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One of the 7 pages of a pictorial article, "A Special Happy World For A Grandson" in the August 29 issue of LIFE magazine is that shown above which is reproduced here by special permission of LIFE magazine. Under the caption "A man possessed of endless patience and a boy full of pep" the magazine story concerns 6-year-old Billy Conner and 61-year-old William James Conner, his grandfather, both of Batesville. In this particular

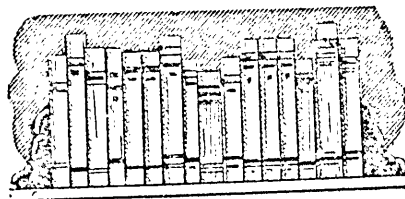
picture "Mr. Conner comes home from work a tired man. But Billy waiting to pounce on him, he barely has a chance to look at his church paper before he is tugged on a shopping excursion downtown." Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Conner, Billy's parents are members of Central Avenue Methodist Church, Batesville. Photographed for LIFE by Leonard McCombe.

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A Local Church Librarian Who Would Like To See A Library In Every Local Church. She Says People Will Read Books If They Are Easily Available.

One Church Library

By MRS. LUCY M. SPIERLING



ONE Sunday, Ray Robinson, a Methodist layman, filled the pulpit of Henderson Methodist Church at the evening service. He made the statement: "How wonderful it would be if people would volunteer their services to the pastor." I did just that. I had visited the church office for some purpose and the pastor was there. As our conversation progressed, I noticed a glass front bookcase containing a few books. As I looked at the pitiful supply of books, I began to dream of a room lined with open shelves filled with books, and so, I said to the pastor: "I would like to be librarian for the church." He replied: "All right, the job is yours."

I looked over my own supply of books and began asking people to look through their books and to give anything they didn't want. I didn't think they would give anything they did want. The books began to come in. By the end of January 1955, our library consisted of 310 titles.

The Methodist Publishing House, Dallas, Texas, allows a 20% discount on books, to church libraries registered with them. Our library sponsored by the Official Board, was promptly registered. With the registration card came several booklets on how to set up a church library in the same manner as a Public Library. The booklets were carefully studied. Setting up a church library is not hard work, but there is much clerical work to be done. When a book is received, it is entered in an accession book with a check-out card. Then there is to be typed a 3x5 author card, subject card and a title card. When a book has been dedicated, a bookplate is placed in the front of the book, giving the name of the donor and the name of the person to whom the dedication has been made. The name of the church is stamped in the front, on the title page, in the back and on a certain page in the book. Now, the book is ready for the shelf.

To check out a book, the card is removed from the pocket in the back of the book, and the date, name and address of the borrower, is written on the card which is kept by the librarian. Books are to be returned in two weeks.

A receptacle is handy for borrowers to deposit books. The librarian returns the books to their rightful place after inserting the check-out card in the pocket. The book is now ready for another reader.

In checking the books to see that none are missing, a list is made of each shelf of books. The books are checked against the list.

In accounting for the books checked out each month, the first month, all cards containing a borrower's name, were taken from the books—a list was made of the book and the names of people who had borrowed it. Then a line was drawn under the last name. The next month, only cards were removed from books with names under the line. After being listed, a line was again drawn under the last name. The check-out card shows a record of how many times each book was borrowed. A sheet is kept for each borrower showing the names of the books they have checked out.

One person can do the clerical work and look after the library, but it requires the cooperation of everyone in the church to advertise the library so that new books will come in and so that there will be a good circulation. Interest in the library causes voluntary gifts of books to be made.

There have been many questions:

Why Have A Church Library?

I have spent at least 30 years working in the Primary Department. Time and again *Pells Suit* was given as a reference book. I couldn't find that book at the Public Library and didn't feel that I could purchase it. *Pells Suit* was among the first books purchased for our church library.

The publishers of *Eliot's Five Foot Shelf of Books* make the claim that a good education may be had by reading 10 minutes each day. By reading books on varied subjects, a person can easily and happily gain an excellent education. A church library makes books easily available.

A church library supplies the special books needed for the classes and organizations of the church.

Bookmarks, an organ of the Church Library Service of the Methodist Publishing House, Dallas, Texas, stated that 61 church libraries were registered with them during March, April and May 1955 which brings the total number of registered Methodist libraries to 3,326.

Where Will The Books Come From?

In talking to other church librarians, they advise that many of their books come through dedications and memorials. In case of bereavement, a book is given instead of flowers. "Tomorrow" the flowers are a memory but a BOOK is a Living-Breathing-Memorial that will bless for years, whoever reads it. It is only necessary to advise me that the book is wanted. I will purchase the book at the church discount, send a sympathy card announcing the dedication and will deliver the book to the bereaved when it arrives. The book can be paid for at the donor's convenience. When the family finishes with the book, it is returned to the library.

How Will The Books Be Selected?

There are so many interesting books, the problem is which one to buy first. One book leads to another. I inherited from my mother a great need for books, and it was she who taught me that my reading must be good because it is from books that I receive an education. She also taught me that if I read only good books, I will soon be unable to read books that are not worthy of my time. My extreme need for reading makes it easy to select good books.

Books must be furnished for Primary age children; Junior boys; Junior girls; Teenagers; for Adults, there are a number of categories—Religious, inspirational, devotional, fiction and teacher training books. About 6 girls ask for books on Nursing, each plans to become a nurse.

I try to select thin books with large print. A person will read several thin books whereas they wouldn't pick up a thick one. In this day of such an abundance of reading material, and the many activities in which people indulge with the time they have saved with the labor-saving gadgets in their homes, the reader requires condensed reading material.

Nearly every magazine has a book service column. I constantly am on the look-out for interesting book-comments.

A donor always has the privilege of making his or her selection of a title.

When Will The Books Be Checked Out?

I am in the church library on Sunday morning from 9:00 to 9:45, again between Sunday School and church services; and again from 7:00 to 7:30 p. m. Sunday. I live next door to the church and am always happy to go to the library to fill a special request. (I am employed as a stenographer, 5 days each week). On Sunday morning, a selection of books is taken to several departments to be checked out after class; surplus books are picked up after services.

Will The Books Be Read?

Since our church library started operations November 17, 1954, we have checked out 1,157 books, serving 587 people, and 200 different people have participated in our library program. We have had a minimum of advertising. The opinion of many people was expressed by a lady who came into the library and said: "I think this library is the most wonderful thing that Henderson Church has ever done."

Never have I participated in a project where there was such whole-hearted cooperation from the membership as there has been with our church library.

How wonderful it would be for every church to have a room lined with open shelves and filled with needed books.

Centenary College News

F. H. "Buss" Delaney, assistant to President Joe J. Mickle for public relations, has been elected 1955-56 president of the Centenary College Faculty Club. He succeeds E. E. Parker, associate professor of applied mathematics. Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, instructor in education, is the new vice president, and the secretary-treasurer is Dr. Lee Morgan, assistant professor of English.

John Paul Hess, son of Mrs. Eugenia Nannett Hess of 921 Stephenson St., Shreveport, is the first graduate of the Centenary College ROTC program to be selected for a Regular Army commission. He was sworn in as a second lieutenant in the Infantry, Regular Army, by Lt. Col. Nicholas Novosel, professor of military science and tactics, in brief ceremonies held in the ROTC Headquarters on campus Wednesday. Hess reported Saturday to the infantry school at Ft. Benning, Ga., for the infantry officers' basic course and ranger course.

A new faculty baby arrived Saturday. He is the son of Mrs. Curtis Menefee, 2828 Oak St., and Mr. Menefee, and checked in at a Shreveport hospital at a birth weight of seven pounds, eight ounces. The child is the couple's first. Mrs. Menefee is assistant professor of commerce at Centenary College and has been on leave of absence for the fall semester.

Ralph A. Squires, head of the music department at Centenary College, has been awarded the degree of doctor of fine arts from the Chicago Musical College. He has been on the Centenary faculty since 1935 and is a native of Morgan City. He earned his AB degree from Southwestern Louisiana Institute in Lafayette and his BM and MM degrees at the Chicago Musical College. While working for his doctorate in Chicago, Squires studied under Rudolph Ganz, internationally known pianist.

The proud new possessor of a Master of Science degree is Mrs. Alice Strong Alben, science librarian at Centenary College. She earned the degree at the University of Illinois library school in Urbana, Ill. Mrs. Alben received her bachelor's degree at Dakota Wesleyan College in Mitchell, S. D. She has been on the Centenary staff for the past 15 years.

"Gentlemanly Speaking", the 1955-56 student handbook at Centenary College, came off the presses in ample time for distribution during the orientation program for new students. The book, compiled in the office of Edgar Burks, dean of men, lists rules of conduct, factual data on campus policies and procedures and gives information of interest to students on the campus. It also contains a history of the college, calendar of events and list of administration and faculty members.

Dean Leroy Vogel of Centenary College was guest speaker Tuesday at a meeting of the Shreveport club of Altrusa International. He spoke on the topic, "Charter Revision". Dr. Vogel was chairman of the Citizens' Charter Revision Committee, appointed by Mayor James C. Gardner of Shreveport last January to study and recommend amendments in the

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COUNCIL HEAD HAS WORD OF CAUTION ON RELIGIOUS BOOM

New York, (NC)—America's boom in religion, as measured by church membership and other statistics, may be a spiritual bust.

This is the warning sounded by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, President of the National Council of Churches, in an article in the current issue of Look magazine.

Despite evidences of a great national upsurge in religious interest, morality seems to be on the decline, the Protestant leader declared.

"The concern of the churches is that there appears to be a growing interest in what religion can do for a man, without an accompanying moral concern about what a religious man ought to be and do," he said.

Acknowledging a new era of "robust faith" in the 1950's, replacing the confusion and frustration of the twenties and thirties, Dr. Blake termed this new faith a good thing. But he singled out the possible danger that this faith may become "a prop and a justification for an essentially unreligious life instead of an aid to new moral and spiritual insights."

Much of the new faith seems to be a revival of allegiance to old gods, he said, a seeking after job security, health and peace of mind—in return for "being polite to God."

One "tribal god" seemingly in process of revival, he said, is Mammon, god of industrial prosperity and worldly success. "Believe in the Man Upstairs and he will make you prosperous and successful" is the watchword of today's Mammon worshippers, he said.

Another form of escapist religion, practiced by rapidly growing emotional sects, springs from a confusion of sexual and religious impulses," Dr. Blake said.

"Syncretized hymns interspersed with multiple repetition of expressions such as 'saved by the blood' or 'ye must be born again' add up to mass hysteria. These ancient words have a specific meaning in Christian thought. But the meaning is no longer there when these phrases are used as stimulants for the glands."

Dr. Blake also cited faith healing and the "peace of mind" movement as dangers in the current religious revival.

"The reason for so many attacks upon the popular purveyors of 'peace of mind' is not that the church is against placidity and in favor of anxiety. It is that the Christian Gospel must not be distorted to give

Social Welfare Conference Scheduled For November 1-4

Counsels Against Bible Memorization

Chicago, Illinois (NC) — Memorization of Bible verses sometimes causes children to resent the Bible and the church, warns an Indiana farm wife and recipient of the 1955 Russell Colgate Award for distinguished service to Christian education.

Writing in a special issue of the *International Journal of Religious Education* on teaching the Bible, Mrs. Doris Demaree, a member of the Disciples of Christ, also counsels against memorization of meaningless material or for pins or class awards.

Mrs. Demaree indicated that memorization can be fun and inspiring to children only when passages are carefully chosen to be used in worship or dramatizations or when children already understand the meaning.

The *International Journal*, a publication of the National Council of Churches, is devoting the entire November issue to suggestions for creative ways in which teachers can use the Bible so that pupils respond with committed lives. Other articles deal with parents' and teachers' own response to the Bible, the use of the Bible in vacation church schools, and the use of the Bible in worship.

a sense of peace to men when there is no peace and ought not to be."

The churchman stressed that security, survival, health and peace are good in themselves. "They become evil only when they are lifted to the highest place and made into objects of man's ultimate concern. Then they become idols and their devotees fanatics. Then religion is just a fad, the 'thing to do'. Then our faith is but a shadow, a spiritual bust," he said.

In conclusion, however, Dr. Blake predicted that a competent and dedicated ministry will guide America away from any widespread "idol" worship in the religious boom.

"I believe that the churches, in increasing co-operation with each other, will lead most of us to a fuller knowledge of God and a greater obedience to Him. Such a spiritual revival, however, is dependent upon keeping the idols from the sanctuary. Faith in general is not enough. Just any religion will not do. The crucial question remains: 'What kind of God will you serve?'," he said.

Welfare Leaders Will Meet In Cleveland

New York, N. Y. (NC)—In cities from coast-to-coast Protestant and Orthodox church will examine the extend of aid to the needy, sick and troubled in their own communities in preparation for the pioneering National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare to be held in Cleveland, O., November 1-4.

At a series of local conferences scheduled during the rest of September, churches will study today's social welfare. They will look into the needs and problems of church-supported hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged and similar institutions. They will examine their relations with community chests and councils of social agencies, with federated financing and community planning. They will explore the relation of social welfare to evangelism and Christian education and they will try to answer such significant questions as:

Millions Will Read The Bible Together

Led by citizens of the United States, people in over forty countries will follow the 12th annual observance of Worldwide Bible Reading, sponsored each year by the American Bible Society.

Starting Thanksgiving Day, November 24, and continuing through Christmas, thousands of families will be reading identical passages of Scripture from the greatest chapters in the Bible. Lists of the passages, in convenient bookmark form, are provided by the American Bible Society, free of charge, to all who will use them. Again this year the Society has prepared the passages in Braille so that sightless people may join others in following the readings.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who is honorary chairman of a national sponsoring committee of laymen, has issued a strong endorsement of the observance, as follows:

"Please accept my best wishes for this year's Worldwide Bible Reading Campaign, to take place between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In this period between the two holidays, when Americans give thanks for their blessings and renew their hopes for a just and lasting peace in the world, all of us, of whatever religious belief, may well turn to the Bible for guidance and inspiration for the tasks which lie ahead. I hope that many individuals and many families will do so, and that they will continue this practice in the New Year, joined by men and women of faith and good will in other lands."

The peak of the observance comes on Universal Bible Sunday, December 11. Churches of every Protestant denomination by the thousands (Continued on page 7)

How should Protestants discharge their responsibility to meet human need?

What do leaders in your state consider the role of church-related agencies, in view of the expanding programs of public welfare?

