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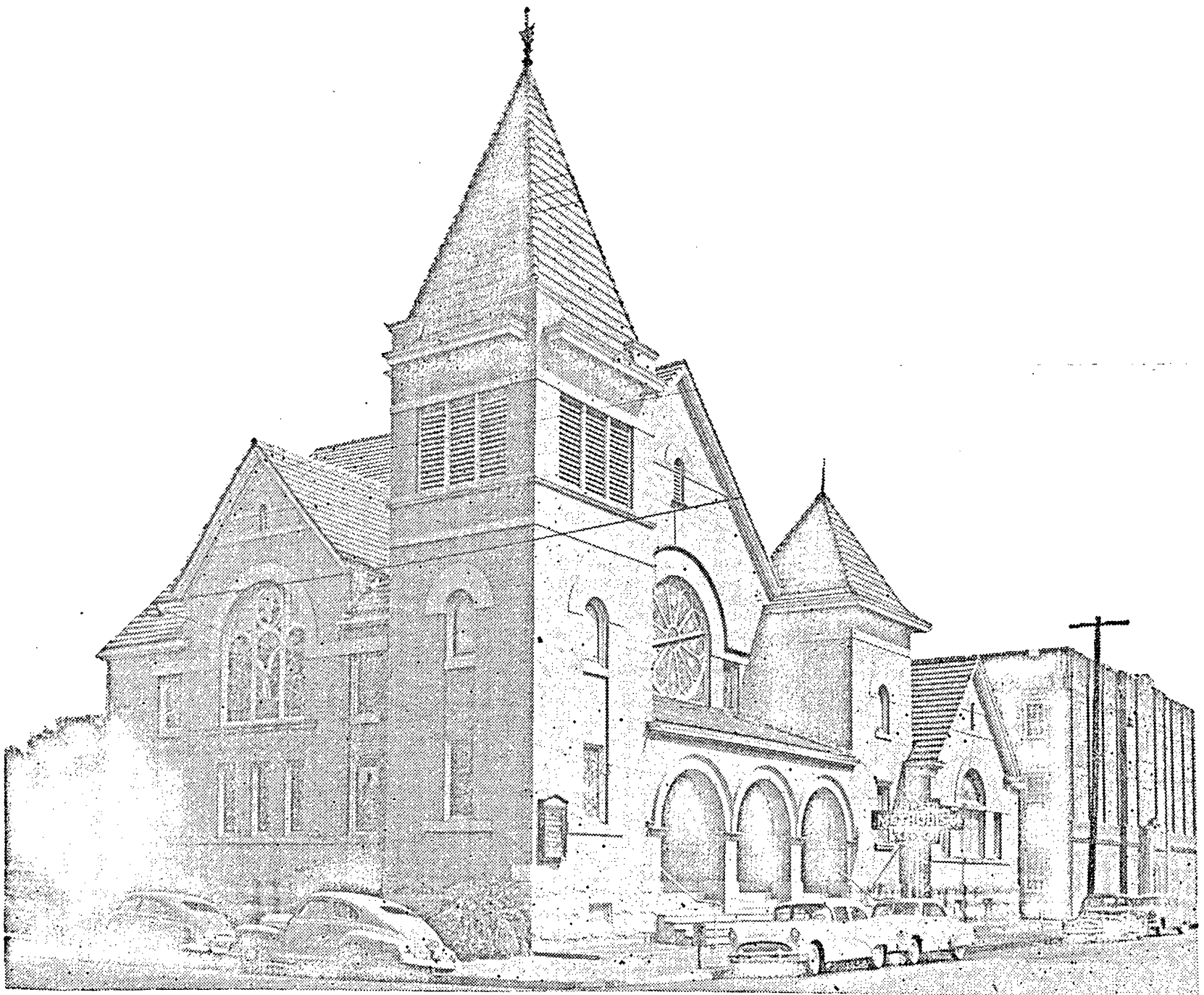
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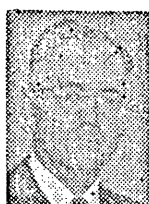
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Louisiana Conference

Meets May 31 - June 4

THE story of Methodism in Alexandria goes back to the early days of the nineteenth century.

We are not sure when the first Methodist preacher came through this section. However, we find that in 1811 the Rapides Circuit appears as an appointment in the old Western Conference, with Thomas Nelson pastor in charge.

A few years later Rev. John Shrock was appointed to the Rapides Circuit and preached in the court house at Alexandria. Historians tell us that he aroused the indignation of some of the rough element in town by saying that Alexandria was a "hard place." Being a man stout in frame and stout in heart, he soon won the respect of the citizens, and was able to advance the cause of Methodism in the little town.

In 1834 the name of the Rapides Circuit was changed to the Alexandria Circuit. A few years later the Louisiana Annual Conference was organized at Opelousas and soon after that the Alexandria Circuit became a station and has been ever since.

The present church building is the fourth in which the congregation has worshipped. The first three buildings stood on a lot on third street occupied formerly by Simon's Department Store which is now Wellan's. The first of these buildings was burned by the Federal Army on their retreat from the battle of Mansfield. The second church was a two-story frame building. The timbers of this building were used in the building of the District Parsonage which was on the same lot.

The third frame building for the

church was built on the upper corner of the lot about 1888, during the four-year pastorate of the late Rev. B. F. White. The parsonage then was situated between the church and the district parsonage.

The property on third street was sold and a lot secured on Jackson at Sixth Street which was nearer the center of the growing city. This change, like all other changes, was made at the expense of some criticism on the part of a few members of the church.

The cornerstone of the present brick church bears the date of 1907. The Rev. H. R. Singleton was the pastor when it was constructed. It served the growing congregation fairly well for twenty years. During the pastorate of Dr. Cleanth Brooks a modern church school building was added. This building was completed in 1927. We are now facing the necessity of again expanding our facilities. A committee has been appointed and we are setting up the machinery for the task that all of us know we must face in the near future.

First Methodist Church has now a membership of some two thousand people and carries on a far reaching program that touches every continent of the world. This past year has been a very significant year in the history of First Church.

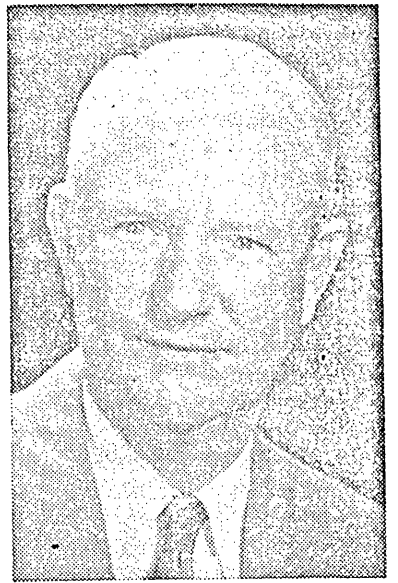
For the first time in the church's history the budget was over subscribed. We have paid our obligations for years but this was the first time that we had all of the budget pledged when the fiscal year started. We have come to the end of the year with a nice surplus which will be put in a building and expansion fund. I feel that much

of this fine work was due to the splendid leadership of the chairman of our Official Board, Mr. Richard Crowell.

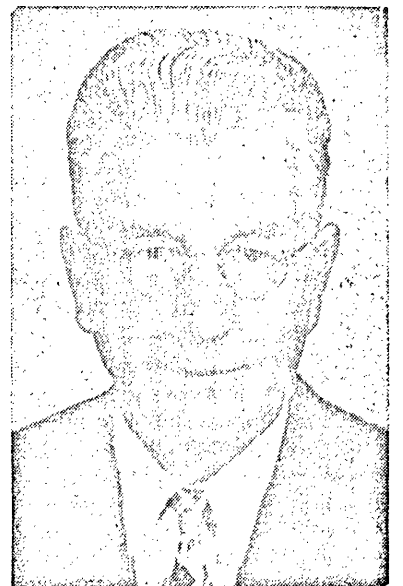
Another notable event has taken place this year. Mr. A. F. Lanier who has been the general Superintendent of our Church School since 1940 was promoted to Chairman of the Official Board. He leaves a church school which has an average attendance of nearly twice what it was when he took over fifteen years ago. Every department is well organized and staffed by good teachers and workers. He has been one of the most forward looking church school superintendents in the state. We feel that we will still have his active interest in the church school. Mr. Sammie Poole has been elected to take Mr. Lanier's place. With Miss Ann Fox, who has recently come to us as Director of Religious Education, helping him we look forward to years of progressive work in this field.

Mrs. George Connell has led the women of the church in a magnificent way this year. The Woman's Society of Christian Service is a powerful influence for good in the life of our church. They are well organized and willing to undertake anything for the good of the church that they love. Three of the State Officers of the WSCS come from our Society.

The most significant thing which has happened at First Church this past year has not been the budget which we subscribed and paid, the work of the Church School, nor the activities of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, but the fact that one of our own boys has been licensed to preach with several others to be licensed soon.



REV. A. W. TOWNSEND
District Superintendent Host



DR. J. HENRY BOWDON
Pastor Host

First Church has never produced a preacher in all of its one hundred thirty five years of history. We have worn out several but we have never produced one from our own fellowship. Now we have one who has already been licensed and is in school preparing himself for the ministry. We have another fine young man who is in school but who has not yet been licensed. Under the fine leadership of Rev. J. C. Skinner, the Associate Pastor of First Church, these young men and others who are thinking along this line are given a chance to have a part in the worship service on the fourth Sunday night of each month. Two of these fine young men have already had a chance to preach in their home church. Both of them did a good job for their first experience. We look forward with great hope to these fine young men.

First Church is looking forward with great joy to the session of the Louisiana Conference. This experience is nothing new for us for many times we have been host to the Conference.

We are asking the cooperation of all the delegates as we will have difficulty in housing all of you as we would like. The church auditorium will be crowded but we feel that it will be comfortable. A hearty welcome will be awaiting you in Alexandria.



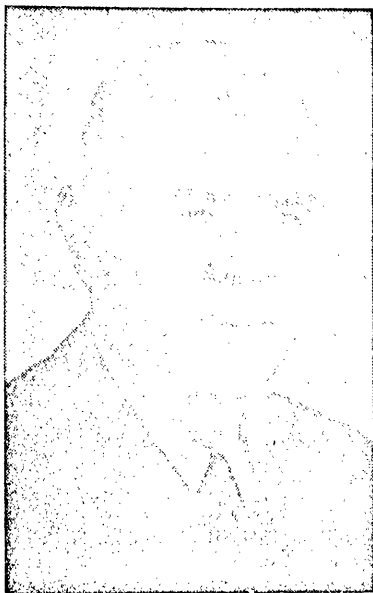
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Chairman, Official Board



ALBERT F. LANIER
Church School Superintendent



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN
Presiding Officer

Bishop Martin, presiding officer of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area since 1944, is beginning his twelfth series of Annual Conference sessions in this Area. During these eleven years the program of Methodism has been strengthened in all areas of work. Other than administrative duties and giving general oversight to the work in these two states, Bishop Martin heads the General Board of Temperance, is Vice-Chairman of the General Board of Education and heads the Division of the Local Church of that Board, and is serving on several General Conference committees.

Rev. Carl Lueg, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, since 1951, will deliver the memorial sermon at the service commemorating ministers and ministers' wives or widows who have died the past conference year. Rev. Mr. Lueg has been a member of the Louisiana Conference since 1934 and his pastorates have included Delhi, Slidell, Hammond, First Church, Natchitoches, Homer and Carrollton, New Orleans. In 1951 he was a delegate to the Methodist Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England, and in 1952 was a delegate to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference.



REV. CARL LUEG
Commemoration Preacher

Louisiana Annual Conference Program

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1955

10:30 A.M.—Roll Call and Organization
10:50 A.M.—Welcome Addresses
11:00 A.M.—Report No. 1 of Committee on Conference Relations
11:05 A.M.—Report No. 1 of Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications
11:20 A.M.—Reception of Class into Full Connection
11:35 A.M.—First Ballot for Delegates to the General Conference
12:30 P.M.—Adjournment
2:00 P.M.—Second Ballot for Delegates to the General Conference
2:10 P.M.—Nominations from the Cabinet
2:25 P.M.—Report No. 1 of Board of Missions
2:45 P.M.—Report No. 1 of Board of Education
3:05 P.M.—Third Ballot for Delegates to the General Conference
3:15 P.M.—Service of Commemoration Dr. F. M. Freeman, Presiding
Rev. Carl Lueg, Commemoration Preacher
4:15 P.M.—Adjournment followed by meeting of Boards, Commissions and Committees
5:30 P.M.—Board of Lay Activities Banquet at Effies
7:00 P.M.—Commission on Christian Vocations
7:30 P.M.—Preaching Service—"Spiritual Neurosis" Dr. Walter K. Kerr



DR. WALTER KERR
Conference Preacher

Dr. Walter Kerr, who will deliver five sermons during the three and a half day conference session, is the pastor of the Marvin Methodist Church of Tyler, Texas. A native of Texas, Dr. Kerr is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, has a M. A. degree from the University of Texas, took law training at the Texas University law school and was admitted to the Texas State Bar Association in 1937. Dr. Kerr practiced law for two years before he entered the Methodist ministry. He has held pastorates at Robstown Larger Parish, associate pastor of the University Methodist Church, Austin; Central Methodist Church at Austin and the First Methodist Church of Kerrville.

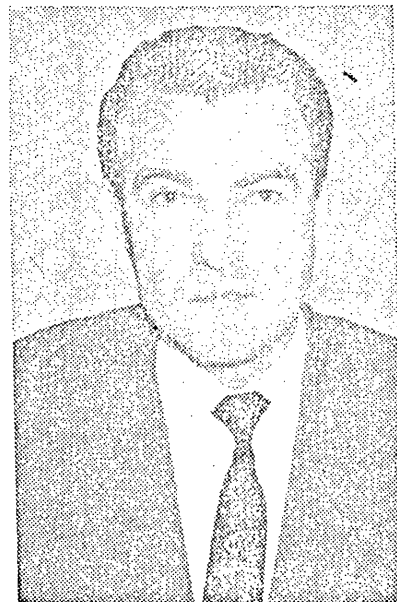
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1955

8:30 A.M.—Morning Devotional Reverend James T. Harris
9:00 A.M.—Fourth Ballot for Delegates to the General Conference
9:15 A.M.—Report No. 2 of the Board of Missions and Conference President of the W.S.C.S.
9:50 A.M.—Insurance Committee Report
10:00 A.M.—Fifth Ballot for Delegates to the General Conference
10:05 A.M.—Recess
10:20 A.M.—Report of the Board of Lay Activities
10:35 A.M.—Report of Board of Conference Education
10:50 A.M.—Report No. 2 of the Board of Education
11:20 A.M.—Sixth Ballot for Delegates to the General Conference
11:30 A.M.—Report No. 2 of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications
12:10 P.M.—Report of Board of Hospitals and Homes
12:30 P.M.—Adjournment
12:45 P.M.—Luncheon, Conference Board of Trustees
—Luncheon, Board of Managers, Pastors' School
—Parsonettes Luncheon
—First Presbyterian Church
2:00 P.M.—
"Advance of Methodism Through the Local Church" Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Leader
4:00 P.M.—Preaching Service
"The Bugles of God" Dr. Walter K. Kerr
5:30 P.M.—Seminary Banquets—Bentley Hotel
Duke—Continental Room
Emory—Room 206
S. M. U.—Venetian Room
7:30 P.M.—Preaching Service
"Bone Yards" Dr. Walter K. Kerr

Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, will lead the conference session on Wednesday afternoon on the theme "Advance of Methodism Through The Local Church." During Dr. Shamblin's seven years as the Pulaski Heights pastor, a net gain of 840 members has been made, a three-quarter million church plant has been erected, and the general church program strengthened. Dr. Shamblin was one of the discussion leaders at the recent South Central Jurisdictional Convocation when the local church was emphasized.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1955

8:30 A.M.—Morning Devotional Reverend Edward W. Harris
9:00 A.M.—Report of the Board of Evangelism (1 and 2)
9:30 A.M.—Report of Board of Temperance
10:00 A.M.—Recess
10:15 A.M.—Report of Committee on Conference Relations
10:35 A.M.—Report of Committee on Student Centers
10:50 A.M.—Report of Committee on District Conference Records
11:00 A.M.—Report of Town and Country Commission
11:15 A.M.—Report of Commission on Minimum Salary
11:30 A.M.—Report No. 2 of the Board of Hospitals and Homes
11:45 A.M.—Legal Conference Report
11:50 A.M.—Report of Commission on World Peace
12:05 P.M.—Report of Board of Social and Economic Relations
12:20 P.M.—Report of Conference Trustees
12:30 P.M.—Adjournment
12:45—Luncheon, Directors of Christian Education, Bentley Hotel
Superannuates Luncheon, Y. M. C. A.
3:50 P.M.—Tea Honoring Mrs. Paul E. Martin
4:00 P.M.—Preaching Service
"The Opportunity and the Risk" Dr. Walter K. Kerr
5:30 P.M.—Centenary College Banquet, Venetian Room, Bentley Hotel
7:00 P.M.—Centenary College Choir
7:30 P.M.—Service of Ordination
"The Reverse Side of the Cross" Dr. Walter K. Kerr



DR. J. KENNETH SHAMBLIN
Local Church Emphasis

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1955

8:30 A.M.—Morning Devotional Reverend George Pearce, Jr.
9:00 A.M.—Report of Committee on General Conference Memorials
9:30 A.M.—Report of THE LOUISIANA METHODIST and Methodist Information
10:00 A.M.—Report of World Service and Finance Commission
10:20 A.M.—Treasurer's Report
10:40 A.M.—Commission on Christian Vocations
10:50 A.M.—Pastors' School announcement
11:00 A.M.—Report of Commission on Homes for Retired Ministers
11:10 A.M.—Report of Committee on Conference Entertainment
11:20 A.M.—Report No. 3 of Board of Education
11:30 A.M.—Report of Resolutions Committee
11:40 A.M.—Reading of Appointments
Adjournment

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Hail To The Superintendents

WE can think of no better time than just before three annual conference sessions to pay tribute to twenty-two ministers in this Area who are giving unusually fine creative leadership to the church. We refer to the men who head each of the districts, the District Superintendents.

