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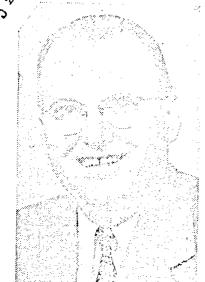
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#### RURAL MINISTE

Rev. Floyd G. Villines Jr., 1. tor of the First Methodist Church at Piggott has been named Rural Minister of the Year for Arkansas. The award was made jointly by the Progressive Farmer Magazine and Emory University of Atlanta.

The award carries a three weeks course of study at Emory University. The Rev. Mr. Villines has given special study to the work of the rural church. The subject for his thesis at Duke University was "Group Ministry in the Rural Church in Arkansas." Mr. Villines is leader of the Clay County Group Ministry composed of seven charges and eighteen churches.

For six years he has been chairman of the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference. In making this award, ministers of all denominations were considered, hence it comes as quite an honor to our pastor at Piggott.



IN ARKANSAS

REV. FLOYD G. VILLINES JR.

# BISHOP MARTIN TO ADDRESS INTERNATIONAL S.S. CONVENTION

Bishop Paul E. Martin will be one of the principal speakers at the 23rd International Sunday School Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, July 27-31.

He will address the interdenominational Convention, Thursday, July 28, on "The Church School is Important."

Some 3,000 Methodist ministers, laymen and church staff members from all over the world

members from all over the world are expected to be among the thousands of Protestant church members who will attend the five-

day meeting.

Bible study will be emphasized, and the Convention theme will be "Teach Christ Now in Home and Church." Bible study and reading periods will be held to offer oppor-

tunity for personal use of the Bi-

ble during the Convention sessions. Methodists attending will conduct ten study and discussion groups dealing with the themes, "Reach the People," and "Improve the Program." Members of the staffs of the Local Church and Editorial Divisions of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church will lead the discussions.

Members of all denominations will participate in Bible-emphasis programs consisting of discussions and addresses on "Christ Opens the Bible Now," "The Bible Speaks," and "Christ Speaks to Families Now."

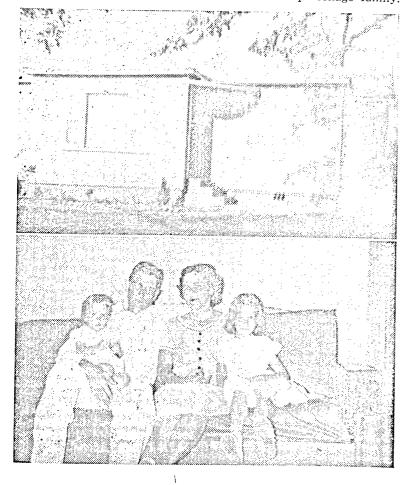


### NEW PARSONAGE AT PLEASANT PLAINS

Pleasant Plains Circuit has built a beautiful new parsonage at Pleasant Plains. The parsonage is located on the main highway through the town. It is a frame building with siding covered with green asbestos shingles.

The building has three bedrooms, a large living room, dining room, kitchen with built-in cabinets, study room, bath room and utility room and is modern throughout. It was built at a cost of \$7,500. A competent carpenter supervised the building. The rest of the labor was donated

by various members on the charge.
Pleasant Plains is located a few miles out of Batesville in the Batesville District. Rev. Burnell Stephens is the pastor. The parsonage is shown in the top picture accompanying this article. An interior view of the parsonage shows (I to r) Marilyn, Rev. and Mrs. Burnell Stephens and Shiela Stephens. Two older sons of the parsonage were not present for the picture. Pleasant Plains Circuit is to be congratulated on the splendid provision it has made for its parsonage family.



#### News From Geyer Springs

Rev. Robert W. Trieschmann, his wife, Carolyn and three children, Bobby, Becky and Buddy make up the parsonage family at Geyer Springs. They were assigned to this charge at the recent Annual Conference.

Before entering the ministry Brother Bob worked with General Motors Corporation and Lion Oil Company at El Dorado. He graduated from Hendrix College after which he spent two and a half years with the Army Air Corps.

He has just completed work for his degree at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. Since he came to us after the last Annual Conference things already are happening. He received five new members on his first Sunday with us. Wednesday night he met with a group and organized a choir. M. W. Scouten was elected choir director, Charles Langhammer assistant, Mrs. Roy Turley Secretary and Carolene Boyd, Librarian.

Our W.S.C.S. is active with two working circles. Mrs. Edna Blackwell is president; Mrs. Jewell Whit-

### "Farewell Party" For The McLesters

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Cotton Plant Methodist Church entertained with a "Farewell" party for Rev. and Mrs. Ray McLester, Wednesday evening June 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Myover. Mrs. Myover is president of the W.S.G. Members of the W.S.C.S. were also guests.

The rooms throughout were artistically decorated with spring flowers. The dining table was covered with a lace cloth, centered with a bowl of spring flowers, flanked by yellow candles in silver holders. Mrs. S. R. Blalock presided at the punch bowl. Dainty sandwiches, cookies and mints were served to the forty guests.

Mrs. McLester was presented with lovely gifts from the W.S.G. and the W.S.C.S.

We regret to lose "Brother Mc" and Mrs. McLester. Our loss is Weiner's gain.—Mrs. J. F. Angels, reporter.

### Parsonnettes Of L. Rock District Meet

The Parsonettes of the Little Rock District met July 14 at 12 o'clock for a luncheon with Mrs. Ewing Wayland as hostess in her home. There were twenty-three members present. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Roy Fawcett, Mrs. Charles Richards and Mrs. Marion Monk. Several new members were welcomed into the group.

After the luncheon the group was called to order by the president, Mrs. Charles Richards for a business meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year. The following slate of officers was presented by the nominating committee: President, Mrs. Kenneth Shamblin; Vice-President, Mrs. Fred Arnold: Secretary, Mrs. Fred Harrison; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Ramsey; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. H. R. Holland; Sunshine Chairman, Mrs. Gilbert Hyde; Telephone Chairman, Mrs. Edwin Keith. All officers were unanimously elected. -Mrs. H. R. Holland.

well chairman of Circle 1 and Mrs. Roy Huffstutler, chairman of Circle 2.

Our Committee on Evangelism, led by S. E. Whitwell, has really gone out into the by-ways and visited.

We have an active M.Y.F. group. Harold Rath is the president. Mr. and Mrs. James Doughenbaugh and Si Askins are councelors. Drucelle Blackwell represented the group in a meeting at Camp Tanako.—Mrs. Roy Huffstutlar, Church Reporter.

The Story Behind The Development Of The Radio Ministry In Southeastern And South Central Jurisdictions

# Ten Years Of Successful Cooperation

By James W. Sells

Director Joint Radio Committee

EARS slip by and work that once would have caused great comment now becomes a common occurrence. Twenty-four years ago when I produced my first religious radio programs, radio was still young and for a church institution to make much use of radio was an innovation.

Even ten years ago leaders of Methodism were wondering if it would ever be possible for us to present the Gospel message to the people of the South, and when on February 17, 1946, we presented our first cooperative broadcast over a network of 37 stations we knew we were embarked on a great experiment.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore was the great leader in this movement. As president of the Jurisdictional Council he persuaded the bishops of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdiction to underwrite our first radio programs, and together with Dr. William F. Quillian, at that time Executive Secretary of this Jurisdiction, he joined with other denominations in forming what was then known as the Southern Religious Radio Conference.

This summer will mark the tenth anniversary of our co-operative Methodist religious radio broadcasts. Here are some of the results of presenting the Gospel through religious co-operation:

1. Every Sunday, without missing a single Sunday, for the past nine and one half years, certain radio stations have presented a 30 minute religious radio program in the name of one of the various co-operating groups.

The first year there were 37 stations, then it grew to 48, and then to 67, and then to 100, and this year there will be approximately 300 radio stations from coast to coast that will present the Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour.

This means an uninterrupted presentation and an unbroken chain of co-operation between the radio committees and the radio stations.

2. The radio stations have given free time for these broadcasts. Due recognition must always be given to these radio stations for their generosity and kindness in helping make these programs possible.

Without any exaggeration it can be stated that millions of dollars of radio time have been given by these radio stations to present the Protestant Hour, without any cost to any denomination for any moment of time. For in all these past years it has been an established policy on the part of these co-operating denominations not to purchase any time from any station, nor to

allow any Bible Class, church, financial institution or any person to present any program which we produce, on purchased time.

This means the church must ever be grateful and appreciative to these radio stations for maintaining public service radio programs in a time of fierce commercial competition.

3. Co-operation has made possible a production center. Our first broadcasts originated in the studios of WSB in Atlanta. The next year we originated the programs in a small studio owned by one of the co-operating groups.

In 1948 we organized the Protestant Radio Center, Inc., as a non-profit religious radio production center, and for many years were granted the use of certain facilities at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.

Today we are housed in the beautiful new studios of the Protestant Radio and Television Center, Inc., adjacent to the campus of Emory University in Atlanta. These studios were dedicated January 19, 1955, have a recognized worth of \$325,000.00, are debt-free and owned by the co-operating groups.

On January 20, 1955 the trustees of the Protestant Radio and Television Center, Inc., authorized a campaign for \$250,000.00 . . . in Atlanta . . . for the building of a television studio. To date we have raised \$158,000.00 on this campaign and are planning to build a television studio as a part of our new building.

In our present building all our radio programs originate in the Martha and Arthur J. Moore Chapel Studio, one of the most beautiful and attractive radio production studios in America.

4. Co-operation has made possible the widest outreach possible to the Protestant Hour.

For eighteen months now the Protestant Hour has been the Protestant radio presentation of the Armed Forces Radio Network. This means that every Sunday these radio programs are presented over the full facilities of the Armed Forces Radio Network and reach untold millions around the world. These programs are heard behind the Iron Curtain in Europe and behind the Bamboo Curtain in Asia. And in many isolated spots of the earth where no other religious programs are ever heard. Without the co-operative presentation none of this would be possible.

This should be understood. These programs are presented to the Armed Forces Chaplains

Board by the co-operating denominations, without charge to the Armed Forces and as a privileged opportunity to serve our men and women wherever they may be.

5. Co-operation is possible among friendly and interested groups. Now owning membership in the Protestant Radio and Television Center, Inc., are:

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, The Methodist Church

The Presbyterian Church, U.S. The Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

The United Lutheran Church The Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Churc Emory University

Columbia Theological Seminary

Agnes Scott College

and the five denominations named are represented each year on the Protestant Hour radio network.

Representatives of these denominations meet and plan the programs a year in advance, allot time for the Protestant Hour and schedule the periods of broadcasts. Representatives have been elected as trustees of the Protestant Radio and Television Center, Inc., and meet at stated times to review the business transactions and to make plans for the future.

6. Ten years of broadcasting has made it possible for millions of people to get acquainted with ministers of their own denomination . . . and other denominations . . . that otherwise they would have never heard. Every bishop of the two Southern Jurisdictions of The Methodist Church has at one time or another been heard on these broadcasts. Many of the outstanding ministers of Methodism have been listened to with pleasure by millions who would have never been privileged to hear them otherwise.

Ten years of producing religious radio programs have taught us over and over again that people do listen to religious radio programs; that they are good judges of preaching; that they recognize ability when they hear it; and that they constantly write in for copies of sermons they like, and want to keep.

7. Methodist participation in these religious radio broadcasts is made possible by the co-operation of the South Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions of The Methodist Church.

During the first years of broadcasting the money for production charges . . . such as music, promotion, telephone lines, etc. . . was raised by the bishops of the two co-operating Jurisdic-

Since 1948 the amount needed for the production charges for our Methodist radio broadcasts has been placed in the budget of these two co-operating Jurisdictions.

What does it cost the average Mr. Methodist? For all the religious radio broadcasting done in the name of the Radio and Film Commission of the South Central Jurisdiction and the Radio and Television Committee of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council it costs . . . annually . . . about 1 and 1/10th cents per Methodist in each of these two Jurisdictions.

Where else can one Methodist penny be spent that will present the Gospel to so many?

These are some of the results of ten years' work in the field of co-operative religious radio.

Now comes television! What can be done in that field will depend upon the measure of support given the program of Methodism, and the faith the average Methodist has in the officials who represent him in this field.

For in the field of mass communications in religion we are only beginning to imagine some of the possibilities and our future is limited only by the capacities of our imagination.

When Christ said "Go preach the Gospel to every creature" He did not say "how." He merely said "Go preach." It is for man to determine the time, the method and the manner of presenting the message.

This is a brief account of our stewardship and our attempt to help fulfill the command given unto each of us.

#### YOUNG METHODISTS IN EUROPE WORK **CAMP**

Eighteen persons, including ten from Virginia, left New York by airplane July 6 for a combined work camp and travel seminar in Europe under the sponsorship of three agencies of the Methodist

The group, which also includes young men and women from New York, Iowa, California and South Carolina, are mostly college students, who will spend the greater part of the summer vacation on a 7-week junket that will take them to Great Britain, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and France. They are to return to New York August 13.

Two Methodist ministers are codirectors of the seminar, the Rev. William L. Asher, pastor of the Methodist Church at Cape Charles, Va., and the Rev. R. Claude Singleton, Tarrytown, N. Y., secretary of student work for the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. The trip is sponsored jointly by the Board, the Methodist Student Movement (an organization for Methodist college students) and the Virginia Annual Conference.

