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## Power To Act Granted To The President

WITH a unanimity in Congress seldom, if ever before in peace-time on such a momentous question, Congress voted to give the President power to do anything necessary, in his judgment, to protect Formosa and the near-by Pescadores islands against Red aggression. Conditions are such that opposition to the movement in Congress could muster only five opposing votes in both houses.

What the results of this action will be nobody, outside of Red China, can make a good guess. There was the feeling among our national leaders that we had no hopeful alternative. We have practiced patience and approached appeasement with Red China apparently to no avail at this time. We face a situation in which the safety of our own nation, and thereby the safety of the free world, is endangered if Red China is permitted to occupy Formosa and destroy Chiang Kai-shek and his armies.

There is strong hope expressed by our leaders that a firm, positive stand at this time may stop further aggression by China. That, however, is expressed as a hope and not as an opinion. Anything might happen when our fleet moves in to evacuate the Nationalists soldiers now stationed on the Tachen islands.

## Support Needed More Than Ever

AT no time has the need for greater support of Negro higher education been more apparent than at the present time. In this day when there is a great deal of rethinking being done on the subject of race relationships, any move which will strengthen the cause of higher education among Negroes is certainly a move in the right direction.

Ignorance is one of the greatest threats to a democracy. A great deal of prejudice is founded on a lack of understanding of the facts involved. One of the surest ways of eliminating unenlightenment, prejudice and misunderstanding is a sound, vigorous school system whose facilities are available and accessible to those who desire them. This holds true for all people, regardless of race or color. If our nation and world are to be strong in those realities which really count for the most, then educational opportunities must be provided some way for those who need most what these opportunities can give.

There are more Negro youth eager for a college education today than ever before. Enrollment in Negro schools of higher learning is at an all time high, and many other Negro young people would enroll in their schools if they were financially able or the schools themselves were able to give them more assistance financially. Negro schools more than many others provide work opportunities and scholarships to assist youth financially. One school, Philander Smith in Little Rock, gives some sort of assistance to 75% of those enrolled.

Negro schools of higher learning are better able scholastically and physically to project educational programs than they have ever been. Even though conditions are far from ideal, most of them have better buildings, more competent faculties, and finer equipment with which to work than ever before. They are now in a better position to render the service for which they were founded.

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## "The Meaning Of Peace"

FEBRUARY is the month for a special emphasis in the local church of the Crusade For World Order. That emphasis includes a study, in the pulpit and elsewhere, of "The Meaning of Peace."

Perhaps we might get a better view of the question if we look a moment at some of the proposals that seem to be offered as a substitute for real peace. Just now an appeal is being made to the United Nations suggesting that it bring about a "cease-fire" agreement between Red China and the Nationalist Government on Formosa. Desirable as that objective is, we all realize that a "cease-fire" agreement is purely a stop-gap movement to serve only until a more definite and more conclusive agreement can be reached.

We know also that national expediency is not a basis for real peace. An in-

"What all men are really after is some form, or perhaps only some formula, of peace."—Joseph Conrad

ternational agreement based on national expediency is of only temporary value since national needs and objectives change rapidly, and conditions, desirable and acceptable today, might become distasteful even hurtful tomorrow. It is true also that real peace cannot rest on a foundation of fear. Just now we are making a show of strength in the Far East hoping that Red China will be afraid to move in the face of that strength. Nevertheless, along with the expression of that hope by our national leaders is a statement of the possibility of war as a result of our new policy. Permanent harmony and peace do not grow in the atmosphere of fear even though hydrogen bombs and guided missiles have produced the fear.

About the time Jesus was born we are told that the gates of the Temple of Janus in Rome were closed signifying that there was peace throughout the Roman Empire. It was a peace based on subjugation and was short-lived. Permanent peace cannot have as its basis the subjugation of people. Subjugated people are restless and continuously seek an opportunity to rebel and overthrow their captors. Instead of peace there is continuous war of some character.

Real peace in the world, when it comes will be based on a sympathetic understanding of each other by the nations of the world. There will be a willingness on the part of nations to cooperate in a world program for the good of all. Mutual trust and confidence will supplant international fear and suspicion. Real peace in the world can become a reality only when the practice of world brotherhood has become a reality.

## Fast Action Which We Believe Will Backfire

LAST week the legislature and the Governor joined hands to destroy Act No. 1, an initiated act which became law by a majority vote of 11,790 of the citizenship of our state. That act for which temperance forces fought, and which they valued very highly, provided for a vote on the legal sale of liquor in townships or counties when a proper petition was presented by either wets or drys.

In a legislative session, which our daily press has indicated more than once is plagued by indecision and lack of leadership, a law repealing Act No. 1 was passed by both houses and signed by the Governor within a period of three or four days. The dry forces of Arkansas put in months of labor to carry this matter to the people for a decision. Now, by legislative processes, this law is destroyed between week ends without even giving the people an opportunity for a hearing.

The law passed last week has been before the legislature repeatedly in past years. It has been repeatedly defeated by the dry forces whenever opportunity was given to contest it. It is self-evident that the hurry-up schedule by which this legislation became law was planned to avoid the protests that would have been felt if this proposal had followed normal processes.

It is our feeling that such tactics will prove a boomerang to those responsible and for the cause it represents. It is our feeling that the temperance forces of Arkansas should and will follow one of two courses in the face of this subtle, planned affront. They should exercise the right of the referendum and refer this legislative act to the people in the next election and let the people, who initiated Act No. 1, decide by ballot whether or not they want it destroyed. Either that, or possibly better, they should file a petition for a state-wide vote on the legal sale of liquor in Arkansas.

## Report No. 2 Circulation Campaign Indicates Increase

REPORT No. 2 of the annual Area-Wide Circulation Campaign for the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist, published on pages 8 and 9 of this issue, shows that both publications have received a record number of subscriptions when compared with second reports of other years. The report also reveals that a record number of pastoral charges have made reports to the publications' office through the second week. Report No. 2 reveals that 380 charges report a total of 19,640 subscriptions in Arkansas. Report No. 2 of 1954 indicated that 359 charges had reported a total of 18,576 subscriptions. Thus, this year's report shows a net gain of 1,064 subscriptions thus far with 21 more charges having made reports.

Arkansas Methodists will be interested to know that 243 charges in Louisiana report a total of 9,282 subscriptions, 1,014 more subscriptions than were reported in the second report of 1954 when 223 charges made reports.

Eight of the Area's 22 districts have already exceeded their quotas for the circulation campaign, with 6 additional districts having more than 90 per cent of their quotas to date. It is quite likely that further reports this week from these 6 districts will put them over their goals. The Camden, Pine Bluff and Monticello Districts of the Little Rock Conference, the Conway,

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# Prices Sail For Pakistan Post

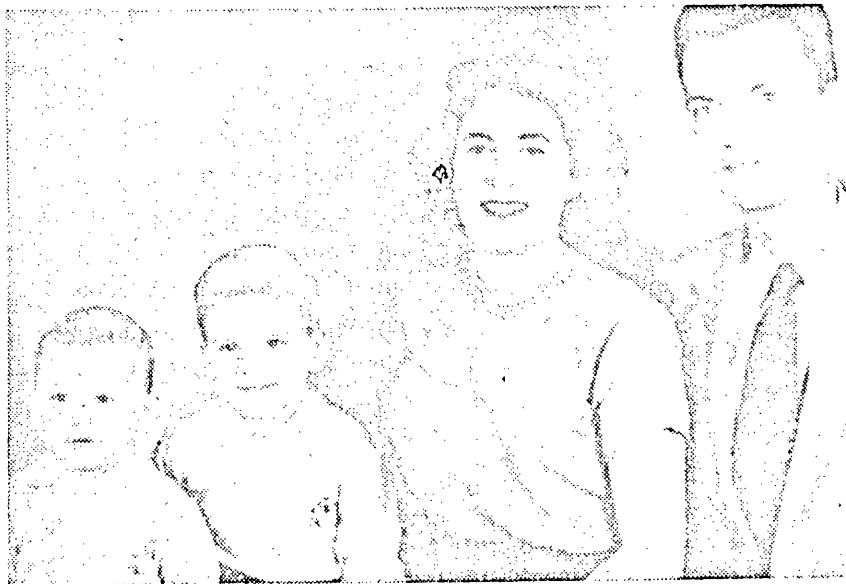
## Missionary Family is Advance Special of First Church, Little Rock

Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Price and their two sons, Don, age four, and Mike, age two, sailed January 30 aboard the American liner "The Independence", their eventual destination being Khanewal, Pakistan, where Rev. and Mrs. Price will serve as missionaries under the World Division of the General Board of Missions. The First Methodist Church, Little Rock, is supporting the Price family as an Advance Special.

"The Independence" is en route to Genoa, Italy, where the Prices will board the Italian liner "The Asia" for the trip through the Suez Canal and on to Karachi Pakistan from where the trip will be completed by rail.

At Khanewal the Prices will be associated with another American couple, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lockman.

Khanewal is an agricultural area, according to the Rev. Mr. Price, and the Lockman family is doing agricultural work under the direction of the Methodist Mission Board. Rev. and Mrs. Price will spend some time



Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Price and children, Mike and Don

learning the language of the country after which the Rev. Mr. Price will be engaged in evangelistic work as an district evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. Price are natives of Mississippi. Both are graduates of Millsaps College, Jackson, Mis-

issippi. Rev. Mr. Price is also a graduate of the Candler School of Theology at Emory, Atlanta, Ga., and both Rev. and Mrs. Price have done graduate work at the Cornell University School of Agriculture.

## Methodists Rebuilding Churches In Korea

Rebuilding, rehabilitation and revitalization are the key words for Methodism in Korea for 1955, Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, in charge of Methodist mission work in Korea, says in a report presented to the church's Board of Missions at its annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Tuesday, January 11.

An over-all program for re-establishing the Korean Methodist Church was mapped out at a conference of Korean church leaders and missionary personnel in July, Dr. Brumbaugh says, and work in some areas already is in progress. The mission executive is administrative secretary for Korea, Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines for the Board's Division of World Missions.

"Christianity must triumph in Korea if the church is to survive on the continent of Asia," Dr. Brumbaugh asserts in the report.

Physical rebuilding is necessary for institutions of all types, churches standing at the top of the list in number, Dr. Brumbaugh says. The devastation of the 3-year war necessitates the rehabilitation or reconstruction of 762 churches, of which 362 should be rebuilt in the next three years, he adds.

The report estimates the cost of rebuilding the 362 churches at \$1,700,000, of which the Koreans probably will provide \$500,000, and about \$1,200,000 of which will be sought outside the country, principally in the United States, it adds.

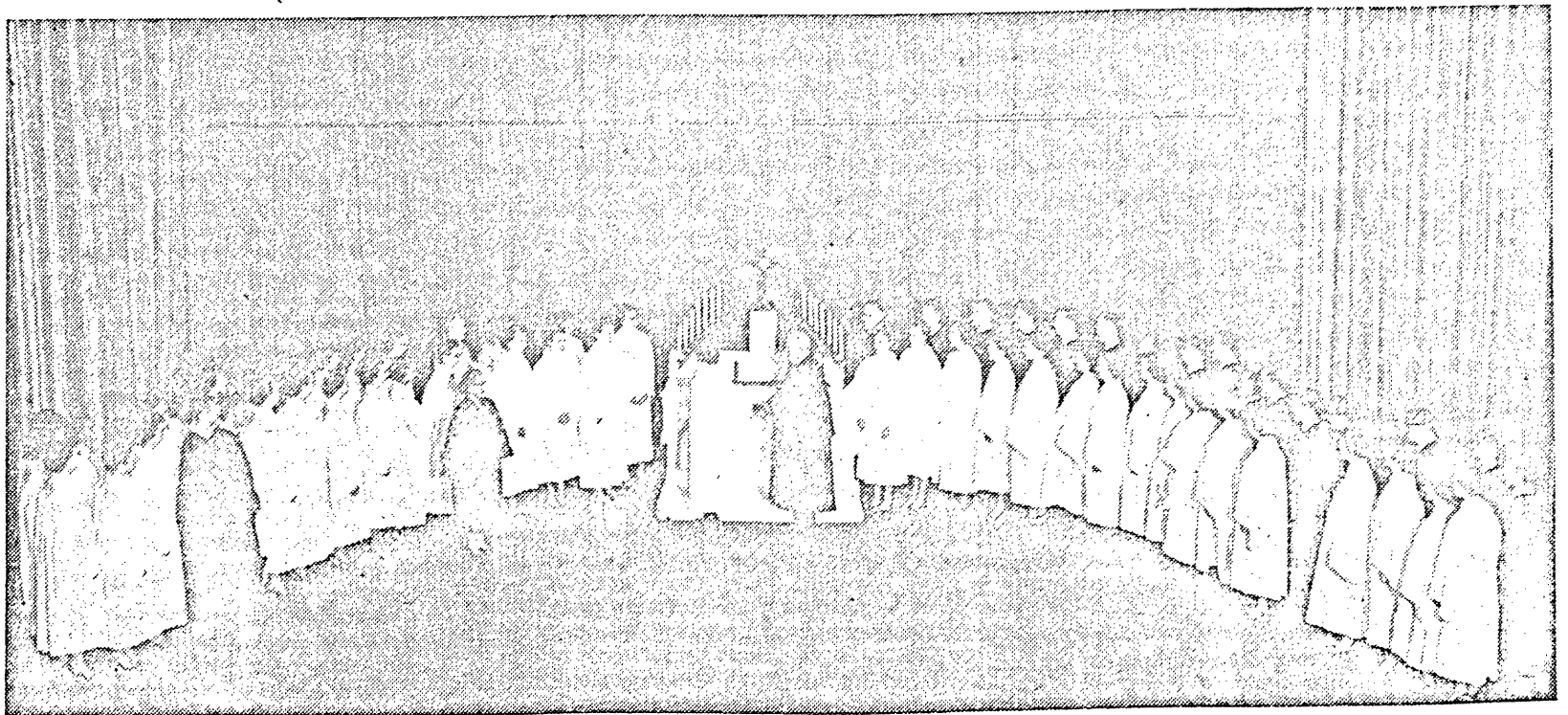
## 64 NEW METHODIST MISSIONARIES COMMISSIONED

Sixty-four new missionaries and deaconesses were commissioned on Wednesday evening, January 12, in connection with the annual meeting of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. In this photo, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is presenting to Bishop Arthur J. Moore, president of the Board, the Division's candidates for commissioning. The candidates of the Division of World Missions were presented by Bishop Richard C. Raines. The fol-

lowing from Arkansas and Louisiana were among those commissioned:

Woman's Division: Miss Ruby Frances Hudgins, Higginson, Ark., Deaconess, to West Tennessee Rural Work; Miss Patsy Ruth Alexander, Sterling, La., to South America, educational work;

Division of World Missions: Rev. and Mrs. William M. Elder, Little Rock, Ark., and Amarillo, Texas, to Japan for evangelistic service; Rev. Carlos A. Welch, Natchitoches, La., to India for educational work.



## YOUNG METHODIST MINISTER WINS YOUTH HYMN CONTEST

Chicago, Jan. 21—A young North Carolina Methodist minister, already the author of 300 poems, has written the top hymn among five selected by the Hymn Society of America in a hymn-writing project co-sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement in connection with the celebration of the 1955 Youth Week.

"O Master, Who In Days of Youth," written by Rev. H. Glen Lanier, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Thomasville, N. C., was the first choice in the project limited to writers under 30 years of age. The text is written to the tune "Melcombe," found in Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Congregational and other hymnals.

