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## Congressional Record Carries Mott Tribute

The nation's lawmakers recently read in *The Congressional Record* the address delivered by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman at the John R. Mott memorial service in Christ Church, New York, last month.

Dr. Mott, who is buried in the Washington Cathedral, used as his life text, "Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Calling Dr. Mott "a familiar and electrifying figure. He was credited with having influenced more young men than any other person of his time."

Dr. Sockman acknowledged his own indebtedness to him. "He was no small factor in shaping my choice of work," he said. "He looked like a statesman. He spoke like a statesman. He was a statesman. If a man like Mott felt that Christian service and foreign missions were big business, they were big business."

The address traces Dr. Mott's 90 years of Christian service. "He was a global worker before we had global wars. . . . If institutions are but the lengthened shadows of men, then his shadow is immeasurable because it is ever growing. Ponder the movements he led: Student Volunteers, the World Student Christian Federation, the International Missionary Council, the World Alliance of YMCA's, the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, the Inter-Seminary Movement, the United Student Christian Council."

The tribute was entered in the March 23 *Congressional Record* (page A2033) by the Honorable James I. Dolliver of Iowa, Dr. Mott's native state. Congressman Dolliver is a Methodist and a brother of the Rev. Dr. Robert H. Dolliver of Bushwick Avenue Methodist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Prescott Has City-Wide Revival

Five churches in Prescott, Arkansas conducted Revival Meetings in the second annual City-Wide Revival March 27 to April 3. The churches, pastors, and visiting evangelists are as follows: Assembly of God, Rev. Doyle Green, of Hooks, Texas, visiting evangelist; First Baptist, Wesley A. Lindsey, pastor, Dr. David Moore, of Arkadelphia, evangelist and Mr. Joe Trussell, of Houston, Texas, singer; Church of the Nazarene, Rev. E. T. Harris, pastor and evangelist; First Presbyterian, Rev. W. G. Bensberg, pastor, Rev. Wilson D. Keenan, of Itasca, Texas, evangelist; First Methodist, Rev. Warren D. Golden, pastor, Rev. Alfred DeBlack, of Hot Springs, evangelist.

On Sunday afternoon, March 27, a

## The Saviour

By Ralph Pallen Coleman



Descriptions of Jesus Christ exist, but of actual portraits made of Him during His lifetime, there are none.

His divine characteristics have often been portrayed in pictures. In each of these we have the artist's conception of the Man, and this varies according to the artist. Thousands of pictures have been painted of Our Lord; each with one dominant thought in mind: to express the great qualities that made Jesus stand out above and beyond all others.

Ralph Coleman's portrait of The Saviour is a full face picture showing His great internal strength; understanding; dispassionate judgment; warmth; tolerance; and Godly sensitivity. Divine Grace mantles His magnificent brow; human judgment, His mouth. His eyes mirror pathos and sympathy; patience and solace. His attitude, as Coleman has painted it, indicates keen interest and the brilliant mind that He brought to bear on every subject that came under His consideration. One might well imagine that across the table from Him is one seeking help; advice; comfort.

The Spiritual Grace with which He was endowed, the uncompromising strength, the vigor, the manliness, the authority with which He speaks sets Him apart and gives one a soul-satisfying sense of His infinite love for, and faith in, mankind. The radiant beauty of His face depicts the glorious qualities He possessed. Coleman seems to have caught them all in this extraordinary picture of The Saviour. It sinks into the heart. It stirs the soul.

City-Wide Rally was held at the First Methodist Church. Dr. David Moore brought the message, the High School Chorus and Band brought special music. Rev. W. D. Golden, president of the Ministerial Alliance presided. About 400 people attended this meeting.

Sunday, March 27, had been pro-

claimed "Church Loyalty" Sunday by Mayor William C. Ward. This was sponsored by the Service Clubs of Prescott. The attendance in the churches of Prescott was 1743. This is to be an annual day in connection with the annual City-Wide Revival to begin on the Sunday before Palm Sunday each year.—Reporter

## Christian Education Workers Meet At Aldersgate Camp

Directors of Christian Education and Educational Assistants from Methodist churches in the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences met in a two day session at Aldersgate Camp near Little Rock on March 31-April 1. With them as resource leaders were Miss Lilla Mills from the General Board of Education in Nashville, Tenn. and Miss Elizabeth Pittsworth of Scarritt College in Nashville.

Topics discussed by the group included: the relationship of the DRE to the minister, other staff members, and the Commission on Education; opportunities for professional training; the recruitment and training of new workers; the duties of a director; goals and standards for workers; building church school attendance; trends in Christian Education; and the importance of a strong spiritual life.

Those present for this meeting were: Miss Sue Osment from First Methodist Church, Conway; Miss Helen Pat Hamilton, First Methodist, Blytheville; Miss Regina Watson, First Methodist, Jonesboro; Mrs. Harvey W. Couch, First Methodist, El Dorado; Mrs. V. B. Story, Pulaski Heights Methodist, Little Rock; Miss Bobbye Lee Hays and Rev. William D. Elliott, Winfield Methodist, Little Rock; Mrs. H. H. Thompson and Rev. Harold Fair, First Methodist, Little Rock; Rev. and Mrs. John W. Hassler, First Methodist, Magnolia; Mrs. Edward McLean, First Methodist, Pine Bluff; Miss Polly Lassiter, rural worker in the Arkadelphia District, and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Willis, from Aldersgate. Elected to head the group for the coming year were Mrs. Edward McLean of Pine Bluff, chairman, and Miss Sue Osment, Conway, co-chairman. The group voted to have a dinner meeting during the meeting of the Little Rock Annual Conference in Arkadelphia in June, and to have another two day meeting at Aldersgate next January.

## District Supt. In Revival At Dardanelle

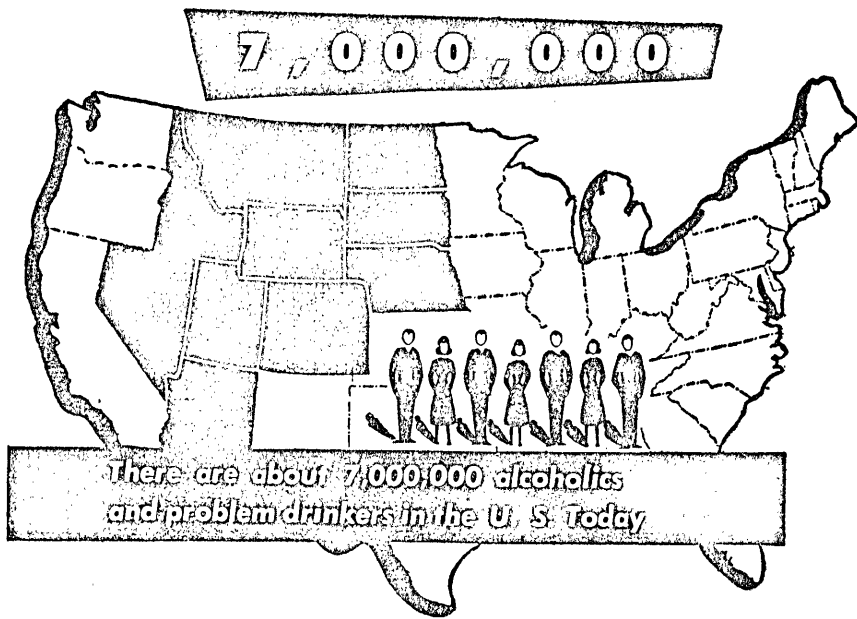
The Dardanelle Methodist Church completed a successful two weeks revival campaign, April 8th.

Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Farmer, a visitation evangelism campaign was conducted during the first week, resulting in 35 commitments, to be received on Easter Sunday.

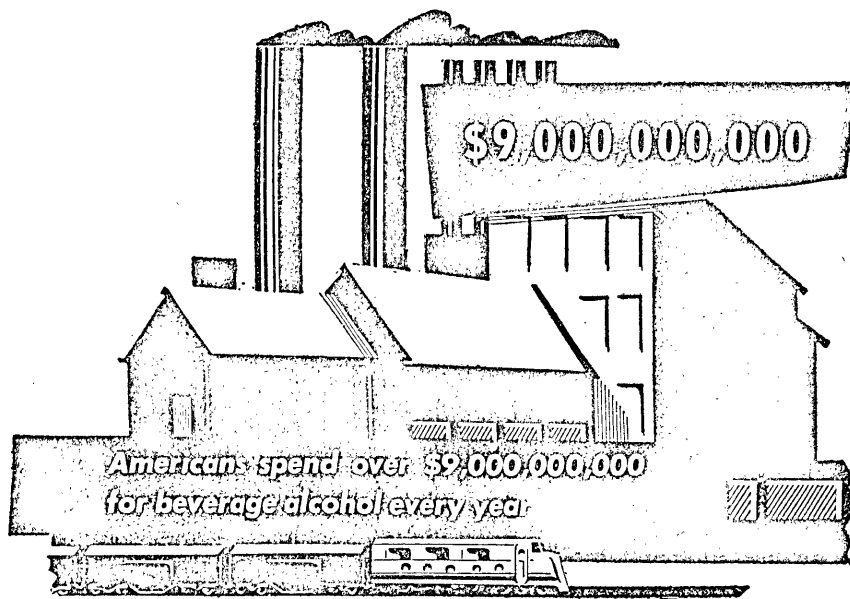
With the District Superintendent, Rev. Henry A. Rickey, as guest preacher, revival services were held the second week. Attendance was good, and the spirit of the congregation was excellent.

The Quarterly Conference unanimously requested the return of the pastor for his fourth year.—Reporter

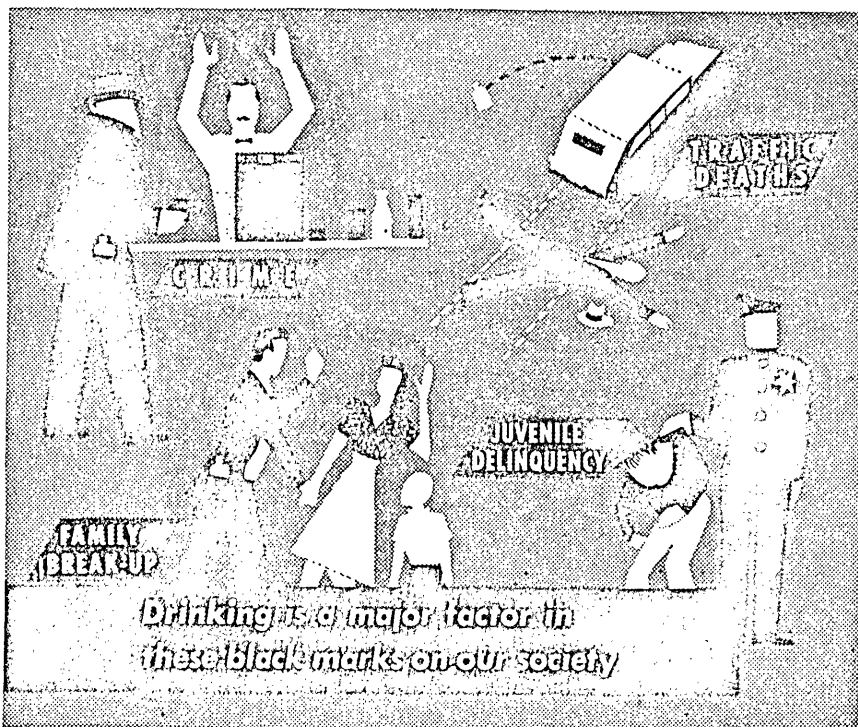
# Script For New Temperance Film Approved



The number of alcoholics and problem drinkers in the U. S. today is greater than the combined population of 10 of our Western states. Alcoholism is now the nation's number two health problem, second only to heart disease. In 10 years the number of alcoholics in America has increased nearly 50 per cent according to World Health Organization studies. The new temperance film is designed as a preventative measure, to reach youth before they get into trouble with alcohol.



The American people spend more on alcoholic beverages each year than on milk and dairy products, bakery goods, all advertising, motion pictures, or soft drinks. According to Department of Commerce statistics, the annual liquor and beer bill runs three times the amount given to all religious and welfare activities.



Beverage alcohol has become a major problem in our society. The new temperance motion picture is designed to give young people intelligent answers to alcohol pressures. In a free-drink culture, Methodist youth need a sound reply to the question, "Why not have a beer?"

SCRIPT for a new \$125,000 motion picture has been given final approval by the executive committee of the Methodist Board of Temperance.

The announcement was made by Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, Ark., chairman of the Board.

Designed to be a "completely different" temperance picture, the new film will be beamed to young people and young adults. Its emphasis is to be positive and constructive, stressing the benefits of alcohol-free living.

The story demonstrates ways young people can meet social pressures to drink without losing friends and without compromising their Christian convictions, the Bishop said.

In addition to giving young people some concrete answers to the questions, "Why not have a beer?", the film will lay bare many of the propaganda techniques used in alcohol advertising. The story demonstrates the effect those pressures often have on young people in a modern society.

Bishop Martin stressed that the film will be more than an "education" picture. It is also designed to entertain its audience.

In addition to church, school, PTA and club use, it is hoped the picture will be suitable for showing on television, either as a sponsored program or as public service time. The film is to be a top quality production.

Temperance officials hope to have the movie ready for use in local churches by Fall of this year. However, final production is dependent upon an unusual campaign now under way to raise the necessary \$125,000.

The fund raising plan does not center on church apportionments or congregational collections, according to Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, Board of Temperance executive secretary. "Instead we are calling on individual Methodists who are concerned about young people and their problems to make this film possible," he stated. "In addition to the growing number of Methodists who are intensely interested in the temperance cause, every parent has a stake in this picture. It deals with a concrete problem every child must face usually before he is 15 years of age."

The campaign has full approval of Methodism's Council of Bishops and Commission on World Service and Finance. District Secretaries of Temperance and Conference Board Chairmen are representing the General Board in raising funds through an unusual "party" plan. Working with Local Pastors and District Superintendents they are bringing together small groups of interested persons to see a film-strip presentation on the motion picture project. After a full discussion of the film and its possibilities, individuals are given an opportunity to contribute.

Although a number of large gifts will be needed before the full \$125,000 is raised, Dr. Hooton stressed

the fact that the campaign is reaching out to all Methodism. Thus far more than 1,500 separate gifts have been received, he said.

Work on the script has been going on since last October. Young people and local pastors as well as representatives of nearly every general agency of the church have had a hand in its preparation. To get a story that would be believable, constructive and helpful, more than 20 separate story conferences have been held.

Commenting on the completed story, Dr. Howard Tower, associate secretary of the Radio and Film Commission, which will produce the film for the Board of Temperance, said, "I have worked on a great many scripts. I believe that this one does an excellent job of keeping in mind the audience for which it is intended. In addition to this, the unscrupulous pressures of the beverage alcohol traffic are

- Commitment
- Rehabilitation
- Legislation
- Education

Methodism's new and "different" temperance film is part of the educational program carried on by the Church's General Board of Temperance. Education is only one way in which Methodists meet the alcohol problem. The Church is also concerned with Commitment to Abstinence, Rehabilitation of alcoholics, and Legislation to protect homes and families.

made graphically clear. This film, when aptly cast and skillfully directed, should become one of the most effective films produced for the church."

Miss Thelma Stevens, executive secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations, Woman's Division of Christian Service said, "I think it offers the best opportunity of this type that we have had in the promotion of greater concern for total abstinence in The Methodist Church. I believe Methodist women will make wide use of this movie as it is available. I hope that funds for getting it in the hopper will be available speedily."

Jam Handy Organization of Detroit, Mich., has been chosen to make the film under the direction of the Radio and Film Commission. Production is scheduled to go ahead in a series of steps as funds come in. This means that the film will be ready for showing shortly after the full \$125,000 has been raised.

