

Arkansas Methodist



"SERVIN"
 GREENWOOD
 102 N. Nichols
 Gardner Bldg.
 North 300-514
 Station

"HUNDRED THOUSAND METHODISTS IN ARKANSAS"
 Publication of Arkansas Methodism

VOL. LXXIV

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, JULY 28, 1955

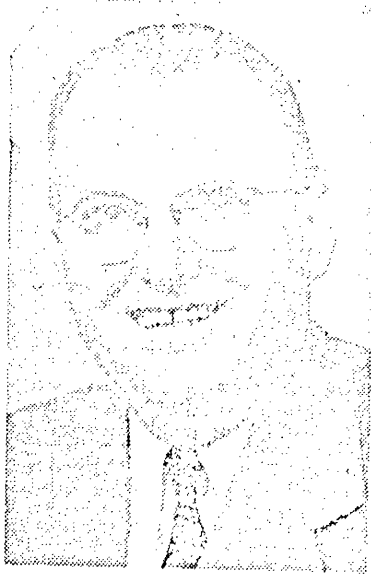
NO. 29

RURAL MINISTER

Rev. Floyd G. Villines Jr., pastor 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 churches 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.



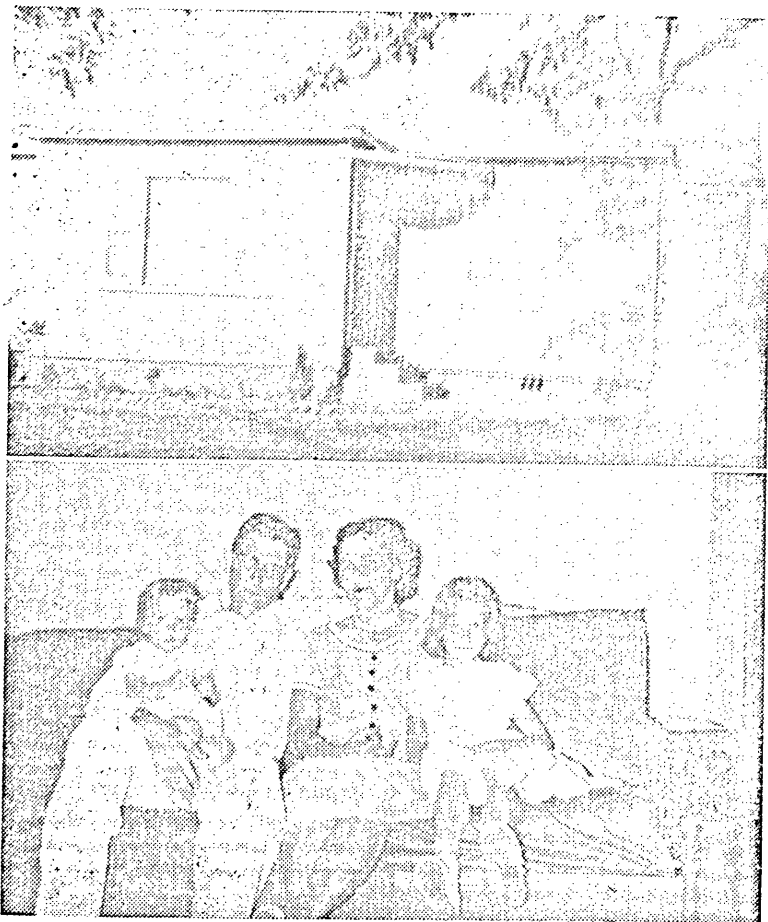
REV. FLOYD G. VILLINES JR.

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 (1 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.



IN ARKANSAS

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 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 opportunity for personal use of the Bible 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."



Bishop Martin

"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.

Parsonettes 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 Shamblyn; 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.

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. Scouter 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-

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 counselors. Druelle Blackwell represented the group in a meeting at Camp Tanako.—Mrs. Roy Huffstutlar, Church Reporter.

