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Former Arkansan fills Methodist treasurer post

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — An award-winning public school administrator and executive director of his denomination's largest local church for 17 years is the new general treasurer of The United Methodist Church and general secretary of its Council on World Service and Finance.

R. Bryan Brawner assumed his new duties here January 1 succeeding Dr. Don A. Cooke who held the post in the former Methodist Church and Dr. Cawley A. Stine, treasurer of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church. Both men retired December 31.

A native of Arkansas, Mr. Brawner comes to the post here from the executive directorship of Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, a parish of more than 9,000 members.

R. Bryan Brawner, former superintendent of schools in North Little Rock and more recently business manager of Highland Park Church, Dallas, who became executive director of the Council on World Service and Finance on Jan. 1.



Trained as a public school administrator at Arkansas State University at Conway and the University of Arkansas

at Fayetteville, the new financial executive was led into a professional

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Methodist views made clear

Mixed drink issue stirs statewide controversy

Two cooperative church groups in which the United Methodist Church participates found themselves on opposite sides of the desks of the members of the Arkansas Legislature as a mixed drink bill - still not introduced - became one of the most widely discussed items in the state.

The first item to appear in the press concerned two communications that appeared on the legislator's desks on the opening day of the session on the letterhead of the Arkansas Council of Churches. A letter bearing the names of the Rev. Ed Matthews, Dr. D. Mouzon Mann and Mrs. Cal Ledbetter asked for favorable consideration of a local option mixed drink. Although this letter carried the message that such a resolution had been passed by the Assembly of the Council, several persons present at that meeting denied that such action was taken.

Then, on Monday, Jan. 20, the Christian Civic Foundation, at the annual meeting of its board, approved a resolution introduced by Judge Edward Maddox of Harrisburg, which said:

"Be it resolved that the Christian Civic Foundation go on record as strongly opposing any kind of mixed drink bill including one providing for local option."

Accompanying the letter from the Arkansas Council of Churches, which

is reproduced on page 4, was the following statement:

"The effect of alcohol can be grievous and costly to a person and society. We hold that the abundant life does not require alcohol.

"In keeping with the reform tradition of the priesthood of all believers, we understand that each Christian is responsible for the credibility of his faith and practice.

"The people have not supported the prohibition of the sale of mixed drinks. Many have voted dry knowing all the while that they can obtain alcoholic beverages. In an effort to correct this indefensible situation that exists in our state we suggest favorable consideration of legislation which would allow the people in a given area to decide by their vote whether they want to legalize the sale of mixed drinks or not, and that revenues from the sale of mixed drinks go to the state and to the localities where such sale has been authorized by a vote of the people.

"Such legislation hopefully would include strict regulations concerning minors, reasonable regulation regarding the type of establishment allowed to serve mixed drinks and easy access for police inspection and regulation."

Over 300 delegates to the Fort Smith District Conference at Midland Heights Church, Ft. Smith, meeting prior to the

release of the statement by the Council of Churches passed a strongly-worded resolution urging all Methodists to contact their legislators expressing opposition to the mixed drink bill expected to be introduced.

The Jonesboro District Conference, meeting at Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro, Jan. 15, passed two resolutions concerning the proposed legisla-

tion. These resolutions follow:

"The Jonesboro District Conference voices to the North Arkansas Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns its strong opposition to be resolution adopted by the Arkansas Council

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Breaking ground for the new Jackson Street Church, Magnolia, in recent services were (l. to r.) Billy Cheatham, David Smith, Denny Smith, chairman of the building committee; Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Camden District Superintendent; the Rev. Rayford L. Diffie, pastor; Ralph Holiman, Tyra Stonecipher, Mrs. H. M. Wilson, and George Stewart.

Legislative Letter

from

CHRISTIAN CIVIC FOUNDATION OF ARKANSAS, INC.

W. Henry Goodloe,
Executive Director

The 1969 Session of the Arkansas General Assembly, which opened on Monday, January 13, promises to be one of the most eventful sessions held in many years. The pressures for new legislation are tremendous from different groups and areas of concern, with tax laws taking first place in interest both with the administration and the members of the General Assembly, and also with the general public. Among many other vitally important issues confronting our lawmakers the mixed-drink question will probably head the list, along with related proposals to change and make more permissive our present liquor laws.

The Christian Civic Foundation and the church people making up its constituency have the desired opportunity to implement the pledge affirmed in the Foundation's constitution to "cooperate with all duly constituted authorities" — in this instance the members of the General Assembly — in helping to secure the right measures looking toward control of any involved social evils and the enactment of progressive legislation in other fields pertaining to morality and good government. In a very real sense, every proposal has moral significance and deserves the prayerful interest of every citizen as well as the representatives of the people who are charged with the direct responsibility of law enactment. These weeks of the Regular 67th Session present a challenging test of our democracy and the test will be met most effectively when both legislators and citizen constituency recognize the meaningful task of legislating.

