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New Civil Liberties Film

SCHEDULED for release February 15 and available on a rental or sale basis is a new film "The Sound of A Stone," a production which deals with the current threat to civil liberties. A project of the Methodist General Board of Social and Economic Relations and produced by the Methodist Radio and Film Commission, this 26½ minute length film is a quality production with a timely, helpful message. It will be available in either color or black and white.

We have had the opportunity of seeing a preview of the film on two occasions and we unhesitatingly recommend it for showing to groups in all size churches. We also believe that public schools, civic and service organizations will find the story and message presented in such a way that they can make great use of it. The film has also been cleared for television use and community leaders in those cities having television stations will want to investigate the possibility of its being telecast.

Interested parties should write immediately to the Methodist Publishing House concerning availability of booking or purchasing. We have been informed that the approximate rental cost of the color print will be \$11.00 and the black and white for \$6.50. A print of the color film will cost approximately \$215 while the black and white will sell for approximately \$100 less.

We Take A Calculated Risk

THE Seventh Fleet of the United States Navy has received orders from the President to move in for the evacuation of the Chinese Nationalist troops from the Tachen Islands. No one should minimize the gravity of that action.

While the Red Chinese have been notified of our purpose and warned to not interfere, that action in no wise guarantees the safety of our fleet. No one except the leaders of Red China, and possibly Russia, knows what the reaction of the Chinese Reds will be to this daring move by our fleet. Red China has at her disposal quite a number of submarines and they have given evidence of the fact that they have at their disposal a dangerous fleet of bombers.

Tension throughout the world will run high this week as the question of hot war and cold war seem to hang in the balance in the Formosan Straits. Christian people should pray that Divine Providence may hold in check the possibilities of a hot war.

Without question this action by the United States is a calculated risk. We move in the face of Red China's repeated declarations that, not only the off-shore islands are to be "liberated" but that Formosa is also to be taken. Our leaders are convinced that the loss of Formosa would mean ultimately the loss of Japan, the Philippine Islands and the other eastern Asiatic nations and make of the Pacific Ocean a big communist lake. Our own national safety then would be in grave doubt.

The calculated risk we are taking this week may ease the tension in the Far East or it may bring the show-down with Red China which we have patiently and sincerely tried to avoid. It appears that sooner or later this test of purposes had to be made. If China, under the prodding of Russia, proposes to help conquer the world for communism the sooner we know it the better. If China, in her newly discovered strength, is outdistancing Russia itself in its war of aggression it would be well for us to know that. We will have the answer to many of the questions about the Far East soon.

We Should Better Understand Value Of United Nations

A part of the suggested program in the Crusade for World Order is a special study in our church of the United Nations. This study will give opportunity for us to better acquaint our people with the desperate need for and the value of such an agency in a world that seems to be hesitating on the very brink of a war of annihilation.

In such a world, any agency that can contribute anything to the pressing program for world peace should have our unqualified, whole-hearted support.

The United Nations is not a perfect organization. It was formed by nations that were far from perfect. As a result of the conflicting interests that existed between many of the world powers instrumental in creating the United Nations, it reflects something of the fears,

There must be, not a balance of power, but a community of power; not organized rivalries but an organized common place.—Woodrow Wilson

the selfishness and the ambitions of some of the member nations.

With it all, the United Nations is the only world organization we have that is set primarily to promote a better understanding between the people of the world and the nations of the world, and for the promotion of world peace. If by any force of circumstances the United Nations should cease to be, it would be practically impossible, in the present world, to set up any other organization that would approach its usefulness in the purpose for which it was organized. The United Nations is not perfect but is more nearly perfect than any other similar organization we may have in our generation.

Since the close of World War II the world has passed through a period where there have been more international conflicts threatening war than in any period of similar length in the world's history. In this period of super-tension, the United Nations has served as a kind of international safety-valve where pent up feelings could be loosed before they exploded in war. Without the United Nations, where these tensions could be relieved, it is almost certain that the world would have been engulfed in war before now.

If there is any agency that should give its unqualified support to the United Nations, it is the Church. It is the one world organization through which the various churches of the world can work for the ideal of world peace. The Church would be handicapped, beyond words to describe, if it did not have this central agency through which to carry on its program for world peace.

"Getting Them Told"

ABOUT the most dangerous exercise a Methodist preacher can engage in is "getting them told!" There are times, under pressure, when we are tempted to "kick the bucket over" and walk out. Under such circumstances usually our good judgment and our religion restrain us. However, there are times when provocations are such that we throw aside ministerial caution and reserve and become "righteously indignant" — the folks think we are just plain mad — long enough to "get them told."

It is doubtful if any preacher ever won his point or won his people by "getting them told." The trouble with such procedure is that the people he is "telling" generally have the last word and they speak it where it will hurt him most. There are three qualifications which will carry one a long distance in the ministry—religion, common-sense and patience. Quite important in this trinity of ministerial virtues is patience.

When a preacher loses his self-control—his patience — in the presence of his people he seriously affects, if he does not destroy, their confidence in him as a religious leader. There are some luxuries that a Methodist preacher can afford to enjoy. However, the luxury of "getting them told" is so expensive, spiritually and materially that he had better check it off as "dangerous and inadvisable."

Circulation Report No. 3

REPORT No. 3 of the Area Circulation Campaign published on pages 8 and 9 in this issue shows that a total of 31,015 subscriptions has been reported thus far to the two Area publications. 29,577 subscriptions were reported in the 1954 Report No. 3; thus, there is an increase so far of 1,438. 401 charges in the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences have reported 21,199, an increase of 533 subscriptions for approximately the same number of charges reporting. 9 Districts in Arkansas Methodism have exceeded their quotas, with two other Districts lacking less than a hundred subscriptions of reaching their goals. The Camden District leads the Area percentage-wise, and the Little Rock District has the largest number of subscriptions of any District in the Area.

Two factors contribute to the making of the 1955 Circulation Campaign the most successful to date. First, a larger number of churches reported during the first two weeks than has ever been true before. This following out of the campaign schedule has undoubtedly worked out better for local churches although it increased the work load in the office as this larger number of reports were processed. Secondly, results thus far indicate that the 1955 campaign will result in the largest percentage of renewals that the Arkansas Methodist has had during 14 circulation campaigns. Each year, the percentage of renewal subscriptions has increased somewhat but the percentage this year is the highest of any previous year, 78 per cent.

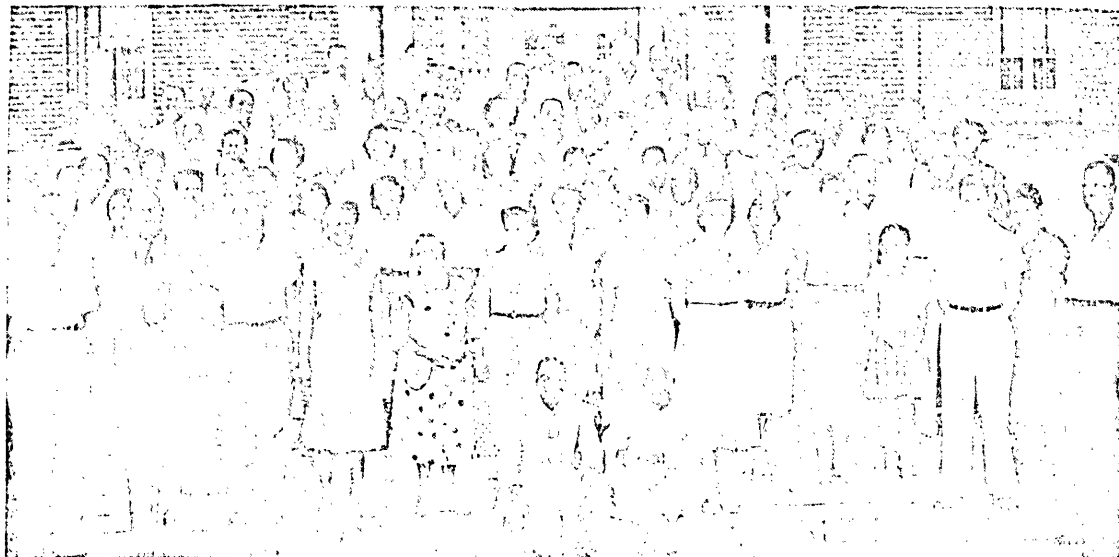
The leadership of the Arkansas Conferences is to be commended for the splendid effort made during this campaign period. The staff of your publication accepts this exceptionally fine list of subscribers as evidence that the Arkansas Methodist is continuing to meet a real need in the life and work of Arkansas Methodism, and we pledge our continued effort to publish a publication that will continue to merit the support of the church. Especially to Bishop Martin,

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Your Gift To Citizenship

By

WILLIAM F. McDERMOTT



A GROUP AT PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE, LITTLE ROCK

CAN one make "gifts" to citizenship? Certainly, he can. Better than that, he can make gifts to Christian citizenship. Let me tell you how—but first let's look at a human kaleidoscope:

In a Southern city a Negro waiter in a fashionable club goes whistling and singing about his duties; members know why he's happy, and they chip in generously of their coins and bills. You see, this Negro man is putting his five children through college on his tips. Four have graduated, one being a pharmacist, another a teacher, a third an engineer, and a fourth is in Harvard on an M. A. degree. The fifth is still in school—all five have attended the same Methodist university.

"My wife and I want our children to be the best citizens possible," this ambitious-for-his-children waiter tells you, "and that means getting the utmost education in a Christian college. We've had at times to get by on a diet of crackers and water, but it has been worth it."

Seven years ago a penniless, 16-year-old Negro farm boy landed on the campus of a Methodist Negro college in the Southwest.

"I want to be a minister," he said, "but my Dad doesn't believe in education and won't help me. He couldn't, anyway, for he's too poor."

The brave little college, already struggling to keep its financial head above water, took him in, gave him jobs to earn his way, encouraged him in his Christian ideals, and taught him well. He graduated a leader of his class with his Bachelor's degree in liberal arts, then went on to a Methodist-related Negro theological seminary for his ministerial training. He gives great promise of becoming a devout, capable servant of Christ and the Church.

Switching over to a Methodist Negro college for women, we find an able, attractive, Christian girl, whose scholastic rating is high, made doubly so by her struggle to achieve the dream of her childhood. Now only 17, and a sophomore in college, she milked cows, hoed farm crops, did housework and helped care for a whole cabinful of younger brothers and sisters, while going through elementary and high school. She rode a bus 20 miles daily four years! She is preparing to study medicine, and eventually wants to be a medical missionary of The Methodist Church to Africa.

Throughout the twelve splendid colleges and universities, and specialized educational centers, which form Methodist's chain of Negro schools, there is to be found this devotion to and sacrifice for the cause of Christian education. They are characteristic of the colleges, students, and faculty alike.

Founded to light the lamp of knowledge for a race coming up out of the darkness of ignorance, our Negro colleges, strategically located to serve 72 per cent of all American Negro youth of college age, were born in struggle, have pushed their way up through incredible hardship, and today battle the difficulties of inadequate income, insufficient facilities, and limited educational standards to meet the demands upon them. Yet they have served heroically and well—and plan for greater, better service ahead.

We need only mention here that The Methodist Church has been the unfailing friend of the Negro people since liberation. Scarcely had the tragedy of war ended before Methodist missionaries moved in to establish primitive elementary schools to give the illiterate the rudiments of education, then to found colleges. Unwavering interest and support have continued, and today Methodism may well be proud of its record.

Fifteen years ago a statesmanlike plan was put forth to aid our Negro colleges in a special way—an offering in every Methodist church on Race Relations Sunday. In 1941, \$27,362 was received; four years later it had practically trebled—\$80,306. Offerings continued to mount, the decade year marking receipts of \$195,159. Then year by year:

1951	\$213,873
1952	\$239,726
1953	\$251,611
1954	\$269,313

The response has been very gratifying, but there has been an increasing need on the part of our schools. Faith begets progress. Militant Methodism does not know the meaning of retreat. From the brave days of John Wesley, she has steadily gone forward, although suffering temporary reverses at times. Wesley himself, passionately devoted to Christian education—he even compiled a library of 50 Christian volumes for his followers to read—would be thrilled, I believe, by the continued efforts of his Church to serve with education and enlightened leadership a once benighted people.

Social changes inevitably affect churches and colleges. With desegregation established as a principle by the United States Supreme Court, and its gradual adoption in its many phases by the American people, what will be the future of our Negro colleges? No one should know this better than the presidents of our Methodist Negro institutions, whose minds and hearts have long been wrapped up in their leadership. A tour of a number of the schools and interviews with their heads reveal the confidence that:

Negro colleges will become known as units of Methodist higher education, without being classified as a particular segment.

Methodist Negro colleges, by tradition and sentiment, by location, facilities and economic setup, will continue for a number of years to be especially adapted to Negro education. Widely known for their capable and devoted services to the Negro people, they will exert a strong drawing power for Negro youth for at least a generation. Countless young people of both races and of college age strongly tend to follow the family pattern in higher education. Thus Negroes probably will form the majority of enrollees for the visible future in these colleges.

White students may be drawn to the schools because of proximity, low educational costs, and special educational facilities in different fields, such as sciences and languages, offered by some of the colleges. These students will be welcome, if they come sincerely for educational purposes. No formal action will be necessary to receive them; the doors are open now—in fact, have been as far back as 1866, 1868, 1870, and other far-gone years; for their founding charters provided there should be no refusal of students on the basis of race, religion, or sex. No racial barriers or distinctions will be raised; recognition will be on the basis of merit.

With white institutions open to them, Negroes will have a wider range of schools to

choose from; this will increase competition, and compel colleges to maintain the highest possible level of educational standards, equipment, endowment, and qualified teaching. Negro colleges will stress less the race appeal and more the educational advantages.

If the more than 9,000,000 Methodists of America today could see their Negro colleges in action, attracting many of the finest youth in the nation to their campuses, preparing them for the highest type of Christian citizenship, enabling many to become capable, consecrated ministers, missionaries, Christian education directors, teachers, physicians, farmers, businessmen, and other useful citizens, they would gladly double their support.

Race Relations Sunday this year is the time to go that extra mile, to make that extra bit of sacrifice, to show that Methodism is making the most of this strategic year of race relations advancement by underwriting its most formidable agency in the field—its Christian Negro colleges.

To The Methodist Church, these devoted college presidents say: Give, as you haven't given before, to this vast Christian education enterprise, and be blessed, as you haven't been blessed before, in your giving for the sake of the Lord of all nations, all races, but of one united people—his own!

TROUBLE CLINIC HELPS FAMILIES HURDLE PROBLEMS

(RNS)—A citizens' "Trouble Clinic," in which religion plays a major role, is helping families in this city of 10,000 to hurdle emotional, domestic, financial, and physical humps.

Its dynamic president, Miss Margaret Loris, who is personnel director and manager at the Galion Iron Works, said the unique project was not planned, "it just grew up."

"There was a growing need," she said, "for some over-all organization, one big enough to include all the churches, ministers, professional and business men and women, and everybody else who had a desire to be of help to our fellow men."

The clinic will rush aid to any person or family who has suffered sudden disaster or trouble. "Help can be on its way, in five minutes, to anyone who may be in an immediate need," Miss Loris explained. As far as possible, she added, the Trouble Clinic's assistance is a strictly confidential matter.

All problems are investigated by a qualified case worker. For this an automobile was donated by two citizens. The car also is used to transport patients to doctors and hospitals and to take families to the clinic's clothing and furniture room which is maintained to serve those in need. The clothing and furniture have been donated and the storage room is furnished at no charge.

All workers contribute their time without charge. Quite a few physicians, dentists, attorneys, and merchants offer their services at reduced rates or free.

Many of the troubles brought to the clinic are financial, so one of its "specialties" is to furnish money to "tide a person or family over until the regular channels of support can get into action."

A CASE FOR BROTHERHOOD

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was contributed by a Louisiana minister whose name was not on the manuscript and whose name we do not immediately recall. We feel that the article has special value at this time.

EVERY generation sees history made within its time. All cannot boast of such consequential happenings as ours has seen, however, for this decade has brought, among other things, a milestone in the progress of human relations . . . the decision by the Supreme Court that segregation in public school is unconstitutional.

It was a spectacular ruling; it came as a surprise to many quarters: "who would have thought that this would come to pass in our lifetime". It met immediate opposition because it was launched in a nation which had not prepared itself for such changes.