The announcement was made jointly by Rev. Deane Edwards, New York, president of the hymn society, and Rev. A. Wilson Check, Chicago, executive secretary of the United Christian Youth Movement.

Others whose hymns have been selected are Mrs. Jane O. Thurber, wife of the pastor of the Baptist Church, Pt. Pleasant, Pa.; Rev. Daniel B. Merrick, Jr., pastor of the United Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; Rev. Nevitt Brenton Smith, pastor of the Sellwood Methodist Church, Portland, Ore.; and J. Donald Hughes, a student of Boston University School of Theology.

Hymns from all over the country were sent in response to the invitation of the hymn society and UCYM for young people to submit their compositions. A recent study of 560 hymns in a typical church hymnal disclosed nine that were written in the language of youth and with the aspirations of young people in mind.

Mr. Lanier graduated from High Point College, North Carolina, in 1945, and from Duke University Divinity School in 1949. A number of his poems have been published in magazines and religious periodicals and one in the National Anthology of Poems of Colleges and Universities. He is a relative of Sidney Lanier, the poet.

The committee which made the selection of hymns for use included Dr. Dietz; Dr. Morgan Phelps Noyes, Montclair, N. J.; Miss Edith Lovell Thomas, New York; Dean Tertius van Dyke, Hartford, Conn., Seminary; Dr. Philip S. Watters, New York.

The Lanier hymn is as follows:

1. O Master, who in days of youth  
Didst walk the path of light  
and truth,  
Keep thou our feet upon the  
way  
That leads to everlasting day.
2. Help us in days of youth to  
see  
Visions of what our lives may  
be;  
One fellowship in Christ our  
aim;  
Our joy to magnify thy Name.
3. O thou, who from thy youth  
didst prove  
The highest law of life is love,  
Fill thou our hearts with love  
divine,  
And through our lives forever  
shine.

# Rural Leader Visits Louisiana Charge

Perkins Professor Rev. Marvin Judy  
Visits Hall Summitt Charge

By Ella Mae Charlton

Rev. Marvin Judy, professor of Town and Country Work in Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, spent the week-end of January 14-16 in the Hall Summitt Charge of the Shreveport District.

Rev. Mr. Judy's visit sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Town and Country Commission, of which Rev. Robert Carter is chairman, was an outgrowth of a study made by the council of the Hall Summitt charge. The charge, composed of six churches, was designated by the commission as a pilot charge early in the church year. Composed of two representatives from each of the churches, the minister, Rev. A. W. Coody, two student ministers, William Earl Nolan and Carl Mitchell, and Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Director of Rural Work in the Louisiana Conference, the council felt that further study of the group ministry and the larger parish plan would be helpful. They also felt that an evaluation of activities already underway would be beneficial.

On Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick of Shreveport entertained Rev. Mr. Judy and interested friends with a dinner in their home.

Saturday morning Mr. Judy attended a meeting in Coushatta where a round table discussion was held with the following people present: Rev. Robert Carter, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Rev. Beverly Bond of the Coushatta Methodist church, William Earl Nolan, Rev. A. W. Coody, Terry McPhearson, lay leader of the Hall Summitt church, Willis Allen and Mrs. Joe Pierce of Wesley Chapel, Norman Allen of Carrol Creek, Mrs. William McClelland, Sr., of East Point, Miss Doris Shell, Home Demonstration Agent, M. L. Cooper, Red River Parish agent, J. H. Jones, Community Worker with the Extension Service of Louisiana State University and Wayne Robicheaux, State Recreation Specialist. Dr. B. C. Taylor, Superintendent of the Shreveport District was unable to attend because of illness.

The many services offered by the extension service of the state were enumerated during the discussion and the Extension Workers were also given a better understanding of the objective of the church. Suggestions were made as to the help which may be given individuals toward feeling their responsibility to their community. The meeting pointed up the fact that a good working relationship between the church and state agencies can serve to strengthen the life and spiritual growth of any community.

Saturday afternoon Rev. Mr. Judy spent visiting the churches on the Hall Summitt Charge. That night he attended the final meeting of the Recreation Workshop at the Hall Summitt Community House when thirty-five persons were given certificates of recognition for

participation in the workshop.

On Sunday morning he filled the pulpits of Wesley Chapel and East Point Churches and on Sunday evening he preached at Holley Springs. Rev. Mr. Carter preached at Coushatta on Sunday morning and at Hall Summitt in the evening.

Sunday afternoon a mass meeting was held at Hall Summitt Methodist Church when representatives from all churches on the charge were present. Mr. Judy spoke on the necessity of an adequate ministry to meet the needs of the people whatever the geographical area may be. "The church can claim support only on the value received, and the church in a given territory must serve the people in that territory," Mr. Judy said.

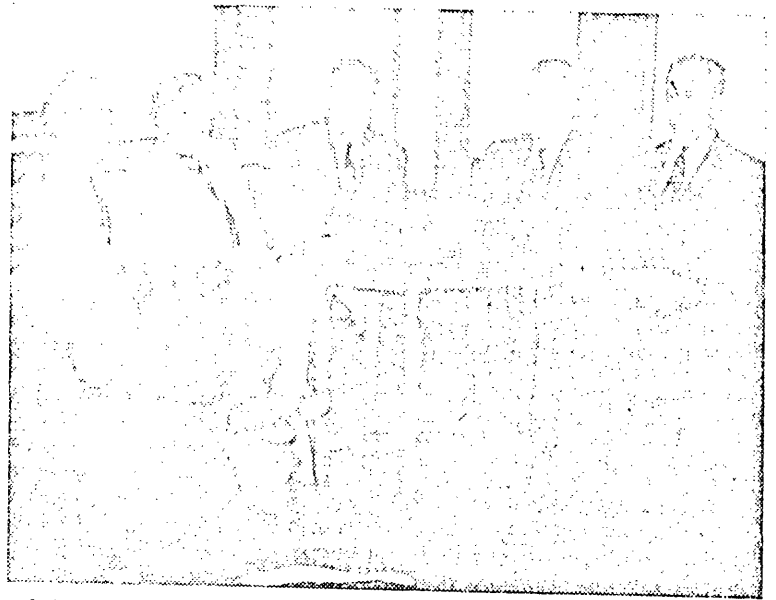
He explained the meaning of the group ministry and the larger parish plan, stressing the fact that in the plan a church may remain as an individual unit but combine with other churches in ways to give it strength.

At the close of the meeting a Fellowship hour was held with the women of the church serving coffee and cake.

In summing up the events of the week-end, Chairman Robert Carter had this to say, "After a successful week-end, it is the hope of the Town and Country Commission of the Louisiana Conference that from time to time guidance and direction can be given the Hall Summitt Charge, which in turn may be beneficial to other such charges."

## MINK FARM PROMOTES "IDEAS UNLIMITED"

In 1951, Larry Moore, of Suamico, Wis., former president of the National Mutation Mink Association, donated his mink farm in Wisconsin to the trustees of the First Methodist Church of Hereford, Texas, the proceeds to be used to "improve and help humanity on a world-wide basis." Mr. Moore had been with



From left to right: Rev. Robert Carter, Chairman of the Town and Country Commission, Elizabeth Thompson, Director of Rural Work, Rev. Marvin Judy, Rev. Beverly Bond and Rev. A. W. Coody.

## AN "ANDREW CARNEGIE" FOR \$25

A plan whereby a village of newly-literate persons can receive a library of simple reading matter on wholesome subjects is an expanding project of World Literacy, a branch of the National Council of Churches.

For \$25, a library of forty to sixty books, packed in a tin truck, can be placed in a village, where the residents have learned to read through the picture-syllable charts and primers, devised by Dr. Frank Laubach. The books, written on a primary level for new readers, are about agriculture, religion, health, child care, handicrafts, recreation and other subjects of an inspirational or practical nature.

"Tin trunk libraries" have been distributed to villages in India, and many are needed in Egypt, Pakistan, Burma, Korea, Iran and the Philippines, spokesmen for World Literacy (the committee on world literacy and Christian literature of the National Council's Division of Foreign Missions) say. Individuals or groups desiring to provide a library for a village may send checks to the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, 156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., marked "For Little Libraries."

his family in Hereford for some time for health reasons. The "Larry Moore Ranch" was incorporated with three Methodist ministers as directors, and "Ideas Unlimited" was established by the church for channelling the "help to humanity." One of the main contributions of "Ideas Unlimited" to date has been the promotion of a lecture clinic in Lubbock, Texas, "to coordinate service of physicians and ministers toward treatment of people who are ill from emotional causes." Recently some 2,000 doctors and physicians attended such a lecture clinic made possible by the foundation.



## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**REV. JESSE L. JOHNSON**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, has been chosen as director for the 1955 March of Dimes for Van Buren and for Crawford County.

**JACK OWEN**, treasurer of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, has recently been named by the Jaycees of that city, "Man of the Year" for 1954.

**DR. IRA A. BRUMLEY**, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Board of Education, preached at the morning service of the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday, January 30. Dr. Brumley is a former pastor at Gardner.

**MRS. DREW MORELAND**, member of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, on Wednesday, February 9, when "Ladies Night" will be observed.

**OPEN HOUSE** at the new educational building of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, was held on Sunday, January 30, during the hours of 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Dr. William E. Brown is pastor of the church.

**THE MORNING SERVICE** of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, will be broadcast during February over KTHS, Little Rock, at 11:00 a. m. The Sunday School lessons, which are heard from 9:00 to 9:30 will be presented by various Methodist laymen. Rev. J. William Watson is pastor of First Church.

**DR. W. HENRY GOODLOE**, district superintendent of the Fort Smith District, was the speaker in the "God Is Our Strength Rally" at the Methodist Church in Hartman. All churches of the charge participated in the rally which was held on Sunday, January 30. Rev. Aaron Barling is pastor of the Hartman Charge.

**MISS DOROTHY KELLEY**, Arkansas-Oklahoma Co-operative Rural Worker, spoke at the meeting of the United Church Women of Texarkana in the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, on Wednesday, February 2. Miss Kelley spoke on the meeting of the World Council of Churches which she attended last summer in Evanston, Ill.

**DR. CHARLES W. GRANT**, pastor of the Madison Heights Methodist Church in Memphis is doing the preaching in evangelistic services at the Harrisburg Methodist Church, with Moody Cunningham, also of Memphis, in charge of the singing. The services began on Wednesday evening, February 2, and will run through Sunday evening, February 13. Rev. J. T. Byrd is pastor.

**MISS POLLY LASSITER**, youth worker from the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, will be the inspirational speaker at the Annual Spring Rereat of the Wesley Foundation at Fayetteville to be held on Mt. Sequoyah on the afternoon of February 5. She will also teach the Sunday School lesson in Wesley Foundation the following morning as a climax to the Rereat.

**MELVIN DUNN** of Booneville, lay leader for the Fort Smith District, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, on January 12. The following new officers were installed: President, Gerald Price; vice-president, Bob Vandergriff; Secretary-treasurer, Scott Neal and Iverson Riggs, reporter. Forty members and one guest were present.

**HONORS** in the Methodist Hospital Building and Development Fund Campaign go to the City Heights Church, Van Buren, Rev. Felix Holland, pastor. City Heights Church becomes the first in the Fort Smith District to send in the full four-year apportionment to the conference treasurer in cash. This church according to the district superintendent, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, has completed a four-unit building program in four years, all paid for, and is getting

ready for a fifth expansion. Property has increased from a bare \$1,800 in 1951 to a present total of \$34,000, with membership increases and other developments in proportion.

**NAMES** of churchmen who will represent the American churches on the Executive Committee of the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches have been made public by Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, head of the New York office. Representatives from The Methodist Church named are Mrs. Frank Brooks, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Texas; Dr. John R. Mott, New York, N. Y.; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C., and Charles Parlin, Inglewood, N. J.

**MEMBERS** of the Methodist Church contributed a total of \$21,691,547 during the last fiscal year for the home and foreign missionary services of the church, it is reported by Treasurer H. Conwell Snook, of Philadelphia, Pa. Of this total, \$10,363,001 was for the work in the United States, its possessions, and in thirty countries overseas, carried on by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, money contributed chiefly by the women of the church through their local societies in more than 30,000 parishes; \$7,447,969 for the work of the Division of World Missions in some forty nations on four continents; and \$3,814,517 for the missionary services of the Division of National Missions in every state in the USA, and in all America's outlying possessions.

**REV. HORACE W. WILLIAMS**, a director of the Methodist Church's program of missionary education in this country, left on January 19 for a firsthand look at mission fields. His fact-finding trip will include month-long visits to India and Africa, and shorter stops in Hawaii, Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong, Singapore, the Philippines, North Borneo, Burma and West Pakistan. He will also inspect Methodist work at several points in Europe before returning to Nashville May 31. Mr. Williams is executive secretary of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education, a joint department of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, and the Board of Missions, New York City. His field trip is sponsored by the two boards and the church's Woman's Division of Christian Service.

### WINNER OF RUSSELL COLGATE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION

The wife of an Indiana farmer has won Protestantism's highest award, to a layman or to a laywoman. The 1955 Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation, given annually for outstanding achievement in Christian education, will go to Mrs. Doris Demaree of Route 3, Franklin, Indiana.

She was elected by vote of an electoral college of 14,000 churchmen named by Protestant denominations or councils of churches for this purpose. The announcement was made in Chicago on January 26 by Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, executive secretary of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA.

The presentation will be made in Cincinnati on February 8 at the annual meeting of the Division, which represents the Christian education work of 39 Protestant denominations having a total membership of 41,000,000.

Only one other woman has received this recognition, Mrs. Clifford S. Heinze of Pittsburg, Pa., of the prominent food manufacturing family. She was named in 1945.

The 1955 "lay person of the year" has lived on a farm all her life. A grandmother, she has raised three children, a son now in the army, a son in the Indiana conservation department, and a daughter who has a family of her own on a nearby farm.

The citation memorializes the active role played in the worldwide field of Christian education by Russell Colgate, who died at his West Orange, N. J., home in 1941.

## SUPPORT NEEDED MORE THAN EVER

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With the question of integration largely yet to be answered, it is all the more imperative that Negro youth and Negro schools be helped as much as possible by those who are able to help. This is particularly true of Negro colleges which have a relationship to Churches, for it is in the light of the Christian interpretation of life that integration, war and peace, and other social problems will have to be eventually worked out. The Negro church, community and national leaders of tomorrow will come out of Negro colleges, and the quality of education they receive will determine largely their type of character.

Race Relations Day in Methodism is Sunday, February 13. The offering that local churches make on that day for improving race relations is wisely invested in Negro colleges. This offering in Arkansas helps to support Phliander Smith in Little Rock, and the offering in Louisiana goes to Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. Your support is needed more than ever NOW.

### REPORT NO. 2 CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN INDICATES INCREASE

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Searcy, and Forrest City Districts of the North Arkansas, and the Monroe and Ruston Districts of the Louisiana Conference have already exceeded their quotas with the Monticello District leading the Area percentage-wise. The Little Rock District, reporting the largest number of subscriptions (2,545), lacks less than 1 per cent having its quota.

Less than 50 charges in Arkansas have not reported. At no time in the past have there been as few charges not making reports through the second report as this year, which is, of course, evidence that more pastors and local church leaders have cooperated in an exceptionally fine manner in conducting the circulation campaign during the period of the church calendar set for this campaign. Your editors sincerely appreciate the fine response that pastors, district superintendents, district directors, and church members have given in this year's campaign.

Report No. 3, the last of the published full charge by charge reports, will be in next week's issue and will include all reports received by noon, Saturday, February 5.