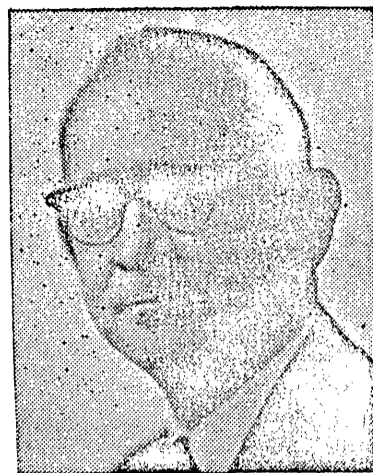
The Board of Temperance plans to make a print of the film available free to every district in Methodism participating in the campaign.

Contributions for the film or requests for further information may be sent direct to Methodist Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Ave. N. E., Washington 2, D. C.

# The Changing Rural Situation

by J. ALBERT HOPKINS

President Arkansas Farmers Union



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A great latent force is being immobilized in America. It was present at birth of civilization. It brought mankind out of roving in wildernesses. It was the strength of mutual effort in the American Colonies and in the foundation and formative years of our great nation. This is the force of community spirit.

Somehow, in many places, this spirit seems to have receded in our new age of invention, of bigger and glittering cities, of fast travel, of movies, radio and television, gadgets, in the myriad of other devices for entertainment and diversion and in a kind of snobbery for many simple virtues.

The results have become plain to all of us as seen in an alarming growth in juvenile delinquency, of crime, of rotting little towns, of discarded church buildings, of neglect of community loyalties and pride, of a free trade in friendship and common purpose that a common community effort nourishes.

Rural churches and family farmers are affected most by this changing condition. The churches must take positive action which will prevent the further erosion of wholesome rural life—this basis of communities.

People are leaving our farms by the thousands. We can travel across our great State of Arkansas and see the tragic ghost towns where once were well kept churches, crowded school buildings, the evidences of work and pride all around. We can see where the spirit has withered, where the old virtues of neighborliness, of mutual concern and of community action have been replaced by cold, impersonal-type, machine operations. Sentimentalizing about the peace and beauty of the countryside will avail little if the exodus of the family farmer continues. Those who remember the prosperous little towns and churches surrounded by frugal farm homes cannot but look at today's trends with misgivings. According to agricultural statistics, we have a much larger acreage under cultivation and a far fewer number of farmers than one or two decades ago.

The king-size, commercial-type farms owned by corporations are found in increasing numbers. The sharpest decrease has been in the family-type farms of from 20 to 259 acres. The group with from 260 to 499 acres, composed largely of well established, family holdings, have just about held their own in number, despite a tremendous increase in our population. Traditional American farm life, caught between the

zero and upper milestones, by the multiplication of suburban acreages, on the one hand, and the growth of agricultural giants on the other, is slowly passing out of existence.

Religious authorities are well aware that church consolidations didn't necessarily follow school consolidations. They know that large numbers of rural people, forced into urban areas and industrial jobs, because of unfavorable farming conditions, did not carry their zest for religion into the metropolitan churches.

We are pointing out nothing new. The tractor and giant combine have declared a war of extermination on the small agriculturist. From the Canadian border South, large scale farming using expensive machinery and government subsidies cultivates tracts of land from 10,000 to 50,000 acres. For these farmers, there is no farm crisis. But their prosperity is the ruin of millions of small growers of wheat and cotton. The little growers are trapped. Since drastic steps to turn the battle have not been taken, we have dust bowls and other tragic consequences. In many a small farm home, the tenant family is going over its financial resources to find the wherewithal with which to cross the line into farm ownership, or perhaps the savings that could help a son, at heart a farmer, to start in some other vocation. It is for such people, to whom farming is a way of life, that the church's heart should be touched. Helping young America by sound business methods to hold the line against destruction is a worthy Christian service.

Today, only one out of 10 farmers is below 30 years of age. The majority are past 50. Where will this trend lead our national economy? Two arguments are constantly advanced in favor of the big farms. One is that it follows the principle of free enterprise. There is no objection to that principle if it is permitted to operate on all levels and is not made a moral justification for the big man's power to absorb less fortunate men's businesses or farms.

The giants of industry may be able to make automobiles better, but to use the standards of big industry as a measuring stick for farming is absurd. The one produces according to specifications, moving and stopping the assembly lines at will. The other deals with soil, seeds and seasons, never knowing what the outcome will be in any one year.

The second argument points to the better experimental facilities available to the large farms. Again, this is true. But most such farms are corporations that farm the farmer. Most

useful experimentation is still done at state agricultural colleges whose services are accessible to anyone who requests them.

This much-alluded-to parallel of industry and farming breaks down completely when seen in the light of a community's welfare. When industry expands, more people are needed, more housing, more stores, more schools, more churches. When farms expand, we get bigger machines and fewer workers and homes are taken off the land. Towns lose business and railroads withdraw their trains and take up their tracks. Schools and churches are turned into graineries. Big business may benefit the community which farming destroys it. The type of farming which finds its best expression on the family farm shelters economic and spiritual values for which there are no substitutes. This claim is supported by every impartial investigation and is aptly expressed and proved in the *Christian Century's* survey of Great Churches in America in 1950.

It is evident that the farmer's economic problem, as steward of God's gifts, is primarily a spiritual one, involving the preservation of the Christian home in the country. There must be stronger, denominational guidance and support to call a halt to the erosion of rural community life. The church at large owes a debt to this by-passed mission field. It's time for us to take stock and, where it exists, do penance—then act.

America came to greatness from her grass roots, and it is from life in small communities that strength must continue to flow and nourish our country toward greater accomplishment which can be shared by all. The hope of America is not that our large cities shall become larger. It is rather that the small communities shall consolidate their opportunities to grow, and become better, more interesting places where our people can live and prosper. In the final analysis, our nation is just one community added to another until the splendid total makes us what we are. The community spirit simply is—Friendship in Action.

## Christianity Still Active In China

Despite continued pressure by the Communist government, there is evidence of a growing vitality among Christian churches in China today.

In apparent defiance of their Communist masters, hundreds of Chinese are joining churches each year and reports indicate a limited expansion of some church activities.

This is the picture of Chinese churches presented today by the Rev. Dr. Francis P. Jones, for 3\* years a Methodist missionary-educator in Nanking, and editor of the *China Bulletin*, published bi-weekly by the National Council of Churches.

Addressing the annual meeting of the China Committee of the National Council's Far Eastern Joint Office, Dr. Jones made it clear that such church-related enterprises as hospitals, orphanages and schools have been taken out of church hands and are now run by the govern-

ment. However, these properties so far have not been actually confiscated.

Evidence of new growth in membership is seen in reports from a scattering of major cities, Dr. Jones said. He cited one report that three large churches in Shanghai welcomed more than 100 new members at Christmas. In the same city choirs of some 20 churches united recently to present a new oratorio composed by a U. S.-trained Chinese.

Earlier, Dr. Wei Hsiao-Jen, a member of the Chinese nationalist delegation to the United Nations told the meeting one of the outstanding facts about present Formosan domestic policy is the number of native Formosans in positions of local leadership.

Of those heading the governments of the island's 16 provinces and municipalities, he said, all but two are Formosa-born.

Dr. Wei spoke as a member of a panel which included the Rev. Dr. William P. Fenn, of the

United Board of Christian Colleges in China; Dr. E. H. Johnson, secretary for Overseas Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Miss Clara M. French, executive secretary for work in the Philippines, China and Malaya of the Methodist Church. Some 50 missions leaders attended the meeting, held at Union Square here.

Generally, Mr. Jones told the missions leaders, the Chinese churches have found it necessary for survival to accept, however modified, certain aspects of the Communist party line. In the name of patriotism they have called for loyalty to the Communist government as the de facto leadership of the country.

However we may feel about this, the missions leader pointed out, we must remember the great difference between their situation and ours. They are not in the position to criticize their government as we are in a free nation.

## New Hope For Millions

**I**N a generation which will undoubtedly be remembered as one in which great strides have been made in the introduction and perhaps perfection of weapons of mass destruction it is indeed heartening to contemplate that this generation will also be remembered as the one in which a medical discovery has been made which will be the means of saving annually thousands of lives. Many children will be alive this time next year because of the research and devotion of Dr. Jonas E. Salk who apparently has discovered and perfected a vaccine which affords protection against the dread infantile paralysis which has taken the lives of so many children during recent years.

The Salk vaccine was used extensively last year on a national scale with the results being carefully tabulated. Study of the results indicate that the vaccine is 90% effective with a likelihood that further research and development may yield an even higher degree of effectiveness. The vaccine is now being produced in large quantities and rushed to all sections of the nation for injections at the earliest possible date so that protection may be afforded for the coming summer season, the time when polio strikes the hardest.

According to an Associated Press report, "Dr. Salk gets no royalties for his work since his discovery is not patented. It is a property of the American people whose "dimes" have made it possible." There are still many great pieces of work being done by unselfish people for which great material reward is not a primary consideration. Such people have a sense of achievement which money itself cannot buy and which can never be taken from them regardless of methods employed.

As scientists continue to unravel the secrets of the universe it is to be hoped that these new discoveries can be devoted to such creative and helpful purposes as Dr. Salk's vaccine, rather than being channeled into avenues of potential destruction. The gift of the Salk vaccine to the world may help to offset in some instances impressions that our nation has something less than humanitarian designs.

## Publications Join National Organization

**O**N Wednesday, April 13, the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* were received into membership of the Associated Church Press at its annual meeting at Washington, D. C. This organization is composed of 129 church and independent religious publications of the United States and Canada which have a combined circulation of more than 10½ million subscribers. This writer was present at the recent meeting and received the memberships in behalf of these two publications. Our readers will be interested to learn that no other publication in Arkansas or Louisiana holds membership in the Associated Church Press.

The organization which has its headquarters office in New York affords its various publication members many advantages all of which may be used to increasing the quality and effectiveness of member publications. Attendance at the organization's annual meeting was itself a very helpful and stimulating experience since many outstanding government, religious and publication leaders were on the program.

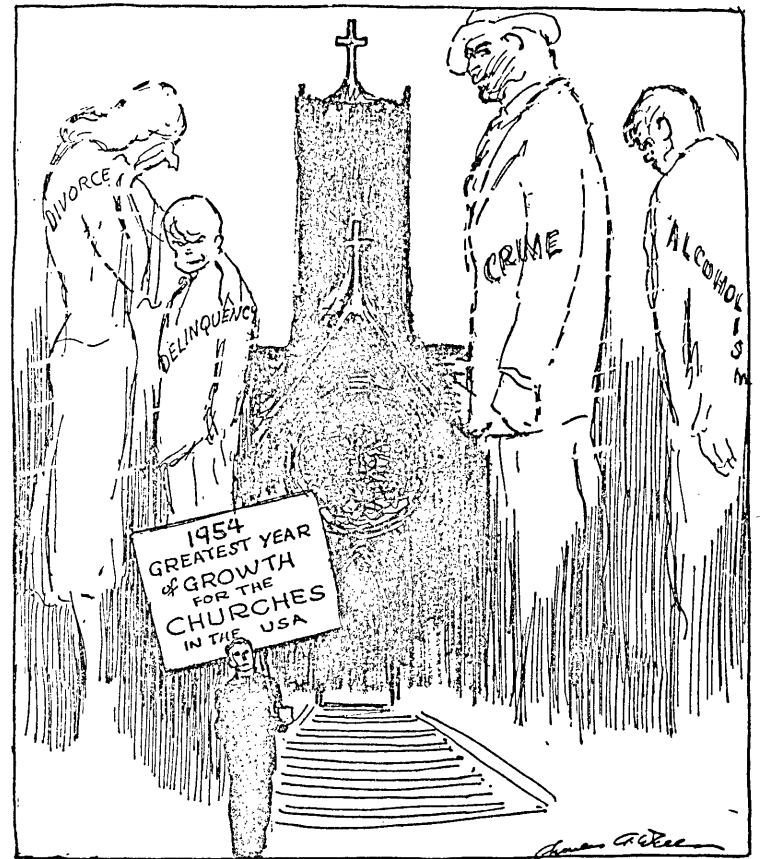
## "And Become As A Little Child"

**I**T was our privilege recently to be permitted to watch a little child for a while and to note something of its reactions to the big world in which it found itself.

The little one appeared to be seeing many things for the first time but in spite of their strangeness there was no sign of fear. Every new experience was accepted in a spirit of adventure and excited expectancy.

It is little wonder that Jesus said to adults, "Except . . . ye become as little children." Years lose much of their powers to harm the individual who is able to retain something of the fearless spirit of expectancy, adventure, faith and enthusiasm that make child life so attractive.

The adult makes a grave mistake if he ever comes to feel that



life holds for him no new secrets, no new experiences, no new challenges that can give added interest and usefulness to life. Age is not measured by years alone but also by the character of spirit life holds.

## Russia Lacks Basis For Fight Against Immorality

**R**ECENT press reports announce that the Soviet Union has projected a campaign to stamp out immorality among communist party leaders especially and Soviet citizens in general. Since when did Russia begin to be concerned about the moral content of any act? The commonly-accepted standard by which any activity of a Soviet citizen is measured is simply does it help the communist cause.

We might also ask where do Russian leaders, who reject the teachings of the Bible as authoritative, find a basis for calling anything moral or immoral? If one attempts to decide what is right or wrong, moral or immoral by studying merely the opinions of men, be those men the most learned philosophers of earth today or yesterday, he would find himself hopelessly confused. Some of the brightest minds of earth are at times quite contradictory regarding many of the questions of right and wrong.

If we are to have a satisfactory basis for judging the moral content of an act it must be measured by a fixed norm, some pronouncement on the question that man can accept as authoritative and final. The Christian feels that he has this in the Bible, an authoritative revelation of God's will and laws relating to human conduct. If we refuse the Bible as authoritative, as Russian leaders do, all we have left, as a guide for human conduct, are the conflicting opinions of men, our own included.

Russia is now discovering that the Ten Commandments cannot be repealed by governmental edicts or official pronouncements. It is just as hurtful to break the seventh commandment in Russia as it is in a Christian nation, regardless of what Russia believes about the Bible.

Immorality in Russia does not suddenly become bad because Russian leaders see that it is undermining the social and family life of the Soviet Union; immorality has been wrong since the foundation of the world and is so revealed by the eternal laws of God.

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## GOD'S HELP IN TROUBLE

When is the best time to talk about trouble? When we are not in trouble, the subject doesn't interest us. When we are in trouble, we rarely view the subject intelligently. Perhaps it would be best not to talk about trouble at all.



Maybe it would be well if we adopted the attitude of the tramp who said that he always kept the wind at his back. The only defect about that practice is that it makes you a tramp, just drifting with whatever wind may blow.

Maybe to some of you it seems uncourageous to talk about how God helps in time of trouble. Perhaps we could assume the spirit of the London cockney who in the dark days of 1940, when Dunkerque cast its shadow across the Channel, said: "Life ain't all that you want, but it is all that you can 'ave. So stick a geranium in your 'at, and be 'appy." However, we cannot escape trouble that easily—with all due respect for geraniums.

### No Blanket Prescription

Since troubles are of such a vast variety, I realize there is no blanket prescription which can be given for their cure. But ponder the familiar statement with which the Hebrew singer begins the 46th Psalm; "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Life is so full of petty irritations. I presume most of us in our youth read "Gulliver's Travels." It is one of the most popular books for children in the English-speaking world, and also one of the most penetrating interpretations of adult life.

As the giant Gulliver was tormented in the land of the pygmies, so we grown-ups are harassed by a horde of little trouble-makers. They get on

our nerves, they fret our tempers, they distract our minds, they may even get us down, as they did Gulliver. These little frustrations and petty insults constitute what a friend of mine calls "the mosquitoes of life." God is our refuge from these trivial troubles of life, for in His greatness we find a largeness of perspective which helps us to see the molehills as molehills and not as mountains.

