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## Where Will It End?

THE world was shocked beyond words when the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima said to equal in explosive force 2,000 tons of TNT. This bomb utterly destroyed the city.

On March the first of this year we exploded an H-bomb in the Pacific which Representative James E. Van Zandt, a member of the House-Senate Committee on Atomic Energy, estimates had the destructive power of 12,000,000 to 14,000,000 tons of TNT, six thousand five hundred times more powerful than our first A-bomb.

A United Press report out of Washington, last Sunday, reported that "The biggest bang of all in the current hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific will be set off . . . about April 22." Also in last Sunday's daily press, Elton C. Fay, of the Associated Press, had a story about the C-Bomb. Such a bomb, used in connection with high explosive bombs may make a big area of a nation uninhabitable for a period of weeks, months or years according as desired. Where will this international race, in creating Frankenstein bombs, end?

## Gospel Still The Ultimate Solution

ANYONE who is trying to keep up with the current world developments cannot help but be profoundly impressed with the parade of information about instruments and weapons of warfare. It seems that scientists, being constantly prodded by leaders of state and militarists, have just about developed the ultimate in death dealing, but we wonder if the real ultimate solution to the troubles that plague the world is being given anything like the chance it should have to bring the world to its senses. Even the ardent militarists of the free world make no claims that an ample reserve of H-Bombs will bring understanding, mutual confidence, and an eagerness to get along with everybody among all the nations of the world. Most of us would agree that our nation must either keep abreast or lead the nations of the world in scientific developments and research, even in the field of armaments, simply for the deterring influence it might have on other nations which have imperialistic tendencies. We must remember all the while, however, that the ultimate solution to the problems of the world is not armaments, as powerful as they may be. The gospel of Jesus Christ alone is the Hope of the world.

This means of course that the Christian people and the Christian churches have a tremendous responsibility in this hour of the world. The creative forces of confidence, faith, understanding and love must be released more and more in the world and among the peoples of the world by Christian people and Christian churches. The Christian missionary in a distant place of the world has a mission to fulfill at this point, but our own responsibility at home is none the less for in each of our own circle of acquaintances, at home, at business, at play, the Christian person can put into practice in all of life's relationships the gospel which is the Ultimate Answer.

If the gospel is the answer, it then follows that the most wisely spent time and money of the Christian is that which is directed toward the support of the church through which the gospel is being proclaimed. Any agency or activity of the church which is doing anything

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## Why Attend Sunday School? How Better Spend The Hour?

THERE are some, if they give the matter serious consideration at all, who surely ask themselves the question, "Why attend Sunday School?" There is another very significant question the individual who does not attend Sunday School should ask himself, along with the question "Why attend Sunday School?" That question is, "How can one possibly spend the Sunday School hour in a better way, for his own good, than to attend Sunday School?" If one sincerely faces that question, it could be quite revealing.

If we work eight hours per day for six days of the week and sleep eight hours per day for the seven days, we still have sixty-four hours each week, or an average of nine hours plus each day of the week for other matters. We do ourselves an



injustice if we deliberately use these sixty-four hours each week without including one hour for Sunday School.

When we give it thought we must be convinced that the total benefits which accrue from regular attendance in Sunday School have tremendous value in our personal lives. That being true, every individual in planning life should honestly ask himself the question, "Is it possible to use those sixty-four hours, available each week for something other than working and sleeping, in a way so valuable to myself that I cannot afford to spend one hour in Sunday School for all the benefits the Sunday School offers?"

Unless we have special work of some kind, Sunday is normally a "rest day." It is the one day of the week that is usually our own to use as we choose. There are many courses open to us. We can sleep it out until we have little time for anything else. We may "work around the house" at odd jobs. We may visit out-of-town friends or relatives. We may spend the day in some form of sport or recreational activities. There are countless ways in which the leisure hours of Sunday may be spent. It is our personal responsibility to decide what use we are to make of the time.

We have one of the most revealing facts about the life and character of an individual if we know how he regularly spends his Sundays. Our use of Sunday pointedly reveals to ourselves and others the value we place on our spiritual lives. Our use of Sunday is often the pivot on which life turns to make us or break us spiritually.

## Let's Be Smart

A FEW days ago some two hundred Methodist ministers and laymen from all over Arkansas met in Little Rock to hear reports from Hendrix College leaders of the progress to date in the current \$600,000 endowment campaign. Friends of Hendrix will remember that the General Education Board of New York has offered to match dollar for dollar, in fifty thousand dollar units, what could be raised for Hendrix College up to \$300,000, making a total of some \$600,000 in new money for endowment purposes. It was reported at the Little Rock meeting that Methodists and friends in the state have thus far paid in cash about \$206,000 of the \$300,000 and that the balance of this total must be in the hands of Hendrix authorities before December 31, 1954, to qualify for the full \$300,000 from the New York Foundation.

Let's be smart and not miss this unusual opportunity to further undergird financially Methodism's only college in Arkansas. For every dollar which is paid in there will be another to match it. For every dollar that is not paid in there will be two dollars lost to the cause. The only smart thing to do is to finish the job which the church has undertaken to do.

It was brought out by Joe T. Thompson, Little Rock layman, Hendrix Board member and general chairman of the campaign, that if all pledges already made were paid, there would be a total of \$280,000; this means of course that there must of necessity be several thousand dollars of new money, still unpledged, given during the course of the remaining nine months. Hendrix leaders are urging that \$50,000 of the remaining \$95,000 be paid in before annual conferences meet, and those present in the meeting pledged their efforts to bring the campaign to a successful conclusion. Bishop Martin made a splendid presentation of the opportunity which Arkansas Methodism has to strengthen further the financial position of the school. Again we say, let's be smart and not pass up such an opportunity as this. We might never have such a chance again and even if we did we would lose money this time by not taking advantage of this unusual opportunity.

## Who Should Be Surprised?

WITH an ever increasing regularity our newspapers, our magazines and our daily experiences bring us face to face with the problem of juvenile delinquency. Today juvenile delinquency covers a wide range of activities from petty, aggravating misdemeanors to the most revolting, shocking crimes. Another alarming thing about juvenile delinquency is the fact that the average age of the juvenile delinquent is younger with the passing years.

The question we raise in the caption of this article is, "Who should be surprised?" To that question we might add another of a similar nature, "Why be surprised?" Our answer to the first question is that no informed person should be surprised. Our answer to the second is that there is no real reason for surprise.

Why answer questions like these after that fashion? For the simple reason that every young person today, twenty years old or younger has had thrust upon him a multiplicity of opportunities to be a graduate in the school of crime. By that statement we, of course, do not mean that all of these "graduates" have had actual experience as criminals any more than all graduates

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## The Measure Of A Christian

### I Give Myself A Spiritual Examination

- A Christian Puts God First**  
Do I humbly admit that I need God? . . . Do I constantly compare God's will with mine? . . . Am I ready for Christ to control every phase of my life? . . .
- A Christian Reads His Bible Daily**  
Do I let the Bible rather than the radio, TV, or the newspaper set the tone of my thinking? . . . Do I use my Bible and literature to prepare for Sunday School each week? . . .
- A Christian Prays Every Morning And Night**  
and during the day as occasion rises. Do I keep in touch with the Master? . . . Do I thank Him for guidance and help and commit myself to His way daily? . . . Do I pray for others? . . .
- A Christian Worships In Church Every Sunday**  
Am I willing to sacrifice comfort, pleasure and work in order to attend all the services of my church? . . . Do I give the church a large place in my life? . . .
- A Christian Takes God Into His Home**  
Do we take time to be holy thru table blessings and family prayer? . . . Is God's presence felt in all our relationships? . . .
- A Christian Serves Others**  
Do I feel that my job is a calling from God? . . . Does my home-work or occupation reflect the spirit of Christian service? . . . Am I active in church and community service projects? . . .
- A Christian Is God's Steward**  
Do I look upon my talents, my time and my possessions as belonging to God? . . . Do I give at least a tenth of my income for the work of God's Kingdom? . . .
- A Christian Thinks Nobly**  
Have I learned to discipline my thoughts? . . . Do I confess my sins or attempt to hide them? . . . Do I carry any resentment or fear? . . . Is my recreation wholesome? . . .
- A Christian Shares His Christ and His Faith**  
Am I ashamed of Jesus? . . . Do I let others know where I stand on moral issues? . . . Have I enlisted others for my church and my Lord? . . .
- A Christian Lives By Faith And Love**  
Am I cheerful even in the face of illness, trouble or ridicule? . . . Do I trust in God rather than in my own will-power? . . . Do I love my enemies? . . . Do I love those of other races, classes and religions? . . . Am I growing more like the Master? . . .

### MY DAILY YARDSTICK

Though I won't reach perfection in this life, measuring myself daily during my devotions will help me to establish Christian habits of thought and action.

An "X" marks my weak spots—where I must lean on God for help:

- Do I put God first? .....
- Have I read my Bible today? .....
- Have I talked with God? .....
- Am I planning for church? .....
- Is God in my home life? .....
- Have I helped somebody today? .....
- Have I put God's time, talents and possessions to His use? .....
- Have I "the Mind of Christ?" .....
- Have I shared Christ today? .....
- Am I growing in love and faith? .....

## ANNUAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING ANNOUNCED

Annual meeting of the Methodist Church's Board of Education, which has its headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., will be held April 20-23 in Detroit.

The 90-member board has general oversight of the church's educational interests, including organizational and program planning for 40,000 local churches, production of church-school literature, and service to 116 Methodist universities, colleges, seminaries and secondary schools.

Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, is president of the board. Other officers are: Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., vice president and chairman of the Division of Educational Institutions; Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Ark., vice president and chairman of the Division of the Local Church; Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh, vice president and chairman of the

Editorial Division: Dennis V. Snapp, Paris, Ky., recording secretary, and Dr. Chester W. Loughlin, Nashville, Tenn., treasurer.

The churchwide educational program is directed by the board's three executive secretaries—Dr. John Q. Schisler, Dr. John O. Gross and Dr. Henry M. Bullock.

The board's elected membership numbers 16 bishops, 37 ministers, 26 laymen, six women and five youth.

The group will meet at Central Methodist Church. Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit, will be the official host and preside at the opening plenary session.

Arkansas members of the board are: Bishop Paul E. Martin and Dr. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock; Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Conway.

Louisiana members are: Dr. J. J. Mickle, Shreveport and the Rev. W. Talbot Handy, New Orleans.

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# NATIONAL COUNCIL HEARS REPORTS OF PROGRESS

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 19—In a major address before leaders of Protestant and Orthodox communions, Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, reported "encouraging progress" and fulfillment of the vision that led to forming the Council three years ago as the nation's greatest instrument of church cooperation. Reporting to the Council's policy-making General Board for the first time since assuming top administrative duties last Feb. 1, Dr. Ross cited important gains made by the Council since 1950, including: (1) Creation of a highly complex organization that functions smoothly in "representing interdenominational phases of our church life"; (2) Building new cooperative church programs; (3) Advances in established work of the Council; (4) "A great gain in public respects for the new solidarity among churches"; and (5) "A new and broader fellowship among leaders of many denominations."

Dr. Ross declared that, in the brief life of the 30-denomination body, "the total workings of the Council have become far reaching and of staggering in scope and significance. But," he cautioned, "we are still far from fulfillment."

He said that the largely organizing work of the Council's life is over, and, "the time has come when the Council must get at its principal business." The church executive recommended to the governing body such long term projects for the future as: (1) Research to gain a picture of the total operations of churches in U. S. life; (2) Planning of new programs; (3) Closer working relations with state and church councils; (4) Wider interpretation of the work of churches; (5) Clarifying the "catholic role" of the Council in the area of life where "religion stands in judgment"; and (6) Calling on more laymen to participate in the work of the Council.

On the last point, Dr. Ross stressed the need for laymen from all areas of life. We need their insight and their special skills. We need a better representation of the layman's viewpoint."

Calling for greater participation of lay people in work of the Council, Dr. Ross warned: "The average churchgoer those now participating . . . is strikingly high."

He said basic ideas and principles that have been borne out in its three years, he said. It is just as true today as it was in 1950, that the ecumenical movement is an expression of the will of God in the churches at this point in history," he declared. Through this movement, "God is creating a world community as technology unites the world together in one political community, the United Nations in one political community, the universities in one community of learning."

## TWO MISSIONS WORKSHOPS

Workshops for chairmen of the Commission on Missions in the local area will be held in both the Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions this summer.

Central Jurisdiction: Place des Equoyah. Time—Friday noon, to noon, July 11. Reservations will be made with Dr. Paul D. Dorf, 805 Colcord Building, Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma. Reservations will be held for adequate representation at the conference beginning June 1, 1954. After that date, reservations will be accepted in the amount they are received.

South Jurisdiction there will be sessions on "World Service", missionary recruitment, and the philosophy of missions. In addition, there

## METHODIST SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BOARD TO MEET

Chicago—(MI)—The Methodist Church's new Board of Social and Economic Relations when it meets here May 6-7 in the Allerton Hotel will hear the first annual report of its new executive secretary, the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, and will hear a number of distinguished speakers.

Among the laymen who will address the two-day meeting of the 46-member board are: Ralph McGill, distinguished columnist and editor of the *Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution*; Charles C. Parlin, New York attorney, who was chairman of the 1952 General Conference's Committee on State of the Church and was counsel for Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam in his voluntary appearance last year before the House Committee on Un-American Activities; and the Hon. J. Ernest Wilkins, of Washington, D. C., secretary of the church's Judicial Council and recently named assistant secretary of Labor for the U. S. government.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh, chairman of the board, will preside at the meeting and will report on his recent official visitation of Malaya, Burma, Indonesia, Philippines, Korea, Japan, and Europe.

Other bishop members of the board who will appear on the program include Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., who also supervises the Geneva Area and will have recently returned from Korea; and Bishop Willis J. King of Monrovia, Liberia, who also supervises part of the New Orleans Area.

The meeting will also include a reception in the board's new national headquarters at 740 Rush Street, Chicago.

Members of this Board from the South Central Jurisdiction include Alton B. Raney, Little Rock, Bishop A. Frank Smith, Houston, and Dr. Leland Clegg, Oklahoma City.

Nothing has happened to tomorrow.—Jnl of Living.

## RURAL LIFE SUNDAY, MAY 31

Rural Life Sunday, a day set apart in Protestant churches for emphasizing the meaning of Christianity for rural life, will be observed on May 23, the fifth Sunday after Easter. This date has its origin in the Rogation Sunday of earlier Christian times.

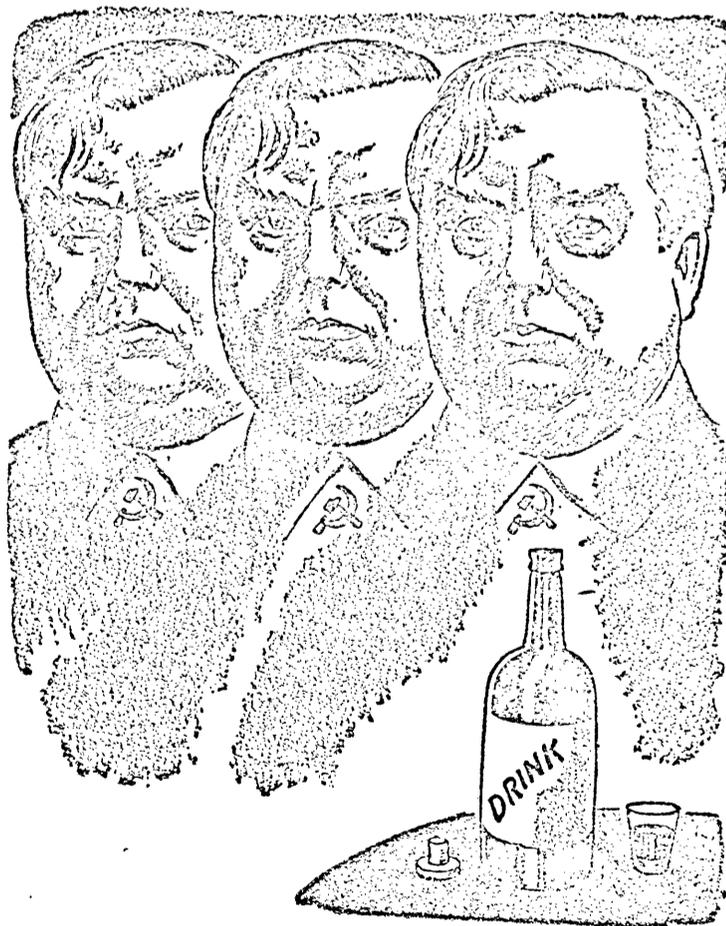
This year marks the twenty-sixth interdenominational observance of this special date by member churches of the National Council of Churches of Christ. Marked by both rural and urban churches, it provides an opportunity for restoring to congregations a "needed remembrance of the earth's rich gifts of food, warmth, shelter" and a "deepening faith in the continuing grace of God, so unmistakably apparent at the planting and harvest seasons."

Dr. Glenn F. Sanford, secretary of the Department of Town and Country Work, Division of National Missions, the Methodist Church, says that actual observance of Rural Life Sunday may be set for another day in the spring season if a local church finds it impossible to have its service on May 23. According to the National Council, Rural Life Sunday is set aside for the invocation of God's blessing on the seed, the fruits of the soil, and the cultivators of the earth; for the consideration of justice for agriculture, and the spiritual values of rural life.

