

sermons and have had more than 1,000 conversions. The baptisms, weddings, and funerals run into the hundreds."

Many Ecustans well remember the day Mr. Manley pronounced them man and wife.

"He has probably married more people at Ecusta than any other preacher", was the opinion of one person here.

In the evangelistic field, Mr. Manley has had his greatest success. Two of these meetings stand out most prominently in Mr. Manley's memories. The first was in Pickens County about 1903, he recalls. The second one was held at Rosman about 1919 and on Tuesday night of this revival came the greatest experience of his ministry. Another preacher had started the revival and went home after a week. "We were not satisfied", Mr. Manley said "and I agreed to continue. On Tuesday night, the people began to come, and at the end of the meeting, I baptized 48 and 14 joined the Methodist Church."

Mr. Manley's community service did not end at the church—he taught school for 33 years of his ministry. Hundreds of youngsters can attribute their "schooling" to this diligent servant.

Ten children were born to the Manley family, and all are living now but one, a daughter, Lennie, having died in 1940. Mrs. Manley passed away in 1937 and both she and Lennie are buried in the Oak Grove cemetery. The living children are Rickman, Carroll, Leon, Vasco, Doyle, Homer, Bessie, Lula, and Ethel. Mr. Manley now makes his home with his son, Carroll, near Alto, Ga., but is called back to Transylvania frequently for services, weddings, etc. His health is good and he is looking forward to several more years of service.

Mr. Manley was born in Macon County, N. C. in 1871 and came to Transylvania County fourteen years later in 1885. He joined the church at the age of 14 and has been actively connected with its program since that time—62 years, all total. He was educated in the ungraded schools in Brevard and further broadened his knowledge through home study. He held a county first grade certificate at the age of 21.

In recent years, Mr. Manley has been called on for supply work in various churches in the county and in this role, continues his unselfish service. Churches often find themselves without pastors through resignation and other reasons, and having a man like Mr. Manley available to step in keeps the activities going until a new pastor is called.

In many respects, Mr. Manley represents an era that is gradually giving way to a more highly organized religious program, but in the hearts of many of us, the old country churches similar to the ones Mr. Manley has served for over half a century, hold a place in our memories that cannot easily be replaced.

STOP RAPPING AND START CLAPPING

The message below was written by the president of the Curtiss Candy Company and is so timely and appropriate at this season of the year that we thought it most worthwhile reprinting in this issue. We trust that it will be read widely and its contents considered thoughtfully.

"A noisy minority seems to feel that anything American is wrong. They condemn continually, and demand sweeping changes.

"It has been said, 'The worst way to improve the world is to condemn it.' It might be well for ALL OF US to remember this when we are tempted to criticize our country, our company, and our friends.

"1948 is a very fine time for every one of us to STOP RAPPING AND START CLAPPING FOR THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE!

"Please understand that we are not suggesting cheap sentimentalism. We have only contempt for those who do nothing but talk, and then let millions of others shoulder the burdens. We are suggesting a practical and genuine Patriotism. 'Patriotism,' says the dictionary, 'is love of country; a devotion to its welfare.'

"Patriotism, as we think of it, is a wholesome respect for the laws of the land, and unfailing loyalty to our American ideals. It is the same kind of loyalty that we give to our loved ones—the type of loyalty that builds great industries and thus produces thousands of jobs. It is the kind of loyalty that built our company and that it must continue to have, to pay us our salaries and meet its obligations to its customers.

I suggest that ALL OF US consider ourselves as members of a great national committee for "The Appreciation and Understanding of the American Way of Life." There are so many specialists at condemning, let us be specialists at commending. We must be tireless in our efforts to destroy the falsehoods that are being told about everything American. These falsehoods are designed to create doubt and confusion regarding the value of our American form of government. We MUST see that every one in the country gets the truth about America. A halfway job will not do. It must be given to them clearly, completely, and constantly.

LET'S STOP RAPPING AND START CLAPPING FOR THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE!"

The personnel manager was interviewing a prospective employe for a job which required more muscle than skill.

"Do you think," he questioned the applicant, "that you are really fit for hard labor?"

"Well, I'll tell you," the applicant replied, "Some of the best judges in the country have thought so."