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Laymen Schedule Conference-wide

The first Laymen's Day Conference for the Arkansas-Louisiana Area will be held at Hardisc, near Morrilton, at 11 a.m., Sunday, October 9, according to Charles Jonesboro, Lay Leader of the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Church.

Bishop Paul E. Martin, head of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, will deliver the closing address of the meeting, at 11 a.m., Sunday.

Judge J. G. Moore, Morrilton, will lead the opening devotional at 5 p.m., Saturday; and Mr. Stuck will give a statement of plans for the session. Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Paragould District Superintendent and a member of the South Central Jurisdiction Board of Lay Activities, will also speak Saturday afternoon.

Joe S. Pierce, Searcy, Associate Lay Leader of the Conference, will address the group Saturday night on "The Lay Speaking Program," and Robert P. Lay, Gilliam, La., who is Lay Leader of the Louisiana Conference of the Church, will also speak.

Sunday Morning Watch will be directed by Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Presi-

Joint Session of Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences

at Hendrix College, Conway, at 7 o'clock. Following a song service, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Ft. Smith District Superintendent, will speak on "The Charge Lay Leader," and Clay Bumpers, Wabash, Lay Leader of the Forrest City District, will speak on "The Methodist Men's Club."

The retreat was planned to precede Laymen's Day, Oct. 16, Mr. Stuck said, in an effort to help reach the goal: A Laymen's Day Service in Every Methodist Church in the North Arkansas Conference.

Ministers and lay members of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences will be meeting in Little Rock and North Little Rock next Thursday, October 6 at special sessions of these conferences called by Bishop Paul E. Martin. The conference sessions are being held for the purpose of considering matters related to the establishing of a Methodist headquarters building in Little Rock and any other business that may be presented at that time. Bishop Martin in announcing the call stated that lay members of a special called annual conference session are those "elected for the previous session of the annual conference." (Methodist Discipline 627, 1952).

The North Arkansas Conference session is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, 18th and Schaer Streets, North Little Rock, and the Little Rock Conference will have its session beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, 8th and Center Streets, Little Rock.

The June session of the Little Rock Conference acted favorably on a

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 Philadelphia 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

THAT the proposed Methodist Headquarters Corporation be and it is hereby 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

THAT the agents, representatives or trustees who act for this conference in the formation of said Methodist Headquarters Corporation 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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recommendation of its Methodist Headquarters Committee that the Little Rock Conference and the Arkansas Methodist form a corporation to build or buy, and operate a Methodist Headquarters center; and the Little Rock Conference named, with power to act in its behalf three trustees or agents to work with three such persons later to be named by the Joint Commission of the Arkansas Methodist. It was later learned that the Joint Commission of the Arkansas Methodist, an incorporated group, was unable to participate in such a new corporation without permission by the two Arkansas Annual Conferences, which own the Arkansas Methodist. Permission is being sought at this time because those interested in furthering the project have under option a desirable site and, to obtain the site at this time, legal difficulties will have to be removed.

Judge J. G. Moore, Morrilton attorney, heads a special committee which has been set up to present the matter to both annual conference sessions. Judge Moore represents the Joint Commission of the Arkansas Methodist, while Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff District Superintendent, represents the Little Rock Conference cabinet, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith District Superintendent, the North Arkansas Conference Cabinet, and Dr. Roy Fawcett, Little Rock, the Little Rock Conference Methodist Headquarters Trustees. Other Little Rock Conference Headquarters Building Trustees include H. F. Buhler and John Bale, both of Little Rock.

Tentative plans for the building call for office space to house the Arkansas Methodist, Methodist Information, the Little Rock District Superintendent, the Little Rock Conference Board of Education offices, and the Little Rock Conference Director of Stewardship Cultivation; additional space would be provided for future needs as well as a conference room for holding small meetings.

According to the plans and resolutions now under consideration the final details for the building's construction and operations would be worked out by a new corporation yet to be formed.

Surprise Party On 80th Birthday

The children of Mrs. Mattie Conyers of Sidney, Arkansas, gave her a surprise birthday party, September 15th when she celebrated her 80th birthday.

Mrs. Conyers is the mother of Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers, pastor of First Methodist Church, Batesville, and Rev. David Conyers, pastor of First Methodist Church, Morrilton.

There are two other sons, Pearson R., bookkeeper for Memphis Appliance Co., Memphis, Tenn., and Manuel A., cashier of Citizens Bank of Batesville. There is one daughter, Mrs. Atalee Pounders, assistant cashier of the Bank of Sidney.

All of the children were present for the birthday party. A delicious lunch was served in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pounders. The group then went to the home of Mrs. Conyers where open house was held for relatives and friends.

In spite of her years, Mrs. Conyers is still a regular attendant at her Sunday School of which she has been a member for almost 40 years. The past year she missed attendance only three Sundays.

Mrs. Conyers has been related by blood or marriage, to eighteen ministers. While most of them were Methodists, the group does represent five different denominations.

Mrs. Conyers was born at La-Crosse, Arkansas. She was baptized in infancy by Rev. John Dye, then presiding elder of the Batesville District, and was given the name Mattie Dye. — Reporter.

Because Of These

By D. STEWART PATTERSON
Executive Secretary, Methodist Commission on Chaplains

ONE million Methodist Youth in the military! This is the estimate of the total number of our young people who will be, or will have been, in military service during the period of 1940-1960.

And there are others, sometimes overlooked as our own and as our responsibility—those who are in mental and correctional institutions. It may disturb, and even shock us to admit it—but some Methodists are there. (One Methodist chaplain on duty at an Army Disciplinary Barracks reports that among those confined, 748 are listed as Protestants, and among these 67 are Methodists.)

BECAUSE of these, our Church seeks to provide a spiritual ministry beyond the bounds of the local parish.

BECAUSE of these, our Church releases qualified and dedicated ministers from the local parish for service as chaplains in the world-wide parish.

BECAUSE of these, our Church has a continuing responsibility to follow its people wherever they may go, and under whatever circumstances they may find themselves.

In 24 nations and islands 623 Methodist ministers are now serving as chaplains. To our people, and to people from other churches, and people of no churches, they carry the good news of the Gospel.

No story of the work of the Church is complete without the record of the ministry of the chaplains. During 1954 they reported the following to the Commission on Chaplains:

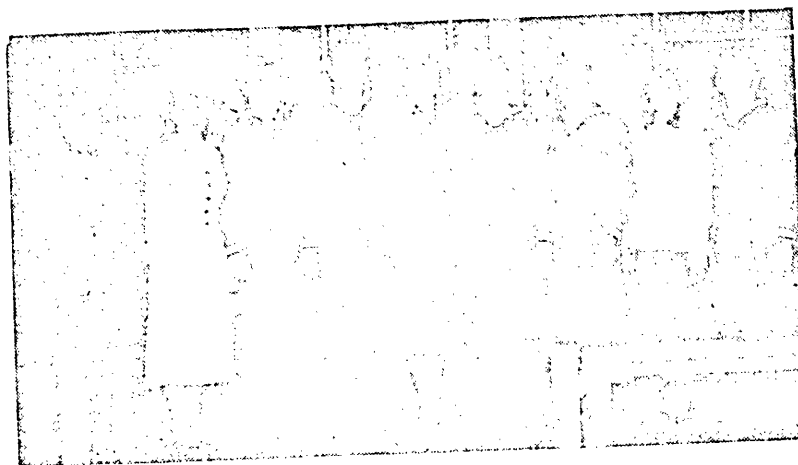
Attendance at Worship Services	4,045,516
Attendance at Sunday Schools	
Under Chaplains' Supervision	932,879
Attendance in Bible Classes	126,451
Communicants	397,775
Character Guidance Lectures	1,894,453
Baptisms (Methodist)	4,883
Professions of Faith	3,054
Releasement into Membership of	
The Methodist Church	855
Pastoral Calls	92,672

Typical of this ministry is the work of Chaplain William E. Rone (South Carolina Conference) now on duty with the Air Force in Japan:

"We have here a community of over 9,000 people, including military and dependents. Needless to say, there are just not enough chaplains here to do everything that needs to be done. Our Sunday school averages about 360, Youth activity (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.—about 600). I was able to organize a Protestant Guild which is doing a splendid job. We have 2 Japanese Bible classes, one for the young people who work on the Base and one for an older group. We have 2 choirs—one senior and one junior. Our senior choir won first place in Japan and second in the Far East Choir contests."

Chaplain Elmer E. Wehking (Southern Illinois Conference) now on duty with the Air Force in Puerto Rico, writes of his Daily Vacation School, with average pupil attendance of 502. These are the children and youth of American personnel on the Base.

Chaplain Floyd L. Heckard (Western North Carolina Conference) on duty with the Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky, reports: "During the six month period 1 January to 1 July 1955, we of the 501st Airborne Infantry baptized and received into membership in The Methodist Church 27 men. An additional 7 men have united



In the Chapel in the Woods, U. S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia, these eight individuals indicated their desire to dedicate their lives to full-time Christian work. At the left is Chaplain R. W. Moore (Official Photograph U. S. Navy.)

with The Methodist Church through vows."

From Butzbach, Germany, Chaplain Robert B. Webb, Jr., (Holston Conference) on duty with the Army, writes of three young men of his group who will enter the full-time Christian ministry when they leave military service.

At the U. S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia, under the guidance of Chaplain Raymond W. Moore (Wyoming State Conference) 9 young people dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service.

And from the U. S. Naval Station, Annapolis, Maryland, Chaplain Hal R. Sessions, Jr. (Little Rock Conference) writes: "My predecessor left a very highly organized Sunday School, choir and Chapel program. The average attendance for our Sunday School during the 5 Sundays in July was 123 children. More quonset huts have been obtained for Sunday School rooms."

In fulfillment of Scriptural words, "I was in prison and ye visited me," Chaplain Worth B. Conn (Kentucky Conference) and now chaplain in a Federal Correctional Institution, reports 136 pastoral counselings and interviews at his office during July, together with initial interviews of newly arrived persons, interviews in the dormitories and work units, and 72 regular pastoral visits to individuals.

Typical of the amazing and all too little known ministry of the chaplains of the Veterans Administrations are reports from Chaplain Paul E. Carson (Illinois Conference), now at the Veterans Administration Center in Los Angeles, showing for July, 1,364 regular and 145 special pastoral visits; Chaplain Gilbert F. Hyde (North Arkansas Conference), now at Little Rock, Arkansas, reports 3,295 contacts during one month; Chaplain Harold D. Melzer (Erie Conference) at Richmond, Virginia, indicates 1,061 visits and contacts; and Chaplain Carden A. Hillman (West Virginia Conference), now at Beckley, West Virginia, kept busy with 2,462 contacts. In addition, each man reported his Sunday and weekday worship services; Communion services and Bible classes; counseling; literature distribution; baptisms and professions of faith; funerals; and all the duties which keep a minister busy in any situation. This was a ministry to the casualties of conflict.

Because of these to whom our chaplains minister, the church on World Communion Sunday, October 2 this year, and at Communion services throughout the year, will give sacrificially and gladly. In this way church members participate in our church-wide Fellowship of Suffering and Service. One half of what is given goes to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief; one fourth to the Commission on Chaplains; and one fourth to the Commission on Camp Activities.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Pension Board Plans Consolidation

The Methodist Board of Pensions, at its annual meeting in Chicago Sept. 14, took steps looking toward the re-organization of the administrative structure of the board and heard reports of greatly-increased coverage of the clergy under the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund.

Acting upon legislation adopted by the 1952 General Conference, the board has prepared a program for presentation to the 1956 General Conference which looks toward the re-organization of the administrative structure of the board. The proposals will be presented to the Minneapolis session of the General Conference by the Pension Legislation Committee, which is also shaping up revisions in the Disciplinary provisions relative to the denomination's total pension program.

Proposals call for the chief administrative office of the Board of Pensions to be located at 740 Rush street, Chicago, where its Illinois Corporation has operated through the years. The proposed legislation would continue the three corporations through which the board now operates: the Illinois, Maryland, and Missouri corporations. These would all be subject to the control of the administrative office. The present office of the Missouri Corporation at 506 Olive street, St. Louis, would be continued, with functions assigned to it by the board.

Reports of the executive secretaries—the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins of Chicago and the Rev. Dr. A. Thomas McIlwain of St. Louis—showed healthy gains in the board's work. Treasurers Donald R. McKee of Chicago and Benjamin F. Frick, Jr., of St. Louis reported an increase of nearly five million dollars in the over-all funds administered by the Illinois and Missouri corporations—from \$32,712,088 to \$37,472,022. This total includes \$16,622,684 in the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund—a gain of \$3,226,394 over the \$13,396,290 figure of a year ago.

Retreat For Chaplains Held In Bavarian Alps

Berchtesgaden, Germany — In quarters in this Bavarian mountain resort used during World War II by Marshal Hermann Goering for his Luftwaffe staff, more than 100 Methodist chaplains, serving with U. S. Armed Forces in seven countries of Europe, gathered for a retreat September 12-15.

The four-day session, sponsored by the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, met in the USAREUR Religious Retreat House, an area set aside for the religious use of officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employees of the military. The chapel is new.

The group which included wives and families represented 31 annual conferences, 30 colleges and 15 theological seminaries.

Four Methodist bishops contributed to the program. Inspirational addresses were given by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington D. C., on "The Chaplain and Culture," "The Chaplain and Crisis," and "The Chaplain and Creed." Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, led a series of discussions on homiletics. Coaching the chaplains on how to meet counseling problems was done by Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio. Bishop Frederick Wunderlich of Frankfurt, Germany, addressed a fellowship dinner.

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BROADCASTER

J. Daniel Barron



Founded fears save us. Unfounded fears slay us.

Take my Missus, for example. Last night she awakened me with a voice of doom.

"The front door is open," she said in a tone that meant a murderer was on the prowl downstairs.

I screwed up the courage of her conviction and went to the door armed with my shoes, fully expecting to kill or be killed.

The fearful alarm was unfounded. The front door was open. Swinging back and forth, it made a squeaking noise like all parsonage doors. But through it nothing more than exhilarating night air had come that night.

Truth of the matter was that earlier I had gone through that door to speak to my dog who was speaking to all the dogs within a two-mile radius. He was sitting on the bannister attempting thus to bring them under control. His efforts but added to the general confusion of the neighborhood and subtracted from my sleep. But he must have felt no little sense of importance as he added his loud voice to the Babel. We would make a dandy member of any church uproar.

I left the door open but I did not let a murderer in. I let myself in for trouble when I left the door open, for it was the fountain of unfounded fears.

Pastors are fearful they will not go up in class of appointments. Laymen are fearful they will not go on in their places of leadership.

Were pastors to be fearful lest they be less than their best as good ministers of Christ, and were laymen fearful lest they be less than their best as Christian leaders in

Evangelism Board's "Seventy" Complete Summer's Work

By Methodist Information

As the Scriptures conclude the story of Jesus sending out the 70 disciples, it is reported that they "returned rejoicing."

So it has been with "The Seventy"

sent out by the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church for 10 weeks of special evangelistic activity. "The Seventy" was a group of Methodist ministerial students

assignments to districts or groups of churches.

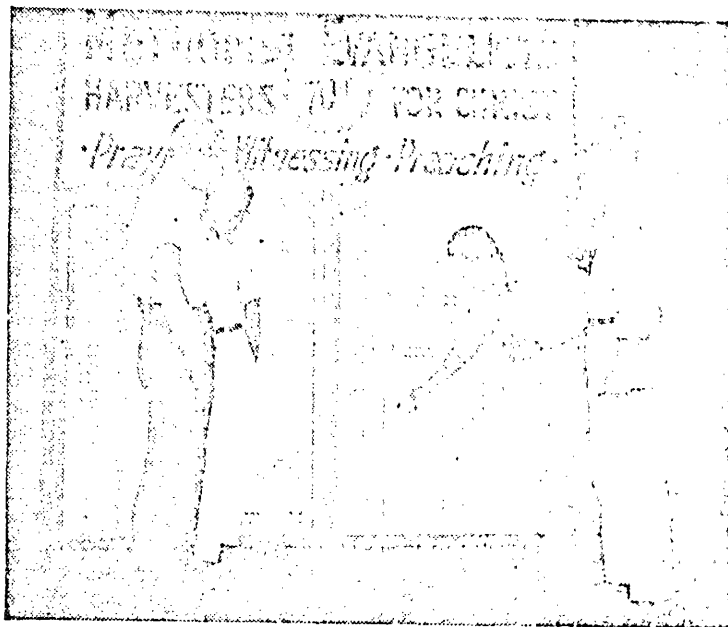
Weekly reports sent to Dr. Harry L. Williams, the board's director of the program, revealed the activities were as varied as the churches and situations served. Thousands of homes were surveyed in an effort to find Methodist prospects. Visitation and preaching evangelism to win new persons to Christ added many to the rolls of the church involved.