A special service for Rural Life Sunday prepared by Dr. Wilbur I. Bull of Waterford, Me., a Congregational minister, is available from the Department of Town and Country Work, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., at five cents a copy, \$2.60 per hundred. The service includes hymns, prayers, and responsive reading.

If we spend our lives building walls rather than bridges, then we have no right to complain if we are lonely.—Life Today.

## HOW TO MULTIPLY A PROBLEM



Prayer should not be a demand for the gratification of our desires; but a resting back, listening in the silence of our hearts for that still, small voice.—C W M GELL, "Western Civilization," Fort-nightly, London, 2-'54.

There will be discussion groups on missionary literature, the church-wide school of missions, the "Advance" and visual aids. Will all missionary leaders please help in securing a representative group in these workshops? A limited number of reservations will be held for the workshops for request from other jurisdictions.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**T**HE ARKANSAS STATE Methodist Student Movement will convene in Jonesboro on April 23, 24 and 25.

**R**EV. J. EDWIN KEITH, Stewardship Secretary of the Little Rock Conference, spoke at both services of the Snackover Methodist Church on Sunday, March 21.

**D**R. MATT ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, Conway, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of Central Church, Fayetteville, on Tuesday evening, March 30.

**M**R.S. FITZHUGH, wife of the late Rev. Ben F. Fitzhugh, suffered a broken leg in a fall on Monday morning, March 22, the day of Brother Fitzhugh's death. She is in Room 334 of the Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

**D**R. HERMAN TURNER, pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Ga., was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Methodist Men's Club on Thursday evening, March 21.

**V**IRGIL T. BLOSSOM, Superintendent of Schools in Little Rock, spoke at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Wednesday evening, March 31.

**R**EV. J. A. WADE, pastor at Glenwood, writes: "Mrs. Wade is in St. Joseph's Hospital in Hot Springs for surgery. We ask our friends to remember her in prayer. The doctor thinks that she may not be there any longer than Saturday, April 3, if the operation is successful."

**R**EV. DAVID M. HANKINS, JR., pastor of Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, will bring the message at the union Good Friday service in Magnolia which will be held at the Assembly of God Church. Other ministers of the churches of the city will cooperate in the service.

**T**HE REV. HYUNGRI LEW, of Seoul, Korea, has been re-elected bishop of the Methodist Church of Korea for a term of four years by the General Conference, now in session, in Seoul. Unlike the Methodist Church in the U. S. A., which chooses bishops for life, the Korean church names one for a four-year term, and re-election is possible. This will be Bishop Lew's second term in office.

**R**EV. O. R. FINDLEY, pastor at Pea Ridge was on KFSA television from Fort Smith, March 2. He has been asked by the management of the station to be on each week on the Children's Hour. The time is each Tuesday 5 P. M. to 5:15 P. M. He will give crayon work on KYTV-TV at Springfield, Missouri. He will be on the "Children's Hour" there.

**J**. T. JAMES was elected president of the Men's Bible Class of the Methodist Church of Cotton Plant at a recent meeting. Other officers are George Fultz, vice-president; Albert Chilson, Jr., secretary and treasurer; J. Raymond Sage, teacher, and Taz Trice, assistant teacher. J. A. Monroe is superintendent of the Sunday School, Billy Frank Powell is assistant superintendent and Rev. Ray L. McLester is pastor.

**O**PEN HOUSE was held on Sunday afternoon, March 14, at the Scott Memorial Methodist Church, Eudora, when the newly decorated sanctuary and the recently completed church annex was opened to the public. The pastor, Rev. C. Everette Patton and Mrs. Patton, received the guests, assisted by members of the Board of Stewards. A tea was held in the dining hall with Mrs. H. J. Gillespie, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. Clyde Johnson alternating in serving.

**R**EV. JAMES S. UPTON of Hendrix College led a Fellowship Team from Hendrix in a special program at the Marked Tree Methodist Church last week-end. John Guthrie, one of the student ministers of the team, preached at the

8:55 a. m. service and Brother Upton preached at the 10:55 service. The youth program began on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock and a potluck supper was provided by the young people of the church. The program ended on Sunday afternoon with a snack lunch. Rev. Alvin Murray is pastor at Marked Tree.

**I**N the past 150 years, the various Bible publishing societies around the world have distributed over 1,200,000,000 Scriptures in about 900 languages and dialects, the American Bible Society estimates. In the 350 years which elapsed between the first printing of the Bible and the founding of the first Bible society, some portion of the Bible had been translated into 73 languages or dialects. Since 1804, a total of 991 new languages or dialects were added, at a rate of seven new languages or dialects each year, until the total is now 1,064.

**G**ROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES for the new Keith Memorial Methodist Church, Malvern, were held on Monday evening, March 22, with Rev. J. M. Hamilton, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, turning the first spadeful of dirt and delivering the principal talk. The new structure will cost approximately \$30,000 and will have a seating capacity of 300 persons in the main sanctuary. Herbert N. Banks is chairman of the Building Committee. Rev. W. S. Cazort is pastor.

**R**EV. FRED SCHWENDIMANN, pastor of the Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado, and speaker on the Vantrease Methodist Methodist Hour each Sunday morning at 8:00 a. m. over an El Dorado radio station, is bringing a series of Lenten and pre-Easter radio messages. The messages are based on the theme, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" and subjects are: March 21, "Judas Was There"; March 28, "The Thief Was There"; April 4, "The Centurion Was There" and April 11, "Mary His Mother Was There."

**A** TRAINING SCHOOL for the North Little Rock Area was held at the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, March 21-25, with five courses offered: Courses and instructors were: "Teaching Children," Mrs. J. T. Carlyon, Dallas, Texas; "Personal Christian Living," Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, Conway; "Helping Adults Learn," Miss Fern Cassell, Oklahoma City; "Home and Church Working Together," Rev. E. V. Underhill, Covington, Tenn.; "Facing the Alcohol Problem," Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Little Rock.

**A** YOUNG German pastor, who was imprisoned for some years in Buchenwald and in Dachau because of his family's opposition to Hitler, is now in the United States as a "fraternal missionary" under sponsorship of the Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and will be installed as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Perth Amboy, N. J. He is the Rev. Franz von Hammerstein, a former assistant to Bishop Otto Dibelius, of Berlin, and graduate of the University of Goettingen, Bethel Theological School. The first such fraternal missionary was the Rev. M. Jacques Beaumont, of France, now working among students at the University of Wisconsin.

**A** PLEDGE of \$300 for a scholarship to help a rural student at the new International Christian University in Japan, was paid in full by the Lake Fork Church Men's Fellowship, Atwood, Ill. In a letter to Nobuaki Abe, student of the ICU College of Liberal Arts and at the Rural Welfare Research Institute, who was awarded the scholarship, the Lake Fork Church explained: "After the corn is picked by machine there are some ears of corn left which have fallen to the ground. Some farmers generously consented to let us pick up this corn and sell it. Eighteen men with three tractors and wagons picked up 87 bushels which we sold for \$113."

**T**UNGHAI UNIVERSITY, Taichung, Formosa, will open in the fall of 1954 with an enroll-

ment of 200 first-year students, it is recently reported by Christian leaders directing the project. The university is jointly sponsored by Presbyterian Church in Formosa, and United Board for Christian Colleges in China, and will be the first Christian University in Formosa. Dr. Thomas Wesley Graham, a member of Presbytery of Connecticut Valley and former theological dean of Oberlin College, has been in Formosa organizing the institution. He expresses the hope that Tunghai will carry on the work which Christian universities in China have had to drop.

### GOSPEL STILL THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION

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to bring about a deeper understanding and appreciation of life and the individual is making a contribution toward the peace of the world. There are forces at work in the world, even on the other side of the Iron and Bamboo Curtains, that are for the ultimate good of all humanity. There is a tie that binds all Christians, and one of the strands of that cord is the knowledge that the ultimate triumph will be that of righteousness, love, and goodwill, the cornerstones of Christianity.

### WHO SHOULD BE SURPRISED?

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of a business college have had actual experience in the business world. What we do mean is that young people of today have been reared in a period when the repeated, detailed portrayal of crime has been so constantly before them that the youth of today have a general knowledge of crime, a "know how" of the technique of crime that many hardened criminals fifty years ago did not have.

Throughout the entire life of the present generation of young people the picture of crime has been so matter-of-fact, so commonplace and so continuous that many of our young people seem willing to accept it as a normal way of life. News stand trash, numerous movies, countless radio programs and now television have made the methods and secrets of practically every form of crime common knowledge to all who care to know. Detailed plans by the smartest criminals of the days for the cleverest crimes imaginable are a daily diet. These crimes are pictured as confounding the cleverest detectives and unfathomable but for the "one mistake" the criminal made. Too many of our young people think they are now smart enough to avoid even the "one mistake."

We may be disappointed and grieved when our young people develop tendencies toward crime. However, until they have opportunity to grow up in an atmosphere less poisoned by the attractive portrayal of crime, we should not be too much surprised.

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## TAKING STOCK OF OURSELVES

We do not appreciate many of our possessions until we lose them or are threatened with their loss.

We take good health for granted until it is taken away. Then we see its value. We often accept the affections of loved ones as a matter of course until we are deprived of their devotion when they pass from us. We fail to prize liberty until our freedom is threatened or lost.



So it is with life itself. When our lives are endangered, we take stock of ourselves.

We have been told that our recent wars have been fought to preserve our American way of life. If that be true; then every thoughtful American should ask, Is our way of living worth the cost we have paid in blood and tears? What is worth dying for? What is worth living for?

Jesus did not talk much about death. He preached no gloomy gospel. He did ask His disciples to face up to the question of just what life is worth.

He put to His followers these two searching questions: "What is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

In this Lenten season let us take stock of ourselves by asking first, what value do we put on our souls?

I very well remember a sermon I heard in my boyhood on this text. It ran something like this: How much of your life would you give for a million dollars?

In those days a million dollars was taken as about the highest monetary symbol that ordinary folk could comprehend. Of course, in these days of scores of billions in governmental budgets, a million dollars is hardly pocket change. But to a minister it is still a tidy little sum!

The old preacher began by asking, "Would you give up a hand for a million dollars?" Yes, I thought I could get along pretty well with one hand and a million dollars.

Then he asked, "Would you give up a leg also?" That made me think a little more carefully.

Then he stepped up the exchange still further. He asked, "Would you give up your eyesight for a million dollars?" I hesitated at that.

Then came this question: "If you were in a lifeboat with a million dollars in gold and the gold was causing the boat to sink, would you throw the gold overboard to save your life?" And I thought to myself, of course I would.

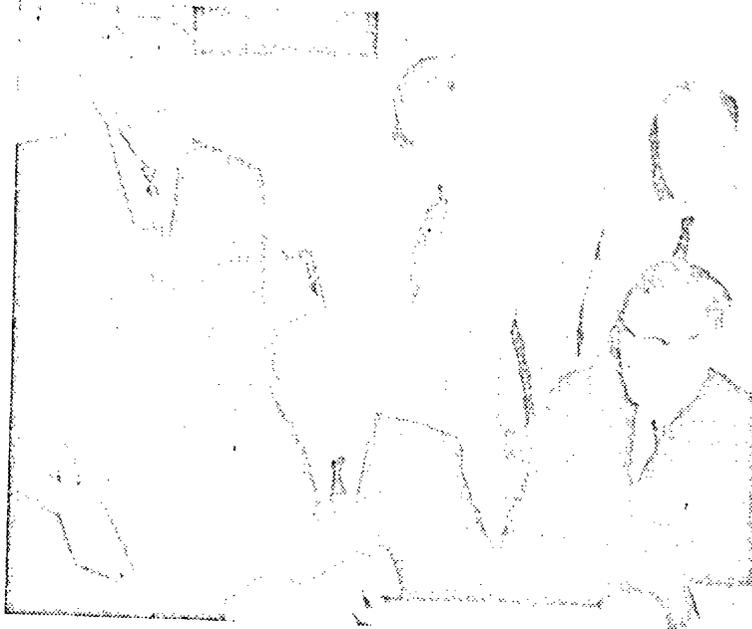
Then the preacher pressed his query home. He told us that our physical lives are a small consideration compared to our immortal souls. Think, he said, about eternity. Then he used a graphic figure to describe the extent of eternity.

He said, if a bird were to come from another planet to our earth just once in a million years, and were to carry away just one grain of sand at a time, when that bird had carried away the entire earth, eternity would just be begun.

That figure of speech has haunted my mind ever since. When a man thinks of his soul's welfare throughout all eternity he says, "Why I would not be profited if I were to gain the whole world and lose that."

There are some things you do not have to give up in exchange for your souls. You can use them to enrich the soul. And then "you can

## NEW ORLEANS BEING CONSIDERED AS SC JURISDICTION CONFERENCE SITE



(Methodist Information Photo)

Meeting in New Orleans Tuesday, March 23 to consider that city's bid as a site for the 1956 South Central Jurisdictional Conference was the Jurisdiction's Committee on Arrangements. Among those present for the meeting were the following members of the Committee: first row, 1 to r, Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, Oklahoma City, SC Jurisdictional Executive Secretary; Dr. Ira A. Williams, Ardmore, Oklahoma, pastor of the First Methodist Church of that city; second row, 1 to r, Dr. E. L. Jorns, Tulsa, Oklahoma, executive secretary of the East Oklahoma Board of Education; Dr. Monroe Vivion, Beaumont, Texas, District Superintendent; and Dr. Connor Morehead, Camden, Arkansas, District Superintendent.

Others attending the meeting included the following New Orleans ministers: Rev. Virgil D. Morris, New Orleans District Superintendent; Dr. A. M. Serex, Rayne Memorial Methodist Church; Dr. N. H. Melbert, First Methodist Church; Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., Munholland Methodist Church; Rev. Henry Richey, Carrolton Methodist Church; and Rev. P. M. Caraway, Canal Street Methodist Church. Mrs. Arlene Hawkins, New Orleans District director of publicity, and Miss Georgia Daily, Arkansas-Louisiana Area Director of Methodist Information, were also in attendance.

Methodists in New Orleans have extended an invitation for the quadrennial conference to meet there and the committee met with the New Orleans Methodist leaders to discuss hotel accommodations, auditorium facilities, and other matters considered in the selection of a conference site.

The committee will make an announcement at a later date about the definite selection of the 1956 meeting-place.

take it with you."

The Master bade us "lay up treasures in heaven where thieves do not break through and steal." He was talking about life here. This can be done now.

## On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

### SOME PROBLEMS OF HYMN TRANSLATION

Something of the difficulties which both missionaries and African Christians face in trying to produce good Christian hymns in African languages — despite the people's love of music and our "pointing with pride" to Negro spirituals in America — is noted by the Rev. Arthur Sandilands, missionary in Bechuanaland. And the same problems, in more or less degree, exist in every other mission field of Africa and Asia.

In the *Bulletin* of the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland, Mr. Sandilands says that somewhat prior to 1870 the first hymnal for Christians speaking Tswana (the language of the Bechuans, one of the peoples of the Bantu race) was produced by the pioneer Robert Moffatt (Livingstone's father-in-law) and was mainly four-line verses "without any attempt at scansion or correct accentuation," and was translations from the English hymns of that day. The tunes were culled from the "Bristol Tune Book." Now Morrison didn't know the

language very well, and he knew hymnody even less. But it did start the Bechuana people singing.

Then the Moody and Sankey revivals spread over Great Britain, and with them came a whole new hymnary for the free churches. Three men who loved hymn-singing and who had better advantages in the understanding of Tswana than did Moffatt (Robert Price, John Maskenzie, John Good), translated some hundreds of these new hymns into the African tongue and took over with them the music of Sankey's "Sacred Songs and Solos." That was sixty years ago: and these are the hymns and the tunes still sung by Bechuana and other Bantu Christians.

Why are native African tunes, especially the folk songs, not used? Why no indigenous counterpart to the Negro spiritual?

Mr. Sandilands makes the observation that the early missionaries found African songs and tunes and dances and rhythms associated with customs that could not well be "converted" to Christian use; and even today the native people associate their own music with other than Christian and ethical ideas. And he notes: "Whether in Africa or England, the oft overlooked fact is that you cannot use folk song for the purposes of worship until it has entirely lost its original associations, and come right away from its background." Old English folk-tunes have been used for hymns only about 50 years — and that because the mode of life has changed, and hoeing and ploughing, and drinking, and battle conditions have changed, and

the old associations of the tunes are gone.

In Africa, life is changing too. The work of women, the activities of men, the customs of the people are changing, and the old folk songs are being forgotten, or at least the old associations are lost upon the new generations. It seems possible that some of these may be wedded to new Christian poetry: but much of it is already lost. "There is little to indicate that most Africans regard this as a tragedy," says Mr. Sandilands, for it was fragmentary and undeveloped. As for the Negro spiritual, he calls it a "blend of the west African musical modes and the western music of the slave owners of America's deep south two centuries ago" — the western music being mostly Scottish hymn tunes and folk songs. It is not basically African.