To them has been delegated the responsibility for the success or failure in the several pastoral charges comprising the district, of such enterprises as may be developed on a district level, and a lion's share of the present and future welfare of the pastors under their jurisdiction. They must keep abreast of developments and trends in Methodist program, a major task in itself, and see that this program finds expression in local church activities. Few Methodists, including most pastors who have never served "on a district", appreciate the magnitude of the superintendent's task. Often misunderstood, they labor tirelessly to meet the responsibilities committed to their hands.

Working Methodism At Its Best

NEXT week the Louisiana Conference meets in Alexandria for its regular 1955 session, and in succeeding weeks the Little Rock Conference meets at Arkadelphia and the North Arkansas Conference in Jonesboro. The holding of annual conferences marks the end of a conference year and signals the beginning of a new one. Organizationally and program-wise, Methodism operates on a year to year basis, even to the assignment of its preachers.

The last annual conference session preceding the meeting of the quadrennial general Conference always holds unusual interest in that delegates are chosen in that session to represent the annual conferences at the general and jurisdictional conferences. Since the 1956 general conference will convene next April it will be necessary for these general and jurisdictional conference delegates to be elected at these forthcoming annual conference sessions. These elections together with the usual interest in conference programs and pastoral appointments should add up to sessions of more than usual interest.

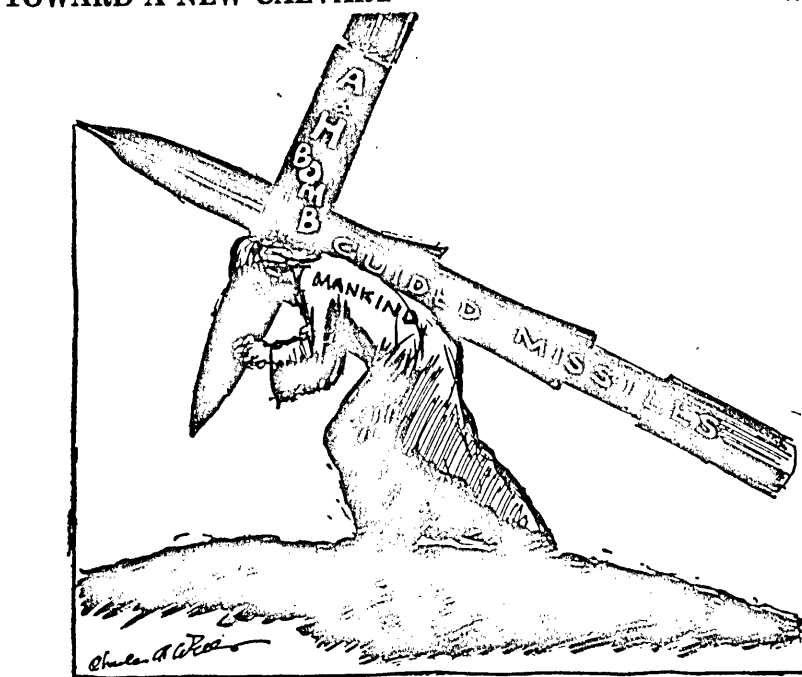
With all the various matters that come before annual conferences, ranging from the near secular to the purely spiritual, it would not be surprising at times if the central or main purposes of the sessions became hazy or obscure. Herein lies, we believe, the basic differences between conference sessions and their counterparts on a state or national level. Whereas legislative bodies outside the church are forever being beset by various selfish interests and pressure groups, the work of an annual conference is relatively free of these influences. Aside from an occasional pastoral relations committee that insists its pastor be appointed irrespective of the greatest good for all the churches and preachers, the conference business is usually accomplished in the light of what is best for the Kingdom.

The claims and presentations of the various conference interests are usually made in such a way as to represent them in their best light—which is as it should be. The greatness of Methodism lies in the many applications and interpretations as to how best to accomplish its mission. It is not a case of one interest, board or commission, but rather a great church working through all these groups, utilizing the best thinking, talents and energies of those who seek to give themselves through any particular channel. An annual conference session is the best reflection of true working Methodism of which we know.

"Pray For Peace"

REPRESENTATIVE LOUIS C. RABOUT, Congressman from Michigan, is sponsor of a resolution which, if adopted, will instruct postal authorities to include the words, "Pray for Peace" in the postmark for United States mail.

The Chairman of the House Post Office Committee, Congressman Tom Murray, has said that his group favors the resolution and that it will be reported favorably to the House. In the past the postmark has carried such slogans or mottos as, "Help the Handicapped" and "Mail Early for Christmas", etc. In the present world



crisis the words, "Pray for Peace" would be very appropriate in our postmark.

The words "Pray for Peace", included in our postmark on United States mail, would be helpful as a suggestion to our American people. This style postmark would also be a continuous reminder to the nations of the world that the United States is officially committed to a peace program. Furthermore, such a postmark would be an additional reminder for the world that the United States is a Christian nation and proud of its faith.

"Living In Expectation"

IN Goodspeed's translations of the New Testament the author has Mark saying of Simeon, a "just and devout" citizen of Jerusalem, that, regarding the coming of the promised Messiah, he was "Living in Expectation". As the time for our three Annual Conferences approaches, these words very fittingly express the feelings that stir the hearts of our preachers—possibly some of our laymen.

Some of our ministers will go up to these conference sessions feeling that they would have a larger opportunity for effective service if they could be assigned to a new charge. To say that the individuals of this group are "Living In Expectation" is putting the matter mildly.

All who have experienced it know that it is no small thing for a minister and his family to move from one charge to another. Consequently, we should expect any preacher who is worthy of a place in the Methodist ministry to be deeply concerned about any new appointment he is to receive from the Bishop and his cabinet. Those in authority should be patient and considerate of any reasonable concern the preacher may express regarding his new field of service. Any preacher who is not concerned about his appointment before he receives it is not likely to do much about it after he gets it.

There are many of our ministers who will attend the coming Annual Conferences "expecting" to be re-assigned to the charges they have been serving and they will be genuinely happy and thankful if their expectations are realized. It is a situation "devoutly to be wished" when the minister and his people are happy working together. Such situations are seldom disturbed unless, in making the appointments, reasons that are all but compelling develop that make a change necessary.

It may be said also that in some charges the layworkers are "Living in Expectation" as the conference sessions draw near. It is a matter of major concern when a charge is to have a change in pastoral leadership. The members in a charge that is to have a new leader are to be commended for the interest they have in the change. A lack of interest at this point before appointments are made will likely prevail after the appointment is made.

Methodism should strive to keep alive in the hearts of its preachers and laymen the spirit of Expectation.

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TURNING TRUANT

In my boyhood community there was to me a rather terrifying figure known as the truant officer. He was a person about whom I heard my parents talk frequently.

According to the description graven on my young mind, the truant officer had an eye sharper than an eagle and a scent keener than a bloodhound. He always got his quarry, and his quarry were bad boys who played truant from school.



Suffice it to say, I never fell into the man's clutches. However, I am not sure that my record on truancy has remained clear since boyhood.

A truant is defined as "one who absents himself or runs off from the place of duty". When I look back, I fear that at many times I have deserted or avoided my place of duty.

Why does a person play truant from life's school? Sometimes because of boredom. The boy trudging to school thinks of the fishing stream or the baseball lot, and the school room to him takes on the prospect of a prison.

The Dreamer-Truant

Maybe because of irritation. The business man, chafing under government regulations and fretted by competition, looks out the window and longs to get away.

Or it may be weariness. The young housewife, worn to the quick by the friction of petty demands, sees the glamorous existence depicted on the screen and begins to pity herself as a prisoner of routine. She is just tired of it all.

And sometimes a situation seems so hopeless that a person feels it futile to stand by any longer.

For instance, the world's problems seem so baffling that many people are inclined to stop working at them. They would have America live to herself and let the world go. And many do not bother to study even our own social problems or go to the polls to vote on them.

How To Do It

Having seen why men play truant to their highest duties, let us consider how they do it. One way is to try to tone down the call of conscience.

How plausibly we say, "Of course, we must do our duty but God meant us to use our common sense."

To be sure, we must be practical. We must use common sense. But when we tone down our ideals and dreams to what we call common sense we may often make it so common that, as Jesus said, it is "like salt which has lost its savor and is henceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men."

There is a saving common sense and there is a savorless common sense.

Saving common sense is the product we get after we have tried what seemed at first impossible. Savorless common sense is what we think is workable and practical before we have tried the seemingly impossible.

It is the mediocre mentality which ridicules the pioneers and stoness the prophets.

Look The Other Way

Or we can play truant to duty by not looking in its direction. Sometimes we avoid a moral fight which calls for our help by going down a safe side street.

Recall what Job said when he was trying to prove his moral integrity. He said, "I have never kept quiet within doors, afraid of what the crowd would say." When a public fight is on over some moral issue, it is so pleasantly tempting just to stay quiet within doors. When a righteous cause is being ridiculed around the table, it is so comfortable to keep silent and not show our colors.

We rightly condemn the "reds" who would undermine our republic. We are suspicious of the "pinks" who are fellow travelers with the communists. But our society is quite equally in danger from the "yellows" who have not the courage of their convictions and play truant to their duties.

But when we triumph over our truancy, we develop an inner core of self-respect and satisfaction. Moreover we release divine resources.

No Appreciation

A young minister of my acquaintance had a parish which did not appreciate him. He was having a hard time. A call came to a wealthy church where his type of ministry was desired. He was tempted to go. But he stayed. And then things began to break. His church rallied to him. His ministry was blessed with results.

Or I think of a woman whose husband was considered a washout. He was not good to her and he was generally "no good". She was tempted to leave him. But she kept on with him, hoping to find the vein of gold in him. She stuck. And she struck it. The home stood.

When we refuse to run away from duty, God runs to help us.

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



THE HIGH PRICE OF BEANS

Somebody coined the phrase, "You pays your money and takes your choice." Whoever he was, he spoke some philosophy that goes far deeper than we would think.

Take Esau, for example. In Genesis 25: 27-34 you can read the story about him. He was quite a hunter; he could catch wild game where others had no luck. In fact, he became so much interested in his hunting and outdoor life that it seemed to be the most important thing in the world to him. His old, blind father enjoyed the wild meat, so Esau thought he was doing well enough to tempt his father's palate by bringing in game that others could not snare. The pride of being a crack shot meant nearly everything to him.

Esau's pride went too far, though. His younger brother, Jacob was jealous of the birthright which the first born son had inherited, and determined to trade Esau out of it if possible. There might be several ways to do it, but he was willing to wait. . . .

The time came one cold day when Esau arrived home from a hunting trip. No one has a bigger appetite than a cold, tired hunter. The writer knows! Jacob was cooking a bowl of beans, flavored with onion, and perhaps, a little meat. The homey flavor of nourishing food was more than Esau could endure. Just one little bowl of red beans, please. The hunter would give anything, yes, anything for it. . . .

Esau traded off his legal birthright, a very precious asset, for a bowl of beans. That's probably the highest price on record for plain, old, red beans. We laugh at his short-sightedness, but we in this bright, chrome plated day are still putting pretty high value on beans, and bread, and wealth, and profit margins, while the far greater values of compassion, and forgiveness, and commitment of possessions, seem to go begging at times. Maybe we have forgotten the words that God told Moses, "Man shall not

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

ASIA AND AFRICA ENVISION FREEDOM

In 1876, Leopold II of Belgium called "in informal and unofficial" conference of half a dozen European nations to assemble in Brussels and consider "the future" of Africa—in other words, the partition of its people and wealth among the white nations then controlling the world. It was a trial balloon in diplomatic finesse, and world opinion raised no clamor against the nations that then began to stake out claims for themselves in Africa—claims that consumed and over-awed whole tribes and areas many times bigger than the European land of the new "owner."

But even that didn't satisfy the hungry claimants. So in 1884-85 there was held the "Conference of Berlin," called by the German Kaiser, and this was both formal and official. Sitting around the conference table, no Africans invited, agreeing upon how to carve the continent of Africa and dispose of men and wealth, were representatives of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, the United States of America, France, Great Britain, Italy, Holland, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, Norway, and Turkey. Here it was that diplomats coined that choice phrase "spheres of influence", and here they worked out the "techniques for agreements" whereby a nation could stake out for itself a portion of Africa (especially of the coast), and each other nation in the deal would "honor" the claim under certain conditions of military "occupation". Before the Conference was over, Belgium reached out to annex the Congo (formerly mis-named a "free state") as a colony; and within the next fifteen years six "agreements" were honored, giving most of the remainder of

live by bread alone." Maybe we have forgotten that Jesus quoted these same words centuries later so that we might have a chance to learn the great importance of them. Beans alone add size to the waistline, but not to the spirit.

the continent to Germany, England, France, and Portugal. . . .

Now there are those who will say that Africa and the African profited by this division into "spheres of influence" and then into colonies. Ancient tribal warfare was ended; conditions of epidemic disease and famine were somewhat abated; that worse evils of an animistic belief—witchcraft, physical slavery, tortures—were generally suppressed. On the positive side—and varying with the particular government—modern education was introduced, the missionary had access to the people, modern medicine entered the colonies, political government was established, industry was organized, and the resources of the earth were developed and used for man's service.

But the decisions of the Conference of Berlin—and the mad scramble for the wealth, and the muscle, and the soul, and the land of the African begun and sanctioned there—have led directly to the nationalism, the social and economic unrest and the small beginnings of communism we find on that largest continent today. The Mau Mau uprisings, the clashes of the races in South Africa, the labor fears that hang over the industrial Transvaal are the inevitable results of one race's attempt to dominate another. And there is every indication that the situation may grow worse. At this stage in history, communism is able to wax large on the errors of other ideologies. . . .

Seventy years after Berlin there was held what may prove an even more history-making gathering — the Asian-African Conference in Bandung, Indonesia. It discussed Africa's and Asia's problems with the whites; it was not basically antiwhite; but anti-colonialism, either from Europe or from Russia. For Africa it would undo most of the "agreements" inspired in Berlin. It is for an Asia governed by Asians, an Africa governed by Africans: and it does not want communist domination any more than it wants European domination. Apparently it was a success if for no other reason than that the non-white people who are more than half the population of the world came together alone for the first time, felt their own strength and capacity, and decided they wanted to be free.

And the peace or struggle of tomorrow's world will be determined by the speed with which the white man's world goes along with the aspirations of these men of color who have shown "freedom"—and want it for themselves.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST CHURCH MUSICIANS

A conference for persons in the Methodist Church who have chosen the field of church music as a vocation, will be held at Estes Park, Colorado, July 2-7.

This will be the first national conference for Methodist church musicians ever to be held, according to the Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work, Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education. Mr. Towner pointed out that the last General Conference directed the Division of the Local Church to "develop standards governing the work of the local-church director of music and serve as may be possible in advancing this field of work in the church."

Eligible to attend the conference are persons who are employed as full-time musicians in local churches; those who serve as combination directors of music and Christian education; and musicians who are employed part time in local churches, including professors of church music in Methodist colleges and universities.

The threefold purpose of the conference is: To set on foot a national fellowship of Methodist church musicians; to serve as a means by which Methodist church musicians

may counsel with representatives of the General Board of Education; and to provide stimulation for church musicians through fellowship with one another and with professionally competent leaders.

The cost of the conference will be \$28.75 for room and board and \$5.00 registration fee. For further information write Rev. Walter Towner, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

STUDY COURSE AT STEPHENS

The Stephens Methodist Church held a three-day study course on "Teaching Children" for all workers with children from May 15 through May 17. We were fortunate in having Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock Conference Director of Children's Work, to direct the study.

The first session was held at 6:30 to 7:30 on Sunday evening with sixteen enrolled. This included all the teachers in the Church School, leaders of "The Busy Bees", organization of children in extra week-day sessions, and parents. We had one father enrolled.

Mrs. Bates spoke at the Sunday night service of the church on "Our Children's Heritage" and showed the filmstrip, "Goals of Our Church for Children".

