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LARGE DELEGATION FROM AREA AT JURISDICTIONAL CONVOCATION THIS WEEK

More than 700 Methodist leaders have been in session this week at the quadrennial Jurisdictional Convocation in Fort Worth, a meeting which has been exploring the theme "Methodism Advances Through The Local Church." Business sessions of the Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service were held on April 11 and 12, and the Convocation was in session Tuesday through today, April 12, 13 and 14.

Membership of the convocation was divided into six discussion groups, each group discussing such topics as development of potential resources in the local church, recruiting for lay membership, stewardship, tithing, and youth programs. Jurisdictional boards and commission held separate meetings in conjunction with the convocation sessions.

Among those having places of leadership during the Convocation sessions were Bishop Paul E. Martin, who conducted a devotional on Wednesday morning; Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Little Rock, who was chairman of one of the discussion groups; Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston, who served as secretary of one of the discussion groups; and Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Little Rock, discussion group associate leader. Among those appearing on the Woman's Society program were Mrs. Earl Cotton, Little Rock, Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Russellville, Miss Gertie Stiles, Fort Smith, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston, Mrs. Neill Hart, El Dorado, Miss Betty Letzig, Rogers, was chairman of the Deaconess Committee meeting.

Sessions for the Jurisdictional meetings were held in the First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, where Dr. Gaston Foote, former Lit-

tle Rock pastor, is the minister. Highlights of the Convocation program included addresses by Dr. Eugene Smith, executive secretary of the World Mission division of the Methodist Board of Missions; Dr. Elton Trueblood, Chief of Religious Information, U. S. Information Agency; Dr. George A. Buttrick, Harvard University; and Dr. Willis Tate, President Southern Methodist University.

The Arkansas-Louisiana Area is represented on the Jurisdictional Council by Bishop Martin, Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Hot Springs, and Dr. Guy Hicks, Ruston. The Council, headed by Dr. Marshall Steel, Dallas, Texas and former Arkansan, gives general direction to the program of Methodism throughout the Jurisdiction. Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, Oklahoma City, is executive secretary of the Jurisdictional Council.

Latest statistics indicate that the
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FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT, CENTRAL, FAYETTEVILLE

The Primary Department of Central Church Fayetteville, sponsored a Family Fellowship Thursday night, March 24, with over 200 parents, children, and workers participating.

Following a covered dish dinner in Wesley Hall the children were entertained with a "fun" hour directed by Mr. and Mrs. Joe McKennan. Parents and workers met together for a program designed to strengthen the tie between home and church. Filmstrips were viewed showing the cooperation and integration of the work of the church school with that of the home. Mrs. Frank Chambers, Mrs. C. B. Murphy and Mrs. Orville Hall, workers from the first, second and third grades respectively, outlined the class work and objectives of the Primary curriculum, and explained how the material was being presented. Mrs. Enoch Miller and Mrs. Mayne White present a humorous skit contrasting the desirable and undesirable attitudes of parents toward church school, and the adult group meeting was concluded with a discussion of common problems and a talk by Rev. Robert Bearden, Pastor of Central Methodist.

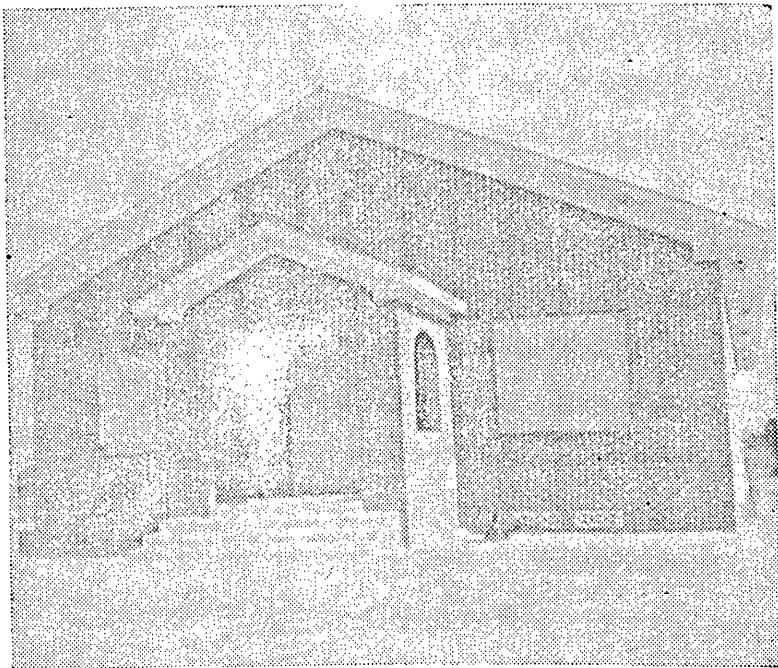
Mrs. Roy Bagley was chairman for the parent-worker group meeting, and Mrs. Thomas Butt was general chairman for the night's program.

During the evening's activities, parents visited Primary Department classrooms and examined a book display arranged by Mrs. Ruby Hudson, assistant church school librarian.—Mrs. Claud S. Wood, Supt., Children Div.



Leaders in Primary Department display their work.

New Church, Olive Branch, Doddridge Charge



We have just completed a new church at Olive Branch on the Doddridge Charge. We held our first service in the church March 13th.

On April 24th we are to have a great home-coming and dedication service. Dr. E. Clifton Rule, District Superintendent, will bring the message. We take this opportunity to invite all former pastors to be present. Dr. William E. Brown, Pastor at 1st Church Texarkana, will be one of the speakers in the afternoon. Our District Judge, the Honorable Lyle Brown, will also speak for us. We plan an all-day worship service, with dinner on the ground. We invite all who desire to do so to be present.—W. P. Walker, pastor

Jacksonville Concludes Successful Building Campaign

The Methodist Church in Jacksonville has just concluded a 3½ weeks building fund drive. The goal was a minimum of \$50,000 in cash and pledges to be paid over a three year period. By Monday evening \$53,810 had been brought in by the canvassers and their wives. Some cash and pledges are still coming in. Only members of the church and "users" were contacted.

Early in the first week of the campaign a church loyalty dinner was held in the High School Cafeteria. Approximately 150 persons were in attendance. Whit Davis, general chairman of the financial campaign, was the toast master for the occasion. Others appearing on the program included Reverend E. G. Kaetzell, Searcy District Superintendent, Mrs. J. R. McCabe, Claud Mitchell, Miss Minnie Stone, Dwight Brewer, J. P. Jones, A. F. Crowell, Charles Straus, and Reverend Harold Spence, Jacksonville pastor. Members of the Steering Committee

for the program include Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Davis, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Dupree, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gus Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keaton, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Love, Fred Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Straus. Mr. Davis is chairman of the group. Mr. Straus is the special gifts chairman, and Mr. Leeds is serving as treasurer. Guests for the occasion included Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Searcy, Reverend and Mrs. Joel Cooper, Conway, and Reverend and Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland, Little Rock.

Campaign Associates, Inc., Kansas City, Mo., was employed to give direct supervision for the 3½ week period, and furnish general counsel for the 3 year period. The campaign consultant was E. B. Jones.

An architect is to be employed for building plans as soon as possible.

The Mighty Mish-shel Meets The Almighty

By ADEN I. SPELL, Crowley

TO dozens of plantation owners and hundreds of hired men, plain folks, white and colored alike, he was known only as Mish-shel. His parents were slaves, his exact age was never known. His boyhood was spent during the Reconstruction days when the countryside was full of carpetbaggers, ex-jayhawkers, "Regulators" and other "adjusters." Immediately after the war Mish-shel's parents, as free men, endeavored to homestead a tract of land south of Ridge, Louisiana. A few old-timers claim — despite hazy memories — Mish-shel was born a slave. Their memory of the mistreatment received is very clear.

Mish-shel and Granddad were about the same age, with Mish-shel possibly being a few years older. Jet-black colored men do not show their ages as the white men do. It was during these dark days for the colored man that there grew a bond or a tie of comradeship between Mish-shel and Granddad that never cracked. For a period of about eighty years no man ever came between these two men. There was a sense of fairness in Granddad and sense of loyalty plus appreciation in Mish-shel that seemed to bind these two men into a fellowship that could not be broken — not even by long years of suffering, bad times and with wealthy plantation owners making better offerings and prestige to Mish-shel. Mish-shel never considered himself a mere hired man. To him a hired man was the lowest type of manhood. He was the master workman. There was absolutely nothing on the plantation he could not do. He supervised every phase of planning, cultivating and harvesting the many crops. His wisdom was never questioned. He could ride any horse — the bigger and meaner the horse the better he liked the job. He could lasso and throw and butcher the fiercest bull. He could prepare the huge big outdoor pot — have his water hot and ready — and go in the pen and bring out the largest hog and slaughter it and dress it in a matter of minutes.

Granddad operated the local post office, general country store, combination wheelwright-machine shop and barber shop. Mish-shel was the master handy-man. Often Granddad would finish late on Saturday nights, too tired to audit or check his accounts. He would put the day's receipts in a sack and turn it over to Mish-shel. Granddad would go to Church Sunday morning, knowing fully well there was absolutely nothing to worry about. Mish-shel was absolutely honest and could be trusted.

People in those days bought their flour, sugar and syrup in barrels. Mish-shel didn't need any help handling these items. He would put the bear-hug on a barrel and walk away with it. His strength and stamina were beyond description. There was no record of any man challenging him to a pitch-battle, no record of any man whipping Mish-shel. In production he figured everything in doubles. The average cotton-picker took one row — Mish-shel always picked two rows. He drove the fastest team; made the most rounds; plowed the most rows.

He was the perfect chef and nurse. An epidemic struck down every member of the family. Mish-shel prepared all meals. How he could cook — nursed the sick members back to health.

Mish-shel was never on a salary. He looked down on the hired man. Each year he would, after the major harvest was ended, pick enough

cotton to make a 500 lb. bale — this was stored in his quarters — and go to town. It was his big day. It all belonged to him.

The outstanding thing about Mish-shel and Granddad was the harmony between these two men. Granddad never discussed Mish-shel with any one. It was a friendship between a white man and a colored man that lasted more than eighty years.

Mish-shel considered himself a man set apart from his race. He lived in a one-room cottage. To every one except Granddad this house was strictly out-of-bounds. It was seldom closed or locked. This was not necessary. Inside there was an iron bed and a table. On the table there was a kerosene lamp and bottle of kerosene. The kerosene in the bottle was his liniment, which he used to rub on his huge

*The Duty Of Israel Is
Slain Upon Thy High
Places: How Are The
Mighty Fallen!*

I Samuel 1:19

black knotty muscles. This was the only medicine he was known to use. His sick days were few and far between. He never possessed a tooth brush. He never knew what it was for, yet he possessed beautiful white teeth. Mish-shel was never known to have a lady friend. He did his own mending. His personal appearance was better than the married men of his own race. His appearance at the social gatherings of his race was indeed noteworthy. In his younger days he always rode the largest and meanest horse to these socials — a King if there ever was a Mounted King.

Mish-shel also considered himself a man set apart by God, a man set apart in regard to his own race. There are stories of this superman and his police powers among his people that cannot be fully recorded; that would not be believed in this modern age, stories that will not die among the colored people in lower Lafayette Parish. Mish-shel was the law among his people. He kept the peace. He had the "say-so". He was respected and hated by his people, the respect bordering on fear and admiration. There must have been something in his blood — a something that was akin to the discipline found in the faithful slave to his good master. Discipline guided Mish-shel to the very end of his long life. He was not the loquacious type. He hated loose talk. His self-appointed job was to keep the other "boys" in line. It must have been a great source of satisfaction to him when, in his late years, many of the boys he "whipped" returned as fathers, bringing gifts to the Mighty Mish-shel; proud to have been whipped by Mish-shel. Of course among the colored folks the word whipped meant disciplined in the final analysis. This writer knows much of this colored giant's

application of discipline. A fact he is very proud to admit and record here — discipline that has been profitable even after many years have passed.

Yes, Mish-shel considered himself a man set apart by God. His morals were beyond question by all men, regardless of color. He did not use any profane language. The hat was always tipped when a lady addressed him. He kept busy, doing good, helping out those that needed help. He was the uncrowned king among his own race. He had his own house. He did not want for anything. When he sat down at the table to eat his meal was always double the size of the average man. Every cook knew Mish-shel did twice as much work as the other fellow; therefore, he should have, and did have, twice as much food. His diet called for much meat.

He was a man set apart. He lived by his own code — he never attended Church. He apparently did not need God. He was a little god himself among his race. What man could ask for more?

It was during his best years, the height of his greatness among his race, that he decided to visit some friends down on the Gulf of Mexico. Old timers agree it was in Cameron Parish, near Grand Chenier, a wide place in a country road which runs on a small ridge which is slightly higher than the surrounding marsh. Here the busy man found time on his hands. For the first time in many years he was not busy, he had time to think, to size himself up. He was sitting on the porch of his friend's home, alone, one mid-afternoon when a half-grown rooster jumped upon his knee, looked Mish-shel in the eye and crowed. This was repeated several times. This set the Mighty Mish-shel to thinking.

All his life had been spent on the farm and this had never happened before. What was the meaning of this strange behaviour of this young rooster? Mish-shel did not have to wait very long. Far to the south he noticed a small strange cloud rising above the horizon. That could only mean one thing, a storm was brewing. He discussed this with his friends, suggesting they move further inland. His advice was refused. Shortly after dark the storm hit Grand Chenier with its full fury. Storms, even to this day with modern radio warnings, are much to be feared on the Gulf of Mexico.

The storm blew off the wooden doors and windows; they disappeared like leaves, never to be seen again. For the first time in his life the Mighty Mish-shel became acquainted with fear. His entire life seemed to return in review. Memories of the past — memories of how he had driven men, beat and subdued them to his own will, policed them with an iron hand, how he spared not the lash. Every unkind act of the past seemed to be before his eyes. Mighty Mish-shel began to pray. The storm grew worse. He could not stay on his knees — he was blown thru the door, carried thru the air; he managed to cling to the trunk of an oak tree of which only the trunk remained, the limbs and branches having been blown away. Here the Mighty Mish-shel rode out the storm. He was hanging on, praying as no man had ever prayed, when above the roar of the storm a Voice spoke, "Mish-shel, I am the Lord, tonight I am going to whip you. Go back and tell your people the Lord has whipped you." The storm began to grow worse. Many flying objects beat his body as he clung to the bare tree trunk. Never was a man whipped like this Mish-shel. It was the language he fully understood.

The two members of the other family were blown clear of the house. Only their bed was salvaged. The house was blown away, never recovered.

They nursed him for weeks; some of his bones were broken. When Mish-shel was able to travel he returned back to Ridge. But, it was not the same Mish-shel of old. He was bent; his mustache was no longer fierce-looking. There was a glow in his eyes. His big voice was soft. Here was a man changed from the inside out. Men who knew Mighty Mish-shel of old marveled.

Mish-shel did tell his story of how the Lord had "whipped" him. This writer heard the story hundreds of times. The details never varied.