Even though the oppositional cry implied that the decision was a matter of political expediency, it soon became clear that integration was more than a political maneuver . . . it was a movement. Organizations nationwide began to express themselves. St. James Methodist Church in Chicago challenged tradition October 31, 1954, by welcoming seven Negroes into its membership (Christian Advocate, Nov. 25, 1954). Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, has expressed itself before in favor of integration. Negro students have been enrolled in this Methodist seminary for five years. The Friendship House, Shreveport, a Roman-Catholic undertaking, is a cooperative effort of Negroes and whites to strive for better racial harmony.

This is simply one side of the reaction, of course. Opposition to the court decision is widespread. Occasionally the resistance to the proposed public-school change reached the organized stage, though not frequently. Nevertheless the situation is one which demands and merits leadership, but there is little forthcoming. Pulpits south of the Mason-Dixon line, which serve areas most needful of leadership, too often are strangely silent. Thus the nation as a whole remains unsettled and divided concerning integration.

It should be pointed out that the author of this article is no Northerner; he was reared in the South and had normal contact with the average Southern Negro in his youth. He can remember many baseball games played with Negro youth, he has worked with Negroes in labor gangs, he has associated with Negroes in the armed forces, he has sat with Negroes in the college classroom. All these experiences occurred in the South with Southern Negroes, with the exception of the armed force associations. Thus his information is not hearsay.

What position should a Christian have on this matter? He must consider God's will honestly, frankly . . . then decide. He must conclude whether or not integration is a step toward the goal of the universal brotherhood of man; this goal is clearly Christian. He must attempt to visualize Jesus and His position on this matter. He must place God above the myriad of prejudices and subjectivities which life has bestowed upon him. Above all, he must be careful, very careful, of the motive which serves as the basis for his final decision,

whatever it may be.

There are three points which seem worthy of mention concerning God's will in this situation. First, God is concerned about all His children. Long before the time of Jesus the writer of the book of Jonah horrified traditional Judaism with the idea that all people are important to God. This is a particularly bitter pill to swallow in time of war, and it even becomes a bit distasteful in our everyday contact with colored people. Yet the white peoples, who are in a minority among the world population, need to rethink their position of "white supremacy".

Secondly, God is concerned about the whole person. We are late in realizing the truth in Jesus' position that our spiritual life affects our entire being. The Master seemed to operate on the theory that a man became a value in life only when he was made to realize that he actually was one. This must be uppermost in our mind in our relationship to all men. Modern education recognizes the importance of the person as a total personality. Caddo Parish school system has an in-service program to emphasize the importance of considering a child's emotional needs, anxieties, etc and relating these to the learning process. The school system realizes that one cannot be a first-class citizen when only part of his needs have been met in the process of education.

Thus we must take into account these factors in educating our children. We speak of increasing the educational opportunities for the Negro by building better segregated schools, but we disregard the verdict of modern education concerning the whole person of the child. To attempt to mold the Negro into his true cast, the shape which God meant for him, is difficult as long as there is a feeling of rejection of himself by the white man.

Thirdly, we must consider the basis of Christianity itself. Often we hear that the Negro is too unclean, uncultured or uncouth to be a fit companion of the white man. Let us pause and read Romans 5: 6-8. Is it not clear that God's gifts to us are not on the basis of our merit but our need? The fact that the Negro has a very definite claim on our society, particularly in the South, makes our task of lending him aid a particularly urgent one. And is this not the very message of Christianity itself?

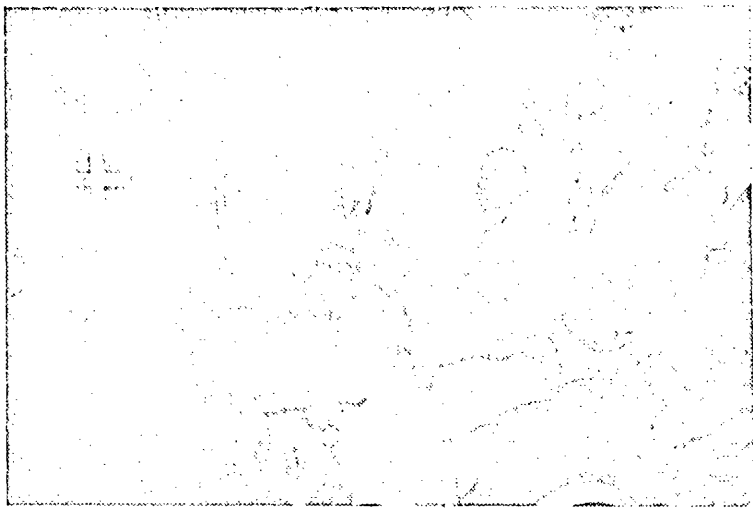
The Negro is a strange being. An unwelcome guest at the table, even after he has been dragged from the streets against his will, the Negro has conformed remarkably to the demands of Western culture. His progress is unbelievable. The Negro has contributed to the welfare of our nation in almost every field of endeavor. He would like to do more, and will . . . if we will help him.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT TELLS ADVANTAGES OF BEING A CARDIAC

"I am enjoying life as I have never before . . . because I am a cardiac," a 68-year-old Southern educator says in *Parade*, weekly magazine supplement appearing in 47 newspapers.

Ludd M. Spivey, president of Florida Southern College, a Methodist-related college in Lakeland,

RECEIVES THREE-MILLIONTH COPY OF THE UPPER ROOM



Nashville, Tenn.—Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, president of the Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, receives the three-millionth copy of the January-February issue of *The Upper Room*. It is also copy number 167,024,059 since *The Upper Room* began publishing twenty years ago. *The Upper Room* has 29 editions published in 24 languages and in Braille.

In presenting the three-millionth copy, Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor, pointed out that *The Upper Room* circulation is the largest ever achieved by a religious periodical.

It is part of the ministry of approximately 70,000 churches in the United States and Canada and its other language editions published around the world make *The Upper Room* truly international, interracial and interdenominational. The presentation, made at the Board meeting in Cincinnati, shows left to right, in addition to Bishop Smith and Dr. Potts, Board members; Dallas Wood newspaper publisher of Palo Alto, Calif., Dr. E. J. Pendegrass, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Orlando, Florida and Dr. Allen E. Claxton pastor Broadway Temple, New York City.

THERE'S A LAND BOOM IN MANILA

The Methodist Church should move quickly to acquire new church sites in the face of what promises to be a land boom around Manila in the Philippine Islands, a Methodist missionary, recently returned to Manila, advises.

The Rev. John B. Holt, pastor of the 1,500-member Knox Memorial church in Manila, has written to friends in the United States of the urgency for acquiring prospective church sites, before prices soar out of the reach of the church. Mr. Holt, whose home is Waco, Texas, has been a missionary in the Philippines five years.

The premium on favorable land around Manila will result from the establishment of many industrial plants, producing everything from motor cars to toothpaste, Mr. Holt says. From the church point of view, industrialization means new communities, he adds.

"We Methodists and other Christians must reach the strategic spots before prices forever squeeze us out," Mr. Holt warns. "If we can buy church lots now, we can develop congregations, and they, in time, can build their own churches with but very little help."

"We know we are on the right track. Two years ago, we bought five new lots; today there is a self-supporting congregation on every one of them, busily working at building a church. We have the Filipino workers and the nuclei for congregations, but don't have the kind of money for all the necessary new land yet."

The future depends upon making our world of need and discontent and discord into a neighborhood. And the greatest contribution any people can make toward the solution of our present problem is that of being neighbors.—*World Call*

Florida, can now list the advantages of a heart attack which he had in May, 1953, just two days before he was to make his twenty-ninth consecutive baccalaureate address at the college.

Dr. Spivey recounts that he first saw himself "a helpless invalid" unable to work normally, pitted by everyone. . . . Now, Dr. Spivey, who still works seven days a week every month, summarizes, "I can do everything I once did, if I want to, but to a lesser degree. My doctor informed me of the three 'E's'—less eating, excitement and exercise."

"Now my heart is on speaking terms with me. It tells me when I eat too much, walk too fast, live too rapidly or get overexcited. And I have learned to obey it," he explains.

Being a cardiac helps a college president, according to Dr. Spivey. Since his heart attack and a subsequent six weeks of complete rest, he comments, "The neighbors don't call me at night about the noise of the students. The students don't grumble—to me—about the food. The faculty doesn't talk so much about its heavy loads. My trustees, so far, haven't said anything about retiring me."

Dr. Spivey lightly relates other benefits he has found: no more running upstairs on errands for his wife, no more lawn mowing, no more strained feelings if he doesn't attend parties, or if he leaves them early.

"I believe that I have learned more about life because I almost lost it. In the hectic days, I scarcely could find time to notice and enjoy the little things. Now, I am more conscious of the wonders of the world all about me," Dr. Spivey declares.

To train children at home, it's necessary for both the parents and children to spend some time there.—*Banking*

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN spoke at chapel exercises at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, on Tuesday morning, February 8.

REV. JAMES ROBERT SCOTT, pastor of Primrose Church, Little Rock, will preach at Rison during the Pine Bluff District United Evangelistic Mission, February 20-25. Rev. Ed Hollenbeck is pastor at Rison.

REV. AND MRS. JESSE L. JOHNSON of Van Buren, were presented with a 21-inch television set by members of the church at Christmas. Mr. Johnson is pastor of the First Methodist Church.

A RECEPTION will be given on Friday evening, February 11, in Wesley Hall at Fayetteville for the new pastor, Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden, and his family. The hours will be from 7:00 to 9:00.

THE FEBRUARY MEETING of the Mt. Magazine Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship has been changed from February 13 to February 20. The meeting will be held at Booneville.

THE FORT SMITH MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE will hold its February meeting on February 15 at the Grand Avenue Methodist Church where they will have a joint meeting with the colored Ministerial Alliance of Fort Smith.

MRS. KATHERINE S. GIBSON of Fayetteville will become matron at the M. J. Clark Memorial Home in Grand Rapids, Mich., on February 15. Mrs. Gibson is the mother of Rev. Worth W. Gibson, pastor at Gentry.

REV. H. W. JINSKE, pastor of the Mountain View Church, was the teacher in a recent Adolescent Psychology Course, an extension course of the Arkansas State Teachers College. This is the third year that Mr. Jinske has taught an extension course for the college.

LEOHARD RICE of Cotter was the speaker at Yellville Methodist Men's dinner on Tuesday evening, January 25. Mr. Rice is Sunday School superintendent at the Yellville Church. He was introduced by the Cotter pastor, Rev. R. B. Howerton.

MRS. M. N. JOHNSTON, wife of Rev. M. N. Johnston, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, fell at her home in West Memphis on January 6 and broke her hip. She was in the hospital for 12 days, but is now at home and is reported as getting along nicely. Brother Johnston is supplying the Hulbert Charge.

THE SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY CHOIR, under the direction of Dr. Orville Borchers, dean of the School of Music at S.M.U., will present a concert in the main sanctuary of the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, on Friday, March 18.

MR. AND MRS. W. C. VAIL of Marianna celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 16. Their pastor, Rev. G. C. Taylor, writes: "They have been life-long Methodists and attend every service when they are able."

REV. ARCHIE N. BOYD, pastor of the Berryville Methodist Church, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Harrison Methodist Men's Fellowship on Wednesday, January 26. It was unanimously agreed that the group apply for a charter as Methodist Men. The Edith Martin Bible Class served the supper.

THE PASTORS of the Jonesboro District and their wives met at Marked Tree on Monday, January 3, in Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church. Rev. E. J. Holifield, district superintendent, outlined current programs of the church. Lunch was served to the group by Circle II of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN preached at the morning service at First Church, Conway,

on Sunday, February 7, and at noon laid the cornerstone for the new educational building. Assisting in the service were Rev. Henry A. Rickey, new district superintendent of the Conway District, who was introduced at the service, and the pastor, Rev. Joel Cooper.

ATTENDING the national meeting of the chairmen of Annual Conference Boards of Social and Economic Relations at the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill., last week were Rev. Ben Oliphint, pastor of St. Paul Church, Monroe, La., Rev. J. Ralph Clayton, pastor of First Church, Warren, and Rev. Ewing Wayland, editor of the *Arkansas Methodist*.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of the Rison Methodist Church is selling asphalt tile to cover their Sunday School rooms at the church. They have a floor plan drawn up with the tile spaces marked, and as members and friends pay 10 cents each for tile, their name is written in this space. Jerry Davidson is MYF president. Rev. Edward B. Hollenbeck is pastor at Rison.

THE HENDRIX FELLOWSHIP TEAM will visit the First Methodist Church of Warren on Sunday, February 27. Ten to twelve college youth will arrive on Saturday afternoon with plans for study, recreation, and worship to help the youth in their program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. On Sunday morning, Jim Gossett, of Burdette, will bring the morning sermon.

MR. AND MRS. JOE PIERCE of Searcy have presented a new communion table to the Bradford Methodist Church as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Reynolds, former members of the church who passed away a few years ago. The presentation was made at a morning service by Mr. and Mrs. Pierce. Chester Stout accepted the gift for the church. A dedication service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Pharis J. Holifield. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce are former members of the Bradford Church.

THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY of the Marked Tree Methodist Church will be observed on Sunday, February 13. Bishop Paul E. Martin will preach at the morning service, and the district superintendent, Rev. E. J. Holifield, will also participate in the service. A covered-dish luncheon will be served at noon. In the afternoon a program will be held in Fellowship Hall with a brief message being brought from each of the former pastors attending. Rev. Martin Bierbaum is pastor.

VANTREASE MEMORIAL CHURCH, El Dorado, welcomed its new pastor, Rev. M. E. Scott, and Mrs. Scott with a potluck supper and old-fashioned pounding recently. One hundred members attended. Mrs. Claude Baker, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, introduced the pastor and his wife. Brother Scott gave the invocation and Howard Warren led in group singing. Mrs. A. B. Sellers, Mrs. Bynum Blackmon, Mrs. E. P. Hendricks, Mrs. John Rickety, Mrs. W. M. Meeks, Jr., and Mrs. E. E. Baggett gave a skit, "Old Timers' Reunion," in authentic costumes of yesteryear.

THE METHODIST BOARD OF EDUCATION, Nashville, Tenn., announces the establishment of five \$1,000 scholarship awards for graduate students in state colleges who are preparing for teaching careers. Named the "Bishop James C. Baker Awards," the annual scholarships will be granted Methodist students who plan to teach or do administrative work in the Church's college or seminaries. The scholarships are named for Bishop Baker, retired, of Los Angeles, who established the first "Wesley Foundation" for Methodist students at the University of Illinois.

MISS MARTHA JANE WOMACK, 16-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Womack of Wynne, has been presented a \$1,000 college scholarship in the second Lion Oil Scholarship Fund essay contest of the current school year.

Miss Womack's essay on "How to Preserve American Freedom" was chosen as the best of hundreds entered in a contest zone embracing Arkansas and a portion of Texas, according to report. Her teacher-sponsor in the contest, Mrs. H. E. Neblett, who teaches English, received a \$200 cash award from the fund in recognition of her guidance of the winning student.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD of the Parkers Chapel Methodist Church, El Dorado, in called session on January 23, voted to buy new pews for the church, to put in new hardwood floor, and purchase a Hammond organ for the sanctuary of the church. This project is in addition to the sanctuary redecoration, restrooms, new carpet and painting of the outside of the church which has just recently been completed. The recommendation to purchase the pews, organ and put in new floor was made by the Finance Commission, Horace Williamson, chairman. J. W. Cammack is chairman of the Official Board and Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft is pastor of the church.

YOUTH WEEK, using the theme, "One Fellowship in Christ," was observed in the Jonesboro High School, February 1-4, as a result of plans submitted to the Student Council by the Senior High MYF Council of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro. Morning devotional services were conducted each morning during the week at 8:15, a radio broadcast was given, and a religious assembly was conducted on Friday morning, with the Rev. M. Hargis, pastor of the First Christian Church as speaker. Miss Regenia Watson, Director of Youth Work at the First Methodist Church, directed the singing. Students of various churches appeared on the program.

CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT

Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, district superintendent of the Fort Smith District, announces that Bishop Paul E. Martin has appointed Rev. Raymond Hawkins as pastor of the Alix Circuit, effective February 1, to fill the vacancy which occurred when Rev. Leslie Ellsworth was transferred to the staff of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith.