Good attendance at each session showed splendid interest on the part of the parents and teachers in the course. At each session Mrs. Bates had open discussion on materials used in our Church School and how we should teach the child, the purpose of the lesson and some activity in connection.

A potluck dinner was served on the closing night for all the workers.

This course was of great value to all the teachers and mothers and we feel that we now have a greater understanding of the materials and the purpose of our teaching.

Rev. and Mrs. Doyle T. Rowe entertained Mrs. Bates in their home while she was in Stephens. Several of the teachers entertained her at lunch and dinner on Monday and Tuesday. — Mrs. Jamie Talley, Superintendent of the Children's Division.

"There is so much reluctance on the part of church members to become teachers and leaders in the church school, and there is such inadequate awareness on the part of the Church at large as to the strategic importance of Christian education, that the staff of the Division of the Local Church must spend a considerable part of its time and energy in lifting up the significance of Christian education. Constantly we must remind ourselves and the Church that Christian education is an essential function of the Church without which it becomes sick, weak and ineffective as a saving element in our social order. The church without a program of Christian education is like salt which has lost its savor."—Dr. J. Q. Schisler

NEED FOR MORE DIRECTORS IN TRAINING

"Training of vocational workers in Christian education must be greatly increased if needs of Methodism are to be met," says Miss Lilla Mills. "An increase of two graduates a week, fifty-two weeks a year, would barely satisfy requests now filed with General Board of Education."

Many pastors and secretaries of conference board of education list their need with Miss Mills.

"Local churches in thirty-two states and the District of Columbia are making desperate pleas for staff members," she says. "Ohio alone would like to put a dozen directors of Christian education to work. Eleven are needed in Illinois." Five or more directors are sought by local churches of six other states: Michigan, North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina and Florida.

Recently the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education, launched a program to recruit and train one hundred additional educational directors each year. Prospective directors

should complete the Master of Religious Education degree. This is in addition to a Bachelor's degree from a standard four-year college.

"Funds are being solicited for support of scholarships," declares Miss Mills, who represents the General Board of Education in the enterprise. "We can find sufficient young persons willing to commit their lives to this type of Christian service, provided that individuals and organizations will help finance their professional training."

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY

"On every Church School Rally Day our offering goes to the conference board of education to make possible a program of training for church school teachers."

This statement, or a similar one, will be made in the Methodist churches that celebrate Rally Day during Christian Education Week, September 25-October 7.

The purpose of Rally Day, according to the *Discipline*, is to emphasize the importance of Christian education and to receive an offering for the local church division of the conference board of education.

Each year one or more special programs for Rally Day are made available by the Department of General Church School Work of the General Board of Education. This year's program, *Days of Life That Teach Us*, was written by Mrs. Johnnie Marie Grimes of Dallas, Texas. It is expected that use of this program will increase the interest in the work of the local church school in general as well as serve as an incentive for increasing the Rally Day offering.

In addition to the program mentioned above, there will be carried in the church school periodicals materials designed to promote Rally Day.

Order *Days of Life That Teach Us* from the Methodist Publishing House serving you. Prices, 10 cents each, 75 cents a dozen, \$5.00 a hundred.

GENERAL OFFICERS' JOB ANALYSIS SET

Would you like to have a quick guide to understanding your work as a general officer in the church school?

The Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, has for distribution job analyses for the pastor in his relationship to the church school and the following officers: superintendent, chairman of the commission on education, assistant superintendent for membership cultivation, secretary, treasurer, literature secretary, librarian.

The leaflets are in outline form, designed for quick reading, easy to understand. The church school superintendent may want two sets of the leaflets—one to distribute to his officers and one to keep for his own study and use.

Order from the Service Department, General Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Ask for *General Officers' Job Analysis Set* (8347-C). Price, 25 cents a set, cash with order.

JUNIOR CAMPING

One of the most dynamic growing points in the program of Christian education of children is in junior camping, according to Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director of the Department of the Christian Education of Children, General Board of Education.

In spite of a greatly accelerated program of training for camp leaders, conference and district organizations are not able to keep up with demands, Dr. Jones said.

Two basic manuals on junior camping produced cooperatively by several denominations will be ready for junior workers this summer. They are (1) planning the church camp for juniors and (2) the church day camp. These manuals have been written by Miss LeDonna Bogardus of the department staff.

There will also be available new program guidance material for junior camp leaders.

Because information regarding junior camps is not reported on the pastor's statistical report and because junior camps are conducted by various educational bodies within the church, it is difficult to secure accurate statistical information regarding the exact number of junior camps which are being conducted under the auspices of the Methodist Church, and the number of boys and girls participating. The Department of the Christian Education of Children received reports of 89 resident junior camps and 30 day camps during 1954, and a number of other camps were conducted about which no reports were received.

Further information as to titles and prices of manuals and guidance material will soon be available.

JOHN WESLEY OBJECTS HERE FOR METHODIST COLLECTION

What is believed the largest collection of objects pertaining to John Wesley, 18th century founder of Methodism, arrived from England to be installed in the new archives and headquarters building of the World Methodist Council and Methodist Historical Societies being erected at Lake Junaluska, N. C. Known as the "Eagles collection," it formerly was housed at Cliff College in England and comprises 58 large busts of Wesley, 53 miniature busts and statuettes, and 57 medallions, plaques and cameos bearing the Methodist founder's likeness. The collection also includes 18 rare Staffordshire pieces and many other pottery items. Dr. Elmer T. Clark, secretary of the World Methodist Council, said the most highly-prized busts in the collection are nine that Enoch Wood, British sculptor, made from life in 1781. The "Eagles collection" will be added to Dr. Clark's personal Wesleyana collection, already on display here, which numbers 250 first editions of Wesley's publications, rare manuscripts and Bibles, and journals and portraits of Wesley and other early Methodist leaders in England and America.

Urges Rededication To Common Moral Law

Dr. Grayson L. Kirk, president of Columbia University, called at Williamsburg, Va., for a "rededication to the common moral law of men of goodwill everywhere." He was the principal speaker at a ceremony here commemorating the American concept of religious freedom. "Religious liberty is indivisible from personal liberty," Dr. Kirk said. "We must deal with the problems of our own time as our forefathers dealt with theirs, and we deserve the gratitude of our children only if we endeavor to be as courageous and as wise as our fathers were." The answers to the problems of today lie in deep consideration of "the underlying unities" men have in common, the Columbia president said, "and the first of these unities is spiritual. Two principles — widest religious tolerance and a strengthened sense of our common ethical foundations of belief — need not deter any man from following his own faith or from peacefully urging his convictions upon others," he said.

Methodist Groups May Join South India Church

A seven-man committee was appointed at Hyderabad, India, to examine the possibility of two Methodist Conferences joining the Church of South India instead of the proposed United States of North India and Pakistan. The Church of South India was formed in 1947 through the merger of Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Reformed bodies. The

Archeologists Excavating Ancient Nazareth Church

Demolition of the Franciscan-operated Church of the Annunciation at Nazareth is enabling archeologists to extend their knowledge of the first Galilee church built by the Roman Emperor Constantine. The present church, erected in 1730, is being torn down to make way for a new \$2,000,000 structure. Money for the new shrine was contributed by Catholics throughout the world during the Marian Year. When completed, it will be the biggest Catholic house of worship in the Middle East. The existing building was put up over the ruins of a church built before 336 A. D. by Count Joseph of Tiberias on Constantine's order. It was destroyed by the Saracens, rebuilt by the Crusaders and finally destroyed again in the 13th century. About one-

third of the original site of the Constantine church was used by the Franciscans when they built the present church in the 18th century. Current demolition work is supplementing the findings made during excavations in 1907-09. The most important discovery made so far is a large Crusader cemetery with a number of well-preserved lead coffins. But further excavations and demolition of old houses around the church may shed new light on the ancient church and on life in Nazareth during the time of Christ. The Church of the Annunciation stands above the grotto in which the Virgin is traditionally believed to have heard from the Angel Gabriel that she was to bear the child Jesus.

Methodist Bishop Deplores 'Trivial' Preaching

Much current preaching is "trivial, trite and feeble," Bishop Frederick B. Newell of New York told 500 ministerial and lay delegates attending the 156th annual meeting of the New York Methodist Conference in Newburgh, N. Y. Asserting that "there are some great preachers but they are far too few in number," Bishop Newell called on ministers of the conference to "preach imperishable gospel in such a moving utterance as will convince a sinful-seeking congregation of the redemptive power of Christ. A generation ago, the compelling voice of America was the preacher's voice," he said. "Now America listens to other voices, the voice of the politician, the newscaster, the commentator, the psychiatrist, the educator, the statesman, the nuclear physicist — and sometimes 'the voice of the turtle.'"

70,000 Attend Graham's Opening London Rally

American evangelist Billy Graham's second Greater London Crusade opened at the huge Wembley Stadium in London with more than 70,000 persons attending despite threatening weather. Special buses and trains brought people from all over England to the meeting, at the conclusion of which 3,267 came forward to make "decisions for Christ" at the evangelist's invitation. Dr. Graham was welcomed by Dr. Hugh R. Gough, Anglican Bishop of Barking. The evangelist, whose London campaign was scheduled to run for a week, preached for six weeks at indoor Harringay Arena here last year. He came here

BIBLE SOCIETY REPORTS ON DISTRIBUTION OF SCRIPTURES

The American Bible Society distributed 9,000,071 volumes of Scriptures in the United States last year, it was reported at the 139th annual meeting in New York. It was the second successive year and the second time in the society's history that distribution exceeded nine million copies. Included in the output were 551,501 whole Bible, 814,846 Testaments, and 7,633,724 Bible portions. A total of 6,391,100 volumes were distributed abroad, bringing the combined domestic and foreign total to 15,391,171. As a result of last year's activity, the society passed the 450,000,000 mark for its 139 years of existence. During the year, the society received \$1,999,185 from living donors, the second largest income on record, including \$826,721 from 50 supporting denominations, \$1,126,125 from individuals and the rest from miscellaneous gifts. According to the report, the ABS distributed more Scriptures in Latin America than in any previous year, a total of 3,359,865 volumes to 23 countries.

Bishop Urges Catholics Cooperate With Others

Roman Catholics should cooperate with others for mutual help or to foster the common good, Bishop John R. McDonald of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, said in Panama City. Such cooperation, he added, "is Christian charity in action." Bishop McDonald addressed an institute on cooperatives and adult education which followed the third International Catholic Congress on Rural Life here and was attended by most of the same delegates. "All human beings share a mutual relationship which constitutes the most permanent, effective basis for true concord and cooperation, in every field of human effort," Bishop McDonald said. "Men may combine their efforts in social, education or economic spheres." Their cooperation, he continued, may initiate or support works of mercy, some community enterprise, credit unions, cooperative stores, cooperative homebuilding. "As long as they were helping others," he stressed, "they are practicing charity."

Blind Girl Reads Scripture Lesson At Bible Society Meeting

An 11-year-old blind girl read the Scripture lesson in Braille at the 139th annual meeting in New York of the American Bible Society. In a clear, confident voice, with her fingers skimming lightly and swiftly over the page, Pauline Nodhturft, a student at the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind, read the first 12 verses from the Book of Genesis, recounting the story of Creation. Her reading provided a moving dramatization of the fact that the society's distribution of Scriptures to the blind reached a record high of 55,076 volumes in 21 languages during 1954, the 120th year of its work for the blind. Pauline received her first volume of the Braille Bible from the society when she was six years old and has since been given all additional volumes to complete an entire set of the Bible. The 20 volumes are more than five feet high. New publications during the past year included a new edition of the "Small Volume of Scripture Passages" in English Braille, which is frequently called the "pocket Bible" by the blind. Since it began its work for the blind in 1835, the society has distributed 480,282 volumes and recordings in 40 languages and systems. In the United States, a large part of its work is devoted to supplying the needs of blinded veterans of recent wars.

from a six-week All-Scotland Crusade conducted in March and April. Following the London campaign, he is setting out on a tour of the continent.

Survey Shows 90% of U. S. Chinese Non-Christians

Chinese Christian churches in the United States have shown rapid growth in recent years but 90 per cent of the 117,000 Chinese in this country still are non-Christians, it was reported in San Francisco at the first nationwide conference of Chinese churches in America. The report was made by Dr. Peter Y. F. Shih, pastor of the Chinese Christian church of New England in Boston. He said a survey upon which the report was based had disclosed "serious problems" in addition to the high percentage of non-Christian. Among these he listed the existence of a "great language barrier," lack of proficiency in Chinese on the part of many pas-

tors of Chinese Christian congregations, and the fact that some of the ministers — although Chinese — had never been in China while others are not even Chinese. Dr. Shih told the conference that among the most important things it could do would be to aid in preserving the cultural heritage of the Chinese Christians and in providing their pastors with more proficiency in the Chinese language. More than 100 Chinese Christian clergymen and denominational executives from the U. S., Canada and Hawaii attended the conference along with about an equal number of laymen.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. JAMES S. UPTON, professor of religion at Hendrix College, preached the sermon for the graduating class of the Manila High School on Sunday, May 21.

MRS. HENRY RICEY, wife of Rev. Henry Rickey, district superintendent of the Conway District, has returned to her home in Conway following an operation in a New Orleans hospital.

REV. AND MRS. J. M. KITCHENS of Wal-treak are both patients in the Methodist Hospital in Memphis. Brother Kitchens is pastor of Waltreak in the Conway District.

GRAND AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH, Stuttgart, has just completed air-conditioning the entire church and church school facilities. The church is now air-conditioned throughout. Rev. H. M. Lewis is pastor.

DR. PAUL BUMPERS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Clarksville, was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Monday, May 23.

DR. AUBREY G. WALTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, preached the sermon for the Senior Class of the Benton High School on Sunday evening, May 22. The class had 115 members.

THE MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of the Smackover Methodist Church held the annual fish fry for the entire membership of the church on Monday night, May 16, at the city park. Rev. J. L. Tucker is pastor of the church.

DR. C. M. REVES, vice-president of Hendrix College, preached at the morning service of the Solgohachia Methodist Church on Sunday, May 15. Solgohachia is on the Morrilton Circuit of which Rev. William L. Yarbrough is pastor.

THE COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM of the Crossett Methodist Church sponsored a tea for the new members of the church in the social hall of the church on Wednesday evening, May 25. Rev. J. B. Hefley is pastor of the church.

REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Southern State College, Magnolia, on Sunday evening, May 22. He used as his subject, "Re-tooling for Human Relations."

MR. AND MRS. DERWIN BALL of Danville announce the birth of a daughter on May 4. Mr. and Mrs. Ball are former members of Conway First Church. They have also lived in Little Rock and are now members of the Methodist Church at Danville.

REV. J. H. HOGGARD, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Fort Smith, underwent surgery three weeks ago in a Fort Smith hospital. He returned to his home on Wednesday of last week and his condition is reported as much improved.

MRS. W. HENRY GOODLOE, wife of Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, district superintendent of the Fort Smith District, returned to her home on Tuesday of last week following a week's stay in a Fort Smith hospital where she had surgery.

THE BENTONVILLE METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Hubert E. Pearce, pastor, will join the Chain of Prayer, sponsored by the Prayer Life Movement of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, on Thursday, June 26. The Chain of Prayer runs through the year, 1955.

MRS. E. D. GALLOWAY, vice-president of Little Rock Conference Ministers' Wives requests that each lady bring a picture of the parsonage in which she lives to the Minis-

ters' Wives' luncheon at Arkadelphia on Saturday, June 11. Tickets will be \$1.50.

REV. GARLAND C. TAYLOR, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Marianna, writes: "We are now installing air-conditioning in our church. Every room in the educational building will be air-conditioned and, of course, the sanctuary. It will be in by the first of June."

REV. H. W. JINSKE, pastor of the Mountain View Methodist Church, delivered the graduating address for the Timbo High School on Thursday evening, May 19. The class had twelve members. Mr. Jinske was accompanied by Mrs. Jinske, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix Lackey and Joe Leslie, all of Mountain View.

BISHOP HYUNGKI J. LEW of the Korean Methodist Church received an honorary doctor of divinity degree at the commencement exercises of the Chosen Christian University in Seoul, Korea, in late April. The degree was awarded by Dr. George Paik, president of the University.

REV. Y. D. WHITEHURST, pastor of the Fourth Street Methodist Church, Rector, preached the commencement sermon on the Rector High School on Sunday evening, May 15. The services were held in the Rector gymnasium. There were 59 graduates in the class of which James Whitehurst, son of Brother Whitehurst, was a member.

CO-EDITORS of the *Henderson Oracle*, student publication of Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, for next year are Betty Jo Bittinger and Ruth Stone. They were appointed by the faculty Publications Committee. Both Miss Bittinger and Miss Stone are junior English and speech majors and plan to do special work for the Methodist Church following graduation, according to report.

MEMBERS of the Junior Choir of the Wesley Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, received diplomas at the evening service on Sunday, May 15, thus terminating the third year of Junior Choir work in the church. These members are Pat Jordan, Claire Lee, John Lee, Hal Lee, Sharon Nethercutt, Don Price, Bo Reid, Martha Gayle Sanders, Kay Shell, Charles Stearns, Ted Stearns, Pam Wilkerson, Jean Wood, Joan Wood and Linda Wood. The choir has been under the direction of Donald Stearns, assisted by Mrs. Winslow Brown.