The travel feature of the trip will include visits to places related to the life of John Wesley and early Methodism in London and elsewhere in England. On the continent, the travelers will visit the Hague, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Zurich, Geneva and

From July 14 to August 2, the students will wield picks and shovels in helping German Methodists construct housing for refugees at the Little German village of Dornbreite near Hamburg.

The work campers will bear all the expense of the trip, except for travel scholarships granted to the Virginians by the Virginia Confer-

Today the Christian church is trying to educate people to see the Christian way of living as opposed

to, and differing from, all others. A Christian lawyer is different from a pagan lawyer. A Christian teacher, doctor or business man lives in a different way than does a non-Christian teacher, doctor or business man. The church holds Christian family life conferences, seminars on racial goodwill, study groups on international and personal peace. These seek to make clear how we can follow the Christian way of walking with a living Christ. For only when millions of us daily live the way of Christ shall we develop a world Christian culture. - Bishop Charles W. Bra-

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#### BROADCASTER

J. Daniel Barron



I, a district superintendent, have two tiny parishes side by side-so close, in fact, that hairs from one get in the scalp of the other.

The ribs of their respective pastors protrude like those of stray

Administrative genius and logician that I am, I proposed to put the two parishes into one, combine what I laughingly call their salaries, and have one pastor with ribs concealed with good old human flesh.

My simple and altogether sensible plan, like all good things, hit the ugly snag of human nature. (If we can't have things like we always have had things, we'll not have anything!)

I planted my idea in one community with the thought that it would grow till it produced the fruit of union.

It turned out, though, that I did not plant an idea — I hurled a stone at a hornet nest.

But I'm adamant — hard-headed. A hard-headed person is one who does not agree with you.

I do not agree with tiny churches that they must have full-time, or half-time pastors. I do not agree that it makes sense to appoint a pastor to serve full-time 100 people at \$1,600 a year, when six miles down the road is a similar situation.

Why don't we use common sense and put enough little churches on a circuit to make it self-sustaining?

Why keep on trying to make village and rural churches like city churches?

Let The Methodist Church adopt realistic principles of administration in the depleted areas, and call upon strong hands to administer them, hornets or no hornets.

These principles will call for patterns of the larger parish, larger circuits, and consolidated churches.

If as a church we do not move together we will not move at all.

Nothing above human things has such power to keep our gaze fixed ever more intensely upon God than friendship for the friends of God .--Simone Weil, Waiting for God (Put-



Campers At Work In Campsite With Counselors.

# Day Campers With St. Luke's Juniors

One of the newer steps local churches are taking as church school programs for the summer are expanded is Day Camping. Much research work has been done in this phase of program and Christian education leaders are now encouraging local churches to consider projecting such programs. The term "Day Camping" is explained as meaning just what it says-camping during the day only. Groups go from a central location, usually the church, to the camp site and return in the afternoon, with this procedure lasting usually a period of five or six days.

One such Junior Day Camp was held by St. Luke's Church, Little Rock, Monday, June 27 through Friday, July 1, in Braddock Park, Little Rock, with Mrs. J. H. Monday, director.

Counselors included Rev. David M. Hankins, pastor of the church, Mrs. Floy Thompson, and Mrs. L. E. Robins. About 25 were enrolled in the two Junior Department age groups. The regular Day Camp procedure as recommended by the Board of Education was carried out.

The camp opened each morning at 9:00 o'clock and closed at 3:00 in the afternoon.

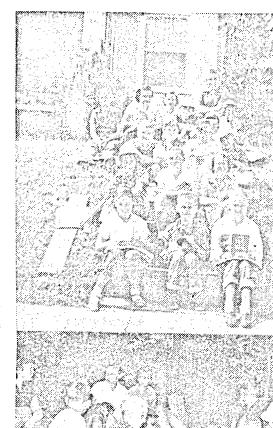
A worship center was set up in each campsite. Group singing was a part of the activities held at the

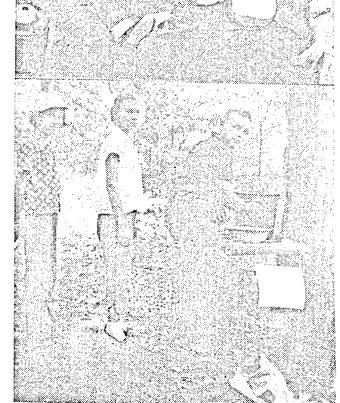
One of the projects carried out was the beautifying of the camp site in the rustic park and leaving it in better order than at the opening of the camp.

The campers brought sack lunches and two days cook-outs were held when each camper made a hobo stove and a buddy burner. Handcraft classes were held and articles were displayed at the closing program when parents and friends

were invited. Mrs. Monday's home, which was nearby, was used

as the home base.





TOP: Group At Day Camp; Mrs. Monday's Residence is in Back-ground.

MIDDLE: Mealtime At Camp. BELOW: Getting Ready For Lunch.

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# Encourage The Leader

HE exercise of leadership is too often a lonely experience. The man with a new idea, or who is said to be years ahead of himself, or who has dedicated himself to helping to bring about a needed change in the social order, is laying himself open to criticism and possible isolation or elimination. From the time of the Old Testament prophets those who volunteer to lead their brothers out of the wilderness are running the risk of a lonely experience. Jesus faced Pilate alone when only a few days before his followers

The same loneliness surrounds those who have grace and spiritual fortitude enough to tackle certain of the social issues that plague our times. Those who offer their leadership for the right course are deserving of every word and act of encouragement. Consider well the price that any leader is paying as well as the goal which he seeks and if it is worthy, at least stand with him.

# Do We Want Peace?

THE big news in the world last week came from the summit meeting of the big four powers at Geneva, where significant decisions were being recorded. The meeting was big news because practically everyone has something at stake regardless of the outcome. For instance, a Broadway columnist, Dorothy Kilgallen, wrote recently in her syndicated column "Broadway" that "Hollywood is paying as much attention to the summit talks as Washington or Moscow. The film tycoons realize that if the United States and Russia usher in a period of sweetness and accord, millions of dollars worth of finished pictures and scenarios—in which the villians are Communists—may be not only 'dated' but contrary to national policy." Miss Kilgallen points out further that most movie villians are Reds and if the summit talks result in an era of goodwill and friendship with the Soviets then the movie industry stands to lose plenty. Obviously, Hollywood would not care to buck the tide of peace if and when it comes. On the other hand the industry is all satisfies and when it comes. industry is all set if the cold war continues as is.

This is but one case in point. Consider the armament makers who are all tooled up for a continuation of the armament buildup. Again, the militarists, who having successfully pressured through a watered-down version of their hoped for Universal Military Training legislation, may be faced with the prospects of internationally agreed on limited military manpower. The implications of a change in national policy at this point are, of course, too numerous to tabulate. There are those, for example, who suggest that the whole financial economy of this nation is geared to war and threat of war, and if war becomes a very remote possibility then the whole economy of the nation will have to undergo a severe adjustment. Several times when the prospects of peace suddenly became much brighter there was an immediate reaction in stock markets, and when these prospects dimmed the reaction quieted down.

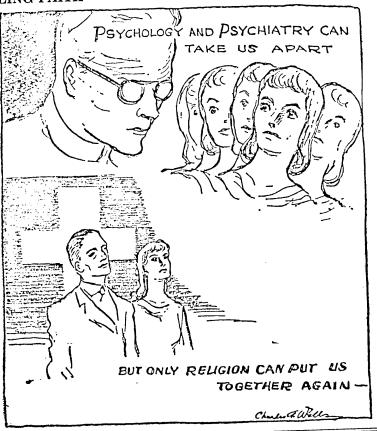
It has been reported several times from international sources that Soviet leaders are amazed that a severe depression has not engulfed this nation. Soviet leaders may now feel that an era of proported goodwill and friendship may accomplish what a cold war and threat of actual war did not accomplish—the disruption of this nation's economy necessitating a severe adjustment.

All of which raises the question: do we really want peace? We wouldn't wish anybody bad luck but we believe that the people of the world are tired of war and the threat of war, and that they would settle for peace regardless of what the cost may be to those who guessed wrong or to themselves.

# National Mortality And Jewish Claims

T is a matter of real satisfaction to learn that the new Austrian government has reached an agreement with the World Committee for Jewish Claims regarding methods for indemnifying Austrian Jews for the losses they suffered during Jewish persecution under Hitler. The amount of the indemnity is yet to be decided. Western Germany has already settled these claims.

This action is evidence of the differences generally found in the passions of war and the moral decisions of peace. There was appar-



ently no justification for the persecution and robbery of the Jews under Nazi rule. They were the helpless victims of a war-crazed, heartless machine. Making amends for this great injustice to the Jews by the governments of West Germany and Austria today makes the world atmosphere we breathe a little purer and more wholesome.

During the war our leaders continuously made a distinction between the leaders of Germany and Austria and the people they ruled. This action by these people today seems to justify that distinction.

# The Geneva Conference Was Worthwhile

AST week the eyes of the world were turned toward the summit meeting of the Big Four in Geneva. Statements by world leaders before the conference opened indicated that there was the common expectation that only general discussions would be

had and only general decisions, if any, would be reached.

The results of the conference in regard to agreements on major problems was no more fruitful than was expected. About the most promising results of the conference as related to these problems, was the agreement to ask the subcommittee on disarmament of the United Nations, in a meeting called for August 29, to take up the proposals made in the conference on disarmament, and the decision to have the foreign ministers of the Big Four nations meet in Geneva in October to continue the discussion of plans for a united Germany and a European security plan.

Despite the lack of definite progress in the immediate solution of world problems in the meeting, the conference was definitely worthwhile for the free world in what it revealed if not in what it accomplished. In the first place it seemed to clear up some ideas, possibly based on wistful thinking, that Russia, because of internal weaknesses was finally forced to seek an end of the cold war. There was nothing in the Russian attitude at Geneva to justify such conclusions. Instead Russia exhibited only a slightly-veiled sarcasm and contempt for the proposal that the Western world would guarantee the security of Russia from any dangers that might seem to threaten from a united, armed Germany. Russian leaders indicated that-

Russia is amply able to take care of itself. The conference also revealed to the world that Russia does not want a united Germany, free to make its own decisions in world politics. The conference revealed that European security for Russia

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### FREEDOM AT THE WHEEL

In his message to Congress on January 6, 1941, the President of the United States declared: "In the future days which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential freedoms." Then he named them: freedom of speech and expression, freedom of worship,

freedom from want and freedom from fear.

Some time later, when I announced that I would speak on the Fifth Freedom" in my pulpit, a fellow minister called me to say that the theme interested him. I asked him what line of thought it suggested to him. "Well," he said, "I thought at once that an automobile must have five wheels—the fifth being the steering wheel." It was an apt suggestion.

Freedom does not need to be steered. Of course, dictators say it does. One of Napoleon's marshals once announced to the people of a region he had conquered: "We have come to bring you liberty and equality, but

don't let that go to your heads, for the first one who makes a move without my permission will be shot." Such is the way Soviet leaders today talk to their satellite peoples.

We want no such dictated "liberty." We pride ourselves that this is a government "of the people, by the people, for the people." But if it is to remain so, we the people must heed the counsel given in the Epistle of James: "So speak and so act as those to be judged under the law of liberty."

We live in a land where freedom of expression is so taken for granted that we do not appreciate it. Shortly before World War II, I sat in a hotel in Berlin talking to a fellow American who was living there as a representative of a business firm. I asked him how he thought the Nazi regime was working. Before he replied he looked furtively around the room, glanced at the furniture, made sure the doors were closed and even then spoke in a whisper.

What if we lived in a world where secret microphones might be hidden under our desks, where our social circles were honeycombed with spies, where even our sons and daughters might belong to youth organizations which forced them to report the doings of their parents. How intol-

erable to live in a society of shadows and scaled lips!

Yes, the more we stop to think, the more we prize a world where men can say what they think, where the press is free to criticize those in power, where the schools in their search for truth are not perverted by any pressure group or political muzzle, and where the pulpit is free enough and bold enough to say with Peter, "We must obey God and not man."

And does our boasted freedom give us license to say or do whatever we please? About six years ago an American writer toured Europe for 15 months trying to find out what people there thought democracy really is. Among the many definitions given was this from a cab driver in Manchester, England: "It's a government where a man should be able to do what he wants, when he wants."

Suppose you had been riding in that driver's cab when across his path, against the light, had dashed another driver proceeding on the principle that in a free country a man should be able to do what he wants when he wants. Would your driver have approved? No. About the only genuine democratic freedom exercised in that situation would have been the right of free speech. And there would have been plenty of that!

When every one feels free to do just as he pleases, we have not freedom but chaos, wherein no one can do what he pleases. The preachers enjoy free pulpits. Yet in our churches refined people do not shout interruptions or rush around noisily while others are engaged in reverent worship.

In what we say and do we are "judged under the law of liberty."

We can take our choice: steer our liberty by self-imposed controls or be driven by dictators and overloaded by social controls.

## THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WAS WORTHWHILE

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means simply the breaking up of Western Alliance and the driving of the United States out of Europe. The frank, open statement by President Eisenhower regarding plans leading to disarmament, which so electrified the world, has had no direct answer from the Russian leaders.

Russia's biggest blunder in the past, in its ambitions for world conquest, was the Korean war which alerted the United States and the rest of the free world to the Russian menace. It may develop that Russia's participation in the Geneva conference will prove to be its second big blunder in its plans for world conquest.

