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It Shouldn't Happen Here

MONDAY'S papers told of an unfortunate incident in Florida that disturbs all people interested in improving race relations. 24 Negro guests were forced to leave a dinner to which they had been invited after proper arrangements had been made. The hotel president ordered the Negroes to leave even though the hotel's dining room was under lease to another man who had agreed to serve the Negro guests. In all 150 of the 450 guests left the hotel in a demonstration.

Oddly enough, the group had gathered to hear Indiana Congressman Harden in a Lincoln Day celebration discuss the rise of the Republican Party in the South. When this incident is set over against the background of the life and public service of Abraham Lincoln, known to many as the "great emancipator", the incident points up all the more the issues of segregation and integration.

Fortunately, incidents of this proportion in recent years have not occurred in Arkansas and Louisiana. Let us hope that those who find occasion to break bread across racial lines can do so without interference from those whose point of view may differ on these matters.

The Legislature Should Reconsider

THE present Legislature, in the large, has been rather cautious, deliberate and conservative in its actions and decisions.

There is however, one very noticeable exception to this general attitude. That exception is found in the surprisingly quick manner in which both houses of the Legislature passed a measure which makes elections on the legal sale of intoxicating drinks possible only at the time general elections are held.

We believe that there were a number of senators and representatives who voted for this measure without realizing that they were voting for a bill supported unanimously by the liquor forces and vigorously and persistently opposed by the dry forces.

If they would carefully consider the facts related to this legislation, we believe that the dry forces in the legislature would want to reconsider the vote on this measure. They should recall that the old "Thorn Act" provided for the elections on the liquor questions at any time of the year except 30 days prior to or succeeding a general election. It required that 35% of legal voters in the area involved petition for the election. The dry forces felt that these provisions of the Thorn Act did not represent the will of a majority of the voters of Arkansas.

With this in mind dry forces sponsored the initiated Act No. 1 in the election of 1942. Act No. 1 provided for elections on the legal sale of intoxicating drinks at any time of the year that proper petitions were filed by either the wets or drys. That act was adopted by a substantial majority of the voters, providing also that an election might be called by 15% of votes on petition.

In 1948 the wets by petition placed Act No. 2 on the ballot which act would allow elections on the wet and dry issue only at general elections. That Act was defeated; again indicating by ballot that the people of the state want elections on this question at any time of the year that proper petitions are filed.

This question has been pressed for action by the wets in the last three or four previous

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An Armament Race Is A Race Nobody Wins

IN the Crusade for World Order is it very appropriate that we give emphasis to the matter of disarmament.

In most of the races with which we are familiar it is possible for somebody to win. Nevertheless, if history teaches us anything, it teaches us that ultimately all entries in armament races lose.

This has been true back through the ages. In history great empires, one after the other, have developed into world powers and have by force of arms overrun the nations about them and ruled by force. In so doing, however, they have engendered hatreds, jealousies, resentments and rebellion in the hearts of their subjects that finally resulted in the destruction, by force, of the empire that had been builded by force.

Modern examples of the folly of trusting in armed might is found in the present plight of the once proud, powerful nations, Germany and Japan. Twice within our generation leaders of Ger-

They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

—Isaiah 2:4

many planned with but one thought in mind—the development of an armed force that could overrun the world. Japan also had visions of world grandeur. Their visions led to a humiliating downfall.

In the past armament races have ended almost invariably in disastrous wars. That fate, multiplied almost by infinity, is in store for the nations of the world in the days before us if the present armament race, like those of the past, ends in total war.

It is now essential to the very existence of the human race on earth that the world disarm and disavow the use of force in the settlement of international disputes. In fact the world today is up against the alternative of disarmament or dismemberment. Unless the armament race ends soon, there is a possibility that we may reach and pass the "point of no return."

We must all realize that disarmament is not a one way street. Under present conditions, it will be necessary for all great nations to disarm if any of them disarm. We have gone so far in the development of frightful weapons and, along with them, the development of distrust and fear of each other that any plan for real disarmament must include all of the great nations of earth.

The Crusade for World Order, under whatever name it may work, must continue until disarmament, now an ideal, becomes a reality. Council tables must be substituted for hydrogen bombs as mutual trust and confidence take the place of mutual distrust and suspicion.

Attention Pastors

YOUR publication's staff wishes to call pastors' attention to the fact that as far as we have been able to determine all new subscriber's names received through Saturday, February 12 have been added to the mailing list and all renewal subscriptions have been advanced. Further, 1954 subscribers who did not renew their subscriptions were removed from the mailing list. Pastors and subscribers will remember that since January 17 more than 42,000 names have been handled in this campaign, either as a new subscriber, a renewal, or as one who did not renew. That many names could not be handled in such a short period of time without some errors unavoidably occurring. Pastors will render their publication great assistance if they will notify this office immediately of any irregularity that is reported. Some pastors will want to insert notices in their church bulletins suggesting that subscribers not receiving their paper should report the matter as soon as possible.

The first supplemental report is printed elsewhere in this issue. Totals for the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* are still running ahead of last year and a record list of subscribers for 1955 seems assured. At the present circulation in the Area is approximately 1,500 above last year. The Monroe District is now leading the Area percentage-wise with 131% of its quota, with the Camden District second with 130%. Both Districts have record lists of subscribers.

No Substitute For Self

METHODISTS are being called next week to a dedication to the Christian way of life. Week of Dedication, annually observed at the beginning of the Lenten season, is a focal point in the Methodist calendar when Methodists are asked to seek a greater commitment of self and substance to Christ and His way.

Methodism and Christianity make no claim that is greater on people's lives than their complete dedication. All other claims are subordinate to this one great claim. Indeed, the response that one makes to the claims of time, talent and things is largely determined by the extent of one's dedication of life. To attempt to substitute gifts and service for self thwarts the attainment of spiritual maturity.

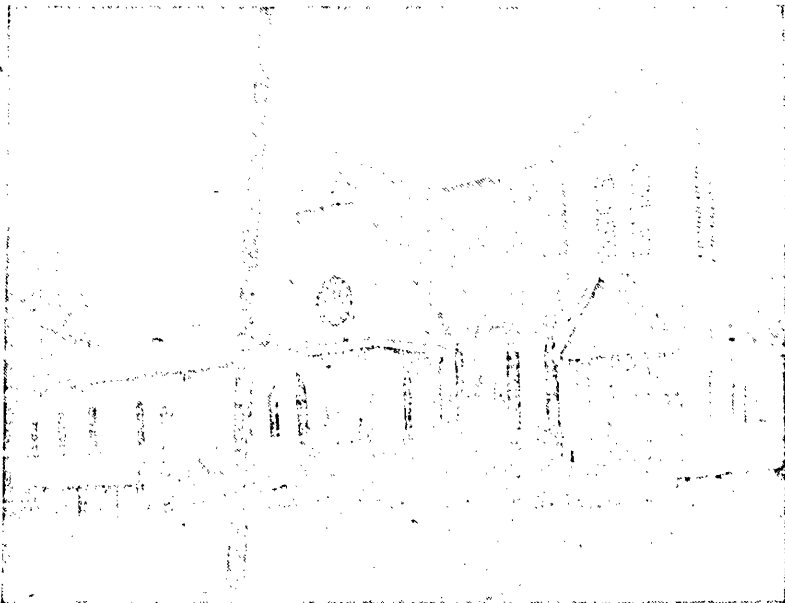
James Russell Lowell in his "Vision of Sir Launfal" writes

"The gift without the giver is bare;
Who give himself with his alms feed
three,—

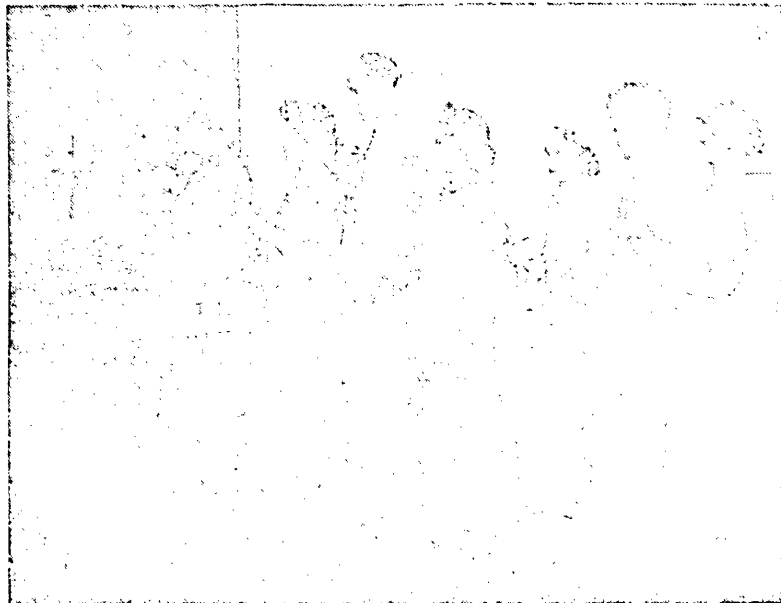
Himself, his hungry neighbor and me."

Ralph Waldo Emerson makes the same point when he wrote in "Gifts", "The only gift is a portion of thyself." Walt Whitman declared in "Song of Myself", "Behold, I do not give lectures or a little charity, When I give I give myself." Kahlil Gibran points up the same thought in "The Prophet" when he wrote "You give but little when you give of your possession. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." These writers are emphasizing in their own unique way what the writers of the scriptures have given us in example and word over and over again: the claims of the Gospel are on the lives of Christ's followers. There is no substitute for the giving of self. The reason the Apostle Paul declared that "God loveth a cheerful giver" is that one who gives cheerfully has first given himself.

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Ebenezer Church, Marshall, Tex., is no longer adequate to meet the needs of the surrounding community and the students of near-by Wiley College. \$10,000 from the 1955 Week of Dedication offerings will be much needed help in building a proposed new church at a cost of \$75,000.



These worshippers at First Methodist Church in Hoisington, Kan., were photographed as they took their offerings to the altar on the Day of Dedication, 1954. Total offerings from the churches in the U.S.A. were nearly \$700,000.

THROUGHOUT METHODISM, FEBRUARY 20-27, IS

Week Of Dedication

THE WEEK OF DEDICATION, February 20-27, is a period of special religious emphasis timed to begin the Sunday preceding Lent. It includes Ash Wednesday and the World Day of Prayer, Friday the 25th. February 27th, the "Day of Dedication," is the first Sunday in Lent. During this eight-day, church-wide observance each pastor will call his people to prayer, meditation and renewed dedication of life, but the success of the Week of Dedication lies with each church member.

It is not enough to recognize individual, community and world problems and to wish fleetingly that "something" could be done to solve them. The Week of Dedication is set aside so that each individual may take time to re-evaluate the position of Christianity in the world today, to realize that Christ is the Hope of the World and to pledge himself to Christ's way.

Spiritual re-affirmation will bring joy to each Christian but it will also bring a new realization of the responsibility he bears to others who have been less fortunate. On the Day of Dedication, and in many churches at other stated times during the preceding days, each Methodist will have an opportunity to give concrete expression to his renewed dedication to Christ in the form of a freewill offering. Because a good part of the Week of Dedication offerings will be used in emergency situations abroad through Church World Service of the National Council of Churches, this offering enables Methodists to share directly in the relief and rehabilitation for which the National Council also solicits funds through its annual One Great Hour of Sharing. (The \$276,631.79 which, in the fiscal year ending May 31, 1954, MCOR disbursed through Church World Service is eloquent testimony to Methodist participation in interdenominational relief programs.)

Relief and rehabilitation for victims of natural disasters and war, important as these are, do not complete the picture of beneficent work through Week of Dedication offerings.

First to benefit from these offerings are the Crusade Scholars—students from the mission areas who are receiving advanced professional training in preparation for service in their home lands. There are now 105 Crusade Scholars. During the decade in which this program has been in operation, more than 800 students from 50 countries have been granted Crusade Scholarships. Evidence of value is the decision to make this program a priority for \$100,000 of the 1955 Week of Dedication offerings. The program has no other support.

On a 5-3-2 ratio the Division of World Missions, the Division of National Missions and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief will share in the remaining offerings.