REV. E. O. HARBIN, leader in the recreational field of the Methodist Church for many years, and known for his books, *Phunology* and *Fun Encyclopedia*, celebrated his 70th birthday on April 4. Illness forced his semi-retirement ten years ago. Three years ago he fell and broke his hip and since then he has been bedfast. For friends who wish to write him, his address is 335 Chesterfield Avenue, Nashville 12, Tennessee. Mr. Harbin traveled extensively and tirelessly over the nation for a quarter of a century in the interest of recreation and youth work.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN dedicated the new St. Frances church and educational building on Sunday evening, May 1. The new church was begun in 1951 under the leadership of Rev. John F. Wilson who was pastor at that time. Since the completion of the building, new pews and a gas heating system, along with other furnishings have been added. Along with the erection of the church, the three churches of the charge have also erected a furnished, seven-room modern parsonage which will be paid for in full by the end of the year. Rev. D. Kern Johnson is pastor of the charge.

THE WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, Pine Bluff, held its second annual fish fry on the lawn of the church on Friday night, May 13, serving approximately 450 people. This project, under the sponsorship of the Methodist Men, was begun last year in an effort to erase the debt remaining on the educational building

at that time. That goal was realized and the building was dedicated in May, 1954. This year's goal, according to the pastor, Rev. Winslow Brown, is to raise enough money from all available sources to begin the construction of the church's sanctuary.

MISS PRUDENCIA FABRO, principal of the Harris Memorial School in Manila, the Philippine Islands, has arrived at Scarritt College for Christian Workers at Nashville, Tenn., for six months of study. The Harris school, supported by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is the oldest Methodist school in the Philippines. Now affiliated with the Union Theological Seminary in Manila, it offers a three-year program for training deaconesses. A young graduate recently went as the first Methodist Filipino missionary to Okinawa. Principal for the last three years, Miss Fabro is a former Crusade scholar and a graduate both of the Union Seminary and the University of Manila.

BISHOP CHARLES W. BRASHARES, of Chicago, Ill., says: "Today the Christian church is trying to educate people to see the Christian way of living as opposed to, and differing from, all others. A Christian lawyer is different from a pagan lawyer. A Christian teacher, doctor or business man lives in a different way than does a non-Christian teacher, doctor or business man. The church holds Christian family life conferences, seminars on racial goodwill, study groups on international and personal peace. These seek to make clear how we can follow the Christian way of walking with a living Christ. For only when millions of us daily live the way of Christ shall we develop a world Christian culture."

THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS Theological Fellowship Program, inaugurated a year ago for the purpose of discovering and developing "new talent for the Christian ministry," will enable 47 outstanding young Americans and Canadians, representing 15 Protestant denominations, to devote the academic year 1955-56 to theological study so that they may consider the possibility of entering the Protestant ministry. Announcement of the fellowship awards, which are financed by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and administered through the American Association of Theological Schools Fund Inc., is made by Dr. Nathan M. Pusey, president of Harvard University and president of the Fund, which is sponsored by the American Association of Theological Schools. The "pilot fellowships" are for one year each.

ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE YOUTH RALLY

One thousand young people and adults is the goal for the Little Rock Conference Youth Rally at Arkadelphia, Tuesday, June 7, at 7:30 p. m.

Bishop Martin will install the newly-elected officers of the MYF, and Dr. D. L. Dykes will bring the inspirational message.

Since hotels and cafeterias will be crowded, it is advised that those attending bring a basket supper lest they are unduly delayed in getting to the service.—Roy E. Fawcett

MISSIONARY DELEGATES TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

At least two missionaries of the Methodist Church, one to Africa and the other to South America, will be delegates to the fiftieth anniversary convention of Rotary International at Chicago May 29 to June 2.

The Rev. Ernest L. Sells of Liestville, Ohio, for twenty-two years pastor of St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, will be an official delegate from Southern Rhodesia.

A delegate from Brazil will be the Rev. Daniel L. Betts of Belton, S. C., who has been an evangelistic missionary to Brazil since 1919. Since 1943, Mr. Betts has been working among students and youth at Porto Alegre on the northeastern coast of Brazil.

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By
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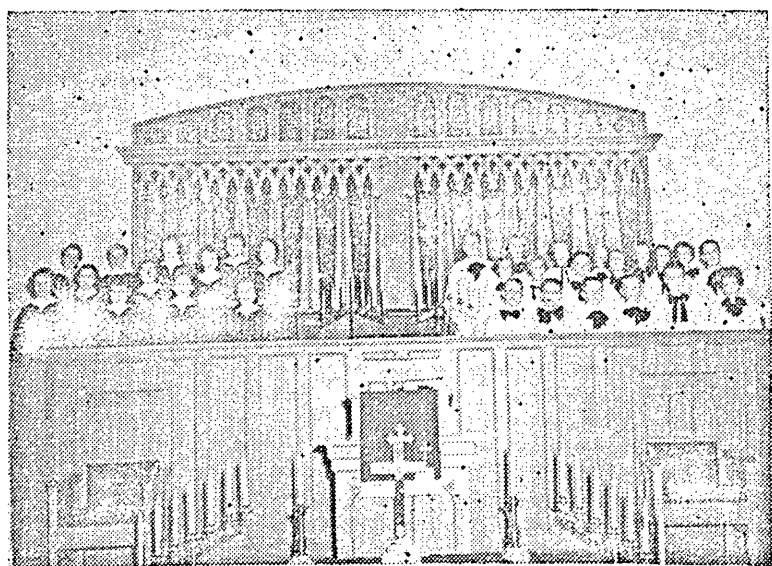
walk through the fire to get to me. All animals are afraid of fire. But Billy was so intent on coming to me that he didn't know the fire was there until it burned his feet and singed his wool. I never thought of Billy as a piece of property. He was more than that, something that I loved and he loved me, though he was only an animal. Whatever economic value he had was far surpassed by this higher value. That is why I remember so clearly the day Billy burned his feet in coming to me.

The Hebrew shepherd thought of his flock in much the same way. True they had economic value to

him, perhaps the highest, but they meant more than that. They were companions. He knew them all by name and when he called they would follow him anywhere. He would go through flood and fire for them. That is how it came about that the lamb became the symbol for the deepest relationship between God and man. It was not so much that the lamb represented innocence, but values of soul. However the matter of innocence was taken care of by the requirement that the lamb of sacrifice must be "without blemish." The values of life were not only to be high and great but also pure and clean. When John called Jesus "the lamb of God" he was regarding him as a man without blemish. Only such a person could do anything about the sins of the world.

Now, an act of exchange between God and man, wherein each gives to the other the very best that he is capable of giving, is creative in a spiritual sense. It certainly enriches any man's life. Second rate giving never can get us anywhere except down.

CAROL AND ALTAR CHOIRS AT RUSSELLVILLE



LEFT, ALTAR CHOIR, Front Row, L to R; Sharon Pullen, Karen Brandon, Alice Ann Fiser, Carol Anne Bourne. Middle Row, L to R: Patricia Hopson, Sue Keathley, Sarah Ann Hamm, Barbara Hopson. Back Row: Carol Cooley, Martha Thompson, Sandra Brownlee, Linda White.

RIGHT, CAROL CHOIR, Front Row, L to R: Mickey Pullen, Martin Fiser, Eddie Fryer, Wynton Norwood, John Harris, Jan Paulk. Middle Row, L to R: Jane Silvy, Nancy Faulkner, Jimmie Weatherston, Caralyn 'Croom, Anna Williams, Joe Dal Eason. Third Row, L to R: Bobby Griffin, Carol Jane Wright, Mary Jess Tibbals, Alice Fay Harris, Dulane Green, Mary Elizabeth Taylor.

Mrs. Paul Fiser is the director of the Carol Choir. Mrs. Lonus Canerday directs the Altar Choir. The special choirs provide the music for the Sunday evening services and for special occasions.

Good Conference At Prairie Grove

Dr. Roy Bagley, district superintendent of the Methodist Church, conducted the fourth quarterly conference at the Prairie Grove Methodist Church Friday night, April 29. Members of the Board of Stewards and Trustees were named for the 1955-56 conference year. D. E. Rieff was elected church treasurer, J. Ed Rogers, Recording Steward, Dr. W. H. Mock, charge Lay Leader and District Steward, Mrs. C. E. Woolverton, WSCS president and Mrs. Fred Dorough, president of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Reports from the different organizations and commissions revealed the church had had a good year. The commission on membership

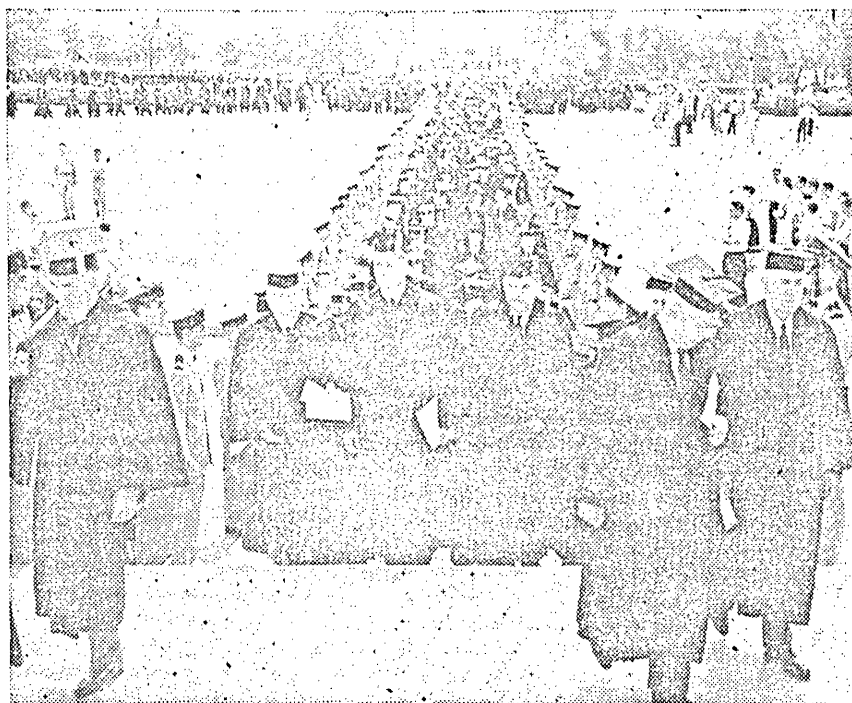
and evangelization reported 24 new members for the conference year, 10 by profession and 14 by transfer. The commission on finance reported all bills paid on time and no outstanding bills. The church property had been improved and work is now being done on the annex.

C. E. Woolverton was elected delegate to the annual conference to be held at Jonesboro in June. Dr. W. H. Mock was elected alternate.

A social hour followed the conference at the home of Dr. W. H. Mock and Misses Marjorie and Lucille Jones.

The annual May breakfast spon-

PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY INSTALLED



Southern Methodist University installed its fifth president in ceremonies Thursday morning, May 5th, on the campus of the university. Dr. Willis M. Tate, the new president, is shown in the center of the picture above, flanked by university and church dignitaries as the academic procession winds past an Air ROTC honor guard into McFarlin Auditorium. Others in the picture are, left to right, Dr. Aaron Q. Sartain, Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Houston-San Antonio Area, Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Area, Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area and Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. Partially hidden by Bishop W. Angie Smith is Bishop H. Bascom Watts of the Nebraska Area.

HOME COMING AT SPRINGTOWN

Rev. Ronnie Bagley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Bagley, preached his first sermon at the morning service at the Springtown Methodist Church on Home Coming Day, May 1st. Springtown is in the Fayetteville District.

Ronnie was licensed to preach at the District Conference at Center-ton in December of last year. Dr. Bagley, Superintendent of the Fayetteville District began his ministry on the Springtown Circuit in May 1933. Ronnie took "Faith" as the subject for his first sermon. The Springtown Church rejoices to have had the honor of being the starting place for both father and son in their ministerial work.

A bountiful co-operative lunch was enjoyed by all at the noon hour. In the afternoon Dr. Bagley preached, using as his text the same verse of Scripture he used twenty-two years ago when he first occupied our pulpit. Rev. W. C. Hutton, a former pastor, conducted a testimonial and praise service. He and Mrs. Hutton sang several special musical numbers.

This was truly a home coming with representatives present of the earliest families of the church, the McKinnys, Hollands, Sewells, Kings, Sittons, Wassons, Dodgens,

sored by the WSCS and Wesleyan Service Guild was held at the Methodist church educational building Saturday morning. Approximately one hundred people were served. Out of town guests there were Dr. Roy Bagley of Fayetteville and Mr. Storm Whaley of So-loam Springs. The proceeds of the breakfast will be used to buy folding tables for the basement.—Reporter.

Storys, Hyltons and Hawks. All present enjoyed a rich experience in fellowship and blessings, and look forward to other similar home comings.—Reporter.

A FAITHFUL CHURCH ATTENDANT

King, a German police dog, has "attended" the Lacey Methodist Church, near Monticello, regularly for twelve years.

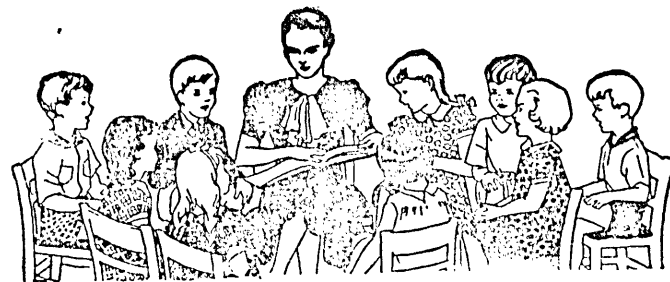
The 14-year-old dog still follows his masters, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Baker, to church every time they attend — which is practically every Sunday. Quietly and patiently, he waits outside for them.

But there was a time — back in 1946 — when King went inside and listened to the singing and praying every time Sunday school, Methodist Youth Fellowship or preaching services were held. During warm weather the doors of the rural church, as well as the windows, were left open. When King first entered and settled quietly on the floor in front of the pulpit the pastor, Robert L. Riffin, announced that if there were no objection he would let the dog remain. For many months thereafter King, at his accustomed spot, silently "worshipped" as part of the small congregation. However, since 1948, when the building was screened, King has remained outside.

Mr. Baker is Secretary of the church school and Mrs. Baker an assistant teacher. They operate a general store during the week. King's gentle and friendly nature around the store is frequently rewarded by customers with gifts of candy, popcorn, peanuts and, occasionally, a piece of meat. The Rev. Hubert McKeown is the present pastor of Drew Circuit, which includes the Lacey church. Brother Riffin is now pastor at Bayou Meto.—Phil E. Pierce.

A Page For The CHILDREN

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



A DAY IN THE COUNTRY

This is a story of a day spent at the country home of Mrs. N. E. Camp, teacher of the Third Year Primary Class of the Church School of Hawley Memorial Church, Pine Bluff.

WHEN it began to rain on Friday our hearts sank! Our Church School teacher, Mrs. N. E. Camp, lived ten miles out in the country and we had looked forward all week to spending Saturday in the woods with her.

Saturday, however, dawned bright and clear. Mrs. Edward Vinson, Judy's mother, picked us up at the church at 9:00. There were eight girls. The boys in our class had spent one of their Christmas holidays with her, so it was our time. We sang all the way out.

Mrs. Camp and Zetha greeted us as we tumbled out of the car, then off we went to the big bag swing, taking turns in jumping off the step stool.

There were so many things to do and see. We peeked into a can Mrs. Camp had nailed on a tree and there was one little bluebird in it. Only that morning Mr. and Mrs. Bluebird had decided it was time to teach their babies to fly and had coaxed the rest of them from the nest.

We fed and watered Thumper, Mama Fay, Baby Fay and Pedro, the rabbits, and played with them for awhile. We gathered wild fern, flowers, bark and pine cones to make flower arrangements for the table out under the huge oaks. Rene Norton's was selected as the most original. We used hers for a centerpiece during lunch.

When Mr. Camp came in for lunch he brought ice cream and suckers for all of us. We helped carry out the food and roasted weiners over a big fire. We had a nice lunch and Mr. Camp asked the blessing.

After lunch we went exploring pretending we were a Safari heading into the jungle. It wasn't hard to imagine as the undergrowth was so heavy. The dogs went with us. Faubus and Francis, the black and tan hounds and Spoodles.

WAVELETS

A little girl with eyes as blue
As any eyes could be,
And hair as bright as summer sun
Went wading in the sea.

She laughed a silvery little laugh
To see the small waves play,
To watch them run and tag her feet,
Then quickly run away.

One overturned her new tin pail
And tried its best to tell
That it was sorry for the trick
By bringing back a shell!

—Helen G. Snow, in
The Youth's Companion

Husband: "You must think automobiles grow on trees."
Wife: "Silly! Everybody knows they come from plants."

