

This issue is the second of three special issues featuring the Annual Conference sessions of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area's three Conferences: the Louisiana Conference, the Little Rock Conference, and the North Arkansas Conference. This week's issue features the 102nd session of the Little Rock Conference. Next week's issue will feature the 120th session of the North Arkansas Conference which will meet in Jonesboro.

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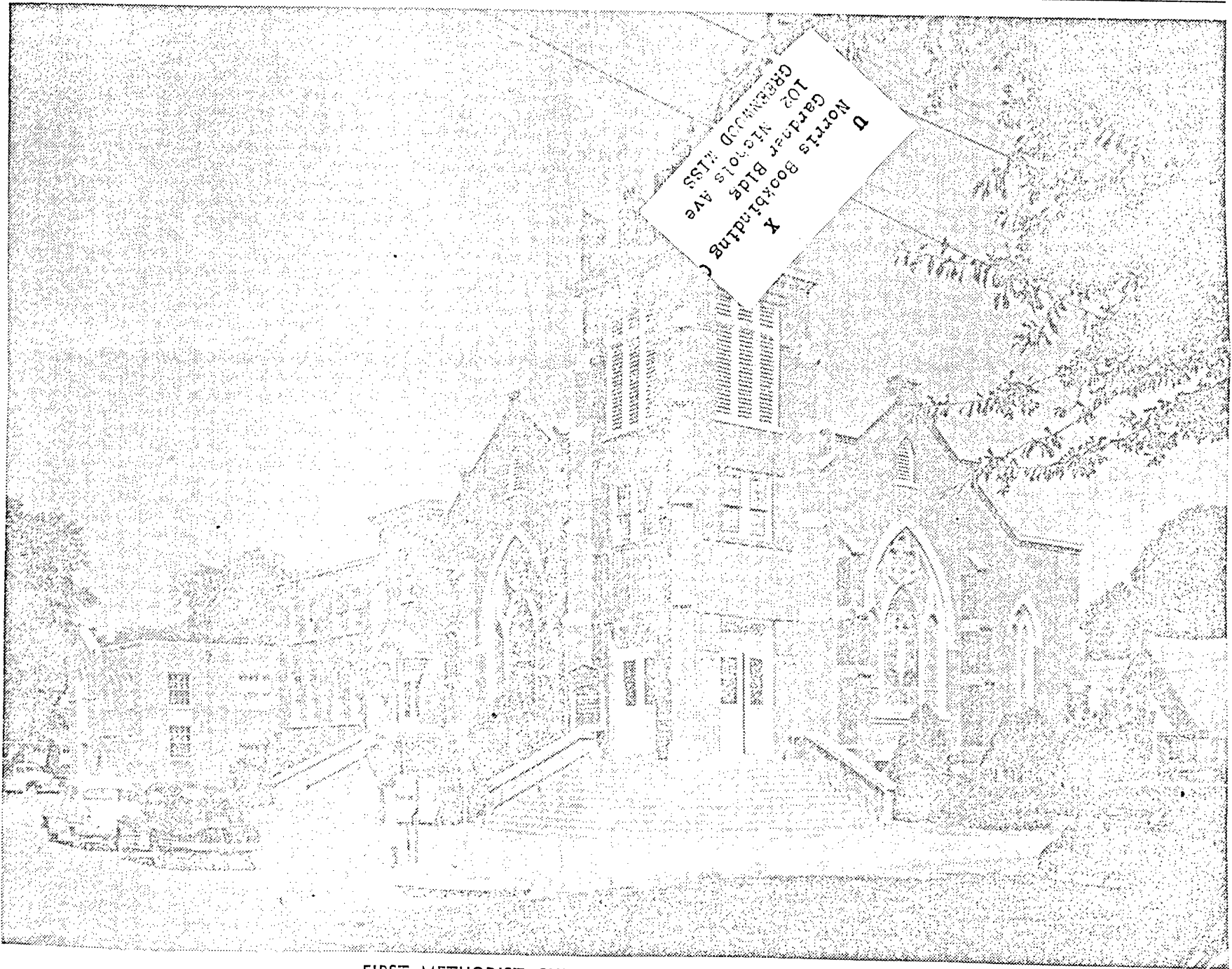


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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE MEETS JUNE 8-12 FOR ITS 102ND SESSION

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Little Rock Conference

For Its
102ND SESSION

THE Little Rock Annual Conference will hold its one hundred and second session (seventeenth of the United Church) at First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia. This will be a fitting climax to the centennial building program of First Church, which entered its second century of service in 1953.

For many of the preachers of the Conference Arkadelphia is a second home. In the old days of the church college at Henderson Brown in Arkadelphia many lasting friendships were made and these will be renewed this year. Now a state college, Henderson State Teacher's College, Dr. D. D. McBrien, President, will be helping to entertain Methodist visitors and many of the Conference sessions will be held in Arkansas Hall on Henderson Campus. A large number of delegates will be rooming in the beautiful new dormitories of H.S.T.C. Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, President of the Ouachita Baptist College has also been very gracious in offers of help to make this session of our

Conference comfortable.

The Little Rock Annual Conference has met several times at Arkadelphia. In 1858, then known as the "Ouachita Conference," it met here and then in 1866 it was again in session at Arkadelphia when the name was changed to "Little Rock Conference." In 1876, 1891, 1909, 1917, and 1925, the Methodists of Arkadelphia have enjoyed being host to the Conference and they hope to make this the best conference of all.

Since 1952, when the centennial building program started, First Methodist has completed a new education building and has renovated the old building, enabling it to project a more comprehensive program of service and education. The education building, including air-conditioning etc. cost \$104,000. The renovation program, including air-conditioning, has cost approximately \$25,000. The entire amount, with the exception of a building fund on hand in 1952 of \$2,974.37, has been raised in the past three years and the new building was dedicated by Bishop Paul E. Martin, October 31, 1954.

In addition to its own building program, First Church, with a membership of 800, has this past year worked to get a new Methodist Church in Arkadelphia.

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism and the Commission on Missions had prepared the way through surveys and visitation in 1953. Mr. Gene Harrelson, now Chairman of the Official Board, was chairman of the survey. Then, in early 1954 a lot, 225 feet by 180 feet, was purchased through the generosity of some of First Church members. On October 31, 1954, Bishop Paul E. Martin dedicated the new education building for First Church and then officially opened the new church for membership, dedicating the lot at that time.

The organizing Conference for the new Church, named St. Andrew by its people, was held on November 1, 1954, with 39 members joining. The name St. Andrew was selected with the hope that this new church

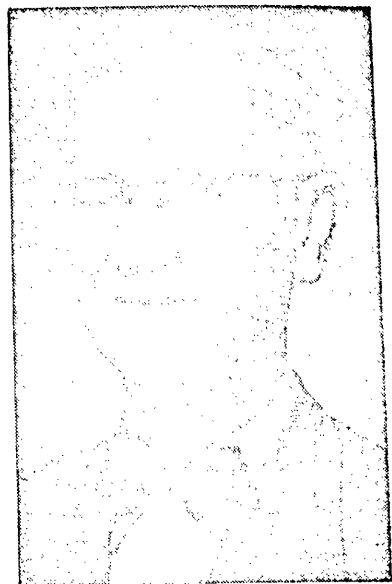
will follow the example and spirit of Andrew the Disciple who was forever quietly bringing someone to meet Jesus. He brought Peter, he brought the lad with the fishes, he brought the Greeks. Evidence of this spirit is seen in the present growth of the church, reporting 86 members at its Fourth Quarterly Conference on May 22, having given \$100 to World Service in its first six months of life, and having purchased a lovely parsonage and started its beautiful educational building and chapel. In addition to the help asked from the General and Conference Board of Missions, the people of St. Andrew have raised with the aid of friends in First Church, over \$7,250.00 in these six months and have pledges already in from their own members reaching over \$12,000 on the building.

The worship services of St. Andrew were held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 A. M. in the home of Mr. Homer Collins, now Chairman of the Official Board. Rev. Bill Byrd did the preaching, in between the 8:30 and the 11:00 A. M. services at First Church, until in February 1955, the Rev. Clint Burleson was assigned as associate at First Church. Since that time, Rev. Burleson has been working primarily with St. Andrew.

The District Superintendent, the Annual Conference Board of Missions, the General Board of Missions, and the people of First Methodist Church have all cooperated in getting this growing young church started. It has a great future, and the next two years should see it a completely self-supporting station.

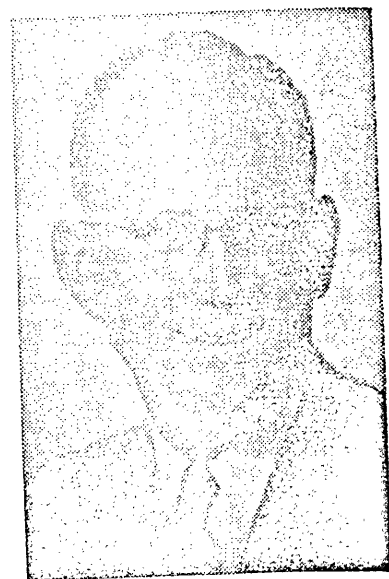
In addition to getting its own buildings completed and the new church started, First Methodist has met every asking of the Church plus sending a Ford Station Wagon to Argentina. Several other Advance Specials have been supported.

The Pastor and members of both First Methodist Church and St. Andrew's Methodist Church hope that



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District Superintendent-Host



REV. W. O. BYRD

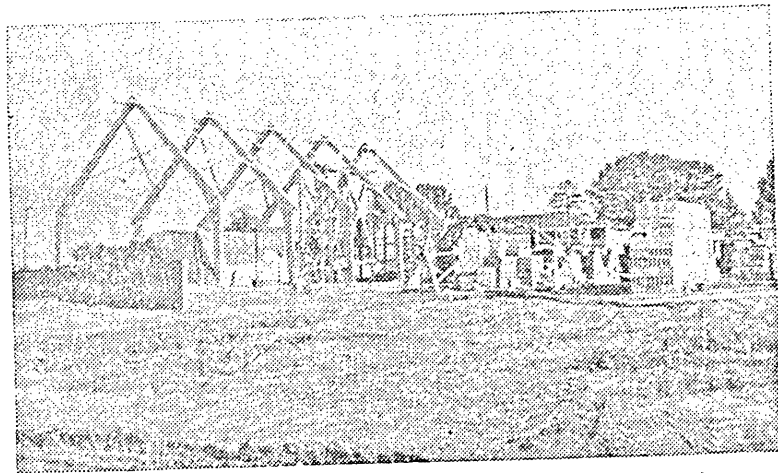
Pastor-Host

all ministers and delegates will find this a comfortable conference session. The Sanctuary of First Church is not large enough to seat all visitors at any one time but with the help of the facilities at Henderson it is believed that all reasonable expectations will be met. The Official Board of First Church and all of its people will welcome the opportunity to serve the Conference and Arkadelphia itself, including members of other denominations, looks forward to your coming.



REV. CLINT BURLESON

Pastor, St. Andrew's Methodist Church



Arkadelphia's new Methodist Church, St. Andrew's, is constructing its first unit, a sanctuary with several classrooms. A parsonage near the church has also been purchased. Church has been organized about six months.



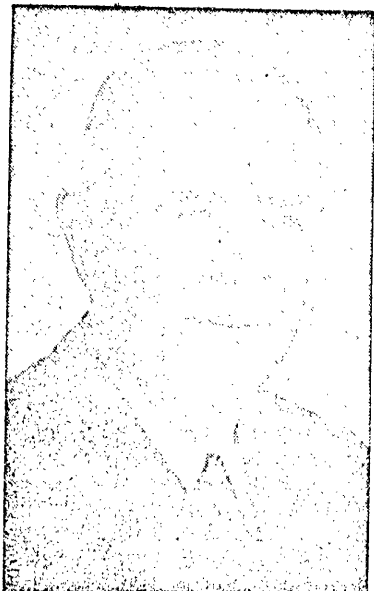
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ARKANSAS METHODIST



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN
Presiding Officer

Bishop Paul E. Martin, head of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, is now presiding over the 12th round of Annual Conferences since his assignment to this Area in 1944. Before his election to the episcopacy in the 1944 Jurisdictional Conference Bishop Martin had served as a pastor and district superintendent in the North Texas Conference. The responsibility of his office makes heavy demands on his energy and time, both in the Area and beyond its bounds where he has been called to give leadership. He also has represented the Council of Bishops in overseas trips to missions fields in the Far East, India, and South America, and was a delegate to the Methodist Ecumenical Conference in 1951.

Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, will speak on Tuesday evening at the annual Conference Youth Rally. Former pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Dr. Dykes was for seven years the pastor of many of the Methodist University of Arkansas students. A native of Louisiana, Dr. Dykes is a graduate of Centenary College, attended Southern Methodist University School of Theology and is a graduate of the Candler School of Religion at Emory University. He is a popular speaker, especially for youth groups.



DR. D. L. DYKES, JR.
Youth Speaker

Little Rock Conference Program

JUNE 8-12, 1955

TUESDAY, JUNE 7
Pre-Conference Meetings

- 11:00 A.M.—Commission on Stewardship
 - 12:00 M.—Town and Country Commission
 - 2:00 P.M.—Board of Education
 - 2:00 P.M.—Board of Temperance
 - 2:00 P.M.—Board of Ministerial Training
 - 2:30 P.M.—Board of Christian Literature
 - 3:00 P.M.—Board of Missions
 - 3:00 P.M.—Board of Conference Claimants
 - 4:00 P.M.—Committee on Conference Relations
 - 4:00 P.M.—Board of World Peace
 - 4:30 P.M.—Commission on Christian Vocations
 - 5:00 P.M.—Radio and Film Commission
 - 6:00 P.M.—Board of Evangelism, Dinner at St. Andrew's Church
 - 7:30 P.M.—Youth Emphasis, Message by Dr. D. L. Dykes
- (All Boards Commissions, and Committees meet at First Methodist Church, in designated rooms.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

Morning and Afternoon Services at First Methodist Church

- 9:30—Conference Convenes for Organization and Preliminary Business
- Conference Nominations
- 10:00—Report of Board of Ministerial Training
- 10:25—Taking First Ballot Delegates to General Conference
- 10:55—Report of District Superintendents
- 11:25—Report of Board of Christian Literature
- 11:45—Report of Arkansas Methodist Commission
- Report of Methodist Information
- 12:30—Session Adjourns
- 2:00—Conference Convenes
- Report of Ballot
- 2:15—Service of Commemoration, Message by Rev. S. T. Baugh
- Followed by Holy Communion
- 3:30—Session Adjourns
- 3:30—Board of Trustees Camp Tanako
- 3:30—Board of Hospitals and Homes
- 3:30—Board of Ministerial Training
- 3:30—Committee on Minimum Salary
- 3:30—Commission on World Service and Finance
- 3:30—Committee on District Conference Journals
- 3:30—Board of Conference Claimants
- 3:30—Board of Missions
- 4:30—Board of Temperance
- 4:30—Board of Social and Economic Relations
- 4:30—Radio and Film Commission
- 4:30—Town and Country Commission
- 4:30—Committee on Conference Relations
- 4:30—Historical Society
- 6:00—Dinner Meeting, Advance Committee—First Methodist Church
- (Evening Service in Arkansas Hall, Henderson State Teachers College)
- 7:30—Preaching Service, Sermon—Dr. Marvin Vance
- Rev. William O. Byrd, Presiding

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

Morning at First Church

- 8:30—Devotional—Dr. Cecil R. Culver
- 9:00—Report of Committee on Conference Minutes
- 9:05—Report of Tellers
- 9:15—Report of Board of Conference Claimants
- 9:35—Report of Board of Missions, Speaker Dr. Karl Quimby
- Woman's Society of Christian Service
- 10:35—Report of Board of Ministerial Training
- 11:00—Ballot
- 11:10—Report of Board of Temperance—Rev. J. Albert Gatlin
- 11:30—Report of Town and Country Commission
- 12:00—Report of Advance Committee
- 12:50—Session Adjourns

Afternoon and Evening Services in Arkansas Hall, H. S. T. C.

