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Help Your Pastor Realize Easter Season Possibilities

NO other season of the year offers quite the possibilities for growth and development in the church as does the Easter time. It is really the pastor's "busy season." There is so much to do and the opportunities are so great that the pastor needs and should have a lot of help from the membership of the church.

The normal increase of activities for the pastor in the Easter season is now further increased since the Church Attendance Crusade has been added to the usual church activities during Easter time. The possibilities for fruitful service at this time of the year have grown in recent years to such proportions that a large staff of workers is needed to meet the increasingly large opportunities the season offers.

Help your pastor in making the Church Attendance Crusade meaningful in your church. Help him also in the unusual opportunities Easter offers for successful evangelism. In so doing we will find that the Eastern season and the Easter message will have a larger meaning for ourselves.

Food Is Good Ammunition

ONE of the major problems which has confronted our nation for sometime is food surpluses. Food growers are growing more food each year than our citizens can buy and consume. As a result the nation is acquiring a huge store of food. In order to keep prices for food paid the grower at a level which will make producing food products profitable, the government has worked out a system of acreage allotments and price supports designed to limit somewhat the production of food and at the same time keep the prices up. But each year sees the surpluses of wheat, rice and other foods growing larger and larger. It all adds up to quite a problem.

We recently heard a radio newscast report that one of the government agencies is now proposing that surplus wheat which is accumulating faster than storage facilities can be erected be stored in a number of merchant vessels which the Maritime Commission has in the "mothball" fleet on the west coast. Apparently all available facilities ashore are now filled and with a new crop of wheat expected shortly it now becomes necessary to find future storage offshore.

All of this is happening in this land of plenty, and it is difficult for our citizens to imagine that there are lands in other parts of the world where people go to bed every night hungry because of the lack of food. There are men and women and little children by the millions who do not know what it is not to be hungry. When and if wheat is stored aboard tied-up, idle, ocean vessels, the next step ought to be to activate these vessels and send them on voyages to distant lands with these surplus cargoes.

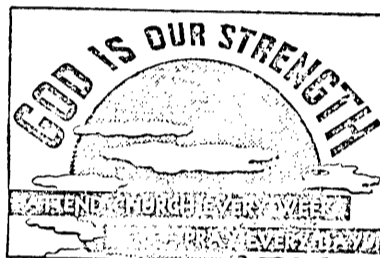
Thoughtful citizens become quite concerned at times because other nations of the world do not think as highly of the United States as might be desired. A long look at the national budget might help to understand why other nations view with alarm and distrust our long range policy. A nation that is spending the biggest part of its annual budget for military needs is not likely to engender many warm feelings of friendship among peoples of other lands, particularly if these people go to bed hungry every night and our land has so much food

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Attendance One Important Measure Of Active Church

THERE are many standards used by different groups as a basis for the measurement of a church. Some measure the church by the size of its membership; some measure by the size of its budget. There are others who measure a church by its departmental or social or benevolent program. Some make spiritual development the standard for measurement. Others use standards different from any of these.

There is one standard of measurement for an active church regardless of its size which is usually very accurate in revealing whether or not the church membership is loyal and cooperative in promoting the total church program. It is found in the percentage of the church membership which attends its services and in the regularity with which members attend.



It is impossible for a church to attain its largest possibilities in a church program if the people, who compose its membership, are careless and indifferent about attending its services. Every other activity of the church is slowed down when services at the church are poorly attended. It is true, also, that every other activity of the church feels the helpful effect of full attendance at church.

Not only it is impossible for a church to attain its largest possibilities when its services are not well attended, it is next to impossible also for an individual member to attain his largest possibilities in Christian living and Christian development if he wilfully neglects to attend the services of his church. There are, of course, some saints of God who do not attend church services. However, they are people who are kept from the services by sickness or by some other unavoidable cause. They are people who would gladly and happily attend church services if conditions would permit.

In our judgement, it is an incontrovertible fact that the welfare of the church and the spiritual welfare of its individual members are inseparably tied up with the matter of church attendance. It is this fact which gives such tremendous importance to the Church Attendance Crusade now in progress.

We should keep in mind that it is easier and the results more fruitful to promote a Church Attendance Crusade in a local church while the movement is church-wide than to attempt such a campaign when only one local church is involved. That fact also gives added value to the present church-wide, Church Attendance Crusade. It furnishes an opportunity no pastor can afford to overlook.

Another Wesley Foundation Building

METHODISTS in Arkansas will be interested in knowing that another Wesley Foundation building has been opened for use by college students near one of the college campuses in the state. Wesley Center, the Wesley Foundation building in Russellville, was formally opened on last Sunday afternoon. Located adjacent to the campus of Arkansas Tech, this facility will increase immeasurably the opportunity for service to Methodist students enrolled at Arkansas Tech. Wesley Center is a converted restaurant and the conversion was absolutely genuine. The project was undertaken by the First Methodist Church of Russellville and the net result is a building that is a credit to the program that it will make possible.

What has just happened at Russellville is typical of what several of the local churches in Arkansas located in college and university towns have done and are planning to do to meet the opportunity of serving Methodist students away from their home communities and churches. Much more planning along this line is needed if Arkansas Methodism is to have the Wesley Foundation program it should have. But this responsibility rests not alone on the local churches that happen to be in the cities where colleges and the university are located. These students come from all over the state and are temporary residents of the college and university town. The local churches are already doing much to help meet the situation. In both annual conferences, Conference Boards of Education are putting additional program money into Wesley Foundation work, but even this additional help, as welcomed as it is, is not enough.

We want to suggest that leaders in Arkansas Methodism would do well to consider this opportunity and look forward to the time when the conferences can increase substantially the financial resources for these Wesley Foundation programs.

We Face Danger Of War With Red China

THERE is unmistakable irony in our present relations with Red China. Once there was a time when, with comparatively small aid, the United States could have made it possible for Chiang Kai-shek to completely suppress the Red rebellion in China, and thereby prevent the spread of Communism in the Far East.

Instead we either "fumbled the ball" or were foolishly deceived by the shallow propaganda that the revolution in China was a "grass roots" movement by the common, laboring classes of China. In fact the rebellion was Russian inspired and Russian aided and was so formidable that Chiang Kai-shek, unaided, could not put it down.

By failing to aid Chiang, when aid would have enabled his government to stand, we, in effect, gave "aid and comfort" to the Reds and enabled them to overthrow the government of Chiang in China proper. As a result, he and his followers were driven off the mainland and took refuge in off-shore islands.

As a result of this unfortunate and tragically misguided diplomacy we lost a friendly government in China and the traditional friendship of the multiplied millions of Chinese. We have in their place an enemy government that

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Methodists In Arkansas And Louisiana Will Be Glad To Know
That Through Efforts Of Dr. Charles Perrill, Who
Has Been In This Area Twice This Year,

India Hospital Gains A Sterilizer

TIME was when everything from dressings to surgical instruments at the Clara Swain Hospital in Bareilly, India, was sterilized in a big pressure cooker. There just wasn't any hospital sterilizing equipment available.

That was the situation when Dr. Charles Perrill and his wife, Dr. Wilma Conger Perrill, Evanston, Ill., arrived in Bareilly in 1940 as Methodist medical missionaries to take over supervision of the hospital. The pressure cooker did its work for several months, until Dr. Perrill found an old autoclave (a hospital sterilizer), which he took to the hospital and put to use.

For the remainder of the fourteen years the Perrills were at Clara Swain, the old autoclave, glued and taped, was used for all types of sterilizing. One of Dr. Charles Perrill's ambitions on his return to the States in 1954 for a furlough was to find and take back to India one or more autoclaves, new or in good condition, and an electric steam generator to power them.

Going to New York last fall, Dr. Perrill was appointed interim medical secretary of the Board of Missions in the absence of Dr. Harold N. Brewster, who was on a trip to Southeast Asia.

Late in January, Dr. Perrill was invited to speak on the Clara Swain Hospital before a Sunday evening adult fellowship at Christ Church, the Manhattan Methodist church of which Dr. Ralph W. Sockman is the pastor.

The fellowship became interested in helping Dr. Perrill get the equipment. Going to the Commission on Missions of Christ Church, representatives asked that receipts from a proposed carnival be used to purchase a sterilizer and for a generator. The Commission agreed. An all-India carnival, sponsored by the fellowship, drew about 400 persons to Christ Church. Proceeds were more than \$1,000, all of it for the Clara Swain Hospital.

Dr. Perrill and fellowship members visited the Medical Salvage Company in lower Manhattan to look at medical equipment, most of it purchased from government hospitals that had been closed. From an equipment heap, Dr. Perrill selected a new high-pressure autoclave, two used autoclaves in good condition and two generators. The price for all five pieces of equipment—just under \$1,000. The price new from the factory — about \$7,500.

For the hospital, the initiative of the fellowship meant fulfillment of a long-standing need. For Christ Church, it meant more than \$1,000 in *Advance Special* credit and, as one church member expressed it, "new ideas about the importance of missions."

Dr. Perrill spent last week in the Monroe and Ruston Districts of the Louisiana Conference, filling several speaking engagements includ-



(Board of Missions by Rickarby)

Dr. Charles Perrill (right) superintendent of the Clara Swain Hospital, Bareilly, India, explains to three members of Christ Church, New York City, the use of an electric steam generator that will power a high-pressure autoclave for sterilizing hospital equipment. Two generators and three autoclaves (in background) will be sent to the hospital through *Advance Special* funds from Christ Church. Listening to Dr. Perrill are three members of an adult fellowship that took the lead in raising funds for the equipment. All New York residents, they are (left to right) David M. Stevens, an assistant treasurer of the Division of World Missions; Gerald Weinberg, fellowship president, and Miss Julia Cousins, co-chairman of a fellowship committee on the hospital project.

ing an address before the state convention of the United Council of Church Women. The Drs. Perrill

are supported in part as an *Advance Special* by the First Methodist Church of Fort Smith.

METHODISTS JOIN IN KOREAN BROADCASTS

By LEONARD PERRYMAN

A unique Christmas present — delayed four years in the giving — has been bestowed on the Korean people, North and South, this season by Korean Christians and Christians from abroad.

The gift is a 5,000-watt radio station that went on the air December 15 from studios in Seoul. KLKY, says the Rev. E. Otto DeCamp, a Presbyterian missionary who is the director, is the first privately operated station to be licensed by the Republic of Korea government since the end of the war. Heretofore, the government network has held a monopoly on broadcasting, except for military stations.

The Methodist Church was

Tuk Bin Lee, a Christian engineer, is seated at a control console in the control room of HLKY, the new radio voice of Christian Korea. The 5,000-watt station, which has studios in Seoul, went on the air December 15 and will broadcast six hours daily to several million persons in North and South Korea. The Methodist Church is one of the sponsors of the station.



CUBA MISSION HAS FINE RESULTS

A broken ankle failed to slow up Bishop John Branscomb's direction of the Methodist Church's most successful evangelistic mission to date to Cuba, February 8-17.

Results reported as a closing rally in Havana showed that 67,478 persons attended the 809 services conducted by 178 visiting American ministers and laymen in cooperation with Cuban pastors.

Of this number, 2,257 Cubans made their first decisions for Christ and His Church, 1,315 enrolled in membership training classes, and 333 joined the church following preparatory instruction.

This was the best record of the five annual "Cuba Crusades," Bishop Branscomb reported. His Jacksonville Area includes the Florida and Cuba conferences.

Those from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area who participated in the Mission were Dr. Cecil R. Culver, Monticello, Rev. Ray Hozendorf, Magnolia, Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Moore, Camden, Rev. and Mrs. James T. Harris, Monroe, Rev. and Mrs. George Pearce, Jr., DeRidder and Rev. Edward W. Harris, Baton Rouge.

The bishop suffered a broken ankle February 13 when a ship's ladder fell while he was descending at the dock in Guantanamo. With his leg in a cast, Bishop Branscomb finished the campaign on crutches and filled every one of his preaching engagements.

The Americans visited 6,261 families during the Cuban mission, preached on the streets and in cane-fields, appeared on radio and television and spoke at numerous civic clubs. Though Cuba is predominantly Roman Catholics, the Methodists were cordially welcomed wherever they went and appeared to have more "entree" than in any previous visitation.

The mission was sponsored jointly by the Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., and the Board of Missions, New York.

Koreans under communist oppression. Methodists are related closely to HLKY not only financially, but through missionary personnel who plan the programs, do broadcasting, and work with the engineering and other technical aspects of station operation.

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Advocate Seeks Sermons On Peace

In an effort to find the best sermon on peace preached during the Crusade for World Order in The Methodist Church, the denomination's official news magazine—*Christian Advocate*—is currently sponsoring an unusual contest.

Laymen are invited to send in to the *Advocate* the full text or a 1,500 word digest of such a sermon along with the name of the pastor who delivered it. To the lay person submitting the best sermon in the opinion of the judges the *Advocate* will pay \$25. The minister who preached the prize-winning sermon will receive \$75.

Sermons are to be mailed to *Christian Advocate*, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill., by April 1.

Judges for the contest are the authors of the *Advocate's* recent series of articles on World Order. They are: Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of the Des Moines (Ia.) Area; Dr. Harold A. Bosley, First Church, Evanston, Ill.; Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, Central Church, Detroit; Dr. Edmund S. Heinsohn, University

Church, Austin, Texas; and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Christ Church, New York City.

If your date-book does not contain these dates, you may want to make note of them:

April 12-14—South Central Jurisdiction Convocation, Fort Worth, Texas.

May 3-5—Deaconess Convocation, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

July 2-9—National Youth School of Alcohol Studies and Action, National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Mo.

July 13-20—National Adult School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action, Morningside College, Sioux City, Ia.

July 22-25—National Methodist Town and Country Conference, University of Indiana, Bloomington, Ind.

July 26-28—Annual Institute of Higher Education, Nashville, Tenn.

Aug. 22-26—National Convocation of Methodist Youth, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

NOTE—The above list, of course, is only a partial list of future meetings.

RESURRECTION, By Lu-Chia Chen



"THE LORD IS RISEN, INDEED!"

Perhaps the most amazing single thing about the Gospel writers, those who penned the Epistles, and the members of the early churches of whom we have record, was the calmness and entire lack of doubt with which they believed the resurrection and reappearance of their Master, and that "God raises the dead." That was because there were so many witnesses to the resurrection, and because so many had received the power of the Spirit.

"We are all witnesses," Paul said once. And again, "He appeared to more than 500 brethren at one time, most of whom are alive"—and no doubt bore witness everywhere and to everyone. With so many eye-witnesses, all eager to testify, who could doubt? That, plus the power that came to the physically-defeated disciples, plus the experience of the power of the Living Christ by men of all the centuries, even to our own day, make unanimous testimony to Christ's resurrection—and to the immortality of the human spirit.

Far stranger than resurrection—than immortality—is life itself. The wonder is that we are, why we are: but we do not doubt we are. Once we are—is it nearly as remarkable that we continue to be?

YOU TOO CAN BE PROUD

By MIKE JOHN, JR., Monroe
Author of "Think Spiritually"

A great patriot and Christian man once said: "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives; and so lives that the place will be proud of him."

YOU TOO CAN BE PROUD of the community in which you live today—

And some day the community could well be proud of you.

This attitude perhaps expresses what might be the hope and desire of most of us. It is characteristic of the average American Christian to seek to live such a life in his community.

The Christian home being what it is, you and I are conscious of an inherent desire to live our life so that others will be proud of us.

We have been blessed with such wonderful Christian homes, and Christian heritage that they simply demand of us our every effort toward building a better community and nation.

Because we have made it so, our homes are the most important single unit of our civilization.

The home in which you and I live today has grown to its importance and dignity because of the work, the faith, and the hope that we have instilled into our thinking and into our living.

Here in America, the home is unique in this respect—set apart from homes in other parts of the world, simply because you and I, and millions have placed the highest of Christian values upon the honor and integrity of our homes.

A community is simply the composite in numbers and strength of the individual homes that constitute the community.

Thus, it is logical to say that the community in which you live is simply what the sum total of the homes in it make it . . . therefore—

Good homes will make a good community—

Progressive homes will make a progressive community—

Clean, moral homes will make a clean, moral community—

Christian homes will surely make a Christian community.

