jumped into the sand box.

"This is Juan. Juan is the Spanish name for John—we have the same name!" said John proudly.

Sam dropped his cars in the sand. The boys built roads and tunnels and bridges. They built houses and a church and a gasoline station.

"This sand box looks like the whole United States," laughed Sam.

Mrs. Rodriguez came out of the house. "I know that you are having a good time," she said to Juan, "but it is time to go home now. We will come again next week."

John and Sam said good-by to Juan.

"I like Juan," said Sam.

"So do I," said John. "I'll be glad when he comes next week."

"John, it is time for lunch!" called Mother.

John did not say anything while he ate his lunch. He was thinking about Juan.

"Mother, why does Juan have

such dark skin?" asked John.

"Because he belongs to the Spanish race of people," answered Mother.

"He acts just like I do," said John.

"Of course, he is like you. He is just your age. All boys the same age act very much alike," said Mother.

"Did God make Juan like he made me?" asked John.

"Yes," said Mother, "God made all of us. God loves Juan as much as he loves you. Juan's daddy and mother love him as we love you. Juan feels the same as you deep down inside. He wants to be loved and have friends."

"I hope that Juan likes me as much as I like him," said John. "He builds good bridges."—My Sunday Paper

The physics instructor asked a pupil to tell some of the peculiarities of heat and cold and the boy answered that "things expand in heat and contract in cold."

"Give an example."

"In summer the days are long and in winter they are short."—Binghamton Sun

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"When I was once in danger from a lion," said the big-game hunter, "I tried sitting down and staring at him, as I had lost my gun. The lion didn't even touch me."

"Strange! How do you explain that?"

"Well," mused the hunter, "it must have been because I was sitting on a high branch of a tall tree."—Tit-Bits, London

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A man in a restaurant complain-

THE LITTLE KINDNESS

I have learned that very often an animal considered vicious or dangerous is merely frightened, and that a little kindness on the part of humans is the needed cure. I wish that everyone might remember this observation.

A good illustration of it came to my attention recently. Arriving at the office one morning I found the janitor trying to remove a helpless cat that had somehow strayed into the building. This he was doing by reaching through an adjoining window with a broom and yelling and hitting at the fear-crazed animal which had escaped to the ledge outside an open window. The cat was meowing piteously as it contemplated the choice of a two-story leap to the pavement below, or escape through the hall past the seemingly unfriendly people watching it.

Telling the janitor to stop, I approached the cat slowly, speaking in a low, calm voice. The janitor warned, "I wouldn't get too close to him, Miss. He's mean! He'll sure jump on you!"

The cat did look wild, but as I talked to it I could see the fear subsiding in its eyes. Reaching out, and still speaking gently, I touched its head. Then I began to stroke, and the stiffened body relaxed; in a moment the "mean" cat began to rub against my hand and purr! A few minutes later it was easily carried from the building to safety.—Jessie Franklin in Our Dumb Animals

ed to his waiter: "I don't like all the flies in here." "Very well, sir," the waiter said helpfully. "Just point out the ones you dislike and I'll put them out."—Hugh Scott, Phila Inquirer.

A FRIENDLY SMILE

I had a friendly smile,
I gave that smile away;
The milkman and the postman
Seemed glad of it each day.

I took it to the shop,
I had it in the street;
I gave it without thinking
To all I chanced to meet.

I gave my smile away
As thoughtless as could be;
And every time I gave it,
My smile came back to me.

—In Ex., Author Unknown

THE BEGGAR MAN

By Sophie Rowe

A beggar in a tattered coat
Passed through our yard today.
The dogs ran out and barked at him
To send him on his way.

The beggar stumbled on a root,
And down he fell, and cried.
The dogs came on with fearful barks
Until they reached his side.

And then they saw what funny jokes
A little child can play.
For underneath that tattered coat
Their little master lay!

But when they saw his sorry tears,
They licked his dirty face,
To let him know they didn't think
His fall was a disgrace.

And then they wagged their friendly tails
And jumped around with joy,
For 'spite of all his teasing ways
They love that little boy.
—North Carolina Christian Advocate

JUST FOR FUN

When the teacher asked her class what caused the Revolutionary War, little Jimmie volunteered:

"It was something about automobiles."

"Oh, no, Jimmie," said the astonished teacher. "The revolution was long before there were any automobiles."

"Well," retorted Jimmie, "my daddy told me it was on account of unjust taxis."—Grand Rapids Press

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Teacher: "Johnny, give me two pronouns."

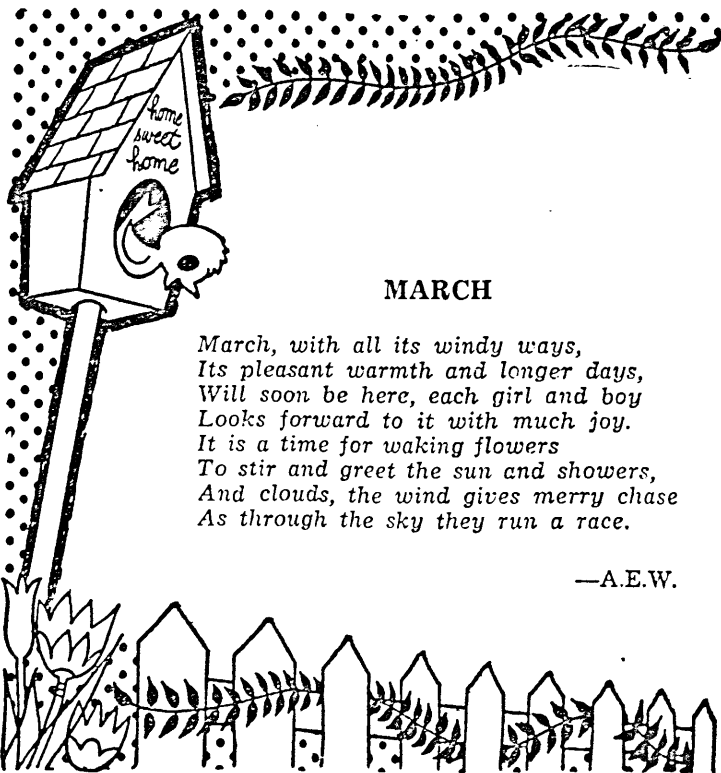
Johnny (not paying the slightest attention): "Who? Me?"

Teacher: "That's right."—American Farm Youth

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The 4-year-old daughter of a friend of mine was accustomed to pray for everyone in a rather large family. She always concluded, "Please bless Daddy and Mommy and Jimmy."

One evening before she could finish, Jimmy, her 5-year-old brother, who was kneeling beside her, became tired of so much blessing. "Don't bless me, I'll bless myself," he said and began his own brief prayer.—Annie Laurie Von Tungeln, Parents' Magazine



MARCH

March, with all its windy ways,
Its pleasant warmth and longer days,
Will soon be here, each girl and boy
Looks forward to it with much joy.
It is a time for waking flowers
To stir and greet the sun and showers,
And clouds, the wind gives merry chase
As through the sky they run a race.