- 2:00—"Advance of Methodism Through the Local Church," Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin
- 4:00—Preaching Service—Dr. Marvin Vance
- Rev. Clint D. Burleson, Presiding
- 6:00—All College Banquet at Henderson Cafeteria
- 7:30—Preaching Service—Dr. Marvin Vance
- Rev. Robert O. Beck, Presiding

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Morning at First Church

- 8:30—Devotional—Rev. Robert B. Moore
- 9:00—Report of Committee on Conference Minutes
- 9:05—Report of Board of Education
- 10:15—Report of Committee on Conference Relations
- 10:45—Report of Camp Tanako Trustees
- 11:00—Report of Board of Hospitals and Homes
- 11:20—Youth Temperance Essay
- 11:35—Stewardship Hour
- 12:30—Session Adjourns
- 1:45—Board of Lay Activities Meeting
- 2:30—Session of the Conference
- 2:35—Report of Board of Lay Activities
- 2:55—Report of Commission on Christian Vocations
- 3:10—Report of Board of Social and Economic Relations
- 3:25—Report of Board of World Peace
- 3:45—Session Adjourns
- 4:00—Preaching Service—Dr. Marvin Vance
- Rev. E. D. Galloway, Presiding
- 6:00—Dinner Meeting Board of Education—Dr. Charles M. Laymon
- 7:30—Preaching Service—Dr. Marvin Vance
- Bishop Paul E. Martin, Presiding
- Ordination of Deacons and Elders

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Morning at First Church

- 8:30—Devotional—Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf
- 9:00—Report of Committee on Conference Minutes
- 9:05—Report of Commission on World Service and Finance
- 9:20—Report of Conference Trustees
- 9:30—Report of Committee on Minimum Salary
- 9:45—Report of Conference Treasurer
- 10:00—Report of Conference Statistician
- 10:10—Report of Western Methodist Assembly
- 10:20—Dr. M. Lafayette Harris, President Philander Smith College
- 10:30—Report No. 2 of Board of Conference Claimants
- 10:40—Report of Historical Society
- 10:50—Report of Insurance Committee
- 11:05—Report of Board of Evangelism
- 11:35—Report of Committee on District Conference Journals
- 12:00—Report of Radio and Film Commission
- 12:10—Report on World Council of Churches—Dr. Connor Morehead
- 12:30—Session Adjourns

Afternoon

- 1:00—Ministers Wives Luncheon at First Methodist Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Morning at First Church

- 9:30—Love Feast, led by Rev. John L. Hoover
- 10:45—Morning Worship, Sermon by Bishop Paul E. Martin
- Reading the Appointments—Bishop Paul E. Martin

Evening

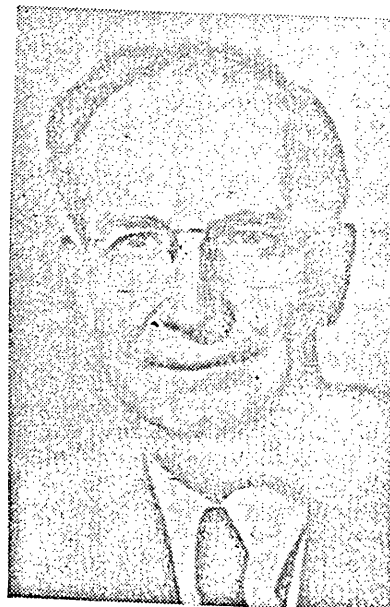
- 6:05—Appointments Broadcast over K L R A.



DR. MARVIN S. VANCE
Conference Preacher

Dr. Marvin S. Vance is in his sixth year as pastor of the First Methodist Church, Austin, a church of 3500 members located across the street from the Texas State Capitol. The congregation includes heads of the Texas state government departments, former governors, state court judges, University of Texas faculty members and students and many business and professional people. Prior to his present pastorate, he was a member of the Texas Conference and held several places of responsibility in its program while serving several pastorates. In his present conference, the Southwest Texas, he is a member of its Board of Evangelism. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army, the YMCA and a Director of the Austin Rotary Club. He is frequently invited to speak before church, civic and school groups.

Dr. Karl K. Quimby, cultivation secretary of the General Board of Missions, New York, will represent that Board at the Little Rock Conference session. Dr. Quimby, a former pastor and district superintendent, has been on the General Board staff since 1941. He has travelled widely, representing The Methodist Church at many interdenominational and ecumenical meetings. He has written several books and has frequently conducted Methodist groups on tours to Europe and the Holy Land. Intimately acquainted with the far-flung missionary enterprise of Methodism, Dr. Quimby will ably represent the General Board of Missions.



DR. KARL QUIMBY
Mission Board Representative

JUNE 2, 1955

Children's Home Changes Directors

ANNOUNCEMENT was made last week of the resignation of Rev. T. T. McNeal who since June, 1951, has served as Director of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock. The Board of Trustees who accepted the resignation named Dr. Connor Morehead, presently serving as the Camden District Superintendent, to succeed Rev. Mr. McNeal, who will receive a new appointment at the Little Rock Conference session next week.

Those who are familiar with the present status of this child caring institution know that during the last four years the Home has made remarkable progress. Financial support has been increased more than 85%, facilities for children have been trebled, a director's home has been erected, the staff has been strengthened. Methodists throughout Arkansas are well-acquainted with the fact that our church is at work in caring for homeless children, and, what is most important of all, more children are being cared for in an institution that is rendering a distinctively Christian service. The program of the Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas is now on a solid foundation and compares favorably with the best of such institutions anywhere. A great deal of the credit for these significant advances is due Rev. Mr. McNeal who has piloted the program's course during these crucial years.

Dr. Morehead will assume the directorship following the Little Rock Conference session. His 11 years of service on the Children's Home Board of Trustees, 8 of them as chairman, and his sympathetic support of its program during his ministry, eminently qualifies him for his new responsibility. We are confident that Arkansas Methodism will respond equally as well to his leadership, that the program of the institution may continue to grow until it reaches its maturity.

Completing Three Quadrenniums As Bishop

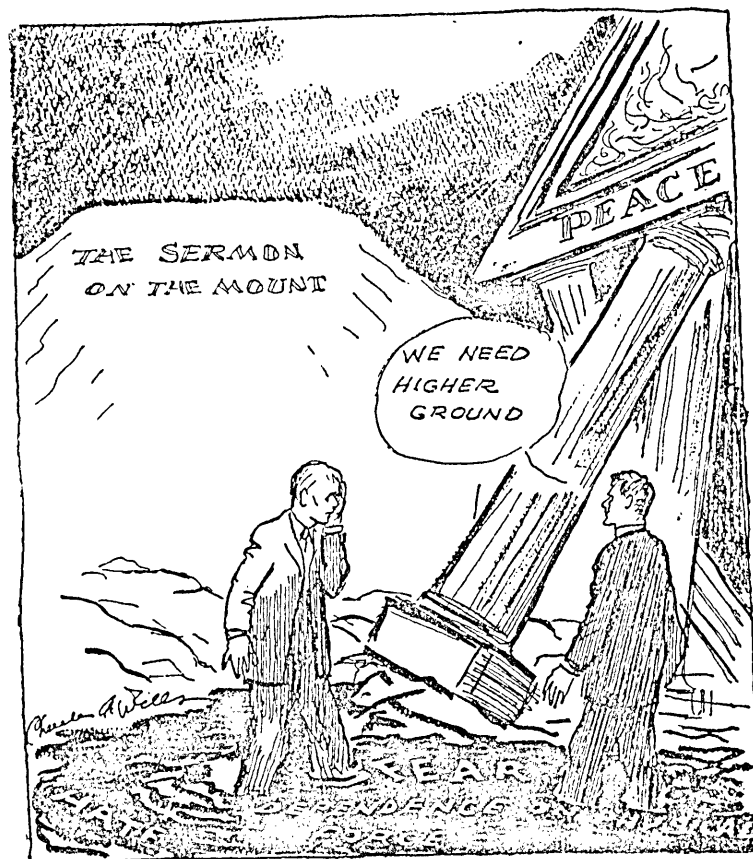
WITH the Annual Conference now in session in Louisiana and the two conference sessions in Arkansas in the next two consecutive weeks, Bishop Martin will have completed three quadrenniums as the presiding Bishop in the Annual Conference sessions of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. That is twice as long as any other Bishop has served the Annual Conferences which comprise this Episcopal Area.

Within that time Bishop Martin has made more than eight thousand appointments at Annual Conference sessions and also numerous appointments as they became necessary between conference sessions. The writer, in nine different cabinet sessions, has carried the responsibility for recommending appointments of pastors for one District. Sometimes that is a testing assignment. Nevertheless, we know that such a limited responsibility in no sense qualifies a person to grasp what it really means for one man to carry the final responsibility for actually making the appointments in twenty-one districts for twelve consecutive years.

When we have seen how, all but universally, time has justified the wisdom of this amazing number of appointments Bishop Martin has made we realize that it is an achievement that is almost inconceivable. This is but evidence of the painstaking care and deep personal concern Bishop Martin has always exercised for the ministers and their families in the Area and for the many churches for which he provides leadership.

Whether for one quadrennium or more, we do not believe that the people in any Episcopal Area in American Methodism have been happier in their episcopal leadership than the men and women of our Area have been under the leadership of Bishop and Mrs. Martin. We do not see how it would be humanely possible for people to give themselves more unselfishly and continuously to the cause of Christ and Methodism than they have done and are doing. The amazing progress this Area has made under their leadership is additional evidence of the effectiveness of the service they have rendered and of the love and esteem in which they are held by all who know them.

Bishops of our church will receive their assignments for a new quadrennium at the General Conference which meets next spring. We do not want to appear selfish with reference to our episcopal leadership. However, we are glad for everybody to know that we are happily satisfied. We believe we are expressing the sentiment



of Methodism in this Area when we say that the Episcopal Committee in the coming General Conference could not please the Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana more than by re-assigning Bishop and Mrs. Martin to leadership of our Episcopal Area.

"Forty Hours From Anywhere"

THE recent flight of twice across our nation in a little less than twelve hours was another reminder of the shrinking distances in our modern world. The number of miles the plane traveled in this record-breaking flight received little or no emphasis. The trip was measured in hours, not miles. With our present means of transportation our world has become so small that there is a growing tendency to use hours or minutes, instead of miles, as a standard for measuring distances.

Since it is now possible to fly around the world in eighty hours, someone has said that we are "Forty hours from anywhere". That is to say, if landing facilities were available, one could fly from any given point in America to the most distant place in the world in forty hours.

In the covered-wagon days of our grandfathers, twenty-five miles a day was a good average for cross-country travel, where there were roads to travel. That meant that it required four days, or ninety-six hours, for our forebears to travel one hundred miles. Perhaps it will help us to realize how rapidly our world is shrinking in distances if we keep in mind that today we can fly around the world in less time than it took our grandfathers to travel a hundred miles. They were two days removed from a point fifty miles away. We are only forty hours, or less than two days, removed from the most distant point in the world.

If we are only "Forty hours from anywhere" on earth it would follow that we are not more than forty hours distant from anybody on earth. It is such a situation which makes imperative in the world's life the acceptance and practice of the ideals of the Brotherhood of Man and the Golden Rule. Some one has said that in our present world we are up against the alternative of co-existence or non-existence. In our congested, contracting world even the word "co-existence" is not a very attractive, promising word. Webster says coexist means "To exist together." We want more than to "exist" together, we want to live together. Only the ideal of Christian brotherhood will make that possible in today's world.

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ARKANSAS METHODIST

FOOLING OURSELVES

We of this scientific era pride ourselves on being wiser than our more primitive ancestors. We cannot be taken in by ghosts and myths, by superstitions and legends which fooled the people of an earlier day.



But with all our increase of learning one wonders how far we are becoming fool-proof. The late P. T. Barnum used to calculate his profits on the number of people who could be fooled, and he made a fortune.

Yes, despite all our boasted wisdom we are still the victims of deceit. And of all man's deceivers, the worst is himself. The ancient charge of the prophet Jeremiah still holds good: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt; who can know it?"

And then the prophet asserts that God helps to cure us of self-deceit. He interprets the Lord as saying: "I, Jehovah, search the mind; I try the heart."

No doubt some will say that religion is one of the channels through which we are most prone to deceive ourselves. Well, let us look into our tricks of self-deceit and see what effect a belief in God has on them.

One way in which we deceive ourselves is by distorting our vision. Modern photography has made us familiar with optical illusions. By skillful photographic tricks a Hollywood studio can elongate an ordinary room into the misty vastness of a palace or, by placing the camera at the foot of a building, give the impression of dizzy height.

Likewise the deceitful heart can create its optical illusions. When we come to consider the rightness or wrongness of a proposition, we have a way of saying, "Well, it depends on how you look at it." And too often we have a way of looking at it so that we see what we want to see.

We focus the camera of our conscience from our angle of self-interest and thus we deceive ourselves, seeing situations not as they really are, but as we wish them to be. God keeps us from thus fooling ourselves by helping us to get our facts in proper focus. He makes us try to see situations from the angle of those who disagree with us. He helps us to "see life steadily and see it whole."

It has been said that there are two reasons for everything we do—a good reason and the real reason. We can give a good reason to others. But to God we have to give the real reason.

Another way of fooling ourselves is by trying to see too much at once. All of us who have watched magicians recall the firing of pistols, the fluttering of birds, the calling of various individuals to the platform. These features serve to distract the audience's attention and contribute to its mystification.

Similarly, the deceitful heart diverts our attention and thereby plays tricks in our minds. It does so while it is making us think we are broad-minded. We say that we want to consider all sides of a situation. And in this very effort to take in all the factors, we, like the magician's audience, are sometimes taken in.

Broad-mindedness is a most valuable virtue, when genuine. But there is a lot of lazy thinking which passes for broad-mindedness. There are many persons, too, who think they are broad-minded when they are only scattered-brained.

When we say, "What's the big idea?", we imply usually that something is being put over on us. Alas, too often it is so. But really we should look for the big idea in every situation. However many issues may be involved, there is always one central point to be noted. God helps us to simplify situations and reduce them to their basic principles.

We are not centipedes who have to take a hundred steps at once. We are bipeds and most of us, with God's help, know what is the next step to take. If we do the duty next and then the duty next to that, we are on the road to the truth.

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



SHE FORGOT HERSELF INTO IMMORTALITY

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her to the altar. She could worship at her work as well as at her church; God was as close to her when she was peeling potatoes in the kitchen as when she was kneeling in prayer. But, on the whole, she was the practical type of Christian. Her virtues and her graces she proclaimed not with her words; she "walked them in on her own two feet."

Her worship was not an end in itself; she communed with God that she might more effectively live with people and for people. And it was her relationships with folks that gave glory to her life. In her own family she was a faithful wife, a devoted mother, a doting aunt and grandparent, and the relationship between her and the aunt who was as mother to her and between her and her only sister was passing beautiful. She loved her own and had great pride in her family. But she loved others, too, and her love expressed itself abounding in her ministry of service. She was never so happy as when she was doing something for somebody. She loved to serve, and as Dr. Ellis so fittingly said in his eulogy, "Through persevering labor and tireless consideration of the interests, feelings and needs of others, 'she forgot herself into immortality'."

Her Work Was Her Religion

And nowhere was her Christlike spirit more beautifully manifested than in her attitude toward those who worked with her in the kitchen and dining room. The students who washed dishes and served tables across the years are the first to praise her for her fairness, her sympathetic understanding and patience, her motherly interest, and her readiness to do always more than she expected of them. And the colored people who worked with her and in whom she had a genuine interest and whom she invariably treated with something more than respect and human consideration—even with Christian love and thoughtfulness—loved her with fond devotion and worked with her in the most perfect harmony, knowing always that whatever she demanded of them she was their true and trusted friend. When the writer gathered them together in the kitchen and asked them to express themselves about her, each had some signifi-

its very fingertips a spirit of love and understanding. A trained and consecrated right hand can save lives on the operating table, or it can write verses of praise to God that will live for ages. Please, God, help me to keep my right hand from offending you and me both.

cant thing to say, and finally one of them added, "You may say all the good things about her that could be said and we will gladly say she was all of that."

Yet, say what one will about her religion, this is the sum and substance of it all: her work was her religion. Of her it can be truly said that she was a Christian who did the work of a dietitian in joyous fellowship with and out of genuine and unselfish love for Christ. She was not religious apart from her work, but in her work and through her work. When she was working she was most religious—and she was always working, in the spirit of love. And as she lived, so she died.

Protestantism does not canonize the good and the great who do their work here and then go on to live forever. But if it did, such a character as Mrs. Hulen would certainly receive consideration for this high recognition. But Protestantism does hold in sacred remembrance such characters as Mrs. Hulen, feeling that God crowns their lives and their work with his own "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord", and so admits them to sainthood. Georgia Hulen Hall will always say to the Methodists of Arkansas: "So it was with Georgia Mitchell Hulen, whose life and work at Hendrix College made her worthy of eternal fellowship with the saints in glory."

AUSTRALIAN EVANGELIST TO BE IN STATES

Nashville, Tenn. — A leading Australian evangelist, the Rev. Alan Walker, will spend 1956 in the United States and Canada conducting special missions under the auspices of the Methodist Board of Evangelism.

The announcement was made by Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the board, which has its national headquarters here.

He said that Dr. Walker will come here in February after concluding the Methodist Church of Australia's highly successful three-year "Mission to the Nation." He is directing the campaign, first of its kind in Australia.

Making Nashville his base, Dr. Walker will study the work of Methodist agencies here and represent the evangelism board in field assignments and evangelistic missions, local church and regional, across the country.

His appearance in Canada will be in cooperation with the United Church of Canada, which is planning a "Mission to Canada" in 1956.

Churches and other organizations desiring Dr. Walker's services should write Dr. Joseph H. Edge, Methodist Board of Evangelism, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville.

"IF THY RIGHT HAND OFFEND THEE."

Those who are familiar with Jesus' Sermon on The Mount will recognize these lines, found in the fifth chapter of Matthew. Let's read them again; "And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

"RIGHT HAND", did He say? All the people who were listening to Him that day were laborers; workers with their hands. The loss of the right hand made a man as useless as if he had lost a leg. His family would be reduced to begging, he had to nurse the terrible wound and put up with infection and the probability of blood poisoning. No, this queer new prophet certainly was stretching the truth when He said that something was worse than losing one's right hand. After all, making a living was the most important thing in the world. A fellow could make a lot of compromises so long as he could keep both hands.

"RIGHT HAND", the Master said. Yes, those were his words, as startling then as they are now. Does He really mean that if my right hand leads me off into evil and sin, I'd be better off without it? Such a silly way to talk! What kind of philosophy is He trying to give us?