Ten Years Of Successful Cooperation

By James W. Sells

Director Joint Radio Committee

YEARS 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 W S B 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
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 Jurisdictions.

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.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

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 Church.

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 co-directors 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 Paris.

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 Conference.

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-shares.

THE 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 dogs.

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?

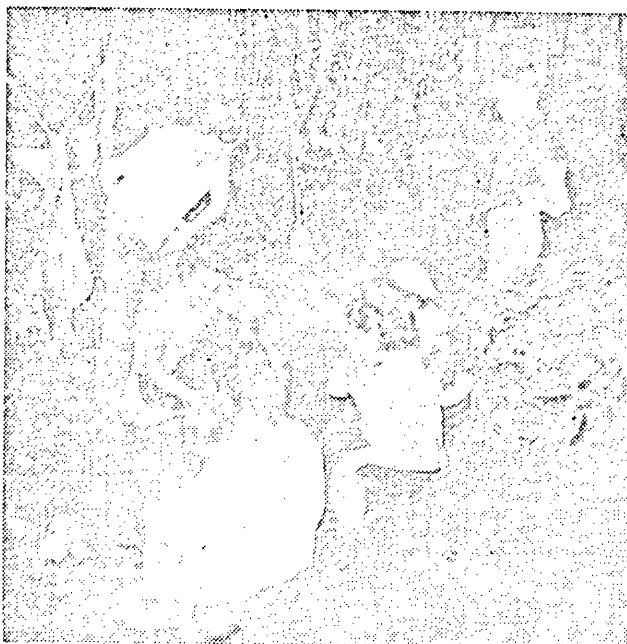
Why keep on trying to make village and rural churches like city churches?

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* (Putnam.)



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.

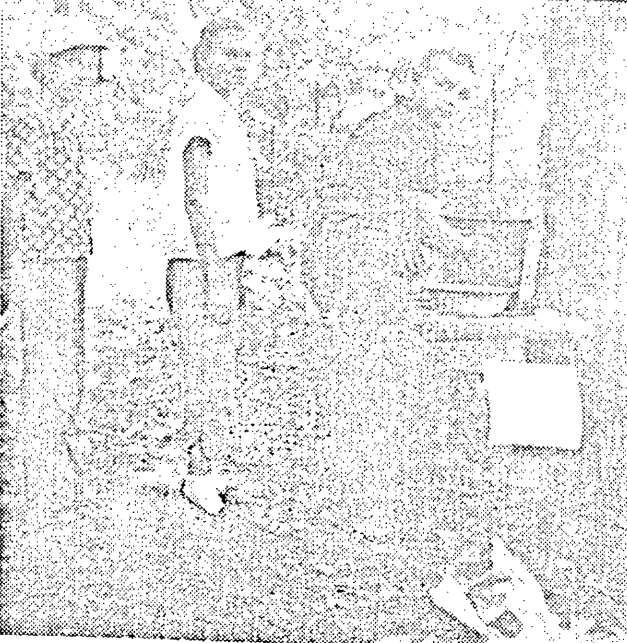
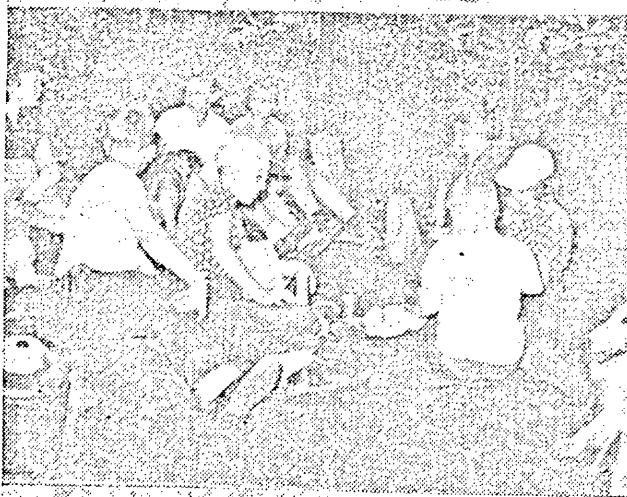
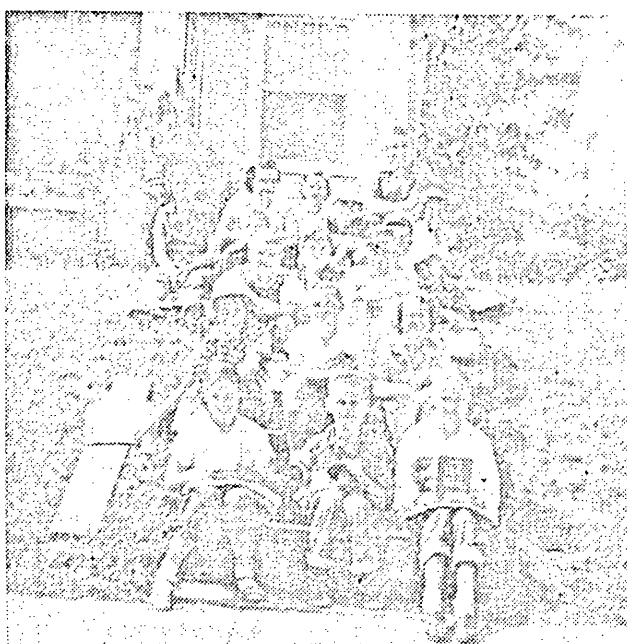
A worship center was set up in each campsite. Group singing was a part of the activities held at the camp.