—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

NEWS IN BRIEF

On February 5 there was a "Harvest Party" in Mrs. Harvey Parnell's home at Halley. Mrs. Parnell, president of the Dermott Society, had suggested that each member take \$2.00 to invest, and to bring the amount made to the Harvest Party. There was a table in the center of the room on which there was a Horn of Plenty which became full with the money brought by the ladies. Each told how they had invested the money and how much they had made.

Mrs. Parnell told the group that the money would be given as a Memorial Fund to pay for Chimes for the Dermott Methodist Church.

Mrs. Brian Barlow reported on the contributions to this fund; a total of \$692.47 was given by the circles and friends.

Refreshments were served in the dining room from the Valentine decorated table.—Mrs. J. L. McKenzie

Forty-five members of the combined Wesleyan Service Guilds of First Methodist Church, Fairview Church, and College Hill Church of Texarkana, Arkansas, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of St. Luke's Church, Texarkana, Texas, met together in the Fairview Church February 1 to begin the study of "Jeremiah". Mrs. C. W. Good welcomed the group; Mrs. W. R. Sackelford gave the devotional and Mrs. E. C. Palmer of Fairview introduced the leaders of the churches. Mrs. Palmer presented the first chapter, Mrs. J. C. Phillips the second and Mrs. David A. McGhee the third.

The second session was held February 8 at the First Methodist Church, Arkansas, with fifty attending.—Mrs. E. C. Palmer

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Alma met February 9 at the home of Mrs. Grady Ingram for a joint meeting and a pot-luck turkey dinner. The dinner was served buffet style, and the table and other small tables were decorated in the Valentine motif.

Rev. T. C. Chambliss gave the invocation and Mrs. Doug Morris had the devotional. Mrs. Warren Blaylock and Mrs. Ruth Taylor presented an original skit pertaining to the church attendance crusade, with Mrs. Phillip Bryant as narrator.

COVINGTON ENTERTAINS ZONE

The Covington Woman's Society entertained the zone of St. Tammany parish on January 14, with Mrs. T. E. Brunning, presiding. Rev. R. C. Carter led the devotional. Mrs. Corkern, Mrs. Tackaberry, and Mrs. Gallagher gave information on all phases of the work.

Special music was presented by Mrs. Lionel Pichon. Rev. Oakley Lee brought a timely message on the Church Attendance Crusade. The next meeting will be held April 22. A special welcome was given to the newly organized Lacombe society.

The meeting closed with a general discussion of suggestions and ideas for the local society, followed by the benediction.

The Covington ladies served lunch in the annex.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TO HEAR MRS. MARTIN

Mrs. Paul E. Martin, pictured with Bishop Martin as they returned from their trip to South America in the fall, will be the speaker at the World Federation of Methodist Women Luncheon on Wednesday, March 3, at the Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. Bishop and Mrs. Martin visited the six countries in South America in which The Methodist Church has workers, and Mrs. Martin will tell especially of her visit with Martha Stewart Waddell in Chile.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure, president, will hold meetings of the Conference Executive Committee on Monday evening and Tuesday morning preceding the opening of the Conference at 2 p. m. Tuesday, March 2.

Mrs. George Dismukes of Westville, Oklahoma and Mrs. T. Otto Nall of Evanston, Illinois are to be guests of the conference.

Mrs. Dismukes is well known in the Conference since she lives in a neighboring state. She is a member of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Her chief office is the chairmanship of the Standing Committee on Wesleyan Service Guild. She is a member of these committees also: Administrative Committee on Literature and Publications; on Quadrennial Emphases; Missionary Education and Missionary Education of Children; Education and Cultivation; and the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

Mrs. Dismukes is to give the devotional on Tuesday evening, March 2, and will have charge of the installation of officers at the closing



—Photo by Methodist Information

BISHOP AND MRS. PAUL E. MARTIN

service on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Nall is the wife of T. Otto Nall, editor of the Christian Advocate. She is a member of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and serves on the following committees: Missionary Personnel, Wesleyan Service Guild, World Federation of Methodist Women; is a member of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields (Africa and Europe), and Department of Work in Home Fields; and is a trustee of Pfeiffer Junior College in Misenheimer, North Carolina. Mrs. Nall writes all the Missionary Units for the Literature Committee on Missionary Personnel.

Mrs. Nall will address the Conference on Tuesday evening and will be a resource person throughout the Annual Meeting.



MRS. GEORGE DISMUKES



MRS. JOHNNIE McCLURE

BATESVILLE DISTRICT ELECTS OFFICERS

The Batesville District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the Salem Methodist Church on Thursday, February 11, with nearly one hundred women in attendance. During the morning session the Rev. Jim Major of Heber Springs, missionary to Chile for six years, brought the inspirational address. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Leslie Bennett, organist, Mrs. Russell Benton and Miss Bess Northcutt, soloists, of Salem. Lunch was served at noon by the hostess church.

The Rev. Pryor Cruce showed slides prepared by Marjorie Bowden, who is serving for three years as a missionary to India, and Mrs. Cruce read a script giving information concerning the work in this field. These slides are available for district programs and may be secured by writing to Marjorie's mother, Mrs. Paul Bowden, Swifton.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1954-55 term: Mrs. Nels Barnett, Batesville, President; Mrs. Cody Quilhot, Gassville, Vice-president; Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., Batesville, recording secretary; and Mrs. Ben Jernigan, Batesville, treasurer. Secretaries for the lines of work are: Promotion, Mrs. Ralph McDonald, Weldon; Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Bragg Conine, Batesville; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Florence Zarub, Bull Shoals; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Maurice Lanier, Salem; Children's Work, Mrs. J. M. Bell, Batesville; Youth Work, Mrs. J. P. McNealy, Batesville; Student Work, Mrs. Mac W. Martin, Mountain Home; Supply Work, Mrs. E. T. Murray, Cotter Star Route, Mountain Home; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. R. E. Connell, Batesville; Status of Women, Mrs. I. N. Barnett, Sr., Batesville; and Spiritual Life, Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Melbourne.

The new officers were consecrated and installed by Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent.—Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr.

ZONE MEETING AT BAKER

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Fifth Zone held a meeting at the Baker Methodist Church on Thursday, February 11, at 10:30 a. m.

Seven of the eight societies of the zone were represented.

The program included a welcome by Mrs. T. W. Murphy, Jr., of Baker; response by Mrs. Womack, inviting the Zone to meet in Clinton in July; meditation by Mrs. J. W. Ailor of Zachary; "A Model Circle Meeting" by the Baker Society under the leadership of Mrs. Irma Nichol. This was followed by a discussion and business session. Mrs. Ann Potter of Slaughter presented "The Widening Fellowship and Treasure Chest."

Rev. J. W. Ailor of Zachary led in the opening prayer and pronounced the benediction. Mrs. J. A. Jackocks, zone leader, presided.