A major problem in the wedding of Tswana words to western hymn-tunes (old or new), Mr. Sandilands points out, is that all Tswana words end in vowels, and the accent comes on the next to the last vowel, necessitating an unaccented added musical note. Apply this pronunciation to these words common in praise and the difficulty will be seen: *Morena* (Lord), *lef hoko* (word), *dijo* (food), *kagiso* (peace), *tapologo* (rest), *tiro* (work), *dirile* (done), *Ene* (Him), *Modimo* (God), *pina* or *sefhela* (song), *itse* (know), *uilwa* (hear).

Someday — with the development of education and culture — we may look forward to a rich African poetry and a rich African music, wedded not only to life the African to new heights of Christian praise, but to give all the world a richer volume of song and worship.

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By IRA A. BRUMLEY

### Conference-Wide Youth Rally

**D**ICK Thompson, National President of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Methodist Church, is to be the Inspirational Speaker for the North Arkansas Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship Rally to be held April 2, 7:30 p. m., Hendrix College Auditorium, Conway.

Reports from over the conference indicate that great crowds of young people and adult workers with youth are planning to attend the rally. The Jonesboro Sub-District has secured a sixty-five passenger bus to bring their delegation.

The Chairmen of the program areas are planning for displays to appear in the foyer of the auditorium. Those who come a little early will have the opportunity of observing these displays. Mr. Thompson has sent some display material with reference to the National Youth publication CONCERN.

The program is being planned on the basis of serving young people of senior high and older youth age together with adult workers that work with Intermediates, Seniors, and Older Youth.

Bill Goodloe of Fort Smith, President of the conference youth organization of the North Arkansas Conference, will be the presiding officer. He will be assisted by other youth in directing the program. Rev. James S. Upton, Conference Director of Youth Work, will present the youth emphasis.

Copies of the program have been distributed across the conference to youth and adult workers with youth, as well as to pastors.

Plans are being made for the Conference-wide meeting of camp leaders to be held at Shores Lake Camp, April 26-28. Four leaders from each district are being invited to have part in this program. The purpose of this meeting is to help build a group of leaders for the camping program of our conference.

### Training Program Progressing

The last of March and the early part of April is proving to be a splendid time for training programs in the North Arkansas Conference.

The North Little Rock and Ozark Training Schools were held the past week with an enrollment of more than one hundred in each of these two schools.

The Batesville and Beebe Training Schools are in session this week.

Dr. Eller of Fayette, Missouri, is conducting two Bible schools in the Batesville District during this period: Salem and Melbourne.

Weiner reports a one unit training school completed with an enrollment of fifteen and fourteen credits, the course on Helping Adults Learn, being taught by the pastor, Rev. Arville C. Brannon. This is the third training school Brother Brannon has held in his own charge this conference year.

### Jonesboro Area Training School

The Jonesboro Area Training School is to be held at Fisher Street Methodist Church, April 4-9, with the following courses being



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offered:

Bible Manners and Customs, Dr. John H. Hicks

Helping Adults Learn, Dr. S. Walton Cole

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Miss Regenia Watson

Fayetteville Area Training School

The Fayetteville Area Training School is to be held at Central Church, Fayetteville, April 5-9. The following courses are to be offered in this school:

The Child's Approach to Religion, Mrs. R. W. Adair

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Rev. James S. Upton

Teaching Youth, Rev. Worth W. Gibson

Church School Administration, Dr. Cautious A. Choate

Bible, Dr. Walter A. Hearn

### LASALLE PARISH TRAINING SCHOOL

The LaSalle Parish Training School for Church School workers was held March 1-3 at the Olla Methodist Church. Three courses were offered: The Work of the Local Church by Rev. J. B. Harper, district superintendent of the Alexandria District; The Program of the M. Y. F. by Rev. Luther L. Booth pastor of Winnfield Methodist Church; and Teaching Children in the Small Church by Mrs. S. E. Richardson of First Church Alexandria. There were 74 enrolled with 54 receiving credit. The churches participating in the training courses were: Jena, Trout, Tulos, Urania, Olla, and Chickasaw Free Methodist Church.

The educational building of the Olla Methodist Church had just been completed and was used for the first time during this school.—Reporter.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL AT NATCHITOCHE

The Natchitoches Parish Sub-District Group Ministry sponsored a very successful Leadership Training School at Natchitoches on March 15, 16 and 17, with 132 enrolled. Rev. B. A. Galloway was pastor host

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING IN CAMP LEADERSHIP

Nashville, Tenn.—Camping is becoming a vital part of the total Christian education program within the local church. Indeed, camping is fast becoming an activity of every age group in the church, and of families as well.

The need for trained leaders in camping staffs has been given considerable attention by Christian education leaders, with the need still continuing for trained camp leadership throughout the church. The best approach to this problem is by training selected leaders who can, in turn, assist with the overall training program of their respective annual conferences.

In cooperation with the Special Committee on Camps and Conferences of the National Council of Churches, the Methodist Church is offering opportunities for training in nine regional and one national camp:

### Regionals for five days:

Texas — Glen Lake Camp, Glen Rose, Texas, April 19-23

### TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Closing out the Natchitoches Parish Training School with ten churches participating and 150 people attending, the Alexandria District ran down the curtain on a very extensive program of Leadership Education. For the fifth successive year, a Training School has been held in reach of every church in the District, so that anyone who teaches anything in the Church School or has any job in the local church has had an opportunity to have some help in that job.

The total enrollment has been approximately 700, and the number of classes taught are 24. Usually a school has three classes but occasionally it has four or two. A number of the men in the District are now accredited Deans, and have had experience in setting up and carrying through with a Standard Training School to fulfill the requirements of the General Board of Education and our Conference Board for granting certificates of recognition.

This program would have been impossible without the aid and good will of Dr. Bentley Sloane, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education. His office has invested money for teachers and for expenses of travel, as well as well as teaching himself where possible. The District Superintendent

and business manager and Rev. E. A. Keasler was dean of the school.

A course on the "Work of the Local Church" was taught by Rev. Jolly B. Harper, with an enrollment of 72. The "M. Y. F.", taught by Dr. Bentley Sloane, had an enrollment of 36; "Teaching Children," taught by Mrs. Loyd Beall, had an enrollment of 24.

A total of 80 course cards were given.

Refreshments were served at the 10-minute intermission.—Reporter.

California — Camp Sturtevant, Arcadia, California—May 10-14  
Oregon — Camp Magruder, Bar View, Oregon—May 3-7  
Missouri — Camp Mound Ridge, St. James, Missouri—May 3-7  
Michigan — Detroit Baptist Camp, Lapeer, Michigan—May 10-14  
Montana — Luccock Park, Livingston, Montana—May 31-June 4  
Northeast Regional — Sky Lake, Windsor, New York—April 26-30

### Regionals for ten days:

North Carolina—Camp New Hope, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, April 27-May 7

Scarritt College — Camp Dogwood, near Ashland City, Tennessee June 7-16

### National Camp

Matamoras, Pennsylvania, July 28-August 25

Persons who are mature, with an understanding of the larger program of Christian education, as well as with practical experience in camp leadership and with ability to render service in their own annual conference and in neighboring conferences, are being selected to attend National Camp. Applications will be cleared through the conference executive secretaries and Local Church Division Committee on Camping, members of which are Miss LaDonna Bogardus, Rev. Rene Pino, Rev. Robert S. Clemmons, Dr. Edward D. Staples, Miss Elizabeth Brown and Miss Aileen Sanborn.

Each of these training opportunities will afford training through experience in the total camping program, including understanding and use of outdoor resources, group procedures, counseling and guidance materials for respective age groups, according to the committee. There will be consideration of camping as a part of the larger program of Christian education. Excellent leadership will be available in each situation, it was said.

has taught in six of the Schools.

The following are the groups participating:

Alexandria-Pineville, at Pineville Rev. G. W. Dameron, Dean

Grant Parish at Pollock, Rev. Clark Bell, Dean

Marksville area at Marksville, Rev. Joe Robinson, Dean

Winnfield School, Rev. Luther Booth, Dean

LaSalle Parish School, at Olla, Rev. W. H. Carroll, Dean

Evangeline Parish, at Melville Rev. A. D. St. Amant, Dean

Natchitoches Parish at Natchitoches, Rev. E. A. Keasler, Dean

Oakdale Area at LeCompte, Rev. E. J. Barksdale, Dean

In each instance, there is in existence a Board of Managers so that the schools should be self-perpetuating, and should therefore continue a Leadership Educational Program with a School every year. — Jolly B. Harper

Worry is like a rocking chair — it will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere. — Highways of Happiness.

## NATIONS TV STATIONS TO SHOW EASTER FILM

Nearly all the nation's more than 370 television stations are expected to show the one-hour film story of Christ's last days on earth, "I Beheld His Glory," sometime during the Easter season, officials of the National Council of Churches' Broadcasting and Film Commission said in New York. Dr. S. Franklin Mack, executive director, pointed out that last Easter there were 140 TV stations in operation over the nation more than 90 per cent of them telecast the film. "The nationwide approval given this production last year has led virtually all television exhibitors to take up their options for a repeat presentation," Dr. Mack said. "In addition, so many new stations will be showing it that almost every citizen with a receiver will be able to view it." The commission, radio-TV film producing and distributing agency of the National Council, is making the Easter film available to the stations without charge as a contribution to the spiritual life of the nation, he said. "I Beheld His Glory" had its premiere a little over a year ago and has since won three awards for excellence. It was produced by Cathedral Films Inc., of Hollywood, under the sponsorship of the National Council agency.

### Tax Bill Recognizes Clergy Housing Allowances

Clergymen who are not provided with a home by the church or institution they serve are granted income tax relief under the terms of the Administration's new tax reform bill passed by the House. The bill continues a past provision that ministers furnished with a parsonage or manse are not required to declare as taxable income the rental value of such accommodations. But it extends equal benefits to clergymen who are not provided such free housing. The latter will be able to deduct as non-taxable income the amount of any housing allowance they are given and which they use to rent a home or maintain one they own themselves. This applies to clergymen working for schools, colleges, hospitals, religious publications or at headquarters of religious denominations as well as those serving local churches.

### New Greek Banknote To Carry Bible Illustration

One of the new series of banknotes to be issued by the Greek government next June will bear an illustration of a biblical event, reputedly for the first time in Greek history. The 500 drachma (actually 500,000-drachma) note in the new series will carry a representation of the Apostolic Paul preaching to the Athenians from this city's famed Areopagus. For convenience, the new banknotes will not carry the last three zeroes of their denomination, the exchange rate remaining at 30,000 to the dollar. In addition, the new 10-drachma (10,000) will be embellished with a view of the famous Byzantine church of St. Apostles in Thessalonica.

### Methodist Pastor Named National Council Evangelism Director

The Rev. Berlyn Faris of First Methodist church at Eugene, Ore., has been named executive director of the National Council of Churches' department of evangelism to succeed Dr. Jesse M. Bader, who is retiring. Mr. Faris, 44, will assume his new post on June 1. He was a Navy chaplain during the war and before becoming pastor of the Oregon church in 1949 served Methodist congregations at Holbrook and Tempe, Ariz., and Berk-

eley, Calif. In his five years with the Eugene church, he doubled both its budget and its membership, averaging 300 new members a year. The son of a Kansas dairy farmer, Mr. Faris was born near Wichita and is a graduate of Southwestern College, Winfield, Kans., and Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

### Budget Of \$9,461,290 Approved For National Council

A 1954 budget of \$9,461,290 for the National Council of Churches was approved by the agency's General Board at a meeting in New York. It was reported at the meeting that the council under-spent its 1953 approved budget of \$9,055,919 by \$1,500,760. Expenditures last year were \$7,555,159 and receipts \$7,955,199, exceeding expenses by \$400,041.

### WHAT DID IT COST



Have you ever considered the value of your church membership in terms of what it has cost others? A clergyman would probably cause a furore in his parish if he should insist that every member give a tithe of his income to the work of the church; in fact, he would probably have trouble if he just insisted that every member give something! But think what it has cost others to build the church — men were imprisoned, some died, many were

### Priest Sees Rise In Number Of Women Alcoholics

Within the next five years, America may have as many women alcoholics as men—maybe more. That's the opinion of Father Otis Winchester, a leader in Cleveland, Ohio. Father Winchester, assistant pastor of St. Agnes Parish, was a founder of the Stella Maris Home for men ex-alcoholics. He hopes to open a similar home for women this year. In an interview, the priest said his main reason for expecting a sharp upturn in female alcoholics is the continuing attempt of many women to do men's work — "to do things for which they are neither physically nor psychically equipped. In addition, he said, the number of recognized problem drinkers will increase as people learn more about alcoholism and the Alcoholics Anonymous program. As that happens, he explained, many women who are already hidden alcoholics will admit their trouble and look for help.

### Dr. Weatherhead, British Preacher, Here For Tour

Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead, noted pastor of City Temple in London, England, arrived in New York for a 90-day preaching and lecture tour that will take him to 25 American cities from coast to coast. Reputedly the "best known religious writer in the English-speaking world," Dr. Weatherhead has been described by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick and the Rev. John Sutherland Bonnell as "undoubtedly one of the foremost preachers in the evangelical churches of the British Isles and one of

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the outstanding pioneers in the application of spiritual therapy to human problems." His speaking engagements in the New York metropolitan area will occupy him until about April 1 when he will go to Philadelphia to begin his transcontinental travels.

### Says Church Budgets Too Low

Budgets of Protestant churches over the country "are not matching our prosperity," the National Council of Churches' top stewardship official told 100 St. Louis clergymen and lay leaders in St. Louis. "Unless you are paying your minister at least 80 per cent more than you did in 1939 you are asking him to take a cut in salary," the Rev. Thomas K. Thompson, executive director of the Council's department of stewardship and benevolence, said. The average church could double its income by "an effective canvass" for funds, he said. Mr. Thompson said he is convinced that churches which ask members to bring in pledges and gifts on "Loyalty Sunday" are losing half the income they might get if they conducted "face-to-face canvassing to solicit church support."

### House Adopts Prayer Call Resolution

A Senate resolution calling upon the nation's churches and synagogues to offer special prayers on Sunday, April 18, for deliverance of persons denied freedom of worship, behind the Iron Curtain was passed by the House. Easter Sunday and the first day of Passover both fall on April 18 this year. The resolution was introduced in the Senate late in February by Sens. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.), John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and H. Alexander Smith (R-N. J.). It was immediately adopted, without the customary procedure of referral to a committee, after being endorsed by Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.), majority leader, Sen. Lyndon F. Johnson (D-Tex.), minority leader, and Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind-Ore.). "Atheistic dictatorship has subjected religious leaders and their congregations to barbaric persecutions such as the world has not seen for nearly 2,000 years," the resolution said. It specifically cited, as examples of such religious persecution, the "torture of Cardinal Mindszenty and Lutheran Bishop Lajos Ordass in Hungary, the incarceration of Cardinal Wyszynski in Poland, the imprisonment of Archbishop Stepinac in Yugoslavia, the oppression of Protestant ministers in Bulgaria, and the persecution of Jews throughout all the area dominated by Communism."

### High School Holds Religious Emphasis Week

The public high school in Blytheville, Ark., held a religious emphasis week sponsored by the student council and the Blytheville Ministerial Alliance. Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, did the preaching and the Rev. Ralph Hillis of First Methodist Church, West Memphis, Ark., led the congregational singing. All services were held in First Methodist Church. The observance originated with the Ministerial Alliance but the high school's student council planned and promoted it. Two high school teachers and a committee of five ministers served as advisers to the students.