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### Layman's Column

Charles A. Stuck Lay Leader North Arkansas Conference



#### MAKING GOD'S POWER MUTIPLY

A good friend of the writer tells of a simple story that his father, a Methodist preacher, told about the incident of Jesus in the storm on the Sea of Galilee. We remember how Jesus said, "Peace, be still." We remember that the waves were immediately calmed. But we stop there. This pastor friend reminded me that when Jesus calmed the sea for his own boat, He calmed the sea for every little boat on the water that night. Thus Jesus spread His power to many people whom the disciples never saw.

God uses us much more than we shall know. We place ourselves in His hands and are immediately blessed. But far more than that, there are others whom we never know who see that we have found peace and contentment in Him. and they yearn to find some of the same peace for their lives.

Over two hundred years ago a sensitive young English preacher was caught in a storm at sea. There was a small band of Moraviansvery devout German Christians - aboard the vessel. When the storm was at its worst, these people continued singing a psalm of praise while the other passengers screamed in fright. After the storm was over, the young preacher wrote this in his diary:

I asked one of them afterward, "Were you not afraid?" He answered, "I thank God, no." I asked, "But were not your women and children afraid?" He replied mildly, "No; our women and children are not afraid to die.'

The young preacher was John Wesley. A few days later, he had this to say of the experience, "This was the most glorious day which I have hitherto seen."

Here it was that poor, simple, but godly people, through their great faith, brought a calm to the soul of Mr. Wesley which was reflected many hundreds of times over his decades of Christian ministry. Who knows but what you and I may have inherited a bit of the calm that

# On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

## WHAT ARE YOUR IDEAS FOR PEACE?

This column mentioned, some weeks ago, the plan of an advertising agency in Grand Rapids, Michigan — The Jaqua Company — to devote a whole day to a meeting of its entire staff to consider "What ideas have we for building world peace?" The group was to meet and "throw out" ideas and plans as it would concentrate on any major advertising problem. And we suggested it might be well for every group in every church and school to stop for a whole day and consider peace ideas.

Well, The Jaque Company "board of stratagy" met and discussed ideas, Printer's Ink informs us. And at the close of the meeting it sent these suggestions to Harold Stassen, Eisenhower aide, who has asked for just such counsel:

- peace must be made as dynamic (and dramatic) as is war

- U.S.A. Government should set up a "West

Point of Peace" - the "Voice of America" should be changed to the "Voice of Peace"

– national barriers should be broken down between peoples who have like interest and who seek peace

 there should be written and published an "international history of the world," free from all national bias

— there should be projected a world-wide advertising campaign for peace" "based on statements of ordinary people as to what they are thinking about peace"

-half an hour should be devoted to programs for peace each day on all broadcasting stations - there should be an annual day of prayer for

there should be in the President's cabinet

John Wesley learned that stormy day on the Atlantic over 200 years ago? When we lay our hearts open to accept God's peace, we make our selves infintely valuable to His program.

a Secretary for Peace instead of Secretary of Defense; together with research workers, staff, and strategy-weapons board — all working to find ways to peace.

We are quite sure that the men who gave their day to this "planning for peace" have a new understanding of the problems involved, and a greater desire to reach mankind's longdesired goal of a warless world. And we are sure such farreaching results will come whenever a group of people sit around a table to pool and share their ideas. "Men (and women) who can reshape the economic industrial world must have a contribution to make to peace - greatest of earth's problems.

The World Council of Churches has suggested a program for world peace which (with the above) would make a good starting-point for any group discussion of the subject. Among its main suggestions: a world-wide ban on the use of any atomic bombs for warfare; a drastic reduction in all armaments; that nations continually counsel together and confer (as in the UN) without rancor, malice, or hatred; that statesmen and newsmen (of all nations) be required to refrain from words, written or spoken, that might incite hatred or misunderstanding; that churchmen, or both sides, freely and frequently visit one another; and that Christian laymen serve their faith through technical services to underdeveloped peoples under UN agen-

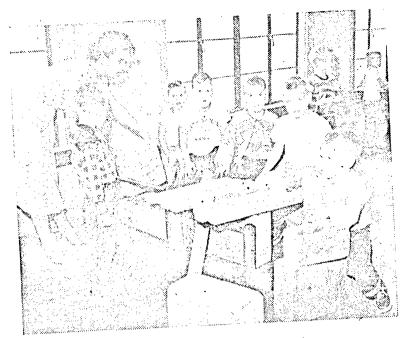
Chester Bowles, in The Atlantic Monthly, says that the struggle for democracy will be won or lost, not on the world's battlefields but in rice fields, malaria swamps, river valleys, and assembly lines. And he suggests that America say sincerely to the needy nations;

"For generations the West took from the colonial areas vast wealth to develop its own high living standards. This flow of wealth from East to West came at a time when the moral standards of the world were different from those of today. Recognizing this change and recognizing also the great needs of the new underdeveloped nations of the world, we propose to make available to you loans, grants, and technical assistance, as part of a major fiveyear plan to speed your development. We ask nothing in return except your dedicated efforts in behalf of your own people to create rising living standards and expanding opportunities under free governments."

What can you and your group add to these -and suggest to your government?

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ABOVE: Large building blocks hold the interest of the boys.

RIGHT: Dr. Oliphint illustrates a Bible story. A weekly service is held in the church sanctuary.

# St. Paul's Nursery School

By Ben Oliphint, Minister, St. Paul's Methodist, Monroe

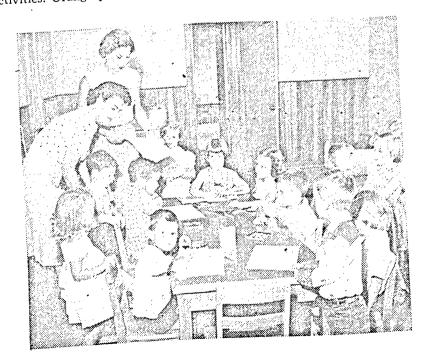
An educator has written: "Religion is not a topic but a life. You can't explain it. You impart it. You do not so much teach it as cause it to grow in the lives of children." With this idea in mind, St. Paul's Church in Moninte is the first church in that locality to sponsor its own Nursery School.

Organized in September, 1953, the school has just completed two years of successful self-supporting operation. The facilities of the church's nursery and kindergarten departments are used to house the school, and the school has its own fenced playground. The Commission on Education decides on policies and personnel and has general supervision of the whole school. The program is in the hands of a director-teacher, a graduate in pre-school education and former public school teacher in this specialized field. A second teacher is employed who has had long experience with young children in her own nursery school.

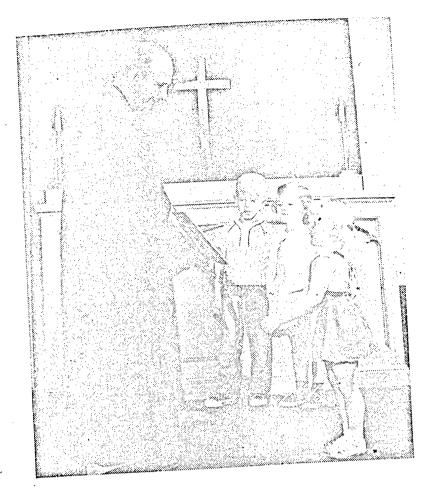
Observing the same opening and closing dates as the Monroe City Schools, classes are held Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 in the morning. Enrollment is limited to twenty children per teacher, and a fee morning. Enrollment is charged each child

of \$15 a month is charged each child.

The program follows the usual pattern of a nursery school: a period of the program follows, records. There is also creative work in crayfree play, story-telling, music, records. There is also creative work in crayfree play, story-telling, music, records. There is also creative work in crayfore, water coloring, clay modeling, as well as directed play and other activities. Orange juice is served to each child during the morning. Toys



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of all kinds are supplied for the children's use, some popular ones being large building blocks, wheel toys, indoor sand table, dolls, housekeeping furniture, outdoor swings, slides and see-saws. On special occasions the whole school is taken for an excursion to a nearby farm, a picnic and field trip. Holidays give rise to parties, with the parents coming for the Christmas Party and the closing of school.

Mas Party and the closing of school.

Although the school is non-denominational, a definite religious program is part of the curriculum. Each day is planned to include Bible stories, Christian teachings and songs, and once a week the children are taken to the church sanctuary for a children's service conducted by the minister.

Doctors and dentists who are members of the church serve on the Nursery school board, and cooperate in giving the children physical and dental examinations. From time to time parents of the children are invited to attend child-study programs for study and discussion of common problems. These are led by the director or by resource leaders in the pre-school field

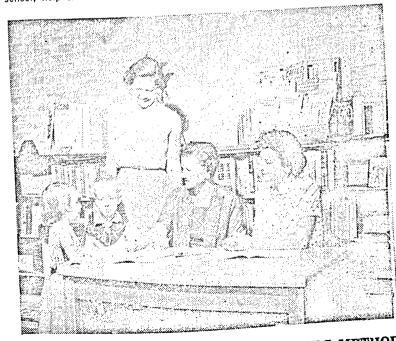
of education.

This fall a new phase of the general program is planned with the establishment of a daily Kindergarten school. Although kindergarten is a tablishment of the city school system in Monroe, the school authorities have enpart of the city school system in Monroe, the school authorities have encouraged the growth of church participation in this field. A director for the kindergarten has been employed and the year's program will include training in reading readiness in preparation for entrance into the first grade.

Through its recognition of the importance of the small child's first religious experiences, and the need for early childhood education, St. Paul's Church has taken a lead in a growing trend throughout the whole church.

LOWER LEFT: Mrs. Emmett L. Mitchell, director of the nursery school and Mrs. Elsie McClendon, teacher, guide children during creative art period.

BELOW: A children's library helps develop interest of children in good books. Mrs. Elsie McClendon, teacher in nursery school; Mrs. H. B. Hargrove, director of kindergarten: and Mrs. Emmett L. Mitchell, director of nursery school, help children make selections.



ARKANSAS METHODIS

# A Day In The Migrant Ministry

By Joan Lay, Gilliam

Miss Joan Lay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Lay, Gilliam, is working this summer under the direction of the National Council of Churches in its ministry to transient laborers and their families. A graduate of Centenary College, Miss Lay returns in September to Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., where she will continue her studies for a master's degree. The work of which she writes was done at Norwalk, Ohio.

O tell you about the work of the Migrant Ministry, let me take you, in imagination, through a typical day. Typical should, I feel, be in quotes, because in Migrant work there is no such thing

as a typical day. Each day is different.

Ruth Clark, my co-worker and I arose early that morning so that we would get a lot of work done before time for the children to come at 1:00. We had picked this day to visit the local Welfare Department, the Health Department, the Public Library and a girl who had volunteered to help us. Perhaps you wonder how those people have anything to do with Migrant work. The Children's Librarian at the local library offered to come out and tell stories to the children and bring some records and her own record player. The Health Department offered to let us use some films. And the School Board officials gave us some old materials that were no longer used by them but were still good for teaching. We are teaching them English, arithmetic and writing. The man in charge of Elementary Education supplied us quite graciously with most of the things we will need in teaching.

At 12:30 we drove up in front of the sprawling buildings of Stokley's Can Camp plant No. 53. We drove around to the back where the migrants live and parked the car. We had a number of things in the back of my car which has been dubbed, "The Harvester" by the children. As we parked, little black heads began poking around the sides of the building. We paid no attention because if we had, they would not have come to the school. They would have been afraid. When they saw us open the trunk, they knew we had supplies and about 30 children came running in all directions to help Senoritas.

They were already dressed for school. They had ironed dresses and the boys had freshly washed shirts. They looked as if they were ready for Church. But we are quickly learning that Mexican mothers, like American mothers, want the children to look their best.

One of the little boys, his American name is James, saw a stroller in the car which had been given to us by one of the church groups. He grabbed it quickly and said to me, "I have a little brother. This is for him?" Gently I said, "No, James, take it to the lady in shack No. 49. Your brother can ride in it but it is for all the little children." He said nothing but walked obediently to Ruth. But I noticed as he turned to go that there was a tear in his eye. And he lingered with Ruth for a long time. My friends, that is one of the things that makes our job difficult at times. I wanted to tell him, "Here, Jimmy, take it and give it to your little brother." But I could not for you see there was only one stroller and there are about 15 children who need them. We must learn to share but my it is difficult at times.

Class went well that afternoon. We sat out under the trees. Have you ever tried to teach school with a factory running right behind you and a train on the track right behind you and no desks save for a few concrete blocks which have been generously given by the manager of the factory? No? You should have the experience some day. You find out what you can do with almost nothing. And this kind of teaching is just as thrilling as the kind you do in the modern classroom. And it can be a bit more challenging, I must admit.

The children and parents are most eager to learn. We have a number of parents in the second grade who are learning right along with their children. They listen closely and study hard and can answer questions put to them. Can you imagine how wonderful it is to see a

mother or a child read a sentence very haltingly and then, when they have finished, the look of utter joy and satisfaction that comes? Each time that happens, I feel just a little more humble that I have been privileged to have a small part in this ministry to migrants.