The exploration at these pre-Cleveland meetings into the weaknesses and strengths of local welfare and the kind of future emphases needed will serve as background for the great Cleveland conference, the first of its kind in U. S. church history. Full reports of each meeting will be sent as preparatory material to each of the 2,000 officially delegated church welfare leaders attending the larger conference. This will provide up-to-the-minute information upon sectional problems.

The Cleveland conference was called by the National Council of the Church of Christ in the U. S. A. to study the over-all picture and the theological basis for Protestant and Orthodox church welfare. It will be convened by the Council's Departments of Social Welfare and the Division of Home Missions. Representatives of the Council's 30 constituent communions which have 35½ million members will attend.

Of 20 study commissions, already set up, ten will focus on such important phases of welfare as child care, family service, health and medical care, pastoral care and chaplaincy services. The others will deal with general subjects such as church-government relations in welfare and the role of volunteers.

Inspiration Planned For Chaplains Abroad

Methodist chaplains on duty with the armed forces in Europe are coming together for a four-day retreat in Berchtesgaden, Germany, September 12-16.

Three United States bishops, G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Ohio, and Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles, aided by chaplains, will provide the program.

Mr. D. Stewart Patterson, executive secretary of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, which is sponsoring the retreat, will represent the staff and be available for consultation, shop talk and liaison. The spiritual fellowship will open with the administration of the sacrament of Holy Communion by the three bishops.

"The retreat at Berchtesgaden is an expression of the deep and abiding interest of the church in the chaplains who represent the church in its ministry to the men and women in the armed forces," Bishop Oxnam, chairman of the Commission, wrote in his invitation to the overseas chaplains.

\$260,000 Gift By Rockefeller for Social Change Study And Appraisal

A gift of \$260,000 from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to the World Council of Churches, will make it possible to carry on an international study and appraisal of Christian responsibility in areas of rapid social change—notably in countries of Asia and Africa—during the coming three years.

Announcement of the gift was made yesterday by the Geneva and New York officers of the World Council of Churches. Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert is Executive Secretary of the New York office at 156 Fifth Avenue and of the Friends of the World Council of Churches, Inc., the legal corporation through which the gift was made. Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft is General Secretary

of the World Council of Churches, Geneva.

Director of the World Council's Study Division, which will direct the study, is Dr. Robert S. Bilheimer, of New York, who was the Executive for the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches which met in Evanston, Illinois, last year. He is now an Associate General Secretary of the World Council with officers in Geneva, Switzerland. The Assembly created the Division of Studies, with Dr. Bilheimer as its head, to co-ordinate ecumenical studies in the fields of Christian unity, the responsibility of the churches in social and international problems, and evangelism. The Study Division defines its task as

"to arouse Christian thinking and action in regard to issues of world import, about which there is not sufficient clarity or unity of thought." It aims to carry out its program through international and interdenominational consultations, conferences, regional study commissions, team visitations and publications.

The gift from Mr. Rockefeller includes grants for the following purposes:

1. For the special study of the Christian responsibility in areas of "rapid social change," especially in Asia, Africa and Latin America. This is the main project of the Division of Studies for the next three years. (Continued on page 15)

A Good Exposure Helps

THERE is an old saying that "Religion is caught, not taught." This saying probably had its origin in another day when there was considerable difference of opinion about the relative merits of evangelism and Christian education. In this day when programs of evangelism and Christian education have somewhat matured, responsible leaders in both fields recognized necessity of each emphasis if any conference or local church program is effective.

There is a real sense in which "religion is caught, not taught", but like all half truths the implications can be misleading. There rests with every individual who becomes a Christian the responsibility of decision, a moment of choice about the direction of life, and no amount of teaching, as such, can take away the necessity of this decision or choice. However, and of even more importance, a good "exposure" to Christian teaching can both hasten the hour of decision and lead to a developing experience which has a greater chance of success. Religion may be caught, not taught, but a good exposure to Christian education is helpful in any event.

This seems to be borne out when records of the three annual conferences of this area are examined. Reports from the last conference year indicate that more than 70% of those joining the Methodist Church in Arkansas and Louisiana during the 12 month period ending May 31 were members of local church schools. This is not any indictment of evangelistic programs but simply an indication that the most fruitful field today for prospects for church membership are those who have been and are being exposed to Christian teaching.

That is one major reason why every move which will strengthen the programs of Christian education in local church should be encouraged. The stronger the local church program, the more training opportunities that are made available to Sunday School teachers, the greater chance there will be that the church will accomplish its mission, the conversion of the world and the edification of believers.

Next Sunday, September 25, is Church School Rally Day, a most significant day in the conference year. Special offerings received on that day will help to provide leadership opportunities for local church school teachers. Help to make the day a highlight in your local church by attending Sunday School.

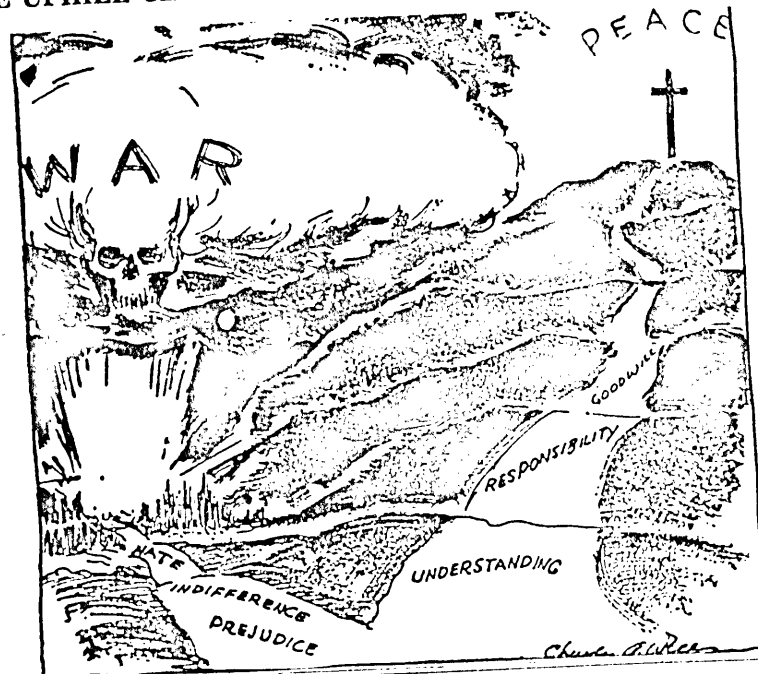
Big Business Becomes Interested In Higher Education

ONE of the most significant developments of recent years in the United States is to be found in the interest big business is showing in the cause of higher education.

Recently the Ford Foundation led the way in the formation of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation with a grant of \$20,000,000. The Carnegie Corporation added a contribution of \$500,000 to the Foundation. Sears-Roebuck and Time Incorporated have both set up funds to be used for underwriting scholarships. Other big business concerns have under consideration liberal grants for scholarship purposes. If this trend continues, the cause of higher education will have a stupendous fund through which thousands of our promising youth will have educational opportunities that would have been impossible without such aid.

There is a very definite need for this establishment of scholarships by men of means. The cost of higher education, like everything else, has increased rapidly since World War II. For many worthy, capable students the cost of higher education has become practically prohibitive. If America and the world is to have the advantage of the talents and capabilities of such young people it is necessary for them to have financial help from some source. What agency could better give this aid than big business?

Since the foundation of our nation the church has had a deep concern for the cause of higher education. By its free-will contributions it has built many of the leading colleges and universities of the nation. By endowments and church-inspired scholarships, it has made an inestimable contribution to higher education throughout our history. The church still, with an ever-increasing interest, gives



liberally to this cause.

Nevertheless, it is quite proper for big business, which profits so directly from the services of trained men and women, to help make it possible for our young people to have the educational opportunities they so badly want and deserve.

The church alone could not meet the present-day needs for scholarships and also carry on the rest of its world-wide program. It welcomes, with gratitude, the help now coming from the business world to aid to our youth and our colleges and universities in the program of higher education.

There Are Other Ways

ONE branch of the armed forces, the Air Force, has recently undertaken a program designed to strengthen the physical and mental fiber of its men that they may be better able to withstand the torture, confinements, brainwashings, and other means which an enemy might employ to "break-down" a prisoner's resistance to giving information which the enemy seeks. The program, according to press reports, consists of subjecting the men to various degrees of discomfort, inconvenience, torture, solitude, etc., the idea being that such experiences will harden them against more severe experiences in the future.

Experience alone will reveal just how successful these "treatments" will be in further conditioning men for future wars. However, we have an idea if the same amount of effort and emphasis were given in strengthening the moral and spiritual fiber of the men, the results would be of more value. Indeed, the history of Christianity is written in the blood of its believers who have refused to recant in the presence of death.

"It Must Be A Methodist Church"

RECENTLY, in driving through a little city in which we were strangers, we passed a nice looking church building. We secretly hoped it was a Methodist Church. However, we looked in vain for any marking that would satisfy our interest.

We passed the church without knowing to what denomination it belongs. We were, however, interested and a little perturbed by a remark of a passenger in our car who said, "Well it must be a Methodist Church since there is no name on it."

It is true that Methodist people are not the only church people who sometimes fail to mark their churches with a name. Nevertheless, it will be unfortunate indeed if any appreciable number of people come to think they can recognize Methodist churches simply by the absence of a name. Most of our churches are marked so any passerby may know they are Methodist churches. If any Methodist Church fails to say to those who pass by, "This is a Methodist Church," that is one too many.

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Layman's Column

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This is the title of a book that a lot of Christians should not read. It is the study book suggested for the Woman's Society of Christian Service as their mission text this year.



It is not to be implied from these words that the book is unfit to read. Actually, it is one of the most challenging, sobering, and informative books

that has come to the writer's desk in a long time. It deals with people around the earth who are just as important in God's sight as we are. It deals in plain, unvarnished words, and comes from the background of long years on the mission fields. It tells of the great needs and longings of our brothers of all races and colors. It tells some startling facts about the philosophies that are challenging Christianity in other nations. The queer thing about this last idea is that we Americans have been erecting a frankenstein in our minds called Communism, and have said that it is the greatest danger to Christian growth that exists on the earth today. One has but to read this book to find out something new about the dangers to Christianity that have nothing whatever to do, either in cause or effect, with the communistic menace.

One cannot describe the story of the book in so short a space. Let it be enough to say that it is written by Floyd Shacklock, a Methodist missionary of long service, who brings to us in our comfortable churches a summons to look at our own concepts of Christianity, and to reappraise them in the light of today's world neighborhood. It stabs at our hearts to tell us that in at least one place in the world, four out of five babies die before they are a year old. It makes our jaws drop at the story of unrest which grips the world today, while we live in a sort of everything-is-all right fairyland of wealth and sometimes selfish comfort.

The book can be procured through the Woman's Society in your church. It is strong reading for both men and women. It should not be read, though, unless you are willing to try the very hard job of opening your heart to God's call, and of opening your mind to the reality of the situation which exists over most of the world today. And don't think beforehand that we are living in a hopeless world situation. The Gospel of Jesus Christ knows no such thing as hopelessness. If you read this book prayerfully you may come to be baptised anew with God's power, which is sufficient for all our needs, even our Christian childishness.

METHODIST CHURCH IS ACTIVE IN POLAND

Two letters this year to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church from the superintendent of the Methodist Church in Poland, the first communication received since July, 1951, indicate Methodist work

SPECIAL LITTLE ROCK AND NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE SESSIONS CALLED, OCTOBER 6

RESOLUTION TO BE INTRODUCED AT CONFERENCE SESSIONS

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Methodist Commission has, for several years, been seeking suitable housing without success, and

WHEREAS, it was learned that certain agencies of the Little Rock Conference were also desiring suitable headquarters, it was, therefore, suggested that the Arkansas Methodist Commission and the agencies of the Little Rock Conference combine their efforts to secure such housing, and

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Conference, at its session at Arkadelphia June 11, 1955, passed a resolution agreeing to invest \$15,000.00 and secured a promise of a long-time, low interest loan from the Insurance Committee of the Little Rock Conference in the amount of \$15,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Methodist Commission has a balance from the sale of the property at 1018 Scott Street in the amount of \$15,000.00 which could be invested; and with this amount of capital, sufficient funds can be borrowed to build a suitable building on a desirable location, which over a period of years would amortize itself from accrued rental.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the North Arkansas Conference* authorize the Arkansas Methodist Commission to enter into the formation of a corporation, jointly with the Little Rock Conference, for the purpose of acquiring and owning of lots and a headquarters building, and

THAT, they further authorize the Arkansas Methodist Commission to appoint three members of its commission to serve jointly with three persons from the Little Rock Conference in forming such a corporation, and

THAT, the Arkansas Methodist Commission is hereby authorized to invest \$15,000.00 in such a corporation, and

THAT, when such Methodist Headquarters Building is so constructed, it is to be under the management and general control of such headquarters corporation.

AND, be it further resolved that the proposed Methodist Headquarters Corporation be authorized by this Conference to borrow money, but to secure the repayment of such loan or loans only by mortgaging or pledging its own assets.

AND, be it further resolved that each of the cooperating conferences instruct its agents, representatives, or trustees who act in the formation of said Methodist Headquarters Corporation to cause said corporation to have kept an exact, true, and correct account of all funds or money contributed, loaned, or invested in said corporation to the end that the assets of said corporation may be ascertained, which said assets shall be equitably owned in the exact proportions to the amounts invested in its cost by the two cooperating conferences, their agencies or trustees.

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Representing Headquarters Trustees,
Little Rock Conference
W. HENRY GOODLOE
Representing Cabinet, North Ark. Conference
ARTHUR TERRY
Representing Cabinet, Little Rock Conference

* For presentation to North Arkansas Conference. For Little Rock Conference presentation insert words "Little Rock Conference" for North Arkansas Conference.

in Poland continues to flourish.

In his most recent letter early in August, the superintendent, the Rev. Josef Naumiuk of Warsaw, told of the visit to Poland from July 30 to August 4 of Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., of Chicago, the executive secretary of the Methodist Board of World Peace. Dr. Boss was the first American Methodist minister to visit Poland in four years, Mr. Maumiuk said.

In the first letter this year, in April, Mr. Naumiuk reported that, despite its apparent silence for four years, the Polish Methodist Church has continued to be active.

"The Methodist Church in Poland is not only alive but has come to maturity within the last 10 years since the end of World War II and is fully functioning and will continue with its activities," he wrote.

The Methodist Church in Poland is described by the superintendent as having a good neighbor policy to-

ward all denominations and cooperates with them," Mr. Naumiuk wrote. "In many of our churches and chapels, Evangelical Christians and others have their services."