# Little Rock Conference Treasurer's Report

JUNE 10, 1953, TO MARCH 10, 1954

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M S P	M S C	W.S. & Conf. Ben.	W S S	G & J.
<b>ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT</b>								
J. M. Hamilton, D. S.	\$	\$	\$	\$ 40.00	\$	\$		
<b>AMITY CIRCUIT</b>								
Amity	73.00	21.00	75.00		21.00	75.00		7.00
Pt. Cedar	8.00	3.00	8.00		2.00	45.00		3.00
Sweet Home	5.00	1.00	1.00		1.00	25.00		1.00
<b>ARKADELPHIA</b>	300.00	120.00	900.00		120.00	1405.00		90.00
<b>ARKADELPHIA CT.</b>								
Harts Chapel	8.00	2.00	7.00			15.00		2.00
Hollywood	31.00	6.00	28.00			34.00		6.00
Mt. Pisgah	6.00	1.00	6.00			20.00		
Mt. Zion	8.00	2.00	10.00			10.00		6.00
Smyrna			9.50			15.00		
<b>BISMARCK CT.</b>								
Bismark	50.00	17.00	50.00			30.00	15.00	9.00
Christian Home	7.50	2.00	7.50			20.00		3.00
Oma	12.00	2.00	10.00					3.00
<b>DALARK CT.</b>								
Bethlehem	35.00	7.00	42.00		7.00	82.00		9.00
Dalark	20.00	8.00	12.00		8.00	46.00	168.00	12.00
Manchester	42.00	17.00	101.00		17.00			18.00
Manning	24.00	5.00	29.00		5.00	17.00		4.00
Rock Springs	18.00	4.00	22.00		4.00	18.00		4.00
<b>DELIGHT CT.</b>								
Antoine	22.50	4.50	19.00		5.00	35.00		3.00
Delight	127.00	34.00	144.00	6.00	34.00	205.00		12.00
Saline	8.00	2.00	8.00		1.00	16.00		1.00
<b>FOUNTAIN LAKE</b>	90.00	18.00	99.00			50.00		10.00
<b>FRIENDSHIP CT.</b>								
Friendship	20.00	4.00	18.00			32.00		7.00
Leau Frais	17.00	3.40	16.50			38.00		4.00
Midway	25.00	5.00	25.00			52.00		7.00
Rolla	7.50	1.50						
Social Hill	25.00	5.00	25.00			26.00		7.00
<b>GLENWOOD CT.</b>								
Glenwood	180.00	36.00	216.00	24.00	36.00	168.75		18.75
County Line	2.00	1.00	3.00		1.00	5.00		3.00
Grants Chapel	12.00	2.40	14.40		2.40	20.00		48.00
<b>GURDON</b>	300.00	60.00	450.00		60.00	840.00		
<b>HOT SPRINGS Churches</b>								
First Church	720.00	144.00	1080.00	36.00	144.00	4000.00	137.00	80.00
Grand Avenue	405.00	108.00	410.00		108.00	900.00		8.00
Gardner	80.00	16.00	72.00		16.00	50.00		58.00
Oaklawn	327.50	78.00	651.00		72.00	600.00		
Morning Star	20.00		15.00			17.50		70.00
Pullman Heights	357.50	96.00	400.00	48.00		400.00	23.00	
Bethlehem						80.00		
<b>HOT SPRINGS CT.</b>	75.00							
Tigert Memorial						23.00		4.00
<b>MALVERN CHURCHES</b>								
First Church	450.00	120.00	900.00		120.00	2050.00	90.00	40.00
Keith Memorial	260.00	45.00	338.00		52.00	200.00	44.00	
<b>MT. IDA CT.</b>								
Mt. Ida	299.25	76.50	308.00	18.50	43.25	363.75	33.00	
Norman	12.50	2.50	10.00		2.50	5.00		
Oden	25.00	5.00	20.00		5.00	10.00		40.00
<b>MURFREESBORO</b>	160.00	48.00	192.00	12.00	48.00	320.00		
<b>MURFREESBORO CT.</b>								
Boto	5.00	1.00	4.00			5.00		5.00
Japany	3.40	.70	1.72			5.00		5.00
<b>OKOLONA CT.</b>								
Bierne	10.00	2.00	14.00		2.00	33.00		2.00
Center Gr.	45.78	10.00	42.00		7.23	52.00		4.00
Okolona	120.00	12.00	144.00		24.00	115.00		20.00
Trinity	58.00	12.00	57.00		5.00	68.00		4.00
<b>PINEY GROVE</b>	67.50	13.50	60.75			37.50		7.50
<b>ROCKPORT CT.</b>								
Butterfield	30.00	6.00	33.00			41.00		8.00
Magnet Cove	45.00	7.00	34.00			49.00		2.00
Rockport	80.00	16.00	44.00			30.00	30.00	12.00
<b>SHOREWOOD HILLS</b>	90.00	18.00	90.00			45.00		16.00
<b>SPARKMAN-SARDIS</b>								
Sardis	90.00	18.00	81.00	4.50	18.00	25.00	75.00	24.00
Sparkman	225.00	45.00	292.50		45.00	450.00		27.00
<b>TRASKWOOD CT.</b>								
Congo	25.00	5.00	27.00	5.00		31.00		7.00
Ebenezer	32.50	11.50	45.00			50.00		7.00
New Hope	30.00	5.50	34.50		6.00	45.00		7.00
Pt. View	15.00	3.00	16.50		3.00			7.00
Traskwood	48.78	38.00				65.00	30.00	
District Totals	\$5779.21	1341.00	7890.87	194.00	1045.38	13456.50	467.50	1030.25

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M S P	M S C	W.S. & Conf. Ben.	W S S	G & J.
<b>CAMDEN DISTRICT</b>								
<b>BEARDEN</b>	\$ 165.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 231.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 2.50
Lakeside	7.50	1.31	9.75		1.50	7.50		10.00
<b>BRADLEY</b>	120.00	24.00	144.00		12.00	150.00		5.00
<b>BUCKNER</b>	90.00	18.00	108.00	9.00	18.00	71.00		
<b>BUCKNER CIRCUIT</b>								
Kilgore Lodge	12.00	3.00	13.00	2.00	3.00	18.00		1.00
Mt. Vernon	27.00	7.20	34.20	3.60	7.20	45.00		4.00
Oak Grove	17.50	5.00	18.00	2.50	3.00	28.85		3.00
Sardis	10.00	4.00	10.00	3.60	3.00	15.00		3.00
Shiloh	9.00	1.00	10.40	1.20	1.40		20.00	1.00
<b>CALION-QUINN</b>								
Calion	67.50	20.00	67.50			112.50		
Ebenezer	15.00	3.00	16.50			7.50		4.00
Quinn	37.50	7.50	41.25			30.00		4.00
<b>CAMDEN CHURCHES</b>								
Fairview	337.50	67.50	506.25	22.50	67.50	506.25		40.00
First Church	562.50	150.00	1125.00	75.00	150.00	3820.00		200.00
<b>CHIDESTER</b>								
Chidster	100.00	40.00	100.00	44.00	200.00			16.00
Missouri	10.00	4.00	10.00	4.00	10.00			2.00
Red Hill	10.00	2.00	8.00	2.00	10.00			1.00
Rocky Hill	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	8.00			1.00
Shady Grove	10.00	4.00	8.00	4.00	8.00			1.00
Silver Springs	16.00	4.00	15.00	3.00	30.00			2.00
<b>COLUMBIA CIRCUIT</b>								
Harmony	45.00	9.00	25.00	4.00	9.00	40.00		5.00
New Hope	30.00	9.00	23.50			11.50		5.00
Philadelphia	30.00	6.00	50.00		12.00	67.00		5.00
Sharman	50.00	10.00	55.00	5.00	5.00	34.00		5.00
<b>EL DORADO CHURCHES</b>								
First Church	520.00	156.00	1170.00		156.00	6885.00		200.00
Vantrease Memorial	430.00	96.00	720.00		96.00	625.00	50.00	50.00
St. Lukes	67.50	13.50	65.00			37.50		5.00
Bethel	10.00					21.00	12.00	3.00
Centennial	30.00	6.00	30.00			75.00		5.00
Dumas Memorial	45.00	9.00	60.00		4.50	20.00		4.00
Hibank	15.00	3.00	17.00			43.00		4.00
Lisbon	60.00	12.00	48.00	18.00				
<b>EMERSON CIRCUIT</b>								
Atlanta	7.50	5.00	7.50			10.00		5.00
Christies Chapel	5.00	6.00	6.00			10.00		2.00
Emerson	15.00	3.00	15.00			5.00		5.00
Wares Chapel	5.00	1.00	5.00			12.00		1.00
<b>GARLAND</b>	53.00	11.00	55.00			125.00		10.00
<b>HARMONY GR.-BEUNA VISTA</b>								
Beuna Vista	55.00	16.00	58.00		5.00	65.00		11.00
Harmony Grove	90.00	17.75	99.00		18.00	75.00		7.50
<b>HOLLY SPRINGS CT.</b>								
Holly Springs	120.00	21.00	84.00			120.00		10.00
Mt. Carmel	7.50	1.50	7.50			16.50		.75
Mt. Olivet	26.50	9.00	26.50			33.50		5.00
<b>JUNCTION CITY</b>	140.00	48.00	215.00	16.75	48.00	155.00		11.00
Beech Grove	7.50	1.50	9.00		2.00	14.75		3.00
Blanchard Springs	4.00	1.00	4.00		.75	5.75		.75
Olive Branch	4.00	1.15	4.75		.75	5.75		.75
<b>LEWISVILLE</b>	300.00	60.00	450.00	30.00	60.00	675.00		37.50
<b>LOUANN</b>	50.00	20.00	46.50			48.50		5.00
Liberty	25.50	5.10	30.50	5.10		28.75		2.50
Silver Hill	75.00	15.00	90.00		23.50	67.50		5.00
<b>MAGNOLIA CHURCHES</b>								
First Church	525.00	105.00	787.50		105.00	2784.00		116.25
Jackson Street	360.00	72.00	540.00	48.00	48.00	450.00		45.00
<b>MAGNOLIA CIRCUIT</b>								
Greers Chapel	5.00	1.00	5.00			12.00		1.00
Mt. Pisgah	5.00	1.00	5.00			12.00		1.00
New Era	5.00	1.00	5.00			12.00		1.00
New Hope	5.00	1.00	5.00			12.00		1.00
Wingfield	5.00	2.00	4.00			13.00		2.00
<b>MARYSVILLE-FREDONIA</b>								
Bethel	17.50	5.00	31.60		5.00	32.50		14.00
Fredonia	100.00	20.00	140.00	15.00	20.00	175.00		2.50
Friendship	20.00	8.00	28.00					

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M S P	M S C	W. S. & Conf. Ben.	W S S	G & J.
Union	102.00	20.40	118.20			150.00		10.00
<b>VILLAGE CIRCUIT</b>								
Village	130.00	25.50	144.00	25.00	8.00	90.00	14.00	9.00
Ebenezer	30.00	6.00	36.00		6.00	75.00		6.00
Lydesdale	20.00	4.00	24.00		4.00	40.00		4.00
<b>WALDO-WILLISVILLE</b>								
Waldo	135.00	27.00	189.00		27.00	250.00		12.50
Willisville	80.00	16.00	112.00		16.00	100.00		15.00
District Total	\$7282.00	1700.36	10224.30	459.25	1351.50	21708.85	319.50	1194.50

ADVANCE: Buckner \$25.00, Kilgore Lodge \$10.00, Mt. Vernon \$20.00, Oak Grove \$15.00, Sardis \$20.00, Shiloh \$10.00, Calion \$15.00, Quinn \$10.00, First Church, Camden \$700.00, First Church El Dorado \$600.00, St. Lukes \$10.00, Hibank \$5.00, Emerson Circuit \$27.69, Atlanta \$1.00, Garland \$50.00, Lewisville \$168.16, Liberty \$25.00, Silver Hill \$50.00, First Church, Magnolia \$100.00, Magnolia Circuit \$27.69, Norphlet \$3.00, Princeton Circuit \$70.00, Stamps \$110.00, Rhodes Chapel \$16.00, Village \$75.00.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$2163.53

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY: Buckner \$25.00, Calion \$5.00, Quinn \$10.63, Fairview, Camden \$49.00, First Church, Camden, \$125.00, Chidester \$20.00, Harmony \$5.00, New Hope \$5.00, Philadelphia \$5.00, Sharman \$5.00, First Church, El Dorado \$200.00, Vantrease \$35.00, Emerson \$1.00, Atlanta \$2.00, Wares Chapel \$1.00, Holly Springs \$10.00, Mt. Carmel \$1.00, Mt. Olivet \$4.00, Junction City \$20.00, Liberty \$2.50, Silver Hill \$5.00, First Church, Magnolia \$150.00, Greens Chapel \$1.00, Mt. Pisgah \$1.00, New Era \$1.00, New Hope \$1.00, Wingfield \$1.00, Bethel \$5.00, Fredonia \$5.00, Norphlet \$15.00, Smackover \$60.00, Stamps \$40.00, Stephens \$30.00, Pine Grove \$7.50, Taylor \$10.00, Welcome \$2.50, Timothy \$5.00, Westside \$3.75, Willisville \$15.00, Garland \$5.00.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$885.88

METHODIST YOUTH FUND: Calion \$27.00, Quinn \$7.00, Fairview, Camden \$73.51, First Church, Camden \$32.00, New Hope \$5.00, Dumas Memorial \$6.00, Lisbon \$19.50, Junction City \$20.00, Lewisville \$35.00, Louann \$5.00, First Church, Magnolia \$50.40, Jackson St., \$42.00, Norphlet \$19.00, Parkers Chapel \$25.00, Pleasant Grove \$52.60, Smackover \$70.00, Taylor \$12.00, Welcome \$6.00, Village \$23.00, Ebenezer \$6.00, Lydesdale \$11.25.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$774.54

AREA FUND: Bearden \$2.00, Lakeside .25, Bradley \$2.50, Buckner \$1.00, Kilgore Lodge \$1.00, Mt. Vernon \$1.00, Oak Grove \$1.00, Sardis \$1.00, Shiloh \$1.00, Calion \$2.00, Ebenezer \$1.00, Quinn \$1.00, Fairview, Camden \$4.00, First Church, Camden \$15.00, Chidester \$3.00, Harmony \$1.00, New Hope \$1.00, Philadelphia \$1.00, Sharman \$1.00, First Church, El Dorado \$15.00, Vantrease \$5.00, St. Lukes \$1.00, Centennial .75, Dumas Memorial \$1.00, Hibank \$1.00, Lisbon \$1.00, Emerson \$1.00, Christies Chapel \$1.00, Wares Chapel \$1.00, Garland \$1.00, Beuna Vista \$1.00, Harmony Grove \$1.00, Holly Springs \$1.00, Mt. Carmel \$1.00, Mt. Olivet \$1.00, Junction City \$1.00, Lewisville \$5.00, Liberty .50, Louann \$1.00, Silver Hill \$1.00, First Church, Magnolia \$12.00, Jackson St. \$3.75, Greens Chapel \$1.00, Mt. Pisgah \$1.00, New Era \$1.00, New Hope \$1.00, Wingfield \$1.00, Bethel \$5.00, Fredonia \$1.00, Friendship \$1.00, Parkers Chapel \$3.00, Pleasant Grove \$2.00, Providence \$1.00, Waverly \$1.00, Smackover \$8.00, Stamps \$5.00, Stephens \$5.00, Taylor \$2.00, Welcome \$1.00, Timothy \$1.00, Westside \$3.00, Rhodes Chapel \$1.00, Union \$1.00, Village \$1.00, Ebenezer \$1.00, Lydesdale \$1.00, Willisville \$5.00.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$152.75

RETIRED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT: Bradley \$33.43, Calion \$67.50, New Hope \$14.25, Sharman \$13.50, Beuna Vista \$142.00, Silver Hill \$5.90, Jackson Street \$225.00.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$501.58

R. M. ENDOWMENT, PASTORS: Bearden \$18.00, Calion \$16.70, Fairview, Camden \$22.50, St. Lukes \$15.00, Junction City \$6.75, Jackson St., \$24.00, Fredonia \$15.00, Parkers Chapel \$20.00, Smackover \$22.50, Stamps \$22.50, Village \$25.00.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$207.95

1000 CLUB: Buckner \$20.00, Calion \$10.00, First Church, Camden \$550.00, Dumas Memorial \$10.00, Junction City \$30.00, First Church, Magnolia \$75.00, Jackson St. \$10.00, Smackover \$100.00, Stamps \$40.00, Stephens \$70.00, Camden District \$680.00.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$1595.00

METHODIST INFORMATION: Lakeside .25, Buckner \$1.00, Kilgore Lodge \$1.00, Mt. Vernon \$1.00, Oak Grove \$1.00, Sardis \$1.00, Shiloh \$1.00, Calion \$2.50, Ebenezer \$1.00, Quinn \$1.00, Fairview, Camden \$45.00, Chidester \$2.00, Missouri \$1.00, Red Hill \$1.00, Silver Springs \$1.00, Harmony \$1.00, Philadelphia \$2.00, Sharman \$1.00, First Church, El Dorado \$15.00, Vantrease \$8.00, St. Lukes \$1.00, Dumas Memorial \$1.00, Hibank \$1.00, Lisbon \$1.00, Atlanta \$1.00, Christies Chapel \$1.00, Garland \$2.50, Mt. Olivet \$1.00, Junction City \$1.00, Lewisville \$8.00, Liberty .75, Louann \$1.50, Silver Hill \$1.50, First Church, Magnolia \$12.00, Jackson Street, \$7.50, Wingfield \$1.00, Fredonia \$1.00, Friendship \$1.00, Norphlet \$5.00, Parkers Chapel \$3.00, Pleasant Grove \$3.00, Macedonia \$2.00, Smackover \$10.00, Stamps \$5.00, Stephens \$5.00, Taylor \$2.00, Welcome \$1.00, Timothy \$1.00, Westside \$3.00, Rhodes Chapel \$1.00, Union \$1.00, Village \$1.00, Ebenezer \$3.00, Lydesdale \$2.00, Waldo \$2.50, First Methodist Church, Camden \$15.00, Centennial .75, Providence .50.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$159.25