The new pastor preached his first sermon on the charge at Coal Hill on Sunday, February 6.

AREA METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

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The District Superintendents, District Directors, pastors and local church leaders do we want to express our sincere appreciation.

This week's report is the last full charge by charge report to be published. Supplemental reports in future issues will publish only the number of those subscriptions which are received with the revised totals, church and district, and will include subscriptions received through Saturday noon previous to date of publication.

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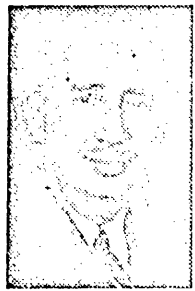
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THE WILL TO BE BRAVE

The will to be brave can do much. Thomas Carlyle tells of an experience in Paris, where he had been going through three weeks of almost total sleeplessness and despair.

He entertained thoughts of self-destruction. It seemed to him that the universe neither knew or cared that he was suffering. But one day he forced himself to ask himself what he was afraid of and what was the worst it could do to him.



If worst came to worst, could he endure it? He finally decided that in no event would he go through life whimpering like a coward, that whatever came, he would meet it and defy it. From that hour he dated his new birth of courage.

When a man thus takes himself in hand, he can tap hidden sources of fortitude. A number of years ago a young man joined the crew of a sailing ship. Many of his shipmates were the salt of the sea rather than the salt of the earth. Some of them laughed contemptuously when they found him reading his Bible. In the crew's quarters the lad had no privacy, and he became the victim of profane jokes. His rugged companions were physically fearless.

The young sailor prayed to God for courage. He had read the words of the Psalmist: "Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity; For they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb."

For The Prophets

The young man, who later in life became a great religious leader, said: "After praying to God, I decided to do something about these fellows. I weighed about 150 pounds. I said to myself, 'Alexander, remember God is on your side.'"

"The next day on deck the men began twitting me about my Bible-reading. I chose the biggest one of the lot and attacked him. With my first blow I said, 'This is for Joshua.' The next one was for Jeremiah, another for Ezekiel and I used up all the prophets I'd read about in my eagerness to establish my right to worship God on that ship."

While we may secretly cheer the spunk of the young fellow, we can scarcely agree that he used the best method for inducing respect for the Scriptures, although the skipper later reported a change in the ship's morale. Instead of using our fists to gain respect for the Bible, we should use the Scriptures to keep up our courage.

A soldier who had gone through the jungles of the South Pacific in the last war later asked what advice he would give as to the secret of sustaining courage in such perilous places. His answer was: "Familiarity with, and understanding of, the Twenty-third Psalm." Those who know the Divine Shepherd with the comfort of His rod and staff can walk more bravely through the valley of the shadow of death.

Encouragement

Also, if we would keep up our courage it must be reinforced by encouragement. A church organist some years ago lost his sight. Later he began to lose his touch. He was a good technician, but he could not see the reaction of the congregation. And, as so often happens, the thoughtless church-goers never took pains to express their appreciation.

The result was that the organist's confidence in himself seeped away. We simply cannot keep up our spirits in continued isolation.

Everyone who has enjoyed the love of another knows how that love puts courage into the soul. To know there is one whose heart beats faster when your step is heard on the stair; to know that there is one who keeps trust with you in thought when you are absent in person; to know that there is one who believes in you when the crowd is howling you down—such are the streams of thought which swell the current of our courage.

In these days of peril and fear I should like to join the "Brotherhood of Barnabas." Barnabas was called the "son of encouragement" in the Bible. May his tribe increase!

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

ARE WE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE OF PEACE?

Every gardener understood what Jesus meant when he remarked, "Figs are not gathered from thorns, and grapes are not plucked from a bramble-bush." Paul said it less graphically when he reminded the churches of Galatia, "Make no mistake—God is not mocked—a man will reap just what he sows." . . . That formula has not changed through the centuries; it is as true for a nation or a culture as for a man. What we sow, what we brew, what we put in the social potpourri, will determine what will bless or curse us.

We know well—too well for our comfort—the ingredients of war. Abstractly we call them pride and arrogance, greed becoming injustice and self-aggrandizement, fear spawning hate and counter-fear and terror. Concretely these ingredients show themselves as colonialism, political tyranny, imperialism, social and economic inequalities and injustices and hungers, discrepancies in living standards, exploitation of men and resources, threats of force, armaments and military control (conscription, "the military mind") because of fear, rabble-rousing, lies . . . cold war, hot war.

In terms of religion and morality, these are sins. When he faces them in the abstract, the Christian (and many a non-Christian) condemns them. The church is dedicated to their eradication; it prays divine forgiveness for them. But too often, the Christian and the church fail until dangerously late to recognize them in the concrete: the sinners of new manifestations of old sins are glamorized and rewarded by men—sometimes honored by the church itself. But the sins we thus condone or bless are leading us down the road to war and destruction . . .

We know, too, the ingredients of peace. They also have familiar-sounding names: humility, patience, faith, hope, brotherliness, service, sharing, love. Every Christian, every American, and, I am sure, the great majority of the world's people would say they believe in all these abstract attitudes. But when we come to applying them to concrete situations, we back away from the cost, we withhold too many of the necessary elements . . . and the result is something other than peace.

For the concrete translation of these terms,

if peace is to be achieved, will mean: men must actively and incessantly plan to promote understanding of those with whom they differ; they must be willing to openly and honestly discuss (as in the UN) their differences and bend every effort to reach agreement and mutual goodwill.

Sometimes—when I think of the recipe for peace and listen to what is being said in the halls of government—I shudder. Where is Christianity, where is statesmanship, where is the long look and the understanding appraisal in the oratory, the headlines, the decisions of state? Yesterday a senator announced, "We enjoy the highest living standard ever known in the world—and we're going to double it in the next decade!" At whose expense? And what of the exploited billion who go to bed hungry every night in Asia and Africa? Now we talk of conscription "to build an army to assure the peace"—as if we had never read history! How careless we are of our international bed-fellows—a democrat today, an oppressor of millions tomorrow, if it be politically expedient. "Diplomacy" now seems to be based on an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a threat for a threat, and a promise of greater terror for each terror.

Yes, we want peace. We talk about it. We pray for it. We know of what it is compounded. But are we willing to pay for it? Or are we going to continue to sow the things that always did and always will reap war?

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TOTALS	402	814	42	1258

LOUISIANA METHODIST DISTRICT SUMMARY

Report No. 3					
District	Quota	New	Re-newal	Not Due	% of Quota
Monroe	1,557	417	1,531	14	1,962** 126%
Ruston	1,482	447	1,191	15	1,653** 112%

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



A JOINT STATEMENT

The Arkansas Legislature is now in session. The Local Option laws have been badly damaged. At the time of this writing a bill is before the House to authorize the operations of "cocktail lounges" in towns of over 9000 population. It appears that the liquor people are trying again to run some things by the voters while the smoke of uncertainty fills many people's eyes.

The two Lay Leaders undersigned feel that Methodists must not permit our dry areas to be menaced. They also feel that any bill presented to either house should be read and re-read, then given sufficient publicity so that those opposed might be heard at the proper time before committees. Furthermore, we both call upon all lay people and especially our laymen to write their Representatives and their Senators asking them to oppose any bills that would encourage the liquor interests. PLEASE do not leave it for others to do. Several hundred letters from our people might prevent the passage of the bill. We must remember that the enemy has many thousands of dollars to spend whereas we have very little. But the power of public opinion is still worth much more than money can buy. If we really want to see our state push liquor farther and farther away, we must do more than wring our hands. Write your lawmakers today!

Roland Shelton, Lay Leader
Little Rock Conference

Charles A. Stuck, Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference.

Baton Rouge	2,026	472	836	21	1,329	66%
Shreveport	2,421	402	814	42	1,258	52%
Lafayette	1,015	425	586	21	1,032**	101%
Alexandria	1,095	310	694	12	1,016	93%
New Orleans	1,420	352	486	12	850	60%
Lake Charles	1,150	196	515	5	716	62%
TOTALS	...	3,021	6,653	142	9,816	...

* Charge has reached quota.
** Charge has exceeded quota.
*2 Charge has doubled quota.
*3 Charge has trebled quota.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' TRAINING SCHOOL

The annual Shreveport District Christian Workers' Training School was held from January 30 through February 3 at the First Methodist Church of Shreveport. Dean of the school was Rev. Roy E. Mouser, pastor of Cedar Grove Church.

Other staff members were: General chairman, Fred Hamilton; Church School superintendent of Noel Memorial Church; treasurer, E. A. Holley, Chorch School superintendent of Mangum Memorial Church; Curriculum chairman, Miss Tennie V. Severtson, Director of Religious Education at Noel Memorial Church. Members-at-law were: Dr. B. C. Taylor, district superintendent of the Shreveport District; Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Louisiana Conference, and R. H. Nelson, Church School superintendent of First Methodist Church School.

A Special Arrangements Committee was composed of Rev. R. D. Shoulders, Miss Jennie Townsend and Miss Sondra Hull, all members of the staff of the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Nellie Hysell of First Church was organist.

Courses offered and members of the faculty were: Christian Stewardship, taught by Dr. James W. Workman, chaplain for the Lone Star Steel Company, Lone Star, Texas; Helping Adults Learn, taught by Mrs. Howard Grimes of Dallas, Texas; Young Adult Work in the Church, taught by Dr. Webb Pomeroy of Shreveport, instructor of Bible and Director of Religious Life, Centenary College; The Methodist Youth Fellowship, taught by Rev. Jimmie Caraway, minister of Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport, and director of Youth Work in the Shreveport District; The Church's Program For Intermediates, taught by Rev. Neyland Hester, minister, First Methodist Church, Lancaster, Texas; Guiding Junior Children in Christian Living, taught by Mrs. John Carter, of Brandon, Mississippi; Guiding Primary Children in Christian Growth, taught by Miss Mary Calhoun, of Nashville, Tenn.; Field Representative, Department of Christian Education of Children, General Board of Education; Teaching Pre-School Children, taught by Mrs. James T. Carlyon of the Kindergarten Department, Highland Park Church, Dallas, Texas.

Class sessions were held on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and Monday through Thursday at 7:00 p.m., with morning sessions for workers with Juniors and pre-school children Monday through Thursday at 10:00 o'clock.—Reporter.

UNDERGOING CHANGE

The "little brown church in the vale" in many instances is undergoing change (as are many city churches) in regard to buildings and equipment for local church schools.

During 1954 the Department of General Church School Work helped 745 local churches design better buildings to house their church schools. This involved 88 visits by the Rev. Luke G. Beauchamp of the department staff; the review of 93 additional sets of blueprints; and

POINSETT SUB-DISTRICT YOUNG ADULTS ORGANIZED

The Poinsett Sub-District Young Adults was organized on Thursday evening, January 20 at the Methodist Church in Marked Tree. Rev. Martin Bierbaum, pastor at Marked Tree, opened the meeting with prayer. B. H. Crider of Wiener, leader of the Sub-District, led in the recreation period.

Rev. Arvill Brannon, Weiner, director of Adult Work for the Jonesboro District, discussed the purpose and work of the Young Adults. Some of the points were: Seek to increase attendance in Sunday School and church; do missionary work and increase social activities among young adults. He suggested a Council of Sub-District Workers to serve under the Sub-District leader, Mr. Crider.

Mrs. Tommy Morrisett, Marked Tree, gave a resume of the two annual Young Adult Conferences held in Conway during 1953 and 1954. Her subject was "The Aim of These Conferences in Training the Young Adults."

Mrs. Walter Provost, Marked Tree, spoke on the Second National Conference on Family Life held in Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1954. Her theme was "The Christian Family — the Hope of the World."

Musical selections were given by Ned Penny, Miss Marion Dawson and Mrs. E. P. Blanton.

Election of officers was held as follows: Phillip Calvert, Marked Tree, president; Mrs. Walter Provost, Marked Tree, vice-president and Mrs. B. H. Crider, secretary and treasurer. The elected officers will serve as the Executive Committee.

Refreshments were served at the close of the business session.—Reporter.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE HELPS BUILD CHURCH

How a Christmas worship service and fellowship dinner in a city in the Belgian Congo led to the building of a church last year is told in a Christmas letter from the Rev. and Mrs. William De Ruiter, for twenty-nine years Methodist missionaries to the Congo, in a letter to friends in the United States.

The simple narrative shows, the De Ruiters write, how Christ can enter the hearts of many persons at Christmas time, no matter what the place: The story, as told by the Wembo Nyama station missionaries: "Last year, Esaki, one of our Christian young men, who was graduated from our schools and had gone to work in a city several hundred miles from the mission, wanted to have a Christmas service in that city. He prepared a Christmas program and invited both Europeans

consultation by correspondence with 564 other churches.

"This is one of the fastest growing phases of our work," said the Rev. Walter Towner, director of the department. "It is part of the total architectural and equipment service Methodism offers through the Joint Committee on Architecture for which provision is made in Paragraph 1414 of the Discipline."

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Report Christian Witness Mission

Mrs. Paul Lambert has requested that all local churches having had a youth Christian Witness Mission this conference year please report same to him giving the following information: number of new commitments, new members for church membership, and new members for Methodist Youth Fellowship, and any additional information you desire to send.

Paul is Chairman of Christian Witness program area of the North Arkansas Conference. He is giving splendid leadership in this work. We hope that all local churches that have had a Christian Witness Mission will report the same to Paul. His address is: 1131 Huntington, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

National Youth Convocation

The North Arkansas Conference has been given a quota of eighty-four for the National Youth Convocation to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, August 22-26, 1955. Fifteen of these are to be adults and sixty-nine young people. We were given a smaller quota, but upon request the quota was increased to this number.

The youth quota has been divided among the districts of the conference on the basis of the number of youth in the church schools of the various districts. The quotas will be reported to the District Directors of Youth Work at an early date.

It is important that young people planning to attend the Convocation register early. We hope to have registration forms in the office at an early date. It will be necessary for each youth to be approved by the District Director of the respective district. Thus we are asking that registration forms be sent to the District Director of Youth Work by those making application.

The adult registration will be handled through the conference office, but priority will be given to conference leadership, district directors and district secretaries of youth work.

Visiting Children's Workers

Mrs. J. H. Monday of Little Rock is to be in the North Arkansas Conference for a series of programs as follows:

Earle, February 6-8

Hughes, February 9-11

Children's Workers' Conference, February 28-March 2

Brinkley, March 2-8

and Africans to a small meeting-place. For a dinner, he collected from his friends eggs, pineapples and chickens for the European visitors, and rice and meat (goat and antelope meat) for the Africans who came.

"At the close of the service, he took an offering for the building of a church in the city. The people were so inspired and blessed by this Christmas worship service, they contributed 38,000 francs (more than \$700).

"Truly," said Esaki, "many people received Jesus into their hearts on this Christmas Day."

West Helena, March 9-11
Conway, March 14-18
Calico Rock, March 20-22
Cotter, March 23-25

Mrs. Waldo Wettengel of Rush Springs, Oklahoma, is to be in the conference for a series of four First Series training schools March 14-25. Mrs. W. Floyd Bates is to be in the Conway school March 14-18.

Mrs. R. D. Newton of Camden and Mrs. W. A. Wooten are to be in the Jonesboro school February 13-17.

Miss Margie McCarty is to be in the Springdale school for the Fayetteville District, March 7-11.

Children's Workers' Conference

There is a growing interest in our Children's Workers' Conference which is to be held in Searcy, Arkansas, First Methodist Church, February 28-March 2.

The program has gone to press and will be available by the time this material is read by you.

The question has been asked as to whether churches and districts are limited in the number to be sent. Provision is being made for bed and breakfast for one hundred persons. The first hundred who register are to be provided bed and breakfast. When that number has been registered it will be necessary for additional people to provide their own housing. We will be glad to cooperate in any way possible to assist in helping secure reservations.

We are asking that all of those who ask for bed and breakfast plan to come for the entire program, which will be only over a period of 48 hours, from the time the program begins on Monday, February 28, until it closes at noon on Wednesday, March 2.

Please send registrations to the Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas. All registrations should be in our hands not later than February 23 so we can get them to the Searcy committee.