The headquarters of the Methodist Church in Poland is in an eight-story building in Warsaw. Though no statistics regarding membership or number of churches or ministers were given, Mr. Naumiuk spoke of receiving letters from ministers in various parts of the country.

While on the visit to Poland, Mr. Naumiuk reported, Dr. Boss talked with Dr. Jerzy Albycht, a Methodist physician, about the possibility of opening a Methodist clinic, and visited with Wacław Jacaszek, the legal advisor of the church, and with heads of other Polish Protestant churches. He spoke August 1 in the Wesley Methodist Church in Warsaw and later visited several Polish governmental officials.

Headquarters Building Question For Consideration

Special called sessions of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences have been set for Thursday, October 6, by Bishop Paul E. Martin who announced the special sessions. The conferences will convene for the purpose of considering matters related to the establishing of a Methodist headquarters building in Little Rock and other business that may be presented at that time. The North Arkansas Conference will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, and the Little Rock Conference will convene at 1:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

The special sessions are being called under provisions of paragraph 627, 1952 Methodist Discipline, which provides that "The Bishop, with the concurrence of three-fourths of the District Superintendents, may call a special session of the Annual Conference. This special session shall be composed of the ministerial members of the Annual Conference and of the lay members elected for the previous session of the Annual Conference." The announcement of the October 6 sessions was made following a joint meeting of Bishop Martin, the District Superintendents of the two conferences in Arkansas, the Methodist Headquarters Building trustees of the Little Rock Conference, and members of the Joint Commission of the Arkansas Methodist at Hendrix College, September 6.

A committee named at the September 6 meeting will present the matter relative to the proposed Headquarters Building to the sessions. Members of the committee include Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, Little Rock, representing Little Rock Conference Headquarters Building Trustees; Dr. Arthur Terry, representing the Little Rock Conference District Superintendents; Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith, representing the North Arkansas Conference District Superintendents, and Judge J. G. Moore, Morrilton, representing the Joint Commission of the Arkansas Methodist. Judge Moore was named convener and later elected chairman of the committee. The committee met in Little Rock on Friday, September 16, and completed its work of organization for the conference presentations.

The building as proposed would be a joint venture of the Little Rock Conference and the Arkansas Methodist and would house the Arkansas Methodist, the Little Rock District Superintendent, the Little Rock Conference Board of Education, Methodist Information, Little Rock Conference Director of Stewardship Cultivation, and such other Conference agencies as may need office space. The 1952 Little Rock Conference session approved the Little Rock Conference's participation in the project and the October 6 sessions will consider the participation of the Arkansas Methodist in the proposed corporation which would carry out the project.

The conference sessions were requested at this time because certain legal difficulties need to be cleared up so that a desired site available at the present time can be purchased.

On World-Wide Communion Day,
Sunday, October 2, It Will Be

One In Christ: World-Wide!

A. FURNELL BAILEY, Centenary Methodist Church
Richmond, Virginia

At the close of our fellowship meeting every Thursday night in the Kagawa Fellowship House in Tokyo, we (Americans, Koreans, Germans, Japanese and Chinese) would join hands in a circle and affirm our brotherhood in one brief statement, namely, "We are one in Christ."

Ten years have passed since we had those fellowship experiences just after the war in Tokyo, but our G.I.s who went with me to the meeting each week continue to write that those meetings were among the highest experiences they had during their service in the Armed Forces.

This is the avenue to the peace for which the world hungers. "We are one in Christ." This is the heaven that can change the world!

Let us thank God fervently for the channel provided through our churches on World-Wide Communion Sunday to affirm the fact that both through material gifts and through our faith we are one in Christ. In a larger circle than the one we had at the Kagawa Fellowship House, we can join hands with our brothers and sisters in the faith around the world on this special Sunday and affirm effectively this fact: "We are one in Christ!"

Let us contrast this whole matter of sharing ourselves and our possessions against the background of those who forget the need of the world. Dr. Arthur Gossip once told of a man in Glasgow who had come through twenty long years of running away from life. He had sought freedom from responsibility and had lost all vision of service to others.

At the end of two decades of such self-centered living, he commented: "It was the mornings, the terrible mornings, when one cried out, 'O God, have I another whole long day of it to face so soon!'"

Contrast the fruit of this irresponsible living with the dedicated life of Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, the famed medical missionary to Labrador, who, when he came to the late years of his life said, "Today, at well over 70 years, I am just as keen for life as ever I was. Life has taught me that I can be of worth to God!"

At the Communion table on World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 2, every Methodist will join that conscious fellowship of being one in Christ, and of being of worth to God and his fellowmen. Our prayers for peace will make us one. The petitions of our heart that the Prince of Peace will be the source of new life for the enemies of the church will make us "one in Christ." The gifts of our possessions will make it possible for Methodists to render world-wide relief efforts to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, provide homes for orphans and widows, and minister to our service men and women, whether in America or overseas.

Where does the love offering I give on World-Wide Communion Sunday go? It goes around the world in service in three ways.

(1) One half of the offering goes to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. This committee was created by the General Conference to render emergency relief and rehabilitation to the victims of war and natural disasters. Through this agency your church helps you to be "one in Christ" with countless thousands in desperate need.

(2) One-fourth of the offering goes to the Methodist Commission on Chaplains. This agency of our church has over five hundred Methodist ministers serving as full-time Chaplains in the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration, Federal prisons, and state, county and city correctional institutions and hospitals. Through these servants of the church, your love offering on World-Wide Communion Sunday will minister to multitudes.

(3) One-fourth of the offering goes to the Methodist Commission on Camp Activities. This work of the church is not well known, but it has a noble record of service to our young people in the military services on their week-ends away from the military bases. Many of our youth can tell you that the off-days are lonely days. A "home away from home" is provided for them at church centers furnished and operated in part by the Fellowship of Suffering and Service offering.

Many who draw near to the Lord's Table with faith on this significant day will recognize its potentialities for winning others to Christ. We dedi-

WORLD-WIDE
COMMUNION
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 2, 1955

The ministry of the church
through the Methodist Committee
for Overseas Relief, the Commission
on Chaplains, and the Commission
on Camp Activities.

cate ourselves and our substance to be the channels of Christ. We may not be able to do like Robert Arthington of Leeds, a Cambridge graduate, who lived in a single room cooking his own meals. He gave foreign missions 500,000 pounds on the condition that it was all to be spent on pioneer work within twenty-five years.

But we can be like him in our intent. After his death a slip of paper was found on which he had written these words: "Gladly would I make the floor my bed, a box my chair, and another box my table rather than that men should perish for want of the knowledge of Christ."

We desire peace in our time. We want men and women, boys and girls to come to know the Master that we may be "one in Christ." We know the world needs Christ, but we are like the small gathering in a community church where prayer was being offered for a certain man's conversion. The leader of the group prayed earnestly: "O God, wilt thou touch this man with thy finger and lead him to surrender to thee?"

Suddenly, the leader stopped. A bit later a friend asked him why he had stopped his prayer so abruptly. He replied: "Because God said to me, 'You are my finger. Go and speak to this man and touch him for me!'"

We can be one in Christ—world-wide!

NEW AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY FILM READY

A significant event in the production of religious films is the new Korean sound motion picture "... my right and my cause. ..." prepared by the American Bible Society and available on a free-loan basis. The title comes from the 9th Psalm, part of which is read on the sound track. The picture tells the true and dramatic story of the making of the Revised Hankul Bible for Korea, a Bible in which the simplified Hankul spelling replaces the classical, ornate Korean alphabet and can be read more easily and with greater understanding by the Korean people.

With the exception of one scene, the picture was photographed in Korea. The making of the Hankul Bible was filled with dramatic and

stirring incidents, all of which have been faithfully portrayed in the film. The Rev. Young Bin Im, secretary of the Korean Bible Society and responsible for the translation and production of the Bible, with Mrs. Im re-enact some of the more significant events of the four-year period covered by this film.

The picture is filmed in 16mm Kodachrome color with sound. The film, with sound track, runs for about 26 minutes, and comes on one 1200-foot reel. For the opening and closing of the picture, a professional Korean musician plays on the cheng, a Korean pipe organ used only for sacred music. Drums, harp and pipes playing traditional Korean numbers, create an additional musical background for the film.

The picture may be secured on a free-loan basis from the Visual Materials Department of the American Bible Society, 440 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., or any of the Bible Society's district offices.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

BROADCASTER

J. Daniel Barron



In the night two loudly croaking frogs sound like all the frogs are at it.

In the local church two complaining members sound like all the members are at it.

Who has ears discerning enough to detect how many frogs are at it in the pond and how many members are at it in the church?

Usually when there's an uproar at the pond or in the pews, two well-aimed bullets would make it all quiet on the local front.

There's a mechanical device, I understand, that measures the volume of applause by an audience. The church needs a comparable instrument to measure the volume of applause in a local congregation.

The present pastoral relations committee can no more accurately measure it than can a tin can measure an atomic blast.

Somebody, somewhere, sometime must provide Methodism with this desperately needed piece of organizational equipment.

In the meantime, consider the frogs, how they croak.

MILLIONS WILL READ THE BIBLE TOGETHER

(Continued from page 3)

observe the day throughout the United States and overseas. Posters, responsive readings, bookmarks and other material to assist pastors in the observance were mailed early

Dry and Partially-Dry Newspapers

By Committee Against Liquor Advertising of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council

We have just completed a survey of the daily newspapers of the United States to find the number that accept no advertisements of alcoholic beverages. That is, papers that are dry on liquor (distilled spirits) wine and beer. Also, those that are partially dry — papers that accept no liquor advertisements but do accept wine or beer advertisements, or both.

The source of our information on this issue is the latest publication of the Newspaper Section of Standard Rate and Data Service. This publication lists all the daily newspapers of the United States. There are quite a number of the dailies from which this Service apparently was unable to obtain information as to their policy on this issue. The number varies, by states, from one or none to as many as 17 in New York State and 23 in the State of Texas, with an average of 3 or 4 per state.

**Totally Dry Dailies 190;
Partially Dry 342**

We find the number of totally dry dailies in the United States to be 190. The number partially dry, 342, as follows:

Dry on liquor and wine, 107.

Dry on liquor only, 135.

This makes a total of 432 dry on liquor only.

The following 10 states have no completely dry dailies: Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Montana, Nevada,

in September to approximately 170,000 ministers.

New Hampshire, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The following only one completely dry daily: Connecticut, Louisiana, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia.

States with the largest number of dry dailies: Pennsylvania heads the list with 24; Texas comes next with 19; New York follows with 17; Illinois, with 14; Iowa and Kansas, 13 each; North Carolina, 12.

Weekly Dry and Partially Dry Papers

Recently we sent out a Release on dry and partially dry weekly (including semi and tri-weekly) which was based upon the Annual Directory of County and Suburban Hometown Newspapers, published by Weekly Newspapers Representatives, Inc., for the year 1952.

We have just obtained a copy of this same directory for the year 1955. A study of this up-to-date publication reveals that some changes have taken place within this three-year period in the policy of some weeklies on this issue. We include in this Release the totals of the dry and partially dry weeklies obtained from this 1955 directory, and along with it the correction of an error that crept into the former Release.

Total Number Dry Weekly Newspapers As Of 1955 In The United States, And Of Those Partially Dry

Totally dry weeklies, 2,121.

In addition to those totally dry

Dry on liquor and wine only, 742.

Dry on liquor only, 703.

Number dry on liquor only, 3,566. We regret that in our former Release the statement appeared that there were 3,547 totally dry weekly papers. It should have stated that there were this number dry on liquor only. We ask those who published the former Release please to make this correction.

The purpose of this Release is two-fold. To let our temperance friends and the public know that there are not a few, but many, editors and publishers of newspapers who will have no part with the Liquor Industry in promoting the sale and use of a product which is debauching and destroying human life, breaking down public morals, and wrecking the home life of our beloved country, by advertising their product.

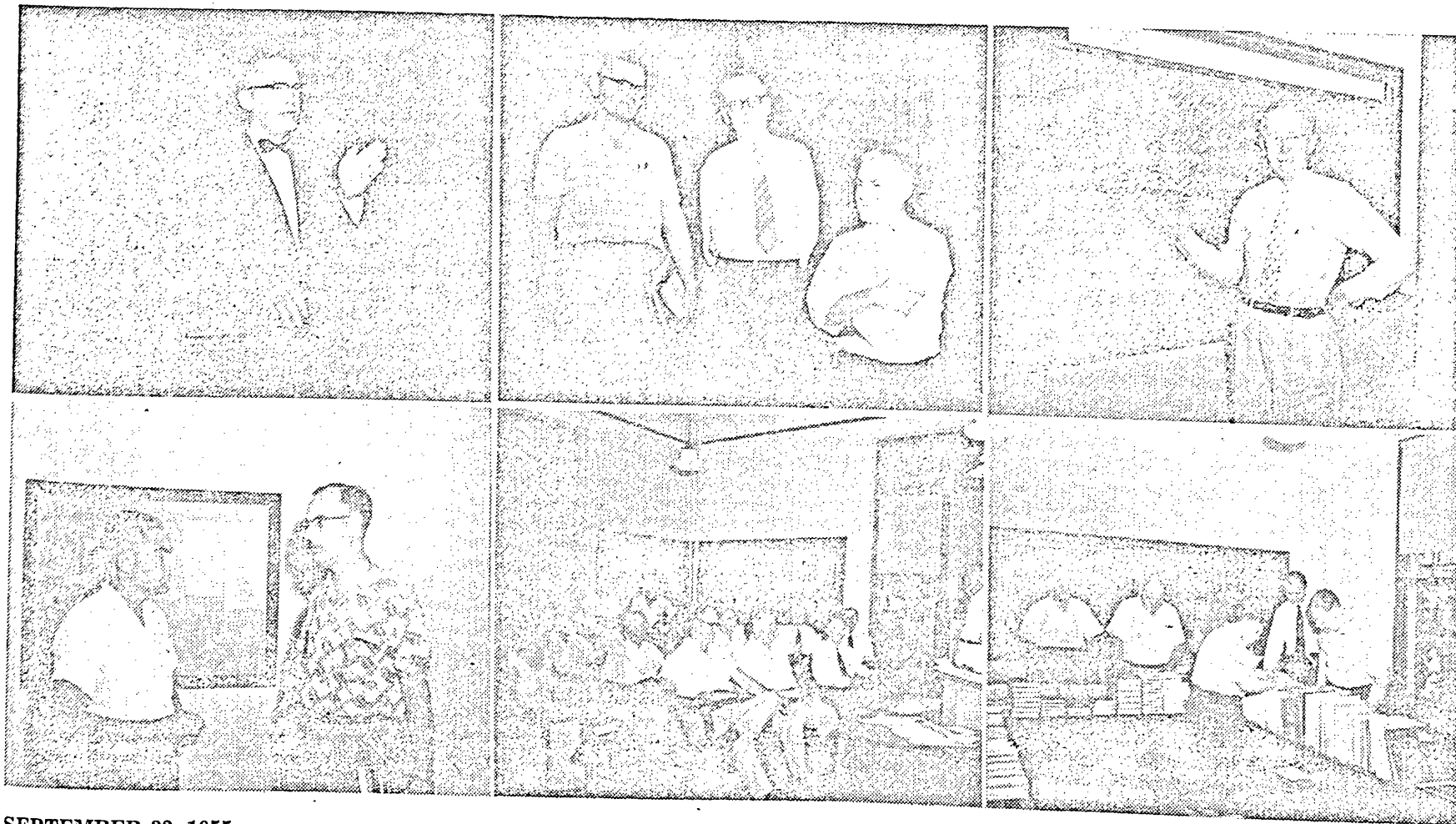
Also to urge all the friends of sobriety and decency to commend these editors and publishers for the stand they have taken on this issue, many of them at a heavy financial loss. The Committee Against Liquor Advertising of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council urges that this be done. Also that they transfer their support of liquor advertising papers to those that refuse all such advertising. In making appeal to Wet editors, there is nothing so persuasive as the withdrawal of your subscription. You will know or can readily find out the dry newspapers in your community or city. Manifestly we cannot furnish them.