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION: Bearden \$5.00, Lakeside .50, Bradley \$6.00, Buckner \$4.00, Kilgore Lodge \$2.00, Mt. Vernon \$3.00, Sardis \$3.00, Oak Grove \$2.00, Shiloh \$1.00, Calion \$6.00, Ebenezer \$2.00, Quinn \$2.00, Fairview, Camden, \$12.00, First Church, Camden \$45.00, Chidester \$6.00, Missouri \$2.00, Red Hill \$2.00, Silver Springs \$2.00, Harmony \$3.00, Philadelphia \$3.00, Sharman \$3.00, First Church, El Dorado \$45.00, Vantrease \$16.00, St. Lukes \$3.00, Centennial .75, Dumas Memorial \$3.00, Hibank \$1.00, Lisbon \$2.00, Emerson \$1.00, Atlanta \$1.00, Christies Chapel \$1.00, Wares Chapel \$1.00, Garland \$6.00, Mt. Olivet \$2.00, Junction City \$2.00, Lewisville \$15.00, Liberty \$1.00, Louann \$6.00, Silver Hill \$4.00, First Church, Magnolia \$30.00, Jackson St. \$15.00, Greens Chapel \$1.00, Mt. Pisgah \$1.00, New Era \$1.00, New Hope \$1.00, Wingfield \$1.00, Fredonia \$4.00, Friendship \$2.00, Norphlet \$12.00, Parkers Chapel \$5.00, Pleasant Grove \$6.00, Macedonia \$4.00, Providence .50, Smackover \$25.00, Stamps \$6.00, Stephens \$12.00, Taylor \$2.00, Welcome \$2.00, Timothy \$2.50, Westside \$1.89, Rhodes Chapel \$2.00, Union \$3.00, Village \$3.00, Ebenezer 1.00, Lydesdale \$2.00, Waldo \$4.00, Willisville \$4.00.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$380.14

NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Bradley \$75.10, Buckner \$10.00, Kilgore Lodge \$2.00, Mt. Vernon \$2.73, Oak Grove \$4.40, Sardis \$3.85, Shiloh \$2.02, Calion \$15.00, Quinn \$10.00, Fairview, Camden \$40.00, First Church, Camden, \$750.00, Chidester \$20.00, New Hope \$11.40, Philadelphia \$7.50, Sharman \$17.50, First Church, El Dorado \$1825.00, Vantrease \$109.00, St. Lukes \$10.00, Dumas Memorial \$10.00, Emerson Ct. \$12.50, Harmony Grove \$25.00, Holly Springs \$12.50, Mt. Carmel \$7.00, Mt. Olivet \$8.44, Junction City \$27.00, Lewisville \$65.00, Louann \$8.65, First Church, Magnolia \$300.00, Magnolia Ct. \$12.50, Bethel \$10.80, Fredonia \$19.20, Friendship \$15.00, Marysville \$15.90, Norphlet \$38.40, Parkers Chapel \$15.00, Pleasant Grove \$28.00, Macedonia \$4.00, Providence \$7.00, Waverly \$4.00, Zion \$1.00, Smackover \$150.00, Westside \$25.00, Rhodes Chapel \$20.00, Union \$25.00, Village \$25.00, Waldo \$49.21, Willisville \$12.50.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$3860.10

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION: Bearden \$26.85, Bradley \$50.45, Buckner \$15.45, Kilgore Lodge \$1.00, Mt. Vernon \$2.00, Oak Grove \$4.00, Sardis \$3.00, Calion \$20.50, Fairview, Camden \$12.00, First Church, Camden \$78.00, Chidester \$20.00, Harmony \$14.00, First Church, El Dorado \$203.76, Vantrease \$51.76, St. Lukes \$8.09, Bethel \$6.95, Centennial \$6.35, Dumas Memorial \$7.55, Emerson \$32.00, Garland \$9.75, Holly

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M S P	M S C	W. S. & Conf. Ben.	W S S	G & J.
Springs \$12.70, Mt. Carmel \$5.65, Mt. Olivet \$5.30, Junction City \$54.21, Lewisville \$48.00, Louann \$10.00, Silver Hill \$8.00, First Church, Magnolia \$161.00, Fredonia \$32.10, Friendship \$5.00, Marysville \$8.75, Norphlet \$16.60, Parkers Chapel \$17.50, Smackover \$26.50, Stamps \$50.00, Stephens \$24.00, Rhodes Chapel \$5.00, Union \$23.00, Village \$15.00, Ebenezer \$11.72, Lydesdale \$22.25, Waldo \$8.50, Willisville \$12.71.								
<b>TOTAL</b>								\$1156.96

WESLEY FOUNDATION: Bearden \$25.00, Calion \$15.00, Quinn \$10.00, Fairview, Camden \$25.00, First Church, Camden \$500.00, Chidester \$50.00, New Hope \$11.15, Philadelphia \$11.60, St. Lukes \$10.00, Dumas Memorial \$10.00, Emerson Ct. \$25.00, Beuna Vista \$15.00, Harmony Grove \$16.00, Holly Springs \$15.00, Mt. Carmel \$10.00, Mt. Olivet \$12.36, Junction City \$20.00, Lewisville \$68.00, Louann \$23.00, Magnolia Ct., \$25.00, Bethel \$12.47, Fredonia \$35.00, Friendship \$10.00, Marysville \$9.03, Pleasant Grove \$15.50, Smackover \$12.18, Stamps \$105.00, Stephens \$38.25, Taylor \$5.00, Welcome \$11.70, Westside \$15.00, Rhodes Chapel \$16.00, Village \$30.00, Ebenezer \$25.00, Lydesdale \$25.00.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$1292.24

RACE RELATIONS: Buckner \$10.00, Sardis \$1.78, Shiloh \$1.22, Calion \$10.00, First Church, El Dorado \$223.46, Vantrease \$25.00, St. Lukes \$9.75, Dumas Memorial \$9.75, First Church, Magnolia \$81.00, Norphlet \$12.00, Parkers Chapel \$40.00, Pleasant Grove \$3.00, Stamps \$40.46, Stephens \$30.00, Union \$15.00, Ebenezer \$1.00.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$513.42

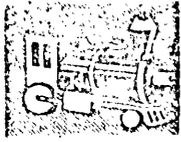
WEEK OF DEDICATION: Buckner \$7.67, Kilgore Lodge \$3.00, Mt. Vernon \$3.74, Oak Grove \$1.50, Sardis \$4.27, Shiloh \$5.71, Calion \$25.00, Quinn \$17.43, Philadelphia \$9.00, Sharman \$5.50, St. Lukes \$14.55, Lisbon \$5.25, Lewisville \$55.00, Louann \$14.25, Liberty \$10.50, Silver Hill \$10.80, Parkers Chapel \$37.95, Pleasant Grove \$3.25, Taylor \$7.60, Rhodes Chapel \$6.00.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$248.57

CITY ROAD CHAPEL: First Church, El Dorado \$50.00 ..... \$50.00  
 STUDENT DAY: First Church, Camden \$50.73, St. Lukes \$10.00 ..... 60.73  
 VETERANS DAY: Buckner \$6.53, Kilgore Lodge \$2.00, Mt. Vernon \$7.71, Oak Grove \$10.21, Sardis \$6.72, Shiloh \$2.53.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$35.75

CAMP FUND: Camden District M. Y. F. \$47.83, Jackson Street M. Y. F. \$11.50.  
**TOTAL** ..... \$59.33

**TOTAL FOR DISTRICT** ..... \$58,327.98

HOPE DISTRICT									
ASHDOWN	\$ 300.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 600.00	\$	\$ 45.00	
<b>BINGEN CIRCUIT</b>									
Averys Chapel	8.00	1.00	6.00			22.00			
Bigg's Chapel	6.00	.75	5.25			18.75			2.00
Bingen	31.50	5.25	25.50			97.50			1.50
Doyle	9.75	2.25	7.50			24.50			7.50
Friendship	7.00	1.50	5.50			17.50			2.25
Pump Springs	1.50	.50	1.50			4.50			1.50
Sweet Home	13.00	2.00	10.00			32.00			3.00
<b>BLEVINS CIRCUIT</b>									
Blevins	83.50	14.50	92.00			33.00			15.00
McCaskill	20.00	4.00	8.00			4.00			6.00
<b>CENTER POINT CT.</b>									
Bluff Springs	12.00	3.00	4.00			17.00			
Center	12.00	2.00	10.00			51.00			4.00
Center Point	6.00	2.00	5.00			23.00			
Trinity	7.00		4.00			4.00			
Wakefield	12.00	2.00	8.00			35.00			3.00
<b>DeQUEEN</b>	450.00	90.00	675.00			90.00	1400.00		75.00
<b>DIERKS CIRCUIT</b>									
Dierks	160.00	32.00	76.00			10.00			25.00
Green's Chapel	10.00	2.00	8.00			34.00			5.00
<b>DODDRIDGE CT.</b>									
Boys	12.00	2.00	9.60			12.50			1.20
Concord	8.00	2.00	6.00			13.00			1.00
Doddridge	15.50	3.00	12.50			30.00			24.42
Fouke	24.00	14.20	19.20			25.00			2.40
Olive Branch	55.00	11.00	44.50						70.00
<b>EMMET CIRCUIT</b>									
De Ann	20.00	4.00	2.50			4.00			5.00
Emmet	175.00	30.00	175.00			35.00			100.00
Holly Grove	21.00					15.00			25.00
Midway	40.00		12.00			70.00			30.00
<b>FOREMAN</b>	50.00	10.00	64.00			10.00			8.00
<b>HATFIELD CIRCUIT</b>									
Gillham	20.00	4.00	16.00			50.00			10.00
Hatfield	30.00	12.00	24.00			82.50			8.00
Old Cove	8.00	1.00	8.00			25.00			2.00
Vandervoort	9.00	4.00				10.00			4.00
Wickes	12.00	2.50	9.50						2.00
<b>HOPE</b>	450.00	90.00	675.00	45.00		90.00	2910.75		103.75
<b>HORATIO CIRCUIT</b>									
Horatio	90.00	10.00	69.00			142.00			18.00
Walnut Springs	17.25	3.00	12.50			41.25			5.25
Williamson	10.00	2.00	8.00			20.00			
<b>LOCKESBURG CIRCUIT</b>									
Lockesburg	100.00	30.00	100.00			20.00			15.00
Belleville	13.00	3.00	12.00						18.00
Gravelly	4.00	1.00	3.00						1.00
<b>MENA</b>	337.50	59.25	505.25	20.00		67.50	1080.00		30.00
<b>MENA CIRCUIT</b>									
Cherry Hill	20.00	4.00	16.00			39.00			3.00
Cove	20.00	4.00	16.00			50.00			3.00
Dallas	5.00	2.00	4.00			9.00			1.00
Mt. View	15.00	3.00	6.00						25.00
Rocky	8.00	1.00	6.00			10.00			2.50
Shady Grove	25.00	5.00	20.00			42.50			4.00
<b>MINERAL SPRINGS CT.</b>									
Mineral Springs	120.00	22.00	126.00	10.00		10.00	130.00		22.00
Sardis	20.00	6.00	41.00			9.00			5.00
Shiloh	4.00	1.00	5.00			13.00			6.00
<b>NASHVILLE</b>	240.00	43.00	360.00			48.00	750.00		40.00
<b>PRESCOTT CIRCUIT</b>									
Prescott	215.00	43.00	322.50			43.00	100.00		37.50
Fairview	30.00	6.00	24.00			71.00			3.00
Harmony						20.00			
Moscow	12.00	2.00	9.00						
Mt. Moriah	15.00	3.00	12.00			32.00			1.00
						36.00			1.00



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## A NEW FRIEND

By Virginia Bredendieck

JOANN was sitting on the floor with the evening paper. She had the back part with the pictures on it. Daddy sat in his big chair reading the front of the paper. They were playing Joann's game.

Joann could not read the paper, but she could read second-grade words. Her game was to find the words she knew on the page and make a mark under them. Daddy did it, too. Of course, Daddy knew lots more words than Joann knew. Then they would exchange papers and count the words. The one who got the most won the game. If Daddy marked words that Joann did not know, Joann could count them for hers.

Joann was just counting the words she had marked. Suddenly, she saw that she had marked a lot of words in a row. "Look, Daddy," she cried, "I can read this whole line! It says: SICK GIRL ASKS FOR LETTERS." She stopped. "What girl, Daddy?"

Daddy put down his paper and looked.

"It says her picture on the back page," said Daddy. They turned the paper over and there was a picture of a thin little girl about 10 years old. Her hair was in long braids.

"What is her name?" Joann asked. "Mary Alice," said Daddy.

"What is the matter with her?" asked Joann.

"Let's see," said Daddy. "It says she had a bad fever and has been in bed for two years. She is better now but still has to stay in bed."

"Oh, that poor little girl," said Joann. "Does she have lots of friends to play with?"

"It says," Daddy went on reading, "she cannot play with children, but she likes to get letters. She wants children to write to her."

"She wants ME to write to her?" asked Joann.

"I am sure she does," said Daddy.

"But I can't really write a very good letter," said Joann. "I can print and I can draw pictures. Do you think she would like that?"

"Of course, she would," said Daddy.

"I am going to do it right now," said Joann. She put her pencil and crayolas and paper on the floor beside the picture of Mary Alice so she could look at her while she wrote.

"Dear Mary Alice," wrote Joann. "Shall I say, I'm sorry you are sick?" Joann asked Daddy.

"Why don't you say you are glad she is better," said Daddy.

This is what Joann wrote:

"I am glad you are better. I saw your picture in the paper. Please write to me. I will draw you some pictures."

Then Joann drew some pictures with crayolas. She handed Daddy the page she had drawn. The first picture was called MY DADDY.

"Dear me," said Daddy. "Do I really have a purple beard?"

"That's not a beard!" Joann laughed. "That's your best necktie!"

"Now this picture is really fine,"

said Daddy. It was called MY HOUSE. "I do like the idea of a ladder up to the bedroom window."

"Daddy—" Joann laughed, "those are the front steps, and you know it! Mary Alice will know what I mean," said Joann. "Now I am going to sign my name."

She wrote "I am your friend, Love, Joann Brown," and under it she put her address.

Joann folded the paper and gave it to Daddy. "Will you please send it for me?" she asked.

"Mary Alice is going to be very happy about her new friend," he said.—My Sunday Paper.

A Greyhound bus driver was making his usual run north from Ashcroft, B. C., on the Cariboo highway. Along the way he tossed bundles of newspapers to be picked up later by distributors.

Suddenly an American car pulled alongside, honking furiously. "Don't know what's the matter," the motorist called, "but you seem to be losing papers. I've been picking them up for the last couple hours." And he handed over the bus driver's entire morning delivery.—Sunshine Magazine.

A Texan, visiting in Australia, saw a kangaroo for the first time—and then drawled:

"Ah'll grant you one thing for sure. Your grasshoppers are bigger than ours."—Industrial News Review.

Student (airing his knowledge at home): "I'll explain deduction. In our backyard, for example, is a pile of ashes. By deduction that is evidence we've had fire going this winter."

Father: "By the way, John, you might go out and sift the evidence."

## SPRING IS HERE

Spring is here again in all its beauty and dressed in its gay coat of many colors.

No longer are bare tree-tops stretching toward the sky. Spring has dressed the trees in bright green leaves and pink or yellow or white flowers. All the trees look gay to welcome the newly-awakened year.

Old Mother Earth lay sleeping last winter, and way down inside the brown earth many creatures lay dreaming. But now spring is here and the dreams have come true. The beetles creep into the sunlight, and the ugly caterpillar, dressed with the gorgeous wings of a butterfly, flies into the warm air. Toads and frogs come into our gardens in search of some dainty insect food. Bees are busy gathering pollen and searching for nectar. Birds are building new homes and preparing to raise new families.

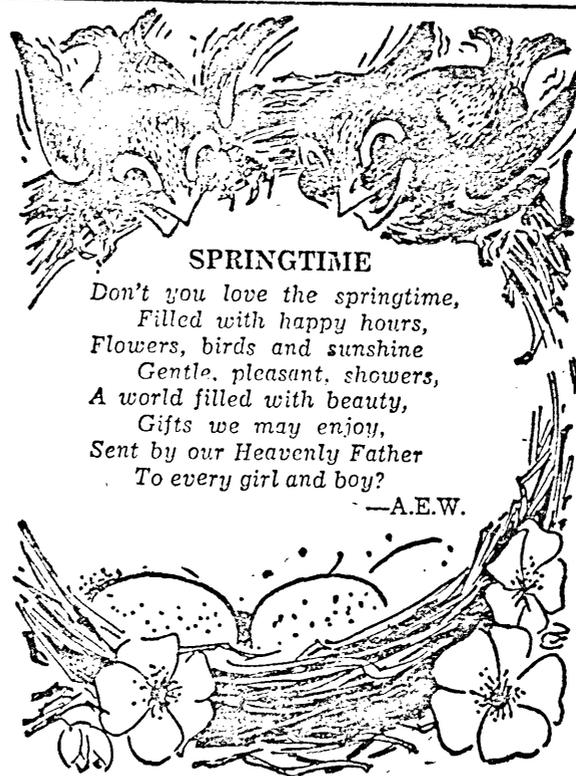
Spring brings out all her hidden treasures. The fields and woods and gardens are full of them. Not once has nature forgotten her duty. Millions of years ago she set about bringing forth these surprises each spring, and ever since spring always follows winter and a sort of new year begins.

Spring is alive with living things. Let us go for walks in the springtime. Let us walk into the garden and through the parks and the woods. Nature is all astir and waiting for us to enjoy its trees and flowers and birds and insects.

Spring is calling, but let us "pass not the flowers without gratitude to the Creator for His springtime gifts to man."—The United Church Observer

Attendant: "What's the matter, sir?"

Customer: "I have so many gas-saving appliances on my car that the tank keeps overflowing." —Denver Post.