District officers present were: Mrs. T. M. Ellis, president and Mrs. R. O. Coorpender, treasurer of Baton Rouge and Mrs. C. O. Munsen of Baker, recording secretary.

A picnic lunch was served in the educational building.—Reporter.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

LEWISVILLE CHURCH MAKES MANY IMPROVEMENTS

The First Methodist Church of Lewisville has been the recipient of several very lovely gifts recently and has been carrying on an extensive remodeling program.

Four beautiful chandeliers were dedicated by the pastor, Barry Bailey, Sunday, February 14. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Lavender of Magnolia gave one of the fixtures in memory of her sister, Miss Cora Burton. Another is a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Dale Turner. The Seekers Class gave the other two. The new green carpet in the sanctuary is a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bundrick of Shreveport, Louisiana.

The stained glass windows in the sanctuary have been repaired and five memorial windows, a gift from Mrs. S. H. Turner, have been placed in the front of the sanctuary. The center window is "Christ at the Door" and the others present the following symbols: The candle, the open Bible, the sheaf of wheat, and the dove.

The sanctuary has been completely redecorated. The walls have been painted a soft green and the ceiling

plaster refinished and painted white. The altar, pews, floors, choir chairs and all woodwork have been refinished. A walnut communion table, with matching flower stands and urns, has been added to the altar furnishings. The stands and urns were given by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tackett.

Other improvements include a thermostatically controlled heating unit; a "speaker" in the nursery so that the attendants can hear the services; cabinets and 25 new chairs for the children's department; the repair and redecoration of the vestibule and two Sunday school rooms and a church sign given by the "Seekers Class".

Members of the MYF, sponsored by Mrs. Edmund Cargill, have added a lectern cloth, pulpit light, and a brass altar cross to their room.

A lot adjacent to the church has been purchased on which to build additional Sunday school rooms. The pastor has announced that the Rev. Edwin Keith will lead the church in a Stewardship Revival beginning April 19.—Louise Baker

HAWLEY MEMORIAL TO HAVE STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL

Hawley Memorial Methodist Church of Pine Bluff is holding a Stewardship Revival under the direction of the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, Conference Director of Stewardship of the Little Rock Conference.

The Campaign chairman is Ed Vinson; the co-chairman, R. C. Patton.

The three primary objectives of the plan are to give the maximum number of persons something to do; to educate the entire membership on generous giving; and to secure a pledge from every member.

The goal of the campaign is \$30,000 for Building Debt retirement and operating expenses.

Dr. Cecil R. Culver was the principal speaker at the Kickoff dinner on Monday evening, February 15th. He spoke to an enthusiastic audience on Stewardship and Evangelism.

The first report of workers was received by Marvin Mann, Chairman of Solicitations, and more than fifty per cent of the goal has already been pledged.

The committees in charge of this project are confident of its success.

The Rev. George Kerr is pastor of Hawley.—Reporter

THE HENDRIX ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Cash in hand, February 17, 1954, \$203,928.31.

To be raised in 1954, \$96,071.69.

If the "To be raised in 1954" is not decreasing as rapidly as you think it should, maybe you could help by getting your own pledge paid this week. We could have the job done by Annual Conference if all of us would do our best.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, STUTTGART, PRESENTS "HERITAGE AND DESTINY"

The Study Book, "Heritage and Destiny" by Bishop Gerald Kennedy, was presented at First Methodist Church, Stuttgart, in a series of programs on six Sunday Evenings. This series of presentations from Sunday to Sunday was given the title of "Preview of Methodism", with each of the six chapters of the book being designated as Episodes. Interest grew from program to program as indicated by the increasing attendance. Sunday, January 3rd marked the opening of the series of programs. Prior to this first session, a potluck Supper was given in the Recreation Hall of the Educational Building at 6:00 P. M., which supper was attended by a large group of both men and women. The Men's Bible Class, T. H. McCubbin, President, presented the first Episode, "Receive" in a program in the Church Sanctuary at 7:00 P. M. A Men's Choir furnished special music. Because of the weather on January 10th, the program for this Sunday Evening was cancelled.

Then on Sunday, January 17th, Episode No. II, "Know" was presented by the Friendship Bible Class (of Ladies), Mrs. L. D. Griffin, President. Two Episodes, III, and IV, "Share" and "Proclaim" were presented respectively by the "We Will Bible Class", Mrs. Harry Ives, President, and the Young Adult Class, R. M. White, President, on Sunday Evening, January 24th. The Fifth Episode "March" on Sunday Evening, January 31st, was presented by Mrs. C. D. Leibbrand, of Smackover, Arkansas, whose parents are now Missionaries in India. Mrs. Leibbrand brought a highly interesting message on Missionary Work of the Church, with special emphasis on activities of the church in India. The final Episode or Program, on "Believe" was brought by the Rev. Arthur Terry, District Superintendent.

McGEHEE LAYS CORNERSTONE FOR NEW SANCTUARY



The picture above shows Bishop Martin and Rev. Mouzon Mann, our pastor at McGehee, at the laying of the cornerstone of the new sanctuary at McGehee.

Dr. William E. Brown, District Superintendent of the Monticello

District, was present. He and the pastor assisted Bishop Martin in the ritual ceremony and in the laying of the cornerstone. Bishop Martin's address on the occasion was very helpful and impressive.—Taylor Prewitt

ent, on Sunday Evening, February 7th. Prior to this final session, another potluck supper was served to another large group of people with Rev. Terry as special Guest.

The Commissions on Missions of First Methodist Church, composed of Harry Ives, Chairman, Mrs. R. K. Wilbanks, Mrs. Grady Greene, Mrs. Adolph Renschler, C. L. McNutt, Mrs. George Settles, Earl Stedman, Sr., and Rev. A. C. Carraway, was in charge of planning and presenting the entire series of Episodes. The different episodes were presented in quite unique and interesting ways by the various groups. Besides the Men's Choir which lead the singing on one evening, a Ladies Choir, and a Youth Choir contributed to the splendid series of programs. Much enthusiasm was manifest by large audiences composed of members of the W. S. C. S., the Wesleyan Service Guild, M. Y. F., and men and women of the entire church.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT QUINN

Calion, Quinn and Ebenezer Methodist Churches held their third fifth-Sunday meeting at Quinn, January 31, beginning at 10:00 a. m., with Sunday School. At the 11:00 o'clock hour Rev. S. B. Mann, pastor, preached a very helpful sermon. A basket lunch was served at the church at 12:30.

The afternoon services began at 1:30. Rev. Fred Schwendimann, our pastor at Vantrease Memorial, El Dorado and Rev. Myron C. Pearce, pastor at Nophlet, discussed the Four Commissions of the local Methodist Church. This was followed by a round-table discussion of the Four Commissions.