Yes, the Master meant it. We are better off as a saved cripple than we are as a damned whole person. And as little as we may think of it our hands can easily lead us into sin. My right hand can hold a gun that kills my brother. It can earn money, then grasp and hold that money to my bosom while a hungry world cries out in sickness and in pain. It can lift a cocktail glass to the lips of a member of The Official Board, and thereby cause many others to stumble. It can dismiss with a careless wave, a boy or girl badly in need of advice or sympathy. It can write lines of hate and vulgarity that curse the minds of the readers and offend God's loving heart.

The right hand can also do many good deeds. It can give a sick person a cup of cold water. It can touch the shoulder of a discouraged man and give him new hope. It can take the soft trusting hand of a little child and instill through

She Forgot Herself Into Immortality

By DR. C. M. REVES

ONE of his biographers writes of the death of Frances of Assisi, whom some consider the most Christ-like man of all the centuries, "He passed serenely, and as his sorrowing friars knelt around him, a great multitude of larks alighted upon the thatch of his cell and burst into song."

Granting that it was so in the case of Saint Francis, one might still be uncertain as to the significance of the larks and their singing. But those of us who followed the remains of Georgia Mitchell Hulén to their resting place in Oak Grove Cemetery in Conway saw and heard what was not essentially different from the reputed end of the great Franciscan monk. With the strains of the Hallelujah Chorus still ringing in our ears and lifting our bereaved hearts from "the shadows of earth" to "the light of eternity", as the minister slowly and impressively read the ritual at the grave-side, a host of mocking birds from the top-most branches of the oak trees nearby poured out a song that could not be surpassed in spirit by larks or nightingales. Whether it was but an incident of the springtime or something divinely ordered, to many of us it was the world of nature saying, "Tis death is dead; not she", and we feathered choristers join with your earthly choir in proclaiming her triumph in life and her abundant entrance into the nearer presence of God."

However, it was not the end of this good woman's life that gave a glory to the sixty and five years of her earthly existence but it was the character of her living in these years that gave a glory to her passing. She lived gloriously—all her life through, she lived gloriously—and she died gloriously—"if dying be but passing sweetly out of time into eternity."

Her Early Life

A native of Arkansas and a resident of the state all her life, Mrs. Hulén was born in Randolph County on March 8, 1890, the daughter of George W. and Emma Chesser Mitchell, her parent on both sides being substantial pioneer people who had an unusual interest in education. In infancy she lost both father and mother and was reared by her father's sister, affectionately known as "Aunt Becky". Her only sister, Nema Mitchell, a few years older than she, grew up in the home of another relative, but the two were beautifully devoted to each other in their early childhood as they attended public school at Imboden and both graduated at Sloan Hendrix Academy, Mrs. Hulén in 1907.

For several years she taught in the public schools, beginning her teaching in 1907 at Corning. From 1908 to 1911 she taught in Walnut Ridge, and from 1911 to 1914 she was a teacher in the public schools at Hoxie. During the years there she was married to Mr. Grover Arthur Hulén who was superintendent of the city schools, and it was there that her only child was born, Mrs. Miriam Hulén Scott, a graduate of Hendrix and now a highly respected teacher in the public school of Conway and the mother of two daughters, Carol Layne and Marilyn, respectively 12 and 7 years old.

In the fall of 1914 she left teaching to serve as dietitian at State College, Jonesboro, and remained there for two years. It was in 1916 that she moved to Conway to become dietitian and manager of the dining hall at Hendrix College, and for almost 40 years she held this position, doing her work in such a way and living in the Hendrix family in such a spirit that she has become almost as widely and as favorably known as any one who has ever been connected with the College.

Her Loyalty to Hendrix College

No appreciation of this great woman would



Georgia Mitchell Hulén
1890-1955

be worthy which did not give large place to her loyalty to Hendrix College as one of the dominant things of her life. This loyalty was something of a passion with her. She loved Hendrix next to her own home and her church, and her long and arduous labors with the institution saw no waning of this loyalty, but rather the steady increase of it until it was a consuming flame, an all-absorbing interest, her very life. When asked if Mrs. Hulén ever had times in her long period of service when she thought of turning to work somewhere else, her sister, Mrs. W. P. Tuggle, said: "I doubt if there was ever in Georgia's life a single moment when she thought of anything else but giving all she had and the best she had to Hendrix just so long as she had anything to give. Her one and only love was Hendrix and her work with and for the students."

This loyalty Mrs. Hulén had. Arkansas Methodists have always appreciated this loyalty on the part of those who have worked at Hendrix and have realized how very important it is in the life of the school, but they have not been able always to give adequate expression to their appreciation. However, in the case of Mrs. Hulén, loyalty has had a beautiful and substantial recognition. By popular and widespread demand and by unanimous and enthusiastic vote of the Board of Trustees, the \$350,000 dining hall and student center, completed in 1950 with part of the money raised in the Million-Dollar Campaign of 1946-48, was given the name Georgia Hulén Hall. Perhaps it never happened before that a major building on a college campus was named for a dietitian, but never was a building more worthily named. It is something more than a memorial; it is a symbol of that which is best in Christian character.

Her Spirit in Her Work

But the spirit and character of Mrs. Hulén's work as dietitian at Hendrix through 40 years are even more important than her loyalty. One doubts if her record in this respect has ever been surpassed. In Roman Catholic tradition and history, Brother Lawrence (Nicholas Herman of Lorraine), by his saintliness of spirit and

by his patient and tireless toil amid the commonplace, has made the kitchen and the altar one and has lifted the drudgery of kitchen work to the level of the sacramental. He was wont to say, "The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer, and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament." And it was said by him that he was pleased when he could take up a straw from the ground for the love of God. . . that our sanctification does not depend upon changing our work but in doing that for God's sake which we commonly do for our own. . . that we ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, for God regards not the greatness of the work but the love with which it is performed."

All praise to Brother Lawrence for such a spirit in his work. But even the Carmelite monk had nothing on Mrs. Hulén. Working for 40 years in the kitchen when he worked but 15, and working right before our eyes when he worked in the dim distance of the Seventeenth Century, she has set a record which will be remembered and honored so long as Hendrix College stands. She made an art—in fact a fine art—of cooking and serving meals, and she, too, put a halo of glory about the commonplace.

But with Mrs. Hulén her work as dietitian was only a means to an end. Her chief interest was in people, and whatever she did in kitchen or in dining room was with a view and for the purpose of contributing to the happiness and good of somebody. Not only did she carefully and efficiently plan and supervise the work of each day, always doing as much herself as anybody did, but she was forever doing some little, loving service for an individual or a group—maybe for a sick student for whom she was preparing a special dish, or for an off-his-feet student for whom she was working out a satisfactory diet, maybe for a lovelorn boy or girl who needed a mother's pat more than the doctor's pill, or maybe for a group planning a party or a picnic or a special meal.

And for her work the students deeply loved her and in many ways showed their appreciation of her. Twice in the period of her service at the College the students have dedicated their annual, The Troubadour, to her—in 1928 as "the second mother of Hendrix students" and in 1955 for "her years of faithful service to the Hendrix family, for the thousands of meals she has planned and served, for her devotion to Hendrix College, still as strong today as in the past." And it would require the space of a small museum to display the gifts which the students as a body have given to her across the years on her birthday and at Christmas time.

It is easy to see that here was a woman who lived with a sense of mission. She brought to her work of planning and serving meals on a college campus a spirit worthy of an altar or a throne. She made the preparation of meals for hungry students as truly spiritual as the preacher makes his preparation of sermons for hungry souls. She did as dietitian on a college campus what Albert Schweitzer is doing as a medical missionary in Africa, or what Dr. John Hugh Reynolds did as president of Hendrix College, or what Dr. C. Jerome Greene did as a college professor.

Her Religion

Hardly does it need to be added that Mrs. Hulén was deeply and genuinely religious. As a mere child she was converted and joined the Methodist Church and was throughout her life an active church member, a Methodist who loved her church and everything about it. Whoever knew her, even casually, sensed the fact that she was a Christian woman, and those who knew her long and well knew that the greatest thing about her was her Christian faith and her Christlike spirit. Religion with her was not so much a burden she sadly bore as a banner under which she gladly marched.

Her religion exemplified, in marked degree, the greatest of the Christian virtues, and her personality was impressively enriched with those graces which Christ alone can give. There was in her something of the mystic, but her mysticism brought God to the kitchen as surely as it took

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HOUSE UNIT APPROVES MOTTO ON CURRENCY

The House banking and currency committee unanimously endorsed legislation to require that "In God We Trust" appear on all United States paper currency as well as on all coins. It reported out the bill with a recommendation for favorable action by the House after a brief public hearing at which three Congressmen who sponsored the idea independently testified in its favor. They are Reps. Charles E. Bennett (D.-Fla.), Oren Harris (D.-Ark.), and Herman P. Eberharter (D.-Pa.). Mr. Bennett's bill was reported since his was the first introduced. "In these days," Mr. Bennett told the committee, "when imperialistic and materialistic Communisms seeks to attack and destroy freedom, we should continuously look for ways to strengthen the foundations of our freedom. At the base of our freedom is our faith in God. As long as this country trusts in God, it will prevail." Rep. Eberharter stressed that American currency circulates abroad in international exchange and said the motto would serve to emphasize to the world the spiritual foundations of American democracy. Chairman Brent Spence (D.-Ky.), who conducted the hearing, said the committee favors the bill because "if any country was born under the providence of God, this one was."

"It has long been my personal conviction that our founding fathers had divine guidance or the constitution which they drafted would never have served so well," he added. The motto "In God We Trust" first appeared on U. S. coins in 1864 in the midst of the Civil War. In 1908 Congress required that it appear on all coins then being minted, after finding that it had been omitted from the 1907 dime. Congress debated at that time putting the motto on paper currency but did not take any action.

Duchess Of Kent Attends Graham Rally

American evangelist Billy Graham preached to a member of the British royal family for the first time when the Duchess of Kent, aunt of Queen Elizabeth II, attended the fifth-night meeting of his one-week London crusade in Wembley Stadium. The Duchess was accompanied by her sister, Princess Olga of Yugoslavia. After the rally she spoke privately with the evangelist and his wife for about ten minutes. Meanwhile members of the Oxford Union, student organization at Oxford University, voted 232-231 in favor of a motion expressing "regret over the approval given by the Churches to the Billy Graham Crusade."

Show People Meet Regularly

Several dozen show people meet twice a month in Chicago for Bible study in the swanky North Shore studio apartment of a tuxedo rental tycoon. Melodi Lowell, a radio actress and model who co-founded the Bible Roundtable, has described it as a religious meeting like Jane Russell's in Hollywood, only with theological insight. Miss Lowell even studied one semester at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., to satisfy her theological curiosity. Now as many as 40 stage, radio and television actors, actresses, singers, producers, directors, writers and models attend the bi-weekly meetings in the home of Al Gingiss. They meet on Monday evenings — the entertainment world's off night. Sessions are led by visiting seminary professors. The Rev. Louis Raymond of Rogers Park Presbyterian church serves as chaplain. "We felt there were enough people in the entertainment world searching for a better way of life to make this thing worth while," said Miss Lowell.

Community That Once Ejected Missionary To Dedicate New Church

A Presbyterian medical missionary was attacked and driven out of this isolated Spanish-American community, Penasco, N. M. in 1922. Five hundred residents petitioned for missionaries to return in '51, and on June 26 they will dedicate a \$30,000 church here. Penasco says it needs the program being conducted here by the Rev. Julian Duran and his family. The valley community (population: 752) is tucked away in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains

of northern New Mexico about 65 miles north of Santa Fe. The residents are descendants of Spanish colonizers. Lack of medical care has always been a problem. Mountain roads discourage transport of patients to larger communities, and many of the families cannot afford such care. In 1916, Dr. Horace Taylor moved into the community and remained until 1922 when he was the victim of a brutal attack by irate members of a patient's family. Four years ago, the Penasco people issued an "invitation to return" to the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The board sent Mr. Duran, who was born in nearby Dixon, N. M., and had served in Ranches de Taos, Trementina and Chimayo during his 25 years in the ministry.

DISCOVER REMAINS OF BAR KOCHBA REBELS

Skeletons and artifacts of "last ditch" followers of Bar Kochba, who led an insurrection against the Romans in the second century, have been discovered in a Judean desert cave, it was reported in Jerusalem by the Israel Department of Antiquities. The cave is in a remote

desert area west of Ein Geddi, on the Dead Sea's western shore. Its entrance, about two-thirds of the way up the face of a sheer 900-foot cliff, was reached by members of the Israeli archeological party after being lowered some 300 feet down from the top by ropes. Inside they found the skeletons of men, women and children, some of them garbed in robes and sandals in a good state of preservation, as well as some kernels of edible matter and other relics. There were no indications in the cave of a struggle or other acts of violence. Discovery of traces of two Roman camps atop the cliff above the cave entrance led to the belief that the last of the Bar Kochba rebels had sought refuge in the cave and been traced there by the Romans who then blocked off their escape and left them to starve to death.

Methodist Educator Named Chairman of Corrections Council

Dr. Hurst Robbins Anderson, Methodist educator, has been named chairman of the new Federal Advisory Corrections Council by Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr. Dr. Anderson, president of American University, Washington, D. C., and vice-president of the University Senate of The Methodist Church, will direct the work of the eight-man council which is being set up under the Youth Corrections Act recently passed by Congress. The council will be concerned with problems of treating and correcting offenders against U. S. laws and measures to prevent crime and delinquency. It will suggest studies in these field by both the government and private agencies. Chief Justice Earl Warren has appointed three federal judges as his nominees for the council. They are Judges Luther W. Youngdahl of Washington, D. C.; Orrie L. Phillips of Denver, Colo.; and Albert V. Bryan of Alexandria, Va. The other four members will be Scovel Richardson, chairman of the Federal Board of Parole; George J. Reed, director of the board's youth division; James V. Bennet, director of the Bureau of Prisons; and Louis J. Sharp of the administrative office, U. S. Courts.

Laymen Cite President For Christian Example

President Eisenhower received a citation from United Church Men for having given "a notable demonstration of the application of Christian ideals in the conduct of his high office." The citation, presented at a White House ceremony by U.C.M. officials, also lauded the President for "the example of sincere and forthright Christian faith he has set before the nation." United Church Men is the laymen's department of the National Council of Churches. Those at the ceremony were J. Clinton Hawkins, St. Louis, Mo., businessman and Methodist lay leader who is national chairman of U.C.M.; Edwin W. Persons of New York, general director of the agency; Dr. Roy G. Ross of New York, general secretary of the National Council, and Dr. Earl F. Adams, Washington secretary of the National Council. Mr. Hawkins said the lay group's executive committee voted last March to give the special citation to the President because of his "personal example of faith and churchmanship."

Urges Doctors Get Moral Training

Doctors and medical students need a greater background of moral and philosophical training to enable them to live up to their code of ethics, a past president of the American Medical Association said in Burlington, Vt. Dr. Edward J. McCormick of Toledo, O., said this nation is producing skilled doctors who have a "a certain gap in their medical education." "Doctors can't learn from a test tube that there is a Supreme Being," he declared. Dr. McCormick was the main speaker at a testimonial dinner in honor of Bishop Edward F. Ryan of the Burlington Roman Catholic diocese. About 300 persons—including leaders in government, medicine, education, business and religion—attended. Bishop Ryan was presented with a scroll paying tribute to him "on the occasion of the golden anniversary of his priestly ordination and the 10th anniversary of his Episcopal consecration." He also was honored "for his outstanding contributions to the care of the

Dr. Fisher Lays Cornerstone Of Memorial To Martyrs

Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, laid the cornerstone in Fort Hall, Kenya Colony for a new Anglican church planned as a memorial to the hundreds of native Christians murdered at the height of the Mau Mau terror of 1952-54. Fort Hall, 50 miles north of Nairobi, is deep in the Kikuyu Reserve and was a focal point of Mau Mau activity. Dr. Fisher said at the ceremony that, although he had come here chiefly to encourage the Christian Kikuyus in the practice of their faith, it was in fact he himself who had been encouraged by learning how, in moments of extreme peril, they had practiced "faith unto death." His address was translated sentence-by-sentence into Kikuyu and brought prolonged cheers from the more than 4,000 tribesmen attending the cornerstone-laying. Declaring that he had all his life been "a man of peace" who had never confronted the kind of life-or-death decision the Kikuyus faced up to, Dr. Fisher said it was, therefore, "very, very humbly that I speak to you." "I can only pray," he said, "that if such a decision came to me I might be as faithful as you have been. I have come as far as I can to encourage you in this faith in Christ, but in very truth you encourage me far more than I can ever encourage you."

sick—especially for his efforts toward the orphans and the aged—and for furthering the cause of medical education by providing hospitals and research facilities for the training of our doctors and nurses."

Bids Church People Combat 'Conspiracy' Against United Nations

A National Council of Churches official said in Hartford, Conn. there is a "conspiracy" of unreasonable assaults against the United Nations taking place in this country. And for that reason, said Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, a campaign by church people to deepen American understanding of the U. N. is desperately needed. If the anti-U. N. "conspiracy" succeeds, he said, "we will be morally isolated among the nations of the world." Dr. Van Kirk is executive director of the Council's international affairs department and its observer at the U. N. "I can't understand how otherwise in-

telligent people can believe the kind of falsehoods that are circulating about the U. N.," he said. "It was conceived at Yalta by the Soviet Union, as a clever device to hamstring the U.S.A.; I hear that all over the country. In reality, there is not a single crucial U. N. issue in the last 10 years that has been decided in favor of the Soviet Union." He also urged church people to seek a dependable system of disarmament, support all efforts to negotiate in the cold war and back American economic aid and technical assistance abroad.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. E. H. HALL preached the sermon for the Dell High School on Sunday, May 15, at the high school auditorium.