At 4:30 school was over for the day, so we went calling on a number of the families. I know that you are wondering what type of living conditions we find. Frankly, F think they are above the average for migrant families. There is a one building about 12 by 12. (I'm guessing at these figures and I'm not too good a guesser.) However. they are square. There are three small windows one on each side and a door, also a



MISS JOAN LAY

window in the back. There are bunk beds and sometimes families of ten live in these. There are two wash houses with toilet facilities, one for the women and one for the men. The homes are kept clean and they make the best use of space. There is usually a little gas stove with two burners in one corner where they do their cooking. They have to buy their food one day at a time because there are no refrigerators. However, they buy vegetables and meats and they make out pretty well. Some of them speak English but very few do. I usually talk to the mothers and translate or interpret for my co-workers. They welcome us into their homes and seem glad that we are interested in them.

Most of them come from Texas. They live there about two months or three in the winter time. The rest of the time they follow the crops. They go from the time the crops are ready in Texas until the last ones have ripened in Michigan. The bad thing is that they live in a place for only a month or two at a time and then they leave. When I asked Rafaela where her home was, she replied, "Number 32." I had meant, of course, where she lived in Texas. But it was pretty significant to me, that to Rafaela, age 10, home was merely a number of a building and not a real place.

The migrants are not dirty. There may be some camps where they are but I would think the cause could be traced to a landowner or manufacturer where they work. They do not like to be dirty, but sometimes conditions are such that it is almost impossible to be

The 5:30 whistle blew and we were startled into reality for time had passed swiftly and we had visited only three homes. Perhaps tomorrow we would do better. We got in our car and drove off with a chorus of Spanish phrases ringing in our ears. But our day was far from being over.

As we left, we remembered that we had forgotten to eat lunch, so we dashed to the diner for a quick bite to eat. Then we raced home, got bathed, dressed and tried to look fresher than we felt as we went to a speaking engagement. Our purpose understanding of our work to the people of Norwalk and other interested people.

Finally at 11:00 we crawled in bed, tired, but realizing that God, in His goodness would provide strength for our souls and bodies that the day that was to come might be spent in His service and to His glory.

Our day was over and with it went mistakes that we as new migrant workers had made. But tomorrow was coming and with it would come new opportunities

OLDEST TEXAS CHURCH SETS CELEBRATION St. Augustine — Texas Metho-

dists made their annual historical pilgrimage to McMahan's Methodist chapel, the first protestant church founded in the state, on Thursday, July 21. This chapel is located in Sabine County, eleven miles east of St. Augustine.

Services included a sermon by Dr. D. L. Landrum, Beaumont Methodist district superintendent, and a welcoming address by Rev. E. O. Dubberly, Nacogdoches Methodist district superintendent. Rev. Richard Jenkins, pastor of First Methodist church here, was the song leader. Rev. C. A. West, pastor of First Methodist Church, Center, and president of the Texas Conference Historical Society of The Methodist Church, presided.

McMahan's Chapel was first formed as a Methodist class in the home of Col. Samuel Doak McMahan in September 1833.

In 1831 Samuel McMahan moved with his family from their home near Doak's Crossing in Tennessee and settled in Sabine County, which was then a part of the San Augustine municipality. He built his home of logs and located it on the brow of a hill a short distance east of the site of the church which today bears his name. In 1832 while traveling on horseback through the dense forests to Polly Gatch Greek Valley between his home and San Augustine, McMahan stopped to pray and while at prayer he was reportedly converted. He immediately began to seek for a Methodist preacher to come and preach to him, his family and neighbors. James P. Stevenson, who was then living in Louisiana and serving a Methodist circuit, soon heard of Col. McMahan's request, and made a preaching tour into East Texas.

First church building erected at McMahan's was 30 x 40 feet and was used by the congregation until 1872 when a frame structure was erected. Third building was erected on the original site in 1900 and stood until dismantled to make room for the present brick memorial chapel which was erected in

to serve God by serving the mi-

I have given you a very sketchy picture of migrant work as carried on by the National Council of Churches. But perhaps you have become a bit more concerned after reading about it in the letter. And you may want to do something for these people. If that is the case I would suggest a number of things.

First of all and as important as anything else, each day remember the migrants and the migrant workers in your prayers. We need the strength that comes when concerned people pray.

Second, learn to think of migrants as people like yourselves. They are essential to the economy of the nation. Next time you get a can of green peas of the Stokley's variety, remember that at least once, a migrant had something to do with the canning of those peas and the shipping of grocer.

Third, if you know of a migrant camp near you, support it generously with your gifts. To those of you in Louisiana, there is a camp in Lubbock, Texas. You could find out more about it by writing to the National Council of Churches, Division of Home Missions, 79 East

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# NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

ONSTRUCTION on a new parsonage has begun for the Methodist Church at Hazen. Rev. Doyle T. Rowe is pastor of the church.

REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, has been presented a new Royal Custom air-conditioned Dodge sedan by members of his congregation.

THE DISTRICT DAMES of the Conway District 1 have elected the following officers: President, Mrs. J. William Watson; vice-president, Mrs. William A. Stewart, Jr., and sceretarytreasurer, Mrs. Alf A. Eason.

MARRIED at the Methodist parsonage in Roe on Sunday, July 17, Miss Mary Mitchell and Charles A. Gunnell both of Stuttgart, Rev. W. C. Lewis, pastor of the Methodist Church officiat-

PEV. EARL B. CARTER, pastor of the Nettle-N ton Methodist Church, is the preacher this week in evangelistic services at the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church on the Bay Charge. Rev. Billy Dennis is pastor of the Bay Charge.

RS. ALLAN MOUNT, church secretary at MRS. ALLAN MOONT, the first Methodist Church, Jonesboro, who the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, who was injured recently in an automobile accident, is reported as making steady progress toward

THE CONWAY DISTRICT PASTORS and their I families held their annual picnic at Petit Jean Mountain Park on Monday, July 16. The group enjoyed a guided tour over Winrock Farm which has been built by Winthrop Rockefeller.

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m EV.}$  J. E. COOPER, pastor of the Methodist Church of Nevada, Missouri, taught a course on the "Five Spiritual Classics" last week at the National College in Kansas City. Brother Cooper is a former member of the Little Rock Conference.

REV. F. C. CANNON, retired member of the Little Rock Conference, who makes his home at the Penney Farms in Florida, writes that he and Mrs. Cannon, are spending their summer vacation, which includes July and August, in Staunton, Virginia.

DEV. GEORGE WAYNE MARTIN, pastor of K Lakewood Church, North Little Rock, will be the inspirational speaker for Youth Activities Week, August 7-12, at the First Methodist Church, Paragould. The five programs areas will be used as a basis of study and discussion.

MRS. HARVEY COUCH, director of Christian Education at the First Methodist Church. El Dorado, has been named associate editor of the educational division of Methodist Church Publications with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Couch will begin her new duties on Septem-

MISS DAISY LUCY DOZIER, for six years director of Christian education and Bible teacher at the Vashti School in Thomasville, Ga., has been named an assistant editor of adult Church School publications of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

REV. RALPH CLAYTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Benton, writes that he and his family have been given a wonderful reception at First Church, Mr. Clayton was appointed to Benton at the recent session of the Little Rock Conference.

MISS MARY LOU GINTHER, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Ginther of the Fairview Methodist Church of Texarkana, is making a tour of several European countries. Miss Ginther arrived in London, England, on June 9. Before returning home on August 10, she will visit Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and France.

OUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK was observed at Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Stuttgart, July 17-22. The program was planned and carried out by the youth of the church. Rev. H. M.

Lewis, the pastor, taught the course, "What It Means To Be a Christian." The devotional services were in charge of members of the congregation. A good attendance is reported.

CHAPLAIN MARVEST A. LAWSON is attending the School of Theology, Boston University, this summer. Chaplain Lawson, member of the North Arkansas Conference, is serving aboard the U.S. Navy Transport, General Simon B. Buckner, T-AP 123. His military address is Military Sea Transportation Service, 58th Street and First Avenue, Brooklyn 50, New York. He is the son of Mrs. Myrtle Lawson, Calico Rock.

ESLIE HARRISON of DeQueen has been Lappointed Director of Religious Education at the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, according to recent announcement by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison is a graduate of the College of the Ozarks, Clarksville. For the past year he taught public school music in the DeQueen schools.

THREE-DAY COURSE in church music, A taught by V. Earle Copes of Hendrix College, was held at the Mt. Ida Methodist Church beginning on Sunday afternoon, July 17. Mr. Copes also led the Sunday evening worship at 8:00 p.m. The service emphasized hymn appreciation. The Methodist churches of Norman and Oden helped to sponsor the music course. Rev. Phil E. Pierce is pastor of the Mt. Ida Church.

REV. JOHN F. KILPATRICK, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church, who left on July 20 for a tour of Europe, Egypt, and Holy Land as a part of the Methodist Good Will tour conducted by Dr. Karl Quimby, will fill pulpits in Methodist churches in both London and Berlin while on the tour. He will visit such outstanding places as Paris, Rome, Venice, Naples, Cairo, Damascus, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Athens, Zurich, Frankfort, Berlin, Amsterdam and England.

PEV. G. WELDON GATLIN, pastor of Bethany Methodist Church, Chicago, Ill., is the author of a sermon being published in the September issue of The Upper Room, acording to an announcement by Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor. The sermon is entitled, "Now You Have Youth." Mr. Gatlin is a son of the late Rev. L. C. Gatlin, who was a member of the Little Rock Conference, and Mrs. Gatlin. He was a chaplain in the Navy during World War II.

V. EARLE COPES, minister of music at the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, attended the school for Methodist church musicians which was held at Estes Park, Colo., July 2-7. The musicians met on the invitation of the General Board of Education to help set up standards for local church directors of music. A committee of nine was elected to form a permanent organization to be known as the National Fellowship of Methodist Church Musicians.

CARL W. OWENS has been elected president of the newly-organized Methodist Men of Lockesburg. Other officers are Frank Taylor, vice-president, Harold A. Belcher, secretary and treasurer, and Guy Zachary. Rev. Joy W. Callicott is paster of the church. Gordon Carlton of DeQueen was the speaker at the meeting on the evening of July 13 when the club was host to the wives of the members and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mr. Carlton presented the charter to the club.

ISS IKUYO ISHIDA, student at Aoyama Gakuin, Methodist college in Tokyo, Japan, is in the Philippine Islands to take part in the work camp held under the sponsorship of the World Council of Churches. Miss Ishida was selected by examination as one of the two Japanese representatives by the National Christian Council of Japan. Aoyama Gakuin is one of the large Christian schools in which the Methodist Board of Missions cooperates with the Interboard Committee for Christian Work in Japan.

THIRTY-ONE young people of the Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, recently presented a worship service at Fort Roots in North

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Little Rock. The program, with 1,400 men present, was planned and directed by Wayne Waller. The pastor, Rev. John M. McCormack, gave a short meditation. Others from Lakeside participating were: Miss Jane Clemmons, who played a flute solo, accompanied by Miss Reba Sue Bryant, and Waye Waller, a vocal solo, accompanied by Joe McCormack. The group earlier in the summer presented a similar program at the Convalescent Home in Pine Bluff.

TWO Centenary College officials are serving lacksquare as panelists at the 11th Institute of Higher Education which is being held July 26 through July 28 at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. President Joe J. Mickle and Dean Leroy Vogel discussed the topic, "Building a Faculty," at the opening session of the institute. The Division of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Church's Board of Education, the University Senate of the Methodist Church and a number of other church and educational organizations are sponsoring the Institute.

MONG Methodist leaders attending the meet-A ing of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches meeting in Davos, Switzerland, August 2-9, will be Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Mount Vernon, Iowa; Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Texas; Bishop Gr. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C.; and Charles C. Parlin, New York City. The Davos meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches is the first full scale meeting since last summer's big Evanston, Ill., Assembly where the Committee was elected.

DR. EUGENE CARTER BLAKE, as president of the National Council of Churches, has asked Christians in America to pray: "That asked Christians in America to pray: God's will for justice and concord among the nations will prevail. That divine wisdom and understanding may be given the President of the United States and his advisers to the end that the present crisis may be resolved without war. That the United Nations will remain steadfast in its purpose to establish the conditions of peace and, thereby, save the world from the scourge of war. That our government will persist in its effort to find a solution which will establish both justice and peace."

#### "IT IS UP TO THE LAYMEN"

Dr. Emil Brunner, the world-famous theologian, a professor at Zurich University, and a visiting professor at the International Christian University, Tokyo, spoke at an interdenominational worship service held at Aoyama Gakuin (Methodist college) in Tokyo, recently. His sermon was entitled "The Great Covenant." Speaking before a congregation numbering more than 800, white-haired Dr. Brunner emphasized the importance of individual relationships with

"The churches in Europe and Japan are still on the level of the Roman Catholic Church," he said. "The priests and ministers are holding too much influence in them. The Christians should be more and more Christ-minded, instead of church-minded.'

Viewing the future of Christianity in Japan, the professor said, "If Japan should ever become a Christian nation, it is up to the laymen."

#### METHODIST BROADCASTS FOR AUGUST

Rev. James Robert Scott, pastor of Primrose Church, near Little Rock, will give the Sunday School lessons during August over radio station KTHS., 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Rev. J. C. English will be the speaker from 11:00 to 12:00 when the morning service from Asbury Church will be broadcast.

These services are sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of Little Rock and the months are assigned to the different churches of Little Rock. August has been given to the Methodist Church, The time is made available by KTHS.



