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71 Young People Enter Mission Service

Seventy-one young men and women have been accepted by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church for special-term mission service in the United States, its territories and 33 foreign countries. Three of these are from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, Miss Mona Belle McNutt, Green Forest, Arkansas, Miss Stella Theresa Lowe, Minden, La., and Miss Jo Ann Richardson, Baton Rouge. All will serve in the United States.

The Board has approved 36 young persons for service in Methodism's overseas mission areas and 35 for service at home. The special term for overseas service is three years and in this country and its territories two years. Eleven of the group are men and 60 women. Final selections were made June 7 in New York by the Board's missionary personnel department.

The overseas missionaries will serve on three continents — Africa, Asia and South America. Most will be teachers, but others will be nurses, musicians, agriculturists, engineers and evangelists. The men will serve under the Board's Division of World Missions and the women under the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

All of the special term home missionaries are women and will serve under the Woman's Division. They will do educational, religious educational, medical and social work in hospitals, children's homes, schools and community centers in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

Vantrease Welcomes Pastor And Wife

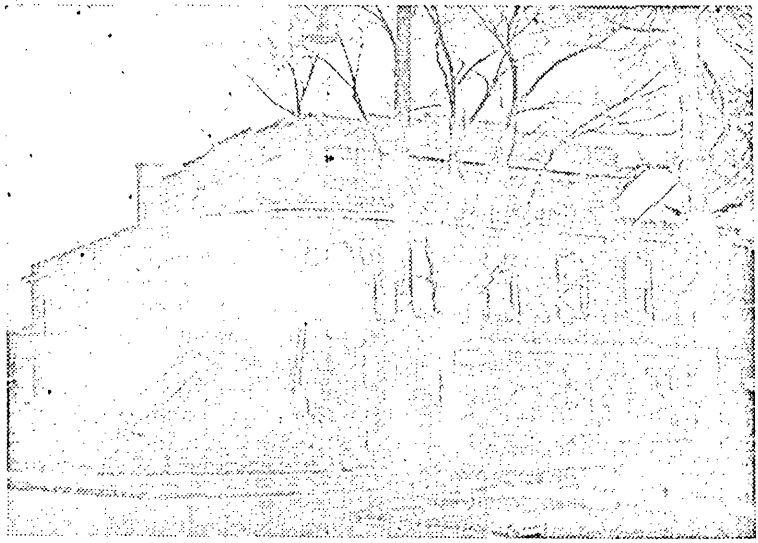
A reception was given Tuesday night in Fellowship Hall of Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church for Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Scott. The Rev. Mr. Scott was returned to serve another year at Vantrease at the recent Little Rock Conference. Bowls of pink roses were placed around the room and on the refreshment table. Piano music was played throughout the evening activities by Mrs. A. B. Sellers and alternating with Miss Connie Gathright. Mrs. Scott was given a corsage of painted pink Gardenias. In the receiving line were Mrs. Perry Bolding, president of Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. H. A. Rogers, president of Wesleyan Service Guild, Rev. and Mrs. Scott, and Howard Warren, chairman of the Board. Mrs. F. S. Waller and Mrs. J. T. Bolding alternated at the punch bowl.

One hundred and fifty members of the church and friends were present. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Maury Barnes of Camden, daughter and son-in-law of the Scotts. A Dormeyer Mixer from the church membership was presented to the Scotts.—Reporter.

ed States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

Most of them fresh from college graduation, the foreign missionary group are assembling in Nashville, Tenn., to begin a six-week training course (June 21 to July 31) preparatory to going to the field. They will study on the campus of the Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

HOMECOMING DAY, FAIRVIEW TEXARKANA



FAIRVIEW METHODIST CHURCH, TEXARKANA

The Fairview Methodist Church of Texarkana, Ark., had a great day Sunday, June 26, when members of the church got together with former members and other friends to observe its Homecoming Day celebration.

The day began with Sunday School classes at 9:45 a.m. The Rev. Otto Teague, who was pastor of the church from 1938 to 1942, delivered the sermon at 11:00 a.m., after which a picnic lunch was served on the church grounds.

Hymn singing and informal speaking highlighted the program for the afternoon. Luther Miller

presided as master of ceremonies for the occasion, and Ogle Carpenter, Jr., directed the singing.

The Homecoming marked the last such gathering which will be held at the old church building, as members of the church are planning to have a new sanctuary in the very near future. Fairview Church is 43 years old, having been erected in 1912 when the Rev. J. H. Cummins was pastor. Its membership has grown from 40 persons to 513. The Rev. H. D. Ginther is pastor.—Martha Reese, Church Reporter.

Contestants In Conference Speech-Essay Contest



District winners who participated in the Little Rock Conference Speech-Essay Contest during the recent annual conference session included, front row, 1 to r, Camden District, Jackie Hinson, Magnolia; Arkadelphia District, Nelda Chamberlain, Gurdon; Hope District, Sally McClure, Texarkana; back row, 1 to r, Pine Bluff District, Johnny Wallworth, Stuttgart; Monticello District, Hattie Catherine Chambliss, Star City; Little Rock District, Joe White, Little Rock. Joe White was named the winner, Jackie Hinson was named second place winner and Sally McClure was third. The contest was sponsored by the Conference Board of Temperance.

Methodist Children's Home

To Our Friends Throughout Arkansas,

Your new superintendent and Mrs. Morehead moved in on Saturday, June 18, upon our return from a visit to the North Arkansas Conference in session at Jonesboro. Brother and Mrs. McNeal have done everything possible to make our work pleasant and successful. The staff of workers at the Home, competent and congenial, and all the children, have received us in a most gracious manner. We are deeply grateful.

It is our sincere desire to carry on the work so well begun at our new location first by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. M. Cannon and then by Rev. and Mrs. T. T. McNeal. We request

your prayerful forbearance; we seek your counsel and suggestions at all times; we cordially invite our friends to pay a personal visit to the Home and see for themselves the marvelous work being undertaken by the Methodists of Arkansas.

You have always been thoughtful in remembering our needs. But last year the drought left most of our friends without gardens even for their own use. With bounteous yields of produce this year, we hope you'll not forget the Home. Sometime, we'll have a garden here, we hope. Right now, we're still depending on the thoughtfulness and generosity of our friends.—Connor Morehead, Superintendent.

Churchmen To Japan On Special Mission

(MI) — Thirty-four American churchmen left the states June 20 on an air flight to Japan for a two-month mission to establish new centers of Christian work. Most of them are Methodist ministers and their wives.

The summer evangelistic enterprise is called "The Centenary

Special Mission to Japan" and is part of a campaign of the National Christian Council in Japan to prepare for the centennial of Christianity to be observed there in 1959.

The Rev. Lawrence L. Lacour, Iowa-Des Moines Conference evangelist, took his All-Japan Lacour Evangelistic Crusade into 130 Japanese cities in 1950, and returned to Japan last summer with a group of 24 ministers and laymen from the States.

I Will Not Drink Alcoholic Beverages Because...

Joe White, son of Mrs. H. L. White, Little Rock, and member of the Highland Methodist Church, was the winner of first place in the Temperance Essay Contest of the Little Rock Conference. The contest was held on Friday afternoon during the week of the recent Little Rock Conference session and Mr. White delivered the prize-winning essay-speech to the Saturday morning session of the Little Rock Conference. The contest was sponsored by the conference Board of Temperance and as first place winner Joe received a \$100 prize.

Jane Smith, Bunkie, Louisiana, was the winner of a similar contest in the Louisiana Conference and her prize winning essay-speech will be published in the July 14 issue. The Louisiana Conference contest was a project sponsored jointly by the Board of Temperance and the Conference Board of Education. The topic for the contest was "Juvenile Delinquency: Your Problem and Mine".

THE effect of alcoholic beverages upon the home are many and varied, and all of them contribute to emotional instability, educational inadequacy, and economic dependency.

I have never counted my abstinence from alcoholic beverages a great victory over temptation, because I have never had the desire to drink. Although, the opportunity has presented itself a number of times, it has never been a problem for me to say, "No thank you. I don't drink."

I think one of the greatest reasons for my alcohol-free diet, has been my mother's influence. My father died when I was a small boy, and my mother was left with three children to raise. Alcoholic beverages of any type have never been found or served in my home. Every opportunity has been taken to teach me the evils and wrong-doings which comes from alcohol, the results on the people, and its enslaving powers. Now, I have grown older and I can draw my own conclusions, and I can see the results among my friends. After seeing and hearing of the effects of alcohol, I have become more and more thankful for this valuable teaching.

Statistics show that alcohol is mainly responsible for the terrible increase in the number of broken homes in America today. If young couples who are thinking in terms of marriage, would only stop to consider what they are getting themselves into when they marry someone who drinks, there would be fewer broken homes today. Oliver Wendell Holmes made a wise statement when he said, "The great thing in life is not so much where we stand, but in what direction are we moving?" In what direction is a girl moving when she marries a boy who wouldn't give up drinking before they were married?

Most alcoholics start by drinking moderately in the home. The nine billion dollar liquor industry in America is not supported entirely by the four or five million alcoholics in our country. It is the sixty million so-called moderate drinkers that keep the liquor industry in business. The bad part is that, every one of these sixty million casual drinkers has some responsibility for the four or five million innocent people whose lives are being destroyed by alcohol.

Another bad fact about alcohol is that it is costing us more than lives. It is costing us a tremendous amount of money. In 1953, Americans were spending seventeen thousand dollars per minute for liquor. Also during 1953, the people of America contributed \$8,500 per minute to religious, educational and charitable institutions combined. That's a very small number when compared to the seventeen thousand dollars spent on liquor during the same year, isn't it?

The evils of alcohol are being emphasized by religious and educational institutions. Throughout the nation, public schools are required by law to warn the

students against the use of alcoholic beverages. With few exceptions the Protestant Churches of the United States, teach that abstinence from alcoholic beverages is the better way of life and a service to God and this great country of ours. The Catholic Total Abstinence Society holds substantially the same position.

Then the young people return home from school and church where they have just received the valuable training, and they turn on the television and see the most extravagant promotion of alcoholic beverages that one can possibly conceive.

In an article published in *Advertising Age*, we find this statement, "The average brewery's advertising expenditure is about one dollar per barrel." Radio and television advertising is the most objectional form of alcoholic beverage promotion. In data compiled by the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Association for 1949, it was stated that the advertising expenditure of alcoholic beverages in the newspapers alone, was over twenty-four per cent more than it was the year before. The grand total of advertising expenditure of manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages for 1949 was \$200,000,000. A report from the Committee Against Liquor Advertising, stated that eleven leading magazines in our country, have taken a step forward by refusing to advertise alcoholic beverages.

Finally, I firmly believe that liquor is one of the most able enemies against religion, with only war to rank along with it. The Christian people of America are faced with a great challenge in combating this menace to the youth of our country, and to public efficiency.

In Romans 14:21 it is stated, "It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is weak." I believe we are our brother's keepers. If we served liquor in our home, we might start someone else on a path that would lead them into a lot of trouble and misery.

Whatever we may think or say of Paul, he was never selfish. He spent his life thinking of others and serving them. For the sake of others he abstained from doing anything that would bring harm to them. Eating meat or not eating meat, drinking wine or not drinking wine, is not the great problem. The great problem is, what it will do to your brother. If it makes your brother stumble, then it is best to refrain.

The Methodist Church has a firm belief against the use of alcoholic beverages. Our founder, John Wesley, was against the use of alcoholic beverages and did what he could to protect the people from it. On one occasion, his mother wrote to him, "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual



JOE WHITE

THE

BROADCASTER

J. Daniel Barron



Some careless character put afoot the surgery rumor that the Methodist ministry is "the greatest brotherhood in the world."

If that character put it over in a pulpit, I'm sure he took as his text this from Paul: "Put affection into your love for the brotherhood; be forward to honour one another."—Rom. 12:10, Moffatt Trans.

But preach the point as he might and repeat it as we do, the brotherhood takes on the tint at times of an enemyhood.

Take my occasional bodily ailment, for example. More than one doctor has said the occasional pain in my leg is caused by a pinched nerve in my back. Not one ever has said my trouble was arthritis.

But what do the members of the great brotherhood, "forward to honour one another," call my ailment? Yes, you guessed it—arthritis!

"How's your arthritis?" one will ask with the air of the chief diagnostician of the Mayo Clinic. "Will you be able to go much longer in the ministry?" another implies, as he quizzes me about the progress of my "arthritis."

The point is underscored again by the case of Harrison Baker. He was recovering from a heart attack. He looked through the open door of his room in the hospital and saw members of the brotherhood whispering among themselves in the hall. To himself he jokingly said, "They're saying, 'How natural he looks.'" But Marshall Steel, fully acquainted with the affection they were likely to put into their love for the brotherhood, said they were saying no such thing — they were disputing over which of them was to get Baker's appointment.

But its humanhood makes it all the more fun to be a member of the greatest "brotherhood" in the world. Though at times it tends to be tainted, at times it tends to be sainted.

Moslems Clean Patriarchs' Tombs

For the first time in centuries Moslem authorities in Hebron carried out a thorough cleaning of ancient tombs in Machpelah Cave where the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are believed to be buried. No non-Moslem has been permitted to enter the cave since the Crusades. The cleaning was supervised by the director of Moslem Religious Foundations in Jordan.

things — in short, whatever increases the strength and authority of your body, over your mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may be in itself." Is it any wonder that the Methodist Church has always stood against the liquor traffic and for total abstinence?

Because statistics show that alcoholic beverages are mainly responsible for the terrible increase in broken homes, delinquency, crimes and accidents, and since it is against the will of God to drink, and drinking is money and soul consuming, I feel that total abstinence is the only wise way of living a successful life.

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THEOLOGICAL PROFESSOR CRITICAL OF "AVERAGE PREACHING"

New York, (NC) — A national gathering of Protestant and Orthodox churchmen was told today that "average preaching" is failing to help millions of people who hunger for a meaning in life.

In an age when millions suffer from "anxiety and despair" the Church must give people the sense that Christian faith is a healing reality, a distinguished theologian declared, and not just a set of doctrines, rituals and moral laws.