At The Arkansas Pastors' School, Hendrix College, September 5-9

TOP ROW: left, Dr. Jewell M. Smoot, Detroit, Michigan, pastor, was the platform speaker, delivering six addresses. Middle, Dr. Webb Garrison, Nashville, Tennessee, Jr. James W. May, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, and Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer, also of Emory University, were three of the instructors.

Right, Dr. Leo Rippey, Nashville, one of the instructors.

LOWER ROW: left, Dr. Brewer and Dr. Edward P. Blair, Evanston, Illinois, instructors. Middle, Dr. Rippey's class on "Christian Education of Adults", is seen here in session. Right, The Methodist Publishing House had its display of books for pastors to look over. Here Rev. T. T. McNeal, Arkadelphia District Superintendent, is completing the purchase of a new book.



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BENNY GRAY JESTER of Bradley was on September 10 granted license to preach. He left immediately for Conway to enter Hendrix College.

THE METHODIST CHURCH at Hughes gave a reception for the teachers of the Hughes school on Tuesday evening, September 20. A fellowship, potluck meal was served.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, was the speaker at an area Methodist Men's supper held at Bentonville on Tuesday evening, September 20.

REV. AND MRS. PAUL LANIER of Danville announce the birth of a son, Paul Stewart, on Wednesday, September 7, at the Yell County hospital.

DR. ROY I. BAGLEY, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, will assist Rev. C. H. Harvison, pastor of the Pea Ridge Methodist Church, in evangelistic services, beginning on Sunday, September 25.

REV. G. B. AMES, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Paris, preached at the Charleston Methodist Church on Sunday evening, September 11. Rev. H. Lynn Wade, pastor of the Charleston Church, at the same time preached at the Paris Methodist Church.

CHURCH SCHOOL officers and teachers of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, were given a dinner on Wednesday evening, September 21, in appreciation of the work of the group each Sunday in the Church School. Dr. Kenneth Shamblin is pastor.

REV. RAY EDWARDS, pastor of the Moorefield-McHue Charge, writes: "We wish to thank the members of the Griffithville Charge for the gifts given the family before the move to Moorefield. Our prayers are that the Lord will bless all of you."

THIRTY-FOUR CHARTER MEMBERS were received into the newly-organized St. Paul's Methodist Church in Jonesboro on Sunday, September 11. Rev. E. J. Holifield, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District, held the first Quarterly Conference and dedicated the church. Rev. James Fleming is pastor.

REV. C. M. ATCHLEY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Stuttgart, preached at the annual home-coming service of the Temperance Hill Church on the Thornton Circuit on Sunday, September 11. The church building was dedicated last year. Rev. Winston H. Hudnall is pastor.

REV. ROBERT CLEMMONS, director of Young Adult Work of the General Board of Education, will be the speaker at the first meeting of the newly organized Young Adult Sub-District which will be held on September 26 at 7:30 p. m. at the St. Paul Methodist Church. All young adults in the Little Rock District have been urged to attend.

REV. BENNIE G. RUTH, pastor of the Bonanza and Denning Charge, announces that Layman's Day services will be held at Denning on October 16. Ray Moore will be in charge of the services and John Ashmore will be the speaker. The laymen of the Denning Church will have Visitation Week preceding evangelistic services soon to be held at the church.

THE OPEN DOOR CLASS of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, celebrated its first anniversary on Wednesday evening, September 14, with a party and an installation service for the new officers of the class. Serving the class as officers are: Mrs. Roy Bosson, president; Mrs. Chas. R. Rankin, vice-president; Mrs. Jim Harper, secretary, and Mrs. Richard Dick, treasurer.

E. H. COTTRELL was elected president of the El Dorado Parkers Chapel-Pleasant Grove Methodist Men's Club at the recent monthly meeting. Other officers are: Oren Primm, vice-

president, and John Ham, secretary-treasurer. After a fellowship meal and business meeting, the film, "The Last Supper," was shown. The meeting was held at Pleasant Grove Church with 27 members present. The next meeting will be held on October 20 at Parkers Chapel.

LAYMEN'S RETREAT for the North Arkansas Conference will be held at Petit Jean on Saturday and Sunday, October 8-9. The meeting will begin at 4:00 p. m. on Saturday and will close with the noon meal on Sunday. Bishop Paul E. Martin will speak at the 11:00 a. m. hour on Sunday, and Robert P. Lay, lay leader for the Louisiana Conference will speak on Saturday. Other speakers include Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Charles A. Stuck, Joe S. Pierce and Clay Bumpers.

THE CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH at Lincoln recently completed a church-wide training school on "The Message of the Book of Revelation." The course was held on five Sunday nights, with two-hour sessions each night. Fifty-two persons were enrolled, including people from Morrow and Summers, with 20 receiving credit cards for completing the required work. The course was taught by the pastor, Rev. William M. Wilder. During intermission each night, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Lincoln served refreshments.

WILLIAM M. CASSETTY, JR., age 74, head of the Methodist Church's transportation bureau until his retirement in 1952, died September 9 in Charlotte, N. C., apparently in his sleep. Funeral services were conducted the next day at the Methodist Home in Charlotte by the Rev. Reed Wall, superintendent, and burial was on the grounds. Mr. Cassetty had lived at the home since his retirement. A native of Nashville, Tenn., he became manager in 1919 of the transportation bureau in Nashville for the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and in 1946 he transferred to Chicago as executive secretary of the church-wide transportation bureau and educational travel service. Through the years he made travel arrangements for individuals and groups in this country and abroad.

DR. BOSLEY TO GIVE GODDARD MEMORIAL LECTURES

Dr. Harold Bosley, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Evanston, Illinois, will give the Goddard Memorial Lectures this year, according to recent announcement.

The lectures will be held at the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, January 22-27.

INCREASE IN BENEVOLENCE FUNDS

Receipts to Methodist benevolence funds during the first three months (June, July and August) of the 1955-56 fiscal year showed an increase of .36 per cent over the same period last year, it was revealed by the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, treasurer of the church's Council on World Service and Finance. The amount received so far this year is \$2,166,967.85 as compared with \$2,159,217.52 for the first quarter last year.

EUROPEAN DEGREE FOR BISHOP OXNAM

The honorary doctorate in theology degree of the Budapest Reformed Theological Academy in Hungary will be conferred upon Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam in the course of centennial ceremonies scheduled for September 15-20.

Other world churchmen to be honored by the same degree at that time are Dr. J. E. Wagner of Philadelphia, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; Prof. John Baille of Edinburgh; Dr. Pierre Maury of Paris; Dr. Martin Niemöller of Germany; Dr. D. T. Niles of Ceylon; Prof. Karl Barth of Switzerland, as

well as other distinguished European church leaders.

TWELVE WORSHIP SERVICES ON WORLD SERVICE

Help for Methodist churches in strengthening their World Service programs is offered in an attractive new book, **12 Worship Services on World Service**, by the Rev. Henry Koestline of Nashville, Tenn.

The 63-page book (\$1) has just been released by Source Publishers of Nashville, and it is also available through the Methodist Publishing House.

The author, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference and on the staff of the Methodist Board of Education, has "tested" most of the programs in his home church, Glendale Methodist Church, Nashville.

"We are happy to publish these special worship services at a time when pastors and church school superintendents are looking for material to use on World Service Sundays," said Charles Warden, vice president of Source Publishers.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WORKSHOP SET

A series of six district workshops will be held in the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Church during Christian Education Week, September 25-October 2, according to Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, Little Rock, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education.

The week will highlight a church school attendance campaign the Methodists throughout Arkansas are conducting during September.

Four staff members of the Methodist General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee, will direct the workshops which are designed to help pastors and church school leaders plan a more effective program.

The instructors include: Dr. Walter Towner, Director of the Department of General Church School Work, who will lead the discussion on church school administration; Dr. Robert S. Clemmons, representing the Department of Adult Education; the Rev. Lewis E. Durham of the Youth Division; and Miss LaDonna Bogardus, Children's Division.

The schedule for the district workshops is as follows:

- Pine Bluff District—Sept. 25—First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff
- Little Rock District—Sept. 26—First Methodist Church, Little Rock
- Arkadelphia District—Sept. 27—First Methodist Church, Hot Springs
- Hope District—Sept. 28—First Methodist Church, Texarkana
- Camden District—Sept. 29—First Methodist Church, Camden
- Monticello District—Sept. 30—First Methodist Church, Monticello

"FACT BOOK" AVAILABLE

Who are the Methodist members of Congress?

How do Methodist membership gains compare with population trends?

What is the per capita giving of Methodists?

How is the World Service dollar divided?

What are the latest over-all statistics of The Methodist Church?

What are the principal functions of Methodism's general boards and agencies?

These and 1,001 other questions relative to Methodism's history, statistics and its current activities are answered in **The Methodist Fact Book** which is just off the press.

Issued by the Council on World Service and Finance at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, **The Fact Book** has been prepared by the Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the statistical office of The Methodist Church.

Its 190 pages are filled with interesting facts and figures about the many-sided activities of the denomination.

The Fact Book will be a most useful reference and source book for Methodist leaders generally. It is available from regional houses of the Methodist Publishing House at \$1.00 per copy.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

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Weight Lifter



By
Rev. R. A. Taster

who, with little apparent effort, raised a very heavy iron bar up over his head. Then, more easily, he let it gently down to the ground. He was, of course, a trained athlete. He had disciplined himself to do this thing. First he wanted to do it — had the will—and then he put himself through the training and acquired the skill. The skill lay in his ability to use the natural power units of his body which are the bones, joints, muscles and sinews. These make up a marvelous system of levers and fulcrums that give a skillful man a certain mechanical advantage over inanimate things. They are the gifts of nature. By discipline this man had developed their strength to the maximum. So, by will and by skill he displayed unusual power. To him the weight was comparatively light.

If all the weights that men want to lift and need to lift were physical, life would be easy and simple. But they are not. The heaviest ones are spiritual. For that reason the will, discipline and skill must be brought into the life of the spirit to get the required lifting done. Jesus spoke of giving people a light burden. But He did not mean that we should not be called on to do any serious lifting. Rather He meant to show us how to do it. The soul has power units, too, that are capable of development. Some of them are the will, decision, capacity for spiritual action and faith. The Creator did not make the body a marvelous machine, with great potential power, and the soul a mass of yielding jelly. The spirit, too, responds to discipline and must have it if we are to do our share of weight lifting. How aptly did Jesus put it in one brief sentence: "Whoever is willing to do . . . shall know . . ." and will be able to do. Paul gave it a practical summing up in these words: "endure hardness as a good soldier. . ."

Revival Meeting At Egypt

Ten converts were the results of a series of revival services which were conducted August 10-19, at the Egypt Methodist Church. Three young wives rededicated their lives to Christ. Seven other young people made their first commitment. Six of these were received into the Methodist Church at Egypt.

Each evening before the regular service, the men assembled in one prayer group and the women in another. The young people met in a separate group under the leadership of Mrs. Richardson. Mrs. L. M. Cross conducted choruses for the children.

Our pastor, Rev. John Richardson, delivered a wonderful message of guidance and inspiration each evening during the meetings. Mrs. Cross rendered faithful service as pianist.

Each of us feels that our church has been strengthened and our in-

ACTIVITIES GROWING IN HORATIO METHODIST CHURCH

With the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Don Smith to the Horatio Church in June, we have been going forward. The pastor and wife were given a hearty welcome at a Fellowship Supper and an old-time pounding soon after their arrival. This Fellowship Supper was the beginning of a Family night at the church every third Wednesday in the month.

The WSCS has been doing some re-modeling and re-decorating at the parsonage. This work has been completed and the parsonage is in good condition.

The attendance at the Sunday morning and evening church services has increased. Plans are being made for a drive to further increase Sunday School attendance and the formation of some new classes with the beginning of the new Church School year. The MYF has been re-organized with Miss Charlotte Henry, president and Mr. and Mrs. James P. Pratt as sponsors.

Plans are going forward for the building of an educational building in the near future. The Church now has a committee shaping plans for a unified budget system. At a recent meeting of the Board of Stewards it was voted to have everything in readiness and begin the system with the beginning of the next conference year.

We are having a great year in our church. — Church School Secretary.

1st Church, Hot Springs Honors Long-Time Member



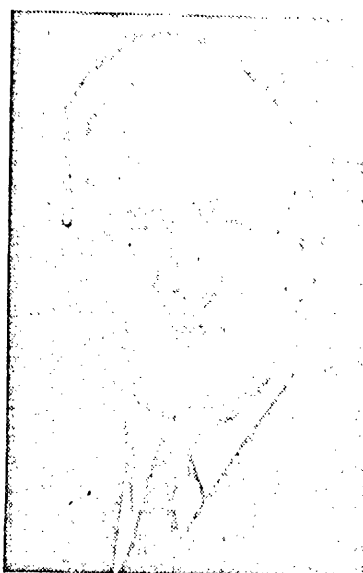
HERBERT DISHEROON

Mr. Herbert Disheroon, for many years a member of First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, was honored by the church with a buffet dinner as a tribute to his many years of service to the church.