Rev. R. A. Teater

which was intended, of course, to control and guide a horse. All other parts of the bridle were for ornamentation or to hold the bit in place—that is in the horse's mouth. The bit is to the horse what the steering wheel is to the ear. Though it is a small item it is in control. This particular bit wasn't controling anything for it was out of place—

not in the mouth of the horse. Now a man wearing a bridle with a bit in his mouth would certainly look queer. But St. James says very strongly that we need to do just that-to control the mouth, the tongue. He implies that the tongue is like a wild horse rampaging around, kicking, bucking, squealing and upsetting things in general. He says that men have tamed every other kind of beast but no man has ever really tamed a tongue. It is little but "boasts great things" and is all fired up by hell. (Read James 3:6). It is a sort of outlaw horse, always throwing its owner for a loss. (Read James 3:2). So we need to put a bit in the mouth, a bridle on the tongue. "If any one thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain." (Read James 1:26.)

# HARRISBURG OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

The last Sunday in March of last year, the congregation of the First Methodist Church of Harrisburg, worshipped in its new Sanctuary for the first time, The congregation is very proud of its new building with its large Fellowship Hall, which has a well equipped kitchen, in the basement.

Many gifts and memorials have been presented to the Church, the first, of course, being the ten large beautiful Art glass windows of the Sanctuary, which were all placed there in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Recently, a lovely Pulpit Scarf was presented by Miss Martha Stafford, of Little Rock, in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stafford, who were members of the Church for many years.

The following memorials were presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. Brinkerhoff, of Harrisburg, in loving memory of their son, Jacob, and little grand-daughter, Barbara: A beautiful Hammond Organ, which was used for the first time at Christmas, and a lovely Communion Table. Also, in memory of Jacob and Barbara Brinkerhoff, the Brass Altar Set, Illuminated Cross and Candle Holders, was presented by The Woman's Society of Christian Service and The Weslevan Service Guild.

Other gifts include 100 new Worship Hymnals given by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Reddman, and a nice Desk for the Pastor's Study, which was given by Mr. S. L. Lawrence. The beautiful Silver Baptismal Bowl was presented by the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

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#### METHODISTS HONOR MINISTER'S WIVES WITH RECEPTION

A reception honoring the Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Galloway, the Rev. and Mrs. John B. Hayes, and the Rev. and Mrs. T. T. McNeal was held in Fellowship Hall of First Methodist church following services Sunday evening, July 3.

The Rev. Mr. Galloway is beginning his second year as pastor of the church; the Rev. Mr. Hays is the newly-assigned associate pastor; and the Rev. Mr. McNeal is superintendent of the Arkadelphia District of the Little Rock Conference.

Receiving with the honor guests were: Mrs. Charles H. Lutterloh, president of the Women's Society of Christian Service; Dewey Thomason, chairman of the official board; and Herbert Disheroon.

The beautifully appointed serving table was overlaid with a white linen cutwork cloth, centered with an arrangement of shasta daisies, yellow gladioli and gardenias. Other arrangements of spring flowers were used about the room.

Mrs. Hershel Reed and Mrs. Sanford Dale alternated at the punch bowl. Other assisting in extending courtesies included Mrs. Eugene Matthews, Mrs. Nick Kekich, Mrs. Irven D. McDaniel, Mrs. Brooks Hayes, Mrs. Ike Kempner, Mrs. Alfred Carter and Mrs. L. L. Underwood. A program of piano selections was presented by Mrs. James Williams and Mrs. H. C. Wehlan. Mrs. Floyd Massey was chairman of the committee on arrangements. — Mrs. J. F. Massy.

Screen were added a few days ago to the equipment for the Youth Group, and was presented by The Wesleyan Service Guild, which group also gave a beautiful Wurlitzer Piano for use in the new Sanctuary. Additional equipment for the Recreation Hall has also been added recently.

Rev. J. T. Byrd has been Pastor of the First Methodist Church at Harrisburg for the past seven years. He is beginning his eighth year with us. — Church Reporter

#### SET-UP MEETING IN BATESVILLE DISTRICT

The Batesville District Set-up Meeting was held July 1 in The First Methodist Church at Batesville. Rev. M. L. Kaylor directed the singing and Rev. J. L. Pruitt led in Prayer. Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent, presided over the meeting. He delivered an excellent message in a fine Christian spirit calling attention to the objectives and opportunities of The Methodist Church in the district, and the vital part both ministers and laymen have in the district program.

On a motion by Harold Riggs of Newport, the group voted to accept the same amount for World Service as for last year. Rev. Robert Howerton discussed the plans for the Evangelistic Campaign to be held in the district in October of this year.

Dr. Golder Lawrence called attention to the Peace Workshops planned for November. Rev. Charles Casteel, newly appointed District Missionary Secretary, discussed the need for larger emphasis on missions at the local church level. The program for the Intermediate camp at Wayland Spring was outlined by Rev. J. M. Barnett.

The District Superintendent announced that land had been donated for the site of a new district parsonage. The present district parsonage will be sold and the proceeds applied on the cost of the new building. It is hoped that work on the new building will begin next spring. — H. W. Jinske, District Reporter.

#### BRITISH METHODISTS ELECT 1956-7 PRESIDENT

The Rev. H. Crawford Walters, chairman of the Lancashire Methodist District, was namer president of the Methodist Conference of Great Britain for 1956-57 at its annual meeting in Manchester Eng.

Mr. Walters, who was a missionary in Burma for 20 years, will succeed Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead, the Methodist minister "on loan" to London's City Temple (Congregationalist) since 1936.

# Dr. Shamblin Takes Plane For Trip Abroad

Last Wednesday Dr. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor of Pulaski Heights Methdist Church, in Little Rock, boarded a plane at the Little Rock Airport in the first lap of a trip which will take him on a seven-week tour Christian shrines in the Holy Land and the Far East.

Dr. Shamblin left New York, by airplane, on Friday of last week with thir-Methodist ministers and laymen who are making the trip. Dr. Shamblin spoke at the American Church in Paris last Sunday, an interdenomination Protestant Church for the American Community in Paris.



### METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

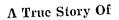
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# A Page For The CHILDREN

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



### OLD NELL, THE COW WHO PROTECTED HER CALF

By Anna King Davis

T was a cold night. The wind whistled around Farmer Tom's white house on the hill.

Inside it was warm and quiet as Tommy prepared for bed. At last he snuggled down and his father switched off the light.

"Please, daddy, tell me a story about when you were a boy like me down on the farm. Daddy, did you have a cow, like our old Fanny, did you daddy?"

"Yes son, we had a cow like our old Fanny. But the very first cow that I can remember was Old Nell, an old blue Jersey.

I was about your age, Tommy when father bought old Nell. She was ugly and bony but gentle as a kitten. She had a little calf tagging at her heels when father brought her home. And every year after that, as long as she lived, old Nell had a calf. And just as regularly as Old Nell had a calf, father would sell that calf. She was the only cow we had and we needed all her milk.

So when the calf was a few weeks old, father would begin to feed it on skimmed milk. Soon the calf was weaned and ready to sell. I hated to have the little calves sold and led away and so did Old Nell. She would grieve for days.

One spring day old Nell had a beautiful heifer calf. It was a Jersey and looked like a little faun. I named the calf Decrie.

When Deerie was only a few days old, Perry Mason, one of our neighbors, offered father a good price for the calf.

"I guess I had better sell Deeric before old Perry changes his mind," I heard father tell mother one night.

I cried and begged father to keep Deerie a while longer. But father was determined to sell the calf. . "We need all of Old Nell's milk,

right now, son, and we need the money the calf will bring. I'm afraid Deerie will have to go."

So the next morning Perry Mason came riding up on his big black horse, a lasso hanging from the saddle horn.

We had just finished milking and Deerie was still nudging her mother for those last rich mouthfuls of

Father pulled the calf from her mother, Perry threw the rope over Deerie's head and pulled her through the gate. Deerie bawled and struggled to get back to her mother.

Old Nell stood for a moment looking at the big gate that separated her from her calf. Then she lowered her head, rushed at that gate, knocked it down, and ran to her calf. She threw herself over the calf and held it under her, just like a mother would clasp her baby in her arms, and no amount of shouting or pushing or pulling could budge Old Nell from her calf.

Finally father said, "Well-maybe Old Nell knows best. Maybe we had

better keep Deerie a while longer." And we did. We kept her until she no longer needed Old Nell's protection."

#### THE KITTY-CAT BAND

Two little kittens, Friendly, understand, Decided they would like to form A kitty-cat band.

And so beneath my window, One bright, moonlight night, They met so they could practice With all their strength and might.

One had a trombone, T'other had a flute. Each took a long breath-Then began to toot.

They practiced all the hardest notes, Ran up and down the scales And made nice variations With low, mournful, kitty wails.

The neighbors hissed and hooted And loudly called out "Scat," But each determined kitty Just stayed where he sat.

And there was never given

A concert half so grand As the one on that night, rendered By the kitty-cat band.

—Alice K. Warden, in The Watchword

#### THE BEST WAY

By Bobbie Cain

Jimmie Moore and Tommie Haynes were fussing about who's side was going to bat first. "Mine is," replied Jimmie.

Ronnie Dixon, a boy who got along with everyone, was umpire. "Boys, the only way to settle this is by agreeing, not fussing. Jimmie, you know what Miss James, our Sunday School teacher, said about agreeing. You should always let the one who chores first be the fielder. In that way both sides get to be first."

Jimmy and Tommy thought this over and agreed. "O. K., Tommie, your side can be first," said Jimmie.

The game was going fine when Joan, Betty, Mary and Jane came over to watch the game. "Gee! I wish they would let us play with them," said Mary. "I can pitch a ball pretty good."

"I can hit one, fair," Jane said. "Let's ask them to let us play," Betty requested. "Joan, you ask them can we play. You have a way with them and you don't get mad easily."

Mary asked, "Well, what if they say no?"

Joan replied in a sweet way, "We won't mind because baseball is for boys mostly. I think we should stick to dolls and quiet things, not rough and noisy games."

Soon the girls were sitting on the grass watching the boys play. "Joan, we really wouldn't know what to do if it weren't for you," the girls said smiling.

The game was soon over and the

boys were all gaily talking. The score was 9 to 9 in favor of both teams. "Ronnie, if it weren't for you we would probably still be fussing,' one of the boys said.

"I didn't do anything, but there's always a right way and a wrong way," Ronnie replied.

You see, you don't always have to fuss to get things your way. Think them over and see if they're worth the trouble of fussing.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

#### GRANDMA READS

My Grandma came to visit me, I love to have her here; I hate to have her go back hore-I wish she'd stay a year.

She cuddles me up close and reads My favorite book and rhymes, And if I ask her she will read My stories twenty times-

Of Daniel in the lion's den, And Samson, brave and strong; Of wise men following the star And of the angels' song;

Of little baby Jesus there Upon his bed of hay Who brought to children every-.where

Their first glad Christmas day.

I like to have my grandma here; I think that there should be A grandma in each home to read, Just as mine does to me.

> –Ella Pearl Allen in The Christian Advocate

#### JUST FOR FUN

Our 4-yr-old came home from Sunday School and I asked her what her story was about. "Davy Crockett," she answered promptly.
"It wasn't either!" her big broth-

er protested.

'Yes, it was, too," insisted little sister. "And he killed a giant with his slingshot."—Capper's Wkly.

The teacher asked the class how Noah spent his time on the Ark. Seeing no response from the tots, she added, "Do you suppose he did a lot of fishing?"

jeered little Freddie. "What?" "with only two worms?"-Reformatory Pillar.

"Haven't you any more recent books on anatomy?" complained the student. "These are at least 10 yrs

"Look, Bud," said the librarian. "there have been no bones added to the human body in the last 10 years."—L & N Mag, hm, Louisville & Nashville Ry.

All excited as she introduced the celebrity to her party guests, the hostess said, "This is Captain Banks. He has just returned from the Arctic regions."

"Oh!" burst out one pretty guest. "Do come over to the fire. You must be cold!"—Tracks, hm, Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.



### JOYS OF SUMMER

It is so much fun On a summer day To hop on my bike And ride away.

The woods are so green And the sky is so blue, and the distant hills That come into view

Seem calling to me To come and play, And to follow their paths For a pleasant stay.

-A.E.W.

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#### ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA ARKA

# MISSIONARIES TO ATTEND LOUISIANA SCHOOL OF MISSIONS



MISS GRETCHEN ELSTON

The Louisiana Conference School of Missions is fortunate in having missionaries included in their session at Centenary College, Shreveport, August 8-12.

Miss Charlie Holland served 38 years in Japan where she founded Polmore Joshi Ei Takeim, Kobe, and taught there as teacher and principal. Prior to going to Japan she taught in Texas for six years, and during the war she worked with Japanese in Wyoming and Colorado for 4 and one-half years. In 1946 she returned to Japan and taught in Kwassui Jo Gakim, Nagasaki; the last term was spent in educational work in Hirosoki Gakim Hirosohi, and part time evangelistic work with mountain people of northern Japan.

At the time of her retirement in 1954 she was decorated by the Japanese government with the Fourth Order of the Sacred Treasure.

Miss Charlie Hampton and Miss Gretchen Elston, both former members of Noel Methodist Church, Shreveport, volunteered as J-3's and served three years and eight months in Japan.

Miss Hampton, following her graduation from Centenary College in 1949, taught school for two

MISS CHARLIE HAMPTON

years at Belcher, Louisiana. In Japan she taught at Seibi Garven, Girls' School in Yokohama Kindergarten through high school.

Miss Elston, received her B. A. from Centenary and her M. A. from Tulane University. She taught school for two years at Madisonville, Tennessee. In Japan she taught at Kwassui College for girls in Nagasaki.