Dr. Paul J. Tillich, professor of theological philosophy at Union Theological Seminary in New York, addressed a quarterly meeting of the policy-making General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

"Fringe movements of the Church, sectarian and evangelistic movements of a most primitive and unsound character, have had a great success," Dr. Tillich said. "Anxiety and despair about existence itself induces millions of people to look out for any kind of healing that promises success."

"The Church cannot take this way," he said. "But it must understand that the average kind of preaching is unable to reach the people of our time."

People must be made to feel that beyond doctrine, ritual and laws, Christianity is "the good news of the conquest of the law by the appearance of a new healing reality. . . . They must also feel that the Christian symbols are not absurdities, unacceptable for the question-

ing mind of our period, but that they point to that which alone is of ultimate concern, the ground and meaning of our existence. . . ."

The theologian pointed out that the Church must also deal with the spirit of today's industrial society, "which is responsible for much of what must be healed by the Christian message."

Denying that it is the Church's task to map out new social structures or reforms, Dr. Tillich said the Church properly reveals and stands in judgment of forces that make for social change.

In this process, he said, the Church listens to "prophetic voices in our culture. . . most of them not active members of the manifest Church."

Describing these social prophets as members of a kind of "latent Church," Dr. Tillich said it sometimes comes out into the open. "Then the manifest Church should recognize in its voice spirit of its own spirit and accept them even if they are most hostile to the Church."

"But the Church must stand as guardian against demonic distortions into which they must fall. . . ."

"This was the fate of the communist movement," he said. "The Church was not sufficiently aware of its own function as guardian when this movement was still undecided about its way. The Church did not see the prophetic voice in it and therefore it could not see its demonic possibilities."

erations. It excluded Race Relations Sunday offerings, capital funds, and church-inspired gifts which were not reported through the Church. How are the General Conferences aims being achieved?

For colleges, church support now ranges from \$1.12 to 2 cents per member, with 41 conferences having reached 25 cents or more per member. But the church-wide average is lowered to 24 cents because 22 conferences are giving no financial aid to the colleges and 20 are giving less than 10 cents per member.

The report for schools and colleges did not include theological schools. It was based upon the latest total membership in each annual conference. The total of \$3,753,948 (41 cents per member) contrasted sharply with the \$800,000 (12 cents per member) raised for colleges in 1942-43. It was a gain of 4 cents per member over 1952-53.

For Wesley Foundations, the annual conference support ranges from 32 cents to less than 1 cent per member. Twenty-four conferences have reached 10 cents or more per member. But the national average is reduced to 7 cents because 20 conferences reported no support to Wesley Foundations and 28 reported less than 5 cents per member.

No one can get inner peace by pouncing on it, by vigorously willing to have it. Peace is a margin of power around our daily need. Peace is a consciousness of springs too deep for earthly droughts to dry up. Peace is an awareness of reserves from beyond ourselves, so that our power is not so much in us as through us. — Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, in *Lights from Many Lamps* (Simon & Schuster.)

SUMMARY OF RECENT NATIONAL COUNCIL BOARD ACTIONS

The General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., at its quarterly meeting June 8-9, 1955, at St. Bartholomew's Church, in New York, N. Y.,

Authorized: a study to determine the advisability of sending a deputation of National Council leaders to Russia to confer with church leaders there to afford an exchange of views concerning "the life and work of the churches in the two countries, including the efforts of the churches to achieve a just and durable peace."

Adopted: a 1,000-word resolution reaffirming faith in the United Nations as the world's great instrument for peace in the atomic age. This statement will be presented at a giant Festival of Faith, marking the U. N.'s tenth anniversary, June 19, in San Francisco.

Accepted: an invitation of the United State Conference for the World Council of Churches to co-sponsor a Faith and Order Conference, probably in September, 1957, on the theme "The Nature of the Unity We Seek." A similar invitation has been extended to the Canadian Council of Churches.

Voted: to appoint a Commission to study "the need, nature and purpose of evangelism for contemporary America." Aim of the study will be to determine "how the Church can bear its most effective witness for a changeless Gospel in a changing society."

Elected: the Rev. Dr. Hubert C. Noble, chaplain and associate professor of religion at Occidental College, Los Angeles, Cal., general director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education, a unit of the Division of Christian Education. Dr. Noble will supervise the work of five separate Council units concerned with Christian emphasis in higher education. He assumes the post August 15.

Heard: Dr. Paul J. Tillich, professor of theological philosophy at Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., in an address on "The Church and Contemporary Culture" declare that "average preaching" is failing to help millions of people who hunger for meaning in life. The church must give people the sense that Christian faith is a healing reality, and not just a set of doctrines, rituals and moral laws," Dr. Tillich declared.

Heard: a report from Mrs. James D. Wyker, president of United

SURVEY INACTIVE YOUTH REPORT

Boredom with programs that offer little or no challenge to their skills and interests is the chief reason why teen-agers and young adults leave the church, is a conclusion reached by National Council leaders following a survey.

Of 605 youth interviewed in the survey, 2 per cent of the young people and 25 per cent of the young adults reported they had dropped out because, "I just lost interest in the program." All had previously been active in youth groups.

They also generally evaluated the youth programs and the adult leadership of their churches on a lower scale than did the active members. Survey findings were reviewed in the June issue of the International Journal of Religious Education, a Council publication.

Other reasons given for leaving church programs include marriage and family responsibilities, and conflicts with hours of employment or school activities.

Only one per cent of the young people and two per cent of the young adults reported they dropped out because they were forced to attend either church or Sunday school as youngsters.

A number of returned service men and women said they had not gone back to the church because they felt they didn't fit in after several years absence.

The young people suggested several ways in which churches can hold their interest, including: well planned programs which are intelligently adapted to local needs; capable and sincere leadership; friendliness to newcomers and activities in which all members can participate.

The survey, conducted among 188 churches in 40 different areas is part of a larger study of youth work in Protestant Churches conducted by the Council's Bureau of Research and Survey.

Church Women, that there is a new vitality and life in the church abroad, despite the restlessness of the world's underprivileged peoples. Mrs. Wyker recently returned from a two-months round the world tour with an international team of three other church women leaders. Purpose of the trip was a means of creating "greater unity in fellowship and prayer among Christian women around the world."

Voted: to hold the next meeting of the General Board October 5-6 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

PROTESTANT HOUR SPEAKER JULY 3

The Protestant Hour, a 30 minute free time religious radio worship program, presents Dr. Joseph S. Johnston, pastor of the Reville Methodist Church, Richmond, Virginia, as the Sunday morning preacher for Sunday, July 3rd.

Featured on the 4th of July Sunday will be many of the patriotic hymns of the church. However, Dr. Johnston will preach an evangelistic sermon on the subject "God Was in Christ, Reconciling."



DR. JOSEPH S. JOHNSTON

Some Baptists Have Wrong Notion

OUR policy in this publication has never been to promote religious and denominational controversy and we have no thought of instigating any here. However, an error in a well known nationally circulated news magazine prompts our calling this mistake to whoever may be interested. In the letter to the editor column of the June 27 issue of *Newsweek* is a letter from the Rev. Bill Lewis, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Bald Knob, in which Rev. Mr. Lewis is expressing his gratitude for an article in that publication's May 30 issue. The writer goes on to say that "It might be well to call to the attention of your readers that in a sense Southern Baptists are the largest non-Catholic body in the United States. The Methodist denominations includes in their (its) statistics babies and all, since they baptize their babies and add their names to the church roll."

All Methodists know and all Baptists ought to know that infants and small children when baptized are not made members of The Methodist Church and reported as members in the statistics. Their baptism is an act of dedication of them by their parents at the altar of the church and they are not received into actual membership until they have matured enough to decide for themselves on church membership—at the same age when Baptist children make their profession of faith and unite with the church.

Had all the infants and small children baptized at Methodist altars during the past ten or eleven years been made members of The Methodist Church at the time of their baptism the present total membership of The Methodist Church would be approximately 1,800,000 more than now reported, or upwards of 12,000,000.

We make this statement not that Methodists take any particular pride in the fact that The Methodist Church is the largest Protestant non-Catholic body in the United States, although it happens to be a fact that is true. We are interested however in our Baptist friends knowing what the Methodist practice is.

Incidentally, *Newsweek* would do its readers a service if its editors would make this correction at an early date lest more Baptists and members of other churches continue under this wrong impression.

Misdirected Patriotism

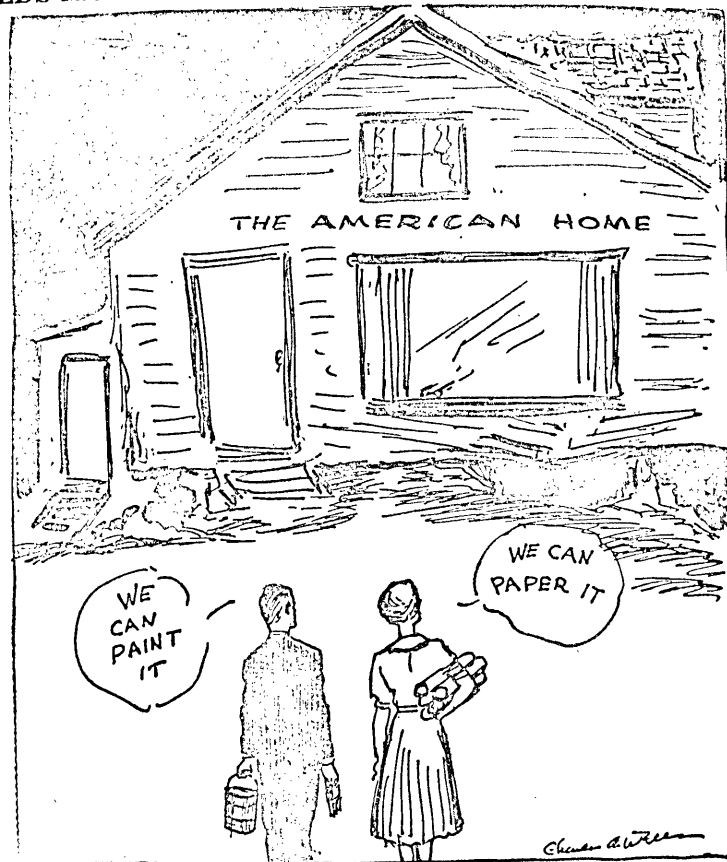
EVERYTHING that happens under the name of religion is not necessarily religious. A sampling of religious radio programs is a good case in point. The same thing can be said for patriotism, and with the Fourth of July, Uncle Sam's 179th birthday, coming up, it might be well to consider briefly some expressions of misdirected and warped patriotism.

For some, patriotism and militarism are synonymous. For them patriotism means military parades, armaments, ships and guns, and the deifying of past wars that were fought to preserve the world. For these super-patriots militarism is the answer to the world's woes. This warped notion runs counter to the experience of the ages and is a continuing danger to the peace of the world. Other so-called patriots set themselves up as experts in the elimination of the disloyal to the government, and use methods which injure the innocent and eliminate few disloyals. Every true patriot is interested in weeding out the disloyal, but he is equally concerned that the innocent be protected. Time usually takes care of these so-called patriots, but time cannot heal the hurt that comes to the innocent so injured.

Other professed patriots never miss an opportunity to run down the United Nations as if that organization has as its prime mission the undermining of the United States. The true patriot recognizes that world peace is necessary to the well-being of the United States, and, in the kind of a world in which we now live, world peace can only come through international cooperation. The United Nations affords that kind of cooperation.

Which Way America?

A recent release from the Methodist Board of Temperance in Washington, founded on statistics given out by the Alcohol and Tobacco Division of the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Commerce, gives us some startling, alarming



figures.

This release by the Board of Temperance reveals that there are 21,232 more retail liquor outlets in the United States than there are grocery stores, furniture stores, shoe stores and department stores combined. There are 432,736 retail outlets for liquor while the combined total of the stores mentioned above is 411,504.

The real alarming thing about this situation is not the large number of retail outlets for the sale of liquor but it is the fact that the demand for alcoholic beverages in America has grown to such proportions as to make it profitable for liquor interests to open almost a half million outlets for the sale of their products.

We Deal With An Enigma

THERE are ever-increasing evidences that, in dealing with Russia, we deal with an unprecedented, inexplicable enigma. Russia's double talk and conflicting practices are so confusing and perplexing as to largely invalidate all established channels and customs of international diplomacy.

For some time now Russia has been overflowing news channels with loud protestations of a desire for easing of world tensions and peaceful coexistence. Only last week Foreign Minister Molotov carried this peace offensive to new heights in a hour-long speech at the United Nations Tenth Anniversary Meeting in San Francisco.

In this speech Mr. Molotov brought to a climax many maneuvers by Russia which have seemed to indicate a real desire by Russia to ease world tensions.

It is not difficult to see how confusing the international picture is when we realize that, ON WEDNESDAY BEFORE MR. MOLOTOV SPOKE ON THURSDAY AT SAN FRANCISCO IN SUCH PLEADING TERMS FOR PEACE, TWO RUSSIAN MIGS ATTACKED A UNITED STATES NAVY PATROL PLANE OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS BETWEEN ALASKA AND SIBERIA. Badly crippled, the plane was forced to make a crash landing on St. Lawrence Island, after which it burned. Seven of its eleven crew men were injured.

James Hagerty, White House correspondent, said the attack was "inexplicable and unwarranted." An officer of the Defense Department said, "There is no explanation for this unprovoked attack."

Hence it is that the "cold war" goes on with a hot flash ever and anon that brings the tension to the point of explosion. We should pray for and sympathize with those of our leaders who must deal directly with such desperately aggravating situations.

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OUR AIMS IN LIFE

When the late Justice Holmes reached his ninetieth year, rich in honors, Chief Justice Hughes said of him that he had attained that rarest of things, a complete life. But at that same anniversary Justice Holmes was writing that his life was like a Japanese print, unfinished at the border.