While there are no quotas, on the strength of the accomplishments of other years those two Divisions of the Board of Missions have selected for approval by the Week of Dedication Committee, groups of special Week of Dedication projects which they hope can be completed with the help of Week of Dedication funds. For the remaining 20 per cent allotted to MCOR, the committee has been given assurances that the offerings will be divided between their Refugee Resettlement program and relief to victims of natural disasters.

In the list also are such urgently needed projects as \$40,000 to enable the congregation in Anchor Park, Anchorage, Alaska, to build a new church; \$33,500 for Indian Mission Parsonages in Oklahoma; 6 mobile units—jeeps and station wagons—for use in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Alaska and the United States, and varying amounts to help build new churches in 10 widely scattered home mission areas. Under the general supervision of the Mission Board, overseas projects in other nations include \$50,000 for a much needed building program at Philippine Wesleyan College; \$50,000 as the Methodist share of two crucially important high schools in Africa, one at Mutoto, Central Belgian Congo, the other at Dondi, Angola;

\$60,000 for the completion of a church plant at Tranquerah Road, Malacca, Malaya. Another \$50,000 will help the rapidly growing church in Monterey, Mexico meet an emergency situation brought on by the city's modernization program.

These are only glimpses of the constructive, far-reaching services which dedication offerings can render. While one person's gift at the altar may seem to be of little consequence in creating bonds of good will across the world, combined with many thousands of similar gifts it can perform miracles.

Recently Robert G. Mayfield, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, returned from a visit to the Caribbean Area. He wrote to lay leaders throughout the U.S.A.: "In church after church which we visited, we were told, 'This church was made possible through Week of Dedication funds.' Every such church was jammed to capacity, especially with children and teen-age youth.

Having seen the evidence of hundreds upon hundreds of people who would not otherwise have been reached except for Week of Dedication funds, I can assure you that the 1955 offering will be used to meet the same kind of pressing need."

AREAS OF SERVICE THROUGH WEEK OF DEDICATION

By DORIS DARNELL

"Help us to dedicate ourselves" . . . to what?

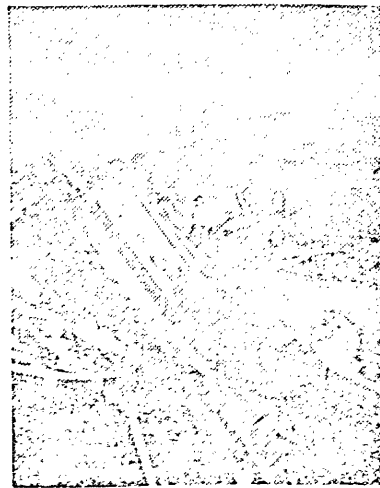
For each Methodist who kneels before the altar of the Church during the Week of Dedication, this will become a serious question. Dedication to God, yes, and to His Church . . . but in what area of service to God and His Church shall each dedicate himself?

Dedication to God is a very personal and individual consecration, even when made in unison. Each has his particular area in which to express devotion. Each has a specific talent to offer in service. Each must work out with God his own relationship.

Yet there are common areas of service to which all may contribute. There are world needs which can be met adequately only by group action of those dedicated individually to God's plan. There is need in the world for Christian love. And there is need for expression of Christian love through Christian ministries. It is to this purpose that the Day of Dedication has been set aside, climaxing the week of special consecration.

Gifts offered on the Day of Dedication will be used to establish approved projects proposed by the Crusade Scholarship Fund, Division of

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A large part of MCOR's share of Week of Dedication contributions will be used for relief in areas of natural disaster. Photograph was taken in Ecuador after an earthquake.

**Tribute To
DR. JOHN R. MOTT
1865-1955**

John R. Mott was the most distinguished and creative Christian layman of the century. His ideas became institutions such as the World Council of Churches, the International Missionary Council, the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. and the World Student Federation.

He was a man of deep devotion who had personally experienced the love of a world Saviour. He thought in world terms and his service to the world expressed a world mind, a world heart and a world will.

He was a competent Christian statesman who inspired and instructed a host of world leaders such as the late Archbishop of Canterbury and the present General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

He was a man who counseled presidents and kings in the name of the King of kings.

He belonged to The Methodist Church and like its founder he knew that the world was his parish and in truth he belonged to all the churches.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Sec'y
Methodist Council of Bishops

**New Hymnal For
Institutions Published**

New York—N. Y. (NC)—A new hymnal prepared expressly for use in institutions by an interdenominational group of experts in the field was published on February 4 by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Titled The Fellowship Hymnal, it is designed for use in general hospitals, psychiatric institutions, homes for the aged, penal centers and other agencies. It contains 167 numbers including some of the best known hymns of the Christian church as well as a selection of new ones. It also has a special section with responsive readings, prayers and litanies.

The new hymnal is a revision of a similar edition published ten years ago. It has been prepared by a special committee of institutional leaders working over the past six years in cooperation with the National Council's Commission on the Ministry in Institutions.

Hymns in the new edition have been chosen for the "positive contribution they will make to the sound mental health of persons in various types of institutions," said Dr. Paul L. Tilden, associate director of the National Council's Department of Pastoral Service, of which the Commission is a part.

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World Missions, Division of National Missions and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. These projects represent critical missionary and relief needs which cannot be met without substantial contributions by Methodists. The Crusade Scholarship Fund has priority claim on the first \$100,000 contributed. The remainder will be divided 50 per cent for the Division of World Missions, 30 per cent for the Division of National Missions and 20 per cent for the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Though no goal has been set for the Day of Dedication appeal, an estimated \$925,000 will be needed if the approved emergency projects are to be completed.

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has suggested two projects which have the endorsement of the Advance Committee, general administrator of the funds. The Refugee Resettlement Program will need \$80,000 from Dedication contributions to function properly during the coming year. Under the program, Methodist sponsorships are being sought for 5,000 refugees. In addition, aid is given to refugees who cannot immigrate, through MCOR's cooperation with World Council of Churches.

MCOR hopes for an additional \$60,000 to devote to relief of victims of natural disasters. Hardly a month passes without a call upon this relief arm of the Methodist Church for aid to victims of floods, fire, typhoons, and earthquakes. Examples of the kind of help this money would give are the Austrian floods, where MCOR sent money both to Austrian Methodists and for interdenominational aid through Church World Service, and the earthquake in Algeria, where MCOR again contributed through CWS. In the fall, there was a request for relief to flood victims in Italy, which could not be met because there were no designated funds available. Such aid is one of the most important ministries of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and one which depends largely upon the fruits of Methodism's Week of Dedication.

**Radio and TV Center
Dedicated at Atlanta**

Methodists, Presbyterians (U. S. and U. S. A.), United Lutherans, and Episcopalians—4,000 of them— took part in Week of Dedication activities for the new \$100,000 home of the Protestant and Television Center, Atlanta, January 16-3.

In joint ceremonies conducted in keeping with the rites of the five owning denominations, delegated representatives dedicated the Center, its furnishings and equipment "to the glory of God and to the service of mankind."

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C., dedication speaker, declared, "Today is the day of struggle, we who are the custodians of the greatest and soundest of ideas, must use to the utmost advantage all means of communication until man at last comes to understand that He is the way, the truth and the life everlasting."

The joint dedication ceremony was conducted in the Martha and Arthur Moore Chapel Studio from which it is believed the Gospel will go out to more people throughout the world than from any other place. Religious programs recorded here are broadcast by hundreds of stations in this and other countries. They are presented over the worldwide network of the Armed Forces and sometimes beamed behind the Iron Curtain by the Voice of America.

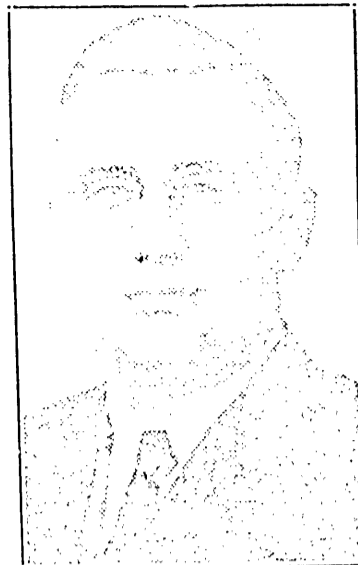
**Protestant Youth To Hold
National Citizenship Seminar**

Protestant youth "teams" from 20 states will spend four days of a five-day National Citizenship Seminar March 14-18 at Washington, D. C., getting a "first-hand look at what government leaders are doing about some of the major issues over which youth is concerned." Officials of the United Christian Youth Movement, which is sponsoring the seminar, said the fifth day will be spent at United Nations headquarters in New York City. The Rev. John S. Wood of Chicago, associate executive secretary, said 60 young delegates are expected to take part in the seminar which will be chaired by Jerry Schleicher of Fresno, Calif., the youth organization's citizenship chairman and representative of the Northern California State Youth Council.

**GALLOWAY TO DELIVER GODDARD
PREACHING MISSION MESSAGES**

Dr. Paul V. Galloway, pastor of the Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, will be the preacher for the second annual O. E. Goddard Preaching Mission at the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, February 27-March 4, according to Rev. Alfred A. Knox, Goddard Memorial pastor. Dr. Galloway, a former member of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences in Arkansas, has been the Boston Avenue pastor since 1951. His father, Rev. J. J. Galloway, is a retired member of the North Arkansas Conference who lives in Fort Smith and worships at the Goddard Memorial Church.

Dr. Galloway has chosen as his theme for the series "Christianity—Miracle and Methods," and his topics for the evening services, Sun-through Friday, are "I Believe in God", "I shall Follow Christ", "Miraculous Incarnation and Incandescence", "Christian Techniques", "Prayer", and "The Church That Lives." Topics for morning services held during the breakfast hour include "The Church", "The



DR. PAUL V. GALLOWAY

Bible", "The Home", "Man", and "Our Faith".

Rev. Mr. Knox extends an invitation in behalf of the Goddard Church for all to attend.

**METHODIST HOSPITAL BUILDING AND
DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY**

Millsaps Fitzhugh, general chairman of the Methodist Hospital Building and Development Campaign, has issued a statement, calling on Methodist and public-spirited citizens in four states to put the campaign over its \$2,500,000 goal during the next month.

The intensive part of the campaign began Wednesday, February 9 and continues through Sunday, March 6. During this period more than 12,000 persons will be at work on teams soliciting pledges for the campaign.

"It is our sincere hope," Mr. Fitzhugh said, "that every Methodist in the three conferences that own Methodist Hospital will give our common problem of expanding this fine institution deep thought and then pledge his full support."

"Methodist Hospital today stands as a movement to inspired Methodist leaders of North Mississippi, North Arkansas, West Tennessee and West Kentucky, who nearly 40 years ago gave unselfishly of their time and material goods so that the sick and needy of this Mid-South area might not go without care.

"The great work begun by those leaders must not be allowed to falter. Thus, for the first time in 36 years, we feel obligated to call upon our fellow Churchmen and fellow public-spirited citizens to contribute to the advancement of Methodist Hospital."

"For several years, it has been apparent that the 300 beds at Methodist Hospital are inadequate for this hospital to serve the needs of those desiring treatment. Consequently, the plan for raising \$2,500,000 to add 200 more beds and other necessary facilities was devised.

"We should all consider this campaign a personal opportunity to express our appreciation to the late Leslie M. Stratton Jr., whose untimely death of December 26 prevented him from leading us on to victory. We owe it to him, as well as the fine cause for which we work,



MILLSAPS FITZHUGH

to make this campaign a success.

The hospital is owned by the North Arkansas, North Mississippi and Memphis Methodist Conferences. Quota of the Memphis Conference is \$750,000. The North Arkansas Conference's goal is \$400,000. North Mississippi Methodists are seeking \$350,000 for the drive in their conference. In addition, a group of Memphians have organized to raise \$1,000,000 from the general public in the area outside Methodist Church circles.

Suppose the membership in a church were limited to 300 of the most faithful members. Would you be in or out? Suppose you had to be elected as in a secret fraternity. Would you be blackballed? If your membership was limited to a year, re-election depending on the good you had done during the year, would you make it? Suppose four absences automatically caused you to be dropped from membership; would you stay in.—John W. McKelvey, *Christian Herald*.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. W. M. WARREN of Hot Springs died at his home on Saturday, January 1. Brother Warren was a local preacher and served charges in the Little Rock Conference.

THE MARION METHODIST CHURCH has set up a Memorial Fund with a committee in charge. Gifts for memorials are now being received. Rev. I. L. Claud is pastor.