The relative importance of any community need not be judged solely by . . . or measured strictly by . . . the material yardstick values of size, industry, finance, civic improvements, bank deposits, or the number of highways and railroad tracks that lead into the city.

However, it is paradoxical that wherever you do have a good community . . . made good because of it is composed of good Christian homes . . . invariably there are good schools, good hospitals, good libraries, good civic organizations, and outstanding landmarks of finance, industry and public utility.

These are limited in size and in quantity only in proportion to the relative size of the community.

Of course, what is of utmost importance is the degree of religious opinion, attitude and sentiment that permeates any community . . . especially the one in which you live.

No community will ever become better minus the impact of the influence of the Christian Church. No individual would really want to live in a community that does not have an atmosphere of religious thought brought about by the influential impact of the Church.

Any community minus this religious environment of the Christian Church would of necessity soon become decadent . . . and a god-less group of mere mortals who would soon be staggered in their own sin and evil.

The Church therefore must assume its rightful position at the head of the march toward a better community . . . toward a better life . . . toward a better future for all mankind.

The Church must not become static in its open attitudes and reactions toward the evil influences in man and his society . . .

But must become almost militant, watchful and ever alerted to combat evil with good . . . to teach love where hate now exists . . . to give strength to mortal souls that are weakened by sin . . . to formulate and teach the principles of good character, right thinking, clean living, and faith in the future.

The Church in this age of moral laxity, mental confusion, physical hardship is perhaps the last hope for mankind . . . even as mankind continues a self chartered, mad dash down the highway of life toward possible chaos and ruin.

Man by nature should seek for the good and for the true . . . for that is the quality of which we were born.

The Church is capable . . . and has the potential for leading us toward that which is good and true.

In any community, the Church stands forth as the guiding light of Christian teachings and principles for leading mankind out of darkness into the light of Christian living.

The Churches . . . working with the Christian homes everywhere . . . can do what the powers of politics and economic have yet to accomplish—and that is the formation on earth of communities of men living together in love, and kindness, and respect, and service; in the hope and trust of a fruitful, eventful, abundant life that is pleasing in the eyes of God and worthy of his salvation through grace for an eternal home.

Yes . . . it is possible—

YOU TOO CAN BE PROUD—

Of your Church, of your home, of your community—

And so live such a dedicated life of love and service in them, and for them, that they will be proud of you.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

JUDGE GARNER TAYLOR is the teacher of a young couples' Sunday School class at the First Methodist Church, Clarksville, which had its first session on Sunday, February 6.

DR. JAMES UPTON of Hendrix College was the speaker at the district-wide youth rally held in the First Methodist Church, Paragould, on Monday, February 14.

REV. OTTO W. TEAGUE, district superintendent of the Forrest City District, will conduct Holy Week services at the Hughes Methodist Church. Rev. Elmus C. Brown is pastor.

REV. C. NORMAN GUICE, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Conway, will be the preacher in Holy Week services at the First Methodist Church of Marked Tree. Rev. Martin Bierbaum is pastor at Marked Tree.

REV. A. W. MARTIN, JR., pastor of the Green Forest Methodist Church, was the inspirational speaker at the Youth Rally for the Forrest City District which was held at Forrest City on Monday evening, March 14.

DR. HAROLD BOSLEY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois, will give the 1956 Goddard Memorial Lectures at the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, according to announcement. The dates will be January 21-25.

REV. ALFRED KNOX, pastor of the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, will be the preacher in evangelistic services at the Methodist Church of Mansfield, beginning on Sunday evening, March 27. The meeting will run for ten days. Rev. Willis Harl is pastor of the Mansfield Church.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD of the Star City Church has approved the organization of a Girl Scout Troop, the Brownie Troop, which meets from 4:00 until 5:00 p. m. each Thursday. The troop is led by Mrs. Phil E. Pierce, wife of the pastor, assisted by Mrs. Muriel Nobles, Mrs. Wilbur Tarver, and Mrs. W. C. Tinsley.

DEV. J. W. MOORE, pastor at Wheatley, was admitted to the Mercy Hospital in Brinkley on Thursday, March 3, and was removed to the Baptist Hospital in Memphis in March 8 where it may be necessary that he undergo surgery. Brother Moore will appreciate hearing from his friends.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN preached the anniversary sermon at the Emmet Methodist Church, on Sunday morning, March 13, which is celebrating its centennial. Rev. Joe W. Hunter is pastor. In the evening, Bishop Martin preached at the First Methodist Church, Prescott, where Rev. W. D. Golden is pastor.

REV. CLARENCE W. TOMPKINS, executive director of Friendship Haven, Ft. Dodge, Iowa, was elected president of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes at their annual convention in Chicago on February 10. He succeeds J. M. Crews, administrator of the Methodist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

REV. ELDRED BLAKELY, pastor of the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, and former pastor at Star City, was guest preacher at the Star City Methodist Church on Sunday evening, March 6. Brother and Mrs. Blakely were in Arkansas to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. William Blakely of Malvern, parents of Brother Blakely.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN served as chapel speaker at the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, March 8-10. He was at S.M.U. for an informal seminar which is held each year on the subject of Lenten Season Sermons. Bishop Martin was available for student counseling during the time he was on the S.M.U. Campus.

OPEN HOUSE was held at the Wesleyan Center at Russellville on Sunday afternoon, March 13, from 2:00 until 5:00 with a large crowd viewing the remodeled building which has been

made available as a student center for Wesley Foundation at Arkansas Tech. Mrs. W. F. Cooley, youth director of the First Methodist Church, is in charge of the Center. Rev. Alf Eason is pastor of the church.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, will be the speaker at the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday, March 27, when Hendrix Day will be observed. During the day the Youth Department will be assisted in planning and workshop periods by a Fellowship Team, supervised by Rev. James S. Upton. At the evening service the Hendrix College Chapel Choir will present a concert under the direction of V. Earle Copes.

DR. ETHAN DODGEN, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, and his family, will leave in July for Liverpool, England, where Dr. Dodgen will serve as exchange minister with Rev. Frank T. Copplestone. The Rev. Mr. Copplestone will arrive in Jonesboro in time for the service on Sunday morning, July 17, and will serve as pastor through Sunday, August 7. He and his wife and daughter will occupy the parsonage while in Jonesboro.

DR. FRANK G. BROOKS, age 61, well-known Methodist layman and professor in Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, died in his home on March 4 following a heart attack. Neither Mrs. Brooks nor their only daughter were in the States at the time of his unexpected death. The tragic news reached Mrs. Brooks in Singapore, where she was about half way through a three-month tour of Methodist mission stations in Asia at the request of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of which she is president. She immediately cancelled the rest of her itinerary and flew home. Their daughter, Mrs. David Hull, is the wife of a U. S. Army officer stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. She also flew back for the funeral, which was held in Mt. Vernon Thursday afternoon, March 10.

DR. KARL K. QUIMBY of Ridgewood, New Jersey, was named the Boss of the Year by the National Secretaries Association, International, at the Waldorf Astoria in New York on March 8. The plaque was presented at the organization's sixth annual banquet by John M. Fisher of New York, the 1954-55 Boss of the Year. The new choice of the secretaries has been for the past fourteen years secretary of Missionary Education for The Methodist Church, with offices at 150 Fifth Avenue. Dr. Quimby was formally nominated for the new honor by Mrs. Anita Mahlbacher, his secretary for seven years. She cited his "qualities of leadership, his belief in team work, his organizing ability and his helpfulness and understanding in the face of troublesome problems." He has "great enthusiasm for his work and transfers it to his employees who carry a heavy work load and enjoy it."

INCREASE IN WORLD SERVICE RECEIPTS

Three-fourths of the way through their current fiscal year, at the end of February, Methodists had sent \$6,042,580.15 in World Service funds to their central treasury in Chicago. Goal for the year is \$9,660,000.

February receipts for most benevolence and administrative funds were substantially larger than in February, 1954. World Service receipts for the nine-month period ending Feb. 28 were 3.42 per cent more than during the same period last year.

Other cumulative figures for the nine-month period, according to Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, executive secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, included the following:

Benevolence Funds

World Service Specials—\$74,691.25, a gain of 18.55 per cent
General Advance Specials—\$2,765,637.72, a gain of 30.37 per cent
Week of Dedication—\$116,669.34, a gain of 25.52 per cent
Fellowship of Suffering and Service—\$597,956.29,

a gain of 13.15 per cent
Methodist TV Ministry—\$85,979.88
Bishops' Appeal for Korea—\$1,489,375.47

A NOTE OF THANKS

Mrs. Ault was operated on at the St. Joseph Hospital in Hot Springs on Saturday, March 5, and is resting very well now. We want to thank the friends in Hot Springs, the ministers of the Hope District, and friends from over the Washington Circuit, for the flowers, letters, cards, telephone calls and the many kind expressions of help and sympathy.

May God bless each of you is our prayer.—
Rev. and Mrs. H. A. F. Ault

FOOD IS GOOD AMMUNITION

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it becomes necessary to store it in idle ships.

We are not making any plea just now for any less preparedness, militarily, but if some of the huge military expenditures could be diverted to making some of these huge food surpluses available to hungry people of other lands, it might help to strengthen the cause of peace throughout the world. Wheat would make excellent ammunition and would help life rather than destroy life, which is the usual purpose of ammunition. It is even likely that it would be cheaper in the long run to give wheat and rice away to people who are in need than it would be to store it indefinitely, perhaps never to be used. Conceivably it could even help to solve the food surplus problem.

WE FACE DANGER OF WAR WITH RED CHINA

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constantly threatens world peace while it continuously cultivates a fanatical hatred of all things American in the hearts of four hundred millions of our former friends.

The irony of it all is found in the fact that we now feel called upon to defend the same Chiang Kai-shek, now housed in weakness on an island fortress, whom we refused even to aid when he, with that aid, was strong enough to maintain a friendly government on the mainland. Such a government would have given balance to the Far East and would have been a bulwark of defense against the spread of Communism in all Asiatic countries. With such a nation at Russia's back door as a war deterrent, the "cold war" would likely have ended long ago. Certainly we would not now be on the verge of war with an arrogant, Russian supported, red regime in China in an effort to protect some friendly islands off the shores of China.

It is quite possible that the biggest diplomatic blunder America ever made was to swap Chiang Kai-shek and his friendly government for what now is in Red China.

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THE NEED FOR PRACTICE

Our professional league baseball players are now participating in preparation for the grueling months ahead. However, most of them have "kept in shape" since the end of last season, and wisely so, because their playing days in a highly competitive sport are all too brief.

Constant effort is the price of skill and co-ordination of eye and hand. "Practice makes perfect" is the old maxim which I had to copy over and over in school. My own handwriting is proof that practice does not always produce perfection. Nevertheless, without practice, we cannot hope for more than mediocrity.

A once-a-month golfer is stymied when he attempts to compete with the twice-a-week player. He sees his friend swinging with rhythmic grace and envies him. But worse than his own discomfort is the fact that he wastes the time of the better players who have to cool their heels and beat their heads while he flounders in the sandtraps.

A Sad Little Boy

The small boy who totes his violin case for his weekly lesson is pitying himself. He seems so out of things especially when his friends are playing ball over in the schoolyard.

And the little girl taking her piano lessons while her companions are consuming ice-cream around the corner rebels against the monotonous voice calling, "One-two-three-four, let's try it again." She would like to toss the music sheet out of the window and the instructor along with it.

There is no glamor in practice. But without practice we would have no master musicians or great symphonies.

One of the world's greatest pianists once said that if he neglected his practice for one day, he could detect the difference in his playing; if for two days, his critics noticed it; if for three days the public knew it.



There Comes A Time

When we keep practicing, there comes a time when we pass from the drudgery of it to the joy of it. The beginner in music would like to forego those finger exercises, but if she perseveres in trying to learn, the day will come when she can play with ease.

As far as music appreciation is concerned, we are able to pick up simple tunes with little effort, but great symphonies require considerable "living with" to be properly enjoyed. Is it not true that our liking for the better things in life is usually an acquired taste—acquired, mind you, but after much practice.

Not only our own pleasure, but the very safety of society is at stake in this matter of keeping in practice. Who would feel safe on a ship if the crew did no drilling and waited only for the storm or fire to break? Life-belts under the berth and printed rules on the walls are not enough. We trust our lives and our property to sailors and soldiers and firemen who are trained by long practice to do the right thing in an emergency.

The times call for citizens to put their ideals into practice, and then keep applying them until they carry their virtues with such easy grace that they make goodness attractive to others. Although man has many noble impulses, juvenile delinquency, social disorders and threats of war continue. Why? Because we are in the "awkward stage" of social development.

Only An Impulse Now

I have been making a study of awkwardness in my little granddaughter. She is a bundle of graceful curves, yet she is unable to walk smoothly. The reason is, of course, that she has reached that point of development where she has the impulse to walk, but not the ability. Reading a treatise on Greek dancing would not help her in the slightest. What she needs is a nursery floor and a parent to teach her how to take those first trying steps.

The same sort of determined and patient application of what we know to be good is necessary if we are to solve the difficult problems of our society.

The Sermon on the Mount closes with the warning that whoever hears the words and does not apply them is like the foolish man who built his house on sand. It fell with the first storm. The wise man, however, hears the words and uses them. He is like the man whose house withstood the storm because it was built on rock.

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



MORE ABOUT LAY SPEAKING

Recently the North Arkansas Annual Conference set up a Committee on Lay Speaking. The duties of this committee were to make continuing studies of the work of Lay Speaking, and to seek materials and methods which might come out of our experiences and which would be helpful to all who do this great work.

The Committee met February 18 at Searcy. In addition to the members who were there, Joe Pierce and Jim Wiseman, both experienced Lay Speakers, were invited to sit with us.

This meeting made more progress by far than has ever been made in the field of overall planning. The experiences of the members, both clerical and lay, were pooled in the stimulating discussion that proceeded throughout the meeting. The final decision was to prepare a set of recommendations to the Annual Conference relative to the enlarging of the committee and of its activities. It was decided also that a symposium be prepared by the various members on different subjects that affect the work. The symposium will be prepared by Conference time. It should be informative for those who wish to begin a program of lay speaking in their areas, and for those who are already at work. Doubtless it will be the beginning of a "blueprint" for the Conference program, since it still is so new in the Church that there is very little literature available to those who wish to know more about it.

When Robert G. Mayfield, Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, heard of the preparation of this symposium, he asked for permission to study the manuscript before it goes to press in order that he might suggest minor editorial changes, if any, which might be made in order to make the work useful over the entire church. Thus, the laymen and ministers of the North Arkansas Conference may have the privilege of setting the broad outlines of the program in the nation. As soon as the work is prepared, the laymen in the North Arkansas Conference will want first to share their

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reld

PEACE OF MIND PLUS DIVINE DISCONTENT

Should the Christian seek peace of mind from the "cares that infest the day"—the trivial or the burdensome anxieties that bring frustrations, mental and spiritual disturbance, even physical ill-health? Is it the church's job to bring aid to the person seeking such peace? Or is it the church's job rather to promote "divine discontent" among men and nations—a discontent that will drive them to battle injustice in every area of life in which it shows its ugly head; a discontent that will help bring in "the Kingdom?"

The problem is far from being academic. The great number of books (sometimes under **psychology**, sometimes under **religion**) that are coming from able pens on "how to attain peace of mind" (or some similar title) and their phenomenal sales attest popular demand for this peculiar ministry. And the attack upon this philosophy is evidence that many churchmen do not accept it as the religious purpose of church or synagogue. The laity have been critical and divided, too. A well-known scientist, Dr. Warren Weaver, waxed rather emphatic on the subject in a recent issue of *The Saturday Review*. Said he in part:

"Are you satisfied with the state of the world? Are you content with the behavior of modern men? Have you reached the point where soporific relaxation is the real goal, where more than anything you want rest and quiet and protection from stimulation? Has your ethical system taken the oriental turn of seeking **nirvana**, of closing your mind to contemporary turmoil, of desiring most of all a kind of resigned and hypnotic release into the infinite? . . . A

findings with their brothers of the entire episcopal area. It is hoped that before long a meeting of laymen may be held in a central location, at which we can introduce our newest and best plans to all the men in the two states.

phenobarbital philosophy does not appeal to me. I want to be concerned, stimulated, stirred, worried. . . . To pray for peace of mind appeals to me as a rather unpleasant insult to the God of the restless cell, of the blazing novae, of the swirling nebulae. . . . God pity me on the day when I have lost my restlessness!"

