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Architect's sketch of Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, as it will appear at the completion of an \$800,000 expansion program made necessary by increasing demands for hospital care. A public campaign to raise the necessary expansion funds is now under way.

In this issue ... **TRADE AND PEACE** by Henry A. Wallace

Children Get Free Ride To Sunday School

MOLINE, Ill.—Buy a bus and give 'em a free ride. That's the recipe Ray Sandberg, Sunday school superintendent, and Ray Schulenburg, pastor, of Evangelical Free Church of Moline, evolved for getting boys and girls, especially those living in outlying districts to come to Sunday school. They bought the bus, a 1929 model, for \$500 and, with help from other members of the church, are fixing it up and painting it, and soon will have it making regular Sunday morning trips. Leaders of the Sunday school also will canvass homes in outlying districts, suggesting that if the families do not belong to a church the bus stop for their children on Sunday mornings.

Buffalo Church Sends Gift Of \$1,200 to Niemoeller

BUFFALO, N. Y. — Pastor Martin Niemoeller, newly-elected president of the executive council of the Congressional wing of the Evangelical Church in Germany, has been sent a gift of \$1,200 by the Holy Trinity Lutheran church here in recognition of "the courage and strength you gave to Christians everywhere" while a Nazi prisoner. The gift to Niemoeller is part of the congregation's plan to give an equal amount for benevolences abroad for every dollar spent at home in 1946. The church also hopes to donate \$6,000 to Lutheran World Action for church reconstruction in Europe.

Floating Church Accommodates Norwegian Fishing Villages

OSLO (By Wireless) — A floating church—first of its kind in northern Norway—is serving the spiritual needs of remote fishing villages in the Tromsøe area where many churches were destroyed during the German occupation. The church is built on a barge and has been consecrated by Lutheran Bishop Krohn Hansen of North Norway. The barge church, in charge of Dean Alf Wiig, accommodates forty persons. It is equipped with a chapel for holding baptism, marriage, and communion rites. The barge was purchased with funds donated largely by the World Council of Churches in Geneva and by the Swedish Lutheran Church. Clergymen in the diocese are free to use the barge for two-week periods each. The floating church also transports food and clothing to needy populations.



By Religious News Service

Georgia Church Women Urge Voting Rights For Negroes

ATLANTA, Ga.—Gov. Ellis Arnall's appeal that the people of Georgia grant voting rights to Negroes was commended in a resolution passed by the Georgia Council of Church Women at its annual meeting here. The Council also called for a return to rationing as the best means of solving the world food crisis. The Council's action on the Negro question followed a speech by Dr. O. P. Gilbert, editor of the Christian Index, Georgia Baptist Convention publication, who questioned the wisdom of permitting all Negroes to vote. In adopting a resolution asking Georgia congressmen to support extension of the OPA, the Council said the OPA offers "the most practical means of preventing disastrous price increases which would disrupt the process of reconversion and bring untold suffering to large numbers of our people."

Says German Church Must Meet Material Needs

GENEVA (By Wireless)—The future of the German church will depend upon the part it plays in helping to meet the material as well as spiritual needs of the people at this time, George Federer, assistant chairman of the relief committee of the Evangelical Church in Germany, declared here. He is returning to Germany after spending several weeks discussing German church problems with officials of the World Council of Churches.

Minister Launches Drive to Get Out Vote in Spring Elections

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.—The Rev. William H. Poteat of Chapel Hill, chairman of the suffrage division of the North Carolina Committee, an affiliate of the Southern Conference of Human Welfare, has launched a drive to get out the vote in the North Carolina Spring elections. "Usually only 15 per cent of eligible North Carolina voters turns out in off-year elections, such

as the one scheduled for May 25," he said. "This year we aim to make sure every citizen knows the dates and why his vote is important."

Church Members Adopt Unique Plan to Aid Hungry

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Members of Delaware Avenue Baptist church, largest church of its denomination in the city, have adopted a "concrete plan to implement their sympathies for starving peoples." More than 100 families have agreed to serve "curtailed meals" every Friday evening, the savings to go to war victims. They hope to raise \$5,000 by this method within a year.

Harrisburg Churches to Cooperate With Anti-Saloon League

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Harrisburg churches have announced they will cooperate with the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon League to make "the strongest temperance impact on Harrisburg in a generation" when the League meets here May 5th. The Board of the United Churches of Greater Harrisburg and the Harrisburg Ministerium will give every assistance possible to the dry organization, it was said. The church groups have asked that temperance sermons be preached in all city churches that day. In addition, 20 Anti-Saloon League speakers will appear in 35 city churches May 5th.

Salvation Army Leader to Liquidate Devil's Island

NEW YORK—Devil's Island, France's century-old penal colony in French Guiana is to be liquidated, and the Salvation Army is to play an important role in its abolition. Salvation Army headquarters here announced the arrival in this country from France of Major Charles A. Pean, who is enroute to the colony as a representative of the French Government. Once there he will set the wheels in motion that eventually will end Devil's Island as a penal institution. Twenty-three hundred pris-

oners still serving terms as habitual criminals must be returned to France before the settlement can be closed up. Major Pean's immediate job will be to arrange the repatriation of 2,800 others who completed their terms during the war but were forced to remain there because of war conditions. The Salvation Army started its rehabilitation work in French Guiana in 1933 when, under Major Pean's leadership, a group of workers brought spiritual and material aid to the convict population. In the years that followed three institutions were established by The Salvation Army at Devil's Island.

Chicago Lutheran Group Forbids Dancing in Church Halls

CHICAGO—The Chicago conference of the American Lutheran Church, representing 33 churches in Illinois and North Indiana with more than 10,000 adult members, at its annual convention here passed a resolution forbidding dancing in the denomination's church halls. "Let the church be the church," the resolution said. Adding that the conference "frowns on any attempt of any organization to foist dancing on the church."

Church Attendance in San Francisco Reported Doubled Since Pearl Harbor

SAN FRANCISCO—Church attendance in San Francisco has more than doubled since the pre-Pearl Harbor days, according to a survey made here among Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish church leaders. Attendance started to increase during the worried days of war-time stress. In some churches, the increase has continued since V-J day. In other churches, the wartime attendance has been maintained.

Clergymen Ask Religious Assemblies Be Inserted in School Schedule

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—Asserting that graduation exercises as they are conducted today are "purely pagan services" the Protestant Ministerial Alliance here adopted a resolution calling upon the Board of Education to exercise its power to have religious assemblies inserted in the school schedule. The resolution stated: "The Board of Education of our system is so completely under non-Christian influence that it has neglected to place before the young people being sent from our schools, the one and only influence and power that will guide their moral and spiritual life in the future."

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS ATTAINS OBJECTIVES

AMES Church, Saginaw, experienced the unusual in a school of missions, held on the Friday nights of March 15, 22, and 29, and April 5.

The Host Couple plan was used, twenty host couples being selected for each session. These couples were to invite enough people to fill their tables for the pot luck supper.

Interest and enthusiasm ran high the first night when the 260 people present were delighted and thrilled by the masterful address by Bishop Arthur Wesley of South America.

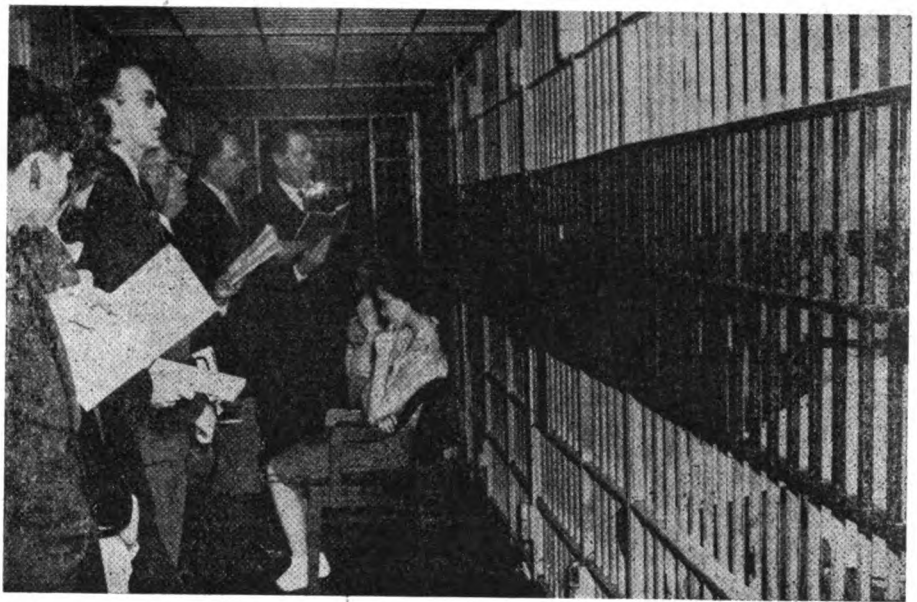
The speaker for the second session was Mrs. Julia Shlemon, a native of Iran. The crowd was so large that it was necessary to go into the church sanctuary for the program. Three hundred eighty attended. Mrs. Shlemon's attractive personality, high quality message, and her display of Persian rugs, tapestries and art, captivated the audience from the start.

For the third night of the school Rev. Floyd Sullivan, pastor of Oak Park Church, Flint, was the speaker. Mr. Sullivan was for many years a missionary in Malaya and Borneo. He brought a most illuminating account of the type of people, and their ways of life, with whom he worked over there. The attendance on this night was 321.

On the closing night, April 5, guest speakers were Rev. and Mrs. Victor Longfield of Lincoln Park. A record attendance of 420 people taxed the seating capacity of the Curts Community house and gymnasium for the pot luck supper, and again had to move into the sanctuary for the program.

The planning committee of the church Board of Missions had two purposes in mind for these meetings. One was that the church might have an opportunity for fellowship and getting acquainted. The other to learn more about the peoples of the world where our church is teaching and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Both of these objectives were realized. Ames' School of Missions was a grand success.

Iron Bars Do Not Ban God's Word



MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Religious services such as this have brightened the lives and given hope to many an inmate of the city jail here. The services are sponsored by a local church, and a quartet sings hymns. Among the 20 persons in this group was a young woman who a week previous was an inmate. She said she was "saved by the services." After services prisoners receive literature and words of encouragement from the church visitors.



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Washington Postscripts

A WEEK spent in Washington is enough to give one an impression of the bigness of our government enterprises and a sense of the importance of America in the world set up. Everywhere huge government buildings of massive architectural design indicate the scope of government business. Temporary structures, not so attractive, remind one of a war just finished and the activities that carry over from it.

It was our privilege to attend the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press, held this year in the nation's capital and to catch, if only for a few days, something of the spirit that pervades the mind and heart of the nation. Since it was a meeting of church editors, Washington was viewed largely from the angle of religion and issues of particular interest to church editors.

Addresses by General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz revealed an awareness on their part of spiritual and moral issues that would surprise many. Preachers have said similar things many times, but it was especially refreshing to hear Eisenhower say that we must have a moral regeneration or there is no hope for the world. It is more important now than even during the war, he said. Nimitz commended the work of the naval chaplains for their heroic as well as their effective routine service during the war. Both speeches were short and to the point.

William Benton, assistant secretary of state, explained his program for peace which met with a hearty response from the editors present. His plan calls for making America understood by the rest of the world. In order to do this he would set up American libraries and exhibits in other countries, make available official government documents, exchange students and establish short-wave broadcasting abroad. At present a magazine "America," published by his department for distribution in Russia, is meeting with a great response.

Although his program calls for a budget less than the annual advertising budget of Proctor and Gamble, it is in danger of being drastically cut, indicating that our government is still behind times in adopting vigorous programs for international understanding and peace. While the government has been slow the church has been most progressive. Mr. Benton made this clear when he credited the Christian missionaries from this country as doing more to make America understood by the world, than government. It was only natural that he should have a sympathetic understanding of missionary work. His grandfather was a missionary and his father was a Congregational minister.

No one gave a finer analysis of where we are at the moment than Mr. Roscoe Drummond, Washington correspondent for the "Christian Science Monitor." He said that our present situation is revealed by the following questions: Are we going to repeat the mistakes of 1920 including isolationism, inflation and military impotence? Are we really going to feed Europe? Can President Truman keep his party together? Will the conservative element in the Republican party dominate the convention? Will we have in '48 a situation where neither party will be able to implement its platform?

One could spend a long time discussing these questions and the manner in which they are answered will determine the future of America for years to come. Mr. Drummond could predict nothing but confusion and discord on the domestic scene. This, he said, is the logical result of the last two elections that were based on foreign policy on which agreement was required by the crises faced. Now that the war is over, disagreements on domestic policy are uppermost and even the parties are divided. Had President Roosevelt lived, it is probable that he would have had about as much difficulty as President Truman. Reaction has set in.

Senator Joseph H. Ball from Minnesota is to be commended for at least letting it be known where he stands. This couldn't be said for all Senators or Representatives in the capital at this time. With elections in the offing there is a marked tendency to say as little as possible either way on highly controversial issues. This can hardly be said of Senator Ball who is tough on OPA and what he believes is an authoritarian trend in government. He doesn't like a lot of letters from the people back home and says he doesn't pay any attention to them. He prefers a thoughtful letter to many briefer expressions on particular issues.

As we listened to him, we were convinced that the reception of many letters did make their impression. If they hadn't, he would not have been so opposed to them. The bulk of his letters on OPA favored continuing it. These of course would hardly be welcomed by one opposing it.

Despite the conflicts, tensions and confusion characteristic of any great political center, Washington has about it a grandeur and serenity that typifies this country at its best. Its spacious parks and boulevards; its White House; its capitol dome; its Washington monument pointing toward the skies; its Lincoln Memorial all add up to an unspeakable heritage that is ours. There is a spirit peculiarly American that breathes upon one who walks the streets of the nation's capital and dreams of days that used to be and hopes for those that are to come.

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Trade and Peace

By **HENRY A. WALLACE**

Secretary of Commerce

THE policy of the Good Neighbor is the practical application of the principles of religion. A revival and expansion of trade between good neighbors during the next few years will profoundly influence our progress toward the great goal of enduring peace. The relationship between international trade and world peace is not always understood, but it becomes clear if we think in terms of human needs and of the good life so greatly desired by all members of the human family.

UNRRA and certain private organizations are trying to give immediate relief where needed to sustain life itself; permanent rehabilitation must be undertaken by the people themselves and by their governments. But the countries ravaged by the war cannot rehabilitate themselves without obtaining basic products from overseas and from each other. Whatever the form of payment—cash, credit, or barter—each country's most urgent shortages must be filled before it can hope to establish a stable economy. Food, clothing, household goods, construction materials, machinery and machine tools, raw materials and fuel—these and many other items are needed in great volume.