REV. RAYMOND A. DORMAN, pastor of the Wilson Methodist Church, preached the sermon for the graduating class of the Wilson High School on Sunday, May 22.

DR. CHARLES HAMILTON, of the College of the Ozarks at Clarksville, was the guest speaker in the morning worship service at Hays Chapel of the Hartman Charge on Sunday, May 22.

REV. ROBERT E. L. BEARDEN, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, preached the sermon for the senior class of the University High School on Sunday evening, May 29.

DR. AUBREY G. WALTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, preached the sermon for the Senior Class of the Little Rock Junior College on Sunday evening, May 29, at the First Methodist Church.

REV. C. V. MASHBURN, pastor of Marysville-Fredonia Methodist Church, preached the sermon for the Mt. Holly High School Senior Class. His daughter, Charlene, was president of the class.

THE EBENEZER CHURCH on the Traskwood Circuit was dedicated on Sunday, May 29. Dr. Francis A. Buddin, district superintendent of the Little Rock District, preached at the morning hour and lunch was served at noon. Rev. A. E. Jacobs is pastor.

REV. JOHN M. McCORMACK, pastor of Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, preached the sermon for the Senior Class of the Pine Bluff High School on Sunday, May 22. There were 235 in the class. Seventeen of the class are members of Lakeside Church.

DR. PAUL M. BUMPERS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Clarksville, was the speaker at the installation service of the church officials of the Hartman Charge on May 26. The service was held at the Spadra Church of the charge. Rev. Aaron Barling is pastor.

REV. GLENN BRUNER, pastor of the Prairie Grove Methodist Church, was the guest speaker in the Victory Rally of the four churches of the Hartman Charge on Sunday, May 29. The rally was held at the Hartman Church of the charge.

MRS. FRANCES McLEAN of Malvern was named Director of Camp Tanako for the summer at a meeting of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on May 19. Mrs. McLean has been serving as Director of Education at the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff.

REV. T. C. CHAMBLISS, pastor of the Methodist Church at Alma, writes: "We held a week's meeting with guest ministers. We were inspired and blessed by the ministry of our guest preachers. The Official Board voted to make Alma a full-time charge. We are closing our fifth year with the good people of this charge."

PLANS are nearing completion for a new brick or brick tile structure for the New Hope Methodist Church to replace the frame building that was destroyed by a storm on April 20. Construction is expected to begin in a short time, according to report. The New Hope Church is a part of the Mt. Carmel-New Hope Charge. Rev. Cecil Gill is pastor.

REV. H. W. JINSKE, pastor of the Mountain View Church, has been invited by Dr. Carl Soule of the Methodist Board of World Peace in Chicago to join a delegation of American Methodists who will fly from New York to London, June 26, to join church leaders of Britain in a Peace Conference. The delegation will spend a few days in London and then go to Paris, France, Oslo, Norway, Germany and perhaps Russia. Mr. Jinske is a member of the North Arkansas Con-

ference Board of World Peace.

A VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL began on Monday, May 30, at the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, and will run through June 8. Rev. Jesse L. Johnson, pastor of the church, is dean of the school. Courses are being offered for the Kindergarten, Primary and Junior Departments. Leaders are Mrs. Jesse L. Johnson, Mrs. R. S. Wilson, Mrs. Bob Hardcastle and Mrs. Jim Hart. The women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are serving refreshments each day.

A YOUTH REVIVAL was conducted the second week in May at the McClelland Methodist Church by Billy Frank Powell and Don Crow, supported by the entire youth group of the Cotton Plant Church. There were four professions of faith made. The pastor, Rev. Ray L. McLester, baptized and received two young people into the church. A Methodist Youth Fellowship is being organized at McClelland under the leadership of Billy Frank Powell from the Cotton Plant Church.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Manufacturers, after a survey of church needs of the United States of America, recommends that at least 5,250 new churches a year be built for the next 20 years and that at least \$7,500,000,000 be spent on the project. The N. A. M. projection may prove conservative if the present rate of church building continues, say some Protestant leaders. During the first six months of 1954, over 5,000 new churches were reported already planned.

THE COTTON PLANT CHURCH, Rev. Ray L. McLester, pastor, has paid its quota of \$1,500.00 for the three years to the Memphis Methodist Hospital Campaign in full in cash. The check for the full amount was sent to the Conference Treasurer, P. E. Cooley on May 16. Mrs. J. F. Angelo writes: "This quota was reached by the energetic efforts of the Hospital Fund Committee, George Powell, Paul Parnell and Taz E. Trice. We understand this is one of the first churches in the Forrest City District to pay the total amount in full."

EXTENSIVE REMODELING to the older portion of the First Methodist Church of West Memphis in the amount of \$10,000 to \$15,000 is being done by the Manning Lumber Co. A cloister type passage is being constructed from the rear of the church on the east to the west side of the new educational building. In the rear of the church a study and office for the pastor and church secretary is being reconstructed. Five new restrooms are being added and air conditioning is being put into the dining room of the new building. Rev. Ralph Hillis is pastor of the church.

CHRISTIE'S CHAPEL, one of the oldest churches in Columbia County, observed its Centennial on Sunday, May 22, with an all-day service at the church. One hundred years ago the first church in the Christie's Chapel community was constructed where the present church is located. The history of the community is wrapped around the church. The Christie family came to Arkansas in 1854 and settled near the present location of the Methodist church, five miles south of Magnolia. The church received its name from the Christies and has been known as Christie's Chapel since its organization. The first building was a log structure. There have been three churches. The present church was built and dedicated in 1943. Rev. Andrew Christie, pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, is a descendant of the early Christie family.

WORLD PEACE PROSPECTS ENCOURAGING

Prospects of world peace are "most encouraging" in the opinion of the Rev. J. Manning Potts of Nashville, Tenn., Methodist editor who returned recently from an extensive trip to Asia and Europe.

"I am convinced that the Eastern world, with the exception of Communist China, desires peace," said Dr. Potts, editor of *The Upper Room*,

BISHOPS ANNOUNCE DELEGATES TO 1956 ECONOMICS CONFERENCE

The names of 60 of the 75 delegates of the Methodist Church to the coming National Conference on the Church and Economic Life have been released by the secretary of the Council of Bishops, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

This meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 12-15, 1956 under National Council of Churches sponsorship, is the third of its kind. "The Christian Conscience and an Economy of Abundance" is the conference theme. Since the sessions are to consist entirely of group study and discussion, no platform speakers are scheduled.

Included among those named as delegates by the several Jurisdictional Colleges of Bishops were the following from the South Central Jurisdiction. Fifteen additional Methodist delegates-at-large, to be selected by the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops, will be announced later.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION: R. A. Childers, Houston, Texas; Alton B. Raney, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. Frank L. Wright, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. A. H. Carleton, Dallas, Texas; Rev. Vance D. Rogers, Lincoln, Neb.; Rev. Leland Clegg, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rev. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith, Ark.; Dr. Abel Throckmorton, Topeka, Kans.; Hines Baker, Houston, Texas and Eugene Germany, Dallas, Texas.

TEMPERANCE CHART AVAILABLE

A striking new 30-page turn-over chart on the alcohol problem is now available.

Titled *Citizens Solve Problems* the chart approaches the drinking question on the basis of citizenship responsibility. Its pages suggest, "Good citizens help solve social problems," then go on to demonstrate the effects of beverage alcohol in a complex modern society.

The presentation is designed for use with any age group and can easily be adapted for church or non-church groups. It will be especially helpful in the public schools.

New statistical material is carefully documented in an extensive leader's guide which also contains page by page lecture notes. The chart's pages are 29½ by 41½ inches, printed in red and black on heavy paper, and designed for maximum readability.

Cost of the *Citizens Solve Problems* visual aid, complete with sturdy metal easel and documented leader's guide, is \$34.50. It comes packed in a strong cardboard tube for easy handling. Order from TEM Press, 100 Maryland Ave. N. E., Washington 2, D. C.

BLACKLISTS METHODISTS

Methodists hold next to top position on Satan's list of persistent trouble-makers, according to a line in one of Broadway's new dramatic productions.

While the consciences of some Methodists will experience a twinge or two concerning the smallness of the personal contributions towards the Devil's low appraisal of their church, no one will question that a high rating on Satan's list of undesirables is precisely that for which the denomination strives. If Methodists can't be first among those who are anathema to the King of Darkness, it is both gratifying and encouraging to be accorded second honors.

The name of the musical, "Damn Yankees", is to be construed not in terms of the Mason-Dixon but the foul line. The plot centers on a baseball fan who, after agonizing sessions at his T-V, makes the innocent remark that he would sell his soul to the Devil just to see his home team take the pennant from the Yankees.

At this moment, the Devil appears with the offer to turn the middle-aged fan into a hardy young ball player, capable of winning the pennant. Despite his eagerness to have his team on top, the Devil's offer produces many excuses. One is his wife. She wouldn't approve. He would not want to leave her.

It is here the Devil throws up his hands in despair. He groans,

"Wives! They give me more trouble than The Methodist Church."

interdenominational and international devotional guide.

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DR. MOREHEAD NEW DIRECTOR OF METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME



DR. R. CONNOR MOREHEAD

Dr. Connor Morehead, superintendent of the Camden District of the Methodist Church, was elected director of the Methodist Children's Home, Little Rock, May 25, by the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Henry Goodloe, Board chairman, announced that Bishop Paul E. Martin will be requested to appoint Dr. Morehead to the position at the Little Rock Annual Conference in June. Dr. Morehead succeeds the Rev. T. T. McNeal, present director, who will remain at the Home until Annual Conference when he will receive another appointment.

Dr. Morehead has served in both the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences of the Methodist Church since he became a Methodist minister in 1928. He has been pastor at Alma, Mulberry, Eureka Springs, Rogers, Fayetteville, and at the First Methodist Churches in Little Rock and El Dorado.

He was superintendent of the Batesville District, 1937-41, and headed the Camden District in 1944-45. He was again appointed superintendent of the Camden District in 1949, and will have completed his



REV. T. T. McNEAL

six-year term on that District in June.

Mr. Morehead has served on the Board of Trustees at the Children's Home since 1944, and was chairman for several years. He received his A. B. Degree at Hendrix College, and his B. D. Degree from Emory University.

The Rev. Mr. McNeal, who resigned after serving as director of the Home since 1951, said the capacity has grown from 40 to 70 children during the last four years.

On new building, which provides living space for 12 children, was completed last October, and another will be ready for occupancy June 1. This makes a total of six cottages at the Home. A director's home was also erected in 1952.

Before Rev. Mr. McNeal came to Little Rock as director of the Home, he served as pastor of Methodist Churches at Star City, Dermott, and Crossett. He was pastor at Lake Side Methodist Church in Pine Bluff from 1942-45, and was superintendent of the Monticello District from 1945-51.

GRADUATING EXERCISES AT HENDRIX

Commencement activities for Hendrix College's 1955 graduating class will be held at the college June 5.

Winthrop Rockefeller, noted industrialist and philanthropist, will be the speaker for the graduation program beginning at 3 p. m. Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, will deliver the sermon at baccalaureate exercises at 10:50 that morning. Both programs will be held in the Hendrix College Chapel-Auditorium.

Five honorary degrees will be conferred at the afternoon program. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws will be conferred on H. F. Buhler of Little Rock, Miss Nellie Dyer of Conway, and J. T. Thompson of Little Rock. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity will be conferred on Mr. Bearden and Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretary of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education.

Scheduled to receive their degrees June 5 with honors are Miss Betty Jane Johnson of Green Forest, a major in English and Miss Sue Fulmer of Conway, a major in Home Making. William R. Womack of McCrory, a major in the Social Sciences, is scheduled to receive his degree with High Honors, top academic decognition at the college. Two other members of the class are expected to receive their degrees with honors at the end of the summer term. They are John B. Thurman of North Little Rock, a major in the Social Sciences, and Miss Mary Ann Metzler of Moro, a major in Elementary Education.

All five honor graduates have successfully passed special oral examinations before a faculty committee, and will receive honors if they maintain their present acade-

mic standing during the remainder of their work.

The graduating class will contain about 83 members. President is Miss Peggy Tull of Benton and senator is Miss Anne Barker of Ft. Smith.

Members of the class will be officially inducted into the Alumni Association the night of June 3 at the annual candlelighting ceremony in Hulen Lounge. Presiding at the ceremony will be Charles Stuck of Jonesboro, president of Alumni Association. Following the induction, seniors will be guest of the association at the annual Association Senior Dinner in Hulen Commons.

Members of the class of 1950 are planning a special 5th year reunion at the college on commencement day, according to Miss Elizabeth Poole, alumni co-ordinator.

REVIVAL AND BUILDING PLANS AT YELLEVILLE

Beginning Easter Sunday night Rev. Raymond L. Franks of First Methodist Church, Forrest City, spent eight days in revival services with Rev. Theron McKisson and the Yellville Methodist Church. Bro. Franks' messages lifted and inspired this little church.

On Wednesday, May 11, Bro. Franks returned to Yellville, for a rally and kick-off dinner in a \$25,000 Educational Building Fund Campaign. Nine thousand dollars was subscribed that night and the funds continue to grow under the able leadership of Dr. H. L. Klemme and the Yellville Methodist Men, of which he is president. We feel that our people are doing wonders in the face of a three-year drouth which left this hill country pretty badly depleted financially.

Negotiations are now under way also for new parsonage grounds and location close to the church. An increase in the annual church Budget was also adopted.—Reporter

A YEAR OF PROGRESS AT GOOD FAITH

Some of the high points in our year's work include two new rooms to the parsonage—a pastor's study and a bedroom. Both rooms have been completely furnished and additional new furniture has been added to some of the other rooms. Also, an attic fan, refrigerator installed. Both the parsonage and Church plant have been completely rewired. Our Church kitchen has been made modern with new appliances, and new chairs have been placed in the choir and Sunday School rooms.

We are a bit proud of our attendance—average of 116 in Sunday School. Our enrollment has been increased this year to 197. We have received 16 new members in the fellowship of the church.

Building committee: John Manuel, Carr Culpepper, Elmer Fikes, W. P. Neeley and Ray Carter, Treasurer.

We have had a joyful year with our people. They have expressed a deep interest in their parsonage family. They possess a wonderful spirit of cooperation.—Horace M. Grogan, Pastor

"SHUT-IN'S DAY" SUNDAY, JUNE 5

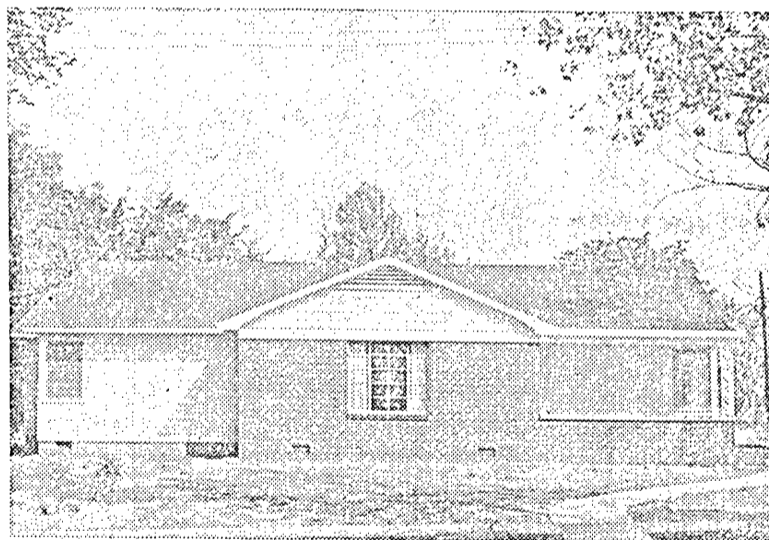
The first Sunday in June is observed as International "Shut-in's Day" in all of the countries of the North American Continent and in other countries.

Shut-In's Day was organized by a young Canadian shut-in, Earnest Barker and a few friends. The shut-in's Day Association was been recognized by most of the churches and civic clubs of the United States and Canada. The Governors of several states, including Arkansas, and the mayors of many cities and towns have issued Shut-in's Day proclamations.

A resolution has been introduced in the United States House of Representatives designating the first Sunday in June of each year as Shut-in's Day. The purpose of Shut-in's Day is the remembrance of the sick and disabled with a letter, card, visit or some other friendly gesture.

This day will furnish a good opportunity to practice the Golden Rule. God has decreed that some sit by the wayside. Those active today may be disabled tomorrow.—Buel McGhee, Green Forest

New Parsonage At Prescott



The new parsonage for the First Methodist Church in Prescott is completed and the parsonage family moved in on Friday, May 13. It is a beautiful six-room house, with three bedrooms and two baths and living room, dining room and kitchen. The car port is on the back of the house and one side of it is made into two large storage rooms.