### BISHOPS' STATEMENT AVAILABLE

A printing of the Bishops' Statement from the meeting of the Council of Bishops, November 13-21, 1954, Chicago, is now available from the Boards of World Peace and Social and Economic Relations who have cooperated in making the statement available to the church.

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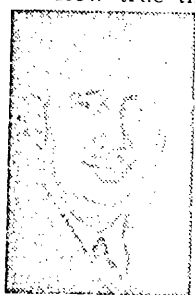
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## STANDING IN OUR OWN WAY

In October 1842 Emerson entered in his Journal this sentence: "Henry Thoreau made, last night, the fine remark that as long as a man stands in his own way, everything seems to be in his way."

How true that is! One of the tragic blunders of living is to blame others for blocking our path, when in reality we are standing in our own way. We complain that competitors crowd us, or that fate is against us when the fault is within ourselves.



Sometimes we hear it said that a person is his own worst enemy. Such a statement suggests the drinker perhaps, who, with all his engaging qualities and winning ways, lacks the self-control to hold himself steady. While others are for him, he blocks his own road.

But this blunder of standing in one's own way is far broader than such cases. It is an error of all those who make life needlessly hard for themselves. It hinders a man's progress with his fellow men. It may even halt his approach to God.

## Came To Himself

For one thing a person may be blocking the way to himself. In referring to the Prodigal Son, Jesus used the expression, "When he came to himself." Those words imply that a person is not always quite himself. We are aware of such moods at times, and there are other times when we are not ourselves without being aware of the fact.

Chesterton tells a whimsical story of an architect who was annoyed at the sight of an ugly house which he passed each day. To escape the irritating sight, he bought the house and moved into it. By living in it, he avoided looking at it. So is it with man's own nature. By living too closely within himself, a person may avoid looking at himself. He comes to take it for granted that he knows his own mind.

Or we may be standing in our own way by living too haughtily with ourselves. Stiffly proud of our own opinions, and stubbornly loyal to our past errors of judgment, we shut our eyes to the light which would reveal us to ourselves.

A school boy of nine, who was once explaining a picture book to his

little brother of six, came across an illustration of King Charles on his way to the scaffold. "That," explained the lad, "is King Charles on his way to be block-headed." Well, the boy was not so far wrong. Because the monarch had been block-headed, he was on his way to being beheaded. Thus by living too haughtily, or too narrowly, or too shortsightedly with ourselves, we block the way to our self-realization.

## Outside Of Self

When we stand in our own way, we should, of course, try to get sufficiently outside of our self-confinement to see ourselves as others see us. Instead of "looking out for Number One," we should get off and look at Number One. There is a vast difference between those two viewpoints. When we are always looking out for ourselves, we seldom see ourselves because our gaze is focused on the externals around us, rather than on the resources within us. Hence, a person needs occasionally to be an outsider to himself.

Or a person may so stand in his own way so that he blocks his approach to God. Prayer has been likened to a boathook by which the little boat is pulled to the dock. But so often we try to use prayer not as a means of drawing ourselves to God but to pulling God to ourselves.

Dr. Charles G. Merrill told of a family incident back in the Spanish-American war. A mother learned that her husband was soon to return home from the front. She wondered what her little son's reaction would be when he heard of his father's return. When she told the little fellow, he exclaimed, "I don't know what he'll bring me."

## Contrast In Sons

Dr. Merrill said the lad's remark made him think by contrast of Dwight L. Moody's little son. One day the great evangelist heard a knock at his study door. Being busy, he called rather brusquely, "What do you want?" He heard his little son's voice say: "I don't want anything daddy. I'd just like to be with you." How those words warmed Moody's heart! When we pray, let us not begin by wondering what God will bring us. Let us start by wanting to be in His company.

In certain foreign lands men have made the state their god. To the state they entrust their consciences and before its dictators they bow.

What is God's rival deity in America? May it be that some of us are in danger of making ourselves into our gods? Let us remember the words of a great writer: "A man who bows down to nothing can never bear the burdens of himself."

## On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

## DEDICATION IS A LIFELONG BENT

The erudite Noah Webster said that "dedication" and "consecration" are synonymous: that they mean "to devote to a sacred or high purpose, as 'he consecrated (dedicated) his life to the glory of his country.'" And that is correct. But I want to add that *dedication* (as in a "week of dedication") or *consecration* (as in taking a vow) is not a momentary or time-measured act accomplished by or dating from any "laying on of hands", or signing of a paper, or the performance of any ritual no matter how solemn or beautiful. Dedication comes rather through and from the direction or bent of a life toward helpful service for others.

More than one poet and many preachers have pointed out the dedication of life that may be made in a humble kitchen—the mother devoted to the life and welfare of the family, "one of the most sacred tasks to which a woman called." So also may the shoemaker, the nurse (or the aunt taking the place of a nurse), the farmer, the collector of garbage, the waiter in the restaurant, the keeper of the lights—they and a thousand others have a right to claim a dedication of life to human need, a dedication to the God of the needy.

Years ago I had a schoolmate friend who became a printer and then a teaching brother in the Roman Catholic Church. I am sure his *dedication* was not merely or basically the vows he took as a brother, or the religious ceremony or habit that set him aside from the great group of laymen of his Church. I knew him as a clean-living, clean-spoken, gentle and companionable youth. The whole bent of his mind and spirit was towards decency and service. We never, I believe, discussed religion; but I was not surprised to learn of his decision to enter the Church. Yet, I am sure, he was *dedicated* from childhood to good works; he would have remained a "dedicated printer," useful to his fellows, if he had not chosen the garb.

The other day I witnessed the commissioning of sixty-four young Methodist people as missionaries and deaconesses. We do not ritual-

istically dedicate or consecrate them to such service in the Methodist Church. But it is the same high moment in their lives—the moment when they officially accept the Church's authority to "take the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ into all the world." But is not this ceremony rather the culmination or the publication of a dedication each made long before in his own mind, with his own life? The real dedication was not some magic transformation coming through a bishop's hands; rather it was a gradual growth and the acceptance of a particular point of view of the purpose and use of one's life and years and talents.

Perhaps one of the most complete statements of dedication of life ever made is outlined in the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi—a dedication which each of us can make in our own heart—a laymen's dedication, requiring neither liturgy nor clergy:

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

If we—carpenter, merchant, housewife—seek to bend our lives to live in the spirit of this prayer, we will be on the path to dedication to God's purposes.

## NEW HEAD FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL AND COLLEGES

Cincinnati—Dr. Nelson P. Horn, president of Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, was elected president of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist Church at its annual meeting here January 11. He succeeds Dr. A. Hollis Edens, president of Duke University, Durham, N. C.

The association includes the 116 American colleges and universities affiliated with The Methodist Board of Education.

Other officers elected are: Dr. Harold C. Case, president of Boston University, Boston, Mass., vice president; Dr. Myron F. Wicke, staff member of the Board of Education's Division of Educational Institutions in Nashville, Tenn., secretary; and Dr. William C. Finch, president of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, treasurer.

## The Layman's Column

By  
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Lay Leader  
North Arkansas Conference



## THE NATURE OF PEACE

"Peace I leave with you, my peace  
I give unto you." John 14:27

We are a nervous world these days. Many of the radio news commentators and newspaper columnists are constantly in a state of nerves because they cannot predict with any degree of certainty what will happen tomorrow in China or Paris or even Washington. This state of mental and emotional confusion has caused many people to acquire a sort of helpless attitude toward all human events, giving way to fear and uncertainty and often hopeless desperation in all areas of life. It's all too mixed up for man to comprehend, let alone for him to try to mend.

Fact is, that is exactly what happens when man tries to run his life and the lives of others with his own puny thoughts. It is not new, but today is more glaring in its truth, that man has always needed God to guide his ways and to comfort him in his fears and sorrows. Since when has man ever been able to run his life without God's help? Many have tried it but have run into the same old stone wall that greets every generation . . . the stone wall of failure and heart-break.

The same is true as our nations reach for peace. Man-made agreements can never be successful if they go no farther than man's own mind. Jesus drew the pattern of peace, either for the individual or the nation. It was a gift of Jesus Christ to the frightened apostles; no high-sounding statement made by the followers themselves. It was the peace of Jesus, Son of the Father, that sent those frightened men out to preach salvation to a sinful world with a measure of success that we today are afraid to pray for, much less work for.

That same peace can be ours as the gift of God, if we will ask for it. If we wear more blisters on our knees from praying and fewer on our fingers from writing, we might find this gracious gift in our weary and wounded world. We would find more than peace of nations. We also would find peace of heart and mind if we would seek it longingly from our Heavenly Father.

## Methodists Plan Nat'l Town And Country Meeting

More Methodists are engaged in agriculture than in any other profession, the Rev. Elliott L. Fisher, D.D., New York City, executive secretary of the Section of Home Missions, reminded the Methodist Board of Missions meeting recently at Cincinnati.

"A program for the town and country church which will take into account people and their relationship to God and natural resources is needed," Dr. Fisher said in announcing plans for a National Methodist Town and Country Convocation at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., July 22-25, 1955.

The national conference on town and country will bring together 2,000 ministers, laymen and lay women, and rural experts. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson is to address the group. The Department of Town and Country Work, the Rev. Glenn F. Sanford, secretary, of the Division of National Missions, the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church and the Interboard Committee on Town and

## Another Sockman Book Released

*The Whole Armor of God*, by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, famous radio preacher, nationally syndicated newspaper columnist and pastor of New York's Christ Church, Methodist, was published February 1 by Abingdon Press of New York and Nashville.

The author, now in his 19th year as presiding minister of the National Radio Pulpit, NBC network program, has taken the title of his latest book from Paul's message to the Ephesians: "Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day. . . ."

The book is a collection of seven brief and timely messages in which Dr. Sockman makes it plain that Paul's figure of speech is symbolical and that "armor" isn't outdated today but represents religious realities as true for us as for the people of his day. The pieces of the whole armor are the girdle of truth, breastplate of righteousness, sandals of peace, shield of faith, helmet of hope, and sword of the Spirit.

The books will find many users among both clergy and laymen as a Lenten devotional source and as material for special Lent messages and sermons. *The Whole Armor of God* will be 80 pages long, and will be priced at \$1.00.

Previous books by Dr. Sockman include: *Now To Live!*, *Date With Destiny*, *The Higher Happiness*—all published by Abingdon Press—and *How To Believe*. Dr. Sockman writes a weekly column in this publication entitled "A Lift For Living."

Country work are sponsoring the conference.

The nation's largest Protestant denomination, Methodism has more than 30,000 churches in areas of less than 10,000 population. Many of these are served by inadequately trained pastors. There are 6,858 pastoral charges in Methodism whose ministers make less than \$2,000 a year. Most of these are in rural areas. These represent 30 per cent of all pastoral charges.

"Rural communities have gone ahead in education, modern conveniences, and health and the church has not always kept pace with progress in other fields," Dr. Fisher said. "A new generation is growing up in the countryside where, like elsewhere, the television set has often replaced the family altar. The church must again become the center of community life."

## \$1,600,000 Raised For Relief In Korea

From a total of almost \$1,600,000 raised in Methodist churches in November for relief in Korea, some \$660,000 will be used to rebuild churches and parsonages, Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Texas, told the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions meeting at Cincinnati recently.

Bishop Martin, chairman of the Board's Korean area committee, gave the figure in a tentative breakdown of how about \$1,100,000 of almost \$1,600,000 given in the offering, the Bishops' Appeal for Korea, will be spent.

The \$1,100,000 represents approx-

## SIX ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA MINISTERS TO CUBA FOR EVANGELISTIC MISSION

### Publishing House To Have New Office Building

Nashville, Tenn.—Construction is due to start this spring on a new \$1,500,000 office building and national headquarters of the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, it was announced by Lovick Pierce, the church's senior publishing agent.

The building has been approved by the executive committee of the Methodist Board of Publication and the church's Coordinating Council, Pierce said.

Plans for the new structure are not complete, but it will be located adjacent the firm's big printing plant at the corner of Eighth Ave., and Demonbreun St.

Members of the building committee are Ben A. Whitmore, Nashville; Howard C. Baldwin, Detroit, and H. T. Heflin, Tusculumbia, Ala.

The printing plant was expanded in 1952, and Pierce said "the growth of business and the necessity for more adequate office arrangements have brought us to this second step in our building program which has been contemplated for more than 15 years."

He said the firm's business has more than trebled since 1939, when the three major Methodist denominations united, and the personnel has nearly doubled.

Founded in 1789, and believed to be the nation's oldest book publishers as well as the world's biggest printer of religious materials, the Methodist Publishing House last year reported gross sales of more than \$18,000,000. The firm has appropriated \$6,358,000 since 1940 to the pension fund of retired ministers of their widows, including \$500,000 for each of the last two years.

Officers of the house are now located in a five-story building at 810 Broadway, a Methodist address known around the world.

imately 70 per cent of the Bishops' Appeal offering, Bishop Martin said. That amount previously had been allocated to the Division of World Missions, he added. The remaining 30 per cent, almost \$500,000, has been designated for the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

"The amount for church rebuilding and rehabilitation and other allocations must be considered tentative," Bishop Martin explained. "It is probable that church and missions leaders in Korea may change the apportionments, as they begin to receive funds, in the light of current needs."

The next largest amount, about \$275,000, has been earmarked for rebuilding schools, hospitals, social centers and other church institutions, Bishop Martin said. About \$110,000 will be used for missionary residences and furnishings, and about \$55,000 will be for miscellaneous purposes, he added.

At an earlier World Missions session Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, New York City, administrative secretary for mission work in Korea, said a survey last summer indicated 760 churches destroyed or damaged in the war must be rebuilt or re-

Six Methodist ministers of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area will be among the more than 70 Methodist ministers who will give leadership in an United Evangelistic Mission in Cuba, February 8-17, according to Dr. Joseph H. Edge, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism. Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Board, Bishop Roy Short, Nashville, Tenn., Evangelism Board member, and Bishop John Branscomb, Jacksonville, Fla., who has charge of the Cuban work, will head the evangelistic party.

Those from this Area who will make the mission include Dr. Cecil R. Culver, Monticello District Superintendent; Rev. Edward W. Harris, Baton Rouge District Superintendent; Rev. James T. Harris, Monroe District Superintendent; Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia; Rev. Robert B. Moore, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Camden; and Rev. George Pearce, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder. Mrs. James T. Harris and Mrs. Moore will accompany their husbands on the trip.

The ministers taking part in the mission will meet at the Trinity Methodist Church, Miami, Fla., at 1:00 p. m., February 8 for a period of briefing and instruction after which assignments to Cuban churches for the mission will be announced. The group will then fly to Havana, Cuba, and then travel on to their respective assignments. The party will reassemble in Havana on February 17 for a rally and reports, after which the ministers will return by plane to Miami.

Rev. Mr. Moore made a trip last year at the invitation of the Evangelism Board on a similar mission to Alaska.

paired. Of this number, 360 should be reconstructed within the next three years at an estimated cost of \$1,700,000, he added. "The Bishops' Appeal provided money for the immediate needs of relief and rehabilitation," Dr. Brumbaugh said, "but the need for funds for the continuous church and missionary programs are still far from being met. Our churches must be encouraged to make special gifts for the ongoing of the regular Christian program in Korea."

### WHAT THEY SAY

IT HELPS ME TO THINK... PUTS ME ON THE BALL AT CONFERENCES!



### WHAT THEY DO



A series of 12 delightfully different cartoons dealing with the alcohol problem is now available in stencil form.

All 12 cartoons come pre-cut on one stencil and can be clipped out, one at a time, for use in church bulletins, papers, promotional mailings—anything mimeographed.