But I doubt that the issue is as clear-cut, or the two ideas as opposed to each other, as Dr. Weaver's statement would indicate. Is it not possible to have "peace of mind" and at the same time "divine discontent?" Indeed, if my mind is at peace — no conflicts, frustrations, battles within me—am I not all the stronger and more confident as I see and attack external problems — injustice, unethical conduct, hates, fears, and poverties? If I am all upset — "at sixes and sevens"—emotionally, can I possibly be in a healthy enough condition to wage successful battle for others? Only as I gain self-mastery, inner peace, "peace with God and man," can I see clearly what my neighbor needs. The hungry man (physically, mentally, spiritually) has no "room" for discontent concerning anything but his own condition. The chronic dyspeptic is seldom a good neighbor.

But "peace of mind" is not an end in itself. And it is not to be used for self-aggrandizement and what the world calls "success." It is to be the preliminary step, the **sine qui non**, of concern for and service to others. This service, then, is the heart of Christ's example to us.

Wasn't Jesus the perfect example of what we are trying to say? Was there ever one who had more peace of mind than he—after he had gone through the wilderness temptations and frustrations? Forever afterward, he accepted the will of God; he had peace of mind, certainty of purpose, unswerving guidance and direction. And it was then that the "divine discontent" grew and took possession of his every faculty. It was not discontent with his own lot (even upon the cross), nor with the role God had assigned him: it was a terrible yet divine discontent with man's inhumanity to man and with man's disobedience to God. Jesus had "peace of mind" for himself; but there was within him no complacency, nor languor, nor insensitiveness when he faced the evil and sin of the world. That discontent was truly divine! . . . And is not this also the outline of John Wesley's story?

Perhaps we can paraphrase to give a prescription for today: **A mind at peace, certain and single in its purpose, framed in a sound body, is required of him who would fan into achieving flame the divine spark of discontent.**

South Central Jurisdiction Convocation— April 12-14

Fort Worth, Texas (MI)—The eight-state South Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church will hold its quadrennial convocation here April 12-14 in the First Methodist Church. Business sessions of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the jurisdiction will be on April 11 and 12.

About 700 leaders are expected to attend the sessions, which will have as their general theme, "Methodism Advances Through the Local Church."

Latest statistics indicate that The Methodist Church has 1,798,493 members in the South Central Jurisdiction, whose interests will be represented by the officers and members of jurisdictional boards and committees attending the convocation. There are 298,334 members of the Woman's Society in the jurisdiction. Delegates will be present from Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Dr. Elton Trueblood of the U. S. Information Agency, Washington, D. C., will deliver the morning address on Wednesday and Thursday of the convocation program. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, New York, executive secretary of the church's Division of World Missions, will speak on Tuesday evening as the convocation opens, and Dr. George A. Buttrick, chairman of the board of preachers and professor in Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., will be the Wednesday evening speaker. Dr. Willis Tate, new president of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, will speak Thursday night.

Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., of Houston, Texas, president of the Jurisdiction WSCS, will preside at the meetings of that group Tuesday, April 12, and at the opening session of the convocation Tuesday night. Standing committees will meet on Monday, April 11.

Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Houston-San Antonio Area and president of the jurisdiction's College of Bishops, will lead the devotions at the opening service of the convocation. Other bishops scheduled to preside at sessions or lead worship services include: Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, head of the Missouri Area; Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, head of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area; Bishop H. Bascom Watts, Lincoln, leader of the Nebraska Area; Bishop Dana Dawson, Topeka, Kansas Area; Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas-Fort Worth Area; and Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, head of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area.

Dr. Marshall T. Steel, minister of Highland Park Church, Dallas, is chairman of the jurisdiction council and will preside at the Wednesday morning session.

Membership of the convocation will be divided into six discussion groups, dealing with such topics as the development of potential resources in the local church, recruiting for lay leadership, stewardship, tithing and an effective youth program.

Discussion leaders will be: Rev. McFerrin Stowe, St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City; Rev. Eugene Slater, Polk Street Church, Amarillo, Texas; Rev. Alva H. Clark, St. Paul

20th Anniversary Coming Up

IN the spring of 1935 there was published the first issue of a pocket sized devotional guide that was destined to set an amazing record in the field of worship leadership and religious publishing. The publication was entitled THE UPPER ROOM. Its plan was to provide a Bible reading, a meditation, a prayer and a thought for each day. Each day's reading occupies a single page. And the price was low, five cents per copy.

Dr. Carlton Emmons was the first editor. He gathered helpful and meaningful meditations from churchmen, both ministerial and lay, with a different writer for each day. People of every denomination were eager to have THE UPPER ROOM and so from the earliest days it has grown on a non-denominational basis. Growth was steady from its first edition of 100,000 to a million and with World War II, it reached two million.

Early in its history there developed a demand for editions in other languages. Portuguese, Spanish, Hindustani, Korean and Chinese were among the first. The War period saw the appearance of the vest pocket edition of THE UPPER ROOM (now made lighter in weight and called the air mail edition because it can be mailed to USA and APO and FPO addresses for the minimum air mail rate). The small edition is distributed widely to men and women in the armed forces. THE UPPER ROOM is rather proud of the fact that it has never refused the request of a chaplain for copies of THE UPPER ROOM. A ministry to the blind through Braille has also proved to be greatly appreciated.

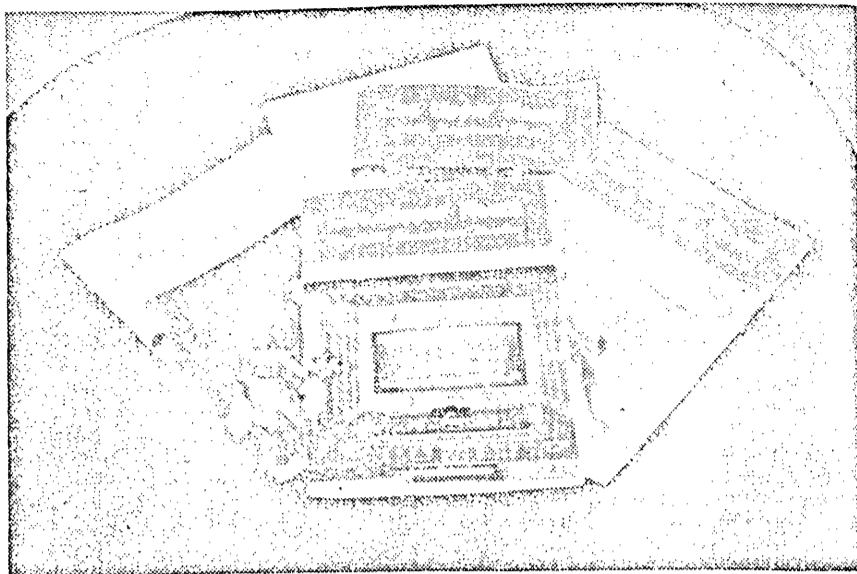
When Dr. Roy H. Short, the second editor, was elected a Methodist bishop in 1948, J. Manning Potts was selected as editor.

The recent expansion and growth of THE UPPER ROOM is a remarkable testimony to the effectiveness of its ministry. The circulation has been growing steadily at the rate of more than 100,000 per year. Currently the circulation is over three million, by far the largest circulation ever achieved by a religious periodical. There has been an ever increasing demand for editions in other lands and other languages so that now there are 29 editions in 25 languages all sharing the same Bible reading, prayers and meditations for each day.

It is not easy to lay one's finger on a factor or group of factors that have made the publication grow in twenty years until it has a world wide ministry. The fact that THE UPPER ROOM does not allow itself to be a propaganda instrument, but insists that its place is to be purely devotional, may have some bearing. The facts that it is family centered aiming at great ideas of the Christian faith simply told and effectively illustrated is important. The fact that it seeks to provide an implement to help individuals and fam-

Church, Omaha, Nebraska; Rev. Durwood Fleming, St. Luke's Church, Houston; Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock; and Rev. Wesley Hager, Grace Church, St. Louis. Walter Jenkins, minister of music in First Church, Houston, will direct the music.

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ilies find day by day inspiration, comfort, spiritual growth and that its meditations are a tremendous evangelistic force may not be overlooked. Writing in the 20th anniversary issue, Dr. J. Manning Potts, the editor, says that he is frequently asked how he accounts for the extraordinary world ministry of THE UPPER ROOM. "We cannot account for it except to say that it has met a need and that God has been in it and blessed it."

The March-April number of the 20th anniversary issue and April 1

is the anniversary date.

The following editions are now being published:

Armenian, Arabic, Chinese, Australian (English), Greek, Hindi, India (English), Italian, Hungarian, Japanese, Telugu, Korean, Norwegian, Persian, Portuguese, Swedish, Thai, Urdu, Tagalog, Ilocano, Great Britain (English), Spanish, Air Mail, English, Finnish, Russian, Gujarati, Cebuano, Swedish.

Circulation of the January-February, 1955, issue was 3,049,823.

Christian Advocate Receives Service Award

Chicago (MI)—The *Christian Advocate*, official news organ of The Methodist Church, has received a distinguished service award for its "outstanding contributions to the cause of ecumenical Christianity by excellent reporting and interpretation of the second assembly of the World Council of Churches."

The award was presented by the Church Federation of Greater Chicago at its fourth annual Protestant Churchmen's dinner Feb. 15. More than 1,500 persons witnessed the presentation and heard an address by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Church, New York City, and the National Radio Pulpit.

Editor T. Otto Nall accepted the citation on behalf of the *Advocate* staff from Dr. John W. Harms, executive vice president of the federation.

Honored with the *Advocate* were metropolitan newspapers and radio and TV stations. Only other religious periodical to receive an award was *The Christian Century*.

Two Methodist Leaders On Trip To Far East

Two leaders of American Methodism, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis, and the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, Tenn., left San Francisco March 5 for a month's visit to New Zealand and Australia in the interest of the World Methodist Council.

Bishop Holt is president of the council and Dr. Potts, editor of *The Upper Room*, international devotional guide, is a member of the executive committee.

They will visit Methodist work in the two countries and the Fiji

Bill To Ban Liquor Advertising and Beercasting

A bill to ban liquor advertising and beercasting in interstate commerce was introduced in the House of Representatives recently by Representative Eugene Siler of Kentucky. Similar to the Bryson Bill, the Siler Bill would ban alcoholic beverage advertising in all interstate media including radio and television.

All the counties but one in Congressman Siler's district are dry under local option. Mr. Siler believes his bill represents the wishes of the majority of his constituents.

GEORGIA METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME APPROVED BY STATE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Macon, Ga.—The Methodist Children's Home, Macon, Ga., is the first children's home in the state of Georgia to receive the approval of the State Department of Public Welfare and to be licensed under that department as a child caring institution. Notification of this recognition was recently received by A. C. Durden, superintendent of the home.

Founded in 1873, this South Georgia Conference Home is one of 49 homes and special agencies for children affiliated with the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes. It cares for about 120 children annually.

Islands, and confer with Dr. Charles A. Hailwood, president of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and Dr. R. B. Lew, president of the Methodist Church of Australia.

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NOTICE: LOCAL CHURCH TREASURERS

The fiscal year for all general boards and agencies closes on May 31st, 1955. In order that all funds may be credited within the year local church treasurers are requested to send to their Conference Treasurer not later than May 31st all monies held for the following:

BENEVOLENCE FUNDS—
World Service
World Service Special Gifts
General Advance Specials
Week of Dedication
Fellowship of Suffering and Service
Methodist T. V. Ministry
Bishops' Appeal for Korea

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS—
(Full payment on annual amount apportioned these funds should be made at this time.)

Episcopal Fund
General Administration Fund
Inter-denominational Co-operation Fund

Increased Use of Drama In Churches Noted

Chicago, (NC) — An increasing use of drama in Protestant churches and use of religious plays and dramatic productions in college, school and community affairs across the country is reported by the religious drama committee of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education.

Wide use of creative drama, of church sanctuaries, and of theater-in-the-round with its production simplicity have begun to give drama its rightful place as a religious experience, says committee chairman A. Argyle Knight, of Nashville, Tenn., of the youth department of the Methodist board of education. "The dramatic approach to Bible teachings," Mr. Knight says, "sets the mood, arouses curiosity, and stirs the imagination."

The committee's Religious Drama Workshop will be held again this summer at Green Lake, Wis., August 13-20. The workshop, the only one sponsored cooperatively by the Protestant churches of North America, was attended last year by 120 church workers from 18 denominations, 29 states, and four other countries.

Director of the workshop again will be Amy Goodhue Loomis, director of speech, drama, and radio at Vincennes, Ind., University.

Included at the workshop will be beginning and advanced production techniques, creative drama for children and youth beginning and advanced play direction, beginning and advanced rhythm choir, choral reading, and a forum on religious drama by Dr. Harold Ehrensberger of Boston University.

"All good drama is concerned with man's struggle to achieve his best self, his most perfect relationship with his neighbor, and his basic relationship to that which he worships," Dr. Ehrensberger says. "The purpose of drama in the church is to present that struggle and final triumph in its revelation in men and women throughout history."

A new workshop group on drama and worship, primarily for ministers, is also planned this year.

Other leaders at the workshop will include Arthur C. Risser, architect and lighting consultant, Wichita, Kan.; Barbara Anderson, children's drama specialist, Chicago; Patricia Jewitt, director of religious drama, First Baptist Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Registration will be in charge of Miss Helen Spaulding, assistant director, 79 East Adams St., Chicago.

HAWAII: STATEHOOD AND A CENTENNIAL

By
Betty Thompson

A GAINST the background of a renewed struggle for statehood, Hawaii celebrates the centennial of Methodism in the territory March 8-13, 1955. The annual conference of the Hawaii Mission and a visit from 200 stateside Methodists on a **Christian Advocate** tour to the island will mark the anniversary.

Dr. Harry S. Komuro, superintendent of the Hawaii Mission and a man prominent in the civic life of the islands, has called the granting of statehood to Hawaii an opportunity for the United States to show the Far East that it practices what it preaches concerning democracy. The Hawaii Mission Conference went on record last year as favoring statehood on the ground "that it would contribute to the moral and spiritual progress of the present Territory."

Methodists visiting the islands during the centenary of the denomination's work there will have an opportunity to see that "Hawaii is an American community whose institutions, social customs and life are typical American." They will see what part the church has played in developing Christian citizenship among its 4,000 members.

Since the Rev. W. S. Turner arrived in Hawaii on March 10, 1855, Methodism has had a turbulent history. After several false starts, the mission got underway in earnest at the beginning of the nineteenth century. The present annual conference is the fiftieth one. Dr. William H. Fry was superintendent of the mission for 33 years, retiring in 1947.

Japanese Christians in San Francisco, indignant over the plight of Japanese who had been brought to Hawaii to work on the sugar plantations, sent in 1887 one of their number, the Rev. Kanichi Miyama, to minister to them.

Dr. Syngman Rhee, president of Korea, in 1911 headed the Methodist Korean Compound, from which many of today's Korean leaders graduated. Waves of Filipino and Korean immigrants followed the Japanese. Chinese, Portuguese, and Puerto Ricans were also brought to Hawaii to labor in the fields.

The early days of the mission were marked by difficulties in securing personnel to work with the many language groups. As more and more young people learn English only, the need for special language groups in churches is disappearing. The Hawaii Mission has 70 per cent of its membership among young people with the average member nineteen years old.

Superintendent Komuro, whose father was a Methodist minister among Japanese in Hawaii as well as on both coasts of the United States in 1954, succeeded Dr. Leonard Oechsli, a former missionary to Malaya and California district superintendent. During Dr. Oechsli's administration, the "H-3 program," by which six recent American college graduates were brought to Hawaii for three years of service, was put into effect. It was financed by **Advance** funds which also along with **Week of Dedication**, helped build or remodel more than 35 projects including churches, parsonages, and parish houses.