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The Church

By H. B. McKenzie

In

The Methodist Messenger, 1929

Among the institutions of men there is nothing more enduring or inspiring than the church. The atmosphere of a great church is calm and serene. It is not known by specific characteristics, but rather permeated with intangible attributes. It is not moved about by trivial impulses or temporary disturbances. Fist fights and sword plays are out of place in it. It may stand hard by the busy street and the marts of trade, but it is little influenced by them. Commercial houses, schools and business institutions may echo with shouts of laughter, the quibbling, whispering and disagreements of men. The church stands by and holds all in mute confidence. The storms and passions of men do not shake it. Few men can slander it. None can really injure it. Most men revere it. Great homes may rise and fall, great thoughts may burn into our consciousness. Men may continually come and pass away while the great tide of human events moves on to its destiny over their nameless and forgotten dust, but the church stands. It inspires us with the spirit of worshipful reverence and holiness. You and I would not think of living here without it. The building and maintenance of the church are among the most important tasks of men.

AID TO JAPANESE FIRE VICTIMS

An emergency grant of \$1000 to aid fire victims on the Futaba Cooperative farm near the Hino Christian Rural Center on the outskirts of Tokyo has been made by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

The Farm is a community of 40 families who were repatriated from Manchuria after suffering Communist oppression. In an effort to subsist, the farmers in the community have pooled their land and are farming on a cooperative basis. This allows them to use more efficient methods than could be employed on their individual two-and-a-half acre plots. Many of the families are Christian, some of them having been baptized in the near-by Tomisato-mura Church which has become a rural Christian Center in that neighborhood.

A recent fire has demolished the barns, storage, bakery and noodle-making buildings at the Farm. Also completely destroyed were the 1954 rice and peanut crops and the hay which was needed for the cows, which means a loss of their year's food supply as well as their cash income. No lives were lost, but estimated destruction is about \$19,000.

In addition to MCOR aid, the Farm has received \$2500 in cash from The Presbyterian Mission Board and another Agency. Church World Service has sent food and clothing.

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Some of the white people who heard the story thought perhaps a flying board must have hit Mish-shel on the head as he clung to that tree. But the story was not for the white people. The story was for Mish-shel's people. Many of his race heard the story and they were glad. Here was the man whose name struck terror to the hearts of many of his race—now completely changed — on the Lord's side. It was a simple story, told in simple language. Mish-shel was true to his calling. He did not quibble about any denomination or doctrines or different ways of baptism or whether his listeners were Protestants or Catholics. Like St. Paul he knew no other but the Lord Himself. The story of the Mighty Mish-shel and his story of his conversion will live long around Ridge—longer than any priest or preacher who lived and served around Ridge.

Mish-shel passed on, long after Grandad. He probably was in his nineties. He left no family to mourn his passing but the story of his conversion and whipping by the Lord will live long among his people.

A First Hand Account Of The

1955 EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE TO CUBA

By Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, Magnolia

ON February 7, 178 ministers and laymen met at Trinity Methodist Church, Miami, Florida, for a briefing session before leaving to participate in the 1955 International Evangelistic Crusade to Cuba. The Crusade was sponsored jointly by the General Board of Evangelism, the Board of Missions and Bishop John Branscomb, Resident Bishop of the Florida Area which includes the Cuba Conference. This is the largest number ever to participate in the Crusade. Among the number mentioned above were Dr. Cecil R. Culver, Superintendent of the Monticello District; Rev. Robert B. Moore, pastor of First Methodist Church, Camden, Ark.; and Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, pastor of First Methodist Church, Magnolia, Ark.; Rev. Edward W. Harris, Superintendent of the Baton Rouge District; Rev. James Harris, Superintendent of the Monroe District; and Rev. George Pearce, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, DeRidder, Louisiana. Mrs. James Harris accompanied Rev. Mr. Harris to Cuba and Mrs. Pearce accompanied her husband to Cuba. Mrs. Robert B. Moore made the trip to Florida.

The Crusade was scheduled for February 8 through the 17th. After the briefing session in the afternoon the Methodist Men of Trinity Methodist Church were the hosts at a dinner for the participants which was followed by an inspirational message by Dr. Harry Denman, Secretary of the Board of Evangelism. Dr. James E. Ellis, in charge of Latin American work for the Board of Missions, told of the schools, churches and clinics on the island which are typical of the missionary work around the world.

On the morning of February 9th about 75 boarded planes for Camaguey and points on the Eastern end of the Island, and others for Havana in the Western and Central portions of the Island. Upon arriving in Cuba we found a land, beautiful with palm trees and mountains, surrounded by exciting blue-green waters broken by white caps. We found a people prepared in heart, mind and spirit for the Evangelistic Crusade. On every hand the response to the message of Christ was evident in the dedication of the pastors and the people.

The purpose of the Board of Missions and the Board of Evangelism in calling the large group to participate in the Crusade was to "Win Cuba for Christ." The need to preach Christ the Saviour in Cuba is great. Those who have accepted Christ because of the experience of His saving power are sure of their faith, and are devoted and loyal to Christ and His Church. The ministers in Cuba are among the most consecrated men in the Church, and the missionaries are doing a magnificent job in whatever capacity they serve. However, the number of Methodist Christians in Cuba is relatively small. There are many persons who give mental assent to the fact that there is a God somewhere, and freely state that they believe in Him, but too few have any genuine experience of the power of Christ in their lives. To preach Christ crucified and risen from the dead was the purpose of the Crusade.

Each person participating in the Evangelistic Mission was prepared to preach, visit, instruct visitors, to speak over the radio and in the schools. The pastors of the churches and the District Superintendents had been working for weeks to have everything in readiness for the workers. The people responded enthusiastically to every opportunity of service. The unsaved felt the power of God in their lives and came to the altar to confess their sins and to accept Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.

Every type of Christian witness possible was opened to those laborers of Christ. In addition to preaching in the churches, in the schools,

over the radio, and in the homes where missions were being organized, the crusaders preached in the sugar cane fields, on the city streets, in the city parks, in the factories, in military installations. One minister requested that he be sent to the "red light district" of one of the Eastern cities to tell of Christ and his love of sinners. He was sent, and, where bodies were sold for a price, the message of Christ was preached with fervor. In one community the Sunday afternoon was given to the Methodist Church, its pastor and the visiting pastor, whose church in the United States had erected a church building, with testimonies from civic club leaders, community leaders, and others to the effectiveness of the Christian work in that city.

The results of the Crusade were revived churches in many cities, new missions in the new sections of the cities, and new churches organized in several places. From the reports of the pastors in Cuba at the Victory Rally in Havana on February 17, a total of 2,257 persons were won to Christ and will enter Preparatory Classes for instruction; at least 20 young men dedicated their lives to the Christian ministry; 30 to 50 other young people dedicated their lives to vocational Christian service. A total of 67,468 persons attended the 809 services conducted during the Crusade. More than 6,261 visits were made in the homes to invite people to "Come with us to Christ." Following an intensive program of training by the pastors 333 persons were received into the fellowship of the church during the ten day mission. The next six months will be given over to the training of the more than 2,000 men and women won during February. In the Penar Del Rio District the first Protestant service ever held in one community resulted in more than 100 persons accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. On the Isle of Pines the head of the hospital accepted Christ and surrendered her life to Him.

The Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions have a number of effective schools in Cuba. In Havana is located Candler College and Buena Vista School; in Cienfuegos the Eliza Bowman School is operated; Pinson College is our school in Camaguey; and the Irene Toland School is situated in Matanzas. The Union Theological School, where Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Methodists train their ministers, is operated in Matanzas also. The Central Methodist Church of Santa Clara conducts its own school of 246 pupils.

The opportunity of participating in the International Evangelistic Crusade in Cuba provided the opportunity to serve Christ in one of the mission Fields of the church, to see the mission program at work in the local church and in the schools, and to have the privilege of working with the local church pastors in Cuba. Participation in the Crusade afforded enrichment for the spiritual life, fellowship of kindred hearts and minds, and the opportunity of making new friends and broadening the vision.

Bishop John Branscomb gave signal leadership to the Crusade. On the opening day he led the briefing session, and on the following day left on the earliest flight for Camaguey. On Sunday, February 13, he suffered a fractured ankle from a fall. His doctor placed a cast on the ankle and Bishop Branscomb did not miss an appointment during the week. Dr. Harry Denman, Secretary of the Board of Evangelism, rose to the occasion on every hand by inspiring, challenging and lifting up the purpose of the Crusade. His closing challenge was for every pastor to return to his charge so consecrated to Christ that both Cuba and the United States would be won for Christ.

Suggested Post-Easter Resolutions

NEW YEAR'S DAY is the traditional time for making resolutions regarding our way of living. It is our feeling that it would be helpful for us also to make some post-Easter resolutions.

Methodism has just passed through the second, pre-Easter, church-wide Church Attendance Campaign over the period from January 1st through Easter Sunday. In that period the general work of the church has been planned in such a manner as to lead us to a deeper appreciation of Passion Week and to a great spiritual climax on Easter Sunday.

Possibly the first post-Easter resolution we should make is to resolve to keep fresh in our minds, throughout the year, the sense of security and renewed faith in ultimate victory which we have felt as we heard again the story of that first Easter morning. A special emphasis on the resurrection and the immortality of the soul may be seasonal, at Easter time. The undergirding strength, which faith in the resurrection and faith in the soul's immortality brings, should be ours throughout the year.

Methodist people generally have responded enthusiastically to the Church Attendance Crusade. Perhaps our second post-Easter resolution should be to resolve to continue through the year something of the religious enthusiasm which has made the Church Attendance Crusade so meaningful to ourselves. Some special emphases may be seasonal. However, we should never allow faithfulness and loyalty to the church to become seasonal activities in our lives.

The third post-Easter resolution we would suggest is to resolve to continue indefinitely our interest in members of our church who have been neglectful of the church. Our interest in them should not end with Easter Sunday. This resolution should include also a determination to continue our effort to help those outside the church to see how badly they need what the Christian church has to offer. It would be a great experience to live the year on the high level, spiritually, we reach at Eastertide.

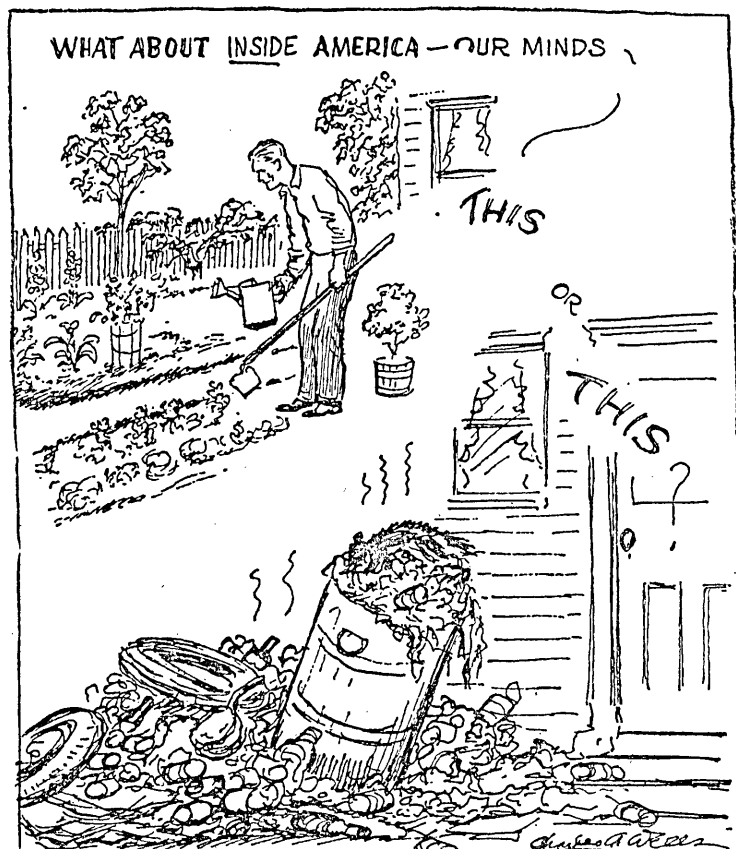
Your Help Is Needed Now

THERE are many worthy causes that are presented to Methodist congregations, causes which challenge Methodists to give of their time, energy and money to accomplish a noteworthy goal. Methodists in this Episcopal Area are now being challenged to have a share in a project which is calculated to deal effectively with one of the major problems facing youth and adults, the social pressure to drink alcoholic beverages. The General Board of Temperance, after consultation with the Council of Bishops and leaders of many Methodist agencies, has undertaken the production of a film which would go a long way in dealing convincingly with the problem just mentioned.

First as to the production itself: we have had the privilege of hearing a reading of the script of the proposed film in its final accepted form and it is our belief that its production and subsequent showing will help immeasurably to bring out into the open the subtle pressure facing youth and adults today to use alcoholic beverage, and that those seeing the film will be impressed with the courage and method of one young man who faced the pressure. The story is entertaining, convincing and absorbing. The production planned will be first class.

Second, the cost: the General Board of Temperance has plans for a \$125,000 production which includes the cost of a large number of prints which will be made available to those Districts in Annual Conferences which help to underwrite the cost. The General Board of Temperance does not have this amount of money in its budget for such a project. The leadership of the Board feels, and we certainly concur, that there are enough Methodists interested in the cause of temperance and total abstinence who will contribute the necessary funds to carry through with this project.

Third, raising the money: Local church leaders should refer to the October issue of *The Voice* for guidance in the suggested plan for raising the \$125,000. In this Episcopal Area, each Annual Conference has adopted an authorization for the raising of funds for this project in each District and local church. We want to urge our readers to respond to this challenge when the matter is presented locally. Watch for an article in the next issue on the project.



Is Vital Christianity In Danger?

THE real test of the early Christian church to survive did not come in the inhuman persecutions of heathen Emperors. It grew rapidly in the face of these persecutions. The real test of the power of the church to survive came when Constantine professed the Christian faith and, as Emperor, made Christianity the state religion and urged all his subjects to join the Christian church. The great influx of unregenerated people into the church, as a result of this urging, created a much greater hazard for the church than the most violent persecutions had been.

Christianity, watered down, loses its power to grow and endangers even its power to survive. There is in America, on every hand, indications of a renewed interest in religion. Much of it is outside the church and independent of the church. It is little short of amazing to see the space or time devoted to some phase of religion in our national magazines, our metropolitan papers, motion pictures, radio and television.

Possibly the sense of insecurity humanity feels, as we live under the almost constant threat of war in the atomic age, is in part responsible for this enlarged interest in religion. While all Christian people should be happy over this new interest in religion, there are at least two rather disturbing things about much of this new concern about things religious. One is that the expression of this concern about religion is often so badly entangled with matters that are anything but religious that it often appears almost sacrilegious. Sometimes, amidst all kinds of hilarity, there is a condescending "pat on the back" for religion which the "patter" seems to feel qualifies him for all benefits religion offers. This attitude is but evidence of the distance the individual is from vital religion.

The other disturbing element in much of this new interest in religion is that it seems to look on religion as a "cure all" for all unpleasant experiences. Such a conception of religion is not born of a study of the Bible. Practically every great Biblical character is a martyr of some character. Christianity can save all but it is in no sense a "cure all".

The Christian church should be genuinely happy over this resurgence of interest in religion. It should strive to lift that interest to the proper standard. It would be fatal if the church were to lower its standard to include much that is now promoted in the name of religion.

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EASTER

From coast to coast multitudes gather in Easter Dawn services. It is right that Easter should be welcomed at sunrise. The earliest gospel record of the resurrection, that given by Mark, has this statement, "They came to the sepulchre at the rising of the sun." Easter is a festival of dawn.