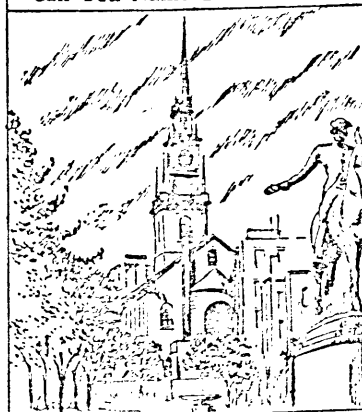
Each cartoon hits hard at some phase of the social problem caused by social drinking, but in a humorous way.

Produced by cartoonist George Mercer, they are part of the WHAT THEY SAY — WHAT THEY DO series now running in the Voice and Clipsheet, Methodist Board of Temperance publications.

Cost for one stencil containing 12 cartoons is 50c, less than 5c per cartoon. Order from TEM Press, 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

### Church Quiz

Can You Name This Church?



Clue: A signal in the tower started a famous ride.  
Answer: Old North Church - Boston Mass.

ARKANSAS METHODIST



## NEW PROTESTANT RADIO, TV CENTER DEDICATED

The new \$400,000 Protestant Radio and TV Center was formally dedicated in Atlanta, Ga., to "its task of carrying the word of Christianity to the world." Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., presided at the ceremonies. The center is said to be the only set of studios in America interdenominationally owned and operated for the production and distribution of religious radio and television programs. These are sent to several hundred stations in the U. S. and the Armed Forces Radio Network and are sometimes beamed behind the Iron Curtain by the Voice of America. Emory University here presented the site to the center which is jointly owned by five denominations and three educational institutions. These are the Methodist, Presbyterian, U.S.A., Presbyterian, U.S., United Lutheran and Episcopal Churches; and Emory University, Agnes Scott

College, and Columbia Theological Seminary. The center is controlled by a Board of Trustees representing these denominations and institutions. Through the joint facilities each denomination sends its own message to the world, although the production and distribution facilities are shared. Among the network programs the center has produced are the National Radio Pulpit and the Protestant Hour. The center maintains a full-time clerical and production staff. With the latest and most modern technical facilities they film or record the programs on discs, tape or film strips. Duplication machines at the center reproduce five 30-minute programs in less than four minutes.

### Congresswoman Wants Stations To Probe Fund Appeals

A New York Congresswoman is seeking legislation to require that radio and television stations make a thorough investigation of individuals or religious, charitable or other organizations that appeal for funds over the air. Rep. Katherine St. George has introduced a bill with this aim. It would direct the Federal Communications Commission to frame regulations under which a broadcast station licensee would have to make such an investigation in order to be able to "answer any inquiries which are reasonably to be expected from prospective contributors." The FCC would be empowered, however, to "make such reasonable exception as it finds will serve the public interest."

### Stifler Retires As Bible Society's Public Relations Secretary

The retirement on Feb. 1 of Dr. Francis Carr Stifler, secretary for public relations of the American Bible Society, was announced in New York by Dr. Robert T. Taylor, the Society's general secretary. Dr. Stifler, 70, also edited the Bible Society Record for the past 18 years. He will be succeeded in both posts by the Rev. William F. Asbury, a native of Tacoma, Wash. The retiring secretary was the author of several books, and many pamphlets and magazine articles dealing with the work of the American Bible Society in this country and abroad.

### Minister Walks 120 Miles

The Rev. Robert L. Harvey, a 54-year-old Methodist minister, arrived in Marshall, Mo., after walking the 120 miles from Leavenworth, Kan., in five days. He undertook the hike to revisit the scenes of his boyhood there and to deliver a cane to Charles Brown, an old friend who has a collection of more than 100 walking sticks. The minister, pastor of Leavenworth's Michigan Avenue Methodist church, has a reputation as "the walking preacher."

### Bishop Oxnam Warns Of Spurious Peace Appeals

Christians must distinguish between genuine and spurious appeals for peace, Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., declared in Atlanta, Ga. Speaking at Emory University's 21st annual Ministers Week observance, he said: "The Communist speaks of democracy, of justice and of peace. This misuse of the terms must be exposed, but Christians dare not be turned from the peace objective which has been at the heart of the Judeo-Christian traditions from the day when Isaiah envisioned swords beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks." Bishop Oxnam said that "peace, like bread, must be made daily." Just as it is impossible to bake at one time all the bread needed for all time, he declared, so is it impossible to draft a charter, a constitution or a resolution and thereby set up peace on earth. The bishop said "the institutions of world law and order, like American legislative assemblies and courts, must be in continuous operation." Christians he added, "must endeavor to establish law and order under such conditions as to maintain the institutions and the practice of peace."

### Harvard Divinity School To Admit Women

Qualified women will be admitted as regular students in the Harvard Divinity School beginning in the fall of 1955. They will pursue the same three-year graduate course of study offered for men. In most other seminaries, women have been admitted only for special, shorter courses. In announcing the school's

new policy, Acting Dean George H. Williams said: "The Christian community is finding increasing scope for the service of women, especially in religious education, and the Faculty of Harvard Divinity School welcomes the opportunity to assist in their training. The ever-widening demand for women to serve the churches ranges from released-time religious programs for school children to the teaching of religion in colleges. The growth of social service activities at home and abroad also offers a challenge for trained women. More and more, religiously trained women are taking their places in interdenominational and ecumenical organizations." Dean Williams added that many denominations now ordain women, "but their ministry is not usually centered in the parish pulpit."

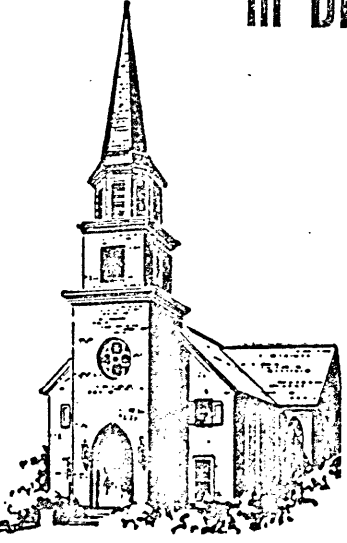
### Congress Again Gets Bill For Peace Department

Rep. Harley O. Staggers (D-W. Va.) has reintroduced his bill to create a Department of Peace. Mr. Staggers said the proposal has received a great deal of support from religious groups in the past. Under his plan, the Department would be headed by a Secretary of Peace with these duties: "Formulating and publicizing educational programs for promoting better understanding of the other peoples of the world. Encouraging the interchange of ideas and persons between colleges, churches and other institutions and organizations in the United States, on one hand, and similar institutions in other countries. Assisting educational institutions and religious organizations in the United States to formulate educational programs dealing with international relations, international cooperation, and the problems of peace."

### Jail Wall Has Picture of Christ


There's a picture of Christ in Gethsemane painted on a once-unadorned wall of the city jail in Pierre, S. D. Behind it is the story of a young laborer, arrested as a drunk, who painted it and thus cut 14 days off his 15-day sentence. Police Chief Morris Michaelson tells the story this way: For some time he had been wanting a picture to dress up a drab wall in city jail. Then Jack Rencontre, 24, Pierre, was jailed for being drunk. Chief Michaelson went into the cell block shortly after the man was arrested and noticed Mr. Rencontre was sketching pictures of horses on the sides of a pasteboard box. "He seemed like a pretty good artist," Mr. Michaelson said, "so I asked him if he wouldn't like to paint a picture to decorate the jail-house wall." Mr. Rencontre consented. The chief furnished him with some paint brushes and a picture of Christ praying at Gethsemane. Mr. Rencontre applied a priming coat to the plaster wall and started copying the picture. "As he got along with his work," Mr. Michaelson said, "I could tell he was doing a pretty good job. So I told him that when he was done with the painting I would let him out of jail. He finished in seven hours, which was a little faster than I thought he would. But it was a beautiful picture, and I let him go." Chief Michaelson said he shellacked the four-by-four foot painting and plans to leave it on the wall permanently.

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# Area Methodist Circulation Campaign

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First Church, E. D. Galloway	29	126		155*				Drew Ct., Herbert McKeown	2	20		22											
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Fairview, J. A. Simpson	120	65		185*2				Warren Ct., W. E. West	6	2		8											
Chidester Ct., R. L. Diffe	8	28		36				Watson-Kelso, John W. Rushing	22	31	1	54**											
Columbia Ct., R. M. Crain	12	68		80**				Wilmar Ct., J. Frank Walker	2	17		19											
El Dorado, First Ch., W. Neill Hart	13	43		56**				Wilnot-Millers Chapel, J. P. Miles	18	25		44*2											
St. Luke, W. S. Cazort	34	62	2	98**				TOTALS	315	1004	17	1336**											
Vantrease, M. E. Scott	1	11		12				PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1404															
Emerson Ct., C. B. Harris	1	15		16**				Almyra, Allen E. Hilliard	27	16		43*3											
Garland, T. M. Armstrong	1	15		16**				Altheimer-Wabbaseka, Harold Scott	10	41	1	52**											
Harmony Grove-Buena Vista, Ernest Hays	6	33		39**				Bayou Meto-Lodges Corner, Robert Riggins	18	28	1	47**											
Holly Springs Ct., James Ford	6	23		29				Carthage, Carr D. Racop, Jr.	2	29		31**											
Junction City, D. L. McCauley	8	47		55**				DeWitt, O. E. Holmes	5	79		84**											
Lewisville, H. Barry Bailey	9	56		65**				England, J. L. Hoover	6	69	1	76**											
Louann Ct., G. B. Pixley	4	31		35				Gillett, C. E. Patton	10	28	1	39											
Magnolia Ct., C. B. Harris	4	3		7				Glendale-Tucker, Wm. D. Bone	5	13		18*											
Magnolia, First Church, C. Ray Hozendorf	24	482		506*3				Grady-Gould, W. T. Bone	5	64		69**											
Jackson St., David Hankins, Jr.	18	44	3	65**				Humphrey, H. A. Stroup	1	16		17**											
Marysville-Fredonia, C. V. Mashburn	10	38		48**				Kee-Hummock, Palmer Garner	1	28		29**											
Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove, C. Ashcraft	23	45	1	69**				Leola, C. R. Andrews	12	18		30**											
Smackover, John L. Tucker	15	56	2	73**				Little Prairie, Geo. C. Bailey		19		19											
Stamps, C. W. Baughman	6	58	2	66**				PINE BLUFF	24	53		77**											
Stephens, Doyle T. Rowe	3	48	2	53**				Carr Memorial, Cagle Fair	48	165	4	217**											
Strong-Huttig, Elbert B. Jean	8	42		50				First Church, Kenneth L. Spore	9	24		33**											
Taylor Ct., Charles E. Lawrence	10	28		38				Good Faith, Horace M. Grogan	17	43		60**											
Timothy-Westside, H. R. Nabors	6	30		36*2				Ilawley Memorial, Geo. W. Kerr	50	72		122*											
Union-Rhodes Chapel, Ralph S. Mann	9	31		40**				Lakeside, John M. McCormack	17	23		46**											
Village Ct., Albert Gibbs	12	27		39				Wesley, Winslow Brown	18	23		16**											
Waldo-Willisville, Braska Savage	8	62		70**				Whitehall, C. E. Monroe	1	15		39											
TOTALS	422	1691	20	2133**				Rison, E. B. Hollenbeck	1	37	1	39											
HOPE DISTRICT—Quota 1414								Roe, W. C. Lewis	20	30	1	51*2											
Ashdown, Clyde Parsons	11	72		83**				Rowell, Elam Turner	4	11		15											
Bingen Ct., C. V. Holman	5	20		25				St. Charles, Claude R. Roy	22	51	5	78**											
Blevins Ct., Omma L. Daniel	7	34		41**				Sherrill-Tomberlin, D. J. McCammon	4	18		22**											
Center Point, D. W. Harberson	6	13		19				Stuttgart, First Ch., C. M. Atchley	38	63	2	103**											
DeQueen, Alfred I. Doss	6	54	4	64**				Grand Ave., Horace M. Lewis	22	101		123**											
Dierks, C. E. Messer	5	31		36**				TOTALS	380	1168	17	1565**											
Doddridge Ct., W. P. Walker	10	17		27				NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE															
Emmett Ct., Joe W. Hunter	10	64	3	77**				BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 1003															
Few Memorial, Virgil C. Bell	3	15		18**				Batesville-Central Ave., J. M. Barnett	33	57		90**											
Foreman, O. W. Hoover	11	24		35**				First Church, Lloyd M. Conyers	8	86	2	96**											
Hatfield Ct., L. A. Peters	5	6		11				Bethesda-Cushman, T. B. Parmenter	6	18		24											
Holly Grove Ct., Robert L. Nix	9	4		13*2				Bull Shoals, O. E. Oleson	9	6		15*2											
Hope, Virgil D. Keeley	41	155	4	200**				Calico Rock, Charles Casteel	9	30	1	40**											
Horatio Ct., W. M. Crow	7	17	1	25				Cave City-Sidney, W. Frank Shell	1	22	2	25**											
Lockesburg Ct., J. R. Callicott	2	23	2	27				Cave City Ct., Ivan R. Wilson	5	21		26											
Mena, Kirvin A. Hale	22	62		84**				Charlotte Ct.	8	7		15											
Mineral Springs Ct., Woodrow Smith	4	21	4	29				Cotter, Robert Howerton	10	15	1	26**											
Nashville, J. E. Dunlap	6	73	3	82*				Desha Ct., Walter Abce	31	33		64**											
Prescott, W. D. Golden	12	57	3	72**				Evening Shade, Carl Strayhorn	1	15	2	18		</									



Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Leachville, J. E. Linani	13	25	2	40**
Luxora, W. L. Diggs	4	22	2	28
Manila, N. Lee Cate	11	36	2	49*
Marked Tree, Martin Bierbaum	30	125	2	157*2
Monette, Bennie F. Jordan	17	52	1	70*3
Mt. Carmel-Calvary, Charles Holt	4	12	1	16
Nettleton, Earl D. Carter	13	18	1	32**
Osecola, W. O. Scroggin, Jr.	14	85	1	100**
St. John-Riverside, Willis LeGrange	2	10	1	12
Trumann, A. W. Harris	6	31	1	38**
Turrell-Gilmore, Aubra C. Hays	1	21	2	23*
Tyrone, Thurston Masters	1	21	2	24
Weiner, Arvill Brannon	11	37	2	48*3
Weona-Center View, J. L. Weatherford	2	12	1	14
Yarbro-Promised Land, Carl C. Burton	3	22	1	26
TOTALS	324	966	23	1313

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Quota 1186				
Beech Grove, James Smith	18	16	1	34**
Biggers-Knoble, Kenneth Renfro	6	25	1	31**
Black Rock-Portia, Gail Anderson	3	24	1	27**
Boydsville, Gus Evans	5	9	1	15
Corning, Byron McSpadden	6	39	1	45**
Gainsville, W. C. Smith	3	6	2	11
Hardy, Geo. L. McGhehey	1	30	1	32**
Hoxie, H. L. Robison	11	32	1	43
Imboden-Smithville, James Beal	12	23	3	38
Leonard Ct., Lee Anderson	8	17	1	25
Lorado Ct., A. E. Poindexter	3	8	1	11
Mammoth Spring, M. B. Short	5	14	1	19**
Marmaduke-Harvey's Chapel, G. E. Hammett	5	17	1	22
Maynard-Ravenden Springs, Loyd Turner	11	9	1	21
PARAGOULD				
First Church, S. B. Wilford	9	80	3	92
Griffin Memorial, Clyde Crozier	9	41	3	53**
East Parish, Marvin Thompson	1	17	1	18
Piggott, Floyd Villines, Jr.	23	71	1	94**
Rector, First Ch., James Chandler	2	62	1	64**
Fourth St., Y. D. Whitehurst	23	18	1	41**
Circuit, Dave Smithman	6	8	1	14
St. Francis, D. Kern Johnson	4	17	1	22
Stanford-Warren's Chapel, Leon Wilson	5	5	1	10
Walnut Ridge, Elmo Thomason	5	61	2	68
TOTALS	184	669	17	870