After a long walk down a shady road the oaks gave way to a pine forest, nothing but pines and a thick mat of straw underneath. We made pine straw playhouses. We then sat in a circle and Mrs. Camp read us a story. We talked over the day and we each told something we had seen or done that we wanted to thank God for. Mrs. Camp led us in a prayer, thanking God for happy times together, for beautiful flowers, birds and trees. We felt close to God out there.

On our way back to the house we gathered big leaves and flowers to make hats.

After cleaning up after the day's activities, we went in the house and ate ice cream and cookies and watched TV and made our flower hats.

Mrs. Shannon, Judy's mother, came for us. We were a tired but happy group. As we drove off we all shouted, "We'll see you in Church School in the morning!"

When school is out, Brownie Camp and Vacation Church School are over we have another invitation and the nice thing about it is, we are going to take our families and the boys along.—Judy Vinson, Judy Shannon, Kay Freeman, Priscilla Craig, Rene Norton, Linda Adams, Sandra Bolding, Marion Hill.

CONCEIT

The little brown bird, very dainty
and wee,
Plays soft on a flute in the top of a
tree,
And the big bullfrog (listen!), O
bumpity-bum,
Sits deep in a pool
That is gloomy and cool
And plays on a big brass drum.

The brown cricket twangs on a ban-
jo with vim;
The small tree toad carries a cornet
with him,
And the big bullfrog (listen!), O
tumity-tum,
Sits winking his eyes
Very solemn and wise
And plays on a big bass drum.

It's a wonderful choir of many a
tone,
But the bullfrog has ears for no
part but his own.
He booms from his puddle: "O come,
come, come!
This music of mine
Is splendid and fine.
Ti-rumpty-tum! Tummy-tum-tum!"

—Elizabeth Thornton Turner,
in Exchange

"Who is the strongest man in the
world?"
"A policeman. He can hold up 50
or more cars with one hand."

STORM

Who's striking matches in the sky?
Lightning!
Who's banging on the big bass
drum?
Thunder!
Who's making lambs and children
run?
Rain!
And making all the wires hum?
Wind!
Who's making all the seagulls cry?
I wonder!

—W. A. Rathkey, Child
Education Magazine

TWO ADOPTED DUCKLINGS

A delightful tale of a cat acting as foster-mother to two ducklings, in addition to bringing up her own family of four, has come from Auckland, New Zealand. The two ducklings were hatched late one night on a hot-water bottle from eggs discarded from an incubator. More in fun than anything else, they were placed in a box with the cat and her 10-day old kittens. From the beginning the cat treated the ducklings with the same consideration she gave to her own offspring. Throughout the day the ducklings were never far from their foster-mother, trailing her wherever she went. At night they nested with the kittens in her soft fur.

Much amusement was caused one afternoon by the sight of the mother cat walking up the path with one of the ducklings held firmly in her mouth, while the other waddled closely behind her. — The Children's Newspaper.

JUST FOR FUN

"Grandpa, were you in the ark?" asked the little boy of his visiting progenitor.

"No."

"Then why weren't you drowned?" was the second question.

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Tommy was running errands for his sister and made a trip to the drug store.

"I would like a box of powder for my sister," he said.

"Certainly," replied the clerk, and aiming to have a joke, he added, "Some that goes off with a bang?"

But Tommy was equal to the occasion. "No," he answered brightly, "the kind that goes on with a puff."

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A young mother had taken her 5-year-old daughter to an amusement park for the day. Along toward mid-afternoon, her feet began to give out and she decided to sit down for an hour or so. She gave the child a dollar. "Here you are, honey," she said. "Now tell me what you're going to buy with the money."

"Well," said the happy youngster, "an ice cream cone, a candied apple, some peanuts, popcorn—" Suddenly she caught an ominous expression in her mother's eye, and finished quickly, "—and a green vegetable."—American Weekly



SUMMERTIME

Summertime, with all its joys,
Loved by all the girls and boys.

A time for work and then for play,
So many things fill up each day.

We laugh and sing a merry tune
To welcome in the month of June.

—A.E.W.



NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE GUILD HAS SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND

Using as its theme, "JESUS CALLS US", the North Arkansas Conference Guild held one of its most successful meetings in First Methodist Church, Batesville, on April 23-24, with an attendance near 200.

Devotionals were led by Miss Thelma Pickens, Associate Conference Guild Secretary and Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Conference Woman's Society President.

Guest speakers during the weekend were Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., of Houston, Texas, President of the South Central Jurisdiction; Miss Dorothy Kelley, DeQueen, Arkansas, Deaconess - Coordinator, Ark.-Okla. Cooperative Rural Project; Miss Iris Bell, Imboden, "US-2", Paragould District Rural Work; Miss Mary Chaffin, Melbourne, Deaconess, Batesville District Rural Work, and Mr. Mike Willis, Little Rock, Director of Aldersgate Camp. Conference Officers and Chairmen and District Secretaries gave interesting reports. A "Question and Answer" period during the Sunday morning session, in which all delegates were free to participate, proved to be most beneficial.

An outstanding feature of the Guild Weekend was the presentation to Mr. Mike Willis of a model food-freezer containing checks in the amount of \$519.00, with which to purchase a foodfreezer for Aldersgate Camp. This gift was a special Conference project for the year and came from the local units of the



Mrs. Vogel presents gift to Mr. Willis.

Conference. The presentation was made by Mrs. Julian Vogel, Conference Guild Secretary, who presided over the Conference Guild Weekend.

At the Pledge and Dedication Service, conducted by Mrs. Ben Devoll, Conference Woman's Society Treasurer, the sum of \$11,225.44 was pledged to Missions by the Conference Guild for the year 1955-56.

The Guild Weekend closed with Holy Communion, which was administered by Rev. Lloyd M. Connors, Rev. J. M. Barnett, and Rev. R. E. Connell.

CARLISLE HONORS MRS. CURTIS WILLIAMS

Carlisle Woman's Society met May 2 at the church and had as a special feature "Ruth Williams Day", proclaimed by Mrs. Merlin Morris, president. Mrs. Williams is the Secretary of Spiritual Life for the Little Rock Conference, and is chairman of the Summer School Committee, and for her splendid leadership in the local society, she was given special recognition in appreciation of her services. In a Mary-Martha tribute, Mrs. Buffalo presented her with an emblematic apron, "The Methodist Woman". A message in verse was given by Mrs. J. L. Woosley, and a gift from the four circles and Wesleyan Service Guild was presented by Mrs. Clarence Spears. Mrs. J. R. Henderson, conference president, brought a message of appreciation from the conference officers.

A tulip, inscribed "Ruth Williams Day", was pinned on the forty five members attending. Mrs. Lulu Young, Mrs. Clifford Bennett and Mrs. Williams gave the music for the meeting, and Mrs. Truman Jennings gave the closing devotional.

Mrs. Henderson brought the inspirational message and installed the following officers: President, Mrs. Vernon Perkins; Vice-president, Mrs. Charles Snider; Secretary, Mrs. Leslie Henderson; Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Perkins.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. A. A. Hale, Mrs. A. R. Hill, Mrs. Lee Smith and Mrs. Rayford White.



Mrs. Williams receives corsage from Mrs. Morris.

Vienna Cardinal Celebrates Te Deum For Independence Treaty

High Church and government officials gathered in St. Stephens cathedral in Vienna for a Te Deum celebrated by Theodor Cardinal Innitzer to mark the signing of the treaty restoring Austria's independence. Throughout the country, church bells rang for 15 minutes at the conclusion of the treaty-signing by representatives of Austria and

SARAH KASHI RAM TO SPEAK IN NORTH ARKANSAS DISTRICTS

Miss Sarah Kashi Ram, Crusade Scholar from India, will be the inspirational speaker for the North Arkansas District Woman's Societies as follows:

- June 6—Forrest City District at Helena, First Church
- June 7—Jonesboro District
- June 8—Paragould District at Mammoth Spring
- June 9—Batesville District
- June 10—Searcy District at Heber Springs
- June 13—Conway District at First Church, North Little Rock
- June 14—Fort Smith District in the morning
- June 14—Fayetteville District in the afternoon

Registration will be at 9:30 a. m., with the program beginning at 10:00 a. m.



Miss Sarah Kashi Ram

NEWS IN BRIEF

Newly elected officers of the Wesley Society, Pine Bluff, were installed at the Sunday evening service, May 15, by the pastor as follows: President, Mrs. Charles Shelton; Vice-president, Mrs. Lewis Wood; Secretary, Mrs. T. G. Anderson; Treasurer, Mrs. Jeff Wilkerson.

A Workshop on the Supreme Court Decision was held May 19 at International House Auditorium, New Orleans, with Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, President of the Louisiana United Church Women, and Secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Louisiana Conference, presiding. Participating in the workshop was Mrs. E. N. Sparling, of Hot Springs, who spoke on Arkansas' Experience with Integrated Schools.

Paragould District Wesleyan Meeting at Wayland Springs on June 5 from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m., with picnic dinner at noon. Miss Iris Bell will give the devotional, and Mrs. Julian H. Vogel, conference secretary, will be the speaker. The Aldersgate slides will be shown.

The women of the Sulphur Springs Church met at the church May 2 with Mrs. Ross Helvie, district secretary of promotion, and Mrs. Winslow Brown, the pastor's wife, for the purpose of organizing

the Big Four. Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna, thanked God for giving Austria His blessings and called on all citizens "to join forces for the work of the future." The service was attended by a government delegation headed by Chancellor Julius Raab and Foreign Minister Leopold Figl. Mr. Figl had just come from signing the treaty which ended 10 years of foreign occupation. After the service, Chancellor Raab told 25,000 members of the Catholic Youth organization that "we have to thank God that we were given back our freedom and independence."

a Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The pastor will install the following officers on Monday night, June 6: President, Mrs. E. L. Crossett; Vice - president, Mrs. Winslow Brown; Secretary - Treasurer, Mrs. Woodrow West.

The Camden Woman's Society held its final meeting of the year May 9 with a covered dish luncheon and 150 members present.

Rev. R. B. Moore, pastor, gave the invocation and Mrs. Nelson Thornton, president, welcomed the group. Mrs. Will Mosely, treasurer-elect, conducted the pledge service.

Mrs. Harry Robertson, treasurer, presented the following Life Memberships: Mrs. W. W. Robey, Mrs. L. H. Koon, Mrs. N. G. Partee, Mrs. Joe McLeMore, Mrs. Hartley Adams, Mrs. Leroy Sharp, Mrs. J. B. Hickey, Mrs. W. B. Woolridge, Mrs. L. C. Lyons, Mrs. George Bowers and Mrs. John Campbell.

Baby Life Memberships were presented to Larry Fincher, Beverley Glaze, Martha Butt, Tom Dedman and Calra Sue Barnes.

Since 1949, 87 adult memberships and 33 baby memberships have been given, making a total of 2360.

The new circle leaders were introduced and in turn each read the new members for the year.

The Lord's Prayer adjourned the meeting.

The Women of Winfield, Little Rock, have re-elected Mrs. Eugene Stewart as president of the Woman's Society; serving with her this year are: Mrs. Edgar Dixon, vice-president; Mrs. Girard Shofner, secretary, and Mrs. Lee Franklin, treasurer.

Winfield has 12 active circles and two Guilds.

On May 2, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of the First Methodist Church, installed the following officers to serve 1955-57 for the Woman's Society of Christian Service: President, Mrs. J. B. Rebsamen; vice-president, Mrs. Earl D. Cotton; secretary, Mrs. Robert Farrell and treasurer, Mrs. M. B. McLeod.

North Arkansas Conference Treasurer's Report

JUNE 21, 1954, TO MAY 16, 1955

	World Service and Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Dist. Supt's. Fund	Gen'l. Jurisd., Inter-denom., & Telev.	Minim. Salary Fund	Adv. Incl. B. Ap. Korea	Week of Dedication
BATESVILLE DISTRICT								
BATESVILLE, First	\$3009.00	\$120.00	\$960.00	\$493.00	\$121.00	\$180.00	\$281.00	
Central Ave.	1113.75	82.50	693.75	412.50	87.01	169.23	280.50	46.90
BETHESDA	150.00	18.00	144.00	90.00	18.00	24.00		
Cushman	165.00	18.00	154.00	90.00	18.00	13.50	26.60	
BULL SHOALS	50.00	16.00	128.00	80.00	5.00	12.00	76.75	25.00
Cedar Grove							5.00	
CALICO ROCK	175.00	46.00	393.00	230.00	20.00	60.00	20.00	
Iuka	15.00	2.00	16.00	13.00	4.00	3.00		
CAVE CITY	10.75	1.31			2.00			
Sidney	47.00	7.00	64.00	40.00	5.00	5.00		
Palestine			10.50		1.00			
GRANGE (Cave City Ct.)	12.00		12.00			6.00	14.20	12.00
Fairview			4.00	5.00				
Hickory Valley	8.00	2.00	14.00	5.00	4.00	2.00	8.80	
Lee's Chapel	16.00	3.00	33.00	15.00	5.00	11.00		
Mt. Tabor	8.00	4.00		10.00		3.00	1.20	
CHARLOTTE	34.52	5.00	38.00	24.00	4.00	12.00		
Cave Creek	20.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	2.00	2.00		
Oak Ridge	35.00	6.25	52.00	32.50	5.00	4.87		
Sharpe	22.00	4.00	32.00	20.00	5.00	3.00		
COTTER	300.00	49.50	394.50	247.50	33.75	61.50	55.00	
DESHA	142.50	27.75	222.00	138.75	18.50	38.00	5.00	
Salado	85.00	15.00	120.00	75.00	15.00	20.00		
Jamestown	25.00	1.75	16.00	10.00	4.00	2.75	32.40	
EVENING SHADE	60.00	7.00	56.00	35.00	5.00	2.00		
Ash Flat	36.00	5.00	35.00	35.00	4.00	2.00		
Bear Creek	23.00	2.00	16.00	10.00		3.00		
Liberty Hill	25.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	5.00	3.00		
Powell's Chapel	10.00	2.00	10.30	10.00	2.00	1.00		
McHUE	58.00	12.00	96.00	60.00	6.00	9.00	2.00	
Concord	45.76	7.37	58.74	36.74	4.62	5.50	10.00	
MELBOURNE	86.25	30.00	265.00	150.00	15.00	47.50	17.74	4.00
FORREST CHAPEL (Melbourne Ct.)	30.00	2.25	19.50	12.39	3.00	1.38		
Franklin	11.25	2.25	15.75	9.90	3.00	1.50	8.36	
Guion	14.00	4.00	40.46	20.00	4.00	13.46	11.00	
New Hope	6.00	.50	4.75	3.00	1.00			
Oxford	44.00	4.80	38.40	24.00	5.00	3.00	13.75	
Philadelphia	7.00	2.00	8.00	5.00	1.75	2.00	1.21	
Wiseman	40.50	6.00	46.20	28.89	5.25	4.50	12.93	5.75
MOOREFIELD	180.00	22.50	180.00	112.50	15.75	17.25	9.75	9.82
Asbury	140.00					13.00		
MOUNTAIN HOME	100.00	28.88	100.00	165.00			51.38	
FAIRVIEW (Mtn. Home Parish)	16.00	3.00	25.00	7.00	2.00	10.00	14.70	
Gassville	82.31	8.00	62.00	40.00	6.00	6.00		
Norfolk			25.00					
MOUNTAIN VIEW	250.00	48.00	409.00	240.00	38.00	73.00	17.50	10.00
St. James	15.00	2.25	18.00	11.25	3.75	2.25		
NEWARK	200.00	48.00	228.00	120.00	10.00	72.00	30.85	10.12
Oil Trough	80.00	16.00	128.00	80.00	8.00	16.00	8.75	9.75
NEWPORT, First	2400.00	120.00	1050.00	600.00	125.00	300.00	100.10	75.00
NEWPORT, Umsted Mem.	200.00	42.00	365.00	210.00	35.00	104.50	60.00	14.00
Weldon	150.00	14.00	115.00	72.00	12.00	18.00	63.80	12.00
Tupelo	50.00	14.00	100.00	72.00	10.00	17.00	5.00	12.00
OAK GROVE	33.75	12.00	56.00	35.00	6.00	5.00		
PLEASANT PLAINS	67.39	9.07	80.00	50.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	
Cedar Grove	53.50	9.00	73.50	45.00	4.50	7.50	2.50	
Corner Stone	31.75	5.00	40.00	25.00	1.25	1.50		
SALEM	351.00	48.00	452.00	200.00	37.00		73.25	36.00
Mt. Pleasant	4.00	1.00	9.00	3.00		3.00		
SULPHUR ROCK	20.00	4.00	32.00	20.00		12.00		
SWIFTON	89.23	19.50	133.00	91.00	27.00	77.00	15.75	15.00
Alicia	174.30	19.60	156.80	98.00	15.00	15.00	12.95	10.75
Strangers Home	76.00	10.00	45.00	50.00	4.00	7.50	4.00	
TUCKERMAN	600.00	74.00	632.00	370.00	50.00	158.00	28.92	25.00
Hope	50.00	6.00	48.00	30.00	8.00	6.00		
VIOLA	39.00	7.75	60.00	37.50	6.00	13.00	12.20	2.25
Bexar	17.50	2.00	18.50	10.00	1.00	4.00		
Wild Cherry	12.00	2.00	16.00	2.50	2.00	2.00		
YELLVILLE	225.00	60.00	480.00	300.00	24.00	60.00	24.47	6.57
TOTAL	\$11,638.21	1176.78	\$9362.65	\$5617.92	\$853.13	\$1750.19	\$1434.99	376.32
GOLDEN CROSS: Batesville 1st \$100.00; Central Ave. \$46.90; Cushman \$5.00; Bull Shoals \$2.00; Umsted \$24.00; Tupelo \$12.00; Pleasant Plains \$5.00; Cedar Grove \$9.49; Corner Stone \$5.00; Viola \$1.00.								
METHODIST YOUTH: Liberty Hill \$11.50; Umsted \$30.00; Alicia \$10.00; Viola \$1.00.								
RACE RELATIONS: Batesville 1st \$100.00; Central Ave. \$140.70; Bull Shoals \$8.05; Melbourne \$8.25; Forrest Chapel \$2.75; Gassville \$3.28; Newark \$6.45; Oil Trough \$9.05; Umsted \$15.00; Pleasant Plains \$5.00; Cedar Grove \$5.00; Corner Stone \$5.00; Salem \$10.00; Swifton \$10.00; Alicia \$10.50; Tuckerman \$25.00; Viola \$1.10.								
STUDENT DAY: Bull Shoals \$10.39; Viola \$1.00.								
THOUSAND CLUB: Dist. Supt. \$10.00; Batesville 1st \$110.00.								
HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND: Batesville 1st \$700.00; Sharpe \$8.00; Desha \$50.00; Bear Creek \$4.00; Mountain Home \$25.00; Umsted \$75.00; Sulphur Rock \$25.00; Swifton \$100.00.								
CONWAY DISTRICT								
DIST. SUP'T. and CONNECTIONAL	\$	\$	\$632.25	\$	\$	\$473.00	\$146.31	\$
ATKINS	450.00		378.16	75.00		15.00	17.35	23.05
BEACON		4.00	96.00	60.00	12.00	9.00	15.50	
BELLEVIEW	47.00	9.00	64.00	55.00	11.00	6.00	9.25	3.50
Havana	57.00	3.00	32.75	15.00	2.00	10.75	13.24	1.00
Corinth	10.00							
BETHEL	69.00	20.00	160.00	100.00	15.00	15.00		
Cato	12.50	1.00	20.00	12.00	2.00	5.00	20.77	
CONWAY, First	3000.00	120.00	1050.00	600.00	130.00	300.00	359.75	171.00
Wesley Memorial	150.00	27.00	216.00	135.00	33.75	15.00	13.52	5.00
DANVILLE	600.00	60.00	510.00	300.00	75.00	120.00	66.32	13.00
DARDANELLE	300.00	64.00	328.00	307.50	52.50	74.25	32.27	
LIBERTY HALL (Dardanelle Ct.)	15.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	3.00	4.50		
DOVER	65.00	24.00	202.50	120.00	20.00	16.50	12.50	
London	20.00	16.00	28.00	80.00	16.00	12.00	7.00	3.50
BLUFFTON (Fourche Valley Ct.)	60.00	4.62	36.96	23.10	6.00	2.47		
GREENBRIER	60.00	14.00	120.00	88.00	8.00	8.00	13.47	
Republican	15.00	2.50	20.00	12.50	3.00	2.00		
MORRILTON	1529.50	108.00	945.00	540.00	130.08	270.00	75.00	75.00
CLEVELAND (Morrilton Ct. No. 1)	15.00	2.00	26.00	10.00	4.00	12.00		
Solgochachia	53.00	7.00	48.00	30.00	3.00	4.00	45.00	3.00
Lanty	66.00	7.00	56.00	35.00	2.00	4.00	5.69	
Overcup	15.00	3.00	15.00	22.00	2.00		5.00	
MALLETOWN (Morrilton Ct. No. 2)	40.00	3.00	32.00	20.00	4.00	2.00		
Springfield		5.00	8.00	4.00	6.00	3.60		
MT. CARMEL	10.00	2.40	23.92	12.00	3.00	6.52	2.50	
Cypress Valley	20.00	4.00	32.00	20.00	6.00	3.00		
NAYLOR	2.50	5.00	8.00	25.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	7.45
Oakland	20.00	4.00	32.00	20.00	4.00			
Mt. Vernon	10.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	3.00	2.50		
NORTH LITTLE ROCK								
First	3800.00	144.00	1182.00	720.00	150.00	390.00	176.60	100.00
Gardner Memorial	1466.63	102.63	866.26	513.26	117.46	214.00	251.00	80.00
Levy	462.00	66.00	528.00	330.00	77.00	82.50	60.00	20.00
Rose City	50.00	10.00	242.00	50.00	15.00	49.00	13.73	