### SPRINGTIME

Don't you love the springtime,  
Filled with happy hours,  
Flowers, birds and sunshine  
Gentle, pleasant, showers,  
A world filled with beauty,  
Gifts we may enjoy,  
Sent by our Heavenly Father  
To every girl and boy?

—A.E.W.

## JOAN CROSS-PATCH

Once there was a little girl named Joan Cross-Patch. She was so irritable and bad-tempered she could not shut a door without slamming it, and if she had to wipe up or set the table, she always made the crockery rattle. She was always complaining.

At last the door grew tired of being slammed, as he explained to Joan's bed. "It's not fair, I'm well made and well behaved—yet she's always grumbling so I'm going to stick."

"Good," said the bed, "then I'll creak and keep her awake."

When the chair heard what was happening, he decided to join in. "I'll tip up when she sits down," he said.

When Joan came home from school grumbling about her lessons, she ran inside to put her bag in her bedroom, pushed the door, and nothing happened—the door stuck; she pushed and pushed. "What's the matter with this door?" she cried. "It's never stuck before."

"Then why do you grumble and slam me?" asked the door—and opened so suddenly Joan fell into the room.

She received such a shock hearing the door speak, she sat down to think about it, when, without warning, the chair tipped over sideways, and tumbled her on the floor, leaving the chair as it was. Joan climbed on to her bed, and creak, creak—such loud creaks she began to be a bit frightened, when the bed said, "I'm sure I don't like creaking—but you always grumble at me" and the chair said, "You push me about and bang me."

Joan was so surprised she could not think of a word to say for a long while. Then she stood up and picked up the chair.

"Fair's fair," she said; "I've got what I deserved, and in the future I'll behave nicely."

So Joan stopped grumbling, and being bad tempered, and the door didn't stick, or the bed didn't creak, or the chair overbalance, and they all lived together happily.—The Australian Baptist.

## JUST FOR FUN

Hotel guest: "These flowers are for your telephone girls."

Hotel manager: "Thanks. That's a lovely compliment for our service."

Hotel guest: "Compliment nothing. I thought they were all dead."

Student: "Do the Canadians have a Fourth of July?"

Teacher: "Of course not."

Student: "What do they do? Go from the third to the fifth?"

According to the New York Times, the following is a note a milkman found in a bottle: "Dear milkman, we don't want milk every day. We want milk like this: Today we want milk. Tomorrow we don't. And the next day will be just like the day before and the day after tomorrow."

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## PLANS COMPLETED FOR LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING



(Methodist Information Photo)

### MRS. DON HARRELL AND MRS. T. S. LOVETT

Plans have been completed for the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference president, and Mrs. Don Harrell, president of the hostess society, announce that all is in readiness at First Church, Camden, for the dele-

gates who will arrive Tuesday afternoon, April 6 for the three day meeting.

Miss Nellie Dyer, Conway, who has served as a missionary since 1924, will speak on Wednesday afternoon; her subject is "We Are Not Our Own." Miss Dyer is pictured in Korean dress that she wore when she spoke to the North Arkansas Conference Society.

Mrs. H. D. Haberyan, Shreveport, Louisiana, is well known to all members of the Council of Church Women, as she has served as president of the Louisiana Council, and is now Chairman of Committee on Christian World Missions of the United Church Women. Mrs. Haberyan has represented the Presbyterian Board of Missions in visiting the mission fields in Brazil, Mexico and Portugal. In 1951 she was honored by Southwestern College Memphis, in having an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanities conferred on her. She spent the summers of 1952 and 1953 touring Europe, giving special attention to the church there. Mrs. Haberyan will address the conference on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Upton is Local General Chairman for the meeting, and the chairman of the various committees are: Reservation, Mrs. J. D. Reynolds; Transportation, Mrs. Ed Pace; Flowers, Mrs. B. E. Silliman; Publicity, Mrs. Ed Pace; Music, Miss Mary Lou Henry; Ushers and Pages, Mrs. B. T. Fooks; Registration, Mrs. Thomas Lockett and Mrs. Harry Robertson; Pageant, Mrs. William Garner; Secretarial, Mrs. Ed Horton; Fellowship, Mrs. O. G. Burnham and Mrs. Will Parker.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

The ladies of Bethel Church, Olmstead, have recently organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service with Mrs. J. T. Majors as president, Mrs. Floyd Jones, vice-president and Mrs. Carl Sullivan as secretary. Woman's Society Dedi-

## FINANCIAL REPORT—NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE W.S.C.S.—THIRD QUARTER—1953-54

Balance December 1st, 1953 .....\$6,945.78

**RECEIPTS:**  
Pledges to Missions:  
W.S.C.S. ....\$10,592.42  
W.S.G. .... 2,653.66  
Missionary Projects ..... 451.14  
W.S.G. .... 111.50  
Special Memberships:  
W.S.C.S. .... 720.00  
W.S.G. .... 140.39  
"In Remembrance" Gifts,  
W.S.C.S. .... 45.50  
World Federation,  
W.S.C.S. .... 2.41  
Treasure Chest ..... 30.55  
Children Gifts to Missions ..... 30.01

TOTAL on appropriations.....\$14,778.18

Narcotic Education:  
W.S.C.S. .... 137.50  
W.S.G. .... 26.30  
Week of Prayer:  
W.S.C.S. .... 579.00  
W.S.G. .... 84.69  
Supply Work:  
W.S.C.S. .... 1,786.10  
W.S.G. .... 241.00  
Miscellaneous ..... 32.55  
Supplementary Gift:  
W.S.G. .... 10.00

TOTAL from Dist. Treasurers 17,675.72

**OTHER RECEIPTS:**  
M.Y.F. .... 164.39  
Refund ..... 75.00  
Replace Pins:  
W.S.C.S. .... 4.50  
Total ..... 243.89  
TOTAL received 3rd qt. '53-'54 \$17,919.61

TOTAL to be accounted for .....\$24,865.39

**DISBURSEMENTS:**  
**TO DIVISION—**  
Pledge to Missions:  
W.S.C.S. ....\$ 9,134.95  
W.S.G. .... 2,250.00  
Missionary Projects:  
W.S.C.S. .... 451.14  
W.S.G. .... 11.00  
Special Memberships:  
W.S.C.S. .... 600.00  
W.S.G. .... 63.00  
"In Remembrance" Gifts,  
W.S.C.S. .... 45.50  
World Federation ..... 2.41  
Total, W.S.C.S. ....\$10,524.00  
Total, W.S.G. .... 2,324.00

Children ..... 30.01  
M.Y.F. .... 164.39

TOTAL on appropriations .....\$13,048.50

Week of Prayer:  
W.S.C.S. .... 519.00  
W.S.G. .... 84.69  
Supply Work, Foreign:  
W.S.C.S. .... 1,178.00  
W.S.G. .... 137.00  
Supply Work, Home:  
W.S.C.S. .... 325.00  
W.S.G. .... 99.00  
Supplementary Gift,  
W.S.G. .... 10.00  
Division Cultivation,  
W.S.C.S. .... 37.55  
Miscellaneous ..... 6.75

Total, W.S.C.S. .... 2,066.31  
Total, W.S.G. .... 300.69

TOTAL sent to division .....\$15,442.00

**OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:**  
Narcotic Education ..... 250.00  
Sunshine Fund—Booneville ..... 25.00  
Car Expense ..... 210.00  
Salary for Workers ..... 75.00  
District Cultivation ..... 794.72  
Officers expense ..... 67.60  
Insurance on Car ..... 118.00  
Refunds ..... 80.00  
Miscellaneous ..... 32.00

TOTAL disbursed ..... 1,652.72

Balance March 1st, 1954 ..... \$1,004.12

TOTAL accounted for ..... 7,770.57

TOTAL accounted for .....\$24,865.39

MRS. BEN DeVOLL,  
Conference Treasurer

### SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT:** Adult: Mrs. J. W. Wray, Batesville, Central Avenue; Mrs. Mattie Wiseman, Canco Rock, Baby: Clyde Ponder, Eran Pickens, Carol Susan Ritter, Betty Pugh, Newport First Church; Amy Lou Young, Newport First Church W.S.G.

**CONWAY DISTRICT:** Adult: Mrs. Guy Mullins, North Little Rock, Washington Avenue; Mrs. Oscar Berryman, Mrs. I. O. Rye, Mrs. Sam Casey, Russellville; Mrs. Minnie Thompson, Mrs. Mame Lunon, Mrs. Elva Reid, Miss Hazel Merritt, Morilton W.S.G.; Baby: Alice Louise Ruhlen, Conway, Wesley Memorial; Kenneth Wayne Miller, North Little Rock, Washington Ave.

**FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT:** Adult: Miss Mame Phipps, Fayetteville, Central; Mrs. Arnold Simpson, Fayetteville, Wiggins; Elizabeth Heffelfinger, Fayetteville, Central W.S.G.; Mrs. Grace Gromer.

**FORREST CITY DISTRICT:** Adult: Mrs. Charles Shively; Mrs. Rogers Bottoms, Forrest City; Mrs. L. A. Wallace, Wynne. Baby: Stevie Ames, David Wayne Brown, Camden.

**FT. SMITH DISTRICT:** Adult: Mrs. Julius J. Jones, Mrs. Marvin Bryant, Mrs. Robert Williamson, Ft. Smith, Goddard Memorial; Mrs. B. Freeman, Mrs. Curtis Wright, Mrs. Leon Weinz, Mrs. Edgar Bethel, Ft. Smith, First Church. Baby: John Robert Baident, Aima, W.S.G.; Jon Floyd Charles, Sharon Alice Mounts, Benjamin Harry Shipley III, Ft. Smith, First Church; Robert Andrew Srygley, Stephen Andrew Griffin, Michael Stair, Ft. Smith, Goddard Memorial; Michela Jo Havener, Scranton.

**JONESBORO DISTRICT:** Adult: Mrs. D. W. Gilbert, Jonesboro First Church; Mrs. Luther Hagler, Hickory Ridge, Junior; Mary Ann Young, Lurich, Baby: Nana Margaret Cavenor, Jonesboro First Ch.; Veria Ann Taylor, Karen Jean Blackman, Candace Lynn Watkins, Janet Kay Halford, Jonesboro Fisher Street W.S.G.

**PARAGOULD DISTRICT:** Adult: Mrs. John Meiser, Paragould, First Church. Baby: Jeanne Patricia Hurst, Judy Janus Hurst, Rector, First Church.

**SEARCY DISTRICT:** Adult: Ruth Wiseman, Searcy; Miss Geneva Leggett, Cabot.

**NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE:** Honorary Life: Mrs. Johnnie McClure, North Arkansas Conference.

cation Services were held March 3 with 17 ladies being dedicated into various offices. Monthly meetings have been scheduled for the first Wednesday in each month at 1:30 p. m. and every one is urged to attend.— Mrs. M. H. Peters.

Dr. Mary Mims spoke to the Wynn Memorial Society, Shreveport, on March 15, her subject being "The Intertwining of Christian and Civic Affairs." Dr. Mims is widely known for her work as a sociologist in Louisiana and other parts of the country. She has worked with the United Nations and traveled extensively in foreign countries. All circles of the church met together and a covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

The study "The Life and Task of the Church around the World" was taught at the Ball, La, society by

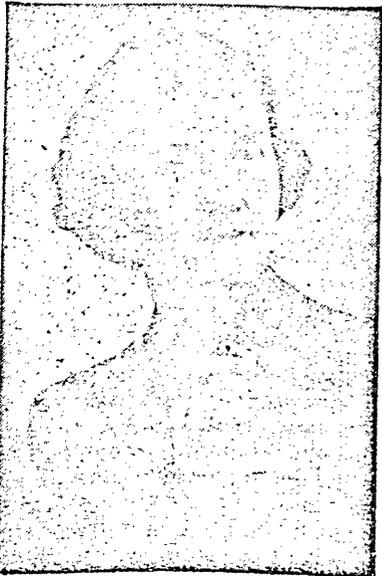
the pastor, Frank C. Lankford on Wednesday nights with an average attendance of forty. J. R. Credit was received for the study of Jeremiah, and it is hoped that credit will be received for this study. This society is a "Ball of Fire" for Christ.— Myrtle Malone.

The Bull Shoals Woman's Society held Open House at its February meeting; following the greeting of members and guests, the business session was held.

Announcement was made that the society would join with the Presbyterian church in a World Day of Prayer observance.

An inspirational devotion preceded the highlight of the evening's program, which was a color film "The People Without Fear." This film was used in connection with the study of Jeremiah.—Mrs. R. W. Batchelder.

MISS NELLIE DYER



MRS. H. D. HABERYAN

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## Leaders In Arkansas Methodism Plan For Completion Of Hendrix Endowment Campaign

Approximately two hundred ministers and laymen, representing every district in Arkansas met at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Friday, March 19, for a luncheon meeting and to make plans for the completion of the Hendrix College Endowment Campaign.

The meeting was under the general direction of Dr. Matt Ellis, president of Hendrix. Others who spoke included Job T. Thompson, Little Rock laymen and Hendrix Board member who is serving as director of the campaign; Alton B. Rancy, Little Rock layman and president of the Hendrix Board of Trustees; and Bishop Paul E. Martin who made an effective appeal in the interest of the campaign. During his address Bishop Martin announced that additional \$5,000 gifts to the campaign had been received from the Riggs family and H. F. Buhler, First Methodist Church Little Rock. Bishop Martin also pledged the group to a sincere effort to raise an additional \$40,000 in cash by the time of the next sessions of the annual conferences.

Concerning the meeting Dr. Ellis has issued the following statement: "Meetings require travel, they are also time-consuming, and are therefore expensive. Because of the cost, it is always with no little hesitancy

that we ask Hendrix friends to come together in the interest of the college.

"Rallies we have called since launching this \$600,000 Endowment Campaign have been very helpful to the cause and, we believe, altogether justifiable. We are always made to feel deeply appreciative of the fine response from many friends from all over the state.

"This is certainly true of the rally in Little Rock on Friday, March 19. A representative group answered our call and we are most grateful to them for coming. That it was good to have such a meeting at this time is shown by the manner in which the cooperative effort is being stepped up in many places. Plans are being made to increase the collection of pledges and also to find new contributors.

"Hendrix friends have repeatedly responded to our appeals. They certainly know that Hendrix could not get along without them. We are confident that the rally on March 19 and the impressive statement which Bishop Paul E. Martin made will result in a splendid report on the Campaign when conferences meet in June."—Matt L. Ellis

## HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

### Reed Wins Fellowship To Vanderbilt

Ralph Reed, senior from Jonesboro, has won a \$2,400 fellowship for advanced study in radiological physics. He will graduate from Hendrix in August with a mathematics major.

The fellowship provides for nine months of study in the graduate school of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and three following months at Oak Ridge, Tenn., in the U. S. Institute of Nuclear studies.

The fellowship program is under auspices of the Atomic Energy Commission and is intended to train people for work in industry, research or college teaching. Reed's work will count toward a graduate degree.

### Pulpit Chairs Placed In Chapel

Four pulpit chairs have recently been placed in the altar area of the college Chapel in memory of Rev. William Cooley, a 1931 graduate of Hendrix, who was District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District of the North Arkansas Conference until his accidental death last fall. The chairs, given anonymously by friends of Mr. Cooley, are of oak

and are upholstered in rich red velvet.

### E. W. Martin Returns To College

E. W. Martin, Hendrix College treasurer, was in his office at the college last week for the first time since he became ill, December 27. His physician has given him permission to assume a light load of duties.

Mr. Martin has been authorized by the board of trustees to give his full time to the endowment and investment program of the college. Other business responsibilities are being taken care of by J. Philip Bumpers, business manager.

### Franks Wins In Piano Competition

Dobbs Franks of Forrest City, Hendrix College senior, has won a \$500 scholarship for study at the graduate school of his choice. He will probably use it for study beginning in September at the Juilliard School of Music in New York.

Franks received the scholarship as a result of winning second place in the Memphis-Mid South Piano Competition, March 20. Piano instructor of Franks at Hendrix is Mrs. Kathleen Rowe Bearden.

Competition was open to any resident of Arkansas, Tennessee or Mississippi between the ages of 18 and 22.

## NEWS FROM McRAE

The monthly meeting of the Board of Stewards was held at the church, Wednesday, March 4. A delicious potluck supper was served, after which the business meeting was held. Our pastor, Rev. Robert Johnson laid before us plans for the Spiritual Life Week and made us want to make it a blessing to our community. He exhorted us to take stronger hold on faith for worldly pleasures would tempt us to stay away from church and it would be a time of testing. Each board member accepted his challenge and felt stronger in the Lord.