Members of his family present for the occasion were Mrs. Disheroon, their daughter, Mrs. Davidson Humphries and two sons, Davidson Jr., and Richard.

Individual lives have been enriched under the leadership of our pastor and his wife. They have found their way into the homes and hearts of the people of our church. They are in truth ministering to the people. —Jean Arnold, reporter

E. Stanley Jones In Arkansas Addresses



DR. E. STANLEY JONES

Batesville District Ministers' Meeting

The ministers of the Batesville District met in First Methodist Church, Batesville, September 12. The meeting opened with prayer, led by Rev. Gerald E. Hammett. Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent, introduced Rev. James Cooley, who has just been appointed pastor of the Evening Shade circuit, and The Rev. Mr. Lynn who had just been appointed pastor of the Charlotte charge.

Brother Connell announced that W. H. Ford, a layman, has been doing fine lay preaching and that he will apply for license to preach in the near future. It was announced, also, that the Batesville District ministers will exchange pulpits with the ministers of the Searcy District between October 23 and November 20. The Searcy District ministers will come to the Batesville District October 23; the Batesville District ministers will go to the Searcy District November 13. Brother Connell emphasized the importance of preliminary preparation for this work, and called attention also to the importance of training laymen for effective visitation.

Rally Day will be observed in the Batesville District September 25, with program and offering. December 5th was announced as the date for the meeting of the Batesville District Conference. The conference will meet in the Cotter Methodist Church.

The Layman's Retreat on Petit Jean Mountain, October 8-9 was emphasized. Rev. A. N. Storey was a guest at the meeting.—H. W. Jin-ske, District Reporter.

Clinton Constructing New Educational Bldg.

The Methodist congregation at Clinton, Arkansas, has begun construction on an educational building which is to cost approximately \$33,000.

At special services on Sunday, August 28, Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, district superintendent, turned the first spade of dirt. He was assisted in the ceremonies by Rev. W. P. Connell, pastor; Howard Johnson, Chairman of the Official Board;

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted evangelist who is now conducting a Crusade for a United Church of America throughout the United States, will speak in 6 Arkansas cities during a week's tour of the state. His schedule includes El Dorado, September 25; Blytheville, September 26; Jonesboro, September 27; Little Rock, September 28; Fort Smith, September 29; and Fayetteville, September 30. Dr. Jones' addresses will be in the First Methodist Churches in all these cities except Fayetteville and Little Rock. The Fayetteville address is scheduled for Central Methodist Church and the Little Rock service will be at Winfield Methodist Church.

Dr. Jones, who has been engaged in the Crusade since 1947, will speak on "The Next Great Step—A United Church of America." Since the Crusade was first launched Dr. Jones has been invited to give his address on Christian Unity in 345 cities across the nation. Audiences at these meets totaled over six hundred thousand.

Dr. Jones is chairman of the Association for a United Church of America which has offices in Brookline, Mass. He was ordained a Methodist minister in 1907 and served many years as a missionary to India. He became an Evangelist at Large in 1917, and has served in that capacity since. **Christ of the Indian Road, Abundant Living and Victorious Living** are among the best known of his books. He was elected Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1928, but resigned. Dr. Jones has been widely known throughout the United States as founder of many Christian ashrams. His latest book, **Mastery**, is his nineteenth and is just off the press. He is now engaged in writing his autobiography.

The committee in charge of the Arkansas Crusade anticipates a record attendance at the Arkansas meetings because of the prominence of the speaker and the timeliness of his subject. Local church chairmen include Dr. Cecil R. Culver, El Dorado; Rev. Harold O. Eggensperger, Blytheville; Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, Jonesboro; Dr. Fred R. Harrison, Little Rock; Rev. Tullis D. Tompkins, Fort Smith; and Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, Fayetteville.

Dr. Jones points out, in connection with the work of the Association for a United Church in America, that the contributions of the denominational emphasis gathered up, coordinated in a living whole. A world seeking unity knowing that its must find it or perish will pay only marginal heed to a church unwilling or unable to show the way to unity. What form the action for unity will eventually take is not known or specified, but should come as a result of conviction born of the spirit of God.

Carl Whillock, Chairman of the Building Committee; J. M. Eubanks of Little Rock, general contractor; Judy Bradford, youngest member of the church and Mrs. Sally Kemp, oldest member of the church.

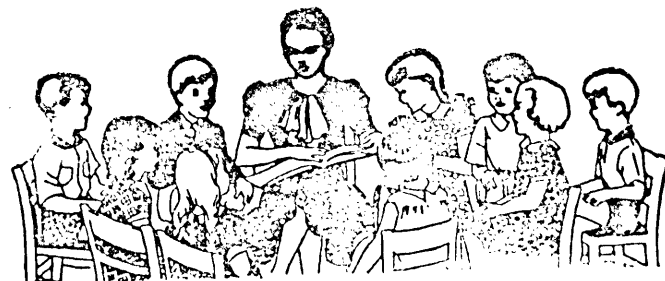
Plans are in the making for a new sanctuary to be built later.

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A Page For The CHILDREN

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



BUTCH LEARNS ABOUT A STRANGE ANIMAL

A TRUE STORY

By Anna King Davis

"DON'T meddle with things you don't know about. They may be dangerous and you may get hurt."

Sally, the brown mare, was talking to her colt, Butch. They were standing quietly in the clover field watching the sun slip down behind the mountains.

"There are many things for you to play with, here on this beautiful ranch. John and Joe, the rancher's boys, bring salt to our trough and play with you every day. You know the rabbits and squirrels. You have played with the frogs at the lake and the birds in the trees. You like the busy chipmunks. These birds and animals are your friends. They would not hurt you if they could. But there are animals in these woods who are not your friends. They would harm you if they could. There is the long, slithery snake who warns you with his little rattle to 'Stay away'. If you do not, he sinks his poisonous teeth into your flesh and kills you. There are stinging, flying insects and vicious spiders. Do not meddle with any living creature unless you know him to be your friend. Before you make a new friend, come and tell me about him. I will know whether he can be trusted."

Butch promised. But that very night he forgot his promise.

He was awakened about daylight by a queer, rattling sound. He opened his eyes and got to his feet. Something low and dark was moving awkwardly down the path toward him. Butch reared and snorted. The dark object hesitated, then slowly turned and started across the clearing toward the woods.

Butch began to be sorry he had frightened the strange animal away.

"That was no slithery snake or vicious spider," he thought. "That was some friendly animal coming to play with me. I'll call him back."

Butch started toward the animal. He could see it a little better now. Black and rounded and shuffling, it continued slowly on its way to the woods.

"Wait, I want to play with you," Butch called. Still the creature rolled on, rocking from side to side.

Butch was both curious and angry. What was this mysterious creature and why did it pay no attention to his call? He ran up behind the creature and gave it a shove with his nose. Immediately a big tail swung and hit him.

Sharp, stinging pain shot through him. He rubbed his nose against his foreleg to brush the pain away. The hurting was sharper and deeper. Now he could feel the stiff, barbed bristles the creature had left in his nose. Terror stricken, he wheeled and dashed across the clearing toward his Mother.

As soon as Sally saw the little out-thrust nose, she knew what had happened.

"My poor baby. Porcupine quills," she exclaimed. "Come, we must go to the cabin and let the rancher pull them out."

But the cabin door was closed and all was quiet. Mr. Davison, the rancher, and his two sons had gone into the mountains to open the reservoir flood gate.

All day long the colt suffered. He tried to eat but every grass stem that he touched drove the needles deeper into his nose. He wanted a drink of his Mother's milk but when his nose touched her side, he shrank back and cried in pain. He could not even cool the tortured nose in the lake.

By mid afternoon Butch was wild and crazed with pain. Sally was worried and afraid for her baby. When Mr. Davison, John and Joe, the boys, returned from the mountains they found mother and colt at the door.

Butch came toward them. Joe saw the cruel black and white barbs. "Bad, Butch has been 'messing' with a porcupine and look what he did to him."

"Grab him around the neck and hold him while I pull the quills out," Mr. Davison told the boys.

But Butch was scared and would not be held. He jerked free and ran

BLUE PIGEONS

Blue pigeons, walking in the street
Are such a amusing awkward
things;

They jerk along on coral feet
Like wooden toys moved by
strings.

But when they leave the sunny
street
And sail away on azure wings,
They cut the air with sure, firm beat
And are such lovely, graceful
things.

—Helen Moore Schroeder,
In Exchange

toward the lake. The boys called and coaxed him to them again. But when the rancher tried to jerk the barbs from his nose, Butch pulled loose, jumped the fence, and raced to the clearing. Sally followed.

The suffering colt could not be still. Soon he was back and followed Sally into the barn. Mr. Davidson called to the boys. John slipped up behind Butch and threw a lasso over his head.

Then the colt went crazy. He bucked and reared, he snorted and pawed and kicked. At last the rancher pulled the rope tight and the colt's breath was cut off. He flopped to the ground and lay quietly.

"Pull out the barbs now," panted the rancher. Sixteen barbed quills were pulled from the colt's nose.

Then the rancher loosed the lasso and slapped the colt's flank. Slowly and painfully Butch got up. He went toward his Mother who had been watching the operation with anxious eyes. Sally nuzzled her baby and found his nose free of the hated quills. Gently she pushed him down the path toward the woods.

"I guess Butch will never meddle with another porcupine, will he Dad?" John asked his father. A tired and penitent colt was telling his Mother the same thing.

Madame had just had her hair cut and remarked to her husband, "Now I don't resemble an old woman any more."

"No," he replied, "now you look like an old man."

THERE'S A RULE

By Elizabeth B. Jones

"I think," said Betty, "that I shall give an invitation to everyone in my room except Jeannette."

"Oh," said her mother, "I wouldn't leave Jeannette out—that would be unkind."

"But, Mother," said Betty, "Jeannette is so awful! No one likes her, and on one wants her at a party."

"Poor child," Mother said sadly. "But, Mother," said Betty again, "it is her own fault. Why do you feel sorry for her?"

"I was thinking," said Mother, "that it is too bad Jeannette has not learned to be lovable, and make friends."

"She is so selfish and unkind," said Betty, "that no one wants to play with her."

"Just the same," said Mother, "I want you to invite her. How would you like to be left out? Perhaps you can help her. You know, you have learned in Sunday school that we have a rule to follow if we want to be happy, and to make others happy. It is the Golden Rule."

"Oh, yes," said Betty, "I know the Golden Rule, but I didn't know that it meant *anyone*—like Jeannette."

"It means *everyone*," said Mother, "especially people like Jeannette. It is easy to be kind to those we like, but to be really kind is to be kind to those we do not like. Wouldn't you like to help Jeannette be a more lovable girl?"

"Oh, yes!" said Betty, very gladly. "I never thought of it that way."

"Well, then," said Mother, "invite Jeannette and be kind to her."

"Oh, I will!" exclaimed Betty; "I couldn't be happy now if I didn't invite Jeannette."—In The Young Soldier.

JUST FOR FUN

The class was studying Africa, and when the teacher asked how ivory is used, one small boy excitedly held up his hand. "Most ivory," he said, "is used for soap."

A sailor on leave was being pressed for stories, and at last he told his listeners of an adventure in the icy North.

"It was so cold up there," he said, "that one day I saw some sea birds suspended in mid-air, frozen stiff, and unable to fly or fall down."

Said one doubting Thomas, "But what about the law of gravity?"

"That was frozen stiff, too," said the sailor.

Auctioneer: What am I offered for this beautiful bust of Robert Burns?

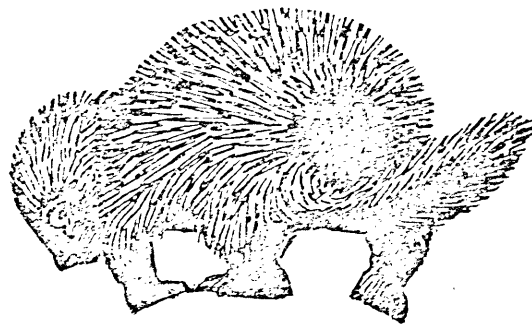
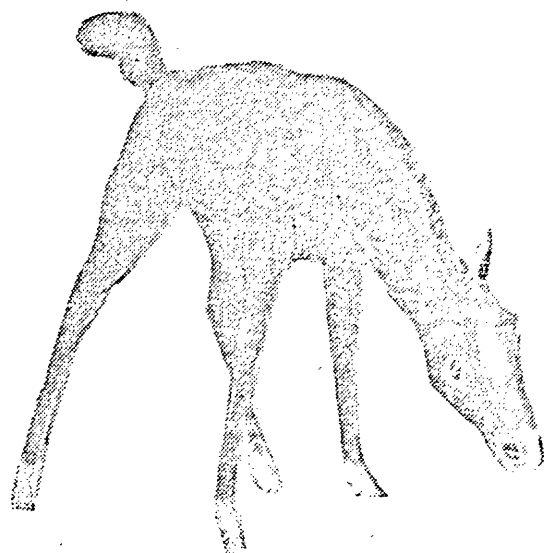
Man (in crowd): That ain't Burns—that's Shakespeare.

Auctioneer: Well, folks, the joke's on me. That shows what I know about the Bible.

Customer: Say, mister, take this coffee away. It's like mud.

Waitress: Well, it was ground just this morning.

ARKANSAS METHODIST





Fifteenth Birthday Being Observed In Local Societies

Farmerville

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Farmerville Methodist Church held a special Status of Women's program on August 15th, honoring Mrs. W. R. Whitaker.

She was a member of the Ladies Aid Society, a charter member of the Woman's Missionary Society, and now a valued member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Whitaker is truly a Home Missionary. Her whole life has always been centered around the building of the kingdom on earth. Many blessings have come to her, but one of the crowning ones is the fact that she is the mother of a devoted Methodist minister, Rev. James C. Whitaker, of Sulphur, Louisiana.

Mrs. Whitaker has not only been active through the years in church work, having taught Church School, been Superintendent of Church School, president of Woman's Society of Christian Service and held many other responsible places in the church, but she has always been active in any civic undertaking that she felt would be helpful to her city or community.

The Farmerville Methodist Church is fortunate in having such a great and beloved Christian character as a member. — Mrs. R. C. Harper.

Grand Avenue, Hot Springs

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, held their regular business meeting and fifteenth birthday observance, Tuesday, September 6, at the Church.

Mrs. Clarence W. Allen, president, presided.