No human life, however seemingly full, is ever complete in this world. But there is a vast difference between a life which is unfinished because it has not reached its end, and a life which is unfinished because it is left at loose ends.

So much of life's tragic waste is due to our failure to carry through our aims. If I were to ask my readers today what their aims in life are, the answers would fill volumes. Yet I suppose we could say that the aims of all of us could be summed up in one three-fold desire: to BE somebody, to DO something, and to GET somewhere.

Thrust of Life

Take the first. The urge to amount to something is a part of our native equipment. It is the thrust of life to completion. The child without ambition is like a watch with a broken spring. In him must be aroused the desire to succeed at something.

But what do we mean by success? Is it money? Reputation? Social prestige? Some of the world's richest men possessed little or no material wealth. Many of our immortal scientists died in poverty. Their desire to be somebody was inspired by the needs of their fellows to whom they left vast heritages.

Then consider the desire to DO something. Work is essential to living. Human energies turn in on themselves destructively if they have no other outlet. Deprived of work, people exhaust themselves like caged animals beating against the bars. To find one's work is to find a place in the world. It gives a person courage. It helps dispel grief. It is a link with other comrades.

Job Not Enough

This desire to do something is not fulfilled by merely getting a job or entering a profession. Our schools and colleges do a good job of vocational training, and right now we seem to be pretty busily employed people. Nevertheless, there is tremendous manpower lying unused in America.

Think of the people who have passed the age of employability. A woman once told me with pride how her father had kept active in his work to a very advanced age. She observed that he had been incited to keep on working by the remark of a friend who said to him, "When you quit work and retire, you'd better buy your coffin."

This was rather a brutal remark. Perhaps it would have been wiser to say, "When you stop work and retire, you had better start WORKING on your coffin." That would at least have given him something to do. I do not suggest coffin-making as a hobby, but it would be better than nothing. We need something to work on, if we are to keep our zest for living.

Not only has man a desire to do something, but also to do something that counts. Not many of us are satisfied just pottering around. There is a difference between a potterer and a potter. A potter creates something; a potterer just dawdles. We are all endowed with a creative instinct. It is not enough just to be busy. We want to be creative, to do something worthwhile.

Need To Grow

Another of our aims is to GET somewhere. Any position, however high, which does not offer some chance for advancement will prove frustrating in time. Do we desire to get somewhere? Then let us not look restlessly and longingly at the next-higher rung on the ladder of success. Let us examine ourselves to see if we are growing.

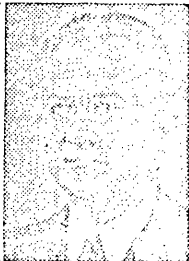
To take a job and make it grow is better than to take another's job away from him. No position is small when it is held by a big man. Success is better measured by growth than by displacement.

Get out an old photograph of yourself. Look into the eyes of the person you were 20 years ago and ask, "Am I seeing things more honestly than I did then? Have I lost something of the purity of heart I had then? Are my ideals higher, my faith stronger, my influence more wholesome? Do my trophies consist of the persons I have worsted or those I have helped? Has my character grown with the years?"

June, the month of commencements, is now closing. Maybe it is time for some of us to commence again.

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



"THERE IS A LAD HERE . . ."

Remember the incident of these words? The seashore of Galilee—multitudes of poor people hungry in both body and soul—a few disciples without enough faith to believe that this great crowd could be handled—the Master with a quiet confidence which they did not perceive. Andrew notices a small boy with a lunch in his pocket. The boy smiles at him as he passes. Perhaps the boy offers to divide his lunch with the other children as far as it will go. Andrew goes to the Master and says, "There is a lad here, who has 5 buns and 2 small fish: but after all, that's nothing. Just forget it, Lord."

"There is a lad here. . . but just forget about him. He doesn't matter." Andrew might as well have said it. The lad was ready and willing to place all that he had in the hands of the Master for what it was worth to the Kingdom. But to Andrew right then, it was small change. Just pat him on the head and tell him that he's a nice lad, and tell him to run off out of the way.

Sure, small boys and girls just don't matter. Big, important people like you and me are the ones that God really needs. There is a lad here. . . he lives across the tracks and has never had a fair shake at life, but we call him a juvenile delinquent because his father is an alcoholic, and his mother has never had enough to feed her family. You think this is an exaggeration? Then hear this. Out of 91 case histories of boys at the Arkansas Boys Industrial School, the writer found that 82 came from homes where liquor was the habit, or from neighborhoods where all the others drank, so the boy fell into the habit.

There is a lad here. . . out of the 91 case studies the writer made, 7 of the mothers of boys were either outright prostitutes or were "easy" with men. The fathers of 11 of those boys were "loose" with women. The whole story of those 91 boys boils down to liquor, broken homes, refusal of older persons to take an interest in them. One of the touching things about

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

DOES CORPORATE WORSHIP HELP YOU

My pedagogically-trained friend — who has an uncanny gift of stabbing you awake, and sometimes bowling you over, with a question—jabbed this one at me the other day during what I had imagined was going to be a peaceful luncheon period: "What is the purpose of public worship in the Protestant church service?"

Now I do have some ideas on the subject. And my answer was to the effect that when we worship God together in public service we are (1) giving praise and thanks to God, (2) seeking to attune ourselves to Him and to do His will, (3) asking His blessing upon mankind and ourselves, and (4) listening for His answer, and waiting for His strength to do what He says we should do about our petitions.

I note, more recently, that Dean Pike, in his study of Christian ethics, "Doing the Truth," speaks of the material of the order of worship in the Protestant church as a sort of "refresher course," or a constant reminder, in "the whole cycle of vocation, judgment, grace and thankful purpose of amendment," as we unite in invocation, confession, assurance of forgiveness, reading of the Word, prayer, hymns of praise, the offering of ourselves, the remembrance through the communion service, the benediction, etc. This re-statement, re-affirmation, refresher, in company with others, gives us, psychologists and teachers agree, new strength and zeal to

the boys is the manner in which they react to the affection and appreciation that they get at the School.

There is a lad here. . . he is watching you every day. He wants to do something big and noble and fine for the world. . . for God. He may grow up to be a great preacher; or Public Enemy Number One. And, believe it or not, you and I have a lot more to do with him than we ever realized, until we get down to case histories and find what he really needs.

start the week and to attack new problems and cares.

Elsewhere it has been stated that corporate worship provides the necessary elements that send one out to seek and to do and to obtain the good things needed by the human spirit. This dynamic is the product of "the profound humiliation of man, the boundless love of God, the endless striving born of gratitude."

But my inquiring friend had asked his first question only to lead me down a dark alley with his second: **Do you feel satisfied that you get all this that you want or need out of the service of worship in your church?** (I learned later he was writing a paper on how to improve the worship service.)

I fear I took refuge in the trite old remark that "Of course I am not satisfied. To be satisfied is to deny the possibility of improvement, and one never wants to admit that except in an exact science." And we discussed some of the suggestions that have been made from time to time concerning changing, or adding to, or subtracting from the customary "order of worship."

I have elsewhere suggested that there would be some place in the service for lay people to (occasionally) offer prayer, or to speak a word of personal experience, or to offer comment on the sermon; and for place for young people to "try their wings" in public sermon or address: these opportunities have practically been lost, especially to Methodists, with the passing of the class meeting and the prayer meeting. (Here it often was that Methodists found people with "gifts and graces" and sought them for the ministry.) Others have experimented with changing the place of the sermon in the service: some would preach first, then center worship upon the sermon topic; some would reverse the order. And many other changes have been suggested or practiced. But, on the whole, corporate worship today has the same content as it had centuries ago. Does it, as is, serve its purpose in our day? . . . One weakness, I believe, is that not many Protestants have been taught by their ministers the purpose of the corporate service; we have centered the service too much on the sermon alone.

I am aware, too, that not all persons get the same thing out of the same service. I was shocked the other day when a church official told me that on Good Friday he had worshipped in a church where no one knew him, because, in his own church, "people get in the way when I try to worship." In other words, he could not

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VACATION SCHOOLS IN THE ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA

Doyline

The Doyline Methodist Church held a Vacation Church School, June 6-10, for children from Kindergarten to Intermediate age. The following worked as staff members: Mrs. J. W. Crader, Miss Gussie Willis, Mrs. J. A. Williams, Mrs. John Hall, Mrs. C. E. Smithson, Mrs. W. V. Taylor, Mrs. E. P. O'Neal and Miss Mattie Blount.—Reporter.

McGuire

The McGuire Methodist Church of West Monroe held its Vacation School May 30 through June 3 with an enrollment of 106 with an average attendance of 87. The school was under the direction of Mrs. C. H. Calhoun. Refreshments were furnished each day by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The closing program was held Sunday morning 9:45 a.m. during the Church School hour on June 5 with a record attendance for the Church School.—Reporter.

Van Buren, First Church

The Vacation School of First Methodist Church, Van Buren, closed with an interesting program on Wednesday evening presented by

the boys and girls of each department. Vacation School buttons were awarded to each pupil enrolled in the school. More than 20 teachers and helpers assisted in the school. Refreshments were served each morning by women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Following the program in the sanctuary, the parents and friends present visited each department to see the display of work and the things that had been made during the school.—Mrs. Fay Williams.

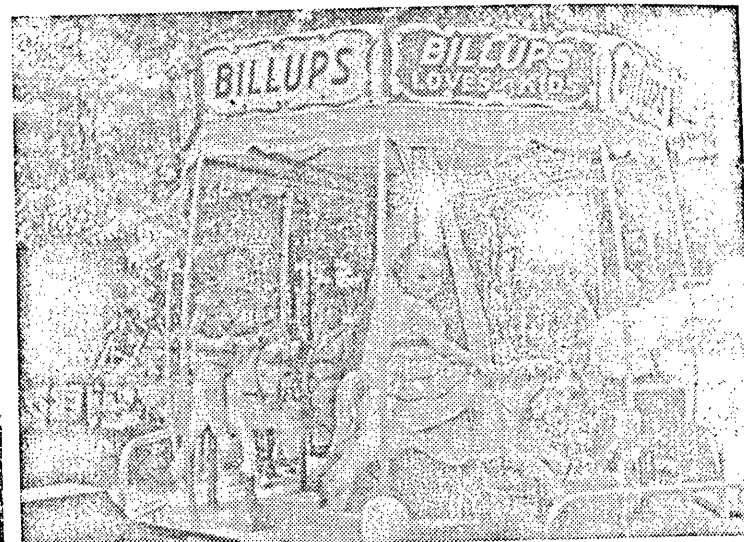
Kelso

Kelso Church on the Kelso-Watson Charge held its school from May 30 to June 5. The school ended with a program at the Sunday School hour, followed with a family fellowship dinner. This is the first Vacation School ever held in the Kelso Church.

Courses offered were: Kindergarten, Together in Our Church; Primary, Everyone Needs a Church; Junior, The Church Around the World.

Teachers and workers were: Mrs. Cecil Tucker, Mrs. Maxine Wendell, (Continued on page 13)

VACATION SCHOOL TAKES NEW TURN



The Vacation School of the First Methodist Church in Hammond was literally going around in circles. The reason was a portable merry-go-round owned by the Billups Company whose home office is located in Hammond. As one person put it, "Vacation Church School has taken a new turn".

Attendance at the School was the largest in its history. Mrs. Ford Graham was the director and she was ably assisted by more than 20 workers.

During the week the pupils visit-

ed the sick, carrying them flowers, they called on new families who had moved to Hammond, made a typical village with church, houses, stores, trees, etc. They also published a Vacation Church School newspaper writing all the articles, making the interviews, and drawing the cartoons.

On Saturday a program was presented by the pupils to display the work which they had been doing during the week. There were songs, and a play by the Junior Department, "The Carpenter's Doorway".—Reporter.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Training Council Dinner

The dinner which is held each year as an appreciation dinner for the services rendered by the members of the Training Council, was held this year on Wednesday night, June 15, Hotel Noble, Jonesboro, with 132 people attending the dinner. The dinner this year was also a recognition dinner honoring Dr. J. Q. Schisler, who will retire this fall as the Executive Secretary of the Local Church Division of the General Board of Education.

The members of the Training Council during the past year rendered an excellent service in carrying out the training program in the conference. This past year was an all-time high in enrollment and in the number of course cards issued, with an enrollment of about five thousand, and a total of 3,440 course cards being issued.

Training Program Begins

The training program of the North Arkansas Conference, for the new conference year, is already well underway. Two senior programs have been held, along with a conference-wide youth assembly.

Dr. Meredith F. Eller began a month's work in the conference, beginning at Gentry, June 22. He is to be in a number of centers by July 22.

Mr. Paul Lamberth has already started a series of three day training programs on Christian Witness. He has taught at Batesville, Calico Rock, and Cotter. He is to be in Imboden the last of the week and at Huntington Avenue for the weekend. He will be at Monette for that

sub-district July 6-8.

Staff

Little change was necessary in the North Arkansas Conference and District Staffs of Christian Education, only two changes being made. One of these was due to the feeling that she must give up her work at this time, the request coming from her; the other being due to a conference change. The following is the conference staff: Executive Secretary, Ira A. Brumley; Conference Director of Adult Work, Jim Wiseman, Searcy; Youth Director, James S. Upton, Hendrix Station, Conway; Associate Youth Director, Pryor Reed Cruce, Newport; Director of Children's Work, Mrs. Ira A. Brumley, Conway.

District Directors of Children's Work: Mrs. M. L. Kaylor, Yellville; Mrs. Oscar Goss, North Little Rock; Mrs. John Bayliss, Siloam Springs; Mrs. J. Clarence Wilcox, Brinkley; Mrs. Frances Winter, Fort Smith; Mrs. Walter Lindley, Jonesboro; Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, Paragould; Mrs. B. E. Whitmore, Beebe.

District Directors of Youth Work: Pryor Reed Cruce, Newport; Robert Simpson, North Little Rock; Arnold Simpson, Fayetteville; Gaither McKelvey, Earle; Robert Paul Sessions, Van Buren; Bennie Jordan, Monette; James Beal, Imboden; James Major, Heber Springs.