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 Background.

MIDDLE: Mealtime At Camp.

BELOW: Getting Ready For Lunch.

HEALING FAITH

Editorial

Encourage The Leader

THE 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 were numerous.

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 villains are Communists—may be not only 'dated' but contrary to national policy." Miss Kilgallen points out further that most movie villains 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 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.

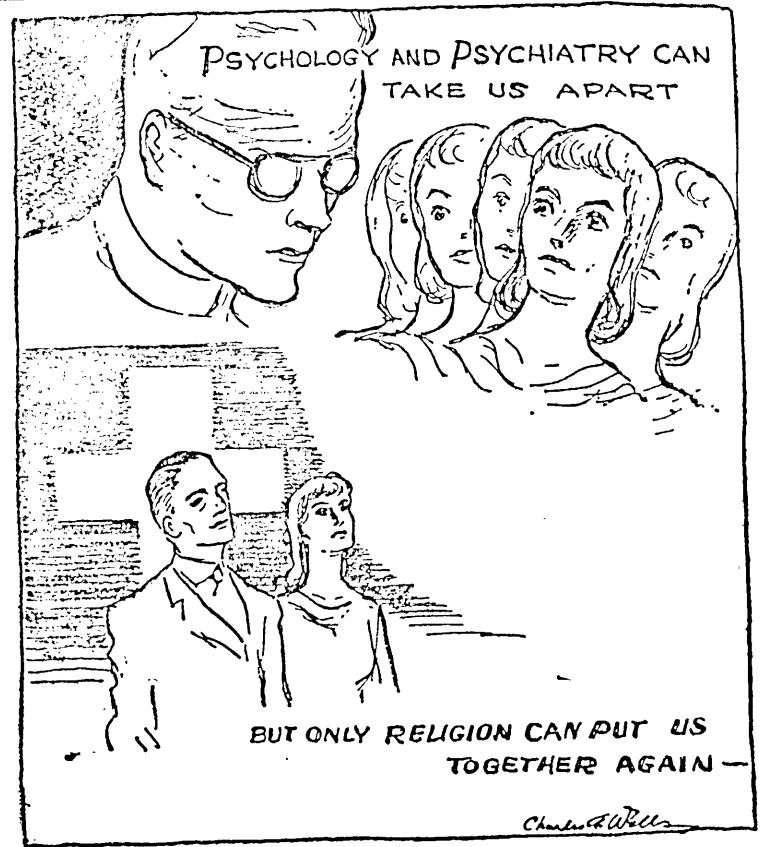
It has been reported several times from international sources that Soviet leaders are amazed that a severe depression has not engulfed this nation. Soviet leaders may now feel that an era of reported goodwill and friendship may accomplish what a cold war and threat of actual war did not accomplish—the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