Mrs. A. J. Christie gave the devotional, followed by a re-enactment of the first meeting, with Mrs. R. L. Keith, first president of the society, presiding. Mrs. W. M. Moore, acting secretary, at the first meeting, read the minutes and called the roll of the charter members. There were 13 of these present: Mrs. D. C. Coston, Mrs. H. J. Green, Mrs. O. A. Martin, Mrs. W. T. Pate, Mrs. L. L. Hays, Mrs. H. C. Covington, Mrs. W. A. Reader, Mrs. Floyd Huff, Mrs. Pennix Thrash, Mrs. R. L. Keith, Mrs. George Hildreth, Mrs. C. F. Gamble, Mrs. William Moore, Mrs. Virgil Adcox, Mrs. W. F. Warwick, Mrs. M. K. Wilson, Mrs. Elmer Stokes and Mrs. J. A. Braughton. Mrs. Horace Green called the roll of new members, and announced that the society had grown from 65 in 1940 to 143 this year. Mrs. Virgil Adcox presented the memorial, honoring both charter and other members.

Mrs. George Bagley sang "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," followed by the introduction of the presidents by Mrs. Keith.

Mrs. Allen presented the service commemorating the 15th anniversary, assisted by the officers of the

society. Candles were lighted on the birthday cake from one white taper, held by Mrs. Allen and taken by the officers as they quoted a verse of scripture.

Punch and cake were served the 45 members present, from a white linen covered table, centered with an arrangement of mixed summer flowers, carrying out the colors of the society of blue and yellow. Mrs. Allen presided at the crystal punch bowl and Mrs. Stokes served the cake, assisted by Mrs. George Hildreth, and Mrs. P. M. Gunter.

Mrs. Horace Green and Mrs. Gail Taylor were in charge of registration. Mrs. Stokes was chairman of arrangements, Mrs. Kenneth Schweer table decorations.

A love offering was taken and will be sent to Yang Chung Girls School in Korea. — Reporter.

First Church, Van Buren

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Church, Van Buren, observed the 15th Anniversary September 6 with a morning coffee at the church served by Circle One.

The table from which refreshments were served was decorated with a centerpiece of dwarf zinnias and a large birthday cake.

Mrs. E. E. McBride, president, opened the meeting with a prayer and gave a brief history of the society.

The devotional "Working Together With God" was given by Mrs. J. A. Donaldson. A corsage was given to each of the following charter members who were present: Mrs. McBride, Mrs. W. D. Badgett, Mrs. L. C. Tate, Mrs. Fay Williams, Mrs. R. S. Wilson, Mrs. J. Y. Dollar, Mrs. George Crafton, O. N. Hunter and Mrs. Minnie Lucand.

Hunter Memorial, Little Rock

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Hunter Memorial had an interesting meeting in observing the fifteenth birthday, with twenty-nine present, and three visitors. An offering was taken for the girls' school in Korea.

Names of the charter members were read, and progress reported. At the lunch time, charter members sat at a table with a birthday cake, with three large candles. The first was lighted in memory of those who had gone on; the second for the society now, and the third for the future society. Names of those members who had died were read. Four past presidents were present.

Ashdown

An interesting program was held in the parlor of the Ashdown church on September 5 commemorating the fifteenth birthday of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The point of interest was the table displaying the open Bible, the original charter, a beautiful cake with 15 candles and a lovely arrangement of summer flowers.

Mrs. Sam Campbell, program

Newport Society To Hold "A Day Apart"

The First Church, Newport, Woman's Society of Christian Service, announces "A Day Apart," a workshop in developing spiritual technique, conducted by Mrs. Louise Eggleston, on Thursday, October 13th, 1955, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Bring your own sandwiches and stay for the afternoon session also.

At present Mrs. Eggleston is vice-president of World Literacy Foundation, Inc. and in this field she works closely with Dr. Frank Laubach.

The primary interest of this active Christian woman has been

prayer. Mrs. Eggleston is in constant demand as a leader of Spiritual Life Retreats and prayer groups all over the United States. For many years she has been the moving spirit in an interdenominational prayer group that meets at Ghent Methodist Church once each week. When she is home she teaches the Woman's Bible Class and participates in the entire program of her church.

You are cordially invited to join in this "Day Apart," 10:30-2:30, Newport, Arkansas.

What A Missionary On Furlough Does

232 Belvin Street
San Marcos, Tex.
September, 1955 ..

Dear friends:

There was once a little boy who wanted to be a missionary—on furlough! It occurs to me that some of the joys and deepening experiences of a "missionary on furlough" should be shared.

To each of you who has opened your homes and churches to me during 1955, a big "Thank you" is extended. I've been with you in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Alabama, South and North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana and New Mexico. Everywhere your concern for the needs of the world has been heartwarming. Along with your informed thinking about other lands, I've sensed a renewed seriousness of purpose about your own local church.

To those of you I have not been with personally, I want to say "Thank you" for your continued interest as shown through your letters and prayers. You'd be surprised at the fun I've had meeting classmates I had not seen since college days; cousins and other relatives I hadn't seen for 15 to 20 years! This encourages me to believe that I'll be seeing you, either on my next furlough, or maybe the one after that...

To "dear friends" in Brazil, I confess to looking forward often to my return before many more months.

chairman, presented Mrs. Seth Reynolds, who read the full account of the charter meeting from an old copy of the **Little River News**. Seventy members were present at the charter meeting. Old pictures, programs and minutes were displayed.

Mrs. C. L. Briant, Jr., followed the course of the younger members of the society through their work in the MYF to their present status in church service.

Mrs. Joe Ed Fawcett told the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild during the last eight years.

Mrs. W. W. York, the only living charter member of the first missionary organization in Ashdown, blew out the candles on the cake. Iced punch and cakes were served.

Keeping up with activities at such a distance gives me a new perspective on how interest in missions is maintained here in the U.S.A.!... Since General Conference, met in July, the Methodist Church of Brazil now has five annual conference, and two new bishops... Work campers from Texas worked along with Brazilian college students making a roadway across the top of "our hill" at People's Central Institute... Camp Clay, outside Rio de Janeiro, will bring reality to dreams of an available campsite... Ruth Ferreira and Yolanda Pereira have just arrived in the states as Crusade scholars; as I write this, I'm hoping to see them for more first-hand news of Brazil before September is over... And, don't miss reading "Report on Latin America" by Bishop Ledden in the September *World Outlook*.

Getting to be with missionaries from Southern Rhodesia, India, Japan, the Philippines, Korea, Chile and the uttermost parts of the world was certainly a fine experience in connection with the Furloughed Missionary Conference at Greencastle in June. Some of them I already knew personally, others by name, and a very significant contribution was made by Crusade Scholars who came. Certainly there was a unity of purpose in our thinking of the Good News for the world today, a closeness was ours which united not only those of our group from Brazil and the Latin American area, but everyone present. With some on the eve of sailing, and others who came straight from a sea port to attend, in that feeling of unity was included "1500 missionaries on the other side", and world Christian fellowship... What a wonderful time it is to be alive and a part of missions!

For the fall quarter, I look forward to study in Nashville, Tennessee at the School of Social Work and Scarritt College; to the list of conferences for the year I will add one in Cleveland, "National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare". I'm still counting on a short visit to Puerto Rico in January, to observe its housing and social welfare work before returning to Rio de Janeiro. The people's Central Institute, you know, will observe its 50th anniversary in May of 1956!

With best wishes,
Mary McSwain

BISHOP WM. C. MARTIN ON TITHING

"Tithing lifts the financial support of the church from 'what we feel like giving' to the level of regular, dependable, proportionate contributions. The maintenance of the means by which God's truth is made known should never be a matter of sporadic impulse but of continuing regularity."

This is one of the ten basic facts about tithing listed by Bishop William C. Martin in an article that appeared in a recent issue of *The Christian Advocate*.

The commissions on education in local churches are expected to see that all church school pupils are taught the Christian use of money and guided in life habits of adequate financial support of the church and its institutions, it was pointed out by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education. To this end special units in the regular lesson materials are utilized, tithing as a minimum in a plan of proportionate giving is promoted, and stewardship education is emphasized throughout the church school. Dr. Schisler said the use of Bishop Martin's article by church school leaders should do much to increase tithing on the part of all age groups.

In keeping with its continuing emphasis on stewardship education in Methodist church schools, the Division of the Local Church has available for church school workers a reprint of Bishop Martin's article. Entitled "Ten Basic Facts About Tithing," the reprint may be had for ten cents a hundred to cover postage. Order from the Division of the Local Church, P. O. Box 87, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

WHAT ONE CONFERENCE IS DOING

The program of Christian education in the Minnesota Conference is a good example of what one conference offers in the way of promoting Christian education in the local church.

In the Minnesota Methodist for August are listed eleven types of service available to Minnesota churches through the conference board of education. Some of these are: weekend observation schools, one-day workshops, Sunday school visitation and evaluation conferences, co-operation in the nationally-known Faribault laboratory school sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Churches, leadership training courses offered on a sub-district level. A member of the staff of the Minnesota Conference board is always available to the commission on education or to the youth council of a local church for counsel and guidance.

Members of the staff of the Minnesota Conference board of education are the Rev. Orval C. Dittes, executive secretary; Mrs. J. Eldon Johnson, director of children's

APPOINTED ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIBLE AT CENTENARY



Dr. Webb Pomeroy, above, who has been serving as field representative for Centenary College, has been appointed assistant professor of Bible at the college for the 1955-56 academic year. He now has offices in the new Brown Memorial Chapel on campus. His offices previously had been in the Administration Building.

ORGANIZATION OF STAFF WORKERS IN FIELD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

At Conference this year, an organization of the directors of Christian education and educational assistants was born. Miss Ann Fox, Director of Christian Education, First Church, Alexandria, was elected president and Miss Tennie V. Severtson, Director of Christian Education, Noel Church, Shreveport, secretary.

The purpose of the group is to provide a medium of association, study and planning, to include as many as possible of the staff members of local churches who have special responsibility for Christian education. Our list of names is incomplete. Will you help us? If you are a certified director, an educational assistant, a children or youth worker, an associate minister with specific educational responsibility, please send your name and address to Miss Ann Fox, First Methodist Church, Alexandria.

Seven members of the group met at Camp Brewer for a retreat on Friday and Saturday, September 9-10. Plans for the remainder of the Conference year were outlined. The next meeting is planned for December 2-3, at First Church, Alexandria. The agenda is growing out of the concerns that seem to us most pressing. The "tentative areas" are: group dynamics, administration, adult education. Will you join us in planning and study? — Ann Fox.

work; and Myrtle Immer, director of intermediate work. The Rev. Wilbur D. Grose, pastor of Simpson Methodist Church, Minneapolis, is president of the board.

SEMINAR FOR MISSIONARIES AND NATIONALS

Few Methodists in this country, who have always lived in Christian communities and have access to a wealth of church school and promotional literature, realize the handicaps under which missionaries and nationals on the mission fields work.

Some idea of the difficulties under which these workers labor may be gained from the report of one of the three groups in a seminar for missionaries and nationals sponsored by the Joint Committee on Religious Education in Foreign Fields.

The seminar was held in the Kern Room of the General Board of Education building in Nashville, Tennessee, June 24-July 2.

The report came from the group that studied conditions in the area included in Malaya, Hong Kong, Okinawa, Korea and Japan, as they relate to the objectives for the development of curriculum materials for that area.

In developing a curriculum for this section of the mission field, the group listed as necessary to be taken into account, the following conditions:

1. Feelings of insecurity brought about by war and the consequent displacement of people, changing political patterns, economic conditions, and the impact of new thought on old customs, traditions and attitudes.
2. Non-Christian home backgrounds and the lack of Christian tradition.
3. Diversity of religious backgrounds.
4. A feeling of indifference toward religion; a fatalistic attitude toward life.

Among the objectives the group listed as desirable for a curriculum of Christian education for their part of the world, were:

To help people to examine their culture and the traditions of thousands of years, and to preserve that which is in accordance with the teachings of Christ.

To strengthen committed Christians who are forced to live in an environment of indifference, misunderstanding, opposition and sometimes even persecution.

To instill in young people who are contemplating marriage, the desire to establish Christian homes.

The Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the Department of Leadership Education, General Board of Education, served as director of the seminar.

The seminar was attended by 32 missionaries and nationals who, figuratively speaking, came "from Greenland's icy mountains, from India's coral strand, where Africa's sunny fountains roll down their golden sand."

The group of nineteen resource persons included leaders outstanding in their particular fields of work.

GUIDES TO THE TESTAMENTS

Interest in the Bible and need for its message has never been greater than at the present time.

In keeping with this interest and need on the part of a vast number of Methodists, the Department of the Christian Education of Adults, General Board of Education, has secured for distribution two booklets: (1) *Guide to the Old Testament* and (2) *Guide to the New Testament*. These are small booklets that are most helpful when kept with your Bible. They are published by Andover Newton Theological Seminary.

Among the contents of the *Guide to the Old Testament* are short statements on "The Christian and the Old Testament" and "On Reading the Old Testament," "A Note on the Contents of Each Book," and "Some Important Dates." Contents of the *New Testament* guide include "How To Read," "What To Read," "Some Results of Listening," "Twenty-five Parables of Jesus." Each guide contains an outline of the Testament treated in it.

Order *Guide to the Old Testament* (4407-C) and *Guide to the New Testament* (4408-C) from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Price, 5 cents a copy; \$4.00 a hundred. Please send cash with order.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

"Eternal and everlasting Father, who dost call us to thy service, and dost promise grace and strength for the fulfilling of thy will; look with favor upon us, as we dedicate ourselves to the task of working in this school." This is the prayer that will be used in thousands of Methodist churches as church school teachers accept their responsibilities for the new year.

The annual election of teachers at the beginning of the church school year is an important function of the local church commission on education.

In order to bring before the congregation the importance of the church school teacher's responsibility for the Christian education of the church's children, youth and adults, the *Discipline* (Par. 1928) contains an order for the recognition of church school officers and

teachers. The Department of General Church School Work of the General Board of Education calls attention to the fact that the *Discipline* is explicit on the annual election of teachers. Paragraph 229 says: "Great care should be exercised in the selection of the teachers, officers, and other workers in the church school. They shall be elected annually prior to the beginning of the church school year."

Religious Educators Push Idea Of "Team Teachers"

Chicago (RNS)—Man and woman "team teachers" is the latest idea in Sunday school practice.

Christian education specialists are advocating the idea of two teachers to represent the "family situation" in children's religious training, according to Mrs. Alice Goddard, director of children's work for the National Council of Churches.

Often than not, the teaching team will be man and wife, Mrs. Goddard said.

"Lots of time it's easier to get a couple to agree to teach," she said. "They like to share the work, and the responsibility is less when someone works with you."