In other churches, a careful program to reach the inactive members brought real new life to the churches involved. New churches came into being—some the results of a full 100 weeks work by one or two of the students on one location—another by a week's concentration on a new community by a team of 20 who traveled together.

Small remote churches in Alaska felt the impact of two "70 E" men for the summer. Struggling rural churches in Idaho, county-seat towns in a dozen states and metropolitan churches in Los Angeles, St. Louis and Detroit all received helpful evangelistic assistance. With 73 actual men involved for 10 weeks, there was a total 730 work-weeks during the summer.

The training received through actual experience will supplement the seminary work being done by the students. Throughout the summer came reports of "first" experiences—the first survey by one student, the first winning of a new person for Christ, the first service to be conducted alone, the first sermon to be preached—and for one, the finding of a wife-to-be.

Thus the second year of "Seventy Evangelists" has been concluded, and there is anticipation that the third summer will be even more successful in 1956.



Four ministerial students who took part in the Methodist Board of Evangelism's summer-long "70-E" evangelistic program check their assignments at the board's national headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. Left to right: Barney Johnson of Galesburg, Ill., and Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.; Kosuke Koyama of Tokyo, Japan, and Princeton University; Pi-Feng Chen of Kobe, Japan, and Boston University, and T. J. Fraser of Bonne Terre, Mo., and Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

from 17 seminaries representing 27 states, England, Germany, Japan and the Philippines.

After a 10-day intensive training period at Lake Junaluska, N. C., these young men were assigned 30 states and Alaska. Some went alone. Some went two by two. One group of 20 traveled together by bus on

their church, then would we have fears with redemptive powers in them.

Fears founded on creaking door moved in the night by fingers of a gentle wind sell us a bill of death. Fears founded on the awful fact we may be failing both God and man sell us a bill of life.

73 Young People Start Mission Service

A summer of special study behind them, 73 young Methodists now are either at work or on their way to work in mission projects of the Methodist Church in the United States and Alaska and on three continents overseas.

The young men and women comprise the 1955 group of "short-term" missionaries. Forty of the group are "3's," young persons who will serve three years as foreign missionaries. The remaining 33 are "US-2's," who will be home missionaries in the

United States for two years or in Alaska for three years.

The short-term foreign missionaries include 11 young men, who will serve under the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions, and 29 young women, who will work for the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board. All the home missionaries are women and will serve under the Woman's Division.

Most of them recent College graduates, both the "3's" and the "US-2's" participated in special training courses last summer at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn. The training courses for both groups were designed to prepare the young persons for the work they would be doing.

The foreign missionaries will serve Africa, Latin American and Asia. The home missionaries will work in hospitals, schools, community centers, children's homes and rural areas throughout the United States.

Both groups include teachers, evangelists, social service workers and religious education workers. Some of the men also will do engineering and agricultural work.

The "US-2's" has been at work since September 1. Most of the "3's" either are at their station or on the way.



These seven young women are among 33 who began this fall two years of mission service in home missions projects of the Methodist Church in the United States and Alaska. All from the south central United States, the group represents the South Central and Central Jurisdictions. They are (left to right, back row) Olive Hicks, Laverne, Okla.; Mona McNutt, Green Forest, Ark.; Betty Sue Harris, Ft. Smith, Ark.; Stella Lowe, Minden, La.; Amanda Pleasant, Houston, Tex., and Verna Mae Parker, Little Rock, Ark., and (seated) Jo Ann Richardson, Baton Rouge, La. (Photo—Tim Harden)

ORTHODOX CHURCHES SUFFER EXTENSIVE DAMAGE

New York, N. Y. (EPS)—Deep concern for the Orthodox churches which have suffered as a result of recent Turkish rioting was expressed here by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry on behalf of the World Council of Churches. Dr. Fry is the chairman of the World Council's Central Committee which directs its program between assemblies.

Orthodox sources here revealed that according to reports from Istanbul, fifty-two Greek Orthodox churches and a number of small chapels in Istanbul and the surrounding neighborhood had been seriously damaged during the recent riots. The great Orthodox Church at Smyrna was completely destroyed according to the reports.

Spokesmen for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North America estimated the total damage at \$100,000,000, and pointed out that many of the churches destroyed date back to the Byzantine era and that the historic and cultural loss was inestimable.

FOR SALE: A used Hammond Solovox. An electric organ attachment for use with pianos. \$100.00. Direct inquiries to this publication.

Good Citizenship Of Crittenden County To Voice Sentiment

A permanent injunction has been granted which prevents an expression, by vote, of public sentiment in Crittenden County on dog racing at the track now under construction near West Memphis.

In order that Governor Faubus, the Arkansas Racing Commission and the people of Arkansas generally may know the sentiment of the better people of Crittenden County on this question, notarized petitions are being circulated throughout the county which ask that no permit for dog racing in Crittenden County be granted.

We trust that the whole citizenship of Crittenden County will realize the importance of these petitions. They should carry the signatures of an overwhelming majority of the adults of the county. Such an expression, though unofficial, should certainly impress the Governor and the Racing Commission.

There seems to be something mysteriously strange about the whole manner in which this proposed dog track is being promoted. It is difficult to understand. This, however, we do sincerely believe. If the voice of the good citizenship of Crittenden County is not heeded, the voice of the better citizenship of the State of Arkansas will be heard in no uncertain terms.

What Is Truth?

THE caption of this article is the question Pilate put to Jesus while He was on trial in Pilate's court. While Pilate asked the question he was really so little concerned about truth that he did not even wait for an answer. At many points in our present generation we find something of the same indifference concerning truth that was in evidence in the life of Pilate.

It was Hitler who practiced the "big lie." He declared that if one told a lie big enough and told it often enough it would finally be accepted as the truth. In many instances he believed that such a lie accepted as truth was, for his purpose, better than the truth. For the communist today any statement or attitude which advances the cause of communism is truth regardless of its relation to actual truth.

Hitler played fast and loose with truth because he thought it would help him mold the future of Germany for "the next thousand years." In its program for world conquest, communism places no value on real truth. Although these programs were world-wide in their scope, the world does not believe they justified the careless indifferent attitude toward truth so much in evidence.

That being true regarding movements of such magnitude, how can America justify or condone the frequent indifference to truth so commonly found in the advertising programs of many business concerns which promote a national program of advertising.

Radio and TV seem to lend themselves most effectively to this form of exaggeration in advertising. In many instances it is quite evident that the ad writer simply describes his product in the most glowing terms his imagination can conjure up with the use of the most arresting, impressive superlatives possible while he knows and the public knows that there is little relation between the description he gives and the product he is advertising.

With this growing, common distortion and disregard for the truth as a daily diet in our homes our children must be asking silently, if not audibly, "What is truth?" They must be wondering if truth has real value in the world's life.

For Others, Elsewhere And Everywhere

METHODISTS throughout the world will gather at their altars next Sunday in their annual observance of World-Wide Communion Day. Beginning on the islands in the Pacific and continuing westwardly around the globe Methodists will bow at the Table of Our Lord offering their prayers, confessing their sins, and sharing together the sacramental elements

symbolizing the Broken Body of Christ. This ecumenical fellowship, transcending all racial and national boundaries, is an outward expression of the oneness in Christ which all Christians are privileged to know and experience.

At a time when there is a faint glimmer of hope that the world may be coming to its senses in international relations, there is real need for every manifestation of international fellowship. Now, when there is a still greater need for a solidarity between Christians throughout the world, World-Wide Communion Day offers one opportunity to give expression to that kinship among Christians. Of greatest need, however, is a world-wide perspective that must come to every person, and World-Wide Communion Day will provide one of the means of directing Methodists' eyes from their provincial scene to the interests and needs of others elsewhere and everywhere.

As an outward expression of a rededicated life on World-Wide Communion Day, Methodists are asked again to make a liberal offering to the Fellowship of Suffering and Service agencies. Fifty per cent of the funds received next Sunday will be administered by the Methodist Commission on Overseas Relief, a program that expresses Methodists' concern for those in dire need because of conditions beyond their control. Many heroic stories have come out of the financial assistance which Methodists have given to war, famine, flood and storm victims. Twenty-five per cent of the funds are administered by the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, which directs and gives general advisory service to the large number of Methodist chaplains serving in military forces, Veterans Administration, industry and hospitals. The other twenty-five per cent is administered by the Methodist Committee on Camp Activities, an agency which helps local churches which are overburdened by excessive demands for service occasioned by nearby military installation. Help to make the day a real experience for all Methodists by sharing with others in worship and giving.

Attention: Small Church Pastors

THE Louisiana Conference Board of Education, the Conference Town and Country Commission and Conference Rural Work leaders are combining efforts next week to make possible a program which should have far-reaching significance. A Conference for Town and Country Ministers will be held at Camp Brewer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and is to be projected for ministers of churches having a membership of 200 or less. An especially helpful program has been arranged, dealing with many of the practical phases of small church administration.

Among those scheduled for addresses are Bishop Martin and Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Piggott, Arkansas, minister who has had extensive experience in rural work in the North Arkansas Conference, both on the local church and conference level. The District Superintendents of the conference will also be in attendance.

A survey of the latest conference statistics reveals that 71 per cent of the 449 Louisiana Methodist churches have a membership of less than 200 and 59 per cent of the 286 Louisiana Methodist pastors are serving churches with a membership under 200. Ministers coming within the group for which the conference is being held should make every effort to take advantage of the rich opportunity which this three-day meeting will afford.

The Approach Is Important

WHATEVER else may be said about the White Citizens Council of Arkansas, an organization committed to maintaining racial segregation practices in the state, the group is working at the job. The organization has held several rallies in the state and still others are scheduled. Just how influential its leaders will be in determining the course of integration is debatable but if intensity of effort counts for anything the organization's count will be high.

There is much more that can be said but most of it is better left unsaid. However, we have serious doubts that this organization represents the best thinking and approach of those who oppose integration. The organization claims to have the best interest of the largest number of Negroes at heart, but it is difficult to un-

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BELIEF

Let us start with the statement, "I believe." We may say those words in rather light vein. For instance, we say, "I believe it will rain tomorrow." That is a mere expression of opinion, a sort of guess work. Or we may say, "I believe James Monroe was the fifth president of the United States." Here we are just stating a belief in lieu of looking up the fact.



But when we say, "I believe in God," we are going further than stating a mere guess or opinion. To believe in God means first of all to think with assent. It means that we have made up our minds that there is a God in whom we believe.

This matter of making up our minds involves more than mere intellect. Watch a little two year old child come into a room where several persons are standing around. The little girl looks about with her big eyes wide with wonder. Perhaps there is a pucker of puzzlement on her face as she tries to take it all in. That's what we say, isn't it, "she is taking it all in." She is taking a picture of the room, the persons, the faces. But her little mind is more than a camera registering external impressions automatically on an inner film. She is making up her mind.

The little girl spies her mother in the crowd. She believes in her mother. That is more than a belief in her mother's existence. She trusts her mother.

Similarly with grown-up observers, we look around our world. We try to take it in. We try to make up our minds about it. We see such facts as the orderliness of nature, and the fidelity of the good earth with its seasons and harvests. We see a man looking "before and after, and pining for what is not." We see man longing for truth and beauty, for justice and mercy; and we ask whence came these ideals. If water cannot rise above its source, must there not be something at the heart of the universe which gives rise to these longings in man? We see men everywhere in all

ages building altars and shrines to some being beyond themselves.

Jesus said, "He that cometh to God must believe that He is." Do you say that is begging the question? No, the Master is only telling us that in religion as elsewhere, belief must often journey ahead of factual knowledge. There were scientists who believed the atom could be split long before it was demonstrated to the rest of us ten years ago.

Or consider friendship. If your friend invites you to dinner, you do not ask him for a written guarantee that there is no poison in the food. If he invites you to ride with him in his car, he does not require you to sign a waiver releasing him from damages in case of accident. If your friend bids you spend the night in his house, he does not put you under bond not to steal the valuables in the room. In short, a friend trusts himself to the fidelity of a friend.

This attitude of trust, so essential to human fellowship, is equally necessary to our relations with God. As Dr. Charles Wishart says, we must be gentlemen with God. That is, we must take some things on trust.

Do you have doubts about God? George Matheson, a young Scottish preacher, once was so beset with doubt that he wanted to give up the ministry. His friends counseled him to go on living up to the best that was in him just as if he still believed. Matheson held on and became one of Scotland's greatest preachers.

Remember, we advance toward God feet first, rather than head first.

THE APPROACH IS IMPORTANT

(Continued from page 4)

Understand how better race relations can be promoted by talking about the use of Smith and Wesson revolvers, ropes and whips, regardless of how they might be used. Public appeals for support based on themes designed to inflame the public's passions are altogether questionable and approach being insulting to the average citizen, regardless of what he or she may think about the question of integration or segregation.

Everybody is entitled to his opinion about this issue. We prefer to think that the times call for cool, restrained and constructive thinking in approaching this issue from any point of view.

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
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On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THE SERVICE MOTIVE AND THE COMMUNITY

Recent surveys throughout the nation as to the need for new teachers, the numbers of college graduates going into elementary and secondary school teaching, and the qualifications of persons licensed to teach, have alarmed us all.

"Thirty or forty years ago," says an educator, "teaching was regarded as a 'top' profession for either a man or woman—and the cream of graduating classes could be selected. But today, in almost every city and state, it is considered an 'inferior' profession both financially and socially." In New York State, for example, it is reported that one-third of those granted teaching licenses are not properly trained ("we license them rather than have no teachers at all"), and even the adequately-schooled do not always have a basic love of children as their guiding star. In some other states, the growing shortage of men teachers is deplored as a serious loss to boys and young men. Meanwhile increasing millions of children and youth are crowding into schools.

Surveyors have not come up with any new diagnosis of the teacher shortage, nor with any magic remedy. Generally speaking these are the causes:

1. Salaries—once reckoned good for teachers—have not kept pace with needs nor with the rising salaries in industry and in most other professions.

2. Government, industry and business are requiring increasing numbers of well-trained specialists and executives and enticing them with high beginning salaries. (The greatest shortage,

tells the seasons to follow in their order; even the Lord who made heaven and earth.

God is wonderfully patient, constant and dependable. But above all, He is able to do far more than we "ask or think". God put the strength into the mountains just as He put the love into a baby's smile. Whatever we need, He can provide. Truly, even though the mountains may be a comfort to us, all our help comes from the God of the universe who made it, and yet who reaches into the heart of you and me to guide and sustain.

in most areas, is in teachers of science: industry is making them better offers.)

3. Lack of old-time discipline of youth, and school behavior that often borders on juvenile delinquency have taken much of the joy out of teaching.

4. Large classes, poor buildings and facilities, and generally "poor working conditions" (as compared with the allurements of other fields) have lowered the morale of teachers and "frightened off" prospective trainees.

5. The standing of the profession has "deteriorated" in most communities where "big money" and "big business" (rather than service) are the criteria of "success." The teacher's lower economic level has lowered his social standing.

I read the surveyors' report again. And I think of the Christian ministry—and the problems of recruitment for the profession and the adequate training of men licensed or ordained to preach. There is a deadly parallel here:

1. The salaries of ministers (always averaging less than for teachers) have not kept pace with rising costs—or even with the remuneration of common labor. 2. Other professions and semi-religious sidelines are reaching even into the seminaries and luring young people out of the pulpit-ministry. 3. The experiences of youth as members of weak, struggling, or bickering churches do not inspire them to dedicating their lives to the ministry. 4. The minister, in most communities, is no longer the recognized leader of its well-being and of its morality; and he often works under a social as well as an economic handicap.

The decline of the teaching and ministerial professions—if not checked—will seriously affect the children of today and the total national life of tomorrow. The America we know and love is the product of "the church beside the school." If these become anything less than the best we can produce, American life will slip into inferiority by just that much slack.