District Directors of Adult Work: Charles Mabry, Batesville; Alf A. Eason, Russellville; Samuel P. Auslam, Springdale; I. L. Claud, Marion; Jesse L. Johnson, Van Buren; Arvill C. Brannon, Weiner; George L. McGhehey, Hardy; Jim Wiseman, Searcy.

North Arkansas Conference Youth Council

The following were elected as the new Youth Council for the North

Arkansas Conference: President, Paul Lamberth, Jonesboro; Vice-President, Logan Cothern, Bald Knob; Secretary, Julia Anderson, Conway; Treasurer, Mary Dodgen, Jonesboro; Chairman of Program Areas: Martha Jane Womack, Rogers; Emily Jo Joyce, Fayetteville; Robert Gill, Walnut Ridge; Margaret Whistle, Dell; Mary Pauline Jones, McCrory.

Seminar On Marriage Counseling

The General Board of Education and the North Arkansas Conference Board of Education are providing a three-day conference on marriage counseling, Searcy, June 30-July 2.

The program will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m.

The following are some of the topics to be discussed:

"What is Marriage Counseling?" "The Pastoral Calling, An Opportunity for Marriage Counseling."

"Basic Principles of Good Counseling"

"Helping Normal Parents Through Church Parent Groups."

"The Minister Preparing Youth for Marriage"

"The Use of Tests in Pre-Marital Counseling"

"Group Counseling in Preparation for Marriage"

There will be discussion groups on "Problems I Have Met".

There will be periods in which visual-aids will be demonstrated.

There will be a display of some of the suggested reading materials for counseling.

We are to have as the leaders for this program Dr. William Crane, pastor in charge of counseling in the First Presbyterian Church,

Knoxville, Tennessee; and Dr. Fagan Thompson of Nashville, Tennessee.

Senior Assembly

Provision was made this year for a small group of seniors from the Conway and Searcy Districts in a senior assembly. Due to the fact that it came so close after conference, the attendance was not large, but a splendid program was carried out. The following adult staff provided leadership for this program: Robert Simpson, Mrs. Robert Simpson, Miss Sue Osment, Miss Ruth Anderson, Doris Kennedy.

Miss Nellie Dyer of North Little Rock spoke to the group on Wednesday evening about her own experiences in mission work and the opportunities the mission field offers to young people.

Miss Laura Jane Adams of Conway was elected as president of the group for the duration of the assembly. The group was organized into a Methodist Youth Fellowship and an effort was made to demonstrate how that young people with their adult leaders can carry on the program of youth work in their local churches.

Purdue Delegation Complete

The North Arkansas Conference was given a delegation of sixty-nine youth and fifteen adults. This number, both in the adult and in the youth field, has been completed. We yet hope to secure a few additional places, as we already have some extra people asking for the opportunity to attend.

The group will go to Purdue by bus transportation. Announcements will be made as to plans, soon.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

DULLES ASKS MORAL MOBILIZATION BEHIND UNITED NATIONS

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles issued a call in San Francisco for a world mobilization of moral strength "to insure the continued vitality of the United Nations." Mr. Dulles made the plea at a "Festival of Faith" held in the Cow Palace. He spoke on the eve of week-long celebrations marking the 10th anniversary of the U. N. More than 15,000 persons jammed the auditorium for the impressive service of prayer for peace. Members of seven faiths—Protestant, Jewish, Confucian, Moslem, Hindu, Buddhist and Bahai—joined in common prayer and reaffirmed their devotion to the ideals of the world organization. The words of the service and the responses were an amalgam of writings from the sayings of Confucius, the Hindu Bhagavad, the Buddhist Selected Readings, the Koran, and the Old and New Testaments. In his speech, Secretary Dulles spoke of the disappointments and difficulties which the U. N. has encountered since its founding. But he said the moral power of the organization has become manifest. "It is a most encouraging fact," he declared, "that all governments, even including those who deny the existence of moral law, feel it necessary to try to defend their conduct, if it is challenged in terms of moral principles." Calling on the world's religious people to "vitalize" the U. N., Mr. Dulles said: "If they have the power to do so, religious people also have the obligation to use that power."

Church-Sponsored Chick Shipment Sent To Italy

A shipment of 25,000 baby chicks, gift of American churchmen and hatcheries, was flown from New York to Italy under the auspices of the Heifer Project, Inc. The chicks will be distributed to needy Italian farmers under the supervision of the Italian Department of Agriculture and Church World Service, relief agency of the National Council of Churches. It was the first chick shipment to Italy by the Heifer Project. Others have been made to various Middle Eastern countries, Haiti, Korea and Mexico. Under the program, recipients return fertile eggs for hatching and redistribution to other needy farmers. Since 1944, Heifer Project has shipped animals, eggs, poultry and honey bees to 35 different countries.

Seven Anglican Clergymen Visiting Moscow

Seven Church of England clergymen are in Russia on a two-week unofficial visit as guests of Patriarch Alexei of Moscow. Leader of the group is the Rev. Stanley Edwards, vicar of Holy Trinity church in Dalston here, who has been closely associated with the Anglo-Soviet friendship movement.

Graham To Hold Geneva Rally On Eve Of Big Four Meeting

Evangelist Billy Graham announced in Geneva that he plans to hold a special revival meeting in Geneva on July 17 to offer a "great prayer for peace." On that date President Eisenhower, Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and French Premier Edgar Faure are expected to arrive here for their talks. Dr. Graham told 30,000 people at a rally in the Palace of Exhibitions that the July 17 meeting will be a "fitting beginning" to the Big Four Conference. The meeting will be broadcast over an extensive foreign hookup, members of Dr. Graham's team said. More than 1,

000 persons came forward to make "decisions for Christ" at the rally here. Le Courier, Roman Catholic newspaper, said the success of a revival meeting conducted here by American evangelist Billy Graham was a warning for all Catholics to be vigilant. "If every Catholic is a living image of the doctrine of his Church, the crowd will very quickly understand in what way it can quench its thirst for religion. If Billy Graham, by his own dynamic qualities, was able to make Catholics understand this, his passage through Geneva will not have been in vain."

CHURCH TO DISPLAY MASSIVE ST. FRANCES STATUE

A massive statue of St. Francis, which has won high praise from critics although hidden away in a Paris warehouse for the past 27 years, will soon be put on public display in San Francisco. It will stand in front of historic St. Francis church, in this city's North Beach section. The work by Beniamino Bufano, carved out of Swedish granite, stands 16 feet high, not counting the pedestal, and weighs 12 tons. It is the fulfillment of the sculptor's vision of creating for his adopted city an enduring monument of its patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi. Mr. Bufano hew-

ed the statue in Paris in 1927. It arrived here on a French Line boat in two crates and was taken to a waterfront warehouse. There the Rev. Alvin P. Wagner, pastor of St. Francis church, had the crates partially opened to inspect the work and see its condition. He found it in excellent shape. As a contribution to the church, the French Line carried the crates without charge. Other patrons are paying various expenses, including more than \$1,000 necessary to redeem the work from storage, and the cost of erecting it here.

Vatican Excommunicates Argentine Officials

A decree of excommunication against President Juan D. Peron of Argentina and all other Roman Catholics who were connected with the arrest and deportation of Auxiliary Bishop Manuel Tato and Msgr. Ramon Novoa of Buenos Aires was issued in Vatican City by the Sacred Consistorial Congregation. The formal excommunication was published in the Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano and broadcast over the Vatican Radio in many languages before Bishop Tato, Vicar General of Buenos Aires, and Msgr. Novoa, Canon of the Metropolitan Chapter, arrived here with first hand testimony for Pope Pius XII. Signed by Adeodato Giovanni Cardinal Piazzi, Secretary of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, and Msgr. Giuseppe Ferretto, its assessor, the decree did not specifically mention President Peron. But its wording left no doubt that the penalty applied to him as well as to any other Catholics responsible for the arrest and deportation of the two prelates.

Denies Church Groups Divided Over Refugee Program

Cooperation of Protestant religious agencies in resettling of refugees is at an all-time high, a spokesman for the National Council of Churches told a Senate subcommittee in Washington. Roland Elliott, director of immigration services for Church World Service, answered allegations that church groups have been dragging their feet under the Refugee Act of 1953 because of disagreement over how the law has been administered. He said 35 denominations are now cooperating with the program through 61,000 local groups. Mr. Elliott spoke at a hearing of a Senate Judiciary subcommittee looking into operation of the program. He said that administrative changes are more important than amendments to the present Act and charged that some of the amendments proposed by Senator Herbert H. Lehman (D-N. Y.) would "disrupt" the present program. The principal difficulty at present, Mr. Elliott said, is the long delay in securing visas for refugees who have secured job and housing assurances. Such visas are delayed for months, he said, because of "inadequate investigative personnel."

House Approves 'Pray For Peace' Cancellation

The House unanimously passed and sent to the Senate a bill to require the Post Office Department to use the slogan "Pray for Peace" in cancelling mail. The measure, sponsored by Rep. Louis C. Rabaut (D-Mich.), would direct the Postmaster General to issue postmark dies containing the slogan to all first and second class post offices. It does not specify how long the slogan shall be used but leaves that to the option of each postmaster. Mr. Rabaut told the House he

Report Big Uranium Deposit Found On Church Land

A "big uranium deposit" reportedly has been found on 7,000 acres of western North Dakota land owned by the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which has its national headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn., Dr. H. A. Wheeler, Mandan, N. D., chairman of the board of Manidon Mining Co., which leased the land from the Church, announced that the finding has been confirmed by an atomic energy commission engineer's preliminary check. He said the find is in southern Billings and

northern Slope counties in the Amidon area. Dr. Wheeler conferred in Washington with North Dakota Senators Langer and Young and with D. M. Kentro, an AEC engineer, and Edward Heller, a staff member of the joint committee on atomic energy. After the conferences, Dr. Wheeler said that a geologist his company employed called the find the largest outside the Colorado plateau. He said a thorough check directed by the AEC from Washington would be made and completed within a month. If the findings are fully confirmed, Dr. Wheeler said, it is likely the AEC will authorize the building of an ore processing plant by private capital costing two to four million dollars.

Catholic Priests To Protest Baccalaureate Program

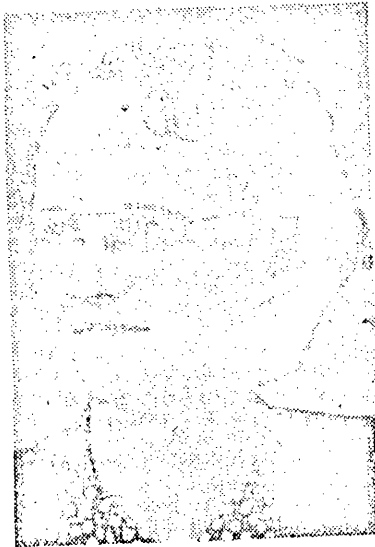
Pastors of three Roman Catholic parishes in St. Louis Park, Minn., will lodge a formal protest with the local board of education over the baccalaureate program conducted for the graduating seniors of the city's public high school. The Rev. F. C. Wilkins, pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church, said a written protest will follow up oral objections made earlier against the program to Edward Foltmer, high school principal. Catholic students in the parishes were advised not to attend the baccalaureate service after the chancery office of the St. Paul archdiocese concurred in the priests' opinion that the program had religious elements. Msgr. Hilary Hacker, vicar general of the archdiocese, said the program was listed as a "service" and included a call to worship, hymns and other features that made it "distinctly a religious ceremony."

American Bishops Sees Chinese Reds Ending Public Worship

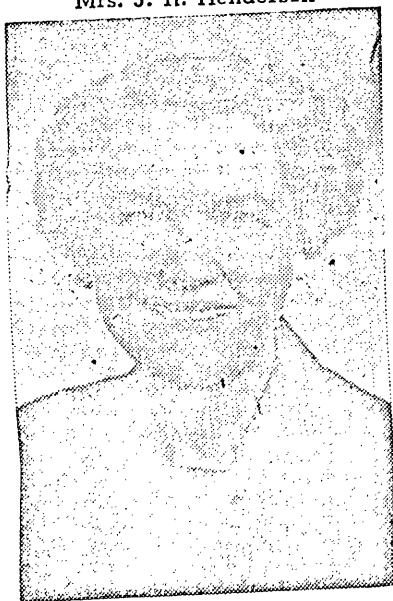
Bishop Frederick A. Donaghy, M. M., of New Bedford, Mass., said in Hong Kong that public worship "will soon be wiped out" in China if the Communists continue their present policies. The Maryknoll missionary, Bishop of Wuchow since 1938, was expelled from China on charges of subversive activities. He is the first American Catholic missionary to be released by the Chinese Reds in nearly a year. The 52-year-old prelate had spent 26 years in China. His expulsion leaves only two American bishops in China, Bishop Ambrose Henry Pinger, O. F. M., of Lindsay, Omaha, and Bishop James Edward Walsh of Cumberland, Md. Bishop Pinger, whose see is at Chowtsun, was last reported in jail. Bishop Walsh is under close surveillance in Shanghai. At a press conference, Bishop Donaghy branded as "completely false" Chinese Communist Premier Chou En Lai's statement at the recent Bandung conference of Asian-Africans nations that freedom of religion exists in China.

is hopeful the slogan can be placed in use before the forthcoming Big Four meeting, to remind Americans of the need to ask God's guidance in the quest for a lasting peace.