	World Service and Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Dist. Supt's. Fund	Gen'l. Jurisd., Inter-denom. & Telev.	Minim. Salary Fund	Adv. Incl. B. Ap. Korea	Week of Dedication
Sylvan Hills	75.00	33.00	150.50	165.00	.....	27.75	71.78	7.12
OLA Washington Ave.	575.00	48.00	384.00	240.00	47.50	168.00	86.86	12.50
Birta	8.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....
OPPELO Centerville	35.00	6.00	40.00	25.00	5.00	4.00	.....	.....
Ada Valley	43.00	20.00	50.00	75.00	49.00	.....	10.00	.....
PERRY Perryville	1.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....
ADONA (Perry Co. Ct.) ..	57.00	8.25	72.00	45.00	12.00	8.25	5.52	4.00
Bigelow	171.00	21.00	168.00	105.00	21.00	22.75	37.00	18.35
Houston .....	.....	.....	16.00	10.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....
Casa	10.00	.....	32.00	10.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....
PLAINVIEW Salem	15.00	6.00	48.00	30.00	2.00	4.50	.....	.....
PLUMERVILLE Hill Creek	52.00	14.00	136.50	86.00	13.00	17.00	29.64	7.50
ST. PAUL (Pope Co. Ct.) ..	4.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Center Valley	150.00	24.00	196.25	120.00	24.00	27.25	10.00	10.00
Moreland	10.00	1.50	12.00	7.50	2.00	1.00	.....	.....
POTTSVILLE Bells Chapel	10.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....
RUSSELLVILLE	20.00	6.00	48.00	30.00	4.00	.50	17.25	.....
SALEM	160.00	42.00	336.00	210.00	40.00	42.00	68.00	10.00
VILONIA	20.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	.....
WALTREAK	3000.00	128.00	1102.50	630.00	124.00	319.00	1906.50	200.00
TOTAL	25.00	.....	15.00	10.00	.....	.....	9.36	5.00
GOLDEN CROSS: Belleville \$1.00; Havana \$2.70; Corinth \$1.00; Conway 1st \$100.00; Danville \$12.00; Morrilton \$75.00; North Little Rock 1st \$50.00; Washington Ave. \$12.50; Plumerville \$5.00; Bell's Chapel \$5.00; Russellville \$100.00.	106.00	16.00	50.00	80.00	16.00	.....	10.31	.....
METHODIST YOUTH: Conf. Youth Assembly \$59.51; Atkins \$5.00; Belleville \$9.00; Havana \$2.60; Conway 1st \$39.06; Danville \$12.00; Solgohachia \$2.00; North Little Rock 1st \$49.73; Gardner Mem. \$61.25; Levy \$3.00; Sylvan Hills \$5.00; Washington Ave. \$28.84; Plumerville \$12.00; Pottsville \$4.00; Russellville \$15.00.	22.00	5.00	29.00	10.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....
RACE RELATIONS: Belleville \$1.00; Havana \$5.00; Corinth \$1.00; Conway 1st \$150.00; Wesley Mem. \$10.00; Danville \$12.00; Dover \$5.00; London \$5.00; Greenbrier \$8.85; Centerville \$1.34; Republican \$1.63; Morrilton \$65.00; North Little Rock 1st \$100.00; Gardner Mem. \$55.00; Levy \$25.00; Washington Ave. \$12.50; Oppelo \$4.00; Plumerville \$5.00; Russellville \$225.00.	\$17,069.13	1260.90	11175.55	6434.36	1298.29	2814.59	3671.11	779.97
STUDENT DAY: Corinth \$1.00; Conway 1st \$150.00; Morrilton \$25.00; Solgohachia \$1.00; Perryville \$6.00.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
THOUSAND CLUB: Dist. Sup't. et al. \$30.00; Atkins \$10.00; Havana \$10.00; Conway 1st \$170.00; Wesley Mem. \$30.00; Danville \$50.00; Dover \$20.00; Morrilton \$170.00; Solgohachia \$10.00; Naylor \$10.00; North Little Rock 1st \$390.00; Gardner Mem. \$180.00; Levy \$50.00; Rose City \$70.00; Sylvan Hills \$80.00; Washington Ave. \$80.00; Ola \$20.00; Perryville \$20.00; Plumerville \$30.00; St. Paul \$10.00; Moreland \$10.00; Pottsville \$40.00; Russellville \$230.00; Salem \$10.00.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND: Bishop Martin \$100.00; Atkins \$225.00; Belleville \$22.50; Havana \$25.00; Conway 1st \$750.00; Danville \$150.00; Solgohachia \$33.33; Gardner Mem. \$500.00; Washington Ave. \$100.00; Birta \$4.38; Centerville \$6.25; St. Paul \$25.00; Pottsville \$150.00; Waltreak \$7.50.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT								
DISTRICT & SUB-DIST.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	340.00	.....
ALPENA	69.35	17.00	136.00	85.00	11.00	15.00	18.92	.....
Omaha	47.00	6.00	48.00	30.00	8.00	4.00	87.50	10.10
BLAND CHAPEL	13.50	.....	15.00	15.00	.....	.....	12.76	.....
BENTONVILLE	1092.00	72.00	768.00	360.00	48.00	266.00	.....	.....
COUNCIL GROVE (Bent. Ct.)	61.00	10.00	91.00	50.00	9.00	25.00	2.10	2.00
Mt. Hebron	34.00	7.00	58.00	36.00	8.00	4.00	2.00	1.00
Oakley Chapel	122.00	10.00	80.00	50.00	13.00	4.00	5.00	2.00
New Home	30.00	.....	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	1.25	1.00
BERRYVILLE	600.00	80.00	640.00	400.00	62.00	96.00	70.00	25.00
Shiloh	8.00	1.00	10.00	6.00	3.00	1.00	.....	.....
BRIGHTWATER MEM.	85.00	40.00	342.00	200.00	20.00	51.00	100.00	5.78
Avoca	21.00	.....	40.00	25.00	13.00	3.25	7.50	.....
CENTERTON	200.00	42.00	336.00	210.00	28.00	42.00	35.00	15.00
DECATUR	150.00	48.00	263.00	169.22	22.00	60.00	65.75	10.00
ELM SPRINGS	200.00	24.00	218.00	120.00	28.00	50.00	88.53	13.48
Harmon	338.00	24.00	192.00	120.00	24.00	24.00	30.00	.....
Robinson	14.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	7.00	2.00	.....	.....
Thornberry	10.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	.....	.....
EUREKA SPRINGS	265.00	55.00	461.00	265.00	20.00	80.00	23.00	.....
FARMINGTON	80.00	20.00	168.00	100.00	12.00	24.00	14.00	10.00
Rhea	24.00	4.00	33.00	20.00	4.00	3.00	.....	.....
FAYETTEVILLE, Central ..	4556.00	156.60	1517.00	780.00	176.00	297.00	611.00	200.00
Wiggins Mem.	405.00	80.00	679.96	399.96	50.00	160.00	35.00	.....
GENTRY	365.00	60.00	510.00	300.00	44.00	90.00	190.00	46.00
GOSHEN	65.00	.....	70.00	65.00	.....	10.00	10.00	5.00
GRAVETTE	253.50	36.00	300.00	180.00	23.25	66.00	145.00	25.00
GREEN FOREST	223.00	54.00	462.25	270.00	32.00	99.38	37.30	35.90
Piney	7.50	1.50	12.00	7.50	2.50	1.00	3.78	.....
LINCOLN .....	.....	28.00	367.50	385.00	63.00	105.00	34.82	15.55
Summers	30.00	6.00	58.00	36.00	7.00	.....	8.00	6.00
HUNTSVILLE (Madison Co. No. 1) ..	100.00	15.00	140.00	75.00	12.00	35.00	17.60	.....
Presley Chapel	82.00	5.00	48.00	30.00	10.00	15.00	18.00	2.50
BRANNON MEMORIAL (Madison Co. No. 2) ..	14.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....
Delaney	20.00	4.00	32.00	20.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....
Elkins	20.00	6.00	74.00	28.00	7.00	30.00	.....	.....
Nickells Memorial	14.00	3.00	20.00	13.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul	14.00	3.00	22.00	14.00	5.00	.....	5.00	.....
MORROW	68.00	10.00	80.00	50.00	9.00	8.00	17.86	8.47
Evansville	54.00	8.00	64.00	40.00	7.00	1.00	9.50	3.00
PEA RIDGE	84.00	24.00	240.00	150.00	20.00	27.25	44.03	17.50
Tucks Chapel	24.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	4.00	2.00	11.10	.....
PRAIRIE GROVE	756.00	66.00	538.00	330.00	45.00	132.00	180.42	25.00
ROGERS	1350.00	100.00	800.00	500.00	103.00	250.00	795.91	140.95
SILHAM SPRINGS	1312.50	75.00	656.25	375.00	75.00	187.50	443.00	105.30
SPRINGDALE, First	1485.00	56.00	604.00	280.00	44.00	158.67	178.10	.....
SPRINGDALE, Wesley	135.00	24.00	192.00	120.00	23.00	8.00	15.00	.....
SPRINGTOWN	74.00	13.00	104.00	45.00	10.00	4.00	.....	.....
Highfill	74.00	12.00	104.00	49.50	10.00	4.00	17.15	.....
SULPHUR SPRINGS	161.50	44.00	244.50	102.00	33.00	66.00	15.00	.....
VINEY GROVE	97.50	15.00	120.00	75.00	15.00	2.00	20.00	.....
Cincinnati	67.50	15.00	120.00	75.00	10.00	11.25	.....	.....
WINSLOW	16.00	7.00	25.00	25.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL	\$15,391.85	1395.50	12185.46	7136.18	1210.75	2531.30	3765.88	731.53
GOLDEN CROSS: Berryville \$15.00; Elm Springs \$16.77; Eureka Springs \$10.00; Farmington \$5.00; Fayetteville Central \$100.00; Gentry \$10.00; Green Forest \$14.18; Piney \$2.00; Prairie Grove \$25.00; Sulphur Springs \$10.00.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
METHODIST YOUTH: Alpena \$12.50; Brightwater Mem. \$6.00; Harmon \$5.00; Eureka Springs \$24.00; Farmington \$14.00; Fayetteville Central \$10.00; Wiggins Mem. \$25.00; Gentry \$12.00; Prairie Grove \$5.00; Rogers \$36.30; Siloam Springs \$11.00 Sulphur Springs \$1.88.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
RACE RELATIONS: Council Grove \$2.00; Mt. Hebron \$1.50; Oakley Chapel \$8.00; New Home \$1.50; Berryville \$15.00; Brightwater Mem. \$11.00; Decatur \$10.00; Eureka Springs \$10.00; Farmington \$5.00; Fayetteville Central \$200.00; Wiggins Mem. \$55.35; Gentry \$10.00; Gravette \$15.00; Green Forest \$22.33; Huntsville \$5.00; Pea Ridge \$10.00; Prairie Grove \$25.00; Rogers \$150.00; Siloam Springs \$100.00; Sulphur Springs \$10.00; Winslow \$3.00.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
STUDENT DAY: Brightwater Mem. \$7.00; Farmington \$5.00; Rogers \$25.00.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
THOUSAND CLUB: Berryville \$30.00; Elm Springs \$20.00; Harmon \$10.00; Eureka Springs \$10.00; Fayetteville Central \$310.00; Gravette \$30.00; Green Forest \$30.00;