Plans are being made for a fellowship meal on the first evening of the conference. The cost of this meal will be \$1.25. You are to pay for your meal as you register. Those who are not asking for housing should let us know in advance whether or not they want to take part in this evening meal. We must make reservations in advance.

A number who live near Searcy will plan to attend the school and spend the evenings at home. We would like to know the number from these groups in order to plan groupings.

Rose City Training School

Plans are being made for a one unit training school to be held at North Little Rock, February 20-22, with the course on Understanding school. The first session of the school will be at 2:30 p.m., February 20.

Swifton Charge Schools

The Swifton charge is planning for two First Series training schools to be held in February on Music in the Small Church to be taught by Mrs. R. E. Connell. The other school is to be in March at the Stranger's Home Church, using the course on How to Teach in the Church School. Miss Mary Chaffin of Melbourne will be the instructor.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

PLAN NEW METHODIST PUBLISHING BUILDING

Construction of a new \$1,500,000 office building and national headquarters of the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tennessee, will start this spring, it was announced by Lovick Pierce, the Church's senior publishing agent. The Methodist Board of Publication and the Church's Coordinating Council have approved the building, Mr. Pierce said. Although plans for the structure are not complete, it will be located adjacent to the firm's printing plant at the corner of Eighth Avenue and Demonbreun Street. The Methodist Publishing House, founded in 1789, is believed to be the nation's oldest book publisher as well as the world's biggest printer of religious materials. Last year it reported gross sales of more than \$18,000,000. The firm has appropriated \$6,358,000 since 1940 to the Church's pension fund for retired ministers or their widows, including \$500,000 for each of the last two years.

Finds Catholics Have Exerted Little Influence In U. S.

Roman Catholics have exerted little influence or leadership in the United States during the past half-century, in spite of their great numerical increase, a priest-historian said in Chicago. The Rev. John Tracy Ellis, professor of church history at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., and secretary of the American Catholic Historical Association, addressed a University of Chicago audience. It was the last of his four Charles R. Walgreen lectures on "The Catholic Church in the United States." The Catholic population of the United States has grown from 12,041,000 in 1900 to 31,648,424 in 1954, Father Ellis said. But in proportion to their numbers, American Catholics since 1900 have exercised nowhere near the leadership and influence, or attained the national prominence, that might be expected of them.

Former China Missionary Backs U. S. Moves In Far East

A Methodist missionary who spent two years in Chinese prisons told the Minnesota State Pastors' Conference in St. Paul, Minn., that the administration's current moves in the Far East are "wise—taken on the whole." The Rev. F. Olin Stockwell said "it is wise that our leaders have spoken out for all to hear that we don't want the China mainland, and that we are not interested in invasion of it. This is a step toward peace. Also, our firm stand on Formosa is wise at this time, even though our pronouncement is our own unilateral position. It would have been much more effective if such a stand could have been the pronouncement of the entire United Nations."

Church College Spearheads Prayer Movement

Faculty and students at Phillips University in Enid, Okla., spearheaded a local movement to pause at 10 a.m. each morning to pray for a peaceful solution of the current Chinese conflict. The movement got underway after the Rev. Dyre Campbell, university chaplain, requested students on the campus to pray for peace during a chapel convocation. A group of girls living at the college dormitories suggested to the student senate that the prayers be offered each morning. The Enid Ministerial Alliance heard about the prayer movement started at the college and readily joined it. Soon the movement spread throughout the city. People stopped what ever they were doing at 10 a.m. each day to offer their individual prayers for peace and for the

strengthening of both Allied and Communist leaders in making right decisions in the eyes of God. Miss Marilyn Shuman, senior secretary of the student senate, said the purpose of these "prayers for peace" is "to fortify diplomatic leaders with divine power and strength and to unite the people of our community in faith."

Bids Churches Challenge Isolationism Doctrine

Isolationism must be challenged by American churches, Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk told 2,200 ministers at the annual Ohio Pastors' convention in Columbus. The director of the National Council of Churches' Department of International Affairs attacked political, economic and cultural isolationism. "The United Nations, with all its defects and shortcomings," he said, "could put an end to the cold war tomorrow. What is lacking is not structure, but spirit, the spirit of the living and

eternal God." He described as "moral anarchy" the doctrine espoused by political "upstarts and super-patriots that the United States should abandon the UN and thereby cut itself loose from the rest of the world. We of the churches support the UN because... it is at least a partial manifestation, on the political side, of the Christian concept of one world," Dr. Van Kirk declared.

Methodist Minister Designs Unique 'Prayer Plate'

Thousands of Ohio youngsters are getting a lesson in brotherhood along with their daily meals, thanks to a "prayer plate" designed by a Methodist minister. The dinner plate was conceived by the Rev. C. S. Applegath, pastor of the Lake Ave. Methodist Church in Ashtabula, O. He told about the novel religious item at the Ohio Pastors' convention in Columbus, Ohio. Reproduced in color on the plate is a picture of a boy and girl kneeling in prayer, along with this inscription: "Our Father, we bless Thee for this food. God bless us and all Thy hungry children everywhere. Amen." Designed for pre-school children, the plate is intended to help youngsters memorize prayers and teach them to sympathize with the hungry children of the world. "Basically, the cause of the world's problems is hunger," Mr. Applegath said. "That's what causes wars. If you don't have any hungry children, you may not have wars." Thousands of the plates are being sold in Ohio through church groups, mostly Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Congregational. Bulk

of the profit goes back to the churches. Mr. Applegath said he got the idea for the plates when he watched his young grandson at prayer.

Penna. Railroad Gives Last Bells To Churches

The Pennsylvania Railroad has exhausted its supply of steam locomotive bells so churches and missions need no longer apply. In the past three years, the railroad has given away several hundred of the bells — many of them to churches and to local fire halls — as it decommissioned old locomotives at its Altoona, Pa., roundhouse. One bell went to a mission at Okinawa, in answer to a request from an Episcopal missionary who was formerly a PRR enginehouse employee. Among church groups who received the last of the bells were St. Christopher's Mission on the Navajo Reservation, Utah; the newly-completed Pilgrim Lutheran church at Cheltenham, a Philadelphia suburb; the Free Magyar Reformed church, Linden, N. J.; and the Philadelphia YMCA's summer camp. Each bell weighs 98 pounds. The Pennsylvania had 30,000 such bells cast in bronze at its Altoona foundry between 1881 and 1941. By present standards, they would cost about \$500 apiece to produce and have a scrap value of around \$35.

Sees Gambling Promoters Hiding Behind Churches

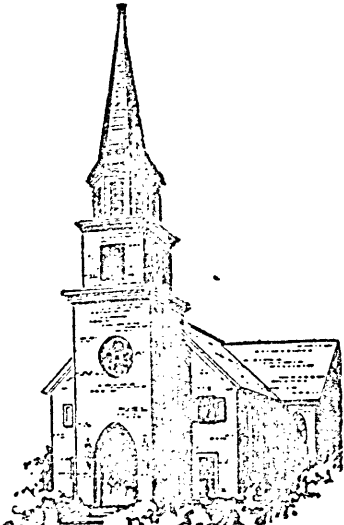
A Congregational minister charged in Bridgeport that professional promoters of games of chance are "hiding behind churches, educational groups and granges in an effort to give respectability" to a current drive to legalize lotteries in Connecticut. The Rev. Howard Orr, chairman of the Connecticut Committee Opposed to Legal Lotteries, added however that "no church I know of is asking for lottery legalization." He said that more than 100 Protestant clergymen will back him in opposing any such measure proposed during the present legislative session.

Methodists Hold National Youth Convention

Four young aborigines from Arnhem Land in Australia's northernmost reaches were among the delegates to the National Christian Youth Convention held in Sidney in connection with The Methodist Church's "Mission to the Nation." A number of young people from Methodist mission areas scattered over the South Pacific also took part in the convention which was opened with a procession of some 7,000 young men and women through Sydney's main streets to Town Hall. The convention proceedings at the Town Hall were broadcast to four other auditoriums accommodating overflow crowds. Principal speakers were the Rev. Alan Walker, leader of the Mission to the Nation and Dr. Roy L. Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., former co-director of the Methodist Publishing House. "Australia is at one of the great turning points of her history," Mr. Walker told the young people. "Unless a new moral vision and spiritual power come to us, the present weaknesses and evils of Australian life will be magnified." Mr. Walker listed Australia's most serious problems as: the ignoring of God, the dominance of the physical, the grip of money, and the "parochial" nature of the Australian soul.

There Is Strength for YOU in Prayer

Nothing
lies beyond
the
reach of prayer
except
that which
lies outside
the
will of God!



Your Strength
is God's will

Pray Every Day

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Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total	Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total	Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE					LITTLE ROCK					Danville, Paul Lanier				
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1217					Asbury, Elmer L. Thomas					20	120	140	Dardanelle, C. H. Farmer	
Amity, Connie Robins	5	10	2	17	Capitol View, Geo. E. Reutz	6	30		36	Dover-London, J. A. Newell	11	44	1	56**
Arkadelphia Ct., Robert Langley	9	15		24	First Church, Aubrey G. Walton	42	1143		1185*3	Fourche Valley Ct., Davis Bilberry	1	11		12
Arkadelphia, First Church, Wm. O. Byrd	17	59	5	81**	Henderson, H. R. Holland	15	44		59	Greenbrier Ct., James R. Sewell	11	6	1	18
St. Andrews	23			23**	Highland, Guy C. Ames	38	55	4	97	Morrilton, First Ch., David Conyers	25	89	3	117**
Bismarck, W. C. Onstead	6	20		26**	Hunter Memorial, Fred L. Arnold	6	64	1	71	Morrilton Ct. No. 1, Wm. Yarbrough	11	15		26**
Dalark Ct., Roy Bevan	10	42	3	55**	Markham St., A. C. Rogers	4	4		8**	Morrilton Ct. No. 2, Dayne Graham	2	3		5
Delight Ct., W. H. Watson	18	41		59*2	Pulaski Heights, J. Kenneth Shamblin	18	62	4	84	Mt. Carmel Ct., Gerald Hilton	7			7
Fountain Lake-Piney Grove, J. W. Carnell	2	3		5	St. Paul, C. W. Richards	40	69	1	110**	NORTH LITTLE ROCK				
Friendship Ct., Don Smith	12	14		26*	Scott Street, Jeff Davis		23		23	First Church, J. Wm. Watson	34	147	4	185**
Glenwood Ct., J. A. Wade	9	27	1	37**	Twenty-Eighth St., Noel Cross	9	30		39*	Gardner Memorial, Irl Bridenthal	91	60		151**
Gurdon, R. O. Beck	9	57	2	68**	Winfield, Fred R. Harrison	20	84	3	107	Rose City, R. A. Simpson	6	14	1	21**
Hot Springs Ct., S. W. Mooty	12	1		13	Lonoke-Eagle, W. R. Burks	1	42		43	Levy, S. O. Patty	22	44	2	68**
HOT SPRINGS					Mabelvale, Charles Ramsey	2	16		18	Washington Ave., Earle Cravens	11	43	5	59
First Church, E. D. Galloway	85	90	2	177**	Mt. Carmel-New Hope, Cecil Gill	11	9	1	21**	Sylvan Hills, L. K. Wilson	5	8		13
Grand Avenue, A. J. Christie	22	116	3	141**	Mt. Pleasant, C. D. Meux	1	2	2	5**	Ola Ct., E. T. Flower	3	7		10
Oaklawn-Morning Star, Harry Weed	4	43		47	Mt. View, J. R. Ewbank	2	5		7	Oppello, Eugene Rushing	6	5		11
Pullman Heights-Bethlehem, A. DeBlack	3	47	3	53	Primrose, James R. Scott	4	26	2	32*	Perry-Perryville, Geo. J. Kleebe	2	15	1	18*
Tigert Memorial, Robert Beasley	2	16		18*	Salem, Kenneth Goode	4	9		13	Perry County Ct., Robt. Harris	8	1		9
Washington Ave., Earle Cravens	11	44	5	60	Traskwood Ct., A. E. Jacobs	6	26	3	35	Plainview Ct., W. V. Walthal	3	12		15
Malvern, First Church, Rufus Sorrells	16	101	6	123**	TOTALS	437	2211	27	2675**	Plummerville Ct., Robert Johnson	5	17		22
Keith Memorial, Irl S. Lancaster	3	45	1	49**	MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Quota 1087					Pope County Ct., Elsworth Watson	7	10		17**
Marthaville, A. E. Wingfield	9	21		30	Crossett, J. B. Hefley	10	86		96**	Pottsville, Wm. C. Hightower	4	22		26
Mt. Ida, Osborne White	4	32		36**	Crossett Ct., Arthur White	6	27	2	35	Russellville, First Ch., Alf Eason	5	361		366*2
Murfreesboro, A. W. Hamilton	3	41		44**	Dermott, A. C. Carraway	4	49		53**	Salem Ct., Jim Gatlin	4	14	2	20**
Murfreesboro Ct., A. N. Youngblood	1	15		16**	Drew Ct., Herbert McKeown	2	20		22	Vilonia Ct., Joe Linam	1	18		19**
Okolona Ct., E. T. McAfee	7	53		60*	Dumas, R. A. Teeter	5	56	1	62**	Walters, J. M. Kitchens	2	4		6*3
Pollock, John Sayes	7	13		30**	Eudora, W. R. Boyd	15	27	1	43*2	TOTALS	365	1159	47	1571**
Princeton Ct., Marvin Wilkins	7	19		26	Fordyce, L. W. Averitt	8	78		86**	FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 1235				
Rockport Ct.	1	23	1	25	Fountain Hill Ct., R. L. Long	33	4		37**	Alpena-Omaha, C. S. Laster	3	13	2	18
Shorewood Hills, B. Howard Cox	5	8		13**	Hamburg, M. W. Miller	5	58	2	65**	Bland Chapel	1	3		4*
Sparkman, Orrie Thompson	2	39		41**	Hampton-Harrell, G. W. Warren	27	42		69**	Bentonville, Hubert Pearce	12	68	3	83
TOTALS	297	977	29	1303**	Kingsland-New Edinburg, P. D. Alston	8	19	3	30*	Bentonville Ct., W. C. Hutton	3	14		17
CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1939					Lake Village, Everett M. Vinson	1	36		37**	Berryville, Archie N. Boyd	5	33	3	46**
Bearden, C. D. Cade	6	28	1	35**	Martin's Chapel, Edgar Outlaw, Jr.	16	5		21	Brightwater, Fern Cook	11	25		36*2
Bradley, J. D. Montgomery	6	30	1	37**	Monticello, Roland E. Darrow	10	48	1	59**	Centeron, Kenneth Hatfield	2	19		21
Buckner Ct., Bruce H. Bean	10	44		54	McGehee-Arkansas City, D. Mouzon	39	63		102**	Decatur, W. L. Scott	6	13		19**
Calion-Quinn, S. B. Mann	7	30		37*2	Mann	39	63		102**	Elm Springs-Harmon, Woodrow Woods	4	40	2	46**
Camden, First Church, Robert Moore	14	85	6	105	Montrose-Parkdale, James R. Sewell	4	50		54*3	Eureka Springs, H. F. McDonal		11		11
Firstview, J. A. Simpson	120	65		185*2	Portland, Robert B. Moore, Jr.	6	40	1	47*3	Farmington-Rhea, A. L. Riggs		16		16
Chidester Ct., R. L. Diffie	8	28		36	Star City, Phil L. Pierce	29	31	1	61**	Fayetteville, Central, Robert E. L. Bearden	36	62	10	108
Columbia Ct., R. M. Crain	12	68		80**	Thornton Ct., Winston Hudnall	9	38		47**	Wiggins Memorial, Arnold Simpson	11	30		41**
EL DORADO					Tillar-Winchester, J. C. Van Horn	12	52		64*2	Gentry, W. W. Gibson	4	30	2	36**
First Church, W. Neill Hart	76	200	3	279	Warren, J. Ralph Clayton	15	76	4	95**	Goshen, O. L. Cole	2	11		13**
St. Luke, W. S. Cazort	13	61		74**	Warren Ct., W. E. West	6	2		8	Gravette, C. H. Harvison	6	32	2	40**
Vantrease, M. E. Scott	34	62	2	98**	Watson-Kelso, John W. Rushing	22	32	1	55**	Green Forest, Albert W. Martin, Jr.	2	27		29
Emerson Ct., C. B. Harris	1	11		12	Wilmar Ct., J. Frank Walker	2	17		19	Lincoln, Wm. M. Wilder	6	28	2	36**
Garland, T. M. Armstrong	1	15		16**	Wilmot-Millers Chapel, J. P. Miles	18	26		44*2	Madison County No. 1, Thomas Whiddon	2	26	1	29**
Harmony Grove-Buena Vista, Ernest Hays	6	34		40**	TOTALS	316	1010	17	1343**	Madison County No. 2, L. L. Langston	5	15	1	21*
Holly Springs Ct., James Ford	6	23		29	PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1404					Morrow-Evansville, Walter Pennel	2	15		17*2
Junction City, D. L. McCauley	8	47		55**	Almyra, Allen E. Hilliard	27	16		43*3	Pea Ridge, O. R. Findley	8	23		31**
Lewisville, H. Barry Bailey	9	56		65**	Altheimer-Wabbaseka, Harould Scott	10	42	1	53**	Prairie Grove, Glenn Bruner	17	65	2	84*2
Louann Ct., G. B. Pixley	4	31		35	Bayou Meto-Lodges Corner, Robert Riggins	18	28	1	47**	Rogers, Vernon Chalfant	7	50		57
Magnolia Ct., C. B. Harris	4	3		7	Carthage, Carr D. Racop, Jr.	2	29		31**	Siloam Springs, John Bayliss	10	50	8	68
Magnolia, First Church, C. Ray Hozendorf	24	482		506*3	DeWitt, O. E. Holmes	5	79		84**	Springdale, George Ivey	17	90	1	108**
Jackson St., David Hankins, Jr.	18	44	3	65**	England, J. L. Hoover	6	69	1	76**	Wesley, Sam Auslam	9	12		21**
Marysville-Fredonia, C. V. Mashburn	10	38		48**	Gillett, C. E. Patton	10	28	1	39	Sulphur Springs, Delbert Remaley	4	18	1	23
Norphlet, Myron C. Pearce	15	60		75*3	Glendale-Tucker, Wm. D. Bone	5	13		18*	Viney Grove-Cincinnati, Charles Walters	10	11		21**
Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove, C. Ashcraft	23	45	1	69**	Grady-Gould, W. T. Bone	5	64		69**	Winslow, Eugene Miser		4		4
Smackover, John L. Tucker	15	57	2	74**	Humphrey, H. A. Stroup	1	17		18**	TOTALS	203	840	40	1083
Stamps, C. W. Baughman	6	59	2	67**	Keo-Humnote, Palmer Garner	1	28		29**	FORREST CITY DISTRICT—Quota 1145				
Stephens, Doyle T. Rowe	3	48	2	53**	Leola, C. R. Andrews	16	18		34**	Aubrey, A. E. McIlvaine	2	40		42*
Strong-Huttig, Elbert B. Jean	8	42		50	Little Prairie, Geo. C. Bailey		19		19	Brinkley, J. C. Wilcox		1		1
Taylor Ct., Charles E. Lawrence	10	28		38	PINE BLUFF					Cherry Valley, W. B. Yount	13	39	1	53**
Timothy-Westside, H. R. Nabors	6	30		36*2	Carr Memorial, Cagle Fair	24	53		77**	Clarendon, L. F. LaFavers	3	40		43**
Union-Rhodes Chapel, Ralph S. Mann	9	31		40**	First Church, Kenneth L. Spore	48	165	4	217**	Colt, Wm. G. Stegall	1	11	3	15
Village Ct., Albert Gibbs	12	27		39**	Good Faith, Horace M. Grogan	9	24		33**	Cotton Plant, Ray McLester	2	39	1	42**
Waldo-Willisville, Braska Savage	8	62		70**	Hawley Memorial, Geo. W. Kerr	17	43		60**	Crawfordsville-Blackfish, J. W. Glass	5	31	2	38**
TOTALS	512	1972	23	2507**	Lakeside, John M. McCormack	51	74		125	Earle, G. A. McKelvey	14	48		62*2
HOPE DISTRICT—Quota 1414					Wesley, Winslow Brown	18	28		46**	Elaine, Sam B. Watson	16	44		60**
Ashdown, Clyde Parsons	12	72		84**	Whitehall, C. E. Monroe	1	15		16**	Forrest City, Raymond Franks	27	101		128**
Bingen Ct., C. V. Holiman	5	21		26	Rison, E. B. Hollenbeck	1	37	1	39	Helena, E. B. Williams	17	65	4	86**
Blevins Ct., Omma L. Daniel	7	34		41**	Roe, W. C. Lewis	20	30	1	51*2	Holly Grove, O. M. Campbell	2	28		30**
Center Point, D. W. Harberson	6	13		19	Rowell, Elam Turner	4	24	4	32	Hughes, Elmus C. Brown	6	30		36**
DeQueen, Alfred I. Doss	6	54	4	64**	St. Charles, Claude R. Roy		9		9	Hulbert, M. N. Johnston	1			1
Dierks, C. E. Messer	5	31		36**	Sheridan, Bryan Stephens	22	51	5						