In building the structure for the United Nations Organization, the governments represented at the San Francisco Conference recognized this interdependence in creating an Economic and Social Council. Provision is made through this body for collaboration of the nations in their many and varied peacetime activities in order to promote, as stated in the Charter, "the conditions of stability and well-being which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations." We may expect fruitful results from the proposed International Trade Organization, one of the specialized instrumen-

talities to be set up under the Economic and Social Council.

During the next few years, the United States will be the principal country that can supply other countries with the products and materials they so urgently need.

An article written especially for Protestant church leaders which asserts there is a closer relationship between economics and religion than some people think.

For a time, we shall doubtless have little difficulty in finding markets abroad for almost any goods that we can spare, and our exports will be much greater in volume than they were before the war. Fortunately, this situation will do much to ease some of our own

reconversion problems, for in supplying these foreign markets we will provide jobs for millions of our own workers.

But we need to look ahead beyond this period of replenishment. Within a few years, the countries now eager to buy from us, that are indeed dependent on buying from us, will be approaching their own normal volume of production, and other countries will have reestablished their capacity for export. The financial reserves and the credits now being used to pay for importations from the United States will be largely depleted. Our foreign customers must somehow have sufficient dollars to pay for the American products they may wish to buy and we may wish to sell, and also to repay us for the goods we supplied on credit. Sound business procedure, our own long-term national interest, even our hopes for world peace demand that we plan now to make this situation possible.

First, we need to find ways of widening the range and increasing the volume of foreign goods which we can import advantageously for our own industries and consumers and with a minimum dislocation of our own production. Secondly, we should encourage American travel in foreign lands. A billion dollars spent abroad by American tourists is just as effective in enabling foreign countries to pay for our exports as a billion dollars paid out by us to those countries for imports into the United States. Quite apart from this aspect of money spent abroad by American tourists, wider travel in other countries contributes toward better international understanding. Thirdly, we should look with favor upon the sound investment of an appreciable part of American savings in foreign loans and enterprises, for such investment will rebuild and develop the resources of other countries. Witness the long-term



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investments which the British made in the nineteenth century in opening up less developed countries, including the building of railroads and factories in the United States. It resulted in the greatest expansion of world trade and the most rapid rise in standards of living ever experienced.

Unless present trends in many foreign countries are soon modified, world trade may be seriously curtailed after the replenishment period through import permit systems, exchange restrictions, trade-diverting preferences and discriminatory trading arrangements, and higher import duties. In addition, government trading or state-directed trading, practiced by some countries, is likely to increase. Some of these current measures and trends may be temporary and precautionary. In the main, however, they are likely to become the controlling conditions of trade unless the United States takes courageous leadership in a program for expanding world trade on a liberal basis.

The total volume of international trade is dependent upon economic activity in the chief industrial countries, especially in the United States. If we come through the reconversion period able to support close to full peacetime employment and a high and stable level of business operations, we will naturally be in a position to use large amounts of imported raw materials of many kinds and luxuries from a wide range of foreign sources. Imports to fill these large demands would increase the purchasing power of many countries and put an end to their fears of a possible slump in the markets and prices for their exports. As a result, severe restrictive controls on importations into these foreign countries would be eased automatically.

Only concerted international action, however, can adequately handle certain situations that obstruct world trade. In the field of currency and finance, the Bretton Woods Agreements have already been worked out by joint international consultation. Paral-

SERMONOGRAMS

By D. C. Yoder

It is not the cares of today, but the cares of tomorrow which weigh men down. —George MacDonald.

Some ignorance is amusing, some is amazing, and some is appalling.

The trouble with the average man is that he seldom increases his average.

It is not work that kills men; it is worry. —Henry Ward Beecher.

We will never find the sunny side of life by running from the clouds.

When duty is plain the wise man acts unhesitatingly.

It takes many a tumble to keep us humble.

labeled to these agreements, and recognized as essential to their effective operation, is a program for the reduction of trade barriers and other restrictive practices by as large a number of nations as possible. Such a program must be developed without delay, so that each country's domestic program to provide for high employment may support rather than frustrate economic advancement in other countries.

It may be necessary for us to help some foreign countries to solve specific problems so that they may then be free to support a broad international program. The British situation is a case in point. Our producers and exporters have been clamoring for the United Kingdom and other British countries to give up their tariff preferences with the Empire and their present systems of exchange control, which are discriminatory and restrictive for American trade. If substantial progress is to be made toward these objectives, and if the United Kingdom is to join with us in urging acceptance of the broad proposals for expansion of world

trade and employment, financial backing must be provided.

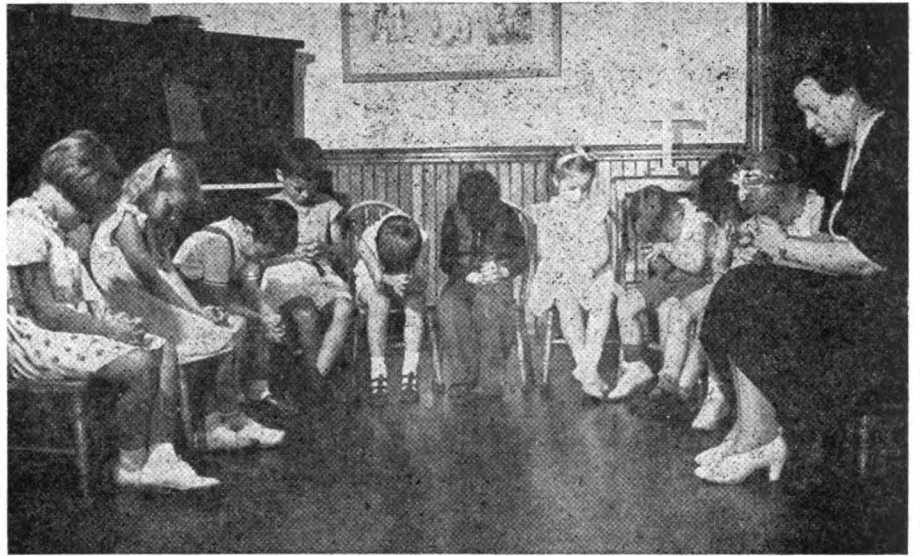
Such backing is given in the proposal now under consideration to extend to the United Kingdom a credit of \$3,750,000,000 at moderate rates, repayable over a long term of years. Without such help the British feel that they will be forced further to tighten the sterling bloc and the Empire preferential system, continue wartime bulk trading and exchange restrictions, and enter into exclusively bilateral arrangements with outside countries that are largely dependent on the British market. If such restrictive action is taken, no foreign country would be more injured than the United States. Not only would our exports decline, but the general market for wheat, cotton, tobacco, and other commodities for which we have surplus production capacity would be depressed.

Although the British situation is now prominent, owing to consideration of the proposed credit, many of our other Allies, chief among them the U.S.S.R. and China, also need financial assistance in reestablishing their economies. In addition, the Latin American countries and others not directly affected by the war are anxious to develop their natural and industrial productive possibilities, and they look mainly to the United States for financial credits.

Those matters of economics and of trade, of industrial activity and reconstruction are more closely related to the ideals of religion than has often been appreciated. Loans and expanded trade agreements will come more rapidly and with less difficulty if the rank and file American who really wants peace studies these proposals. Ministers and church people can help greatly by having a discussion of these practical economic programs on the agenda of their church forums. This kind of hard civilian thinking is as important now as it was during the actual days of the war. Religion and economics can be strong partners in building peace.

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The Next Ten Years



—Photo, Keystone View

For Christian Education

WE SEEM to have an over-supply of "practical men" in our time. The practical man will never bet on anything but a sure thing. He has the doubtful ability of being able to play safe in a dangerous world. He would never for a moment think of staking his life on an impossibility. People who do that, he labels "starry-eyed." Someone has said, "The dreamer dreams a dream, builds it, starts it running and then the practical man gets on and rides." So, it is my earnest hope that in the next ten years Christian education shall continue to be led by dauntless dreamers, who are starry-eyed enough to believe that this is God's World, and that in God's world what ought to be done can be done and should be undertaken.

For one thing, Christian education will do its part in stamping in the hearts of men the *oneness* of our world.

We are emerging from a second terrible and bloody demonstration that peace is indivisible—but the lesson is not yet significantly reflected in our national policies. We seem not yet to have learned that human misery is also indivisible, that we are all bound up in

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By PAUL CALVIN PAYNE
General Secretary, Board of Christian Education, Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

one common bundle of life regardless of race and nationality, that the tears of starving children in Europe and Asia can wash out the foundations of organized society in America. We hear raucous jibes at the "One Worlders."

A great scientist has given the world just ten years in which to readjust its spiritual outlook. If it fails, there can be no future for mankind.

Shades of Christopher Columbus! In his day it was the *Round Worlders* who got the "raspberry" from men no more stupid and dumb than the bunglers of our time, who would pour the new wine of jet-propulsion and radar and atomic energy into the rotten old wineskins of political and economic sectionalism and nationalism and racism. One of our most thoughtful scientists has given the humane forces ten years in which to readjust the spiritual outlook of our world. Christian Education must do the biggest job of its history in those ten years.

Nineteen centuries ago when Jesus was asked who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, he called a little child and set him in the midst. It is the supreme irony of history that this great insight was never caught by his followers. When in our time it was finally caught, it was by a group of evil men who used it in an effort to stamp out everything Jesus stood for, and they came within a hair of succeeding.

If there is one lesson that should be burned into our souls by the tragic events of our time, it is this: If you want to change a whole civilization overnight—start with the children. If you want to plant a conviction indelibly into a society, plant it in the hearts of the children.

In the next ten years we must see brilliant *men* specializing in Children's work! We have been too long victims of the assumption that mother's knee was the place where the child got religion, and father's knee was the place where he got spanked. This assumption has all but cost us the Christian home if for no other reason than that the responsibility for Christian teaching is too big a load to be wished off on to the mothers.

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So today we have a generation of mothers who have little or no religion to teach. The home itself begins to disintegrate. Divorce courts are turned into divorce mills while stranded children grow up to make a nightmare of tomorrow's world.

That men are becoming aroused to the importance of children's work is being evidenced by the active concern of the laymen's movements of the various communions for the Sunday Schools.

Religious Education in the next decade must meet and overcome its chief obstacle. It will either do this or stand discredited before the world. That obstacle is the disunity of the Christian Church. The task of redeeming human society is too great for a church split forty ways.

We loudly lament the absence of any formal provision for religious instruction in our public schools. But every thoughtful Christian knows we are shut out of this garden of Eden, not by opposition of the irreligious, but by

our own divisions. The rural church is passing out largely because we have approached the rural religious program competitively instead of cooperatively.

In our great cities there is a shameful paradox. The most densely crowded areas are the areas most frequently abandoned by the Church. When people move in why do churches move out? Because we attack the problem of the city parish competitively instead of cooperatively. Thus religious teaching is denied where the need for it is greatest.

The problem of Christian unity is not so forbidding as is commonly supposed. It is true that there are 236 odd Protestant communions and the number tends to increase. But it is also true that all but about a quarter of a million or more than forty million Protestants belong to fifty-five of these 236 bodies and it is also true that the bulk of those in the fifty-five communions are to be found in less than twenty church bodies. Union of this smaller group would

mean union of most of the Protestant population.

It is objected — that these churches can never be brought to think alike—to believe alike—to worship and govern themselves alike. Well, what of it? Granted that such a monolithic union is neither possible nor desirable. When the fathers of the American republic were casting about for a formula for representative democracy they turned to the church. Why cannot the church in its quest for unity turn to the government for a pattern not of monolithic but of federal union? Federal union is possible. Federal union would enable each church to retain those features which are its distinct contribution and at the same time to surrender to a general governing body those elements of sovereignty which must be yielded in order to make united action possible.

One could easily go into further details, but the important thing for Christians to understand is that union is possible and it is called for without further delay. Our time calls for the Christian forces to bring into play all the power they can develop. A split church can never develop this power. We are in a compromising position indeed as we call upon the United Nations to come together and surrender elements of individual sovereignty in the interest of united action—when we, the Christian Churches, under no less urgency have no intention of doing likewise. How can Christians bring the world together if they cannot get together themselves? It is this terrible sin of disunity that has paralyzed the church and shortened the arm of God in the most critical moment in human history.

Perhaps the most significant advance which will be made in religious education in the next ten years will be the realization that effective Christian training is costly and that it is worth all its costs, even though that means surrendering some of our pride and our prejudices and getting together.

A Prayer for Parents

O GOD, our Father, we bring to thee our deepest longings for these young lives thou hast given us. We bring to thee our responsibility for them, and our weakness, asking thy help.

WE COME to thee realizing our need for ever-growing sympathy and patience with them, for more self-forgetting love, for wisdom to guide them. Thou who knowest them altogether, in every possibility of their lives, teach us to understand their need and their experience.

WE FACE with them the changing, troubled world of our time. Before them lie new problems, wide opportunities, great tasks. We ask thee, our Father, for wisdom and courage to use this present time in making them ready for high achievement and service to their fellowmen.

BLESS, we pray thee, the church school teachers who labor earnestly to help us, and thee.

WE ARE depending for success not on our own skills and abilities, but on thy unfailing help so freely offered.

MAKE our home thy dwelling-place, our Father, that our children may here be made ready for the work, the discoveries, the problems, the joys and achievements thou hast in store for them.

O LOVING Father, cleanse us from selfishness, from weakness, from fear, that we may not fail these children thou hast given us.
Amen.

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OUR Weekly CHAT

By JEM

How Come?

Since the "Call to Protest," made by Michigan Methodism's district superintendents, was printed in last week's issue, several inquiries have come to the editor expressing surprise that eleven superintendents could agree on anything. At least one person facetiously remarked that it must have been engineered by the editor of the *MCA*.

We wish we could claim credit for it. But the fact is the idea originated in the mind and heart of Superintendent Edmond H. Babbitt of the Grand Rapids District. Like other serious-minded clergymen, he has been deeply concerned about the implications of the atomic bomb. His attendance at the Atomic Energy Institute, March 19, at Grand Rapids further stimulated that concern. After confiding in his colleagues of the superintendency of the Michigan Conference, the statement was forwarded to the editor of the *MCA* who was not only willing to publish the "Call" (which he would have done even if he had been opposed to it) but was willing to carry out its request to "institute a program of protest to our government leaders." As the first step in this program, the district superintendents of the Detroit Conference were invited to join their brother superintendents of the Michigan Conference. They were contacted by the editor and without any qualifications added their signatures.