Jesus Christ did not originate the belief that life is too great for the grave. That conviction is found among the most primitive people and persists among the most cultured. But what Christ by His career and resurrection did do, was as Saint Paul said, to bring "life and immortality to light through the gospel." Christ transformed death from a sunset to a sunrise.

I should believe in immortality even if I had never read the stories of Easter morning. When I look at the physical world, my reason leads me to believe that life goes beyond the body.

There is something that makes this universe go. It is not dead. It is throbbing with life. The mysterious force called life is touching the roots of the trees outside my door. The promise of spring's resurging life is in the air.

The flowers feel it. The birds feel it. We feel it, for the life in us is a part of that central force which surges through all creation, covering the ground with green, clothing the trees with foliage, pecking its way through the shell of the egg, swinging the stars through space.

Imperishable Force

Like Don Marquis beloved author and playwright of a few years ago, I believe that this life-force is imperishable, for the simple reason that, if it stopped, the result would be nothingness, and a complete state of nothingness cannot be imagined.

And I feel that some of this universal, imperishable, on-going life is in me. How it came to me I do not know. To be sure, that spark of life

was passed on to me by my parents at birth, but that power of generation is a mystery.

It is a mystery, too, where the seat of life is. It might seem to be in the brain, for a blow on the head or a clot in the brain can cause paralysis and death. But even if the brain be the seat of life, it is not the source of it. The brain does not secrete thought as the liver produces bile. In only transmits a force which appears to flow through it.

And this life process, which flows through our bodies, preserves our personal identity through all our bodily changes. Does it not, therefore, seem possible that personality can survive the extreme bodily changes of the grave?

Yes, life is more than brain. These lives of ours presuppose a vaster whole of which we are a part. And when I consider human personality, possessed of a spirit which is so much more than the body, my reason tells me that life is too great for the grave and death cannot hold the soul.

Mystery of Death

But mere logic is cold comfort when loved ones are taken. Moreover, when death strikes close to home, it stuns the mind so that we do not think clearly. And then comes Christ to bring our minds out of the dusk into the dawn.

And when we live close enough to Christ to catch His spirit, our belief in immortality is illumined with radiant hope. Jesus did not prepare for death as a man getting ready for retirement, but as one preparing for a larger work.

Jesus showed His mastery of death both by the way He faced it and by the way He emerged from it. And the Easter events convince me that Christ did emerge from the grave. I cannot account for the church without the Resurrection.

When I was 13, I was riding home from school one night after a rain had raised the stream which I had to ford. Darkness had fallen and my horse refused to enter the rushing water. Suddenly a farmer opened the door of a farmhouse on the other side of the stream. From the open door came a path of lamplight. In that path of light my horse and I took courage and crossed the flooded creek.

So Christ opened the door on the other side of death's stream and "brought life and immortality to light."

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WILL WE GIVE BREAD OR STONE?

It was with rather mixed emotions and with conflicting thoughts that I read the other day the proud advertisement bearing the heading: "Where 1,995,672 farmers disappeared without a trace."

It wasn't a post-atomic-attack fantasy, nor anything that would call for action by a Genocide Commission. It was simply a city-officed copywriter's way of boasting that his client's particular gadget had so helped mechanize farming (with tractors, combines, pickers, trucks, etc.) that "almost two million farmers had been quietly dropping out of sight" during the years 1940 to 1954. The boast was of machines saving billions of man-hours, of gadgets doing the work of 40 men, of whirling monsters reducing man's labor by enormous percentages. And all the while, we are told, our greater population is fed by more crops than ever before produced.

In the first place, I join with Thoreau and a host of other naturalists and philosophers in believing that a strong agricultural society is the happiest and best for the human race. The rapidly increasing population of our land, and the present trend of that population into industry and cities, do not augur well for America tomorrow. No industrial-city population in all history has been a happy, contented, prosperous people for any length of time. There is something in the soil, the seasons, the planting and the harvesting that is good for man's soul—a peace of mind, a tranquility of spirit, an understanding, almost unknown to the city man. The Psalmist knew it when he sang (Psalm 144):

"May our barns be bursting with all sorts of produce,
May our sheep in the fields multiply in myriads! . . .
Happy is the nation that so fares! . . .

But it is from America's cities that I hear the cries of personal tragedy and group despair. . . . Our age of machinery, a government official declares, has already resulted in a decline in "skills" which formerly were held and passed on from workman to workman—"all we now do is press buttons". . . . A government commission is alarmed at the increase in mental

illness—the "greatest single problem in the nation's health picture"—and a problem largely city-industry based. . . . A leader in conservation declares that the population rise is a serious threat to America's natural resources, especially water, raw materials (for food and goods), wild life, and acreage: this threatened shortage is the more serious because urban people do not appreciate rural needs. . . . If overseas nations refuse our manufactured goods, or cut our supply of raw materials, whole cities may starve, warns another. . . . "A new people rose over America who had no knowledge of the good earth that had made the nation great." . . .

I am thinking, too, of the need of vast areas of the world for food, rather than for manufactured goods. And America has the men, the know-how, and the space to produce that food. But, instead of working our long-range plans to feed the hungry, we try to sell them shoes, and guns, and refrigerators! Aren't we part of the people of the world—of whom Sir Herbert Bradley, of the FAO, says:

"Even at the present time only a minority of the people of the world are enjoying standards of diet necessary to insure health. There are millions of people in Asia and elsewhere undernourished, on the verge of starvation, or subject to recurrent famines. At the moment the world is not producing enough food even to maintain our present population on a satisfactory basis. How, therefore, are we going to be certain that in only 25 years enough additional food will be produced to provide for another 1,200,000,000 people, half the world's present population?"

To which former Congressman Jacob K. Javits adds the suggestion that America train at least 1,000,000 young men to go abroad as technical advisers and teachers (agriculture and health) in under-developed countries.

NEWSWEEK CITES METHODISTS

Newsweek recently called Methodism "the largest and most influential" denomination in America in a cover story on "Resurgent Protestantism" and named four Methodist-connected ministers among "Ten Outstanding Preachers."

Pictured among the cited preachers are Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Church, New York City. Also among those named are Professor Nels Ferre, who, while an ordained Congregational minister, attends West End Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, where his family are members, and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, educated at Ohio Wesleyan University and Boston University and who served Methodist churches for 15 years before taking his present Reformed Church pulpit.

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
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AN EDITOR SPEAKS

There are those who think that the writer has gone overboard on the subject of the Rural Church, and of Lay Speaking as an instrument which can revitalize it. Without getting into an argument on the subject, let us read from an address of Mr. Alexander Nunn, executive editor of *The Progressive Farmer* (published in Birmingham, who spoke recently before the convocation of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Here are some of his words:

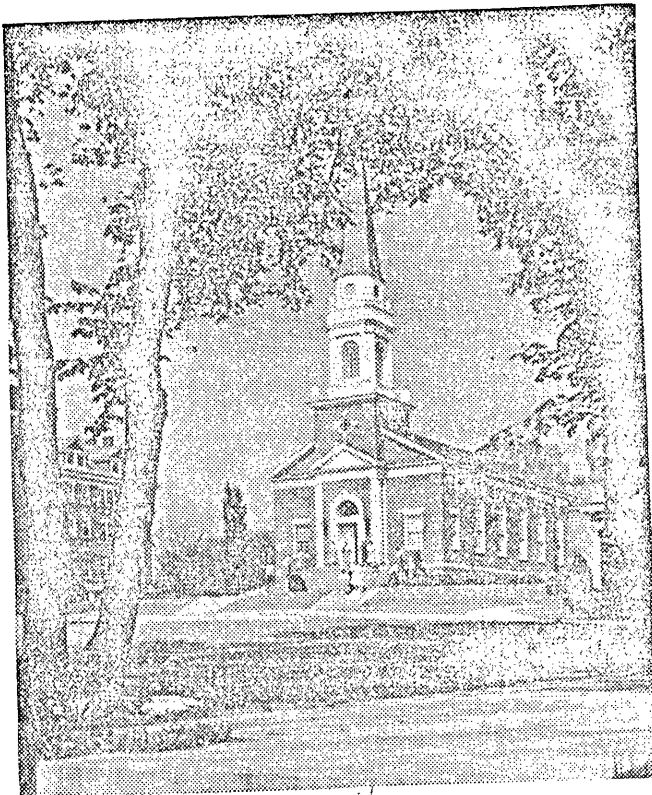
"When the farmer learns to control food and fiber supplies to meet demand and a little less, he can either use his power to get a square deal for himself, or he can use it to gouge the public for all it would stand. So, I say that we shall need pioneering of the spirit, and that the church must accept a definite responsibility for it. . . .

"For the rural church program for the next 50 years, we need to approach it in the knowledge that whereas American agriculture in the past was built on physical engineering, it must in the future come from pioneering of the spirit. . . .

"One natural teammate, maybe sometimes an outgrowth, of stewardship is LAY SPEAKING. If at any time in foreseeable future we are to give adequate leadership to all our rural church, it will in my opinion have to come through LAY SPEAKING.

"Our church simply must awaken itself fully to the full potential of today's lay movement within it. I believe that a careful study of church history will show that we have never had in the history of the American church anything that approaches today's lay movement within it. . . .

These words, coming from a widely-known editor, are worth a great deal to us who see both the need and the future of the Rural Church. Amen, and amen! Let there be more laymen to sense the possibilities lying in our vast unused manpower of the Church.



THE
BROADCASTER

J. Daniel Barron



Editor's Note

This publication is beginning with this issue weekly articles by Dr. J. Daniel Barron, Superintendent of the Wichita Falls District, North Texas Conference. Dr. Barron has served pastorates in that conference and for a period of several months served as Editor of the Southwest Christian Advocate (now Texas Christian Advocate) in connection with his pastorate at Grace Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Barron's deals with his subjects, chosen from everyday happenings and commonplace situations, in a convincing manner that will bring many a smile to the reader. We know that our readers will enjoy Dr. Barron's "The Broadcaster."

On Church Dinners

The Methodist Church needs one more organization — the League for the Improvement of Church Dinners.

The seventy-times-seven big turkey dinners, "with all the trimmings," I have licked up in churches at \$1.50 a plate have been, to put it bluntly, two-bit deals.

Cold and curiously tasting dressing with two tiny slithers of turkey atop it, a dip of English peas, a square of cranberries, six bites of green salad, cold rolls that arrive after the other crumbs of food have been washed down with weak coffee, a puny piece of pie, fill the bill—of a bird.

Article one of the constitution of the new League will prohibit serving English peas at church dinners. That within itself would justify the organization.

Article two will provide that diners be polled secretly and 100 per cent approval of the meal be registered before the giggling ladies ever are called from the kitchen, where they have just started eating, to receive applause for "this fine meal, served in such a fine way, by these fine ladies." (Fine, fine, fine!)

Article three will place a penalty on those who finish their church dinners in less than sixty seconds.

Article four. . .

But you have the general drift of the aims and purposes of the League.

One by-law that pops into mind is this: "No church dinner, of any sort, shall be announced from the pulpit."

Holy, Holy, Holy; chili supper, God, turkey and dressing, Jesus Christ, tickets on sale now, is a vulgar and wicked sequence in a pulpit.

The church dinner is a useful thing. It is so useful it has lived on though ill has been its food.

If the League for the Improvement of Church Dinners can increase the quality of the food by 50 per cent and the quantity by 100 per cent, it will be in the running for a Nobel Prize.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

New Look At National College

By Betty Thompson, Board of Missions

THERE'S a new look at National College for Christian Workers in Kansas City, Mo. This four-year liberal arts college, which in the past half century has trained hundreds of deaconesses and missionaries for the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, has gone coeducational.

An institution of the Woman's Division, National College has added four new buildings in the past six years. Buildings were constructed at the cost of a million dollars. Newest is the C. Louise Zartman Hall, a two-story faculty apartment building, dedicated in October, 1954. Named for the late Mrs. C. Louise Zartman, former president of the College's Board of Trustees, it was built to care for the growing faculty. Bishop Frederick B. Newell of the New York Area officiated at the dedication.

First man to enroll at National College for special preparation as a church worker was Robert Trost, Redondo Beach, Calif., former national chairman of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Bob paved the way for men in January 1954 and in the current academic year fifteen of the 102 students are male. All are interested in Christian service and most are pre-theological students. Trost, who also trained with the US-2 group at National College in the summer of 1954, is a worker at Marcy Center, Woman's Division of Christian Service project in Chicago, Ill.

Practical job experience in Christian service is part of the curriculum at National College. The College Work Program calls for six hours a week work at college and off-campus jobs. Students direct choirs, head church school departments, teach Sunday school classes, and work with youth groups and at settlement houses.

Founded in 1889 in Kansas City,

Kansas, to prepare young women for church work, National College moved its campus across the line to Missouri in 1904 when it received a gift of land from William Schoellkopf. It changed from a two-year technical training institution to a four-year liberal arts preparation for Christian service in 1940.

Dr. Lewis Carpenter, president of National College since 1945, says that National College's purpose is to provide at low cost cultural background, practical experience in Christian service, and competence in a particular field. Church music, religious education, and sociology are among the special fields. Young men and women "interested in service-motivated work as missionaries, directors of religious education, ministers, social group workers, recreation directors, teachers in mission schools, and YMCA and YWCA secretaries" are trained at National College.

Cosmopolitan as well as coeducational, National College has students from 23 states and 11 foreign countries in present student body. The College is also becoming known as a regional and national conference place for Methodism. The Commission for Ministerial Training of The Methodist Church met on the campus this year with 200 ministers in attendance. The National Methodist Youth Conference met there in August 1953. The Board of Missions has sent its US-2 groups to National College in the summer for six weeks of orientation in home missions.

The National Seminar of the Woman's Division of Christian Service will be held on National College's campus, August 2-11. "A Christian Woman Understanding Her World" will be theme for the nation-wide quadrennial seminar sponsored by the Department of Christian Social

Above left: Anna E. Kresge Chapel, National College, Kansas City, Missouri. National College is a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for training Christian workers.

Above right: Robert Trost, center, was the first of the men to enroll at National College which has recently become co-educational.

Relations. Bishop Gerald Ensley of the Des Moines Area will speak on "Understanding—A Basis of World Order."

PAPER PLANT PRODUCING PRAYER NAPKINS

A paper manufacturing plant in Erving, Mass., is engaged in full-scale production of "Grace Napkins" embossed with prayers suitable for Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews.

The plant, Erving Paper Mills, claims to be "the world's largest maker of printed paper napkins." Officials said the "Grace Napkins" are being produced mainly for public eating places to promote prayers before and after meals.

TOURING CHURCH WOMEN MEET KIKUYU

Women of the Kikuyu tribe of the Kenya Colony who remained staunch Christians in the face of Mau Mau terrorism met in Nairobi, Africa with four women Protestant leads making a world tour.

Members of the touring party are Mrs. James D. Wyker of Columbia, Mo., president of United Church Women; Mrs. David D. Baker of New York, editor of the U.C.W. official publication, The Church Woman; Felicia Sunderlal of Dehra Dun, India, and Josefina Phocada, past president of the United Council of Church Women of the Philippines.

NATIONAL COUNCIL LEADERS URGE RESTRAINT IN INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

New York (NC)—Officers of the National Council of Churches today urged President Eisenhower to resist the pressure of those who advocate policies that could lead to a third world war.

In appealing to the chief executive to take all honorable steps to peaceably end the crisis in Asia over the Formosa Strait the churchmen declared they would regard as extremely unfortunate any course that would imperil the goodwill and cooperation of this country's friends and allies.