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Van Buren, First Ch., Jesse Johnson	21	50	3	74**
City Heights-Bethel, Felix Holland	11	71	1	83**
St. John, Robert P. Sessions	18	25	3	46**
St. Paul Church, J. H. Hoggard	13	48	1	62**
Waldron, First Ch., Oscar J.				
Evanson	3	37	2	42
Waldron Ct., Waymon Keel	3	7		10
TOTALS	359	1299	32	1690

JONESBORO DISTRICT—Quota 1556

Bay, Pleasant Valley, Wm.				
P. Connell	10	45		55**
Black Oak-Delfore, Hasle O. West.	5	8		13
Blytheville, First Church,				
H. Eggensperger	34	109	5	148
Blytheville, Lake Street, H. M.				
Sanford	3	9		12
Bono Ct., M. J. Pollard	6	42		48**
Brookland Ct., Alfred Blair	11	10	1	22
Caraway, B. L. Wilford	4	28		32**
Delfore-Macey, Benny J. Vancleve	18			18
Dyess-Whitten, W. W. Peterson	3	21		24**
Harrisburg, J. T. Byrd	8	64		72*
Hickory Ridge-Fisher, Norris Steele	11	12		23
Joiner, E. E. Stevenson	6	29		35**
Jonesboro, First Church, Ethan				
Dodgen	48	74	7	129
Huntington Ave., J. H. Holt	50	52		102**
Fisher St., W. T. Lingo	9	25		34**
Keiser, J. M. Harrison	4	22		26*2
Lake City-Lake View, John H.				
Barrett	1	26	3	30
Leachville, J. E. Linam	13	25	2	40**
Lepanto-Garden Point, Wm. A.				
Stewart, Jr.	10	29	1	40**
Luxora, W. L. Diggs	4	22	2	28
Manila, N. Lee Cate	11	36		47*
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		16
Nettleton, Earl D. Carter	13	18	1	32**
Oscola, W. O. Scroggin, Jr.	14	85	1	100**
St. John-Riverside, Willis LeGrange	2	10		12
Trumann, A. W. Harris	6	31	1	38**
Turrell-Gilmore, Aubra C. Hays	21	2		23*
Tyronza, Thurston Masters	1	21	2	24
Wilson, Raymond Dorman	4	24	1	29*
Weiner, Arvill Brannon	11	37		48*3
Weona-Center View, J. L. Weather-				
ford	2	12		14
Yarbro-Promised Land, Carl C.				
Burton	3	22	1	26
TOTALS	376	1168	33	1577**

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Quota 1186

Beech Grove, James Smith	22	16		38**
Biggers-Knoble, Kenneth Renfro	11	26		37**
Black Rock-Portia, Gail Anderson	3	24		27**
Boydsville, Gus Evans	5	9	1	15
Corning, Byron McSpadden	6	39		45**
Gainsville, W. C. Smith	3	6	2	11
Hardy, Geo. L. McGhehey	1	30	1	32**
Hoxie, H. L. Robinson	12	32		44
Imboden-Smithville, James Beal	12	23	3	38
Leonard Ct., Lee Anderson	8	17		25
Lorado Ct., A. E. Poindexter	3	8		11
Mammoth Spring, M. B. Short	5	14		19**
Marmaduke-Harvey's Chapel,				
G. E. Hammett	5	19		24
Maynard-Ravenden Springs,				
Loyd Turner	11	9	1	21
PARAGOULD				
First Church, S. B. Wilford	9	81	3	93
Griffin Memorial, Clyde Crozier	9	42	3	54**
East Parish, Marvin Thompson	1	17		18
West Side Parish, Elvis Wright	5	21		26
Piggott, Floyd Villines, Jr.	23	71		94**
Pocahontas, Edwin B. Dodson	12	39	1	52*
Rector, First Ch., James Chandler	2	62		64**
Fourth St., Y. D. Whitehurst	23	18		41**
Circuit, Dave Smitherman	6	8		14
St. Francis, D. Kern Johnson	4	17	1	22
Stanford-Warren's Chapel, Leon				
Wilson		5		5
Walnut Ridge, Elmo Thomason	9	65	2	76*
TOTALS	194	675	17	886

SEARCY DISTRICT—Quota 1127

Antioch-Stony Point, Cyril Wilson	2	22		24
Augusta, O. D. Peters	38	48	5	91
Bald Knob, Pharis J. Hollifield	10	56		66*
Beebe, George Stewart	2	53	3	58
Cabot, J. J. Clark	5	45	3	53*
Clinton, J. L. Pruitt	14	49	2	65**
Damascus-Fairbanks, Dois Kennedy	15	14		29**
DeView Ct., Eugene Shoemaker	8	9	2	19
Griffithville Ct., Ray Edwards	10	19		29*
Harrison, Herchelle Couchman	45	55	2	102**
Heber Springs, James E. Major	7	67	2	76**
Jacksonville, Harold Spence	12	83		95*2
Kensett, Frank Weatherford	7	23		30
Leslie, Travis Williams	24	15	1	40**
Marshall, Vann Hooker	10	20		30**
McCrory, W. M. Womack	7	56	3	66**
McRae, Carl Williamson	1	20	2	23
Newton County, M. B. Short	13	5		18
Quitman Ct., Marvin Dean	12	41	3	56
Rosebud Ct., John Chapman	11	28		39**
Scotland Ct., Tom J. Cowan	8	3		11**
Searcy, Alvin Murray	204	108	3	315*3
Valley Springs Ct., Alvin Gibbs	2	5		7
Wilburn Ct., E. W. Bruner	7	12		19**
TOTALS	474	856	31	1361**

ARKANSAS METHODIST DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Quota	New	Renewal	Not Due	Total	% of Quota
Little Rock	2,558	437	2,211	27	2,675**	105%
Camden	1,939	512	1,972	23	2,507**	129%
Fort Smith	1,887	359	1,299	32	1,690	88%
Pine Bluff	1,404	368	1,194	47	1,571**	109%
Conway	1,438	365	1,159	47	1,571**	109%
Jonesboro	1,556	376	1,168	33	1,571**	109%
Hope	1,414	273	1,068	40	1,381	97%
Searcy	1,127	474	856	31	1,361**	121%
Monticello	1,087	316	1,012	17	1,345**	124%
Arkadelphia	1,217	297	977	29	1,303**	108%
Forrest City	1,145	215	1,001	21	1,237**	108%
Fayetteville	1,235	203	840	40	1,083	88%
Batesville	1,003	229	737	18	984	98%
Paragould	1,186	190	675	17	882	74%
TOTALS	4,634	16,169	396	21,199		

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—Quota 1095

Alexandria, First Ch., J. H. Bowdon	20	65	7	92
Trinity, O. W. Spinks	9	32		41
Wesley, Clyde Shaw	38	19		57*3
Ball, Odell Simmons		12		12

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Boyce, W. L. Doss, Jr.	1	10		11
Belah-Eden, A. N. Baum	7	8		15**
Bunkie, W. D. Bodche	27	43		70**
Colfax, Clark W. Bell	6	22	1	29**
Effie, Carl Lipe	6	40		46*2
Elizabeth, J. R. Strozier	6	35		41**
Evergreen, John G. Snelling	15	4		19
Glenmora, J. W. Lee	10	32	1	43**
Jena, W. O. Lynch	8	45	2	55**
Lecompte, S. L. Lantrip	6	32		38**
Marksville-Cheneyville, M. S.				
Robertson	9	24		33**
Marthaville, A. E. Wingfield	9	21		30
Montgomery, E. A. Keasler	7	19	1	27**
Mt. Zion, W. R. Akins	22	6		28**
Natchitoches, First Church,				
B. A. Galloway	15	30		45
Faith Church, Raymond Crofoot	2	8		10**
Oakdale, Edwin J. Barksdale	8	37		45**
Oak Grove, D. R. Deen		6		6
Olla, Charles H. Giessen	9	21		30**
Palestine, R. E. Carter	7	23		30
Palestine Ct., Sidney Durand	1	1		2
Pineville, P. M. Caraway	27	34		61**
Pollock, John Sayes	7	13		20**
Trout, Fred Kelly	3	5		8**
Urania, John Kellogg	4	9		13
Whites Chapel, H. D. Fisher	28	12		40**
Winnfield, Luther L. Booth	9	32		41
TOTALS	310	694	12	1016

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—Quota 2026

Amite, J. E. Christie	14	22		36
Angie-Varnado, Ollie Golson, Jr.		18		18*
Baker, Marvin H. Corley	8	19		27*
BATON ROUGE				
First Church, Dana Dawson, Jr.	54	69	9	132
Istrouma, Jerome Cain	11	40		51
Ingleside, W. R. Irving	23	11		34
North, James L. Stovall	19	15	1	35
Reily Mem. Wm. E. Trice	19	13		32
Winburne, A. A. Collins	1	11		12
Bethel, Van Carter	12	8		20*
Blackwater, A. G. Taylor	23	27		50**
Bogalusa, E. Sullivan Mem., W. H.				
Giles	27	35		62
Carpenters Chapel, Calvin Lapuyade	8	7	1	16*2
Clinton, George W. Harkins	18	14	1	33*
Deerford	5	12		17**
Denham Springs, Fred Schwendi-				
mann	18	18		36
Fisher, E. W. Corley	11	11		22
Franklin, J. H. Sewell	6	43		49**
Gonzales Ct., Brady B. Forman	6	17	2	25**
Greenburg, H. R. Hine	2	12		14
Hammond, E. R. Thomas	11	58		69
Jackson, J. B. Shearer	5	40		45**
Kentwood, G. C. Dean, Jr.	2	17		19
Livingston Ct., A. D. George	10	6		16
Live Oak, J. H. Bowdon, Jr.	13	5		18
Lottie-Rosedale, Collins D. Pinkard	13	24	1	38*2
Magnolia, L. W. Taylor	4	3		7
New Roads-Port Allen, G. H. Corry	5	6		11**
Pine Grove, James P. Woodland	12	30	2	44**
Plaquemine-Bayou Chapel, C. R.				
McCammon	14	39		53*2
Ponchatoula, Wilson Watson	9	65		74**
St. Francisville, Oakley Edwards	12	3	1	16
St. Helena, C. J. T. Cotton	40	18		58**
Slaughter, W. H. Porter, Jr.	2	8		10
Springfield, P. W. Sibley	4	22	2	28
Tanzipahoa, A. L. Carruth	6	39		45**
Tickfaw, J. N. Lambert	17	6	1	24**
Walker, George M. Horne	3	3		6
Wesley Chapel, J. M. Wilkes	8	10		18
Zachary, J. W. Ailor	17	3		20
TOTALS	472	836	21	1329

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT—Quota 1015

Abbeville, E. P. Drake	126	31		157*3
Berwick, Clayton, W. Bennett	49	41		90*2
Church Point, Edwin L. Brock	3	8		11
Crowley, First Church, Louis				
Hoffpauir	8	12		20
Iota-Maxie-Wesley, Raymond				
Pierson	8	14		22
Donaldsonville, T. O. Rorie, Jr.	8	4		12**
Franklin, Edward R. Haug	9	47		56
Golden Meadow, R. H. Harper	16	9		25**
Houma, First Ch., Sam Nader	26	64	1	91**
Houma Hgts., Rex Squires	18	57		75*2
Houma, First Church, Sam Nader	18	58		76*2
Indian Bayou, M. L. Davis	15	61		76*2
Jeanerette, A. M. Martin	3	8		11
Krotz Springs, J. C. Zerrangue	4	13		17*4
Lafayette-Davidson, D. B. Boddie	4	13		17
Lafayette, First Ch., Fred Flurry	48	70	1	119
Lockport, G. A. LaGrange	13	3		16*3
Mellville, A. D. St. Amant	5	21		26
Morgan City, R. W. Bengtson	9	15		24
New Iberia, W. R. Wendt	20	30	1	51
Opelousas, R. E. Walton	14	30		44
Rayne, D. T. Williams	11	22		33
Thibodaux, R. R. Miller	9	13		22**
TOTALS	425	586	21	1032**

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Quota 1150

Bell City, T. T. Howes		3		3
Cameron, J. A. Knight	8	27		35**
DeQuincy, E. W. Day	19	62		81**
DeRidder, George Pearce, Jr.	25	28		53
Wesley, Alvin P. Smith	17	7		24*3
Gueydan, S. A. Seegers		27	1	28**
Hackberry, R. L. Peyton	4	7	1	12*3
Hornbeck, Byron F. Roberts	11	50		61
Iowa, W. F. Howell	6	28	1	35**
Jennings, Robert B. Crichlow	20	35		55
Kinder, Claud O. Hall	7	10		17**
Lake Arthur, Jack Winegeart	6	9		15
LAKE CHARLES				
First Church, Carl F. Lueg	13	92		105
Simpson, Ted T. Howes	1	10	1	12
University, E. B. Emmerich	19	34		53
Westlake, James W. Lawton	13			13
Leesville, Oakley Lee	32	32		64**
Maplewood, Lloyd Williams	1			1
Merryville, J. T. Wall	15	19		34**
Oberlin, C. J. Thibodeaux	4	13	1	18*2
Raymond, Clarence B. Krumnow		7		7
Sulphur, James C. Whitaker	6	7		13
University Church, E. B. Emmerich	19	34		53
Vinton, Ivan O. Donaldson	2	27		29
Welsh, Jack Cooke		40		40**
TOTALS	220	565	5	790

MONROE DISTRICT—Quota 1557



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



GLEN'S SECRET

By Velma Vanderburgh Beebe

"YOU know, Ted," Glen said kindly, "if you wouldn't always be getting angry we could have a lot more fun."