SEARCY DISTRICT—Quota 1127				
Antioch-Stony Point, Cyril Wilson	2	22	1	24
Augusta, O. D. Peters	38	43	5	91
Bald Knob, Pharis J. Hollifield	10	56	1	66*
Beche, George Stewart	2	51	3	56
Calont, J. J. Clark	5	45	3	53**
Cabot, J. L. Pruitt	11	47	2	60**
Damascus-Fairbanks, Dois Kennedy	15	14	1	29**
DeView Ct., Eugene Shoemaker	8	9	2	19
Griffithville Ct., Ray Edwards	10	19	1	29*
Harrison, Herchelle Couchman	45	55	2	102**
Heber Springs, James E. Major	7	63	2	72**
Jacksonville, Harold Spence	15	80	1	95**
Kensett, Frank Weatherford	7	23	1	30
Leslie, Travis Williams	24	15	1	40**
Marshall, Vann Hooker	10	20	1	30**
McCrory, W. M. Womack	7	56	3	66**
McRae, Carl Williamson	1	20	2	23
Newton County, M. B. Short	13	5	1	18
Quitman Ct., Marvin Dean	12	41	3	56
Rosebud Ct., John Chapman	11	28	1	39**
Scotland Ct., Tom J. Cowan	8	3	1	11**
Searcy, Alvin Murray	204	108	3	315*3
Valley Springs Ct., Alvin Gibbs	2	5	1	7
Wilburn Ct., E. W. Bruner	7	12	1	19**
TOTALS	474	845	31	1350**

ARKANSAS METHODIST DISTRICT SUMMARY				
Report No. 2				
District	Quota	New	Renewal	% of Quota
Little Rock	2,558	385	2,142	99%
Camden	1,939	422	1,517	110%
Pine Bluff	1,404	380	1,024	111%
Conway	1,438	357	1,081	107%
Hope	1,414	268	1,059	107%
Searcy	1,127	474	845	120%
Monticello	1,087	315	1,004	123%
Ft. Smith	1,887	279	1,036	123%
Jonesboro	1,556	324	996	104%
Forrest City	1,145	202	973	119%
Arkadelphia	1,217	222	892	113%
Batesville	1,003	223	737	97%
Fayetteville	1,235	168	779	79%
Paragould	1,186	184	669	73%
TOTALS	4,203	15,087	350	19,640

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—Quota 1095				
Alexandria, First Ch., J. H. Bowdon	18	57	7	82
Trinity, O. W. Spinks	9	32	1	41
Wesley, Clyde Shaw	38	19	1	57*3
Ball, Odell Simmons	12	12	1	24
Boyce, W. L. Doss, Jr.	1	10	1	11
Belah-Eden, A. N. Baum	7	8	1	15**
Bunkie, W. D. Boddie	27	43	1	70**
Cofax, Clark W. Bell	5	22	1	28**
Effie, Carl Lipe	6	40	1	46*2
Elizabeth, J. R. Strozier	6	35	1	41**
Evergreen, John G. Snelling	15	4	1	19
Glenmora, J. W. Lee	10	32	1	43**
Jena, W. O. Lynch	8	45	2	55**
Lecompte, S. L. Lantrip	6	32	1	38**
Marksville-Cheneyville, M. S. Robertson	9	24	1	33**
Marthaville, A. E. Wingfield	6	17	1	23
Montgomery, E. A. Keasler	7	19	1	27**
Mt. Zion, W. R. Akins	21	6	1	27**
Natchitoches, First Church, B. A. Galloway	15	30	1	45
Faith Church, Raymond Crofoot	2	8	1	10**
Oakdale, Edwin J. Barksdale	8	37	1	45**
Oak Grove, D. R. Dean	9	21	1	30**
Olla, Charles H. Giessen	7	23	1	30
Palestine, R. E. Carter	7	23	1	30
Palestine Ct., Sidney Durand	27	34	1	61**
Pineville, P. M. Caraway	6	10	1	16
Pollock, John Sayes	3	5	1	8**
Trout, Fred Kelly	4	9	1	13
Urania, John Kellogg	23	12	1	40**
Whites Chapel, H. D. Fisher	9	32	1	41
Winnfield, Luther L. Booth	302	680	12	994
TOTALS	302	680	12	994

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—Quota 2026				
Amite, James E. Christie	14	22	1	36
Angie-Varnado, Ollie Golsen, Jr.	7	13	1	20
Baker, Marvin H. Corley	7	13	1	20
BATON ROUGE				
First Ch., Dana Dawson, Jr.	54	69	9	132

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Istrouma, A. Jerome Cain	11	25	1	36
Ingleside, W. R. Irving	23	11	1	34
North, James L. Stovall	11	11	1	23
Reily Mem., Wm. E. Trice	19	13	1	32
Wimburne, A. A. Collins	5	5	1	10
Bethel, Van Carter	16	16	1	32
Blackwater, A. G. Taylor	23	27	1	50**
Bogalusa, E. Sullivan Mem., W. H. Giles	27	35	1	62
Carpenters Chapel, Calvin Lapuyade	2	7	1	10**
Clinton, George W. Harkins	18	14	1	33*
Deerford	5	12	1	17**
Denham Springs, Fred Schwendmann	18	18	1	36
Fisher, E. W. Corley	4	3	1	7
Franklin, J. H. Sewell	20	20	1	40
Gonzales Ct., Brady B. Forman	5	17	2	24**
Greenburg, H. R. Hine	2	12	1	14
Hammond, Edward R. Thomas	11	58	1	69
Jackson, J. B. Shearer	5	32	1	37
Kentwood, G. C. Dean, Jr.	2	17	1	19
Livingston Ct., A. D. George	9	5	1	14
Live Oak, J. H. Bowdon, Jr.	16	16	1	32
Lottie-Rosedale, Collins D. Pinkard	13	24	1	38*2
Magnolia, L. W. Taylor	4	3	1	7
New Roads-Port Allen, G. H. Corry	4	6	1	10**
Pine Grove, James P. Woodland	11	30	2	43**
Plaquemine-Bayou Chapel, C. R. McCammon	14	39	1	53*2
Ponchatoula, Wilson Watson	9	65	1	74**
St. Francisville, Oakley Edwards	12	3	1	16
St. Helena, C. J. T. Cotton	40	18	1	58**
Slaughter, W. H. Porter, Jr.	2	8	1	10
Springfield, P. W. Sibley	4	16	2	22
Tangipahoa, A. L. Caruth	6	39	1	45**
Ticket, J. N. Lambert	17	6	1	24**
Walker, George M. Home	3	2	1	5
Wesley Chapel, J. M. Wilkes	8	10	1	18
Zachary, J. W. Ailor	17	3	1	20
TOTALS	405	732	20	1157

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT—Quota 1015				
Abbeville, E. P. Drake	126	31	1	157*3
Berwick, Clayton, W. Bennett	49	41	1	90*2
Church Point, Edwin L. Brock	3	8	1	11
Crowley, First Church, Louis Hoffpauir	8	12	1	20
Iota-Maxie-Wesley, Raymond Pierson	8	14	1	22
Donaldsonville, T. O. Rorie, Jr.	8	4	1	12**
Franklin, Edward R. Haug	9	47	1	56
Golden Meadow, R. H. Harper	16	9	1	25**
Houma, First Church, Sam Nader	15	75	1	90**
Houma Hts., Rex Squires	18	57	1	75*2
Indian Bayou, M. L. Davis	15	61	1	76*2
Krotz Springs, J. C. Zerrangue	4	13	1	17*4
Lafayette-Davidson, D. B. Boddie	4	13	1	17
Lafayette, First Ch., Fred Flurry	48	70	1	119
Lockport, G. A. LaGrange	12	3	1	15*3
Melville, A. D. St. Amant	5	21	1	26
New Iberia, W. R. Wendt	19	29	1	49
Opelousas, R. E. Walton	14	30	1	44
Rayne, D. T. Williams	9	22	1	31
Thibodaux, R. R. Miller	9	13	1	22**
TOTALS	399	573	2	974

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Quota 1150				
Bell City, T. T. Howes	3	3	1	6
Cameron, J. A. Knight	8	27	1	35**
DeQuincy, E. W. Day	19	62	1	81**
DeRidder, George Pearce, Jr.	25	27	1	52
Wesley, Alvin P. Smith	17	7	1	24*3
Gueydan, S. A. Seegers	27	1	1	28**
Hackberry, R. L. Peyton	4	7	1	12*3
Iowa, W. F. Howell	6	23	1	30**
Jennings, Robert B. Crichtow	20	35	1	55
Kinder, Claud O. Hall	7	10	1	17**
Lake Arthur, Jack Winegeart	6	9	1	15
LAKE CHARLES				
First Church, Carl F. Lueg	10	92	1	102
Simpson, Ted T. Howes	1	10	1	12
University, E. B. Emmerich	10	25	1	35
Leesville, Oakley Lee	32	32	1	64**
Maplewood, Lloyd Williams	1	1	1	2
Oberlin, C. J. Thibodeaux	4	13	1	18*2
Raymond, Clarence B. Krumnow	4	7	1	11
Sulphur, James C. Whitaker	4	7	1	11
Vinton, Ivan O. Donaldson	2	27	1	29
Welsh, Jack Cooke	40	40	1	80**
TOTALS	176	495	5	676

MONROE DISTRICT—Quota 1557				
Bastrop-Beckman, R. H. Staples	10	120	1	131**
Bonita-Jones-Sunrise, S. E. Sterrett	3	31	1	34**
Collinston-Swartz, Fred Mead	15	17	1	32*2
Columbia-Hebert, Sam B. Holladay, Jr.	17	60	1	77**
Crowville-Baskin, S. B. Dampier	23	18	1	41*2
Delhi, Don E. Winegar	20	27	1	47**
Epps-Floyd, J. B. McCann	13	40	1	53*2
Ferriday-Clayton, Don W. Alverson	6	34	1	40**
Gilbert-Boguf Prairie, J. W. Boyd, Sr.	69	69	1	138*2
Goodwill-Bartholomew, Geo. P. Goodwin	7	13	1	20
Grayson-Kelley-Shilo, S. P. Emanuel	7	47	1	55*2
Jonesville-Harrisonburg, V. M. Culpepper	5	18	1	23**
Lake Providence, T. M. Lancaster	9	53	1	62**
Mangham, Lael S. Jones	3	29	1	32*2
Mer Rouge, Floyd M. Durham	4	44	4	52*2
MONROE				
First Ch., George W. Pomeroy	62	133	1	201**
Gordon Avenue, T. A. Brown	10	32	1	42**
Memorial, Ralph Cain	18	150	1	168*2
Stone Avenue, I. L. Yeager	12	24	1	36**
Oak Ridge-Crew Lake, James Poole	10	39	1	49**
Pioneer-Campbell-Forest, E. Lee McKay	3	11	1	14
Rayville-Holly Ridge, John L. Kilpatrick	17	52	1	69**
Sicily Island, J. J. Davis	71	71	1	142*3
St. Joseph-Wesley, A. M. Baker	8	17	1	26**
Tallulah, Wm. F. Mayo	16	28	2	46
Waterproof, John G. Gieck	4	13	1	17*
WEST MONROE				
Brownsville, J. A. Jones	11	17	1	28**
First Ch., W. D. Milton	25	84	1	109
Claiborne, F. L. Hearne	8	20	2	30
McGuire, I. A. Love	6	20	1	27**
Winnboro, W. H. Bengtson	17	54	1	71**
Wisner, L. Gray Wilson	9	56	1	65**
TOTALS	391	1473	14	1878**

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Quota 1420				
Buras-Triumph, C. E. Henkel	7	12	1	19*2
Covington, Robert C. Carter	23	23	1	46



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## BABY JESUS AND HIS VISITOR

By Mary C. Odell

ANNE thought she was getting too big for daytime naps, but since Mother thought she still needed the rest, especially since having the whooping cough, Anne tried her best to sleep. Some days her eyes just would not close. Other days she went to sleep soon after climbing into her bed, but most days she lay there pretending, just as she was doing today.

There were some pictures on her walls. Anne would pretend the people in these pictures were alive. She would talk to them and pretend they answered her. It was great fun to go picnicking in the woods with Red Riding Hood; or to play in the sand with the little girl in the blue bathing suit; or to help the little boy in the wide black hat with his rabbits.

Today Anne decided to pretend to visit the baby Jesus and His mother. This baby was in His cradle, and Mary, His mother, was sitting beside it watching her baby. Her dress was so lovely and white, and Anne could see that she loved her baby very much. As she watched, Anne dropped off to sleep, but her visit went right on in a dream like this:

Up the little village street Anne came. The houses looked like square boxes set here and there, with doors and windows. Some of them had stairs going up the outside to the roof, which was quite flat. Anne thought it would be fun to go up there to play.

Soon she saw someone sitting in a shady place in front of one of these houses. It was a lovely lady dressed in a creamy white dress. She was sitting beside a cradle, watching her baby. With one foot she was rocking the cradle slowly back and forth. She was humming a little tune, but she smiled when she saw Anne.

"Do you want to see the baby?" she whispered.

"Oh, yes. If it won't wake Him," Anne whispered in reply.

"No. He is asleep. See, I will pull back the cover a bit so you may see His face."

"Oh! Oh," Anne said. "Isn't He pretty! Isn't He sweet! What is His name?"

"His name is Jesus," His mother said. "See Him smile in His sleep? He is always a happy baby. I know He must have happy thoughts while He is sleeping."

Anne watched while Jesus' mother put back the little blue cover. "Would you like to sit here and rock the cradle for a few minutes?" she asked. "I would like to help Joseph do something in the carpenter shop. I will not be gone long."

Anne was so happy to sit there and rock the cradle. She did it very gently. She hummed a tune just as Jesus' mother had done. She watched the baby's tiny hand as it lay on the blue cover. It was soft and pink and dimpled.

By and by Jesus' mother came back. In her hand she carried a round flat cake, which she gave to

Anne. It was full of figs and tasted very good.

"You are a good little nurse," said Jesus' mother. "Jesus has not awakened?"

"No, He has been asleep all the time. He is such a good baby. I love Him," declared Anne.

"So do I," replied Jesus' mother, with a happy faraway smile. "People always will love my Jesus."

"May I come again?" Anne asked. "May I come to see the baby when He is awake?"

"Yes. You may come as often as you like. You may come to see Jesus at any time."

"Good-bye, little Jesus," Anne whispered. "Now I must run home and take my nap. I will come to see you often," and she blew a kiss from the tips of her fingers.

And the next thing Anne knew, she was awake. There was the picture of the baby Jesus and His mother in her room. And there was her own mother laying out a clean dress for her.

"What a nice nap you had, dear," her mother said.

"Yes, Mother. And I had the loveliest dream too, all about the baby Jesus and His mother." — Story World

## HOME

Home is such a happy place—or it should be. It is if everybody helps to make it so.

Supposing somebody should ask you "Who do you think is the most important person in your home, as far as making it happy is concerned?" I wonder what you would say.

Many children would undoubtedly shout, "Mother! Mother is! She gets us ready for school. She is the one who prepares our meals. She wipes away our tears, soothes our bumps and bandages our cuts. At night she gets us ready for bed, listens to our prayers and after a good-night kiss, tucks us in for the night."