Replies so far have been strongly favorable to the superintendents' position. When the editor presented the matter at the Pastors' School at Lansing last week Wednesday, an overwhelming majority concurred with the superintendents and commended them for their stand. The pastors present came from both conferences in the state and probably represented as fair a cross section of the Michigan Methodist ministry as is possible to get outside an official annual conference session. The *MCA* welcomes further expressions either pro or con from its readers. Some of these already received appear elsewhere in this issue. Others which came too late to publish this week will be printed next week.

The real success of this endeavor will be determined upon how many actually take the time to write key people in Washington. From our experience among church people generally, we believe the majority of them are opposed to the atomic bomb experiment. But getting them to express themselves, and particularly in a letter, is another matter. It is so easy to let the proverbial George do it. If you haven't written your letter yet, won't you do so now while you are thinking about it. See last week's editorial "Bomb or Rainbow?—You Decide" for the names of those to whom you may write.

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Negro Mother

We wouldn't want the job of picking the American Mother of 1946 or any other year. There are just too many excellent ones to choose from. With due respect to the millions of first rate mothers, we are gratified to learn that a Negro mother was given that high honor this year. It was a compliment to the church that she was the wife of a bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. She has seven children all of whom received college educations and have made distinguished places for themselves in the world. It is no mistake that she has been selected American Mother for this year.

Mrs. Edith Rockwell was selected as the Michigan Mother of 1946. She is the wife of Clyde Rockwell who lives on a farm near Three Rivers. She is a mother of five and a school teacher. The selection was made by the Michigan Golden Rule Foundation.

Our hats off to these mothers, the best pinup girls we've seen so far this year. That is of course excepting your mother for you, and my mother for me.

Religious Remarkables . . . By Scheel

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In COLONIAL DAYS
THE REV. FRANCIS HIGGINSON
GOT \$200 YEARLY
AND "A MANSERVANT
TO TAKE CARE
OF HIS THINGS AND
CATCH HIM FISH AND FOWLS,
AND TWO MAIDSERVANTS
TO HELP THE FAMILY."

**TWELVE VILLAGES
NAMED IN HONOR
OF THE
TWELVE APOSTLES
CIRCLE
LAKE ANTILAN,
GUATEMALA.**

**A RADIO OPERATED
BY 100 TEA CUPS
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FATHER EDWARD KRUMPLEMAN,
MARYKNOLL MISSIONER
IN SOUTH CHINA
TO KEEP IN TOUCH
WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD
DURING THE
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\$800,000 CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY BRONSON METHODIST HOSPITAL

BRONSON Methodist Hospital has announced an \$800,000 campaign to expand its capacity and facilities so "that none need be turned away."

To begin May 23, and run through the early part of June, this intensive public appeal will be under the leadership of Dunlap C. Clark, president of the American National Bank in Kalamazoo.

Mr. Clark has agreed to serve as general chairman of the effort and, with the assistance of Elwood H. Schneider, chairman of the Hospital's Executive Committee, is now building a campaign organization to take the story of the hospital's tremendous need to the people.

Realizing its great responsibility to the public and to the Methodist Church, the Hospital's Board of Trustees, of which Bishop Raymond J. Wade is chairman, has undertaken the Expansion Fund program to relieve a critical shortage of beds and facilities.

Dr. W. C. Perdew, hospital superintendent, has disclosed that Bronson must send away hundreds who come to its doors in need of hospital care in the course of a year. Beds have been set up in the corridors for patients whose life may depend upon immediate attention, but many others must be placed on a waiting list—to wait for needed care.

In 1936, Bronson cared for 2,909 patients; by last year that number had increased to 4,858. In 1936, 545 babies

were born in the hospital, while last year the number of babies born had increased to 949. Again, in 1946, 327 emergency out-patients were cared for; last year, service was rendered to 2,370 emergency out-patients!

Although hospital occupancy should not exceed *seventy* per cent of capacity—because beds in the maternity and children's departments cannot be occupied by other patients; because some beds should be held ready for an emergency; and because rooms must be vacated for the cleaning essential to hospital care—despite this, Bronson has often been forced to operate above 100 per cent!

Our hospital would be woefully unprepared in case of an industrial accident or a community disaster. It would have no place to care for the victims.

The reasons for the great growth in hospital use are many. Only in recent years have people learned that health is more speedily and effectively restored in a hospital, where the best possible means are at hand for correct diagnosis and treatment and trained nursing care. Advances in medicine have prolonged life, and the diseases of later life are those which usually require longer periods of hospitalization. Today no doctor could give his patients the attention available in a hospital if he were required to treat them at home.

Another important factor in the growth of hospital use is the growth of hospital insurance plans. Such plans have removed the "cost fear" which once prevented many from obtaining needed hospital care.

In addition to taxing the patient-bed

facilities, and the facilities of the surgery and maternity departments, the overcrowded conditions at Bronson Methodist Hospital also place a great strain on such departments as laboratory and x-ray and such auxiliary facilities as the kitchen, business office, and laundry, which were designed to service the *original* occupancy load.

Today this dangerous overcrowding in our Hospital, this inability to cope with the demands for care, presents us with a *desperate challenge*.

Confident that the money to meet this challenge will be forthcoming from its friends and the people it serves, the trustees of Bronson Methodist Hospital have planned to extend the hospital's central building to the north, south, and east.

The proposed expansion program will provide 100 additional beds and 30 additional bassinets to increase the Hospital's total capacity to 240 beds and 60 bassinets.

The first floor of the new Bronson will contain administration offices, the laboratory and x-ray departments, a greatly expanded emergency department and out-patient clinic to replace the one little room which serves today, and quarters for interns and resident doctors. In addition, a completely equipped physio-therapy department will be installed.

Of particular interest is the chapel planned for the first floor, with a chaplain's office adjoining. This will be a new feature in the Hospital, and will serve as a place for meditation and prayer within the Hospital's walls for those troubled of mind.

On the second floor will be located private, semi-private, and ward rooms for medical and surgical patients, and a greatly enlarged pediatrics department where sick and injured children may obtain the best and most modern hospital care.

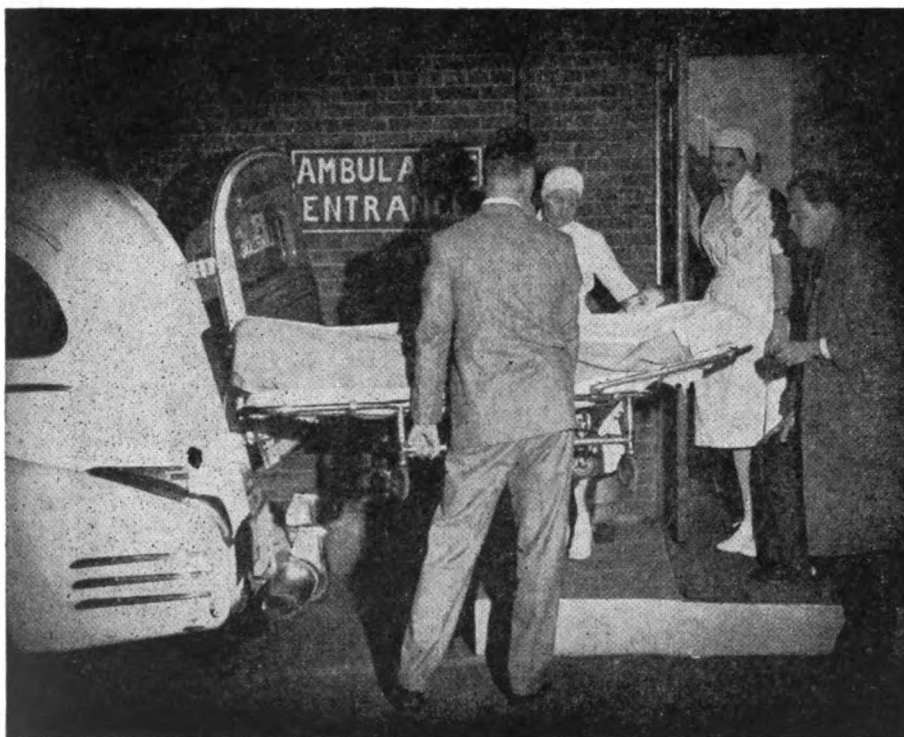
An enlarged and improved maternity department will occupy the third floor, while the fourth floor will contain the expanded surgery department. The fifth floor will be devoted to rooms for private and semi-private patients.

On the ground floor will be located the essential kitchen and dining room facilities and a new central department for the quick and efficient distribution of nursing supplies.

The Expansion Fund campaign provides for the naming of rooms and departments in the new Bronson Methodist Hospital as tributes. A folio entitled *Enduring Tributes*, which contains a list of those rooms and departments available to perpetuate the memory of a loved one or honor a name, is available upon request to the Hospital.

The person who names a tribute will know the inner satisfaction that only a gift to a humanitarian cause can bring, a gift destined to live for generations in usefulness. The plaque placed on

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Many patients in need of hospital care must be turned away from the doors of Bronson Methodist Hospital because already overtaxed facilities cannot meet the demand. In 1936 the number of patients cared for totaled 2,909. Last year, the hospital cared for 4,858 patients.

the door will remain as long as the hospital itself.

We can be proud today that our Hospital has a history unsurpassed by any other of its size in the State of Michigan. May we be proud tomorrow when the expansion program is completed and Bronson Methodist Hospital once again takes its place beside the most modern and completely-equipped hospitals in the country.

GUESTS FROM FAR AND NEAR PARTICIPATE IN ALBION'S INAUGURATION

By Ann Hollinshead

THE problems confronting the United States today—both at home and abroad—can be stated in fairly simple terms, but their solution depends upon our ability to replace prejudice, emotion and ignorance with thoughtfulness, objectivity and knowledge. This will remain the great role of our institutions of higher learning.

"Albion College has always been imbued with the spirit of public service . . . As America shoulders the responsibilities of the new and greater world of today and tomorrow, may Albion College, with ever widening horizons, continue to inculcate in her sons and daughters this spirit of service.

"In selecting Dr. William Whitcomb Whitehouse to lead this college during the challenging years before us the trustees had an easy task. If ever one came to a position with lamps trimmed and burning, it was Dr. Whitehouse.

"There are four primary requisites for a college president these days. He must have breadth of training and scholarly standing, that he may command the respect of his faculty and appraise educational trends and requirements. He must have administrative capacity of a high order, because he must run a business and meet a payroll. He must have ability as a public speaker, and skill and diplomacy in public relations. Finally, he must have a spirit of dedication.

"The new president of Albion not only combines these qualities in exceptional degree but possesses in addition the inestimable advantage of long and intimate connection with this college—17 years in teaching and administration. It is customary on occasions of this kind to say that we look forward with high hopes or expectations. In this case we look forward with complete confidence. We know that we have a worthy successor to our beloved Dr. Seaton."

In these ringing words Dr. Harold G. Moulton, president of the Brookings Institution of Washington, D. C., and a distinguished member of the class of 1907, presented Albion's eighth president to the capacity audience of inauguration celebrants assembled in the First Methodist Church of Albion on Friday, April 26.

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From the far corners of the nation the guests had come—representing over 170 colleges and universities in the United States, the learned societies and educational organizations of the state and nation, and the various activity groups of the Methodist Church. They had registered early in the exhibition room of the Stockwell Library and then, donning their mortar boards and gowns and many-colored hoods, had started the long processional that completely encircled the campus from the Kresge gym to the Administration building, the Epworth Physical laboratory, and back to the gymnasium. Newsmen's bulbs flashed and movie cameras ground, capturing the story for the morning press and the annals of the college. The slight misting rain could not dampen the spirits of the participants and on-lookers.

Promptly at ten thirty in the morning, the inaugural convocation began at the church with Howard C. Lawrence, president of the Board of Trustees, presiding. F. Dudleigh Verner played Becker's "March Triumphant" as the delegates, trustees, faculty and students found their places in the crowded sanctuary, the galleries of which were filled with townspeople, alumni, and friends from near and far. Dr. G. Dempster Yinger's meaningful prayer then followed the congregational singing of that great song "We Would Be Building" with music by Sibelius and words by Dietz.

Dr. Moulton's wise and clear address was preceded and followed by two beautiful selections by the cappella choir under the baton of David Strickler, director of vocal organizations at Albion.

And then Board of Trustees president Howard C. Lawrence invested Dr. Whitehouse with the seal of office. "A college," he said, "takes its character and its ideals from its president. We sought and found in the person of our new president one whose ideals match our most hopeful objectives."

It was president-emeritus John L. Seaton's turn then to give the formal charge to the president. Many eyes were moist as this staunch former standard-bearer of the college spoke, for people were remembering that only the day before his own beloved helpmate had been laid to rest. But this day belonged to Dr. Whitehouse and Dr. Seaton must participate in the joyful proceedings.

"What are some of the qualities of a good college president?" Dr. Seaton answered his rhetorical question with the assurance that such a man must be a scholar, at home in at least one broad field of learning; a good businessman; possessed of diplomacy, courage, optimism, faith and a warm sense of fellowship with human beings.

Dr. Whitehouse's talk, which followed, reflected the conscious concern of the educational world over the validity and significance of their present day curricula. In emphatic tones Dr. White-

house concluded his scholarly address thus: "Education needs to be more concerned about ethical and spiritual factors. Out of the postwar ferment one can sense quite clearly the almost universal conviction that ethical values are axial in the present situation . . . Without being dogmatic one can say that we are rapidly being forced to accept the universal conclusion, probably the last word in objectives and directions, that mankind must live in an ethical universe or perish. Any neutral zone is also unbearable and intolerable."

Then with the singing of the Alma Mater by the Rowlands, and with a beautiful benediction by Albion's white-haired chaplain Dr. Frederic S. Goodrich, the guests repaired to Susanna Wesley Hall where in the dining room a sumptuous turkey luncheon was served on white linen tables, all fragrant and artistic with flowers supplied and deftly arranged by the women of the Albion Garden Club.

The invocation was given by Rev. Spencer Bacon Owens, superintendent of the Albion-Lansing district. Then followed a delightful program of music by the college's String Ensemble and the Madrigal Singers, and greetings to President Whitehouse from various educational, church and civic groups. Mr. Lawrence, who presided, read a warm letter of approval and greeting from Bishop Raymond J. Wade, absent on a world mission. Dr. Leroy E. Kimball, vice chancellor of New York University, described with whimsical drollery the desirable attributes of a college president. He brought greetings from the Association of American Colleges.