Hawaii is producing its own leadership in increasing numbers. The



Over 70 per cent of Methodist membership in the Hawaiian Islands is under 24 years of age.

first deaconess from Hawaii, Miss Hisako Tanji, is at work in a rural area. Two young women from the islands, Leatrice Sakuma and Beatrice Seiji, have completed their college work in the United States and are at work as the first Hawaiian-born "H-3's." The Rev. Schuichi Fujishiro, whose father came from Japan to serve island churches, has been since September 1954 the director of Methodist student activity at the University of Hawaii.

"The Pacific Basin will be the focal point of civilization in the century ahead — and we stand at the center of history," Dr. Komuro says. "If Hawaii is to be a demonstration of American life at its best, and surely a state in the immediate years ahead, how important that these islands be won to Christ. Hawaii can become in the century ahead not just a mission outpost but an important base of operations for the missionary enterprise."

American-British Preacher Exchange Program For 1955 Announced

New York, N. Y. (NC) — American church-goers in many sections of the nation will be hearing the Gospel preached with a British accent this summer. While on the other side of the Atlantic their British counterparts will be listening to sermons in the unfamiliar "American" pronunciation of the English language.

For the 29th consecutive year U. S. and British clergymen will visit each others countries in the annual summertime exchange of clergymen of the two nations.

Twenty preaches in all — eleven from the U. S. and nine from Britain — will participate in the 1955 program, it was announced today by Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, executive director of the National Council of Churches' Department of Ecumenical Relations. The program is administered jointly by the National Council in the U. S. and by the British Council of Churches overseas.

The visiting British clergymen have far-reaching itineraries in the United States. They are scheduled to visit 20 states, including the three Pacific coast states and the District of Columbia to address local church and church council groups as well as a number of national and regional conferences.

In Britain, American ministers have preaching engagements scheduled in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

Announcing the 1955 program, Dr. Barstow hailed the preacher exchange as "a significant contribution to better understanding between nations as well as between churches."

"Our experience over the years has shown us that among the most

TV Story Contest Winners Announced

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — Three winners of a television story contest among college students were announced by the Methodist Church's Radio and Film Commission here.

Winner of the \$750.00 first prize is Mrs. Addeline M. Mason, 805 South Geiger St., Tacoma, Wash., a student at College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, for her script, "The Better Lot."

The second prize of \$500.00 for a story titled "The Prince of Stumpingham," was won by Miss Patricia Lee Goff, 334 Willow Grove Ave., Glenside, Pa. She is an evening student at Temple University, Philadelphia.

Miss Edith Carver Dodd, 619 University Place, Evanston, Ill., won the \$250.00 third prize for her story, "The Key to Trust." She is a Northwestern University student.

The scripts are being considered for a new half-hour TV drama series to be produced by the commission, which has its national headquarters in Nashville.

The contest called for "real life situations" emphasizing Christian love and concern for all persons, according to Dr. Howard E. Tower, the commission's program and production director.

The first 13 programs of the Methodist series will be ready for telecast next January, Dr. Tower said. They will be released through the National Council of Churches.

The story contest was sponsored by the commission in cooperation with the student and youth departments of the Methodist Board of Education, which also has its headquarters here.

lasting ties of friendship between two countries are those built in the personal relationships of individuals."

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Conference Youth Rally

Many groups over the conference are reporting that plans are being made to have great delegations at the Youth Rally, April 1.

Plans have been completed for workshop periods in the afternoon for those who can come for the afternoon period. These groups will meet from three to five in the afternoon.

The address will be at night, 7:30 p. m.

This total program is being built for persons, ages 15-23, and adult workers with youth.

We are asking that those who are to be in Conway at time for the evening meal make plans in advance for their meals. The Hendrix dining hall cannot provide meals for such a group. We suggest that groups bring their evening meal or plan to go to one of the down town eating places. Some have already asked about the evening meal. That is the reason for this statement.

Watch the *Arkansas Methodist* for detailed announcements about the Rally. We hope to have these details in the March 24th issue.

Vacation Church School Institutes

Plans are being worked out for the Vacation Church School institutes to be held soon. The following have been set-up:

Fayetteville District: Springdale, March 22; Berryville, March 23.
Jonesboro District: Jonesboro, March 28.

Paragould District, March 29.

Conway District: North Little Rock; March 31; one other institute for west end of district to be set.

Ft. Smith District probably on March 26.

Searcy District probably on April 16.

Watch for additional announcements about these programs.

Choose your text materials and get them so the workers can have them at the institute.

Good Training Week

Last week was a good week in the training program of the North Arkansas Conference, the following places having schools in progress: Gentry; Fayetteville District School at Springdale; Monette; Brinkley; Lepanto Area School; Hoxie; and West Helena Area School. There was a total of thirteen units being offered in these schools, with over 300 persons enrolled in the group of schools. Perhaps twenty or more churches were being reached with the program of these schools.

The following schools are being held this week: Charleston, Conway, Cabot, Paragould, Stranger's Home. The Monette and Hoxie schools are continuing into this week, as they are meeting one night each week. Gardner Memorial is starting a three weeks' program with one night each week.

Clarksville Area School

The Arkansas Valley Area of the Ft. Smith District is to have a four unit training school, March 21-23, with the following courses being

RALLY DAY PROGRAM—1955

"It is my judgment that you are going to get the best response from this program that you have had in recent years," said Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education. Dr. Schisler was speaking of the Church School Rally Day program for 1955, *Days of Life That Teach Us*, by Mrs. Johnnie Marie Grimes, that has just come from the press.

The Rally Day programs aid the annual conference boards of education in promoting this day for its educational features and for the funds which result for the annual conference program.

During 1954 Church School Rally Day offerings totaled \$394,469, an increase of \$27,946 over the total for 1953, according to Miss Lilla Mills of the Department of General Church School Work.

It is expected that this year's program will be especially helpful to church school workers. The "days of life that teach us" are ordinary days—when small children watch TV or read comic books "that exhaust a child's capacity to respond to normal things." Or perhaps the "day" includes for the teen-ager the pull of the gang, the need to belong. "Sometimes the pull is in the direction of crime and delinquency."

What is the church's answer to this need of our Methodist children and youth? The answer is set forth in the Rally Day program by Mrs. Grimes.

Order Days of Life That Teach Us (8335-BC) from the Methodist Publishing House that serves you. Prices are 10 cents each, 75 cents a dozen, \$5.00 a hundred.

WORKERS' TRAINING SCHOOL AT SMACKOVER

Plans have been completed for a three unit Workers' Training School at Smackover Methodist Church, March 21st, 22nd, 23rd. Rev. Roland E. Darrow, of Monticello, Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, of Magnolia, and Mrs. W. F. Bates, of Little Rock, will teach the Adults, Youth Workers, and Children's workers respectively. Rev. J. L. Tucker, of Smackover, is the Dean, and Paul Brock, superintendent of the Smackover Church School is chairman of the Board of Managers.

The pastors and people of the Louann and Norphlet Methodist

offered:

Teaching Children, Mrs. Paul M. Bumpers
Teaching Youth, Rev. Worth Gibson
Jesus's Teaching Concerning Women, Dr. James S. Upton
The Work of the Local Church, Ira A. Brumley

Dr. Meredith Eller of Fayette, Mo., will be in a one unit Bible School at Black Rock, March 25-27.

Booneville is to have a two unit school, March 20-22, with the following courses:

Teaching Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel
Christianity and Wealth, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe

SCHOLARSHIP FOR CAMP LEADERS

CAMPING is growing—there is no doubt about it.

This is indicated by the large number of requests for trained camp leaders received by conference executive secretaries and the General Board of Education.

Because the camping committee of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board believes that the best approach to this problem is the training of selected leaders who can in turn help train other leaders, the Board is offering scholarships of \$200 each to twelve selected leaders of camping in the Methodist Church.

These scholarships will provide expenses for attendance at National Camp, Matamoras, Pennsylvania, August 4-31. National Camp is sponsored by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States.

Applications will be cleared through the conference executive secretaries concerned.

Recipients of the scholarships must be persons of maturity who have an understanding of the larger program of Christian Education as well as practical experience in camp leadership.

These leaders will be selected in the light of their ability to render service in their own annual conferences and must be available for service in neighboring annual conferences for one or two engagements during the year, if called upon, it was said by Miss Aileen Sanborn of the Camping Committee.

The Local Church Division will also provide two scholarships of \$10 each for selected leaders in each annual conference to attend one of the eight regional training camps for church camp leaders. The regional camps are also sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

Both the National Camp and the regional camps will enable camp leaders to improve their skills, discover more effective use of the out-

Churches will cooperate in the school.

The school will open with a dinner at 6:00 o'clock Monday evening, March 21st, for the entire church membership. It is expected that there will be a total attendance of 100 during the school, with some 40, or 50, studying for certificates. The school will be under supervision of the Conference Board of Education.—Reporter

of-doors, become acquainted with resource materials and learn better ways of working with a group.

Interested persons may obtain information and application blanks from their conference executive secretaries.

AN APPRECIATION

To Rev. Alvin C. Murray, Children's Workers, and Congregation of First Methodist Church, Searcy:

We, the children's workers of the North Arkansas Conference, would like to express to you our appreciation for your hospitality and the many kindnesses shown us during our conference in your church.

The floral arrangements, the inspirational talk by the Rev. Mr. Murray, and the organ music were lovely.

Our Fellowship Dinner at the Rendezvous was one we will long remember, not only because we enjoyed being together, but also because the food was so good and Mrs. Roberson and her assistants were so nice to us.

We especially thank the transportation committee and our individual hostesses for making our stay so pleasant, and it was because of them that we were able to take full advantage of the conference program.

District Directors' Committee
Mrs. Frances Winter, Anna Rose Miller, Mrs. B. E. Whitmore

"THANK YOU"

There is something magical about the words "Thank you". Even spoken carelessly, they seem to get results. A neighbor woman keeps two parrots in her flower shop for decorative purposes. One is named Pat, the other Mike, and both speak quite a bit. Mike has a slight advantage. He can say "Thank you" distinctly and says it when anyone gives him a bite. I think Pat feels just as grateful for tidbits as Mike does, but he does not say so, and consequently Mike gets most of the extra crackers. People just like to hear him say "Thank you."—Worral G. Sonastine, "Thanksgiving—A Real Power," *Good Business*, 11-53

Prayer is not an easy way of getting what we want, but the only way of becoming what God wants us to be.—Studdert Kennedy, *Moodly Monthly*

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Though not quite complete, the following program of Little Rock Conference activities has been arranged to date:

SENIOR CAMPING	
Conference Camp—Tanako	May 30-June 3
Senior Camp I—Tanako	June 20-24
Older Youth Camp—Tanako	July 16-17
Fellowship Team Lab.—Aldersgate	July 25-29
INTERMEDIATE CAMPS	
Little Rock District—Aldersgate	June 20-25
Arkadelphia District—Tanako	June 30-July 1
Pine Bluff District—Tanako	July 11-15
Camden District—Tanako	July 18-22
Hope District—Tanako	August 1-5
ADULT ACTIVITIES	
Workshop for Adult Workers with Youth—Tanako	June 24-26
Family Life Counselling Clinic—Tanako	July 5-7
Adult Fellowship—Tanako	July 22-24
Children's Workers Camp—Tanako	July 25-27
Young Adult Camp—Tanako	August 19-21
OTHER DATES OF INTEREST	
Jurisdictional W. S. C. S. School of Missions—Mt. Sequoyah	June 21-28
Conference W. S. C. S. School of Missions—Aldersgate	July 11-15
Jurisdictional Leadership School—Mt. Sequoyah	July 11-22
Jurisdictional Young Adult Leaders Workshop—Mt. Sequoyah	July 28-August 1
Small Church Camp—Tanako	August 8-11

BILL TO SIMPLIFY MAILING OF CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

A bill to simplify the mailing of publications by churches and religious publishing houses under the second-class permit has been introduced in the House by Rep. James C. Wright, Jr., (D.-Texas). It would eliminate a requirement that a church group must obtain an individually signed statement from each of its members testifying that a part of the member's church contributions goes for a subscription to the church publication. Rep. Wright said that lodges, schools, professional and scientific societies, and many other non-profit organizations are not required to maintain subscription lists in this manner in order to enjoy the second-class rate. Under his bill, church groups would only be required to send to the Post Office Department a simple resolution of their governing boards, the procedure followed by other non-profit organizations, Rep. Wright said. "It should save our churches literally thousands of man-hours now expended in complying with a needless 'red tape' requirement of the law" Mr. Wright said. The Texas lawmaker said he introduced the bill following requests of ministers in his district. "Upon examination, I have found that this bill is a general situation and have very good reasons to believe that my bill will meet with the approval of the Post Office Department, as well as the churches and church organizations," he added.

Telephone Inspirational Service Swamped With Calls

A telephone "inspirational-thought-for-the-day" service instituted by the YMCA in Baltimore, Md., was "swamped with calls" during the first week of its operation, F. W. Stahl, associate general secretary of the local "Y" reported. Calls have been averaging between 120 and 130 an hour, he said, and the telephone company is rushing through installation of a second trunk line. Mr. Stahl said one correspondent reported he got a busy signal nine time before getting through to receive his inspiration message and a woman wrote to say, after finding the number engaged many times, "this is one I am glad to find busy." The service, believed to be the first of its kind in the nation, enables residents of Baltimore to get a half-minute of inspirational thought simply by dialing a telephone number—in the same way they get weather or time reports.

Adopt \$133,000 Budget For Graham's Scottish Campaign

Officials of the All-Scotland Crusade to be opened in Glasgow March 21 by evangelist Billy Graham adopted a budget of 47,500 pounds (\$133,000) for the campaign. The Rev. Tom Allen, chairman of the crusade's executive committee, said the American evangelist and his team would receive "no money whatsoever" from the fund and would provide their own transportation to and from Glasgow as well as their own living expenses while here. He added that the money to cover the adopted budget would be raised through collections taken up at Kelvin Hall, where the major rallies are to be held, through voluntary contributions, and through a public appeal to persons interested in sponsoring the crusade. Jerry Beavan, executive secretary of the Billy Graham team, spoke at the meeting here. He said that church people should be willing to provide such a fund in order to "make an impact on the populace for Christ" by reaching the largest number of people possible. You do not do this in an age of tele-

the Year. Winners of "Christian Oscars" in seven other categories also were announced. Harry G. Bristow Jr., founder-director of Christian Youth Cinema Inc., a religious film distributing agency which sponsors the Foundation, said the "Oscars" — in the form of plaques and citations — will be presented at the first N. E. F. F. Christian Film Festival to be held here May 14-21. Each night during the festival, he said, one of the award-winning films will be presented at Christian Youth Cinema Theatre here, a movie house sponsored by the foundation which presents religious motion pictures on a year-round basis. Although the N. E. F. F. was founded in 1946, the "Christian Oscars" were instituted only three years ago.

Protestants Oppose Military Reserve Program

Spokesmen for Protestant church groups strongly opposed the administration's proposed military reserve program at a hearing before a House Armed Services subcommittee in Washington. They said adoption of the plan would lead to a militaristic atmosphere in America. Some of them questioned its value from the standpoint of national defense. Under the training program, all boys would be required to undertake six months of military service upon reaching the age of 18. The Protestant delegation was the largest to appear before a Congressional hearing here in recent years. It included representatives of denominations, interdenominational agencies and state

vision, radio, cinema and automobiles by just having evangelists slip quietly into town and address meetings," Mr. Beavan said. "You have to make an impact on people. This is an age in which people are accustomed and conditioned to quite a bit of advance organization and publicity."

Evangelical Group Announces 'Christian Oscar' Winners

Clifton Macklin, leading actor, and H. Kenn Carmichael, director, of the film "Angel in Ebony" were named winners of the top "Christian Oscars" for 1954 by the National Evangelical Film Foundation in Philadelphia. "Angel in Ebony," produced by Missions Visualized Inc., also was named the Best Christian Motion Picture of the Year. The same company's "The Way Out" won the top award for 1953. Sam Hersh of Family Films Inc. was designated Producer of

councils of churches. Among those represented were The Methodist Church, Disciples of Christ, Church of the Brethren, National Association of Evangelicals, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Menonite Central Committee and the Indian Council of Churches.