IT 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

LAST 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

(Continued on Page 5)

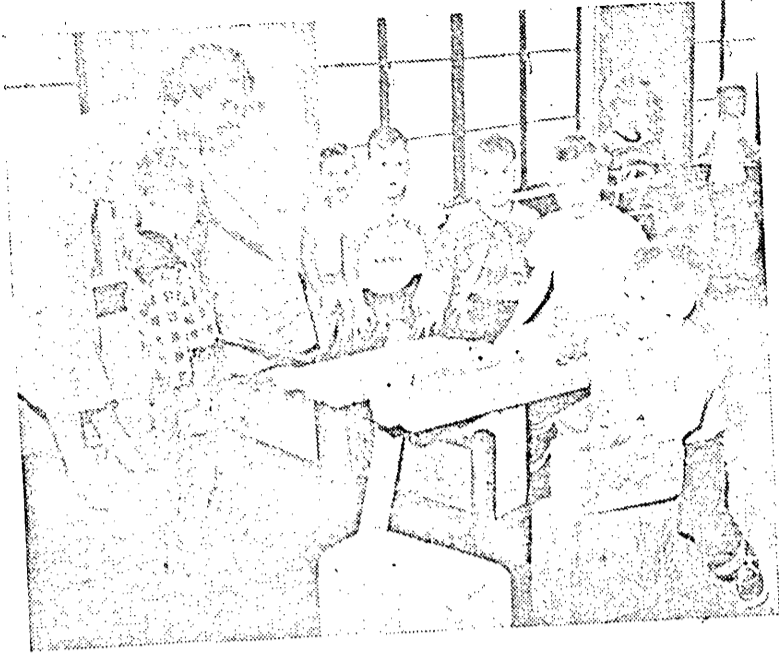
Arkansas Methodist

An Official Publication of
The Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area
PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY
Except the Weeks of July 4 and December 25
SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, \$2.00 PER ANNUM
Retired Ministers and Wives of Deceased Ministers of the
Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference
Complimentary.

Office of Publication, 1136-1137 Donaghey Building
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
E. T. WAYLAND Editors and Business Mgrs.
EWING T. WAYLAND Assistant to Editors
ANNIE WINBURNE
CONTRIBUTING EDITORS: H. O. Bolin, Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland.
OWNED, MANAGED AND PUBLISHED BY
THE METHODIST CHURCHES OF
ARKANSAS AND LOUISIANA
Commissioners:
Little Rock Conference—O. C. Landers, E. Vernon Markham, Charles W. Richards, C. Ray Hozendorf, Arthur Terry, Aubrey G. Walton, Burney Wilson.

Louisiana Conference — R. R. Branton, J. N. Fomby, Leonard Cooke, George W. Pomeroy, Virgil D. Morris, Charles W. Price, Harry Squires.
North Arkansas Conference—Joe Cooper, J. G. Moore, R. J. Rice, Robert P. Sessions, J. Frank Warden, J. William Watson, W. M. Womack.
Entered as second-class matter, January 31, 1906, at the Post Office at Little Rock, Ark., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.
When asking for change of address, please include charge key number, former address, new address and name of pastor.

Articles other than editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editors of the Arkansas Methodist.



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 Monroe 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 of \$15 a month is charged each child.

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

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.

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.