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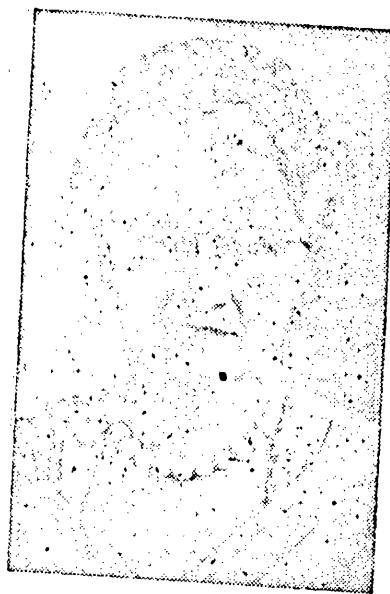
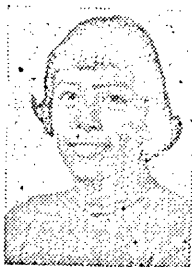
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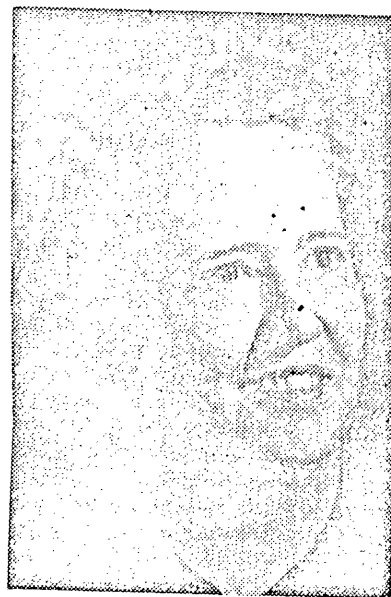
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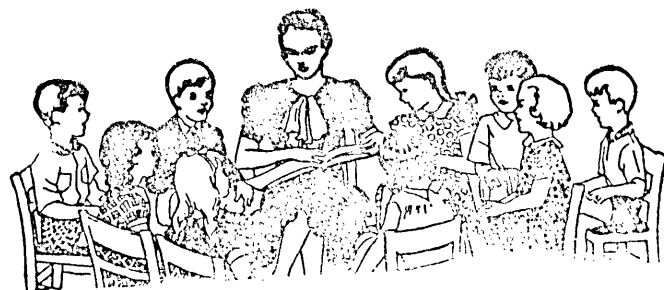
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A Page For The CHILDREN

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



A JOB FOR JOE

By Mary Collier Terry

JOE went to visit his Grandfather and Grandmother in the country. It was his first visit to a farm and he liked it except that he had no jobs to do. At home in the city he helped father by pushing the lawn mower to cut the grass in the yard. He helped mother dust the furniture on Saturdays. He played with baby sister when she sat in her play pen. There was always some way for a boy to help at home.

It wasn't that folks didn't work on the farm. Everyone seemed to have something to do, all except Joe. Grandfather milked the cows and fed the pigs. Grandmother had a big flock of chickens to feed and care for, besides her work in the house. Big Uncle Jim worked around the barn and in the garden and out in the wide fields. Even Duke the dog had a job bringing the cows home from the pasture every evening.

It was just more than Joe could stand so he said to Grandmother early one morning, "I want a job like everyone else."

Grandmother said, "How nice! We'll find you one. As a beginning come with me to feed the chickens."

Joe threw the grain over the chicken yard fence. For a while it was fun watching the chickens scramble for the grain. He laughed when Old Mister Rooster came strutting up and all the hens stood back while he got the biggest share. But Joe was just helping. He wanted a special job all his own.

Grandfather must have noticed that something was wrong because one day he said, "Come with me to the barn, Joe. I have a job for you."

Joe could hardly go fast enough. There in the corner of a pen was a baby calf. "Oh, Grandfather, I like him! I like him!" Joe clapped his hands because he was beginning to feel happy.

"He's hungry," said Grandfather. "Doesn't he have a mother to feed him?" asked Joe.

"Not exactly," Grandfather told him. "The mother is not very well and she doesn't have milk enough for him, so we must feed him milk from a baby's bottle for a while. Do you think you could take care of him?"

Joe was thinking how funny that would be. A calf taking milk from a baby's bottle, but Joe would know how to feed him. A lot of times, he had held Baby Sister's bottle.

He watched as Grandfather fixed a bottle of warm milk. How that baby calf did go for that bottle of milk! It was all Joe could do to hold it. The calf pulled at the nipple until every drop was gone. Then he nudged his soft silky head against Joe as if to ask for more. Joe liked that.

Joe told him, "That's enough for this time. Just wait awhile and you'll get some more. I guess I'll have to name you Greedy, you want so much."

One day Joe forgot his job. He was busy down by the brook watch-

ing the minnows play hide and seek around the pebbles. He forgot it was time for Greedy's bottle.

But back up in the barn the little calf knew it was time. He was angry and he butted his head so hard against the bars of the pen that two bars fell out making a place big enough for Greedy to get through. He stepped out in the bright sunshine looking all around for Joe and his bottle of milk. There was a little path that led down to the brook. Greedy must have seen Joe because he walked right down that path very big and proud-like.

Joe was kneeling down at the edge of the water reaching and trying hard to catch a minnow. All at once Joe felt something bump against his back. Splash! Into the brook went Joe! The water was not so deep but deep enough to get Joe plenty wet. He scrambled out, his clothes all dripping.

When Joe saw the calf he was not really mad; in fact he laughed. It was so funny, Greedy pushing him into the brook. Besides he had a right to because just at that minute Joe happened to remember the bottle of milk.

As Greedy stood there looking at Joe and waiting Joe told him, "I know, I'm sorry I forgot your bottle." He guided the little calf up the path toward the barn. "And if I forget again you come and push me in the brook again and it will be good enough for me!"—Alabama Christian Advocate.

UNWRITTEN MUSIC

Did you ever hear the fire sing—really sing? Listen when the logs are burning in the fireplace, and perhaps you may hear a sweet musical note, almost like a low birdsong, made by the escape of imprisoned sap in the wood.

Sometimes when you are walking where wires are strung overhead, you may catch the song of Nature's windharp playing musically.

The small stream hurrying along its pebbled path is musical with a rippling laughing song that changes with every twist of its channel and every obstacle in its course.

If you live near the pine forest or have a chance to go camping under its green boughs, you may hear another kind of music when the wind wakes—soft, sighing notes. At first it often seems to be sad music, but as you listen more intently, the song becomes a peaceful, dreamy one.

There is liquid, tinkling music in the thin cascade, but in the heavy waterfall Mother Nature pulls out all the stops and gives us a crashing chord.

When the leaves of the poplar tree dance in the breeze, their brisk staccato notes are like the lilting voice of a gentle April shower.

Again Nature sounds her bass drums in the booming ocean-breakers in the pounding of waves on the rock-strewn shore.

All this—and more—unwritten music is for the ears that listen. We can go about deaf to such melodies and their messages, if we never stop to catch and interpret the music. But our enjoyment of life is far greater if we cultivate the habit of

TWO ADOPTED DUCKLINGS

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

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

tuning our ears to Nature's songs. The closer we come to old Mother Nature, the more of her secrets will she reveal.

The next time you go for a stroll along the lakeshore or for a ramble through the woods, go with your ears alert to catch musical tones and you will hear melody in sound which you never before had thought of as music.—Josephine E. Toal, in Canadian Churchman.

JUST FOR FUN

Pupil: "May I ask a question?"
Teacher: "Yes, what is it?"
Pupil: "Why do they call Mrs. Ippi 'The Father of Waters'?"

Forecasting the coming styles, the fashion editor wrote: "There will be little change in men's pockets this year."

A Los Angeles teacher training her class in the use of proverbs said, "Cleanliness is next to what?"
A little boy exclaimed feelingly, "Impossible!"

Billy had been in the habit of receiving a dime each Sunday morning for Sunday School. One Sunday his mother found herself without the usual dime, so she handed him a quarter. Billy looked up in surprise and said, "Mommy, has Sunday School gone up too?"
—Gladys Boblitt, Louisville Courier Jnl. Mag.

A young bride was looking over the different meats displayed in the showcase at the meat shop. The clerk asked: "What can I do for you, madam?"
Shyly, she replied: "What do you have that I can make over if I don't cook it right the first time?"

Caller: "Is your mother engaged?"
Little Girl: "I think she's married."

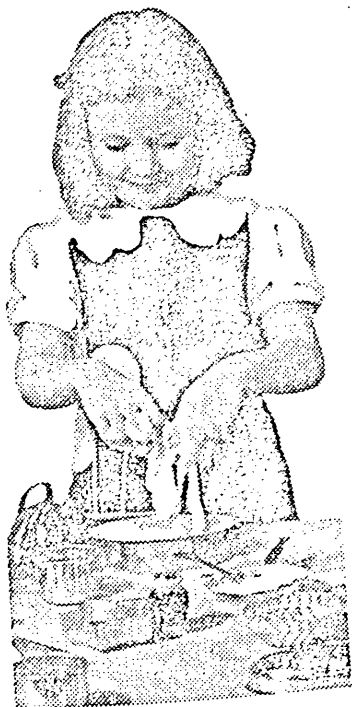
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LEARNING TO COOK

It's lots of fun in vacation time
Learning to cook;
I'm trying a lot of things I find
In mother's recipe book.

They may not be like the ones
she makes,
But I'm willing to share with
you;
As each one bakes, whether
bread or cakes,
I'm learning something new.

—A.E.W.





MARY CHAFFIN SPEAKS TO GIRLS' INTEREST GROUP



MISS MARY CHAFFIN

Miss Mary Chaffin, deaconess of Izard County, spoke May 23 at 7 p.m. in Lutterloh Memorial Church, Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro, to the Girls' Interest Group. Mothers of the girls were guests, as were other members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Miss Chaffin spoke on Christian Service.

The Girls' Interest Group has had a wonderful year under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Chesser and Mrs. Purvis Smith. The group has grown to 18, and the leadership of this group is being used now in other activities of the church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Leaders of the girls for the coming year will be Mrs. Mable Bortoff and Mrs. Kate Fryer.—Reporter.

PARKVIEW, BENTON ORGANIZES GUILD

Mrs. Joe R. Phillips, Jr., President of the Park View Woman's Society of Christian Service, has announced that a Wesleyan Service Guild was organized at the Park View Methodist Church May 17, 1955. The organizational meeting was held at the parsonage with the following officers being elected.

Virginia Richey, President; Mrs. H. O. Underwood, Vice-president; Rose Alice Green, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Charles Dains, Treasurer; Mrs. Sam Cox, Secretary of Promotion; and, Mrs. I. E. McCray, Sr. Co-ordinator.

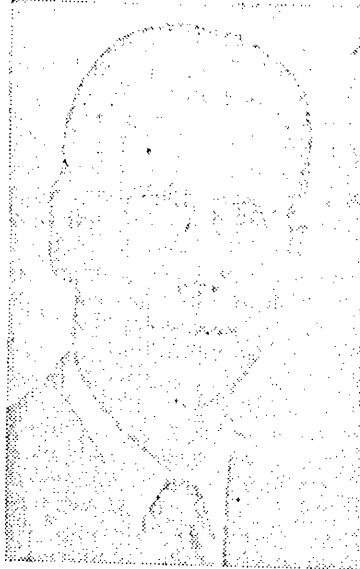
The Rev. Joe R. Phillips, Jr., Park View pastor, outlined the purpose and nature of the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Guild was organized with a charter membership of 13

members.

The installation service for Guild Officers was conducted at the home of Mrs. W. T. Kinnell the evening of June 14th. The Candlelight Service of installation was conducted by Mrs. R. B. Thomas, Little Rock Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and Mrs. M. O. Bettus, Little Rock District Secretary. Miss Ollie Hall, past District Secretary, was visitor to the installation service. Fourteen persons were present.

The installation service was followed by a short business meeting conducted by President Virginia Richey. It was announced at this meeting that Miss Richey would attend the Wesleyan Service Guild Week-end at Mt. Sequoyah, June 25-26.

CHAPEL SPEAKER AT NORTH ARKANSAS SCHOOL



REV. JOEL COOPER

Rev. Joel Cooper, pastor of First Methodist Church, Conway, will be the chapel speaker for the North Arkansas School of Missions, July 11-15 at Hendrix College, Conway. He has degrees from Hendrix College and Duke School of Divinity. Before coming to Conway in 1951, he served churches at Vann Dale-Cherry Valley, Mountain Home and Tuckerman; he was Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference for 6 months.

Rev. Lee L. Chupco, who will teach the course on Indian Americans, will bring his wife and daughter with him to share in the school. Mr. Chupco, a member of the Seminole tribe of Indians, is a graduate of Oklahoma City University, and is a member of the Oklahoma Conference; he has served as religious director in government Indian schools, as well as holding pastorates, and since 1953 has been superintendent of the Central District of Indian Mission of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Helen Chupco, a member of the Creek tribe of Indians, has served as vice-president, President and currently serving as Secretary of Promotion of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Indian Mission of Oklahoma, also District Director of Youth Work and National representative of Home Missions.

A son, Jimmie Chupco, 18, is unable to be in Conway with the family, but daughter, Waukomis, 16, senior in high school and conference officer in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, will attend.

Mrs. Roy A. Dillon, who will teach the course, "To Combine Our Efforts for Lasting Peace," is a member of the First Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, is a graduate of Universities of Kansas and Oklahoma, and has done further study at Northwestern. She is a Past President of West Oklahoma Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. Since 1948 she has served on the National Board of United Church Women, and for three years has

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Alice Murrell and Edith Martin Circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Cabot Methodist Church met June 14 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Kinley with Mrs. Aubrey Pate co-hostess.

Mrs. Marvin Park, president, presided and Mrs. T. G. Ringgold gave the opening prayer. Mrs. O. H. Davis, Miss Iva Baker and Mrs. James M. Park gave a report of the Officers Training meeting of Searcy District held at Heber Springs, June 10.

The president announced that the officers, were installed by the pastor, the Rev. J. J. Clark, at a recent Sunday evening meeting in the church sanctuary: Mrs. Marvin Park, president; Mrs. J. I. Owen, vice president; Mrs. R. J. Vise, recording secretary; Mrs. E. M. Cherry, treasurer.

Mrs. E. M. Cherry, treasurer, reported the Budget for this conference year and stated that the Conference Pledge was increased ten per cent over that of the past year and that all outstanding debts had been paid.

The group voted to help defray the expenses of a colored girl at Aldersgate Camp during this season's camp.

Mrs. L. E. Smith, Love and Service chairman, announced that two meals had been served to families who had moved to Cabot, recently.