All present seemed to enjoy the day. The next fifth-Sunday meeting will be held at Calion May 30th.—Quinn Reporter

MEETING OF PARAGOULD DISTRICT MINISTERS

The ministers of the Paragould District enjoyed the day at a meeting held in The First Methodist Church, Pocahontas. This was a regular District Preacher's Meeting. Some called it a Pastors Conference and Clinic. This character of program was new to most of us in the Paragould District.

Several ministers shared their thoughts with the group. Rev. Kern Johnson opened the morning session with a devotional meditation. Rev. J. M. Barnett followed with a discussion of "The Pastor and his Personal Life." Rev. George L. McGhehey spoke on "The Pastor and his Study Habits."

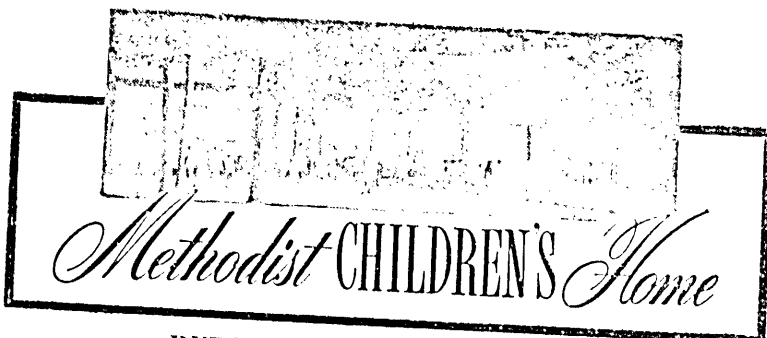
"The Pastor and the Program of the Church" was presented by Rev. J. Harmon Holt. Rev. Byron L. McSpadden concluded the morning session with pertinent thoughts on "The Pastor and his Relationships To Other Ministers."

The afternoon session was opened with a devotional message by Rev. Jesse Johnson. The remainder of the afternoon session was given to a discussion of plans for the Church Attendance Crusade and the Spiritual Life Mission. Rev. Elmo Thomason and Rev. Edwin Dodson gave valuable information on this subject.

It is the plan of the Paragould District to have a Spiritual Life Emphasis in every church in the district during the week of February 21-26. This has been made possible by the wise planning of our District Superintendent Brother Gatlin. The spiritual morale of the leadership of the Paragould District has been lifted to a high level.—Robert A. Simpson, District Reporter.



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



MEETING OF TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION

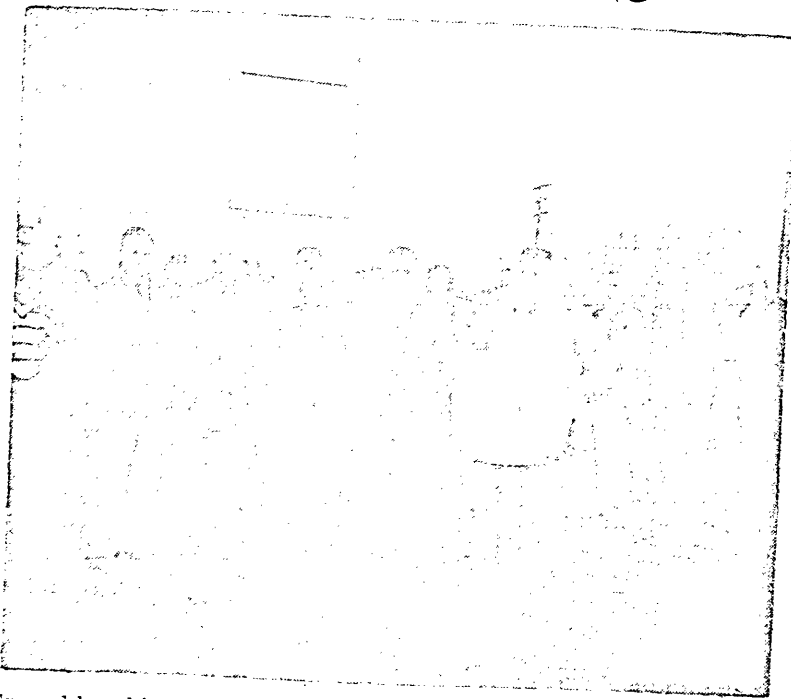
The meeting of the Town and Country Commission at First Methodist Church, Conway, February 9, was well attended. The present Executive Secretary made his report, which was approved. Due to his appointment as Superintendent of the Paragould District, by Bishop Martin, it was necessary for a successor to be named. Rev. A. N. Storey, now Superintendent of the Searey District, was recommended for this office, final action to be taken at the Annual Conference at its session in June. Brother Storey will assume active direction of the Commission March 15. The writer will continue in a nominal relationship until that time.

The program of the Town and Country Commission will continue as set up by the commission and approved by the Annual Conference. The major emphasis for the rest of the year will be in the planning and pledging of budgets for the local church. The Town and Country Commission, in co-operation with the Conference promotional committee headed by Brother Bearden, will bring Rev. Edwin Keith to the conference in March and April for this most im-

portant work. Brother Keith will give direction in district and sub-district institutes in the matter of cultivation and organization for local church stewardship. The board of lay activities has prepared a most unusual outlay of materials which will be of tremendous value in guiding our people along the paths of stewardship. The motivation and method approach combined will do much to strengthen the life of the church. Dates and places for these institutes will be announced through the Arkansas Methodist.

The Annual Town and Country Church Convocation has been set for May 18, at the Eli Lindsey Memorial Church in the Paragould District. A great program based upon the Methodist Heritage in Arkansas is being planned. Outstanding leaders of our conference will be on the program. Bishop Martin will be the inspirational speaker for the 11:00 worship service as he has in the past three convocations. We are looking forward to a great occasion. It is the writer's hope that we will have the usual outstanding attendance.—J. Albert Gatlin.

CHIDESTER METHODISTS PLAN EDUCATIONAL BUILDING



Ground-breaking services were held at the Rushing Memorial Methodist Church at Chidester on Wednesday afternoon, January 23. With this service construction was formally begun on a new educational building.

Shown in the picture, front row, left to right are: Rev. R. L. Diffie, pastor of the church; Mrs. W. W. Taylor, secretary of the building committee; Carl Dickinson, chair-

man of building committee and John Beaver, member of building committee. Other members of the building committee, not shown in the picture are: Carvel Gage, J. T. Walker, Jr., Leonard Bussell and Calvin Mosley.

Actual construction on the new educational building is now under way. Plans call for its completion by Easter. —Reporter.

REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1954

Mrs. M. L. Peck given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farrar	
Mr. W. T. Turner given by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hughey, Sr.	
Mr. W. F. Goodwin given by Mr. Louis Barton	
Mr. Cecil White given by Mr. Louis Barton	
Mr. Cecil White given by Mr. and Mrs. John Mac Smith, and Mrs. Dolph Smith	
Mr. W. F. Goodwin given by Mr. and Mrs. John Mac Smith, Woods & Jimmie	
Mr. W. F. Goodwin given by Mrs. Lorine Harbour	
Rev. George E. Patchell given by Round Pond Church and Sunday School	
Mr. W. F. Goodwin given by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil B. Nance	
Mrs. Leta Bonds given by Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Huffstutler	
Billy Baker given by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gillham	
Son of Mrs. J. O. Rook given by W. S. C. S. First Methodist Church, West Memphis	
Mrs. Myrtle Rylees given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkin	
Mrs. Lake Lewis given by Mrs. Elizabeth Bost	
Mrs. Nannie B. Keck by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nance	
Total Memorials	\$354.00
OTHER GIFTS	
Young Men's Class, Helena Methodist Church	\$ 10.00
Kate Campbell Bible Class, Augusta Methodist Church	10.00
Wills Bible Class, N. Little Rock	10.00
First Methodist Church	20.00
Mrs. M. L. Hampton, Wynne, Ark.	10.00
North Arkansas Conference	520.43
Mary McPherson, Hope, Ark.	2.50
Mrs. G. W. Sullivan, Rock Springs, Ark.	10.00
Rema Hutchinson, First Meth. Church, Camden	10.00
Frost Bible Class, First Meth. Church, Texarkana	10.00
Mr. James C. Trice	30.00
Maud Holt Estate	400.00
Adult M. E. Class, McRae Methodist Church	10.00
Lexa Telfore Bible Class, Fordyce Methodist Church	10.00
Young Adult Class, Washington Ave. Meth. Ch., N. Little Rock	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cunningham, Jr., Prairie Grove Meth. Ch.	10.00
Young Couples Class, First Meth. Church, Camden	20.00
Psi Chapter Beta Sigma Phi, Little Rock	10.00
Evelyn Whitcomb Class, Asbury Meth. Church, Little Rock	10.00
Open Door Class, El Dorado First Methodist Church	10.00
Advance S. S. Class, El Dorado First Meth. Church	30.00
Mrs. Dorothy Baber, Pulaski Heights Meth. Church	10.00
Fellowship Class, Henderson Methodist Church	10.00
Dr. & Mrs. H. G. Alvarez, Greenwood Methodist Church	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Sims	5.00
Opal Lee Griffin	2.00
Wesley Berean S. S. Class, El Dorado First Meth. Ch.	10.00
Service Class, El Dorado First Methodist Church	10.00
Lodges Corner Methodist Ch.	10.00
Mrs. G. M. Callin Class of Dardanelle Meth. Ch.	5.00
Hanks Wesley S. S. Class, First Methodist Church, Helena	10.00
Progressive S. S. Class, First Meth. Church of El Dorado	10.00
Mrs. J. C. Tennison, West Memphis	60.00
Little Rock Conference	225.19
Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean, Russellville First Meth. Church	10.00
Wesleyan Service Guild, Helena First Methodist Church	10.00
Builders Class, Paris Meth. Ch.	10.00
Heber Springs Sunday School of Methodist Church	45.00
Methodist Men, Dumas Meth. Ch.	20.00
Young Adult Class, Rector Meth. Church	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Doriman, Prairie Grove Meth. Ch.	10.00
Wesley Berean S. S. Class, First Meth. Church, El Dorado	25.00
The Friendly S. S. Class, Heber Springs Meth. Church	30.00
Brewster S. S. Class, Wynne Meth. Church	10.00
Men's Bible Class, Osceola Meth. Church	120.00
The Esthers Class, Siloam Springs Methodist Church	10.00
Jett B. Graves S. S. Class, First Meth. Church, Hope	10.00
Calot Methodist W. S. C. S.	10.00
Willing Workers Class, Rogers Central Meth. Church	10.00
Anonymous	10.00
Golden Rule S. S. Class, Harrisburg Meth. Church	10.00
Couples Class, First Meth. Church, El Dorado	30.00
Junior Department, First Meth., Camden	10.00
Men's Bible Class, Wash. Ave. Meth. Ch., N. Little Rock	10.00
Friendship Class, First Meth., Mena	10.00
Builders Class, First Meth. Ch., Little Rock	10.00
Circle No. 4, Asbury Meth. Ch., Little Rock	4.75
Susanna Wesley Bible Class, First Meth. Church, Texarkana	10.00
Josephine M. Allen	2.00
Winners S. S. Class, Wash. Ave. Meth. Ch., N. Little Rock	10.00
Paul E. Martin Sub District	31.40
Yancey S. S. Class, Marianna First Methodist Church	10.00
Miscellaneous collections	244.55
Memorials Collections	354.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$2,623.68
T. T. McNEAL, Director	

GALLOWAYS ENTERTAINS MINISTERS AND FAMILIES OF DISTRICT

On Friday February 12, the Ministers of the Hope District met in the First Methodist Church at Hope for their regular monthly business meeting. The meeting was convened at 10:00 A. M. by the District Superintendent and Miss Dot Kelly who is the District Worker for the District, gave a very inspirational devotional on "It's the Plus That Counts."

Reports were given by the chairmen of the various commissions and the District Superintendents outlined the District program for the coming months. One item of particular interest was that the ministers assured the Dist. Supt. that the District Quota for the Arkansas Methodist Subscriptions would be reached.

At the noon hour we went into the dining room of the Church and were the guest of Bro. Galloway for the noon meal. The Luncheon was served by one of the circles of the WSCS of the Hope Church.

After an hour of fellowship a-

round the table, we were invited to go to the District Parsonage for continued fellowship with our wives and children who were the guests of Mrs. Galloway, at the Luncheon Hour.

The Galloways were host to twenty eight Ministers, their Wives and Children and Miss Dot Kelly.

We all came back to our respective places of responsibility feeling that we are a part of the greatest fellowship on earth. —Howard L. Williams, Secretary, Hope District.

If the UN does no more than slowly wind threads of appreciation, understanding and mutual help around the globe, through agencies of health, education, agriculture, and the like, it will perform an indispensable function. This is groundwork for a united world, and let no politician disguised as a statesman make anyone believe otherwise.—Harmon M. Gehr, "The Heart of the Matter, Loyalty," Universalist Leader, 1-54.

METHODIST YOUTH

YOUTH WEEK AT CROWLEY

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church, Crowley united with youth of other denominations to observe Youth Week, January 31st to February 7th. The theme used for the week was "So Send I You."

On Sunday, January 31st, the M. Y. F. led a worship program at the night service in their local church. Dan Tohline delivered the message on "Is God a Problem or a Prayer?"

On Thursday, February 4th, a radio play entitled "Will You Listen," under the direction of Browning Finley, was broadcast over the local radio station.

On Friday, February 5th, at the First Methodist Church a Raiment-Round-Up party was held with youth of all denominations participating. Clothes were collected to be sent to World Service.

On February 7th, a Community Worship Service was held at the Presbyterian Church with Rev. Quentin Payne, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Welsh, delivering the message on Missions. A special offering was taken to be sent to the United Christian Youth Movement, projects which total 35 in 26 different countries.