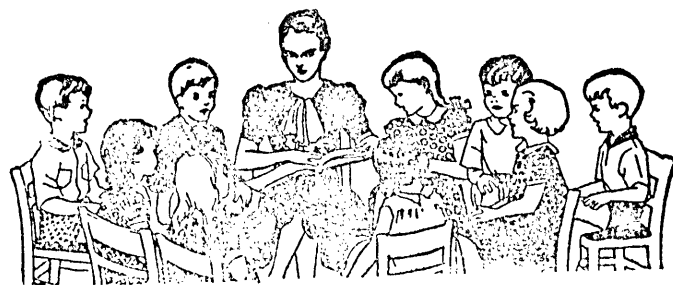
Huey Milam, of Prescott, was the architect, and Milam and Son, Contractors, of Prescott, were awarded the contract and the parsonage was built in eight weeks. Dr. O. G. Hirst, chairman of the Official Board, was also chairman of the building committee. Mrs. Roy Duke, chairman, Mrs. O. G. Hirst, Mrs. H. H. McKenzie, Dr. N. R. Nelson, and M. D. Justiss were the members of the planning committee. Mrs. J. A. Yancey, Mrs. Roy Duke, Mrs. O. G. Hirst, Mrs. H. H. McKenzie and Mrs. Dan Pittman, Sr. are the members of the furnishing committee.

The parsonage was built at a cost of about \$15,000.00. Open House will be held in the near future. The Rev. Warren D. Golden is the pastor.

The old parsonage, which was sold, and moved off the lot, was purchased for a parsonage for the First Methodist Church on December 14, 1880, and had been repaired several times. It housed each pastor's family that had served Prescott since the church became a station.

A Page For The CHILDREN

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



HIS MOTHER'S TRAINING

ROLAND stopped and looked at the sign, "Boy Wanted." It hung outside a large cutlery establishment, next to a store where there had been a big fire. He had made up his mind that he was old enough to look for work and try to relieve Mother. Should he go in?

He hesitated; then with all the courage he could command, he went inside. He was sent back to a room where men on high stools were writing in big books, too busy to notice him, but a tall gentleman did and questioned him so fast he could hardly answer.

"What kind of work do you expect to do? Don't know? Most boys do. Never worked out before? Suppose you think it's all play. Well," pointing to some steps, "go down there, and the man at the foot will tell you what to do."

Roland went down and found half a dozen boys at work, with their sleeves rolled up, cleaning and polishing knives. The man at the foot of the steps looked up and said:

"Come to try your hand? Well, three have just left in disgust; doesn't seem to be boys' work, somehow, but it's got to be done. You see," he said, picking up some knives and scissors, and showing spots of rust on them, "the water that saved our building the other night injured some of our finest goods. If you want to try your hand at cleaning, I'll show you how. We pay by the dozen."

"Tisn't fair," said one of the boys; "some have more rust on than others."

"If you don't like our terms, you needn't work for us," said the foreman, and the boy, muttering that he wanted to be an errand boy and

see something of life left, while Roland went to work with a will. As he finished each piece he held it up, examined it critically, and wondered if Mother would think it well done.

When the hour for closing came, the gentleman who had sent him downstairs appeared and, looking round at the boys, said:

"Well?"
"There is the boy we want," said the foreman, pointing to Roland. "He will take pride in doing anything you give him to do. He has been well trained."

Again the tall man spoke quickly.

"That's what we want. 'Boy wanted' doesn't mean any kind of boy. Mother know you came? No? Well, take her your first wages and tell her there's a place open to you here. Then put your arms around her neck and thank her for teaching you to be thorough. If more boys were thorough, more boys would succeed in life."

"I guess, Mother," said Roland, when he told her about it, "it was because I tried to do everything as you would like it. I forgot I was doing it because there was a 'boy wanted.'—The Sunday School Advocate

Jerry: "Were you out in all that rain?"

Rufus: "No, just the part that fell around me."

PLEASING OTHERS

"Dad," called Mary, bursting in to the house, "can I go with Mollie Jones on Sunday? She's going to have tea with her brother, who married, and we'll have lots of fun."

Daddy looked up from his book and said very gravely: "Well, dear, you may go if you wish, but it would please me much more if you went to Sunday School with Betty Smith."

"Why couldn't Daddy say 'Yes' straight out?" thought Mary. Anyway she would go with Mollie.

At last Sunday came, and Mary was delighted to think of the good time she was going to have.

"Well, little one," said Daddy, as he kissed her good morning, "have you decided where you are going today?"

Then somehow Mary felt very queer inside and wanted to cry, and suddenly she couldn't bear to tell Daddy she was going with Mollie. She just stood for a minute trying not to cry, and then she flung her arms around Daddy's neck, and said bravely, "I'm going to Sunday School", and Daddy hugged her very hard.

It was wonderful how happy she felt all through breakfast.

When they had finished breakfast mother said: "O, Mary, wouldn't you like to bring Betty home to tea? There's a very special cake."

It was such a happy Sunday, after all, and when Mary went to

bed she thought to herself: "Why, it's much more fun pleasing people you love than just pleasing yourself all the time. I don't believe I ever knew that before, but I'm going to try to keep on pleasing others."—L. Ladyman in Exchange

LIKE A CUP

By Clarice Foster Booth

*Out walking, when the days are fine,
I hold my grandpa's hand in mine.
(I mean he holds my hand in his—
For that is how it really is.)*

*My own is almost covered up!
His palm fits over like a cup;
And always, on our sunny walks,
He and I have happy talks.*

—In The Christian Advocate

A GAME FOR THAT PARTY FOR YOUNG OR OLD

Players are divided into two teams which stand facing each other. Advise each player of Team A to look very carefully at each member of Team B.

Then Team A turns around, facing the opposite direction, while one player on Team B alters his appearance slightly—removes a tie, a shoe, a breast pocket handkerchief, or changes places with a member of his team.

Team A turns back and has three guesses as to who made a change or moved. If they guess correctly, a member of Team B goes over to Team A. If they do not guess correctly, Team A loses a member to the opposing team.

At the end of a specified time (15 or 20 minutes) the team having the largest number of players is, of course, the winner.—In The United Church Observer

TOMORROW?

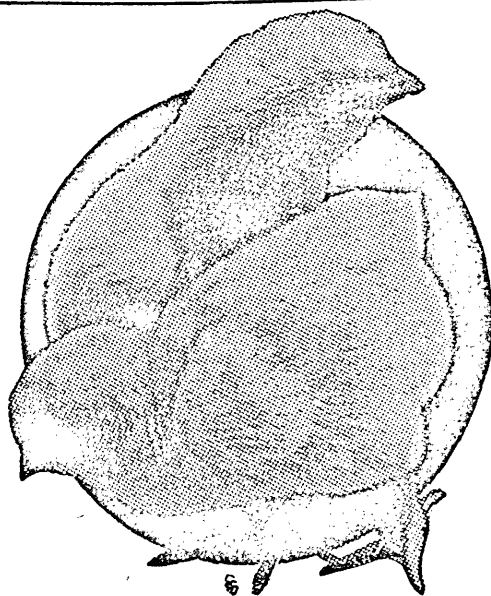
*The day called "tomorrow" lies always ahead
Of the day that we folks call to-day—
I wish I could see
For it's not clear to me
Why we find that tomorrow's today.*

*"Tomorrow I'll get up at eight o'clock sharp,"
Is a thing we often do say.
Yet, when we awaken
We find we're mistaken,
For tomorrow is still but today.*

*"Tomorrow I'll meet you," you say to a friend,
Then right merrily go on your way.
But we find when we meet
Our confusion complete
For tomorrow is really today.*

*There's a joke I declare; though I can't tell where,
As with long words and figures I play.
So I guess I will quit
Or I may have a fit,
For tomorrow won't come anyway.*

—T. B. Gleave, The Children's Newspaper



BABY CHICKS

*Baby chicks, yellow and round,
Picking lightly at the ground.*

*Soft and warm and cuddly, too,
We're glad to be a friend to you.*

*We'll bring you food and make a rule,
To give you water, nice and cool.*

*We find there are so many ways
To be a helper in summer days.*

—A. E. W.

JUST FOR FUN

Mother: "Did little Elmer have any trouble while we were out this evening?"

Baby-sitter: "Nothing, except he swallowed a bug a few minutes ago, but I gave him some insect powder right away. So there's nothing to worry about."

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The customer settled himself and let the barber put the towel around him.

Customer: "Before we start, I know the weather's awful, I don't care who wins the next big fight, and I don't bet on the horse races. I know I'm getting thin on top, but I don't mind that. Now get on with it."

Barber: "Well, sir, if you don't mind, I'll be able to concentrate better if you don't talk so much."

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"So what if your husband does snore?" said the neighbor. "Lots of husbands snore."

"Yes," sighed the baggy-eyed wife, "but my George is a ventriloquist and he snores on both sides of me at once."

ARKANSAS METHODIST



DISTRICT MEETINGS REPORTED

Zone Meetings in Lake Charles District

Zone I met at the Holly Grove Church at Anacoco with Mrs. E. C. Box, Zone Leader, presiding. Mrs. George Pearce of DeRidder opened the meeting with a meditation, "Who Is My Neighbor?", mentioning experiences of her recent trip to Cuba with Rev. Mr. Pearce.

Officers' Training was held by Mrs. Robert Compton, District President; Mrs. A. J. McGrede, District Treasurer; Mrs. Normand Terry, District Supply Sec'y; Mrs. J. H. McCartney, District Sec'y of Literature and Publications; and Mrs. Roy Dugas, Sec'y of Promotion. Thirty-eight women from five societies attended; Prospect had seven of its eleven members present.

Guests were honored by the local society with an old-fashioned dinner on the grounds after the session. DeRidder First Church issued an invitation for the fall meeting.

Zone II met at Henning Memorial Church at Sulphur on Tuesday, May 17 with sixty-five women present for training. Of the six societies represented, Maplewood had the largest number of officers with a total of fourteen.

Mrs. O. B. Jordan, Zone Leader, challenged the group with a meditation on "Reaching for the Light" as she opened the meeting. District Officers who trained the women were: Mrs. Compton, Mrs. McGrede, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. McCartney, Mrs. Dugas, Mrs. S. T. Spates, District Sec'y of Christian Social Relations and LCA; Mrs. J. M. Lowrey, Sec'y of Status of Women; Mrs. Carl Lueg, Spiritual Life; Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Paxton, Conference Sec'y of Spiritual Life and Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, a former Conference Sec'y of Children's Work held classes in their respective offices.

Sandwiches, potato chips, iced tea and cake were shared by the group in a Fellowship Luncheon after the meeting. Maplewood asked for fall meeting.

A District Executive Meeting was held in the parsonage after the lunch hour. Plans for the ensuing year were mapped out under the direction of Mrs. Compton, District President. New District Officers in attendance were Mrs. Sam Holden, Recording Sec'y and Mrs. S. A. Seegars, Spiritual Life. Mrs. Robert Crichtlow, Sec'y of Missionary Personnel was also present.

Zone III met at the Welsh Church on Tuesday, May 10th with Mrs. Jack Williams of Lake Arthur, Zone Leader, presiding. An opening hymn was led by Mrs. Ralph Reeve of Welsh. Mrs. Frank Harris gave a meditation on "Time". An impromptu skit on approaching new members was given by Mrs. Robert Compton and Mrs. Ray Dugas. Sixty-five women from nine societies attended with Welsh and Lake Arthur having the largest number of officers present.

District Officers who had charge of classes were: Mrs. Compton, Mrs. McCartney, Mrs. Dugas, Mrs. Mouton, Mrs. Spates, Mrs. Lowrey, Mrs. E. A. Doland, Sec'y of Children's Work. Mrs. Horace Denison, former

District President, trained the Student and Youth Secretaries.

A Fellowship Luncheon was enjoyed by the group. Eunice W.S.C.S. invited the group to meet with them in the fall.

Ft. Smith

Two hundred and ten women of the Fort Smith District attended an Officers' Training Session at the Midland Heights Church, May 12. Mrs. Robert Sessions, Van Buren, led the devotional after which Mrs. Gene Davidson of Waldron installed the newly elected officers: Pres., Mrs. Sam Roberts, Booneville; Miss. Ed., Mrs. R. S. Wilson, Van Buren; C. S. R. & L. C. A., Mrs. Uel Wiggins, Paris; Lit. & Pub., Mrs. Herbert Russell; Status of Women, Mrs. A. M. McKennon, Scranton.

Mrs. Sam Roberts presented three special memberships from the district: Adult Life, Mrs. W. J. Spicer, Bonneville; Honorary Youth, Mary Sondra Lewis, Greenwood; Honorary Baby, Elizabeth Ann Brothers, Ozark.

No special program was planned, but all present were inspired by hearing Miss Betty Sue Harris of Fort Smith, a recent graduate of Philander-Smith College, Little Rock, tell of her visit and interview at National College, Kansas City, Mo. and of her interview in Little Rock two weeks ago with Miss Alpharetta Leeper from the Woman's Division. Betty Sue is accepted and is assigned to Scarritt College, July 23, where she will be given six weeks intensive training, after which she will be commissioned U. S.-2.

Interest centered with workshops, one being set up to cover each line of work.

The meeting was concluded with a pledge service conducted by Mrs. W. H. Lewis, assisted by Mrs. Lester Hampton, Booneville, Mrs. Uel Wiggins, Paris, and Mrs. Duane Brothers, Ozark. The meeting closed at noon with luncheon served by ladies of the Midland Heights Church.—Reporter

Zone 4, Alexandria

White's Chapel, Chicot and Ville Platte church entertained Zone 4 at the Ville Platte Church, with Mrs. David Carlton, zone leader, opening the meeting.

Mrs. Richard Stagge, of White's Chapel, gave the welcome and Mrs. J. H. Courtney of Chicot gave the response.

Mrs. J. L. Robey, Le Compte, gave the inspirational devotion on Mother.

Reports were given by many local presidents, and all expressed appreciation for the work of the local society.

District officers reporting were: Mrs. C. W. Tebow, promotion; Mrs. H. W. Gates, Supply; Mrs. B. E. Thibodeaux, Literature and Publications; and Mrs. Philip Stanley, Missionary Education.

A Memorial was presented from Zone 4 to Mrs. C. B. Kirk in memory of her mother, Mrs. A. B. Robinson, a former member of Ville Platte.

Mrs. W. K. Edwards presented Mrs. M. O. Malloy, president of the

CONFERENCES ANNOUNCE DATES FOR SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

North Arkansas

July 11-15 — Hendrix College
Registration fee \$3.00 to
Mrs. W. C. Buthman
1160 Winfield
Conway

Little Rock

July 11-15 — Aldersgate Camp
Registration fee, \$3.00 to
Mrs. George Meyer
2404 South Tyler
Little Rock

Ville Platte society, a life membership from friends in the society.

Fayetteville

About 150 women, five conference officers, and all of the district officers attended the annual meeting of the Fayetteville District Woman's Society of Christian Service that was held in Central Church, Fayetteville, on May 11.

Mrs. R. K. Bent, president, called the meeting to order and introduced Mrs. Hubert Pearce, Conference secretary of Spiritual Life, who gave the opening devotional.

Reports from the annual meeting of the conference was the program of the day. Thirty-one members had attended from the Fayetteville District.

Lunch was served by the hostess society, with place mats from National College being used and leaflets on Christian Vocations. At the luncheon young people from the Fayetteville District who went on the tour of missions gave their impressions of the value of such a tour.

Rev. Robert Bearden, host pastor, gave the devotional opening at the afternoon session.

The following district officers were installed by Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, vice-president of the conference: President, Mrs. R. K. Bent; Vice-president, Mrs. Vernon Chalfant; Secretary, Mrs. E. B. Cain; Treasurer, Mrs. Sam McNair; secretaries: Promotion, Mrs. Lillian Fountain; Missionary Education, Mrs. M. L. Austin; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Lillian Holt; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Misenhimer; Literature and Publications, Mrs. J. L. Norris; Supply, Mrs. Arnold Simpson; Children, Mrs. Carl Watson; Youth, Mrs. Archie Boyd; Student, Mrs. George Ivey; Status of Women, Mrs. Russell Broyles; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Roy Bagley; and Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Mary Walker.

After the meeting, the local society entertained the ladies at tea honoring Mrs. Bent, and her daughter, Rosalie, who is to be married in June.—Mrs. Denver Misenhimer

Kwassui Junior College, Nagasaki, Japan, is celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding. In the years since 1897, when Miss Elizabeth Russell, a Methodist missionary, opened the school with one frightened little Japanese girl on a cold winter morning, the school has grown to its present enrollment of 850 high school girls and 430 college students. In spite of the fact that part of the school was demolished by the atomic bomb, the campus has now been expanded to meet the increased demands.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church recently completed its Bible study on "The Master Callest For Thee".

The first session, March 1st, was a dinner meeting at Sylvan Hills Community Building with Mrs. Frank Thacker Jr. in charge. Mrs. J. R. Tudor and Mrs. Luther Wilson were in charge of decorations. The program included a drama, "The Four Marys", presented by Mrs. John Bricker, Mrs. Woodrow Burks, Mrs. J. R. Russell and Mrs. Aubrey Pettus. Mrs. Nolen Minton used charts to present Chapters I and II.

The second session was held at the Church. Mrs. Frank Thacker, Jr. was narrator for "living pictures" in costume on "The Leaven" posed by Mrs. Harold Lawrence; "The Ten Virgins", Mrs. Paul Bricker, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Dudley Harrel, posed by MYF girls; "The Importunate Widow" posed by Mrs. Aubrey Pettus as Judge and Mrs. Marion Winter as the widow; and the "Lost Coin" posed by Mrs. Luther Wilson. Chapter VII on "Woman of Samaria" was presented as dialogue from Phillip's Translation by Mrs. Aubrey Pettus and Mrs. Nolen Minton. A drama written by Mrs. A. L. Carthwaite, and directed by Mrs. Robert Black, was presented by the Senior MYF girls on Chapter VIII, the "Two Sisters, Mary and Martha."