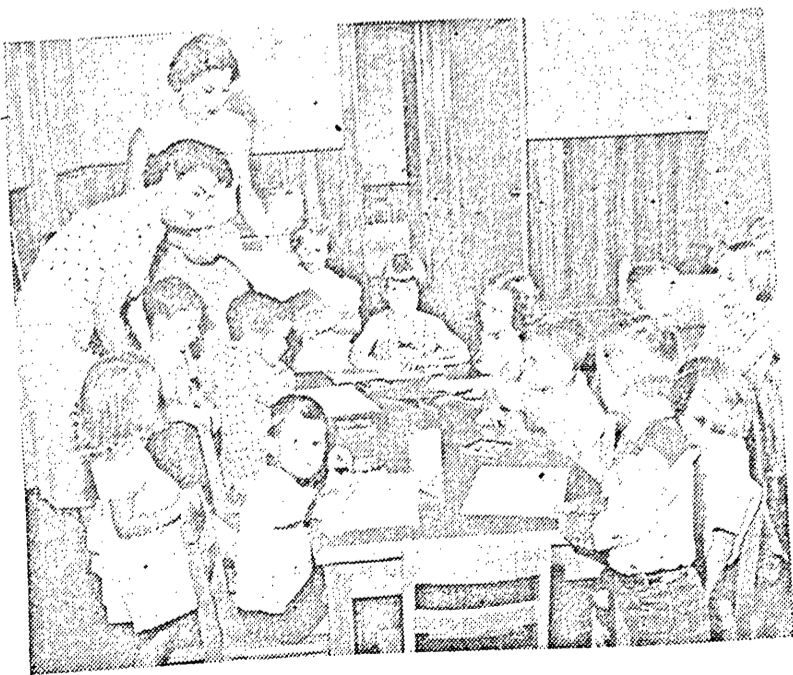
Doctors and dentists who are members of the church serve on the Nursery school board, and cooperate in giving the children physical and dental examinations. From time to time parents of the children are invited to attend child-study programs for study and discussion of common problems. These are led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

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.

TO 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, I think they are above the average for migrant families. There is a one room 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 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 clean.

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 was to bring an 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



MISS JOAN LAY

OLDEST TEXAS CHURCH SETS CELEBRATION

St. Augustine — Texas Methodists 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 1949.

to serve God by serving the migrants.

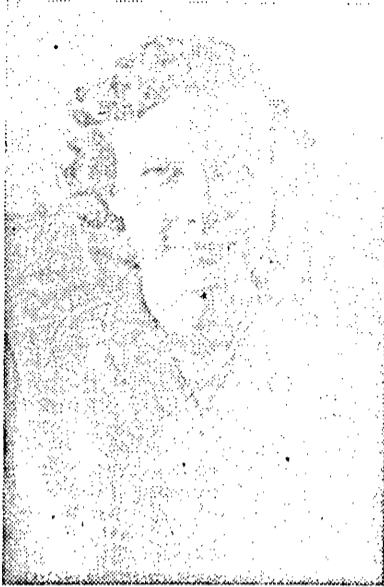
I have given you a very sketchy picture of migrant work as carried on by the National Council of Churches. But perhaps you have become a bit more concerned after reading about it in the letter. And you may want to do something for these people. If that is the case I would suggest a number of things.

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.

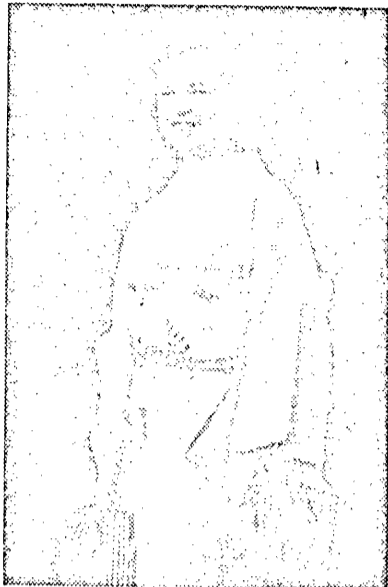
Second, learn to think of migrants as people like yourselves. They are essential to the economy of the nation. Next time you get a can of green peas of the Stokley's variety, remember that at least once, a migrant had something to do with the canning of those peas and the shipping of them to your grocer.