### A Bigness of Spirit

He imparts a bigness of purpose which sweeps us along with a force that brushes aside petty irritations. We catch also a bigness of spirit which makes us too magnanimous to remember insults or to cherish grudges.

A friend of mine lost his good executive position through rivalries in his organization. He was about 40 and it was a real blow. Speaking of it afterwards, he said, "I never felt I could afford the luxury of resentment." With that godly attitude he started in a new business and today he is a recognized leader.

Turn now to the tempestuous troubles of life. They may begin as little things—just a little laxity here and there, just a little something wrong in this place or that. Thus we "sow the wind and reap the whirlwind." The little troubles grow until troubles "like the sea billows roll."

Or these stormy troubles may come through no fault of our own. Yet they do come and even the hardest mariner at times longs for the harbor.

### A Refuge

The testimony of experience is that God is our refuge from the tempestuous troubles of life as a land-locked harbor is a shelter from the waves that beat on a strong-and-rock-bound coast. Temptations and trials do not reach us when we are in the presence of God.

Remember, too, that God is both our *refuge and strength* to overcome our troubles by work and service. A mother in my church lost her little seven-year-old son. At first she kept his playroom intact and there she would go to nurse her grief. Finally she started a nursery for some poor children and in that work she found the comfort to surmount her sorrow.

## On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

### CAN WE REALLY CONQUER WITH LOVE?

There seems to be quite general agreement that one of the greatest—if not *the* greatest—sermons of modern times is that preached toward the close of the last century by the famed Scottish biologist and theologian, Henry Drummond. Entitled "The Greatest Thing in the World", it is based on the most notable sermon in the New Testament following the days of Jesus.—I Cor. 13 (RV).

This *Love* which Jesus lived, and Paul expounded, and Drummond and many another preacher has extolled and proclaimed: *do we really believe in its power?* Do we believe that *Love* is the summary and the springboard of all the Christian virtues; that it will overcome all evil; that it is "the greatest thing in the world"—the only cure of all humanity's ills? Or, deep down in our hearts, do we lack faith in *Love's* power, and so try other "means" of gaining objectives—the use of material abundance, physical force, cunning knowledge, even deceit? If we (Christians) really believe in *Love's* power, why don't we *proclaim it by living it?* Why, instead of occasional learned studies on *eros* and *agape*, do not our pulpits and our seminaries teach us *how to practice Love and apply Love until Love conquers the world?* . . .

Summarizing Paul's analysis of *Love*, Dr. Drummond finds that "the spectrum of *Love* has nine ingredients": *Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Humility, Courtesy, Unselfishness, Good Temper, Guilelessness, Sincerity.* These, he suggests, are the measure of the perfect man—the Christian; and these are all related to man and to man's life today.

"The final test of religion", says Dr. Drummond, "is not religiousness, but *Love*; not what I have done, not what I have believed, not what I have achieved, but how I have discharged the common charities of life. . . By what we have not done, *by sins of omission*, we are judged. . . The words which all of us shall one day hear sound not of theology, but of life; not of churches and saints, but of the hungry and the poor; not of creeds and doctrines, but of shelter and clothing; not of Bibles and prayer-books, but of cups of cold water."

Everywhere in the world—out among men—and among troubles and obstacles, Dr. Drum-

mond reminds us, there are opportunities for learning *Love*: "if a man does not exercise his soul, he acquires no muscle in his soul, no strength of character, no vigor of moral fibre, nor beauty of spiritual growth." And the task of the Christian and of the church is to *teach men* to do acts of *Love* so that they become strong in *Love*. "The one eternal lesson for us all is the lesson of how better we can love."

Applying Drummond's analysis of Paul's "Sermon on *Love*" to what many people consider the most difficult problem of our day—living in peace with Russia—what is required of us? and what is its power to attain good?

*Love* that will win *Peace* has these ingredients: *Patience* (with Russia) that will not ever say, "We can't do business with them"; but trying and trying again to understand and to confer. *Kindness* that ministers even in the face of seeming unkindness. *Generosity*, in thought and deed, to a people long underprivileged, long ruled by despots. *Humility* that never boasts of wealth or power, never threatens to use strength, never rouses fear, or envy, or hate. *Courtesy* which is the natural and willing expression of equality, of justice, of brotherhood. *Unselfishness*—never seeking to exploit, or drive a sharp bargain, or giving service or help for an ulterior motive. *Good Temper* even when the other seems obstinate or exasperating; never giving way to anger, jealousy, pride, uncharity. *Guilelessness*: never deceiving in word or act; never conjuring up evil motives when the other speaks or acts. *Sincerity*—rejoicing when we learn the truth, if the truth is good.

If *Love* is "the greatest thing in the world", and can overcome all evil, even war: let us study it in our churches, and practice it in our every act.

"*Love* is the only power that does not corrupt him who uses it", someone said recently. Do we believe it?

**T**HE TENTH ANNUAL "Ministers' Seminar," sponsored by the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., will be held April 26-28 in Washington, D. C. Dr. J. Richard Spann, head of the board's Department of In-Service Training, will direct the seminar. He said that 100 ministers, each representing a Methodist Conference, have been invited to attend. Delegates are selected by Dr. Spann from nominees named by ministers who participated in previous seminars. "Our objective is to provide ministers with 'behind-the-scenes' glimpse of national and international agencies in an effort to help understand the relationship of Christian leaders in national and world affairs," Dr. Spann said. The ministerial group will visit government agencies, embassies, educational institutions, and confer with leaders of Congress and the executive branch, diplomats, clergymen and newspaper editors.

## The Layman's Column

By Charles A. Stuck  
Lay Leader  
North Arkansas Conference



### "IT ALL STAYS IN THE COUNTY"

We have many collection campaigns these days. Outside the Church there are the Red Cross, the Polio Fund, the Heart Fund, the Cancer Fund, the Underprivileged Children Fund, etc. Even in our churches we have additional drives for funds above the normal budget call to the members.

The difference that this writer takes with such drives is not that there are too many of them. Actually, if a person tithes his income, he will always have money to spend on worthwhile, life-saving funds such as these. So there is no particular problem there except that some workers have to do a lot of traveling to raise these necessary funds. The disturbing thought about a lot of this campaigning is the oft-repeated sales point . . . "Most of this money stays in the county."

Is this a good argument for Christians to accept? After all, where would we be if Jesus had only died for the sinners of his home country, Galilee? What if the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15:1-30) had decided that salvation was to be preached only to the Jews? What if Paul had decided that the barbarians of Europe were not his responsibility? Or coming closer to our time, where would the Methodist Church be today if John Wesley had not told a hide-bound English clergyman, "I regard the world as my parish." These questions all crowd against any concept that our giving should bless only those whom we can see because they are near to us.

Christians can ill afford to fall victim of any plan of giving which does not include all classes and conditions of God's children. Of course we should help those near to us, but if we continue to let such a scheme guide us, the relation of nearness will become smaller and smaller. On the contrary, the essence of Christianity has always been that we are debtors "both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and the foolish", as Paul wrote to the Roman church. Christians must broaden their love and forbearance to the point that they will be happy to see their money and talents spread to the uttermost parts of the earth. Only in this way can we show our world that Christianity has a message more powerful than any other belief the world knows.

# SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION CONVOCATION

By Georgia Neely

Some 100 Methodists from throughout Arkansas and Louisiana attended the South Central Jurisdiction Convocation at the First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, April 12-14.

The Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, which held a session Tuesday, urged two U. S. Senate leaders to work for United States aid to the United Nations technical assistance program.

Following a move made by Mrs. Earl Cotton, Little Rock, Jurisdiction secretary of Christian Social Relations, the 108 delegates from eight states voted unanimously for the resolution, and wires were sent to Senator Hayden, of Arizona, chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, and Senator George, of Georgia, chairman of the foreign relations committee. The women were requested to write to Congressmen from their states.

The resolution is in support of President Eisenhower's request to aid war stricken areas throughout the world in the field of agriculture.

The women also voted to study the United Nations Charter in order that they will be ready to express their views when the Charter is revised in 1956.

At a pledge service, the W. S. C. S. of the 18 Conferences of the Jurisdiction pledged \$1,571,866.96 for support of Methodist missions throughout the world. Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, president of the Little Rock Conference, pledged \$75,000; Mrs. E. K. Kaetzell, president of the North Arkansas Conference, \$56,000; and Mrs. C. I. Jones, president of the Louisiana Conference, \$94,000.

Jurisdictional officers of the W. S. C. S. from Arkansas and Louisiana in addition to Mrs. Cotton, who reported at the meeting include: Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Russellville, secretary of literature and publications; Mrs. Neill Hart, El Dorado, secretary of children's work; Miss Gertie Stiles, Ft. Smith, Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. Sam Dunbar, New Orleans, secretary of supply work; and Mrs. Glen Laskey, Ruston, recording secretary. Miss Betty Letzig, Rogers, is chairman of the standing committee on deaconesses.

Bishop Paul E. Martin, Methodist head of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, led the worship service at Wednesday's session of the Convocation.

The Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, was leader of one of the six discussion groups which met Wednesday and Thursday, to discuss topics centered around the general theme of the meeting, "Methodism Advancing Through the Local Church." The Rev. Roy Fawcett, Little Rock, was associate leader, and Mrs. Laskey served as secretary for the group.

Dr. Elton Trueblood autographs a copy of his latest book, *Declaration of Freedom*, for Bishop Paul E. Martin. Dr. Trueblood spoke on "The New Excitement in the Christian Cause"

Some 30 Methodist preachers and laymen attended meetings of the Jurisdiction Boards and Commissions.

The 800 delegates, visitors, and board members heard Dr. Eugene L. Smith, New York, executive secretary of the Division of World Missions of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, say that while the church has been enjoying success, Christianity has suffered its worst defeats in 2,000 years. He was referring to the progress of Communism in some parts of the world.

Dr. Elton Trueblood, chief of Religious Information, U. S. Information Agency, Washington D. C., gave the Methodists hope, however, when he told of the work of the Voice of America, and how broadcasts were penetrating the Iron Curtain.

"A year ago we received 60 letters a month from overseas listeners. Now we get 9,000 a month. Some come from Russia," he said.

Other principal speakers on the program were Dr. George A. Buttrick, Harvard University; and Dr. Willis Tate, president of Southern Methodist University.

The Jurisdictional Council is headed by Dr. Marshall Steel, former Arkansas; and members of the Council from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area are: Bishop Martin; Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Hot Springs; and Dr. Guy Hicks, Ruston.

Following are the officers of the newly-organized Board of Social and Economic Relations of the South Central Jurisdiction elected Wednesday, April 13, at the organization meeting in Fort Worth:

Chairman: Rev. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith, Ark.

Vice chairman: Rev. Vance D. Rogers, Lincoln, Nebr.

Secretary-treasurer: Mrs. Glen Laskey, Ruston, La.

The new jurisdictional board will cooperate with the General Board of Social and Economic Relations, headquartered in Chicago, and will help correlate activities of the annual conference boards of social and economic relations.

The following new officers of the South Central Jurisdiction Deaconess Association were elected Wednesday, April 13, at a meeting in Polytechnic Methodist Church, Fort Worth:

Miss Ruth Emory, Oklahoma City, secretary. Miss Evelyn Green, Oklahoma City, vice president.

Miss Alice Murdock, Kansas City, Kan., representative to the Commission on Deaconess Work.

Other officers continue or were not up for election at this time.

on Wednesday morning and Bishop Martin led the worship service.

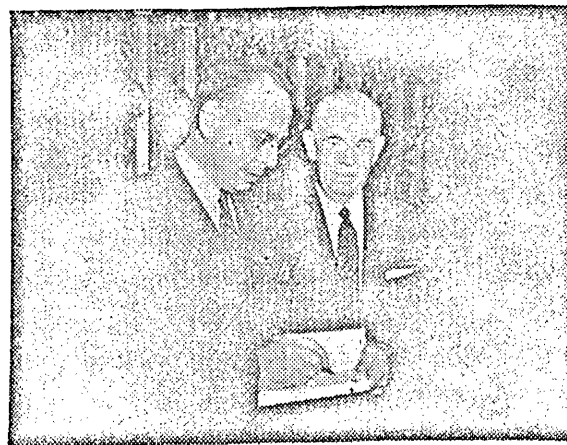
Dr. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church in Little Rock, leading one of the discussion groups at the convocation.



TOP, South Central Jurisdictional officers from the Louisiana Conference: L to R: Mrs. Sam Dunbar, Secretary of Supply Work; Mrs. Glen Laskey, Recording Secretary.

CENTER, South Central Jurisdictional Officers from Arkansas in attendance at the convocation: L to R: Mrs. Earl Cotton, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; Mrs. Neill Hart, Secretary of Children's Work; Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Secretary of Literature and Publications; Miss Gertie Stiles, Wesleyan Service Guild.

BOTTOM, The three Conference Presidents of the W. S. C. S. of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area attending the convocation: L to R: Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, North Arkansas Conference; Mrs. C. I. Jones, Louisiana Conference; Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Little Rock Conference.



# Bishop Paul E. Martin

Eleven Years Bishop Of  
Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area

The many friends of Bishop Martin in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area and elsewhere, will appreciate the tribute paid him by the editor of *The Church School* magazine in the May issue.

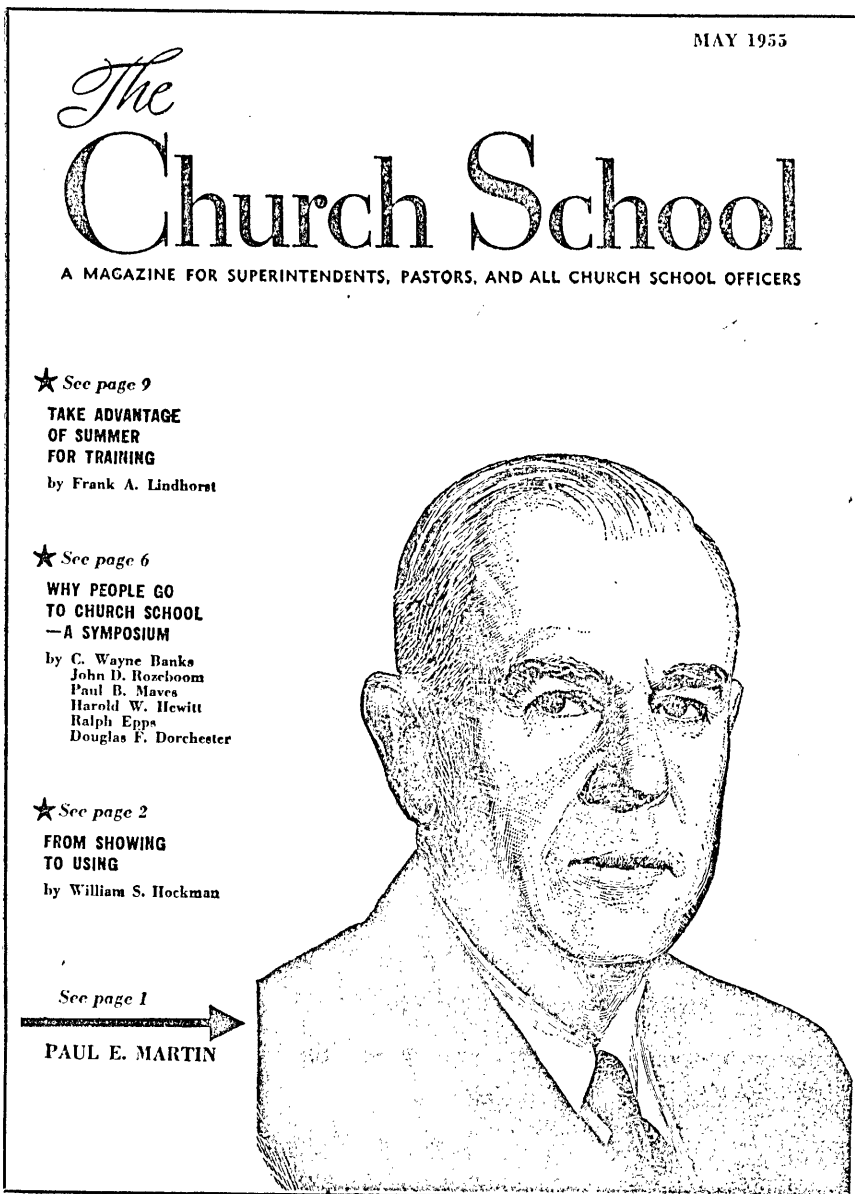
The cover of this national, monthly magazine carries a pen and ink portrait of Bishop Martin who is now serving his eleventh year as Bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area.