THE METHODIST MINISTERS' WIVES of the Fort Smith District met for a luncheon meeting at the Ozark Methodist Church on Monday, January 31. This was the first social meeting of the new organization.

THE CHOIR of the Arkansas Baptist College of Little Rock sang on Sunday evening, February 13, at Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, as a part of the Race Relations Day program.

REV. GEORGE STEWART, pastor of the Beebe Methodist Church, was the preacher in a recent week of services at the Washington Avenue Methodist Church, North Little Rock. Rev. Earle Cravens is pastor.

MRS. W. C. LEWIS, wife of the Roe pastor, received word last week that her brother, E. E. Corry, and his wife of Miami Beach, Fla., had met with an automobile accident in Miami in which Mrs. Corry was instantly killed. Mr. Corry was seriously injured.

WASHINGTON AVENUE CHURCH, North Little Rock, is having two worship services each Sunday morning with good attendance at both services, according to report. The church has recently purchased the house and lot adjacent to the parsonage for further expansion of the church in the future.

MRS. JOHN L. TUCKER, wife of our pastor at Smackover, underwent major surgery at the Warner Brown Hospital, El Dorado, on Tuesday, February 8. While Mrs. Tucker has been seriously ill, she is now improved, according to report, and it is expected that she will return to her home in about another week.

REV. W. A. DOWNUM, pastor of the Midland Heights Methodist Church, Fort Smith, is at home from the hospital after his recent illness. A television set was given to Brother Downum by the church, and as a tribute to him, Fellowship Hall of the church has been named W. A. Downum Memorial Hall by action of the Official Board.

DEV. WILDER WILDER, pastor of the Central Methodist Church of Lincoln, was guest preacher at the Nettleton Methodist Church on Sunday morning, February 13. Wayne Dent, superintendent of the Bay Public Schools, spoke at the evening service. Mr. Dent's message was in connection with the current Crusade for World Order. Rev. Earl B. Carter is pastor at Nettleton.

DR. JOHN R. MOTT, "elder statesman of Christianity" died at his home in Orlando, Florida, on Monday, January 31, at the age of 89. He had been an honorary president of the World Council of Churches since its founding, after having been a leader in all its preliminary conferences. He was also a founder of the International Missionary Council and its chairman for over twenty years, and of the World Student Christian Federation. He was an honorary life president of the World's Alliance of YMCA's. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

REV. LUKE G. BEAUCHAMP, age 46, staff member of the Board of Education, died February 3 in Nashville, Tenn., after a long illness of leukemia. A native of Newport News, Va., and the son of the late Bishop William Benjamin Beauchamp of the Methodist Church, Mr. Beauchamp is survived by his wife, three sons, his mother and two brothers. He had been a staff member of the Methodist Board of Education since 1948, working in the Division of the

Local Church with particular responsibility for church school architecture and equipment, rural work and race relations.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will dedicate the new stained glass windows and the altar set at the First Methodist Church of McCrory on Sunday, February 20. The altar set was given to the church by Mrs. Vance M. Thompson's Sunday School Class. The eight stained glass windows were given by families of the following in their memory: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crossett, Sr., Mrs. G. W. Barber, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McLemore, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Jefferies, D. M. Huff and the Dr. Fakes Family, and in honor of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Vance M. Thompson.

AMONG those attending Ministers' Week from the Little Rock Conference were: Dr. E. C. Rule, Rev. Joe Hunter, Rev. Noel Cross, Rev. Claude Clark, Rev. Virgil Keeley, Rev. W. D. Golden, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Terry, Rev. Kenneth L. Spore, Rev. and Mrs. Barry Bailey, Dr. Kenneth Shamblin, Rev. George Kerr, Rev. H. D. Ginther, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Goode, Rev. and Mrs. Allen E. Hilliard, Rev. O. E. Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. Clem Baker, Rev. Horace Lewis, Rev. Harold Davis, Rev. and Mrs. Ed Hollenbeck, Rev. R. B. Moore, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. John B. Hefley, Rev. Cagle Fair, Rev. and Mrs. Mouzon Mann, Rev. Louis W. Averitt and Willard Clary.

REV. WILLIAM P. CONNELL, pastor of the Bay Methodist Church, was the preacher in revival services at the Monette Methodist Church, January 30-February 6. Preaching services were held daily at 10:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. A religious emphasis period for youth was held daily at 5:30 p.m., including a snack supper, recreation, and Bible study. Extensive visitation was carried on before the revival and prayer time was observed daily for two weeks previous to the meeting. Prayer groups met at the church each night. Seven persons united with the church during the week, four on profession of faith and three by transfer. Rev. Ben F. Jordan is pastor of the Monette Church.

MARION FIRST TO DOUBLE HOSPITAL QUOTA

The first church in three Methodist Conferences served by Methodist Hospital in Memphis to pledge 200 per cent of its quota to the hospital's building campaign is a North Arkansas church.

The Methodist Church in Marion was assigned as quota of \$3,200. The goal was accepted Feb. 8 by the church's board of which John A. Fogleman is chairman. The board voted to "go the second mile by accepting an additional quota of \$3,200, making the goal \$6,400," according to the Rev. I. L. Claud, pastor.

Furnishings for four rooms on the proposed first floor wing will be provided by the pledge.

NOTICE FROM METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

We have had reports from across the State that persons representing themselves as now living or having lived at the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock, Arkansas, are soliciting funds for magazines subscriptions and sometimes even other items.

This is to advise that neither children living at the Home now or any child that has ever lived at the Home at any time, have any authority to solicit funds for any cause. Such persons so doing should be reported to the local officers.—T. T. McNeal, Supt. of Methodist Children's Home

THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD RECONSIDER

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Legislatures. They failed each time. With all of this in mind the hurried manner in which the Legislature acted on the matter this year seems very improper.

It is not difficult to understand why the

wets wanted the provisions for elections changed since they petitioned for twenty three different elections under the provisions of Act No. 1 and lost every election they asked for.

It is a fact, however, that on two occasions in recent years the people have voted for exactly the thing this Legislature is denying them by its one hurried legislative act.

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SELF

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We would like to suggest that this year Methodists consider seriously two or three areas of life around which their dedication of self might revolve. First, there is need in the lives of all of us for a greater personal devotion and loyalty to Christ and His Church, a commitment that results in a deeper dependence on His will, His strength and His fellowship. Secondly, there is need that our dedication of self be made with the thought in mind of doing all that we can personally and collectively to promote the cause of peace and brotherhood among men, remembering that the cost of the really great values in life is high. Third, in keeping with the current Stewardship of Possession emphasis, our dedication is not complete if we overlook the consecration of our possessions and our abilities to acquire possessions.

God can use in a wonderful way lives that are loyally committed to him, that seek the peace of the world, and that are using their resources in a way that bless others, the cause of righteousness, and themselves. Such a dedication is possible if one first gives himself. There is no substitute for self.

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA REPORT BY DISTRICTS ON BISHOPS' APPEAL FOR KOREA

Little Rock Conference

Arkadelphia District	\$2,040.00
Camden District	5,900.00
Hope District	2,807.35
Little Rock District	5,995.48
Monticello District	2,280.00
Pine Bluff District	2,672.62

\$21,695.45

The Louisiana Conference

Alexandria District	\$1,706.34
Baton Rouge District	2,644.18
Lafayette District	1,320.00
Lake Charles District	2,096.61
Monroe District	1,830.86
New Orleans District	1,842.42
Ruston District	2,375.20
Shreveport District	4,857.63

\$18,673.24

North Arkansas Conference

Batesville District	\$1,072.00
Conway District	1,622.00
Fayetteville District	1,957.00
Forrest City District	1,763.12
Fort Smith District	3,571.00
Jonesboro District	2,123.00
Paragould District	1,025.00
Searcy District	1,373.00

\$14,512.12

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SUSTAINING OUR LOVE

We speak of "falling in love." The expression suggests the spontaneity and naturalness of the process. The emotion may be kindled by the loveableness or the loveliness of another. But these natural loves lack the fuel in themselves to sustain their fires. They burn out.



After the wedding is over and the happy couple set out together, each may say to the other, "You are all in life that I live for." Such words sound well and mean well. There should be a singleness of devotion, devoid of any competing loves. But there must be some supplementary loves.

Husband and wife cannot preserve the romance and richness of their affection by devoting themselves exclusively to each other. When two persons set out with no interest higher than looking after each other, their relationship resembles the childish sport of teeter-totter. When one is down, the other brings him up. That helps, but each soon wearies of watching the other's ups and downs.

It has been argued that husbands and wives should spend vacations away from each other. I have just heard of a couple who tried this advice. The husband joined several cronies for a fishing trip in Canada. The wife was to join some of her women friends at a summer resort. One night the wife was awakened by the telephone. She heard the anguished voice of her husband miles away. She had packed his several grips and he couldn't find his compass. Why had she forgotten the compass? Calmly she told him he would find it wrapped in a sweater at the bottom of his small case. He found it there. Perhaps this is an argument against separate vacations.

Serve Things Together

Comradeship and mutual respect, so essential to enduring love, require the serving of things together, a community of interests, a devotion to common causes.

Likewise the parent-child relationship needs larger loyalties to preserve its wholesomeness. Left to itself mother love, so incomparably

beautiful, can hurt the child by "the silver spoon" which gives too much or by "the silver cord" which asks too much.

Many a youth is too long sheltered from the deep satisfaction which comes through serving others. And many a grand parent is too soon shelved away from the same satisfaction. Life needs outgoing commitments which catch it early and keep it late.

Friendship reveals the same requirement of larger sustaining loves. Our finest personal comradeships are formed in circles of larger loyalties, such as the love of a school or the service of a common cause. What happens to friendship when these supporting ties are removed may be seen at class reunions or veterans' conventions.

Not long ago a friend told me what a "flop" his last class reunion had been. He said he grew tired of hearing various members tell about their grandchildren. They could hardly keep up their spirit throughout the evening. When they were students, the common interests of the campus provided the stimulus, but now that they were away from these, they had to arouse their spirits by artificial stimulants. And this they did. But alcohol which gives a "kick" is a poor substitute for our loyalty which gives a glow.

Sustaining Loyalties

Yes, our natural human loves need larger sustaining loyalties. This is one fact which Jesus must have had in mind when He declared that his disciples needed a love higher than that for father or mother or brother. He saw that love cannot be maintained by the mere principle of mutual reciprocity.

When love deteriorates to a matter of give-and-take, the tendency is to think more about the "take" than the "give." When friendship gets down to the mere business of balancing invitation with invitation, favor with favor, it becomes a pretty petty thing.

Our love for others is sustained by what we do for them even more than by what they do for us. Perhaps we should pause a moment to think that over.

Certainly the kindnesses and services of others do beget a loving response in us. But is it not also true that a mother feels a special nearness to the handicapped child who needs her most? Why? Because the deepest hunger of human nature is the desire to be needed.

It has been said that the good things in life are paid for in advance, the bad things are paid for afterward. Love is one of the good things. Aye, the best.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WHY NOT GAMBLE?

"All life is a gamble," insists my friend. "It is a gamble who or what your parents are. . . . What your body is, your talents are. . . . Whom you marry. . . . What your family will be. . . . What your economic or social status will be. . . . There is a risk every time you step out of your house—or move inside it. . . . So what's wrong with taking a chance with a little money now and then?"

"There is a zest of life and a tingling excitement—something that man craves — that comes from gambling," says another.

But the moralist-philosopher points out my first friends errs in confusing certain necessary "risks" which all must take with a self-imposed and self-deluding recklessness which has no basis in need or season: in fact, much of the striving of civilization and much of the purpose of education and of legislation is to bring under man's control the "elements of chance." Herbert Spencer pointed out that gambling is "pleasure obtained at the cost of pain to another," and that such pleasure, at such cost, is immoral and makes for deterioration of character.

There is evidence everywhere that gambling is economically wrong, morally wrong, socially wrong. And it is not lightly to be passed off because "there is nothing of great value involved," or "it will give us an evening of fun," or even "it is good for a cause." every least surrender weakens the gambler (and his friends) and leads to further and greater loss—it becomes a disease.