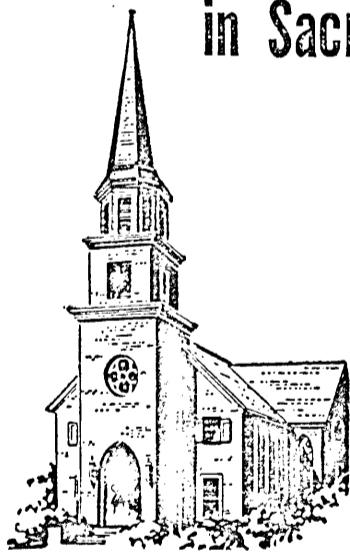
National Council Broadcasting Unit Adopts Record Budget

A record budget of \$1,405,000 for 1955 was adopted by the National Council of Churches' Broadcasting and Film Commission at its annual meeting in New York. This is an increase of \$245,000 over the 1954 figure. Dr. S. Franklin Mack, executive director, said the Commission expected increased income in 1955 from the sale and rental of films it produces; from the pledges of cooperating Church bodies; and from anticipated increased distribution of sermons and other religious literature. He reported that nearly 500 individual radio and television programs were produced by the Commission in 1954 — another record. Dr. Mack also reported a large increase in the number of requests received by the Commission for sermons and other religious literature offered on its programs. During 1954, he said, the Commission distributed upwards of 2,741,000 pieces of literature as compared with a little over a million in 1953. Methodist Bishop Donald H. Tippett of San Francisco was elected chairman of the Commission succeeding Dr. Clayton T. Griswold, director of radio and television for the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. In his report, Dr. Mack said the number of single broadcast units (each time one station carries a program), under Commission auspices, was 58,400 last year, as compared with 37,000 units the previous year. Of this total, radio broadcasts numbered 318 individual programs and 31,400 units while television carried 175 Commission programs for 27,000 units. Mr. Mack said that two of the Commission's five national television programs currently appear on more stations than the most popular commercial shows.

Adopt \$10,502,160 Budget For National Council

A 1955 budget of \$10,502,160 for the National Council of Churches was adopted by its General Board at a meeting in Chicago. Nearly a third of the amount, \$3,491,000, is earmarked for Church World Service, the Council's overseas relief agency. Other major expenditures include \$1,839,000 for the Division of Christian Education; \$1,376,000 for the Division of Foreign Missions; and \$1,035,000 for the Broadcasting and Film Commission. An allocation of \$831,000 was made for the Council's General Department of Church Women, approximately \$400,000 of which is expended through the divisions of home and foreign missions. The sum of \$630,000 was designated for the Division of Christian Life and Work, and \$319,000 for the Division of Home Missions. Included in the budget is \$260,000 for the general administration of the Council. The Board also approved an additional provisional budget of \$516,000 for new activities to be initiated only if special funds are raised to finance them.

There Is Strength for YOU in Sacrificial Living



Religion
is a stimulant
—not an opiate

Live
for the good
of others,
for the progress
of just causes,
for the coming
of God's Kingdom

and you will find



STRENGTH
and
ABIDING HAPPINESS

for yourself and your world!



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



THE ESKIMO—OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOR

By Margaret G. Wilson

AREN'T people funny! In the fall, after the leaves have fallen from the trees, we can hardly wait for the first fall of snow. Now we have had plenty of snow, and we can hardly wait for it to melt so we can see the green grass, the tiny snowdrops, and the first robin.

But it is a happy day when spring comes to the Eskimos.

They have no warm houses or cozy beds like we have. They have no warm soup, or hot cocoa, or baked potatoes.

No, they live in igloos, and they are glad to be inside and away from the howling wind and heavy snow.

Every day the men and women go on the ice to look for holes. They know that those holes are breathing places for seals, and if they sit quietly and watch the hole, a black nose of the seal will come into hole for air. Then the Eskimos catch the seal. The meat of the seal is used for food and the skin is used for clothing. Just under the skin of the seal is a thick layer of fat that the Eskimos eat and enjoy as you would a piece of candy.

At night a big skin of reindeer is stretched on the floor. Mother, Daddy and all the children lie side by side on their fur bed and cover themselves with another fur skin. Maybe they will have a reindeer

skin, a bear skin and other skins piled on them so they are cozy and warm all cuddled together.

In the morning, they quickly dress and have breakfast, which may be a long strip of fat, a piece of fish, or a long piece of seal meat. Of course this is not cooked. It is raw and sometimes frozen solid, but they like it.

The Eskimos must walk, or use snowshoes, or go by dog-sled all winter. They can't use automobiles. The snow is too deep.

So when spring comes, it is good-bye, snow, goodbye, dogsleds and welcome, grass flowers and boats.

After the snow has melted, the ground is wet and marshy, and covered with moss, shrubs, grass, and beautiful flowers of many colors. There are streams and pools, and the igloo houses melt in the sunshine, and all summer the Eskimos will live in canvas tents. They will take their boats, go into the bay and hunt walrus and seals.

Their springtime and summer-time is very short, so they know they must hunt every day so they can get plenty of food for the long cold winter.

So when you see your first robin and first tulip just think how happy the little Eskimo child is going to be when he sees the last of winter.

—The United Church Observer, Canada

SIGNS OF SPRING

All winter the frogs and toads have been resting in their winter homes, usually in the soft mud.

Every spring they come forth and enter the ponds, where they lay their eggs. The frog will go in and out of the water all summer, but the toad usually keeps on dry land and enjoys making his home in a nice garden where he can find plenty of juicy bugs to eat.

One of the most wonderful things in nature is the way a frog develops.

When the eggs turn into tadpoles—and tadpoles are baby frogs—the tadpoles are all head and tail. They must be kept in water, just like fish, or else they would die.

As the tadpole grows older, his tail gets shorter and shorter. He develops a body, and from his body sprout four stubby legs.

Finally the tail disappears and the big frog, or toad, comes out of the water and hops about on land.

Sometimes children catch some tadpoles and put them in an aquarium and are disappointed that they soon die. Well if you want to watch a tadpole grow into a frog, you must be sure to use the water from the pond for your aquarium and not take the water from the faucet. The water from the pond has bits of green grass, some soil, tiny bugs, and all the things a tadpole must have if you expect him to live and grow into a frog or a toad.—The United Church Observer

NEW NEIGHBORS

By Gertrude D. McKelvey

The big moving van backed right upon the front lawn of the empty house next door. Kenny's eyes popped with interest as he swung on his front gate. Kenney saw the new boy being lifted down from the front seat of the truck.

"There you are, Bobby," laughed the driver, as he swung the boy to ground. "Take a look at your new home." Bobby looked at the house but he did not smile.

"What's wrong, son, don't you like it?" asked the man.

"Yes, I like it but I like my old house better," answered Bobby, and he looked as though he would cry.

Just then Kenny got a bright idea. He went over to the new boy, "Hi, Bobby," he said, "I'm Kenney."

"Hello," said Bobby, without smiling.

"Want to come over and see my dog?"

Bobby began to grin a little. "Have you got a dog, honest?" he asked.

"Sure have" laughed Kenny, and then he called, "Here Skip, here Skip, come meet our new neighbor!"

In no time at all, Bobby, Kenny and Skip were playing like old friends. Soon Bobby's father and mother drove up in their car. Bobby and Kenny ran to meet them. Bobby turned to Kenny and said, "Thanks for showing me your dog." Then he looked at his parents and remarked, "Guess I'm going to like it here after all."

Now Kenny did not know it but he had just done what one of the verses in our Bible tells us to do. It is Hebrew 13:2.—In Exchange

School children were recently asked to write essays on why they liked TV. One 11-year-old said:

"I like TV because I haven't got one. When you have one, you get fed up with it."—Tid-Bits, London.

Dick: "May I have any kind of seafood I like?"

Mother: "Yes, dear. What shall I order for you?"

Dick: "Soft-water taffy."

CHANGING

*Isn't it funny, and isn't it strange,
How a boy like me can quickly change!*

*I'm a postman carrying daddy's mail,
Then a fireman with ax and hose and pail;*

*The ash man to carry the ashes out,
A fisherman catching some bass and trout;*

*A carpenter mending mother's sink.
A writer with pen and a bottle of ink;*

*And when there is nothing I must do,
I'm a bear, a horse, or a kangaroo.*

*I think it's most fun to go to the shelf
And get a cookie as just myself.*

—Our Little Ones

JUST FOR FUN

Junior was being chided for his low grade. Little Robert, who lived a few doors away, was held up as an example.

"Robert doesn't get C's and D's, does he?" asked his father.

"No," Junior admitted, "but he's different. He has very bright parents."—Carbuilder, hm, Pullman Standard

Yesterday when I got my car from the garage they were just talking to a woman who had brought in a battered up old car to be washed. Explained the manager: "You see, lady, we do wash cars, but we don't iron them."—Revue, Munich (Quote translation)

ARKANSAS METHODIST



SPRINGTIME

*Don't you love the springtime,
Filled with happy hours,
Flowers, birds and sunshine,
Gentle, pleasant showers?*

*A world filled with beauty,
Gifts we may enjoy,
Sent by our Heavenly Father
To every girl and boy.*

—A. E. W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE GUILD WEEK-END

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH—LITTLE ROCK

MARCH 26-27

THEME: "ALL THINGS NEW"

SATURDAY

- 1:30 Registration
2:30 Quiet Hour—Sanctuary
2:50 Opening Session Mrs. R. B. Thomas, Conference Guild Secretary
Worship Service Mrs. Curtis Williams
Greetings Miss Helen Dillahunty, Little Rock District Secretary
..... Mrs. M. O. Bettis, Catherine Booe Guild President
3:30 "NEW INSIGHTS TOWARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP"
Panel: Widening Fellowship, Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Leader
6:00 Dinner—Dining Room
"NEW VISION AND ACTION THROUGH MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE"
Speaker Miss Mary McSwain
8:00 Church Sanctuary
"NEW UNDERSTANDING THROUGH MUSIC AND WORLD OUTLOOK"
Song Fest—Mrs. Drew Avance, Leader; John H. Summers, Organist
Address Miss Elizabeth Thompson
9:00 "NEW UNDERSTANDING THROUGH RECREATION"
Fellowship Hour—Bethel Class Room

SUNDAY

- 7:45 Breakfast—Lafayette Hotel
Business Session
9:30 "NEW RESOURCES THROUGH DRAMA"
10:45 Worship—Church Sanctuary Dr. Aubrey G. Walton
12:30 Luncheon—Church Dining Room, Helen Dillahunty, presiding
2:00 Afternoon Session—Church Sanctuary
"A NEW SENSE OF MISSIONS"
Speaker Miss Ruby Hudgens
Pledge and Dedication Service Mrs. C. I. Parsons
3:30 Adjournment

LOUISIANA GUILD SPEAKERS



MRS. JAMES T. HARRIS



MISS FANNIE E. BURCH

Speakers at the Louisiana Guild Conference Annual Week-end, March 19-20, at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, will include Mrs. James T. Harris, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Monroe, and Miss Fannie E. Burch, District Judge of the 21st Judicial District. Judge Burch is one of the two presiding judges, and the first woman district judge in Louisiana.

FINANCIAL REPORT—NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE W. S. C. S.—THIRD QUARTER, 1954-55

RECEIPTS:

Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$ 9,963.25
W.S.G.	\$ 2,665.07
Missionary Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	518.56
W.S.G.	10.00
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	850.00
W.S.G.	60.00
Emma Nell Wayland:	
W.S.C.S.	597.23
W.S.G.	97.00
Children—gifts to missions	33.85
In Remembrance Gifts	131.00
Treasure Chests	1.10
Narcotic Education:	
W.S.C.S.	57.45
W.S.G.	42.07
Week of Prayer:	
W.S.C.S.	351.03
W.S.G.	77.38
Supply Work:	
W.S.C.S.	2,261.65
W.S.G.	637.29
Miscellaneous:	
W.S.C.S.	16.35
W.S.G.	10.00
Total—W.S.C.S.	\$14,781.47
Total—W.S.G.	\$ 3,618.81

TOTAL received from	
District Treasurers	\$18,400.28
Methodist Youth Fund	274.76

Baby Membership Pin	1.50
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$18,400.28
Balance brought forward	
December 1st, 1954	6,693.86
TOTAL to be accounted for	\$25,370.40
DISBURSEMENTS:	
TO DIVISION:	
Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$10,061.58
W.S.G.	2,406.74
Missionary Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	518.56
W.S.G.	10.00
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	870.00
W.S.G.	85.00
In Remembrance Gifts	131.00
Methodist Youth Fund	198.27
Children	33.85
Total—W.S.C.S.	\$11,813.26
Total—W.S.G.	\$ 2,501.74
Credit on Appropriations	\$14,315.00
Week of Prayer	\$ 423.41
Supply Work:	
Foreign	470.25
Home	2,353.94
Division Cultivation	36.35
Supplementary Gifts	15.00
Replace Pin	2.25
Total	\$ 3,306.20

TOTAL sent to Division \$17,621.20

OTHER SPENDING:

Chaplain's Salary	
(Booneville)	\$ 100.01
Sunshine Fund	
(Booneville)	25.00
Narcotic Education	250.00
Car Expense to Workers	240.00
District Cultivation	756.00
Officers expense	60.00
W.S.G. Film Strip	10.00
Car Insurance	124.00
Tires	91.80
Baby Membership pins	10.00
Miscellaneous	32.70
	\$ 1,699.51

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$19,320.71
Balance on Books March 1, 1955 \$ 6,049.69

TOTAL accounted for \$25,370.40

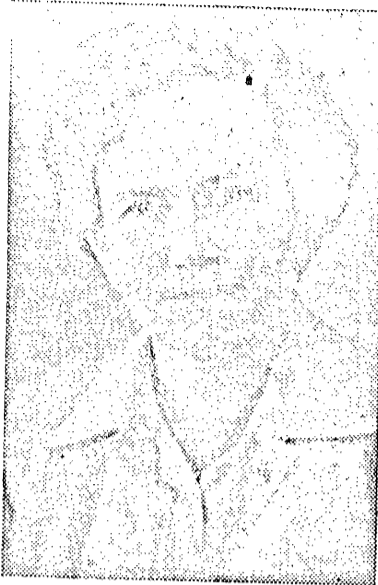
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

BATESVILLE DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. H. W. Wright, Calico Rock; Mrs. Rosetta Paysinger, Evening Shade.
CONWAY DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. Philip Howe, Mrs. William Mitchell, Miss Annie Brannon, Morrilton; Mrs. Samuel J. Lyons, North Little Rock, Gardner Mem.; Mrs. H. H. Schulze, Mrs. H. W. Dean, Russellville, Youth; Denny Harton, Paul Askelson, Russellville. Baby: Meredith Cole Jones, Morrilton.
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. Laura Kump, Mrs. Noble Jones, Bentonville. Baby: Paula May Stonesifer, Winslow.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. J. M. Countiss, Elaine. Baby: Elizabeth Jenelle Prewett, Forrest City; Christopher Frost Rollins, Marianna.
FT. SMITH DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. A. H. Robertson, Mrs. Charles P. McDonald, Mrs. B. E. Sengel, Mrs. Shelton Adair, Ft. Smith, Goddard Mem.; Mrs. Verla Harris, Greenwood; Mrs. D. M. McGee, Mrs. W. E. Spruce, Mulberry; Mrs. Beulah Dollars, Van Buren First Ch.; Mrs. Donald Poe, Waldron. Baby: Lucia Leigh Chancey, Robert Blackwell Cloninger, Susan Elizabeth Taylor, Ft. Smith First Ch.; Mark Anderson, Cindy Fisher, Ft. Smith First Ch. W.S.G.; Leslie Johnson, Alma W.S.G. Adults: Mrs. Raye Parkinson, Ft. Smith First Ch. W.S.G.
JONESBORO DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. F. E. Scott, Blytheville First Ch.; Miss Mary Alexander Huffer, Blytheville First Ch. W.S.G.; Mrs. Ray Spence, Jonesboro First Ch. W.S.G.; Mrs. Falon Raley, Lepanto; Julia Dean, Whitton. Baby: Deborah Ann Gossett, Blytheville First Ch. W.S.G. Ellis Dale Whitton, Janet Love Thornton, Marked Tree W.S.G.
PARAGOULD DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. H. D. Hurt, Paragould Griffin Mem. Baby: Marilyn McNabb, Elizabeth Lehman Bland, Pocahontas.
SEARCY DISTRICT: Adult: Mrs. Myrtle Belew, Mrs. Sadie Bedford, Augusta; Mrs. E. B. Doss, Mrs. Ben Jarvis, Beebe; Mrs. Frank Green, Mrs. Josie Phillips, Harrison; Mrs. Maggie Lewis, McRae.