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Editorials

WE DO NOT NEED LIQUOR BY THE DRINK

Despite the unusual number of efforts to becloud the issue we take our stand unequivocally with the Boards of Christian Social Concerns of the United Methodist annual conferences and the Christian Civic Foundation to say that the proposed mixed drink legislation is not what we need for the state of Arkansas. We hope our readers will quickly register their feelings with members of the legislature so that there will be no mistaking. Observers tell us that this will be the most difficult test dry forces have faced in Arkansas in many years. Basically, we are opposed to this legislation because evidence from other states indicates that without question it would increase the per capita consumption of liquor and proportionately increase all of the costs in traffic deaths and accidents that are known to accompany such an increase.

There are three main arguments being used by advocates of this additional relaxation of liquor control. The first of these would have us think that this is a surefire source of between one and two million dollars in muchly needed tax revenue. The fallacy in every proposal to raise taxes from encouraging the consumption of alcohol lies in the fact that overwhelming evidence is available to show that every dollar collected by the state in taxes from this source increases the cost of state government and the people of the state more than \$5 in increased crime and accident costs. The state of Iowa has discovered that their recent enactment of mixed drink legislation almost doubled the per capita consumption of alcohol in their state. Some of the advocates of the proposed legislation would even try to make us believe that less alcohol



would be consumed if bars were licensed. The facts in every state where it has been tried refute this claim.

The second, and loudest cry in the central part of the state, is the tourist and convention business arguments. One spokesman for this position was so bold as to say a few days ago, "When tourists come into Arkansas for fun they do not want to be bound by the same laws that govern the native population." If this is the cost of increased tourism and convention business for Arkansas it is too high a price to pay. Our Little Rock neighbors are still tempted by that spectacular offer of America's outstanding hotel baron to give them a new hotel and convention center if they will give him a mixed drink bill. This is a dangerous trade for a city to make that sees itself just now on the verge of an unusual era of prosperity brought by the traffic on the river. There are probably some other lucrative businesses that could be lured to Arkansas by relaxing some other laws.

Finally, there are those who shed the crocodile tears concerning giving us liquor laws that are clear and easy to enforce. This would be the funniest argument of all if some were not taking themselves so seriously in advancing it. There are two things we want to say about this fallacious argument. First, this talk about liquor laws that are hard to enforce is just a "bogey man" that has been systematically raised across the last four or five years just in preparation for this offensive on our legislature which is just now reaching its peak. There was never anything in the digest of Arkansas laws that made it even appear that it could be legal for anyone to serve mixed drinks anywhere. No one even suggested such a thing during the first 30 years of the Thorn Act which legalized the sale of liquor. The other thing is that we have never seen any law as twisted -- as hard to enforce if you please -- as Act 176 of 1963, commonly called the Private Club Law. If we need to see any law changed to make law enforcement easier it's that one.

We're against the mixed drink legislation -- and we feel our legislature is too.



The Editor's Corner

Farewell to the Post

We were a bit disappointed last week when we found we were too late to buy a copy of the **Saturday Evening Post**. We were told that it has become a collector's item since the announcement that the next issue is to be the last for the famous magazine.

We were especially disappointed because we broke into the field of journalism through The Post -- we didn't write for them we sold them. Sometime back along the trail, when we were nine or ten, we became a part of that great army of boys who sold the magazine door-to-door.

Now that was really making money the hard way. The Post sold for five cents and the profit for selling them was one and one-half cents per copy (if you didn't count your time or the postage you spent writing about your orders).

As we recall we started with about 10 regular customers (that was fifteen cents a week profit) and built up the business in our hometown of Paragould, Ark. to 50 (that made 75 cents at the peak). However, there was a kind of social by-product as you made friends with the people who read The Post.

Of course, there were fringe benefits in this business. There were brown, gold and blue certificates which the salesmen received for selling so many -- and bonus prizes in exchange for these certificates. However, I set my sights too high. I always wanted a bicycle and never had one. I guess you would have had to sell about 10,000 copies to get enough points for a "wheel," and I retired about 15 years too early. Of course, the few certificates I did receive were exchanged for little useless gifts along the way.

Another operation involved cutting off the covers of the copies you didn't sell and sending them in for credit. There was also a running battle with the local newsstand who kept a careful eye on us to see that we didn't offer our customers their copies too early in the week.

Through it all, there was developed a kind of pride of ownership in the magazine. The first time we visited Independence Square in Philadelphia we felt we had to go to the Curtis publishing Co. and see where "our Post" was published.

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Bishop Paul V. Galloway of Little Rock, president of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, is shown at the meeting in New Orleans last week with Judge Chris Barnette of New Orleans.



Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton of New Orleans are shown with Mrs. Clair Hoyt, wife of the general secretary of the Board of Pensions, at the meeting at the Jung Hotel.

Hospitals/Homes Conference deals with ethical problems

Churchmen, meeting at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans, were urged last week either to get involved in developing apparatus to deal with increasingly-complex ethical problems arising from scientific achievements, or keep still when decisions with which they do not agree are made.