The third study was held at the home of Mrs. J. R. Russell. Miss Fentem Utley, State Board of Health, taught the study "Fidelity and Divorce", "Problems of Mental Health" and "Duties of Wives and Mothers". She showed two sound films on "Teaching Sex to Youth" and "Marital Problems".

The Fourth session was held at the home of Mrs. J. R. Tudor. Scenes on "Mary, Mother of Jesus", were were presented, Mrs. Frank Thacker, Jr. and Mrs. Aubrey Pettus, in costume, gave a dialogue on the "Annunciation"; Mrs. F. L. Stinnett and Mrs. J. R. Tudor in costume presented the "Magnificat" in dialogue. A tableaux on "Mary in the Stable" was presented by Mrs. J. R. Russell, Mrs. Vicki Krzyzanski, Mrs. Paul Bricker and Mrs. Doyle Quillen as narrator. Characters in the drama, "Mary and Joseph in the Temple" were Mrs. J. R. Russell, Mrs. A. H. Hosp, Mrs. Pat Ison and Mrs. Bobby Bradford. Mrs. Hope Andrews discussed "Mary, Mother of Jesus, at Pentecost". Mrs. Frank Thacker, Jr. arranged a worship center on "Mary, Mother of Jesus, at the Cross". The study and action committee, Mrs. F. L. Stinnett, chairman; Mrs. Harold Laurence and Mrs. Woodrow Burks, recom-

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Hope Century Bible Class Surpasses Goal Of

"185 FOR '55"

Large Attendance At Banquet Climaxing Contest

On February 1, 1955, the Century Bible Class of the First Methodist Church of Hope, Arkansas, initiated an attendance campaign for the three months period, beginning February 1 and ending April 30. When the final results of the campaign were tabulated, the "185 for '55" goal had been surpassed by an overwhelming margin. Instead of an average attendance of just "185 members", February's average attendance rose to "204"; March saw the attendance average rise to "222", and in April, the Century Bible Class had an average of "254" members and visitors answer the Roll Call!

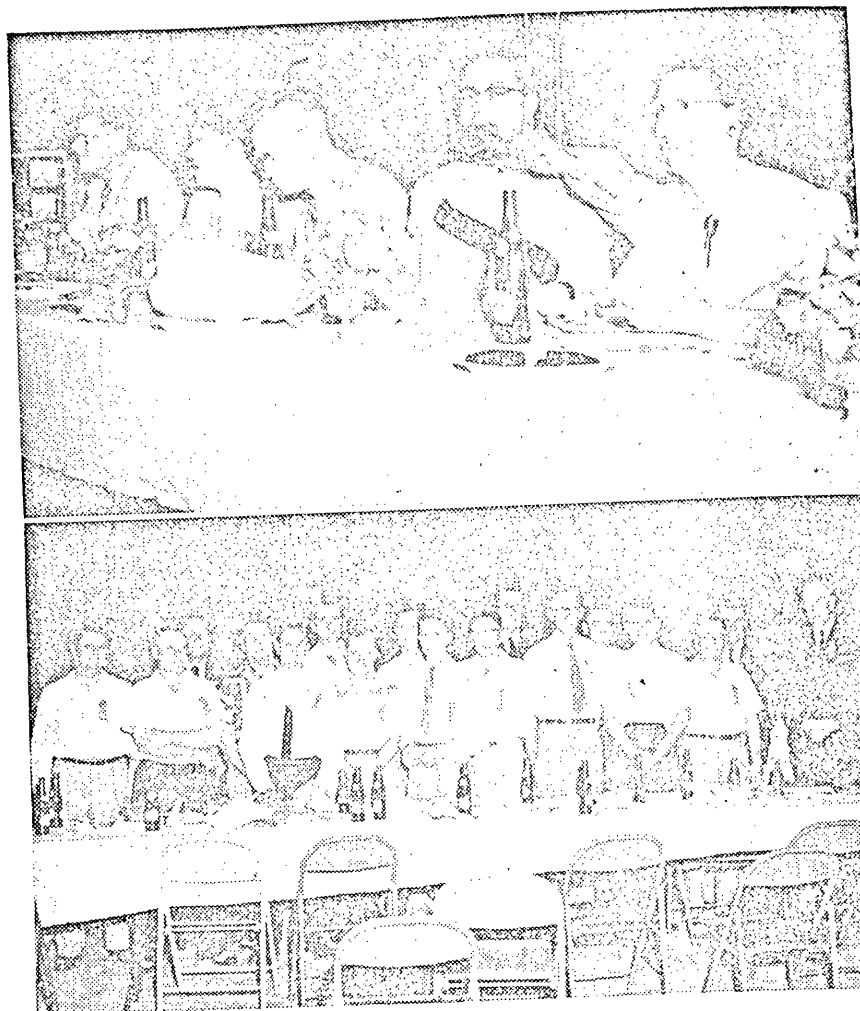
A great deal of the success of the Attendance Campaign is due to the 15 captains of the team, made up from the Roll Call Roster of the Century Bible Class, according to class leaders. These teams contesting one another for the privilege of being the NUMBER ONE TEAM at the big banquet, which climaxed the contest, did a magnificent job of visitation and telephone work to boost the class attendance averages during the three months' period, class leaders pointed out. Captains of the teams and the order in which their teams finished the attendance contest are as follows:

1st: Dave Griffin—2nd: Fred Glanton—3rd: Crit Stuart—4th: Joe Jones—5th: Milton Mosier—6th: Corbin Foster—7th: Norman Moore—8th: Syvell Burke—9th: Sam Andrews—10th: Harry Hawthorne—

11th: E. P. Young Jr.—12th: Buddy McIver—13th: James McLarty Jr.—14th: William Routon—15th: Chas. Harrell.

The Steering Committee of the Century Bible Class, composed of Ralph C. Lehman, President of the Class, Lyle Brown, permanent Chairman of the Attendance Committee, Jimmie Griffin, Dave Griffin, Cliff Bridgers, Leland War-mack, Harrell C. Hall, George Frazier, Ray Turner, and Dwight Ridgill revealed the information that during this contest the Century Bible Class attendance figures broke all existing records. To celebrate the successful completion of the Attendance Contest, the winning team, with Dave Griffin, as Captain, was honored at a huge banquet on Friday evening, May 13, in the Third District Livestock Coliseum. Honorable Lyle Brown, Circuit Judge of the 8th Judicial District, was Master of Ceremonies. The Stamps Quartette from KRLD, Dallas, Texas, was brought to Hope to furnish music for the occasion. Over "290" men attended the banquet, and all agreed a great time was had by one and all.

The Century Bible Class of the First Methodist Church in Hope, Arkansas, went on record stating that no small part of the success of the banquet was due to the untiring efforts of WSCS Circle No. 5, headed by Mrs. Claude Tillery. Class leaders reported: "These ladies did a wonderful job of decorating the tables, baking the delicious apple pies for dessert, and serving the meal to about "300" starving males. Hats off to the ladies of Circle No. 5!"

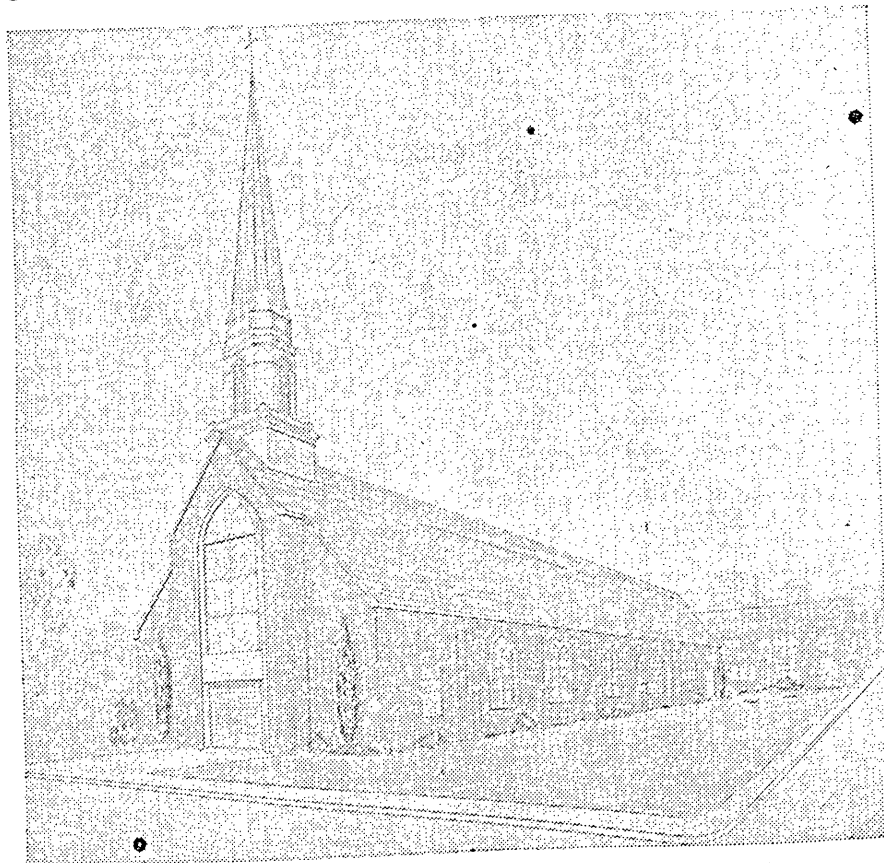


ABOVE: Reverend Virgil Keeley, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Hope, and a member of the losing team of the Century Bible Class' attendance contest, bites into a turkey leg furnished him out of pity by the winning team from its 20-pound turkey. Shown, also, at the speaker's table, from L to R: Lt. Col. Paul Klipsch, owner-designer-manufacturer of the world-famous KLIPSCHORN speaker, Ralph Lehman, President of the Century Bible Class, Hon. Lyle Brown, M.C. and permanent Chairman of the Century Bible Class attendance committee, Rev. Mr. Keeley, and Mrs. Elmer Brown, one of the guest pianists for the Class. Mrs. T. S. McDavitt, Century Bible Class pianist was not available at the time this picture was made.

BELOW: Here's the winning team. From L to R: C. V. Nunn, Sr., Jack Atkins, Jimmie Cook, J. W. Perkins, Ray Story, Doyle Reaves, J. W. Franks, James Balch, John Alvin Anderson, Raymond Jordan, Dave Griffin, Captain, J. M. Atkins, Dr. Sam Strong, Cliff Bridgers, E. P. Young, Sr., Jack Brown, and W. S. Atkins. Also, on the winning team, but not present for this photograph were: Glenn Kennedy, O. McQueen, R. E. Jackson, Jimmie Jones, Lawrence Martin, Mack Mayton, Ernest O'Neal, Hugh Walker, N. W. Webster, and Louis Prather.

Ground Broken For New Opelousas Sanctuary

Rev. R. R. Branton, Lafayette District Superintendent, conducted the ground-breaking services where ground was broken to formally begin



ABOVE: Architect's Drawing of new Opelousas church sanctuary now under construction.

construction of the \$135,000 sanctuary for the First Methodist Church, Opelousas on Sunday, May 15, following the morning congregation worship service. On the following Wednesday, the congregation in a formal church conference voted to change the name of the church to the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church. The Louisiana Annual Conference held its first session in Opelousas in 1847 and according to historians Louisiana Methodism was founded in Opelousas in August, 1806. Rev. R. E. Walton, pastor, said that the congregation has expressed the hope that the new sanctuary will be completed by August, 1956 so that the congregation can observe the 150th anniversary of the founding of Louisiana Methodism in its new building.

The Horace Rickey Construction Co. of Lafayette was awarded the contract for the erection of the building. In addition to the sanctuary will be a one story building housing the pastor's study, a room for the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild, the choir room and the secretary's office. This building will join the sanctuary and the educational building.



North Arkansas Conference Treasurer's Report

JUNE 21, 1954, TO MAY 16, 1955

World Service and Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claimants	Dist. Supt's. Fund	Gen'l. Jurisd. Interdenom. & Telev.	Min. Salary Fund	Adv. Incl. B. Ap. Korea	Week of Dedication
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TURRELL	150.00	32.00	256.00	160.00	20.00	56.00	1.50
Gilmore	75.00	8.00	64.00	40.00	10.00	8.00	1.50
TYRONZA	750.00	76.00	608.00	380.00	40.00	90.00	140.00
WEINER	150.00	33.00	133.00	165.00	87.00	73.00	13.00
WEONA	140.00	18.00	168.00	90.00	20.00	32.00	13.00
Center View	140.00	18.00	144.00	90.00	20.00	13.00	17.00
WILSON	320.00	36.00	324.00	180.00	40.00	72.00	55.00
YARBRO	120.00	31.00	264.00	150.00	30.00	23.00	14.00
Promised Land	120.00	28.00	230.00	144.00	30.00	21.00	10.00
TOTAL	\$22,121.96	2088.20	15876.91	10106.25	1806.00	3257.75	7919.30

GOLDEN CROSS: Bay \$25.00; Blytheville 1st \$110.00; Sedgwick \$5.00; Egypt \$75.00; Macey \$10.00; Hickory Ridge \$12.10; Fisher \$25.00; Tilton \$25.00; Jonesboro 1st \$200.00; Fisher Street \$15.00; Huntington Ave. \$50.00; Keiser \$22.63; Lepanto \$80.00; Garden Point \$11.00; Marked Tree \$50.00; Monette \$25.00; Nettleton \$30.00; Osceola \$100.00; Tyronza \$76.00; Wilson \$50.00.

METHODIST YOUTH: Bay \$5.00; Blytheville 1st \$167.23; Brookland \$1.64; Dyess \$5.00; Tilton \$6.00; Jonesboro 1st \$111.61; Fisher Street \$20.00; Huntington Ave. \$15.84; Lepanto \$12.50; Luxora \$5.00; Manila \$20.00; Marked Tree \$27.00; Nettleton \$16.00; Osceola \$36.00; Wilson \$10.00.

RACE RELATIONS: Bay \$20.00; Blytheville 1st \$50.00; Sedgwick \$41.00; Caraway \$10.00; Macey \$5.00; Harrisburg \$21.15; Joiner \$10.00; Jonesboro 1st \$150.00; Huntington Ave. \$25.00; Keiser \$26.45; Lake City \$10.00; Lepanto \$25.00; Luxora \$10.00; Manila \$25.00; Marked Tree \$75.00; Monette \$10.00; Mt. Carmel \$7.54; Osceola \$40.00; Trumann \$10.00; Yarbrow \$5.00.

STUDENT DAY: Bay \$10.00; Blytheville 1st \$25.00; Lake City \$11.00; Marked Tree \$25.00; Monette \$10.00; Weiner \$10.00; Wilson \$10.00.

THOUSAND CLUB: Dist. Supt. \$10.00; Bay \$10.00; Black Oak \$10.00; Blytheville 1st \$185.00; Wesley Mem. \$10.00; Bono \$10.00; Macey \$10.00; Dyess \$10.00; Harrisburg \$50.00; Fisher \$10.00; Joiner \$40.00; Jonesboro 1st \$220.00; Fisher Street \$30.00; Huntington Ave. \$80.00; Keiser \$10.00; Manila \$80.00; Marked Tree \$30.00; Monette \$50.00; Nettleton \$30.00; Osceola \$100.00; Gilmore \$10.00; Weiner \$60.00; Wilson \$10.00; Yarbrow \$10.00; Promised Land \$10.00.

HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND: Black Oak \$100.00; Blytheville 1st \$3,000.00; Half Moon \$15.17; Bono \$50.00; Sedgwick \$25.00; Shady Grove \$25.00; Egypt \$50.00; Brookland \$75.00; Pleasant Grove \$50.00; Caraway \$100.00; Macey \$100.00; Dyess \$35.00; Whitton \$35.00; Harrisburg \$600.00; Pleasant Valley \$60.00; Hickory Ridge \$150.00; Fisher \$100.00; Tilton \$15.00; Joiner \$1,200.00; Jonesboro 1st \$1,664.26; Fisher Street \$50.00; Huntington Ave. \$250.00; Keiser \$1,500.00; Monette \$350.00; Mt. Carmel \$145.00; Osceola \$800.00; St. John \$50.00; Riverside \$50.00; Sunnyland \$50.00; Trumann \$687.00; Weiner \$750.00; Weona \$50.00; Center View \$100.00; Wilson \$25.00.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

BEECH GROVE	\$ 84.50	10.50	\$ 84.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 22.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 7.00	3.00
Camp Ground	35.00	6.00	48.00	30.00	15.00	4.50	7.00	3.00
Dean	27.00	3.00	33.50	15.00	7.50	2.25	5.00	5.00
BIGGERS	50.00	14.50	144.00	75.00	10.00	11.25	4.00	3.00
Knobel	100.00	8.00	64.00	40.00	15.00	6.00	5.00	3.00
Peach Orchard	100.00	14.50	90.00	75.00	10.00	11.25	5.00	3.00
REYNO	50.00	6.00	25.00	25.00	10.00	2.50	5.00	3.00
BLACK ROCK	66.00	9.00	72.00	45.00	15.00	6.75	18.21	5.00
Lynn	81.00	9.00	72.00	45.00	10.00	6.75	14.12	5.00
PORTIA	53.00	6.00	48.00	20.00	10.00	2.50	2.75	8.50
BOYDSVILLE	39.00	4.00	41.00	23.00	10.00	5.00	8.50	3.00
Cache Lake	30.00	6.00	24.00	30.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	6.20
Rock Springs	63.00	6.00	48.00	30.00	10.00	6.00	2.00	1.30
FRENCH GROVE	625.00	40.00	386.00	200.00	50.00	136.00	49.26	100.00
CORNING	50.00	8.00	64.00	40.00	10.00	10.75	10.00	4.00
NEW HOME	34.00	7.00	56.00	30.00	10.00	10.75	10.00	4.00
GAINESVILLE	20.00	3.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	3.00	12.00	15.00
Scatter Creek	95.00	21.00	198.00	105.00	17.50	30.00	15.00	5.00
HARDY	150.00	30.00	150.00	150.00	20.00	30.00	9.00	5.00
HOXIE	30.00	10.00	105.00	50.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	6.20
IMBODEN	67.50	8.00	65.00	40.00	5.00	6.00	2.00	1.30
Eli Lindsey Mem.	60.00	8.00	64.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	10.05	8.30
Powhatan	20.00	6.00	26.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	7.35	3.00
MACEDONIA (Leonard Ct.)	135.00	24.00	192.00	120.00	20.00	18.00	25.35	15.00
Five Oaks	87.00	14.00	112.00	70.00	15.00	7.72	11.25	3.00
Simmons Chapel	68.00	6.00	48.00	30.00	7.50	5.00	3.00	11.50
PLEASANT HILL (Lorato Ct.)	37.00	6.00	43.00	30.00	7.00	7.00	2.00	1.00
Shiloh	25.00	6.00	43.00	30.00	7.00	7.00	2.00	1.00
New Hope	32.00	6.00	52.50	30.00	7.00	7.00	2.00	1.00
Union Grove	169.00	42.00	336.00	210.00	30.00	21.65	21.65	5.00
MAMMOTH SPRING	11.00	1.00	8.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	26.67	5.00
MARMADUKE	187.50	27.00	225.00	135.00	15.00	20.00	5.00	1.00
Harvey's Chapel	20.00	3.00	24.00	12.50	5.00	5.00	2.00	1.00
Hurricane	12.75	6.00	36.00	22.50	10.00	2.00	11.00	2.07
MAYNARD	28.50	3.25	41.25	16.25	8.00	52.44	5.00	6.00
Oak Grove	57.00	4.30	63.30	43.00	10.00	7.55	5.00	6.00
Middlebrook	28.50	3.80	30.40	19.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	6.00
Ravenden	20.00	7.15	57.20	35.75	5.00	5.00	1.00	1.00
Ravenden Springs	30.00	4.00	32.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	1.00
Williford	20.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
PARAGOULD, First	2979.13	110.00	380.00	550.00	165.00	165.00	248.56	70.50
Griffin Mem.	625.00	60.00	510.00	300.00	70.90	120.00	50.00	15.00
PRUETTS CHAPEL (Par. West)	65.00	9.00	64.00	40.00	5.00	9.00	31.35	10.00
Shiloh	170.00	18.00	144.00	90.00	10.00	9.00	5.00	10.00
WOODS CHAPEL	48.75	9.00	54.00	33.75	10.00	10.00	5.00	10.00
MORNING STAR (Par. East)	20.00	4.50	35.00	22.50	5.00	5.00	42.00	15.00
NEW LIBERTY	787.50	52.50	487.50	282.50	58.34	153.75	95.00	42.00
PIGGOTT	675.00	45.00	397.50	225.00	45.00	157.50	40.00	66.00
POCAHONTAS	675.00	84.00	735.00	420.00	100.00	210.00	100.00	15.00
RECTOR, First	135.00	24.00	192.00	120.00	15.00	42.00	7.00	5.00
RECTOR, Fourth Street	56.00	6.00	48.00	30.00	10.00	4.50	10.00	5.00
Cummins Chapel	31.50	6.00	48.00	30.00	10.00	4.50	10.00	5.00
Mars Hill	56.00	6.00	48.00	30.00	10.00	4.50	10.00	5.00
EBENEZER (Rector Ct.)	62.50	6.50	52.00	47.75	7.00	7.00	3.00	11.00
Liberty Hill	63.00	8.50	52.00	32.00	7.00	3.00	6.00	5.00
Pleasant Grove	40.00	15.00	60.00	35.00	6.00	21.03	6.00	11.00
ST. FRANCIS	64.00	5.00	30.00	27.50	7.00	3.00	18.30	5.00
Langley's Chapel	72.00	10.50	96.00	60.00	10.00	9.00	11.00	5.00
Wright's Chapel	17.50	2.20	18.75	13.75	2.00	1.50	110.00	476.22
STANFORD	1250.00	79.00	720.00	450.00	129.00	135.00	110.00	476.22
Warren's Chapel	50.00	3.50	23.00	17.50	5.00	5.00	110.00	476.22
WALNUT RIDGE	1250.00	79.00	720.00	450.00	129.00	135.00	110.00	476.22
Old Walnut Ridge	50.00	3.50	23.00	17.50	5.00	5.00	110.00	476.22
TOTAL	\$10,820.13	971.20	8135.40	4865.75	1110.24	1530.27	1003.70	476.22

GOLDEN CROSS: Lynn \$5.00; Portia \$12.00; Shiloh \$12.34; Marmaduke \$16.00; Shiloh (Paragould West) \$15.00; Pocahontas \$50.00; Rector 1st \$62.30; Pleasant Grove \$5.00; Wright's Chapel \$10.00.

World Service and Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claimants	Dist. Supt's. Fund	Gen'l. Jurisd. Interdenom. & Telev.	Min. Salary Fund	Adv. Incl. B. Ap. Korea	Week of Dedication
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METHODIST YOUTH: Sub-District \$154.50; Beech Grove \$11.00; Camp Ground \$1.00; Gainesville \$2.00; Marmaduke \$5.00; Paragould 1st \$14.97; Pocahontas \$18.00; Rector 1st \$10.00; Wright's Chapel \$5.00; Walnut Ridge \$75.00.							
RACE RELATIONS: Beech Grove \$2.00; Camp Ground \$1.00; Lynn \$5.00; Portia \$5.00; Boydsville \$2.00; Corning \$10.00; Gainesville \$7.00; Hoxie \$13.00; Clover Bend \$7.00; Eli Lindsey Mem. \$3.73; Smithville \$17.35; Powhatan \$3.25; Marmaduke \$10.75; Paragould 1st \$47.10; Shiloh (Par. West) \$6.00; Piggott \$5.00; Rector 1st \$17.00; Pleasant Grove \$3.50.							
STUDENT DAY: Beech Grove \$2.00; Camp Ground \$1.00; Boydsville \$1.00; Hardy \$5.00; Morning Star \$5.00.							
THOUSAND CLUB: Rev. Storey \$20.00; Dean \$10.00; Corning \$115.00; Hoxie \$100.00; Imboden \$40.00; Mammoth Spring \$20.00; Marmaduke \$31.50; Griffin Mem. \$100.00; Piggott \$20.00; Pocahontas \$130.00; Rector 1st \$100.00; St. Francis \$40.00.							
HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND: Beech Grove \$38.00; Camp Ground \$12.00; Dean \$9.00; Biggers \$33.34; Knobel \$33.34; Peach Orchard \$23.34; Reyno \$33.34; Lynn \$22.00; Portia \$22.00; Gainesville \$11.34; Scatter Creek \$8.34; Hardy \$32.00; Imboden \$22.50; Eli Lindsey Mem. \$3.00; Smithville \$20.00; Powhatan \$3.00; Mammoth Spring \$56.00; Maynard \$9.50; Oak Grove \$28.50; Ravenden \$10.00; Ravenden Springs \$7.00; Griffin Mem. \$125.00; Pruetts Chapel \$21.00; Piggott \$550.00; Pocahontas \$450.00; Rector 1st \$225.00; Cummins Chapel \$18.67; Mars Hill \$18.67; Ebenezer \$21.00; Liberty Hill \$21.00; Ramers Chapel \$6.25; Wrights Chapel \$24.00; Stanford \$20.84.							

SEARCY DISTRICT

DIST. SUPT.	\$	\$	\$ 40.00	\$	\$ 120.00	\$	\$
ANTIOCH	62.50	8.00	72.00	40.00	21.00	7.46	
Stony Point	75.00	12.00	96.00	60.00	6.00	9.00	
AUGUSTA	1225.00	80.00	665.00	400.00	125.00	100.00	77.23
BALD KNOB	262.50	40.00	160.00	100.00	32.00	30.00	67.00
Bradford	94.00	7.00	60.00	35.00	6.00	6.00	21.08
Russell		7.00	143.00	35.00	5.00	6.00	21.68
Hopewell	25.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	1.00	1.50	10.75
BEEBE	950.00	80.00	705.25	400.00	95.00	183.00	140.00
Ward	78.00	7.00	56.00	35.00	9.00	4.00	30.00
CABOT	800.00	66.00	562.00	338.00	85.00	133.50	50.00
Austin	25.00	2.00	17.00	10.00	4.00	2.00	
CLINTON	675.00	60.00	480.00	300.00	70.00	90.00	61.00
DAMASCUS		15.00	120.00		15.00	10.50	25.00
Fairbanks	30.00			20.00			
Morganton	22.50	2.00	16.00	10.00	6.00	1.50	
Steele-Hopewell	20.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	6.00	1.50	
DeVIEW	47.00	7.00	7.50	37.50	4.25	9.13	6.33
Patterson	33.00	6.40	51.20	32.00	4.00	4.80	22.25
Fitzhugh	30.00	5.20	41.60	26.00	5.00	5.15	
Wiville	11.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	2.25		5.00
GRIFFITHVILLE		17.50	41.25	100.00	25.00	28.25	15.00
Dogwood	25.00	3.00	25.00	15.00	4.00	2.00	5.00
Ellis Chapel		4.00	32.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	5.00
New Hope	16.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	4.00	1.00	
HARRISON	1687.50	75.00	675.00	375.00	108.75	212.50	100.00
HEBER SPRINGS	1354.00	80.00	660.00	400.00	154.00	151.50	164.90
JACKSONVILLE	625.00	80.00	680.00	400.00	92.50	180.00	35.00
JUDSONIA	400.00	48.00	381.00	240.00	50.00	39.77	22.00
KENSETT	266.75	29.70	237.60	148.50	21.67	27.50	11.09
Higginson	55.34	8.00	64.00	40.00		6.00	11.43
West Point	24.00	1.50	12.00	7.50	1.50	1.50	3.25
LESLIE	235.00	36.00		180.00	15.00	27.00	20.00
MARSHALL	100.00	16.00	166.50	104.50	7.00	36.50	12.50
St. Joe							3.50
McCRORY	950.00	66.00	564.00	330.00	85.00	136.50	115.00
Fakes Chapel	50.00	6.00	48.00	30.00	15.00		
McRAE	125.00	15.00	120.00	75.00	6.00	7.00	6.25
Copperas Springs	90.00	6.00	52.00	33.00	6.00	6.00	
Garner	55.00	2.00	28.00	17.50	5.00	2.62	
FLOYD (McRae Ext.)	15.00	4.00	32.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	10.00
Sixteenth Section	30.00	8.00	64.00	40.00	7.00		
NEWTON COUNTY	150.00	24.00	222.00	120.00	15.00	22.00	3.58
PANGBURN	55.00	7.50	60.00	37.50	7.50	5.62	21.65
Mt. Pisgah		6.50	30.00	17.50	6.00	2.50	10.50
Oak Grove	20.00	3.75	30.00	16.75	6.00	1.75	8.65
QUITMAN	292.00	24.00	100.00	120.00	22.00	18.00	
Enders	30.00	1.60	12.80	8.00	1.00	1.00	7.00
Central		2.50	20.00			1.87	4.40
Goodloe	50.00	2.60	29.30	13.00		10.45	5.16
New Hope	20.00	1.20	9.60	6.00		.90	
Mt. Pleasant	47.00	2.20	17.60	11.00		1.65	10.00
ROSE BUD	41.25	6.75	54.00	33.75	8.25	3.00	3.70
Center Hill	20.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	8.19	3.18	6.35
Harmony	15.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	5.00	2.50	3.25
Gum Springs	30.00	4.00	40.87	20.00	5.00	6.50	1.00
Smyrna	30.00	5.00	40.00	25.50	5.00	2.50	7.70
SCOTLAND	31.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	2.00	3.25	20.00
Botkinburg	13.75	1.00	8.00	5.00		.75	
Dennard	7.25		4.00	2.50			
Pleasant Grove	27.50	2.60	16.00	10.00	2.00	1.50	
Culpepper	12.50	1.00	8.00	5.00	2.50		
Shirley	40.00	2.50	20.00	12.50		1.75	
SEARCY	2600.00	110.60	972.50	550.00	160.00	245.40	1631.20
VALLEY SPRINGS	4.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	4.00
Bellefonte	50.00	7.50	50.00	25.00	2.00	11.25	7.00
Bergman	50.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	6.00	2.00	3.21
Everton	50.00	3.00	24.00	15.00	6.00	2.00	11.71
WILBURN	50.00	9.38	90.50	50.00	3.00		12.00
Sixteenth Section	15.00	6.00	51.00	30.00	9.00	9.35	10.75
TOTAL	\$14,320.34	1165.28	9249.07	5692.50	1380.36	1971.89	2827.51

METHODIST YOUTH

NEW OFFICERS FOR RUSTON MYF SUB-DISTRICT



At the MYF sub-district meeting in Dubach, May 9, the following officers were installed for the new Conference year: Seated (left to right) Loyce Kilpatrick, Jonesboro, treasurer; Suzanne Lindsay, Bernice, president; Mary Tubbs, Bernice, secretary; Patricia Chambliss, Summerfield, pianist; (Standing) Roy W. Vining, Choudrant, vice-president; John Shaw, Chatham, re-

porter; Donald Tyler, Jonesboro, song leader, and Rev. Henry C. Blount, Dubach, counselor.

Rev. Preston Holly, Ruston, led the installation service. The group also heard Joan Larence, Dubach, present her essay, "Juvenile Delinquency — Your Problem and Mine". Eighty-two young people attended the meeting.

CAMDEN DISTRICT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Camden District held its district meeting May 9 at the Fairview Methodist Church to elect and install new officers for this year. The Counties present were Columbia, Lafayette, Ouachita, and Union. The new officers are President, Louie Shiver, Magnolia; Vice-President, Norval Strange, Fairview; Secretary, Nellie Childs, Vantrease; Treasurer, Thomas Walters, Harmony Grove; and Reporter, Lynwood Kirkpatrick, Magnolia. Two representatives to the Little Rock Conference elected are Robert Wike, Barkus Chapel and Sue McClendon, Lewisville. The district council member is Margaret Lewis of Stamps.

In the business session of the meeting it was voted to continue for another year the plans to build another cabin at our youth camp at Camp Tanako. The total amount needed to be raised by the youth this year to complete this project would be approximately \$3,000. This breaks down to about \$900 for each Sub-District.

After the meeting refreshments were served in the recreation building.—Reporter

NEW OFFICERS OF JUNCTION CITY MYF

The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship of Junction City elected its officers for the new year on Sunday, May 15. They are President, Bobby Coles; vice-president, Robert Lowery; secretary and treas-

INTERMEDIATE PROJECT AT GENTILLY

The Intermediate MYF group of Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, La. has started work on a new project. They have taken up a church library. A number of books have already been donated and the boys of the group are building book shelves with the girls lending a hand by painting. When the work is completed, the church will have a library that will be open to all who enjoy good books. Work began on this project, Saturday, May 21, and will be completed in a short time.

The group is having a party on Friday, May 27, at the home of its president Miss Patsy Carlin. Twenty-five members are on the Intermediate MYF roll at Gentilly and meet every Sunday night for a devotional and recreational program. Projects such as the library are part of the endless program to promote more interest of the young people in their church. The adult counselors, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Eagan, have worked untiringly with this group and its continued success is assured.—M. O. Reeks, Reporter

urer, Hallette Thomas. Committee chairmen are: Christian Faith and Witness, James Fullerton and Benny Couch; Christian Outreach and Citizenship, Hallette Thomas and Tommy Muse; Fellowship, Patsy Lowery and Bill Wilson; counselors, Mrs. B. McCauly and Freddie Coles.—Hallette Thomas.

What a grand world this would be if we could forget our troubles as easily as we forget our blessings.—Present Truth Messenger

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Arkansas Valley

On Monday, May 9, the Arkansas Valley Sub-District held its monthly meeting at the First Methodist Church, Clarksville.

New officers were elected by the group. Rev. Aaron Barling was in charge of the installation service. Officers are: President, Carl Lee Cline, Mt. Vernon; Vice-president, Elsie Hyde, Denning; Secretary, Nancy Daniel, Ozark; Treasurer, Norris Byers, Mulberry; Publicity, Billy Chambers, Clarksville; Committee chairmen are: Christian Faith, James Freeman, Spadra, advisor, Mrs. Aaron Barling, Hartman; Christian Outreach, Janice Morrow, Hartman, advisor, Rev. Aaron Barling, Hartman; Christian Fellowship, Jimmy Epperson, Clarksville, advisor, Dr. Paul Bumpers, Clarksville; Christian Witness, Clara Mae Harris, Altus, advisor, Mrs. Maude Helmeck, Denning; Christian Citizenship, Beth Arnold, Lamar, advisor, Rev. Lindsey Roland, Lamar; Counselor, Rev. Charles P. McDonald, Jr., Ozark; Assistant Counselor, Mrs. Duane Brothers, Ozark.