Basically, we need a new acceptance of the "service motive," the Christian motive, in one's life work. We need re-evaluation by society of intellectual and spiritual attainment versus the accumulation of "things"—including adequate (but not excessively disproportionate) compensation for both types of public service. While we all give religious lip-approval to the service motive, its concrete appreciation seems increasingly difficult in a dollar-conscious civilization.

"Teachers," says a schoolman, "must be made proud to be teachers. They must be accepted and appreciated by the community for their contribution to its welfare. Then they will have joy and satisfaction in their profession, and others will flock to it." And we would say the same for the Christian ministry.

"I WILL LIFT UP MY EYES..."

One of the purest forms of Jewish hymnology is the 121st Psalm. Done in the best classic style of its day, it must have been a great comfort to the people who lived in the mountainous little country that we call Palestine. Ever since the great prophet Moses had met God on the holy mountain to receive the books of the Law, devout Jews had felt that there was something comforting and protecting about these silent sentinels that seemed to guard their homes and their fields.

The first verse of this psalm has been translated several different ways. This writer is not about to enter a debate on the proper version of the text, mainly because he does not know enough to start on such a debate. But without arguing about it, here is one of the translations of the first verse of this beautiful Jewish hymn:

"I will lift up my eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help?"

The mountains have often been a source of peace and strength to many of us who live busy lives on the streets, in the offices, and in the homes. Recently the writer spent a few days on top of Mount Petit Jean, west of Morrilton, Arkansas. The changing beauty of a sunset... the bald face of a mountain furrowed by centuries of wind and rain... the deep crevices that witnessed the unnumbered galleons of water that had carved them... the majestic beauty that had looked as patiently at the doings of mankind a thousand years ago as it does today... all of this is helpful to man's soul if he looks for it.

But the psalmist did not stop there. Listen to his next words:

"My help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth."

Maybe we think the mountains can quiet our nerves. Maybe we think they can become almost sacred to us. Maybe we feel the bigness of the world about us and our pitiful smallness. We cannot think on these things long before we come to the realization that if the mountains can be helpful, we can derive far more help from Him who made these mountains that we love; who guides the worlds in their courses, and who



NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Coaching Conferences

The North Arkansas Conference held three coaching conferences the past week on the course on The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World; being held as follows: Jonesboro, September 19; Searcy, September 20; Fort Smith, September 22. The following persons attended these coaching conferences: E. J. Hollifield, Earl Carter, J. H. Holt, Miss Mildred Osment, Bennie Jordan, H. O. Eggensperger, Raymond A. Dorman, I. L. Claud, Floyd G. Villines, Jr., James Chandler, Elmo Thomason, James Beal, Miss Iris Bell, H. L. Robison, A. C. Brannon, S. B. Wilford, Clyde Crozier, Ralph Hillis, H. E. Pearce, Mrs. H. E. Pearce, Raymond L. Franks, Otto W. Teague, J. William Watson, George W. Martin, Robert Simpson, N. Lee Cate, John Workman, E. G. Kaetzell, Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Mrs. C. M. Reaves, James Major, Pryor R. Cruce, Gerald E. Hammett, J. M. Barnett, Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Miss Mary Chaffin, Charles Casteel, Robert Howerton, Vernon E. Chalfant, Joel Cooper, Henry A. Rickey, William Hightower, Alvin Murray, David P. Conyers, Mrs. Elmus C. Brown, Alf A. Eason, William A. Stewart, W. Henry Goodloe, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Alfred A. Knox, J. H. Hoggard, Jesse L. Johnson, Robert Paul Sessions, Charles P. McDonald, Aaron Saring, Paul M. Bumpers, Roy I. Bagley, Mrs. Roy I. Bagley, Robert E. L. Bearden, Harold D. Womack, Mrs. Harold D. Womack, Archie N. Boyd, Worth W. Gibson, William M. Wilder, Samuel Auslam, Fred G. Roebuck, Arnold Simpson, Ira A. Brumley.

The interest shown in these coaching conferences indicate that we are soon to have a fine group of certified instructors on this course. A number of schools are being planned in the near future. This program is being made possible through the cooperation of the Board of Education, Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Board of Missions.

District Institutes Completed

The Conway District Christian Education Institute was held on September 15, completing a series of Christian Education institutes for each of the districts of the North Arkansas Conference. This last institute in some respects proved to be a real climax for the series. There was an attendance of at least two hundred people for the institute.

Something like twelve hundred people attended the district institutes during the late summer. We expect splendid results from these institutes.

The plan of making provision for special guidance for the various departmental groups has proven to be of real significance.

Church School Rally Day

Many of our church schools have observed Church School Rally Day on September 25. It is our hope that

CHILDREN'S WORKERS' CONFERENCE IN LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Three successful Children's Workers' Conferences were held in the Louisiana Conference recently with 120 workers in attendance and 53 churches represented. Age group sessions were conducted with Unit Planning of regular Lesson Material used. Mrs. J. H. Monday of Little Rock, Arkansas, was the Resource Leader and rendered valuable assistance. She had the evening program at two of the conferences, and was one of a group in a panel discussion at New Orleans.

This is a joint project of the Board of Education and the Woman's Society of Christian Service with Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Conference Secretary of Children's Work and Mrs. E. L. McKay, Chairman of Conference Council of Children's Work, working together, in planning and promoting the conference.—Mrs. E. L. McKay

TRAINING COURSE AT ST. PAUL CHURCH

The St. Paul Methodist Church at Little Rock has just completed a successful training course for prospective teachers in the church school. Those taking this course met in a special class each Sunday morning for six weeks. Reverend Charles W. Richards taught the course, based on the text, "Teaching in the Church School" by McLester.

Thirty-five members took part in the study. This group is to be used as a source for new teachers and trained substitute teachers, and ten of those taking the course have already accepted teaching positions in the church school.

Church school officials at St. Paul plan to provide a training course of this type for prospective teachers as an annual event in the future.—Reporter

church schools which were unable to observe the day at that time will plan to do so at the earliest possible date. The program this year can be a very effective program in the local church.

We still have copies of the program in the office, and we will be happy to provide any local church with as many as five free copies.

Membership Report

Report forms were sent out last week to all the pastors of the conference, a form for each church school, to be filled out and mailed to the respective district superintendent on October 3.

Reports coming to our office indicate splendid interest in the program to increase church school membership and attendance. If your church has failed to carry out this program, please plan to do so in the early future. We should reach more people with our church school program.

Schools in Session

A first series school on The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary (Continued on page 15)

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL, FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

A Leadership Training School for Christian Workers, sponsored by the Methodist Churches of Little Rock and North Little Rock, will be in session October 9-13, at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, according to Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, Executive Secretary of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education.

Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock District Superintendent who is dean of the school, said between 800 and 1,000 ministers, local church leaders, church school teachers, and church school officers from the Little Rock District, North Little Rock, and other near-by towns are expected to attend.

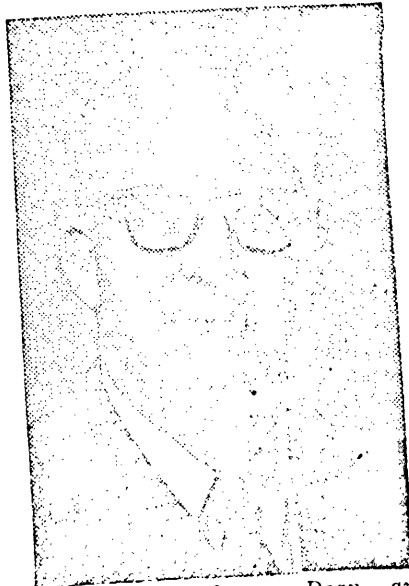
The first session will be Sunday afternoon from 2:30-4:30 o'clock, and evening classes will be conducted Monday through Thursday, 7-9 o'clock.

Instructors who will teach classes pertaining to every phase of church school work include Dr. J. T. Carlyon, Dallas, former St. Paul, who will direct the Bible study course, "The Teachings of Jesus."

Dr. Henry Johnson, Dean of Searritt College, Nashville, will teach "Understanding Adults"; and Dr. James W. May, professor at Emory University, Atlanta, will conduct the course on "Work of the Local Church."

"Teaching Youth," is the course name of the study to be led by Miss Virginia Henry, staff member of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville; and Mrs. Dorothy Hill, Evansville, Ind., will lead the course in "Guiding Junior Children."

Other courses and instructors are: "The Home and Church Working



Dr. Henry Johnson, Dean, and head of the Department of Religious Education, Searritt College, one of the teachers in the Little Rock school.

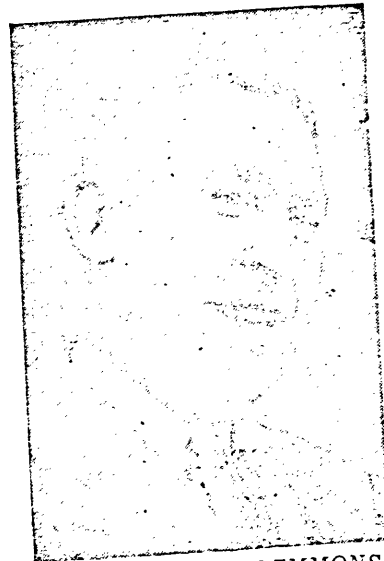
Together," by Dr. Clark Ellzey, Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.; "Kindergarten Work," Mrs. J. H. Monday, Little Rock; "Guiding Nursery Children," Mrs. R. D. Newton, Camden; "Personal Christian Living," Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Little Rock; and "Guiding Primary Children in Christian Growth," Miss Elizabeth Workman, Conway.

Officers of the Board of Managers of the Training School are: the Rev. Fred L. Arnold, chairman; the Rev. Robert Scott, vice chairman; Mrs. H. H. Thompson, secretary; and James H. Johnson, treasurer.



MISS LA DONNA BOGARDUS

Pictured above are two of the staff members of the General Board of Education who are directing the six district workshops in the Little Rock Conference during Christian Education Week, September 25-October 2. Miss Bogardus is from the Children's Division of the General Board, and Dr. Robert S. Clemmons is from the Department of Adult



DR. ROBERT S. CLEMMONS

Education of the General Board. Other instructors are Rev. Lewis E. Durham of the Youth Division and Dr. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work.

The workshops are designed to help pastors and Church School leaders plan a more effective program.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

Penny Honored By Laymen on 80th Birthday

New York (RNS)—James C. Penney, founder and board chairman of the J. C. Penney Co. Inc., was honored on his 80th birthday by the Laymen's Movement for A Christian World Inc. at a luncheon here.

He has been a member of the 15-year-old organization for 11 years.

Rep. Ralph W. Guinn (R-N.Y.), one of the founders of the Movement and a long-time friend of the merchant, presented a plaque to Mr. Penney. J. Elmer Hahn of New York, president of Lebanon Woolen Mills Co., was master of ceremonies.

The son of a Primitive Baptist preacher-farmer, Mr. Penney developed a chain of retail stores that girdled the nation before he was 50. In 1932, as a result of the stock market crash, he lost all his stock in the Penny stores and, at 56, wound up beaten and despondent in a sanitarium.

There he heard other patients singing a hymn and found new peace and resolution. Getting a fresh start with borrowed money, he made a series of investments that enabled him to buy back into the company he had founded and eventually to regain control of it.

The chain now operates 1,655 stores in all 48 states and last year sold \$1,109,000,000 worth of goods.

Rockefeller Gives World Council \$260,000 For Study Projects

New York (RNS)—John D. Rockefeller, Jr. has given \$260,000 to the World Council of Churches for projects by its study division.

The gift was announced here by Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, American secretary of the World Council.

He said it includes grants for these purposes:

1. A special study of Christian responsibility in areas of "rapid social change," especially in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. This is the main project of the Council's

Division of Studies for the next three years.

2. Study projects in the field of the Unity of the Church, the World Mission of the Church, and Christianity and War.

3. Housing accommodations for the staff of the Council's Ecumenical Institute at Chateau de Bossey near Geneva. The 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. The present gift is designed, in part to complete the institute's physical equipment.

The study of Christian responsibility in areas of rapid change will have these goals:

To clarify and sharpen the Christian contribution to relevant social ethics in such areas.

To arouse Christian leadership in the West and in Africa and Asia to assuming greater responsibility for the solution of the social problems of these areas.

To gather facts about the current situation, as they bear upon the problems of social ethics, and facts about some concrete projects of assistance as they concern the general social problems involved.

To evaluate existing work of social import, especially that carried on by Christian agencies, to determine its relevance to the present scene of rapid social change.

SET 1955 BIBLE READING OBSERVANCE

New York (RNS)—Theme for the 1955 Worldwide Reading observance to be held from Thanksgiving through Christmas will be "Take, Read."

The announcement was made here by Dr. James V. Claypool, secretary of the American Bible Society in charge of promoting Bible use.

During the observance, now in its 12th year, people all over the world read a pre-selected Scriptural passage on the same day. Last year persons in more than 40 countries participated.

Climax of the observance is Universal Bible Sunday, a tradition in this country since 1904, which will be held on Dec. 11.

More than 15,000,000 bookmarks listing the suggested day-to-day Bible readings will be distributed in the U. S. this year, Dr. Claypool said.

In launching the 1955 observance, Dr. Claypool took note of the increasing popularity of the slogan, "Put Christ Back Into Christmas." He urged participation in the Worldwide Bible Reading program as an effective way of "making our Christmas celebration more Christian."

Explaining the 1955 theme, he said it came from "the often-told story

of the conversion of St. Augustine who overheard some playing boys call over and over "Tolle, lege (take read)" and in his distraught state immediately went to his room where he opened the Scriptures and read until the direction of his influential life was changed."

Laymen To Mobilize Support For Protestant Churches

New York (RNS)—Formation of a national committee of laymen to mobilize support for the nation's Protestant church-related colleges will be proposed at a meeting to be held in Chicago December 9-10, it was announced here by Dr. Hunter B. Blakely of Richmond, Va.

He is chairman of a strategy group of 10 outstanding Protestant churchmen created jointly by the National Council of Churches' general department of United Church Men and its Commission on Christian Higher Education to organize the movement.

Dr. Blakely, secretary of the division of higher education of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., said most church colleges are suffering from the inability to cover the cost of students' education out of tuition fees, a situation that also obtains in all private colleges.

"The churches either will have to drastically increase their support or turn higher education over to the State," he said. "These church-related colleges laid the foundations for the Christian ethos that marks American culture. Failure to maintain them at full strength will mean the losing of much of the Christian foundation of American life. To keep their place, the church-related institutions must have able faculties and well-equipped laboratories and other facilities."

Church Drama Authority Sees Dullness Major Film Problem

Claremont, Calif. (RNS) — The major problem with films today is dullness rather than decency, according to Dr. Fred Eastman, Protestant authority on church drama.

"A picture can be decent and still be stupid, dull and worthless," he said.

"I believe the American people want honest pictures, films honest about the struggles of our daily lives. We want pictures that help us not simply escape from life but to understand it."

Now retired and living at Pilgrim Place here, colony of retired church workers, Dr. Eastman maintains an active interest in drama and the efforts of religious groups to promote and improve it.

An ordained Presbyterian, he taught at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Northwestern University, Chicago Theological Seminary, and the University of Chicago and has written a number of plays and books on drama.

He believes amateur drama will become better than ever in the

Salvation Army Has 'Anti-Suicide' Service

Philadelphia (RNS) — An "anti-suicide service" established by the Salvation Army in Great Britain six years ago has helped back to normalcy about 50 per cent of those who tried to take their lives, Commissioner Edgar Diben of London said here.

He said 35 per cent of the would-be-suicides were "out-and-out mental breakdowns" who could not be aided.

The commissioner is on a month's tour of the United States with Mrs. Diben. As chief of staff of the Salvation Army's 27,000 fulltime workers in 81 countries, he is second in command to Gen. Wilfred Kitching.

Commissioner Diben said also that the Salvation Army had assumed a key role in combatting "rampant" juvenile delinquency in Great Britain.

"Working hand-in-glove with the British government," he said, "it has established homes, schools and hostels for youth committed by court or social agencies, and about 90 per cent of the thousands it has served have been helped."

One of the lesser known of the organization's functions, the commissioner said, is its aid-to-to-emigrants service which has helped 300,000 persons to go to British Commonwealth countries.

He said the problem of overpopulation in Britain is a continuing one and "we want to send out many more."

future, although it has been set back somewhat by television.

"Thousands of American churches now use drama as a vitalizing force in their educational work and services of worship," Dr. Eastman said.