First Congregational church, Oak Park, Ill., and other churches have experimented with the plan and found it successful, the religious educator said.

"Children fare better when they receive two viewpoints, especially if one comes from a man and the other from a woman," she added. "The big task is to make men realize they are needed and wanted in Sunday school work."

Mrs. Goddard noted that Sunday school teachers have long been predominantly women. She said church-

es are becoming more concerned as the number of woman teachers increases in the public school system.

Many churches fear that a boy seldom sees any man but his father, and not much of him, she said.

"We went through an era when it

was the woman's job to raise the children, and now we realize it's a job for both parents," Mrs. Goddard said.

"Children need an adult image of both a man and woman who are fine and good."

U. S. Congress Recognizes Role Of Religion In Preventing Delinquency

Geneva (RNS)—Religious groups have an important role to play in the prevention of juvenile delinquency, the first United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders declared here.

The congress, which was attended by representatives of religious organizations, ended with adoption of recommendations and conclusions concerning juvenile delinquency.

It said that religious bodies can help prevent delinquency among the young not by establishing and perpetuating firm moral standards in the home and community, but also in developing youths' and parents' services.

The congress called on religious

bodies "to help counteract disorganizing influences that may arise as a result of rapid industrial and social change."

Included in the recommendations were the role of the community, family, school, social services and other agencies in preventing delinquency.

Earlier, the congress adopted recommendations covering standard minimum rules for the treatment of offenders, "open" institutions, the selection and training of correctional personnel, and prison labor.

All of the recommendations emphasized the need for rehabilitating prisoners to enter law-abiding society after their release.

Hard To Brain-Wash Religionists Chinese Publication Says

Hong Kong (RNS) — China Youth, Communist magazine published in Peiping, conceded that it is hard to brain-wash religious believers.

"People can break any idol but can't wash the divinity off the brain of religious followers — this must be done through persuasion and education," says the current issue received here.

It adds that "religious ideas can be obliterated from the minds of people through constant atheistic propaganda."

But the publication cautions its readers that atheistic propaganda must be spread with care so as not to split the unity of the people to the extent of jeopardizing Communist control of China.

"We look forward to the day," it says, "when religious ideas are eliminated and nobody believes in religion any longer."

Jewish Seminary Plans To Become 'Center Of Human Brotherhood'

New York (RNS) — A ten-year plan to develop the Jewish Theological Seminary of America as a "Center of Human Brotherhood" was launched here.

The project will involve raising \$32,600,000 for new buildings, improvements and expanded educational and scholarship facilities.

The amount is part of a \$55,000,000 fund to be sought over the next decade to finance programs of the seminary, the United Synagogue of America and the Rabbinical Assembly of America. These represent the Conservative wing of Judaism.

The fund campaign was initiated by the seminary's National Planning Committee at its annual meeting here. Joseph N. Gorson, Philadelphia banker and lawyer, was named chairman of the drive.

A central feature of the plan is the erection of a Human Brotherhood Building at a cost of \$3,500,000.

SOUTHERN METHODISTS PLAN ASSEMBLY CENTER

Biloxi, Miss. (RNS)—Methodist Conferences of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi have made tentative plans to build an assembly center in this Gulf Coast resort city.

The plans call for construction of a hotel, motel and church on a 30-acre tract owned by the Conferences. An initial expenditure of \$1,000,000 on the proposed buildings is visualized.

Action to proceed further on the project was taken at a meeting here of Bishops Clare Purcell of Alabama, Marvin Franklin of Mississippi and Paul Martin of Louisiana.

A joint committee of ministers and laymen was named to prepare more definite construction plans for submission to the three Conferences.

Assemblies of God Plan Headquarters Building

Oklahoma City (RNS) — Plans for a \$3,000,000 Assemblies of God headquarters building at Springfield, Mo., were unveiled at the denomination's 26th biennial convention here.

The Rev. Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent, said the structure would be five stories high, contemporary in design and built of glass and aluminum. It will be an addition to the Church's publishing house quarters, already established at Springfield at a cost of around \$1,600,000.

Construction on the new building will begin "in the very near future," Mr. Webb said.

The delegates re-elected the Rev. Ralph M. Riggs of Springfield, Mo., as general superintendent of the denomination for a second term.

Also re-elected were the Rev. J. Roswell Flower, general secretary; the Rev. Wilfred A. Brown, general treasurer, and the Rev. Noel Perkin, director of the foreign missions department.

Four assistant general superintendents were re-elected. They are the Revs. Thomas F. Zimmerman, Bert Webb, J. O. Savell and Gayle Lewis.

Episcopal Bishop Told Of Alcoholism Problem

Honolulu (RNS)—The House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church was told here that alcoholism is the most serious and most pressing problem in American social life.

Bishop Francis Hall of New Hampshire made this statement in presenting the findings of a three-year Church study on alcoholism.

"There is no point in American life at which the redemptive force of the church is more imperative than this field," he said.

The Rt. Rev. Edwin J. Randall, retired Suffragan Bishop of Chicago, urged the bishops to tell young people that the safest course is to leave alcoholic beverages alone altogether.

"Cocktail parties are getting to be a real danger," he said. "Young people get the desire for alcoholic liquors there."

Bishop Randall urged cocktail party hosts to offer non-alcoholic beverages as well as cocktails.

And he called upon the bishops themselves to be leaders in moral standards for young people.

The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill of New York, the Church's Presiding Bishop, expressed the same sentiment. "Perhaps we should take a good look at ourselves," he said.

At a joint session of the House of Deputies, the House of Bishops and the Woman's Auxiliary, the Rt. Rev. Gerald F. Burrill, Bishop of Chicago, described the urban population as "one of our greatest missionary opportunities."

Calling on the convention to "face the facts" about "the decay of the Church's work in the heart of the city," he said:

"Either let us leave the city and frankly admit we are a church for the suburbia, or let us take up this challenge."

Bishop Burrill said there had been "a lack of real concern on the part of the Church for the teeming millions of people living in the heart of the city. The decay of the Church's work in the heart of

the city is only matched by our seeming inability to meet this challenge."

He called for more funds to support missionary work in the nation's cities.

Evangelicals Leader Opposes U. S. Recognition Of Communist China

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Recognition of Communist China by the United States would be "an eternal blot on our national conscience," Dr. Henry H. Savage, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, declared in a letter to President Eisenhower.

The leader of the conservative Protestant organization said that "an overwhelming majority" of its constituents hold this conviction.

He said that while the association ordinarily does not comment on U. S. foreign policy it was "forced" to do so in this instance because "several statements made in past months by prominent churchmen have appeared to represent the position of American Protestantism" as favoring China's recognition and its admission to the United Nations.

"We strongly suspect," Dr. Savage said, "that we speak for many other church people whose leaders have, we fear, spoken without consulting their constituencies."

"These Protestant leaders who seek recognition of Communist China are recognizing as the Christian Church on the mainland the small segment (of Chinese Christians) which has submitted itself to the Communist government. We Evangelical Protestants, on the other hand, stand with the larger segment that has rejected Communism."

He added Evangelicals believe that if the U. S. recognized Communist China it would be "abandoning the people on the main land who have faith that God will yet allow their land to be governed by . . . people who recognize man as responsible to his Creator."

METHODIST YOUTH

NOTICE OF SUB-DISTRICT WORKSHOPS

By Mrs. Mildred Herron

To the Youth of the MYF of the Louisiana Conference:

At the MYF Conference this June, it was decided that each Sub-District was to hold a workshop on the fall action project. The theme is to be "Toward Christian World Community." The workshop is to stress and explain world peace, overseas relief, and missions.

A packet with information on this may be obtained for 25c from "Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee." The title of the packet is the "Fall Action Project Packet for Seniors and Older Youth."

The time for your workshop is to be in September or early October on a Saturday. A tentative date might be October 8th.

Leadership may be obtained from local pastors, district directors of youth work, secretary of youth work, of WSCS, and many others who might be available.

Our prayer is that these workshops may be used to forward Christ's Kingdom.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN EVANGELISTIC EFFORT

The week of August 28 to September 3, Rev. Howard Cox, pastor of Shorewood Hills Church, conducted a revival at Mt. Pine Methodist Church, on the Hot Springs Circuit, pastor Rev. Coleman Akin. Brother Cox, sensing from the first service of the meeting, a great need among the people of the community, summoned the young people of Shorewood Hills Church in the Jones Mills community, to his aid in an evangelistic endeavor. He arrived on Monday evening with four car loads of the young people, with the car horns blowing to attract the attention of the people of the community.

Immediately the young people left the cars, spreading through the community, knocking upon the doors of the homes, inviting the people to the evangelistic meeting which was being conducted at the Methodist Church. The service showed an increase of 500 per cent, as a direct result of this concern and evangelistic visitation expressed by the young people.

It is hoped that other young people of our Conference may see in this a way in which they may serve their churches in the small communities of our state, in order to win people for Christ.—Reporter.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP READING

"Reading can take us across thousands of miles and across barriers of language and custom. It can help us understand what people in far-away lands — and people near at hand, too — are really like. As we understand them better we will appreciate their fine qualities."

Thus the Youth Department of the General Board of Education prefaces an annotated list of books on world friendship for seniors and

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH, CAMDEN

The MYF of First Church, Camden, held its Youth Activities Week August 15-19.

On Monday night the group attended the Ouachita County Sub-District picnic at Carnes Park in Camden. The Camden MYF was in charge of the worship service. Harold Campbell, ministerial student at Hendrix, spoke to the Sub-District, and was also the speaker at the worship services each night.

On Tuesday night the group enjoyed a picnic at Mustin Lake. A vesper service was held on the bank of the lake. The worship center was a rugged pine cross by the edge of the water. After the picnic supper, Betty Rollen led in games and stunts. Anne Geddie, director of religious education, led a discussion on the program area of Christian Faith.

Wednesday night was kidnap night. At 5:00 p.m. active MYF members went out to kidnap members who had not been coming. Ten people were brought in. A barbecue supper was served by the WSCS. After supper group singing and recreation were enjoyed. In a discussion, special emphasis was placed on the program area of Christian Witness. A candlelight worship service was held in the chapel.

Thursday night was Outreach night with the program centered on Mexico. The group met for projects at 5:00. A spaghetti supper was served by the WSCS. Bill Thrasher, summer youth director at Smackover Methodist Church, showed slides he took while helping build a Methodist-sponsored camp for Mexican young people last summer. Mexican games were enjoyed during the recreation period. A colorful pinata, filled with candy and gum, hung from the ceiling. Frankie Burnham drew a number to break the pinata. The evening was closed with a worship service in the chapel.

The week was closed on Friday night with a Parents' Night. During the projects period displays for each of the five program areas were made showing material which explained what each program area is. Supper was served by the WSCS. After the meal the group enjoyed singing and games. A program on the MYF was given and the program area chairmen talked on the areas of Faith, Fellowship, Witness, Outreach, and Citizenship. The week was closed with an altar prayer service, and devotional period in the church chapel. — Sara Edwards, Publicity Chairman.

older youth. Some of these books might be purchased for your Youth Division library or for your church library. At any rate, it would be well to have an MYF bookshelf always available for reference and circulation.

The list of twenty books has been published in pamphlet form. Write for World Friendship Reading for Seniors and Older Youth (2442-B). It is free from the Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

SUGGESTS EFFORT TO INCREASE MYF MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

In an open letter to the 25,000 pastors of Methodism the Rev. C. Glenn Mingleddorf of the Youth Department staff, General Board of Education, pledged to the pastors the continued co-operation of the Youth Department as the local churches strive to increase the membership and attendance of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

"You have done much to make the Youth Emphasis the success that it has been," Mr. Mingleddorf said in his letter. "Let us continue in prayer and in labor for the communities."

Mr. Mingleddorf stated that while the Youth Emphasis is succeeding in many areas, efforts must be redoubled to increase MYF membership and attendance.

At the beginning of this quadrennium a goal of 500,000 new MYF members was set, to be reached by the end of 1956. The first year the loss was over 8000. Last year the gain was over 70,000. Indications are that more new youth members will be reported this year than last.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Union County

The Union County Sub-District met on Monday evening, August 1, at the Norphlet Methodist Church.

The program consisted of various skits in cowboy style to publicize the Fall Round-up which was to be held on August 29-30 and 31 at Vantrease Methodist Church. Nellie Childs, president, presided over the meeting.—Connie Gathright

Conway-Perry

The regular meeting of the Conway-Perry County Sub-District was held on the second Monday night in September at the Methodist Church in Plumerville.

Florence Montgomery, president, reported on her trip to the National Convocation of Methodist Youth held at Purdue University.

A recreation period was held when games were played and refreshments served. — Louise Maxwell, Reporter.

Sub-District Meets at Union Grove Church

The monthly Sub-District meeting was held recently at Union Grove with Rev. Estes Poindexter of Paragould as speaker.

A recreation period was held and refreshments served. — Katherine Hanks.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FUND

The part of Methodist youth in the world is bigger than they think. This is especially true of those who contribute to the Methodist Youth Fund.

Through contributing their dollars, quarters, dimes and even nickels, they have a part in Methodist work in India where one person dies of tuberculosis every minute; in Borneo where the Rejang River is the only road through the jungle of Sarawak to fifty-two Chinese communities; in Africa where jungle villages are filled with superstition, and new industrial cities are filled with poverty, unrest and heartbreak; in Korea where the 38th parallel divides brother from brother; in the USA

The Youth Department admits that the goal of 500,000 is ambitious but it is not impossible. It can be reached by the end of 1956 by continued effort on the part of the pastors and of the youth workers throughout the church.

At the present time the department is promoting the Fall Action Project for 1955. This project stresses missions, world peace, and overseas relief. It is expected it will aid materially in increasing MYF membership and attendance.

CONVERT PIGGY BANK INTO A DISASTER RELIEF FUND

A new use to make of your piggy bank is to convert it into a Disaster Relief Bank.

The Disaster Relief Bank is one of the projects suggested for local MYF groups as a part of the 1955 Fall Action Project of the current Methodist Youth Emphasis. The Fall Action Project will lift up the theme, "Toward Christian World Community," and will provide projects of worship, study, discussion and action in the areas of missions, world peace and overseas relief. It is suggested that money saved in this way be brought to the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Thanksgiving and sent to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

From time to time many people are made destitute by flood, fire, earthquake, typhoon, war. These victims of disaster look to the church for aid.

It is expected that money given for such emergency relief will have no strings attached. The cash received from Methodist Youth Fellowship Disaster Relief Banks will be used by the Committee for Overseas Relief wherever the need is greatest at the time.