MRS. BEN DeVOLL, Treasurer

MISSIONARIES TO SPEAK AT LITTLE ROCK



MISS MARY McSWAIN



MRS. PAUL ADDRESS

The Theme for the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, which will meet March 29, 30, 31 at Winfield Church, Little Rock, will be "Jesus Christ The Way".

Mrs. R. H. Cole, Program Chairman, has announced that two missionaries will speak during the meeting.

Miss Mary McSwain will speak at the Luncheon on Wednesday, at which the six fields in which the Conference has interests, will be presented. On Wednesday afternoon Miss McSwain will speak in the Sanctuary on "His Way in Brazil".

Miss McSwain has been serving at the People's Institute at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Before going to Brazil as a missionary, she was a member of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, and did social service work in that city. She did graduate work at Scarritt. She is in this country on her furlough, and in addition to speaking at the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society's Annual Meeting, she will speak at the Little Rock Wesleyan Service Guild Week-End on March 26, and at the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society Annual Meeting at Batesville on April 27.

Mrs. Paul Address is a missionary to South America serving under The United Christian Missionary Society. She is the former Lucy Wade of Ashdown, and a graduate of Henderson Brown and Scarritt College. In 1929 she went to Brazil as a missionary under the Methodist Board, being a Special of the Little Rock Conference women. For five years she taught in a girls' school at Belo Horizonte, and later in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.

She and Paul Address met as they were returning to South America from furlough in 1936, and were married three years later. They have one son, Robert David, who was born in 1944.

After her marriage, Mrs. Address assumed teaching duties in Paraguay where her husband was teaching. In Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Dr. Address has been serving at the Colegiales Church since 1943, she has worked with women, children and young people.

In July, 1954, they returned to the United States for furlough; at the completion of this leave in the summer of 1955, they will be transferred to Paraguay where Dr. Address will be director of Colegio International in Asuncion.

MARCH 17, 1955

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

DR. LAUBACH TO BE AT FIRST CHURCH EL DORADO

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, missionary extraordinary whose life has been devoted to teaching backward people of our world how to read, will visit Arkansas this month, speaking in El Dorado on Thursday and Friday night, March 24 and 25, at the high school auditorium. His appearance there is sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of the city.

"We feel that it is a rare privilege to have Dr. Laubach speak in our city," said Dr. W. Neill Hart, chairman of the minister's organization. "We know all too little about the wonderful work being done through Dr. Laubach's World Literacy program and it is urgent that we recognize its importance in carrying the Christian message and in opposing Communist propaganda."

A Congregationalist missionary, Dr. Laubach has devised a system of teaching whereby even the most backward people of the world can

learn to read in less than one month's time. His work began in the Philippine Islands and has been extended to 84 countries and territories where approximately 60 million people have been taught to read, according to information released by World Literacy Inc. It is also stated that illiterates have been taught to read and write in 249 languages and dialects, many of which have never before been reduced to visual symbols. Simple word-picture charts coupled with the "each one teach one" method, is said to account for the rapid success of the program.

"The world isn't safe until it's civilized," says Dr. Laubach, "and the higher civilization begins with literacy. Today two-thirds of humanity is illiterate. We have to create twelve hundred million new readers right away." — Helen L. Couch.

AN APPRECIATION

The Methodists of the Richmond Charge have accomplished much during the past four years. Under the leadership of their much loved pastor and his good wife, Reverend and Mrs. J. Wayne Mann, every church building on the charge has been repaired and-or redecorated.

Ogden is installing new pews and plans are made to redecorate the interior of the church at an early date. Wades Chapel enlarged her church, painted the exterior and installed gas. The Wilton church has a new coat of paint on the exterior and is busy redecorating the interior. Ben Lomond tore away the old church and has erected a new building, complete in every detail. The Richmond church has a new roof, and the interior has been newly finished with celotex on the walls and ceiling. Only the kitchenette is yet to be redecorated. A Butane gas system has been installed. The beauty of the foyer in natural pine has been enhanced by a coat of shellac followed with varnish. The entire building has new light fixtures which were given by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Truax of Memphis, Tennessee in memory of the late W. W. Gardner who was Sunday School Superintendent and chairman of the Board of Stewards for more than 25 years. None of these churches have incurred any heavy indebtedness. The Richmond and Wades Chapel churches are planning additional improvements for this year.

A Charge Fellowship meets once a month and is well attended. The charge recently had a new dial telephone installed in the parsonage and is taking care of all the expense of it.

Each of these churches has a good Sunday School with increasing attendance. Worship services are well attended with more people attending each service. The Richmond and Wades Chapel women are doing good work in their WSCS Auxiliaries. Twenty-eight women from Richmond and Wades Chapel recently attended a study class at

the Richmond church. Ogden has a W. S. Guild. Mrs. Mann deserves much credit for her work with these organizations.

This Charge hopes to have Brother and Mrs. Mann with us many years to come. — Reporter.

House Gets Bill To Ban Liquor Advertising

A bill to ban beer, wine and liquor advertising in all interstate media, including radio and television, has been introduced in the House by Rep. Eugene Siler (R.-Ky.). It is designed to be a companion bill to the measure sponsored in the Senate by Sen. William Langer (R.-N. D.).

HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN APPROACHES ITS GOAL

Leaders in the North Arkansas Methodist Conference are re-doubling efforts to meet their \$400,000 goal in the Methodist Hospital Building Campaign.

The North Arkansas quota in the drive to add 200 beds and modernize facilities at the Memphis hospital is divided between the Special Gifts Group and the Churches Division. Combined forces in North Arkansas have reported \$212,656 of the goal.

Two additional Districts of the North Arkansas Conference have reached or exceeded their church goals. The Fort Smith District, with a quota of \$25,000, has reported \$25,275. Dr. W. Henry Goodloe is District Superintendent. The Conway District Churches have reached their goal of \$20,000. Rev. Henry Rickey is District Superintendent. The other Districts which have reached or exceeded their District Church Goals are Forrest City, Jonesboro and Paragould.

The \$2,500,000 campaign for the institution is being waged in the three conferences that own Methodist Hospital—North Arkansas, North Mississippi and Memphis—and in the Memphis trade area outside the Methodist Church.

The Memphis Conference has already passed the victory mark by going far over the \$750,000 goal to report \$914,312. Each of the Memphis Conference's districts oversubscribed their quotas.

North Mississippi Methodists have reported \$305,444 of their \$350,000 quota. The Memphis public phase of the campaign has raised \$691,596 of its one million dollar goal.

In all, \$2,123,795 of the general campaign goal has been raised with

KEITH MEMORIAL'S FIRST SERVICE IN NEW SANCTUARY

Keith Memorial Methodist Church of Malvern, Ark., held its first service Sunday, March 6th, in the new sanctuary which has just been completed. Approximately 340 people attended the 11 o'clock service with 288 signing the register, including many visitors and friends of the church.

This first service in the new building was quite appropriately held on Dedication Day and Communion Sunday, with approximately 200 taking communion and participating in the Dedication Day free will offering.

Rev. Irl S. Lancaster, pastor of the church, held a brief service for the consecration of the altar at the beginning of the service. Special music was provided by the church choir of 18 voices. Bro. Lancaster spoke briefly on "The Church" in his pre-communion message. He was assisted at the Communion table by Rev. W. S. Cazort, former past under whose guidance the building program was started, and by Rev. Thomas Irl Lancaster, son of the pastor and student at Hendrix College.

The new sanctuary was beautifully decorated with flowers contributed by members, friends and florists of the city. The building remained open to the public throughout the day and was visited by many friends of the church.

The formal opening and laying of the cornerstone by Bishop Paul E. Martin will be held later in the spring.—R. E. Harris, Sec. of Board.

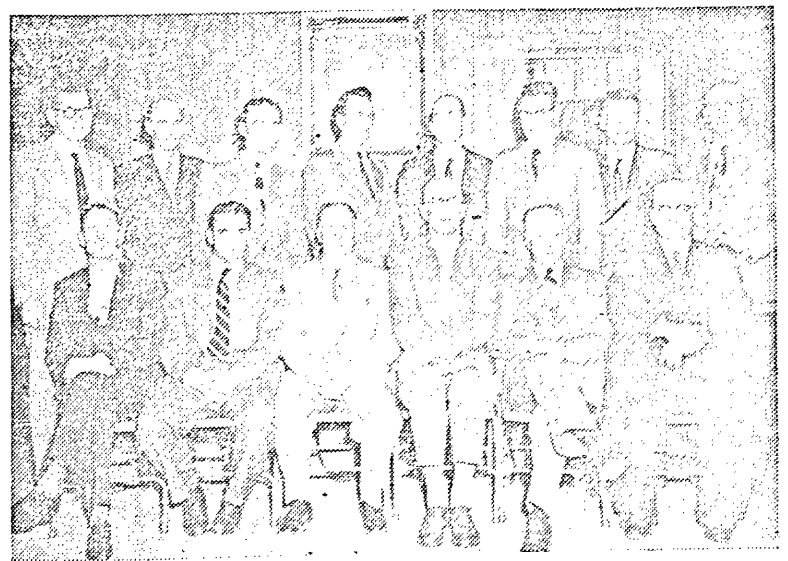
leaders hoping to collect sufficient funds during the next week to complete the expansion drive.

MONTICELLO FIRST CHURCH AIDS RURAL PROGRAM

A large group of laymen from the First Methodist has pioneered in serving the rural churches that have not had regular every Sunday services. Some months ago the pastor asked for volunteers for this purpose and the following laymen responded to be used at the call of Dr. Norman Wadsworth, the lay leader: James Hancock, H. S. Lane, Thomas G. Todd, Charles E. Jackson, James A. Ross, D. A. Anderson, C. L. Haskew, Dr. Claude Babin, James Jackson, Clyde T. Ross, Mem Jackson, Bryan Harris, Ray Pledger, and Dr. Norman Wadsworth. Mr. Dudley Fish and Mr. Harvey Thomasson have been available for evening programs with the MYF groups in these churches.

Seven rural churches and these loyal laymen have been greatly benefited. It has been a program that has helped the pastors of these churches also for they have reported increased attendance at all services and an increase in the giving to the local budgets. Within the sub-district four laymen from the Wilmar Church and the Star City Church have also participated. The Rev. Phil Pierce of Star City is the chairman of the Group Ministry Program, using these laymen as the largest asset.

On the distaff side the ladies of



Front row, left to right: Mem Jackson, Byran Harris, Ray Pledger, D. A. Anderson, J. H. Hutchinson, H. S. Lane. Back row, left to right: Dr. Claude Babin, Clyde T. Ross, Dr. Norman M. Wadsworth, James Jackson, James A. Ross, James Hancock, Thomas G. Todd, Rev. Roland E. Darrow.

the Monticello Church are aiding very greatly in the program with their extra work for the building fund and a most loyal response to very excellent WSCS Mission Study work. Three choirs are organized with the senior choir un-

der the direction of Miss Floy Ealey and the Cherub and Carol Choirs under the direction of Miss Louise Lambert. Mrs. Helen Law, Miss Barbara White, and Mrs. Harry Pewitt are the organists. — Roland E. Darrow

Saw

A Deserted
House



By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

with the furniture still in place, shades and curtains on the windows, and the burned out ashes of yesterday on the hearth. That was the pathos of it. The warmth of yesterday was no more. The family had moved away never to return, and no one else had come to claim it. A house built for life and love is a dreary place when these are gone. It may stand a long time after it is deserted by these but it has no meaning nor purpose.

Dr. Stanley Jones tells of a huge and expensive temple on a high hill in India. Soldiers stand guard to protect its treasures from thieves. For life has moved away from it down into the valley. No one comes to worship.

How differently did Jesus act in a similar situation. Some of the disciples wanted to build tabernacles and settle down on the Mount of Transfiguration. He took them down into the valley where people lived and some of them were in trouble. He seemed to be saying that the house of God and people belong together.

When Jesus wept over Jerusalem he exclaimed: "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate". Why desolate? It was richly furnished and lavishly supported. But it was desolate because it no longer housed the kind of life it was built to house. Something else had usurped its place. Desolation turned into destruction just a few years later. Perhaps nothing is more useless than a house of religion from which the spirit of love and service have departed.

But we should bring it closer home than that. If we aren't care-

TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCH SEMINAR, FAYETTEVILLE

The Town and Country Church Seminar was held in Fayetteville February 22 to 25 under the auspices of the College of Agriculture, University of Arkansas. Some sixty ministers from town and country churches in Arkansas and Oklahoma were in attendance. The Seminar proved to be very helpful and instructive. The ministers received some new insights into the problems that the country and small town churches face today. This is the first Seminar of the kind to be held under the direction of our State University and the results point to even greater interest and participation in the future. The theme of the program was "The Town and Country Church Faces Changing Conditions."

The Seminar was opened with an address of welcome by the President of the University, John T. Caldwell. Others from the University taking part in the program were Dean Lippert S. Ellis of the College of Agriculture, Dr. J. L. Charlton, Dr. Charles H. Cross, Dr. Henry Heenen, and Mr. Kenneth Bates and L. L. Rutledge of the University Extension Division. Among those outside the University who took part in leading discussion groups were Rev. A. N. Storey, Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission, North Arkansas Conference; Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, Pastor of the Central Methodist Church Fayetteville whose devotional messages were most excellent and inspiring; Dr. Bardin Nelson of College Station Texas, Rev. J. T. Jones of Charlotte, N. C. and Dr. H. S. Randolph of the National Board of Missions Presbyterian Church U.S.A.—H. W. Jinske

ful we will pitch our life in forms of thought from which the better values have departed. We may follow patterns of conduct that know nothing of brotherly kindness. The house of the heart may become desolate—a prelude to destruction.

Clay County Group Ministry Observes Week of Dedication

The Clay County Group Ministry, consisting of the churches in the eastern half of Clay County, observed the Week of Dedication with special area-wide programs and activities.

The larger area was divided into the Rector Area and the Piggott Area for the week. The churches and pastors participating were: in the Rector Area; Boydsville Charge, Rev. Gus Evans; Leonard Circuit, Rev. Lee Anderson; Rector First Church, Rev. James Chandler; Rector Fourth Street, Rev. Y. D. Whitehurst; and Rector Circuit, Rev. Dave Smitherman. The Piggott Area: St. Francis Charge, Rev. Kern Johnson; French Grove, Rev. Gus Evans; Cummins' Chapel, Rev. Y. D. Whitehurst; and First Church, Piggott, Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr.

The following programs were carried out:

Rector Area—Monday Night, Youth Night, Leonard Church, Rev. James Beal, Imboden, Arkansas, speaker. Mrs. Beal, recreation.

Tuesday Night, Christian Education Night, Fourth Street Church, Rector, Dr. S. C. Stringham, Ken-

nett, Missouri, speaker.

Thursday, Men's Night, Supper, First Church, Rector, Mr. Joe Pierce, Searcy, Arkansas, speaker.

Friday, Ladies' Night, Liberty Hill Church, Miss Louise Morris, Mountain Home, speaker.