Waldensians Move Toward Union With Methodists

Toore Pellice, Italy (RNS)—A proposal that de facto "ecclesiastical union" with the Italian Methodist Church be affected immediately pending organic union was made at the annual meeting here of the Waldensian Church Synod.

The recommendation came from the synod's special committee that has been working on the proposed union for several years.

The 130 ministerial and lay delegates attending the meeting adopted a resolution stipulating that the word "Waldensian" be included in the name of the united Church out of deference to its history as the world's oldest Protestant body.

The synod also urged increased cooperation among Protestant groups in Italy. It particularly suggested further efforts towards the formation of an Italian Evangelical Union that would integrate the work of the evangelical groups in the country.

Founding of a weekly newspaper to serve all evangelical groups in the country also was proposed. The delegates said there was need for such a paper to replace the many denominational publications which have small circulations and suffer from "a chronic lack of funds."

A report to the synod declared that tension between Evangelical groups and the Italian government had eased somewhat in recent months. The delegates expressed hope that this development may lead to a formal agreement defining the relationship between the State and non-Catholic religious bodies.

Present at the sessions were representatives of other Protestant groups in Italy and a number of European countries.

Says Africa May Send Missionaries To 'Pagan' America

Los Angeles (RNS)—Africa may be sending Christian missionaries to American if present trends continue, a returned missionary reported here.

The Rev. Roger W. Coon, Seventh-day Adventist, reported after a term of duty at Ibadan, Nigeria, that he was appalled "to find more evidences of paganism here than in Africa."

Somewhat tongue-in-check, he opined that "if the current trend toward Christianization there and toward primitive paganism here continues, in 20 years the Africans may be sending missionaries to convert a back-slidden America."

He listed "paganistic" influences here as "grotesquely huge jewelry hanging from the ears, necks and wrists of many sophisticated American women, surpassing the adornment of African pagans; the primitive rhythms of American jukeboxes, and the persistent secularization of education."

"I believe the average West African schoolboy today knows 75% more about the Bible than does his counterpart in America," Mr. Coon said. "That, of course, is because most educational facilities out there are provided by Christian missions, while the teaching of Christianity is prohibited in American public schools."

Little Rock Conference Treasurer's Report

FROM JUNE 11, 1955, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11, 1955

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Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M.S.P.	M.S.C.	G & J	W. S.	Comb. Fund	
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT									
AMITY CIRCUIT									
Point Cedar									
ARKADELPHIA CHS.									
First Church	180.00	36.00	270.00						
St. Andrews	30.00	6.00	45.00						
ARKADELPHIA CT.									
Harts Chapel				2.00					
Hollywood	10.00	2.00	15.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	10.00		
Mt. Pisgah	3.00	1.00	8.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	7.00	1.00	
Mt. Zion	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	8.00	1.00	
Smyrna	4.00	1.00	6.00	2.00					
BISMARCK CT.									
Bismark	50.00	10.00	50.00	15.00	10.00	9.00	30.00	2.00	
Oma	7.00	1.00	7.00	1.00	3.00	10.00	1.00	3.00	
DALARK CIRCUIT									
Dalark	10.00	8.00	13.00		8.00	9.00	55.00	3.00	
Bethlehem	40.00	8.00	60.00		4.00	2.00	9.00		
Rock Springs	9.00	2.00	10.00		2.00				
DELIGHT CT.									
Antoine	8.75	1.75	13.00		1.00	5.00	15.00		
Delight	43.00	14.00	50.00		14.00		50.00		
Pisgah	4.00	3.00	5.00		3.00		2.00		
Saline	4.00	1.00	6.00		1.00		8.00		
FRIENDSHIP CT.									
Friendship	5.00	1.00	7.00		1.00	2.00	15.00	1.00	
Leau Fraiz	5.00	1.00	7.00		1.00	2.00	12.00	1.00	
Midway	6.00	1.25	6.00		1.25		7.00		
Rolla	2.00	1.00	4.00		1.00		6.00		
Social Hill	12.50	5.00	25.00		6.75	6.25	56.25		
GLENWOOD	67.50	13.50	101.25		0.50	1.25	4.00		
Grant's Chapel	4.50	1.00	6.75		25.00	20.00	350.00	9.00	
GURDON	125.00	25.00	187.50	25.00	25.00				
HOT SPRINGS CHS.									
First Church	180.00	74.00	416.25		74.00	45.80	1333.33	13.50	
Fountain Lake	37.00	7.00	56.00		8.00	5.00	25.00	3.00	
Grand Ave.	135.00						100.00		
Oaklawn	105.00	84.00	340.00		25.00	18.00	50.00	9.00	
Pullman Heights	83.32	25.00			6.00	6.00	10.00	8.00	
Tiger Memorial	10.00	6.00	15.00		6.00				
HOT SPRINGS CT.									
Gum Springs	4.00	1.00	5.00		1.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	
Mountain Pine	11.00	2.00	17.00		2.00				
MALVERN CHURCHES:									
First Church	162.50	65.00				97.50	115.32	48.00	
MOUNT IDA	83.50	33.00					71.25		
Norman	26.00	5.00	39.00		5.00		10.00	4.00	
Oden	25.00	5.00			12.00	10.00	100.00	4.00	
MURFREESBORO	60.00	12.00	90.00						
OKOLONA CIRCUIT									
Center Grove	15.00	5.00	22.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	24.00	1.00	
Okolona	30.00	6.00	45.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	29.00	2.00	
Trinity	15.00	3.00	22.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	22.00	1.00	
PINEY GROVE	30.00	6.00	45.00	6.00	6.00	5.00	13.00	2.00	
PRINCETON CIRCUIT									
Macedonia	10.00		10.00		2.00		10.00		
Providence	4.00		4.00		1.00				
Waverly	4.00		4.00		1.00				
Zion	4.00		4.00		1.00				
ROCKPORT CIRCUIT									
Butterfield		24.00			12.00				
Rockport							30.00		
SHOREWOOD HILLS	15.00	3.00	15.00		21.00	15.00	150.00	8.00	
Magnet Cove	105.00	21.00	157.50						
SPARKMAN									
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$1792.57	\$532.50	\$2219.25	\$69.00	\$317.50	\$380.80	\$3590.15	\$143.50	
ADVANCE: Midway \$2.25, First Church, Hot Springs \$18.00, Norman \$5.00, Sparkman \$12.50. TOTAL \$ 37.75									
C. S. DAY: Midway \$1.50, Norman \$2.00, Oden \$2.00. TOTAL \$ 5.50									
M. Y. F.: First Church, Arkadelphia \$43.20, Manchester \$5.60, Grand Ave., Hot Springs \$10.00, First Church, Malvern \$32.76, Mount Ida \$5.00, Murfreesboro \$3.66, Shorewood Hills \$1.80. TOTAL \$102.02									
1000 CLUB: Arkadelphia District \$210.00. TOTAL \$210.00									
NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Delight \$18.83, Norman \$2.00, Oden \$2.00. TOTAL \$ 22.83									
STUDENT DAY: Fountain Lake, Hot Springs \$10.00 TOTAL \$ 10.00									
DISTRICT FUND: Butterfield \$6.00 TOTAL \$ 6.00									
TEMPERANCE FILM: First Church, Arkadelphia \$25.00 TOTAL \$ 25.00									
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT \$9,464.37									
CAMDEN DISTRICT									
Bearden									
BUENA VISTA-LISBON									
Buena Vista	25.00	5.00	37.50	2.50	5.00		15.00		
BUCKNER CIRCUIT									
Buckner	30.00	18.00	35.00				25.00		
Oak Grove	25.00	2.00	37.50				4.00		
Shiloh	20.00	4.00	30.00				30.00	5.00	
Kilgore Lodge									
CALION-QUINN									
Calion	30.50	6.25	45.75	12.24	6.25	3.75	37.50	3.75	
Ebenezer	7.50	3.00	11.00		3.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	
Quinn	12.50	2.50	18.75		2.50	4.00	10.00	7.00	
CAMDEN CHURCHES:									
Fairview	83.40	16.70	125.00		16.70	10.00	116.70	90.00	
First Church	201.00	160.00	300.00		160.00	200.00	1550.00		
CHIDESTER	100.00	44.00	100.00						
EL DORADO CHURCHES:									
First Church	210.00	252.00	1890.00	33.32	100.00	200.00	1721.25	165.00	
Vantrease Mem.	50.00	50.00							
ST. LUKES-EL DORADO									
Bethel	10.00	2.00	8.00		2.00	1.00	10.00	4.00	
Centennial	20.00	4.00	18.00		2.00		20.00		
HOLLY SPRINGS CT.:									
Mt. Olivet	13.25	2.75	15.75		5.00	2.00	37.50	2.00	
Sardis	25.00	5.00	30.00						
JUNCTION CITY CT.									
Beech Grove	5.00	1.00	8.00		1.00		8.00	2.00	
LEWISVILLE	107.50	21.50	161.25	10.75	21.50	12.50	225.00	17.50	
MAGNOLIA CHURCHES:									
First Church	116.66	35.34	263.34		35.34	25.84	618.66	11.16	
Jackson St.	120.00	24.00	180.00		24.00	15.00	225.00	8.75	
MARYSVILLE-FREDONIA									
Fredonia	50.00	20.00	100.00	9.00	20.00	14.00	75.00	14.00	
PARKERS CHAPEL									
PLEASANT GROVE									
Parkers Chapel	105.00	42.00	160.00			20.00	125.00	21.00	
Pleasant Grove	26.25	10.50	150.00		10.50	10.00	62.50		
UNION-RHODES CHAPEL									
Rhodes Chapel	15.00	12.00	30.00						
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$1803.47	\$359.96	\$2156.62	\$61.10	\$414.04	\$259.25	\$4822.94	\$246.00	
ADVANCE: Hope District \$125.00, Bingen Circuit \$5.00, Emmet \$13.00, First Church, Hope \$250.00, Mena Circuit \$8.44, Mineral Springs \$62.50, Prescott Circuit \$21.00, Holly Springs \$2.50, Pleasant Hill \$2.50, Few Mem., Texarkana \$19.00, First Church, Texarkana \$300.00, Winthrop \$12.30. TOTAL \$821.24									
C. S. DAY: DeQueen \$12.50, Holly Grove \$5.00									

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M.S.P.	M.S.C.	G & J	W. S.	Comb. Fund
STUDENT DAY: Mineral Springs \$15.00								\$ 15.00
DISTRICT: Fairview, Texarkana \$24.00								\$ 24.00
TEMPERANCE FILM: Emmet \$15.60, Mineral Springs \$30.00, Nashville \$28.00, Fairview, Texarkana \$21.51.								
TOTAL								\$ 95.00
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT								\$11,479.78

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

AUSTIN CIRCUIT								
Concord	\$ 15.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 22.25		\$ 3.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 21.25	\$ 7.00
Mt. Tabor							21.96	
South Bend	15.00	6.00	20.00				20.00	
FIRST CHURCH, Benton	150.00	30.00	225.00		30.00	25.00	625.00	26.00
BETHLEHEM CIRCUIT								
Bethlehem							6.00	
Providence	10.00		2.50				6.00	
BRYANT	60.00	12.00	72.00		18.00	5.00	53.95	2.25
DEVALLS BLUFF								
Brasfield	10.25	2.05	8.20		2.05	1.75	7.50	.65
DeValls Bluff	22.50	4.50	33.75		4.50		15.00	
HICKORY PLAINS CT.								
Johnsons Chapel	10.00		5.00				10.00	
LITTLE ROCK CHURCHES:								
Asbury	125.00	40.00	300.00		40.00	45.00	627.00	
Capitol View	112.50						100.00	
First Church	300.00		675.00				2250.00	240.00
Hunter	130.00	26.00		20.00			100.00	
Oak Forest	90.00	18.00	135.00	13.50	18.00			
St. Paul			100.00				100.00	
28th St.	112.50	25.00	175.00		22.50		150.00	
Winfield	210.00	78.00	427.00	28.50	57.00	80.00	1500.00	
LONOKE	100.00	20.00	150.00	45.00	20.00	20.00	200.00	
MABELVALE	90.00	18.00	135.00		18.00	12.50	112.50	12.50
PRIMROSE	105.00	21.00	157.50		21.00	15.00	125.00	16.25
SALEM	85.00	17.00	127.50		17.00	5.00	75.00	
TRASKWOOD CT.								
Traskwood	16.25		30.00				20.00	
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$1769.01	320.55	2801.20	107.00	271.05	216.25	6146.16	304.65
ADVANCE: Bryant \$26.00, Asbury, Little Rock \$600.00, Capitol View, Little Rock \$53.89, First Church, Little Rock \$1050.00, Highland, Little Rock \$183.00, Oak Forest, Little Rock \$15.00, Winfield, Little Rock \$900.00, Mabelvale \$50.00.								\$2,877.89
TOTAL								\$ 46.15
STUDENT DAY: First Church, Benton \$25.00, Mabelvale \$21.15.								\$ 133.50
TOTAL								\$176.00
C. S. DAY: South Bend \$5.00, Oak Forest, Little Rock \$18.50, Winfield, Little Rock \$50.00, Lonoke \$35.00, Primrose \$25.00.								\$ 85.00
TOTAL								\$ 95.50
M. Y. F.: Bauxite \$15.00, Parkview, Benton \$5.00, Des Arc \$10.50, Asbury, Little Rock \$50.00, Capitol View, Little Rock \$40.02, Oak Forest \$9.00, Mabelvale \$27.00, Salem \$19.00.								\$175.52
TOTAL								\$200.00
NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Winfield, Little Rock \$125.00, Lonoke \$75.00.								\$1760.00
TOTAL								\$ 85.00
1000 CLUB: Little Rock District \$1760.00								\$ 95.50
CAMP: Asbury, Little Rock \$85.00								\$17,309.43
DISTRICT: Concord \$10.50, Lonoke \$85.00								
DISTRICT TOTALS								

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

K. L. Spore	\$ 175.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 262.50	\$ 20.90	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 24.75
CROSSETT								
Extra	16.68	10.00	25.00		10.00	3.00	16.68	4.00
Waller's Chapel	45.00	9.00	67.00		18.00		50.00	
DERMOTT	125.00	25.00	187.50				300.00	33.75
DREW CIRCUIT								
Prairie Chapel	6.50	1.25	6.00				10.00	1.00
DUMAS	135.00	27.00	202.50		27.00		405.00	39.00
EUDORA	90.00	18.00	135.00				150.00	
FOUNDYCE	150.00	30.00	225.00		30.00		450.00	45.00
FOUNTAIN HILL CT.								
Fountain Hill	7.50	1.50	11.25	1.00	1.50		11.25	1.50
Hickory Grove	5.00	1.00	7.50	.50	1.00		7.50	1.00
Pine Hill	5.00	1.00	7.50	.50	1.00		7.50	1.00
Zion	5.00	1.00	7.50	.50	1.00		7.50	1.00
HAMBURG	162.00	43.20	243.00		32.40		360.00	41.70
HAMPTON-HARRELL								
Faustina		15.00		8.00	15.00			11.00
Hampton	72.50	14.50	108.75	14.50	7.25		75.00	8.00
Harrell	18.75	7.50	28.25		7.50		25.00	
HERMITAGE CT.								
Hermitage	10.00	16.00					14.00	
KINGSLAND-NEW EDINBURG								
Hebron	10.00	8.00					5.00	7.00
New Edinburg	18.00	13.00	26.00		13.00	7.00	25.00	
LAKE VILLAGE	112.50	22.50	168.75	3.75	22.50		249.99	32.52
MARTIN'S CHAPEL	30.00	6.00	45.00	3.00	6.00		37.50	6.00
Palestine	20.00	4.00	31.00	2.00	4.00		20.00	4.00
McGEHEE	150.00	30.00	225.00	12.00	30.00		500.00	45.00
Arkansas City	30.00	6.00	45.00	3.00	6.00		25.00	5.00
MONTICELLO	165.00	33.00	247.00	16.50	33.00		500.00	49.50
STAR CITY								
Cornerville	7.50	1.50	11.25		1.50		6.25	1.75
Mt. Home	5.00	4.00	7.50		4.00		5.00	6.00
STAR CITY	90.00	18.00	135.00		18.00		125.00	34.00
TILLAR								
Newton Chapel	25.00		40.00				40.00	
Winchester	11.75	2.25	17.50		2.25		25.00	2.75
WARREN	110.00	22.00	165.00		22.00		366.66	33.00
WARREN CIRCUIT								
Good Hope	12.50		18.75				7.50	