Glen felt that beginning early in the morning and speaking to his little cousin Ted about not being angry ought to make Ted remember all day. That was all Glen said and he was polite as could be saying it. Ted hadn't seemed a bit angry before Glen spoke; but the moment the words were out of Glen's mouth Ted was angry again.

He picked up a block from the floor and threw it at Glen, shouting:

"I don't get angry any more than you do, and I don't care if I do."

Aunt Lila heard the shouting and she came out on the porch where the boys were playing.

"I'm afraid you didn't get all the sleep you needed, Ted," she said in her gentle voice. "You must come in and lie down till you are rested. You'd better play outdoors awhile, Glen."

Glen went down to the brook to play. He would have liked to have Ted with him, for they were building a dam to make a lake like the one they saw when they went on a trip with daddy; only, of course, much smaller. Some of the stones they were piling were too heavy to lift alone; and although Ted was younger than he, Ted was an even better digger. Glen missed him.

As Glen began piling rocks and digging dirt, he kept thinking about why Ted was angry so often. Ted and his mother had come to visit only three days before, and every day Ted had what Glen's mother called a "tantrum."

Glen set himself to study what had brought them on. The first was soon after they came. Glen remembered saying:

"Hello, Ted! You've grown a lot since I saw you last. Do you remember how mad you got when I put you in the clotheshamper and shut the lid when you were here last? That's about the only thing I remember about you. My, but you were angry!"

Then and there Ted had a tantrum; and, a little later, when Glen tried to tell him how foolish it was to act that way, he had another.

It had been that way every day. Just as sure as Glen would say anything about being angry, Ted would be angry.

Glen began to feel uncomfortable. Was it his fault? He had heard Aunt Lila say to his mother: "I can't see why Ted acts so. I thought he was almost cured of his tantrums when we left home. He hadn't had one for a long time, else I wouldn't have come at all."

Glen wondered if Aunt Lila thought he was to blame. Maybe she would take Ted and go home. He didn't want that to happen. He and Ted really had jolly times together. Truly, he had thought it would help Ted not to be angry so often if he reminded him about it or called attention to some fault.

He began thinking about his own

faults. He knew he was careless with his things. He had a habit of starting to take hold of things without looking at them. How many times he had tipped over his glass of water at the table just that way. If any one started to scold him for being awkward it seemed to make him worse. He didn't intend to be. He just was.

That was it. He had kept reminding Ted about being angry; so Ted was angry. He must remember never to say the word "angry" again.

A shadow fell across him. Ted was standing there looking sorry and ashamed.

"Hello, Ted!" Glen shouted joyfully. "I'm so glad you've come. If you'll help me lift these big stones I believe we'll have time to finish the wall today. Then tomorrow, maybe we'll get it done so we can turn the water in. You're such a good digger, if you'll dig the lake, after we get the big stones piled, I'll pile the rest of the rocks, unless you'd rather pile."

Ted fell to work with a will and the lake seemed to grow rapidly.

"You're about the best playmate I ever had, Ted," Glen said as they hurried to the house when the supper-bell rang. "I hope you can stay a long time."

"Maybe I can," Ted said. "I can if—" He didn't say what the "if" was about; but looked curiously at Glen as if he expected Glen to say something; but there was not a word.

All the next day Glen remembered to say only the good things which were true about Ted. All day long they played together happily. Ted was not angry once.

Glen was so glad he had to run and jump and shout; but he did not tell why. We whispered that to himself. "Talking to people about the bad things they do makes them bad; but talking about the good things makes them good." That was his secret.—Junior World.

VALENTINES

Why not make some of your own Valentines this year? It is a lot of fun. Here are a few you might like to make:

A Window Valentine

Cut a heart from a piece of thin cardboard. Fold the heart right down the center, and from the center cut out a small heart. As you open up the larger heart, it will be a frame. Paste this frame on a piece of red tissue paper and cut around the edge. This will look beautiful in a window, especially on days when the sun is shining.

A Locket Valentine

Cut a heart from a piece of red paper. Then cut out a picture of a

child, a cherub, or flowers. (I hope you saved all your Christmas cards—they are just the thing for this) and paste it on the heart. Punch a hole at the top of the heart and put a narrow piece of red ribbon through it. Make the ribbon long enough to hang around your little friend's neck.

For The Shut-in

Mother perhaps will help you with these Valentines, because they are made of cookie dough.

Roll out the dough and cut the cookies with a heart-shaped cookie-cutter.

While they are baking, mix some frosting sugar with a little milk and a few drops of red vegetable coloring. After the cookies are baked and have cooled, frost them, and you will have both delicious and pretty Valentine cookies for some special friend.—The United Church Observer.

JUST FOR FUN

A mother, who picked up her five-year-old at kindergarten, learned that the regular teacher was absent and that a substitute had taken over. "How did you like your new teacher?" she asked her daughter.

"Oh, she's smarter than Miss Jones," the little girl said. "When we sang she played the piano with one finger, and Miss Jones has to use two hands when she plays."

The visiting clergyman was being entertained by 4-year-old Trudy while her mother was upstairs dressing. "And do you say your prayers every night, little one?" asked the minister. "Oh, no," answered Trudy. "Mother says them for me."

"Indeed? And what does she say?"

"She says, 'Thank heaven you're in bed!'"

An anonymous New York taxpayer sent a letter to the state comptroller saying that he had cheated on his income tax 10 years ago and had not been able to sleep since.

He enclosed \$25 and added: "If I still can't sleep, I will send the balance."

"I had three specialists and every one of them found something different wrong with me."

"Didn't they agree on anything?"

"Yes, each charged me fifty dollars."

A United Press dispatch from Milwaukee, Wis., tells about a couple who were unable to find seats together in church. The wife sat in one empty place and motioned for her husband to sit behind her. When the collection began, she found she had no money, so she held her hand behind her and a coin was dropped into it.

Services over, she turned to talk to her husband—and found he had been seated six rows back. The unknown benefactor had gone.

ARKANSAS METHODIST



A VALENTINE

To find the right Valentine
I walked almost a mile,
But when my mother sees it,
My, how she'll smile and smile.

I love my mother, oh, so much
And I believe she knows it,
But I am sure it pleases her
To have a girl who shows it.

—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock will have a Tea in Fellowship Hall, February 14 from two to four honoring the women who have been active more than 45 years in the Woman's works of the church and those who have become active this year.

The Robeline Woman's Society prepared gift baskets for the sick and shut-ins assisted by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Wingfield. Many beautiful baskets were placed by sick beds and presented to shut-ins through out the community.—Mrs. Ruby Idom

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Opelousas had a dinner observing the Guild's Tenth Anniversary and Guild Month on January 20 in the educational building. Miss Dorothy Dunbar, chairman, traced the history of the local unit. Miss Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge District Guild Secretary, was the guest speaker. Life Memberships were presented to Miss Marce White, first local president, and Miss Mildred Dubar, a charter member.

Miss Evelyn Vatter gave the invocation. Mrs. Ray Booth had charge of the candlelight service, assisted by Mrs. Hazel Gorton and Mrs. Myra Byrd. Mrs. Golson, president, welcomed the guests. Mrs. Talbot was soloist for the Guild hymn, and was accompanied by Mrs. R. E. Walton. Mrs. Bessie Fairley presented a film strip "Needed . . . Your Time and Talents."

Dinner was served by the Edna Harper Circle of the Woman's Society and the birthday cake was cut by Mrs. John Dowling, co-ordinator. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. A. A. Collins, who had organized the guild, Mrs. D. C. Rose, and Mrs. Lillie Buckels, all of Baton Rouge.—Reporter

A Membership Luncheon for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the St. Bernard Methodist Church, Chalmette, Louisiana, was held in the Fellowship Hall, Thursday January 27 at noon. There were 30 ladies present; twelve of which were new members.

Mrs. G. O. Willis, District Promotion Secretary of the W.S.C.S. spoke on the "Purpose and Aims of the Society." The Esther Circle informed the society that they have purchased a stove for the new Kitchen and the Lavada Circle announced the they will give a stainless steel kitchen shower (spoons, pots and pans) to outfit the new kitchen.

Mrs. Willis summed up our feelings of this "get together" when she said: "It is good to meet together in Christian Fellowship and break bread."

The Lodge Corner and Bayou Meto Methodist Woman's Societies of Christian Service completed a church wide study of, "The City" at the meeting January 21 in the Lodge Corner recreation building.

Other meetings were held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Mrs. E. D. Eldridge, missionary education secretary of Lodge Cor-

PLANS MADE FOR LOUISIANA GUILD WEEK-END

Plans have been made for the Annual Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Week-End which will be held March 19 and 20 at the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles. Registration forms are being mailed to the president of each Guild. These should be returned BY March 15. Accommodations will be available in homes, hotels and motels. Registration fee: \$3.00 includes Registration Insurance, Saturday evening dinner and Sunday morning breakfast.

The theme for the meeting will be "For The Living of These Days," and Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, Conference Guild Secretary, will be presiding at the convening of the meeting at 2 p. m. Saturday. On Saturday afternoon the Guild will be entertained at a tea at the home of Mrs. L. E. Frazer, wife of the president of McNeese State College.

The evening session will begin at 6:45 with Mrs. E. D. Sweeney, Lake Charles District Secretary, presiding, with dinner in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Mrs. James T. Harris Monroe, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, will be the speaker.

On Sunday morning breakfast will be in the Fellowship Hall with Miss Helen Adams, presiding, and the meditation brought by Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Woman's Society of Spiritual Life. Miss Emma Kunta will preside at the morning session, and during that time the principal address will be brought by the

ner W.S.C.S. was general chairman and Mrs. Raymond Schwartz, chairman of commission on missions, was program chairman.

The Rev. Robert Riggan, minister of the charge, led the devotional for each of the four sessions. He presented, "How to Know Your Neighborhood," for the closing session.

The text, "Crowded Ways", was used for the course. Topic leaders were John Simpson, Byron Jessup, Felix Bunch, Mrs. O. C. Lumsden, Jr., and Miss Betty Bucker.

Mrs. Ena Goetz and Mrs. Bryan Jessup were pianists for the four nights.

Refreshments were served at the close of each session and hostesses from Bayou Meto were Mrs. Tillman West, Mrs. O. C. Lumsden, Jr., Mrs. Harvey Riley, Mrs. Lloyd Berry, Mrs. Robert Riggan and Mrs. J. B. Sollars. Lodge Corner hostesses were Mrs. J. S. Berryman, Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Raymond Heien, Mrs. John Simpson and Mrs. Bill Hargrove.—Mrs. Harold Goetz

While skill is something for which there is no substitute, and while there is great vocational value in general education, still, both need to be supplemented by good character and good personality traits. Before a man can be a good business man, or a good professional man, he has to be a good man. Kenneth McFarland, educator, Topeka, Kans.

ZONE 3 MEETS AT ABBEVILLE

Zone 3 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Lafayette District had its first meeting at the Abbeville Methodist Church Tuesday, January 25th from 9:30 until 12:30 a. m., with Mrs. James Baudoin, Zone Leader, presiding.

Meeting opened with the group singing "God of Grace; God of Glory" with Mrs. Wesley Steen at organ.

Rev. R. R. Branton, District Sup. of Lafayette gave the devotional followed by prayer.

The group then sang "All Hail the Power."

Next was the roll call of the Societies, followed by reports from each Society President.

The following District Officers were present and took part in the program: Mrs. P. D. Lambert, President, Crowley, Louisiana; Mrs. W. B. Barnhill, Secretary Literature and Publications, Church Point; Mrs. John S. Dowling, Secretary Supply Work, Opelousas; Mrs. D. B. Boddie, Secretary Children's Work, Lafayette; Mrs. George H. Thomas, Secretary Promotion, Lafayette; Mrs. Carol Spell, District Spiritual Life Leader of Wesleyan Service Guild, Abbeville.

Plans were made to have next Zone 3 meeting at Davidson Memorial Church in Lafayette on May 10th.

Meeting closed with Prayer by District President, Mrs. P. D. Lambert.

Lunch was served in Recreation Room with Rev. E. P. Drake of Methodist Church saying Grace.

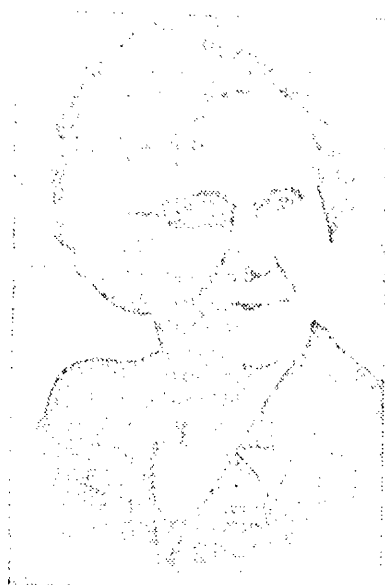
Those who assisted in serving were Mrs. Dan McPherson, Mrs. Margaret Steen, Mrs. Beluah Peets, of the Abbeville Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Harry Shriefer acted as Recording Secretary.

ing. It she uses the money for fuel, there is no food; if she buys food, there is no fuel. . . . These are among the 300,000 widows who have found some shelter under Christian auspices in Korea."

Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon of Maxton, N. C., executive secretary for Africa and Europe of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, has retired after 37 years of missionary service. Miss MacKinnon was head of the Woman's Section of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn., from 1932 until the unification of the three branches of Methodism. From 1941 through 1943 she was in charge of the Woman's Division of Christian Service work in China, Central and South Africa, with office in New York City. In 1943 she became executive secretary for all work in Africa and in Europe supported by the Woman's Division. She had been a missionary in China from 1917 to 1932.

Last year some 18 million boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 17 were not picked up by the police for any crime whatsoever.—Martha M. Elliot, chief of the U. S. Children's Bureau, N. Y. Times.



MRS. MINZA RABUN

Honorable Fannie Burch, one of the two presiding District Judges of the 21st Judicial District. Miss Burch, former Baton Rouge District Guild Secretary, will speak on "The Church Woman and Her Political Responsibility."