They expressed the hope that the president will call upon the American people to exercise patience and restraint; caution against the risks of unilateral action; and utilize to the fullest extent such facilities for negotiation as the United Nations or others.

The message telegraphed to the White House and made public by the National Council, was signed by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president; Ernest A. Gross, chairman and Walter W. Van Kirk, executive director, of the Council's department of international affairs.

The text of the message follows: The President of the United States The White House Washington, D. C.

We the undersigned officers of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. appeal to you to take all honorable steps to the end that the crisis in Asia of which the Formosa Strait Issue is a part, may be peaceably resolved. We look to you to resist the pressure of those who, however sincere, appear to advocate policies that could lead to a third world war. We would regard as extremely unfortunate any course of action in Asia that would imperil the goodwill and cooperation of our friends and allies.

It is our fervent desire that in this hour of national peril you will once again call upon the American people to exercise patience and restraint: that you will caution against the risks of unilateral action; that you will utilize to the fullest extent such facilities for negotiation as may be available through the United Nations or elsewhere.

The Chinese Communist Regime is a force in being, even though we do not recognize it nor deal with it in the United Nations. At present there exists between that regime and our government only a menacing stalemate. The security of our nation, as well as our tradition of responsibility in world affairs, requires that every possible effort be made to resolve this problem. We believe negotiation is the most practicable means for seeking solutions consistent with principle. We reject the view that negotiation is appeasement. Appeasement lies in the surrender of principle.

It is true that experience with communism teaches us that what passes for negotiation only too often is a cover for deceit. Yet this very fact can, by skillful diplomacy, be converted into a means of enlightening world opinion concerning the pitfalls on the way to peace. We are not competent to suggest what the most effective procedures for negotiation may be under the circumstances currently prevailing. We are convinced, however, that there is no substitute for negotiation except the arbitrament of force, which creates vastly greater problems than it can ever solve.

Eugene Carson Blake
President
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Ernest A. Gross
Chairman,
Dept. of International Affairs

Asian Churches Developing Own Leadership

New York, N. Y. (NC)—Christian Churches in the Far East are developing a growing pattern of cooperation among themselves—and at the same time are looking less often to U. S. churches for support and guidance. This is the salient fact indicated in reports on missionary work in Japan, the Philippines and Korea.

The reports were presented at recent meetings of committees concerned with work in these three areas of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

The Rev. Wallace C. Merwin, executive secretary of the Council's Far Eastern Joint Office, said the trend is evident in numerous conferences which are being planned by Asia churches on such matters as home and family life, the use of audio-visual materials in church education and medical work. The majority of these conferences, he said are being arranged by cooperative church groups in Asia and will bring together church leaders, both lay and clergy from a number of Far East countries. Cooperating with the Asian churches in planning them is the International Missionary Council.

"The Asian churches are determined to develop their own leadership and make their own contribution to the work of the Church," Mr. Merwin said. "Through these conferences, organized and run by them, they are developing both leadership for a new era in the life of the Asiatic churches and a sense of unity and Christian fellowship to meet their common tasks."

The missions executive pointed also to the number of Far Eastern churches which are sending out foreign missionaries to other countries in the area. He said that in the past year missionaries from the United Church of Christ in the Philippines have gone to Indonesia and Thailand and the Central Philippines Conference of the Methodist church has sent a worker to Okinawa. The Presbyterian Church of Korea has sent missionaries to Korea and has received a request from Guatemala, in the Western Hemisphere, to send a missionary there.

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The Editor,
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The Louisiana Methodist
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir,

I am endeavoring to inspire hope and confidence in a group of newly arrived converts from Judaism in this country by putting them in touch with converts abroad so as to enable them to correspond and take common counsel. I feel this would help to dispel the deep sense of isolation which these people are experiencing.

May I please take the liberty of asking you to extend to me the courtesy of your columns in inviting converts and any other friends who may wish to do so to get in touch with me at the above address.

I trust you will be willing to render us this great service and wish to thank you for your kind assistance.

Yours in Christ,
Harry Lyon

BIBLE READING PROGRAM LAUNCHED

Chicago (NC)—A plan to enroll a million men in a program of daily Bible reading has been announced by United Church Men, laymen's wing of the National Council of Churches. J. Clinton Hawkins, UCM's national chairman, made the announcement and became the first enrollee.

The plan calls for laymen of all denominations to read daily some selection from the Bible, or to make use of readings to be broadcast on TV stations under the sponsorship of men's groups of local church councils across the country.

Christian Advocate Begins Doctrinal Series

The Methodist Church's official weekly news journal, *Christian Advocate*, in its April 14th issue, will launch a series of a dozen articles on "What Do Methodists Believe?" according to Dr. T. Otto Nall of Chicago, editor.

Beamed especially at laymen, the articles will deal with the major beliefs of Methodist Christians and will be written by a distinguished group of American theologians. The articles will appear at irregular intervals on an average of about one every three weeks.

Dr. Georgia Harkness of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., has written the opening article on "The Witness of the Spirit." The curtain will be rung down on the series December 1st with a final article on "Concepts of Immortality" by Dr. Harvey H. Potthoff, professor in Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado.

Only "working parson" among the writers is Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson, pastor of Cleveland's Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church for the past 20 years and chairman of the American section of the World Methodist Council. Dr. Olson's article on "The Doctrine of the Church" will appear Sept. 15.

Other stories in the series will be: April 28—"Christian Perfection" by Dr. Edward Ramsdell of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. May 12—"Justification by Faith"—Dr. Robert Cushman, Duke University Divinity School, Durham, N. C.

May 26—"Freedom of the Will"—Dr. David C. Shipley, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

June 16—"Scriptural Authority"—Dr. Albert C. Outler of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Meth-

The TV broadcasts, one minute in length, have been prepared by the American Bible Society, and the series is sufficient for 180 days use on any station or combination of stations.

"The secret of America's true greatness and amazing progress can be traced to the great men of faith and courage who have been transformed and energized by the power of the Bible's message," said Mr. Hawkins. "Their commitment to freedom and their dedication to the sacredness of the human personality laid the foundation for a new way of life in America. Daily communion with the God of the Book is necessary if man is to keep his spiritual balance. We want every man to be exposed to His message and to learn the value of the Book," he said.

Announcement of the project followed a two-day meeting last weekend of 50 members of the United Church Men's executive committee, held at the Hotel Morrison here. Representatives of 20 denominations and 19 states attended. The committee includes among its members the men's work secretaries of the cooperating church bodies.

odist University, Dallas, Texas.

July 7—"The Kingdom of God"—Dr. Albert E. Barnett, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Georgia.

July 28—"The Character of Christ"—Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre, Vanderbilt.

August 25—"The Second Coming of Christ"—Dean Walter G. Muelder of Boston University School of Theology, Boston, Mass.

Oct. 13—"Methodism and the Sacraments"—Dr. Geoffrey W. Stafford of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.

Nov. 3—"The Nature of Sin"—Dr. Harris Franklin Rall, Garrett.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE CHURCHES of Warren cooperated in an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 a. m. on Easter Sunday at Axley Field.

REV. J. J. GALLOWAY, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, who is a patient at Sparks Hospital in Ft. Smith, is reported as somewhat improved.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Searcy, has let the contract for air-conditioning equipment in the church. The contract calls for completion by May 15.

REV. JESSE L. JOHNSON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, was the speaker at Easter sunrise service at Mountainburg.

MRS. J. H. MONDAY of Little Rock will teach the course on "Children and the Bible" in a Training School at Alicia April 20-22. This is a charge-wide school for the Swifton-Alicia Charge. Rev. Pryor R. Cruce is pastor.

REV. J. T. ROGERS of St. Charles entered St. Vincent's Infirmary in Little Rock on Tuesday, April 12, for surgery. Brother Rogers is a retired member of the Little Rock Conference.

REV. RUFUS F. SORRELLS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Malvern, will be the inspirational speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at Southern State College, Magnolia, April 18-20.

REV. M. E. SCOTT, pastor of Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado, will be guest speaker at the Men's Fellowship dinner at Primrose Methodist Church, Wednesday, April 20.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD of the Nettleton Methodist Church voted at its last meeting to support a supervised program of recreation for the Youth Division of the church. Rev. Earle B. Carter is pastor.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Bruce M. Huddleston in his recent passing. Mr. Huddleston was for many years the teacher of the Men's Class at Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock which bears his name.

AN EASTER sunrise service was held at the Methodist Church of Hughes on Easter Sunday under the sponsorship of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Rev. Elmus C. Brown is pastor.

REV. A. N. STOREY, executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference, will speak to the Methodist Men of the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, on Tuesday, April 19.

MR. AND MRS. OSCAR LAWRENCE of Mayflower will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary at their home on Sunday, April 17, from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence are members of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock.

REV. M. E. SCOTT was listed incorrectly in last week's paper as pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs. Brother Scott is pastor of Vantrease Memorial Church, El Dorado, having been sent to that church February 1.

IMPROVEMENTS have been made recently on the church at Berryville. The basement and kitchen have been redecorated and a new two-oven stove, refrigerator, cabinets, and venetian blinds have been added. All have been paid for. The redecoration and improvements were accomplishments largely of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

CECIL SHUFFIELD, County Supervisor of the Howard County Schools, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, on Wednesday evening, April 13. Mr. Shuffield is

past president of the Arkansas Education Association, a member of the Arkansas Education State Board and president of the County Supervisors Association of the United States.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Berryville, has paid all connectional claims for the entire year and all other bills are current. Two-thirds of the hospital quota is in hand in cash and the church expects to have the entire amount raised within the next month, according to the pastor, Rev. Archie N. Boyd. Fifty-one people have been received into the church, 18 on profession of faith. Attendance has increased over the past two years about 25 per cent at both the Church School and worship services.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Ft. Smith, had 1794 present in Sunday School on Easter Sunday. There was a total of 2260 present in the two morning worship services. Fifty-four members were received into the church during the Easter season. The church has \$110,000 in cash and pledges toward a \$150,000 expansion program. This will include air-conditioning and a new heating system in the sanctuary, a new chapel and Sunday School rooms for 200 additional people. Dr. Fred G. Roebuck is pastor of First Church.

CONSTRUCTION of a five-story \$250,000 international cultural center will be started in Jerusalem early this summer, according to Spyros P. Skouras, president of Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corporation. The project is being undertaken by "Children to Palestine", a Christian-Jewish organization working in the field of child rehabilitation of which Mr. Skouras is an officer. The new structure will have accommodations for 200 youths and will be a combination of museum, teaching center and integration area designed to promote racial and religious understanding.

THE GOVERNMENT of Kenya Colony, East Africa, is making it possible to have African clergymen in three of the largest Mau Mau camps in Kenya. The Christian Council of Kenya will supply the chaplains and the government will pay the cost. In addition to the three resident chaplains the Council is making arrangements for regular visits to the other 47 camps by clergymen from mission stations and churches.

REV. J. ALBERT GATLIN, district superintendent of the Paragould District, was the preacher in Holy Week evangelistic service held in the First Methodist Church of Rector. Rev. Gerald Hammett, pastor at Marmaduke, was in charge of the singing. Rev. James R. Chandler, pastor at Rector, writes: "One of the high points of the revival was a 24-hour prayer vigil from 9:00 o'clock Thursday evening through 9:00 o'clock Friday evening. During this period there were at least two people praying in the sanctuary and sometimes many more. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed from 10:00 o'clock through 1:00 o'clock on Good Friday. This part of the evangelistic service was in cooperation with the General Board of Evangelism's 1955 chain of prayer."

MRS. GLASS DIES IN CONWAY

Mrs. Margaret Holloway Glass, age 80, widow of the Rev. John H. Glass died at her home in Conway on Saturday, April 9. She had lived in Conway since 1927. Her husband was a former district superintendent of the Conway District and at the time of his death he was president of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League.

Mrs. Glass was born at Water Valley, Miss. Survivors include two sons, James H. Glass of Conway and John F. Glass of Baton Rouge, La.; four daughters, Mrs. Ray V. Simpson and Mrs. Agnes Kimbrell of Fayetteville and Mrs. T. D. Sterling and Mrs. Tom Ferrell of St. Mary's, Ga.; a sister, Mrs. Ella Cain of Clarendon; eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Conway, on Monday, April 11, at 3:30 p. m.

A CHANGED FORMAT

With this issue the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* have a changed format which the editors believe will add to the general attractiveness and acceptability of each issue. These changes have been under consideration for some time and are made with this issue with the hope that our readers will feel that these changes will serve to improve the usefulness of the publications.

The *Arkansas Methodist*, now in its 74th year of continuous publication, has throughout the years generally used its front page for editorial writing. The new arrangement of pages places editorial writing on page 4. Page 1 will be devoted for the most part to general and local feature news stories. This change will tend to emphasize news coverage and should in no sense be interpreted as a move to de-emphasize the editorial presentation. News material which heretofore has been presented on pages 4 and 13 will now be found on pages 8 and 9, and material which previously has been presented on pages 8 and 9 will be carried on pages 12 and 13. This arrangement will permit all editorial and semi-editorial articles to be grouped together on pages 4 and 5 with general and local news materials on pages 1, 8 and 9. Two other general news pages will be published as has been the custom in the past.

The editors invite your comment and suggestions that the publications may be produced in such a way that they may serve the church and subscribers in the largest way possible.

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON MINISTERIAL PENSIONS

Nearly 100 Methodist leaders of 18 states have been named delegates to a biennial conference on ministerial pensions, April 26-27 in Memphis, Tenn.

The group will comprise representatives of 33 annual conference (regional) pension boards in the denomination's southeastern and south central jurisdictions.

Sessions will be held at the Peabody Hotel, it was announced by Dr. A. T. McIlwain, St. Louis, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Pensions, Missouri Corporation.

He said the group will study the church's regional and national pension programs which total more than \$9,000,000 annually to some 14,000 beneficiaries—chiefly retired ministers and widows and children of ministers. Delegates also will discuss Social Security provisions and proposed church legislation regarding pensions.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis, is president of the church's national Board of Pensions and will preside at the Memphis sessions.

Speakers will include Bishop William T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky.; the Rev. J. E. Underwood, Methodist superintendent of the Memphis district; J. W. Banes of the Memphis social security office, and Dr. Charles L. Calkins, Chicago, executive secretary of the Methodist pension board's Illinois Corporation.

Attending from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area will be:

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE: Rev. Roland E. Darrow, Monticello; Fred Gantt, Texarkana; **NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE:** Rev. Alf Eason, Marion; Rev. H. D. Womack, Wynne;

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE: Rev. Sidney A. Seegers, Gueydan, La., Judge R. J. O'Neal, Shreveport.

DEATH OF MRS. P. E. COOLEY

Mrs. P. E. Cooley, wife of the treasurer of the North Arkansas Conference, died on the morning of Wednesday, March 30, at Campbell's Clinic in Memphis.

Mrs. Cooley suffered a broken hip in a fall at her home in Blytheville on Saturday, March 26, and was taken to the Memphis clinic for treatment.

Funeral services were held at Blytheville on Thursday, March 31, by Rev. Harold Eggen-sperger, pastor of the First Methodist Church, assisted by Dr. Ethan Dodgen, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, and Rev. Raymond Dorman, pastor of the Methodist Church at Wilson.