Adult Workers participating were Mrs. Beth Barnett, Mrs. Ann Trimble, Mrs. Ethel Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rue, Marjorie Irving, Dan Tohline, Mrs. C. J. Freeland, Jr., Rev. Carnie Burcham, Mrs. Barton Freeland, Jr., Mrs. Max Thomas, Dan Harper and Browning Finley.

Youth working on various committees were: Sue Ann Broussard, Patty Jo Peckham, Natalie Hukil, Gail Dupre, Charlene Rue, Judy Hebert, Jesse Hoffpauir, Lova Thomas and Roland Dommert — Publicity.

Jackie May, Max Ann Duson, Mike Johnson, Bill Stanton, Pauline Dupre, Sandra Peckham and Margaret McCorkle — Raiment-Round-Up.

Bert Stanton, Patty Ann Spell, Shirley King, Claudine Morgan, Nancy Haley, Virginia Kinkade, Mary Marr Jadon and Wynn Stanton, Edison Morgan, Nancy Ann Lyons-Worship.

Betty Griffin, Tommy Kearney, Roger Rue, Bill Stanton, Bill Trimble, Charlie Freeland, Bootsie Brocato, Bill Burt, Mona Holloway, Doug Kloor, Alice Wilmoth, Barbara Boudier-Radio.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rue, Counselors and Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, Pastor.—Mrs. Lowell Rue.

A NEW METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Portland Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized on Sunday, February 14. Benton Newcome was elected president, Emma Jean Mazanti, vice-president, Jeanette Hendrix, secretary-treasurer. W. H. Norsworthy, Mrs. Jasper Herren and Mrs. Cleo Garner, representing the Couples Class are sponsors. There were nine charter members.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Kenner Sub-District M. Y. F. for their leadership in organizing this program.—Robert B. Moore, Jr.

GODDARD MEMORIAL M.Y.F. HAS VALENTINE BANQUET

The Goddard Memorial M. Y. F. in Fort Smith held its annual formal Valentine banquet on Saturday, February 13. About 55 young people attended. Miss Joyce Cooper was crowned queen by Rev. Alfred Knox. Maids were Miss Calline Prince and Miss Nell Ruth Metheny.

Taking part on the program were Pat Leming, M. Y. F. president, Bill Wilson, Nancy Arnold, Linda Westmoreland, Pat McCormack, Mrs. M. I. Barger, Nancy Kenney, Murphy Bird, Robert McDaniel, Carol Caldwell, Mary Nell Henson, Ann Wilson, Linda Cherry and Joyce Cooper.

All the planning and work for the banquet were done by the young people. Committee chairmen were: Tickets, Joyce Cooper; Program, Nancy Kenney; Decorations, Linda Cherry; Programs and Place Cards, Pat McCormack; Menu and Date, Bob Haynes and Crown, Carol Caldwell.

The banquet, which is the largest social event of the year for the M. Y. F. was a big success.—Linda Cherry.

FIRST CHURCH, JONESBORO HONORS YOUTH

Fellowship Hall of First Church, Jonesboro was beautifully decorated with the Valentine motif for the King and Queen of Hearts Banquet which was held February 14 at 6:00 p. m. for the Junior and Senior Hi Departments.

After a delicious dinner, Jane Keller played two piano solos, Laura Beth Plunkett gave a humorous reading on "Little Mary's Essay on Husbands" and Regenia Watson, Youth Director of the church, directed group singing and

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

North Caddo

On February 8 the North Caddo Sub-District held its meeting at Oil City with 30 members present. Mooringsport had charge of the program. Bertha Loes Means of Ida, Edith Elliott from Oil City and Larry Janes from Mooringsport were asked to report on the possibility of helping feed and clothe a Korean war orphan. The five Sub-District Commissions were assigned in the following ways: Oil City, Worship; Blanchard, Witness; Mooringsport, Ida, Christian Outreach; Belcher, Faith.

Recreation and refreshments were followed by the M. Y. F. benediction.—George Harbuck, Reporter.

Grace Curtis and Nellie Dyer No. II

The Grace Curtis and the Nellie Dyer No. II Sub-Districts of the Paragould District met jointly for a District-wide rally at the First Methodist Church, Walnut Ridge, on Monday evening, February 8, at 7:30 o'clock. There were 150 youth and adult counselors present, representing some 12 churches in the District.

The business meeting was in charge of the two Sub-District presidents. A worship service followed. Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, district sup-

table games. Brooks Holifield and Rosemary Winters were crowned Junior Hi Prince and Princess of Hearts and were presented boxes of candy. Don Berry was crowned King of Hearts and Sara Frese was crowned Queen of Hearts. She was given a large bouquet of red and white carnations and a box of candy. These young people were elected by secret ballot on popularity, loyalty and their work in the MYF and Church and were kept secret until the Banquet.

Junior Bruner, student at Arkansas State College, was speaker for the banquet and used as his subject "Christ Above All."—Reporter

erintendent, brought an inspiring message on "The Place Youth Has in the Spiritual Life Mission."

A recreation period was held and refreshments served.—Reporter.

Paul E. Martin

The Paul E. Martin Sub-District met on February 16 at the St. John's Methodist Church in Van Buren. Nancy Carol Secrest, president, presided. Roll call showed 82 present. Glover Memorial Church, Fort Smith, had the largest number present. A report was given by Jimmie Fitzgerald, assistant Christian Outreach chairman, regarding the visitation campaign being conducted to interest M. Y. Fers in the Sub-District.

Eugene Shoemaker, student at Hendrix College and former vice-president of the Sub-District, led the worship service. Her topic was "What Will You Do?"

Kay Farris directed the singing and Jean Brownlee accompanied on the organ. Recreation, refreshments and a Friendship Circle concluded the February meeting.

On March 16, the Sub-District will meet at the First Methodist Church in Fort Smith.—Reporter.

CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE WEEKEND

George Tanner of Fordyce, Junior ministerial student at Hendrix College, was inspirational speaker for the Christian Adventure Weekend of the Junior Hi Department of First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, February 5 and 6.

Miss Mary Sue Smith of Little Rock, also a student at Hendrix College was Recreational Director. Plans for the weekend around the theme "Give Of Your Best To The Master" were made by the Junior Hi Council and Miss Regenia Watson, youth director.

To develop in men a breadth of view, an openness of mind, a habit of forming convictions on the basis of fact, is the true task of education.—Edward M. Tuttle, *American School Board Journal*

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Week of Dedication

February 28-March 7



OBITUARY

LA FEVERS — Theodore Lawrence LaFevers, layman of the Methodist Church died at his home in Bexar on November 25, 1953, at the age of 77 years and 11 months.

Two of his sons were at his bedside when death came, Ewin LaFevers of Bexar, and Rev. Lewis F. LaFevers, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Paris.

Mr. LaFevers was one of our great laymen for the past 45 years. He was a member of the Official Board of his church and was an active member up to the time of his illness. Many times he had represented his church as a delegate to the Annual Conference.

