

## WSCS Celebrates 15th Anniversary

The Mansfield Woman's Society of Christian Service met at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning in the chapel of the Methodist Church for a program celebrating its 15th anniversary.

The Methodist Church was originally one church but in 1830 it divided. Part of it formed the Methodist Protestant Church and then, in 1844, the remaining group formed the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. On May 10, 1939, the three churches met in a uniting conference. The first general conference was held in 1940. The three divisions of the woman's work of the churches met and united their efforts into one group and gave it the name of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. R. L. Huffman, president, opened the meeting with the group singing "Others."

The Rev. Ernest Piott, pastor, gave the invocation, and the Rev. J. Fred Patterson of Ferris, who was pastor of the Mansfield church 15 years ago, gave a very inspirational devotional, Mrs. Huffman said.

Mrs. Leslie Boren, Mrs. Otis Ford and Mrs. Huffman presented a sketch on the woman's work of the three former churches.

Mrs. Victor Dow spoke on the value of WSCS work in the past 15 years.

The worship center was a white cross, a symbol of Christ's death on the Cross, and the remainder of the purpose for which Methodist women are organized. The foot of the cross was encircled by 15 small yellow candles, representing each year of the WSCS here, and two yellow

# Editorial

## Keep It Above Reproach

Mansfield is a thriving and bustling little city that is bound to go places unfamiliar to many persons who have looked upon it as only their home-town for many years or just a "wide place in the road."

But whatever the people of Mansfield think of their town, they should think of it as the best home-town in the country or the best wide place in the road. To sum it all up, people make a town, people make a church, a school, a home or a business.

Mansfield is being put to a test today. It is the, or one of the "proving grounds" of a revolution going on amongst America's people.

What that "revolution" will lead to is impossible of foretelling by The Mansfield News. It could lead to violence or it could lead to a sober and determined effort on the part of Mansfield citizens to attack their problems intelligently and legally, and with a Christian principle uppermost in their minds.

Mansfield, in a manner of speaking, is on trial today before the "court of public opinion." (Not a federal or supreme court). What Mansfield does in the next 10 months in the way of solving its paramount problem will reflect for good or evil on generations to come. Like taxes, a name disgraced, defamed and sullied by abortive and unbecoming conduct will retain a stigma and blemish forever.

That is why, although it is in sympathy with the tenets of segregation, so long as our federal and state lawmakers, whom the people elect, legislate in favor of a minority, The Mansfield News will urge that a constituency contain its temper and utilize the Democratic means at hand to accomplish a purpose.

Rebellion seldom gains an end. But organization has. That is why segregation has become a crisis in the lives of so many Americans who believe conscientiously they are in the right.

A minority, through organization, gained its end through a normal democratic process of law. Some might say "pressure." But by any name, a vastly disorganized majority has been put on the defensive. The News would say, let this great majority beat the opposition at its own game — through the democratic processes of law our forefathers set down as a pattern for us to go by and prove to ourselves we are real Americans and Texans.