Gambling is economically wrong. One wins, and a group loses. The winner gets something for nothing. The lure of "easy money" can become irresistible. Speculation on stock exchanges, we are told, bring "consistent gain" to not more than 2 per cent of those who attempt to make "a killing;" there is serious loss to about 90 per cent. In some areas of betting—as in horse-racing—only the promoters (who don't bet) stand to win. Lotteries and some other

forms of gambling may seem to benefit a state or an institution, but it makes thousands poorer and it has not increased the total wealth of those involved: in the end, only the professional promoters gain anything.

Gambling is socially wrong: that is, it is injurious to society as well as to individual men. It serves no useful purpose. Gambling leads as a cause of crime; it becomes crime by the paths of "taking a chance," the desire for "easy money," the "thrill and excitement" that grow out of the risk and hope and "tingling" of the throwing of the dice (or its counterpart.) It may be only a coincidence that in 1953 Americans spent 21 billion dollars in gambling devices, and their government spent 20 billion dollars to combat crime.

Gambling is morally wrong. The gambler sins against his fellows—he robs them, he drags them down with him and thus he sins against his God. The God-given gifts of adventure, of willingness to risk even life itself in a good cause, of reason and skill as superior to chance the gambler perverts to base purpose—the gaining of something for nothing: and that is a denial of all the virtues.

The "gambling spirit" becomes so insidious that even the wary may be drawn into its net. Why not invest "our surplus" in uranium stock, and stand a chance of cleaning up? Why not get our college on a "firm financial basis" by accepting ROTC money—and exposing our sons to the regimented mind? What harm is there in bingo if it can provide a Sunday school building for our church children? Why ban a state lottery if it builds a hospital for the incurable?

I go along with the statement of Connecticut churchmen who recently opposed legalizing bingo: "Our nation was built up by hard work, thrifty saving, careful planning, fair competition—not by cheating, depending on lucky breaks, a getting-something - for - nothing philosophy of life. . . . Gambling perverts the true spirit of giving for church or charity. People are secretly impelled by the gambling spirit rather than by charity. . . . Returning to God, for his purposes, the rightful share of what he has entrusted to us is real stewardship."

The influences that really make or mar human happiness are beyond the reach of law. The law can keep neighbors from trespassing but it cannot put neighborly courtesy and good will into their relations.—Walter Rauschenbusch, educator

The Layman's Column

By Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



A VISIT WITH OLIN STOCKWELL

Methodists who keep up with foreign missions will remember Olin Stockwell as the last Methodist missionary to come out of red China. His story is told in a book entitled WITH GOD IN RED CHINA. It can be purchased from the Methodist Publishing House.

At first thought one is attracted to this man Stockwell because of the story of his arrest; his lonely months in solitary confinement; the heart-breaking uncertainty under which his wife lived; and then the story of how his book manuscript by a miracle evaded the watchful eyes of zealous guards. But no one, or even all of these arresting facts can give a real clue to the greatness of the man's spirit.

It remained for this writer to have the high experience of traveling with Brother Stockwell recently in a Missionary institute in the Central Kansas Conference. For several days we were traveling companions by day and roommates by night. In the quiet of the hotel room or the companionship of a small group in a car, one soon finds new and challenging things about a great Christian who has given half of his life on the foreign fields as an evangelist of God.

This man Stockwell could not have withstood the bitter loneliness of the prison cell without deep spiritual resources already acquired. Constant insults and charges flung from the surly lips of a Communist "judge" could not have been withstood without a sure rock of faith under his feet. The filth of an Asiatic jail could only be borne by one who had taken literally the words of Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." It did not take many hours of companionship with this great servant of God to realize why our missionaries are so devoted to their jobs. For this man Stockwell seemed to represent the best and truest tradition of the saints, the apostles, and the prophets, as he told his story in a manner of humility which leaves the hearer with a sense of guilt because of the ease that we so ardently crave as we seek to serve God.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

North Arkansas At Ministers' Week

One of the largest delegations ever to attend Ministers' Week at Southern Methodist University, from the North Arkansas Conference, attended the program last week. A total of at least forty ministers from the North Arkansas Conference attended this session of Ministers' Week. They were as follows: E. J. Holtfield, James R. Chandler, J. H. Holt, W. T. Lingo, A. N. Storey, S. B. Wilford, E. G. Kaeftell, James Major, Pharis Holtfield, William Womack, Alvin Murray, J. J. Clark, H. J. Couchman, Travis Williams, E. B. Williams, Roy L. Bagley, Archie N. Boyd, D. P. Remaley, J. W. Moore, Arnold Simpson, W. Henry Goodlee, Alfred A. Knox, J. H. Hoogard, Jesse L. Johnson, Theron McKison, Robert Howerton, Harvey Hazelwood, Billie Martin, Robert Paul Sessions, Sammie Aulam, R. E. Connell, Luther Wilson, E. H. Hook, W. B. Stalleup, H. O. Eckenperger, Ethan W. Dodson, Vann Harrell, O. D. Peters, Irl Bridenthal, and Ira A. Brumley.

There may have been others in attendance which we failed to see in the large congregations attending Ministers' Week. Also a number of ministers' wives from the North Arkansas Conference were in attendance.

Children's Workers' Conference

Registration forms have been sent out to pastors and others for the Children's Workers' Conference. It is necessary that all registrations be in by February 23 as it is necessary to report to the committee at Searcy as to attendance.

The interest in this conference is most encouraging. We already have a list of twelve persons from one district. The indications are that we will have far beyond the hundred who desire to come. Bed and breakfast are to be furnished for only one hundred. First hundred registering will be provided for.

Jonesboro Area Training School

The Jonesboro Area Training School is in session this week with the following courses being offered:

Understanding Children, Mrs. R. D. Newton.

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

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

The Rebirth of Christianity, Rev. William Wilder.

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

Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women, Miss Mildred Osment.

Rev. William P. Connell is serving as Dean of the school and Dr. Ethan W. Dodson is the Chairman of the Board of Managers.

Training work in the North Arkansas Conference got off to a good start in January. Five training schools with more than three units in each school have already been held since January 1, with good enrollment and a large number finishing for credit. Also a number of three day training schools with one unit being offered have been held.

The month of March has possibil-

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL COACHING CONFERENCE

The Vacation Church School Coaching Conference for the Little Rock Conference will be held on February 22 and 23rd, at the First Methodist Church, in Little Rock. The conference will begin at one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon with a worship service led by Dr. F. A. Buddin. A team from each district composed of the district director, a Nursery worker, a Kindergarten, Primary, and a Junior worker will be expected to attend. These teams will receive training and will be prepared to lead the district institutes on the Vacation Church School which will be held at later dates in each district. Nursery work is being included in plans for the Vacation School for the first time this year.

The following leaders will guide the groups in preparing for the institutes in the district:

Junior—Mrs. Leslie Thompson

Primary—Mrs. John Heffley

Kindergarten—Mrs. W. A. Wooten

Nursery—Mrs. W. F. Bates

The texts that are being suggested for use in the Little Rock Conference this summer, are as follows:

Nursery—"Religious Nurture in Church and Home," Lloyd

Kindergarten—"Together in Our Church," Lyon

Primary—"Everyone Needs a Church," McDonnell

Junior—"The Church Around the World," Brehm

SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN'S LEADERS

A school for children's leaders has just been concluded in Pine Bluff. Mrs. Rivers Randle of Oklahoma City, led a course on "The Child's Approach to Religion," and Mrs. W. F. Bates taught the course on "Missionary Education of Children". There were thirty-five persons in attendance, representing six of the Pine Bluff churches. Mrs. Edward McLean served as Dean for the school. Mrs. Hazel Dabney is the District Director of Children's Work for the Pine Bluff District.—Mrs. W. F. Bates

ties of being the best training month of the whole conference year, and equal to any previous month in the history of the conference. Three of the larger training schools of the conference are to hold: Paragould, Springdale, Clarksville, Conway, and a number of other schools, which should enroll a total of between seven hundred and a thousand people in training schools during the month of March.

Already more than eighteen hundred course cards have been issued in the conference this conference year.

Board of Education To Meet

The Conference Board of Education has been called to meet on the Hendrix College Campus on February 21, beginning at 10:00 A. M. The Executive Committee is called to meet at 9:00 A. M. on that day.

Mrs. R. W. Gregg, the new Board Chairman, will preside at this meeting.

Plans are to be made to be pre-

EVANGELISM IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a copy of the January Newsletter which Mrs. V. B. Story, director of Christian Education at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, sent to her Church School teachers.

Dear Church School Teacher:

I want to visit with you for a few minutes about Evangelism. As a teacher in our Church School, one of your fundamental responsibilities is winning pupils to Christ and to church membership. If our teaching is real, pupils will be won to Christ. How can we make our teaching real? Let me suggest a few ways:

1. We must belong completely to Christ. One cannot have a teaching knowledge of Christianity in the deep sense we mean who has not given himself utterly to Christ and whose membership in the Church is not vital and meaningful.
2. We must experience what we teach. There is great truth in the words of an old Negro mammy: "Ya can't give what ya ain't got, any more 'n ya can come back from where ya ain't been!"
3. Personal example is the best method of teaching. "Let your light so shine before men . . ." ". . . and they recognized that they had been with Jesus."
4. Deepening of our own religious experience through daily devotions, Bible reading, prayer and meditation will lift us to new heights and strengthen us for the great opportunity of evangelism.
5. By teaching for a decision. I do

not mean by this, of course, that we should call for decisions in class, but through teaching constantly work to bring about changes in the pupil—changes toward Christ in thought, in emotions and in actions of daily living. Every teacher must proceed in ways appropriate to the age of his pupils. It is not expected that the primary teacher will approach evangelism in the same way as would the teacher of Junior or Senior High Youth. It is necessary that every teacher adapt his approach and be an evangelist for his particular group.

6. By visiting in the home and by personal conversations. Whether in the pupil's home or elsewhere, nothing can take the place of the helpful, inspiring relationship of teacher and pupil which makes possible intimate conversations regarding the pupil and Christ and the church.

As you know, this year our training period for church membership has been changed. We will begin our membership classes right after Easter and receive our children and youth into the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 29th. We want this to be a glorious day for our church and for our children and young people and ask that you begin now to help your pupils make Christian commitments. Let each of us, teacher, director and minister, move toward this day with prayers in our hearts that our teaching will be real!

Sincerely yours,
Norma Story

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day falls on May 1 this year. The purpose of observing Children's Day in the local church is to emphasize the responsibility of the church for our children. It is to be observed without a church-wide offering. (Discipline, para. 233, sec. 6.)

To assist local churches in preparing for the observance of this important day, the Department of Christian Education of Children is offering a program, "The Difference It Makes," written by a minister of Christian education in a church which has given careful attention to children. The material sets forth the plans which that church made and carried out to acquaint the members with the program for children in their own church.

Copies may be ordered from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Single copies, 15 cents; 2 copies, 25 cents, cash with order.

presented at the next session of the annual conference, with reference to the Board of Education program for the conference year of 1955-56.

Without tolerance, without understanding of each other or without a spirit of brotherhood, we would soon cease to exist as a great nation.—President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

MISSIONARY UNIT ON INDIA

The missionary unit on India was carried out very effectively in the Church School program in the Fisher Methodist Church.

On the last Sunday of the project the Primary Class gave a report on India from the Child's Guidance and Children of India by answering questions by their teacher, Mrs. Roy Weld. A love offering was taken for supplies.

After the program parents were invited to the various rooms to see the handiwork which had been done in the Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Young People's Classes.

Much credit is due to the teachers who are as follows: Primary, Mrs. Weld; Junior, Mrs. Halton Green; Intermediate, Mrs. Ned Darter and Young People, Mrs. Charley Dale.—Reporter

There is a close connection between a nation's culture and its education. . . Our founding fathers regarded freedom of speech and freedom of thought as intellectual and literary ideas. Greater safety is assured for our nation if we seek to conserve the basic freedoms. History tells us that we cannot trust demagogues either to protect our liberties or conserve our wealth. Invariably the pattern they follow is take away first the basic freedoms, such as speech, press and assembly, then confiscate the wealth. — Dr. John O. Gross

DR. BLAKE ASKS PRAYER FOR PEACE

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia, president of the National Council of Churches, called upon church people "in this hour when the peace of mankind is imperiled" to pray that the crisis may be resolved without war. The Protestant leader issued the call in the name of the National Council just before leaving for Geneva, Switzerland, to attend a meeting of the World Council of Churches' executive committee. Dr. Blake, who also is Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., asked that American church people pray: "That God's will for justice and concord among the nations will prevail. That divine wisdom and understanding may be given the President of the United States and his advisers to the end that the present crisis may be resolved without war. That the United Nations will remain steadfast in its purpose to establish the conditions of peace and, thereby, save the world from the scourge of war. That our government will persist in its effort to find, through the process of negotiation, a solution which will establish both justice and peace." Dr. Blake said the peace prayer call was issued because he wanted the Christian leaders of many nations he expects to meet in Geneva to understand that "the people of our American churches are praying that peace and justice may prevail."