Saw

An Earthen

Vessel

By
Rev. R. A. Tester

just a "little brown jug" with a treasure in it. But it wasn't the jug we used to sing about, and the treasure was not what that song implied. It was plain, clear water. And what treasure it was! For I was only nine years and the sun and the sands were blazing hot, and there were long, long miles between me and the flowing spring—and I was alone. I had good reason to love that "little brown jug". And I handled it with more than boyish care. The jug was important because it held the treasure.

This experience keeps fresh meaning in Paul's words: "We have this treasure in earthen vessels". He tells us that we have "the water of life", the spirit of Christ, in our human body—an earthen vessel. This spirit is the treasure, the greatest one possible. The vessel is frail, but the treasure is indestructible. The vessel gets its value from what it holds. We love it and take good care of it for the treasure's sake.

There are times when the sands of life are burning hot, its sun unfriendly. We feel alone and a long, long way from the flowing fountains of comfort, ease and security. But all is well if we carry "this treasure" in our earthen vessel.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, head of the Hendrix department of music, has been elected president of the newly-formed Arkansas College Band Association. He will be host for a meeting of the group at Hendrix on May 15 to draft a constitution.

Chicago Alumni Organize

Hendrix alumni in the Chicago area have organized a Hendrix Midwest Club.

President of the group is Dr. Edmund Lide of Chicago, a Hendrix graduate of 1914, now a retired educator, and secretary-treasurer is I. P. Daniel, a Hendrix graduate of 1921, who is principal of a Chicago school. Organization of the club followed a dinner held recently, at which President Matt L. Ellis was speaker.

The club, which has members from Illinois and Indiana, plans to expand its membership and to hold an annual meeting at the time of the Chicago convention of the North Central Association.

Wins Danforth Foundation Award

Miss Barbara Meacham, of Batesville, a Hendrix senior, has won a Danforth Foundation Award for 1955. One of about 20 college seniors from all sections of the United States who received the award, valued at over \$2000, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Meacham of Batesville and the second Arkansas student to receive this award.

The purpose of the grant is to enable young people who are interested in Christian work to receive further training. Selection is made on the basis of religion, character, personality, attitude and purpose.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
TRAINING SCHOOL

The Fayetteville District Leadership Training School, March 7-11; which was held at First Methodist Church in Springdale had 117 persons representing 12 charges to receive course cards of recognition, according to an announcement by Dr. Bagley, district superintendent and dean of the school.

Dr. Bagley stated that 146 persons representing 16 charges of the western part of the district enrolled in one of the five courses and that approximately 175 persons attended one or more sessions of the school.

Instructors and courses taught include: Rev. Ralph Hillis, "The Old Testament, Its Content And Value"; 42 enrolled and 31 credits given; Dr. Walter Hearn of Missouri; "Toward A Christian World Community"; with 24 enrolled and 20 credits given; Miss Margie McCarty of Nashville, Tennessee, "Teaching Children" with 29 enrolled and 26 credits given; Rev. Paul Bumpers, "Teaching Seniors and Older Youth", with 31 enrolled and 23 credits given; Rev. Archie N. Boyd of Berryville, "Teaching Adults" with 20 enrolled and 17 credits given.

Among the charges represented in the School with persons receiving credits were Bentonville, Brightwater, Centerton, Elm Springs, Fayetteville Central, Fayetteville Wiggins, Goshen, Huntsville, Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Rogers Central, Springdale First Church, Springdale Wesley.

Dr. Bagley announced that district vacation school institutes will be held at First Church Springdale March 22, beginning at 10:00 a. m. and at Berryville March 23, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Mrs. John Bayliss, district director of children's work will be in charge of the institutes. He also announced that a district-wide institute on "The Work of the Finance Commission" in making a budget and every member canvass will be held at Huntsville March 24, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Rev. A. N. Storey, Conference Executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission will be present and help in the institute. —Thomas R. Whiddon, reporter

The work is non-sectarian.

Miss Meacham was one of 22 chosen out of about 400 applicants. Of all the applicants, only one student from each state is chosen. The award consists of \$1,600 cash plus travel expenses. After attending a training camp at Camp Miniwanca, Mich., from Aug. 1 to Sept. 4, Miss Meacham will then be assigned to a college or university campus where she will work as coordinator for the different religious faiths on the campus. She will also work with other educational institutions in a hundred mile radius of her location.

At Hendrix, Miss Meacham has been active in religious work and religious organizations. An elementary education major, Miss Meacham has held offices in the Pre-Theological Fellowship, a group of students interested in religious work, and the Wesley Foundation, the college level young people's group in the Methodist Church. She has gone on Hendrix Fellowship teams to various Methodist churches in the state and has helped administer this movement. She was treasurer of Cardinal Key, a national honorary leadership sorority, and has been a member of the Chapel Choir, Social Committee and Future Teachers of America. Last summer,



Methodist CHILDREN'S Home

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS RECEIVED

April 6, 1955

We publish the second report of the Christmas Offering to the Methodist Children's Home. We, the Director, the entire Staff and the children are deeply grateful for this Offering.

T. T. McNEAL,
Director

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE	
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT	
Hot Springs Churches:	
Oaklawn	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 105.00
Total for District	\$4,351.44
CAMDEN DISTRICT	
Camden First Church	\$ 80.00
Total	\$1,211.20
El Dorado First Church	160.00
Total	3,690.79
El Dorado, Vantrease	5.00
Total	292.25
Bolding	10.00

Total for District \$ 255.00
\$9,746.75

HOPE DISTRICT	
Blevins Circuit:	
Blevins	\$ 100.00
McCaskill	7.00
Macedonia	1.50
Hope First Church	20.00
Total	\$1,668.53
Mena	10.00
Total	331.90
Mountain View	3.00
Nashville	20.00
Total	450.00
Texarkana First Church	30.00
Total	2,005.00
Vandervoort	3.00

Total for District \$ 194.50
\$6,270.17

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT	
Des Arc	\$ 20.00
Hazen	125.00
Total	\$ 383.17
Little Rock Churches:	
Asbury	395.00
Total	1,105.00
First Church	50.00
Total	3,387.58
Henderson	10.00
Total	330.00
Highland	100.00
Total	210.00
Oak Forest	128.48
Salem	60.00

Total for District \$ 888.48
\$10,904.76

MONTICELLO DISTRICT	
Dumas	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 456.37
Fordyce	20.00
Total	570.00
Hampton	25.00
Monticello	145.00

Total for District \$ 220.00
\$5,181.54

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT	
DeWitt	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 381.70
Gillett	20.00
Total	240.00
Lodges Corner	20.00
Total	182.78
Sheridan	15.00
Total	199.84
Mt. Zion	5.00

Total for District \$ 80.00
\$7,858.05

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE	
BATESVILLE DISTRICT	
Batesville Central Avenue	\$ 3.00
Total	\$ 93.50

LARGE DELEGATION FROM
AREA AT JURISDICTION
CONVOCATION THIS WEEK

(Continued from page 1)

Methodist Church has 1,798,493 members in the South Central Jurisdiction which embraces eight states: Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico. There are 298,334 members of the Woman's Society in the Jurisdiction.

Miss Meacham worked in the youth division at Heber Springs.

Cave City	11.00
Cotter	50.00
Mountain Home	62.80

Total for District \$ 126.80
\$1,577.43

CONWAY DISTRICT	
Dardanelle	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 114.26
Lanty	1.00
Total	10.06
North Little Rock Churches:	
Washington Avenue	40.00
Total	525.39

Total for District \$3,347.17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT	
Prairie Grove	\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 520.33
Rogers	20.00
Total	547.02
Siloam Springs	23.00
Total	643.39
Sulphur Springs	20.00
Total	67.20
Winslow	5.00

Total for District \$ 108.00
\$5,827.90

FORREST CITY DISTRICT	
Brinkley	\$ 80.00
Total	\$ 235.75
Helena	30.00
Total	500.00
Marianna	20.00
Total	345.65
Marion	45.19
Total	724.71

Total for District \$ 175.19
\$4,547.41

FORT SMITH DISTRICT	
Fort Smith Churches:	
Goddard Memorial	1.71
Total	\$ 461.54
St. Paul's	20.00
Total	229.88
Grand Prairie	12.00
Greenwood	20.00
Total	216.00
Lavaca	15.00
Mansfield	45.00
Milltown	12.21
Ozark	60.00
Total	300.00
Paris Meth. Church	10.00
Total	320.00

Total for District \$ 195.92
\$4,676.23

JONESBORO DISTRICT	
Blytheville First Church	\$ 100.00
Fisher	23.54
Jonesboro First Church	30.00
Total	\$ 984.22

Total for District \$ 153.54
\$2,701.73

PARAGOULD DISTRICT	
French Grove	\$ 10.00
Hoxie	10.00
Total	\$ 79.31
Griffin Memorial	25.00
Pocahontas	78.85
Ravenden Springs	9.00
Rector First Church	30.00
Total	420.80
Smithville	17.50

Total for District \$ 180.35
\$1,506.18

SEARCY DISTRICT	
Beebe	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 205.00
Cabot	30.00
Total	285.00
Floyd	1.00
Total	16.10
Heber Springs	22.00
Total	394.07

Total for District \$ 63.00
\$2,476.89

RECAPITULATION

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE	
Arkadelphia District	\$ 4,351.44
Camden District	9,746.75
Hope	6,270.17
Little Rock	10,904.76
Monticello	5,181.54
Pine Bluff	7,858.05

Total \$44,312.71

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE	
Batesville District	\$ 1,577.43
Conway District	3,347.17
Fayetteville District	5,527.90
Forrest City District	4,547.41
Fort Smith District	4,676.23
Jonesboro District	2,701.73
Paragould District	1,506.18
Searcy	2,476.89

Total \$26,360.94
1,457.30

Individual Gifts \$26,360.94
GRAND TOTAL \$72,130.95

Second Report last year 63,589.94
Increase over last year \$ 8,541.01

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor

RANDY AND THE BROKEN CUP

By F. M. H. Entrikin

RANDY was helping his mother with the dishes. He didn't mind drying dishes for Mother, because they often played guessing games or sang songs, and had lots of fun while they worked. Sometimes they played a racing game. Each dish was counted as a mile, and, when Mother put dishes in the draining pan, she would say, "I'm a mile (or two miles or however many dishes there were) ahead of you." Then Randy would hurry to catch up with her. It was as much fun as tag.

Tonight they were singing rounds, only Randy would get mixed up and find he was singing with Mother part of the time.

Randy had just finished drying a cup. He thought he would try a balancing act. So he set the cup on his head and, holding his head erect, he took his hand away from it and walked slowly toward the table. He was just about there when Mother saw him.

"Randy," she said quietly, "take the cup off your head. You might break it."

"No, I won't," said Randy. "I can catch it even if it starts to fall."

But he forgot just where the table leg was. He hit his toe on the table leg. His head jerked forward. Up went his hand quickly, but he missed the cup. The cup hit the edge of the table and fell to the floor, where it lay broken in several pieces.

"I didn't mean to, Mother." He knelt down to pick up the pieces.

"I know you didn't," said Mother. And that was all she said.

Randy and Mother were singing again, when Susie, Randy's little sister, came into the room. She had Randy's big new balloon that he had just blown up that morning.

"Susie," Randy said, "who told you you could play with my balloon? Put it back."

"No, I want to play with it."

"Put it back right now, before you burst it," Randy ordered.

"No," said Susie, and she hugged the balloon tighter so Randy couldn't take it away from her.

GROWING STRONG

By Marel Brown

*I like to walk—and walk—and walk,
To make my body strong;
And while I walk—and walk—and walk,
I'll sing a "Praise Him" song.*

*I like to skip—and skip—and skip,
To grow up tall each day;
And while I skip—and skip—and skip,
I'll not forget to pray.*

*I like to run—and run—and run,
To help my body grow;
For while I run—and run—and run,
I'm getting strong, I know.*

*And while I walk—or skip—or run,
In springtime's bright, warm air,
God sends his rain and sends his sun
To show his love and care.*

—In The Christian Advocate

But Susie's little fingernails were sharp and they dug into the balloon. Pop! And the balloon was flat.

Randy shouted angrily.

"Now see what you've done. You bursted it. I told you to put it up."

Susie looked at him, her eyes getting bigger and filling with tears. Randy started to jerk the balloon away from her. Then he stopped. This wasn't the way Mother had acted when he broke her cup.

He looked toward his mother. She had stopped washing dishes and was watching him. Randy looked away quickly.

"I didn't mean to, Randy," said Susie.

Randy had a little trouble making himself say what he knew he should say, but finally he said, "I know you didn't, Susie."

Susie ran happily into the next room.

Proudly Randy looked at his mother, who gave him a big smile. Randy and his mother soon were singing "Three Blind Mice," and Randy didn't even care about his balloon any more. — Presbyterian Life

The leading soloist in the church cantata was unable to get a babysitter. So she had to drag her reluctant young son to every practice session. Finally, completely bored with the reiterated musical expression, he rebelled and insisted on remaining at home.

"But, darling," the young mother remonstrated, "you should learn to

LESSON FOR A BOY

I had overheard a conversation between Karl and his mother. She had work for him to do, which interfered with some of his plans for enjoyment, and though Karl obeyed her it was not without a good deal of grumbling. He had much to say about never being allowed to do as he pleased, and that he would settle down to work when he was older. While the sense of injury was strong upon him, I came out on the piazza beside him, and said "Karl, why do you try to break that colt yourself?"

The boy looked up in surprise.

"Why, I want him to be good for something."

"But he likes his own way," I objected. "Why shouldn't he have it?" By this time Karl was staring at me in perplexity. "I'd like to know the good of a horse that always has his own way!" he said, as if rather indignant at my lack of common sense.

"And as for working," I went on, "I should think there was time enough for that when he gets to be an old horse."

"Why, don't you see, if he doesn't learn when he is a colt—" Karl began. Then he stopped, blushed and looked at me rather appealingly. I heard no more complaints from him that day.—Church Record

enjoy church music. Why, the angels sing around God's throne all day long!"

"Well," said the unregenerate young offspring, "I just don't see how God can stand it."—Quote.



OUR GARDEN

*Our garden is just lots of fun,
And Tommy and I
Work in it most every day
Until the sun is high.*

*We planted each and every seed
In straight and lovely rows,
We like to watch the plants that come
And see how fast each grows.*

*We thank our Father for the sun,
The rain, the warm rich ground,
We work with Him and do our part
And happiness we've found.*

—A. E. W.

THE CALL OF THE BROOK

*Play with me, laugh with me, catch
my silver spray,
Where I live among the hills, come,
make holiday.
Purple heather spills around 'mid
the brake and fern,
Hasten, happy girls and boys, lovely
ways to learn;
Ways the little rabbits know, ways
the birds can teach:*

*Come where breezes buoy you up,
When you cannot reach,
Weary feet will learn to dance, song
shall be your speech.
Play with me, laugh with me, catch
my silver spray,
Where I live among the hills, come
make holiday.—Betty Seton in*

The Children's Newspaper

ON PLEASANT STREET

"I guess she lives on Pleasant Street."

Rhoda's eyes opened. "Oh, no, uncle, she lives on another street entirely. I think it's Jefferson."

"They may call it Jefferson, but I'm sure it's real name is Pleasant. She looks to me like the sort of girl to live on Pleasant Street."