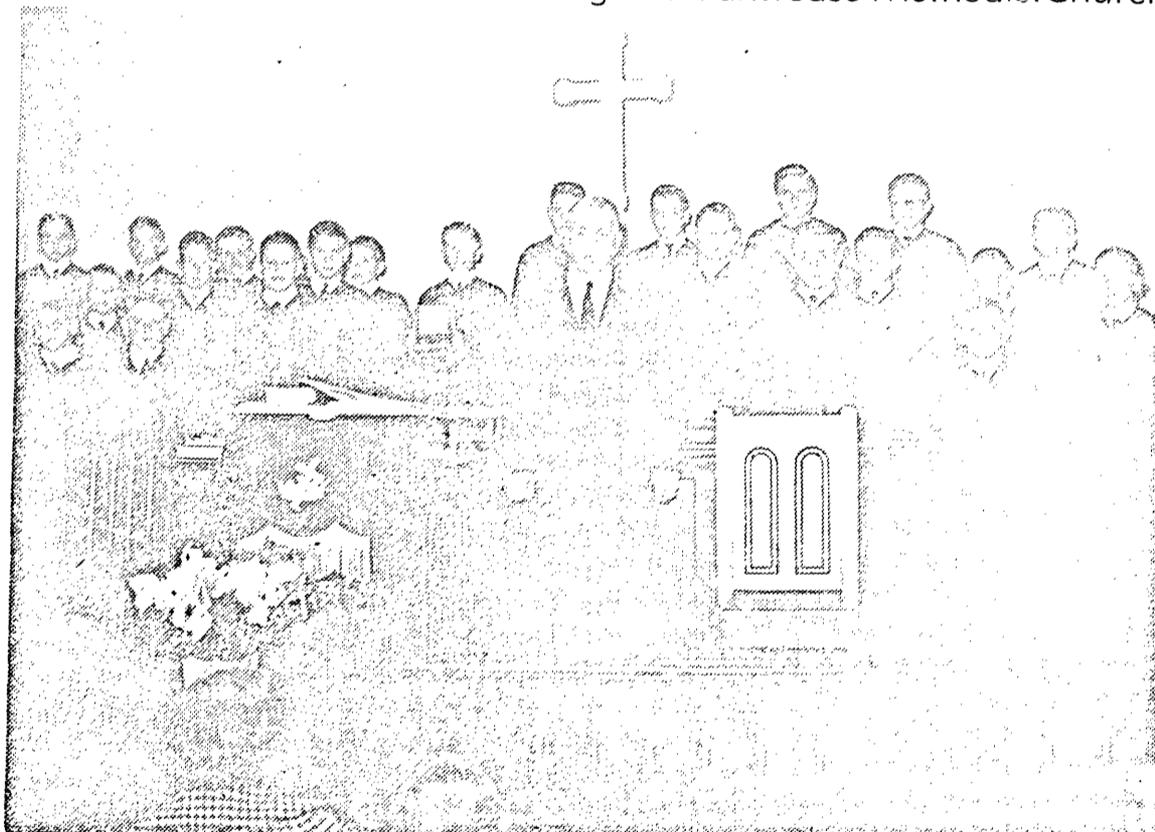
Rev. George Cook, a young ministerial student from Hendrix College and also pastor of the Naylor Charge was the visiting preacher for the Spiritual Life Week. His personality and zeal with his wonderful messages left a lasting imprint upon this church. Each evening found a large crowd to hear him.

The McRae delegate from the W. S. C. S. to the Annual W. S. C. S. Conference in Fayetteville was Mrs. Floyd Morris. Another member, Mrs. Vera Bone, District Secretary of Status of Women also attended.

Mrs. Robert Johnson, wife of our pastor is convalescing at home after a serious illness in Rodgers Hospital, Searcy, Arkansas.

The W. S. C. S. has finished "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World" under leadership of Mrs. Bone. This makes the second study for the quarter with special Jurisdictional Recognition for both. Action was a cash offering for India.—Mrs. Neta Bennett,

## Boy's Club Choir Of El Dorado Sings At Vantrease Methodist Church



Pictured above is the Boy's Club Choir of El Dorado as it sang in the Vantrease Methodist Church; Alva Waddell is the choir director. Members of the choir are, from left to right: John Long, Jerry Doggett, Bobby Cook, Ralph Robertson, James Rodgers, John Taunton, Tippy Melton, Bobby Schwendimann, Ronnie Woods, Jon Feerick, Walter Slayter, David Elmore, Charles Jolley, Leland Grubbs, Fred Schwendimann, James Hankins, Richard Martin, Johnny Gaston, Johnny Robertson, Latty Trull, Cliff Wright, and Jay Haas.

The Boy's Club Choir of El Dorado, directed by Mr. Alva Waddell and accompanied by Miss Joyce Goldstein, visited the Vantrease Methodist Church on Sunday night, March 14. Members of our church who sing in the Club Choir are James Rodgers, Buster Slayter, and Bob and Fred Schwendimann. During the service, the choir sang

"Beautiful Saviour" and "Near to the Heart of God". Fred Schwendimann, pastor of the church, brought a message in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, using as his subject, "Getting More Out of Life". A capacity congregation was present for the evening hour. Following the service, a fellowship hour was held in the recently completed Fellowship

Hall of the church. The choir sang several numbers of a lighter nature. A colored film "All Around Arkansas" was shown, after which the entire group enjoyed cold drinks and spudnuts. This is the second appearance of the Boy's Club choir in our church, and it bids to become an annual attraction of interest during the month of March.—Reporter

## DR. McHENRY RETIRES

Dr. M. J. McHenry, professor of chemistry at Hendrix College, is retiring from the teaching profession this summer, according to Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president.

Dr. McHenry has been a member of the Hendrix staff since 1911, when he became assistant professor of science. He was made Professor of Chemistry in 1913 and has held that position since.

He received a Bachelor's degree from Hendrix in 1909 and has been associated with the college since his high school days. Born at Jacksonville, Ark., he spent his early school days in Birmingham, Ala., and entered the Hendrix Academy to complete his secondary schooling.

During his student days at Hendrix, Dr. McHenry was a prominent member of the student body, being elected freshman class president, receiving the mathematics and essay medals, and editing both the Troubadour (yearbook) and the Mirror (literary magazine) at the same time.

After graduation he joined the faculty of Scarritt-Morrisville College in Morrisville, Mo., and was vice president of that institution for a year before coming to Hendrix.

Dr. McHenry received a Master of Science degree from the University of Chicago in 1913 and a Ph.D. degree from the State University of Iowa in 1918. He is a member of Sigma Xi, national honorary chemistry fraternity, and has been chairman of the science section of the Arkansas Education Association and president of the Arkansas Academy of Science.

Mrs. McHenry, the former Beulah Denison of Conway, has taught art at both Hendrix and former Central College. The McHenrys have four children. Paul, Nan, Estelle and Winnie all graduated from Hendrix. Gordon entered the Air Force at the end of his sophomore year and later graduated from Georgia Tech.

Dr. "Mac," as his students call him, started out to be a doctor, but "When I finished my college work at the University of Chicago, teaching was open so I took it up." Many practicing physicians today are grateful that he decided to help them become doctors rather than follow the profession himself.

In speaking of his decision to be-



DR. M. J. McHENRY

come a teacher, Dr. McHenry once said that it was one of the best things he ever did. With definite ideas on education he remarks, "Teaching is fun because it is pleasant to watch new awkward students grow, develop and finally leave us to take some of the best and most responsible places in the country." Believing that the best way to teach is to stimulate the individual by personal contact, he is constantly experimenting with new methods.

Dr. McHenry's activities have not been entirely centered around the teaching of chemistry, however. He taught in Sunday school classes for 20 years, working with age groups from the junior to the young people's departments. He has also been an assistant Scoutmaster and has served as chairman of the Court of Honor for this area.

His students will miss his closely-knit lectures, his convincing demonstrations, his method of using moving pictures to illustrate lessons, and his constant interest in the student as an individual problem, when they return to their classes next fall. But his work in building up his department to rank second only to the Arkansas Medical School will be carried on by his associates in the pattern which he has set for them.

### ALMYRA REVIVAL

We had a good revival with Brother O. E. Holmes, our pastor at De Witt doing the preaching. Brother Holmes brought great messages at both morning and evening services. Many favorable comments are heard. At the closing service, March 14, four professed faith and were received into the church. We had one rededication, one has been received into the church on profession of faith since the meeting. This makes a total of fourteen accessions to the church since Conference. Nine by profession and five by certificate.

We have enlarged our sanctuary by installing a "Fol-door". This connects the sanctuary with a Sunday school room used by our young adult class. The class has redecoreated the room. Our \$17,000 educational building is complete. A picture and write-up of it will follow. We will put out on all Conference acceptances. C. V. Mashburn, pastor

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### NEWS FROM MONETTE

Charles Stuck, North Arkansas Conference Lay Leader, met with 20 men of Monette Methodist Church on January 13 and assisted them in organizing a Methodist Men's Club. Max Cope was elected President; Harlan Kiech, Vice-President; Jimmy Blankenship, Secretary; Kip Moore, Treasurer; and John Arnold, reporter. The local Wesleyan Service Guild was responsible for the

## DR. REVES RETIRES FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE



Dr. C. M. Reves, for fourteen years a member of the Board of Trustees of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, resigned from membership on the Board at its meeting last week. Dr. Reves was Vice-Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The accompanying picture shows Dr. M. LaFayette Harris, President of the college presenting Dr. Reves with a beautifully framed and beautifully penned "Certificate of Merit," which reads as follows:

#### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Dr. Claude M. Reves, Minister, Humanitarian Scholar, and Christian Gentleman. He has served Philander Smith College as a member of its Board of Trustees for fourteen years. He has assumed full responsibility as Vice-Chairman, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Chairman of the Building Committee for 13 years. At all times he has given of his energy and wise counsel without reservations. The evening was never too late nor the morning too early to challenge fully his most gracious and effective concern for the welfare of the College, its Faculty, and its Students.

His contribution has been a major factor in the unusual development which Philander Smith College has undergone in recent years. He has endeared himself to all of us through his long and faithful service as among the most beloved Trustees.

The President, the Faculty, and the Student Body of Philander Smith College tender to him deepest appreciation for a splendid service and profound regret upon the occasion of his retirement from membership of the Board.

SIGNED: R. C. Childress, For the Trustees; Dr. LaFayette Harris, President of the College; Luck C. Barrow, For the Faculty; George K. Wilburn III, For the Student Body; March 23, 1954.

## NELLIE DYER AT VANTREASE IN EL DORADO

An overflowing congregation filled the sanctuary of the Vantrease Methodist Church in El Dorado on Sunday night, March 21, to hear a great soul testify of the keeping power of Christ. Nearly three hundred Christian friends stood in reverent silence when Miss Nellie Dyer was presented to them by the pastor of the church. Then, for forty minutes, the congregation heard Miss Nellie speak upon the subject, "We Are Not Our Own", reminding each one of the blessed heritage and privilege we enjoy as Christian people and as citizens of a great United States of America. Children, youth, and adults heard Miss Nellie, for six years a prisoner of the Japanese and the Communists, say

"I have no bitterness toward them".

Participating in the service were three life service volunteers of the church. Miss Connie Gathright presided and led the hour of worship; Miss Tahlie Morgan read the scripture lesson which embodied the great commission of Jesus; Miss Nellie Childs led the evening prayer. Preceding Miss Dyer's message, a girls sextet, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Hedgecock, sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd". Members of the sextet included Patricia Starritt, Connie Gathright, Patricia Joiner, Nellie Childs, Nell Lea, and Tahlie Morgan.

It was announced again that at the last session of the Little Rock Conference, pastors and laymen voted unanimously that "every charge in the Little Rock Conference assume a mission special to be known as Nellie Dyer Special". In keeping with that action, Vantrease Methodist Church assumed such a special and will complete payment of it in a special offering to be received on Easter Sunday.

Sunday indeed was a blessed day in the life of the church. It was a time of high dedication and spiritual renewal for many. May the Lord strengthen Miss Nellie Dyer that the cause of Christ may be blessed through her efforts.—Fred Schwendemann, Pastor

evening meal. The Monette Methodist Men's Club expects to receive its charter in March.

The Rev. Alvin C. Murray, Jr., pastor of our Church at Marked Tree, just concluded a successful week of Evangelism in Monette Methodist Church. Services were held twice daily over an eight day period. Attendance was far above average throughout the meeting. The week of Evangelism was in keeping with an annual emphasis in Monette dating back to the U.E.M. two years ago. Rev. Ben F. Jordan is pastor.

# METHODIST YOUTH

## WINNER OF RUSTON DISTRICT CONTEST

Miss Linda Lee Mims, Lakeview Methodist Church, Minden, was winner of the MYF Essay Speech Contest for the Ruston District which was held in the First Methodist Church, Arcadia, Louisiana, March 15, 7:30 p. m. Second and third-place winners were Jimmy Leve, Ruston, La., and Miss Carolyn Johnson, Arcadia, respectively.

Miss Mims will now represent the Ruston District in the Conference run-off in Alexandria, March 27.

The subject for the Essay contest was "Gambling and Its Effects Upon Youth".

## MONROE DISTRICT ESSAY CONTEST

The Monroe District M. Y. F. Essay Contest was held in the Sicily Island Methodist Church, Sicily Island, Louisiana, Saturday, March 13.

The three contestants, Betty Preston from the First Methodist Church in West Monroe, Nelda Faye Roberts from the Kilbourne Church, Oak Grove, and Carolyn Seal from the Sicily Island Methodist Church presented very fine essays on "Gambling and Its Effects on Young People." Carolyn Seal, who had won first place in the Tri-Parish Sub-District, was winner in the District.

Among those present were: District Superintendent and Mrs. J. T. Harris, Monroe, Rev. Don Alverson, Chairman, Rev. W. D. Milton, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, Rev. Tatum, Pastor of the Kilbourne Church, Oak Grove and Mrs. Roberts, Oak Grove, Rev. J. J. Davis, Pastor of the Sicily Island Methodist Church, and Mrs. Anita Oliphant, Sub-District Adult Counselor. State Senator Persons, Lake St. John, and Catahoula Parish Superintendent of schools, A. L. Brooks served as judges.

Mrs. Olga Seal, Mrs. Kitty Nolan, Mrs. Jeanette Gremillion, Mrs. Margie Chimus, and Mrs. Cruse Chism representing the W. S. C. S. served a delicious lunch which they and other members had prepared.

## YOUTH REVIVAL AT HAMBURG

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Hamburg assisted by Rev. M. W. Miller and Youth Counselors, Mrs. Earl Scott and Mrs. Tom Dutham, have just completed a successful Youth Revival with Bill Elliott of Hendrix as the guest speaker. Supper was served each evening for the young people during the series of services by women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service with Mrs. Leslie Serrett as chairman.

Each evening after the meal prayer services were held in the Upper Room with Donald Nolley leading the first night with the subject Prayer, Pat Hoy the second night with the subject Cooperation, and Sammy Jones the third night with the subject Service.

Each young person was responsible for filling a pew each night and

## WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS Poinsett

The Poinsett Sub-District met at Fisher on March with 87 present. A film, "The Return to Faith," was shown.

The dividing of the Sub-District into the east and west division was discussed because of the great distance across the Sub-District.

The group decided to meet quarterly as a Sub-District.

A recreation period was held following the service.

The next meeting will be held at Lepanto on April 8.

## Pelican-Mitchell

The Pelican-Mitchell Sub-District started February by attending the Mansfield Sub-District meeting held at Mansfield. Lamar Robertson was in charge of the program on the MY Fund. A Valentine party was held and three other meetings were retacted between the two churches.

In March a Sub-District meeting was held at Coushatta. There were 119 present with 33 from Pelican-Mitchell who had the largest number present for the fifth consecutive time. The essays in the Essay-Speech Contest were given.

On February 28 the Mitchell group held the evening worship at Mitchell. Joan Sistrunk gave her essay on Gambling. She won third place at the district contest. The same thing was done by the Pelican group at Pelican on March 7.

## Alexandria

The Alexandria Sub-District meeting will be held at the Lecompte Methodist Church on Monday night, April 5.

## Camp Keener

Camp Keener Sub-District met with Lake Village on March 22, with 130 present. Towns represented were Crossett, Dermott, Eudora, Hamburg, Lake Village, Parkdale, and Portland. A very inspirational program was led by the Young People of Lake Village using as their theme "The Cross of Christ". After the business meeting the group assembled in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and recreation. For their recreation period each Church was asked to put on a stunt and a prize was given for the best stunt and this was presented to the Lake Village group. The next meeting will be with Portland on April 26.

Donna Dee Meyers won the "most attendance" award by having 28 during the series of services. The highest number in attendance was 120. The church as a whole received much inspiration from this revival. —Reporter

Children catch prejudice even in school. When a school board refuses to name a new building after an American war hero because his parents were Mexicans, as one did recently, that board isn't helping race relations. Neither was the teacher who said, "List 5 queer things about the Chinese people." — Jack Harrison Polack. "How Not To Raise A Bigot," Every Woman's.

## METHODIST WORK CAMPS RECRUIT FOR 1954

A work camp in the nation's capital has been added to the summer service projects for college students sponsored by the Methodist Church's Boards of Missions, Education, and Evangelism and the Methodist Student Movement according to the Rev. R. Claude Singleton, secretary of the Student Department of the Board of Missions, New York City.

Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, in Washington, D. C., will be the operating base for the new camp which will give training in urban church work and Christian citizenship for twelve to fourteen college men and women. These campers should have skills for "camping, day camping, work with boys and girls, simple physical work, worship, evangelism, recreation" and have particular interest in national issues and the city church. A study program will supplement the direct participation in the social service program of the church.