Charge and Church	Dist. Supt.	Bishops Fund	Conf. Claim.	M.S.P.	M.S.C.	G & J	W. S.	Comb. Fund
Wheeler Springs	12.50		18.75				7.50	
WILMAR							30.00	
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$1838.68	426.20	2725.75	86.15	373.90	35.00	4414.83	439.22
ADVANCE: Monticello District \$50.00, Dermott \$100.00, Hamburg \$40.00, Hampton \$12.00, Cornerville \$1.25, Mt. Home \$3.00, Star City \$25.00.								\$231.25
TOTAL								\$.50
WEEK OF DEDICATION: Cornerville \$0.50								\$ 53.00
STUDENT DAY: Faustina \$3.00, McGehee \$50.00								\$ 91.08
C. S. DAY: Crossett \$15.00, Extra \$5.00, Wallers Chapel \$8.00, Dermott \$9.00, Prairie Chapel \$2.00, Fountain Hill \$3.00, Hickory Grove \$3.00, Pine Hill \$3.00, Zion \$3.00, Hamburg \$40.00, Hampton \$3.00, Lake Village \$9.99, Martins Chapel \$1.00, Palestine \$1.00, Arkansas City \$2.50, Cornerville \$1.25, Mt. Home \$5.00, Star City \$20.00, Winchester \$4.00.								\$290.00
TOTAL								\$138.74
M. Y. F.: Crossett \$64.15, Lake Village \$8.93, Parkdale \$3.00, Wilmet \$10.00.								\$ 91.08
TOTAL								\$ 50.00
CAMP FUND: Crossett \$25.00, Extra \$5.00, Hamburg \$20.00								\$290.00
1000 CLUB: Monticello District \$290.00								
NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Crossett \$43.75, Extra \$5.00, Wallers \$8.00, Dermott \$18.75, Prairie Chapel \$1.00, Fountain Hill \$3.00, Hickory Grove \$3.00, Pine Hill \$3.00, Zion \$3.00, Faustina \$5.00, Hampton \$5.00, Lake Village \$16.27, Martins Chapel \$2.50, Palestine \$2.00, Arkansas City \$5.00, Cornerville \$1.25, Mt. Home \$2.00, Winchester \$2.50.								\$130.02
TOTAL								\$ 6.25
RACE RELATIONS: Dermott \$6.25								\$ 6.75
DISTRICT: Lake Village \$3.75, Arkansas City \$3.00								\$11,337.32
DISTRICT TOTAL								

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Arthur Terry	\$	\$	\$	\$ 20.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
ALTHEIMER-WABBESEKA								
Altheimer	100.00	30.00	125.00	30.00	30.00	28.00	100.00	
Wabbeseka	45.00	9.00	67.50		9.00	4.50	84.50	6.00
BAYOU METO								
Lodge Corner							30.00	
CARTHAGE-TULIP								
Cypress		3.00			3.00	4.00		
Tulip		5.00			4.00	4.00		5.00
GILLET	100.00	20.00	150.00	10.00	20.00	8.00	125.00	11.25
GLENDALE-CENTER GR.								
Center Grove	6.00	30.00	6.00		30.00	5.00	40.00	5.00
GRADY GOULD								
Crigler	7.50	1.50	11.25	.75	1.50	1.00	13.25	.25
Gould	30.00	14.00	20.00	7.00	14.00	6.00	40.00	25.00
Grady	64.50	13.00	98.00		13.00	12.00	98.00	6.50
HUMPHREY	56.25	11.25	84.25		11.25	3.50	77.00	7.50
KEO-HUMNOKE								
Humnok	40.00	10.00	60.00		15.00	6.00	25.00	5.00
Keo	37.50	7.50	50.00	7.50	3.00			2.00
LEOLA CIRCUIT								
Leola	15.00	7.00	52.50		7.00	2.25	31.25	3.25
Tolers Chapel	5.00	1.00	7.50	.50	1.00	.50	6.00	1.25
LITTLE PRAIRIE CT.								
Prairie Union	20.00	13.00	40.00			6.00	13.57	7.00
PINE BLUFF CHURCHES:								
Carr Memorial	112.50	22.50	168.75		22.50	4.17	293.01	23.85
First Church	187.50	150.00	281.25		150.00	185.00	1200.00	150.00
Hawley Mem.	60.00	84.00		10.00		25.00		39.00
Lakeside	187.50	37.50	281.00	20.00	37.50	32.50	1022.70	23.00
St. Lukes	16.25	3.25	25.00		3.25		2.50	3.00
Wesley	60.00	12.00	90.00		12.00	4.00	33.00	10.00
WESLEY-PINE BLUFF								
Sulphur Springs	25.00	5.00	37.50		5.00	4.00	11.00	8.00
RISON								
Mt. Carmel	7.50	3.00	11.00	1.50	3.00		8.00	5.00
Rison	86.25	17.25	129.25		17.25	10.00	125.50	9.50
ROE CIRCUIT								
Hunters Chapel			20.00					
Shiloh	17.00	4.00	25.00	2.00	4.00	3.00	23.00	7.00
Ulm	8.00	6.00	12.00		6.00		15.00	
ROWELL CIRCUIT								
Mt. Olivet		10.00	59.00	5.00	10.00	9.00	30.00	6.00
Prosperity	17.50	3.50	26.25	1.75	3.50	2.25	12.50	1.50
Union							8.46	
ST. CHARLES								
Pleasant Grove	27.75	5.50	41.75	2.75	5.50	5.00	19.50	2.50
St. Charles	47.25	9.50	70.75	9.50	4.75	2.50	33.00	3.50
SHERIDAN								
New Hope	12.50	2.50	18.50		2.50	2.00	40.00	4.50
Sheridan	100.00	20.00	150.00		20.00		139.00	
SHERILL-TOMBERLIN								
Sherrill	52.50	10.50	78.75	5.25	10.50	5.00	110.00	6.50
Tucker	20.00	6.00	30.00	6.00	6.00	5.00	25.81	7.00
STUTTGART								
First Church	145.00	29.00	217.50	14.50	29.00	20.00	500.00	17.75
Grand Ave.	155.00	30.00	200.00					80.00
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$1871.75	646.25	2745.25	154.00	514.00	409.17	4335.55	497.60
ADVANCE: Wabbeseka \$12.50, Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff \$50.00, Tucker \$25.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$125.00.								
TOTAL							\$212.50	
TUDENT DAY: Grand Ave., Stuttgart \$48.00							\$ 48.00	
S. DAY: Altheimer \$15.00, Wabbeseka \$1.25, Center Grove \$2.00, Grady \$10.00, Leola \$2.50, Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff \$8.76, St. Lukes, Pine Bluff \$3.00, Rison \$7.50, Mt. Olivet \$3.00, Pleasant Grove \$5.00, St. Charles \$5.00, Tucker \$4.00.								
TOTAL							\$ 69.01	
E. Y. F.: Lodge Corner \$12.50, First Church, Stuttgart \$10.65, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$114.77.								
TOTAL							\$137.92	
CAMP: First Church, Pine Bluff \$22.00							\$ 22.00	
FACE RELATIONS: First Church, Stuttgart \$12.50							\$ 12.50	
000 CLUB: Pine Bluff District \$440.00							\$440.00	
OVEMBER SPECIAL: First Church, Stuttgart \$112.50							\$112.50	
DISTRICT TOTAL							\$12,223.00	

A Page For The CHILDREN

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



THE SIGN ON THE DOOR

By Eda and Richard Crist

"YIPPEE," Jackie shouted. "I'm a rip-snortin' cowbody from the Lazy Bar Ranch." As he raced across the lawn, his little dog bounced toward him.

Jackie whirled a make-believe lasso around his head. "Out o' my way, Pepper," he warned, "or I'll hog-tie you, sure enough." Pepper licked his hand, then followed him into the house.

Jackie's mother greeted him with a smile. "Hello, son. How was school?"

Jackie frowned. "We had a silly old reading lesson."

"Don't you like reading?" Mother asked.

"No," Jackie declared. "When I grow up, I'm going to be a cowboy—and cowboys don't have to read. They just ride horses and rope steers and stuff."

"We'll talk more about that later," Mother told him. "But now I'd like you to jump on your saddle and get me some salt from Pringle's grocery."

"Okay, pardner," Jackie swaggered out; then—with Pepper at his heels—he galloped down to the grocery. On the door, he noticed a sign that hadn't been there before. For a moment, he wondered what it said—then he remembered he didn't care about reading, and he went into the store with Pepper to buy the salt. "Hello, Mr. Pringle," he said to the grocer. "I came to buy a..."

Jackie didn't finish, for Pepper had suddenly seen a big gray cat sitting on a crate. In a flash he was after it, yipping as loudly as he could. The surprised cat leaped onto a display of fruit and vegetables, and Pepper followed—as onions, apples, oranges and potatoes bounced to the floor and rolled in all directions.

"Yip! Yip!" barked Pepper happily as he chased the cat through the piles of squashy tomatoes, grapes and plums—then through a stack of soap-power boxes—then along a counter. Cans of beans, bottles of olives and two-pound bags of all-purpose flour came tumbling down.

Jackie went after his dog. "Pepper," he called, "you leave that cat alone."

Round and round the store they all ran, until, at last, the cat leaped high onto a stalk of bananas.

"You bad dog," scolded Jackie as he got hold of Pepper's collar.

"Aft," said Pepper, eyeing the cat. Mr. Pringle looked at his squashed fruit and the jumble of vegetables, boxes, cans and bottles scattered all over the floor. He looked at the place where a broken bag of flour had turned everything white. Then he looked at Jackie. "Didn't you see the sign on the door?" he asked.

"Oh, yes," replied Jackie. "I saw it. It has two short words and two long words."

"Do you mean," said Mr. Pringle, surprised, "that you couldn't read it?"

"I don't have to read," Jackie said. "I'm going to be a cowboy."

"Ifmm," said the grocer, "suppose, when you're a cowboy, you're camped 'way out on the range. Suppose a messenger—who can't read, either—comes riding up with an important letter from the boss. Suppose the letter tells you to head off a bunch of rustlers coming down Snake Canyon. But because you can't read the message, the rustlers will steal six thousand head of cattle. How will that be?"

"Gee, said Jackie. "Maybe reading's all right. Maybe—"

"Come outside with me," suggested Mr. Pringle. "We'll have a short lesson right now."

Jackie and Pepper followed the grocer out. Mr. Pringle pointed to the first word on the sign tacked to the door. He spelled it: "N-O. Do you know what that word is?"

"No," said Jackie.

"That's right."

"What?" Jackie didn't understand.

"N-O spells no," Mr. Pringle explained. "The second word is D-O-G-S, dogs. The next word is allowed, and the last one, inside."

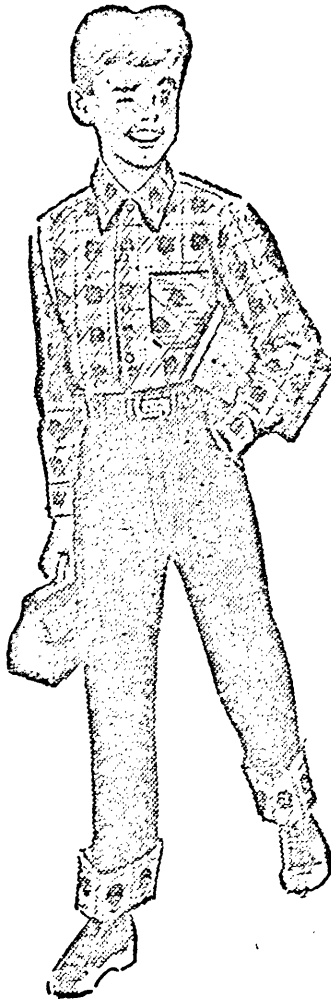
"Oh," said Jackie, "no dogs allowed inside. I'm sorry, Mr. Pringle."

The grocer smiled. "I just got a new cat to keep mice away, so I had to put up that sign. Now, what did you come to buy?"

"A box of salt," Jackie said. "And—and I'll fix up the store for you. And to pay for the things that are spoiled, I'll deliver some grocery orders."

"It happens," Mr. Pringle said, "that I do have one order to be delivered to Mrs. Johnson." He paused, and gave Jackie a wink. "I'll write down the address for you."

Jackie laughed. "All right, Mr. Pringle—if you'll show me how to read it."—Presbyterian Life



SO MUCH TO LEARN

There is so much for a boy to learn,
I find something new every day,
The world is full of wonderful things,
They're found both in work and play.

I can't learn it all at once I know,
Mother says I will never get through,
But I have a happy time as I find
Things that are strange and new.

—A. E. W.

A FROG'S LESSON

The frog looked down a deep old well

And thought he'd play a joke;
Thought up a saucy thing to say,
And thus he harshly spoke:

"You ugly old frog," he hollered down,

And listened for reply;
"Ugly old frog," echo sent back;
The frog began to cry.

He hopped away where his mother sat,

Told her what he had done.
His mother said, with pained surprise;
"I'm ashamed of you, my son."

"Hop back to the deep old well,
Croak down something kind.
The answer you will always get
Will be the same you'll find."

The frog looked o'er the brink and said:

"Hello, sweetheart, true."
"Sweetheart, true," echo sent back.
It'll be the same with you.

Should not folks learn a lesson here,
As our frog friend has done?
Whether words loving or harsh,
The same come back, my son.

—O. L. Russell,
in Christian Advocate

JUST FOR FUN

Man: Why do you weep over sorrows of people in whom you have no interest when you go to the movies?

Wife: I don't know. Why do you cheer loudly when a man with whom you are not acquainted slides safely into second base?

She: You seem to be an able bodied man. You ought to be strong enough to work.

Tramp: I know, mum, and you seem to be beautiful enough to go on the stage, but evidently you prefer the simple life.

She: Step into the kitchen, and I'll see if I can't stir up a meal for you.

"Mother, what does 'apt' mean?" inquired Dot, returning home from school.

"Why, my dear, it means 'smart'—quick to learn." Why?

"Oh nothing much," said Dot, airily. "The teacher told me today I was apt to flunk."

Nancy: Why are you wearing so many coats on a hot day?

Pat: I'm going to paint the barn, and it says on the tin, "To obtain the best results, put on at least three coats."

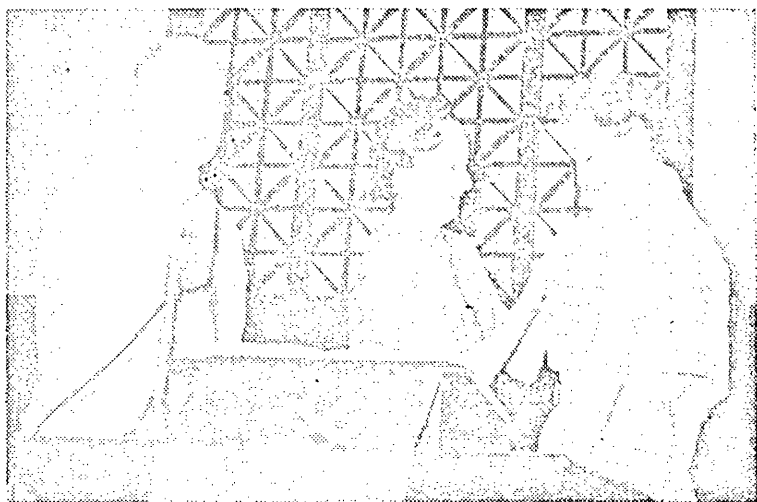
Her Mother — "Why don't you yawn when he stays too long? Then he'll take the hint and go."

Daughter—"I did yawn—and all he did was to tell me what beautiful teeth I had."

ARKANSAS METHODIST



FALL SEMINARS



Mrs. Walter Birch, Camden District President, presents Mrs. Glaze an Honorary Life Membership as Dr. W. Neill Hart stands by.

Fayetteville

The Fayetteville District held two seminars in September, on September 7 at Bentonville and on September 13 at Berryville with a total of 163 present. Mrs. R. K. Bent, president, presided.

Welcomes were given by Mrs. C. W. Hestwood, Bentonville and Mrs. Zella Kean, Berryville.

Studies were led by Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, Mrs. M. I. Austin, Mrs. Jeff Brown, Mrs. Carl Watson, Mrs. Sam McNair, Mrs. Bessie Andrews, Mrs. Lillian Fountain, and Mrs. Lillian Holt.