A page one article by the editor, the Rev. Walter N. Vernon, Jr., pays tribute to Bishop Martin for the unusual service he has rendered the church as Pastor, District Superintendent, Bishop and as a member of Boards of the church.

It is easy for Methodists of the Arkansas - Louisiana Area to understand the appreciative spirit which prompted this "salute" to our Bishop. Elected a Bishop at the South Central Jurisdictional Conference which met at Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1944, Bishop Martin was assigned to the Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area, with residence at Little Rock.

He has served Arkansas and Louisiana longer than any former Bishop. No Bishop has ever served this Area more effectively or more acceptably than he. That service has become more effective, more constructive and more stimulating with each passing year.

Bishop Martin's powers of leadership are now recognized and felt throughout the church. Methodism does itself an honor when it honors this Christian statesman and beloved brother.



COVER PAGE OF MAY ISSUE, THE CHURCH SCHOOL

THE

BROADCASTER

J. Daniel Barron



## On Christian Fellowship

In my book, if you don't have joyful Christian fellowship in your church, you don't have a church, really.

This came home to me at a church service in Cincinnati. Three other preachers and I arrived early and took our places for the service. The day was beautiful, the congregation was large, the service (including the sermon) was correct and cold.

The four preachers made their way through the dismissed congregation and back to their hotels. And till this day not a soul in that church has spoken to either one of us.

The members of that church had no way of knowing we were not rich newcomers to the neighborhood on the lookout for a church home. We looked and acted the part.

On the way we wailed at what was lacking in the church—Christian fellowship. Were we to be in that city again on a Sunday morning not one of us would have a desire to attend that church. Nor would any four laymen, or four hundred laymen, who met with like experiences.

During the Christmas holidays, a part of my family and I had similar encounters with churches in California on three successive Sundays.

Following one of the services, upon an invitation from the pulpit, we attended a coffee time—a time designed for fellowship. We got lukewarm coffee and a cold reception. No one spoke to us during the entire "fellowship".

What a contrast of all this I found in First church, Hollywood. During the fellowship hour after the service, my relatives and I met the pastor, many of the members and other visitors. Upon hearing that my relatives lived in Hollywood, one lady gave them a sincere invitation to "come be one of us".

The next time I am in Hollywood, if I am not too busy making a picture, I am going to that church. Recently when I was back there my relatives said they had been back to that church, though it is not their denomination.

Brother laymen, go all out to make your churches friendly places, places of Christian fellowship, places where people like to be.

Nerve?" the *Century* editorial writer suggests the following possible explanations for the poor sale of "Plowshares and Pruning Hooks:"

1. Discovery that world order is a "controversial" subject.

2. Belief that our national military establishment is a more dependable source of "security" than an enlightened Christian conscience.

3. The feeling that we aren't fighting now, so why get excited?

4. Parsonical preoccupation with other matters.

Traced directly to the *Century* editorial, more than a hundred orders have come into the Central Office of Promotion from a dozen different Protestant denominations and a Jewish rabbi. Orders have come from 20 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada.

## \*We Salute

### BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN

Those who know Bishop Paul E. Martin—and there are many across this country who know and love him—find that one of his outstanding traits is his interest in people. This has marked his ministry as a pastor, district superintendent, and bishop. Such a trait in Bishop Martin, however, is not to be wondered at, for he is the son of a doctor. He has the open friendliness that ought to characterize all Christians.

With the tradition of service to people found in his father, Bishop Martin originally planned to enter the teaching profession and did so for a few years. Soon, however, he felt the call to the ministry and he turned to that field where he has achieved conspicuous success. In each of his pastorates he was outstanding in his pastoral ministry and at the same time he was a vigorous and challenging preacher.

His interest in teaching carried over into his ministry and for a number of years he was president of his conference (North Texas) board of education. He has been a member of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church since he was elected a bishop, serving during the quadrennium of 1948 to 1952 as chairman of the Editorial Division and serving during the present quadrennium as chairman of the Division of the Local Church. In addition, he is the president of the Board of Temperance, he is a trustee of Southern Methodist University, Hendrix College, Centenary College of Shreveport, Dillard University, Western Methodist Assembly, Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, and the Methodist Home-Hospital in New Orleans. He has been assigned to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area since his election as bishop in 1944.

His college and seminary training was secured at Southern Methodist University, from which institution he also holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature. In addition, he holds honorary degrees from Southwestern University and Hendrix College. In March of 1954, he was given the Distinguished Alumnus Award of Southern Methodist University.

Bishop Martin brings to all of the responsibilities assigned to him an alert mind, a spirit of good will, a ready grasp of the issues involved, and a deep concern for furthering the cause of the kingdom of God. His versatility is well demonstrated in his serving effectively as chairman of two different divisions of the Board of Education. One of the root meanings of the Greek word for bishop is "overseer" or "guardian." Bishop Martin fulfills this function well in whatever capacity the church asks him to serve.

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## EDITORIAL IN CHRISTIAN CENTURY AIDS BOOK SALE

As a result of a recent editorial in *The Christian Century*, the Methodist Church's Central Office of Promotion at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, has had a sizeable influx of orders for "Plowshares and Pruning Hooks" — 94-page booklet being used in the current Crusade for World Order.

After commenting most favorably upon the booklet and speculating about possible reasons why sales of it are lagging, the *Century* (March 23, 1955) invited people from other denominations to order copies. As a result, a surprising number of orders came in during the first week after the publication of the editorial.

The *Century* pointed out that less than half of the press run of 400,000 copies of the booklet ordered by the Council of Bishops' committee on the Crusade for World Order have been purchased by pastors for sale to their congregations. The booklet is one of the links in an educational program about the United Nations and world order, which was authorized by the 1952 General Conference.

Writing under the title, "Are Methodist Parsons Losing Their

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

A CLASS of twenty-five was received into the church at Charleston on Easter Sunday morning. Rev. H. Lynn Wade is pastor.

DR. MATT ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, Conway, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Russellville, on Wednesday evening, April 20.

REV. J. RALPH CLAYTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Warren, was the preacher in Holy Week services at the Jackson Street Methodist Church in Magnolia where Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr., is pastor.

REV. BYRON McSPADDEN, pastor at Corniing, was the guest preacher in evangelistic services at the Griffin Memorial Methodist Church, Paragould, last week. Rev. Clyde E. Crozier is pastor of Griffin Memorial.

CHARLES STUCK, lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, and will present the charter to the club. The meeting will be held on April 22.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Garland County Group Ministry will entertain all the lay speaker of the group with a dinner, Monday, April 25, at New Salem Church at 7:00 p.m., according to an announcement by J. O. Miller, chairman of Lay Speakers.

REV. E. G. KAETZELL, district superintendent of the Searcy District, assisted the pastor, Rev. H. J. Couchman, at Harrison, in pre-Easter services Sunday, April 3, through Friday, April 8. There were 21 additions, nine by vow and twelve by letter.

DR. CECIL R. CULVER, district superintendent of the Monticello District, led in the service of dedication of the educational annex and other improvements at the Barnett Memorial Methodist Church of Star City in a Good Friday service. Rev. Phil L. Pierce is pastor.

REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Magnolia, spoke at the Wednesday evening prayer service of the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, on April 20 and showed slides of his recent trip to Cuba. Mr. Hozendorf was a member of the team that assisted in the Evangelistic Mission to Cuba.

A FISHERMAN'S CLUB has been organized in Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, with E. A. Frost as chairman. The main purpose of Fisherman's Clubs is to "visit those who need Christ and a Church Home," remembering that Christ said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

ED MATTHEWS, junior at the University of Arkansas, was guest preacher at Calico Rock on Sunday, April 10. Mr. Matthews has recently dedicated his life to the agricultural missionary work. He was elected president of the Methodist Student Movement for the state last year, and has served as president of the Methodist Student Foundation at Fayetteville.

THE MILLSAPS SINGERS, 60-voice a cappella choir of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., gave a sacred concert on Tuesday evening, April 12, at Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock. The choir is composed of undergraduate students of the liberal arts college. The choir makes annual tours through central, western and southern states. Alvin Jon King is the director.

FIRST CHURCH, BATESVILLE, received \$6,240.00 in a special Easter offering on Easter Sunday. Of this amount \$5,000.00 will be applied on the principal of the church debt and the remainder will be used for the benevolence assessments of the church. I. N. Barnett, Jr., headed the committee directing the program. Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers is pastor of the church.

REV. E. J. HOLIFIELD, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District, was the preacher in evangelistic services at the Fisher Street Methodist Church, Jonesboro, April 3 through April 10. Twenty-four were received into the church, 11 on profession of faith and 13 by transfer. Music was under the direction of Mrs. Peggy Brown, choir director. Rev. W. T. Lingo is pastor.

SYMPATHY goes out to Dr. E. K. Means, pastor emeritus of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, in the death of his wife on Sunday, April 10, in a Monroe hospital. Mrs. Means had been ill some time prior to her death. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. George D. Bland of Newellton. Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church of Monroe with interment in Newellton.

ON Easter Sunday, a colloquial translation of the Bible was made available in Tokyo, Japan. This is a Bible in easy language—a Bible children can read. The American Bible Society's foreign secretary, Dr. L. H. Holmgren, was in Japan for the presentation ceremonies. Many children who have only heard Bible stories are now able to read them.

DR. GAITHER P. WARFIELD, director of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, will leave New York May 10 for a trip to Western Europe, where he will attend a meeting of the administrative committee of the World Council of Churches. While in Europe, Dr. Warfield will visit Geneva, Rome, Naples, Munich, Vienna, Linz, Salsburg, Belgrade, Novi Sad, Skopbje, Athens, studying the work of the World Council and of the Methodist Church. He will return to New York June 7.

AN EASTER CANTATA, "The Cross Triumphant," was presented at the Calico Rock Methodist Church on Sunday night, April 10, under the direction of Harry O. Fritz with Mrs. Alfred Houck accompanying at the piano. Solo parts were taken by Perry E. Matthews, Louise Hiall, Troy Smith, Joe E. Matthews, Pat Jeffreys and Charlotte Conyers. Rev. Charles Casteel, pastor, opened the service with a prayer and a short talk on the importance of music in worship.

THE TEMPERANCE HILL CHURCH was dedicated on Easter Sunday with the pastor, Rev. Winston Hudnall, preaching the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Louis W. Averitt, pastor at Fordyce, assisted. The building is valued at \$10,000. The church, founded more than a century ago, is one of the oldest in South Arkansas. The building is third to be occupied in the long history of the church. It has an auditorium with a seating capacity of 300, two Sunday School rooms and space for the choir. It has been furnished with new pews and chairs.

DR. KENNETH SCOTT LATOURETTE, distinguished author, lecturer and teacher, will deliver the Fondren Lectures at Scarritt College October 24-26, according to an announcement by Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, president. Sterling Professor of Missions and Oriental History at Yale University from 1927 to 1953 when he became professor emeritus, Dr. Latourette is considered the world's leading authority on the history of missions. "The Challenge of the Christian World Mission to Protestants" is the general theme Dr. Latourette has chosen for the Fondren lectures. These lectures were endowed by Mrs. W. W. Fondren of Houston, Texas, for Scarritt College in order to promote better understanding of Christian missions.

### T-V JACKPOT GOES TO CHURCH

Groucho Marx was a factor recently in the gift of \$1,500 worth of new audio-visual equipment for the North Glendale, California, Methodist Church.

On Groucho's quiz program Bob Wian, successful developer of a chain of de luxe ham-

### PUBLICATIONS JOIN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

The *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* were admitted to membership in the Associated Church Press, a national association of church and independent Protestant religious publications, at the opening session of its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 13, in Washington, D. C. The organization has a membership of 125 publications representing many denominations in the religious field and has its headquarters in New York City.

The *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* are the only publications in Arkansas or Louisiana having membership in the organization.

Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, one of the editors of the publications, who attended the Association meeting, received the membership in behalf of the publications.

### NOTICE FROM CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH, WASHINGTON

Wanted, Methodists! Sons? Daughters? Friends? Relatives? Gone to Washington? Send us names, addresses, details, we will call. — Membership and Evangelism Commission, Calvary Methodist Church, 1459 Columbia Rd., N. W., Washington 9, D. C.

### AN INFORMAL GUIDE TO THE METHODIST CHURCH

Of interest to all Methodists will be the new book, *UNDERSTANDING THE METHODIST CHURCH*, by Dr. Nolan B. Harmon, scheduled for publication May 7 by Abingdon Press, New York and Nashville.

This book outlines briefly The Methodist Church's beginning, history, its doctrines and beliefs, rules for conduct, organization, ministry and church officials, worship and sacraments, activities and financial setup, world-wide program, and relation to other churches. *UNDERSTANDING THE METHODIST CHURCH* will be an invaluable "refresher" for those who already know their church history; and for those eager to learn, it will be easy, informative reading.

The distinguished author writes with authority on the subject. The son and grandson of Methodist ministers, he had a number of pastorates prior to entering the editorial field. Dr. Harmon has been Book Editor of *The Methodist Church* and Editor in Chief of Abingdon Press since 1940, and is also editor of *RELIGION IN LIFE* and one of the six editors of *THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE*. His other books include *MINISTERIAL ETHICS AND ETIQUETTE*, *THE ORGANIZATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH*, and *THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT*.

*UNDERSTANDING THE METHODIST CHURCH* will be 192 pages in length and will sell for \$2.00.

### ALEXANDER NUNN TO BE CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Alexander Nunn, of Loachapoka, Ala., a leading Methodist layman and one of the country's top farm editors, will be the keynote speaker for the Methodist Town and Country Conference, on the Campus of Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., July 22-25.

As managing editor of *Progressive Farmer* magazine, published in Birmingham, Ala., and an outstanding Methodist layman who has been a member of General Conferences and a delegate to the World Conference of Methodism in Oxford, England, in 1951, Mr. Nunn is considered an authority on Christian rural life. The *Progressive Farmer* has a circulation of more than a million.

burger restaurants, won highest awards of the evening. Confronted with the jackpot question, he came up with the right answer at the last second.

When asked what he planned to do with his share, millions of listeners heard Wian reply that he would give it to the motion picture project which he has personally been supporting in his local Methodist Church. Groucho gave the cause his blessing.



# Saw

## A Curve In The Road



By  
Rev. R. A. Teeter

that seemed to be a complete "road block". You couldn't tell the difference at first sight. You couldn't see around it. There was a deep chasm to the left, a high cliff to the right and a huge boulder directly in front. It looked like the end of the road. You had to come right up to it and try it out to know the difference. And that is what I did, but of course with reduced speed. I didn't want to turn back for the skyline of the city to which I was going was plainly visible across the valley. And a friendly sign told me in effect that I didn't need to. Just keep on going along the road that you can see. It seems to turn away from where you are going but don't worry about that—just follow the road as it becomes visible. Others have gone this way and made it, so can you. And I did.