After the recreation period refreshments were served to 86 young people.

The next meeting will be held at the Lamar Methodist Church on June 13.—Reporter

Buffalo Island

The Buffalo Island Sub-District met on May 16 at the Delfore Church. The theme of the program was centered around the 23rd Psalm. The young people of Delfore Church read the scripture and led in songs and readings.

Ten churches were represented with 76 present. Delfore won the banner with the largest number of points.

The following new officers were elected: President, Ralph Blythe; Vice-president, Helen Creecy; Secretary, Lois Smith; Treasurer, Laverna Billings; Reporter, Beaumont Kendale. Committee chairmen are Judy Wright, Madie Lee Smith, Lynn Haag, Marlin Jackson and Peggy Cook. The officers will be installed at the next meeting which will be held at Lake City on June 20.—Laverna Billings

Ouachita County

The regular meeting of the Ouachita County Sub-District was held on Monday night, May 16, at Sardis near Sparkman.

The Sardis MYF opened the meeting with an inspiring worship program. Norvell Strain, president, presided over the business session.

The Rev. Mr. Ford of Sardis installed the following officers: President, Jennie Sue McGaughy, Buena Vista; Vice-president, Billy Alexander, Fairview; Secretary, Carolyn Slaton, Timothy; Reporter, Jimmy Goodgame, Harmony Grove.

Refreshments were served by the host church.—Reporter

Old Austin

The Old Austin Sub-District met at the Bethlehem Church on May 18 with around 125 present. Churches represented were Concord, Mt. Tabor, Providence, Smyrna and Bethlehem.

Bethlehem was in charge of the program. Special numbers were given by Bethlehem, Concord, Mt. Tabor and Providence.

Officers elected for next year are: President, Billy Tedford; Vice-pres-

ident, Roy Russell; Secretary, Janet Colbek; Treasurer, Oleda Wildmon; Reporter, Verdine Faye Williams; Song leader, Linda Nipper; Recreation leaders, Della Rowley and Joyce Gentry; Counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Golden Moore; Co-counselors from the other churches, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards Wilson of Concord and Mrs. Howard Clifton of Mt. Tabor. John Kinley and Janet Colbek were elected to go to Camp Tanako, May 30 to June 3.

Recreation was led by Della Rowley. Refreshments were served on the church lawn.

The next meeting will be held at Concord.—Reporter

Dal-Gra

The Del-Gra Sub-District met on April 25 at Leola with 134 present. The Sub-District is made up of the churches at Leola, Sheridan, Whitehall, Carthage and Moores Chapel. The Sub-District is becoming more active with each meeting. The programs are well planned and the devotional messages are given by a different group each time.

Many adults are attending the meeting and supporting the young people in all their work.

The following officers were elected at the meeting: President, J. R. Scudder; Vice-president, Mike Warlick; Secretary, Melba Jo Gregory; Treasurer, Linda Reggan; Reporters, Donna Sites, Sonja Gault and John Moody; Pianist, Kay Goodwin; Song leaders, Morgan Nutt and Judy Workman; Counselor, Joe Gresham. Committee chairmen are: Christian Outreach, Marilyn Moore; Fellowship, George Mann; Witness, Spriggs Nutt; Faith, Bobby Overton; Service, Bobby Donaesson.

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday night of each month.—John Moody

James Pomeroy

The James Pomeroy Sub-District met in the Collinston Church on a recent Sunday afternoon. Reports were given from Bastrop, Bartholomew, Bonnidie, Collinston, Mer Rouge and Oak Ridge. Dot Hudson, president, presided over the meeting.

Mrs. W. M. Nolan, counselor, told the story of Tobian Gibson, first missionary to Mississippi. Rev. James Poole and Rev. Floyd Durham assisted in the meeting.

A chorus of seven young people, selected from four churches, sang "Living for Jesus." Betty Jane McCarthy gave a devotional talk on Power.

Booklets on the MYF Beyond the Local Church were given to each unit represented in the Sub-District. They will be discussed at the council to be held at Mer Rouge June 20.—Reporter

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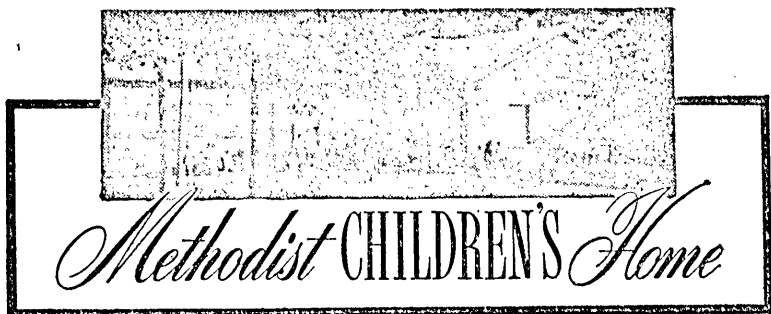
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REPORT FOR APRIL, 1955

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Mrs. Robert H. Wickard, Little Rock—clothing
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Zion Methodist Church—comforter quilt
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J. D. Reed by "The John Bransfords"
Mrs. Maggie Anderson by Willing Workers Class of Primrose Methodist Church

NEWS IN BRIEF

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mended that the group sponsor, as a follow up project, a monthly church fellowship meeting for Bible study and class group Christian training. Miss Fentem Utley was appointed as W.S.G. representative to work with the commission on education on this project.

The steering committee for planning the sessions was Mrs. Aubrey Pettus, Mrs. Frank Thacker, Jr., chairman of spiritual life and cultivation; Mrs. John Bricker, publicity chairman; Mrs. F. L. Stinnett; Mrs. Nolen Minton, chairman of missionary education.

Mrs. C. H. Holmes was 1954-55 Guild president and Reverend Luther K. Wilson is pastor. The group received jurisdictional credit with 76% attendance, 8 perfect attendance, and 18 members enrolled.

Woman's Night was observed at the Southside Methodist church of Monroe. Highlights of the service were timely remarks by the pastor, Rev. Lea Joyner; an inspiring mes-

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Mrs. George P. Walker, Sr., by Men's Bible Class of Forrest City Methodist Church

(Continued next week)

sage by the guest speaker, Mrs. E. N. Jackson, District president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; an installation service of the new officers who will serve during the ensuing year; some challenging remarks by Mrs. E. C. Gibson from First Methodist church and a presentation of a Life Membership.

Following Mrs. Jackson's message, Miss Joyner conducted the installation service. As she called each officer to the altar and paid them a high tribute, Mrs. James Hall at the organ gave a challenge in song as she sang an appropriate verse for each. Mrs. Gibson commended the presence of a complete staff.

Installed were: President, Mrs. Mertie Mae Foster; vice-president, Mrs. W. O. Danzey; Recording secretary, Mrs. "Chip" Brown who is also Treasurer.

At the close of the installation service Mrs. E. P. Cudd, who organized the society at Southside, and who is from the First Methodist church, presented Mrs. W. O. Danzey with a Life Membership pin from the Southside society as an expression of her loyal and untiring Service during the past three

A RESOLUTION

A meeting of the Resolution Committee of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church of Ponchatoula was held this fifth day of May, 1955.

The following resolution was duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Roy Lee Burris, Sr., departed this life on the 27th day of March, 1955,

And Whereas, Roy was an ardent worker in all affairs of the church, having been a member of the Board of Stewards, a member of the Finance Commission, a member of the Campaign Committee for the Building Fund and having also been active in all functions of the church,

And Whereas, each and every member of this church held him in high regard, because of his superior moral and spiritual attitude,

And Whereas, he was a true, loyal and devoted friend, not only to the church, but to each of its members individually,

And Whereas, his untimely passing has been a great sorrow and loss, not only to his family but to each of us, his church, his community, his state and to all who knew him,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that this committee take this opportunity to recognize his fine work, to perpetuate his memory, so that those who come after him can follow his example; to extend to his family and to all other friends our deepest sympathy in having lost such a true, loyal and devoted husband, father and friend,

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church of Ponchatoula, La., and a copy be sent to The Louisiana Methodist, The

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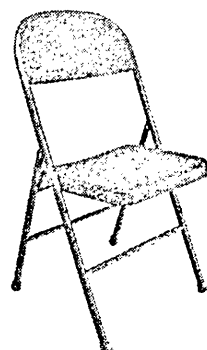
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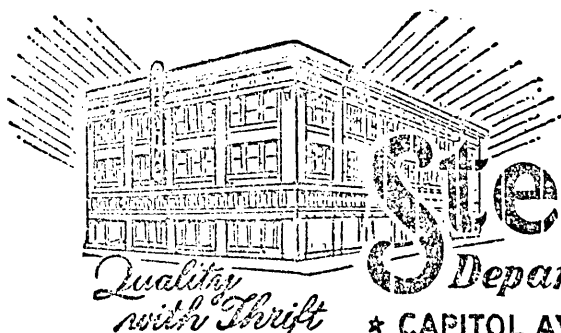


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LESSON FOR JUNE 12, 1955

PREPARING YOUTH FOR GOD'S SERVICE

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
2 Chronicles 34:1-12.

MEMORY SELECTION: How can a young man keep his way pure? By Guarding it according to thy word.
—Psalms 119:9

This is the ninth lesson in long UNIT VI: "GOD IN THE LIFE OF A NATION". The following is the aim of the unit: "Through a study of some of the highlights in the history of the Southern Kingdom and its rulers to come to a keener realization of God's part in the life of a nation."

The writer realizes that one of the chief principles of learning is constant review, and also that each of these lessons is a part of a unit of study, but space will not permit him to give much in the way of review of the past lessons of this long unit. The titles of these lessons, however, are as follows: "Obligations of Leaders"; "Principles of National Righteousness"; "A Man of Faith and Action"; "Financing God's Work"; "Reverence for Sacred Things"; "A Ministry of Reconciliation"; "Resources for Life's Crises"; and "Fruits of Repentance". This brings us to our lesson for today: "Preparing Youth for God's Service".

The Lesson Background

Our lesson text begins by stating the fact that Josiah was only eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for thirty-one years. Many of his predecessors had been reformers but he was the greatest of all along this line. His great-grandfather Hezekiah had been a religious reformer but Josiah went even further than he did. He even destroyed the high places of worship that had been in use ever since the days of the Prophet Samuel.

The wonder is that Josiah would have been such a fine religious person. His grandfather Manasseh and his father Amon were two of the most wicked kings Judah ever produced. It is true that Manasseh repented during the latter years of his life, but his repentance, though true, had been brought about by suffering and fear. He reigned in Judah for more than fifty years, but his son, Amon was so wicked that he was murdered by his servants in his own palace after reigning but two years. Such were the immediate forebears of Josiah. The question might arise "How did he, coming out of an environment like that, become such a fine religious character?" He was not closely associated with these men, and then too, both of them were dead by the time he was eight years old. It is said that he was trained by the high priest Hilkiah, who was one of the wisest teachers of that age.

Not much is said about the first eight years of the young king's reign. We can rest assured, however, that during that time he was being carefully trained both as to the matters of religion and the duties of his office as king. At the end of that time he was sixteen years old and the writer of our text

goes on to say of him, "For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet a boy, he began to seek the God of David his father."

The young king acted wise in this matter; he first set himself right with God before beginning to reform others. In speaking further of the matter, the writer then goes on to say, "In the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, and the graven and molten images." At the time that this purging began the king was twenty years old.

Josiah did the most thorough clean-up job that was ever done in his nation. Outwardly, there was nothing left of heathen worship in all the land; not a high place, not an idol, and not a graven image; all had been destroyed. But the young king did not stop with merely cleaning up his own nation, he marched over into Israel, the Northern Kingdom, and carried on his work there. He did not have much trouble in doing this for by that time the Northern Kingdom had already been overrun and all the leaders and more important citizens had been carried away.

Baal had been worshiped at Bethel, in the Northern Kingdom, ever since its establishment by Jeroboam. When Josiah came to this place before breaking down the altar he had the bones of the priests who had sacrificed to Baal here in other years removed from their graves and burned on the altar. He then proceeded to destroy the altar.

After ridding both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms of all the implements of heathen worship, Josiah then turned his attention to the repairing of the Temple. There is a good lesson for us in this event. All that Josiah had done up to this point was of a negative nature; he was ridding the land of sin, but had he stopped there his work would have been in vain. He proceeded to more firmly establish the worship of the true God. He repaired the Temple at Jerusalem in order that this worship might be properly carried on. This task was assigned to certain men, and our lesson text goes on to say "And the men did the work faithfully." Cooperation is necessary if great tasks are to be accomplished. We are told that this work was done during the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign. At that time the king was only twenty-six years old; still a young man but doing a great job.

When these men began to repair the Temple they found a certain book that had been lost for years. No doubt, it was the Book of Deuteronomy. Saphan, the secretary of the treasury, read to the king from the book. When Josiah saw how that both he and his nation were falling short of the commandments

of God, it broke his heart. In deep penitence he tore asunder his royal robe. He determined that he and the nation would live according to the teachings of the book.

Our memory selection raises a question: "How can a young man keep his way pure?" Then the answer comes, "By guarding it according to thy word." That is exactly what King Josiah did. He ordered his life according to the word of God. Not only did he do this, but he commanded the citizens of the nation to do the same thing. In offering some constructive criticism some one has called attention to the fact that the reformation of Josiah was too much of a one-man affair. The king really and truly repented from his heart but the people merely did what they were commanded to do without much religious feeling about it. This reformation, therefore, did not bring about a great revival of religion.

At this point it is well to note again the aim of our lesson. This aim is well-stated in the *Adult Student*: "We are to discover how we may prepare children and young people for the service of God and for usefulness in the church." The lesson background fits well into this aim. Here we had a son who was born to a very wicked father, but he turned out to be a great religious leader. There has been quite a bit of discussion as to what has the greater influence on the life of a child, heredity or environment. It is a well known fact that both have an influence on the child's life, but the experience of Josiah's life proves that environment has the great power either for good or bad.

Some scholars of the past of Josiah say that he had a very religious mother, Jedidah, and they go so far as to say that she is one of the unsung saints of the Old Testament period. From his very infancy, she gave the child careful religious training. After becoming king, however, at the age of eight he came under the guardianship of the High priest Hilkiah who was a very religious man and a wise teacher. These are the forces that made Josiah a great religious reformer. Had he come up under the same circumstance as did his grandfather Manasseh and his father Amon, he would no doubt have been a wicked ruler like they were. This fact lays a great emphasis upon the importance of religious training; in our day, we would term it Christian education.

Importance of Christian Education

There is no greater force on earth for righteousness than is Christian education. A person may have a Christian experience in a moment, as did the thief who died by the side of Christ on the cross, and this experience might guarantee to him a place with Christ in Paradise, but he would be there minus a Christian character. An experience may come suddenly but Christian character is built slowly—through a process of training. That is where Christian education comes in. Manasseh had a wonderful religious experience toward the close of his life, but he was never able to accomplish much either for his family or his nation.

The three greatest agencies for religious training are the home, the church, and the public school. Of course, the community environment also has something to do with this training, and because of this fact preachers, teachers, and parents should never cease from their ef-

forts in trying to improve this environment. A bad community environment, such as that occasioned by the liquor traffic, can undo a lot of the good that is accomplished by these other forces that are working for righteousness. Many people feel that if a thing is licensed by our government that places upon it the marks of religious and moral approval, but such is far from the truth. That should be true in a so-called Christian nation, but it isn't. We must never forget that the licensing of an evil, whether it be gambling, prostitution, or the liquor traffic, does not make it right in the sight of God. Because liquor is legal many church members buy the stuff and carry it into their homes. A man who is well informed on this question recently declared that ninety per cent of the individuals in this nation who become hopeless alcoholics got their first taste of liquor in their own homes from their parents. What a tragedy that parents would do that to their own flesh and blood! These same parents would do everything possible to keep their children from killers like Heart's disease, cancer, and tuberculosis, and yet liquor ranks fourth as a killer and a cause of disease among the citizens of this nation, and these parents will foolishly bring the stuff into their homes and expose their children to it. How can these parents meet God in the judgment when they will be accused there of the unnatural sin of the destruction of their own children.

Little Things Count

One of the greatest mistakes made in the matter of Christian training in our homes, schools, and churches is the fact that as parents, teachers and leaders we do not realize the importance of what may seem trivial. All of us would do well at this point in our study to stop for a moment and take bird's-eye view of our past lives. We will be surprised to note the little things that happened at home, or church, or school that helped to make us what we are. It might have been some beautifully illustrated story-book of the Bible that gave us our first love for the great old Book. The writer will never forget a book of this nature that became his prized possession even before he was old enough to go to school. For hours at a time he would look at the beautiful colored pictures in this book and relive again the lives of the characters pictured there, as some older person read to him the accompanying stories. This might have seemed trivial to some adult at that time, but this experience planted in the heart a love for the Book that has grown down through the years.

Just recently the writer was visiting in a home. It came time to put a little two and a half year old lad to bed. This was a task that required the attention of both parents. The writer followed them into the room. As the parents bent reverently over the bed the little one stood on it and put his arms about his mother's neck. He then said his little prayer; "Now I lay me down to sleep." As the writer stood in the door of that room that evening he felt that he was in the very gate of heaven and in the eternal presence of God.

How badly the three greatest agencies of Christian education, the home, the church and the school, need to realize that they are building for eternity when they are helping to create Christian character.