He was born at Sage, Arkansas, on December 25, 1875. Two years later his parents moved to Bexar where he spent his life. On July 28, 1895, he was married to Miss Mellie Gilstrap, who died in 1944. To this union were born eight children, one of whom died in infancy. Surviving are four daughters, Miss Myrtle LaFevers and Miss Ruth LaFevers of the home, Mrs. Bill Taylor of Oxford, Arkansas, and Mrs. Daniel Parvin of Los Angeles, California; three sons, Rev. Lewis F. LaFevers of Paris, Ewin LaFevers of Bexar and Charles LaFevers of Salem; three sisters, Mrs. Maggie Buercklin of Lexington, Oklahoma, Mrs. Agnes Baty of Pocahontas and Mrs. Susie Estes of West Plains, Mo.; five brothers, Griffith LaFevers of Bexar, Garland LaFevers of Salem, Steve LaFevers of West Plains, Mo., James LaFevers of Flint, Michigan, and Clarence LaFevers of Memphis, Tenn.; two granddaughters, five grandsons, one great-granddaughter and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. LaFevers' place in the church will be hard to fill. His quality of dependability was hard to match. May we be inspired by his Christian virtues of purity, love, obedience and helpfulness to ever do more for God.

Funeral services were held at the Bexar Methodist Church where he had served for some 45 years. His pastor, Rev. James G. Smith, who prayed with him and for him through his illness, officiated. Burial was in Salem cemetery.—His Pastor

A RESOLUTION

The following resolution has been adopted by the Ladies' Bible Class of the Gordon Avenue Methodist Church, Monroe, La., memorializing Mrs. Agnes Scisco, whose death occurred January 16, 1954.

God in His infinite wisdom has taken our beloved member from us. Hers was a full life, lived for her God and her family. Certainly the pearly gates were opened wide to admit this wonderful person. An unselfish life lived for others will reap a rich reward.

Therefore be it resolved: That this resolution be given to her family, be made a part of the minutes of her class, printed in the Monroe newspapers and The Louisiana Methodist.

Signed this 15th day of Feb., 1954
Mrs. G. B. McGuffee, President
Mrs. Theo. Finkbeiner Sr., Sec'y

MISSIONS RESOLUTIONS PRAISE CHURCH EXTENSION, UN, AND ARMY

(Continued from page 2)
For military service in lands overseas where Christian missionaries are needed, we urge every local Methodist church to recognize at

A TRIBUTE TO W. H. FLEMING

On Wednesday afternoon, February 10, one of the great Methodist laymen of Arkansas stepped across the silvery stream from earth's habitation into the Eternal City. Bill Fleming was one of the greatest, most faithful and loyal members of the Methodist Church. For three years the writer was his pastor at Morrilton. Here he served as treasurer of the church, member of the choir, youth leader, and promoter of the rural church program. His spirit and influence was wholesome and uplifting. Some few years ago he moved to Conway where he became just as he was at Morrilton, one of the strong leaders of the church. He grew up at Oakland, a rural community near Conway, where he left an influence for good, that shall continue to live on. During the past two years he led the Faulkner County Methodist Laymen's Fellowship. In this office he directed the lay-speaking program out of First Church, Conway, and led in the Methodist Men's Fellowship program in the county. Through his efforts the life of the Methodist Church was lifted to a higher level. It was largely through his devoted and constant interest that Graham's Chapel Church, near Conway, was reorganized the past year. He visited from house to house in the community encouraging the people to re-establish the services at the little chapel by the side of the road. His life was one that was given over to the service of others. He loved his family and his church with the kind of deep devotion that inspires the heart of a minister. His was an unselfish life. On Tuesday afternoon just a few hours before he was stricken it was the writer's privilege to have the last few words of conversation with him. As was characteristic of the life of this good and splendid man those last few words were in behalf of another.

It is difficult to imagine life without the physical presence of this, my friend. There is a lonesome place against the sky. He leaves two wonderful boys to carry on the great work that he, himself, loved so dearly. He leaves a companion, who across the years was his faithful and true friend. She joined heartily with him in his interest in the church.

The Town and Country Church Program, in the North Arkansas Conference, has lost one of its staunchest supporters. It was altogether fitting at the last session of the Annual Conference at Fayetteville that he spoke to the conference, reporting the work of the Methodist men in Faulkner County. We shall miss him. We will be comforted and inspired by his life and works in our midst.—J. Albert Gatlin

Sunday service each member being called into military service; to remind him of the opportunities he will have to witness for Christ among his associates, and to reveal Christ to people in great need; and to assure him that the members of his church will follow him with regular letters and their prayers."

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Methodists Conduct Cuba Evangelism Campaign

A total of 276 persons joined The Methodist Church in Cuba and another 1,891 made "first decisions" to become members as the result of a nine-day evangelistic campaign on the island. The campaign was conducted by a team of 97 Methodist ministers and lay leaders from 22 states who preached at 432 services in 54 churches and mission schools. At the conclusion of the drive they held a "victory rally" at the Methodist church in Candler School here. Bishop John J. Branscomb of Jacksonville, Fla., whose episcopal area includes Cuba, headed the team. He announced that the group had dedicated ten new

churches and school buildings. The Cuba crusade was the fourth annual one here to be sponsored by the Methodist Board of Evangelism. It marked the opening of the denomination's 1954 program of special evangelistic missions.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR MARCH 7, 1954 WHY IS CHRIST THE LORD OF LIFE?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
John 11:1-54; Luke 10:38-42, 7:11-23. Printed Text: John 11:32-46.

MEMORY SELECTION: *I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.* (John 11:25-26)

We have now come to the ninth and last lesson of UNIT V: "CHRIST SPIRITUALLY INTERPRETED." It might be helpful for us to take just a moment to glance back on these lessons. The first had to do with commercialism. We need to be careful at this point. We are always in danger of forgetting the spiritual values of life as we over indulge in material things. The second lesson dealt with the spiritual birth. The fact that one has truly been born again will register itself in all of his deeds, attitudes and words. We next noted man-made barriers. Such barriers prevent world brotherhood and thus retard the coming of the Kingdom of God in its fullness. The next lesson dealt with the fact that alcoholics are sick people. We should never let the natural aversion we have toward such characters prevent us from lending them a helping hand. Next, we studied the fact that Christ is the bread of life. People have spiritual hungerings as well as physical. Christ alone can satisfy the hungering of the soul. The next lesson dealt with Christ as the light of the world. Christ is light in that he helps us to see God as he really is and man at his highest and best. Next, we dealt with how Christ enables people to see. "Seeing spiritually is seeing not only the visible but also the invisible, which gives meaning to the visible." The eighth lesson dealt with Christ as the true door to salvation. God the Father is the final end and aim of salvation. Christ is the door through which we pass into harmonious fellowship with the Father. Our lesson for today raises the question, "Why Is Christ the Lord of Life?"