Rhoda understood. That was only Uncle Charles' way of saying that Emma was sweet and pleasant herself. The corners of her mouth had a way of turning up, just ready to break into a smile. Her eyes had a habit of twinkling. Things that would make other people cross never ruffled Emma's temper.

"Pleasant Street is a fine street to live on," said Uncle Charles. "I wonder why some other girls I know don't move there?"

Rhoda laughed outright, and Uncle Charles studied her dimples approvingly. "It looks to me," he said, "as if you were about ready to move into Pleasant Street yourself."—Selected

JUST FOR FUN

Teacher: "Bobby, can you tell us where the Red Sea is located?"
Bobby: "Yes, Ma'am. It's on the third line of my report card."
* * *

Sunday school teacher: "What are the things that count most in this life?"

Small boy (fresh from a visit to his dad's store): "Adding machines."
* * *

Reuben: "Where did you learn to sing?"

Rachel: "I graduated from the correspondence school of music."

Reuben: "You must have missed getting a lot of your mail."
* * *

Mack: "How do you play hookey from the correspondence school?"

Jack: "It's easy. I just send them empty envelopes."
* * *

"Oh, doctor, I'm so upset," said the woman. "My husband seems to be wandering in his mind."

"Don't let that worry you," replied the doctor. "I know your husband—he can't go far."—Arkansas Baptist

GUEST SPEAKER FOR NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., Houston, is to be one of the guest speakers both at the Wesleyan Service Guild Week-End, and the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, which will meet at the First Methodist Church, Batesville, April 26-28. Mrs. Horton is president of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service. She will speak at the Banquet on Saturday evening, and on Wednesday afternoon; her subject is "Jesus Calls Us to a Forward Look."

Miss Dorothy Kelley, DeQueen, will also speak at both meetings. She will address the Guild Week-end on Sunday afternoon. She will be the featured speaker at the Youth Night service Wednesday, April 27, with the subject "Answering Jesus' Call." Miss Kelley is Co-Ordinator of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Cooperative Rural Work, and works in Sevier County, Arkansas. She was commissioned a deaconess at the Assembly of the Woman's Division in 1954.

Conference Standing Committees will meet on Monday afternoon, April 25 at 3 p. m., and the Executive Committee of the Conference will be entertained at dinner at 6:00 p. m.

Special interest will be focused on the Wednesday afternoon session when the woman who has been chosen "North Arkansas Woman of the Year" will be introduced. Each district has presented a name to be considered, and the selection will not be known until that afternoon.



MRS. W. E. HORTON, JR.



MISS DOROTHY KELLEY

LOUISIANA DISTRICTS ANNOUNCED

- April 14—Baton Rouge District—University Church, Baton Rouge
 - April 15—Lafayette District—Houma
 - April 21—Alexandria District—Bunkie
 - April 21—Lake Charles District, Jennings
 - April 21—Shreveport District—Wynn Memorial, Shreveport
 - April 28—Monroe District—First Church, West Monroe
- The New Orleans District met April 1, and the Ruston District met April 13.

BRITISH METHODISTS FORM WESLEY FAMILY GROUP

British Methodists have formed a Wesley Family Association whose membership comprises descendants of John Wesley, 18th century founder of the denomination.

Most of the association's member-

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICTS ANNOUNCE MEETINGS

- April 19—Camden District—First Church, Camden
- April 20—Arkadelphia District—Gurdon
- April 21—Pine Bluff District—DeWitt
- April 22—Little Rock District—Pulaski Heights
- April 26—Hope District—Hope
- April 28—Monticello District—Warren

ship of 85 families bear the name Wesley, Westly, or Welwe.

Meetings will be arranged for social purposes once or twice a year, and there will be an annual business meeting.

It is planned to form a geneological committee to assist potential members in tracing their family trees.

The association is seeking affiliation with the Wesley Historical Society and the Friends of Wesley's Chapel.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE GUILD WEEK END

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, BATESVILLE—April 23, 24, 1955

THEME: "Jesus Calls Us"

- 10:00 a. m. Conference Executive Committee Meeting
- 2:00 p. m. Devotional Miss Thelma Pickens
- 2:15 p. m. Convening of Fifteenth Annual Wesleyan Service Guild
- Address Mrs. Julian Vogel
- Greetings Miss Vela Jernigan, Mrs. Craig Johnston
- Roll Call by Districts Virginia Hine
- Officers' Reports
- Special Interests Mr. M. W. Willis
- United Nations Seminar Mrs. Elmus Brown, Mildred Scott
- 7:00 p. m. Banquet—Mrs. Julian Vogel, presiding
- Address: "Jesus Calls Us To A Forward Look" Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr.

SUNDAY

- 7:30 a. m. Breakfast—Kelly's Cafe—Helen Stephens, presiding
- Devotional Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell
- Officers' Reports
- 10:50 a. m. Morning Worship—Church Sanctuary Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers
- 12:15 p. m. Luncheon in Fellowship Hall—Miss Vela Jernigan, presiding
- 1:15 p. m. Afternoon session—Mrs. Marguerite Nance, presiding
- Address: "Answering the Call" Miss Dorothy Kelley
- Pledge and Dedication Service Mrs. Ben DeVoll
- Holy Communion
- Benediction

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING



(Methodist Information Photo)

BACK ROW: Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff, Mrs. Roy Paschal, Mrs. Glenn Martel, Mrs. Eugene Fohrell and Mrs. N. H. Brown, Jr.
FRONT ROW: Mrs. L. B. Tooley, Mrs. Charles Primm, and Mrs. M. E. Scott.

Approximately 600 women attended the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, March 29-31. At this meeting a love offering of \$231.50 was given to the mission work in Brazil, India, and Mexico.

Mrs. J. R. Henderson, president, presided over the meeting in which the theme "Jesus Christ—The Way" was presented through the large backdrop hanging over the choir loft, the reports of the various officers, and the special messages of Mrs. Charles Mead, Miss Mary McSwain, Miss Sarah Kashi-Ram, Mrs. Paul Andress, and Laird Archer.

Special attention was given to the youth, when a dramatic presentation was given honoring the life of Elizabeth Thornburgh Workman. Following this a procession of all the life service volunteers and missionaries and workers, carrying the flags of the 29 countries in which the Woman's Division has work, opened

the evening service in which Mrs. Mead challenged her hearers through "Interpreting The Way Abroad."

The Conference honored the following with Honorary Life Memberships: Mary McSwain, Mrs. Erik Jensen, Mrs. C. I. Parsons, Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. Charles Primm, and Mrs. Herbert Stephens. Miss McSwain presented a Brazilian pin to the president, Mrs. Henderson.

Elected to serve for the next two years are the following: Vice-President: Mrs. M. E. Scott, El Dorado; Treasurer: Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff; Supply Work: Mrs. Roy Paschal, Little Rock; Missionary Education: Mrs. Glenn Martel, Magnolia; Children's: Mrs. Eugene Fohrell, Sparkman; Literature and Publication: Mrs. N. H. Brown, Jr., Little Rock; Student: Mrs. L. B. Tooley, Hope; and Missionary Personnel: Mrs. Charles Primm, Smackover.

Mrs. J. F. McKinnon, Parker's Chapel, was elected the delegate to the Rural Life Conference.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Another Successful Program

The North Arkansas Conference Youth Rally held on the Hendrix Campus on Friday, April 1, 1955, was another successful program for the year of 1955.

This year, for the first time, a plan had been worked out to have discussion groups beginning at 3:00 p. m., for a two hour period. Groups were planned with the hope that there might be as many as three hundred people come early enough for this program. We were delighted to find that we had five hundred people for these group meetings.

Eight groups had been set up, on the following basis: one group for each program area, one group on Methodist Youth Fund, one group for youth officers of the local church, and a group for adult workers with youth.

The attendance on the rally at 7:30 p. m. was most satisfactory in the face of the fact that Friday afternoon was an afternoon of rain and storms. The attendance was as large as we have ever had for a conference-wide youth rally.

Rev. Carrol McLaughlin, pastor of Highland Park Methodist Church, Topeka, Kansas, brought a most helpful message on the question, "Lovest Thou Me?"

Miss Mary Sue Smith of North Little Rock, president of the North Arkansas Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship, was the presiding officer at the rally, and director of the program for the day.

Certificates On Intermediate Work

Eight of the persons attending the Coaching Conference on Intermediate work at Searcy in January, have been certified for the course on Guiding Intermediates. These eight are as follows: Rev. Pryor R. Cruce, Swifton, Arkansas; Rev. Charles Casteel, Calico Rock, Arkansas; Rev. James Major, Heber Springs, Arkansas; Miss Regenia Watson, Jonesboro, Arkansas; Rev. Earl Hughes, Fort Smith, Arkansas; Rev. William Wilder, Lincoln, Arkansas; Rev. Worth Gibson, Gentry, Arkansas; Rev. Bennie Jordan, Monette, Arkansas. This leaves only four from the North Arkansas Conference yet to complete their course plans. At least one of the two from the Little Rock Conference has already been certified. This group will give us a good group of leaders for developing a better Intermediate program in the churches of the North Arkansas Conference.

Paragould District One-Unit Schools

The Paragould District, through the Coaching Conference held on November 15, 1954 at Pocahontas, now has twelve certified instructors on the course on The Work of the Local Church. This course has already been offered in four centers in the Paragould District: Paragould, Piggott, and Hoxie, and Corning. Under the leadership of the district superintendent, Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, plans have been worked out to have this course taught in seventeen additional centers in April and May, as follows: Beech Grove, Biggers, Black Rock,

Boydsville, Gainesville, Imboden, Lorado, Leonard, Maynard, Raven-den, Paragould West Parish, Paragould East Parish, Rector Fourth Street, Rector Circuit, Stanford, St. Francis, Walnut Ridge.

It is expected that through this plan most of the churches of the Paragould District will have the opportunity to have their leadership take this course by the end of the conference year.

The following persons are certified for the course on The Work of the Local Church (Paragould District) and will be assisting in these schools: J. Albert Gatlin, S. B. Wilford, Clyde Crozier, Gerald Hammett, James Chandler, Elvis Wright, Edwin D. Dodson, H. L. Robison, Floyd Villines, Jr., Elmo Thomason, George L. McGhehey, Byron McSpadden.

Training Report To Date

The North Arkansas Conference has had as much training work in the first ten months of the conference year as for the entire conference year of 1953-54. We now have reported to our office an enrollment of over 3,700 with 2,809 course cards having been issued. There are still some hundred course cards issued, but reports have not yet reached our office, which will bring the total to around 2,900. The report by districts to date is as follows:

Batesville District	270
Conway District	264
Fayetteville District	527
Forrest City District	224
Fort Smith District	316
Jonesboro District	563
Paragould District	380
Searcy District	265

Total2,809

The Conway and the Paragould Districts will increase their number of course cards considerably by the end of April. The Searcy District also will have a good school at Beebe during April.

Beebe Training School

The area training school for the Beebe Area is to be held at Beebe, April 18-20, with three courses being offered, as follows:

How to Teach in the Church School, Mrs. Elmus C. Brown
The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Miss Regenia Watson
The Work of the Local Church, Rev. Bennie Jordan

North Little Rock Area School

The churches of North Little Rock, Jacksonville, and Cato-Bethel charge are to have a six unit training school, April 17-21, the school being held at Washington Avenue Church. The following courses are to be offered:

The Use of the Bible With Children, Mrs. Uel D. Crosby
Teaching Youth, Rev. James Major
Recreational Leadership, Mrs. Henry A. Rickey
The Work of the Local Church, Rev. Henry A. Rickey
Christian Homemaking, Rev. Harold Spence
How the Bible Came to Be, Ira A. Brumley

All interested persons within reach of this school are invited to attend.

The school will open at 2:30 p. m.,

CHILDREN'S WORKERS' CONFERENCE

The Children's Workers Conference, for Little Rock Conference, will be held July 26-28 at Camp Tanako. Provision will be made for children, so that parents attending the conference may bring their children if they desire. The cost for each child will be \$4.34, this includes the cost for insurance for the child. The cost for adults will be \$7.50, as it has been the last few years. Several new cabins have been added to the camp this year, and we feel that there is adequate space now to care for the children who might come. A playground supervisor will be present to care for the children during the sessions of the conference.

The conference theme for this summer will be The Plan of the Church for Children, and a comprehensive view of the total program of the church for children, will be presented. All children's workers and ministers are expected to attend. Due to the nature of the program this year, General Superintendents of Church Schools, Chairmen of Commissions on Education and other who supervise or plan the total program of education in the local church, are also urged to attend. Outstanding ministers, laymen and children's leaders will furnish the leadership for the conference. A complete program will be printed in the *Methodist* at an early date. The following outstanding children's workers have already seen secured for the leadership:

To present Junior Camping, Mrs. Herbert Monday; Missionary Education of Children, Mrs. Eugene Fohrell; Workers with Nursery Children, Miss Evelyn Briant; Workers with Kindergarten Children, Mrs. R. D. Newton; Workers with Junior Children, Mrs. Leslie Thompson.

Information regarding other leaders will be given at an early date. Plan now to attend.—Mrs. W. F. Bates

RALLY AND CAMP FOR OLDER ADULTS

The Monroe District Older Adult Rally will be held on Friday, April 15, at 7:30 p. m., at the First Methodist Church, Monroe.

The rally is for people over 65, pastors and Church School superintendents, Adult Division superintendents and teachers of Adult classes.

Leaders will be Rev. Ralph Cain, F. Harold Riggs, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Mrs. Ethel Woodard and Mrs. Claude Cochran.

There will be fellowship, worship, recreation, information on older adult camps, slides and films.

The Monroe-Ruston District Older Adult Camp will be held at Camp Alabama, May 17, 18, 19 and 20. This is for older adults, 65 and over. Rev. Ralph Cain will be dean.

Sunday afternoon, April 17, and will continue through four nights: Monday through Thursday.

Joiner School

A one unit training school on Teaching Children is to be offered at Joiner, April 17-19, under the leadership of Mrs. W. A. Wooten of Memphis, Tennessee.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL INSTITUTES

Vacation School Institutes have now been held in four of the six districts. The Little Rock Institute will be held on April 19th, at Pulaske Heights Church, Little Rock.

Arkadelphia District has had three institutes in the district with 82 workers present, representing a large number of the churches in the district.

Cadmeñ District had one institute for the entire district with around 150 persons present representing 35 churches in the district.

Monticello District had about 130 persons present in the institute which was held in Monticello representing most of the churches in the district.

Pine Bluff District had one institute for the district in Pine Bluff. There were 102 persons present, representing 25 of the churches in the district.—Mrs. W. F. Bates

VACATION SCHOOL INSTITUTE AT MONTICELLO

The Vacation School Institute for the Monticello District was held at First Methodist Church, Monticello, on March 24th. It opened at 10:00 a. m. and closed at 2:00 p. m. Rev. Roland E. Darrow, host pastor, opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. John B. Hefley, District Secretary of Children's Work, talked on General Planning for the Vacation School. Then we divided into groups.

Mrs. W. F. Bates, Conference Director of Children's Work, led the Nursery group, using the text, "Religious Nurture in Nursery Class and Home." She showed a film on Nursery Work. Mrs. Watt Childs, of First Methodist Church Warren, led the Kindergarten group, using the text, "Together in our Church." Mrs. John Hefley led the Primary group using "Every One Needs A Church" and Mrs. L. C. Thompson, Little Rock, led the Junior group using the text, "The Church Around the World." Pot-luck lunch was served at noon by the Monticello women. Interest was good. It was one of the best institutes we have ever had. Eighty-one people attended, representing nineteen churches.—Mrs. M. W. Miller, District Director of Children's Work

DEPARTMENTS IN CHARGE OF DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

The Primary Department of the College Hill Methodist Church of Texarkana, presented the devotional for the adult class during the Sunday School service, on March 20th.