Mrs. Fountain presented a candle-light service for the closing worship. These studies were presented with skits, posters, maps, film, and a model of the United Nations Building.

Fort Smith

The Seminar for the Fort Smith District Guild was held at St. Paul's Church, Fort Smith on Thursday night, September 15 with 120 present and eighteen guilds represented.

The meeting opened with a dinner served by the local Woman's Society. Welcome was given by Mrs. Ruth McKinley of St. Paul's. The four studies were presented by Mrs. Donald Flanders, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, and Miss Gene Montague.

Mrs. Lee W. Chupco, Okmulgee, Okla., wife of the District Superintendent of the Indian Missions, was the guest speaker, and told of the history of the American Indian and the influence and work of the Christian Churches among the Indian Tribes.

Lake Charles

Lake Charles Seminar convened at Simpson Memorial, Lake Charles, September 9, with twenty-two churches represented by 128 members, including two representatives from Warren Methodist Church, Lake Charles. Mrs. J. B. Mouton, district secretary of missionary education presided. Invocation was given by Rev. Ted Howes. Mrs. W. W. Paxton gave the opening devotional, and Mrs. S. A. Seegars provided the worship center.

The studies were presented by: Mrs. Charles Goldthwaite, Mrs. Carl Brunson, Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. Don Winegert, and Mrs. Paxton. Mrs. Norman Terry gave the

courtesies for the day. Mrs. Mouton closed the meeting.

Camden

The Fall Seminars and the Children's and Youth's Institute of the Camden District were held in Camden, First Church, September 1 with 210 present. Rev. R. B. Moore gave the opening worship, and Mrs. Walter Birch, district president, presided.

Dr. W. Neill Hart, district superintendent, presented an Honorary Life Membership to Mrs. Leo Glaze, past district president.

Studies were presented by: Mrs. Charles Ashcraft, Mrs. J. F. McKinnon, Mrs. C. Z. Couch, Mrs. R. H. Harrison, Mrs. Ellis Whitten, Mrs. Fred Harter, Mrs. A. C. Hale, Mrs. Barry Bailey, Mrs. H. S. Hardie, Mrs. Jack McClendon, Mrs. D. L. Pilkinton, Rev. Barry Bailey, Mrs. W. C. Farley, Mrs. Joe Coleman, and Mrs. Finis Boosa.

Children's Work was presented by: Mrs. W. P. Littrell, Mrs. R. D. Newton, Mrs. Neill Hart, Mrs. Ada Aikens and Mrs. W. M. Miller. Junior Work was presented by Mrs. John Rockey, Miss Ann Geddie, Rev. Sam Teague, Rev. Virgil Bell and Mrs. Rickey.

Mrs. J. T. McQuade conducted the closing worship service.

Ruston

The Ruston District Seminar of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference, was held at the First Methodist Church in Minden on September 13. The program was under the direction of Mrs. J. J. Briehn of Jonesboro, District Secretary of Missionary Education, on the theme "Crown Thy God with Brotherhood."

Registration began at 9:30 a. m., under the direction of the local society, Mrs. J. B. Williams, president. The opening worship was conducted by Mrs. Guy M. Hicks of Ruston. The various studies were presented: "Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World" by Mrs. Paul F. Stinson; "To Combine our Efforts for a Lasting Peace" by Mrs. J. R. Bevil; "Indian Americans" by Mrs. H. L. Bridges; "Five Spiritual Classics" by Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Jurisdictional Recording Secretary, from Ruston. Mrs. C. O. Holland presented the program books and worship

FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Stone Ave., Monroe

The Woman's Society of Stone Ave., Monroe, met September 13 in Fellowship Hall for the Fifteenth Annual Program "So Rich A Heritage" and Officers' Training Day. The following Charter Members answered the roll call: Mrs. Ira Waldroup, Mrs. Janice Hearne, Mrs. Patsy Teazel, Mrs. Bonnie Price, Mrs. Blanche Crews, Mrs. Mable Glover, Mrs. L. White, Mrs. I. L. Yeager, Mrs. Pauline Petty, Mrs. L. M. Gunter, Mrs. Minnie Perkins, Mrs. Lillian Stough, Mrs. Neva Kelley and Mrs. C. G. Simmons.

The program was given by Mrs. Crew, Mrs. Waldroup, Mrs. Petty, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Kelley.

Mrs. Hearne gave a meditation on "Together" followed by prayer by Mrs. Crews.

Mrs. Waldroup, president, had charge of the officers training, assisted by Mrs. Hearne and Mrs. Stough.

Mrs. Teazel read the minutes of

the district seminar after which each officer gave a resume of her duties, followed by a quiz.

After adjournment an hour of fellowship was enjoyed and luncheon was served.

CORRECTION

The dates for the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service Executive Committee were incorrectly listed in the issue of September 9. The correct dates are October 11, 12, 13. The meeting will be held at Crowley Methodist Church.

A Retreat will be conducted at 5 p. m., on October 11 by Mrs. W. W. Paxton. Dinner will be served at 6 p. m., and the first of the business sessions will be held that night presided over by Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference President.

booklets, on the theme "To the End of the Earth".

Lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall of the Church by members of the First Church Society. Around 100 women were present from many churches in the district. The study books were on display and for sale in the annex of the church by Mrs. Frank Taylor of Haynesville.

Little Rock

The Seminar for the Little Rock District Woman's Society of Christian Service was held in First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on September 9th with 126 attending, representing 24 societies.

Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson, district secretary of Spiritual Life led the morning worship.

Mrs. Raymond Pelton, district secretary of Literature and Publications, was in charge of publication.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Joe L. Simpson, president of Little Rock District, and Mrs. Guy Cazort, secretary of Missionary Education, the morning session featured the presentation of the four studies as follows: AMERICAN INDIANS, Mrs. William M. Shepherd and Mrs. Fred Graham; AN INTRODUCTION TO FIVE SPIRITUAL CLASSICS, Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson; THE CHRISTIAN MISSION IN A REVOLUTIONARY WORLD, Mrs. Edgar Dixon; TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS FOR LASTING PEACE, Mrs. George G. Meyer.

Mrs. J. B. Rebsamen, president of the local society was hostess for the day.

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, president, Little Rock Conference, Woman's Society of Christian Service, conducted a question and answer period following the luncheon.

Mrs. Earl Cotton, secretary of Christian Social Relations of the South Central Jurisdiction, gave the closing prayer.

DeWitt

The DeWitt Society observed the fifteenth birthday on September 7 with Mrs. Marion Sollars in charge of the devotional.

Following lunch, Mrs. Jake Parker, president, presided as Mrs. Kelly Thigpen presented a life membership to Mrs. C. M. Raines, a member for 45 years.

Mrs. S. P. Vansickle, read from the permanent record book she had given to the society in 1940. Mrs. Stanley Simpson and Mrs. L. E. Morgan pinned a ribbon badge on each of the charter members present.

Mrs. Jack Essex held a candle-lighting service as the officers lighted 15 blue candles, accompanied by Bible readings, and Mrs. Curtis Williams lighted the gold candle "To Grow On." Mrs. Williams dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Parker's Chapel

The Parkers Chapel Woman's Society of Christian Service celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service on September 14th. In keeping with the celebration a Baby Life Membership was given to Barbara Lynn Cottrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Cottrell, and an Honorary Life Membership was given to Mrs. J. F. McKinnon for her years of faithful service.

Mrs. Bobby Cross presented a program covering the History and the Development of the organization with a devotional given by Mrs. Charles G. Ashcraft and talks by Miss Bunn Frost, Mrs. J. E. Thomas and Miss Vera Hinson. Mrs. J. F. McKinnon gave a brief history of the local society.

A birthday cake, used as a worship center for the devotional, was cut and served with punch for refreshments. Eighteen members of the Society were present for the meeting.

Says the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church: "One in five Americans moved in 1952-53. Half of all persons who moved were under 25.1 years of age. In new growing industrial cities, such as Corpus Christi, Texas, over one-half of the population is made up of women. In a sampling study 31 out of 42 employed women moving to new communities sought out the church.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

CONGRESSMAN WILBUR MILLS will be the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church of Searcy on Friday evening, September 30.

REV. J. H. HOGGARD, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Ft. Smith, held a revival at New Hope community week of August 29.

HR. HENSON was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the Jackson Street Methodist Church of Magnolia on Thursday evening, September 29.

ALBERT GRAVES, teacher of the Men's Bible Class in the First Methodist Church of Hope, was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, on Wednesday evening, September 28.

E. H. HERROD has been elected president of the Methodist Men of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock. Other officers are John McLain, vice-president, and Don Goss, secretary-treasurer.

REV. PHIL E. PIERCE, pastor of the Mt. Ida and Oden Churches, will do the preaching in evangelistic services to be held for one week at the Oden Church, beginning on Sunday, October 9.

JO. LESLIE, superintendent of schools and the faculty at Salem, were honored recently at a pot-luck get-acquainted supper in the parlors of the Methodist Church, Rev. B. W. Stallcup, pastor. Over 100 were in attendance.

REV. HAROLD EGGENSBERGER, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, will be the preacher in evangelistic services at the Nettleton Methodist Church, October 30 through November 6. Rev. Earl B. Carter is pastor.

ED BRANNON, of Dallas, Texas, executive secretary of Allied Youth for the southwest section of the United States, was guest speaker at the evening worship service of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, on Sunday, September 18. Rev. Jesse L. Johnson is pastor.

ROGER LYNCH, layman of Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Brotherhood of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, on Wednesday evening, September 14. Mr. Lynch spoke on "I Am Just a Layman." Gerald Price is president of the Brotherhood.

THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NO. 3 of Griffin Memorial Methodist Church, Paragould, had its quarterly fellowship supper on Friday evening, September 23, in fellowship hall. Thirty-seven members and their families attended. Rev. M. A. Cherry is teacher. Rev. Clyde E. Crozier is pastor of the church.

CENTRAL CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE, as an Advance Special will contribute to the support of Donald Wayne Waddell of Angol, Chile. Mr. Waddell is an agricultural missionary. Mrs. Waddell is the former Martha Stewart, daughter of the late Rev. Allen D. Stewart member of the North Arkansas Conference, and Mrs. Stewart.

DR. THOMAS CARRUTH, field secretary of the Prayer Life Movement which is sponsored by the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, spoke to capacity crowds at the First Methodist Church of DeWitt, both morning and evening, Sunday, September 18. Rev. Curtis Williams, pastor, writes: "Dr. Carruth lifted us to a high spiritual level."

MISS MARGARET MARSHALL, deaconess who formerly served in Arkansas with the Methodist Council in Little Rock and in the Arkadelphia District, and her brother, John Ralph Marshall, have been appointed directors of the Scotts Run Settlement House at Oswage, W. Va., under the program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

DR. J. H. HICKS of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, was the instructor in a first series course Bible conference, using the text, "Religion in the Bible" by Weir. One hundred four enrolled in the course and 54 received credit, eleven of them from the Mt. View Methodist Church on the Mena Circuit. Rev. Kirvin A. Hale is pastor of First Church, Mena.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of Conway will supervise the bringing of a refugee family to Conway to live, according to recent report. The church will be responsible for finding the head of the family a job, renting a house, furnishing it, and paying transportation from port to Conway. Rev. Joel A. Cooper, pastor of the church, said it would require six months to get the family to Conway.

BISHOP FREDERICK B. NEWELL, national chairman of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and administrator of more than 1,000 Methodist churches in the New York Area, on Wednesday, September 21, was awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit by the Federal Republic of Germany in appreciation of relief funds, food and clothing sent by Methodists to the people of Germany.

REV. EARL HUGHES, pastor of the Massard Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, preached in a series of evangelistic services at the Magazine Methodist Church, September 12-18. Supper was served at the church on the last evening of the services. The filmstrip, "The Resurrection" was shown to the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Thirty-two of the thirty-six who responded to the invitations were first commitments. Rev. J. W. Sandage is pastor of the Magazine Church.

THE CARLISLE METHODIST CHURCH will begin the construction of a new educational building at an early date. The architect is in the process of preparing blueprints and specifications. The building will be two stories high and will be 40 by 60 feet. Ample space will be provided to take care of the Church School from Nursery through the Intermediate Department. The congregation hopes to be in the new building by January 1, 1956, according to report. Rev. O. E. Holmes is pastor.

SAMUEL B. TEAGUE, 1955 graduate of Hendrix College and member of the North Arkansas Conference, will serve during the coming year as youth director of the Fairview Methodist Church, Camden. Mr. Teague, son of Rev. and Mrs. Otto Teague of Forrest City, went to Fairview for the summer, but later decided to stay a year before entering seminary. Leaders in the church report he is doing a good work in the young people's division and in directing the adult, youth and children's choirs.

KENNETH R. CALKINS of Evanston, Ill., has been chosen one of 50 American college juniors to spend this academic year studying at the University of Munich in Germany. The son of Dr. Charles L. Calkins, executive secretary of the Board of Pensions' Illinois Corporation in Chicago, Kenneth is a junior in the Haverford College in Haverford, Pa. The "Junior Year in Munich" is a plan for foreign study sponsored by Wayne University in Detroit. A small group of outstanding American college juniors is chosen annually for this honor.

BISHOP JOHN BRANSCOMB, Jacksonville, Fla., is on a two-month visitation to the Philippines and other points for the Methodist Council of Bishops. Traveling by air, Bishop Branscomb left September 6 and will be in the Philippines, inspecting Methodist missions and other work, until October 14. He will also visit Japan, Korea, India, Singapore and Jerusalem, and make brief stops in Rome, Paris and London before returning to Jacksonville November 9. Bishop Branscomb presides over Methodist interests in Florida and Cuba. He will report on his visitation at the semi-annual meeting of the Council of Bishops, December 5-8, in Atlantic City, N. J.

DR. A. M. SEREX, pastor of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, and Mrs. Serex, left on Monday, September 19, by plane for New York where they boarded a Swiss air constellation for Switzerland for a visit with Dr. Serex's father. They will visit in Zurich and Geneva and on the return trip they will visit in Brussels, Belgium. They will visit Dr. Serex's sister and brother-in-law in their church at Paturates and Dr. Serex will preach in the church. The sermon will be in French. From Brussels they will go to London for a brief visit with Dr. Leslie Weatherhead. Dr. Serex will be back in his pulpit for the last Sunday in October.

FAIRVIEW METHODIST CHURCH, Camden, Rev. M. W. Miller, pastor, is engaged in another building program, the third in a ten-year period. Ten years ago the present church building was erected; two years ago an educational building was completed, and now the auditorium is being enlarged and connected with the educational building. A completely redecorated interior will finish the project. New pews and pulpit furniture will be provided, and wood will be used for paneling the sanctuary behind the divided pulpit. The work will be completed in about a month, according to report. At present, worship services are being held in the large fellowship hall of the educational building.

NEARLY 100 young American church people in groups of from fifteen to twenty-five have been abroad to spend an average of a month in one of the 27 different church-sponsored work camps, the Rev. Joseph A. Howell, secretary for the program in the United States announces. The sponsor for the program in this country is the United Christian Youth Movement of the National Council of Churches. Overseas the program is conducted by the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches in co-operation with the national councils of churches of the countries involved. The United States volunteers come from twenty-five different states and represent a total of nine of the major Protestant communions. They are at work on projects ranging from the reconstruction of a war-damaged village in Greece to repairing an old people's home in France and re-developing flooded soil for farmers in an isolated Swiss village.

NORTH ARKANSAS TOWN AND COUNTRY CONVOCATION POSTPONED

The scheduled Town and Country Convocation of the North Arkansas Conference set for Tuesday, October 11, has been postponed, according to an announcement by Rev. A. N. Storey, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Town and Country Commission. The convocation, an annual feature of the Commission's program, will be held on March 12 of next year, with the place and details of the program to be announced later, Mr. Storey said in announcing the change.

CHARGE SOVIET TROOPS GET ANTI-RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA

New York—(RNS)—A constant stream of anti-religious propaganda is being directed to Soviet occupation troops in Europe from Russian radio stations.

This was reported here by the American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism Inc. The group supports Radio Liberation, anti-Communist station in Munich that regularly monitors broadcasts from the Soviet Union and beams anti-Bolshevik messages to Russia.

The committee said Radio Liberation had recently monitored a program from Radio Volga in East Berlin directed solely to Soviet troops in East Germany which branded all belief in a spiritual world as "the highest nonsense and sick fantasy."