That's the way it is on the road of every man's life. There are many curves in it around which no one can see, and the way often seems to be blocked. But others have gone before and left their mark. We believe there is a road around the bend because they left evidence. Sure, we aren't absolutely certain that they didn't fall over a cliff. But we give it a try and the road shows up as we have to have it.

Saul of Tarsus started out to Damascus with the road in full view and not a bend, he thought. But there was a sharp bend that required a complete change of direction, and a time when he couldn't move a foot except in faith and with the help of others who had gone that way. He came out where he really wanted to go—the City of God.

The Master Engineer has not laid out a straight line road. There are plenty of curves—and let us be glad we can't see around every one. For there are things there that we can take only in faith as we get to them. Jesus said: "I am the way." And this is the road that we can always be sure is there and will show up as we need it.

## UNIQUE SERVICE AT MOUNTAIN VIEW EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday was not only a great day for The Methodist Church at Mountain View, but also brought an unusual experience. The pastor received six people in to the church and christened four babies.

The rather unique feature of the service was in the fact that three of the adults joining the church were wives from the Baptist Church who joined The Methodist Church with their husbands. The wives not only took the vows of The Methodist Church but each had a baby christened. This was a very unusual experience in our ministry.

Of the three husbands, two are school men and one an attorney. One of the men will be the superintendent of our schools in Mountain View next year.—H. W. Jinske, pastor

## PRE-EASTER EVANGELISM AT DEQUEEN

A program continuing for four weeks, resulted in twenty-six additions and a church blessed and enriched with Easter Joy. The first week was given to prayer and spiritual preparation, concluding with a twenty-four hour Prayer Vigil beginning on Saturday noon and concluding at the Sunday Morning hour of Worship. We were registered with the General Board of Evangelism and became a part of the National Prayer Chain for 1955.

The Second week was given to Visitation Evangelism. Six teams visited for four nights and were largely responsible for the new class of members.

The Third week was Preaching Evangelism, we called it a "Preaching Mission". Rev. William O. Byrd of Arkadelphia, was the preacher and did a good piece of work for us. We shall always be indebted to him.

The Fourth week was Holy Week and was observed as such: The Candidates for membership were received on Palm Sunday morning and the two children's choirs brought Easter music at the evening hour. The church was filled at both hours. Wednesday night was prayer meeting, Maundy Thursday Evening was our Communion service with thirteen of our laymen dramatizing the Last Supper. Our church joined with the other DeQueen churches in the three-hour Good Friday service at the First Christian Church. Miss Dorothy Kelley gave the meditation on the third Word, spoken by Jesus on the Cross, and the Methodist Pastor gave the Seventh Word.

Easter Sunday began with a community Sunrise service in the city park. Over two hundred attended. Our Sunday school and church attendance made records. Infants were baptized at the morning hour and the Chancel Choir was at its very best in presenting the anthem "Lift Up Your Heads" by Ashford.—Alfred I. Doss

## HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

The 1955 Troubadour, Hendrix yearbook, was distributed at Hendrix last week. The Troubadour is the first college annual to appear this year in the state.

The identities of the Campus Sweetheart, beauties, and outstanding students were revealed for the first time with the distribution of the yearbook. This year's Campus Sweetheart is Anne Barker of Fort Smith, a senior English major. The Troubadour beauties are Meredith Miller, a junior from DeWitt; Ann Rice, a freshman from Tillar; Ann Franks of Forrest City and Rosemary Searcy of Lewisville, both juniors.

The twelve outstanding students of the year, chosen by the faculty, are L. K. Austin of Little Rock, Anne Barker of Fort Smith, Bill Blackburn of North Little Rock, Mary Nell Clayton of Tucker, Sue Fulmer of Conway, Jim Gossett of Burdette, Mac Jenkins of El Dorado, Dennis Lucy of Little Rock, Meredith Miller of DeWitt, Bill Thomason of Monticello, Norman Totten of Benton, and Peggy Tull of Benton.

Among the Who's Who selections for the year were Jim Gossett and Anne Barker, best liked; Dennis Lucy and Sue Fulmer, hardest workers; George Kamp of Conway and Martha Choate of Little Rock, most brilliant; and Jim Gossett and Peggy Tull, most respected.

Co-editors for the 1955 Trouba-

## RECORD SUNDAY AT 1ST CHURCH CAMDEN

Easter Sunday broke all attendance records at the First Methodist Church here. More than 2100 persons were in attendance at the various services. A total of 933 attended Sunday School which broke the all-time high of 817 established a few years ago. Goal for the Sunday was 900. The total enrollment is 1242. John Dawson, assistant superintendent in charge of promotion and attendance, sparked the attendance campaign. Charles E. Moseley is superintendent of the church school and directed the overall program.

Two worship services were held Sunday morning, at 8:30 and 10:50 a. m. and they drew over 830. At 5 p. m. there was a program of sacred music presented by the Men's chorus and over 250 attended. Young people and children programs were also held Sunday afternoon and night and fellowship hours drew large crowds.

Rev. R. B. Moore, pastor, christened a number of babies Easter Sunday and the number brought to 21 the total for the year; the largest number of babies baptized in one year in the history of Bro. Moore's ministry. He reported to the Board of Stewards Monday night April 11 that the church had received 105 new members this conference year and all church affairs were in good order, and that this was, by far one of his greatest years in the ministry. On Palm Sunday 16 children joined the church. Bro. Moore paid high tribute to Rev. Gerald Fincher, associate pastor, for his work with the young people and his preparation of the children for church membership and also his visitation program. Bro. Fincher will be in charge of a Junior Church which was organized Sunday April 17 with services at 11 a. m. each Sunday morning.

Two services were held on Palm Sunday and Easter. Two morning services will continue to be held

## BULL SHOALS CHURCHES COOPERATE

"The Town of Bull Shoals is yet too small to boast of a Council of Churches, but the two ministers, the Rev. Roy Hicks of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. O. E. Olson, pastor of the Methodist Church are working together as representatives of the towns' two churches.

Having united for a Thanksgiving Service, they decided to conduct Union Lenten Services, alternating the Wednesday nites at each Church. They joined in sharing the Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday. Speakers for these services, besides the local pastors, were Rev. Robert Howerton, pastor of Cotter Methodist, and Rev. W. McKee pastor of Mountain Home Presbyterian Church. In conjunction with the Lenten Services, Women of both church observed the World Day of Prayer, and presented the Drama "The Fruit of the Vine." The attendance has been most gratifying.—Mrs. L. T. Zarub, Sec., Official Board

dour were Babs Briant of Ashdown and Elmo Knoch of Little Rock. Harold Mann of Little Rock was business manager and Mrs. Betty Freeman of Conway was chief photographer.

This year's Troubadour was dedicated to Mrs. G. A. Hulen, college dietician for more than 35 years.

each Sunday morning in the church sanctuary, 8:30 a. m. and 10:50 a. m. during the spring.

## HISTORICAL BAPTISMAL SERVICE AT PRIMROSE EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Baptismal services at Primrose Methodist Church were held in a sanctuary which was filled to overflowing.

Among the seven young people who were baptized by the pastor, Reverend James Robert Scott, were the great, great granddaughters of the Reverend Dr. William P. Ratcliffe, one of the pioneer Methodist minister of Arkansas, who was three times pastor of First Methodist Church of Little Rock, and one of its founders 124 years ago.

The silver bowl used in the ceremony was used in baptizing all of the Ratcliffe and Hanger children, the two families being among the first in Little Rock.

Mentioned in commemoration were: Mr. John M. Dixon, Mr. C. S. Highley, Mrs. Bettie Johnson, Mr. John F. Miller, Mr. Lou Traver, Miss Bertha Vinson, and Mrs. Ham.

One infant was baptized. Eight were received into the church on profession of faith and six by transfer of membership.—Mrs. Walter Neel, reporter

## REVIVAL SERVICES AT BELLEVILLE

Sunday night, April 10th, brought to a close a series of services at the Belleville Methodist Church. The services ran daily through Holy Week.

Preaching in the different services were Rev. Fred Thompson, pastor; Rev. Wayman Kell, pastor of Waldron Circuit; Rev. E. F. Flowers of Oklahoma and Rev. Mrs. Fred Thompson, associate pastor. Holy Communion was administered.

The circuit also took part in a union sunrise service Easter morning at Havana. The Assembly of God pastor had charge of the program. The Presbyterian pastor brought the message; the pastor of the Baptist Church read the Scripture and the Methodist pastor led the opening prayer.

We have done some interior decorating of churches this year and refinished some pews. The parsonage has been modernized and a new well dug. We have had twenty-six additions to the church this conference year. We expect all financial matters to be paid in full by conference.—Fred Thompson, Pastor; Mrs. Fred Thompson, Associate Pastor

## PROGRESS ON ROE CIRCUIT

During our three years here, we have had many high days. Our parsonage opening, then the day of dedication of parsonage, when Bishop Martin, came and preached and dedicated the parsonage, the formal church wedding, when Imogene Laird, was married, but Palm Sunday, April 3, 1955, was a high day also. We received seven members into the church, all except one grown person, and this one a young lady, and we dedicated by Baptism four babies. We are glad to say the Education building at Shiloh church will soon be finished, which will add greatly to our work there. Our fourth Quarterly Conference will be held at Hunters Chapel which has been redone inside and out, on May the 22nd.—W. C. Lewis, pastor



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## LAZY DAISY

MOTHER was busier than usual that morning. Any-one could see she needed help; but Daisy had thought of something that she wanted to do, so she was very cross when Mother called her.

"Oh, dear! Oh, dear!" she sighed, as she started slowly toward the house. "Why do I always have to be doing something? Why can't Howard help Mother, when I want to pick flowers?"

"Daisy," said her mother, when she reached the house, "will you please carry this basket to Mrs. Smith's for me?"

"Why can't Howard take it?" asked Daisy.

"I have other things for Howard to do," explained Mother patiently. "I hope you have a nice time. And you must hurry, so you won't be late."

Daisy took the basket and started off unwillingly. She went along the edge of the pasture, looking wistfully at the pretty flowers, until she came to the woods.

Suddenly she stopped. She heard voices. Then she saw Elizabeth and Mary Brown, just as they entered the road in front of her and started on in the same direction that she herself was going.

A sudden thought came to her. "Why not ask these girls to take my basket on to Mrs. Smith's for me? They are probably going to her house, anyway."

"Where are you going?" asked Daisy.

"We're going to see Mrs. Smith," replied Mary. "And we're taking her this basket that Mother is sending," added Elizabeth.

"I just wonder, since you're going there anyway, if you will take my basket too," said Daisy.

"Of course we will," answered both girls at once. "But don't you want to go, too?"

"No, I don't," said Daisy.

"All right," returned Elizabeth. "Come, Mary, we'll have to hurry. Mother said we must not stop on the way."

Daisy turned and started back toward home. Suddenly she heard a bird singing in a nearby tree. "Lazy Daisy, lazy Daisy," it seemed to say, just as plainly as could be.

Daisy left the road and started toward the lake, to watch the ducks swim. Just as she neared the edge of the water, one of the ducks swam toward her. All at once he began to quack in a harsh voice, "Lazy Daisy, lazy Daisy."

Daisy ran from the lake as fast as her legs would carry her. "I don't want to go home so soon," she said to herself. "But I can't have any fun, when everywhere I turn I hear, 'Lazy Daisy, lazy Daisy.'"

She gathered great handfuls of wild flowers; then she sat down in the shade of a tree and made pretty wreaths of them. After a long while, she decided to go home. Her mother met her at the door.

"Did you have a nice time at the little gathering, dear?" asked her mother, smiling.

"Where? What was it?" asked Daisy. "What little gathering?"

"Why, the party that Mrs. Smith

had for her little granddaughter, who is spending the week with her."

"Oh, Mother," sobbed Daisy, "I didn't go to Mrs. Smith's. I met Elizabeth and Mary, and they took my basket for me."

"Why, Daisy," said her mother, "that basket contained the candy that I made to be served as part of the refreshments. That was why I was so busy this morning."

Daisy hung her head in shame. "Why didn't you tell me, Mother?" she asked tearfully.

"Because it was to be a surprise," answered her mother. "None of the little girls knew why they were being sent to Mrs. Smith's."

"And I'm the only one who didn't go," wailed Daisy.

Her mother stroked her hair gently, saying, "I'm sorry, dear. I hope my little girl has learned a lesson."

"I'm sorry, too," returned Daisy. "And after this, I'm never going to be 'Lazy Daisy.'"—In Exchange

## Why Do I Go to Sunday School

Why do I go to Sunday School? There are many reasons.

I go because I like to go, also, because it has been a habit with me since I was a child.

I go to see my friends and to talk with my teacher and the preacher; I go to learn about the customs of other lands and how they carry on their religion.

I go to learn about the Church, and how it was founded.

Last but not least, I go to learn about Christ and His deeds.

—The Seniors

A woman ran her car smack into a Paris taxi. Warily the driver climbed out and walked around to the woman, who greeted him with a volley of abuse. "Madame," he asked, "are you married?" The woman replied that she was. "Ah, Madame," came the reply, "now I

## THE OTTER

Rabbits like to make their homes under the ground, near the roots of a big tree. So do otters.

Early in the spring, little baby otters arrive in a burrow and are kept underground for two whole months and receive food only from their mother.

Then some evening when the mother has looked about and made sure little children are in bed and the dogs are near their own homes, and the big people are resting after their day's work, the mother otter will let her children come outdoors to play. The little ones look for all the world like brown kittens and they make noises like a little kitten meowing. The mother watches them very closely and will not let them wander off.

If the mother hears danger she puts her front paws on her babies' cheeks, or picks the baby up with her teeth by the back of its neck and swims away to safety.

At first the young otters cannot swim. They have to be taught. Sometimes the baby will get on the mother's shoulders and she will dive into the water in that manner. She teaches them how to swim forwards and backwards, and even upside down. She teaches them how to catch fish. Sometimes they must chase the fish into holes and corners of the bank, or to outswim them and catch them in that way.

They are taught how to whistle and to understand what different whistling sounds mean.

But these babies are not kept busy all the time. Their mother gives them plenty of time for play and they like to play just as much as children. They play some of the same games, too. One game they enjoy is tug-of-war, only they use a stick instead of a rope. But their favorite game is sliding. They go

see why your husband lets you drive."—Daily Telegraph, London

down the steep, muddy bank of the river on their stomachs right into the water. They do this until their slide becomes very smooth and slippery, and then it is real fun.

When snow comes and the muddy river-bank becomes frozen and hard, sliding is no longer fun there, so they go tobogganing on their stomachs down the snow-covered hills.

Then when the weather turns cold, the young otters are no longer babies, and the mother will not allow her own children to come home. She chases them away, swimming behind them down the river until they are far from home.

That seems strange and even cruel to us, but it isn't to the otter. She knew the river at that particular place was not big enough to have all the fish necessary for all the otters as they grew up. They must go to another part of the stream and make their own homes and catch their own fish.

And that is what those otters do, but not until they have spent the summer learning their lessons and growing up, too. Now they no longer meow like kittens but whistle with a very loud noise that can be heard over the hills.

The otters have now grown up and must teach their children as their mother taught them. — The United Church Observer

## JUST FOR FUN

A small boy hurried home from school one afternoon and announced to his parents that the class he was in was about to split up into two divisions.

"I'm in the top one," he explained, "and the other one is for backward readers."

"But," he went on confidently, "we don't know who is going to be in the other one, because there's not a kid in the room who can read backwards."

Notice in a New York restaurant: "Customers who consider our waitresses uncivil should see the manager."

Captain: "This boat make twenty knots an hour."

Lady passenger: "Think of the rope! And who unties them all?"

Proud parent: "My daughter has arranged a little piece for the piano."

Honest neighbor: "Good! It's time we had a little peace."

"Hey, you! Pull over!" shouted the traffic cop. The lady complied, and the judge next day fined her \$25. She went home in great anxiety lest her husband, who always examined her checkbook should learn of the incident. Then inspiration struck, and she marked the check stub, "One pull-over, \$25."