Dutch Catholics Plan Bible Balloon Project

Dutch Catholics are planning to send 10,000 Bibles to Iron Curtain countries by balloon, the Vatican Radio announced. The station said that, following the example of American religious organizations, Catholics in the Netherlands would send the Bibles aloft in Germany, to be carried by prevailing winds to Poland, Czechoslovakia and other Communist countries. In 1953 the International Council of Christian Churches, a fundamentalist group, launched a project to send Bible tracts behind the Iron Curtain by balloon. According to radio evangelist Billy James Hargis, American director of the project, 30,000 balloons carrying 163,000 Bible portions have been floated into Russia, Poland, Hungary, East Germany and Czechoslovakia from secret fields in West Germany.

Bill Would Give National Burial To Religious Workers

Workers for religious agencies who serve members of the American armed forces abroad during time of war will become eligible for burial in national military cemeteries under the terms of a bill introduced in the House by Rep. Byron Rogers (D.-Colo.). At present, burial in national cemeteries is an honor reserved for those who have been members of the fighting forces in war. Rep. Rogers would extend the same tribute to workers of the YMCA, YWCA, Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, National Jewish Welfare Board, and other religious agencies who went overseas to render service of any kind to the armed forces. "I think it only proper that our nation express its appreciation to these workers of voluntary agencies by extending this honor to them," Rep. Rogers said. "The nation can thus, in perpetuity, show its gratitude."

Reports Americans Paid Two Million To See Luther Film

American moviegoers have paid more than two million dollars to see the film "Martin Luther" since its premiere in May of 1953, it was reported to the National Lutheran Council at its 37th annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J. Robert E. A. Lee, executive secretary of Lutheran Church Productions, Inc., sponsor of the film, said that an estimated ten million persons have seen

ver ministers met behind closed doors with Mayor Quigg Newton, legal counsel and city's liquor licensing authorities. At the conclusion of the meeting the mayor announced that the ministers had made 15 to 20 suggestions for revision of the liquor code which he had appointed a committee to investigate. He indicated that if the suggestions are legal and appear practical after study, they will be incorporated into the code. The mayor refused to divulge the exact suggestions but said they covered every aspect of the liquor laws, requisites for obtaining licenses as well as a definition of neighborhood needs for a liquor outlet.

Editor Finds Church People Underestimate Religious News

Church people often underestimate the widespread public interest in church news, Coleman A. Harwell, editor of The Tennessean, Nashville daily newspaper, told 125 church leaders, educators and students at a religious journalism seminar in Nashville, Tenn. The seminar was the second annual one sponsored by The Tennessean. "Church events are news to an even-widening group of persons," Mr. Harwell said. "You who are church workers and ministers should undertake to know your local newspapers and its readers because you have stories of interest to them. The item you might consider insignificant or unimportant may have real news value. Religious journalism gives the minister and other church workers the opportunity of reaching thousands of people through words and pictures." The editor cited evangelist Billy Graham as a religious leader who "considers the

the movie at some 3,000 theaters in the US and Canada. Mr. Lee added that a "clear return" of \$700,000 had been made to Lutheran Church Productions after deduction of distribution fees and promotional and special exploitation expenses. The six Lutheran groups represented in the corporation have received a return of \$550,000 thus far on their original investment of \$450,000, he said. They are the National Lutheran Council, United Lutheran Church in America, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church and Augustana Lutheran Church.

Churchmen, City Officials Agree On Liquor Study

Representatives of the Denver Council of Churches, the Denver Association of Evangelicals and the Interchurch Temperance Movement of Colorado have reached agreement with city officials for a cooperative, thorough-going study of the Denver liquor code. Some 20 Den-

press a part of his ministry, not an adjunct to it." "I have never seen a religious worker more aware of the importance of the press in getting his message across," Mr. Harwell said. "As a result, he does a tremendous job in that respect." The Rev. James Carty, The Tennessean's religious news editor, underscored his chief's comments by telling the seminar that "almost any activity of your church is worthy of news coverage." He said that reporters of church news look not only for day-to-day events but seek trends in religion and concrete examples of what is going on."

43 Million Attended Armed Forces Chapel Services

Chapel attendance in the Army, Navy and Air Force reached a total of 43,316,323 during the past year, it was reported in Atlantic City, N. J., to the 37th annual meeting of the National Lutheran Council. The Rev. Engebret O. Midboe of Washington, D. C., secretary of the NLC's Bureau of Service to Military Personnel, also reported that the overall number of ministrations by about 3,000 chaplains numbered 93,867,070. In the last year, too, he said 146 preaching missions and 31 chaplains retreats were held by the various branches of the military service, in addition to those sponsored by individual denominations. During this period, he added, chaplains from the NLC's eight Church bodies conducted 33,456 services with a total attendance of 2,348,123.

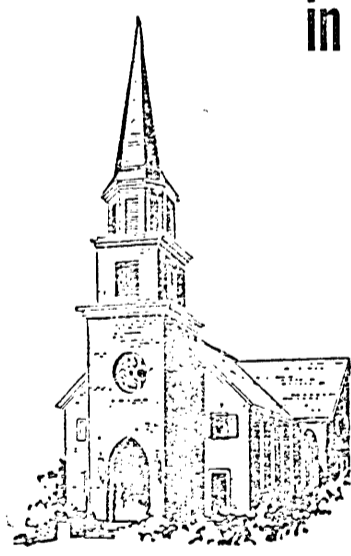
Warns Charity Efforts May Obscure Christ

With the large number of charitable institutions, multiplying gifts all over the world, "there is grave danger" man will forget Jesus Christ, the source of all charity, Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger declared in Montreal. The Archbishop of Montreal spoke at the opening of the Catholic-sponsored "Gold Cross" campaign for goods and money to help those living in less fortunate areas of the world. He warned of the danger that "as charities are multiplied, we tend to forget Him who gives us everything. This is one of the tragedies of our age. One of the aims of the Gold Cross is to show that the Catholic Church looks out for people's bodily needs as well as their spiritual needs," Cardinal Leger said.

Methodists Plan Cuba Evangelism Campaign


More than 150 Methodist clergymen and laymen from 40 states will tour the 800-mile-long island of Cuba in a ten-day intensive "Cuba for Christ" campaign beginning Feb. 8, the Methodist Board of Evangelism announced in Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary, said the Methodist evangelists, many accompanied by their wives, will meet at Miami, Fla., for briefing and assignment before flying to Cuba where they will team with Cuban pastors and laymen to preach in churches, schools, hospitals and in open fields. An intensive house-to-house visitation also is planned, he said. The group will reassemble Feb. 17 in Havana to report results and hold a mass "victory rally," Dr. Denman said. He added that the Methodist Board of Missions in New York is cooperating in the Cuba evangelism campaign which will be under the direction of Bishop John Branscomb of Jacksonville, Fla.

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

CORNERSTONE LAID FOR NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING, 1ST CHURCH CONWAY

Bishop Paul E. Martin laid the cornerstone of the Educational Building at Conway's First Methodist Church February 6.

Bishop Martin delivered the sermon at the morning worship service, after which he was assisted in the cornerstone ceremony by the Rev. H. A. Rickey, Conway District Superintendent, and the Rev. Joel Cooper, pastor of First Church.

Construction of the \$105,000, air-conditioned building began in November and Mr. Cooper said he expects it to be completed by June 1.

The brick and hadite block structure will be used to house the entire children's division of the Sunday School; and will include a crib room, two nursery rooms, two rooms for kindergarten classes, three for primary classes, and three for the junior age group.

The chapel, which will seat 82, will have mahogany pews and altar furnishing to match the mahogany wood paneling on the walls.

A kitchenette and parlors will also be included which will be connected to the church.

John P. Almand is the architect for the structure, and Kendrick Construction Company holds the contract for the building. The building committee is com-



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posed of S. T. Smith, chairman, and E. W. Martin, G. L. Bahner, H. H. Bumpers, Raymond Price, Jimmie Ligon, and Fletcher Smith, Jr.

ED MATTHEWS DEDICATES LIFE TO MISSION WORK

Ed Matthews, senior at the University of Arkansas, last week stated publicly that he was going to dedicate his life to the work of an agricultural missionary. He is president of the Methodist student movement at the University of Arkansas, and was recently elected president of the Methodist Student Movement for the State.

Ed is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews of Calico Rock. Mr. Matthews has for many years been an outstanding leader in the church at Calico Rock and in Methodism across the state, being an ardent supporter of Hendrix College.

This is the second member of the Matthews family to go into full time Christian service. Mauzell, one of the daughters, went into Religious Education work. Further, this is the fourth person to go into full time Christian work from the Calico Rock church in recent years. Arvest and Marvest Lawson have recently finished Duke Divinity School and at present Arvest is taking advance clinical training in Washington, D. C. and Marvest is serving with the U. S. Navy as a Chaplain.—Charles Casteel, Pastor

LAY MOVEMENT STARTS AT CALICO ROCK

With the objective of strengthening the rural Methodist Churches of Izard County, the Calico Rock charge has launched a laymen's preaching program. Starting with Sunday, February 6, Mrs. Clyde LeFevers, local high school teacher, was the first lay speaker at the Iuka church. Thurman Mason, Principal of the Calico Rock High School, will follow Mrs. LaFevers, and the month will be rounded out by Perry Matthews and Jim Atkins. This type of program will permit the five churches on the Calico Rock charge to have a preaching service each Sunday.

The churches not supplied by laymen will be supplied by Rev. Charles Casteel, pastor of the Calico Rock charge, and by Miss Mary Chaffin, Deaconess serving Izard County.

This lay preaching program is under the leadership of the Missions Commission which has at its members A. B. Whitfield, Chairman; Mrs. Nellie Wright, Mrs. Euna Ferrill, Mrs. Audney McNeill, Miss Willie Hill Matthews and Mrs. Jerome Matthews.

PROGRESS OF METHODIST HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

More than 12,000 persons in four states have begun the intensive phase of the Methodist Hospital Building and Development Campaign to raise \$2,500,000 needed to enlarge the Memphis institution from 300 to 500 beds.

"Reports from the three conferences that own Methodist Hospital in Memphis and from working outside the church in the Memphis area are extremely encouraging," Millsaps Fitzhugh, general chairman reports.

"We are especially pleased at the enthusiasm everybody is showing in taking part in this inspiring campaign to make it possible for Methodist Hospital to provide greater service to the sick and needy of the Mid-South area."

It is the hope of Methodist leaders that they can announce that the campaign is a success on Sunday, March 6.

Between now and then, public-spirited citizens will be asking their fellow citizens to make pledges.

In the North Mississippi Conference where a \$350,000 quota has been accepted, there are 178 ministers working with their lay leaders in 544 churches. The conference has 725 leaders and teams taking part.

The North Arkansas Conference has 542 churches with 243 ministers. Reports have been received that these churches are steadily accepting quotas and that consider-

able emphasis is being placed on raising a good share of the conference's \$400,000 quota through special gifts.

The Memphis Conference, including the City of Memphis, West Tennessee and West Kentucky churches, has a \$750,000 quota. There are 554 churches and 259 ministers in the conference, with 1900 lay leaders directing an intensive solicitation of pledges.

One of the big phases of the effort is the City of Memphis General Campaign for \$1,000,000. Leaders in all denominations, including Protestants and Catholic, and Jewish, are taking active parts. They have a General Teams Organization of 600 and a Special Gifts group of 55. Also a part of this effort is a campaign among Memphis physicians, the Nurses' Alumna at the Hospital, the Student Nurses, and the Hospital's employees.

Campaign leaders said that Church Quota Awards for significant and meritorious service are being prepared for presentation to each church in the three conferences that reaches its goal.

The awards will be signed by bishops of the conferences and lay campaign chairmen.