Lesson Background

The events of this lesson took place in Bethany, a village two miles from Jerusalem on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives. This was the home of some very dear friends of Christ; Martha, Mary and Lazarus. The Lord spent considerable time here. Since his own brothers did not believe in him as the promised Messiah at this time, the chances are he felt more at home here than in any other place on earth. He spent the nights of the last week prior to his crucifixion here. It will be remembered that during that week he walked to Jerusalem each morning where he taught the people and then when the day was over he would return to Bethany. He finally ascended to the right hand of the Father from the hills of Bethany.

This matter of raising Lazarus from the dead took place about six weeks prior to the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ himself. This

was the third time Christ raised individuals from the dead. No doubt these events increased his own courage in facing death and added greatly to the faith in his ability to conquer death on his own behalf and for the salvation of mankind.

At the time Lazarus took sick Christ was in Bethabara, a community east of the Jordan River and about eighteen miles from Bethany. Knowing that Christ had healed many people prior to this time, the first thought of Mary and Martha was to send for the Lord. They did so, but he did not come immediately. When he did arrive Lazarus had been dead four days and had already been buried. The custom in those days was to bury people in caves. Lazarus was buried in this way. In getting to his body all that was necessary was to roll away the stone that covered the mouth of the cave.

The Sisters' Faith

Both of these sisters had strong faith in the Lord. They felt sure that had he been with them before Lazarus died he could have healed him. No doubt they had been talking about this for both of them said the same thing to Christ when they came into his presence. The ever busy, active Martha met him first. She said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." She was not rebuking the Lord for his tardiness in coming, but she was expressing great regret that he had not arrived in time to prevent Lazarus' death. In his attempt to console Martha, the Lord said, "Your brother will rise again."

Declaration Of Great Fact

Martha failed to understand what the Lord planned to do when he said, "Your brother will rise again." She felt that he referred to the general resurrection that would take place at the end of time. She was already aware of that fact and didn't get much consolation from it. What she wanted was present help, and that was exactly what the Lord proposed to give. In the words of our memory selection he went on to say, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." Some years ago the promises in the Bible were counted. We are told that there are 16,000 of them. The promise in our memory selection is certainly one of the greatest, if not the greatest of all. The Lord does not say "I will be the resurrection," he said "I am the resurrection." He puts the matter in the present tense. He has already said that he was the life. He had also said that God was the God of the living and not the dead. Over and over again he insisted

that through faith and obedience people could have union with him and through him union with the Father. If the Father is the God of the living, and if Christ himself is the spiritual life of all those who trust him, there can be no such thing as spiritual death for them. They are in union with life, not death. "The wages of sin is death." Those who refuse to forsake sin and accept Christ are the ones who are dead, and that is true whether it be on this side of the grave or the other. It is sin that separates people from God, and separation from God is spiritual death; just as the separation of the soul from the body is physical death. The Bible speaks of two deaths; one is physical and the other is spiritual. All have to undergo the physical; "It is appointed unto man once to die." Christ, through his sacrificial death for sin, has taken the sting out of death and victory out of the grave for all who trust him. The real sting of physical death is not so much the dread one has of the suffering he must undergo; for many who are still alive physically have suffered far more than many who are dead. The real sting is caused by the fear of what might be on the other side of physical death. This fear is in the hearts of all who die in sins. This fear is removed by the forsaking of sins and fully trusting Christ as Saviour. We are told in God's Word that "Perfect love casteth out all fear"; this includes the cringing, unreasoning taken the sting out of death.

Not only is Christ life, he is also the Master of death; both physical and spiritual. He proved his power over spiritual death by forgiving people's sins even while here in the flesh. Three times over he proved that he is the Master of physical death by calling the dead back to life. The greatest exhibition of this power was revealed here in the case of Lazarus; for he had been dead four days when his resurrection took place. Let it be noted, however, that all the people whom Christ called back from death while here in the flesh, died physically again. They did not experience the same type of resurrection that he experienced. Their resurrections were physical resurrections while his was a spiritual transformation. He arose in his glorified body. In their resurrections they partook again all the weaknesses to which flesh and blood are subject. Some time out there in the future, along with all other true believers in the Lord, they will experience the same type of resurrection that he did. Paul was right when he said that "Christ is the first fruits of them that slept." He is still the "first fruits" for no other person has as yet risen in a glorified body as he did. That is to take place in the future. There is a vital, but wholly spiritual sense in which all true Christians have already risen with Christ. The same writer (Paul) who taught that there is to be a general resurrection of the bodies of all people, whether good or bad, had this to say to a group who had not as yet died physically, "If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above." This spiritual birth resurrection takes place in the lives of all who have experienced the spiritual birth. Those who have truly been born again are already risen with Christ. They are in the body of Christ. Christ is life, and they are in union with

him. So long as that union is unbroken by willful, premeditated sins, there can be no spiritual death for those individuals; no separation from God. What we call physical death is merely the individual moving out of the house; the body in which he has lived for a number of years. It is not death in the real sense; it is rather the opposite. It brings the individual into a more vital contact, than ever before, with Christ who is the life. The true Christian, therefore, who has experienced this transition which we call physical death is really more alive than ever before. This is not merely sentimental talk, or an effort to console those who have lost loved ones. It is a fact stated over and over again by our highest authorities. Christ insisted that he is the life, and in this connection went on to say, "Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

So far as we know, the lower animals are creatures of one world. If that be true, they can die. When the breath of life is separated from their bodies; they are dead; they have ceased to exist. But man is potentially a citizen of two worlds. This is proven by the fact that he is dual in his nature; he has both a good and a bad side to his personality. Paul goes on to tell us that true Christians are a colony of heaven. We are familiar with that term. Our nation was formerly colonized by various European nations. So, as Christians we are citizens of heaven as well as the earth. A person who is a citizen of two worlds has not died just because he has moved from one to the other.

Working With Christ

One of the chief lessons which comes to us from the resurrection of Lazarus is the part that others had to do with it. The Lord never does for human beings what they can do for themselves. There are two old sayings that have come into existence through the observation of this fact: first, "God helps those who help themselves"; and second, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." The implication of the last saying here is, that when man has done all he can to bring about his own righteous desires then God steps in and enables him to accomplish that which is humanly impossible. That is a good thought if we will always keep in mind that God was helping from the beginning of the activity. In his Word we read, "In him we live and move and have our being." Man cannot even begin an activity without the help of God, but it is a fact that when man, by God's help, has done the best he can, then God adds more strength and that which is humanly impossible is accomplished. These men could not raise Lazarus from the dead, but they could take away the stone that lay on the mouth of the grave, and Christ required that they do it.

Greatest Miracle

The greatest miracle that Christ performed, while here in the flesh, was not the raising of the physically dead, or the controlling of the laws of nature such as walking on the water and calming the storm; it was rather the transformation of character; the raising to spiritual life those who were spiritually dead. He is still performing this miracle. He needs our help. There are certain stones that must be rolled away, and he is counting on us to do our part.