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Lincoln \$10.00; Prairie Grove \$10.00; Rogers \$60.00; Siloam Springs \$180.00; Springdale First \$20.00.
HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND: Omaha \$34.00; Centerton \$55.65; Farmington \$45.00; Rhea \$5.00; Goshen \$10.00; Lincoln \$60.00; Summers \$10.00; Morrow \$75.00; Pea Ridge \$47.25; Prairie Grove \$32.00; Viney Grove \$17.00.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT							
DISTRICT and D. S.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
AUBREY	70.00	14.00	117.60	66.00	12.00	26.00	27.07
Moro	111.00	22.00	181.60	113.50	12.00	22.00	42.80
Rondo	50.00	9.00	70.40	44.00	8.00	9.00	34.50
Ebenezer	17.00	3.00	38.40	16.50	3.00	15.00	7.80
BRINKLEY	506.25	51.18	468.00	292.50	42.50	69.75	48.67
CHERRY VALLEY	103.19	18.00	144.00	90.00	7.00	21.00	40.50
Farm Hill	50.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	3.00	3.00	12.50
Bay Village	43.00	3.00	27.00	15.00	3.75	2.25	
CLARENDON	550.00	33.00	561.00	165.00	45.00	93.00	100.00
COLT	50.00	13.00	80.00	20.00	5.00	22.00	
Forrest Chapel	40.00	6.00	53.00	33.00	5.00	5.00	
McElroy	25.00	4.00	32.00	20.00	3.00	3.00	
Wesley Chapel	57.00	11.00	92.00	57.00	5.00	7.00	
COTTON PLANT	520.00	68.00	578.00	340.00	78.00	136.00	150.00
McClelland	30.00	4.00	34.00	20.00	4.00	8.00	
CRAWFORDSVILLE	382.00	50.00	436.00	250.00	50.00	116.00	23.00
Blackfish Lake	158.00	22.00	176.00	110.00	20.00	27.50	73.00
EARLE	625.00	40.00	40.00	100.00	60.00	235.00	26.10
ELAINE	150.00	18.50	148.00	92.50	20.00	50.25	26.00
Mellwood	150.00	21.00	168.00	105.00	20.00	26.25	49.20
Wabash	150.00	17.00	136.00	85.00	20.00	21.00	53.19
FORREST CITY	1400.00	90.00	780.00	300.00			
Haynes	45.00	9.00	72.00	45.00			
HELENA	2200.00	120.00	1050.00	600.00	145.00	302.00	864.64
HOLLY GROVE	500.00	60.00	480.00	300.00	58.00	90.00	200.00
HUGHES	350.00	42.00	336.00	210.00	47.00	63.00	108.00
HUNTER	165.00	28.00	188.00	123.00	20.00	45.00	
White Hall	75.00	10.00	80.00	60.00	8.00	7.50	9.15
MARIANNA	500.00	102.00	592.50	510.00	115.00	287.00	456.60
LaGrange	60.00	12.00	96.00	60.00	5.00	18.00	9.20
MARION	1000.00	96.00	834.00	480.00	100.00	232.00	483.40
MARVELL	200.00	30.00	270.00	150.00	20.00	61.50	109.41
Lexa	160.00	24.00	192.00	120.00	20.00	48.00	10.55
Turner	40.00	6.00	48.00	30.00	6.00	7.50	10.00
PARKIN	450.00	54.00	468.00	270.00	52.50	121.50	258.50
VANNDAL	150.00	24.00	192.00	120.00	10.00	24.00	11.00
Ellis Chapel	50.00	6.50	52.00	32.50	4.00	6.50	
Central	74.00	11.00	88.00	55.00	4.00	11.00	10.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00	1.00	8.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	
WEST HELENA	600.00	72.00	612.00	360.00	70.00	144.00	310.00
WEST MEMPHIS	1800.00	120.00	980.00	600.00	121.00	290.00	822.00
WHEATLEY	300.00	42.00	357.00	210.00	20.00	62.00	25.00
Goodwin	10.00	1.00	9.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
Salem	40.00	5.00	43.00	25.00	7.00	5.00	10.00
WIDENER-ROUND POND	390.04	30.00	240.00	150.00	15.00	27.50	235.80
WYNNE	1500.00	108.00	945.00	540.00	105.00	270.00	693.83
HULBERT	60.00	6.00	48.00	30.00			2.50
TOTAL	\$15,961.48	\$1500.18	\$12755.50	\$7340.50	\$1422.75	\$2969.00	\$5815.81

GOLDEN CROSS: Cotton Plant \$25.00; Crawfordville \$20.00; Blackfish Lake \$5.00; Earle \$35.00; Mellwood \$10.00; Helena \$120.00; Holly Grove \$14.00; Marianna \$60.00; Marion \$75.00; Marvell \$10.00; Lexa \$10.00; Turner \$5.00; West Helena \$40.00; Wheatley \$20.00; Wynne \$200.00.

METHODIST YOUTH: Moro \$7.41; Brinkley \$40.04; Cherry Valley \$10.00; Cotton Plant \$8.00; Blackfish Lake \$3.00; Earle \$20.00; Elaine \$5.00; Forrest City \$60.00; Hughes \$30.00; Marianna \$10.00; Widener-Round Pond \$20.10.

RACE RELATIONS: Moro \$5.75; Brinkley \$18.75; Cotton Plant \$20.00; Crawfordville \$19.49; Blackfish Lake \$4.50; Earle \$25.00; Forrest City \$150.00; Helena \$150.00; Holly Grove \$10.00; Marianna \$150.00; Marion \$75.00; Marvell \$8.00; West Helena \$20.00; West Memphis \$50.00; Wheatley \$10.00; Salem \$2.00; Widener-Round Pond \$16.67; Wynne \$150.00.

STUDENT DAY: Crawfordville \$10.00; Blackfish Lake \$10.00; Hughes \$15.00; Marianna \$25.00.

THOUSAND CLUB: Dist. Sup't. \$10.00; Moro \$10.00; Brinkley \$10.00; Crawfordville \$10.00; Elaine \$10.00; Wabash \$10.00; Forrest City \$20.00; Helena \$10.00; Holly Grove \$10.00; Hughes \$20.00; Marion \$20.00; Marvell \$10.00; Parkin \$10.00; West Memphis \$20.00; Wynne \$10.00.

HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND: Moro \$120.00; Rondo \$50.00; Cherry Valley \$100.00; Farm Hill \$33.33; Crawfordville \$95.00; Blackfish Lake \$204.00; Mellwood \$100.00; Wabash \$50.00; Hunter \$50.00; LaGrange \$100.00; Marion \$240.00; West Helena \$168.00; Wheatley \$300.00; Widener-Round Pond \$150.00; Wynne \$300.00.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT							
DISTRICT and D. S.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ALIX	45.00	4.60	38.50	24.00	8.75	2.75	
Mt. Vernon	50.00	4.00	32.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	
Coal Hill	70.00			60.00	7.00	9.00	
ALMA	217.50	30.00	255.00	150.00	36.00	45.00	22.00
Dyer	84.00	16.00	133.00	80.00	12.00	24.00	2.00
Newberry	10.00	2.00	17.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	
ALTUS	20.00	12.00	26.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	10.00
Gar Creek	20.00	2.40	19.20	12.00			10.00
Denning						5.00	
Grenade's Chapel	40.00		28.80	18.00		10.00	
BOONEVILLE	1110.00	84.00	753.38	420.00	77.00	207.37	245.00
Cole's Chapel	88.00	9.00	72.00	45.00	12.00	16.00	38.00
BRANCH	175.00	18.00	144.00	90.00	14.00	14.00	30.00
Cecil	60.00	4.00	32.00	20.00	7.00	3.00	2.00
Lowe's Creek	55.00	4.00	32.00	20.00	6.00	4.00	
Grand Prairie	56.25	7.50	60.00	37.50	9.00	6.00	
Vesta	42.00	5.50	46.00	29.00	4.00	4.50	
CHARLESTON	400.00	66.00	561.00	100.00	52.00	123.00	35.00
CLARKSVILLE	2410.00	120.00	1050.00	600.00	105.00	300.00	475.00
FT. SMITH, First	5050.00	150.00	1312.50	750.00	211.00	392.50	4463.00
Goddard Mem.	2810.00	125.00	1008.00	630.00	138.00	189.00	918.73
Fifth Street	175.00	36.00	288.00	180.00	14.00	48.00	20.00
Glover Memorial	30.00		40.00	30.00			
Grand Avenue		60.00	460.00	300.00		30.00	32.16
Massard	175.00	40.00	320.00	200.00	35.00	24.00	21.85
Midland Heights	920.00	100.00	800.00	500.00	77.00	250.00	144.00
St. Luke	316.00	30.00	344.00	200.00	45.00	62.00	31.30
Barling	70.00	6.00	66.00	40.00	8.00	6.00	10.00
St. Pauls	800.00	90.00	776.25	450.00	56.00	210.00	142.93
GREENWOOD	240.00	60.00	480.00	300.00	52.00	60.00	68.50
HACKETT	83.00	14.00	135.60	66.00	14.00	20.40	9.00
Milltown	36.00	7.20	57.60	23.40	4.00		7.40
Washburn	26.00	7.20	34.00	36.00	4.00		
Bethel	10.00						
HARTFORD	294.00	36.00	288.00	180.00	28.00	36.00	35.00
HARTMAN	75.00	17.98	143.80	89.85	12.00	126.44	40.67
Hayes Chapel	67.50	7.65	61.11	38.16	7.50	7.53	7.61

RECAPITULATION	World Serv. & Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claimants	Dist. Supt's Fund	Gen., Jur., Interdenom. & Telev.	Minim. Salary	Advance, Inc. Bish. Appeal for Korea	Week of Dedication	Golden Cross	Methodist Youth	Race Relations	Student Day	Thousand Club	Hospital Building Fund
Batesville District	\$11,638.21	\$1,176.78	\$9,362.65	\$5,617.92	\$883.13	\$1,750.19	\$1,434.99	\$376.32	\$210.39	\$52.50	\$365.13	\$11.39	\$120.00	\$987.00
Conway District	17,069.13	1,260.90	11,175.55	6,434.86	1,298.29	2,814.59	3,671.11	779.97	364.20	307.99	692.32	183.00	1,730.00	2,098.96
Fayetteville District	15,391.85	1,395.50	12,185.46	7,136.18	1,210.75	2,531.30	3,765.88	731.53	207.95	162.68	669.68	37.00	720.00	390.90
Forrest City District	15,961.48	1,500.18	12,755.50	7,340.50	1,422.73	2,969.00	5,815.81	574.95	649.00	213.55	885.16	60.00	190.00	4,226.33
Fort Smith District	22,384.54	1,917.56	15,208.51	9,313.90	1,923.60	3,300.96	8,561.97	915.44	409.25	296.68	684.07	172.96	670.00	3,256.24
Jonesboro District	22,121.96	2,088.20	15,876.91	10,106.25	1,806.00	3,257.75	7,919.30	773.28	926.73	458.82	586.14	101.00	1,135.00	10,931.43
Paragould District	10,820.13	971.20	8,135.40	4,865.75	1,110.24	1,530.27	1,003.70	476.22	199.64	296.47	217.91	14.00	726.50	2,016.32
Searcy District	14,320.34	1,165.28	9,249.07	5,692.50	1,380.36	1,971.89	2,877.51	410.85	268.25	332.42	337.38	110.00	700.00	1,787.16
TOTAL	\$129,707.64	\$11,475.60	\$93,949.05	\$56,507.86	\$11,035.12	\$20,125.95	\$35,050.27	\$5,039.10	\$3,235.41	\$2,121.11	\$4,437.79	\$689.35	\$5,991.50	\$25,694.34

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No detailed report on World Communion. Total collected \$5,608.89. Not much change since my December report.

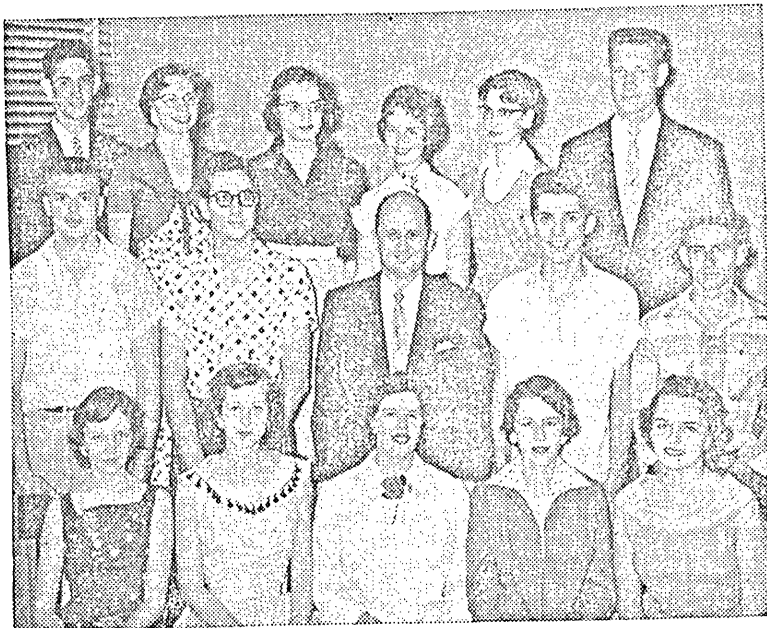
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Mt. Zion	45.00	4.41	35.13	21.96	4.50	4.32	21.90	3.00
Spadra	90.00	9.85	79.48	49.78	10.00	10.08	12.69	3.00
HUNTINGTON	160.20	36.00	247.50	150.00	17.00	30.00	39.33	12.05
KIBLER	90.00	15.00	120.00	75.00	7.50	12.00	20.75	.....
Bonanza	60.00	8.00	64.00	40.00	12.00	3.00	.....	.....
LAMAR	120.00	21.00	177.00	105.00	8.00	19.00	17.50	5.00
Mt. Olive	70.00	9.00	70.00	44.00	5.00	5.00	7.00	.....
Madden Chapel	50.00	5.00	49.00	31.00	4.00	5.00	6.50	.....
LAVACA	.....	44.00	11.00	220.00	14.00	66.00	15.00	.....
Central City	40.00	4.00	32.00	20.00	7.00	4.00	10.00	.....
MAGAZINE	32.50	.....	100.00	100.00	.....	24.00	15.00	.....
Waveland	40.00	6.00	48.00	30.00	8.00	9.00	.....	.....
Wesleys Chapel	10.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	2.00	4.00	.....	.....
MANSFIELD	200.00	48.00	152.00	180.00	.....	41.00	38.10	.....
MULBERRY	300.00	48.00	312.00	136.00	.....	.....	53.50	.....
NEW HOPE	110.00	20.00	150.00	75.00	12.00	10.00	12.50	.....
Mountain View	50.25	15.00	120.00	75.00	8.25	11.25	12.00	.....
OZARK	650.00	72.00	612.00	360.00	68.00	140.00	200.00	30.00
PARIS	1080.00	80.00	680.00	400.00	84.00	160.00	125.00	40.00
PRAIRIE VIEW	80.00	10.00	76.00	48.00	10.00	11.18	50.00	9.00
Scranton	.....	5.25	.....	30.00	9.00	.....	.....	.....
Pioneer Memorial	20.00	3.50	15.00	10.00	6.00	3.00	.....	.....
New Blaine	40.00	4.00	34.00	22.50	4.60	2.00	.....	.....
McKendree	31.00	3.50	.....	20.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....
VAN BUREN, First	999.34	88.00	704.66	440.00	77.00	182.00	115.00	41.60
VAN BUREN, City Hgts.	175.00	20.00	181.00	100.00	10.00	36.00	20.00	.....
Bethel	75.00	13.50	108.00	67.50	9.00	10.14	16.58	.....
VAN BUREN, St. Johns	420.00	60.00	460.00	300.00	18.00	60.00	47.50	15.00
WALDRON	457.50	60.00	480.00	300.00	51.75	72.00	115.00	.....
BIRD VIEW (Waldron Ct.)	36.00	7.00	10.00	.....	5.00	5.00	8.82	.....
Cauthron	34.00	4.00	30.00	19.00	5.00	3.00	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	18.00	3.00	22.00	14.00	2.50	.....	5.15	.....
Parks	34.50	4.52	42.00	26.25	1.25	1.50	10.00	.....
Square Rock	36.00	7.00	56.00	35.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	.....
TOTAL	\$22,384.54	1917.56	15208.51	9313.90	1923.60	3300.96	8561.97	915.40

METHODIST YOUTH

LIFE-SERVICE VOLUNTEERS



Pictured here with Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. pastor of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, are fifteen of the seventeen young people who volunteered their lives for full-time Christian service in the Methodist Church. This group, the largest in the church's history to so dedicate themselves, came forward during the Church Loyalty Month program and presented themselves to the minister for dedication. The fields they have chosen cover ministers of music, youth directors, directors of Christian education, ministers, and missionaries.

In speaking to the congregation concerning the large group of young people to offer themselves for Christian service, Dr. Dawson said that the great effort and cost put forth by the people of the Church to build a three-story brick

youth center and a huge gymnasium and to hire a full-time director of youth work to establish a program of recreation, worship and social development through the Church was paying off a hundred-fold as they saw before them a part of the result of so much effort.

Front row — L. to R.—Ormond McElroy, Beverly Smith, Mary Lou Williamson, Carole Cox, Sybil Ann Vandenburg.

Second row — L. to R.—Lewis Sleeth, John R. Willey, the minister, Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., Marvin Keenze, Kirk McKean.

Third Row — L. to R.—Fletcher Oakley, Donna Leet, Peggy Holler, Earline Jennings, Marcella Flynt, Bennett Hudnall.