Mr. Fitzhugh said he is hopeful that a large percentage of the 1640 churches in the three conferences will earn the privilege of displaying Church Quota Awards.

OPEN HOUSE IN METHODIST PARSONAGE AT STRONG

The Methodist Church at Strong has just had the formal opening of its recently remodeled parsonage. In the picture Mrs. John Carr Burgess is being served by Mrs. Barbara Cook, Mrs. Lena Lockeby and Mrs. Billie Nelson, the committee on entertainment for the opening.

Ministerial guests from out of town were Dr. Connor Morehead, District Superintendent of the Camden District, Rev. and Mrs. John Hefley, pastor and wife at Crossett, Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Scott and daughter from Vantrease Memorial in El Dorado and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Ashcraft, pastor and wife of Parker's Chapel.

Rev. and Mrs. Elbert B. Jean, M. E. Harper, Roy E. Hall, Jack Lockeby, Mr. and Mrs. Barron Finney and John Carr Burgess were in the receiving line.

The parsonage was refinished and largely refurnished throughout in a very attractive manner. New flooring was laid in all rooms. There is a fourteen by twenty-eight foot carpet with concrete floor. The cost of the remodeling project was \$4,200.

We are still having "open house" for any who were unable to attend the formal opening. — Elbert B. Jean, Pastor.





CURLY LOCK'S PEAS

ONE morning Peter Piper got to school very late. The schoolmaster called him a ten o'clock scholar, and asked him why he was so late.

Peter Piper smiled and held out his hat, which was brimful of pea pods.

Then all the other children smiled. Peter Piper was always stopping to pick something. Once it had been a peck of pickled peppers.

"Please, sir" said Peter Piper, "I picked these on the way to school, and brought them to learn about. Will you tell us a story?"

Then the schoolmaster smiled, but he took up one of the peapods and told them a most beautiful story about five little sisters who slept in the pea-pod cradle, and how some sunbeam fairies and many rain-drop fairies were waiting to wake them. Only someone would first have to tuck them away in the great brown bed which mother earth kept for her seed babies.

Then, while some of the children took clay and modeled the five little sisters in the pod, others drew and painted their picture. After that the schoolmaster divided all the pea pods among the children, and each child had two pods. That made ten peas, you know.

"Now we will play soldier with our peas," said the schoolmaster, "and see in how many even rows they can march." So they marched in a row of ones, and in a row of twos, and in a row of fives.

When the soldiers got tired of marching, the schoolmaster gave each child ten toothpicks, and told them to make something pretty to carry home.

Simple Simon made some hat pins; Margery Daw made some hair-pins; Rowley Powley made a ladder; Humpty Dumpty made a pretty picture frame; Tommy Grace made a chair; Dickey Long made a doll; Polly Flinders made a very nice table; and, well, everybody made something except Curly Locks. She only sat still and watched the others. The schoolmaster said: "I'm sorry Curly Locks can't make anything. Shall I show you how to make your doll a sofa?"

But Curly Locks only shook her head and said: "Please, sir, I'd rather take mine home."

The children thought that was very queer and wondered why Curly Locks wouldn't rather have the sofa.

Curly Locks knew. She was thinking about the ten little sisters in the pods she had. It she stuck the toothpicks in them, why they would never wake up. After school she ran home and made ten little holes under the dining room window. Into each little hole she dropped a pea and covered it softly over. The sunbeam fairies and the raindrop fairies were watching, and they smiled, every one, while Curly Locks planted the peas.

You should have seen how quickly they waked up, too. Pretty soon Curly Locks had to tie ten strong strings to the dining room window, and the peas climbed all the way up to make her a morning call.

There were pretty leaves and

pretty blossoms, and by and by pretty pods, with the fattest of sister peas tucked inside.

It was then that Curly Locks invited the schoolmaster and the children home to dinner.

And what do you suppose she gave them to eat? Why, peas porridge hot, to be sure!

Very much better than making chairs and sofas, don't you think so?—"Mother Goose Village"

HOW RALPH GOT A BIBLE

After Ralph had learned to read he longed for a Bible. He had heard a great deal about that good book. His father read a passage aloud from it every day. His Sunday School teacher said it was the best of all books. But Ralph's parents were quite poor, and in those days Bibles cost much more money than they do today. So the little boy did not get the Bible.

One day two strange men came to Ralph's house. They were riding from one city to another, for there were no automobiles and no trolley cars in those days. They were weary and hungry, and the next town was a long way off. So they stopped to ask for dinner for themselves and their horses.

As the men were eating they noticed that Ralph looked quite sad.

One of them asked what he wished and he said: "I want a Bible."

His mother said: "Never mind, Ralph. Don't fret, and next week I will take you to see George Washington."

One of the men was much pleased at hearing Ralph's answer and said: "I hope, dear boy, that you will always be fond of the Bible."

A day or two later the postman brought Ralph a handsome Bible. On the flyleaf there was written: "From George Washington."

A few days later Ralph learned that one of the strangers to whom he talked that day was the kind-hearted George Washington.—Selected.

AN ICICLE

Elizabeth Anne,

Do come out,

There's an icicle

On the waterspout.

Here, I have it,

Now in my hand,

Aooh, it's so cold,

But isn't it grand.

—Anne Hogarth Bell

In the United Church

Observer

The little child ended his prayer earnestly: "and please, Lord, can't you put the vitamins in pie and cake instead of in cod-liver oil and spinach. Amen."—Mutual Moments, Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Association

MY GRANDPA

By Ida Mills Wilhelm

Dear Grandpa is so kind, you see,
He lets me sit upon his knee;
And tells me many stories, too,
How once he sailed the ocean blue.
Why is the ocean blue?

He tells me what I like to know
Of things that crawl and plants
that grow;
But said, when mending me a toy,
He liked to whittle as a boy.
How could he be a boy?

My Grandpa knows more things
indeed
Than any boy could ever read,
How Indians wandered to and fro
And hunted men and buffalo.
Why not just buffalo?

He never scolds me if I cry,
But tells me how to quit, and why,
He says when I grow up at last
He hopes I'll sail before the mast.
Why sail before the mast?

And Grandpa says that doing wrong
Is just like discord in a song;
By doing right we take our place
As helpers of the human race.
Where is the human race?

He knows of cowboys in the West,
And little birds that build their
nests,
And stars that shine up in the sky
Where angels sing and God is nigh.
For God is always nigh!

—In Exchange

JUST FOR FUN

Little Girl (after first morning at school): "Mother, you're wrong about 'b' for bunny. Miss Chadwick says it's for bread."

A noted Canadian entomologist was delivering a lecture on the danger of rat infestation. The 6th-grade listened with apparent attention, and after the lecture one of them wrote the lecturer a note of thanks. It concluded by saying: "We didn't even know what a rat liked like until you come."—Indiana Teacher.

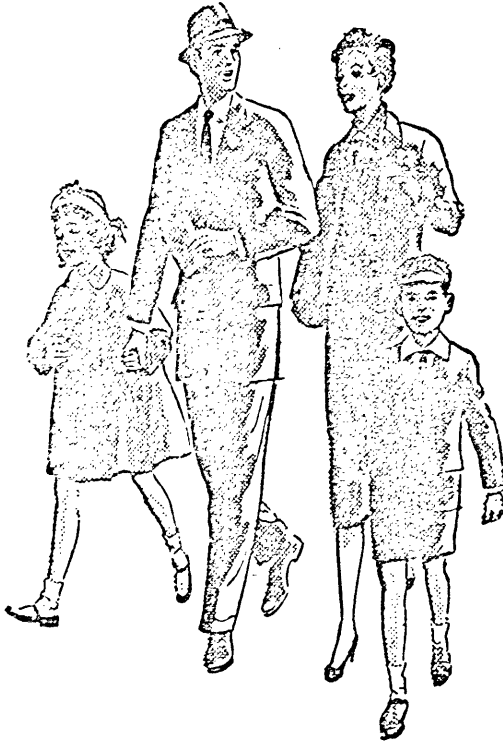
The man ran breathlessly to the end of the platform—but the train was faster. As he slowly retraced his steps a helpful stranger remarked, "Miss the train?"

"Not much", panted the other. "I never got to know it really well."—Frances Rodman.

Mother promised small Jane that she could select her own winter coat. At the store the final decision rested between the blue one mother liked and the red one that dazzled June.

Apparently reversing her decision that children should have the fun of making choices, mother said, somewhat sharply: "I think I'd like my little girl best in the blue coat."

With eyes still on the red one, Jane said firmly, "But mother, remember I belong to me, too!"—B. L. Busch.



OUR SUNDAY

We're glad when Sunday comes
And the whole family
Goes to church together,
It's a happy day, you see.

We learn of God, our Father,
We bring our offering,
We worship with our voices
In all the songs we sing.

—A.E.W.

EDITH MARTIN WRITES FROM AFRICA

Dear Friends,

On December 6th, we closed one of the best, if not the best, Girls' Vacation School that we have ever had. We had 72 girls from Katakomb, Lodja, Minga, Tunda and Wembo Nyama who were in the fourth grade or above with us. The program began at 6:00 A. M. with a private devotion that had been written by an Otetela Christian woman, then a group worship service in the church. The classes began at 8:00 o'clock. Since the theme was "Our Church," that thought was stressed throughout the school. It was my pleasure to teach the course on "Our Church." We had prepared little booklets on the history of the Christian Church and the work of our Methodist Church here in the Congo for every girl. Every girl completed her book by answering this question, "What can I do to help my own church?" Mr. Chappell taught a course on the "Meaning of Church Membership" and Mrs. Chappell and Mama Dembo Ukunda Andre, one of our graduates, taught a class on the Christian Family. They liked this course very much because they said, "Mama taught us how to get a husband." Miss Dorothy Gilbert, one of our missionary nurses, taught Health and Music. Our District Superintendent, Wemba Kungu, taught "Worship" and Nima Aberi, one of our teachers, taught games that could be played in the villages.

The afternoons were given over to different interest groups. Mrs. Davis taught the girls how to cook African foods in different ways and they thoroughly enjoyed eating the good foods that they cooked. Mrs. Sara Sheka, one of our graduates who is also a nurse, taught handwork and took care of the health of the girls. Miss Rees had made pictures of all the churches on a square piece of unbleached muslin and each girl was given a picture of her church. Underneath the picture she crossstitched these words, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Some of the girls were able to make a cross of pottery clay also for their private worship center. Mama Uya taught a class in crocheting. She taught the girls how to crochet a hat that would protect the children's head from the sun. Mrs. Lewis and I taught a class in drawn work. These people want lace and embroidery; so we try to meet their needs.

The evenings were given over to singing, playing, story telling and the cinema. Just before retiring, there was a vesper service which was led by girls. The girls from each station were responsible for one evening.

The high point of the school was the consecration service the last Sunday evening. We used the fagot service, "Come Up Higher," by Ruth Schroeder. After reading the scripture, the leader spoke of our need for a greater vision of the Master in all of His power and majesty if we are to live the victorious Christian life. Then the girls were reminded that the bright glow of the camp fire should remind them of the radiance and glory of the

Son of God and how their lives would dispell darkness in this benighted land if they lived victoriously. Each girl, then, placed her stick of wood on the fire which symbolized a step forward in her Christian life and stood quietly for a few moments in silent prayer that she might have the strength to carry out her pledge.

We felt that this was the best Vacation School that we had ever had and the girls said that it was the best that they had ever attended. Thank you for making the school possible.

Mrs. Davis and I have had the privilege of visiting more outvillages at this Christmas time than ever before. Everywhere we went the people were most grateful that we did not forget the country people because of station activities. The girls in one village gave the entire Christmas program and did it well. Our hearts were thrilled to hear the girls who have had so few opportunities, read, sing and tell the Christmas story. As we were leaving the church that afternoon, we heard several parents say, "Did not our girls do well today?" I hope that the service impressed the parents enough for them to want their girls to come to school next term and postpone some marriages.