Community service and Christian witness projects will be conducted in New York City. Specializing in the program of the city church in four or five metropolitan churches in mission areas, the interracial New York project is for 18 college men and women. They will live together with their directors and seek "to develop a creative democratic fellowship where Christian principles are practiced."

In Chicago the "traveling Christian witness fellowship" includes two weeks internship and six weeks service in evangelism. Called a "bold new program" for students qualified older youth, this project in clinical evangelism is for 30 men and women. The main training center is Kendall College, Evanston, Ill. An interdenominational work camp in California in which the Methodist Student Movement cooperates with the Migrant Committee of the National Council of Churches has been planned for six students with a desire to understand "the sociological problems of migrant people."

The Kentucky Work Camp, in the coal fields of western Kentucky at the Muhlenburg Methodist Settlement, a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Central City, Ky., "seeks to apply Christian faith through a program of rural missions. The mission has recently acquired new property which ten college men and women will recondition for community use.

In the Rio Grande Valley at Pharr, Texas, fourteen students will live at Valley Institute, a Woman's Division of Christian Service project for Spanish-speaking Americans. Campers will give leadership in the summer program at Valley Institute and help in neighboring Latin American churches. Those who participate will have opportunity to learn something about the social and religious problems of a complex rural, bilingual culture.

Laboratory experience in rural church work is offered to fourteen college men and women in the South Dakota Rural Work Camp. Skills in simple construction, leadership training in children's and youth work, and sociology of the rural community are listed as im-

portant for this camp.

Two foreign mission camps will be held again this year, one in Cuba and the other in Mexico. The Cuba Work Camp for eleven North American students and five Cubans will have a rural setting. It involves building, road work, literacy and vacation church school work.

The 1954 Mexico Work Camp needs eleven college students to begin building a youth camp in the vicinity of Monterrey where the social center maintained by the Woman's Division of Christian Service has recently acquired property. Religious education, evangelism, worship, recreation, and study are added features of the camp life.

With the exception of the Chicago camp, which is open to qualified older high school students, all camps require that members have completed their sophomore year in college. Most are for six to eight-week terms, usually beginning the last week in June. Cost to campers includes transportation to and from camp and an activity fee averaging \$25.

Applications for the national camps should be sent to the Rev. R. Claude Singleton, Student Department, Methodist Board of Missions, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. For Mexico and Cuba Work Camps applications should be sent to Dr. Harvey C. Brown, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Brown is also receiving application for youth under 24 for the Methodist Caravans for work in youth leadership in local communities across the nation.

## INTERRACIAL MEETING

The Shorewood Hills M. Y. F. invited the Negro M. Y. F. from Haven Methodist Church in Hot Springs to share their program on Feb. 28—ending Race Relations month. The Haven M. Y. F. gave the devotional and sang hymns "Are Ye Able", "In Christ There is No East or West" and one Negro spiritual. The meeting was an inspiration to all who attended. The group had to leave after the devotional for a program at their own Church.

The familiar M. Y. F. friendship circle was formed — followed by the M. Y. F. benediction and thus we bade our friends in Christ farewell.—Mrs. Charles Phillips, Youth Counselor

A sunset in one land is a sunrise in another.—Defender.

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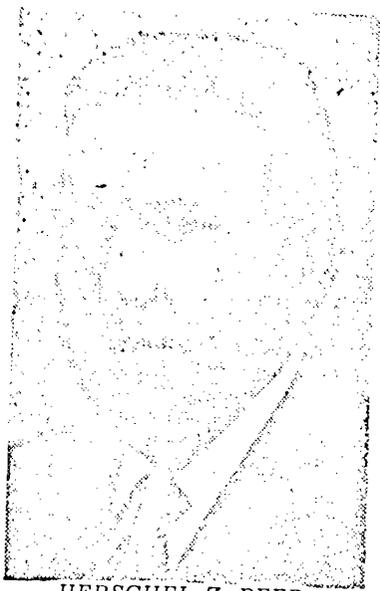
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HERSCHEL Z. REED**



HERSCHEL Z. REED

At the March meeting of The Official Board of First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, a resolution was adopted expressing gratitude for the life and work of Herschel Reed, a steward of the church, who died February 6th, and whose funeral service was held at our altar February 8th.

He was a man who had distinguished himself by the character and quality of his daily work. There was nothing of the hireling about him. He went about his work with superb skill and craftsmanship, so that the work of his hands bore the mark of an artist. He did that work as a service to his fellow men.

There was a love for people and a tenderness and winsomeness about him that made him one of the best loved men in the professional and business life of the city. He had a gift for being a friend.

But we are aware that he made his greatest contribution to our community through his faith and life in the Church. He had been reared by devoted Methodist parents. After coming here, he and his wife, nee Kibbie Wilkins, united with First Church. She had been reared in another community, but with characteristic devotion and wisdom, united with his Church that they might have a church home together. As a sincere and earnest follower of Christ he became known throughout the city for his work in this Church.

He was ever faithful and constant in attendance upon all the services. He was a convinced tither, always advocating among his friends the value of consecrating a tithe of one's income to the work of Christ. He stood in the forefront of the church's life where moral or spiritual issues were involved. He was a trustee, a steward, a commission chairman, and an associate lay leader of the district at the time of his going. He had served as chairman of the board of the Church, and as lay leader of the district.

For years he had taught the combined McMath and Crestamath Classes in the Adult Department. But he was much more than a teacher, for to the members he was friend and spiritual counselor. Ill health had kept him from teaching for some weeks, but one of his last services was in giving the lesson to his group. He taught that day with superb skill and effectiveness. He was delighted to be again at his most loved task.

He had the natural gifts of a witness and his Christian experience

was so real and dynamic that he was often called on to fill the pulpits of our own and other congregations. The people heard him gratefully and notice that he would be the speaker at the service always drew a large audience.

Herschel had the heart and the passion of the true evangelist. He wanted with all his soul to see persons brought into the Church and into fellowship with Christ. He prayed for a continued revival in the Church. A series of revival services in our Church just before he finished his work was a delight to his soul.

He was a personal worker of great persistence and skill. Many of the most effective workers and most devoted Christians we have were led to Christ by the personal witness of this man. Though ill for some months he longed with a sort of divine restlessness to be free to visit for Christ again.

He had a large place in our life here. No one can take his place. But he lived and prayed and worked so that many are ready to take up where he laid down his tools. He came to his end on Saturday morning. The word of his sudden going made quiet the hearts of his friends. Ordinarily one would expect that the following Sunday many would be absent from services. It was not so. His friends knew his spirit. They came to Sunday School and to the Church service. Several said, "We know where he is. He is here." What better thing could be said of a man?

He had lived in such faith and devotion to Christ and the Church that when the minister in the service said, "This is not a day of sorrow. This is his crowning day. He has lived so that those who knew him best find it easier to believe in the life everlasting and eternal", those present gave their hearty, but silent, amen.

We have a feeling of sadness that this our brother beloved will be no more with us in the earthly body. Yet he was Christ's man, and we give thanks. Perhaps he would answer our sorrow, saying:

*"Christ, I am Christ's and let the name suffice you;  
Aye, for me, too, it greatly hath sufficed."*

H. L. Disheroon  
Lewis H. Mahoney  
E. Clifton Rule  
James O. Miller  
Cooper B. Land—Chairman

**OBITUARY**

**WHITE**—On February 11, Ruston and Grace Methodist Church lost one of the distinguished Christians of this locality. Miss Daisy White, retired Ruston school teacher, was born June 8, 1880, the daughter of H. O. White, one of Louisiana's early Methodist ministers.

Following her graduation from Acadia College in Crowley, she received her Master's degree from L. S. U., and taught mathematics in Alexandria, Weldon, and Ruston. She was a charter member of the American Association of University Women and a member of the Ruston Pierian Club. She was a charter member of the W.S.C.S. in the Columbia Methodist Church and a charter member of the Grace Methodist Church and its W.S.C.S. in Ruston.

Miss White served in the choir of Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston for many years, taught classes in the Church School, served as Secretary of the Status of Women in the W.S.C.S., and was one of the

plantists in Grace Church during the time of her membership therein.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Leola Nixon, Monroe, Miss Nettie White, Ruston, Miss Marelena White of Ruston and Baton Rouge, and a number of nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.—D. L. McGuire

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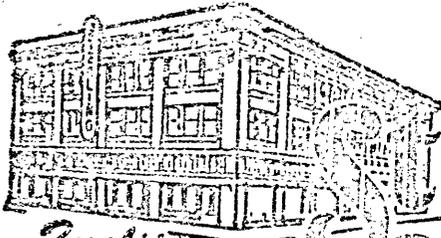
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LESSON FOR APRIL 11, 1954

## WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE CRUCIFIXION?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
John, chapter 18 and 19. Printed text: John 19:17-30.

MEMORY SELECTION: *I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.* (John 12:32)

This is the first of the two lesson UNIT VII: "CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION." These subjects cover two of the greatest thoughts of the Bible. Much space in the Bible is devoted to them. Without the crucifixion there would be no redemption from sins; and without the resurrection redemption would be a failure, for believers would be left alone to cope with temptations without the companionship of the Lord. Paul goes on to tell us that Jesus is able to save them to the uttermost who come to God by him, and then he explains that this is made possible because he ever lives to make intercessions, or prayers for them.

### Lesson Background

We are dealing primarily with the crucifixion today, but it might be well to note a few of the things that led up to this event. In our last lesson we studied the intercessory prayer of Christ as recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John. Following this prayer the Lord and his disciples (with the exception of Judas) went out to the Garden of Gethsemane. There the Lord was sorely troubled. He took with him Peter, James, and John and separated himself from the others. He prayed with great earnestness, but fully submitted himself to the Father's will. These three close friends of the Lord went to sleep right at the moment when he needed them most.

In the late hours of that night Judas came with a band of soldiers, and betrayed the Lord to them with a kiss. All the disciples except Peter and John forsook the Lord. He was arrested and carried first before Annas who had formerly been the high priest. From there he was carried before the high priest Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin. Peter, through the influence of John who knew the high priest, gained admission to the palace. There he denied that he ever knew the Lord. Christ was tried before this group and condemned as a blasphemer. He was not condemned on the grounds that he claimed to be the Messiah. Such a claim as that would not have made him guilty of blasphemy in the eyes of the Jews, for they did not think that their promised Messiah was to be a Divine Person. They condemned Christ on the ground that he claimed to be the Son of God. They accused him of trying to make himself equal with God. It is a fact that Christ claimed to be a Divine Person, and it is also true that if he had not been a Divine Person such a claim would have been blasphemy. The punishment, according to the Jewish law, for blasphemy was death.

The Jews at that time were a conquered people, and as such could

not pronounce the sentence of death on any one. Through their court, the Sanhedrin, they could declare that a person was worthy of death, but they had to get the Roman Government to pronounce the sentence and execute the victim. That is why Christ was carried before the Roman Governor, Pilate. At first Pilate tried to release the Lord. He realized that the enemies of Christ were jealous of him and that was why they wanted him put to death. In his attempt to avoid the passing of sentence on Christ, whom he realized was innocent, he sent him to Herod. Herod permitted his soldiers to mock the Lord and he was sent back to Pilate. Pilate again declared his conviction that Christ was innocent, tried to wash his hands of the responsibility of condemning an innocent man, but finally delivered him to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

The retirement to the Garden of Gethsemane, the prayer there, and the betrayal all took place on Thursday night, April 7, A. D. 30. At nine o'clock the next morning Christ was nailed to the cross. He died at three o'clock in the afternoon, and was buried before sundown. Our Lord was a little over 33 years old when he was crucified. Our calendar was supposed to have dated from his birth. This would have meant that he died in A. D. 33, but a mistake was made in the calendar and according to the calendar, as we now know it, Christ died in A. D. 30. The particular Thursday of Holy Week of that year came on April 9. The Lord died on April 8, and he rose from the dead on Sunday, April 10. This was our first Easter Sunday.

The theme of our lesson is in the form of a question: "What Is The Meaning of the Crucifixion?" That is, what does the Crucifixion stand for? What does it reveal to us? What does it do for us?

### The Crucifixion Reveals The Awfulness Of Sin

Sin is the number one evil of the world. In fact if you were to take sin, with all of its bad results, out of the world you would have the Paradise of God on earth. Sin has been the perpetrator of every murder in the world, from the day that Cain slew righteous Abel down to our time. Sin has been the cause of every war in all the history of the world. The writer is not a pacifist at any cost. It may be necessary sometimes to fight for the principles for which Christ died, but still it is sin on the part of wicked aggressors that makes such wars necessary. Sin has broken millions of homes and millions of hearts. Sin has undermined health, brought on disease, shortened life, wrecked character, and destroyed

souls. Sin has eliminated civilizations in the past, ruined strong nations, and obliterated powerful empires. Little wonder that God would say, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

God is the home of the soul. The greatest evil that can come to man is to be separated from God. The only thing in the world that can separate a man from God is sin. God is the life of the soul. The soul separated from God is dead. That is what the Prophet Ezekiel meant when he said "The wages of sin is death." Sin separates a man from God; it kills the soul.

The greatest danger that can beset any people or nation is the loss of the sense of sin. The wise writer of Proverbs goes on to say, "Fools make a mock at sin." They treat sin lightly as though it does not amount to anything.

### The Cross Stands For Forgiveness

One of the foundations of God's throne is justice. The first book in the Bible raises the question, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" The answer is "yes." God must do right. If he should ever do anything other than right he would cease to be God. We say it reverently, but God's problem has always been, how to show mercy and grant life to people who justly deserve death. There is an old saying that has been applied to civil law courts which goes something like this: "When the criminal goes unpunished, the judge is condemned." That same idea would apply to God if he should pass lightly over the sins of people. God can show mercy and forgive the sins of the penitent if in some way justice has been met and satisfied. That has been done in Christ on the cross. It is done for all who will forsake their sins and accept him as Lord and Saviour.

Some argue that God is too merciful to permit a man to suffer the full consequences of his sins, and that is true, but the mercy of God is in his Son. If people are too contrary and stubborn to accept the mercy and forgiveness which God has provided for them through the sacrifice of his Son, which sacrifice fully meets and satisfies the demands of justice, then there is nothing further that he can do for them. People who refuse God's salvation cannot hold him responsible for their damnation. They are damning themselves in spite of all that God can do; even to the extent of becoming a man and dying on a cross. Let us illustrate: You are walking by a river. You have a long rope in your hand. A man is drowning in the midst of the stream. You hold one end of the rope and toss him the other, with the intention of pulling him to the shore, but he willfully refuses to take hold of the rope. He drowns. Did you drown him? No. You tried to save him. He drowned himself. That is why it is with a person who refuses God's salvation. He destroys himself. God is loving and merciful but he has refused God's love and mercy.

### The Cross Stands For Sacrifice

The greatest sacrifice ever known to the mind of man was the Incarnation of Christ and his death on the cross. Christianity was born in sacrifice. The greatest verse in the Bible, John 3:16, tells of this sacrifice. God the Father loved the world and gave his Son; Christ the

Son loved the world and gave his life for it, first in service and then in death. Some people are inclined to feel that God requires too much sacrifice on the part of those who would be Christian.

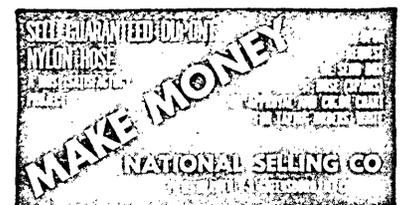
### The Cross Stands For Suffering

There is no greater torture that can possibly come to an individual than death by crucifixion. The shame and pain of crucifixion were so great that the Roman law prohibited the crucifixion of any Roman citizen regardless of what his crime was. Jesus suffered this cruel death, not merely for the Jews, or the people of his own generation, but for all people in all ages of the world. The door of salvation through the price that Christ paid for redemption is world-wide and age-long. "Whosoever will, may come."

### The Cross Stands For Love

A man was being carried into one of our great hospitals some time ago. He was heard to remark, "Prove to me that God loves me, and I will leave this hospital pretty soon, a well man." What that man needed was for someone to point him to Christ on the cross and tell him the story of a love that knows no bounds and a power that is able to save to the uttermost. No one can believe that God the Father so loved the world that he gave his Son and that God the Son so loved the world that he became a man and died on the cross for the salvation of all who will forsake their sins and accept him, and doubt for a moment that God loves him.

Some years ago a newspaper reporter was interviewing one of the greatest thinkers of our age. This man, though brilliant, had not fully come to accept the account of the great sacrifice God has made through his Son. He said it simply seemed too good to be true. The reporter asked him the question: "If you had the privilege of asking but one question and you had the assurance you would get the true answer to it, what would that question be?" The thinker replied, "That question would be, is the Power back of the universe friendly?" That question is fully answered in Christ. That is one of the most important things that God wants people to know, he wants them to know that he is their Friend; that he loves them better than they know how to love themselves, or any one else in all the world. Christ came as a full and complete revelation of the fact that God is a Father to all who will have him so. The acid test of love is sacrifice. The greatest sacrifice ever made was when God the Son became Incarnate; lived a human life among men and then died a shameful, painful death on the cross for their benefit. He himself said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." As we look at the cross today may we get a new vision of the awfulness of sins; the provision for redemption; the suffering it entailed; and the love it portrayed.



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