Representing the State Department of Public Instruction, Dr. Eugene Elliott, Superintendent of Public Instruction, brought the felicitations of "more than 5,000,000 people in the State of Michigan." Then Wayne University president Dr. David D. Henry, speaking for the Public Institutions of Higher Learning, paid tribute to Dr. Whitehouse's high courage, commending him as a tried and tested leader.

President Samuel J. Harrison of Adrian College, speaking for the church-related colleges of the state, and wishing Dr. Whitehouse well, declared that as Albion's fortunes rose, so would those of all the group.

Mayor W. Clark Dean of Albion, an alumnus of the college, asserted that the city of Albion was glad to be the scene of the fine unfolding events of the college's future.

The mayor's message was followed by greetings from Dr. Prentiss M. Brown, chairman of the Board of the Detroit Edison Company, representing Albion's Trustees; by Truman H. Cummings, president of the Alumni Association; Dean Emil Leffler of the college, representing the faculty; and Aaron J. Sharp, president of the Student Council, speaking for the students.

At four in the afternoon the doors of

the president's residence were flung wide in warm greeting to all. Again lovely roses and snapdragons, carnations and daffodils were everywhere. President and Mrs. Whitehouse were gracious hosts and the high tea served by the members of the Faculty Women's League under the direction of president Mrs. Marvin Pahl, was delectable.

But the day was not yet over. At eight in the evening David Strickler directed his a cappella choir in a magnificent final season concert in the old chapel. The four-part program included songs by Bach, Vittoria, Tschaikowsky, Christiansen and others, among them one intricate, colorful and rollicking arrangement of "MacDonald's Farm" by David Strickler, himself, a number which completely captured the capacity audience.

It was left to station WJR to provide the final fillip of the day. Then Edgar Guest, Jr., having hurried back to Detroit after the morning convocation, presented his fifteen-minute broadcast entirely devoted to the Albion inauguration.

And the guests, who felt very much like wedding guests at a happy and

promising union, scattered to their several posts, sobered by the thought that in these critical days of world tensions and bewilderment, another courageous man had dedicated himself publicly to the great task of leading youth aright in their spiritual and intellectual patterns of behaviour.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT DISTRICT INCREASES

SEVERAL reports from various district superintendents indicate notable increases among the districts in membership statistics up to Easter. Dr. Frank M. Field of the Saginaw Bay District says that almost without exception pastors report the largest Easter and Palm Sunday attendances in recent years. This is probably true with the other districts also.

Saginaw Bay District shows 1,175 new members received since last September, 550 on confession of faith, 271 from preparatory classes and 347 by transfer. Largest increases on this district are reported by First Church, Bay City, with 117, Midland with 118, and Ames, Saginaw, with 91 accessions.

Equally notable is the report from West Branch with 55 accessions, 35 of which were on confession of faith. Hemlock also makes a fine showing with 56 accessions. Rev. T. S. Bottrell, planning to retire this year, closes his ministry with 39 received on confession of faith and a total of 56, an increase of more than 30 per cent. Other notable increases are Alpena, 51; Auburn, 19; Cheboygan, 41; Fostoria, 27; Oscoda, 13; Millington, 30; Sheridan Ave., Saginaw, 30; Warren Ave., Saginaw, 23; Prescott, 25. Some of these figures from smaller churches represent increases of from 25 to 100 per cent.

Not all churches have reported on some districts but as far as reports go, they are encouraging. Superintendent Clyde Donald of the Flint district reports 1,001 received on confession of faith and from preparatory membership, and 546 by transfer. Out of 49 churches reporting, 45 show an increase in church school enrollment. One new church has been organized and one abandoned church reopened. Adults baptized are 343, children and infants, 661. Central Church, Pontiac, had an Easter offering of \$1,000 for World Service and \$1,500 for the purchase of a mobile unit for Mrs. Amar Das, medical doctor in India. Oak Park, Flint, had an Easter offering of \$2,310.00, \$1,800 of which goes toward a new pipe organ.

Typical of reports from the churches coming to Superintendent Gordon Phillips of the Port Huron District were: "A new day has come to our church," "The largest Easter class ever received," "The greatest Easter crowd ever." A total of 1,035 have been received to date and at least 1,200 are expected to be received by the end of the conference year. Children baptized are 403; adults, 196.

Other district superintendents reporting and their totals are as follows: Grand Rapids, E. H. Babbitt, superintendent, 915 received on confession of faith; 483 by transfer; church school enrollment increase, 698. Ann Arbor, Luther Butt, superintendent, 954 received on confession of faith and 649 by letter of transfer; baptisms, adults, 286; children, 621. Big Rapids, Byron A. Hahn, superintendent, members received from preparatory membership and profession of faith, 498, 238 by transfer; children baptized, 432; adults, 182. Marquette, Gernsey Gorton, superintendent, received on confession of faith, 713; 270 by transfer; baptisms, 301.

DR. CHARLES A. FISHER, director of the Extension Service of the University of Michigan, will give the opening address at the 14th Annual Adult Education Institute to be held in the Rackham Building, Ann Arbor, May 14 to 16. Dr. Fisher is also serving on the program committee and Mrs. Fisher is chairman of local arrangements. Dr. Fisher is the Detroit Conference Lay Leader.

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Wades Return After Historic Session

THE Northern Europe Central Conference adjourned on Sunday night the seventh of April. For the first time our European Scandinavian Methodism had chosen their own leader by their own election. In 1928 in Kansas City at the General Conference a few minutes after election to the Episcopacy I received the following signed by Theodor Arvidson: "Wishing you the abundant blessing of God in your new office permit me on behalf of the Sweden delegates to say that we voted for you with the hope that we should be granted the favor to have you as our resident Bishop at Stockholm. A petition to that effect from the Area delegation is to be handed to the chairman of the Committee on Assignments but we should like to ask your consent and heartily invite you to come." To this note I replied: "Thanks for your kind words, greetings and invitation. Do you not wish to wait until all possibilities may be considered by your delegation and Area? As a Methodist preacher I expect to go wherever I am sent. All are very kind. My heart is warm but my mind is somewhat in a swirl tonight—God bless you all."

At a farewell meeting in Trinity Church in Stockholm on the 15th of April the newly elected Bishop read my reply from the very note which I had sent to him. When my turn came to respond I surprised him by producing and reading the original invitation he had sent to me.

Theodor Arvidson is the wisely-chosen new Bishop of the Stockholm Area. He received 29 votes out of 39 ballots cast; the next highest was Dr. Alf Lier, of Oslo, six weeks unwilling resident in a German-Quisling concentration camp, who received eight votes. The election was for life. The overwhelming vote clearly vindicated my choice of him to represent me during the dark, difficult days of World War II when I could not get over to Scandinavia and, if there, could not be assured of return. Theodor Arvidson is courteous, wise and experienced. I did not hear one word of complaint as to his administration. Mrs. Arvidson is capable and the four children are all members of and workers in The Methodist Church. Bishop Garber said: "Bishop Arvidson is already one of us."

Each Annual Conference was represented officially with the exception of the Baltic and Slavic. It was expected that Mrs. Adolf Bergmann, a lay dele-

WHAT THEY WRITE

In the interest of freedom of expression, this column is printed. Our readers are invited to use it to make comments. Contributions should be brief and bear the signatures and addresses of the writers which the editor reserves the right to print. What appears in this column does not necessarily represent the point of view of the MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Layman Proud of His Church

To the Editor:

Just a word of appreciation to you and the District Superintendents of the Detroit Area for the timely "Call to Protest." It makes me proud of my church to see the ministers encourage the laymen to express themselves on these matters of such momentous issue.

From all the publicity given the Atomic Bomb Experiment to take place in the Pacific next summer, it is purely a military one, conducted by the military. If there is some scientific value then the experiment should be delayed further, until the general public can be informed as to its purpose. In the best interests of peace, there is too much secrecy in this experiment on the part of our government. It is a well-known fact that all peoples in the past who have been led by their military and kept in darkness to their purposes, have been led to disaster and defeat.

I still believe in Democracy and have great faith in the judgment of the common people and until we have more light on the purpose of the experiment, I must join the District Superintendents in protesting an action that seems so obviously militaristic and a breeder of distrust, fear, hatred and World War III.—Austin Gwinn, Lapeer.

Vigorous Dissent

From a Newspaper Man

To the Editor:

As a Methodist, I wish to go on record as sincerely and heartily disagreeing with the "Call to Protest" issued by the eleven leaders of the Methodist Church.

There has been more hysteria generated by this discovery than any other in our times. There is equally disagreement over its use. There is no clear-cut picture and there are a very few specialists who have the knowledge to even suggest any sound plan.

For the uninformed to be sentimentally or hysterically directed into protests or other forms of manifestation not realistically based is not facing the problem intelligently.

The future of this discovery seems directed toward the United Nations organization. This is as far as we should go at this time. The United States has need of controlling the information and direction of the problem until such time as there is a different, more Christian and trusting attitude on the part of other

nations whose ideologies seem to run in other directions. To surrender our grip on this weapon or power now, is to me plain suicide. To develop it and to find out its potentialities for our self defense and protection, seems common sense.

The Bikini demonstration may shock the World into a realization that very necessity demands it accept a new concept of international dependency and reduce the narrowness of nationalistic policy.

Our greatest menace today is Communism. Stalin this very May Day exhorts his people to keep militarily strong. Can we throw ourselves to the fates in the face of indicated events and cast aside the responsibilities we have been taking on progressively in the World? How can we best render our service, by weakness or by strength?

I regret that the leaders of my church find it necessary to take this attitude and as a layman, I enter my vigorous dissent. I do not find that their position is conducive to that peace which is the goal of all of us but on the contrary leads only to our national destruction.—Harry H. White-

ley, Sec. & Mgr., The Dowagiac Daily News Co.

Olive Branch or Weapon?

To the Editor:

The District Superintendents are to be complimented on their United "Call to Protest." This call, also the Editorial "Bomb or Rainbow," in the same issue should catch the ears of Michigan Methodists and bring forth a great response in effective protest. The appeal is Christian and urgent.

Something must be done to put a stop to unnecessary and menacing military maneuvering such as is scheduled in the proposed July Pacific spectacle and greater effort should be demanded of our Government in sincere and meaningful World Peace planning.

America will fail miserably to convince other Nations that we are seriously interested in and working for World Peace and World Security so long as we carry an olive branch in one hand and the weapons of war in the other. Not only Michigan Methodists but Christians throughout America should rise in protest.—John Meredith, Flint.

gate, wife of our Riga pastor who is a skilled interpreter in seven languages, would be present but she was not able to come from Copenhagen where her husband is serving as pastor to Baltic and Slavic refugees in Denmark. Two other pastors were present, Edv. Rand and C. Vipp, the latter in Theological School in Gothenberg. Likewise there was present the widow of one of our pastors who was brutally murdered in Estonia, Mrs. J. Jacobson. She has been staying at the Deaconess Sanitarium in Alnigas with her father and three small children who managed to escape with her. M. Koddu, a valuable layman, was likewise with us. All were made welcome and given the privilege of the floor. Lay delegate, S. Sorensen, from Norway, was unable to be present.

The Conference program was strong. Ferdinand Sigg, Book Agent and Editor of Zurich, came as the special representative of the Geneva Area. He had occupied a similar position during the war to that of Theodor Arvidson. Missionary J. E. Chambers, enroute to Poland, charmed us with his presence and addresses. In 1940 he was taken from a neutral vessel by a German cruiser and held in prison for five long years. Now he is purchasing relief supplies for our Methodists in Poland; he will take and distribute the food, shoes and clothes furnished by our Committee on Overseas Relief.

The Central Conference was held in our beautiful and characteristically Swedish St. Jacobs Church in Gothenberg. It was the very church in which I conducted my first Annual Conference in Sweden. Here in Gothenberg is located our Union Scandinavian School of Theology, rejoicing today in the fact that the huge property debt is now paid in large part through the generosity of the Division of Foreign Missions. A new day dawns for this important Area enterprise.

It is an epochal day for the Northern European Area. The Area will march forward courageously. I feel somewhat as a parent who sees his children set up in housekeeping in their own home. Indeed on the Saturday following the Central Conference the older daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Arvidson was married to a Y.M.C.A. secretary. The Area is safe in the hands of Theodor Arvidson. I turn now to the Detroit Area and hope to hear glowing evangelistic reports with the culmination of the campaign at Easter. Marvelous as has been this experience we will enjoy being home again and will be ready to undertake with you the great responsibilities and opportunities of the Detroit Area. Hearty greetings to all.

Bishop and Mrs. Raymond J. Wade

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From CAPITOL HILL

By Jacob Simpson Payton

EDITORS IN WASHINGTON

Members of the Associated Church Press, sixty strong, held their annual meeting in the Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, week before last. These editors, publishers and news gatherers of Protestant publications during their three-day sojourn here exhibited greater physical endurance and covered more ground than a lobbyist or office seeker working at top speed. They dropped in for lunch at the Statler to hear General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Admiral Nimitz, and were dinner guests of the Seventh Day Adventists at Tacoma Park where they inspected the extensive publishing plant of that denomination. They moved through the mazes of the Pentagon Building, that nearest rival above ground to the Mammoth Cave, and there were greeted by officials of the office of the Army Chief of Chaplains. They ascended the hill opposite famed Arlington National Cemetery where they were received by the Navy Chief of Chaplains in the Naval Annex.

On the final day the roving editors arrived at the White House where President Truman had planned to welcome them, the engagement of which he was obliged to cancel due to his absence inspecting fleet maneuvers. However, they were shown through the historic mansion, inhaled numerous lungfuls of its air which is said to have such transforming effects upon politicians, and departed with a new awareness of the dramatic scenes and great personages connected with the long story of this home of the Presidents. On Capitol Hill they lunched with members of Senate and House Breakfast Groups where Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin was master of ceremonies. Several members of Congress entertained with their wit and wisdom, emphasizing that the beginning of the latter is the fear of the Lord. The privilege of listening to these lawmakers as they witnessed to their faith in Christ was among the most inspirational incidents during the visit of the editors to Washington.

It is proverbial that delegates to Washington become AWOL from scheduled meetings to go sightseeing. The editors were an exception. They were present to hear leaders of the official life of the Nation, veteran newsmen, representatives of labor and industry and reporters of religious news present suggestions for a more thorough press coverage of Protestant activities. It was a program the like of which in scope and interest has never before been equaled by editors of religious journals. And the credit rightly went to Dr. T. Otto Nall, the president of the Associated Church Press.