The children entered the sanctuary singing "Step, Step, Step, We are Marching to Our Church". Then they sang "Prayer Song" and the teachers were introduced. The group sang "Jesus Bids Us Shine." Miss Louise Light using John 3-16 for a Bible reference gave the devotional entitled "Jesus, God's Helper". A prayer was voiced by Rev. Howard L. Williams, the pastor, and the program was concluded with the song "My Bible and I".

On March 27th, the Junior Department presented the devotional in the church sanctuary.—Reporter

CHAPEL FUND CAMPAIGN FOR GRAND CANYON CHAPEL

A campaign has been launched at Phoenix, Ariz., to raise \$1,000,000 for the erection of a Shrine of the Ages chapel at the Grand Canyon. Site of the project is a promontory jutting out over the canyon's depths in Grand Canyon National Park. It was on this promontory that former Gov. Harold Pyle of

Arizona, now a White House administrative assistant, for 20 years conducted Easter sunrise services that were broadcast over the world. Nearly 1,000,000 persons visit the scene annually. The 400 families living in the nearby community of Grand Canyon have subscribed more than \$20,000 toward the

chapel. Protestants there now worship in the community building and Roman Catholics in the lounge room of Bright Angel Lodge. Officials of the Shrine of Ages Chapel Corporation hope that construction can begin in June, 1956. The non-profit corporation was formed in 1952, and chartered under Arizona law, by a group of laymen from the three major faiths. The National Park Service approved the project in December, 1953, and allocated the site. It specified, however, that the chapel must be designed for use by all religious groups.

economic and religious problems and visiting Methodist centers. He said the group expects to be at Manchester, Eng., for the annual session of the British Methodist Conference. Dr. Carl Soule of Chicago, field secretary of the national Methodist Board of World Peace, will be the seminar leader. He was co-leader of a similar group that visited Europe in 1949.

Salvation Army Re-Enacts Invasion Of Chicago

Memories of the militant evangelism with which the Salvation Army invaded Chicago in 1885 were recalled by local officers in an abandoned night club in Chicago. Eight hundred hand-clapping, foot-stomping people rocked the old Princess Rink on West Madison St. with an old-fashioned "hallelujah" revival meeting. A cast of 100 Salvationists took part in a skit on a stage where dancing girls and roller skaters once cavorted. The now-crumbling hall previously had been the scene of the Salvation Army's biggest banquets, holiday dinners, religious meetings, and parties for needy children. "This hall has been hallowed by the tears of repentant sinners," Major Ray Gabrielson said in his opening remarks. "It was here that many of our sainted workers prayed."

Plan To Enroll Million Men In Bible Reading Program

Plans to enroll 1,000,000 men in a program of daily Bible reading were announced by United Church Men, laymen's division of the National Council of Churches, at the annual meeting of its executive committee in Chicago. J. Clinton Hawkins of St. Louis, Mo., national chairman, said the plans call for laymen of all denominations to read daily some selection from the Bible or to make use of readings to be telecast on TV stations under the sponsorship of men's bodies of local councils of churches across the country. Enough one-minute telecasts for this purpose to last 180 days have been prepared by the American Bible Society, he said. Edwin W. Parsons of New York, general director of U.C.M., said the division is launching the crusade because of its "conviction that there is power in the written word, especially God's word."

Picture Of Christ To Hang In Oklahoma Governor's Office

A picture of Christ is to hang in the office of Gov. Raymond Gary of Oklahoma. He was presented with a portrait of Christ by Dr. Max Stanfield, pastor of the Putnam City Baptist church, and Dr. Stanley B. Niles, executive-secretary of the United Drys of Oklahoma.

Easter Parade Abandoned In Washington After Church Protest

The traditional "Easter Parade" will no longer be held in Washington, D. C. because of objections by Washington churches. Businessmen on fashionable Connecticut Avenue, site of the promenade, voted not to sponsor it any longer. They received a letter from the Washington Federation of Churches calling the annual display of fashions "a grave violation of the spirit" of the religious festival of Easter. The Board of directors of the Connecticut Association, Inc., said incidents had occurred in the parade over which they had no control and they were withdrawing the prizes made for various categories of "best dressed" persons. The church federation's letter of protest was sent by Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary.

Clergymen Tell Congregations Of Bowery Adventures

Two congregations in the Gladstone-Mendham area in New Jersey got a firsthand report from their clergymen on what it's like to live on New York's skid row—the Bowery. The Rev. William A. Luffburrow, 23, minister of the Gladstone Methodist church, and the Rev. Herbert S. Morris, 32, pastor of the Methodist church at Mendham, lived four days on the Bowery "to get real down-to-earth experience on life." Both preached the first of three sermons each will give to his respective congregation on life on the Bowery. The young clergymen, unshaven and dressed in old clothes, posed as visitors from Baltimore and Washington "looking for a break in the big city." They went to New York with \$1.08 between them, and lived and ate as best they could. The only unrealistic note was that they kept return bus tickets in their shoes—just in case. The two returned home with seven cents and the answer to one of the questions that led them to make the trip. Can a man who is on the down and out make a comeback.

Scriptures Published In 1,084 Languages Or Dialects

Bibles or Bible portions were published in 1,084 languages and dialects as of last Dec. 31, the American Bible Society reported. The complete Bible was published in six languages for the first time last year, the report said. These are Ndonga, Ngala (Bangala), and Ruanda—all African languages—and Maltese, Sindhi (Pakistan) and Camdorian. During the year complete New Testaments also were issued for the first time in nine languages or dialects. They are Ecuadorean Quechua, Aymara (Peru), Malo (New Hebrides Islands), Kui Khondi (Orissa State, India), and

People's Church Pastor Marks 25th Anniversary

The minister whose congregation raises more money for missions than any other in the world observed his 25th anniversary in the pulpit of the People's Church in Toronto. Dr. Oswald J. Smith took over the ministry of the People's church the last Sunday in March, 1930. During the past quarter century collections have amounted to \$3,562,000. Of this, \$2,754,000 has gone to missionaries. The church now supports 365 missionaries on 40 fields. "The big thing we exist for is missions," says the white-haired pastor who still considers himself a Presbyterian, although practically all his ministry has been of a non-denominational nature. "We offer to support any

missionary from any part of Canada under any faith mission who is without support." In addition to the amount of money he raises, Dr. Smith is noted for the crowds he attracts to services. The church, which seats 1800, usually has standing room only for its evening services. Morning services "merely" draw a capacity congregation. "We have no special attraction," Dr. Smith claims, "just a simple bright service with cheerful singing. We don't have much ceremony or form but it must be dignified, because being ordained a Presbyterian minister I can never get away from that."

Church Bells Toll For Cancer Victims

Church bells in many parts of the country tolled for one minute April 1 in memory of the 230,000 Americans who died of cancer last year. They also were a reminder to the living to enlist in the 1955 Cancer Crusade. Arrangements for the mass tolling were made with the participating churches by local units of the American Cancer Society in various communities. Among the churches that took part, the Society reported, were the Mission of San Juan Capistrano in California, Old North Church in Boston, Christ (Protestant Episcopal) in Philadelphia, and the Roman Catholic Cathedral at St. Augustine, Fla., oldest Catholic parish in the United States.

Methodists Plan European Seminar Tour

Plans for a group tour of Europe June 26-Aug. 20 as a World Peace Seminar were announced by the Board of World Peace of the Detroit Methodist Conference. The Rev. Paul M. Cargo of Marquette, Mich., information officer for the seminar, said the group will visit England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland and France studying social, political,

five African tongues—Baouli, Dyerma, Kipsigis, Ngambai, and Red Bobo. The whole Bible now has been published in a total of 206 languages or dialects and complete Testaments in 260 while a Gospel or some other whole book has been issued in 618. In addition, the report said, short passages or collections of passages have been published in another 80 languages.

Educator Says Schools Must Produce Good, Religious Citizens

Public schools must have as their objective the formation of good, religious Americans, a California educator told 3,000 teachers meeting in Austin Texas. Dr. A. J. Stoddard, retired superintendent of the Los Angeles Public Schools, gave delegates to the District Ten Convention of the Texas State Teachers Association these five characteristics of the "good American." (1) He has a concern about places and people where he is not. (2) He is a religious person. (3) He is concerned about what happens in this world after he is gone. (4) He loves his country and knows why. (5) He is willing to assume responsibility. Although agreeing that Church and State must be separated, Dr. Stoddard said it is the responsibility of the public schools to teach a fundamental religious attitude to students.

Missing Art Master Piece Acquired By Chicago Museum

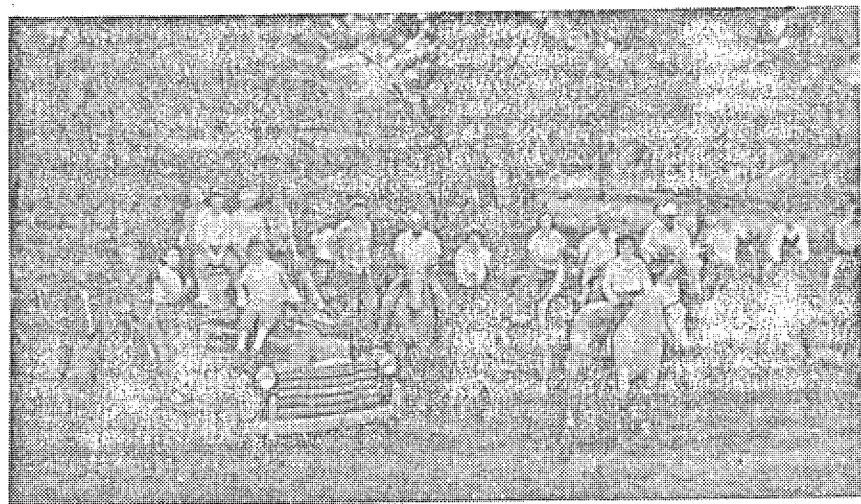
Francisco de Zurbaran's "Crucifixion," a 17th century masterpiece missing for 71 years and kept from public view for another 70, has been acquired and restored by the Art Institute of Chicago. The oil canvas was bought from a Paris art dealer after Daniel Catton Rich, the institute's director, saw a photograph of it in Mexico. Curators have called it one of the most remarkable "recoveries" in art history. A work of utmost simplicity but full of intense religious feeling,

it shows a powerfully modeled body of the dead Christ on the Cross painted against a solid black background in naturalistic tones of grey and brown, shading to greenish-grey in the head, feet and pierced hands. The "Crucifixion" was one of a series of pictures which the Dominican Convent of San Pablo el Real at Seville, Spain, commissioned the artist to paint in 1626. It was completed a year later and hung in the con-

vent's sacristy until the Napoleonic peninsular campaign of 1807-9 when French troops looted many Spanish churches. It turned up again in 1880 in the collection of the Duke of Alba who then presented it to a theological seminary in England. There it was inaccessible to scholars and artists until 1950 when the order took the painting to France and offered it, through photographs, to the Louvre for purchase.

METHODIST YOUTH

INDIAN BAYOU MYF HAS OUTING



Pictured above is a part of the Methodist Youth Fellowship group which took part in a horseback riding party, fish fry and shrimp boil on the banks of Bayou de Tortue Saturday afternoon, March 19. Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Davis and the counsellors

are shown with the young people.

The same group of young people won the attendance banner at the meeting of the Rice Sub-District at the Ebenezer Church, near Crowley, on a Sunday afternoon, March 20.

UNICEF RECREATION KIT AVAILABLE

Camp directors, youth counselors, teachers and others concerned with planning youth programs will find ideas for exciting indoor and outdoor activities in a kit prepared by the United States Committee for UNICEF.

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THE YOUTH PROGRAM

The Youth Emphasis is intended to be an indigenous program. The Youth Department has developed complete and detailed guidance materials for many activities which may be used in the program of the annual conference, district or local church. But the nature and scheduling of the program depends on the plans which are made by those who work most closely with the young people in the annual conference and local church.—Harold W. Ewing, director, Youth Department, Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education

REPRINT OF LEAFLET, "MR. PASTOR"

The Youth Department of the General Board of Education has for distribution a reprint of the leaflet, Mr. Pastor (2406-B).

The purpose of this leaflet is to help the pastor answer Question 16 in his report to annual conference, as to who should be included in the total membership of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The leaflet is free. Order from your conference executive secretary or from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS White River

Ways of preventing juvenile delinquency were discussed at Calico Rock Monday night, March 28, as each member of the Sub-district participated. Emmett Whitten and the Calico Rock group took the alcoholic problem and presented ways of keeping teen-agers from drinking. Rev. Robert Howerton and the Cotter delegation presented ways of getting more from communicative mediums such as TV, the moving picture, and magazines. The Yellville group took the subject of Education and how it could play a vital part in keeping down delinquency.

Rev. Ben Few of Mountain Home discussed the recreation problem, and Miss Mary Chaffin presented the things the church could do in preventing juvenile delinquency.

Bob McCormack, president of the Calico Rock group, gave the welcome address, and Miss Nina Sanders, President of the Sub-District, conducted the business meeting. It was stated that \$150 would be presented to Wayland Spring for improvement of the water system. Ways and means of determining who would go to the National Youth Convention at Purdue University were discussed, before the business meeting closed with the Mountain Home group volunteering to be the host church next month. There were 71 present at the meeting.—Charles Casteel

NEW PLANS FOR MYF CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Louisiana Conference will be held at a new time, a new place and will have a new and different program this year.

The conference will be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, June 6-10. The program will consist of daily business sessions at which time officers will be elected, interest groups and various phases of the local church program, and an evening program.

Rev. Roy Mouser is dean of this new Conference Youth Conference. Each local church will be en-

LIFE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS' ANNUAL TOUR

THE annual missionary tour, sponsored by the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service for the Life Service Volunteers of the Conference, was held March 4-7.

The tour began when the group met in El Dorado on Thursday evening at the First Methodist Church and were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Couch and some of the young people of the church. Open house was held at Shade Marie Rushings. Many of the parents saw the group off next morning. They carried a lunch prepared by the W.S.C.S. of First Church. Supper was served at the Sager Brown Home and Godman School (Negro) at Baldwin, La. Went on to MacDonell, arriving at bedtime. MacDonell was toured the next day. After lunch Dulac Indian Mission was visited and the Carl Brunsons told about the wonderful work there. The group rode a real shrimp boat several miles down the canal.

On Sunday morning the group left MacDonell at 6:00 a. m. and ate breakfast in the French quarters in New Orleans. Mrs. C. I. Jones, Louisiana Conference W.S.C.S. president, served Cokes to the group at her home. Mrs. Ivan Lee Holt, wife of Bishop Holt, also welcomed the young people.

Services were attended at St. Marks Community Center. The Center was toured and information gained as to its extensive program. After lunch and a hurried trip to Lake Ponchartrain the group left for Baton Rouge, and was welcomed at the University Wesley Foundation by Mrs. Edward Harris, wife of the district superintendent of the Baton Rouge District. Supper was enjoyed with the students of the Foundation and church services were attended.