But other children might shout, "Daddy—Daddy is! He fixes all our broken toys. He takes us skating and tobogganing in the winter. He goes swimming with us in the summer. He works and brings home money with which we buy our food and clothing."

Others might say Grandma or Grandpa, aunts or uncles because somehow they always have little surprises to give you.

Instead of asking you, suppose we ask your mother and father who were the most important people in the home.

Daddy might say, "Your mother of course. She is the one who sees that everything in the house runs

smoothly. She keeps everything in order and sees that things are done when they should be done and of course you kids are pretty important too."

Mother perhaps would answer quite differently. She might say, "Your daddy, of course. I think so. I always thought so or I never would have married him and of course you children are too. Sometimes I think you are the most valuable, and so the most important, people in this whole world."

How true that really is! Each person from the oldest to the youngest has a share in making his home a happy place.

When Jesus visited His friends Martha and Mary, He certainly enjoyed the delicious meal Martha prepared but He praised Mary who just listened to what Jesus had to say. So the two sisters helped make that visit a happy occasion for Jesus.

How happy is your home? How important are you? Why not just keep a record for a whole week and see for yourself how very important everybody in your home really is.—The United Church Observer

## JUST FOR FUN

Jones: "Can you lend me \$1,000 for a month, old boy?"

Bones: "Now what would a month-old-boy want with \$1,000?"

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A meek little man in a restaurant timidly touched the arm of a man putting on a coat. "Excuse me," he said, "but do you happen to be Mr. Smith of Newcastle?"

"No, I'm not!" the man answered impatiently.

"Oh—er—well," stammered the first man, "you see, I am, and that's his overcoat you're putting on."

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Six-year-old Bobby came home proudly clutching a toy automobile. "Where did you get that?" asked his mother.

"I got it from Johnny for doing him a favor," her son explained.

"What was the favor?"

"I was hitting him on the back and he asked me to stop."—Tatler & Bystander, London

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A second-grade young man came home one day last month and told his father, a doctor, that he was going to be Tiny Tim in his school Christmas play. His father congratulated him and asked why he had been chosen. "I said you could get me a crutch," he replied.—New Yorker

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The current attraction was a western and the horde of Indians in it were up to their usual tactics, Hollywood style.

A small boy and his father, definitely of Indian extraction, filed out with the crowd at the end of the show. "That was a swell movie, Daddy," the boy was heard to remark, "but don't we ever win?"—United Mine Workers Journal



## MY GRANDPA

When Grandpa comes he always tells  
Tales we all enjoy  
Of things that happened long ago  
When he was just a boy.

Of how the school he went to  
Was not a bit like ours,  
And how he walked all of the way  
Through sun and wind and showers.

Of happy times by streams and wood,  
Of work at home each day,  
And then of happy hours spent  
In joyful, carefree play.

My Grandpa is just lots of fun,  
I always love him so,  
And except all but my Daddy  
He's the finest man I know.—A.E.W.

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CHILDREN'S WORKERS CONFERENCE

Children's Workers, please note a change in the dates for the annual summer conference, from July 13-15 to July 26-28.

The Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah is being held a week earlier than usual this summer, and so it seemed necessary to change the dates for the Children's Workers Conference at Tanako. Please keep these dates in mind and plan to have a large delegation attending from your church.

Several new cabins have been built this year, and the camp can now care for around one hundred and fifty adults, very comfortably.

Programs for the conference will be mailed to the ministers and children's workers in the local churches at a later date. Woman's Societies are urged to send the secretary of children's work in each society. And the local church is urged to pay at least part of the expenses of those other children's workers who may attend.—Mrs. W. F. Bates

## LABORATORY DAY CAMP FOR JUNIORS

A laboratory camp for Juniors will be held at Aldersgate Camp, June 5-17. This is an area-wide laboratory camp for training Junior Camp leaders. Details of the camp have not yet been received, but will be published at an early date. Write your Conference Board of Education for further information.

The Importance of Work With Our Pre-School Children is being emphasized in the Little Rock Conference. Beginning last spring institutes on this part of our church school work have been held in all but one district. Many of the ministers have shown their interest in the youngest members of the church by attending these institutes, and quite a few church school workers and parents also have been present. Each church is being asked to do as a minimum, the following things:

1. Elect at least one Nursery Home Visitor in each church, to carry on the work with parents in the home.

2. Provide the following materials for all parents, regardless of size of church:

Nursery Letters for parents of babies under two years.

The booklets entitled The Two-Year-Old at Home for parents with two-year-old children. These are quarterly booklets, parents should receive four during the year.

My Book for Spring, Summer, Winter and Fall. These are quarterly booklets to be used by both parents and children, when the children are three years of age.

3. Provide the Christian Home Magazine for all parents, or encourage parents to subscribe to the magazine themselves.

Please check your church and see that the above plans are being carried out, remember this is a minimum, do more for the parents in your church wherever possible. Write your Conference Board of Education for further suggestions.—Mrs. W. F. Bates

The person who truly has music in his heart is bravely armored against many of the drab assaults of life and living.—Helen Heffernan, "More Than Music," *Music Educators Journal*

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Conference Youth Rally

Plans are being completed for the Conference-wide Youth Rally, North Arkansas Conference, to be held on Hendrix campus, April 1. Rev. Carrol McLaughlin is to be the inspirational speaker.

This program is for Seniors, Older Youth, and Adult Workers with youth, including pastors, church school superintendents, counselors, and teachers.

There is to be a workshop period from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the afternoon for those who can attend afternoon meeting.

### Jonesboro Area Training School

The Jonesboro Area Training School is to be held at Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, February 13-17, beginning on Sunday afternoon, February 13. The following courses are to be offered:

Understanding Children, Mrs. R. D. Newton.

The Child's Approach to Religion, Mrs. W. A. Wooten.

The Beginnings of Christianity, Rev. William Wilder.

Teaching Youth, Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr.

The Work of the Local Church, Rev. E. J. Holifield.

Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women, Miss Mildred Osment.

Rev. William Connell is to be the Dean of the school, and Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen is the chairman of the Board of Managers.

The Batesville and the Searcy District Schools held during the past week had the largest enrollment in each school on the opening night perhaps ever reported on these schools. The final report of these schools has not been made, but the indications are that fine response was made throughout each of these schools.

### Coaching Conference

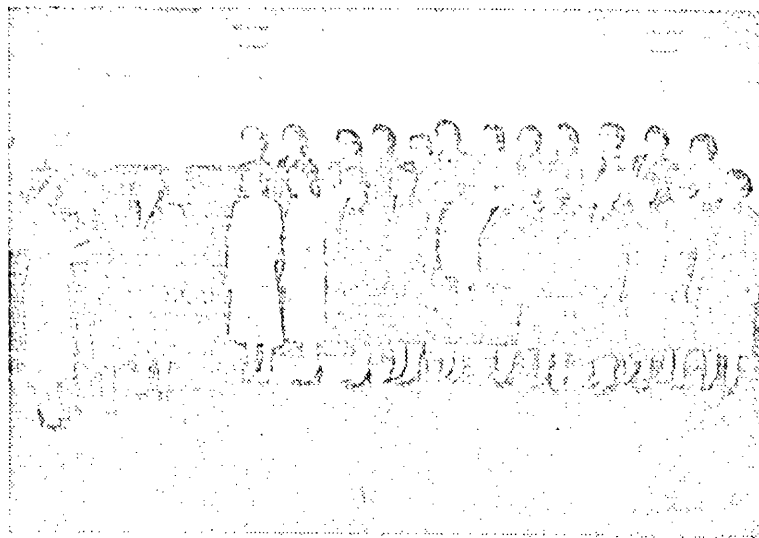
A Coaching Conference on Intermediate work, using the course on Guiding Intermediates, was conducted in connection with the Searcy School, under the leadership of Miss Aileen Sanborn, assisted by Rev. M. Earl Cunningham and Ira A. Brumley. Twelve persons from the North Arkansas Conference and two from the Little Rock Conference participated in this Conference. Those attending took the course on Guiding Intermediates in connection with the training school, and used the days for the special work of the Coaching Conference. Five of the districts of the North Arkansas Conference were represented.

This program promises to provide a group of splendid leaders for the promotion of Intermediate work in our section.

There comes reports from across the conference of splendid interest with reference to the Children's Workers' Conference. The indications are that registrations will exceed the goal of 100 which was worked out as a basis for the conference.

Those desiring to attend should make their reservations at an early date as provisions are being made for room for only 100. Those who register first will be the ones accepted.

## FARMERVILLE HOLDS LIFE MEMBERSHIP SERVICE



Left to right: Mrs. Cecil Read, president, presenting pin to Mrs. L. M. Jordan and Mrs. H. L. Pritchard; Mesdames L. B. Baughman, M. S. Baughman, L. Gillespie, G. R. Weaver, A. C. Dykes, W. F. Goss, J. R. James, Sherwood Smith, W. R. Witaker, E. L. Kenley, Ernie Beal;

Top row: J. E. Waller, Gus Pace, B. E. Bond, of Couthatta, W. B. Sohr, G. W. McCullin, Paul Palmer, A. A. Gordon, A. G. Everette, of Shreveport, Lee Tibbetts, Ralph Harper, Irma Cobb and Jesse Hudson.

On Monday, January 17, the Farmerville Woman's Society of Christian Service held a special service at the Methodist Church to honor its Life Members and to present two new Life Memberships. Of the thirty-four women made life members by this society, twenty-six were present.

The W.S.C.S. feels that through the years God has blessed them in a special way. The First Life Membership was given in 1936 to Mrs. W. T. Whiteman as a going away gift and in recognition of her inspiration to the church.

Later, out of his great love of God and in appreciation of the woman's work, Mr. W. C. (Grandpa) Stuart started a Life Membership for his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Whitaker. Through the years, until his death in 1940, he made a practice of starting one Life Membership each year. The organization was then the Woman's Missionary Society. When the W.S.C.S. was organized three of the ladies having W.M.S. pins were given new memberships.

For the next few years the group who were life members gave another Life Membership each year. Later the entire W.S.C.S. continued to honor those who had rendered loyal Christian service.

We feel that ours has been an unusual experience that we would like to share with others. It has

inspired wholehearted work in total program of missions, supply, and local work.

The thirty-four women made life members by the Farmerville W.S. C.S. are the Mesdames W. T. Whiteman, W. R. Whitaker, A. C. Dykes, W. F. Goss, J. R. James, W. O. Byrd, J. E. W. Pickel, W. B. Dykes, Stein Baughman, A. G. Everette, A. A. Gordon, Ernie Beal, J. B. Hester (deceased), E. J. Upshaw, G. W. McCullin, J. F. Stone, Cecil Read, E. L. Kenley, Jesse Hudson, Sherwood Smith, V. H. Rivers, B. E. Bond, L. Gillespie, G. R. Weaver, Lee Tibbetts, W. B. Sohr, Gus Pace, Paul Palmer, Ralph Harper, Laz Baughman, Louise Cobb, J. E. Waller, H. L. Pritchard and L. M. Jordan.

In addition to these, the Wesleyan Service Guild has honored six of its members: Mesdames Mildred Baxter, B. G. Miller, Luther Tettleton, C. C. Murphy, Mildred Lambeth, and Trebie Fenton. This makes a total of forty adult Life Memberships given by the Farmerville Church as well as six Baby Life Memberships who are Lynette Collins, Ruth Ann Abat, Stein Baughman, Jr., Gloria Ann Byrd, Judy Claire Stone, and Mitzi Baughman.

For a small group of women carrying on a full program of work, this represents a total cash contribution of \$1,105.00 all of which is used for missions.—Mrs. Cecil Read

## JONESBORO DISTRICT QUIET DAY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Jonesboro District had its "Day of Quietness and Fellowship" on January 20 at the Monette Church, the theme for program being "Think Spiritually", under the leadership of Mrs. Benny Jordan, District Spiritual Life Secretary.

The meditations were given by Mrs. J. E. Linam and Mrs. Ethan W. Dodgen.

Mrs. J. W. Buzick, Monette, who has returned recently from a tour of The Holy Land, told of her experiences while there. She also presented some slides made while there.

Miss Christine Hogan sang two

## NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held April 26, 27 and 28 in the First Methodist Church in Batesville. Speakers will include Miss Mary McSwain, missionary to Brazil; Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., president of South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society; and Miss Dorothy Kelley, deaconess in Little Rock Conference. Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Searcy, is Conference president.—Mrs. Bessie Andrew

solos.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Olin Shockley, District president.—Reporter



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## OPEN HOUSE AT GREENWOOD PARSONAGE

Rev. and Mrs. Verlia Harris of Greenwood were hosts at an open house at the Methodist parsonage on Sunday, January 16, from 3:00 until 5:00 p. m. The event was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild to give an opportunity for members and friends of the church to see the recent improvements which have been made on the parsonage.

The improvements include the installation of a furnace, some interior refinishing and redecorating, screening of a porch, a new exterior paint job and a new roof. One hundred members and friends called during hours.

Mrs. H. B. Tolleson, Mrs. W. H. Lewis and Mrs. Arl McConnell assisted in serving in the dining room where a pink and white color scheme was carried out. The table was centered by an arrangement of pink gladioli.

Mrs. Jack Lewis and Miss Josephine Maestri were in charge of the guest book. Mrs. Myrtie Lewis and Miss Reba Dawson assisted the pastor and his wife in receiving the guests.

Assisting the guests in making a tour of the parsonage were Mrs. Tom Mathews, Mrs. Cora Hile, Mrs. C. O. Bell, Mrs. Harlan Stanfill, Mrs. J. A. McCarson, Mrs. Roy Farley and Mrs. Elmer Smoot. Also assisting in the event were Mrs. Gene Jackman, Mrs. Odus Roberts, Mrs. Jim Gorham and Mrs. Bob Robbins.—Reporter

## YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE ORGANIZED

The North Arkansas Sub-District Young Adults Conference was organized Thursday evening, January 20th, in Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church, Marked Tree. This is the second Conference of Adults to be held in North Arkansas.

Phillip Calvert, Marked Tree, was elected President; Mrs. Walter Provost, Marked Tree, as vice-president and Mrs. B. H. Crider, Weiner, as Secretary and Treasurer. The elected officers will also serve as the Executive Committee.

These Sub-District meetings will be held quarterly by churches that desire to participate in the activities of the Young Adult work.

The Program Committee will consist of the members of the church who have charge of the meeting during its quarter. They will set the date of the meeting, select its programs and recreation. — Madeline Williams, Secretary.

## REVIVAL AT COTTON PLANT

A revival meeting was held last week in the Cotton Plant Methodist Church with Rev. G. A. McKelvey of Earle bringing the messages and Rev. A. L. Diggs of Osceola leading the singing and working with the young people. Services were held at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each day.

On Tuesday night preceding the service a potluck dinner was served.

## PRESCOTT TO BUILD NEW PARSONAGE

The First Methodist Church of Prescott will build a new parsonage at the present location of the old parsonage in the very near future. The old house has been advertised for sale and sealed bids are now being taken. These bids were opened on Saturday, Jan. 29. The old parsonage will be torn down or moved off within the next two weeks and work is to begin on the new one as soon as the lot is vacant.

The new parsonage will be a beautiful six-room house with two baths and three bed rooms.

The present parsonage was purchased on Dec. 14, 1880 and has served as the home of the pastor in Prescott since that time. It was remodeled in 1911 and again in 1948.