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

(Continued on Page 15)

MISSIONARIES TO ATTEND LOUISIANA
SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

MISS GRETCHEN ELSTON



MISS CHARLIE HAMPTON

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 Hirosoki, 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

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 Swearingner; 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, Cane 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 Severston'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 Severston.

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 Cleveland—singing 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 her 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 York, 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.

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

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 prelate'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 arrested

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.

DULLES STRESSES SPIRITUAL BASIS OF PEACE

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 quinquennial 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."

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 creeds of materialism and the cults of raw power."

BISHOP WARNS MINING COMPANIES NOT TO EXPLOIT ESKIMOS

Mining development in Northern 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 35,000-square-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 the non-complexity of life. His mind is alert and quickly grasps the meaning of things with proper guidance, but if left to fend for himself he cannot be expected to understand the new environment." The Eskimo has lived much the

same for the past 500 years and even the introduction of machinery and modern methods probably won't change him perceptibly for another 50 years, Bishop Scheffer said.

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 200-franc 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 insult."

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 chaplain is now 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.



EVANGELISTS

Brady Cook
Evangelist-Youth Worker
Irene Cook
Singer-Children's Worker

Smithville, Arkansas
July 21-31
Rev. James Beal, Pastor

Bienville, Louisiana (Circuit)
August 5-21
Rev. K. K. Carithers, Pastor

Hugo, Oklahoma (Wesley)
August 22-September 31
Rev. H. W. Jett, Pastor

Address: P. O. Box 2736
Little Rock, Arkansas

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. Ninety-nine 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 Does 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

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 Brotherhood 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

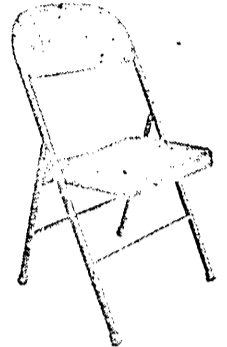
A candlelight installation service for the new officers of the MYF was held in the Young People's Department of the First Methodist Church, Sunday night, July 3. Principal speakers were Rev. V. D. Keeley, Paul O'Neal, and William Perkins.

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.

ATLAS METAL FOLDING CHAIRS



WHOLESALE PRICES

ALL-STATE SUPPLY, INC.
1401 W. Capitol Little Rock, Ark.

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 DeValls 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, vice-president, 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.

THE MOORES' CAFETERIA

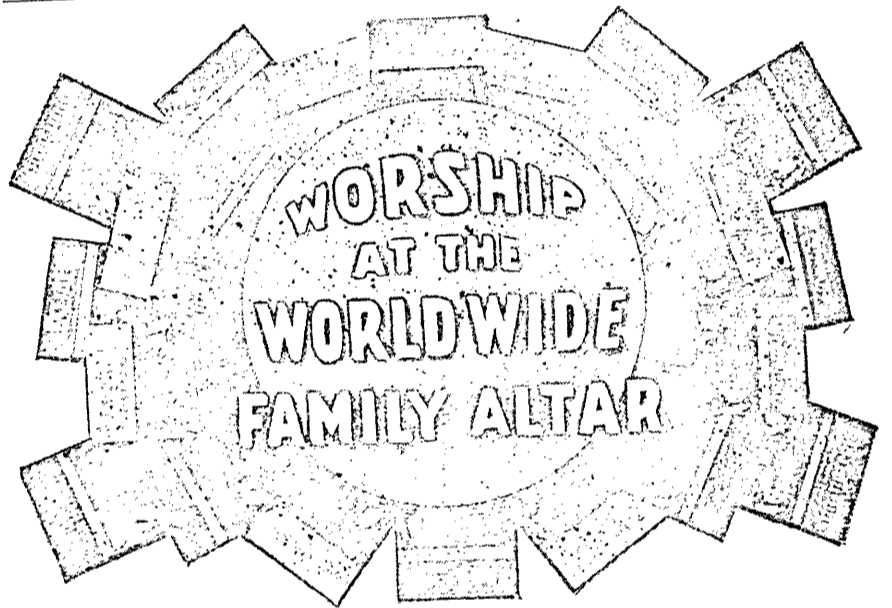
415 MAIN STREET
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