In the absence of Mrs. Ivan Ross, Secretary of Spiritual Life, the president conducted the devotional and closed with prayer.

A social hour followed during which time the hostesses served refreshments.

One hundred fifty nine women of the Fayetteville District attended the Officers' Training Day in Central Church, Fayetteville on June 14.

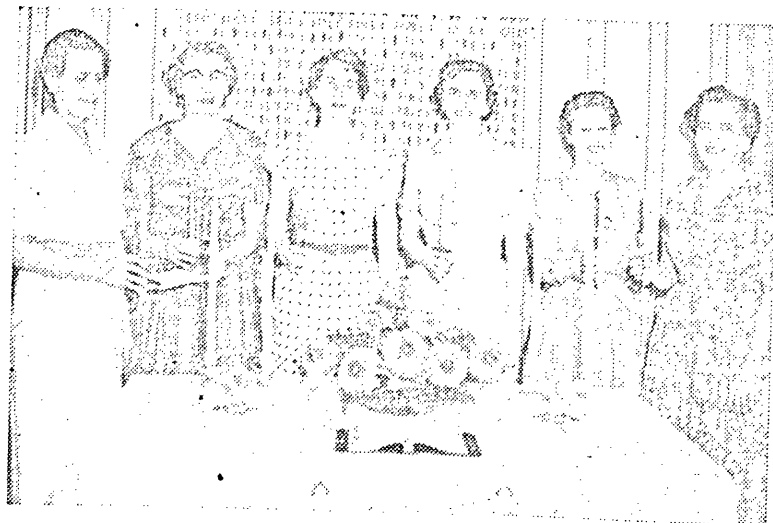
Mrs. R. K. Bent, president, called the meeting to order and introduced Mrs. D. N. Misenhimer, District Secretary of Spiritual Life, who gave the devotional based on the Purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Each district officer presented a poster and conducted a workshop on her line of work.

Miss Sara Kashi Ram, Crusade Scholar from India, was the speaker in the afternoon, with a message, "Why Missions?" — Mrs. E. B. Crain.

Alcohol addiction is one of the most devastating factors contributing to juvenile delinquency and the breakdown of the home. The real threat to our freedom comes from within—the deterioration in moral values—the failure to discipline ourselves to decent and healthful living.—Judge Luther W. Youngdahl.

been a member of the Executive Committee. Mrs. Dillon attended the Study Conference of Commission on Just and Durable Peace, Cleveland, 1945, when the proposals for the United Nations organization were reviewed, and has visited the United Nations Headquarters many times.



Left to right: Mrs. Charles Dains, Mrs. H. O. Underwood, Miss Virginia Richey, Mrs. Rose Alice Green, Mrs. Sam Cox, and, Mrs. I. E. McCray, Sr.

Rules Bible May Be Read As Literature In Calif. Schools

Attorney General Edmund G. Brown ruled in Sacramento, Calif., that the Bible may be read as literature, but not for religious purposes, in California public schools. He said the Bible may be used in history, literature or similar courses, but its use "in classroom exercises might

well amount to sectarian instruction." "Not only may the Bible be discussed in a general way in an appropriate literature class," Mr. Brown declared, "but specific passages, because of their eloquence or poetic beauty, may be used for special study." A ruling of a previous attorney general had confined the Scriptures to school libraries.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. H. O. BOLIN of Highland Church were given a reception at the church on Sunday afternoon, June 26. Brother Bolin is the new pastor at Highland.

DR. MARSHALL T. STEEL, pastor of the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, was the speaker on CBS Radio's "Church of the Air" on Sunday, June 19. His sermon was based on "The Value of Unanswered Prayer."

MRS. GEORGE MCCONNELL is the director of the newly-organized Junior Choir at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. The choir meets every Friday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 in the Junior Department for rehearsals.

MRS. FRANK NEIGHBORS has assumed the position of church secretary at the Central Methodist Church in Fayetteville to succeed Mrs. Harlan McMillan, who is leaving with her husband to make their home in Lawrence, Kansas. Dr. Robert Bearden is pastor of the church.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Conway, will have a formal opening of the new educational building on Sunday, July 3, at 9:40 a. m. in the sanctuary. Open house will be held from 2:00 until 5:00 p. m. Rev. Joel Cooper is pastor.

REV. OTTO W. TEAGUE, district superintendent of the Forrest City District, preached the Homecoming Day sermon at the Fairview Methodist Church, Texarkana, on Sunday, June 26. Mr. Teague was pastor of the church from 1938 to 1942. A picnic lunch was served at noon.

THE HARTMAN CHURCH has organized a Methodist Men's Club which has been chartered by the General Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church. Officers of the new group include Baxter Cater, president; Dice Sparks, vice-president, and Amos Kendall, secretary. Rev. Aaron Barling is pastor.

REV. AND MRS. E. B. WILLIAMS were the honorees at a reception given at Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday afternoon, June 26, in the new fellowship hall. Brother Williams is the new pastor at Gardner. The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild were in charge of the reception.

REV. GEORGE WAYNE MARTIN, pastor of the newly-organized Lakewood Methodist Church in North Little Rock was given a reception on Sunday evening, June 26, at the new school building where services are now being temporarily held. All the North Little Rock Methodist pastors and their wives attended the reception.

THE MEMBERS of the Methodist Men's Club and the Fuller Class of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, had a steak supper on Wednesday evening, June 22, at the country home of Dr. and Mrs. Chester E. Kitchens with 90 members and their guests present. A. F. Potter was in charge of general arrangements with H. Q. Russell, A. L. Propps and H. B. Wren assisting.

REV. WILLIAM HIGHTOWER, new pastor of the Second Methodist Church of Searcy, brought the message at the evening service on Sunday, June 26. This was the regular fourth Sunday evening service in which the Methodist churches join in a service with the First Presbyterian, Cumberland Presbyterian and the First Christian Church. The service was held in the First Methodist Church.

REV. ROBERT PAUL SESSIONS, pastor of the St. John Methodist Church, Van Buren, is the author of a sermon for the Sunday after Independence Day entitled "Firecracker Faith" in the July issue of The Pulpit, a publication published by the Christian Century and devoted to the publication of sermons and sermon materials. Rev. Mr. Sessions was reassigned last week to the St. John Methodist Church for the 6th year.

REV. AND MRS. HAROLD H. SPENCE and children will be given a reception in Fellowship Hall of the Manila Methodist Church on Friday, July 1, sponsored by the Woman's So-

cietty of Christian Service of the church. Mr. Spence is pastor of the church, having been assigned to Manila at the recent session of the North Arkansas Conference. He comes from the Jacksonville Methodist Church where he served as pastor for five years.

REV. AND MRS. ROY BEVAN were given a reception and pounding by the members of the Amity Church on Friday evening, June 24. Mrs. Armin Dressel was in charge. J. A. Jones welcomed Brother and Mrs. Bevan to the church and community. Ralph Hays gave musical selections. Words of appreciation were spoken by the pastor and his wife. Refreshments were served by the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

DEWEY GORDY, chairman of the Official Board of the Park View Methodist Church, has announced that the Board has voted to launch a Stewardship Education program. The program is designed to acquaint the membership with the plans, needs and responsibility of the local church. J. W. Newsam has been named general chairman to direct the campaign. Mr. Newsam is teacher of the Men's Bible Class, song leader, and vice-chairman of the Official Board. Rev. Joe R. Phillips, Jr., is pastor.

REV. AND MRS. J. D. MONTGOMERY were honored at the evening Fellowship Hour on Wednesday, June 22, on their return to the Bradley Methodist Church for their fourth year. After a song service and words of appreciation, the pastor and his wife were given a shower of pantry and personal gifts. Refreshments were served. J. M. Allen presided and Buddy Jester led the singing. The affair was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

REV. AND MRS. JOHN L. HOOVER were given a reception at the England Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, June 22, on their return to the church for the ninth year. Mrs. Gordon Rye gave the welcome address. Piano selections were played and Bill Kennedy sang a solo, accompanied at the piano by Frazier Kennedy. Assisting in serving were Mrs. Jack Case, Mrs. Ralph Ray, Mrs. W. G. Cunningham, Mrs. J. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. Edna Tobin, Mrs. D. P. Mashburn, Mrs. J. S. Henderson and Mrs. W. L. Wood.

CONTINUED AMERICAN SUPPORT of the United Nations technical assistance program to under-developed countries is being urged by Dr. Luther A. Gotwald, executive of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches. He has told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that for more than a century Christian missionaries have pioneered in developing programs for technical assistance. "The healing of the sick, the feeding of the hungry, and the teaching of the untaught are all integral parts of the world-wide mission of the Christian church," he declared, "but the resources of the church are too small to meet the urgency of today's world-wide needs."

THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the Aoyama Gakuin, Methodist school and college in Tokyo, Japan, was recently observed with fitting ceremonies. With a total enrollment of more than 8,500 students, it consists of a two-year post-graduate University of Arts; a four-year college with both day and evening sessions in departments of arts, education, commerce; a Senior High School; Junior High School, and a Primary School, all coeducational. There is also a Junior College for women with home economics, English and Japanese courses. This institution is supported by the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, and the interboard Committee for Christian Work in Japan.

THE FIRST SERVICE in the new Ashdown Methodist Church was held on Sunday morning, June 18, with open house in the afternoon. The building is colonial style. It contains the sanctuary, choir room, pastor's study, cry room, two rest rooms, foyer and a balcony. The

interior is finished in Philippine mahogany and sheet rock with a stipple finish. The floor is covered with tile with a carpet down the center aisle and at the communion rail and on the pulpit platform. The furniture is colonial style with the solid pew ends having a raised panel. The cap and the base of the pew ends and the body of the pews are in mahogany to match the trim of the building. The other part of the pew is white. The rest of the furniture of the sanctuary is mahogany and white in keeping with the colonial design. The building that was constructed in 1914 will be modified and used as an educational and Sunday School building. Plans are under way to build a \$50,000 sanctuary adjoining the building. Rev. Clyde T. Parsons is pastor.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

According to the custom of *The Louisiana Methodist* there will be no issue of the paper the week of July 4. So that our readers will not miss a Sunday School lesson by Rev. H. O. Bolin we are running the lessons for July 10 and July 17 in this issue.

TO ALL PASTORS IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

All money for the Children's Home is to be sent to Dr. Connor Morehead, 2002 South Fillmore, Little Rock, Arkansas. So inform your Church Treasurer, correcting error on outside cover of Local Church Treasurer's Remittance books.—Stanley T. Baugh

FAMILY COUNSELING WEEK SET

Dr. O. Floyd Feely, Jr., staff member of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and Dr. J. T. Greene, Boston University, will be the leaders in a Little Rock Conference sponsored training period "The Minister as a Family Counselor" at the Little Rock Conference Camp Tanako July 5-7. Ministers, employed workers, and others especially interested in the field of family counseling are urged to attend. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. July 5 with the total cost of the period being \$7.50 including room, board, registration and insurance. Persons interested are urged to contact Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, Methodist Board of Education office, Exchange Building, Little Rock.

STANLEY JONES APPEALS FOR LAY EVANGELISTS

JAPAN (EPS)—The Japan Christian Activity News reports: "Although warned that the anti-United States feeling in Japan had turned its edge against Christianity, Dr. Stanley Jones, well-known American missionary, found that this was only somewhat true if measured in terms of response to his evangelistic mission. Completing his tour of 73 cities in less than three months, he found that where preparation was equal to what it was on his last trip two years ago, attendance was as large and response in decision cards was almost as large."

"His feeling was that while the evangelistic opportunity in Japan was not pressing at the doors of the Church as it was just after the war, it was still there. If the Church would be aggressive in its evangelistic outreach, it would find ample response. "To this end, one of his main appeals was for volunteer lay evangelists who would give their time to the essential work of the Church: the spreading of the Gospel. Dr. Jones stated: 'The Church will never be a strong one until it becomes a strong lay movement with a pastor as guide, stimulator, and spiritualizer of this essentially lay movement.' Although he found some signs of an effort to defend the status quo on the margins, he felt the Church as a whole was ready to respond to this appeal for lay participation in evangelism . . ."

ON A WIDE CIRCUIT

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worship properly where his thoughts were distracted by remembrance of people he had worked with (maybe clashed with) in church councils, at social gatherings, in finance drives, etc. Others may need the "family feeling" in order to obtain the benefits of worship together. Perhaps that is why some go to the "big cold cathedral" and others to the "small, friend, war chapel."

Are you satisfied with the corporate worship service in your church?

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VACATION SCHOOLS

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Mrs. Cecil Simpson, Mrs. Otis Howell, Mrs. Harry Dobson, Mrs. Joe Brown and Mrs. J. W. Rushing.—Reporter.

Watson

The Watson Methodist Church held a Vacation School from May 22 to May 29 with an enrollment of 31. The program was presented at the Sunday School hour.

Courses offered were: Kindergarten, Together in Our Church; Primary, Everyone Needs a Church; Junior, The Church Around the World.

Teachers and workers were: Mrs. Jimmy Cates, Mrs. W. F. Rice, Mrs. Joe Stroud, Mrs. W. C. Craig, Mrs. J. W. Smart, Mrs. Harry Dobson and Mrs. J. W. Rushing.—Reporter.

Tillar

The school of the Tillar Methodist Church was held May 30 to June 3. Mrs. R. D. Bowles, assisted by Mrs. Virgil Peacock, was in charge. A nursery, under the direction of Mrs. Hutch Landfair and Mrs. Jesse Coker, was for the three and four year olds. The Kindergarten studied Happy Times in the Church with Mrs. Marvin Cossey and Mrs. Ernest Teeter as teachers. The Primaries had as their theme Everyone Needs a Church with Mrs. Ben Peacock and Mrs. Horace Cox as instructors. The Juniors studied How the Church Came to Us with Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Paul Ramey as teachers.

Miss Margaret Ann Hawley was the registrar and was in charge of the opening and closing ceremonies. Mrs. Lucille Honeycutt was in charge of refreshments which were served by committees each morning. Mrs. M. R. Davidson was in charge of the music.