The Youth Department hopes there will be many "fat pigs" brought to the local MYF's meeting around Thanksgiving time and that they will be a source of relief to many disaster victims.

Those desiring more information on these projects should write to the Youth Department, General Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee, and ask for Suggestions for MYF Fall Action Project (2440-B). Copies are free for use in local churches.

where minority groups still wrestle with unsolved problems; in Latin America, where much of the mission work is done through educational institutions.

To help a cause is to become a part of it. So youth who contribute to the Methodist Youth Fund have become a part of many enterprises that make the world better.

The knowledge that in 1954 contributions to the Methodist Youth Fund totaled \$567,522, should bring a thrill to each youth who contributed to this cause. However, the need in the fields mentioned above is so great that those responsible for administering the Methodist Youth Fund hope the amount contributed for 1955 will show a large increase over 1954.

Promotional materials are available from Methodist Youth Fund, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

Methodist CHILDREN'S Home

REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1955 (Continued from last week)

MEMORIALS

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B. I. Graves by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gillham
Harold Parker by Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Baruch
Mrs. J. S. Cash by Wesley Chapel Sunday School
TOTAL Memorials for August, 1955 \$ 250.00
TOTAL, Other Gifts 3,988.43
TOTAL collections for August \$4,238.43
CONNOR MOREHEAD, Supt.

OBITUARIES

LEA—Arthur C. Lea was born October 14, 1881, and passed away April 15, 1955. Mr. Lea had been a member of the Sparkman Methodist Church since the early days of his youth. He served the church in many different ways. He was steward for many years and having a deep devotion to the church and the community, he often took over much of the repair work on the buildings which he did with his own hands.

Mr. Lea was a kind and considerate neighbor and was deeply loved by everyone who knew him. During the last several years of his life he was confined to his bed, but during his period of suffering he portrayed the same gallant and friendly spirit that he had shown during the days of his activity. To be with him was a blessing and one always felt that he had caught something of his fine spirit. Funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Rev. R. F. Sorrells in the Sparkman Methodist Church where he had worshiped for many years. His body was laid to rest in the Rock Springs Cemetery in the presence of many of his friends and neighbors. Truly his life was a blessing to everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mabel S. Lea. One son, William A. Lea of Malvern and three daughters, Mrs. W. D. Garrett, Mrs. T. R. Dyer and Mrs. G. E. Stills all

of Dallas, Texas.—Orrie L. Thompson.

SHEPPARD — Mrs. B. H. Sheppard, widow of the late Rev. B. H. Sheppard, passed away at her home at Jena, La., on Monday, Aug. 22, 1955.

She was born Sept. 16, 1866, in Jackson Parish, Louisiana. She was united in marriage to B. H. Sheppard on Oct. 29, 1882, and she and her husband served pastorates throughout the state of Louisiana for approximately forty years.

Nine children were born to this union, eight of whom survive. They are: H. A. Sheppard, Mrs. Janette Townsend and Mrs. C. E. Abrahamson, all of Baton Rouge; Mrs. E. E. Bishop, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. W. H. Bishop, Oakdale, La.; Mrs. A. N. Kramer, Oceanside, Calif.; Mrs. T. A. Bradford and Miss Bennie Sheppard of Jena, La. A son, Rev. C. F. Sheppard preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1946. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren and 48 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church on Wednesday morning, Aug. 24th, at 10:30 by Rev. Otis W. Spinks of the Trinity Methodist Church in Alexandria, her former pastor; Rev. A. W. Townsend, District Superintendent, Alexandria District, and Rev. E. R. Breithaupt of Jena. Her remains were laid to rest in the Nolley Memorial Cemetery beside her husband who preceded her in death

Feb. 8, 1925. Her grandsons acted as pallbearers.

The profusion of beautiful floral offerings attested to the wonderful life this faithful servant lived. Although not spectacular, she was the quiet, unobtrusive, humble Christian who fulfilled her obligations in the special manner endearing her to her family and all those with whom she came in contact.

Her home was the center of her life, and her pride was in the proper rearing of her children so that they might reflect the time and patience she expended in imparting Christian teachings to them. This home was always open and a welcome awaited all those coming in the interest of furthering the Christian kingdom.

A brave and good soldier has passed to her reward. — By One who loved her.

CENTENARY COLLEGE NEWS

(Continued from page 2)
city's charter. The committee recently completed its work.

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary College, addressed the Shreveport Junior Chamber of Commerce last week on the topic, "Some Problems of Liberal Arts Colleges". He said private colleges need more financial grants for operating expenses to keep up with state institutions and stressed the role of industry in supporting small liberal arts colleges.

Dr. W. Ferrell Pledger, professor in sociology and Bible at Centenary College, Mrs. Pledger and their two children spent the last weekend preaching in eight Methodist churches of the Bienville district. Dr. and Mrs. Pledger delivered two sermons each on Sunday morning and afternoon on India and the missions. Their son, Edward Talmadge Pledger, 14, and daughter, Cissley Ann, 12, spoke to youth groups.

Margaret McDonald, director of the News Bureau at Centenary College, was guest speaker Monday at a meeting of the Shreveport High-Twelve Club, a men's service organization. She spoke on the topic, "Comedy Behind the News".

\$260,000 GIFT BY ROCKEFELLER

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2. For other study projects in the field of the Unity of the Church, the World Mission of the Church and Christianity and War.

3. For housing accommodations for the staff of the Ecumenical Institute

at Chateau de Bossey. The Ecumenical Institute was established ten years ago with the help of an initial gift from Mr. Rockefeller, as a center of conferences, retreats and studies in the interest of world-wide Christian cooperation and service. Mr. Rockefeller's present gift is designed, in part, to complete the physical equipment for the Ecumenical Institute.

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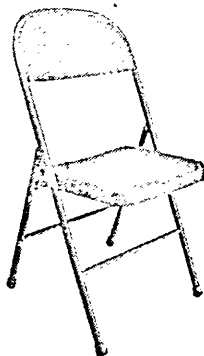
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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 2, 1955

THE WORLD INTO WHICH JESUS CAME

Read the lesson from your Bible: Luke 2: 1-4

Memory Selection: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you news of a great joy which will come to all the people."
—Luke 2: 10

This is UNIT I; a unit of only one lesson. The general theme of the unit is "THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' BIRTH". The specific theme of this lesson is "The World Into Which Jesus Came". The aim of the lesson is "To help adults appreciate the significance of Jesus' birth for all mankind."

For the next six months we will be studying the life of Christ as given to us in the Gospel of Luke. In speaking of this Gospel Renan, a great French historian, said that it was the greatest book ever written. It is a wonderful book. The physician Luke wrote in a pleasing style and seems to have been very careful to write nothing but the truth. He verified the facts he listed. The lesson today is a kind of a preview of the entire six months of study.

It seems a bit strange that we would be studying about the birth of Christ this early in the year. But there are two reasons why the study is placed at this point; one is the fact that it is more or less of a preview of that which is to follow, and the other, it is to be studied calmly as a statement of historical facts rather than from the emotional standpoint. The lesson will be re-studied from this standpoint on Christmas Sunday.

World Conditions

As a background, for this study, we might take a brief look at world conditions at the time of the birth of Christ. Some 400 years had elapsed since the writing of the last book of the Old Testament—Malachi and the events recorded in the beginning of the New. During that time the voice of no prophet had been heard. Ezra and Nehemiah had done such a good job in re-establishing the moral aspect of the law, but also the ceremonial. Through the influence of these men, Judaism was not only saved from annihilation but was transformed into a purely ritualistic religion. This transformation was the foundation upon which the Phariseism of Jesus' day had been built.

There is no question about the fact that Ezra and Nehemiah were wonderful men. They kept Judaism alive and kept the Jewish race pure. It must never be forgotten that Christianity came up out of Judaism and that Christ himself is a product of the Jewish race. These men had to make their race exclusive and their religion ritualistic to save them. But by the time Christ came the world was ready for grace. The law would continue as a school master that would teach people of their weaknesses and their need for the salvation that Christ brings through grace. The fact that, even after Christ came, the Pharisees and their followers continued to look to the law and especially the ritualistic phase of it as a means of

salvation is no argument against the value of the law. It was purely and simply a case of that which was good being misused, or expecting from the law what it alone could not bring.

It is a mistake to think that Judaism was decadent when Jesus came and that he put new life into it. The truth about the matter is it was very much alive. The Jews then, as is the case now, were scattered all over the civilized world, and at that time more than any other period in history they were doing missionary work. The synagogue had its birth under the influence of Ezra and Nehemiah and whenever as many as ten Jews lived in any community throughout the civilized world of that day, a synagogue was built. These synagogues became mission places for the spread of Judaism.

Other nations and forces in the world, however, were in a bad way when Jesus was born. The Greek had already experienced their golden age and their sun of influence was setting. They had climbed high in the matter of thought and civilization under the leadership of such philosophers as Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, but these men were all dead.

As the star of the Greek waned, the Romans forged to the front. With their dreaded shortwords they literally hacked their way to the highest place of military and political leadership. It has been well said that the Greeks were the teachers of that day and the Romans the rulers. But both were on their way out. The truths discovered by the great old Greek philosophers had become poisoned by falsehood and half-truths, and the tough old Romans had been replaced by a breed that had been made soft by importing millions of slaves to do all their work.

At the time Jesus was born, Caesar Augustus was on the throne of Rome. In many ways he was not a bad ruler. He was noted as a builder. Some of the roads that he built at that time are still in existence and in good repair. These roads reached out to all parts of his vast empire. They later became a godsend to the early missionaries, including Paul and others, who went from place to place over the civilized world of that day in carrying the Gospel of Christ. Not only was Caesar Augustus a builder of roads, he also built aqueducts, theaters, and palaces. He was noted for his interest in public affairs of this nature.

Caesar Augustus was also noted for the bringing about peace and order to his empire. Many of his laws, rules, and regulations were strenuous but when once conquered people learned to live by them, they brought to them a certain degree of security, peace, and prosperity.

The people of that day looked on Caesar Augustus as a great ruler. In fact he was one of the greatest of all the Caesars. He was hailed as god and savior by hundreds of thousands of people. He was looked upon as the creator of a new world order, and was thought to be the hope of the world. But the trouble with Augustus was he dealt only with matters that have surface value. Just as is the case with millions of people today, he thought only in economic terms and was interested only in material benefits. His age, like our own, was cursed with the sin of materialism. In speaking of our time, we often hear people say that it is the most materialistic of any period in history. The real truth about the matter is, all ages of the world have been materialistic. The world has always been too much with the human race. Material needs are so urgent and material values so obvious that the vast majority of the human race have placed them above the spiritual values of life.

Augustus had a long rule. He became Emperor in 27 B. C. and continued in this high office until A. D. 14. This meant that he was on the throne for 41 years, which gave him a long time to make his mark in the world. During the time of his rule a child was born; born to a peasant woman. He was born in a distant and obscure province of the Roman Empire. He looked upon the light of day for the first time, as a human being, in an ox stall and was cradled in a manger. It is true that the angels came to celebrate his birth, but very few human beings, and they among the lowly, took any notice of it. Augustus continued to reign for several years after the birth of Christ, but he never even heard that such a person had been born. People felt that Augustus would go down in history as the great man of that age, but the order has been so completely reversed that we would hardly know that such a man as this Emperor ever lived had it not been for the fact that he was ruling when Jesus was born.

Both Christ and Augustus were builders; they were benefactors. Augustus built roads, aqueducts, palaces, and theaters, while Christ built men. The trouble was Augustus was building for time, while Christ was building for eternity. Christ stands out as the world's greatest builder of right character, and this is the greatest product on earth. They who work at this task are really and truly building for eternity.

There was a sense in which both of these men were saviors. Augustus saved the fortunes of the favored few and made them secure in their high positions. Christ saved the souls of people, especially those of the poor and lowly who had no other place to turn for help; no one else to champion their cause.

Augustus instituted laws to govern the outward acts of people. The motive for keeping these laws was fear. Christ instituted grace for changing the lives of people at the very center and source; a condition that would lead to the keeping of God's laws by free choice. The motive for keeping these laws was love. Augustus brought about peace; a peace that was created by material and physical force and was kept through fear on the part of those who would have otherwise broken it. We have just such a peace as that in our world today. Jesus preached and taught of a peace that is built solidly on the Fatherhood of God and

the brotherhood of men. A peace that will be kept, not because of fear, but love; supreme love for God and brotherly affections for all mankind.

Slowly, but surely, the world is coming to see that the methods of Augustus, and those who would follow in his wake, are wrong, and those of Christ are right. As this conception grows in the minds of people even including the Communists, Christ himself grows in stature and in influence. There was no room for him at the inn when he was born, but more and more the world is learning that it has got to make room for Christ if it would continue to exist. The most dangerous thing that can happen to this world is for people to get the power of God without at the same time getting his character. Christ would give us his Spirit, and when this is done and only when it is done, will we have the assurance that the discovery of the secrets of God's power will be used for the help of mankind rather than for his destruction.

World's Greatest Event

In the light of what has been said above, we can declare with emphasis that the greatest single event in the entire history of the human race was the birth of Christ. People may argue, as they do, about the manner of his coming into the world. Some may hold (as does the writer) that he was born of a virgin, and other may deny it, but there is one thing upon which all must sooner or later agree and that is that he was and is the truth of God; the complete and final revelation of the Father in human flesh. He was God Incarnate. Let him who denies this statement try to imagine God becoming man and living any differently to what Christ lived, and he will be convinced that when he comes in contact with Christ he is in the very presence of God. Peter realized that in the long ago when, with much feeling he cried out, "Depart from me, O Lord, for I am a sinful man." It is this Divinity of Christ that make the best men on earth feel their sinfulness when they are conscious of his presence. Surely, he was right when he said, "He who hath seen me, hath seen the Father."

All people, who are both good and great, have left footprints on the sand of time that have proven a blessing to those who have come after them, but Christ did this more than any one else. Not only so, he is still with us. He is the constant Companion of all who will follow him and the Contemporary of every generation. Like all others he had his day in the flesh, but unlike all other he returned in Spirit to be with the human family to the very end of the world. Paul said of his experience along this line, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me." In this age, he is not only with us but in us. He inspires our efforts toward righteousness; helps us bear our burdens of sorrows, disappointments, losses, and diseases; gives us power to overcome temptation; enables us to render acceptable service; thrills our hearts with a consciousness of his presence; and when we come to the end of our earthly journey, he will walk with us down through the valley and the shadow. That is what his coming into the world has meant and does mean to the world of mankind. Surely, his birth is the world's greatest event.

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