Mrs. Rabun will close the meeting with business and reports before adjournment for church service with the Rev. Carl F. Lueg, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, bringing the message. Luncheon will be served by the local Guild.—Reporter

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

The Woman's Division of Christian Service, a missionary arm of the Methodist Church, has voted appropriations of \$7,763,487 for 1955-56, an increase of \$607,039, over the 1954 appropriations. Giving of Methodist women has more than doubled in the past ten years. In 1944 the amount for appropriations was \$3,482,974. Miss Henrietta Gibson, treasurer, reports a per capital giving of \$4.94 for Methodist women. Total giving of the women for missionary purposes was \$9,588,928.

"In a lean-to shelter in Seoul, Korea, widows are working at three cotton machines; the air is thick with the dust of the old used quilts they are remaking," reports Mrs. Francis Kinsler, missionary in that city. "It is cold from the open window, but the women are warned by the constant action of pushing the treadle. For these wives of men lost in the war, the battle goes on—a fight against poverty and sickness from malnutrition. In the living quarters, warmed only by the sun, is a group of sixteen women sitting on the floor and at sewing machines making over old clothes to sell. These are a few of the widows of the 400 Presbyterian pastors martyred by the communists. With them in this warehouse-home are their 74 children. In some cases a single room is occupied by a family of eight, and the widow is trying to raise her children on the 30 cents a day she earns sew-

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

CHURCHWIDE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AT DeQUEEN

The DeQueen Church held its Churchwide School of Missions on Sunday evenings during the month of January. The Commission on Missions, with S. W. Manning chairman, gave planning and direction to the school. Four sessions of one hour each were held beginning at 6:00, the evening church services beginning at 7:00. Mrs. S. P. Norwood, superintendent of the Children's Division, gave direction to the courses for the children. The Primary Department studied "The Boy With the Busy Walk". The Junior Department studied "Side-walk Kids". The Intermediates studied "They Live in the City". The Seniors "WHEN—Your Home is in the City". The Adults used two books: "Crowded Ways" and "Man and God in the City". Mrs. D. L. Sanders taught the course for the Intermediates and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell led the Senior Young People. The following persons led the adult group; Dorothy Kelley, Mrs. R. B. Malcolm, Miss Pearl Williamson, and Rev. Alfred Doss. There was a story hour for the children under Primary age.

There were two extra activities. One was the showing of the film: "The City" at the 7:00 o'clock hour, to the church congregation. The other was the presentation of the one-act drama "This Thine House" at the six o'clock hour on the fifth Sunday. This was under the direction of Mrs. R. B. Malcolm and a cast of fourteen people meeting every night during the week preceding the presentation, for the rehearsals.

Our church is sold on the Churchwide study plan. More than 150 people were reached in this study. We are already making plans for next year when all Methodism will study "Indian Americans".—Alfred I. Doss.

U. E. M. IN PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Plans are well in advance of schedule for the United Evangelistic Mission which is to take place in the Pine Bluff District February 20-27. Pastors are securing a good prospect list and teams of workers have been scheduled in most churches. Bishop Paul E. Martin will give the closing address in a rally at First Church in Pine Bluff at 3:00 p. m., Sunday, February 27.

Visiting ministers are to arrive at their place of ministering in time for the evening service on Sunday, February 20. Daily district meetings will be held on the following schedule beginning at 10 o'clock each morning and running through the noon hour:

Monday at Hawley in Pine Bluff
Tuesday at Grand Avenue in Stuttgart

Wednesday at Carr in Pine Bluff
Thursday at First Church in Stuttgart

Friday at Lakeside in Pine Bluff.

Dr. Cecil R. Culver will give instruction each morning using the new turnover chart, "Spiritual Life for Methodist Christians". Rev. D. Mouzon Mann will preach each morning. Lunch will be served by the host church.

The following ministers are

MEETING HELD AT ALTHEIMER

A meeting was begun at Altheimer on Monday night, January 24 and ran through the Sunday morning service on January 30. Rev. Thomas D. Hall, member of the Missouri Conference and now pastor at Tarkio, Mo., was the preacher. Mr. Hall is the brother of J. C. Hall, member of the church at Altheimer.

Brother Hall did an outstanding job which was proved by the fact that the attendance broke all records for attendance in the past.

There was only one addition to the church on profession of faith, but there was no attempt made to reach new members except indirectly. Actually, this was a preaching mission with a revival of interest and dedication of the church membership as the aim.

The meeting was followed with the charge taking part in the United Evangelistic Mission of the Pine Bluff District with services at the Wabbaseka Church. Rev. Charles Baughman was the preacher for the meeting.—Harould Scott, Pastor

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Mid-Term Graduates

Seven Hendrix seniors completed all requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree during the last week of January. They will go through the formal graduation exercises with the other members of the Class of 1955 in June.

Students completing requirements were Darrel Bone of Grady, Mrs. Susie Lane Coleman of Conway, Robert Coulter of El Dorado, Gerald Hilton of Hot Springs, Mildred McCuller of Texarkana, George Schisler of Passo Fundo, Brazil and Carl Sparks of Kingston.

Second Semester Registration

Registration for the second semester began at Hendrix on February first and second semester. Classes for the term began February 3.—Chris Holmes

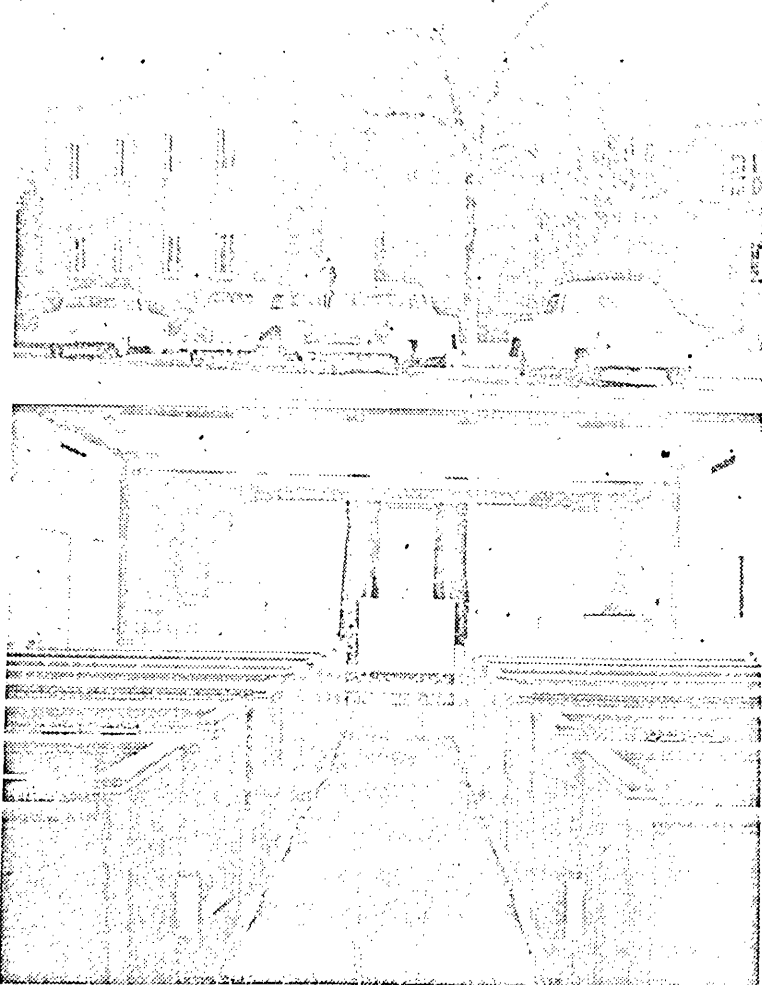
scheduled to serve in the places indicated preceding their names: Almyra, Charles W. Richards; Wabbaseka, Charles Baughmann; Bayou Meto, R. O. Beck; Carthage, David M. Hankins; DeWitt, Cecil R. Culver; England, M. E. Scott; Gillett, J. Ralph Clayton; Center Grove, J. Ralph Sewell; Grady, Harold K. Davis; Gould, M. W. Miller; Crigler, J. C. Vanhorn; Humphrey, Kirvin A. Hale; Keo, George W. Warren; Humnoke, Robert B. Moore, Jr.; Little Prairie Circuit, Myron C. Pearce; Leola, Clyde Swift.

Pine Bluff Churches: Carr, H. R. Holland; First Church, Louis W. Averitt; Good Faith, John W. Lindsay; Hawley, W. D. Golden; Lakeside, Fred R. Harrison; St. Luke, John B. Hefley; Wesley, J. Edward Dunlap; Sulphur Springs, Woodrow Smith; Whitehall, Fred W. Schwendemann; Roe, John P. Miles; Rowell, Phil Pierce; Rison, James Robert Scott; St. Charles, George E. Reutz; Pleasant Grove, D. L. McCauley; Sheridan, Rufus F. Sorrells; Sherrill, Elbert B. Jean; Tomberlin, Curtis Williams.

Stuttgart Churches: First Church, D. Mouzon Mann; Grand Avenue, C. Norman Guice.

Dr. Arthur Terry is District Superintendent.

NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING FOR FIRST CHURCH, TEXARKANA



PICTURED above is the new educational building of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, which was formally opened on Sunday, January 30. In the lower picture is shown the interior of the chapel.

Open house was held from 3:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. under the sponsorship of the Commission on Education. Dr. W. E. Brown, pastor, and Mrs. Brown, and other leaders in the church greeted the visitors. Department heads and their staffs conducted guests through the building.

The new building was completed on January 23 after seven months of construction. The architecture of the two-story red brick building is modified Gothic. The cost was \$193,000.

Ground was broken on June 27 with Dr. E. Clifton Rule, district superintendent of the Hope District in charge. Bishop Paul E. Martin officiated at the laying of the cor-

nerstone on November 7.

The building has a large parlor, well-equipped kitchen with stainless steel fixtures, a dining room that will accommodate 300 persons and also serves as a recreation room, classrooms that will accommodate 600 persons and thereby enlarge the entire church to 850, and a lovely chapel.

The chapel was built in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Clovis G. Chappell, parents of Dr. R. H. Chappell and was furnished in memory of the late Mrs. Gus Orr by the members of the two families as a gift to the church.

The chapel will be open at all times as a place of prayer. It will be used for small weddings and for funerals. The pews, pulpit, lecturn and altar are of golden oak, and the walls are a light blue, with the ceiling lighted by modern brass fixtures.

Around 700 people called during the hours.

CHURCH AT HARTMAN DEDICATED

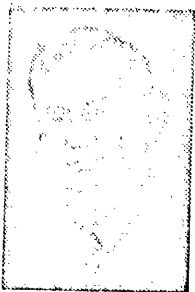
On January 3rd special dedication services were held at the Spadra Methodist Church of the Hartman Charge. Bishop Paul E. Martin presided with Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, District Superintendent assisting in the service. Dr. Paul Bumpers, pastor of First Methodist Church at Clarksville, Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Sr., former pastor, and Rev. Aaron F. Barling, the present pastor, also participated in the service. Chic Morgan, local layman, provided special music accompanied

by Norma Lou Timmons. Other laymen taking part were Otis Clark, Sidney King and Cecil Rhodes. Following the worship service, a former member, Judge J. J. Montgomery of Clarksville, played a cornet solo, "A Perfect Day."

The Spadra Methodist Church is valued at \$25,000. The building is rock veneer, consists of four classrooms, kitchen, and sanctuary. The sanctuary is finished with oak paneling, and furnished with oak pews, oak communion table, oak chancel, oak pulpit. The church was completed and furnished in 1953.—Reporter.

I Saw

A Dark
Secret
Revealed



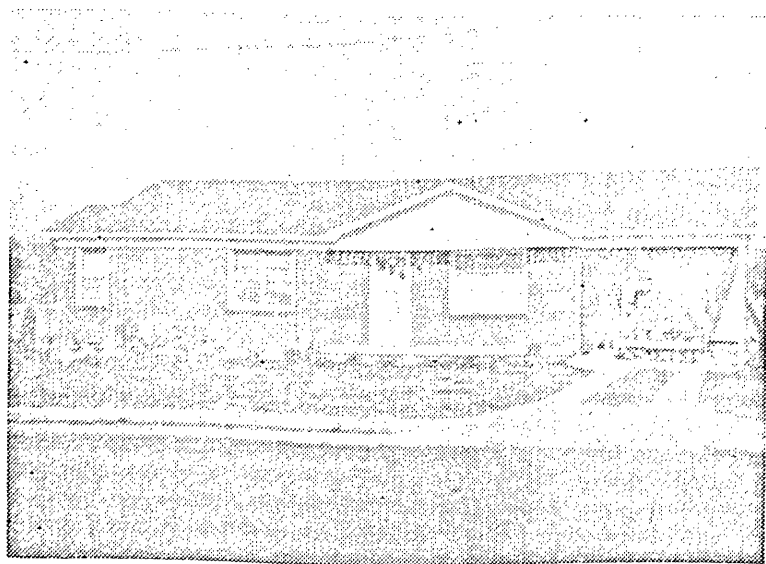
By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

by a respected citizen. Mr. C. A. walked into the sheriff's office and announced that he was a fugitive from justice and had been for 25 years. He had killed a man, had fled from his native state and had evaded the law for that long. But he could not escape from himself. The relentless detective inside him had gone down that long trail with him every day. It had brought him to the decision to face the issue openly. He said it was not the fear of some hell of the future that burdened him but the hell now present in him that he could no longer endure. Though free in body he was a prisoner of remorse.

Probably all of us carry some kind of secret around with us or have done so. They are of varied hues, ranging from pale gray to deep black. Many of them should not be paraded before the public and not all of them to be taken into court for correction. But they should be let out in some way. Generally it is good to tell the story to some other human being, some one capable of sympathy and understanding and who will ease the burden by sharing the regret. Certainly they should be confessed to God. That, of course, is not telling God anything. He knows it already. But it does something for the one confessing, eases the burden and opens a new way.

No man is master of his secret whether it be gray or black, real or imaginary. It is master of him. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

NEW PARSONAGE FOR ST. ANDREWS CHURCH



Pictured above is the new parsonage for the St. Andrews Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, that was recently purchased by the church. The church was organized three months ago.

Construction will begin this month on the chapel and educational building. The building will be

constructed of brick and tile. The interior of the chapel will be of Philippine mahogany.

The educational building will have class rooms for all departments, a fellowship hall and kitchen. Cost of this structure will be \$35,000.

CRUSADE FOR WORLD ORDER PROGRAM AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

During the first three Sundays in February Methodist ministers have been asked to preach three sermons on the following themes; The Meaning of Peace; The United Nations and Disarmament.

The members of the Peace Committee of the Mountain View Church are Ralph Roush, Hendrix Lackey, J. T. Campbell, Buddy Lackey, Joe Leslie, Ernest Brewer and Rev. H. W. Jinske pastor. On February 6 Mr. Brewer and Mr. Leslie contributed to the program; on February 13 Hendrix Lackey spoke on the United Nations and Mr. Roush also made a contribution. On February 20, Buddy Lackey will speak. In each case, the pastor is dividing his time with the layman and preachers after the layman has spoken.

VISITORS FROM ALASKA

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Terry received a surprise from Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Blossom and their five children from Ninilchick, Alaska. Dr. Terry had visited in the Blossom Home for a moose steak dinner while he was on the evangelistic mission to Alaska a year ago. The Blossoms were at Muskogee, Oklahoma making their last visit to relatives before returning to Alaska. Since they were so close to Pine Bluff, Arkansas they took a family vote and decided unanimously to visit the Terrys.

Within an hour after their unexpected arrival Mrs. Terry had every one seated at the supper table and before midnight had worked out a plan that bedded every one down for the night.—Reporter.

People are much more alike inside than they are on the surface.—Verne Burnett, Forbes.

Only he who can see the invisible can do the impossible—R. S. MacArthur, Sabbath Recorder.

FARM HILL CHURCH OBSERVES CENTENNIAL



UPPER: the Farm Hill Methodist Church.

LOWER, left to right: Rev. Alfred Blair, former pastor; Rev. Otto W. Teague, district superintendent of the Forrest City District; Rev. W. B. Yount, present pastor; Rev. J. H. Richardson, former pastor, and Rev. J. W. Howard, visitor.

THE centennial for the Farm Hill Methodist Church was observed on Sunday, January 30, with all-day services at the church. Rev. Otto W. Teague, district superintendent of the Forrest City District, brought the message.