Approximately 40 children were enrolled. Closing exercises were held on Friday morning.—Mrs. Lee Burns.

College Hill, Texarkana

Commencement exercises held in the church auditorium concluded a two weeks' Vacation School at the College Hill Church in Texarkana. Mrs. Weldon Smith was superintendent of the school.

The theme for the school was Personal and Group Relationships.

The Kindergarten Department used for its text My Family and My Friends. Mrs. Joyce Lavender and Mrs. Gus Nelson were the teachers, assisted by Linda Schmieder, Eltonette Elrod, Dorothy Williams, Edrene Downs, and Iva Mae Light. The Junior Department studied Living and Working Together as Christians. Teachers were Mrs. E. B. Mullins, Mrs. David Caddell, Mrs. Pauline Leech, Mrs. W. E. Downs and Miss Louise Light, assisted by Judy Powell, Rae Fowler and Vivian Nelson.

Eighty-two pupils were enrolled with 30 having perfect attendance.

The children made tours through the Borden Milk Plant, the College Hill Fire Station and the Coca Cola Bottling Company.

A display of the work of the departments was held in the Educational Building at the close of the school. Refreshments were served by the W.S.C.S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild.—Mrs. Ben F. Hunter.

DODGENS LEAVE NEXT WEEK ON EXCHANGE

Among the twenty or so exchanges being made this summer between Methodist ministers of England and the United States is that of the Rev. Frank T. Copplestone, Superintendent of the Liverpool Methodist Mission, Liverpool, England, and Dr. Ethan Dodgen, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Ark.

Dr. Dodgen together with Mrs. Dodgen and children, Mary and John, leave Jonesboro on July 4 enroute to New York City. They are scheduled to fly from New York on July 8, arriving in London July 9. Dr. Dodgen will occupy the pulpit in Liverpool on Sundays July 17, 24, 31 and August 7, returning by ship and sailing from Southampton on August 9, arriving back in Jonesboro on August 17.

Rev. Mr. Copplestone together with Mrs. Copplestone and daughter will be in Jonesboro during the same period of time that Dr. Dodgen is in Liverpool and occupying the Jonesboro pulpit the same four Sundays.

Rev. Mr. Copplestone has served in several areas of work of Methodism in England. The earlier part of his ministry was spent in rural churches, mainly in the counties of Gloucestershire, Devon and Cornwall.

Later he was assigned to superintend work at Central Hall, Manchester; Blackpool where he served during the war at Albert Hall in Kotttingham and now at Liverpool where he has served during the past seven years. Twice during his ministerial career he has been elected a member of the Methodist Conference, comparable to the General Conference in this country, and Mr. Copplestone has held various other responsibilities of an official nature in Methodist program. He has been a frequent contributor to church publications and has had published two devotional books entitled "Waters of Quietness" and "The Use of Silence."

The Methodist Mission in Liverpool to which Dr. Dodgen is going has a staff of its superintendent, Rev. Mr. Copplestone, two other ministers, four deaconesses, the secretary and 4 circuit stewards. According to Mr. Copplestone the mission was established with the purpose of reaching and rescuing men and women, boys and girls, who are in desperate need of special ministry. As a result of the success of the Mission program of evangelism and social service in a great seaport city Central Hall was opened about 50 years ago and has

REV. FRANK T. COPPLESTONE

become a definite center for the district life of Methodists in Liverpool. Today there are special campaigns conducted in congested areas, open-air witness in strategic points and in back streets, interviews and counselling with those seeking such help, in addition to the regular services each week in Central Hall and five other centers of work.

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR AND FAMILY AT SILOAM SPRINGS

Rev. and Mrs. John Bayliss and family, who were returned to the Siloam Springs Methodist Church for another year, were honored with a reception on Wednesday night, June 22. The reception, sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, was held in Fellowship Center. Graceful baskets of daisies and roses gave a festive air to the room. The serving table, centered with a crystal candelabra holding seven pastel pink tapers, flanked by crystal nappies with matching carnations and maiden-hair fern, was beautiful with its white silver-shot metallic cloth. Mrs. Ralph Jones, Vice-President of the Woman's Society and Mrs. Bert Pyeatt, Vice-President of the Wesleyan Guild, presiding at the refreshment table, served blended fruit punch, canapes, and homemade candies to the more than a hundred guests who called during the evening. Mrs. Richard Hodges, welcoming the Bayliss family back to Siloam Springs, expressed the love of the entire church for the parsonage family and presented them a gift in appreciation for their untiring work in the church.

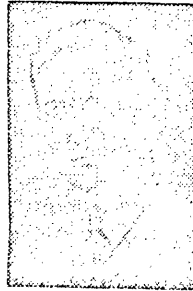
Receiving with Rev. and Mrs. Bayliss were Richard Hodges, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mrs. Hodges, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Earl McKinney, Chairman of the Official Board, Mrs. McKinney, and Miss Mary Walker, President of the Wesleyan Guild. Mrs. Wallace Stone, Mrs. Milo Roth, Mrs. Roland King, and Mrs. Zelma Thomson formed the committee which planned the evening's program. Mrs. Tom Whiteside and Mrs. Charles Dorland provided back-ground music during the evening.—W.S.C.S. Reporter.

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Fox Hunter



By
Rev. R. A. Tenter

blowing his horn and calling his dogs with great enthusiasm. But it was much ado about nothing for he didn't intend to catch any foxes, just chase them. That is the modern way. But Samson, Judge of Israel, had a different idea about foxes and fox hunting. He was deadly serious about it. He caught three hundred foxes on one trip and turned them into weapons of war. He tied torches to their tails and turned them loose in the wheat fields of the Philistines, burning up the ripe grain. It was a one man war using fire as a weapon and aiming at defeating the enemy by destroying his food supply. But the strategy didn't work. They came right back at him with the same weapon, burning his wife and her father to death in their home. It was the old adage: "Tit for tat, kill my dog I'll kill your cat"—burn my wheat and I'll burn your house and your family along with it. That's war from the first to the last. Old Samson is still the moral and psychological model for war making. For he said: "Though I do them a mischief, I am not as guilty as they are," and "I have only done to them as they have done to me." Diplomats the world around still say it, in other words of course but meaning the same. And we citizens fall in line with the idea.

Well, fox hunting has certainly lost some of its vigor in modern days. Not even a whole hunting club could match Samson with his three-hundred catch. But we have

PASTOR, WIFE, AND SON, AT TILLAR HONORED WITH RECEPTION

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Van Horn and son, Archie, were honored Friday evening, June 17th, with a reception in the Frank Tillar Memorial Methodist Church parlor. Bro. and Mrs. Van Horn and son are now serving their fourth year on the Tillar charge.

Members of the Tillar congregation were host, and the guest list included members of the Tillar, Winchester, Newton's Chapel and Selma churches of the charge.

An informal program was held in the sanctuary preceding the serving hour. Hutch Landfair led in prayer. Group singing was also held. Virgil Peacock, chairman of the Board of Stewards gave the official welcome on their being returned to the local churches.

The tea table was covered with a lace cloth, centered with a lovely arrangement of summer flowers. Matching punch bowls were at either end of the table, flanked with crystal trays of cookies. The following young ladies of the church, dressed in their summer formal, assisted in serving: Misses Margaret Ann Hawley, Ernestine Teeter, Maribeth Prewitt and Linda Rice.

Mrs. Van Horn was presented with a corsage of pink tea roses.—Church Reporter

improved in the use of fire as a weapon. Foxes are outmoded, but flame throwers, fire bombs, and atomic blasts do the job—quicker, neater, completer. And the poor, innocent foxes screaming with pain and anguish as they sought to escape the flames do not compare with the screaming, dying children that our wars produce. A great city makes a bigger blaze than a wheat field. We are Samson—modernized, streamlined, organized, ATOMIZED.

But there is another Man to remember over against Samson: He said, "Do good to those who hurt you, and pray for those who despitely use you."

METHODIST YOUTH

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE YOUTH ASSEMBLY



Seated, left to right, Julia Anderson, Conway, secretary; Margaret Whistle, Dell, Citizenship; Emily Jo Joyce, Fayetteville, Christian Outreach. Second row, Mary Pauline Jones, McCrory, Christian Witness; Mary Dodgen, Jonesboro, treasurer; Martha Jane Womack, Wynne, Christian Faith. Third row, Robert Gill, Walnut Ridge, Christian Fellowship; Logan Cothran, Bald Knob, vice-president; Paul Lambreth, Jonesboro, president.

The North Arkansas Conference Youth Assembly held its 35th annual meeting June 7-11 at Hendrix College, Conway. There were 106 enrolled. New officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Paul Lambreth, Jonesboro; vice-president, Logan Cothran, Bald Knob; secretary, Julia Anderson, Conway; treasurer, Mary Dodgen, Jonesboro. Committee chairmen are Martha Jane Womack, Wynne, Christian Faith; Emily Jo Joyce of Fayetteville, Christian Outreach; Robert Gill of Walnut Ridge, Christian Fellowship; Margaret Whistle of Dell, Christian Citizenship and Mary Pauline Jones of McCrory, Christian Witness.

The program for the assembly included study periods in the mornings on the theme, "The Church and You," led by the adult counselors, workshops led by the retiring officers on the Program Areas of the MYF and evening programs on Youth and Missions, Church, Vocations, United Nations and Ecu-

menicity given by various students.

Friday night a candlelight service was held to install the new officers. The assembly closed with a communion and commitment service in which many young people dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service.

Many expressed the opinion that this year's assembly was the best ever held. This was due to the excellent planning of the retiring council, headed by Miss Mary Sue Smith of North Little Rock and guidance on the part of the adult counselors who were: Mrs. H. W. Williams of Forrest City, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Searcy, Mrs. F. D. Rhode, Conway, Mrs. Richard Woodward, Paragould, Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Russellville, Dr. I. A. Brumley, Conway, Rev. John Workman, Newark, Rev. Bennie Jordan, Monette, Rev. Arnold Simpson, Fayetteville, Rev. Robert Simpson, Rose City, and Rev. Pryor Cruce, Swifton. — Julia Anderson, MYF Conference Secretary.

RUSTON SUB-DISTRICT MYF COUNCIL PLANS YEAR'S WORK

The MYF Sub-District Council of the Ruston area met June 16 in Bernice in the home of the council president, Miss Suzonne Lindsey, and planned a schedule for a year's work. This Sub-District, which will be called the Reuel Sub-District (meaning "God with us"), will have its first meeting of the new Conference year August 31, at Camp Alabama, Sibley, La. This meeting will include swimming, a picnic, a council meeting with all local presidents and other activities.

The year's schedule is as follows: September — emphasis on the MY Fund, and MY Fund pledging. Devotional entitled "How Much of God's Money Do I Keep?" A film strip will be shown.

October — "Missionary Banquet." Five different mission projects will be emphasized. India, Japan, Mexico, Africa and South Louisiana Home Missions will be discussed.

November — "Harvest Festival." Emphasis on recreation and fellowship, with folk games and dances.

December — A concert of Christmas music — Emphasize "Watch-Night" service.

January — Worship services with opportunity for Dedication and Consecration. Theme — "A New Year For Christ." Devotional literature stressed.

February — "Tramp Trip." A weiner roast, high-lighted with camp fire stories, and singing.

March — A Mission Tour to various home-mission projects in South Louisiana, sponsored by the WSCS.

April — Election of officers. A movie with an Easter theme will be shown.

May — Installation of new officers. A panel discussion will be held on "What Makes the Family Tick?"

The Council for this Sub-District is made up of Suzonne Lindsey, president; Roy W. Vining, vice-president; Loyce Kilpatrick, treasurer; Mary Tubbs, secretary; Patricia Chambliss, pianist; John Shaw, reporter, Donald Tyler, song leader, and Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr., counselor. — Reporter.

OFFICERS WORKSHOPS IN LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

This year the summer MYF program in the Conference has been changed to include two MYF Officer's Workshops, which will replace the former annual State Assembly. These workshops will provide training for local church MYF officers and their adult workers on the total program of the local church MYF. In addition, sub-district and district officers will be trained in the program of the MYF beyond the local church.

In order to reach more people there will be two workshops: Camp Brewer, July 18-23, and Caney Lake, July 25-30. Residents in the New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles and Alexandria Districts should attend the Camp

Brewer Workshop, while residents in the Monroe, Ruston, and Shreveport Districts should attend the Caney Lake Workshop.

Those who should attend include local church officers, sub-district and district officers, State MYF Council, District Directors of Youth Work, and other adult delegates. All youth must be between the ages of 15 and 23 and must be officers. Because of limited accommodations, registrations should be made in advance with either Rev. Preston Holley, Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, Dean of the Caney Lake Workshop, or to Rev. Bob Crichtlow, First Methodist Church, Jennings, Dean of the Camp Brewer Workshop.

Total cost for each person attending the workshops is \$15, which will be paid upon arrival at the camp-site. — Bentley Sloane.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS Old Austin

The Old Austin Sub-District met at Concord on June 15 with around 100 present. Churches represented were Bethlehem, Mt. Tabor and Concord.

The president, Billy Tedford, presided over the business session. Marlene Miller was in charge of the program. Special numbers were given by Pauline Wilson, Bertha Duncan and Mary Rowley. The Bethlehem quartet and the Mt. Tabor trio gave two number each. Janet Golbeck talked on Camp Tanako.

Margaret Kinley was in charge of recreation. Refreshments were served after the recreation.

The meeting adjourned by forming a friendship circle and repeating the benediction.

The next meeting will be held at Mt. Tabor. — Verdie Faye Williams.

Ouachita County

Buena Vista was host to the Ouachita County Sub-District on June 20 with 78 present. The young people of Buena Vista were in charge of the devotional period.

Jennie Sue McGoy presided over the business session. The group decided to have one large event to raise money for a cabin at Camp Tanako after each church has raised its quota.

Norval Strange was in charge of the program. By the use of questions and answers the group had a better knowledge of the MY Fund.

The women of the host church served refreshments.

During the social hour the youth director from Fairview led the group in recreation. — Reporter.