"The Communist Party fights religion in the same way it does other outlived and harmful opinions and traditions," Radio Volga was reported as saying. "It is clear that each religion is one means for the intoxication and spiritual subordination of the people. Religion accepts the exploitation which exists in antagonistic societies."

"Religious opinion is not only senseless and absurd but pernicious for the workers because it stifles their brains, disorients them and pushes them toward the wrong way."

ARKANSAS METHODIST

I Saw



An Old Purse

by
Rev. R. A. Tester

that was entirely empty, though first and last a good deal of money had passed through it. But none had stopped there for very long. That is a habit money has with most of us. It seems to be in a hurry to get somewhere else. Probably doesn't like our carelessness and misconduct. Of course it is facetious to attribute thoughts and motives to money—what really happens is that money and purses reflect our own thoughts and motives. A purse—old or new—is of little value.

In fact often the money in a big, fat, full purse is of small value in comparison to some other things. That is what Shakespeare had in mind when he wrote: "Who steals my purse steals trash." He was not talking about an old, worn out empty purse, but of one filled with good English coins. However his "good name" was worth more than any purse, and only the fellow who

stole that could make him poor.

We can do a lot of things that will empty a good purse quickly—make it just an old wallet. The most effective purse emptying habit is to forget God. It might appropriately be called "Project Purse Busting." Malachi said they had such a project in his day. The people made money alright but they "put it in a bag (purse) with holes." Their money got right on away from them because they were irreligious and immoral. They tried to cheat God and lost out. Jesus followed up the idea with the story of the Prodigal Son, who was no more prodigal than many of us today. All of us have known men who went broke because they backslid from God. This whole nation did once.

The Bible teaches that is it sometimes better not to have any money. Jesus sent the twelve disciples out with strict orders not to take any. Why? Because they were equipped with something better—the power to bring God into the lives of people. They could win their way with that—earn their keep. They couldn't buy their way into the human heart, Jesus knew. But if they had carried any money that is exactly what they would have attempted. Simon Magus later tried to buy into the program for the purpose of resale. He lost out. When we are dealing with things that can't be bought it is better not to have money around. It doesn't matter if the purse is old and empty.

HENDRIX COLLEGE OPENS 72ND SESSION

Hendrix College officially opened its 72nd session on September 12 with the arrival of approximately 140 freshmen on the campus. Following a week of orientation for freshmen and registration for all students, classes began on September 17.

Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of the college, addressed the student body and faculty at the opening convocation in the Hendrix Chapel on September 20. Dr. Ellis pointed out that the greatest purpose of education is not to increase what

a person can get but to increase what he can give back to others.

Total enrollment for the fall session is over 400, according to Registrar Victor Hill. Fifty-eight of Arkansas's 75 counties are represented in the student body this year. Pulaski County with 85 students leads the state. Faulkner County is next with 56.

Faculty Changes

Additions to the faculty include Miss Patty Joe Hoff, a 1954 honor graduate of Hendrix, instructor in speech; Arthur A. Johnson of Naperville, Ill., replacing Dr. Paul Harding Jr. on the natural sciences staff, and Mrs. Nannie Worsham, formerly a nurse at the college, counselor at Martin Hall.

Seven Elected to Blue Key

Seven new members have been elected to Blue Key, national honorary fraternity. Named by the Hendrix chapter to membership were Mansel Baker and Doyne Williams, both juniors of El Dorado; Bob Darrell of Dallas, Tex., a senior; Harold Campbell, a junior, and Charles Plunkett, senior, both of Camden; and two Conway juniors, Horner Lyford and Bill Nutter. Selection is made on the basis of leadership, scholarship and potential ability — Mary Lou Nipper, Reporter.

Revival At Vilonia

It was my privilege to hold a revival meeting in the Vilonia Methodist Church from August 29 to September 2. It was my fourth revival there in the seven years of my ministry and the best of the four. Tom English, ministerial student at Hendrix College, is the pastor. We visited in 36 homes, conducted services three times a day—twice at the church and once in one of the homes.

We jointly conducted the morning services at the church and the class meetings in the homes. I preached each evening from Monday through Friday. Friday evening we took eight people into the Vilonia Methodist Church—seven on profession of faith and one from another denomination. Also two people whose membership is elsewhere promised to come into the Vilonia Methodist church.

During four of the evenings the church was filled almost to capacity, increasing each evening and filling to capacity on Friday evening. The Spirit of the Lord was with us and the good people of Vilonia responded generously.

Friday evening an offering was taken and a nice sum of money was left with the Vilonia Church. Brother English and I were royally received in each of the homes visited. —Henry W. Jinske, Pastor, Mountain View Methodist Church

68 Years A Methodist Minister

Living in quiet seclusion among the Ozark hills in Missouri is Rev. Joseph M. Willard who is past his ninetieth birthday. He has given 68 years of his life to the Methodist Ministry. He is now retired but occasionally he performs a marriage ceremony. The Rev. Mr. Willard has a record of every mar-

riage he has performed and they number several hundred.

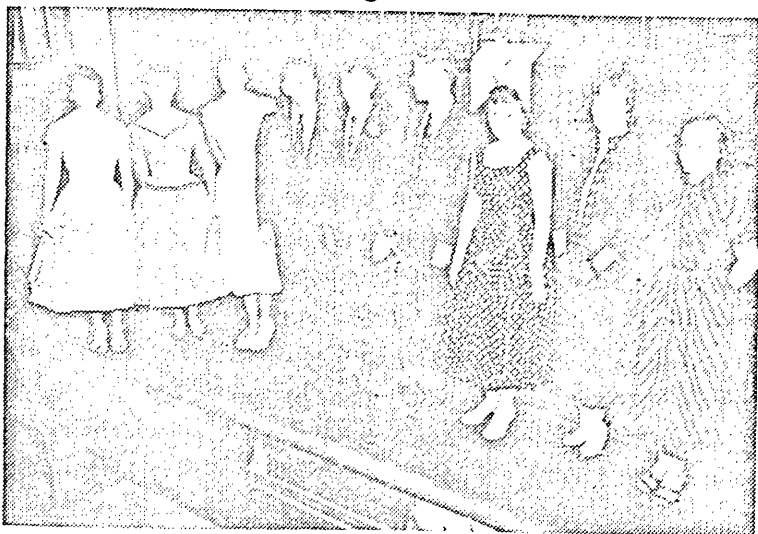
Besides serving as a minister, Bro. Willard for many years had a spice and flavoring route, going all over Oregon and Howell counties with merchandise. He also served the county as southern judge of the County Court and was a member of the court when the present Howell County court house was built.

Sixty-six years ago Bro. Willard was married to Rhoda Spurlock of Ash Flat, Ark., and recently they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. They have five boys living and three girls deceased. The Willard's have enjoyed a happy, varied and interesting life together.

Bro. Willard was born near where he now lives in 1865. He has noticed the many changes that time has brought about in southern Missouri. He has lived a long life in history's greatest era and has given the greater part of his life to the world's greatest profession, that of teaching the word of God. — Eunice Pennington, Fremont, Mo.



1st Church Hot Springs Has Unusual Service



L. to r.: Lou Nell Cox, Sarah Haggy, Diane Dale, Rev. E. D. Galloway, Pastor, Darrell Smith, Rev. John B. Hays, Associate Pastor, Mildred Huston, Jane Ann Kinnaird, Carolyn Venable.

A great service was held at First Church, Hot Springs, Sunday morning, September 11, in which Darrell Smith and Diana Dale spoke of their experiences at the National Methodist Youth Convocation, held at Purdue University, August 22-26.

The service was climaxed with the dedication of Darrell Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Smith, to the Christian Ministry. Darrell requested his pastor, the Reverend E. D. Galloway to announce his decision for the ministry at the close of the service, had then asked that he be dedicated to this vocation at the altar of the church by the Pastor and Associate, the Reverend John B. Hays.

Joining him in the service of dedication were his Father and Mother, Mr. and Mrs. Van Smith, his brother, Winston, and his sister, Marjorie. Other life service volunteers from First Church also knelt at the altar with Darrell during the dedication. They are as follows: Lou Nell Cox, Sara Haggy, Diana Dale,

Mildred Huston, Jane Ann Kinnaird, and Carolyn Venable. Other life service volunteers who were not present are Jane Miller, Kathlene Dugan, and Millie Rowland. —Reporter

First European Mormon Temple Dedicated

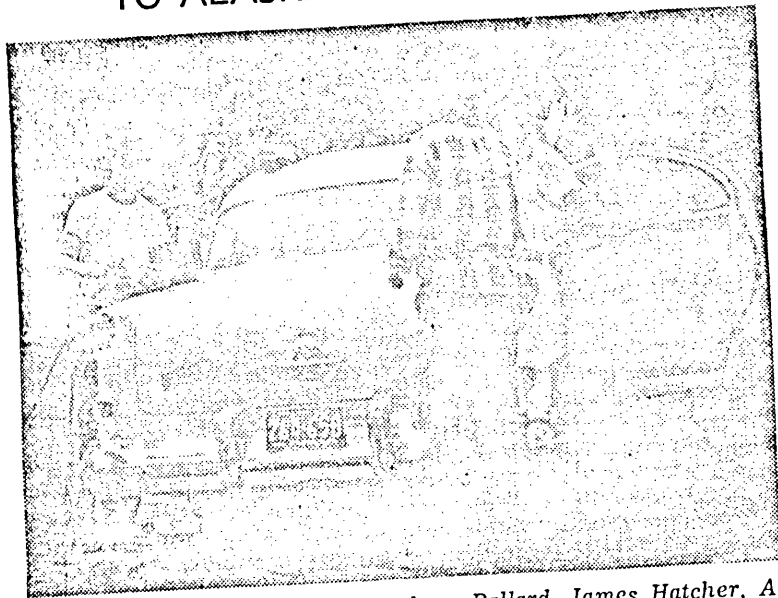
Bern, Switzerland (RNS) — The first Mormon temple on the European continent was dedicated at Zollikofen, four miles north of here, by David O. McKay of Salt Lake City, Utah, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Among the 1,500 Mormons from the U. S. and many European countries present at the ceremonies were U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah).

Late in August, Mr. McKay, 83, presided at ground-breaking ceremonies at Nowchapel, near East Grinstead, Sussex, for a Mormon temple to be built there—the first in the British Isles.

METHODIST YOUTH

YOUNG PEOPLE RAISE MONEY FOR GIFT TO ALASKA COLLEGE FUND



Left to right, Rance Perkins, Barbara Ballard, James Hatcher, A. W. Smith, Jr., and Kathleen McMasters.

The young people of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Manila Methodist Church decided, as a special mission project, to make a gift to the Alaska College Fund. To raise the money they washed cars on Saturday, September 3, at \$1.00 a car. In this way they realized \$59.00. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steele,

counselors, challenged them with the idea, according to the pastor, Rev. Harold Spence. He reports: "They worked enthusiastically and well, and were justly proud of their accomplishment. Incidentally, many of their customers have told me personally that they did an exceptional job on the cars."

CINCINNATI MYF ADOPTS NEW PROJECT

The Cincinnati Methodist Youth Fellowship has had a busy summer with two hay rides, three swimming parties and a wiener roast in addition to the regular meetings.

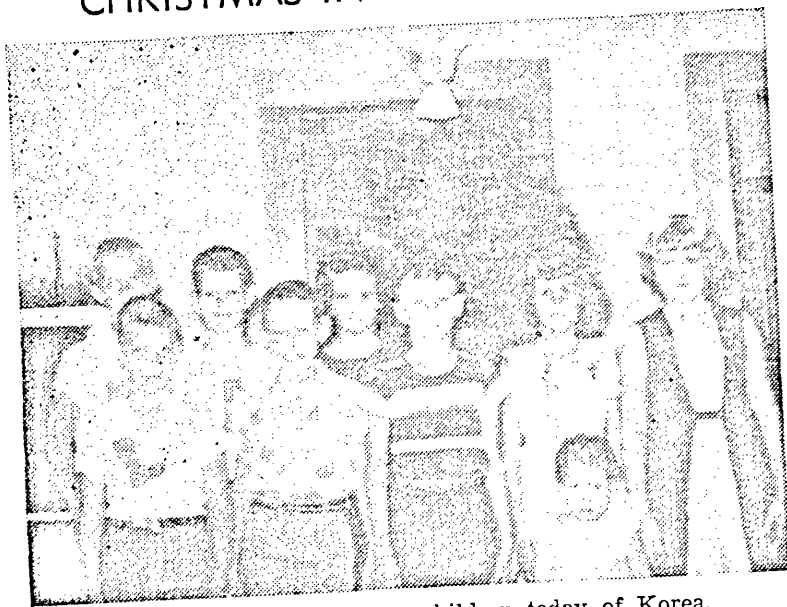
Officers were elected on the second Sunday in September as follows: Roy Gene Spears, president;

Betty Gates, vice-president; Glenita Randolph, secretary; George Rouquet, treasurer, and Diane Clark, reporter.

A project for the Fellowship for next year is the raising of \$25.00 for the Methodist College in Alaska.

Juanita Randolph and Virginia Shaw are sponsors for the MYF and Rev. A. F. Flowers is pastor of the church.—Reporter

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST PARTY



Pictured above are the members of the Methodist Junior Fellowship of Wesley Chapel, near Ponchatoula, who recently sponsored an "August Christmas Party" for the benefit of Korean orphans.

With a background of Christmas decorations and a gaily trimmed tree, the Juniors presented a program which included Christmas carols, the Christmas Story from St. Luke, and a message concerning the

children today of Korea.

Many gifts of clothing and toys were placed under the tree, and after refreshments were served to the guests, the Juniors wrapped the gifts for mailing.

Mrs. Alfred Johnson is teacher and counselor for the group.

Mrs. Allie Ree Schulz and Mrs. Frank Mixon assisted the Juniors in serving.

YOUTH REVIVAL AT OAKDALE CHURCH

"Give God a Chance Now," was the theme of the youth revival held at the Oakdale Methodist Church during the week of September 4-11, with Robert Holladay, ministerial student at Southern Methodist University, as guest speaker.

Seven young people knelt at the altar at the closing service and dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. These were Mary Nan Stanley, Mary Ellen Kennedy, Jennie Lynch, Linda Sliman, Bill Green, Judy Lynn Boyer, and Miles Holladay.

One young man, Joe Russell, was admitted into church membership and Mrs. O. L. Rice and Miss Nancy Kimbrell transferred their letters here.

Attending each evening were approximately 50 young people and many adults. A 35-voice youth choir was directed by Bill Green. Accompanying at the piano was Mrs. H. D. Cain.

On Thursday morning at 6:30 a. m. the young people assembled for a communion service. Serving the communion was the pastor, the Rev. Sam Holladay, father of the speaker, who assisted and gave the devotional.

Preceding each service a prayer hour was observed when both youth and adults offered their private devotions at the altar by the light of the illuminated cross.

With Miss Mary Nan Stanley as president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the revival was planned by the young people. They were assisted by Miss Eloise Mounger, Rev. Sam Holladay, and Mrs. Holladay, adult counselors.

After each service the youth group was entertained in a recreational hour by Mrs. Bertie Paul, Dr. and Mrs. Weldon Lynch, Mrs. Hays Stanley, Mrs. D. P. Kennedy, Mrs. Bill Dougherty, and Mrs. Sam Holladay.

—Lois Marler, Church Reporter

WIDENER-ROUND POND INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Widener-Round Pond installed officers for the coming year at its regular meeting last Monday evening. These officers were: Mabel Fong, President; John Spicer, Vice-President and Chairman of Christian Fellowship and Citizenship; Teddye Shawver, Secretary-Treasurer; Alice West, Chairman of Christian Outreach; Jerri Spicer, Chairman of Christian Faith and Witness; and Johny Cole, Methodist Youth Fund Treasurer. Mrs. Small Morgan, who has served as counselor for the past five years, assisted the minister, Rev. Jim Clemons, in the installation service.

After the meeting the young people adjourned to the parsonage for refreshments. At this time Mabel Fong presented Mrs. Morgan with two gift books in appreciation of the work she has done for the MYF. Adult workers with youth now include Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mrs. Ernest Sulcer, Mrs. Tom Norsworthy, Mrs. Edgar Price, and Mrs. William Hall.

Recently two members of the group, Miss Shawver and Miss Spicer, reported on their experiences at the National Convocation at Purdue University.