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UNITING IN SERVICE

In Washington on April 24 there were held simultaneously meetings of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains and the Service Men's Christian League. The chief item on the agenda of both was final action on proposals for a merger of these two agencies of united Protestantism. This was consummated by unanimous vote. The name, The General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, will be retained with the suffix, "Continuing the Service Men's Christian League." A director whose name will be released later, was elected. The selection of an editor, preferably a man with military service, was authorized to edit THE CHAPLAIN and THE LINK, publications of the General Commission and the League. The rapid demobilization of the armed forces led the representatives of the two organizations to feel that in the interests of economy the merger should take place. While the General Commission performs important services for some thirty denominations during peace and war, and while the SMCL was organized only for the emergency, the latter had developed certain educational work which can be conserved by unifying the activities of both. The adjustment is similar to that now being made in numerous fields other than that of religion.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

A feature of the annual meeting of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains was the luncheon in the Hotel Statler at which the honor guests were General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff of the United States Army and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations. Other guests were Colonel John N. Andrews representing General Omar N. Bradley, Commodore Telfair Knight, chaplains of the Army, the Navy and the Veterans Administration. Also in attendance were members of the General Commission, the Service Men's Christian League and some fifty editors of the Associated Church Press. In presenting General Eisenhower and Admiral Nimitz, the Chairman of the General Commission, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, said: "We are a commission representing some thirty Protestant communions, who have furnished something over 60 per cent of the chaplains of the Army and the Navy. So I hope that both of our guests may see behind the representation which is here this afternoon the many, many millions of church members who feel that if the world is to be placed on a stable foundation, it can be only through the exercise of spiritual forces and spiritual power."

Both General Eisenhower and Admiral Nimitz are native Texans. The former commanded the greatest armed force ever marshalled; the latter the most powerful armada that ever sailed. Both bore for years the strain of making momentous decisions, of directing operations that were vast, complex and new in warfare. The General is still as slender as a West Point cadet, his expression mobile, his bearing even in repose that of a man of action. A kinder face than that of Admiral Nimitz one seldom sees. His gray hair and florid complexion give one the impression of a person who has sailed under many suns and through many seas. His quiet composure bespeaks a strength equal to any emergency.

WEIGHTY TESTIMONY

What more than all else in the addresses of these men impressed their hearers was the stress they placed on the value of religion. Said General Eisenhower: "Except in a moral regeneration throughout the world, there is no hope for us and we are all going to disappear in the dust of an atomic explosion We must all do all that we can toward progressive disarmament, for which I think we should pray sincerely I believe in organization just as much as I believe in the moral regeneration of this world, and through the Church there is the opportunity for organizing these moral forces so as to bring them forcibly to the world and to realize real progress."

The tribute of Admiral Nimitz to the Chaplain Corps of the Navy contained these words: "These men were draft exempt but they anticipated the spiritual needs of the men going to war 'Man cannot live by bread alone,' to be sure, and neither can man's spiritual needs be wholly satisfied by ritual. By his patient, sympathetic labors with the men, day in, day out, and through many a night, every chaplain I know contributed immeasurably to the moral courage of our fighting men. None of that effort appears in the statistics. Most of it was necessarily secret between the pastor and his confidant: It is for that toil in the cause of God that I honor the chaplains most."

THE GREAT SUCCESSION

Since the death of the late Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone, sufficient successors to the jurist have been proposed to supply the need for several generations. Here in Washington, where the politically minded are suspected of turning to the obituary column in the morning paper in search of some vacancy for some deserving party member, it is natural that some should look to the prize more than the qualifications of the recipient.

There is another type of office-filler who is overly cautious. He views the marble temple of justice, most magnificent of its kind in the world, and laments that there are no longer men

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News From the Churches

CLIO WESLEY CIRCUIT has taken great strides forward under the leadership of Rev. Ernest E. Robinson. A new Hammond organ has been installed in the Wesley Church.

IONIA Men's Brotherhood sponsored a father and son banquet at which Mr. Floyd Starr and several of his boys from the Starr Commonwealth, at Albion, participated in the program. Elmer Gierman gave the toast to the sons and Clyde Spencer, Jr., MYF president, the toast to the fathers.

NORTHWEST STOCKBRIDGE, on the Ingham Circuit, will observe its Golden Jubilee with an all-day service on Sunday, May 19, starting with a worship service at 11:00 A.M. A pot luck dinner will be served at 1:00 P.M. followed by an afternoon service, lunch at 5:30 and an evening service. Those on the program include former pastors, District Superintendent Luther B. Butt, and possibly Bishop Raymond J. Wade. In 1895 in the community north and west of Stockbridge, two groups meeting, one in the Stillson school and the other in the Mt. Pleasant school, decided to construct a house of worship. A site was chosen on the Dexter Train, the church built and dedicated January 11, 1896. Through the years many able pastors have served the church, originally affiliated with the former Methodist Protestant organization. It has an ac-

of such calibre to hand down opinions as Chief Justice John Marshall once did from the bench down in the dingy basement room of the Capitol Building. There are always those who claim that the more costly and convenient the appointments of a place become, the less likelihood there is of obtaining someone to measure up.

We last saw Chief Justice Stone at the premier performance in Washington of "The Magnificent Yankee." The play is the presentation of the life of Associate Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes beginning with his arrival as the appointee of President Theodore Roosevelt. We wondered whether Chief Justice Stone might not have thought that in that day there were members of the Court superior to those of his own latter days. Just now many are wondering to whom President Truman will turn to find a Chief Justice of such dignity and ability as Mr. Stone personified. If a selection is made from present members of the Court, current belief here is that Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson will be elevated. Perhaps few here look upon the present Supreme Court as comprised of such legal luminaries as to cause it to be remembered as the Golden Age of that great tribunal. Certainly the death of the Chief Justice has removed one of its most respected members. The belief is that President Truman will exercise unusual care in keeping unbroken the great succession of Chief Justices.

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tive W.S.C.S., Youth Fellowship group and is taking part in other lay activities. Rev. Earl Champlin is the pastor.

ST. CLAIR Official Board has adopted the architect's plans for a new church building to replace the 75-year-old one destroyed by fire two months ago. The estimated cost of the new building is \$75,000, without furnishings, and the insurance of \$36,168 will be used toward its construction. An additional \$50,000 is being raised by a subscription campaign which started May 1, under the co-chairmanship of Mayor F. V. Carney and David Wilcox. The walls of the old building will be razed to within 16 feet of the ground and, with the old foundations, will be utilized in the new building. Church members have been working six nights a week cleaning up the area. Recreation, dining, and Sunday school rooms will be constructed in the basement of the old church and the southwest wing of the proposed structure will house additional Sunday school facilities. The building will be of the English Gothic style and have a seating capacity of approximately 360. Rev. Owen Knox is the pastor.

FREMONT, Keith L. Hayes, pastor, voted several months ago to raise the necessary funds to construct a new church building. Several members took trips to see new buildings and returned inspired. The inspiration climaxed in an unusual way. Arrangements were made and a bus was chartered for the choir to go to St. Johns Methodist Church where Rev. Henry Ellinger is pastor, on Palm Sunday evening to present an Easter cantata, "From Darkness to Light." The building committee decided they would like to have others go with the choir to see the beautiful St. Johns church and three bus loads went over on Palm Sunday afternoon; 86 people in all. They also enjoyed renewing their friendship with Mr. Ellinger who was pastor in Fremont 20 years ago. A brief service of recognition was held at Fremont on Sunday, April 28, when two flags, Christian and American, were presented to the church by Mrs. Mae Crandell and her two sons, Richard and Jack, in memory of their husband and father.

SAGINAW EPWORTH, Rev. Reginald Becker, pastor, has made continued progress in program and property improvement during the present conference year. The choir has nearly doubled in size with Mr. Charles Templeman, formerly of Morningside College, in charge. The Sunday school has grown under the leadership of the new superintendent, Mrs. Everett Woods, and the Youth Fellowship has prospered with the help of the new sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Burtch. A dramatics club has been organized with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Woods as directors and twice presented "The Brother," a three act play about James, the brother of Jesus. The interior of the church has been redecorated and the acoustics in the sanctuary greatly improved by a

new lining for the rear wall. The "Singing Tower," which plays hymns twice daily, has been repaired and restored to use. Other repairs have been made and there remains on hand considerable money for other contemplated improvements.

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(Continued from last week.)

AU GRES, H. A. Cole, pastor: Sunrise service, 48 attended. Morning worship service attendance, 200. Evening service greatly blessed of God with seekers at the altar for pardon or heart purity. Happy finders. Baptismal services on April 28.

BEAR LAKE, E. W. Tink, pastor: Easter sunrise service in charge of young people. Baptized 7. World Service offering, \$108. Crusade for Christ apportionment paid in full. Arcadia Church improvements to amount of \$500. Bear Lake parsonage, \$300. Increase in church membership 10%.

BENTON HARBOR PEACE TEMPLE, Glenn M. Frye, pastor: Attendance by actual count, 1,001; self-denial offering, \$1,001. Received this conference year on confession of faith, 58; by letter, 43. Baptized: adults, 20; children, 47. This was the result of zone cultivation program, the effective work of the Cradle Roll superintendent and assistants, and the Visitation Evangelistic teams. No appeal was made for flowers due to the great need for food in Europe, but lilies were given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rosback, Jr., Mrs. Julia Drake, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hipp, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Emlong, as well as those shared by other members. Mr. Frye has been preaching once a month at Twelve Corners Community Church, with laymen supplying the alternate two weeks. On Easter, 13 adults were received into the church; more to be received on Mother's Day. Charter membership will be kept open until June 1 when a regular church will be organized. According to records this church was organized as a Methodist Church in 1895.

COPEMISH, J. W. Stanton, pastor: Received six adults into full membership and baptized three children on Easter Sunday.

CORAL-AMBLE, Howard McDonald, pastor: MYF outdoor sunrise service and breakfast. Baptized 17.

DETROIT EPWORTH, L. LaVerne Finch, pastor: Sunrise service conducted by Young Adult Fellowship. Breakfast served by Official Board. Special offerings, \$509. New members for year: profession of faith, 49; by letter, 37. Baptized: children, 16; adults, 13.

DIMONDALE-FAITH HAVEN, Lloyd Mead, pastor: Baptized 50 youth and adults. Received into preparatory and full membership, 75. World Service offering.

EAST TAWAS CHARGE, Frank F. Benish, pastor: Sunrise communion services: East Tawas, 6 A.M.; Tawas City, 7 A.M. Attendance at morning worship was 112 at Tawas City, and 185 at East Tawas. Offering: Tawas City, \$106; East Tawas, \$296. In the evening a cantata, "The Holy City," was presented by the East Tawas choir assisted by the Tawas City Ladies' Quar-

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THE LISTENER'S POST

By Rev. William Morford

Manager of Detroit Conference Radio Broadcasting

THIS letter was received by the office of the Methodist Radio Parish: "Dear Sirs:

"I am a returned veteran who was just started in broadcasting as an announcer on a five kw station before entering the service. Since I have returned from foreign service and have been discharged, I have resumed my old job with a local station. I like the business, and realize how much it has to do with the formation of the standards of thought, morals, tolerance and culture; I have also felt an urge to give my life to some kind of Christian Service. I have my AB and plan to enter Seminary in the fall to prepare. Possibly the best channel of service for me would be in religious broadcasting.

"Now what I would like to know, if you would please advise me is this: (1) What are the possibilities in such work in the years ahead? (2) What would be the best preparation and where? (3) What provision has been made, or what are the tendencies of my church — Methodist — toward new developments in religious broadcasting?"

This letter is evidence of a growing interest on the part of Christians to get into radio in the right way. But where the preparation? So far as I know there is almost no opportunity to get the training this young man wants in a Methodist institution. From the standpoint of the church it is more important to train people in program techniques than in electronics, yet every college teaches electronics but so little in radio program techniques. We do hope that Methodist youth will become vocal in their demand for training in the program techniques so that the purpose of the church can reach millions through the medium of radio.

Methodist Radio Parish Programs

Sunday, May 12

WFDF Flint, 910 kilocycles
12 o'clock noon.
Quiz Class broadcast from Oak Park, Flint.

Other Methodist Programs

Sunday, May 12

WKZO Kalamazoo, 590 kilocycles
11:30 Morning service.
Preacher, Rev. Dwight Large.

WDBC Escanaba, 1400 kilocycles
11:45 Morning service, Central Methodist. Preacher, Rev. Karl Hammar.

WIBM Jackson, 1450 kilocycles
12 o'clock noon
Parma Methodist Church.
Preacher, Rev. Dorr F. Garrett.

ALBION COLLEGE NOTES

By Ann Hollinshead

SADDENED by the death of President-Emeritus John L. Seaton's wife, the college held memorial services for her during the Wednesday (April 24) chapel convocation, opening it with the singing of Mrs. Seaton's favorite hymn, "Be Still, My Soul," to the magnificent music of Sibelius. Katharina von Schlegel's courageous words must have been a great source of comfort and strength to her in those long years of her triumphant struggle with illness. Dr. Whitehouse then prayed, thanking God "for the graciousness, the dignity, the integrity and the humility of her life." And Dr. Goodrich paid final tribute as he reviewed the years that had equipped her to share in Dr. Seaton's important tasks. "There was something indescribably beautiful in her character," he said, "which arose from the innate graciousness of a loving and lovable heart."

Dr. Harold Ehrensperger, editor of "motive," and editorial secretary of the national department of student work of the Methodist church with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., addressed the Monday chapel convocation on the subject of effective living. Reviewing his own experiences after the last war when he was afire with the League of Nations idea and when he went, about the country propagandizing for it, he regretted not having carried on the work, for, he said paradoxically, "When a cause is lost that is the time we should give it our allegiance." Urging that we better the institutions of our nation by work from the inside for their improvement, he suggested that able men and women enter politics "to clean it up," and that the theatre and Hollywood be treated in the same way. He flayed the fraternity and sorority situations on the campuses of America, declaring that these small, exclusive groups were claiming the first loyalties of students — loyalties that belong rightfully to the colleges and universities themselves. Finally he urged that the church be improved, too, by those working from within.