Miss Alexa McCain, Baton Rouge, went to Lucknow, India, in March, 1949 and taught English, Bible and did Readers Advisory work in the Isabella Thoburn College Library, was there exactly four years. She returned in 1953 on account of illness.

This year marks the first time that the School of Missions has been held at a separate time from the Annual Pastor School. The large number of women attending made this seem the best course, as all officers attend this annual School of Missions. Over 200 women are expected to attend.

Mrs. Robley Davis is the Dean of the school, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Librarian, Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Registrar, Mrs. J. J. Saxon, Treasurer, and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Chairman of the Courtesy Committee.

#### VAN BUREN FIRST CHURCH INSTALLS OFFICERS

The officers for the WSCS and the WSG were installed by the pastor, Rev. Jesse Johnson, at the Sunday evening service, June 23rd. The service was very beautiful and impressive as given by the pastor, and the installation was followed by a communion service.

The following officers were installed: For the WSCS, President, Mrs. E. E. McBride; Vice President, Mrs. J. Y. Dollar; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Robert Sangster; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Crofton; Promotional Secretary, Mrs. Henry Pope, Sr. Officers for WSG: President, Miss Eugene Swearinger; Vice President, Mrs. Pauline Faber; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ray Easton; Treasurer, Mrs. Olga Kinney; Promotional

Secretary, Miss Edith Spear.—Mrs. Fay Williams.

The number of widows in Korea is so great (with their children, over a million people) that no real mark has been made by any agency on their housing needs, and thousands of them must live in primitive shacks they have raised themselves from scrap materials, reports Korea Church World Service. Nevertheless, as the problem is worse in large cities than elsewhere, the church through KCWS have built — wholly or partly — various widows' homes around Pusan and Seoul. Some of these have been small one- and two-family homes grouped together, twenty or so at a time, into small villages.

#### AVERIL JORDAN IN LOUISIANA

Dear Friends who made the Averil Jordan Scholarship Fund possible:

Good News! Averil is ready to come to Louisiana. She will arrive in Baton Rouge Monday, July 11, and is with me in the home of Mrs. A. B. Cockfield, 853 Thibodeaux, Baton Rouge. Following is her tentative schedule:

July 18-23 — Senior Camp of Shreveport District, Cancy Lake.

July 25-29 — Available for appointments, probably in central part of State. May be contacted through Miss Tennie V. Severston, Director of Christian Education, Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport. Miss Severtson's office telephone number is 2-0280 and her home number is 4-8890.

July 31, August 1, 3, 7: Dated. August 2, 4, 5 & 6—Available for appointments in northern part of state. May be contacted through

Miss Severton.

August 8-12 — School of Missions,
Centenary College, Shreveport. We
feel that this will be the place for
her to meet women from all parts of

the State.

It will be necessary for Averil to return to New York around August 15. If you would like to have her in your church, and can pay her travel expenses to your city, please

make your bid early.

For those of you who may not have the opportunity to be with Averil, we want you to know that she received her M. A. in library

science from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and made an outstanding record. Her grades were all A's, and her professors speak very highly of her spirit and work. She took advantage of many opportunities while in Clevelandsinging in a church choir, membership in an International Club, trips with her mother on speaking tours, etc. We know you are proud to have had a part in preparing her for her future work. And now, another splendid opportunity will be hers - the Methodist Board of Missions in New York has given her a scholarship to Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, for finishing her M. A. in literature. She will have a small job in the university library, which Isabella Thoburn College, where she will be serving after he return to India, will regard as one year of working experience that is required by the college.

Averil's mother, who teaches music and home science at Isabella Thoburn, Lucknow, has been on Sabbatical leave this year and has been studying in New York and speaking once or twice each week, to such effect that she has been called "unofficial ambassador" to the U. S. She sailed from New York today to return to India. She has asked me to express to each of you her "profound appreciation for all you have done for my child."

Sincerely, Alexa McCain

#### MEETING OF WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

Lake Junaluska, N. C. — The World Federation of Methodist Women will meet here August 27-30, 1956, it was announced by the vice president, Mrs. Paul Arrington of Jackson, Miss.

She said delegates and visitors from 34 countries will represent the federation's membership of approximately 4,500,000 women.

Lake Junaluska is the site of the Methodist Church's Southeastern Assembly, summer program headquarters for a nine-state area.

Mrs. Ottilia De O'Chaves of Porto Alegre, Brazil, is president of the federation. The secretary is Miss Saturina Lara, Philippine Islands. Mrs. J.W. Masland, Philadelphia, is treasurer. New officers are to be elected to four-year terms at the quadrennial meeting here.

The women's meeting will be preliminary to an international Methodist conference here September 2-16, 1956, under the auspices of the World Methodist Council. The last such conference was held in 1951 at Oxford University, England.

Mrs. Arrington said federation delegates will vote on a proposal to affiliate with the council, a cooperative body of some 40 Methodist communions.

Miss Dorothy McConnell of New Work, co-editor of World Outlook, monthly magazine of the Methodist Board of Missions, is program chairman for the federation's meeting. She said the emphasis will be on

#### BENTONVILLE ORGANIZES NEW GUILD

A new Wesleyan Service Guild was organized recently in the Methodist Church, at Bentonville. Mrs. Glen Phillips is president; Mrs. Robert Webster, vice president; Mrs. Jack Patterson, secretary; Mrs. Henry Caveness, treasurer; Mrs. Marion Brock secretary of promotion. The Guild held its first meeting Thursday night, July 21, in the church parlor.

Mrs. Phillips announced committee chairmen as follows: Mrs. Henry Wood, music; Mrs. J. E. Edwards, missionary education; Mrs. Robert Webster, spiritual life; Mrs. Virginia Searcy, Christian social relations and local church activities.

During the pledge service led by Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, pledge cards distributed by the treasurer were laid on the altar. One item of business was the selection of a name for the group. It will be known as the Lucille Pearce Guild. There are ten charter members, with Mrs. Gilstrap and Mrs. Bessie Andrew sponsor and coordinators. Mrs. Marion Brock was hostess to the Thursday night meeting. The next meeting will be August 18 with Mrs. Phillips as hostess.

Christian citizenship education, spiritual life, and "how to" discussions of organizational methods and program planning.

Mrs. Arrington and Miss McConnell served on the faculty of the annual School of Missions here, sponsored by the southeastern Methodist Woman's Society.

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# Arkansas-Louisiana Area

# VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL REPORTS

#### Bono

A school was held at the Bono Methodist Church the week of May 30 through June 3. The teachers and assistants were Mrs. Wilson Woods, Mrs. Wilson Lane, Mrs. O. B. Mills, Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Pollard and Mrs. James Blackman.

Twenty-six children were in attendance. Refreshments were served each day by the women of Woman's Society of Christian Service.-Mrs. Ralph Armour.

#### Sylvan Hills

The Sylvan Hills school was held from May 30 to June 3. It was a busy productive time for 80 children and 20 teachers.

Various activities ranged from potholders in the nursery to puppet making for the older groups. Everything that was done was carefully co-ordinated to teach the Bible lessons both at work and play.

The program built up to a climax on Friday noon when the group had a picnic lunch with a rehearsal for the closing program.

The Kindergarten group studied My Home and Family and gave a song and prayer at the Sunday morning worship hour which they had learned. The first Primary group gave Bible verses to illustrate their theme, Learning from Jesus, and the second Primary group dramatized the story of the Good Samaritan to show the things they had learned about Loving One An-

The Juniors studied Living and Working Together as Christians and used the puppets they had made to dramatize the story of The Carpenter's Doorway. They presented two of their stories on the Wilson Hurst 8:30 a.m. KARK-TV show.

The Intermediates studied the books of the Bible, made booklets about each book and made puppets and dressed them to represent Bib-

lical characters. Teachers were Mrs. O. W. Thompson, Mrs. A. R. Pettus, Mrs. M. L. Deeter, Mrs. R. H. Steward, Mrs. F. L. Stinnett, Mrs. F. B. Thacker, Sr., Mrs. M. I. Winter, Mrs. W. W. Burke, Mrs. A. L. Garthwaite, Mrs. Reo Sanders, Mrs. Charles Koon, Mrs. Nolen Minton, Mrs. Paul Bricker, Mrs. Fred Rains, Miss Patricia Rains, Mrs. B. F. Thompson, Mrs. Elizabeth Knight, Mrs. Bernard Olds, Mrs. R. E. Lewis and Rev. Luther K. Wilson.-Mrs. Fred Rains.

#### Gardner, Hot Springs

Gardner Methodist Church, Hot Springs, had a fine Vacation School. Mrs. Flave Hunter was the director with the faithful assistance of six or seven other workers. Thirty-five were enrolled and nearly all the children had perfect attendance.

Mrs. Floyd Carter's lawn was the scene of a picnic at noon on July 1 with a closing program at the church that same eve-

Gardner is a church in a new program and everyone will have reason to be proud of it.—A. J. Christie, Pastor.

### Central, Fayetteville

A fine school was held at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, with 187 enrolled and a staff of 70 work-

The Kindergarten group used as a text, "My Home and Family," with various activities. One was the making of homes from paper bags with strips of paper to represent streets. Each one represented the home of child who made it.

The Primaries studied "Learning From Jesus." They made a village in a sand table and also a synagogue to show how Jesus lived as a bov.

The Juniors studied "Living and Working Together as Christians." They made a dramatization of "The Carpenter's Doorway," working out the dialogue, planning the costumes and painting the background to represent the interior of the carpenter shop.

The three-year olds had fun going on walks, learning to sing and play together. They were introduced to rhythm band instruments and learned to sing two songs using

On Friday evening, the pupils presented a program of songs, rhythm band numbers and the Junior dramatization. Refreshments were served, followed by a tour of the rooms where the work done by the children was displayed.—Mrs. F. M. Meade, Director of School.

#### First Church, Prescott

First Church, Prescott's Vacation School was held from May 30 to June 10 with 111 enrolled and 25 workers.

Lesson material used was: Kindergarten, "Let's Be Friends"; Primary, "Bible Friends and Friends Today"; Junior, "Choosing God's Way" and Intermediate, "Making Way" and Intermediate, Our Group Christian."

Workers were Mrs. W. R. Hambright director, Mrs. P. A. Escarre, Mrs. Tillman McBrayer, Mrs. Dudley Rouse, Judy Gilbert, Barbara Moberg, Mary Nell Bolls, Miss Carol Scott, Mrs. Sam V. Scott, Nina Cathryn Scott, Rita Warren, Mrs. L. A. Green, Genevieve King, Mrs. Floyd Hubbard, Mrs. W. G. Bensberg, Mrs. Carol Bratton, Mrs. J. V. McMahen. Joan Gilbert, Virginia Ann Hayes, Sandra Easterling, Merilyn Lee, Mrs. B. A. DeLamar, Mrs. Archie Johnson and Mrs. Douglas Easter-

The Kindergarten group made gifts for children who are ill. The Primaries made a workbook and some made "Biblical" wells to help illustrate a story. They learned some new songs and many Bible stories. Nineteen Primaries had perfect attendance. The Junior Department made a bound scrapbook for the Cora Donnell Hospital. The Intermediate Department began their study by a visit to a shut-in. Each pupil was responsible for a devotional and the discussion period included Bible reference work, written work in the pupils book and reports or discussion with the leaders. -Reporter.

#### SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE HAS UNIQUE PROGRAM

The annual Superintendents' Conference, scheduled for Camp Brewer, September 10, 11, will have a Texas District Superintendent as chief resource leader. He is Dr. Dan Barron, Superintendent of the Greenville District. Dr. Barron is a nationally known leader in Church Administration and Christian Education. A contributor to the adult publications and other periodicals of the Church, he is at present writing a column for The Louisiana Methodist and the Arkansas Metho-

This popular conference brings together administration officers of the church school for fellowship, job analysis, and sharing of workable plans.

Davidson Brown, of Minden, is chairman of the conference. Dr. Bentley Sloane and Miss Elizabeth Thompson will assist in the program.

Administration officers invited to this conference are:

The General Church School Superintendent

The Director of Christian Education The Assistant Superintendent of Membership Cultivation

The Church School Secretary The Adult Division Superintendent

#### **NEW CONFERENCE** FOR PASTORS OF SMALL **CHURCHES**

A special Conference dealing with the problems of the small church (membership less than 200) will be held at Camp Brewer, October 4, 5, 6. This Conference will be for the pastors and will deal with the organization and work of the Official Board and the four Commissions; work of the Woman's Society; special campaigns; use of the ritual, preaching, and many other activities of the small church.

Bishop Paul Martin will speak and lead the discussion on the first

The meeting is sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Board of Education and the Town and Country Commission.

When the Holy Spirit makes us Methodists evangelical we become truly educational. To educate means to feed. Too much evangelism is mostly pleading. Too little evangelism is intellectual and moral feeding. Jesus came to preach and to teach. When the Holy Spirit makes us evangelical this divorce between evangelism and education will end. Then education and evangelism will become, not rivals, but partners. Education needs to broaden and to enrich evangelism, and evangelism needs to direct and to motivate education.—Dr. Nels F. S. Feere.

#### Evening Shade

A Vacation Church School was held at the Evening Shade Methodist Church from June 7 through July 6.