Plans for the coming months include a Youth Fund Pledge Service, soliciting contributions for the Unit-

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

The Baton Rouge District Council of the Methodist Youth Fellowship held its first meeting of the year at the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, recently. The purpose of the meeting was to elect new officers and to plan activities for the coming year.

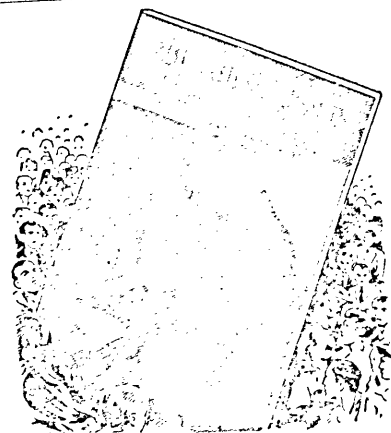
The following officers were elected: President, Evelyn Cain; vice-president, Rodney Hendrick; secretary-treasurer, Doris Joann Dunn; reporter, Georgia Faye Garner.

Some of the activities planned for the coming year are: A Mission Tour; A Vocational Career Clinic; An Officers' Training Clinic, and A Youth Rally.—Georgia Garner

ed Nations Children's Fund on Halloween, a Christmas party with money for presents going to a Methodist Institution, and a Watchnight Communion Service.—Reporter

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METHODIST YOUTH FUND

Total of \$606,493 has been received in the Methodist Youth Fund office during the fiscal year ending May 31, according to the current issue of the *Methodist Youth Fund Bulletin*. This represents a gain of \$53,003 over last year.

During the first year of its operation (1941-42) the Methodist Youth Fund's receipts added up to \$82,683. Total contributions since that time have amounted to \$4,550,305.

The Methodist Youth Fund is a concrete expression of the co-operative plan for the missionary education of youth. The Board of Missions, including the Woman's Division of Christian Service; the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education; and the National Conference of Methodist Youth are united in this co-operative plan for missionary education.

One reason for the enthusiastic reception and support of the Methodist Youth Fund by the youth of the church is that there is unity in the promotion of the fund. Miss Emeline Crane has been responsible for it since January 1944. Her office is related to the Division of the Local Church and also has a relationship to the Board of Missions, including the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Types of work represented in Methodist Youth Fund projects include educational work, medical work, community centers, rural work, social-evangelistic work, the preparation of workers for service in the church, Christian education in mission conferences, interdenominational work, and youth work around the world.

The Methodist Youth Fund is allocated as follows: 47½% is used in mission projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; 20% is used in a program of Christian education in mission conferences around the world; 15% is checked back for the youth program in the annual conferences; 5% is used by the National Conference of Methodist Youth; and 12½% is used by the Youth Department of the General Board of Education.

This year twenty-one annual conferences have reported contributions of \$10,000 or more to the Methodist Youth Fund. The ten reporting the largest amounts are: Ohio, \$29,938; North-East Ohio, \$18,980; Virginia, \$18,744; Illinois, \$18,721; Florida, \$18,528; North Iowa, \$17,901; Western North Carolina, \$17,767; Iowa-Des Moines, \$17,627; Holston, \$15,815; North Indiana, \$15,743.

A WEEK-END RETREAT

Using the theme of the Fall Action Project of the Youth Emphasis: "Toward Christian World Community", the Marjorie Bowden Sub-district, of the Batesville District, sponsored a week-end retreat September 17-18 at the Umsted Memorial Methodist Church, Newport.

Forty-two youth and counselors attended the retreat and studied ways of making the Fall Action Project live in the six local churches they represented. Dr. Golder Lawrence, pastor at Tuckerman and Chairman of the Conference Commission on World Peace, led the discussion on world peace and guided the evening program centered around the filmstrip "We Seek Peace". Rev. Pryor R. Cruce, host pastor and associate conference director of youth work, lead the discussion on missions and overseas relief and guided the Methodist

LAYMAN'S DAY SET FOR OCTOBER 16

New York (NC)—Church laymen of the U. S. and Canada will combine this year for the first international observance of Laymen's Sunday, October 16.

More than four million men in upwards of 100,000 Protestant churches in the two countries are planning to "take over" the entire Sunday morning worship services—from ushering to preaching the sermon—declared J. Clinton Hawkins, St. Louis, Mo., chairman of United Church Men. While the pastor sits in the pew, the men of his congregation will read the Scripture, lead in prayer and present special music in men's choral groups. Many churches will open on the day with a procession of men into the church, he said.

Laymen's Sunday, climactic day of Churchmen's Week (Oct. 9-16), will be jointly sponsored in the U. S. by United Church Men, laymen's wing of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., and the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World; and in Canada by the United Church in Canada.

Also for the first time, special services will be held at 200 armed forces chapels in Europe, for men in uniform.

The 1955 theme is "Doers, Not Hearers Only." It urges a dynamic discipleship for the men of the church.

Churchmen's Week begins Oct. 9, Men and Missions Sunday, when local brotherhoods and men's groups emphasize the world-wide mission of the church as demanding the wholehearted support of men.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

(Continued from page 6)

World is being taught in Jonesboro by Miss Mildred Osment.

A first series school on How to Teach in the Church School is being taught by Rev. A. C. Brannon in Trumann.

A first series school on Christian Missions in a Revolutionary World is being taught by Rev. Alfred A. Knox in Goddard Memorial Methodist Church.

Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr. offered the course this week on How to Teach in the Church School, in his local church in Piggott.

Rev. Robert Paul Sessions conducted a first series school in his church in Van Buren last week on Friendship and Marriage.

Mrs. R. E. Connell taught the course on Music in a Small Church in a first series training school in Corning last week.

Rev. William M. Wilder has just finished the course on Book of Revelation, which course he taught in his local church in Lincoln.

A one-unit school on The Work of the Local Church is being taught this week at Heber Springs by Ira A. Brumley.

A one-unit school on Christian Beliefs is being taught at Russell-

Youth Fund presentation.

The Saturday evening program featured a folk festival in which each participating group presented a song and a game from some other country. During the week-end most of the recreation centered in songs and games from other areas of the world.

ville by Alf A. Eason.

Schools Soon to Come

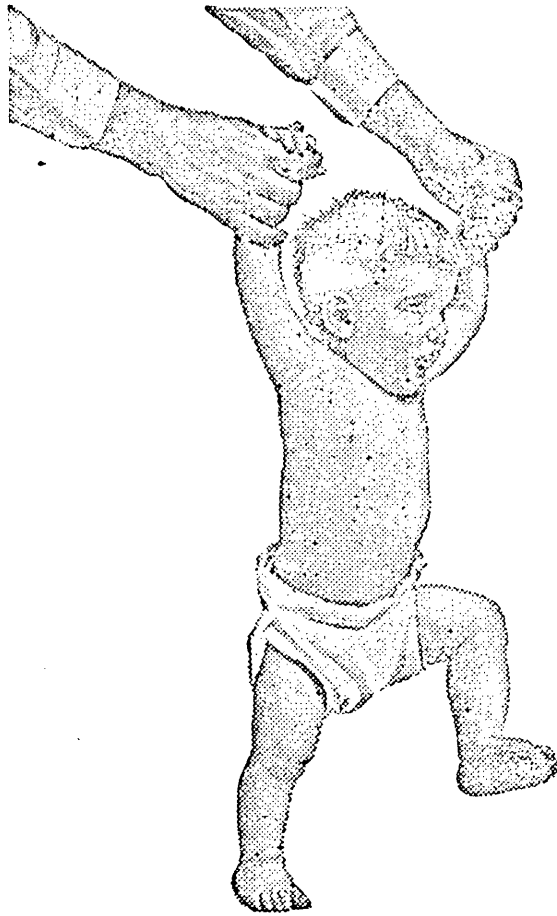
Rev. E. J. Holifield is offering the course on The Work of the Local Church, St. Paul's, Jonesboro, October 3 and following.

Rev. W. L. Diggs is offering the course on The Work of the Local Church, Paris, Arkansas, October 9-11.

Rev. Robert Paul Sessions begins the course on Ways of Teaching, St. John's Methodist Church, Van Buren, October 2.

The course on The Christian Mission in the Revolutionary World is

to be taught at Yellville, October 2-4, by Ira A. Brumley.



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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 9, 1955

BOYHOOD OF JESUS

Read the lesson from your Bible: Luke 2: 41-52
Memory Selection:

"Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."—Luke 2: 52

We are beginning UNIT II: "OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIANS", today. We have just finished a one lesson unit which had as its title "THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' BIRTH". The subject of that lesson was "The World Into Which Jesus Came". We learned that the world of that time was in many ways like our present world, as is the case now, it was filled with prejudice, hatred, selfishness, greed, frustration, materialism, and fear. Since the world was of that nature and has continued to be more or less of that nature from the very beginning of recorded history, coming of Christ into it was the greatest single event that ever took place. This is true because all of his influence and teachings are against these very evils.

Nearly two centuries have passed since his coming and still these evils are with us. Does this mean that Christ has failed? No, at least some progress has been made, but good always moves slowly. In speaking of this matter some one has said "A lie can run a mile before the truth gets its boots on."

One of the reasons that good is often held back while evil moves on at a rapid pace is the fact that, for the most part, those on the evil side profit materially from these evils. Such, for example as such evils as the liquor traffic, narcotics, white slavery, and corruption in politics. People who profit materially by these evils will spend considerable amounts of their ill-gotten gain to keep them going. While on the other side of the ledger, people who are for the good and want to see it win in the world have to go down in their pockets and spend money they have made honestly and for the most part in the hard way; and they spend it realizing that in most cases they will receive no material returns for the expenditure.

But in spite of this advantage evil has, the good is slowly winning. Those who argue otherwise are not looking at history as a whole. They are looking at little segments of it. In some cases they find conditions along certain lines worse than they were some years ago and quickly draw the conclusion that the whole world is going to the devil. Let these good people go back and get a bird's eye view of the whole situation. For example, all civilized races of today came up out of cannibalism. Certainly, the human race has made some progress above that stage. Another thing we might well note is that even though we do have hatred, war, selfishness, greed, fear, frustration, prejudice, lust, and political corruption, there is more feeling against these evils now than ever before. Where does this feeling come from? It is the leaven leavening the lump; it is the influence of the example

and teaching of Christ slowly but surely permeating the world.

This brings us to our lesson for today—"Boyhood of Jesus". The aim of this lesson is to help parents and teachers guide children and youth toward growth "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

A Look At The Scriptures

It is a well known fact that we have but very little said in the Bible about the childhood and youth of Christ. We have the account of his birth at Bethlehem at which time he was visited by the shepherds and wise men; this presentation at the Temple; the flight of the Family to Egypt; and the return to Nazareth. Then there is silence for a number of years, and then we have the account of the journey to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve years old. This account makes up our Scripture material of our lesson for today. This is a very important passage of Scripture, and it is given only by Dr. Luke.

All Jewish males were required by the law to attend three feasts at Jerusalem each year. This law was not enforced. Many, however, attended these feasts as a matter of loyalty to God and their religion. We learn from our passage that the parents of Jesus were in the habit of attending the Passover Feast at Jerusalem every year. This fact spoke well of their religious loyalty.

On this particular occasion Jesus went with his parents to the feast. He had reached the age of twelve and at that age all Jewish boys became sons of the law, and were permitted for the first time to take part in the Passover Feast. It was perfectly natural, therefore, that Jesus should go with his parents on this occasion.

As usual, the Feast continued for eight days and after it was over the company started home. In those days people traveled, for most part, in groups. They did this for two reasons; First, there were quite a number of robbers who infested the highways and who took advantage of those who traveled alone; and second, they went in groups in order that they might have companionship along the way. It will be remembered that travel was very slow in those days.

Sometimes these caravans were as much as two miles long. The women usually traveled ahead, followed by the men, and the children would bring up the rear. They would naturally stop to camp for the night and then the members of families would get together. That was what happened on the occasion of our lesson. Joseph and Mary thought that Jesus was with the other children of the caravan. This accounts for the fact that they had traveled a whole day before missing him. This in nowise indicates that they

had been neglectful of him. They turned back seeking him and found him on the third day; that is, they had traveled a day away from Jerusalem and took a day to return and they found him on the third day.

The found the Lord in the Temple talking to the rabbis and the priests. Mary rebuked him. She saw what he was doing and did not deem it of sufficient importance to put the family to so much trouble and anxiety. Jesus was surprised that it was necessary for them to seek for him even after they had arrived at Jerusalem. He figured that they should have known that he would be at his Father's house. We are told that he went back home with them to Nazareth and was obedient to them.

The lesson closes with the verse that is also used as the memory selection: It tells of the wonderful growth of Jesus.

Lesson For Us

The Scripture we have under consideration brings us some important lessons: One is the fact that the parents of Jesus were very religious people. Joseph was a carpenter, a poor laboring man. The fact that this much time was taken off for affairs like this entailed quite a bit of sacrifice on the part of the whole family. Only those who were very religious had the habit of attending these feasts annually. This in turn means that Jesus had the privilege of growing up in a fine religious home. It will take eternity itself to reveal just how much influence this home had on the later attitudes and activities of Jesus.

Another lesson that comes to us here is the fact that Christ was a normal boy. There is a famous painting Christ by Hoffman which represents him on this occasion as teaching these teachers. Hoffman got his inspiration for the painting from this passage, but he was mistaken. The passage does not say that Christ was teaching these teachers. It simply says that he was "sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions." That is exactly what any alert, hungry-minded, twelve-year-old boy would do. All of us know that any alert child can ask questions that even philosophers cannot answer. This passage does tell us that "All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers." Jesus was a very intelligent and studious boy. He was always quoting the Scriptures. No doubt, the very questions he raised here were questions he had raised with his parent in his home and also with his teacher in the synagogue school at Nazareth. They had not been able to answer them in a way that satisfied him and so he simply brought them up before these more learned men. He was not trying to tell them. He was rather trying to learn from them. He later came to break with that same bunch of men, but he did not do so at the time he was twelve years old. He learned quite a bit between the age of twelve and thirty.

There are some people who try to make Jesus out to be a mere man. The writer feels that they are wrong. While on the other side of the question there are those who are so afraid that they will make him out to be a mere man that they almost go to the extreme of denying his humanity altogether. Both of these extremes are wrong. Jesus is

the Son of God but he is also the Son of Man. Over and over again he designated himself by that very term. He was not, from the first all-wise and all powerful. He plainly said that there were certain things he did not know and it was only after he conquered death and came back from the tomb that he declared that all power both in heaven and on earth had been delivered to him. Paul said that while Christ was here in the flesh he emptied himself and became a servant.

Because Jesus was really and truly a human being he is our example. As Son of God he is our Saviour, but had he been only Son of God he could not have said to mere human beings, "Follow me".

Juvenile Delinquency

We have a terrible problem today—juvenile delinquency. There are two ways of combating it—the negative and the positive. The negative way would simply try to prevent such delinquency, while the positive method is to fill youth so full of the virtues of life that there is no room for such delinquency. Of course, Christ would have never become a delinquent under any circumstances. He was and is the Son of God. But our memory selection tells us that he "increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man." We are foolish if we do not realize that his environment and training helped him along these lines. It was in the providence of the Father that he should have such an environment and training. Such environment and training would not make Christs out of our young people of today. There can be but one Son of God in this unique way. But such help would make many of them, who are now falling by the wayside, Christlike in character.

Note again our lesson aim: To help parents and teachers guide children and youth toward growth "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Jesus experienced this four-fold growth. That is, he grew mentally, physically, religiously, and socially. All young people need this four-fold type of growth. There were certain things that helped Jesus grow in these ways, and those same conditions will help young people and children now.

No better woman ever lived in all history of the human race than was Mary, the mother of Jesus. Some one has said that God the Father waited four thousand years to find a woman who was good enough to become the mother of his Son. Then, too, Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, was a man above reproach. The very fact that Jesus taught people in prayer to address God as "Our Father" shows something of the esteem that Jesus had for Joseph, for he was teaching people to address God as Father who had men as their earthly fathers. It is a sad affair when a little child has a father who is such a demon that to teach him to address God as Father cause him to have a revulsion towards God.

The parents of Jesus were very religious. They saw to it that he had a religious home and received religious training. They trusted him and tried to understand him. They brought him up in the very midst of the synagogue life. These things all contributed to his religious growth. The practice of them in the homes and communities of our day would be a godsend to our children and youth.

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