Of course the great day of the week was Friday, April 26, when the campus was overflowing with people in academic garb from all over the nation and when newsmen and newsphotographers had a veritable heyday. This has been reviewed elsewhere in this issue. It was a day of tribute to Albion's incoming president, Dr. W. W. Whitehouse, who undoubtedly has the loyalty and high regard of all. Worthy of especial comment was the fact that those participating in the day's gala events were largely Albion's own alumni who have made significant places for themselves in the economic and educational world.

Ninety-seven students appeared on the Dean's list for high scholastic honors for their early second semester period.

Last Saturday the Albion broadcast-

ers again appeared in their bi-weekly radio program over Station WIBM, Jackson, conducted by Edmund Kleinschmit and Isobel of Detroit. Those participating were Barbara Callahan, Albion; Carol Conway, Detroit; Jean Lyons, Alpena; Aden Manly, St. Johns; Lorraine Marvin, Adrian; Aaron Sharp, Valparaiso, Ind.; Marilyn Simmons, Battle Creek; Cordelia Ware, New York; and Elizabeth Cross of Detroit.

The 1946 outdoor track season officially opened for Albion Saturday afternoon, April 27, when the college track team played host to the University of Detroit. The golf team dropped the opening match to Alma. And the WAA will award a pennant to its winning baseball team of the season, according to an announcement just made by Barbara Lewis of New Era.

ADRIAN COLLEGE NOTES

By Maysie M. Pierce

DR. S. J. HARRISON acted as resource leader for one of the conferences of the Michigan Schoolmasters Club at Ann Arbor. The subject for discussion was "Adjusting the College Program to those returning from armed services and from industry." He spoke for the Michigan Association of Church Related Colleges at the inaugural of Dr. W. W. Whitehouse. Mrs. Harrison attended the W.S.C.S. meeting held in Columbus, Ohio, the week of April 29. She and Mrs. A. H. Wallschlaeger were the delegates from the Adrian Methodist Church.

Dr. C. S. Ritchie attended a conference in Cleveland, April 26, called by Dr. John O. Gross for Business Managers and Investment Officers of Methodist Colleges.

Miss Hope Lowry, Languages Professor, was Chairman of the Modern Language Conference at the Michigan Schoolmasters Club held April 25 and 26. Professor Miles Peelle of the Biology Department was Chairman of the Biological Sciences Conference. A large number of faculty and administration of Adrian College attended the sessions of the Schoolmasters Club. Some students interested in teaching also attended. Miss Lowry was elected president of the South Michigan Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish.

Rev. Harold Salmon of Morenci was the speaker at chapel, April 26. April

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28, Dr. Orville Jones, Public Relations man for the Ohio CIO council spoke. He made a comparison of the state of the world after the two wars, discussing the theme "Does history repeat itself." He pointed out the difference he thought the changed status of labor would make in the final outcome. That evening, a group met for discussion at the home of Rev. Howard Western. Dr. Howard Alexander was general discussion leader with Dr. Jones as resource leader. Members of the local CIO groups participated in the discussion.

The campus was honored Wednesday, May 1, by the presence of Harold Erhensperger, editor of "motive." He spoke in chapel in the morning, held individual conferences during the day, met with the faculty to whom he gave a description of what he felt to be the prevailing situation on college campuses throughout the country. In the evening he held a general discussion group in which both students and faculty participated. His visit was a welcome tonic to all concerned and was much appreciated.

Some of our students, attending the conference of the Methodist Student Movement in Michigan held at St. Mary's Lake, April 26-27, had had prior opportunity to become acquainted with Mr. Ehrensperger. Those attending from Adrian were Robert Bobilin, Jeanne Crowe, Mary Fleming, Charles Hall, Dean Mildred Sweet, and Rev. Howard Western.

The student veterans of Adrian College have formed an organization known as the Veterans' Organization of Adrian College. The officers elected were as follows: Dale Hostetler, president; James Letcher, assistant minister at Round Lake, vice-president; Stanley Lucas, treasurer; Viola Strahan, recording secretary; Edward Braun, Jr., corresponding secretary; Charles Greenfield, publicity chairman. Delegates from this group have attended the state Association of Student Veterans. One of the projects of this group has been a check on living costs, which were found to be extremely high.

The cast for the spring play to be produced by the Adrian College Players has been announced. The play is "Keep on the Sunny Side." The actors will be Florence Powell, Detroit; Charles Albertson, Dowagiac; Margaret Stutsman, Dowagiac; Betty Folker, Garden City; Herbert Brown, Palmyra; William Young, Detroit; Cecilia Dragisity, Detroit; Dean Walton, Adrian; Esther Knierim, Blissfield; Marian Landgarten, Detroit. Chairmen of the Publicity committee is Eunice Wygocki, Detroit; Scenery, Donald Pellowe, Adrian; Properties, Margaret Savage, Detroit; Costume, Betty Wood, White Pigeon; Make-up, Mary Lena Robinson, Linden.

Always be content with what you have but never with what you are.

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A B O U T PERSONS

KIRBY PAGE is holding a series of meetings in Michigan. For dates and places, see Coming Events.

REV. AND MRS. WALTER T. RATCLIFFE, of Sault Ste. Marie, announce the birth of a daughter, Carol Ann, on April 22.

DR. AND MRS. H. G. PEARCE, who recently returned from Zephyrhills, Fla., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mayer of Munith last week Tuesday.

REV. L. E. PRICE died at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, April 22, after an illness of several months. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. E. H. Babbitt, E. A. Armstrong and C. E. Davis. Burial was at Howard City.

"I SAW THE CHRIST" by John O. Hagans, pastor, Jackson, Calvary, was sold out four weeks after it was printed, and a second printing is now available. The brochure sells for fifty cents and may be ordered from Calvary Methodist Church, 931 Backus St., Jackson.

REV. FLOYD W. PORTER, of Decker, has returned to his home following an operation performed in the Port Huron hospital. During his absence the work of the parish was supplied by William Snyder, Ray Severance, Ralph Smith and James Tonge.

FRANK M. FIELD, Saginaw Bay District Superintendent, observed Easter by preaching in Hillman, Spratt and Wilson churches from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., giving a Crusade evangelism address in Millersburg at 7:30 P.M. and then closing the day by holding the Onaway-Millersburg quarterly conference. Mrs. Field gave the sunrise service message at Hillman.

GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER has been chosen from a list of 12 outstanding citizens as the recipient of the 1946 Churchman Award "for the promotion of good will and better understanding among all peoples." Presentation of the Award will be made at the annual dinner of The Churchman Associates to be announced later.

MISS LOIS LAYER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Layer, Fostoria, and ROBERT D. BENEDICT, son of Mrs. Benedict and the late Rev. Ernest A. Benedict of Grayling, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Easter Sunday. Dr. E. Ray Willson, of Caro, read the double ring service. Miss Marian Valentine played Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the young couple, attended by the bride's sister, Mrs. Joseph Lapeer and Mr. Lapeer took their places before a semi-circle of ferns and lilies. Mrs. George Pixley of Pontiac, a sister of the bride, poured at the buffet luncheon which

followed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict are both graduates of Fostoria high school. Mr. Benedict was discharged recently after three years in service, nine months of which was spent with the Postal Section of the 87th Division near Manila. They will live in Fostoria until September when Mr. Benedict plans to resume his studies in Adrian College.

ATTENTION, DETROIT CONFERENCE PREACHERS: Your Conference reports to the Conference Treasurer and to the Statistician must be in their hands by Tuesday, June 4, without fail. Money, intended for Conference causes, must be in the Area office soon after Sunday, May 26. The end of the Conference year is May 31, but to insure you having return voucher, get it in to us early in the week, if at all possible, so that you can include in Conference Treasurer's envelope. Money, checks, orders, etc., will not be accepted in the Treasurer's envelope. Get to Area office and secure a voucher.—Paul R. Havens, Conf. Treas.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES W. SMITH, long a faithful and devoted member of the Allegan Methodist Church, died on March 13. He was born June 22, 1881, at Alma. During the more than 30 years that he lived in the Allegan vicinity, Mr. Smith served his church in various ways, Board of Trustees, Sunday school superintendent, and president of the Sunday school class to which he belonged. The spirit of his loyal and faithful service in calling on the sick and shut-ins and extending the invitation to church membership will long be remembered by the church and community. He was also active in Scout work. Mr. Smith is survived by his widow; a son, Charles, of Niles; two daughters, Mrs. Leo Callinger of St. Joseph; and Mrs. Edward Davis of Eau Claire, Wis.

MRS. JANE McLACHLAN, for some years the senior member of the First Methodist Church, Royal Oak, although she had been brought up in a staunch Presbyterian home, died on April 10. She was born in Dunfriesshire, Scotland, August 14, 1852, a near neighbor of Thomas Carlyle, to whom she often referred. In her early days she was a photographer and an art critic. She went to Canada to be the teacher in a private family in Chatham and three years later was employed similarly in a wealthy Grosse Pointe, Michigan, home in the care of twins and remained in the affection of that family. Some fifty years ago she married the manager of the Hendry Stock Farm and moved to Royal Oak. This farm of 360 acres comprised what is now the Detroit Zoological Park, the city of Huntington Woods and a portion of Royal Oak, and she was most familiar with the growth of these units. Mrs. McLachlan had no children but was served very devotedly by a niece, Mrs. Ernest Hagerman. Six years ago she lost her sight but blindness made her even more alert to see through the eyes of others. She had an unusual mind and memory. Seldom did her pastor call without feeling that he had been in fellowship with one of God's finest spirits.

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ALFRED J. REID, 42, died April 5 in the General Hospital of Los Angeles, California. He was born in Alpena, September 2, 1903; graduated from Western High, Detroit; received his A. B. from Baldwin-Wallace College at Berea, Ohio; and went to the School of Theology of Boston University for his S.T.B. He left the ministry about five years ago, going to work for Vickers, Detroit, and then in May, 1945, he left for Los Angeles where his mother, Mrs. Annie M. Reid resided. He had a fruitful ministry in the North-East Ohio Conference and was well thought of by the management of the Broadway Department Store, Los Angeles, for whom he was working when he was taken sick. Surviving, besides his mother, Mrs. Annie M. Reid, are his son, Robert Dean, Los Angeles; two sisters, Mrs. Earl C. Burkey, Dearborn, and Mrs. Russell A. Thompson, Brighton; and two brothers, R. Rex Reid, Genesee, and Leonard A. Reid, Dearborn. The funeral service was held April 9 at the Echo Park Methodist Church of which he was a member. Rev. Robert E. Cordell, the pastor, officiated.

ELIZABETH ELLEN BISHOP was born May 14, 1866, in Mahoning County, Struthers, Ohio, and died at her home April 24, 1946, at the age of 79. She was the daughter of Peter and Mary Hoover and came to Bannister by covered wagon with her parents in November 1878, where she has since made her home. She was united in marriage to Albert Leroy Bishop, September 14, 1887. To this union were born eight children, six sons and two daughters: Charles of near Onaway; Chester of Fife Lake; Grant of near Fenmore; Floyd of Midland; Roy and Vern, also Mrs. Vita Cartwright and Alice Bishop of Bannister. Her husband preceded her in death 16 years ago. She became a member of the Methodist church while a young girl and a member of the Rebekah Lodge for 39 years. Besides her children she is survived by 29 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and one brother, Lawrence Hoover of Bell Flower, Calif. Funeral services were held from the Methodist church at Bannister on Saturday, April 27, conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. E. Ragan. Interment was in Ford cemetery in the family lot.

FRANCIS HAMILTON, a Methodist layman of North Street, died on Wednesday afternoon, March 6, following a twelve-day illness. Mr. Hamilton was for twelve years a resident of Clyde Township and had been in the employ of the Port Huron Sulphite Company; he also operated a welding shop at his farm home for several years. This Christian brother was a member of the North Street Methodist Church, located on the Avoca Parish near Port Huron, and had been faithful in attendance there for several years. Mr. Hamilton was a fine type and example of what a Methodist Layman should be. He had a vision for the church, Sunday school and community as well as a fine

missionary vision. His death is a great loss to the church. He was president of a "Methodist Brotherhood Rally" in his section of the Port Huron District, which was composed of the membership and pastors of several circuits, and eagerly gave himself to the service of Christ's cause and to the promoting of fellowship among Christians. Those surviving are, the widow, Myrtle Hamilton, and a step-son, Harry Brake-man, at home; Mrs. Herman Esau, step-daughter, and three grandchildren, all of Port Huron; also a brother and a step-sister of Port Huron. Funeral services were conducted in the Smith Funeral Home in Port Huron on Saturday, March 9, with Rev. Mr. Williams of Detroit, and Rev. Merton Spaulding, pastor officiating.

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and a few members of other church choirs under direction of F. L. Hamburger to an audience of nearly 300 which overflowed the church and many were turned away. At a recent meeting of the Official Board of the East Tawas Church a program of postwar improvements was adopted including: new roof at cost of \$750; purchase of Hammond organ, \$1,800; furnace repairs and installations, \$300; motion picture equipment, \$500; front entrance remodeling, \$250.

ESCANABA CENTRAL, Karl J. Hammar, pastor: Candlelight communion service held Maundy Thursday; received 11. GI's were the missionaries supreme in bringing these members into the fellowship. Four GI's, married while in service, brought their wives into the church: Mrs. Arthur Norlin, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Melvin Carlson, Philadelphia; Mrs. Dorothy Lind, New York City; and Mrs. LeRoy Erickson from Ireland. All came on confession of faith, including 2 returned GI's.

FERNDALE FIRST, William O. Moulton, pastor: Duplicate services Palm Sunday and Easter. Pastor's youth class in training for membership since New Years, 48. Baptized: adults, 28; children, 37. Offering for relief in war-torn countries. Easter play presented in evening under direction of Mrs. Harold Vroman.

FLINT BETHLEHEM, Lloyd M. Blakely, pastor: Sunrise service conducted by Young Adult Fellowship group with 16 of the group participating. Received into full membership, 14; preparatory membership, 9. Afternoon service conducted at County Infirmary. Good Friday services with 11 ministers cooperating.

FLINT COURT STREET, W. E. Harrison, pastor: Sermon on "Christ Risen and Realized." Identical services at 9:30 and 11 o'clock. Knights Templars, numbering 200, were guests at the first service. Five choirs with traditional flower processional. Attendance, 2,800. Received 80 new members on Palm Sunday. Baptized: children, 32; adults, 22.