Teachers and helpers were: Mrs. Reba Taylor, Mrs. Betty Ann Sharp, Mrs. Ora Green, Mrs. Mattie Thomas, Mrs. Clyde Carter, Mrs. C. A. Thomas, Miss Cora Lou Barnett, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Caruth S. Moore, Mrs. Vernon Hall, and Mrs. R. K. Arnold. The pastor, Rev. J. F. Holbrook, served as superintendent of the school.

A closing program was given on Wednesday night, July 6.

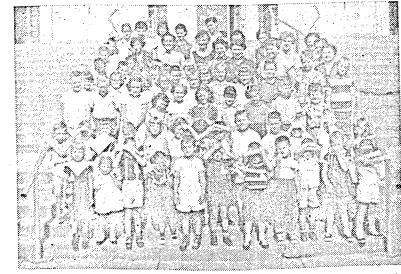
Oden A Vacation Church School was held at Oden last week with Mrs.

Audie Smith directing. Sessions were held from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. each morning, Monday through Fri-

Teachers in the school were: Junior, Mrs. Mattie Davidson and Linda Snow; Primary, Mrs. Cynthia Snow and Mrs. Dan Ball; Kindergarten, Mrs. Audie Smith and Stella Snow. The refreshment committee was composed of Mrs. Klora Goss, Mrs. Mable Yaney and Mrs. Wilburn Cagle.

#### Winbourne, Baton Rouge

A school was held at the Winbourne Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, beginning on June 6. Eightytwo pupils were enrolled and 18 members made up the faculty.



The Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, Vacation Church School, held May 30-June 10, Mrs. W. O. Walthall, director.

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## LAUBACH PROPOSES 'WAR OF KINDNESS' TO STEM COMMUNISM

A "war of amazing kindness" was proposed at the 43rd biennial convention of the International Society of Christian Endeavor in Columbus, O., as a means of stemming the tide of Communism and preventing a world-wide atomic conflict. Dr. Frank C. Laubach, noted missionary educator, told the 4,000 delegates that they must "plunge into this new kind of war." He said the policy of kindness proved effective in Japan through Gen. Douglas MacArthur's post-war handling of that nation. "MacArthur went out and we helped him wage a war of amazing kindness on Japan," Dr. Laubach said. "In a year, she had changed from hate to love." The educator, whose literacy methods have taught millions to read and write, said Christian Endeavors can help by: 1. Offering their technical skills to organizations which aid underdeveloped foreign nations. 2. Examining the

missionary programs of their churches and encouraging churches to sponsor technical aid projects abroad. 3. Meeting and offering hospitality to foreign students and others visiting the U.S. 4. Organizing prayer groups and emphasizing prayers for the world at Christian Endeavor meetings. "If enough people join us in reaching around the world, we shall easily save the world," he said. "Russia and China will see that our amazing kindness is far more effective than their lies and murder and slavery."

#### Churchmen Ask Long-range Government Policy On Indians

A long-range bi-partisan government policy on American Indian affairs was urged in resolutions adopted by the National Fellowship of Indian Workers at its triennial convention in Estes Park, Colo. The delegates also endorsed a statement by the National Council of Churches that was highly critical of the speed with which the government is seeking to move Indians off reservations. The Fellowship, a section of the National Council's Division of Home Missions, comprises missionaries and educators of 23 Protestant denominations who work with the Indian tribes. In their resolutions, the delegates called upon President Eisenhower to appoint a non-partisan commission, including Indian members, to conduct a study, "from the viewpoint of Indian welfare," to be used in formulating a national policy. They also urged the launching of an educational program to discourage the use of peyote (a narcotic weed) and alcohol by Indians. Another recommendation was that minimum national standards be set for the training of Indian leaders in Indian schools.

The fellowship adopted a series

World peace will be achieved when moral and spiritual values triumph over "the creeds of materialism and the cults of raw power," Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said in a message to the World Brotherhood organization, holding its first quintennial meeting in Brussels. James N. Rosenberg of New York, who read Mr. Dulles' message to the assembly, said the Secretary's life had been "dedicated to those principles of brotherhood which now bring us together from many corners of the globe."

even the introduction of machinery

and modern methods probably

DULLES STRESSES SPIRITUAL BASIS

OF PEACE

Mr. Rosenberg is chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews' Commission on Human Rights. Mr. Dulles noted that the World Brotherhood assembly was being held at "a hopeful and challenging moment" since it was running almost concurrently with the Big Four summit meeting at Geneva to explore avenues to a solution of world problems. "But the basic principles upon which the edifice of peace must be built," he said, "are simple indeed. They are the principles of morality, of justice and of human brotherhood. The roots of most of the world's present difficulties lie in a lack of attention to moral and spiritual values. By the same token, our hopes for surmounting these difficulties are firmly grounded in our faith that these values will ultimately triumph, that the concepts of human dignity, of justice under law, of national and individual righteousness and of universal brotherhood will eventually submerge the ereeds of materialism and the cults of raw power."

# BISHOP WARNS MINING COMPANIES NOT

Mining development in Northern the non-complexity of life. His the meaning of things with proper guidance, but if left to fend for himself he cannot be expected to understand the new environment."

of proposals aimed at the orderly relocation of Indians in cities and - which earlier had been termed "the most pressing Indian problem of the day" by Dr. I. George Nace, executive secretary of

# TO EXPLOIT ESKIMOS same for the past 500 years and

Canada will bring chaos instead of civilization to the Eskimo unless he is carefully conditioned, Bishop Lionel Scheffer, Vicar Apostolic of Labrador, warned in Montreal. The Montreal-born Oblate, who will leave soon for a two-month tour of the northern sector of his 35,000square-mile jurisdiction, said "the Eskimos are not yet ready to be assimilated, and they must not be abruptly pushed into our way of life." Warning mining companies against exploiting the Eskimo, he noted that the latter is "child-like" without any conception of the value of money, and the idea of "saving is beyond his ken." Bishop Scheffer said he hoped that through an increased mission program, the Eskimo people can be adequately educated and equipped to meet the immediate challenge civilization will bring. On his visit by plane, canoe, dogsled and automobile from Hudson's Bay to the northern tip of Ungava, he expects to contact some 2,000 Eskimos. The prelate, in an interview here, said the "Eskimo is a simple man only in mind is alert and quickly grasps The Eskimo has lived much the

the Division of Home Missions.

# won't change him perceptibly for another 50 years, Bishop Scheffer

Rebukes Monaco For

'Commercializing'

Religious Stamps Coros Chronicle, national organ of the Collectors of Religion on Stamps Society, rebuked the Principality of Monaco for "commercializing" religious postage stamps. It pointed out that a Monaco set honoring Dr. Albert Schweitzer on his 80th birthday included a 200frac stamp that is rarely used on letters or packages. This high-value stamp makes the set cost ten times its ordinary price, the Chronicle said. "To use religion or religious subjects purely for commercial gain," it said, "would seem to be a piece of cynicism which Monaco would do well to avoid. The same holds true for other countries which are bringing out many stamps with religious topics. Religious stamps ought not to be a field for commercial exploitation. Otherwise, the 'honor' paid to religious leaders and their Godly, self-sacrificing work becomes an in-

#### New Secular Magazine To Feature Monthly Prayer

Facts, a new monthly magazine published in Washington, D. C., announced that the first feature of every issue will be a special prayer composed by an outstanding clergyman. Miss Martha Rountree, former moderator of the "Meet the Press" television program, is the editor. She said the "prayer holds an important place in American life today." Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, contributed the first prayer.

#### House Votes To Increase Salary of its Chaplain

An increase in the salary of its chaplain from \$4,515.00 a year to \$7,447.00 was voted by the House. The House Administration Committee, in recommending the raise, pointed out that the office of chapnow considered a full-time post. It is presently occupied by Dr. Bernard Braskamp, a retired Presbyterian minister. The Senate is considering similar action on the salary of its chaplain, Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, who also is giving full time to the position since retiring from the pulpit of Foundry Methodist church here June 1.

#### Workers Begin Repairing Roof of Dormition Abbey

Israeli workers began repairing the roof of the Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion here which was badly damaged during the Arab-Jewish War of 1948-49. The roof is being reconstructed with lead plates, each weighing more than eight tons. The job presents immense difficulties as the plates must be drawn up the steep slopes of Mt. Zion by hand-operated pulleys. By a special agreement, Jordanians have pledged not to obstruct the workers. The property belongs to the Cologne Holy Land Association and is registered in the name of the Archdiocese of Cologne. Cost of the abbey's reconstruction is being borne by Israel under an agreement with the Cologne archdiocese.



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### SEE MINDSZENTY RELEASE UNSATISFACTORY TO CHURCH

Austrian Roman Catholic officials expressed "satisfaction" over the release from prison of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, but stressed that from the Church's point of view the pre-late's case is "still unsettled." They were especially concerned as to his whereabouts. Church sources emphasized that, according to the Hungarian Justice Ministry's announcement, Cardinal Mindszenty's life sentence had been "interrupted." This indicates, they said, that he was not "pardoned nor his sentence nullified." Cardinal Mindszenty was sentenced February, 1949, to life imprisonment on charges of treason, espionage and black market dealings. He had been arrest-

ed the previous Dec. 26. The prelate was the first Prince of the Church to be tried before a civil court in modern times. The Catholic sources here said the announcement that a church building selected by Hungarian bishops had been made the prelate's place of residence "strongly indicates that Cardinal Mindszenty was released from prison but is still under house arrest and still serving out his life imprisonment sentence." Observing that the Communist communique referred to the prelate merely as Joseph Mindszenty, the sources said this indicates that the Hungarian government refuses to recognize him as a cardinal.

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# METHODIST YOUTH

# CONWAY DISTRICT INTERMEDIATE ASSEMBLY

The annual Conway District Intermediate Assembly was held on Hendrix College Campus July 5—July 9. The schedule included Quest Groups, Interest Groups, Worship, Business, and Recreation. Ninetynine Intermediates from over the district attended.

Quest groups and leaders were: "Ways We Worship" by Miss Frances Kelley of North Little Rock; "How to Use the Bible" by Rev. Paul Lanier of Danville; "Meaning of Church Membership" by Rev. S. O. Patty of Levy; "What Alcohol Dees to Us" by Rev. Henry Rickey of Conway; and "God in the World Today" by Rev. Vernon Anderson of Greenbrier.

Interest Groups were Worship, by Miss Kelley; Campus Interest by Dr. C. M. Reves; Recreation by Miss Sue Osment; and Photography by Mr. Paul Faris of Conway.

Evening programs consisted of films on the MYF showed by Dr. Ira A. Brumley, a mission's program conducted by Dr. James S. Upton and Raymoon Kaung, and a talent program by the youth. Worship services were conducted by the

#### COLT MYF OBSERVES YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK

Youth Activities Week was observed at the Colt Methodist Church the week of June 27-29 with Eugene Shoemaker speaker. Henry Williams was in charge of recreation with E. C. Sooter as song leader. Helen Hubert was the director.

Young people attended from De-Valls Bluff, McElroy, Colt, Wynne and Wesley. There were four rededications.—E. C. Sooter, Pastor.

#### KEISER ORGANIZES METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The young people of the Keiser Methodist Church met on Tuesday night, July 5, and organized a Methodist Youth Fellowship with the following officers being elected for the year: David Wilbanks, president; Eddie Carolyn Halsey, vicepresident, and Lou Shoemaker, secretary-treasurer.

Group singing was enjoyed and the pastor, Rev. E. C. Hance, led in a responsive reading.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

youth and speakers were Mr. Rickey and Rev. David Conyers of Morrilton. On the last night, Dr. James S. Upton conducted a communion service. Rev. S. O. Patty was Dean and Miss Sue Osment was Dean of Women. Counselors were Miss Osment, Miss Kelley, Miss Eloise Rhode, Mrs. Clifford Darling, Mrs. F. D. Rhode, Mrs. James S. Upton of Conway; Mrs. S. O. Patty of Levy; and Mrs. Marie Caple of Rose City; Mr. Patty, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lanier and Rev. Charles Holt of Salem.

Officers elected for 1955-56 were: President, Jimmy Gibson of Danville; vice president; Sue Snow of Conway; secretary, Sharon Pullen of Russellville; and treasurer, Johnny McClain of North Little Rock.—Sue Snow, Vice President.

#### WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

#### Tri-Parish

The Tri-Parish Sub-District installed officers at its July meeting at the Sicily Island Methodist Church. Eleanor Enright, out-going president, Linda Krause, and Rev. J. J. Davis, pastor, were the installing officers. The new officers are: Tommy Purvis, Ferriday, president; Tom Bell, Vice-president; Frances Tillman, Waterproof, secretary; Carolyn Seal, treasurer, and Rev. Art Baker, adult counselor.—Reporter.

Rice Belt
The Rice Belt Sub-District met
at Brewer's Chapel on July 11 in
the first meeting to be held there
as they have just organized a Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The theme of the program was "Officers' Training." Brewer's Chapel led the worship service. Janet Bracewell explained what the MYF is, the MYF emblem and the covenant. Dixie Hilliman explained the officers' duties, and urged that all officers use the handbook for additional information.

Games were led by Gillette. Refreshments were served to about 45 young people, counselors and pastors.—Janet Bracewell.

#### Union County

The Union County Sub-District met at the Calion Methodist Church on Monday, July 12, for the annual Sub-District picnic.

Robert Wike, vice-president, pre-

sided over the business meeting. An offering was taken for the Brother-hood Fund.