Dr. O. G. Hirst is chairman of the Building Committee. Members of the Plans Committee are Mrs. Roy Duke, Mrs. H. H. McKenzie, Mrs. O. G. Hirst, Dr. N. R. Nelson, and M. D. Justiss. Rev. W. D. Golden is the pastor.—Reporter.

## TOWN AND COUNTRY SEMINAR TO BE HELD

A Town and Country Church Seminar will be held at the University of Arkansas February 22-25. This is an inter-denominational Seminar with ministers and laymen who work with small town and country churches being invited to attend.

The Seminar program has been developed through the request and sponsorship of different church groups for more economical and sociological information on rural problems. The theme will be, "The Town and Country Church Faces Changing Conditions."

The program will include classes in economic problems of the farmer and his community. There will be six study groups. They are: (1) Developing programs for rural churches, (2) Pastoral counseling, (3) Principles of agricultural policy, (4) Community development and leadership in the rural church, (5) Music in the church, and (6) Churches cooperating for effective ministry.

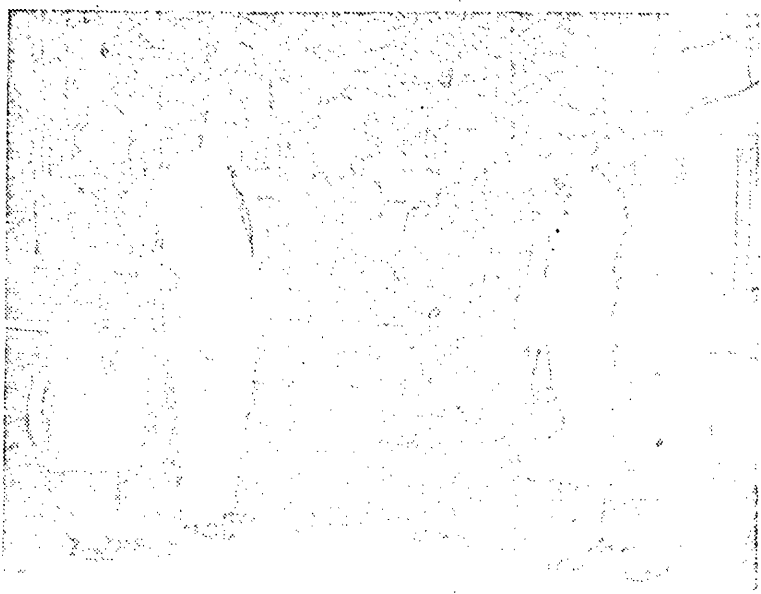
The program speakers and instructors will include: Dr. John Tyler Caldwell, President, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; G. Ross Freeman, Director, Town and Country Church Development Program, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; H. S. Randolph, Department of Town and Country Church, Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., New York; Bardin H. Nelson, Department of Agricultural Economics

and Sociology, Texas A. M. College, College Station, Texas; Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville; Henry J. Meenen, Department of Rural Economics and Sociology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Charles H. Cross, College of Education, University of Arkansas; Rev. Michael Carozza, Pastor, All Souls Community Church, Scott, Arkansas; L. L. Rutledge, Extension Community Activities Specialist, Agricultural Extension Service, Little Rock; Rev. D. Crewdson, Executive Secretary, Arkansas Christian Missionary Society, Little Rock; Rev. A. N. Storey, The Town and Country Commission, The Methodist Church, Conway.

The Seminar is being sponsored through different church organizations in cooperation with the University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture and Home Economics, General Extension Service, and the Agriculture Extension Service.

The program has been developed under the auspices of the Arkansas Town and Country Church Development Committee, C. A. Vines, Associate Director, Agricultural Extension Service, Chairman.

## MOREHEADS PRESENTED WITH AUTOMOBILE



Dr. J. L. Dedman and B. T. Fooks present Dr. Connor Morehead a 1955 model automobile, the gift of friends in South Arkansas. Dr. Morehead is completing his sixth year as superintendent of the Methodist churches in the Camden District. Mrs. B. T. Fooks, Mrs. J. L. Dedman, and Mrs. Connor Morehead are shown in the picture above at the presentation.

ON January 21st, Camden District friends of Dr. and Mrs. Connor Morehead presented Dr. Morehead a beautiful new automobile as he approaches the completion in June of his sixth and final year as superintendent of the Methodist churches of the Camden District.

In an interview with the Camden News, Dr. J. L. Dedman, former district superintendent, said: "Connor Morehead has these two distinctions, in my opinion, first in that under his leadership the Camden District has achieved the highest levels in its financial support of the institutions and enterprises of Methodism in the 39 years of the District's history, and second, Connor, as superintendent, has manifested an unusual interest, above

and beyond the call of duty, in the personal welfare of all the preachers of this district and their families—not to mention multiplied other instances where his concern has been for others rather than for himself." And Dr. Dedman added, "I would say that Connor has a third distinction in that he is the first district superintendent in Arkansas Methodism ever to be given an automobile at the end of his tenure of office, and I ought to know because I've been observing such matters for more than forty years, now."

B. T. Fooks, Methodist layman, and Dr. Dedman, made the presentation on behalf of friends and stated that every friend who contributed did so gladly and generously and that it was necessary to contact only a limited number of persons.

## THE SCHWENDIMANNS HONORED WITH GOING AWAY PARTY

One hundred seventy-five members of the church and friends attended the farewell potluck supper given for Rev. Fred Schwendimann and family, Tuesday night in Fellowship Hall of Vantage Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado. Dr. Connor Morehead, District Superintendent, and Mrs. Morehead were among the guests present. Dr. Morehead gave the invocation.

Following supper the group enjoyed group singing and a skit, "Denham Springs—Here We Come". Children from the Children's Department of Sunday School took part: Beth Hendricks as Mrs. Schwendimann; Milton Myers, Bro. Schwendimann; Pat Lay, Bobbie; Bill Meeks, Freddie. Howard Warren, Chairman of Official Board, presented a gift from the church in the form of a love offering; Mrs. Claude Baker, President of W.S. C.S., and Mrs. W. T. Myers, president of Wesleyan Service Guild, an electric appliance from both groups. Gifts were presented by all groups and organizations of the church.

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## UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION IN MONTICELLO DISTRICT



Part of the group of Monticello District ministers and guest ministers who participated in the United Evangelistic Mission.

Bishop Paul E. Martin spoke at the Methodist Church in Monticello, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 30, at a rally attended by people from throughout the Monticello District of the Methodist Church. The mass meeting concluded the eight-day United Evangelistic Mission which was held in the District last week.

According to the Monticello District Superintendent, Dr. Cecil R. Culver, some 50 ministers directed the mission in 27 Methodist Churches throughout the District; and almost 300 members were gained as a result of the week's program by commitment or transfer of member-

ship. There was a visiting minister at each of the local churches for each evening service during the week which began Sunday, Jan. 23, and the combined attendance for each night for all the churches averaged over 2,000.

In addition, more than 800 visits were made by laymen from the local churches to prospective church members.

The preachers met each morning during the campaign at the Monticello Church, and reports were made for the previous day. Dr. Arthur Terry, Superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, the District

## METHODIST HOSPITAL RALLY IN SEARCY DISTRICT

The rally for the Methodist Hospital Drive was held at Heber Springs on Thursday, January 20, with an almost 100 per cent attendance of the pastors and a large group of members of various churches. Rev. E. G. Kaetzell presided and after prayer by Rev. James E. Major, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Dr. J. D. Kinley and Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell spoke briefly. Howard Johnson, Chairman of the Larger Gifts Committee was introduced.

An inspiring address was brought by Dr. Kenneth Shamblyn, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church of Little Rock.

Rev. Cyril Wilson, pastor of the Antioch Church, and six MYF members presented Dr. Shamblyn with the first check to the Methodist Hospital Fund. The six young people were introduced as Brenda Liles, Linda Wisdom, Yvonne Harrell, Emma Huff, Sonny Huff and Steve Wilson.

After the filmstrip on the Methodist Hospital, the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Frank Weatherford of Kensett.—Reporter.

which furnished many of the visiting pastors, gave brief instructions to the group and made suggestions for the coming services.

The Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblyn, Pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church in Little Rock, delivered the inspirational message each day.

The Rev. Roland E. Darrow is pastor of the Methodist Church in Monticello, which served as headquarters for the group.

## PARAGOULD DISTRICT MEN'S MEETING

One hundred fifteen men of the Paragould District met at the First Methodist Church, Pocatontas, for their quarterly fellowship supper. The women of the church and the pastor, Rev. Ed Dodson, are to be congratulated on adding to the evening's enjoyment by furnishing an excellent meal and entertainment.

Charles Stuck, Conference Lay Leader, spoke and stressed the importance of such groups in terms of service to God's work through the church. He stated that "God's greatest and unused resource is manpower" as man has not as yet given himself unreservedly.

J. A. Waldman, District Lay Leader, presided over the meeting and proposed the formulation of a district Methodist Men's organization. The group voted unanimously both in forming this group and in electing L. D. Robinson of Piggott president, Fletcher Dodson of Paragould, vice-president, and Butler Weir of Hoxie, secretary—Gail Anderson, District Secretary.

## THE SCHWENDIMANNS HONORED WITH GOING AWAY PARTY

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Each speaker in presenting the gifts expressed appreciation and thanks for the inspiration, encouragement, service and leadership of the Schwendimanns in the life of the church and its membership. Pictures were made during the evening.

Mrs. John Riekey had charge of the activities and program for the evening. Group singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" closed the meeting.—Reporter

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### Third Report

The third report by churches and districts of the results of the Circulation Campaign will be published in next week's issue of the ARKANSAS METHODIST. This report will include all pastors' reports reaching the ARKANSAS METHODIST office by Saturday noon, February 5.

### Follow-Up Work and Reports

Many churches reporting the first time this week will make additional reports to the ARKANSAS METHODIST office of follow-up work of securing renewals and new subscriptions which were not obtained during the first week of the campaign, January 9-16. Results of these supplemental reports will be published in the Circulation Campaign reports each week in the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

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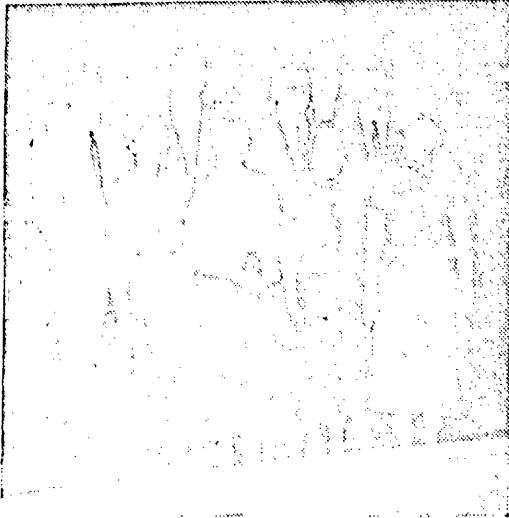
# METHODIST YOUTH

## STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY AT PIGGOTT

Student Recognition Day was observed at the First Methodist Church, Piggott, Sunday evening, December 26, with a program presented by the college students home for the Christmas holidays. The program was built around religious activities on the campus of the various colleges represented by the students. The problems, opportunities and challenges of life on the campus were presented.

The worship service began with fellowship songs by the congregation, followed by moments of devotion, led by Phyllis Forrest, Hendrix College, and Anna Clair Janes, Christian College. Brief talks were given by Max Potter, University of Arkansas; Marilyn Stallings, Arkansas Tech; Eddie Wheeler, College of the Ozarks; Judy Brannon, Hendrix College; and Max Richardson, University of Missouri. The program closed with "quiet time" at the altar, followed by the benediction given by Johnny Underwood, Williams Air Force Base, Phoenix, Arizona.

Max Richardson, vice-president of the Wesley Foundation, University of Missouri, was program leader. Ushers for the evening were Donald Janes, University of Missouri, and Hoyt Johnson, Arkansas State



Front row (l. to r.): Anna Clair Janes, Judy Brannon, Marilyn Stallings, Phyllis Forrest.

Back row (l. to r.): Max Richardson, Hoyt Johnson, Eddie Wheeler, Max Potter, Donald Janes, and Johnny Underwood.

College.

This program was well received by a large congregation. The information presented was inspiring and helpful. Our congregation now has a growing appreciation of our college students and the work that is being carried on by the churches on the campus.—Mrs. Charles Gregory, Church Secretary

## MYF ORGANIZED AT VILLE PLATTE

A large crowd gathered at the Ville Platte Methodist Church on Sunday, January 16, for the purpose of organizing an MYF. After a devotional period the following officers were elected: Nancy Hewitt, president; Wayne Neimier, vice-president; Sharon Bowen, secretary; Elizabeth Wade, treasurer. Chairman of committees are: June Marie Hewitt, Publicity; Charlotte Stafford, Worship and Evangelism; Richard Tilton, Commission on Service; Dora Ann Lyles and Reggie Solican, Recreation; Ray Gibson, Missions and World Friendship. Mrs. M. O. Maloy is counselor and leader, assisted by R. L. Luther and E. H. McManus. This group is now ready to unite with any nearby Sub-District.

Ville Platte Church is on the White Chapel Charge. Rev. H. D. Fisher is pastor.—June Hewitt.

## MYF GIVES GIFT TO CHURCH

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Solgohachia Church has presented to the church a beautiful new pulpit with two chairs to match. They blend very nicely with the rest of the church furniture.

The church appreciates the good work that is being done by this small group of devoted workers, and accepts with gratitude this lovely and useful gift.

Solgohachia is on Morrilton Circuit Number 1. Rev. William Yarbrough is the pastor.—Reporter.

## WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS Seba-Scott

The Seba-Scott Sub-District met at the Hartford Methodist Church on Thursday, January 13, with 117 present. Hartford received the attendance banner from Huntington.

After the program a recreation period was held and refreshments served.—Frances Thomas

## E. Clay Bumpers

The E. Clay Bumpers Sub-District met in Helena on Monday, January 10, with the president, Bruce Perry, presiding. Roll call showed the following attendance: Helena, 37; West Helena, 26; Eliane and Wabash, 16; Marvell, 11; Mellwood, 4.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$47.33.

Marvell will be host to the Sub-District on Monday, March 2.—Ann Taylor, Reporter

## Lafayette

Officers were elected at the meeting of the Lafayette Sub-District at the Indian Bayou Methodist Church in November as follows: President, Bert Stanton, First Methodist Church, Crowley; vice-president, Billy Hoffpauir, Indian Bayou; secretary, Elizabeth Curtis, Rayne; treasurer, Larry Sarver, Ebenezer. Bonnie Kelly, Wesley Methodist Church, Crowley, is publicity chairman.

An installation service was held in the Centenary Methodist Church

of Rayne by Rev. D. T. Williams and the Rayne young people.

The name, Rice, for the Sub-District was unanimously chosen as it represents the main industry and the word Rice is made up of the first letters of the towns of the Sub-District, Rayne, Indian Bayou, Crowley and Ebenezer.

A Valentine banquet was scheduled for the second Sunday in February. A queen will be selected from a representative of the churches in the Sub-District.—Bonnie Kelley.

## Buffalo Island

The Buffalo Island Sub-District met on January 17 at the Sunnyland Church. A piano solo was played by Peggy Cook, Elvin Ramsey read the scripture and introductions were made by Laverna Billings. The theme of the program was "Christian Fellowship." A film, "We Have This Fellowship," was shown.

Roll call showed seven churches represented and 82 present. Caraway won the banner with a total of 654 points. St. John had the largest number of young people present.

Mary Kathryn Crews of Riverside was elected vice-president to fill a vacancy in that office.

Reports on Christian Mission were given with Ralph Blythe of Monette giving a good report. Lake City MYF also had a good report.