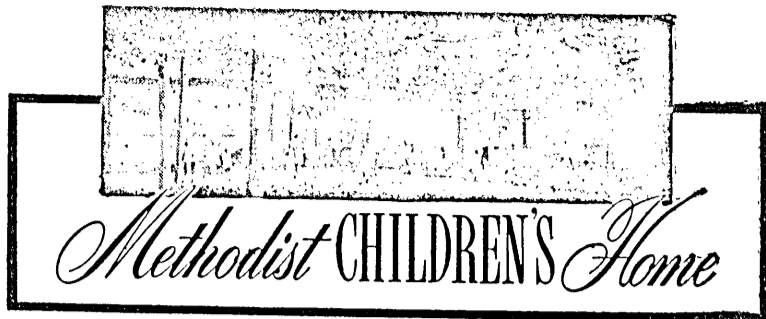
Piggott Area—Monday Night, Youth Night, Cummins' Chapel, Rev. H. L. Robinson, Hoxie, Arkansas, speaker. Miss Rosemary Janes, recreation.

Tuesday Night, Christian Education Night, pot-luck supper, First Church Piggott, J. Albert Gatlin, speaker. Resource persons, J. Albert Gatlin and Floyd G. Villines, Jr.

Thursday Night, Men's Night, Supper, First Church, Piggott, Mr. Jim Wiseman, Searcy, Arkansas, speaker.

Friday Night, Ladies' Night, St. Francis, Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro, Arkansas, speaker.

All of the Churches observed the "Day of Dedication", Sunday, February 27, with a Consecration Service and the Week of Dedication offering was received in each local church. Laymen spoke in churches where Pastors were absent due to



REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1955

We want to express our sincere thanks to the groups and participants listed below who have rendered a service or presented gifts to the Home during the month of February, 1955.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—clothing
Worthen Bank & Trust Co.—pencils
Sinackover Senior MYF—candy and toys
Circle 24, W. S. C. S. First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, Ark.—booties and hose
Mr. Chas. R. Baber, Veterans Hospital No. 78 Building, North Little Rock
Hampton Drug Co., DeWitt, Ark.—candy
Kindergarten Department, Central Methodist Church, Batesville, Ark.—cut outs, paper dolls
The Friendship Class, Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock—birthday gifts
Mrs. Ray H. Fulmer, Little Rock—clothing

MEMORIALS
IN MEMORY OF:
Mrs. C. B. Lamon by Reverend and Mrs. T. T. McNeal
Miss Maude Womble by Gleaners S. S. Class of the First Methodist Church, El Dorado
Mr. I. J. Wallace by Star City Methodist W. S. C. S.
Mrs. R. L. Fish by Mrs. Mary McG. Nobles
Mr. W. R. Boney by Elena, Archie and Alice Monroe
Mr. Talmadge Dodson by Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hobgood
Rev. Grover Johnson by H. M. and Helen A. Lewis
Mr. T. H. McLean by Reverend and Mrs. Roy Fawcett

Rosa E. Britt by Mrs. Samuel White, Sr., and Margaret and Orin Ellsworth
Mr. Hugh Rice by Emma Lide
Mr. Tom H. McLean by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Teague
David A. Snell by Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Stephens
Mrs. E. L. Harley by Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Moseley, Jr.
Mr. Henry Edgar Walker by Bauxite Methodist Church W. S. C. S.
Chris E. Stiver by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hoffman
Mr. T. H. McLean by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Danuser
John T. Stearn by Chaplain Gilbert Hyde
Ernest E. Cheatham by Dr. Paul C. Reasons
Mr. Ford Turner by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoskins
Mark McAfee by Wesley Bible Class and Mrs. McAfee
Hendrix Dodson by Mr. and Mrs. William Hall
Dr. W. E. Turner by Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Richardson
Mr. Ford Turner by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bretherick and Dolly Bretherick
Mrs. Florence Cowan by Mr. Edwin W. Booth, Sr.
Mr. M. A. Metzgar by Mr. John F. Cox
Mrs. Rittie Smith by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Calloway
Mr. John Schlosser by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Woodfin
Mr. Thos. H. McLean by "The Brannons"
A. B. Wheeler by Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Richardson
Mr. Allen Foster by Mr. and Mrs. Allan Stallings and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stallings
TOTAL Memorials—\$144.00
T. T. McNEAL, Director
(Continued next week)

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT PARSONETTES MEET

Forty members of the Little Rock District Parsonettes met at the district parsonage for their March meeting. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Francis A. Buddin were Mesdames Fred Harrison, W. W. Nelson, W. H. Sanders and H. O. Bolin. A delicious luncheon was served.

After a short business meeting Mrs. Aubrey Walton paid tribute to Mrs. Harold L. Fair. A moment of silence was observed by all and concluded with prayer by Mrs. Marion Monk. It was decided to place a book in the First Methodist Church library as a memorial to Mrs. Fair.

Mrs. Henry A. Rickey and Mrs. C. M. Reves from Conway were guests.—Reporter

their scheduled appointments.

This was a great week in Clay County! Its success was due to the splendid cooperation of the Ministers and the people of the Area. This period of fellowship, instruction, and inspiration is a phase of the cooperative program that has been started in this section of the conference. It will mean better days ahead for Christ and His Church in the Area.—Reporter

We Americans need more faith in our own freedoms. We have allowed fear to put us too much on the defensive. To be sure, "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." But we are not going to keep America free merely by multiplying groups of "vigilantes." We have now so mon self-appointed vigilantes that they tend to deflect our government and our churches from their main business. Eternal exercise is also the price of liberty.

PLUMMERVILLE METHODISTS BREAK ATTENDANCE RECORD

The church at Plummerville has decided that a church is not reaching its full strength until every member is attending the Sunday morning service each Sunday.

It all started when twenty-eight men of the church met with the pastor for a special conference. Twenty-four of these men accepted a challenge to put themselves on the spot. They promised that they would be in church each Sunday for the four Sundays. Some of these men had not been in church for a long time. They carried out that contract and the group grew to twenty-nine. At least a dozen other men have been present on these Sundays and have shown increased interest.

Last Sunday, as pastor, I experienced the happiest day of my short ministry. I believe many members of the church enjoyed one of the most joyous days of their Christian experience. Can you imagine what it does to individuals and to a group of church people when they realize that they are a part of a record-breaking attendance where many people are back at church for the first time in years?

As a result of this renewed interest in the church the group of men who joined in the covenant for church attendances increased from twenty-four to twenty-nine. The Sunday School increased from fifty-two to sixty-six. The total attendance at Church services increased from sixty-five to one hundred thirteen. Our offerings increased from \$36.82 to \$111.00 in the four Sundays.

Our people are happy over the results of their work for these four Sundays and are anxious to maintain the interest on a high level.—Robert W. Johnson, Pastor.

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METHODIST YOUTH

WESLEY FOUNDATION DEPUTATION TEAM

A deputation group from the Wesley Foundation, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, conducted worship services on February 27, at the Houma Heights Methodist Church, Houma, and the Dulac Indian Mission. The team was composed of Maxine Martin, Jeanerette; Mary Julia Cole, Ebenezer; Jeanne Hall, Houma; Dick Parish, Jonesville; Harold Sanders, Lafayette; Alden Ray Tupper, Roanoke; and Rev. Bob Parrott, director of the Foundation. Members of the team were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson of Dulac, for dinner, and were shown the work of the Mission and its outreach in the Bayou Terrebonne area.

The Houma Heights-Dulac group was the twenty-fourth deputation team sponsored by the SLI Wesley Foundation in two years. A total of 119 team members have conducted services in Jennings; Welsh; Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles; First Methodist Church, Lake Charles; Elon; Eunice; Bunkie; Ebenezer-Estherwood; Church Point; Weeks Island; Jeanerette; Gueydan; New Iberia; Kaplan; Indian Bayou; Thibodaux; Hebron; Houma Heights; Dulac; Mallaluaie Methodist Church, A. M. E., Lafayette; Davidson Memorial Church, Lafayette; and First Methodist Church, Lafayette. The deputation project has taken SLI students a total of 1,754 miles, covering an area of nine parishes. — Reporter.

LOUISIANA MINISTER ASSISTS IN CHRISTIAN WITNESS MISSION

There are 835 new members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in Ohio as the result of a national Christian Witness Mission conference and workshop held in Columbus February 24-28.

The new members were obtained principally in the Columbus District, though some teams recruited as far away as Springfield and Cleveland.

Final tabulations showed that 805 visitors interviewed 2,055 prospects. Including the new MYF members, 1,299 persons signed commitment cards signifying their desire to join the church. Of this number, 652 were first professions of faith and 93 were transfers from other churches.

Approximately 1,000 youth and adults took part in the conference, sponsored by the Joint Committee on Youth Evangelism of the Methodist Boards of Education and Evangelism of the Methodist Boards of Education and Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., and the MYF of the Ohio and Lexington annual conferences.

More than 250 participants were from outside of Ohio, representing 51 annual conferences from New England to the Pacific Northwest. The New York East Conference, with 37 representatives, had the largest visiting delegation. North Georgia was second with 21.

Numerous "observers" worked in the mission, including representatives of the National Council of Churches, the United Christian Youth Movement, and workers

PARTY AT WESLEY FOUNDATION

The LSU Wesley Foundation at Louisiana State University started its social season with a Skit-of-Frenia party which had as a feature attraction an array of talent which could hardly be rivaled anywhere in the land.

Delving into the field of television entertainment, the Wesley Foundation presented exclusively over Station URP-TV a variety program which included tumbling acts, skits by, Martha LeVois and Barbara Spencer, a loquacious dramatization of 'Bill' Shakespeare's 'Othello.' Featured in the all star cast were: John Gillespie, Othello; Jane McCates, Desdemona; Sylvia Hervey, Emilia; Dee Platt, Iago. The masterful production had the audience rolling in the aisles with laughter.

The staff members of Station URP who participated in the program were: Warren Blakeman, emcee; Bob Blumfield, Cesspool; Herman Meadows, quiz announcer; Gene Dunham, announcer.

The evening was topped with delicious refreshments.—Reporter

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Ouachita County

The Ouachita County Sub-District met at Bearden on February 28. The worship service was in charge of the Bearden young people. Norwil Strange president, conducted the business meeting. The young people of Camden were in charge of the program.

Refreshments and fellowship followed the program. Fairview had the largest attendance. Ninety-six were present for the meeting.—Reporter.

Conway

Plumerville Methodist Church entertained the Conway Sub-District on Monday night with 51 present. Representatives from Oppelo, Solgahachia and Morrilton were present.

A group from Commeras Springs, McRae and Hendrix College brought the worship program through musical numbers. Mildred McCarver, accompanied by Carolyn Cranford, both students at Hendrix, played a violin solo. Donnie Cranford, Wanda Cranford, Everett Dodson, Gray Weir from Copperas Springs, Porter Crisco and Wanda

with youth of several denominations.

The weekend "learn by doing" visitation stemmed from 54 local churches as the Ohio and out-of-state Methodists worked in teams of two to canvass every parish. The entire group re-assembled twice to make reports and share experiences.

The mission itself was preceded by a two-day workshop. Delegates analyzed past missions and mapped plans for future projects on a community or regional basis. They suggested that national conferences be held every two years, interspersed with area and jurisdictional workshops and "pilot missions."

Rev. Roy E. Mouser of Cedar Grove, Louisiana, assisted in the Mission.

Scott from McRae gave three musical numbers. Other guests were Mrs. Virgil Weir and David Jones, ministerial student from Hendrix College. Kay Duff and Jeannie Willbank of Plumerville sang a duet.

Mary Alice Hamby, president of the Plumerville MYF, presided during the worship program.

Kay Duff and Robert May conducted the recreation during the social hour. Refreshments were served by the host church.

The April meeting will be held at Solgahachia.—Reporter

Camp Keener

The Camp Keener Sub-District met at the Crossett Methodist Church on February 28. Choosing a Vocation was presented by panel with Robert O. Nasen, chairman, who lifted up a positive approach to life. Other members of the panel were Miss Joyce Hall, teacher in the Crossett High School; Accounting, W. E. Hasting, assistant treasurer, Crossett Company; Forestry, Charles Grane, Crossett Industries; Chemical Engineering, Dr. L. T. Sandborn; Conservation and Stabilization in Farming, J. E. Cook, Hamburg; Law, Bill Arnold, Crossett; Independent Business, J. C. McGoogan.

Jon Thompson, president of the Parkdale MYF, presided. Marvin Bradney was named publicity chairman to fill an unexpired term.

Crossett MYF served refreshments.—Marvin Bradney.

White River

Mrs. Harriet Whitmer, retired missionary, spoke on "Great Problems of Youth," at the regular meeting of the White River Sub-District at Yellville on Monday night, February 28. She stated that people of foreign lands got the wrong impression of America from what they saw in moving pictures. She inferred that it was the duty of youth to keep this type of thing from happening.

Before Mrs. Whitmer was introduced Nina Sanders spoke on "The Value System of Youth." John Carlton led in prayer and Mary McKisson and Carol Melton received the offering. The program was under the leadership of Carol Johnson.

The Sub-District voted to raise at least \$150 for Wayland Spring Camp. Local projects will bring in this amount.

Calico Rock continued to have the largest number present. There was a total attendance of 79, the largest number of the year.—Charles Casteel.

McGehee

The McGehee Sub-District met on March 7 at McGehee. Taking part on the program were Mike McDermott, Taylor Prewitt, Jr. and Louellen Jones.

Mrs. Robert Bowles gave a brief review of the book, "I Believe."

Lyn Pickens, president, presided over the business meeting.

Newton's Chapel won the attendance banner. The Sub-District voted to send \$100 to Camp Keener to help purchase a deep freeze.

Refreshments were served in the recreation room.

The next meeting will be held in Dumas. — James Abston.

The Youthful Accent

By Hoover Rupert

GUIDEBOOK FOR WORKERS WITH YOUTH

There is a new book which should prove of particular interest to the adult workers with youth who may glance occasionally at this column. Normally, books are reviewed very competently in another section of this periodical. However, the specific implications of this book for the youth accent which we seek to perpetuate through this weekly effort, are of such nature that I wish to give it attention this week.

Guidebook For Workers With Youth (Published by the Youth Department of the Board of Education, available from Methodist Publishing House, 50c paper-cover, 75c cloth, Order No. 2361-BC) has been written for adults who have an interest in the work of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. That means you if you are a teacher or a counselor or an adviser or a pastor or a parent, or even merely a friend of young people. That's pretty all-inclusive and probably includes you somewhere. If it does then here you will find guidance to help you in meeting one of life's most rewarding relationships — being a friend and guide of persons aged twelve to twenty-three.

This is a companion volume to **Handbook of the Methodist Youth Fellowship**. You need the Handbook to know the MYF and you need **Guidebook** to know your job as an adult working with youth in the MYF. The philosophy underlying both of these books is that the MYF is youth and adults working together in fellowship. It is not the adults doing something for the youth, nor is it the young people seeing how much they can do to keep free from adult interference.

Guidebook is composed of eight chapters prepared by various national leaders in the youth program. The first chapter deals with the general subject of the adult worker. Here the philosophy of the church's ministry to youth through adult workers is set forth and the reader is introduced to the work of the adult in the youth program. A very helpful chapter on "How Youth Learn and Grow," sets the pattern for specific attention in the next chapters to working with Intermediates, with Seniors, and with Older Youth. Still another chapter is directed to the worker in the small church who has a combination of all these age groups in one group. In other words, the specifics of these chapters are directed to persons in practically any type of situation in working with youth.

The final two chapters are directed one to the pastor, and the other to parents of youth. Any pastor will find his chapter helpful in pointing out certain obvious factors in the ministry to youth, but also a good many not so obvious ones. No pastor in the business can read this chapter with an open mind and fail to find it helpful and enlightening, and filled with new ideas for enhancing his own ministry to youth.

No parsonage home, no home where there are teen-agers, no home where there are adults who work with youth in church, school, or service agency, should be without this little volume. I heartily and highly recommend it to your reading and re-reading.

OBITUARIES

A Tribute To Rev. O. C. Birdwell



The writer loves the Methodist Church. It must also be confessed that she has a strong leaning toward Methodist ministers and their families.

One Sunday morning in November, 1940, there walked into the pulpit of Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, Arkansas, a minister, who along with his good wife, was destined to occupy an important place in the life of the writer. He was Rev. O. C. Birdwell, who had been assigned to that pastorate at the previous meeting of the Little Rock Annual Conference.