GRAND RAPIDS BURTON HEIGHTS, W. Ray Prescott, pastor: Holy Week, last of four Wednesday evening supper meetings; Thursday evening, candlelight communion; Easter eve,

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two older choirs, directed by Mrs. Wm. Alden Burns, presented 8th annual midnight concert with the Easter story interwoven, through pageantry, with the musical numbers. Harry Booth, talented G.I., wrote and directed realistic episodes, "Trial Before Pilate," "The Crucifixion," and "At the Tomb." Young Adult Fellowship assisted in staging and arrangements. Distribution of flowers to the ill and shut-ins, activity of the senior MYF Easter eve. Total accessions since last September, 103. Two identical worship services, the pastor's sermon climaxing a series of pre-Easter messages. A number of adult baptisms marked each service. Four choirs presented the music. The annual University of Life Series, usually observed in Lent, began in February this year. Senior and Intermediate MYF's conducted the half-hour devotional periods each Sunday evening. Speakers and discussion leaders for the adults included Dr. Wm. C. Perdue, Kalamazoo; Dr. Wayne Fleenor, Albion; Mrs. Arthur Evans, Lansing; and Dr. Lester Kilpatrick, Grand Rapids. Youth speakers were Rev. Richard Swogger, Sparta; Rev. Richard Leonard, Middleville; Mrs. Robert Eaton and Dr. Edmond H. Babbitt, Grand Rapids. Fellowship hours in the dining room concluded each evening.

GRASS LAKE, Robert E. McLean, pastor: Sunrise service on "Sackrider Hill," highest point in Jackson county; 400 present. Baptized 11. Received by transfer, 15; on confession of faith, 5; preparatory, 7. Offering, \$653.15; World Service, \$38.

HANCOCK-LAURIUM, Dean W. Parker, pastor; Union Good Friday services at Hancock, 800 present. Sunrise service at Hancock sponsored and conducted by MYF; Mr. Parker preached; 60 present. Pastor's membership classes for boys and girls since January 1, received on Easter at both churches. Members received by transfer, 9; confession of faith, 34. Evening service at Laurium, 180 attended.

HARBOR SPRINGS-HARBOR SPRINGS CIRCUIT, Paul E. Robinson, pastor: Young people's union sunrise service in Harbor Springs sponsored by Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Worship at Methodist Church, breakfast at Presbyterian church. Wesleyan Club (young women) breakfast and Easter service; 15 attended. Harbor Springs received by letter, 4; baptized 6 children. Pellston received by letter, 2. Pageant "The Cross of Light" presented in evening by Harbor church school; directors, Mrs. Dewey Cosens and Mrs. Harold Bates.

HARTFORD, Lester Clough, pastor: Received 100 members, most on confession of faith, since being on charge. Easter sermon, "The Impossible Happens," climaxed series of Lenten sermons.

HART-MEARS-ELBRIDGE, Herbert M. Parks, pastor: Hart: Union Good Friday services for village in this church. Palm Sunday baptized 17. Easter received into membership 20. Mears: Several hundred dollars on hand to enlarge church basement. Elbridge had a program of special merit.

HOUGHTON, Wm. Cardwell Prout, pastor: Sunrise service, Rev. John

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Larsen, Pewabic, speaking, followed by breakfast. Received on profession of faith, 22; by transfer, 5. Easter offering, \$335. Church school program in evening.

KALAMAZOO FIRST, Dwight S. Large, pastor: Two identical Easter services, with the pastor assisted by Dr. William C. Perdue. Special Easter Offering for food to those who starve in Europe, \$1,720.00. Second service broadcast over WKZO.

LUDINGTON FIRST, Emil A. Runkel, pastor: Palm Sunday, celebrated with first meeting in newly replastered and painted sanctuary. Received during conference year 40, baptized 18. Easter offering, \$1,803.10.

MADISON, WISCONSIN, FIRST, Rev. R. M. Atkins, pastor: Dr. J. Pierce Newell, district superintendent, gave meditation at Good Friday holy communion; 603 persons participated. Mrs. Schuyler E. Garth addressed the young people at the Easter Youth Breakfast. Bishop Schuyler E. Garth preached at both morning services of worship. Received into full membership during conference year, 144. Lenten Easter offering, \$3,574.70.

MARQUETTE FIRST, F. C. Vosburg, pastor: Youth sunrise service followed by breakfast; duplicate worship services, pastor assisted by three choirs. Flowers distributed to local shut-ins. Cash offering for Conference Benevolences, \$648. Members received to date, 63; profession of faith, 25; transfer, 36; restored, 2. Baptisms, 26.

MARSHALL, Warren E. Brown, pastor: Two weeks of special evangelistic services preceded Palm Sunday with Helen Riggs-Brown, preaching. Palm Sunday: 40 received (2 in preparatory relationship), 28 at other times during year. Baptisms: 16 children, 11 youth, 9 adults. Sunrise service at Wilder Creek Park; 300 attended. Overflowing crowds at morning worship. Church choirs closed the day with a concert.

MENOMINEE, James R. Balfour, pastor: Union services during Lent. In cooperation with Presbyterian Church, 3 Presbyterian ministers: James Bell, Escanaba; Willard Strahl, Marinette, Wis.; David E. Buzza, Menominee; and 3 Methodist ministers: John Francis, Peshtigo, Wis.; William Petherick, Marinette, Wis.; and Mr. Balfour, preached on the theme "The Disciplines of Christian Discipleship." During Holy Week, union services held with Presbyterian, Episcopal and Methodist churches cooperating. Good Friday union services with the Baptist, Mission Covenant, Evangelical and Reformed, Salvation Army, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches cooperating. Twin City Christian Youth Association conducted union sunrise service in the Presbyterian church followed by a fellowship breakfast. Received on Palm Sunday by confession of faith and transfer, 14. Baptized 2. The "Easter Processional" written by R. W. S. Hoskin of Menominee was used in his honor by all Catholic and Protestant churches of Menominee and Marinette, Wisc., at their morning services and was also broadcast by the Methodist Church in Marinette over station WMAM. Music furnished by the choir. Attendance, 225.

MIDLAND, Harry T. Howard, pastor: Duplicate services with overflow con-

gregation in church parlors where the service was amplified. Wednesday nights during Lent the church sponsored fellowship potluck suppers and devotional programs with the W.S.C.S. serving as host with Dr. Howard leading the meditations; also candlelight prayer period, after which the minister and "Friendly Visitors" called on prospective members and distressed families. Junior and senior choirs furnished music. Baptisms during the year, 62. New members won during Lent received on Palm Sunday, also confirmation classes took vows as preparatory members. New members since October, 118. During Holy Week a communion candlelight service was held; a drama "The Challenge of the Cross"; and Good Friday service of the "Seven Words of the Cross" by the pastor and local ministers. Sunrise service and breakfast by MYF.

OVID, William Blanding, pastor: Palm Sunday was Consecration Day, the service given over to baptism and reception of new members. Baptized: infants, 7; children, 7; youth and adults, 8. New members received by confession of faith, 30; by transfer, 12. Easter offering for redecorating the auditorium, \$400.

SOUTH HAVEN, Harold R. Kinney, pastor: Year's evangelistic climax on April 28: preparatory class of 6 then received brought year's accessions to 20 from preparatory membership; 12 on profession of faith; 14 by transfer. Baptized: infants, 22; children, 17; adults, 5. Record Easter attendance: 179 in Sunday school; 400 in church. Music furnished by 60 voices in cherub, junior and chancel choirs.

SOUTH LYON PARISH, R. C. G. Williams, pastor: Total accessions for the conference year, 22. Baptisms: adults, 4; children, 7.

UTICA, V. D. Bentley, pastor: Palm Sunday, received 18 new members; baptized 10 children, 1 adult. Easter, largest attendance at sunrise service in four years. Baptized 2 children. One the two-weeks-old baby of returned soldier, and his wife, whom pastor united in marriage during war. Total members received for year, 45.

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Detroit Conference Woman's Society of CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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THE Detroit District Woman's Society of Christian Service all day meeting will be held at St. Mark's Church, Detroit, on May 24 at 10:00 A.M.

In the morning reports of the Assembly will be given, Mrs. Raymond J. Wade (just back from Sweden) will speak on the World Federation, report on the Council of Church Women and Worship period.

In the afternoon there will be a Forum on "Our Responsibility to Youth." In this Rev. Orville McKay will represent the Church, Prof. J. C. Sullivan (of Wayne Univ.) the School, Judge Arthur Moore the Courts and Mrs. Wilbur Ale the Home. There will be a question period following.

The Flint District spring rally was held in Oak Park Church, Flint. Speakers at the morning session were Rev. Clyde Donald, district superintendent, who discussed "Evangelism," and Miss Mildred Anne Paine, missionary to Japan, whose subject was "A Valiant Woman."

Mrs. A. F. Black led group singing, Rev. Marshall W. Hoyt gave devotions and Mrs. John Garrison extended greetings. Reports were given by Mrs. Eric Gross, corresponding secretary, and Miss Ruth Allen, treasurer.

Mrs. C. A. Rydmark, conference president, listed coming events which in-

cluded the Open Board Meeting Friday, April 26, at Nardin Park Church, Detroit; National Assembly Woman's Society, April 29-May 2, Columbus, Ohio; Ministerial Meeting June 13, Port Huron; Institute Mission of Christian Service, June 18-21; Conference W.S.C.S., Bay City, Nov. 1; World Fellowship at Waldenwoods July 28-Aug. 4.

Afternoon devotions were conducted by Mrs. Alex Ross. Soloists were Ralph Didier and Miss Dorothy Young accompanied by Joan Bahr. Mrs. O. D. Cannon, Milwaukee, jurisdiction secretary of status of women, was the speaker. Mrs. George Sutton made announcements and Mrs. Asa Compton closed the meeting.

Mrs. Panzer, wife of Rev. Vern Panzer of Capac, is the youngest Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary in Detroit Conference. Although their Baby Judy is but fourteen months old and Mrs. Panzer is a nurse subject to call, still the consecrated, purposeful effort of this new secretary promises great results in clarification of Guild objectives and in increase of members and Guilds.

Mrs. Panzer's own report of the Port Huron District Rally, which she sponsored at Yale, follows:

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed," was the call to the Port Huron District Wesleyan Service Guild Workshop and Rally which was held at Yale on Sunday, April 7, attended by 28 people representing two Guilds and one other church. The meeting was opened at 4:15 with devotions led by Mrs. Vern Panzer, Port Huron District Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary, on the theme of "Praying for the Peace of God."

Workshops for officers and members were conducted for a one-hour period. Miss Inez Rowell, Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, conducted the group on membership and status of women committees, which adjourned to visit other groups after a half hour. The Spiritual Life group was led by Miss Marion Chapman, Conference Spiritual Life Secretary and Conference Delegate to the National Guild Week-end at Columbus. The World Brotherhood work session was led by Miss Vivian Powell, Conference Secretary of World Brotherhood, who brought along a series of colored pictures and an exhibit on African Life and Culture from the Children's Museum in Detroit. The Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities group was conducted by Mrs. Helen LaCroix, Conference Christian Social Relations Secretary, who later gave a "sample" announcement such as a secretary would give at

a local Guild meeting. The Highest Use of Leisure and Supplies was discussed and the supper fellowship hour was planned in a group led by Mrs. Vern Panzer. Miss Mildred Anne Paine, missionary to Ai Kei Gakuen, a Guild project in Toyko, and at present Guild Field Worker for the Detroit Conference, conducted a class for Vice-Presidents in program planning.

At a supper fellowship hour "date cards" were circulated with which you must locate your "date" and inquire, among other things, as to her hobby and her disposition. A delicious buffet luncheon was served by the Metcalf Sunday School Class.

Highlights of each workshop group were reported to the whole group at the session following supper. Other elected representatives of these groups staged a demonstration of a program committee planning a year's calendar and program. Projects to be studied and supply work to be done were planned for, as well as membership teas, picnics, varied recreation at meetings, book reviews of the missionary study books, and a graduation celebration for High School graduates as prospective Guild members.

It was voted to send a letter to Representative Jesse P. Wolcott of this district in the name of the Guild in protest against his negative vote on the question of better housing legislation.

Guild members then entered the sanctuary where the evening devotions were led by Rev. Andrew T. F. Butt, host pastor. The girls' choir gave a special number. Miss Mildred Anne Paine brought the evening message and told of one fine Christian, Miss Nishada, whom she had as a colleague in the Social Settlement Work at Ai Kei Gakuen. Their ten teachers are still alive after the war, although one of them lost seven members of her family in the fires of Tokyo. The neighborhood of the "Garden of Love" is all burned out now, but the three buildings of the Settlement are still standing and are being used to house orphaned and homeless children. One of her colleagues is now working with Dr. Kagawa in his great Christian work, until the time comes when Miss Paine will be permitted to return to Tokyo and help to re-establish the work there. The benediction was pronounced by Mr. Butt.

The District Guilds are planning to meet again at the Conference Guild Retreat to be held at Lake Huron Camp June 8 and 9.

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Recorded music provided entertainment during the dinner hour, after which a local Barber Shop Quartet sang several selections and Miss Elaine Clark sang three solos. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Ned Killian of Allegan who took as his subject "The Importance of Brotherhood," basing his message on the contribution of famous Negroes to American culture.

Mr. Verne Olcott and Mr. and Mrs. William Roozenburg are in charge of the next program for the group, which centers around a trip to South America.

COMING EVENTS

To make possible a closer correlations of Methodist activities and to avoid serious conflicts of dates this calendar of events is printed. Additional important dates of interest should be sent at least two weeks in advance of the date they are desired published to The Michigan Christian Advocate, Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

May 1946

- May 5-12—Family Week, a special week on the Calendar of Evangelism.
- May 5-12—Detroit District Wesleyan Service Guild Field Work, Miss Mildred Anne Paine, Counselor.
- May 12—Mother's Day, a special day on the Calendar of Evangelism.
- May 13—Grand Rapids District Ministers' Meeting, Grand Rapids.
- May 13-18—Northern Part of Saginaw Bay District Wesleyan Service Guild Field Work, Miss Mildred Anne Paine, Counselor.
- May 13—Port Huron District Daily Vacation Bible School Training Conference, Cass City.
- May 14—Michigan Christian Advocate Board Meeting, 10:30 A.M., Adrian.
- May 15—Bronson Hospital Trustees Annual Meeting, 10:00 A.M.
- May 15-19—Marquette District Wesleyan Service Guild Field Work, Miss Mildred Anne Paine, Counselor.
- May 19—Barry County Vacation Church School Workers' Training Conference, First Church, Hastings, 4:00 P.M.
- May 21—Kirby Page Meeting, Coldwater.
- May 22—Kirby Page Meeting, Detroit.
- May 23—Kirby Page Meeting, Ann Arbor.
- May 23—Port Huron District Daily Vacation Bible School Training Conference, Mt. Clemens.
- May 24—Kirby Page Meeting, Adrian.
- May 25-26—Detroit District Church School Superintendents, Lake Huron Camp.
- May 26—Kirby Page Meeting, Lansing.
- May 27—Kirby Page Meeting, Grand Rapids.
- May 27—Port Huron District Spring Meeting, Lake Huron Camp.
- May 28—Kirby Page Meeting, Muskegon.
- May 29—Kirby Page Meeting, Mesick and Cadillac.
- May 30—Kirby Page Meeting, Mt. Pleasant.