Lunch was served at noon by the women of the church.

A musical program by a quartet was presented in the afternoon under the direction of Kelly Yount, son of the pastor, Rev. W. B. Yount.

Brother Teague presented the former pastors present, Rev. J. H. Richardson, pastor from 1948 to 1952, and Rev. Alfred Blair, pastor from 1952 to 1953. He also presented the present pastor, Rev. W. B. Yount.

Farm Hill, located near Harrisburg, is on the Cherry Valley Charge in the Forrest City District. History of the church dates back to the days of ox wagons. On the old and faded deed is specified the fact that a passageway must be left to a nearby spring for the watering of stock bringing people to church.

Dr. J. P. Mardis came from Alabama and settled at Farm Hill in 1840. He opened a store and post-office and built a log house to be used for church and school. In the summer of 1854, Rev. John M. Steele held a revival and organized a Methodist Church. About 75 years ago a frame building replaced the log church. It became a strong church. As the years passed the young people grew up and established homes elsewhere and the membership grew smaller and the building older.

In 1948 the Mardis Home Demonstration Club took as their project a starting fund for a new Farm Hill Church. Rev. J. H. Richardson was appointed pastor and he, too, took up the crusade for a better

church.

On February 15, 1952, 12 members met and organized themselves into a Building and Finance Committee. On May 18, 1952, Rev. Ethan Dodgen dedicated the new building which was valued at \$4,000. Since then there has been a steady increase in interest and membership. There are six active Sunday School classes, a Woman's Society of Christian Service and a Sunday evening fellowship service. A mid-week prayer and song service was begun in August of last year which is well attended. The church group meets several times a year, either for a fellowship dinner, or for parties for the whole family, such as weiner roasts, ice cream suppers, etc., in homes.

Perhaps in the not too distant future, these Farm Hill Methodists may realize another dream and add an annex to the sanctuary for the much needed Sunday School rooms and recreation activities.

Rev. W. B. Yount has served as pastor during this centennial year. Earl Reeves is Sunday School superintendent and Mrs. John Mardis is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Herald Graddy is church secretary and treasurer. — Reporter.

CENTENNIAL CHURCH MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

Centennial Church, El Dorado, is progressing. In the early spring of last year a fund was started for redecorating the interior of the church. At that time new colored windows were put in and recently the walls and ceiling were painted. The woodwork and pews were varnished and the floors were sanded and refinished. This has greatly helped the appearance of the church.

We are looking forward to a revival and spiritual awakening in the church.—Mrs. May Barbaree

METHODIST YOUTH

OFFICERS OF THE NEW RICE SUB-DISTRICT



Pictured above are the officers of the new Rice Sub-District who were installed in special ceremonies held recently at the Centenary Methodist Church in Rayne. Seated, they are: Elizabeth Curtis, secretary; Bert Stanton, president;

Standing, Rev. D. T. Williams, counselor; Larry Sarver, treasurer; Billy Hoffpauir, vice-president, and Bonnie Kelly, publicity chairman. Rev. D. T. Williams is pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Rayne.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

It is suggested by the Youth Department of the General Board of Education that the Lenten Reading Project now under way throughout the church culminate in an Easter sunrise service.

A worship service on the theme "I Belong" has been prepared for this occasion and will appear in the April issue of *Roundtable*, the periodical containing plans for program areas and the Methodist Youth Fellowship Council. Copies of this service will be available free after March 15 from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Ask for 2428-B.

The Lenten Reading Project has for its object the reading of the book *I Belong* (to the church), by Dr. Hoover Rupert, minister of First Methodist Church, Jackson, Michigan. Already 75,000 copies of the book have been ordered, according to the Rev. Joseph W. Bell who is directing the project. *I Belong* (2423-BC) may be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House that serves you. Price 30 cents each for 10 or more copies. Orders on consignment are recommended.

Other promotion ideas and resources for the Lenten Reading Project are available from the Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

PLANS FOR YOUTH DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL DRINKING

Detailed plans for a youth discussion on social drinking are outlined in a new leaflet just produced by The Methodist Board of Temperance.

Titled "Decision," the leaflet is a reprint of an unusually popular evening meeting written for the MYF magazine *Roundtable*, by Richard P. Edgar, associate director of Methodist youth work in the California-Nevada Annual Conference.

The discussion suggestions in-

SECOND PHASE OF YOUTH EMPHASIS

Now that the pastors' seminars for the Youth Emphasis are in full swing, the Youth Department of the General Board of Education is looking forward with keen anticipation to the second phase of the Emphasis, the "Spring Roundup" and training sessions for adult workers with youth.

"If 500,000 additional youth are recruited for the Methodist Youth Fellowship by the end of 1956 there will need to be a minimum of 20,000 adult workers recruited to work with them," the Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of the Youth Department, said recently.

The spring roundups began the first of February and the training sessions will continue through May. It is expected that conference, district and local church workers with youth will join in the roundups with equally keen anticipation.

Those who are to be "rounded up" include: Parents of youth and teachers in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, secretaries of youth work for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and counselors in the MYF — in fact, all workers with youth are urged to participate in these training sessions.

Since the Youth Emphasis has been planned as an indigenous movement, the Youth Department staff will not take part in these meetings except to train and help annual conference and local leadership to work out their plans to fit the unique need of each. An en-

cluded give both the pros and cons of social drinking, analyze the present policies and practices of liquor pressure groups, and leave it up to each youth to decide how the discussion applies to him. Additional resources are listed.

Copies of "Decision" are available from TEM Press, 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington 2, D. C. Order leaflet No. 249. Cost is 2c per copy or \$1.75 per 100.

PAGEANT AT OAK RIDGE

The Intermediates of the Crew Lake Methodist Church presented "The Christmas Story" in pageant form the Sunday before Christmas, under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Fuller. Mrs. C. E. Copeland was in charge of the costumes.

A prelude of Christmas music and poems was given by the Junior and Primary classes under the direction of Mrs. John Curry and Mrs. Tom Sapp.

The Senior MYF joined in with the remainder of the Intermediates to form a choir. As the scenes of the first Christmas were acted they provided appropriate music. Mrs. Zella Hiembach played for the group. Mrs. Davis Whitten directed the choir. The counselor of the MYF group was Mrs. Lillian Whitten.



Linda Lou Smith, Donnie Copeland, Martha Helen Robinson and Lejean Davis depict the birth of the Christ child. This was one of the scenes in the pageant presented by the young people of the Crew Lake Methodist Church at Christmas time.

Walter Fuller directed the lighting effects. Rev. James Poole was reader. This was the first attempt at a pageant in costume by the group.—Reporter.

couraging angle to the Youth Emphasis is that the number of persons who sought accreditation to teach leadership training courses in the youth field in 1954 showed an increase of 37 per cent over 1953.

The following free materials are now available for workers with youth in pastors' seminars and the Spring Roundup:

Facts You Need to Know (2418-B)
What I Can Do For My Youth (2419-B)

Special Issue of Workers With Youth (2421-B)

The first two of these may be ordered from the Service Department, General Board of Education, The Methodist Church, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. These are available free for limited distribution to leaders.

The special issue of Workers

With Youth is a must item in the training of adult workers. It is provided through the courtesy of the Methodist Publishing House as a valuable guide for the Roundup and Training Sessions for adult workers with youth. This 24-page book is filled with helpful suggestions for training the adult worker and is equally valuable for district or local church use. This special issue is available free from The Methodist Publishing House that serves you.

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In order to get firsthand information about Methodist mission work in the West Indies, the Rev. Edwin F. Tewksbury of the staff of the Joint Committee on Missionary Education is now visiting those islands.

Mr. Tewksbury's itinerary calls to mind the book *Treasure Island*; but the information he is seeking will not be gained through a spy-glass as was that sought by the characters of that book. His itinerary includes visits to Methodist work in Cuba and Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic in Haiti.



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THE CHURCH AND ITS SACRAMENTS

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 20, 1955

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:

Acts 2:38-41; I Corinthians 11:23-29.

MEMORY SELECTION: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.
—Matthew 28:19-20

This is the eighth lesson of 15 sessions UNIT V: "CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS". The first lesson dealt with the authority of the Bible for such teaching; the second had to do with the living God; the third, with Christ, the Son of the living God; fourth, the work of the Holy Spirit; the fifth, man's nature and need; the sixth, the grace of God; the seventh, the new life in Christ; and the lesson for today "The Church and Its Sacraments".

The importance of this unit of study will be realized by merely noting the above themes. A careful study of each of these lessons from week to week will be very rewarding. Our lesson for today—"The Church and Its Sacraments"—takes us into a field of study over which there has been a great deal of controversy.

We might begin this lesson by raising the question, "What is a sacrament?" The writer knows of no better answer than that given by one of the church fathers, Augustine: "A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us, ordained by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive this grace, and a pledge to assure us thereof." Note that in this definition Augustine does not say that the sacraments contain or confer grace. He says that sacraments are a sign of grace. The idea that they contain and confer grace upon their recipients came into the church at a later date, and this idea led to the doctrine of baptismal regeneration. The Catholics and a few of the Protestant branches of the Church hold to this idea today.

The Catholics have seven sacraments. In addition to baptism and the Lord's supper, they have confirmation, penance, extreme unction, marriage and ordination. At the time of the Reformation Martin Luther rejected all of these as sacraments except baptism and the Lord's supper, claiming—and rightly so—that there was no scriptural authority for designating them as sacraments.

There are two extreme ideas with regards to the sacraments. One is that they actually contain and confer grace, and the other, that they are merely the symbols of grace. The first of these ideas goes too far with regards to grace, and the second does not go far enough. As is usual, the truth lies between these two extremes. The sacraments do not and cannot confer grace, but they are more than just a symbol of grace. A portrait of a person is a symbol of that person. When one looks at it he is reminded of the person. A sacrament is that, and more. It has no spiritual grace in and of itself, but when it is re-

ceived in the right spirit and attitude it can and does become a means of grace.

A Look At The Scriptures

Our first passage (Mat. 28:19-20) is commonly called the great commission. It is the commission given by Christ to his disciples just prior to his ascension. They are told to go into all the world and make disciples of the people and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A disciple is a pupil; a learner. To make disciples of people means to teach them. They are commanded to baptize in the name of the Trinity.

In connection with this commission a rather strange thing happened in the early years of the Church. The baptisms of those years are recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, and we do not have a single record of any one being baptized in the Trinity; these baptisms are always only in the name of the Lord Jesus. This was true on that memorable Pentecost at which time the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples, as recorded in Acts 2. It was also true in the baptism of Cornelius—Acts 10:48. The same was the case in the baptism of the Samaritans as recorded in Acts 8:16. Some scholars explain this by contending that the idea of baptizing in the name of the Trinity was not in the original commission given by Christ, and that it was brought in by the Church in its later development. Other scholars say that the idea of baptizing in the name of the Trinity was in the original commission as given by the Lord. They explain the fact that all of the baptisms recorded in the Acts of the Apostles are only in the name of Jesus by insisting that baptizing in his name only was the same as baptizing in the name of the Trinity, since he is a full and complete revelation of the Trinity. Be that as it may, all of the major branches of the Church now baptize in the name of the Trinity.

Our next passage (Acts: 38-41) gives the account of the baptizings that took place on the day on which the Holy Spirit was poured out on the early disciples. This has been called the birthday of the Church. The disciples had engaged in a ten day prayer meeting service, at the end of which, the Holy Spirit came. Peter preached a brief sermon. The unsaved were greatly stirred, and cried out "What must we do?" In the words of our printed passage Peter told them what to do: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Repentance is the first step and

it is one of the most important steps in the plan of salvation. Without it, baptism would amount to nothing and even worse than nothing; for it would be a mockery, but with true repentance and faith in Christ as Savior, baptism becomes a sign and seal of salvation. Water baptism does not confer the grace which brings salvation to the repenting sinner, but it is a sign of such grace. The poet was right when he sang:

"What can wash away my sins?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

This repentance which brings salvation is a double turning. It is a turning from sins and a turning to Christ. A single turning—simply forsaking sins—would result in reformation, but a double turning—forsaking sins and accepting Christ—results in regeneration. In Luke 15:10 we find Christ himself saying, "Even so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Why not the angels wait until the repentant sinner is baptized before expressing their joy? The answer is easy; they know that with or without baptism no sinner ever truly repents who does not at the same instant find God's pardoning mercy. Water baptism has no part in it except to become a sign and seal of it. Repentance toward God and faith in Christ cleanses the guilty soul of the sinner. Water cannot reach the stain that is caused by sins, but it is universally used to cleanse filth and dirt from the outside of the body, therefore, what could be a more fitting sign than water to picture forth or typify that which is done in the soul of the sinner by grace of God? Then too, water baptism is the badge of entrance into the visible fellowship of Christians.

Much has been said, down through the years, about the mode of baptism. The writer has neither the time nor the space to go fully into this question. Webster gives the following definition to the word "baptize": "To dip in water, or to sprinkle water on, as a part of a ceremony of receiving a person into the Christian church." It will be noted that this definition suggests two modes of baptism—immersion and sprinkling. The Bible also takes cognizance of pouring as another mode of baptism. For example, in some two or three places in the Acts of the Apostles it speaks of individuals having the Holy Spirit poured out upon them, and then in other places referring to the same events it speaks of them being baptized with the Holy Spirit.

If one wishes to go deeper into this matter he can do so by referring to a Greek New Testament and also a dictionary of the Greek language. The word "baptize" is a word that was brought over from the Greek language and Anglicized. The meaning of the word in the Greek, as is also true in the English, is to dip, sprinkle, or pour. The word "baptize" is like many other words in our language; there is more than one way to do it. For example, it is like the word "travel". A person can travel by walking, riding, or flying. Regardless of the mode he uses he is traveling just the same. By the same token a person can be baptized by being immersed in water, having the water poured on him, or having it sprinkled on him. The main thing is not the mode used in baptism, but

rather the spirit and attitude in which one goes into it. If it could be proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that Christ himself was immersed when he was baptized in the Jordan River it still would not follow that pouring or sprinkling would not meet the conditions of baptism. The very meaning of the word itself proves this fact. The various branches of the Church have wasted altogether too much time in arguing about this matter. This is especially true since there is no such thing as baptismal regeneration anyway.

Our next passage (I Corinthians 11: 23-29) deals with the matter of the Communion of the Lord's Supper. This Supper constitutes the other sacrament which is accepted, as such, by Protestantism. Is it interesting to note the public ministry of our Lord began with one of these sacraments and closed with the other. This sacrament is called the Lord's Supper because it was instituted by the Lord and was first celebrated at night. It will be recalled that institution of this sacrament followed the last Passover feast that the Lord had with his disciples on the night before his crucifixion.

As was the case with baptism, this sacrament has also occasioned a lot of argument. It will be remembered that in speaking of the bread Jesus said "This is my body", and in speaking of the wine he said "This is my blood". The Roman Catholic Church takes these statements literally. They claim that through the process of transubstantiation a miracle is performed in which the elements used in the sacrament are actually changed into the flesh and blood of the Lord, and thus in their Church, Christ is sacrificed every day. The Lutheran Church denies the fact of transubstantiation and sets forth the idea of consubstantiation; that is they feel that the elements of the sacrament are not really changed into the flesh and blood of Christ, but that he inter-penetrates these elements. Most of the other Protestant churches hold to the idea that Christ is present in the sacrament, but that it is a spiritual rather than a physical presence.

The various churches also differ widely in the time they take the Communion of the Lord's Supper. Some take it quarterly, others take it once a month, while still others take it every week. The Roman Church and some Episcopal churches celebrate the Communion every day. There are many lay people in our nation who are in the habit of taking the Communion daily. It will be remembered that the Roman Church does not permit its lay people to partake of the wine in the Communion; they have access only to the bread.

The Communion is a memorial feast but it is more than that. As bread and grape juice, or wine, nourish the physical body so the partaking of these elements in the right spirit (love and fellowship with Christ and the brotherhood) nourishes the spiritual life both of individual and of the brotherhood.

Singer Marian Anderson nearly always refers to herself as "one" or "we". Explaining this habit, she says, "When you realize that whatever you do in life it is never something you do absolutely alone, you do not like to be saying, 'I did this ... I ... I ... I ...'." — National Parent-Teacher.