We recently heard of a dog whose owner called him "Diddy." Thinking this an unusual name, we commented on it and were informed that the dog was called "Diddy" for short, but that his real name was "Diddybiteya."—This Week



## THANK YOU

I like to tend my little plants,  
With blossoms bright and gay,  
I give each one of them a drink  
Some time throughout the day.

They raise their pretty heads and look  
As happy as can be,  
And then it seems that each one says:  
"Thank you" to me.—A.E.W.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### Paragould

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Paragould District met in Walnut Ridge March 23, 1955. Mrs. Mabel Pope, president, presided.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. J. W. Recker, vice president, Walnut Ridge. The host pastor, Rev. Elmo Thomason, led the devotional, using the theme "To Serve the Present Age."

Mrs. F. A. Poe, district vice-president, Paragould, acted as moderator for a panel discussion on "The Work of the Local Society," assisted by: Mrs. Lee Ward, Mrs. F. J. Jackson, Mrs. L. B. Barfield, Mrs. Ben DeVoll and Mrs. Don Richardson.

Rev. J. A. Gatlin, district superintendent, spoke on "What a thousand women could do in the district."

Lunch was served by the Walnut Ridge society.

Miss Clara Weir presented the High School Girls Ensemble at the afternoon session.

Mrs. Poe conducted a problem clinic using the wives of the pastors of the district.

An invitation was extended by Mammoth Spring Society for the June meeting.

The meeting closed with a talk by Mrs. John L. Bledsoe on "What It Means To Be a Member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service."—Mrs. John L. Bledsoe

### Ruston

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Ruston District met in Bernice on April 13. Miss Suzanne Lindsey was the Quiet Hour Speaker, and Mrs. George W. Dameron gave the main address.

Mrs. T. R. Pritchett gave the highlights of the Conference meeting at Lake Charles.

The Memorial service was led by Mrs. Phil Collins, and Mrs. Guy Hicks installed the new officers.—Mrs. T. C. Haley.

### Swifton Sub-District

The Woman's Societies of the Swifton sub-district met March 21 at 10:00 a.m. for "A Day Apart", the first of three such meetings in the Batesville District. Mrs. D. G. Hindman, district secretary of Spiritual Life, was in charge of the service. Rev. Pryor R. Cruce, host pastor, gave the opening devotional.

The theme, "Peace—through dedication to others in world brotherhood" was presented in meditations, directed by Mrs. Bill Walker, Newport; Mrs. M. L. Kaylor, Newport; Mrs. Golder Lawrence, Tuckerman; and Miss Mary Chaffin, Melbourne.

Worship in song was carried out through hymns sung by Mrs. Pryor R. Cruce, with quiet music by Mrs. C. P. Trice, organist.

Societies represented were: Alicia, Newark, Newport, First Church, Oil Trough, Strangers Home, Tuckerman, Umstead Memorial, Weldon and the host church, whose president, Mrs. R. L. McClard, welcomed the guests.

District representatives were:

Mrs. Nels Barnett, president; Mrs. Ben Jernigan, treasurer, and Mrs. Ralph McDonald, promotion.

At noon under the direction of Mrs. McClard and a committee headed by Mrs. Elmer Taylor, a simple lunch was served, with table decorations made by Mrs. B. S. Brown, Jr. — Mrs. C. P. Trice.

### New Orleans

198 women from 32 of the 37 societies in the New Orleans District attended the Annual District meeting held at the Gentilly Methodist Church, April 1, 1955. Among those present was Mrs. Malone, 88 years old and member of Rayne Memorial Church, who has been attending District Woman's Society meetings since 1887.

The theme of the meeting was "Each One Reach One" and this slogan was in large gold letters across the front of the sanctuary. Mrs. Spencer Wren brought a devotion, with each one present participating. Mrs. Virgil Morris gave an address as she told of the great need for workers around the world.

Each officer was given three minutes for her report and the overall picture of the work of the Woman's Society is encouraging. More study classes were reported, more Prayer Groups formed, more action in the field of Christian Social Relations and a keen sense of love and loyalty for local churches was expressed by 28 presidents of the local societies. Two churches are now organized 100 per cent, Destrehan and Fitzgerald. A spontaneous love offering amounting to \$148.26 was presented to Mrs. George Willis, District Secretary of Promotion, for the Gretna WSCS of which she is president; the church was totally destroyed by fire the previous day.

The ladies of Gentilly served a delicious luncheon. The tables and dining room, decorated by Miss Maria Soto, carried the theme of reaching women through the use of the Methodist Woman and World Outlook. Two young women dressed in costumes made of covers of the magazines, offered a little doll, representing the Methodist Woman, to each new subscriber.

The afternoon session included a memorial service prepared by Mrs. John T. Redmon, and Mrs. Brewer. Newly elected officers are: Mrs. Max L. Clayton, vice president; Mrs. H. W. Cook, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Robert Thomas, Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. George Willis, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. J. Persig, Secretary of Missionary Education; Mrs. L. Ray Maxwell, Secretary of Status of Women and Mrs. L. C. Friedrich, Secretary of Missionary Personnel and Miss Maria Soto, Secretary of Literature and Publications. The officers were installed by the Conference President, Mrs. C. I. Jones.

Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, District President, who presided, gave a closing word of appreciation and encouragement and a challenge that all work harder, that the Kingdom of God may be realized.

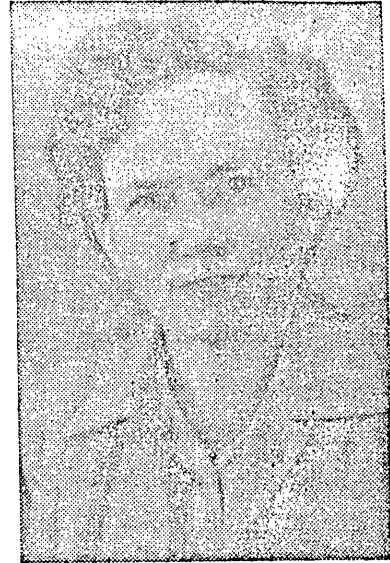
## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TO HEAR MISSIONARY

Miss Mary McSwain, missionary to Brazil, will speak at the 15th Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at First Methodist Church, Batesville, on April 26. Miss McSwain works in the Peoples Central Institute at Rio de Janeiro, and she will speak at the Tuesday evening session of the conference on "The Call: Give, Service, Love."

Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, president, will convene the meeting at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, and the theme will be given in her address on Wednesday morning: "Jesus Calls ME."

Delegates and guests will be entertained at a special luncheon on Wednesday which will feature the World Federation of Methodist Women under the direction of Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, conference vice-president, and chairman of the Committee on Program for the Annual Meeting.

The workers in the conference, Miss Mary Chaffin and Miss Iris Bell will report on Wednesday night.



MISS MARY McSWAIN

Special music will be given throughout the meeting by choirs of the city.

The meeting will close with lunch on Thursday, April 28.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

The Wesley Society of Crowley met April 1 at the home of Mrs. Martin Welch, Jr. Officers elected for the next year are: Mrs. Richard Petry, president; Mrs. Kenneth Trumps, vice-president; Mrs. Martin Welch, Jr., secretary, and Mrs. Marvin Boudreaux, Jr., treasurer.

Mrs. Kelly Spell presented the program on the United Church Women, and following the business session Rev. Raymond Pierson dismissed the group with prayer. Refreshments were served to the 13 present. — Mrs. Richard Petry.

Mrs. Roy E. Mouser, Spiritual Life Secretary of The Cedar Grove Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service, conducted the program for a church-wide Spiritual Retreat, March 30, where over a hundred adults ate their meal in silence.

Members of a Young Adult Circle served as ushers, and the girls of the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship served the tables.

Mrs. Kenneth Rigby, chairman of the Official Board, gave the invocation. Mrs. C. E. McGowan presented the poem, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

Mrs. Paul Wisinger sang, "In The Cross of Christ I Glory."

Mrs. Nathan Pavey led the group in prayer.

The solo, "O Divine Redeemer" (Gounod) was sung by Mrs. Sam Papa.

Quiet music was played by Mrs. William Eubanks, and Mrs. Mouser spoke on the theme, "The Abiding Presence," taken from the Conference Sacrificial Luncheon.

A Litany of dedication, led by Mrs. Ollie Emerson, and Communion, conducted by the minister, Rev. Roy Mouser, followed a candle-lighting ceremony and concluded the service.

White crosses, white flowers, op-

## TRAINING DAY ANNOUNCED

The Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold its Training Day for District Officers on Friday, April 29, at Camp Tanako. Mrs. R. H. Cole, Secretary of Promotion, announces that the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and each district officer is urged to make plans for attending this important day of training for the year ahead.

## CHURCH GIVES ADVICE ON DRAWING WILLS

A Washington church is providing free legal service to help people making out their wills. The Congress Heights Baptist church puts no strings on its service, which offers counsel one night each month to anyone who wishes to consult a man-and-wife legal team.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lambert, former members of the church, have counseled scores of persons on how to dispose of their worldly goods. About half the persons who draw up their wills decide to leave some bequest to a religious or charitable organization. Many leave a small gift to the church by way of expressing appreciation for the help. The pastor, the Rev. A. Lincoln Smith, conceived the idea of "Will Night" several years ago after observing how many elderly persons died without leaving wills. He said he felt the church was carrying out the injunction of I Corinthians 14:40: "Let all things be done decently and in order."

en Bibles, and ivy decorated the tables.

Individual programs with "The Praying Hands" on the front, were at each plate.

After the benediction those attending departed in silence.

## MORE CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS OF CHILDREN NEEDED

Increased enrollment in church schools calls for a larger number of teachers. This is especially true in the Children's Division where the membership was approximately 150,000 more in 1954 than in 1953.

The Department of the Christian Education of Children, General Board of Education, is finding itself pressed from every side for increasing service in leadership enterprises to meet this need for more teachers, according to Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director of the department.

In order to meet this need in some measure there are being projected for the summer of 1955 coaching conferences to prepare selected persons to teach in leadership education enterprises and special seminars to train competent persons who can provide leadership in the annual conferences and districts for the increasing number of enterprises which seek to help teachers to grow in understanding their job and become efficient in doing it.

During 1954 the staff of the department served in ten such enterprises and reviewed a total of 408 teaching plans for instructors in leadership education courses in the children's field; 836 credit courses in children's work were offered under Methodist auspices; and 71 laboratory schools offering more

### NUMBER OF ADULTS IN METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOLS

There are now 2,704,515 adults in Methodist church schools. This number is 41.1 per cent of the total church school membership of 6,577,545 (children, 39.3 per cent, and youth, 19.6 per cent).

The increase in adult members in 1954 was 73,158 including a gain of 2335 in home members.

This upswing in adult membership has caused a corresponding increase in church school literature for this division. The total circulation of adult periodicals is now 2,008,235. Never before in the history of the Methodist Church has there been such a large circulation of periodicals for the use of adults in the church schools. *The Adult Teacher* and *Bible Lessons for Adults—Teacher's Quarterly* have a circulation of 91,618. This means that many teachers are using Methodist adult periodicals. However, it also means that all teachers are not using these periodicals, because it can be stated without fear of contradiction that there are over 100,000 adult groups in the church school of Methodism.

Many activities that have contributed to the increase of membership in the adult division of the church school have been passed on to the Department of Christian Education of Adults, General Board of Education. Among them are two interesting items reported by Mrs. Omar Hermsmeyer of the Homebuilders Class, Polk Street Church, Amarillo, Texas. This class contributed 38 couples to the newly organized St. Paul's Methodist Church, and during the past three years over 168 couples from this class have joined the church.

intensive training in Christian education for children's workers were held. This number will be exceeded in 1955.

While much progress has been made in the past few years, the fact remains that the increase in the church school membership of children calls for many more workers than are now available, Dr. Jones said.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN 1954

More leadership training opportunities are being made available for leaders in our smaller churches than ever before. It is significant to observe that 372 one-teacher schools (First Series) and 139 one-teacher schools (Second Series) were held in 1954.

North Arkansas Conference reported the largest number (76) of First Series schools while the Alabama Conference had the largest enrollment (3981) in the same type school.

North Mississippi Conference led in the number (45) of Second series enterprises, but Western North Carolina reached more people (10,930) through Second Series schools.

However, the Western North Carolina program was not promoted to set a record, says an article in a recent issue of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*. It was designed to try to meet the need of leadership training in a progressive conference where the atmosphere, climate, and thought patterns are receptive to new better procedures in the teaching ministry of the church. "It is interest on the part of its teachers, financial support by its laymen, and the leadership of progressive ministers that has made the Western North Carolina record."—General Board of Education

### MISSIONARY EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Through cooperation between the Board of Missions and the Board of Education, missionary education has become an integral part of the educational work of the local church.

One of the three responsible groups through which missionary education gets into the main stream of the education program of the local church is the commission on education. This commission is responsible for the general policies and plans for missionary education in the church school.

Missionary education is carried on through units of study, worship experiences, action projects and personal contacts. Its literature is provided in the regular curricular materials for the three age groups used in the various meetings of the church school—Sunday morning, Sunday evening, additional sessions, and weekday activities. Missionary education materials are recommended by the Board of Missions, including the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and approved by the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education.

Among the missionary units appearing in the church school liter-

## JURISDICTION INSTITUTE ON CHURCH MUSIC AT MT. SEQUOYAH

We have recently received the following letter from Dr. Towner relative to an institute on Church Music:

"July 18-22 (during the second week of the leadership school) we will have the South Central Jurisdiction Institute of Church Music. This is not simply a course or two put into the leadership school. It will offer a full day's work each day within the field of church music. Since this is the first time this has been attempted, it is going to be necessary that it receive special promotion. We are bringing Dr. J. Edward Moyer from Westminster Theological Seminary in Maryland and Dr. William C. Rice from Baker University at Baldwin, Kansas—both splendidly equipped to lead. From the staff there will be additional leadership, and Mrs. Moyer will also assist.

"Let me point out the distinction between this institute of church music at Mount Sequoyah and the

first national conference of Methodist church musicians being held at Estes Park, Colorado July 2-7. Estes Park meeting is for professional church musicians, who make church music their vocation. The institute at Mount Sequoyah will be attractive to professional church musicians but is frankly designed mainly for the rank and file of the leaders of music in the average Methodist church of the jurisdiction. By that I mean volunteer organists and choir directors as well as paid organist and choir directors. We want the Mount Sequoyah institute really to serve the needs of the host of local church musicians who seldom have opportunity to receive guidance from highly skilled teachers and leaders."

For further information write the Conference Office at 525 Exchange Building, Little Rock for printed folders describing the program.—Roy E. Fawcett

### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

If you are a pastor, and if one day you receive in the mail a catalog and vacation church school materials from the Methodist Publishing House and a seed catalog from Peter Henderson, which will you examine first?

Both the catalogs have to do with growing things — children and plants!

Children's workers in the Methodist Church agree that vacation church schools are extremely important — as do also pastors and parents. And this year's catalog stresses that importance.

One of the reasons why the vacation church school is important is that it offers an interesting program through which unchurched boys and girls may be reached. Another is that the vacation church school offers more time for work, study and play with the regular church school pupils.

In planning a vacation church school three steps are necessary:

1. **Enlist and train teachers.** "Vacation church school leaders should be sincere Christians who are emotionally and socially mature and who understand children and the way in which they grow"

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3. **Order textbooks** — from the Methodist Publishing House serving your area. "The recommended texts give adequate suggestions for all types of activities; include most of the resources needed (stories, games, songs); and direct the leader to sources for other materials."

Study areas include the following: "The Church," "Personal and

ature this year are those in the *Adult Student*—"Lands of Decision: India and Pakistan" (January); "One World in the Making" (March); "The Church's Witness in the City" (June).