A recreation period was held and refreshments served.

The next meeting will be at Black Oak on February 21.—Laverna Billings

## Bastrop

On Sunday, January 9, a delegation from the Monroe Sub-District went to Bastrop to organize a Sub-District.

An introduction was given by Gwen John, district representative and district president.

A typical Sub-District meeting was conducted by Emma Jean Hall, president of the Monroe Sub-District. During this meeting Rev. Joe McClain brought a devotional message. Rev. J. T. Harris, district superintendent, told of the great need and importance of the Sub-District.

Dot Hudson was elected temporary chairman.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.—Reporter

## Rice-Belt Intermediate

The Rice-Belt Intermediate Sub-District met on Tuesday evening, January 24th, at Lodges Corner.

Sandy Hillman, Vice President, presided over the business meeting. Lodges Corner had charge of the program on the theme, "Rise Up O Men of God."

Churches represented were Humphrey, First Church, Stuttgart, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, DeWitt, Lodges Corner and Gillett with 48 present. The next meeting will be the third Tuesday in February at Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Stuttgart.

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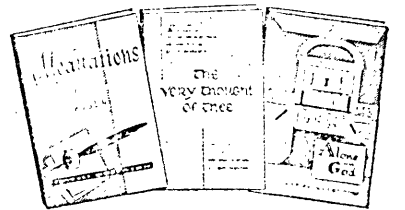
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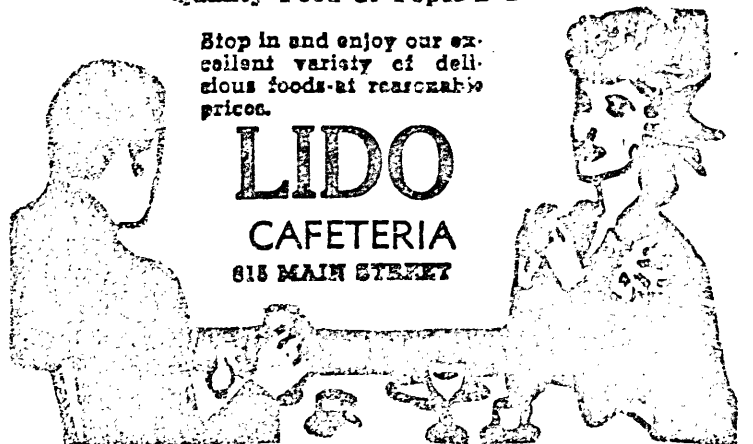
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## OBITUARIES

**LANGFORD**—Wesley Memorial Methodist Church of Conway suffered a great loss in the death of Audie Hiram Langford, 52, a faithful and devoted member, on December 2nd, 1954.

Mr. Langford was stricken with a heart attack as he sat on a stool milking a cow and lived only a few minutes.

He was born at Rosebud, White County, March 19, 1902 and had lived near Conway 30 years. He was a metal worker at the Ward Body Works, Inc., in Conway.

He is survived by his wife, the former Emma Finton; his step-mother, Mrs. Ellen Langford of Conway; three sisters, Mrs. John Boggs of Rosebud, Mrs. S. Q. Starkey and Mrs. A. P. Sowell of Conway; a brother, Floy Langford of Conway; three half-sisters, Mrs. Elbert Tyler and Miss Chlo Langford of Conway; and Mrs. Juanita Robertson of Alexander, La., and three half-brothers, Danny Langford of Lake Charles, La., and Ovid and Dalton Langford, of Conway.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m., Saturday, December 4th, at the Wesley Memorial Church by Rev. Harold Wilson, Rev. A. H. Dunlany and Rev. Ralph Ruhlen, and burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

The kind of man Mr. Langford was, was reflected by the overflowing crowd of friends who attended his funeral and by the numerous floral offerings. He was a deeply consecrated Christian who gave lavishly of his time and his means in the work of his church. He was a member of the Official Board of Wesley Memorial, having been a Steward for a number of years. He always cooperated in each program that the church sponsored. He was a kindly man who was interested in his friends, his neighbors and those who needed him, and who shared with them their joys and their sorrows.

Truly, God welcomed him home, saying, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."—Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

## RESOLUTIONS

With sincere regret the Board of Stewards of First Methodist Church, Monroe, records the untimely passing of our friend and fellow steward, Ben R. Downing, who departed this life November 21, 1954.

A devoted member of this Board for more than twenty years, his leadership in the activities of its official board was of the greatest importance to First Methodist Church. Particularly during the splendid Building Program did Ben Downing give most generously of his time and talents. His outstanding financial ability was generally known and appreciated by his fellow stewards. As a member and Chairman of the Finance Committee, his devotion to duty was most helpful to the Board of Stewards.

RESOLVED that we extend to his devoted wife and sons our most sincere sympathy and direct that a copy of this expression of our high regard for Ben Downing and our feeling of great loss in his passing be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy delivered to his family.

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Resolutions Committee  
H. L. Johns, Pastor  
First Methodist Church  
G. Thomas Frazer, Chairman  
Official Board

**WOOLARD**—Roy R. Woolard, age 62, member of the Harmony Grove Methodist Church on the Texarkana Circuit, died on Thursday, December 2, following an illness of several months.

Mr. Woolard was born January 14, 1893, in Popular Bluff, Mo. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He attended church regularly for many years until ill health overtook him. He was devoted to his church and an outstanding layman of the charge.

In 1915 he was married to Miss Bertha Rushing of Texarkana. To this union were born seven children, two of whom died in infancy and Mrs. Mildred Woolard Ginnings passed away in 1942.

Mr. Woolard is survived by his wife; two sons, Marvin Woolard and James W. Woolard of Texarkana; two daughters, Mrs. W. E. Downs of Texarkana and Mrs. Dudley Gee of Hot Springs; three brothers, Ray Woolard of Texarkana, Graydon Woolard of Houston, Texas, and B. O. Woolard of Los Angeles, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Warfield of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on December 3 at the Harmony Grove Church with Rev. Virgil Bell and Rev. Clyde Swift officiating. Burial was in the Harmony Grove cemetery.—Clyde Swift, Pastor

## Methodist Church Gets Rare Lincoln Document

Foundry Methodist church in Washington, D. C. has acquired a rare Lincoln document, a certificate of membership in the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church issued to the Civil War President in 1864. The certificate, which is still in the original frame that Lincoln had made for it, attests that "His Excellency, Abraham Lincoln" was named a life director of the Society upon contributing the sum of \$150.00 to its work. Lincoln made the contribution, a substantial sum in those days, after hearing a eloquent sermon

preached by his friend, Methodist Bishop Matthew Simpson. The certificate is said to be the only document linking the Great Emancipator with membership in any specific religious group. He was not a member of any church during his lifetime, although he maintained a pew in New York Avenue Presbyterian church while in Washington and also attended Foundry Methodist from time to time. The latter's building at that time was only a block from the White House. The Lincoln certificate was presented to Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, pastor of Foundry church, by friends to mark the 30th anniversary of his pastorate there. It was acquired for \$5,000 from William H. Townsend, Lexington, Ky. collector who has owned it for the past 30 years.

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## THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 13, 1955

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
John 3:5-7; Acts 16:25-34; 2 Corinthians 5:17.

MEMORY SELECTION: *I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.* (John 10:10)

We are still dealing with UNIT V: "CHRISTIAN TEACHING". There are 15 lessons in the unit and this the seventh in the series. The first lesson had to do with the Bible as the authority of the Christian religion. The second dealt with the living God. There can be no religion apart from God. Our third lesson took up the study of Christ as the Son of the living God. The thing that makes Christianity the greatest religion in the world is the fact that it gives the highest conception of God. In Christianity we have a religion in which God is revealed through his Son. Next we studied the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is sent into the world by the Father and the Son. Christ is God revealed in human flesh and the Holy Spirit is God present in his world, and most of all in the lives of his people. Our next lesson dealt with man's nature and need. Man is dual in his nature, and as much, he has both material and spiritual needs. The lesson of last Sunday had to do with the grace of God. Man is saved by grace through faith. Grace is the unmerited favor of God. It is the love of God manifested in the death of Christ for man's redemption. Our theme today is "The New Life in Christ".

The Adult Student states the aim of the lesson in a very helpful way: "To help each adult understand the meaning of conversion and regeneration and to seek regeneration if he is not yet converted." If the lesson succeeds in reaching this goal, it will be very helpful.

### A Look At The Scriptures

In the third chapter of John we have the account of Nicodemus coming to Christ by night and seeking advice from him. Nicodemus was a highly educated man, and also a man of much experience. He was a Pharisee, and was a member of the Sanhedrin. The Romans had conquered the Jews and had taken away all of their power except that expressed through this court. The court was made up of 70 members including the High Priest, who was president of the court.

Some criticize Nicodemus for coming at night, when they really ought to be praising him for coming at all. As a group, the Pharisees were bitterly opposed to Christ, and there was not one of them in ten thousand who would come seeking help and advice from him. Nicodemus was not only a Pharisee, but was also a member of the Sanhedrin. There were 69 other members of this court and so far as the record shows, he was the only one of the group who ever came to Christ.

This brings us to our first Scripture passage, John 3:5-7. The Lord spoke these words in response to a salutation made to him by Nicodemus. They do not exactly fit into the trend of the conversation, but

the Lord knew what was in the mind of Nicodemus and he went straight to the point. Without wasting words, he told him just what was necessary if one was to enter the kingdom of God—one must be born of the water and the Spirit. This matter of being born of water is purely and simply a symbol. It is a symbol of cleansing. Water is used universally as a cleansing agent. However, it cannot cleanse sins; it can only symbolize this cleansing. The poet was right when he raised the question "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." And the other one was also right when he declared,

*"There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinner plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains."*

The sinner finds cleansing from his sins by surrendering his will to God and exercising faith in the propitiation made by Christ for his redemption. Water symbolizes this cleansing. Christ simply told Nicodemus that in order to get into the kingdom of God the sinner must be cleansed and regenerated. We have shown above how this cleansing takes place. Regeneration comes about through being born of the Spirit. This birth of the Spirit marks a new beginning in an individual's life. To live a physical life one must be born into this material world; he must have a physical birth, and by the same token, if one is to live a spiritual life he must have a spiritual birth which brings him into the spiritual realm, or the kingdom of God. That is what Christ means when he goes on to say, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

The writer is thoroughly convinced that a spiritual birth is just as necessary to get a sinner into the kingdom of God as the physical birth is to get him into this material world. We are in this world because we came into it through a physical birth; there is no other way to get into it, and if we are in the kingdom of God, we got in there by a spiritual birth; there is no other way to get into it.

There has been quite a bit of argument pro and con concerning the necessity of the spiritual birth. Some contend that all people do not need it; that if a child is born into a Christian home and is carefully trained in the home, the church, and Sunday school he will not need to be born again. The writer cannot agree with this. It seems that some, who contend that all must be born again if they are to enter the kingdom of God, have become too dogmatic. They try to fit all people

into the same groove and that cannot be done. Each person is a separate individual and as such will have experiences that will differ from those of all others. Some are highly emotional while others are deeply intellectual. It would be foolish to expect people of these various types and temperaments to have identical experiences, or to respond to their experiences in the same manner.

The truth about the matter is all true Christians have been born again. Some have come in under great emotional upheaval while others have come in very calmly and quietly. Some have been born again instantaneously and others gradually. The Apostle Paul is a good illustration of one who received and instantaneous conversion. We recall his wonderful experience on the Damascus road. Timothy is a good example of one who received a gradual experience. In his second letter to Timothy, Paul goes on to remind him that from a child he had known the Scriptures that were able to make him wise unto salvation. Paul spoke in glowing terms of the Christian faith that dwelt first in Timothy's grandmother, Lois, and later in his mother, Eunice. These good women, through a process of training, had passed this faith on to Timothy. There is no record of Timothy ever having a spectacular experience like that of Paul's. Both of these men were in the kingdom of God, and both had come into it through a spiritual birth. In the case of one it was spectacular and instantaneous, while in the case of the other it was so gradual that he could not have told any one just when the work was completed.

Some twenty years ago a man was writing an explanation of a Sunday school lesson. The lesson was dealing with the matter of conversion. The man was trying to contrast and compare the different types of conversion. He did so by calling attention to a river that had been crossed by two men. One had crossed the river in early childhood and had done so at its source where it was only a little rivulet, and he easily stepped across it. The other person went down the river, on the wrong side, for many miles. After much time had elapsed he also crossed, and he had a hard time in so doing. The river was wide and deep and the current was swift and the wind was boisterous. He finally made the landing. As soon as he reached the other bank, he began arguing with the man who had easily crossed as a child at the source of the stream. He insisted that since this man had not had the hard time that he himself had experienced in crossing, there was something wrong with his experience. The man answered him by merely pointing out the fact that both of them at that very moment were on the same side of the stream.

Our next passage (Acts 16:25-34) tells of the conversion of the Philippian jailer. This happened on Paul's second missionary journey. He and Silas were doing their first missionary work in Europe. They had sailed from the sea-port city of Troas in Asia Minor and had landed in Macedonia which was a province of Greece. They went immediately to the chief city of that province—Philippi. There a woman by the name of Lydia was converted. She was the first European to accept Christianity.

Later Paul and Silas came in con-

tact with a slave girl who seems to have been afflicted with some kind of malady which gave her the power to tell fortunes. Paul and Silas healed her of her trouble and this greatly angered her masters. They had Paul and Silas beaten in the market place and had them thrust into prison. They were severely beaten and their feet were made fast in the stocks, but in spite of this cruelty they offered prayers and sung hymns at midnight. Thank God for a religion that will enable people to sing at midnight under such circumstances as these! We are told that an earthquake came. The prison doors were opened and the bonds fell off of the prisoners' hands. The jailer started to kill himself, thinking that the prisoners had escaped. Paul prevented him from doing this. Then in great fear the jailer came to these missionaries and raised the question "What must I do to be saved?"

This is a wonderful question. It is an inquiry that every unsaved person should raise. There is no more important question than this. It is the only question that will make any difference in a person's life a million years from now. Not only is this a great question, but we have the greatest Christian of all times answering it — the Apostle Paul. We should note carefully his answer — "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." This is a simple straight forward answer to this question. When Paul told the jailer that his family, as well as himself would be saved, he did not mean to say that the whole family would be saved because the father alone believed in Christ. He was simply emphasizing the power of parental influence. In most cases children, who are in the home of consecrated Christian parents, will become Christians themselves. So it was in the case we mentioned above—Timothy.

There are certain steps that lead to salvation. Paul does not mention all of them in this connection because the jailer had already made some of them. The first step that leads to salvation is historical faith. Before one comes to Christ he must believe that there is a Saviour and that he is a rewarder of all those who diligently seek him. The next step is that of conviction of sins. This, in the case of a hardened sinner, may be very pungent, while in the case of a clean moral person, and especially of a little child, it may be nothing more than a mental persuasion that he should make his decision to live for Christ. In the case of a hardened sinner, this conviction leads to godly sorrow for sins. This is not merely a sorrow over the fact that one is detected in his sins, but for the sins themselves. This godly sorrow works repentance; that is, it leads the sinner to a willingness to forsake his sins. The sinner is saved from his sins rather than in them. Repentance, on the part of the sinner, is more than his merely turning his back on his sins. If he should stop at that point, he would reach a state of reformation rather than regeneration. Repentance is a double turning; it is the turning of one's back on his sins and turning his face to Christ as the Saviour from sins. Not only does the sinner forsake his sins but he confesses them to the Lord, and then the work is done. He is a new creation. His personality has been changed at its very source.