We Specialize In

Fresh Frozen
Vegetables and Fruits

From Our Own Deep Freeze
Lockers

Owned and Personally Supervised By
Mr. and Mrs. Merlin M. Moore
"In the heart of the shopping district"



Ten million people, it is estimated, join daily in Bible reading, prayer and meditation through The Upper Room. You are invited to become a part of this world-wide fellowship of Christians who, in private devotions and at the family altar, find help and inspiration to meet the problems of each new day.

From the minds and hearts of Christian men and women of fifty different countries come the meditations for the September-October number. Together they call to Christians everywhere to join in worship. Here is an effective invitation to world Christian fellowship—an outstanding evidence of the worth of the missionary endeavor. Begin now to enjoy the blessings of daily devotions through this special issue of The Upper Room.

The September-October issue, the annual World Christian Fellowship number, is printed in 26 languages (30 editions). If your church or club is not already getting a supply of The Upper Room, begin this service to your members now.

Ten or more copies to one address, 5 cents per copy. Single copies, 10 cents. Individual subscriptions, direct to your home by mail, 50 cents per year. Special Air Mail Edition for Service men and youth, same prices. Spanish, 50 cents per year. Other language, \$1.00 per year. English Braille, \$2.00 per year.

The Upper Room

The world's most widely used devotional guide

30 Editions — 26 Languages

1908 GRAND AVENUE

NASHVILLE, TENN.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

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 ability.

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-

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

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pauline Deane 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 and the funeral service, scriptural comfort guidance was found in Psalms 1, 23, and John 14. "Seekest 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.

ANY SIZE COINAGE Chromium plated, precision made. Manufacturer's Guarantee overstock. Guaranteed 99.9% value or money refunded. Order by mail. **WESTERN COINAGE SALES**, 1704 W. 2nd Ave., Chicago 24, Illinois.

Electricity
gives you
YOUR
MONEY'S



WORTH!

Arkansas
POWER & LIGHT
Company
HELPING BUILD ARKANSAS

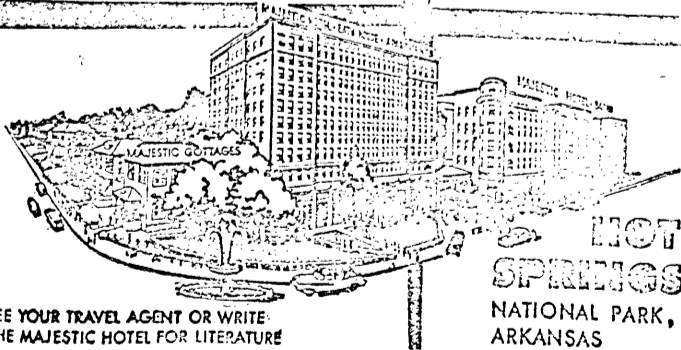
BATHE
YOUR WAY
to **HEALTH**



Millions have taken the baths at Hot Springs—America's only health resort with natural thermal waters under the regulation of the Director of the Nat'l. Park Service, U.S. Dept. of the Interior—and, countless people have testified to the magic qualities of these world-famous baths. You, too, can find relief for jangled nerves, aching muscles, stiff joints, hardening of the arteries, and, yes, even rheumatism and arthritis.

THE
Majestic
HOTEL
& BATHS

From \$3 per day single
\$4.50 per day double
And you can budget your meals
at approximately \$4.50 a day



SEE YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR WRITE
THE MAJESTIC HOTEL FOR LITERATURE

HOT SPRINGS
NATIONAL PARK,
ARKANSAS