Not shown in picture — Kaye Bryant, Alice Thurmon.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Mississippi County

The Mississippi County Sub-District met at the Whitten Methodist Church on May 9 and elected the following officers:

President, Jennie Wren, Wilson; vice-president, Larry Hulsey, Osceola; secretary, Janet Hale, Wilson; treasurer, Elizabeth Tidwell, Dell. Program Area chairmen: Christian Faith, Wanda Bourland, Luxora, advisor, Mr. Leroy Brownlee; Christian Witness, Jerry James, Dyess, advisor, Mrs. Ray D. Johnston; Christian Fellowship, Glen Ladd, Blytheville First Church, advisor, Rev. D. L. Diggs, Luxora; Christian Outreach, Edward Wimberly, Blytheville First Church, advisor, Mrs. Dick White, Blytheville; Christian Citizenship, Elaine Nunnally, Whitten, advisors, Mr. and Mrs. Little, Whitten; publicity chairman, Larry Moody, Dell; counselor, Mr. Leroy Middleton, Blytheville First Church.

Rev. Harold Eggensperger, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, spoke on "Christian Vocations."

Glen Ladd of Blytheville and Joyce Sue Minor led the recreation. Refreshments were served by the Whitten Church.

The worship service was in charge of the Whitten MYF. Tak-

ing part were Frances Raker, Elaine Nunnally, Joyce Sue Minor and Lindsay Chandler. — Betty Johnson.

New Orleans

The New Orleans Sub-District held a district youth rally on Friday, May 13, in the evening at Saint Bernard Methodist Church. Rev. Angus Lee Carruth, pastor of the Tangipahoa Methodist Church and counselor for the Saint Helena Sub-District of the Baton Rouge District, was the guest speaker. Rev. G. R. Messer is director of youth work for the New Orleans District. — Reporter.

Camden

The Camden District MYF meeting was held at Fairview Methodist Church on Monday, May 9, with Thomas Walters, president, presiding. There were 162 present. The devotional service was led by Laurence Bearden. Song leader was Sissy Daniels and pianist was Virginia Spooner.

New officers were elected and installed. They are: president, Louie Shirer; vice - president, Norvol Strange; secretary, Nellie Childs; treasurer, Thomas Walters; reporter, Lynwood Kirkpatrick; two representatives to Conference Council, Robert Wike and Sue McClendon;

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE YOUTH RALLY SPEAKER



DR. D. L. DYKES

Dr. D. L. Dykes, pastor of First Church, Shreveport, will be the speaker for the Little Rock Conference Youth Rally on Tuesday evening, June 7, at Arkadelphia. The rally will be held in Arkansas Hall at Henderson State College. Dr. Dykes is a most effective speaker whom both the youth and their adult leaders from over the Conference will hear with delight and profit.

At this time, the newly elected Conference officers of the MYF will be installed by Bishop Martin. The goal is a thousand young people for this great youth service at 7:30 on the evening preceding the opening of Annual Conference.—Roy E. Fawcett.

council member-at-large, Margaret Lewis.

It was voted to extend the time for raising funds for the project of building a cabin at Camp Tanako until April 1, 1956. Union County reported having raised the larger portion of their quota \$900.

Refreshments were furnished by the host Sub-District. — Jennie Sue McGaughey.

Rice Belt

Jimmy Robnolt of Stuttgart was elected president of the Rice Belt Sub-District Monday night, May 9, at Lodges Corner. Other officers are vice-president, Dixie Hillman, Lodges Corner; secretary, Annetta Robinson, Gillett; treasurer, Johnny Wallworth, Stuttgart; reporter, Janet Bracewell, Almyra. Chairmen are Christian Faith, Carolyn Inman, Brewer's Chapel; Christian Witness, Sue Berryman, Lodges Corner; Christian Outreach, Pat Peacock, Stuttgart; Christian Citizenship, John Walker, Stuttgart; Christian Fellowship, Judy Bennett, Almyra; counselor, Mrs. C. A. Robinson, Gillett. Officers were installed by Rev. R. L. Riggins.

"Youth Camp" was the theme of the program presented to a group of young people who were gathered out-of-doors around a large campfire. Don Riggins explained the schedule planned for Camp Tanako.

Pat Peacock and Linda Minton of Stuttgart led the group in outdoor recreation and singing.

Refreshments were served to more than 80 young people, counselors and pastors. — Janet Bracewell.

JAPAN AND P. I. CHRISTIAN EXCHANGE

Four young Japanese Christians will make a goodwill visit to the Philippine Islands in July and August in return for a visit by a Filipino youth team to Japan last summer. The Japanese team — a pastor, two teachers and a student — will represent the Church of Christ of Japan, as the Filipino team represented the United Church of the Philippines.

The Japanese youth will take with them slides and photographs, showing the work of Christians in their homeland.

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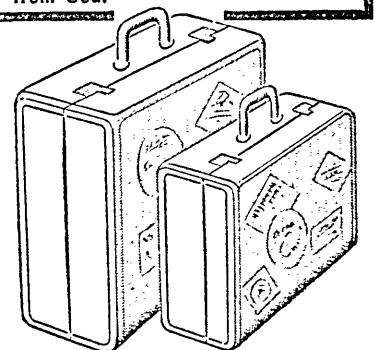
A drama portraying the role which youth may assume in the church was presented to some 450 young people that attended the San Angelo District youth rally in February, at the First Methodist Church in San Angelo.

Title of the drama was "I Belong." The idea originated among the youth of First Church in San Angelo. The youth themselves wrote and produced the play.

Scenes in the play depicted the various types of work of the Methodist Youth Fellowship — Sunday school class, choir, council meeting, Boy Scouts, Methodist Youth Fund, etc.

The rally culminated with the evening church service where Bishop A. Frank Smith spoke.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

National Headquarters Building Plans Announced

Decision to construct a block-long united church center on Riverside Drive as a national headquarters of Protestant and Orthodox church groups was announced recently.

It is planned to erect a 17-story limestone-faced building in the block between 119th and 120th streets overlooking the Hudson River. It will house the offices of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and a number of its 30 member Communions, their boards and agencies. The Council's members have 34,000,000 communicants. The new building can accommodate at least 3,000 staff workers.

In making the announcement, Edmund F. Wagner, president of the board of trustees of the center, said the Morningside Heights building will be modern in every respect. It will be completely air-conditioned, with asphalt tile floors, acoustically treated ceilings, fluorescent lighting and nine self-service elevators.

The first floor will include a chapel seating 300, an auditorium for 500, a cafeteria large enough to serve 300 at one time, and three dining rooms which can be thrown together to accommodate a total of 200.

Mr. Wagner said John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in addition to offering the site, has offered to pay for a modified Gothic limestone exterior which will harmonize with other non-commercial structures nearby.

Dr. Roy G. Ross, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, who is a trustee of the Center, issued the following statement:

"A distinctive joint headquarters building overlooking the Hudson River on Morningside Heights, can and will symbolize autonomous churches working together in the same way that the United Nations building on the East River embodies the best hopes and noblest aspirations of the world's peoples for peace and improved living conditions through international cooperation."

Mr. Wagner, President of General Realty & Utilities Corporation, who is Treasurer of The United Lutheran Church in America, said plans are being drawn for a building with a gross area of some 544,000 square feet, including sub-basement, basement garage, 14 floors of 31,000 square feet each above street level and 3 tower floors with about 14,000 square feet each.

Mr. Wagner said church groups currently employing nearly 500 executives and more than 1,400 non-

executive personnel and occupying 340,000 square feet of office space are either committed to participation in the project or are securing detailed facts and figures deemed necessary for arriving at final decisions.

OBITUARY

JONES—Miss Pattie E. Jones, age 80, died at her home on Route 1, Fordyce, on Tuesday, April 26. Miss Jones taught in the Dallas County schools for 25 years and was a member of the Zion Methodist Church on the Princeton Charge for 68 years. She was a Sunday School teacher and was Sunday School superintendent at the Zion Church for 15 years. She also served as a steward in the church for 27 years. At the time of her death, she was organist for the church, vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and was on the Board of Trustees of the church.

Miss Jones is survived by three sisters, Mrs. E. W. Ramsey, Holly Springs, Mrs. Betty Pittman, El Dorado, and Mrs. William Kauffman, Seattle, Wash.; a brother, Weldon Jones, Fordyce, four nieces and three nephews.

Funeral services were held at her home on April 28 by Dr. Connor Morehead, district superintendent, Rev. Marvin Williams, Princeton Charge pastor, Rev. James Ford, Holly Springs pastor, and Rev. Bruce Bean, Buckner pastor.

Church Building 32 Per Cent Ahead Of Last Year

New church buildings costing \$54,000,000 were placed under construction during April, raising to

\$215,000,000 the value of such structures started during the first four months of the year, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported. This is 32 per cent ahead

of the figure of \$163,000,000 set in the same period of 1954.

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LESSON FOR JUNE 5, 1955 FRUITS OF REPENTANCE

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
2 Chronicles 33:9-20.

MEMORY SELECTION: Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God! Let thy good spirit lead me on a level path! (Ps. 143:10)

This is the eighth lesson in eleven sessions UNIT VI: "GOD IN THE LIFE OF A NATION." It is well enough for one to have the previous lessons in mind as he progresses further with the general theme of the unit.

Our first lesson dealt with the obligations of leaders. The study had to do with Rehoboam, the son of Solomon. His leadership was so poor that it led to the division of the nation. The second looked into the principles of national righteousness. The study dealt with the reign of good King Asa. The chief point of the lesson was in the memory selection: "The LORD is with you, while you are with him." Our next study told of the reign of Jehoshaphat, son of Asa. He was a man of both faith and action. These two qualities always go together. One of the chief features of his reign was the fact that he sent out a commission on religious education to instruct his people. Next, we thought together about financing God's work. This brought us to a study of the reign of Joash. He will always be remembered for originating a new financial method—that of the treasure chest. The next lesson told of King Uzziah. At first he was a very strong, religious, and successful king, but he lost his reverence for sacred things. He assumed prerogatives that belonged only to the priest; he offered incense on the altar. The next two lessons were taken from the reign of Hezekiah. Some Bible scholars say that he was the greatest of all kings of Judah. During the early part of his reign he tried to bring the reconciliation of two Israelitish nations. He attempted to do this by inviting the people of the Northern Kingdom to a great worship service in the Temple at Jerusalem. The second lesson from the reign of Hezekiah had to do with resources for life's crises. Such resources come chiefly from the Lord. The memory selection goes on to say: "Our help is in the name of the LORD." This brings us to our lesson for today — "Fruits of Repentance."

Lesson Background

We come now to the reign of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah. In this study we have a very peculiar situation. Hezekiah was the best of all the kings of Judah, but his son, Manasseh, was the most wicked. That seems a bit strange. We find ourselves wondering how closely he was associated with his father. It could be possible that Hezekiah was so busy making a good king that he forgot his duties as a father. The writer will never forget some good advice he received from his first presiding elder—as district superintendents were

then called — G. G. Davidson. He went on to say "Don't get so busy trying to become a successful preacher and pastor that you forget your own family. I have seen preachers whose work was largely discounted because of the religious failures of their families."

Another thing that caused the son of the best of all the kings of Judah to become the most wicked ruler that nation ever produced was the fact that his good father passed along when he was young. Manasseh was only twelve years old when he became king. His grandfather, King Ahaz, was notorious for his wickedness. He had established idolatry throughout the land. This was all put down by Hezekiah, but at the time Manasseh came to the throne people were still living who remembered the days of Ahaz and longed to return to the worship of heathen gods. One of these men who had the greatest influence over the young King Manasseh was Shebna. Under the influence of this wicked man both the young king and his court plunged headlong into idol worship, with all the loose and reckless ways of heathen nations. With the help of his new friends, Manasseh set out at once to undo the good work of his father.

Things went from bad to worse. Sacrifices were offered to Baal and Ashtoreth. Altars for these false deities were set up in the courts of the Temple itself. The record goes on to tell us that Manasseh built altars for all the host of heaven. For the most part these false deities were the gods and goddesses of fertility and reproduction and the worship of them required the lowest type of immorality. Among the number there was one idol known as Moloch, the fire god. He had the head of a bull and the hands of a man. This idol was made of brass and just below it there was a pit in which fire was forever kept burning. People would lay their children in his arms, and from his arms they would slip down into the pit where they were burned alive. It is said that the wealthy deceived the god by placing imitations of their children in his arms, but the poor were forced to place their children in his arms and thus offer them as sacrifices. This condition became so vile that our lesson text goes on to say, "Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that they did more evil than the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the people of Israel."

Conditions like these cannot go on forever. People reap what they sow, and finally the reaping time came for Manasseh. All along he had been a vassal of the king of

Assyria, but he did something that displeased this king and he sent his army to capture Manasseh and bring him back to Babylon. At that time the Assyrians had the habit of putting hooks through the lips of prisoners, passing a chain through the hooks and leading them away to prison. One can hardly imagine the painfulness of such a practice as this. All of these indignities and cruelties were heaped upon Manasseh as he was led away to imprisonment in Babylon.

On arriving in Babylon Manasseh was thrust into a dungeon. There he had plenty of time to reflect. He thought of the mess he had made of his kingdom. He remembered the fine condition of the nation when he had taken it over from the hands of his righteous father. He compared his reign with that of his father and saw how far short he had fallen as a ruler. He realized, as never before, that all of this had come about through his misleading the nation in the matter of religion. He became deeply penitent and prayed earnestly both for himself and for his nation. He promised God that if he were permitted to return to his throne that he would institute a religious reform. God heard his prayer, touched the heart of the king of Assyria and led him to not only free Manasseh but to send him back to his throne.

The people of Judah were completely astonished both at the fact that their king had returned to his throne and that his life had been completely changed. He destroyed idol worship in the land and commanded the people to return to the worship of the true God. The tragedy of the whole matter is that the king's conversion came too late to be of much help to his nation. He had reigned longer than any of the other kings of Judah — fifty-five years — but most of that time was spent in corruption and wickedness. His son Amon was grown before his father made this change, and it had no effect whatever on him. As soon as his father was out of the way, Amon led the nation back into idolatry. He was so corrupt that the officers of the palace murdered him after he had reigned but two years.

The Lesson Applied

There is one great lesson that stands out in this study and that is the fact that God will forgive any one who truly repents, and that, in spite of the depths to which he has gone into sin. One can hardly think of a person who could go deeper into sin than did Manasseh. He not only committed all the evils in the catalogue of sins from the personal standpoint, but he was actively against God and true religion. The record goes on to say that "he shed much innocent blood." He had many who were truly religious, put to death.

We need to keep constantly in our minds the fact that this lesson has to do with repentance and its fruits. The aim of the lesson is well stated in *The Adult Student*: "To learn what a thoroughgoing repentance with regards to the liquor question would demand of individuals and society at large." Of course, there are evils other than the liquor traffic of which this nation and various individuals need to repent, but this is our quarterly temperance lesson and the emphasis needs to be placed at this point.

What Is Repentance?

In looking into this question of repentance with regards to our num-

ber one problem, that of the liquor traffic, we need to have clearly in mind just what repentance means. Repentance is a double turning. It is turning from sin and turning to God. Many people feel that they have truly repented if they merely turn from sin, but such is not the case. Merely turning from sin is reformation. A person can attempt to do that while he leaves God entirely out of the picture. But what is really needed is regeneration, and this requires not only turning from sin but also turning to God.

Things That Lead To Repentance

There are several things that lead to repentance. Space will permit us to mention only the most important. A full vision of present evil is one of the requisites that leads to repentance. The case of Manasseh illustrates this point. The chances are that he would never have repented had he remained in the swirl of things in Judah. When he was confined in a dungeon in Babylon he had time to think, and see things as they really were.

In our time, we need a vision of what is being done to us as a nation by our liquor traffic. In *The Pastor of March, 1953*, we read: "Alcoholism ranks fourth among American diseases, following only heart disease, cancer, and tuberculosis. It is on the increase, especially among teenagers and women. At present 85 per cent of alcoholics are men, and 80 per cent of these are between thirty-five and fifty." An editorial in the *Atlanta Journal* on April 1, 1953, had this to say: "We American automobile drivers had a busy year in 1952. We murdered 37,600 people. We injured 2,090,000. . . . What were the major causes? Not cars; not roads; not the weather conditions. . . . You guessed it the first time: the drivers had been drinking. Not all of them, but enough of them to justify a universal cry of vengeance against the liquor traffic. How long shall we suffer it?"

Note how foolish we are as a nation for just a moment: We spend billions of dollars to find cures for heart disease, cancer, and tuberculosis, and it is well that we do, but when it comes to liquor, which is the fourth greatest cause of disease in our nation, we license it and then proceed to spend billions of dollars of the tax payers' money trying to control it and undo some of the evil it causes. Such procedure as that makes us look silly as a nation.

In a recent sermon Dr. Roy L. Smith had this to say: "If all drivers carrying automobile insurance were suddenly to become abstainers, the insurance cost would be cut at least 40 per cent, the statisticians declare; which is to say that the sober driver pays 40 per cent of the insurance bill of the drinker."

In speaking of the cost of the liquor traffic to the American public Dr. Bond Fleming, in *Adult Teacher* has this to say: "It seems incredible, but Lester Breslow of the State Department of Health in California says that 'California's alcoholics cost the state twelve times the total revenue from liquor taxes.' The take in taxes is \$25,000,000; and the added cost, through losses and hospitalization, is \$300,000,000."

Not only do we need a vision of the material loss that is occasioned by the liquor traffic, we need even more to realize the destruction that it brings to both life and character.

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