Group Relationships," "The Bible," "Jesus," "God and His World," and "Missions."

Miss Mary Calhoun of the Department of Christian Education of Children, General Board of Education, will help local church workers with any problems they may have concerning their vacation church schools. Her address is P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

### GOOD NEWS FOR ALL PEOPLE

Nashville Tenn.—Missionaries in far-off lands sometimes have to rely on crude travel to spread their message. They take longboats down African jungle streams and bounce in oxcarts over India's roughest roads. In Brazil they even invented a church on wheels to take the gospel from town to town. Yet there are thousands all over the world who have not yet been reached with news of God's love.

To help Primary children learn about these unreached peoples is one of the purposes of a new manual for missionary education, *Good News for All People*. Written by Carrie Lou Goddard, the manual is intended for church-school teachers to use in additional sessions.

The teacher will find stories, songs, and poems for ten sessions in the manual. The author also suggests book and pictures and other outside teaching materials that may be helpful. Art work, games, and other pupil activities are suggested for each session.

The 64-page manual was prepared by the Editorial Division, Board of Education, and published by Abingdon Press. It sells for 50 cents, may be ordered from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

If a large portion of the public really desires pictures with greater intellectual, social or artistic content, it can get them quickly by acting in the only fashion that any enterprise, whether it makes pictures or pretzels, can understand. It can make them profitable. — Arthur L. Mayer, Merely Colossal (Simon — Schuster).

## DEDICATE LODGE HONORING FIRST AMERICAN METHODIST BISHOP

Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., presided at the dedication of St. Simons Island, of a new \$80,000 lodge as a memorial to Francis Asbury, first American Methodist bishop. The lodge is part of a \$500,000 improvement program at Epworth-by-the-Sea, Methodist conference center. It was on this scenic island that John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism, worked in colonial days as ministers of the Church of England. John Wesley in 1771 appointed Mr. Asbury "general assistant for the work of Methodism in America." In the

next 45 years the pioneer preacher traveled more than 275,000 miles on horseback, visiting Georgia 20 times and becoming known as "the prophet of the long road." He was elec-

ted bishop of the newly-organized Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784 and, on his death in 1816, left it with more than 700 ordained ministers and over 200,000 members. At the ceremony here, E. I. Thornton of Cordele, Ga., South Georgia Methodist Conference lay leader, made the formal presentation of Francis Asbury Lodge to Bishop Moore for dedication.

crisis and then the confidence to leave the result to a Higher Power." Central feature of the chapel is an altar of Colorado marble behind which is Hoffman's portrayal of Christ in Gethsemane, done in stained glass. The window was executed by Arthur Von Lauter, Denver craftsman, who died last December.

## Mission Leader Warns On U. S. Attitude Towards Asians

America's concern over Communism in Asia rather than for the people involved is not helping the West's position in the Far East, according to Dr. James Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. "Above all, they would want the other people of the world to be concerned for them as people and not just as possible allies against an enemy," Dr. Crawley said after returning to Richmond from a tour. "Most Asians feel America is concerned with the Communist angle," he said, "and not really concerned with helping the people of Asia to have better life. What is happening in Asia is basically like what happened in the United States during the Revolution." "They want everything in the four freedoms, spiritual freedom as well as material. They want medical service, a better diet, clothing, shelter and education. I think our nation ought to do everything possible to make it clear we sympathize with the

people of Asia. We should make it absolutely clear that we are on the side of those people who want a better life." In many areas, he said, Asians are getting more of what they want. Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, the Philippines and South Korea have gained their independence in the past 10 years, Dr. Crawley pointed out, noting these areas contain 500,000,000 people. "Their governments are set up as democracies, and they are trying to meet the economic problems of their countries," he said. "I don't expect Asia to be calm within our lifetime, but I do feel it is moving in the right direction." "What is happening in Asia is much deeper than the efforts of the Communists to take control," Dr. Crawley continued. "There is a desire on the part of the people of Asia for a better life—the Communists are trying to take control of that. We ought to find a way in which to help these social changes in Asia."

## Library Of Congress Acquires Copy Of Rare Catholic Bible Manuscript

The Library of Congress has acquired a copy of a rare 14th century Roman Catholic illuminated Bible manuscript owned by the British Museum. The facsimile reproduction of the Holkham Bible Picture Book was presented to the Library by a British publishing house. The British Museum paid 95,000 pounds (\$266,000) for the original manuscript in 1952. For many generations it had been the property of the Coke family, Earls of Leicester, who lived in Holkham Hall, Norfolk, from which the manuscript derives its name. Terming the acquisition "one of the finest examples of early English art," the Library of Congress said "it will provide a great body of illustrations for students of medieval religious life." The Library explained that the volume "was not intended to be an illustrated Bible but, rather, a pictorial representation of the Creation and Fall and the need of Redemption." The manuscript, dated 1325-30, was written in Anglo-Norman, indicating it was for use by laymen, the Library said.

## Protestant Center Sets Fund Drive For TV Expansion

A two-week campaign for \$250,000 to equip the Protestant Radio and Television Center in Atlanta, Ga. with facilities for producing and distributing religious TV programs and program materials will be launched April 27. The center, owned and operated by five denominations, now supplies radio programs each week to 740 stations in this country and to the worldwide Armed Forces radio network. The Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, vice-president of the center, said each of the denominations has formed a committee to secure workers pledged to make five personal fund solicitations each. More than 1,000 such workers are expected to attend a dinner here on the opening night of the campaign, he said. Denominational chairmen for the drive are Henry Bowdon, Methodist; Dr. John M. Alexander, president of the center, Presbyterian U. S.; Travis Johnson, Presbyterian U. S. A.; Malen C. Courts, Protestant Episcopal, and Lucien C. Doss, United Lutheran Church in America. William N. Banks, Methodist layman, and Mrs. D. K. Vanneman, Episcopal woman leader, are co-chairman of the general committee directing the campaign.

## Australian Methodists Plan Lay Convention

Acting on the suggestion of Dr. Roy L. Smith of Los Angeles, leaders of Australian Methodism's Mission to the Nation are planning a national convention of lay men and women in Melbourne next January. It will be the adult counterpart of the national conference of Christian youth which the Mission sponsored in Sydney last January and at which Dr. Smith was a principal speaker. Mission officials are planning to invite another leading American Methodist to address the lay convention.

## Church Leaders Aid Philippine Quake Victims

Church authorities worked feverishly in Manila — along with officials of the Red Cross, the Philippine government and various civic bodies — to organize aid for victims of the worst earthquake in the history of the islands. Some 370 persons were killed, many hundreds injured and thousands made homeless when the quake struck a north-west coastal area of Mindanao Island, second largest in the Philippines and most southerly of the large islands in the group. According to reports in Manila, the shocks centered in Lanao Province where

a huge crack opened in the bed of Lake Lanao (2,500 feet above sea level) setting up a giant tidal wave that engulfed towns and villages along its shores and toppled homes, churches and other buildings into the water. Succeeding tremors radiating out from this center for a period of about eight hours caused serious damage in communities over 70 miles away. At least two small towns on the shore of Lake Lanao were completely wiped out by the tidal wave. A number of churches are known to have been destroyed and scores of others are believed seriously damaged.

## Swedish Parliament Gets Bill For Women Ministers

A bill permitting women to become pastors in the Swedish State Lutheran Church was introduced in parliament by two Liberal Party members and referred to committee. It is expected to be debated on the floor and voted upon on April 14. If parliament passes the measure it must then be approved by the Church. The next triennial session of the Church Convocation is scheduled for August, 1956, and the proposal would probably be considered then. In January, 1950, a royal commission voted overwhelmingly in favor of granting women full status as clergymen in the State Church. The commission drafted a bill but the Church Convocation shelved discussion of the issue. Late in 1950, however, Archbishop Yngve Brilioth, Primate of the Church, opposed the ordination of women. He said in a pastoral letter that the time was not yet ripe for women to become Lutheran ministers. Dr. Brilioth argued that the ordination of women would create a split in the Church and that the weight of tradition is against women clergymen.

## Eisenhower Chapel Opened To Public

The Eisenhower chapel — a non-denominational prayer and meditation room in one of Denver's newest skyscrapers — was opened to the public in ceremonies in Denver. Sponsored by the Denver Lions Foundation, an arm of the Lions Club, the project was financed by one-dollar contributions sought throughout the community. The 17 by 33-ft. room is provided rent free by the building owners. The chapel was named for President Eisenhower in tribute to the spiritual leadership he has provided the nation. An oil portrait of the President, by Thomas E. Stephens of New York City, hangs in one section. Some of Mr. Eisenhower's pronouncements, hand-lettered on parchment, are displayed near the painting. On a bronze plaque beneath the portrait is his statement, "Prayer gives you courage to make the decisions you must make in a

## East German Youths Flock To Churches

East German Christians crowded Soviet Zone churches despite Communists efforts to discourage Easter's observance as a religious holiday. Youth, a prime target of Communist propaganda in recent months, was particularly well-represented in the churches. In an attempt to dim the religious aspects of the holiday, the Reds held "youth dedications" in several districts. Participation in such dedications, a secular counterpart of Christian confirmation rites, previously had been forbidden to all Evangelical and Catholic youth by Church leaders. The Communists also organized children's parties at hours coinciding with those of Easter church services. The parties were held to "celebrate the joyful event of the awakening of nature." In rural areas, the Communists arranged for farm work on the holiday.

## Dr. Kagawa Collapses From Overwork

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, 67, noted Japanese Protestant evangelist and labor leader, collapsed in Osaka from overwork. His condition was reported as serious. Dr. Kagawa, who has been in poor health for years, has never ceased in his efforts, begun 46 years ago, to improve slum areas in Japan. He was engaged in this work in Osaka when he collapsed. Recently Dr. Kagawa campaigned vigorously to maintain an anti-rearmament paragraph in the new Japanese constitution. He also has devoted at least half of each month to evangelistic campaigning all over Japan under the auspices of the National Christian Council. Other demands on his strength and time were made by Dr.

Kagawa's obligations as president of the Japanese Cooperative Federation and as a leader of Japan's Labor Party. He also has been active in the government unemployment and health insurance program which he helped to organize. Dr. Kagawa, who once nearly died from tuberculosis, also suffers from trachoma, an eye disease he contracted living and working in the slums of Kobi. The noted evangelist and labor leader was reported to be resting comfortably. His wife said there was no cause for worry, although his condition was described earlier to be serious. One report said the 67-year-old churchman was suffering from cerebral anemia but was resting and eating well.

# METHODIST YOUTH

## NEW DEVELOPMENT IN PLANS FOR CONFERENCE



Planning for the session of the Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship are, left to right, Ruth Ellen Kelley, Conference Director of Youth Work; Delton Pickering, President of the Louisiana MYF, and Rev. Roy Mouser, Pastor, Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, and Dean of the MYF Conference for 1955.

The Louisiana Methodist Youth Fellowship Council announces that Dr. D. L. Dykes, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, and Dr. William E. Trice, pastor of the University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, will be among the prominent speakers at the Annual Conference of the Louisiana MYF. The conference will be held on the campus of Centenary in Shreveport, on June 6-10.

Serving as Dean of the conference this year will be the Rev. Roy Mouser, pastor of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport.

Delegates to the conference should include one young person from each local church in the Conference. This young person should be elected by the local MYF and will be eligible to vote in all busi-

ness matters pertaining to the State organization.

Registrations for the conference will be accepted after April 10, and should be sent to the Louisiana Methodist Youth Fellowship, Box 4156, Shreveport, Louisiana. It is suggested that each local church pay the expenses of its delegate. Rates for the conference will be announced at a later date.

The extended time for this year's conference will allow sufficient time for business and planning sessions, training and interest groups, fire-side discussions, and the election of the executive officers. Delegates will use the full facilities of Centenary College and will be given an opportunity to become familiar with the program and executives of the Methodist College for the Louisiana Conference.

### MISS KELLEY LEAVES CONFERENCE STAFF

On March 31, Miss Ruth Ellen Kelley left the Conference Board of Education staff. She will become the bride of the Rev. Jack Riley of the North Texas Conference of the Methodist Church. The wedding will be on April 16, in the Epworth Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

Serving as the Louisiana Conference Youth Director since July, 1954, Miss Kelley worked untiringly to promote the Methodist Youth Fellowship. She served as a counselor for the Louisiana MYF Council, directed intermediate work in the state, worked closely with pastors and lay adult workers with youth, and cooperated willingly whenever called upon to give guidance for Methodist Youth Fellowships throughout the Conference. It will be difficult to fill the vacancy she has left on the Conference staff.

The Louisiana MYF Council takes this opportunity to publicly thank Miss Kelley for her excellent supervision throughout the past nine

### WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

#### Alexandria

The Alexandria Sub-District met on Monday evening, April 4, at Oakdale. Officers were elected as follows: President, Perry Daugherty; vice-president, Frank Fitzgerald; secretary, Jane Smith; treasurer, Mary Nan Stanley; publicity chairman, Henry Oden.

The group enjoyed an extra feature when Jane Smith of Bunkie gave her state winning essay on "Juvenile Delinquency, Your Problem and Mine."

There were 135 present. Oakdale won the banner with 41 present.—Frank Fitzgerald, Reporter.

#### Jonesboro Area

Brookland was host to the Jonesboro Area Sub-District on April 4. Paul Lamberth, president, presided over the business session.

Main points of business were the

months and to wish her and Mr. Riley the happiness which they deserve.—Delton Pickering, President, Louisiana MYF

## YOUTH SCHOOL OF ALCOHOL STUDIES

"To provide Christian youth with positive answers to the problem of drinking in America today." This is one of the objectives of the Youth School of Alcohol Studies to be held at National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Missouri, July 2-9.

The school will be sponsored jointly by the Youth Department of the Board of Education and the Board of Temperance.

Other objective are:

To approach the solution of the problems presented by the use of alcoholic beverages in the light of Christian beliefs and with a clear understanding of the scientific and spiritual factors involved.

To equip youth and their leaders with facts and techniques for a program of education and action which will be made a part of the total youth program and be carried out in the local church Methodist Youth Fellowship.

To help youth as individuals place in proper perspective the current social pressures for the use of alcoholic beverages.

Directors of the school will be Dr. Caradine Hooton, executive secretary of the Board of Temperance,

the Rev. Aubrey Speer, also of the Board of Temperance staff, and the Rev. Argyle Knight of the Youth Department staff.

Persons eligible to attend the school include the conference chairman of Christian Citizenship, one other youth approved by the conference director of youth work (perhaps recommended by the conference board of temperance), and the adult advisor in the program area of Christian Citizenship. The conference director of youth work may be an alternate delegate.

Delegates will pay their travel, room and board, and a registration fee of \$5.00. It is expected that conference boards of temperance and education will work together on ways to meet these expenses.

Persons attending the school will receive: basic information on alcohol and its effect on the human body and information on the social consequences of alcoholism; helps for Christian action on the alcohol problem; suggestions as to methods of developing techniques, programs, and action projects. Drama and audio-visuals will be used as teaching techniques in the school.

election of officers, selling of the Lenten reading book, "I Belong," and the selection of three delegates to the National Convocation in August.

Marion Pollard of Trinity was elected president. Other officers are: Vice-president, Mary Jane Melton, First Church, Jonesboro; secretary-treasurer, Zetta Downs, Brookland; Publicity chairman, Barbara Blanchard, Huntington Ave., Jonesboro; Faith, Bobby Crowe, Fisher St.; Witness, Larry Powell, Nettleton; Fellowship, Larry Dent, Bay; Outreach, Nelda Barrow, Huntington Ave.; Citizenship, Anna Lee Painter, Union Grove.

Marion Pollard, Mary Jane Melton and Mickey Neff were chosen as delegates to Convocation of Youth at Purdue in August. Alternates are Larry Dent, Zetta Downs, and Bobby Crowe.