In the years which followed these two good people became wonderful "second parents" to the writer; their parsonage home became her second home.

Brother Birdwell was one who loved God and his fellowmen. If there was one who needed help, this man was there to give it. If there was a youth who needed encouragement, he was ever ready and willing to counsel with and encourage young people. The young people in turn loved him and admired him because he recognized their true value to the church and wanted them to assume their rightful place in its great program. Although he and Mrs. Birdwell had no children, their family of young people, bound to them, by ties of love is quite large. The writer is happy to be among this number.

A recent letter from Mrs. Birdwell tells of one small child who said that Brother Birdwell surely was Jesus. Another little child could not be persuaded to leave him as he greeted his departing congregation at church. Surely no finer tribute could be paid to one than this.

On December 7, 1954, Brother Birdwell died at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. A spirit such as his simply does not die; it lives on in this life and the next.

May God comfort and keep his widow and others who mourn his passing as He and He alone can do.
—Helen Martin, Seminole, Texas

WYNN—Miss Alice Gorton Wynn was born October 27, 1868, and passed away on February 28, 1955.

Miss Alice was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John F. Wynn. She was a school teacher all of her active life, having taught in New Orleans many years. After her retirement, she was a teacher in the Sunday School for a number of years. She numbered her friends by the score.

For the past three years as associate pastor of the First Methodist Church of Crowley of which she was a member, it was the writer's pleasure to visit her often and administer the Holy Sacrament.

During her last year she was very ill often and thought of her reception in her heavenly home, always confident that through Christ she would have her home secure.

Miss Alice is survived by a brother, Joseph Wynn; three sisters, Miss Mary Wynn, Mrs. E. W. Wall and Mrs. Harry Rickey; a number of nephews and nieces, among them Rev. Henry Rickey, district superintendent of the Conway District, North Arkansas Conference, and Rev. Wynn Stanton, now in his sec-

ond year in Centenary, which makes more than 100 years continuous service for the family in the Methodist Church.—F. J. McCoy, associate pastor, First Methodist Church, Crowley

MITCHELL—Mrs. Vera Mitchell, age 59, wife of Robert Mitchell, formerly of Havana, passed away on Monday morning, February 14. Mr. Mitchell served as Church School superintendent at Havana for some time, moving to Danville last summer.

Mrs. Mitchell was well known and much loved for her gentle spirit and her devotion to God and her church.

Funeral services were held at Havana in the Methodist Church where she held her membership, by Rev. Paul Lanier of Danville, with the pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, and the Rev. Mr. Quinn of the Presbyterian Church, assisting. Burial was in the Havana cemetery on Tuesday, February 15.

A NEW HYMN

What is believed to be the first "hymn of the airwaves," paying tribute to radio and television as communications media for religion, has been written by the Rev. Ernest K. Kmurian, Methodist pastor of Portsmouth, Va.

Called "O God, Whose Voice Is in the Wind," and sung in common meter to the tune "All Saints, New," the hymn was used for the first time at the recent dedication of the Protestant Radio and Television Center, Atlanta, Ga.

The Rev. Mr. Emurian is widely known in the South as a song leader and writer of church music. His new hymn is as follows:

*"O God, whose voice is in the wind,
Whose law is carved in stone,
We praise Thee for the varied ways
We make Thy Kingdom known;
For skills of science and art,
And every new design
We use to sow the Gospel seed,
To make all kingdoms Thine."*

*Let music fill the starry skies
Like angel-songs of old;
May all mankind, through these
new gifts,
The face of God behold;
May we be worthy of the saints
Who pioneered of yore,
And preached the Word in many
climes,
To earth's remotest shore.*

*May airwaves be Thy lengthened
arm,
To show abroad Thy love,
So we may learn to live on earth
As the redeemed above;
To spread the vision glorious
By sermon, stage and song;
Till all shall own the Christ as Lord,
And all to Him belong!"*

—Ernest K. Emurian, 1955

TWO METHODIST LEADERS ON TRIP TO FAR EAST

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They also will discuss plans for a World Methodist Conference to be held in September, 1956, at Lake Junaluska, N. C. Meanwhile, the council's executive committee is scheduled to meet June 1-7 in Belfast, Ireland, Bishop Holt said.

Dr. Potts will leave Bishop Holt in Australia, going on to Singapore, Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Italy and Spain to confer with editors and publishers of foreign editions of **The Upper Room**. The devotional guide is printed in 29 languages.

"HOW TO SPEND YOUR VACATION"

In the *Bulletin of St. Mark Methodist Church*, of Atlanta, Georgia, there appears the following article, signed by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. John B. Tate, and captioned, "How To Spend Your Vacation." It may be suggestive to other pastors, and useable in other bulletins.

"How would you like to spend your vacation in Okinawa? Well, one of our St. Markers is doing that—at least, that's the way she feels about it. Here's the story as it happened:

"A couple of weeks ago one of our lady members (who asked that her name be withheld) was talking to Mrs. Tate. She asked: 'Do you know any missionaries in Japan or Korea?' To which Mrs. Tate replied: 'Yes, I know Charles Hambrick in Okinawa. He was an intermediate youngster when we lived in College Park. Why do you ask?' 'I was just thinking about my vacation. I had thought I'd get on a bus and go to Chicago for a few days but now I know I can't. So I thought that the money I would spend on a vacation would help some missionary and I could imagine myself going out to that mission field on vacation. So I'm sending you a check for Charles Hambrick and I will spend my vacation in Okinawa.'

"The check has come and it has been turned into a Cashier's Check and has been sent by 'Air Mail' to this fine young man who recently wrote me a letter. In it he said: '... I have been working with the University Student Center. About three months ago we bought some land and have some plans drawn up. A few weeks ago I sent you a poster showing the artist's conception of the finished building ... I will be anxious to hear your reaction.'

"This vacation 'spent' in Okinawa is the first reaction. Maybe some other St. Markers want to 'spend' their vacation like that. Isn't it a wonderful idea? Maybe you would like to spend it with Harry and Phyllis Little in the Belgian Congo."

METHODISTS JOIN IN KOREAN BROADCAST

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The new interdenominational radio voice is believed by station officials to be the only Christian radio station of its kind in the Far East, except in the Philippine Islands.

Plans for a radio voice for Christianity in Korea were initiated before the invasion of South Korea in 1950, and the station was to have gone on the air by the end of that year — just about Christmas. The war, however, disrupted all the plans and brought to naught work that had been done in laying a ground system.

Equipment in transit across the Pacific was detoured to Kobe, Japan, where it was stored almost four years, waiting out the war. As Korean Christians and missionaries moved back into the devastated areas to begin the staggering task of reconstruction, leaders placed the radio station high on the list of projects the church should accomplish in its revival.

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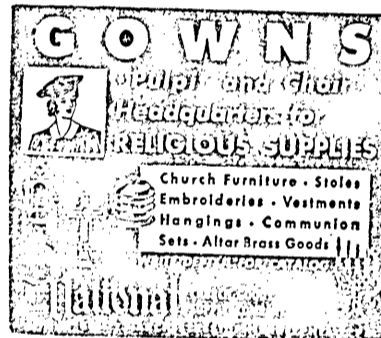
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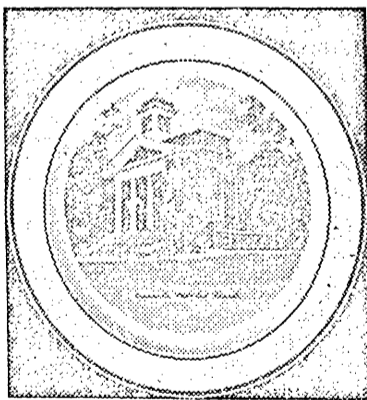
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LESSON FOR MARCH 27, 1955

THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Matthew 5:13-16; Romans 13:8-10; I Peter 4:12-16.

MEMORY SELECTION: Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21)

This is the thirteenth lesson of fifteen lessons UNIT V: "CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS". The lesson subjects thus far have been: "The Bible our Authority"; "The Living God"; "Christ, the Son of the Living God"; "The Work of the Holy Spirit"; "Man's Nature and Need"; "The Grace of God"; "The New Life in Christ"; "The Church and Its Sacraments"; "The Church Proclaims the Gospel"; "The Fellowship of Christian Love"; "Prayer in the Christian's Life"; "The Life of the New Man"; and our lesson for today, "The Christian and the Social Order".

A Look At The Scriptures

Our Scriptures for today are very helpful. May we note them in order beginning with the memory selection (Romans 12:21). It will be noted that the memory selection is taken from the writings of Paul. This epistle to the Romans was one of his greatest letters, and is the greatest treatise on Christian theology that was ever written. This passage goes on to call attention to the fact that evil can only be overcome with good. Evil can never be overcome by merely refraining from it. It is well enough for armies to be able to put up a good defense but battles are only won when it takes the offense. Good people everywhere should carefully refrain from evil, but evil is only overcome when they go out to attack it. A great battle rages between good and evil. It has been called the conflict of the ages. The Christian faith is that good will finally win, but it will win only as it goes in a positive way to fight against the evil of the world.

Our lesson of last Sunday dealt with the greatest evil of the world today—the traffic in and consumption of alcohol as a beverage. All Christians should be total abstainers, but they cannot stop there and do their full duty toward Christ and his cause. They must go out to do battle against this evil and try hard to eliminate it by every legitimate means. Sometimes you will hear one say "If you will leave alcohol alone it will leave you alone". The person who makes such a statement thinks he is speaking the truth, but he is badly mistaken. Not too long ago a man made that statement. He had a little daughter; an only child whom he loved with all his heart. She was run down and killed by a drunken man behind the steering wheel of an automobile. As this man looked at the broken body of his little child he kept crying out "I was wrong, I was wrong when I said if you leave alcohol alone it will leave you alone. This evil thing has destroyed the pride and joy of my life. I no longer care to live. My heart will be buried in the tomb

with my child."

It is well enough for the church to do some ambulance service, and go around picking up the human wreckage occasioned by a sinful social order, but if it stops with that the victory will never be won. It must undergird itself and go out to do battle with the forces that cause the wreckage. Some years ago the writer belonged to a ministerial alliance in the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas. We were in the Christmas season. We were talking about sending out Christmas baskets to certain families who were not able to have a suitable dinner for themselves. One of the ministers said this: "I am for sending out these baskets, but we should never stop with this. We should try hard to lead our churches to so influence our economic order that all families and individuals who are able and willing to work, can not only have good Christmas dinners but adequate meals throughout the year."

This man was speaking a great truth. He was talking in terms of the social gospel. There are two sides to the gospel—individual and social. What we need is a happy balance between these forces. It is easy to go to the extreme on either hand. Some talk incessantly about saving society but say very little about saving the individuals who make up society. What is society anyway? It is simply the relationships that exist between individuals, and it is utterly impossible to make those relationships Christian without first making the individuals who are having the relationships Christians. It is foolish to try to do it any other way.

On the other hand, there are individuals who say that you do not need to bother about the relationships if you will make the individuals who are having these relationships Christians. That is not true. There is such a thing as being a Christian but not according to wisdom. There was a time when preachers in the southern states not only kept slaves themselves but preached that it was God's will that Negroes be slaves. There was a preacher at that time—his name slips the writer's mind—who was a poet and a slave trader. He would take his ship to the shores of Africa, capture a load of slaves and then head back to sell them on the open market. It is said that he spent his time in making these trips on the deck of his ship writing great religious hymns, many of which found their way into hymn books and were sung by Christians everywhere.

We must constantly bear in mind that the gospel is both individual and social. The ideal situation is a saved person in a saved social order, and it takes preaching and teach-

ing to bring about both of these results. Remember this, the gospel that does not begin with individual, does not begin, and the gospel that ends with the individual, ends. The gospel, to be fully effective, must be both social and individual. No one can read the teaching of Christ concerning the Kingdom of God without seeing that it has both social and individual implications.

As there are no perfect Christians, in the absolute sense, there is no social order that is fully Christian. All true children of God are only Christian in the making. They are somewhere along the line of becoming Christlike in character, but no one has fully attained to such stature. The same is true with the best possible social order in the world today; it is not fully Christian, and since it is not, all true followers of Christ must be forever trying to change and make better the social order.

The most un-godly social order in the world today is Communism. This regime has not only enslaved millions of freedom-loving people behind the iron curtain, but it has instilled fear and suspicion in the hearts of people throughout the world. This makes it hard for Christian people to change, even for the better, our present social order. There is a universal feeling that those who desire any change in our present order are infected with Communism. Anyone who doubts this statement has only to note the smears that have been brought against great Christian leaders like our own Bishop Oxnham. There is a universal disposition on the part of many would-be leaders in the world today which leads them to brand all who differ from them as Communists. This is a dangerous trend, for the greatest hope of keeping the free portion of the world back from Communism is to bring about a fairer and more just social order.

There are certain realms of our present social order in which high standards are expected. Such for example as relationships in the various churches, public schools, service clubs, and the great lodges like the Masons and Odd Fellows. But a very low standard is accepted in the realms of politics, and in certain cases, economics. We recall the old saying "All is fair in love and war." That old saying is not now and never has been true, but that same spirit is carried over to other realms of life. There are literally hundreds who say by their actions, which speak louder than words, that all is fair in politics and economics. Many pride themselves on being "practical politicians" and what they mean by that is that they are willing to cheat, lie and stand for that which is absolutely corrupt and immoral to get themselves in office and stay there. All present-day politicians are not of that stripe, but many of them are. It is a sad affair for any state when the good people of it feel safer when the elected officers go home and the meeting of the legislature is over.

The liquor traffic is an illustration of the low standards that many people have in the realm of economics. No one would impugn his intelligence by arguing that there is any good in alcohol as a beverage, and yet many people dabble in the traffic. Why would intelligent people do that which makes them a menace and dangerous to others, especially to young people? There is but one answer; they do it for the money they can get out of it,

and there is such a low standard in the field of economics that public sentiment smiles upon the evil. People in general are so materialistic that things are permitted where the making of money is at stake that are outright sinful.

Our next passage (Matthew 5:13-16) shows that Christ expects Christians to wield a great influence for good. He calls them the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt is still a necessity of life but it was even more so at the time Christ spoke these words. They had no means whatever at that time of refrigeration. All meats and other perishable foods were kept from spoiling with salt. Salt has two functions; it preserves and it flavors. Christians are supposed to prevent the rotting of society and to give zest to life.

Light is also a necessity of life. Christ said of himself, "I am the light of the world." He helped people to see what God is like and also to see manhood at its best. Light dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Christians are called upon to do that for the world. We are to "Let our light shine," not try to make it shine. This is done as one quietly and humbly does his Christian duty. There is such a thing as a person hiding his light, or permitting the influence of his life to become insipid.

Our next passage (Romans 13:8-10) emphasizes the great power of love. We are to love all people; we owe this to them. As Jesus before him did, Paul insists that all the commandments are fulfilled in love. One cannot possibly love God supremely and do any intentional wrong against him; neither can he love his neighbor as himself and intentionally harm his neighbor. The whole law is summed up, therefore, in this matter of love. Martin Luther once said, "Love God supremely and your neighbor as yourself, and then do as you please." The is not bad advice, for sin is a wrong against somebody, and no one can love like that and intentionally wrong anyone.

Our last passage (I Peter 4:12-16) warned the early Christians of suffering that was to come upon them. They are told not to be surprised at these persecutions. They are only having the same experience that Christ himself had. It is wonderful to be able to share in the suffering of the Lord, for those who share in His suffering will also share in His glory. There is such a thing, however, as suffering for wrongdoing. There is a lot of shame and no credit whatever in this type of suffering, for the sufferer in this case is only reaping what he has sown.

It will be noted that all of these Scripture passages have one thing in common. They all have to do with the matter of relationships, and these relationships make up our social order. To have a Christian society, one must have Christians. It is foolish to think that you can have such society in any other way. But one must have more than just Christians; these Christians must be taught what Christian relationships are.

There are enough Christians in the world today to eliminate our four greatest problems—race, war, the liquor traffic, and corrupt politics. Our trouble is that far too many Christians are willing to be Christians as individuals, but are not willing to stand up for a Christian social order.

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