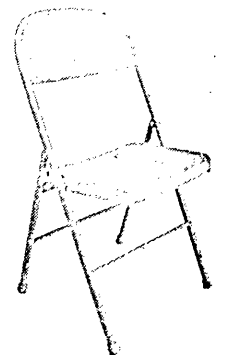
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LESSON FOR JULY 10, 1955

TRUSTING GOD IN DARK DAYS

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Habakkuk 1:1-6, 12-13; 2:1-4.

MEMORY SELECTION: The righteous shall live by his faith. (Habakkuk 2:4)

This is the second lesson of UNIT VII: "A NATION'S DECLINE AND DOWNFALL." It is well to keep the general aim of the unit in mind: "To strengthen the morale of men and women in a time of national decline so that they may face possible disaster triumphantly under divine guidance and empowerment."

The theme of our lesson last Sunday was "Signs of National Decay." The Jews felt themselves to be the chosen people of God, and they were, not because he showed favoritism to them, but because they understood and obeyed God better than any other people of that time. Decay set in. The prophets saw it and gave earnest warning of the danger the nation faced. The leaders paid no attention to the warning, and the nation marched on toward destruction.

Last Monday, we celebrated the birthday of our nation. Like Judah of old, we feel that we are a favored nation. There are certain forces that are at work in our nation today that if continued in will lead to our downfall. We need not feel too sure of ourselves. Judah, under the house of David, continued twice as long as we have existed as a nation, but then went down. She fell because she refused to see the handwriting on the wall. We are loud in our condemnation of Communism, and it is right that we should be. We condemn this form of government because it is selfish, paganistic and materialistic. These are the worst elements of Communism. Our nation is not communistic and probably never will be, but we are cursed with these same evils anyway. Judah was a better nation than was the Chaldeans, but she was cursed with some of the same sins as was that nation. The final outcome was that both nations went down. The Chaldeans destroyed Judah, but it wasn't long until she herself was destroyed. She went down into oblivion never to rise again. "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Sin carries with it the elements of its own punishment, and that is true whether the sinner be a nation or an individual.

The Scripture Background

The background of our lesson today deals with writings from the prophecy of Habakkuk. There is a sense in which this prophet is different from all others in the Bible. All other prophets spoke for God to the people. They were constantly saying "Thus saith the Lord." But not so with Habakkuk. He reversed the order. He spoke for the people to God. He has been called the doubting Thomas of the prophets.

Habakkuk's faith was greatly shaken. One reason for this was the time at which he came. For many

years Judah was under the heel of the Assyrians. The prophets who came before Habakkuk had constantly looked forward to the time when this country would go down. They felt that when this happened Judah would be free, but her freedom was shortlived. She first came under the sway of Egypt and then under the Chaldeans. This greatly puzzled Habakkuk and he went to God in prayer about it. God's answer to his prayer puzzled him even more. He was informed that not only would one wicked nation destroy another wicked country—that is, the Chaldeans would destroy the Egyptians, but these wicked Chaldeans would also destroy Judah.

Judah was wicked, and Habakkuk knew it. He had been harshly condemning the country because of her sins, but he knew another thing, he knew that Chaldea, of Babylon, was far more wicked than was Judah. The thing that puzzled him was that God would use a nation more wicked than Judah to punish her for her sins. Judah was a sinner all right and as such deserved punishment, but was it right and just to use a nation that was even more wicked than Judah to administer this punishment? That is quite a question. But it was one that the prophets who had gone before Habakkuk had never raised. They had accepted without question the fact that God had over and over again punished Judah for her sins and had done so through the use of other nations, all of which were more wicked than Judah herself. But Habakkuk couldn't see the fairness of this procedure. He raised questions, even with the Lord himself. For this, he has been called the philosopher-prophet. He not only sought to know and reveal the mind and will of God, but he also tried to learn why God acted as he did or why he refused to act.

In his perplexity, Habakkuk raised one of the hardest questions that the human race has ever had to face; namely, "when the righteous suffer at the hands of the wicked, will God intervene?" That is a lot like Job's question—"Why do the righteous suffer?" No nation, group of nations, or the world has ever passed through a crisis time without many people raising such questions as these: "Where is God? What is God doing? Will he not do something about this?" Think back, not too many years ago; Hitler and Mussolini were overrunning Europe. Hitler killed more Jews during a few months of his regime than lived in all the world at the time of Habakkuk. The record shows that 10,000,000 of these helpless people suffered at his hands. All over the world people were raising the question, "Why don't God step in and stop it?" It is very

natural to raise questions like these in the time of crisis, but the very raising of them reveals a lack of knowledge of God and how he operates in our world. God has made man a free-moral agent and under certain limitations he permits man to exercise that freedom, and then holds him responsible for it. To make room for man's free-moral agency, God does not directly rule in the affairs of men, but he does that which is more important—he over rules. We are told in his word that he can make the very wrath of men praise him. Men go out to do evil, but God in his great overruling power turns many features of that evil to good. Take for example the matter of war. That is the number one evil in the world today. All of us long for a warless world, and it is God's will that we have it. But still some great progress has come through wars and through the crises created by wars. Many great inventions have come to pass during wars, or through man's desire to find defense against war. The discovery of the method of splitting the atom is only one of these discoveries. The writer predicts that the discovery of the way of handling atomic power and turning it into useful fields of service to the human family will prove to be one of the greatest blessings that has come to the world since the birth of Christ. This doesn't mean that we could not have made this discovery without war, but all will have to admit that we were hastened into it, and led to spend the necessary amount of money to perfect it because of war and the crisis brought on by it.

Please don't think for a moment that the writer is advocating war. He is very much of a pacifist. In fact he used war as an example because he believes it is our greatest evil. If God, in his overruling power can bring good out of war then he can bring it out of anything that might come our way. This doesn't mean that he couldn't bring something even better out of peace; cer-

tainly he can do that. It simply means that God can bring good out of all things, to us. As the Bible tells us, "He can make all things work together for good to those who love him."

In the time of crisis, it is foolish to raise the question "Why don't God do something about it?" God is already doing something about it; doing all he can about it without infringing on the free-moral agency of men. The more sensible question is "Why don't we do something about it?" God plans to build his Kingdom through men. He furnishes the power and men furnish the instrumentality and the work is done. "We are laborers together with God." The Kingdom of God would have come in its fullness more than a thousand years ago if people in the various generations since the coming of Christ had fully co-operated with God.

The writer does not believe that God deliberately sent the Chaldeans to conquer Judah as a punishment for her sins. It is a known fact that these people were far more wicked than were the Jews or Hebrews. These Chaldeans did this through the exercise of their God-given free-moral agency. God fore-knew that this would happen, and since it was to happen He planned to use it as a means of correcting and making better his people. God did not any more send these people to conquer and make slaves of these

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Senior High	19	40
Older Youth*	18	15
Bethell	34	155
Blakeney	32	40
Builders	16	35
Century	87	105
Couples No. 1	14	30
Danho*	25	20
Friendly Couples	42	50
Forum	11	15
Harmony	12	15
Rommel	48	70
Rule	9	10
Sunshine	18	35
Officers	12	15
	740	1000

*Classes marked reached goal.

"Stay for Church" Night A Success

Eighty of our young people attended the evening worship service Sunday and heard Mr. Lindsay's fine sermon on prayer. Their presence increased the attendance at the evening service to 166, which is one of the best attended evening worship services for some time. We are indebted to the Adult Counselors for the fine response to this project. Interesting programs were held in each group at the MYF meetings.

Hobo Day, July 16

The Intermediate Department is planning a "Hobo Day" Saturday, July 16. These young people will come to your home and do "odd jobs", such as washing automobiles, mowing lawns, baby sitting, etc. We solicit work for them in their effort to raise money for a trip to Camp Tanako. If you will contact the church office, we will assign a worker to you.

Guild Week-end

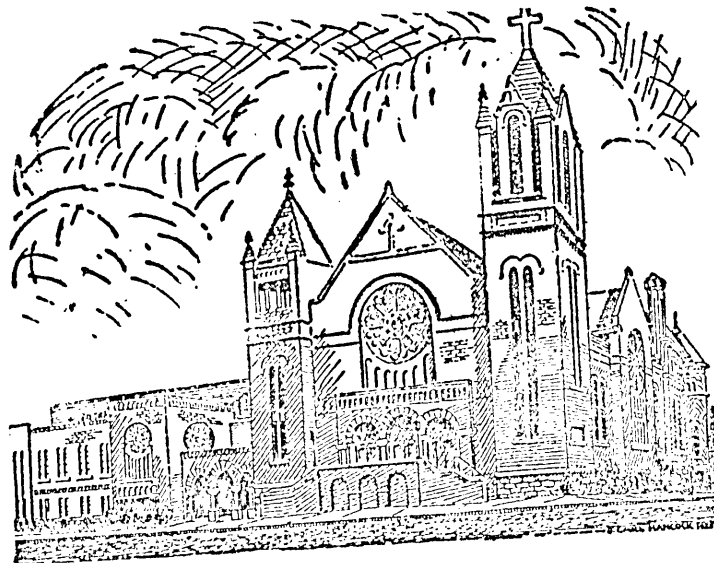
The following members of the Wesleyan Service Guilds attended the Jurisdiction Guild week-end at Mount Sequoyah: Mrs. M. O. Bettis, Mrs. Ella Max Medlin, Mrs. Vivian Denton, Misses Hannah Kelly, Hazel King, Mary Florence Scobey, Gertrude Hoover, Ruth Lyons, and Marie Becker.

Danho Class Party

Twenty-seven members of the Danho Class attended the class party given by Mr. and Mrs. R. Ben Allen last Friday evening.

Older Youth Group

Members of the Older Youth Group have made plans for an interesting summer of fellowship, study and worship. Kay Smith has been elected "Summer President" and is arranging a busy schedule. Mr. John Toborg is Counselor of the Group. An informative discussion on "Psychology and Religion" was led by Dr. C. C. Ault last Sunday evening.



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Sunday, July 3, 1955

- 9:30 A.M. Church School
- 8:00 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. Morning Congregational Worship
HOLY COMMUNION
- 6:00 P.M. Fellowship Supper for Youth Division followed
by Departmental meetings.
- 7:30 P.M. Evening Congregational Worship
Sermon: John W. Lindsay

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED NEXT SUNDAY

The service on next Sunday morning will be devoted to the observance of Holy Communion. In order that our communicants may properly prepare themselves for this service, we give below a few reminders concerning the manner in which we observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The service of Holy Communion is the most sacred act of worship in the Church. At the very center of our Christian faith is the fact that Christ died for us. This service is a symbolical reminder of Christ's sufferings and sacrifices in our behalf. It is also a symbol of the renewal of the dedication of self to God. Such a service is full of meaning and value for all those who seriously and reverently observe it. That a spirit of reverence and dignity may be maintained throughout the celebration of the Holy Communion, the congregation is asked to help by observing the following suggestions:

A worshipful silence is requested of all members of the congregation. At the proper time in the service ushers will take their places and indicate the order in which worshipers will commune. Communicants will kindly remain in the pew until the usher indicates that they may come forward.

Upon arriving at the communion rail the worshipers will kneel and engage in prayer or meditation until the minister indicates the time to receive the elements when all will take them at the same time. The elements should be taken with the ungloved hand. Please place the empty glass on the communion rail.

It has been our custom for some time on Communion Sunday for the minister to speak, in a quiet tone of voice, directly to the members of the radio congregation during the intervals between the serving of the tables.

After the minister has dismissed the table the communicants should rise simultaneously, each individual returning to his own pew.

Those who desire may leave at the communion table a gift of money which will be used by the church for charitable purposes.

After all have communed the choir and congregation stand and sing "Gloria in Excelsis." The minister then invokes the blessing of Almighty God, and this benediction closes what should be a service of beauty, dignity, and inspiration. Unless absolutely necessary, no one should leave until this service is concluded.

All who are endeavoring to be followers of Christ, regardless of denominational affiliation, are cordially invited to partake of the Sacrament. All our members are urged to be present and to participate in this service.

THE DATE of the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service has been changed from next Monday, which comes on July 4, to Tuesday, July 5. The Board will meet at 10:15 a.m., followed by a luncheon at 11:45. Plans for the programs and missions study courses for the year will be presented. The monthly meeting of the Official Board has been postponed for a week, and will be held on Monday evening, July 11th.

THE CHURCH is grateful to Mrs. Lloyd England for the gift of two beautiful oil paintings in memory of her father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Scott, and her brother, Andrew H. Scott, 1886-1933. All were faithful members of this church, and Mr. Andrew Scott served for a number of years on the Board of Stewards. The larger painting has been placed at the head of the stairs opposite the rose window and creates an atmosphere of beauty and reverence at the entrance to the Chapel. The other is in the Blakeney Room. These paintings are the work of Spanish artists of the 17th century in artistic hand carved gold frames, and add greatly to the beauty of the church.

BABY BOYS were born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Thomas, 1709 N. Spruce, and to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Crawford, 2115 Kavanaugh. Congratulations to the happy parents.

THE INFANT SON of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Eubanks, of Memphis, Tennessee, William Thomas, Jr., was dedicated to the Lord in baptism by Dr. Walton in the chapel of First Methodist Church on Tuesday of last week. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Eubanks, and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. Hamilton Moses.

WE REGRET to learn that our member, Mrs. J. M. Ensor, is quite ill. Mrs. Ensor has been living with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Parker, Route 1, Box 637, Ingleside, Illinois.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. H. B. Allis of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, upon receiving the National Quality Award bestowed upon him by the National Association of Life Underwriters in recognition of outstanding service to his clients.

A CARD was received last week from Miss Judy Harris, 1712 N. Beech, written from Paris. Judy is enjoying a tour of Europe, and says that she is having a wonderful time.

THE MARRIAGE of Miss Juliana Edwards to Mr. Darrell Aldridge was solemnized in the Sanctuary at three o'clock last Sunday afternoon. Dr. Walton officiating. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the parlor. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge, who will soon be making their home in New Orleans, Louisiana.

ARKANSAS METHODIST