The group divided into four discussion groups, led by Miss Mildred Osment, Miss Regenia Watson, Rev. Earl Carter and Rev. Bill Connell, and were conducted to familiarize the MYF'ers with the holy habits.

Mary Dodgen led in group singing, after which refreshments were served by the Brookland ladies. Brookland led in the worship serv-

ice.

Speaker for the meeting was Rev. Hascle West of Black Rock who spoke on "Here Am I, Lord, Send Me."

The next meeting will be Nettleton. — Reporter.

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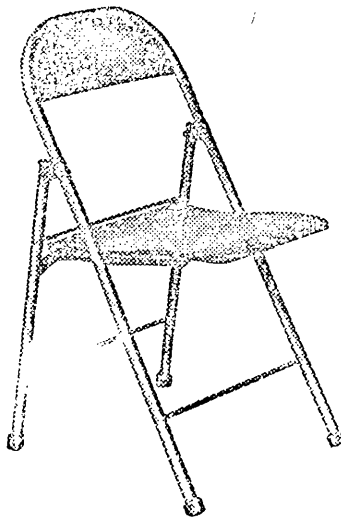
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## The Youthful Accent

By Hoover Rupert

### CHURCH MANNERS

The people to be described in this column are to be found in any congregation on any given Sunday. The fact that many of them are in the youth division age — grouping makes these descriptions pertinent to readers of this effort. John J. Hiurt, Jr., has written what he calls some family paragraphs on church manners, which though painful, are needed. I pass them along with a loud and lusty AMEN.

"The SEAT SAVERS are the first in our little lesson. They plant themselves on the aisles and, like settlers in the free land days, stake their claim to the entire pew. The trouble is neither stake nor sign proclaims their grab. Someone should suggest to them that reserved pews went out-of-date two centuries ago.

Then, there are the SUDDEN STOPPERS. They are the folks who start filling the church from the rear. That saves them 30 seconds, or a minute in the dash from the auditorium. But, it sends late arrivals stalking down the aisle to the front.

Don't forget the SLOW-TO-SHOW. They're so punctual you can spot the place in the order of service by their appearance. Some save a minute by arriving just after Doxology, and others five minutes by entering after the second hymn. Some save a dime by arriving after the offering.

Curtailing the opposite end of the service are the SWIFT SCRAMBLERS. They dash for the doors on the invitational hymn, or sneak out during the prayer. This curbs competition at the bus, expedites exit from the parking lot or assures minimum waiting at the restaurant.

Don't overlook the SILENT SINGERS. (And don't argue about our nomenclature for the "S" vocabulary went weak.) No particular description is needed. They're the folk, as you would guess, who lack the strength to hold a hymnal or the graciousness to so much as act like they are trying to sing.

And, when mentioning hymnals, let's not forget the SIGN SCRATCHERS — the would-be artists and authors who draw pictures or write their words of wisdom in the books. They're kin to the SEAT SCARRERS — those thoughtless persons who mar the pew ahead with their shoes.

The SULLEN SITTERS must be mentioned. It takes a seat on the pulpit or in the choir to appreciate them. They're as responsive to the sermon as wet leaves to a match. In fact, collect enough of them in your congregation and their pall of gloom will ruin any service.

The SILENCE STABBERS ("S" vocabulary slipping) will close this little essay. You can close your eyes and spot them in the congregation for by their noise you note them. They chant their chatter before and during the service, disturbing one and all within range.

Anybody peeved about our little lesson in manners? SURELY SORRY."

## SUB-DISTRICT BIBLE CONFERENCES

By M. Leo Rippy

Rev. Robert M. Cox, former minister of Christian education in St. James Methodist Church, Detroit, Michigan, is a new staff member in the Department of Christian Education of Adults, General Board of Education. His responsibility is challenging from the standpoint of the contribution that he may make and the interest of Methodists throughout the United States. He will work with the conference executive secretaries, district superintendents, district and subdistrict directors of adult work, and ministers in local churches to help plan for and conduct subdistrict Bible conferences that will in time reach every subdistrict in the Methodist Church.

These Bible conferences are not just some more meetings; they are related specifically to the teaching that should be going on in church schools and the inspirational, intellectual and progressive interpretation of the Bible that is heard from the pulpits of Methodism.

The best scholarship and leadership in the Methodist Church should and could be made available to our people. During the month of May 1954, Mr. Thomas J. Van Loon, at that time responsible for subdistrict Bible conferences, secured the services of over 150 college and seminary teachers of Bible to devote from one to two weeks in Bible conferences.

The interpretations given in the Bible conferences should create a wholesome respect for the scholarship of our ministers and assist them as they interpret the Bible from their pulpits. Members of local churches who hear the Bible lecturers will begin to realize in a more meaningful way that their minister is also a scholar and that his preaching is in keeping with the best scholarship.

The lecture on the Bible is not the total program of a Bible conference. In order to implement the interpretation that is given so that it will find expression in the teaching going on in local churches, one hour is devoted to a meeting of young adults. In this meeting an effort is made to help the young adults see how they can engage in Bible studies in their respective groups. Another hour is devoted to

## OBITUARY

SHULTS — Mildred Fitzhugh Shults, daughter of the late Rev. Ben. F. Fitzhugh and Laura Young Fitzhugh, was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, December 3, 1906. She was graduated from Eudora High School and attended Henderson-Brown and Henderson State Teachers Colleges at Arkadelphia. On May 6, 1944, she was married to Porter R. Shults of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She passed away at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock on March 10, 1955. Survivors besides her husband and mother include an only son, Porter R. (Skipper) Shults, Jr., a brother, Frank Fitzhugh, of Little Rock and a sister, Mrs. I. A. Janes of Wilmot, Arkansas.

Mildred taught school at Amity, El Dorado, Crossett and at Sixth Avenue, Gabe Meyer and Forest Park in Pine Bluff. She was loved by the children because of her ever gay spirit and her bright costumes which so appropriately matched her spirit. She was admired and respected by her colleagues for her creativity, cooperativeness and helpfulness.

Her many religious activities included teaching the Wesley Friendship Class of young adult women in

a meeting of teachers and presidents of adult classes. The purpose in this special meeting is to relate the Bible lectures to the teaching going on in adult classes.

After years of experimentation it has been discovered that maximum interest in the lectures on the Bible can be developed in three days. For this reason a Bible conference is conducted for three evenings with two sessions during the day.

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the First Methodist Church in Pine Bluff. Her last appearance before the class was to tell the Christmas story in an unusual and unforgettable way at a dinner party in her honor just before Christmas and the night before she entered the hospital.

Dr. Fred R. Harrison, speaking at her memorial service said of her, "She lived life on tiptoe." And so she did. After the service conducted in the First Methodist Church by Dr. Harrison, Rev. Horace M. Grogan and Dr. Arthur Terry, she was laid to rest beside her father in beautiful Graceland Cemetery in the City of Pine Bluff. — Arthur Terry.

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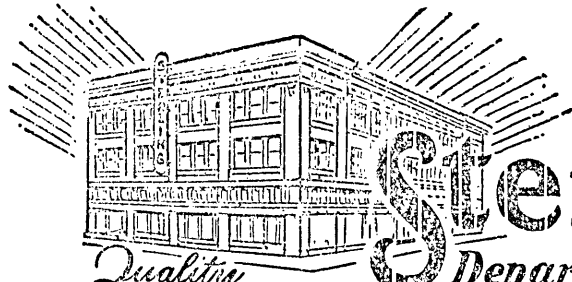
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# The Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR MAY 1, 1955

## A MAN OF FAITH AND ACTION

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
2 Chronicles 17:1-9; 2 Chronicles 19:4-7.

MEMORY SELECTION: Deal courageously, and may the LORD be with the upright!" (2 Chronicles 19:11)

This is the third lesson of UNIT VI: "GOD IN THE LIFE OF A NATION." The theme of the first lesson was "Obligations of Leaders." This lesson had to do with the beginning of the reign of Rehoboam, Solomon's son and successor. The nation had been greatly burdened with taxes by Solomon. The ten northern tribes had grown impatient under the burden. They demanded some changes by the new king. Listening to the advice of the young men of the court, he refused to grant their request and even threatened to add to their burdens. They rebelled and formed a new nation under the leadership of Jeroboam. The theme of the second lesson was "Principles of National Righteousness." This lesson told of the reign of Asa, the son of Rehoboam. In spite of the fact that both his father and mother were wicked, Asa was a very religious man. He re-established the principles of righteousness in the nation. Our lesson for today tells of the reign of Jehoshaphat, the son of Asa. He was even a better and wiser man than his father. The theme of the lesson is well chosen for he was certainly a man of faith and action.

### A Look At The Scriptures

The first two verses of our Scripture (2 Chronicles 17:1-2) tells of the first act of the new king: "Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. He placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim which Asa, his father had taken."

At the time that Jehoshaphat came to the throne of Judah, Ahab was reigning in Israel. He was one of the most wicked kings of that nation, but at the same time he was a man of strength and courage. He was quite a warrior. Jehoshaphat feared him. That is why he sent large numbers of soldiers into these border cities. We are told that Jehoshaphat had an army of 1,160,000 men. He did such a good job in fortifying these cities that he was not attacked by Israel or anyone else for many years.

Our next passage (2 Chronicles 17:3-7) goes on to tell us that the Lord was with Jehoshaphat because he walked in the earlier ways of his father. The latter ways of his father, Asa, were not so good. In the last years of his reign he formed some alliances with heathen rulers, as is shown in 2 Chronicles 16. Jehoshaphat was really a better man and ruler than was his father for he remained true to God all of his life.

The passage goes on to tell us

country paid great tribute to their king. These offerings seem to have been voluntary. The people loved their ruler and were simply heaping honors and riches upon him. Jehoshaphat felt that all of these blessings were a sign that God was with him, and he was very courageous in doing the things that he felt God wanted him to do. He tore down the high places and Asherah throughout the land where heathen deities were worshipped.

In the next passage (2 Chronicles 17:7-9) we find the new king working on the positive side of his religious effort. His first acts were to tear down the forces of evil in his nation. He then began to strengthen the forces of righteousness. It is not enough merely to eliminate evil. No life is safe while it is empty. Nature itself hates a vacuum. If we do not grow flowers and vegetables in our garden it will of itself grow noxious weeds and grass. Christ himself told of a life that was cleaned up but left empty. The person in question went back into his evil way and became seven-fold worse than he had formerly been. Jehoshaphat did not stop with merely tearing down the evil, he began in great earnestness to build up the good. He established the first organized effort of religious education in all history. It is true that before this time there had been some effort along this line, but this is the first definitely organized effort.

The king organized a commission on education consisting of fourteen men and sent them out over the land. Five of these men were princes; seven of them were Levites; and two of them were priests. All of these men are named here in the Scripture. It is interesting to note that there are more laymen in this commission than priests. Some feel that this was indicative of the fact that the priesthood at that time had fallen in a bad way. These men were selected because of their zeal in the worship of Jehovah, and not because of any organizations with which they were formerly affiliated. The book that they carried with them and from which they taught the people was called the book of the law; that is the Pentateuch, or first five books of the Old Testament. These books contained both the moral and ceremonial law and carried great weight among the Jews. It is said that all of them were written by Moses, the great law-giver. The king realized that the people in general were sadly lacking in a knowledge of the law, and he was determined to furnish them with this training. As is usually the case, this careful study of the Word

the spiritual things of life. This was the first revival that took place during the reign of Jehoshaphat. Another one followed later on in his reign. He was the only king of Judah under whose leadership two revivals came to the land. It is interesting to know that all of the revivals of religion took place in Judah; not a one ever occurred in Israel. Little wonder that Israel went down more than a century before the fall of Judah.

Our next passage (2 Chronicles 19:4-7) tells of the great effort made by the king to bring the people back to the Lord. After he had sent out his commission on religious education which had carefully taught the law to the people, he then followed by appointing good judges for each of the fortified cities. The writer goes on to say: "Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people, from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD, the God of their fathers." It is wonderful to read of a ruler like that; a man who goes out to bring his people back to the Lord. The world greatly needs a lot of leaders like that today. Our own President has expressed himself along this line. He leaves the impression of being a deeply spiritually minded man. He surprised the world at the time of his inauguration by introducing into the ceremonies an extemporaneous prayer. Many of his advisers, who think more in terms of political expediency than of seeking the guidance of the Lord in ruling the nation, feel that he goes too strong in the matter of religion.

Our passage goes on to tell how the king appointed judges throughout the land: "He appointed judges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, and said to the judges, 'Consider what you do, for you judge not for man but for the LORD; he is with you in giving judgment. Now then, let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed what you do, for there is no perversion of justice with the LORD our God, or partiality, or taking bribes.'"

That is one of the strongest statements in the whole Bible concerning the matter of justice in judgment. Every judge in the land ought to memorize this passage and make it the motto of his life. He should so consecrate himself to God that God can work through him, and he should feel that he is judging for God and not for man, and that the Lord is guiding him in the decisions that he makes. Rulers like Jehoshaphat and judges like the ones described here, together with other faithful officers and good people of the country could soon eliminate the corruption that is eating like a cancer at the heart of our nation, if all would work with Christian zeal. A tramp once asked a lady for a meal. She thought she she would get some work out of him for this favor, so she said to him, "Do you see that pile of wood?" He replied, "Yes, I see that wood but I don't saw that wood." Many see what ought to be done, but they do not have the zeal and courage to do it. Over and over again the theme of our lesson comes to mind as we think of Jehoshaphat: "A Man of Faith and Courage," those are the qualities that we need in solving the problems of our day.

Our memory selection sums up the matter and gives some very good advice: "Deal courageously,

right!" Many people have faith but lack action. It is just as dangerous for a person to have faith and yet refrain from putting his vision into action as it is for a person to try to act without faith. These two qualities must go together.

### The Lesson Applied

The lesson today is very timely. We have some problems of the same nature as those of ancient Judah. The good king Jehoshaphat went a long way toward solving the problems of his nation. In trying to get help from his example in meeting our problems, we must note the difference between his situation and ours. In his day the church and the state were one. The king was the leader and, therefore, responsible for any reforms that might be brought about. Jehoshaphat saw the need of deepening the spiritual life of his people, and eliminating corruption that had crept in through unjust and dishonest judges.

We have many of the same problems that Judah had, but we cannot solve them as simply and easily as Jehoshaphat did. We are operating on the theory of the separation of church and state. To make bad matters even more difficult of solution, we are divided religiously into more than three hundred different denominations and sects. It is almost impossible to make this nation as religious as it ought to be without teaching religion in the public schools. It is a well known fact that you can get across almost anything in our nation if you can get it faithfully taught in the public schools. We got national prohibition in that way, and then lost it by ceasing to keep up the teaching of evils of alcohol as a beverage, in our schools. If we could teach religion faithfully and sincerely in our schools, we could change the moral atmosphere of this nation in one generation. But with our divisions in the matter of religion it is hard to get this done. Not only are we divided but the divisions are kept distinct through so-called Christian leaders who over emphasize non-essential points on which the divisions rest. The writer may be wrong, but it is his judgment that such procedure is a disservice to this nation. When we stop to seriously think about the matter all will agree that it is not affiliation with some particular group that makes one a Christian, but rather the forsaking of sins and the acceptance of Christ as Saviour and the following in his footsteps as a way of life.

The writer is not a prophet, but he is predicting that some day there will be a close enough co-operation between the various denominations that they can agree upon all the essential truths that need to be taught in the public schools; truths that in nowise affect the little non-essential points upon which the denominations are now divided. Until this condition is brought about, the various denominations might do well to spend considerably more time, than is now the case, in the week-day instruction of children in the matter of religion. In many of our larger cities children are excused from day schools during certain periods in the week for the purposes of receiving such training, and in many cases credit is given for the work done. All of these things could prove a help to our