An open-air worship service was held at Calion Lake with the theme, "Let Your Light Shine." The message was brought by Rev. Virgil Bell, assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church, El Dorado. As life service volunteers came forward they were given a small paper plate to which was attached a lighted candle. The plates were then floated in the lake. Others were asked to light their candles as a pledge to live a better Christian life. Over 100 young people and their parents were present.

The next meeting will be held at the Norphlet Methodist Church on August 1.—Connie Gathright.

#### HOPE DISTRICT INSTALLS OFFICERS

A candlelight installation service for the new officers of the MYF was held in the Young People's Department of the First Methodist Church, Sunday night, July 3. Principal speakers were Rev. V. D. Keeley, Paul O'Neal, and William Perkins.

Officers who will serve during the coming year are: President, Birkett Wylie; Vice President, Marion McQueen; Sect., Linda Moore;

Treas., Bill Tooley; Area Chairmen—Faith, Teresa Williams; Witness, Jack Moran; Citizenship, Rebecca Plumley; Outreach, Bill Bridgers; Fellowship, Judy Watkins; Reporter and Scrapbook chairman, Cissy Lewallen.

During a short business meeting preceding the installation services, the group received an invitation from the Baptist Training Union to attend a Youth Rally, which was held at the First Baptist Church on July 9.—Cissy Lewallen.

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#### **OBITUARY**

COUCH-Charles Peter Couch, 64, of Shreveport, La., died in Little Rock, Arkansas Thursday, June 2, and was buried in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Friday, June 3. He built the first twenty-two miles of the electric system that became the Arkansas Power and Light Company. He was the last of the five Couch brothers, sons of Manie Heard Couch and Rev. Thomas G. Couch, of Calhoun, Arkansas.

Mr. Couch was a life-long member of the Methodist Church, in which his father was a licensed preacher, and was faithful to his church and ministerial associations. One of his great gifts of the many with which he was richly endowed was his cordial, genial and affable friendship and companionship abil-

He had managed the power office at Arkadelphia until the middle 1920's. He was vice-president and general manager of the Mississippi Power and Light Co., part of the Harvey Couch Electric empire. Later he became vice-president and general manager of Southern Ice and Utilities Co., Dallas, Tex. He returned to Arkansas when the Couch interests acquired the Arkansas and Louisiana Railway Company, and served as head of the railway system merged with the Kansas City Southern Railway Company. He was chairman of the Board in 1941. He retired in 1944 and organized the Southwest Sales and Service Co., in Shreveport, which he headed at the time of his death.

Mr. Couch's creative career and outstanding citizenship in business, state and church were appraised in the funeral service by Chaplain James W. Workman, Chaplain in Industry, a lifelong neighbor, friend and sometime business associate. Chaplain Workman eulogized Mr. Couch as builder, business man and brother. Mr. Couch was a 32 degree Mason, and a Shriner, and in many business, civic and social organizations. He was honored with several terms of membership on the Louis-

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iana State Board of Commerce and Industry under former Governor Earl Long. He was a member of First Methodist Church, Sirreveport, at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pauline De me Couch, formerly of Arkadelphia; a son, C. P. Couch, Jr., of Abilene, Tex.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Slack of Shreveport; two sisters, Mrs. C. D. Thorpe of Shreveport and Mrs. George Monroe of Magnolia. He was an uncle of Harvey C. Couch Jr., and Mrs. Pratt C. Remmel of Little Rock, and of William Thomas Couch, Kirke Couch, Johnson Couch, Shreveport.

In the family devotional moment and the funeral service, scriptural comfort guidance was found in Psalms 1, 23, and John 14. "Seest thou a man diligent in business. He shall stand before kings . . . Blessed is the man whose delight is in the Lord." "Pete" Couch will always remain in my heart as one of God's building, driving brothers and friends. During his last months, two visits with him left fresh his treasured good humor and love of life. —James W. Workman, Lone Star, Tex.

# A DAY IN THE MIGRANT MINISTRY

(Continued from Page 7) Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois.

I would like to close with a poem that pretty well expresses the way I feel about the migrant ministry. I sought my soul,

But my soul I could not see. I sought my God,

But my God eluded me. I sought my brother,

And found all three. -Author Unknown.

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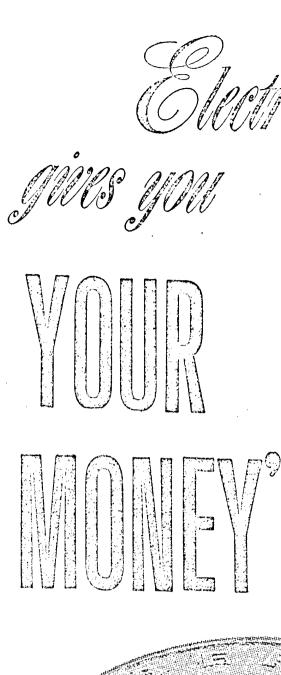
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# The Sunday School Lesson

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#### LESSON FOR AUGUST 7, 1955

# LOYALTY UNDER DIFFICULTIES

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Psalms 137:1-6, Daniel 3:13-18.

MEMORY SELECTION: "He will deliver us out of your hand, O king, but if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up." (Daniel 3:17-18).

This is the first lesson of threesessions UNIT VIII: "LESSON FROM THE EXILE". The aim of the unit is "to help men and women, through a brief study of Exile, withstand temptations to conform-

ity and despair."

The theme for the lesson today "Loyalty Under Difficulties" is well chosen. The Jews had really come upon difficult times. They had disobeyed God and had rejected the high moral standards of their religion and as is always the case, they were reaping what they had sown. The events from our lesson materials for unit VII took place in Judah and in and around Jerusalem. The events of this unit took place in Babylon.

#### Lesson Background

The writer of Psalm 137 was a Levite. He wrote some time after the beginning of the Exile. It will be noted that he used the past tense of the verb "sit" in the beginning of the Psalm: "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down." He was describing a thing that took place prior to the time of his writing.

There were three deportations of the Jews to Babylon during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. The first took place in 598 B. C. when Jehoiachin was king of Judah. The second took place at the time of the rebellion of King Zedekiah in 586 B. C. At that time Jerusalem was completely overrun. The walls were broken down and the Temple destroyed. All the sons of Zedekiah were killed before his eyes and then he was blinded and carried away to Babylon. The last deportation took place in about 581 B. C. at the time that Governor Gadeliah was assassinated. It is estimated that 50,000 Jews were carried away in these three deportations. The Jews were finally permitted to return to Judah. The exile extended over a period of 70 years, which means that those who went in the first deportation never returned.

At first the Jews were broken-hearted over their deportation. Most of them at that time had a very narrow conception of God. They felt that he was only their God and that he dwelt in Palestine, especially the Temple in Jerusalem. Therefore, to separate them from their homeland and from the Temple meant to separate them from their God. This left them very sad and confused in the matter of religion.

One of the most wonderful promises in the Bible is found in Romans 8:28: "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him." The Exile is one of the greatest proofs of the truth of this promise. At first it seemed very bitter and disappointing to the Jews but it turn-

ed out to be a blessing to them and one of the greatest blessings that ever came to the world through them.

All agree that the very foundations of true religion were laid by the Jews. Some one in speaking of the wonderful contributions that had been made to the world by various groups said something like this: "Love for the beautiful came to the world through the Greek; appreciation of law and order came through the Romans, but the greatest contribution of all came through the Jews; that of the conception of true religion."

In setting forth the principles of true religion three outstanding facts were discovered by the Jews: First the fact of monotheism, there is but one God; secondly, this God is interested in all people; and thirdly, this God is present everywhere. The Exile had a lot to do in discovering the last two of these principles.

When these Jews were separated from their homeland they felt that they were ruined, especially in a religious way. Slowly they began to realize that they could worship God in Babylon as well as in Jerusalem. This meant that God was present at Babylon as well as at Jerusalem. Then, they began to reason; if there is but one God and he present everywhere, then he must be the God of all people and he is interested in all. Those conclusions marked some of the greatest forward steps ever taken in religion, and at least two of them came largely out of Exile. Therefore, the Exile which proved to be so bitter and disappointing to the Jews turned out to be a great blessing to them, and through them, a great blessing to the world. God does not directly rule in the affairs of men. He limits his power and leaves room for free-moral agency, but he overrules and often causes that which would otherwise be an unmitigated evil to become a blessing in disguise.

### A Look At The Scriptures

Our first passage Psalms 137:1-6 tells of the sad plight of the Jews in the early months of their captivity. They sat down by the waters of Babylon and wept. Judah was a land of mountains but Babylon was a land of rivers. The two main rivers were the Tigris and Euphrates. These were connected in various places about over the land by canals. These canals were dug in order to facilitate irrigation. All along the banks of these rivers and canals willows grew. The Jews resorted to these place for the shade that these trees provided. In the place of singing and rejoicing, they spent their time weeping.

The Babylonians saw the Jews in this sad plight and demanded, in mockery, that they sing them a

song of Zion. The Jew knew many of these songs of Zion. We have them now in the psalms of our Old Testament. Some of these psalms were sung or chanted as Jews approached Jerusalem and others after they had entered into the Temple. These psalms were for the most part in praise of God for his protecting care. There were two reasons why the Jews refused to sing these psalms in Babylon; one was the fact that they had not yet conceived the idea that God was with them there. They felt that they had left God in Jerusalem. They could not sing praises to him and him so far away. The second reason was the fact that these songs were in praise to him for his protecting care. They felt that God had not protected them, but he had let them down. Because of these two reasons they were in no mood to sing. They went on to raise the question, "How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a foreign land?"

The latter part of this passage tells how these Jews were determined never to forget Jerusalem. To them Jerusalem was the very center and heart of their life as a people as well as the seat of their religion. The Jews still feel that way about Jerusalem. A few years ago, in their struggle to re-establish their nation, the scripture passage "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem" was painted on the trucks of the Israeli army. This same motto was used here in America in raising funds to help the people who were struggling over there.

Some seventy years after the first deportation the Jews were given the privilege of returning home. Most of those who had been taken to Babylon as captives were dead; a new generation had come on the scene. Most of these people had never seen Jerusalem and had become satisfied in Babylon. They refused to leave.

Our next passage (Daniel 3:13-18) tells of three Hebrews - Shadrach, Mesach, and Abednego - who remained faithful to their religion and to their God in the face of great difficulties. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon made a great statue of himself. This statue was ninety feet high and nine feet wide. It was overlaid with gold. At a given time when a certain number of musical instruments were played all the people were commanded to fall down on their faces and worship this statue. These three Hebrew men refused to worship this statue, even though they knew that Nebuchadnezzar had commanded on penalty of death that all worship it. They also refused in the face of the fact that they had been highly favored by this king. The names listed here are Babylonian instead of Hebrew. Nebuchadnezzar had given them these names and had elevated them into places of authority in his government.

These were useful men in the nation and Nebuchadnezzar hated to destroy them. He gave them a second chance, but still they refused. Our memory selection is the greatest defiance to be found anywhere in the Bible against a false faith: "He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up."

This passage carries our minds right back to the theme "Loyalty Under Difficulties". These men stand out as people who were loyal

under extreme difficulties. They felt that this would cost them their lives. They could not understand the things that had happened to them as a nation. They feit that God had let them down, but still they remained true to him and to their religion. You cannot find a greater statement of faith in the Bible. It sounds a bit like that made by Job, who in the midst of great difficulties cried out to the Lord, "Though you slay me, yet will I trust you."

There are many things in life that we will never, on this side of the grave, understand. From time to time we meet with difficulties that we cannot explain, but there is one thing sure and that is the fact that the person who has this type of faith can never be defeated. He has already accepted adverse circumstances at their lowest ebb. The worst that the world can do to an individual from the physical standpoint is to take away life, but the person with this type of faith has already accepted death and declared that even in the very midst of it he would retain his faith in God. These three Hebrews faced the fiery furnace that was made seven times hotter that usual; the Apostle Paul faced the guillotine; and Christ, the cross, but fire, nor axe, nor cross, can conquer the person who has accepted defeat at its lowest ebb and yet kept his faith in God alive and active. The writer says it reverently, but if a person like that could suffer defeat in the same act God himself would be conquered and the hope of the world would perish from the earth. These men were victorious. They came out without even the smell of fire upon their clothes, but even if the fire had consumed them just as the axe killed Paul and the cross killed Christ, they would have still been victorious. We are citizens of two worlds and the blessings of God might be withheld here only that they might be given in double portion hereafter. We thank God from the depths of our heart for a religion that as the Bible tells us "Gives us songs in the night". This is the only religion that is worthwhile. It is the only one that will stand in the evil day, and guide the wayfaring pilgrim safely to the shores of his eternal home.

The writer has some very dear friends who some four years ago lost a little six-year old boy. He was an only child, and there will not be another in that home. He was a precocious child; the pride and joy of his parents' hearts. At his going they went under a cloud of sorrow from which they have not been able to extricate themselves. They are walking the fiery furnace as truly as did Shadrach, Mesach, and Abednego in the long ago. Their hope lies in the undaunted faith exhibited by these men who declared that regardless of what happened they would remain true to their God and their religion.

Some years ago a man lost an only child, a son, in the war. With much feeling he cried out to his pastor, "Where was God when my son was dying on the battlefield?" Like a voice from heaven the pastor replied, "My friend, when your son was dying in the battlefield God was in the same place where he was when his Son was dying on the cross." We cannot be shielded from all the hard blows of life but we can be sure of one thing, when the blow falls God will be under the burden with us.