Counselors for the tour were Mrs. Henry Primm, Smackover, Student Secretary, Little Rock Conference Woman's Society; Mrs. L. W. Ederington, Conference Secretary Missionary Personnel; Miss Polly Lassitor, U. S. 2, Rural Worker in the Arkadelphia District; Miss Polly Lefler, teacher in Warren High School.

Students on the tour were Jo Ann Efrid, Little Rock; Marilyn Dallas, Little Rock; Joe Toland, Little Rock, student at HSTC; Pat Parker, Benton, student, ASTC; Raymond Muhr, Benton, student Little Rock Junior College; Jane Bird, Little Rock; Lana Douthit, Little Rock; Virginia LeNoir, Little Rock; Janell

tilted to one official youth delegate to be elected by the local church MYF.

Dixon, Mabelvale, HSTC; Jane Miller, Hot Springs, Hendrix; Edgar Outlaw, Watson, Arkansas A & M; Sammy Jones, Hamburg; Madelyn Pickens, Pickens; Richard Poss, McGehee; George Dickens, Fordyce, Hendrix; John Bayliss Ederington, Warren; Buddy Jester, Bradley; Ed Blythe, Lewisville, Centenary College; Robert Nash, El Dorado; Shade Marie Rushing, El Dorado; Elizabeth Anne Owens, El Dorado; Amanda Ann Black, Foreman, HSTC; Juanita Johnson, Pine Bluff; Annette Gathright, Pine Bluff; Patricia Greenwood, Pine Bluff; Sue Culpepper, Pine Bluff; Jean Reid, Pine Bluff; Patti Moore, Pine Bluff; Nancy Terry McCollum, Stuttgart and Mary Margaret McHenry, Thornton.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF INTERMEDIATES

It is estimated that over 2½ million boys and girls will reach 12 years of age each year between 1954 and 1960. Methodist churches must be ready to provide for their share of these youth.

In the effort to provide for this exodus of youngsters from the junior to the intermediate age group, the Youth Department of the General Board of Education, suggests that local churches plan to emphasize work in these four areas:

1. Space and facilities. How many more chairs will be needed? How many more pieces of literature should be ordered? Will the present space be adequate for the expected increase?

2. Recruiting adult workers. Who will be responsible for finding these workers? Where shall they be

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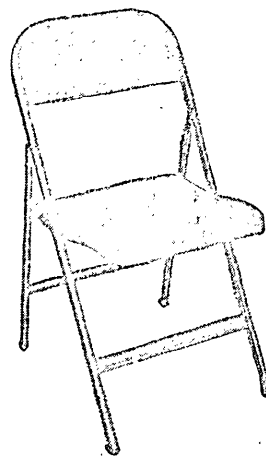
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OBITUARIES



Mrs. R. H. Grant of Eros, La. was born Jan. 1, 1869, at Indian Village and passed away on Jan. 27, 1955. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Smith, both of whom were physicians. After father's death, her mother moved to Cadeville where she grew up and attended public school. At an early age, she was married to R. H. Grant, a substantial and successful citizen of North Louisiana. To this union were born ten children, all reaching maturity, nine of whom still live. On July 15, 1943, Mr. Grant passed away.

In many ways this unassuming woman was talented. After her 83rd birthday, some of her paintings were exhibited at an art exhibit in Monroe. Lovely hand-painted cards containing verses of her own composition were sent out on special occasions to loved ones and friends. Until shortly before her passing, she kept up a lively correspondence with children, grandchildren, and friends.

Mrs. Grant united with the Methodist Church when quite young. She was a devoted Christian and worked in her church as long as she was able, having taught Sunday School classes, conducted Epworth League work, and served as Sunday School Superintendent, to mention a few of her activities.

Important as the foregoing are, the essence of this good woman's living is to be found in her contributions to home life, as described by Solomon in his tribute to the virtuous woman, "Whose price is above rubies" and "whose children rise up and call her blessed" in Prov. 31. During her long and useful life, she was ready to minister to the sick and to the suffering, to the unfortunate and to the sorrowing. Like her Savior, whom she loved, it could be said of her, "She went about doing good." Unpretentious in demeanor and unassuming in conduct, her good deeds were not done to be seen of men. Broad sympathy and quiet gentleness toward all living creatures characterized her daily living.

Left to mourn her passing are the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Lottie Manning, Mrs. Leila Harper, Eros, La.; Dr. Theron A. Grant and Mrs. Marie Slaton, Savannah, Ga.; R. O. Grant, Wichita Falls, Texas; Alton V. Grant, Sherman, Texas; Mrs. Doris Buckley, Austin, Tex.; Mrs. Elma Davis, Hot Springs, Ark.; Gordon Grant, Bastrop, La., also 15 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and a sister,

Mrs. Olive Golson of Monroe, La.

Rev. Roy Grant of Bernice and Rev. R. A. Townsend of Eros, conducted funeral rites at Antioch where interment was made.—Lottie Manning

HULL—John Walter Hull of Berryville departed this life February 8, 1955, after suffering a heart attack a few hours earlier. He had been in ill health for several years but his death was a shock to his family and friends.

He was born in Independence, Kansas, February 12, 1872, the son of William C. and Susanna Hull. At the age of 13 he moved, with his family, to Carrol County where he resided until his death.

Mr. Hull was married to Miss Mattie Masters November 3, 1897 and six children were born to this union. They also took four foster children into their home. The children, who with their mother survive, are: Mrs. Ray Brickford of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Carl Hull of Los Angeles, California; Dr. Ivan Hull of Modesto, California; and Calvin Hull of Yates Center, Kansas. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Hull united with the West Concord Methodist Church when 26 year of age and remained a faithful Christian and Church member the remaining years of his life. Served as Supt. of Church School for 21 years. For the past twelve years Mr. Hull and his faithful wife have been members of the Methodist Church in Berryville.

November 3, 1954 Mr. and Mrs. Hull observed their 57th wedding anniversary.—Archie N. Boyd.

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(Continued from page 14) found? Have standards been set up for them?

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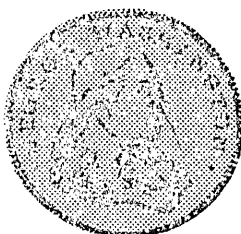
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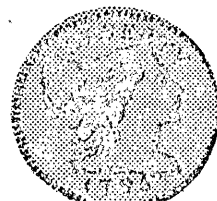
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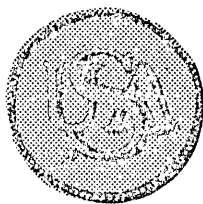
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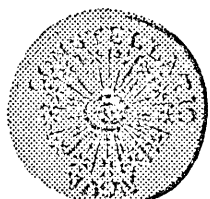
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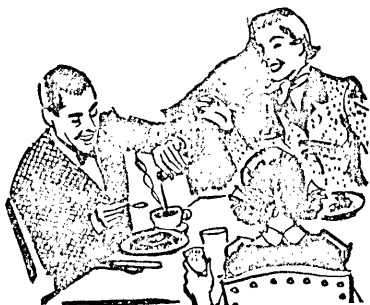
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LESSON FOR APRIL 24, 1955

PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
2 Chronicles 15:1-12.

MEMORY SELECTION: *The LORD is with you, while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found of you.*
—2 Chronicles 15:2



This is the second lesson of UNIT VI: "GOD IN THE LIFE OF A NATION". The subject of our first lesson was "Obligations of Leaders". In this lesson we studied about Rehoboam coming to the throne of his father Solomon. Solomon made quite a reputation as a ruler but he had laid a great tax burden on the people. Then ten tribes under the leadership of Jeroboam demanded that these burdens be lightened. The older men of the kingdom advised the young king to meet with their request. He then turned to the younger men of the court and they advised him to be harsh with the people and increase their burdens rather than lightening them. This led to be alienation of the ten tribes which formed a new nation and elected Jeroboam as their first king. Thus we see that Rehoboam showed very poor leadership. He failed to meet his obligations as a leader and this led to the division of the kingdom. He forsook God and all the principles of sound government and thus went down in history as not only a weak ruler, but also a wicked one.

The aim of the lesson today is aptly stated in *The Adult Student*: "To help adults understand the importance of God-fearing leaders in a nation and realize their responsibility for giving such leaders their loyal support."

A Look At The Scriptures

Our first selection (2 Chronicles 15: 1-2) tells of a prophet who had a great deal of influence over the good King Asa. This prophet's name was Azariah. We are told that the Spirit of God came upon him before he advised with the king. Even back in Old Testament times the Spirit of God came upon and inspired and guided people. It seems though that at that time he came upon a select few, while beginning with the New Testament time and continuing down to us, he is poured out on all who will forsake their sins, trust Christ for salvation, and seek the Spirit's presence.

So, Azariah, filled and inspired by the Spirit of God was able to give helpful advice to King Asa. In the words of our memory selection he went on to tell the King, "The LORD is with you, while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you." God is anxious to be with all people and assist them in building strong Christian characters and in meeting the tasks of life, but since people are free moral agents, he can only be with those who are willing to be with him, and who pay the price of having fellowship with him. In speaking about human beings having fellowship with God, we are told in the Bible that "two cannot walk together except they be agreed." Very often, to be in agreement with God one

must be changed. The change cannot come on the part of God for he is perfect in the absolute sense and always will be. The change, therefore, will have to be on the part of the individual who is seeking fellowship with God.

It can be said to Asa's credit that he listened to the prophet. He lived a fine life. He was with God and God was with him. Because of the presence of God in his life, he was able to do great things for his nation. Judah was a very small nation but under the leadership of this religious king she wielded a great power. She accomplished the impossible. Asa kept his powder dry all right, for he was living in an age when nations had to defend themselves, but he trusted in God as a means of safety far more than he did his armament. We have come upon just such a time as that. We are greatly tempted to put our hope in the multiplicity of our implements of destruction. That is a false hope that if practiced by all concerned would finally lead to destruction. This business of armament is a thing that all nations can work at, when once great stores of these implements are laid by there is always a temptation to use them. So, as it was in the days of Asa it is true today that our chief hope is in God.

The writer is made to marvel at the good character of Asa. He was the son and the grandson of two very wicked kings—Rehoboam, under whom the kingdoms was divided, and Abijah. Not only was his father a wicked man, but his mother was also wicked. Her name was Maachah, and she was a granddaughter of Absalom, who was killed in a rebellion against his father, David. We are told that when Asa began his reign he deposed his mother as queen because she was worshiping false gods. In brief, that was the background of this good man's early environment. But in spite of it all he listened to the prophet Azariah and ruled the nation according to the will of God.

Our next passage (2 Chronicles 15: 3-6) tells of the bad condition of the nation when Asa came to the throne. The nation is spoken of in this passage as "Israel", but it will be noted that the passage really refers to Judah. Before the division of the kingdom the whole nation was called Israel, but after the division only the northern portion of the country was so called. The southern portion was called Judah, and that is the portion with which we are dealing in this lesson.

The passage goes on to tell us that "for a long time the country was without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without the law." That was a bad situation indeed. When a nation turns away

from the true God and true religion, it always takes up some false "ism". People are created with a need to worship and if they are led away from the worship of the true God, they will begin worshipping human beings. So it is with the countries behind the iron curtain today; they worship their leaders as gods. Judah had been led away from the worship of the true God and had begun worshipping the false gods of the pagan nations around them. Asa put a stop to all of this. He cut down their groves and destroyed their idols. He even went to the extent of passing a decree which punished with death any one who worship any thing other than the true God. We may not approve of Asa's method in doing this, but his motive was certainly good.

Living under such circumstances naturally brought the nation into a bad way. In speaking about this matter the writer went on to say, "But when in their distress they turned to the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them." That is always the case. When people seek God with their whole heart, forsaking those things that are displeasing to him, they always find him. This shows something of the good influence of a religious ruler. Prior to Asa's coming to the throne the people had sought everything else but God, but led by him the whole nation turned to the Lord.

When the nation found God it also found peace. Prior to this diligent search for the Lord there was no peace in the land. In speaking of this matter the writer goes on to say, "In those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for great disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands. They were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city, for God troubled them with every sort of distress." Individuals and nations can have some things in life while they shut God out, but there is one thing they cannot have unless they are in harmonious fellowship with God and that is peace. There is one thing certain and that is God will never permit a nation or an individual to rest in peace until they rest in him. Augustine was right when he prayed, "Thou hast made us for thyself and we cannot rest until we rest in thee." In Isaiah 26: 3 we read, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

The next passage (2 Chronicles 15: 7-8) we find the prophet further encouraging the king. The writer goes on to tell us, "When Asa heard these words, the prophecy of Azariah the son of Oded, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols from the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had taken in the hill country of Ephraim." Not only did the king destroy these idols but we are told that "He repaired the altar of the Lord that was in front of the vestibule of the house of the Lord."

We get the idea here that true religion is both negative and positive. Either of these forces if taken separately will fail. The evil must be destroyed before the good can be built. Many people make the mistake of thinking that they can simply add a bit of good to their evil lives and go ahead with their former practices. They hope to be saved in their sins rather than from them. Asa's experience here shows that the idols of evil must go before the

altars of the Lord can be built.

Our last passage (2 Chronicles 15: 9-12) tells of a great convocation of the people. Not only were the tribes of Judah and Benjamin present but also members of other tribes who had forsaken their nation and had come over to Judah. We are told that many did this when they saw that God was with Asa. Even at that time, the people realized the importance of a nation ruled by a religious person. This convocation led to a great religious awakening. They spent several days together and made many sacrifices to God. Their hearts simply bubbled over with joy in their new found relationship to God. They made a covenant with the Lord and offered in sacrifice to him seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

The Lesson Applied

What was true in Asa's day is equally true now. There is a sore need for truly religious rulers throughout the world. There is no question about the fact that the whole world has been greatly influenced by rulers in recent years. Whole nations have been misled and have suffered the evil consequences of bad rulers. Take Germany for example. Not many years ago she was one of the great nations of the world, but she was almost completely ruined by Hitler. The same was true with Italy under Mussolini. Russia has been badly misled and has become a menace to the rest of the world. China is following along the same line. All of these nations have come to their present condition through the influence of bad rulers. We read in Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." This fact has been proven over and over again in history.

If any difference, there is a greater need for righteousness in a democracy than in any other form of government. Democracy guarantees a great deal of freedom, and this means freedom to do wrong as well as right. Conniving, ungodly people can take advantage of the freedoms that democracy gives and turn them into a force for evil for a nation. The only hope for democracy to succeed to the fullest extent is to make it Christian. Modern democracy was born through the teaching of Christianity with regards to the value of the individual, and it will slowly deteriorate if the spirit of Christianity is left out of it. We have come upon a time when to be truly patriotic in our nation means to be truly Christian. There is but one antidote to selfishness and greed and that is Christianity. No person can be truly patriotic in a democracy who is selfish and greedy. On many occasions the writer was perfectly disgusted to see certain bill boards along our highways in the not too distant past. One would read in big letters the patriotic advice, "BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS; HELP THE NATION". Then just beneath the above sign one would be advised as to what brand of liquor to drink. These statements were working at cross purposes. If the majority of the people of our country follow the first the nation would be blessed, but if they followed the second, the very country they were trying to help by sacrificing for it would be damned.

The most important thing that any citizen can do for a democracy is to elect good men to public office and then support them to the fullest extent. Thus rulers and people can work together to make and keep the nation great.