June 1946

- June 1-2—Detroit Jefferson Ave. Methodist Church, Lake Huron Camp.
- June 3-7—Miss Mildred Anne Paine, Counselor Detroit Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Field Work, Will Revisit Districts.
- June 4—Chelsea Home Annual Board Meeting. Board Members and Friends Invited.
- June 5—Michigan Annual Conference, First Methodist Church, Albion.
- June 8-9—Detroit Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Retreat, Port Huron Camp, Miss Mildred Paine, Counselor.
- June 9—Pentecost Sunday, a special day on the Calendar of Evangelism.
- June 11-15—Northern Part of Port Huron District Wesleyan Service Guild Field Work, Miss Mildred Anne Paine, Counselor.

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June 12—Detroit Annual Conference, First Methodist Church, Port Huron.

June 12-16—Detroit Conference Laymen, Lake Huron Camp.

June 16-21—Port Huron District Laboratory School, Romco, Mrs. Zelta Myers, Dean.

June 16-21—Ann Arbor District Town and Country Laboratory Training School, Newburg, Miss Fern Scribner, Dean.

June 16-23—Ann Arbor District Senior Institute, Waldenwoods, Rev. Milton Bank, Dean.

June 19-21—Detroit Conference W.S.C.S. Summer Institute, Lake Huron Camp. Dean, Mrs. C. A. Rydmark.

June 21-29—Detroit District Intermediates, Lake Huron Camp, Mrs. Edna Peterson, Dean.

June 23-29—Albion Laboratory Training School, Albion, Dr. F. G. Poole, Dean.

June 30-July 6—Saginaw Bay District Intermediate Camp, Lake Louise, Rev. Hugh Towle, Dean.

June 30-July 6—Ann Arbor District Senior Camp, Lake Huron Camp, Rev. Verle Carson, Dean.

July 1946

July 1-Aug. 25—Bay View Summer School.

FILMSCORES

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"Filmscores" is printed at the official request of the Detroit Annual Conference for "a family guide giving dependable appraisals of current films." M—Mature. Y—Younger. C—Children. *Outstanding for Family. †Outstanding for Mature Audience.

DRAGONWYCK (Fox) Glenn Langlan, Vincent Price, Gene Tierney. **Drama.** Bedazzled by prospects of life in Hudson river manor of distant relative, farm girl goes thither as companion to his small daughter; upon his wife's death, marries him, almost suffers predecessor's tragic fate before realizing he is insane. . . . "Anti-ment" rebellion might have breathed life into dead wood of the morbid plot, but it remains an incidental, unresolved motif. Soap-opera plot given "A" quality production. **M**

MURDER IS MY BUSINESS (Producers) Hugh Beaumont, Cheryl Walker. **Melodrama.** Michael Shayne, private detective, again makes monkeys out of cops by solving murder on his own. . . . Series, formerly made by Fox, goes on its way with new cast, producers, same treatment. **Fair** detective film. **M.Y.**

TOMORROW IS FOREVER (RKO) George Brent, Claudette Colbert, Orson Welles, Natalie Wood. **Drama.** The "Enoch Arden" story in terms of a maimed survivor of World War I who returns as Austrian chemist to work for wife's second husband; his disguise unpenetrated (!) persuades wife to accept her present happy state, let their son (who thinks her husband his father) enlist in the R.A.F. . . . An **overwrought** tale on which much has been expended. Self-centered people in a ponderous production. Attempts to be psychological, succeeds only in being unconvincing. **M.Y.**

THE WIFE OF MONTE CRISTO (Producers) Lenore Aubert, Martin Kosleck, John Loder. **Melodrama.** Filming of out-of-print Dumas novel on further adventures of a disguised Edmond Dantes and his wife, who alternate as the "masked avenger" to bring to justice police officers preying on the people of Paris in the 1830's. . . . More ambitious than usual film of this company, this is adequate as **exciting adventure.** **M.Y.**

ZIEGFELD FOLLIES (MGM) Fred Astaire, Lucille Bremer, Lena Horne, Gene Kelly, Victor Moore, Red Skelton. **Musical show.** Unrelated acts—comedy skits, dance sequences, etc.—frankly episodic, without the usual backstage plot contrived to hold them together. . . . **Elaborate, dazzling, technicolored.** **M.Y.**

Best Current Films

For Family: Anchors Aweigh, Bells of St. Mary's, Marie Louise, Our Vines Have Tender Grapes, What Next, Corporal Hargrave?

For Mature Audience: Colonel Blimp, From This Day Forward, The Last Chance, The Lost Weekend, Pride of the Marines, Rhapsody in Blue, The Seventh Veil, The Silver Fleet, The Southerner, Spellbound, The Spiral Staircase, The Story of G. I. Joe, They Were Expendable, A Walk in the Sun.



By William A. Blanding

THE MIGHT OF LITTLE WORDS

WE ARE surprised to find how well basic English can express the essentials of living in a mere few hundred words. But the ancients had a saying: "We shall never understand one another until the language is reduced to seven words."

Kahlil Gibran, the prophet poet from Lebanon, thinking of that saying, once asked a friend, "Suppose you were compelled to give up—to forget, all the words you know except seven—what are the seven words that you would keep?" Then he suggested this list: "I, you, take, God, love, beauty, earth." And out of those seven words he made a poem of real suggestiveness.

"Love, take me,
Take me, Beauty,
Take me Earth.
I take you,
Love, Earth, Beauty.
I take God."

What depth of feeling is often expressed in one word. Some of the most powerful prayers contain the single word, "God." What deep expressions of love are often exchanged with the single word, "Dearest." The strongest appeal is commonly bade by use of the simple word, "Thanks." And what consequences have often hung upon the decision between the little words, "Yes," and "No."

The greatest literature, like Shakespeare and the Bible, is characterized by well chosen but simple words fraught with the deep meaning that little words best can carry. The strongest in English is said to be Keat's line, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." Perhaps all life would be simple and richer if we would remember the might of little words, and be more content to live with them day by day.

PRAYER: O Thou who openest my mouth, help me to show forth Thy praise in simplest tongue. Amen.

The BIBLE for TODAY

By Frances Huntington Martin

International Sunday School

Lesson for May 19

From Doubt To Faith

John 11: 7-8; 16; 20; 24-29

THIS is a most significant lesson. It is not only the climax of Jesus' appearances, after his resurrection; it also records the height of the understanding of Jesus' personality. The setting of the lesson is the meeting of the disciples the Sunday after Easter. It is the story of Thomas' experience of the living reality of Jesus. So often we designate Thomas as "the Doubter," just as we are prone to remember Peter as "the disciple who denied his Lord." Why do we not recall that Thomas was the devoted member of the group who, when Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem the last time, cried, "Let us go also and die with him!" (John 11:16)

1. Thomas would not take the word of the other disciples; he must be assured from his own experience. When Jesus became a part of his own experience he cried, "My Lord"—the human Jesus with whom he had walked over the hills of Palestine—"and my God!" He could not explain Jesus in any other way: "God is like Jesus." This acclaim of Thomas is the climax of the Gospel of John. The religious purpose of this Gospel is to lead its readers through the record of the life of Jesus up to Thomas' declaration. It is not the statement of theological dogma; it is the expression of what Jesus had come to mean to Thomas' spiritual life.

2. We need to remind ourselves that Jesus did not publicly declare himself to be the Son of God. Not until he was on trial did he answer in the affirmative the question put to him by the High Priest. The Gospels emphasize the human side of Jesus: walking, eating, sleeping, and being weary. We are told of

his tears and his suffering. So surpassing beautiful and marvelous was his personality, however, that it *became necessary to explain him*. No one started out with a theory of who he was. Some explained him by the belief that he was a prophet. Peter went farther: he affirmed that Jesus was the "Anointed," the Messiah, ("Christos"—Greek). The different explanations of Jesus *all grew out of the impression Jesus made on his contemporaries* and of their efforts to figure out the significance of the historical Jesus.

Another point must be noted. We somehow get the idea that the essential truth we must stand for and must prove is the "divinity" of Jesus. In the early history of the Christian church some of the most serious theological battles were fought—not to establish the "divinity" of Jesus but to *maintain the humanness of Jesus!* The church was nearly torn asunder by this heresy, Docetism. The Docetists believed absolutely that Jesus was God—but they did not believe that he had a human body. He only *seemed* to possess a human body! John, in his Gospel, is showing that the *human Jesus was God come into human experience*. If Jesus was not really human then God has *not* come into human experience; God has not "suffered in all points like as we suffer."

4. There seems to be a need of a clearer understanding of what we ourselves mean by the "divinity" of Jesus; also a better way of helping our young people comprehend what is meant by it. We so often make a theological dogma of the idea; many young folks—and others, as well—are not interested in theological formulas. We try to "prove" his divinity by appeal to the miracles, for example. Then, if anyone replies, "But I don't believe that these miracles happened," where are we? As a matter of fact we can so easily believe in the

healing and transforming touch of those marvelous hands *because of the personality of Jesus—not the other way around.*

5. "The divinity of Jesus," says Dr. Fosdick in "Living Under Tension," is primarily an affirmation not about Jesus but about God." Isaac Newton looked at the falling apple in the orchard until he overpassed looking at it and looked through it into a universal law. The astronomer looks at the star until he overpasses looking at it and looks through it into a cosmic truth. These first disciples looked at Jesus until they overpassed looking at him and looked through him into a revelation of something eternally true about God. That is the way all universal Truth is discovered, by looking at something significant until one looks through it and sees eternal matter.

6. What about those who doubt today? First: Doubt is not sin. Jesus did not rebuke Thomas. *There is a natural period of doubt in the minds of all persons who think for themselves.* The scientific spirit of the age increases the naturalness of doubt. As they seek for foundations for their faith they are faced with many doubts. Second: Some mistake the kind of evidence by which *moral truth* is supported. Hence they rely on fallacious reasoning. Third: Some doubt because they think that unbelief is more sophisticated and more profound in its thinking. They make the mistake of thinking that faith is blind credulity or blind adherence to tradition. They have a sense of superiority or pride in their doubts. Fourth: Doubt seems to these people to release them from responsibility. It is their *alibi for not doing what they know is their duty*. To believe brings responsibility for consistency of life. It is easy to accept scientific truth because *no change* in one's life is required to accept it. There is, however, a responsibility on each one of us when we accept moral truth. Fifth: Some doubt because they do not live the truth they already know. "He that wills to do shall know of the doctrine." Sixth: If one has not found a sense of security in Christianity, he doubts and determines to try something else. Seventh: Some have seen inconsistent Christians and for this reason doubt the reality of the message. Eighth: Some drift into doubt through sins in their own lives.

7. The question for each one of us is the same as it was for the first disciples: "How do we explain Jesus?" The most we know about God—in fact, all we know about God is that He is like Jesus. He is like that all the time. Let us not try to make a theological dogma of the truth, nor try to "prove" the divinity of Jesus. His own personality is the proof, the final appeal, the conclusive evidence. When he comes into our experience; when we "open the door and he enters and sups with us"—a happy fellowship—we can only cry, as did Thomas of yore, "My Lord and My God!"

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Speaking of BOOKS

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The Land and the People of India

By Monorama R. Modak

INDIA is a land of mysticism and mystery. Until 30 years ago she was comparatively unknown by westerners. But the reforms which followed the First World War have compelled the attention of the Occident to a marked degree. Even though she has not changed in some respects for a thousand years she is now on the move. No one knows where her march will lead.

This book is very compact yet is full of illuminating information. It is one of a series called "Portraits of the Nations."

India is a land of intensely varying aspects geographically—high mountains, great plains and some deserts. Her people are largely agricultural and her farmers, many of them, are the poorest people in the world. Even China seems to be better off as regards the common classes.

History does not record the beginnings of Indian life. Often, great hordes of barbarians swept down upon her, attracted by her natural wealth. These foreigners were assimilated by their captives and the Aryan strain early predominated and still does in certain respects.

We cannot understand India without knowing something of her epics—those strange and beautiful legends which molded the thought of the people for many centuries. The great epics are the Ramayna, the Mahabharata and the Savriti. All these have great beauty, are marked by heroes and heroines of transcendent purity and have resulted in the deification of the principal actors in the epics. They are not unlike the Greek and Roman gods.

Buddha was the great religious teacher to begin with. Born nearly six centuries before Christ he taught many precepts which characterize the teachings of Jesus. He worked for the common people and gave India a faith which conquered her and spread rapidly to other lands. Modern Buddhism has departed far from the teachings of its founder and is in the process of disintegration. Brahmans, Parsees and Mohammedans divide India religiously although there is much religious toleration in the land. The Hindus introduced the caste system which has been India's greatest curse. There are about seven millions of Christians in the country. Their influence is growing.

The author calls Gandhi the Lincoln of India. He has made many mistakes but his idea of the independence of India is still very potent.

He is not a Christian. Contrasted with him is Tagore, a man of wonderful literary gifts, having won the Noble Prize in literature. Tagore believes in a limited nationalism but is more interested in internationalism. Though he is dead, he is still a power in India. His spirit is much finer than that of Gandhi.

Modern India began in 1919. Since then the wish for independence has grown by leaps and bounds. It has not touched the agricultural classes as it has the cities. England has ruled India for more than two centuries and whatever may be thought of her policies, she has brought marked good to the natives. But even England has a growing sentiment for the independence of India. She is waiting for the time when self-government can be instituted with hope of success. Like the Philippines it is a question whether India can successfully govern herself.

The book closes with a discussion of neighborhood and family life. The Indians are not crude and they value community spirit. Many of their domestic practices are admirable. They have some of the matriarchal ideas of China but these ideas are less rigid than those of the Flowery Kingdom. After all, Aryan and Chinese civilizations are fundamentally different.

This book is especially valuable as a quick sketch. The author is an American who taught in girls' schools in India and married a native scholar. India speaks; she must and will be heard.

("The Land and the People of India,"

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