On December 27th, we had the first marriage that we have had in the Girls' Boarding School this term. Since the girls were at home on vacation, I asked the bride's sisters to come to the school to cook the wedding feast and they came at dawn on the day of the wedding. We had expected the groom to give the dowry to his father-in-law at 8:00 A. M. that day but the father of the bride did not arrive until about 8:30. If he had come too early, the people would have said that he was too anxious to get his daughter married. When the father arrived, the father of the groom placed frs. 3,000, a head scarf and a piece of cloth on the table. Then we asked if there were any reasons why these two young people should not marry. Since there were no objections, the bride took the money, francs 1,000 at a time, then the cloth and head scarf to her father. She carried everything in both hands and the father received everything in both hands. This meant both gave their approval. Then the father arose and said, "From the day of my child Elenge's birth until I received this dowry today, I have not received anything on my daughter, not even a chicken. I wanted her to finish school but she wants to marry Lufile now and I give my consent. I ask that he love and support her. I also ask Elenge to love him and work with him. I desire their happiness more than anything else in the world."

After this, we went to the church to practice the wedding ceremony. They practiced until they had everything just right.

Before 2:00 P. M. the church was to be decorated with palms and flowers, the last stitches were to be put on the bride's dress, and the feast was to be prepared. Everything, except the weather, was ready by 2 P. M.; so we waited until

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, February 25, 1955

THEME: "ABIDE IN ME" (John 15:4)

Attend the observance of World Day of Prayer in your town

3:00 P. M. for the rain to stop. It was a lovely wedding with the wedding march, the bridesmaid, the best man, the ring, the flowers and everything. I saw them yesterday and they seemed very happy and were preparing to return to the Teacher Training School where he is a senior.

My new year's wish for you is from a poem by Minnie L. Haskins. "And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year; 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hands into the hand of God. That will be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'"

Thank you for your interest, love and prayers.

Yours in His service,
Edith Martin

NEWS IN BRIEF

A new Wesleyan Service Guild was organized at the Thompson Memorial Methodist Church at Hartman during the month of November. At present there are 12 members. The group meets monthly, and has planned several projects in which new venetian blinds have been purchased for two rooms of the parsonage. The membership is planning to attend the area training school as a group in March and receive credit in their special study.

During the month of December the W. S. G had charge of the evening worship service, with several members having part in the service. After the service refreshments were served and an hour of Fellowship was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Bill Hayes is the President, Miss Faye Pipkins, Vice-President; Miss Mary Cravens, Secretary and Treasurer of the Guild. — Aaron Barling.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Rison sponsored a Pancake Supper on February 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. Pancakes and sausage were served to over 125 guests. Mrs. Jack England was in charge and was helped by others members of the society. The proceeds of this successful undertaking will go toward a project to improve the Church Sanctuary —Mrs. H. D. Sadler.

Mrs. Clair Bates was in charge of the devotional at the meeting of the First Church, Van Buren Society on February 1 at the church. Others taking part on the program were Mrs. A. W. Meier, Mrs. George Crofton and Mrs. Tom Wells. Mrs. E. E. McBride, president, conducted the business meeting that was attended by 27 members and 1 guest. — Mrs. Fay Williams.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist

Church of Batesville has completed its study of India. The study got off to a good start with a charming young lady from India as speaker at its first meeting. Miss Sarah Kashi Ram, who is a student at Scarritt and Peabody Colleges, gave an interesting talk on India and answered questions from the group.

Before the program an Indian meal prepared by Miss Ram was served to officers of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. They were seated in Fellowship Hall at a long table decorated with greenery and small Indian figurines. Miss Kashi wore her native costume.

Following the program, an informal reception was held in the Ladies' Parlor. Miss Dorothy Douglas, whom Miss Kashi Ram was visiting, presided at the punch bowl.

In June Miss Kashi Ram will return to India to continue her work as principal of a Methodist elementary school in a small Indian village. — Thelma Pickens.

The Resolutions of a Good Churchman

1. I will be regular in attendance at Sunday School and Church.
2. I will TITHE MY INCOME ACCORDING TO THE TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE and pay my tithe by the week.
3. I will observe the quiet hour sometime every day through 1955, reading a portion of the Bible and making my prayer to God.
4. I will perform the services to which my church calls me, realizing that the program of the Church is dependent on the consecrated services of hundreds of people. When volunteers are asked for, I will say with Isaiah, "Here am I. Send me."
5. I will seek to live every day of the week in accordance with the way of Christ, realizing that Christianity is an every day affair.
6. I will conduct myself so that I will be a part of the strength of the Church rather than a part of her weakness. I shall seek to grow in Christian grace in the year 1955.

Court Upholds Right Of Boy To Choose Religion

In a 5 to 2 decision, the New York Court of Appeals upheld the right of a 12-year-old child to choose his own religion despite a pre-marital pact by his now-separated parents. By its ruling the State's highest court affirmed a decision by the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court last February, permitting the youth to follow the religion of his mother.

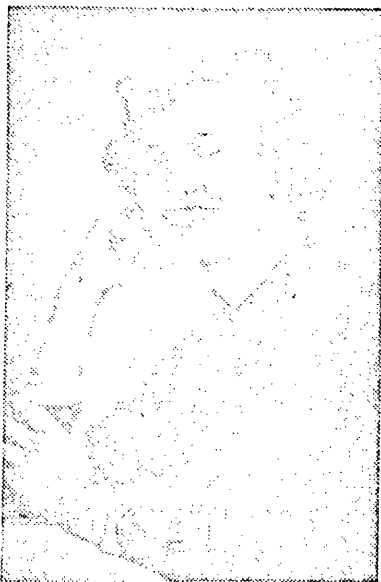
METHODIST YOUTH

METHODIST GIRL HONORED

CAROL HERRON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Herron, West Monroe, and a senior at West Monroe High School, was signally honored recently when she was chosen by vote of the senior class and faculty to receive the "Good Citizen Award". This award is presented annually at graduation by Chief Tusquahoma Chapter of the D.A.R. and is given on the basis of dependability, leadership, personality, service and patriotism.

Miss Herron is a member of the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, and is, at the present time, president of her Sunday School Class. She has taken an active part in school affairs and is popular with both faculty and student body. She is also President of the Art Club; Vice-President and Field Commander of the Rebellettes (Pep Squad); a member of the F.B.L.A. and Student Council; serves on the Annual Staff and is News Editor of the school paper. Recently she was elected queen of the Rebellette masquerade carnival and in 1954 was a delegate to Pelican Girls State.

As winner of the Good Citizen



CAROL HERRON

Award Miss Herron will go to Baton Rouge in February to compete with other winners. From this group a state winner will be selected to go to Washington in the spring. A national Good Citizen will be selected from this group.

ACTIVITIES OF HARRISON M. Y. F.

The Harrison Methodist Youth Fellowship has carried out several projects during the past few weeks.

During the Christmas season, the young people collected broken toys and held a workshop to repair them. After the toys were mended, they were turned over to the Goodfellows for distribution to needy children.

For a worship center, three of the young people built a Nativity scene in Fellowship Hall where the class meets on Sunday mornings. Mrs. Leonard Treadwell is the teacher of the class.

The group also went caroling December 23 and delivered a basket of food to a needy family December 24.

A religious survey was made of Harrison High School January 4 through which the MYF found the unchurched youth of Harrison. On January 9, a Christian Witness Mission was held and teams of two and three went out to visit prospective members. A follow-up mission was held January 16. Approximately 25 youth were contacted through these two missions.

A chuckwagon party was held February 3 in Fellowship Hall. Everyone dressed western style; the hall was decorated with a chuckwagon and corral to follow the theme. After refreshments, the group enjoyed games. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kendall are sponsors of the MYF.—Etta Sue Ward

GEARED TO LURE YOUTH

Advertising and salesmanship are great American institutions. When a salesman comes into my office, I'm more than glad to talk to him about his product. But if I refuse to buy and am continually hounded, my respect for him dwindles. My respect for the liquor industry has

YOUTH NIGHT AT FIRST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA

Youth Night was observed at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, La., at the Sunday evening worship hour on January 30. Assisting Rev. James C. Skinner, associate minister, was Packie I. McFarland, a young man who has grown up in First Church and who received his license to preach recently. Others assisted in the ushering and in leading the hymn service.

Plans are being made to have such a service at the evening hour periodically.—Reporter

SENIOR BANQUET AT DOUGLASSVILLE

The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Douglassville Methodist Church had its first banquet in the history of the church recently. The banquet was served by the "Starlight Circle" of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the church dining room which was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Twenty-seven were in attendance.—W. H. Sanders, Pastor

not much further to dwindle. The liquor dealer has an advantage in that he is selling a product which obsesses the man who touches it, and he knows it. Look at the liquor advertisements which now appear in your magazines and newspapers or on your television screen. See if they aren't geared to lure the youth (or adult, for that matter) to his first glass, to reach into the security of the home and affect even the minds of small children, whose parents beam at getting the right answer to "what'll you have" every time. — Richard Thompson, MYF pres.

"WIN YOUTH TO CHRIST"

In order to win youth to Christ, the Youth Department of the General Board of Education is urging that youth and adult leaders work in four areas.

1. *Lift up challenging goals.* "An increase of 40 per cent in the membership of the Methodist Youth Fellowship is needed to simply keep in step with the crowd."

2. *Strengthen the local church program.* "Youth need opportunities for work, witness and worship."

3. *Promote Christian Witness Missions.* "Youth-to-youth evangelism is more effective than any other method of Christian witness."

4. *Promote leadership training.* "Develop leadership among youth and adults in local churches."

Taking the lead in the effort to realize these goals are all the members of the Youth Department staff. The Rev. Glenn Mingledorff is guiding the "Each One Win One" conferences, the purpose of which is to challenge young people to reach the unreached. The Rev. Howard Ellis is giving special leadership to the Christian Witness Missions and the Rev. Lewis Durham is giving guidance and direction to a program of recruiting and training 20,000 new adult workers with youth.

Resources available for workers with youth in these areas are:

Win Youth to Christ (2430-C). A fifty-five-page flip chart in two colors. \$3.00 each. May be ordered (cash with order) from the Service Department, General Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

How to Win Youth to Christ (2425-C). Review piece for visitation evangelism for youth-to-youth visitation. 2 cents each, cash with order, from Service Dept.

First Steps for Young Christians (2414-C). Guidance folder for young people in visitation evangelism. 2 cents each, cash with order, from Service Department.

Combination Christian Witness Mission Packets. Packet "A" (materials for 3 teams), \$4.00; Packet "B" (materials for 5 teams), \$6.00. These packets contain a combination of visitation evangelism materials and Christian Witness resources for youth. Order from Tidings, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Special Issue of Workers With Youth (2421-B). For guidance in training adult workers with youth—to be used in district or local church. Available free in limited quantity from The Methodist Publishing House that serves you.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Harvey Spillman

Three new churches have joined the Harvey Sub-District in the last year. They are: New Hope Methodist Church with eleven members, counselor, Mrs. Lyl Spillman; Wilson Methodist Church, with fifteen members, counselor, Mrs. Hodges, and the St. Francisville Methodist Church with ten members, counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Hood.

There are now eleven churches in the Sub-District. The average member attendance is 153.—Bessie Nell Horne

Keener

The Keener Sub-District was fortunate in having two foreign students, Chion Tsong Chao of Taipen, Formosa, and Mohammed Najjah of Jibya, Jordan, address them at the meeting of the Sub-District on January 31 in the First Methodist Church of Montrose. Both are students at Arkansas A. and M. College in Monticello. Forty-seven young people and adults were present.

The Sub-District decided to work for three aims this month. They are: 1. Place emphasis on camping program for summer. 2. Work on MYF fund. 3. Strive to bring attendance up at meetings on Sunday nights.

A recreation period was held and refreshments served.—Sally Smith

Jonesboro Area

The Jonesboro Area Sub-District met on Monday night, February 6, at the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church with 95 present. President Paul Lamberth presided at the business meeting.

Miss Regenia Watson and Paul Lamberth led the group in a song fest. After refreshments were served a worship service was held in the sanctuary. Rev. Arvill Brannon, pastor of the Weiner Methodist Church, was the principal speaker. He spoke on "Fellowship".—Zetta Mae Downs

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Charlotte, N. C.—The Methodist Church's jurisdictional system has proved to be one of the denomination's best links with the 2,514,000 members of 12,000 local churches in the southeast, the Rev. George E. Clary, Sr., Atlanta Ga., said today.

Except in the southeast and southwest, other sections of the Methodist Church have not made full use of the jurisdictional organization, Dr. Clary said.

He is one of two executive secretaries of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, which has its headquarters in Atlanta to serve Methodist churches in nine states and Cuba.

Dr. Clary spoke at the morning session of the jurisdiction's third quadrennial convocation, which opened here Tuesday with more than 1,500 ministers, laymen and women in attendance. The meeting will end Thursday night.

Dr. Clary said the Methodist Church has five geographical jurisdictions in the United States, and a sixth comprises Negro churches.

Since union of three major Methodist groups in 1939 four of the jurisdictions "have done little or nothing in the way of vital program, permitting the national boards and agencies of the church to develop their procedures with little references to the jurisdictional conferences," Dr. Clary said.

He said this is contrary to provisions of the "plan of union," and a matter of "real concern."

"The time has come when the jurisdiction must secure for itself the place which was provided for it or face gradual death by starvation," Dr. Clary told convocation delegates.

He cited as "strengths of the jurisdictional system" the work of the Methodist southeastern council in helping sponsor the Protestant radio-television center in Atlanta, the South-wide summer program at the Lake Junaluska, N. C. Meth-

odist Assembly, training schools for pastors at Duke University, Durham, N. C., and Emory University, Atlanta, and the regional programs in the field of evangelism, missions, membership and Christian education.

He charged that the jurisdictional boards are handicapped by "a lack of funds, failure of the church's general boards to cooperate fully, and failure of local churches to recognize the place and importance of the jurisdictional council."

Dr. Clary recommended that a study of the work of the Southeastern and South Central jurisdictions "to discover what has been accomplished to make of the jurisdictional program an integral part of the church."

We warned that "if the jurisdictional system is to remain, it is up to the two jurisdictions now using it to demonstrate its true value as a vital factor in the life and work of the church."

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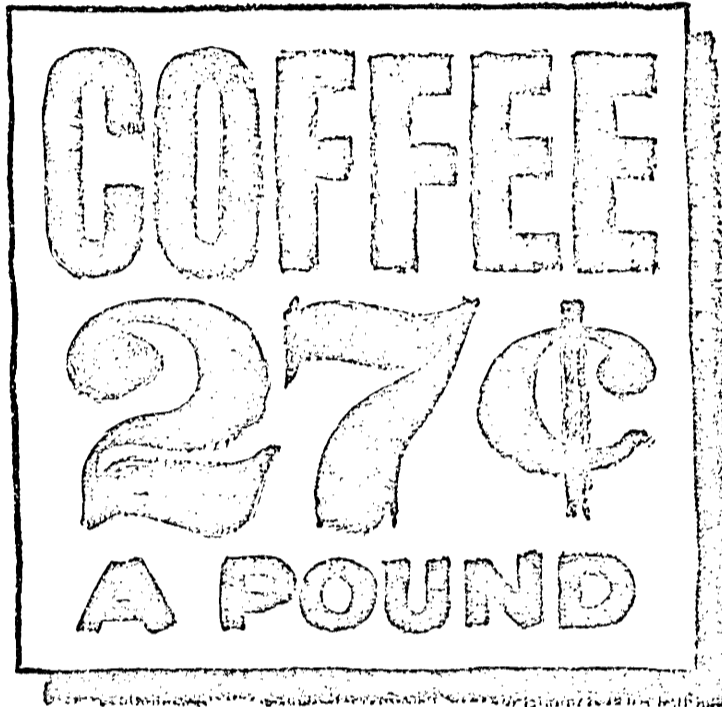
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One building almost has been completed, another just has been begun and three are on the drawing board, the Rev. Halsey E. Dewey, for thirty-four years a missionary in Bengal, reports. The church almost completed is at Chanch, a fire-brick-manufacturing center, and has a seating capacity of 300 persons. A contract recently was let for a building of the same capacity at Bokaro, where there is a large thermo-power station. It is scheduled for dedication about March 1, Mr. Dewey adds.

To be completed in June is a church to serve the Methodist congregation at Chittaranjan, a railway locomotive-building city, Mr. Dewey says. New church buildings are planned at Gomoh, where there

is a 400-pupil Methodist school, and at a village between Kumardhibi, where a steel-rolling mill and a fire-clay works are located, and Maithon, site of a hydroelectric plant. The Gomoh church is to be finished early in 1956.



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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 27, 1955

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE GOSPEL

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Romans 10:8b-15; I Corinthians 2:1-5.

MEMORY SELECTION: *I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

—Romans 1:16

This is the ninth lesson in our fifteen sessions UNIT V: "CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS." The subjects of all of these lessons have been build around this general theme. The first dealt with the Bible as the authority for Christian teaching; the second had to do with the living God; the third, Christ the Son of the living God; the 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; the eighth, the Church and its sacraments; and our theme for today "The Church Proclaims the Gospel." The writer feels that it is helpful to keep the general theme of the unit in mind, together with lesson subjects from Sunday to Sunday, as we go further into the study.

The aim of our lesson is well stated in the Adult Student: "To lead adults to confront themselves with the challenge of propagating the gospel of Christ." All will agree that the number one need of our day is the propagation of this gospel. Many of the best thinkers of our age are insisting that the hope of the world lies in Christianity, but Christianity is powerless unless it is propagated. The message has to be proclaimed before it can be accepted.

A Look At The Scriptures

As usual, so far as the Scriptures are concerned, the heart of the lesson is found in the memory selection (Romans 1:16): "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ" etc. Today we are dealing with the gospel. Our aim is to challenge people with the propagation of it. It might be well to first note just what the gospel is. The word "gospel" has been defined as good news. Some have termed it glad tidings. The gospel is good news because of what it does for the sinner—it saves all who will believe and receive it. This gospel is the good news of the fact that Christ has purchased man's redemption and is now "able to save to the uttermost all who come to God by him". Man's number one problem is sin. His greatest need, therefore, is salvation from sin. He cannot save himself any more than he can lift himself by his own bootstraps. Man cannot earn his salvation. It he is ever saved he will have to be saved by some one else. His salvation will have to come to him as a free gift. It does thus come to him through Christ and what he has done to purchase man's redemption. Not only does man not earn his salvation; he does not even merit it. It comes as a free gift; an unmerited favor and is, therefore, termed in the New Testament "Grace". Man is saved by grace, but it has to be through faith since it must be accepted. Faith is

to the soul what the heart is to the body—it is the receiving organ. Through faith man receives his salvation as a gift from God. That is the best news that ever came to this world.

If any one doubts just how good this news is, let him note briefly the situation that existed before its coming into the world. The human race was lost and undone. In all ages of the world people have felt the need of, and sought salvation. This search led the human race into the establishment of literally hundreds of religions, all of which except Christianity failed to reach the desired goal. The human race has tried in numerous ways to work out its salvation, but all to no avail. Then Christ came in the flesh and did for the human race what it could not do for itself, and offered salvation free. When we stop to consider the former predicament of the human race and what Christ has done for the race our hearts thrill with joy. This is the gospel—good news; glad tidings indeed!

Paul said he was not ashamed of this gospel. He was ready and anxious to proclaim it to Rome; the proud mistress of the world. In our day, one might wonder why Paul even mentioned the fact that he was not ashamed of the gospel. In large sections of the world, the gospel is now received with great joy. Many people know something of its wonderful power. People are now honored who carry the gospel, but such was not the case of Paul's time. Just a few short years prior to the time of our lesson the One who founded Christianity was crucified as a criminal. In most sections of the world, at that time, Christianity was very unpopular. Those who preached it were cast into prison and many of them killed. Paul himself was finally executed for preaching the gospel.

It was under circumstances like these that Paul spoke the words that are used as our memory selection. Not only was the gospel unpopular, but Paul himself was not imposing in presence. Physically he appeared to be a weakling. He tells us of this fact himself. He performed task, however, that proved he had great physical stamina. Paul also tells us that he did not indulge in eloquence in his preaching. So, it was a man like this and under these circumstances who was determined to go to Rome to preach the gospel. Little wonder that he was tempted to be ashamed. There was one thing, however, that saved him from this experience; it was the power of the gospel to save. Paul had experienced this power in his own life and he had seen others experience it. He knew that sin was the number one problem of the world and that in the

gospel he had the remedy for it. Paul was like a man who had been cured from some terrible disease. He saw others dying spiritually and eternally from this disease. He was anxious to give them the remedy.

In our next passage (Romans 10: 8-10, Paul tells what this gospel is and how to obtain salvation, through it. He went on to say, "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." In this passage Paul makes salvation depend upon two conditions: believing with the heart and confessing with the lips. Of course, this implies the forsaking of sins. People are saved from and not in their sins. Christ is not only the Savior of men but also their example. His constant challenge, while here in the flesh, was "Follow me", and to follow him means the forsaking of sins. Then, when one exercises active faith in the life, death, resurrection, and the constant spiritual presence of the Lord with him, he is saved. No better news than this ever came to the human race. The early Christians were greatly thrilled by it, and we would be too were it not for the fact that we are born in the midst of these great privileges and opportunities and they become rather trite to us before we are old enough to appreciate them. As professed Christians, we do not fully realize the fact that millions of people in our generation are dying in their sins being eternally separated from God. Not only so, but they are living in their sins on this earth and are creating great world problems. In the gospel, we have the remedies for all of these troubles and problems, but we are not doing much about them. We are failing in our witness bearing.

There are two chief way of bearing witness for the Lord. One is by deed of life and the other by word of mouth. It is very important that one's life backs up his words, otherwise talk becomes cheap; it amounts to nothing and sometimes worse than nothing, for it becomes a mockery. This matter of living the life is so important that some timid souls try to excuse themselves by doing this alone and not carrying out the other injunction. Let them remember that they must not only live the life but they must also speak of the power that enables them to so live, otherwise the cause of Christ will not fully succeed.

In our next passage (Romans 10: 11-13) Paul quotes Isaiah (28:16): "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." This statement by Isaiah, in its context, shows plainly that he was referring to Christ. Paul finds in it the idea of the universality of Christianity. He insisted that in this great religion all had equal opportunities: "There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his richest blessings upon all who call upon his name. For every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

More than any one else Paul made Christianity a world religion. In those days of the movement it was in great danger of becoming a Jewish sect. We recall how the Judaizers followed Paul around in those early years and tried to undo his great missionary work. These people were Jews who were supposed to have accepted Christianity, but they had come to Christianity from Judaism and they insisted that all

had to come by the same route. That is they first had to become Jews by submitting to circumcision and other requirements of the Jewish law before they could become Christians. Of course submitting to these requirements would not make a Gentile a Jew by blood, but we must remember that Judaism not only designates a race of people but also a religion. A Gentile, by meeting the requirements of Judaism, can become a proselyte to that religion. That is what the Judaizers were requiring that Gentiles do. Paul won a great victory for Christianity by rescuing it from this trend. His idea was that Christianity was for all, and that one does not have to first join Judaism before he can become a Christian.

In the next passage (Romans 10: 14-15) Paul emphasizes the importance of proclaiming the gospel. He has already insisted that all are saved who believe with the heart, confess with the lips, and call upon the name of the Lord. He now raises four important questions: "How are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent?"

The above passage is one of the greatest in the New Testament, which has to do with missionary work and evangelism. We have the great Commission of Christ commanding all the disciples to go out and win the world to him and his cause. Paul, in the passage above, shows that unless people do go out to proclaim the gospel it is impossible to save the world. Men simply can't believe in one of whom they have not heard, and they can't hear unless some one goes out to make the gospel known. This brings in the idea of missionary work and evangelism. There is but slight distinction between these two. Both the evangelist and the missionary go out on a mission, and that mission has as its object the making known of the gospel of Christ with the ideal of getting individuals to accept it and be saved. We are in the habit, however, of thinking of an evangelist as a person who goes out to inspire people to accept a gospel of which they have already heard, while a missionary may get down to the very grass roots of the situation and teach the gospel to one who has never heard it. This is especially true with foreign mission work. On the other hand a home missionary may be, and indeed should be, as much of an evangelist as he is a missionary. It will be noted that the task of the two overlap at many points. There is another point of slight difference, and that is the home missionary may be expected to deal more with the physical and material needs of the individual than is ordinarily the case with the evangelist.

The one thing above all others, that should be emphasized in this lesson is the fact all who have heard and accepted the gospel are under obligations to carry it to others. When Paul speaks of a preacher here he is thinking in terms of a proclaimer of the gospel, and not of some person who has been regularly ordained by some church. In fact Paul himself was never thus ordained.

In the last passage (I Cor. 2:1-5) Paul calls attention to the simplicity of the gospel. Any one who has experienced it can carry it to others.