A decision must be made as to how answers are given to such questions as abortion, who receives a heart transplant, and the use of drugs that may control one disease but spawn adverse side-effects, Dr. Leroy G. Augenstein of East Lansing, Mich., told about 1,000 Protestant health and welfare leaders.

"The only way the church's impact will be felt in these areas is when members get involved," Dr. Augenstein asserted, and he warned that if this involvement is not forthcoming, "the church will not be heard."

Cautioning that society is "ill-prepared at all levels to make the decisions," the scientist warned that "if you and others like you do not get involved, the church will not be heard."

Dr. Augenstein is chairman of the Department of Biophysics at Michigan State University and spoke here at a mass interdenominational service held in conjunction with the American Pro-

testant Hospital Association convention and related denominational meetings. The National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes was host for the session, first of its kind ever held.

NAMHH INSTALLS OFFICERS

Dr. Vernon Stutzman, Brooklyn, N. Y., was installed as president of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes Thursday afternoon at the final session of the group's annual convention in New Orleans.

Dr. Stutzman, executive director of Methodist Hospital of Brooklyn, will

Evangelism Council hears president's call for "renewed faith" to meet needs of our time

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UMI) — Individual and corporate witness of the Christian faith in a secular world was the underlying theme of a meeting here January 8-10 of the Council of Evangelism, an auxiliary of the United Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

The Rev. Ira B. Galloway, superintendent of the Fort Worth East District and president of the Council, opened the meeting with a call for

"renewed faith" to meet the critical needs of our time.

"Too many people today hear the Bible verse, 'come unto me,' and don't hear the verse, 'go ye into the world,'" he stated. "Because of our lack of living faith thousands of young people are turning from the church. There must be a renewal and a new faith in our time or public chaos will come."

Mr. Galloway was critical of the secularist who wants only to share his

affluence without also sharing the meaning of a personal relationship with God.

Both the president and general secretary of the United Methodist General Board of Evangelism, speaking at the Council meeting, called for Christians to listen to God speaking in today's world.

Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., of Lincoln, Neb., president of the Board, said, "We have done too much to

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Jan. 26—Sunday	Gen. 21:1-9
Jan. 27	Gen. 24:10-27
Jan. 28	Gen. 24:28-51
Jan. 29	Gen. 24:52-25:8
Jan. 30	Rom. 4:1-25
Jan. 31	Acts 7:2-8
Feb. 1	Matt. 17:1-8
Feb. 2—Sunday	Exodus 1:8-22

serve a one-year term succeeding the Rev. William A. Hammitt of Normal, Ill.

Other officers installed Thursday afternoon include Willard S. Farrow, Charlotte, N. C., president-elect to take office as president a year from now, and Robert H. Whitfield, Newton, Kans., vice-president. Mr. Farrow is

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professionalize evangelism. The laymen have left it to the preachers and the preachers have left it up to somebody else.

Bishop Moore said churchmen need to be sensitive to the hurts of the world and recognize God's voice when He speaks. "The young people of today are forcing us to realize we are going to have to live our religion or lose it," he said.

Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel of Nashville, Tenn., General Secretary of the Board, outlined that agency's recently-adopted Position Paper. "We primarily must be listening to what God is saying now," he said. This is hard for most people engaged in evangelism because basically we have been telling the world and not listening to it . . . We must focus on two primary concerns: commitment to Jesus Christ and serving the world in His name."

Other speakers included Dr. Emerson Colaw of Cincinnati, Ohio, a member of the General Board and vice president of the Council; Mr. Francis Dale, publisher of the Cincinnati ENQUIRER and president of the Cincinnati

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UM publications changes taking place

"TOGETHER" TO COMMUNICATE TO UNITED CHURCH

DAYTON, Ohio — In the final January issue of *Church and Home*, monthly magazine of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church, its editors write their valedictory comments and welcome its 185,000 subscribers to the mailing list of *Together* magazine.

In a final editorial, Dr. Curtis A. Chambers of Dayton, executive editor of *Church and Home*, comments upon the appropriateness of *Together*, as the name for the magazine of the "enlarged family" of United Methodists. *Together*, published in Park Ridge, Ill., has for the past 12 years been the official family magazine of the former Methodist Church and will continue as such now that The Methodist Church has united with the EUB Church to form the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Chambers will be assistant editorial director of general church periodicals (*Together* and *Christian Advocate*) with offices at Park Ridge. Dr. Ewing T. Wayland is editorial director. Richard C. Underwood is editor of *Together*, and Dr. James M. Wall is editor of *Christian Advocate*.

Lee Ranck, managing editor of *Church and Home*, in his final editorial paid tribute to the near-saturation coverage of the EUB Church attained by that magazine — a circulation equal to between one fourth and one third of the denominational membership. Mr. Ranck has accepted a position as director of communications for the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D. C., and associate editor of its magazine *engage*.

THE METHODIST STORY-SPOTLIGHT GETS NEW NAME THIS MONTH

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Another

new name has made its appearance on the masthead of a United Methodist Church magazine.

Beginning with the January issue, the denomination's official monthly program journal will be known as *the Interpreter*. It will continue the service of *The Methodist Story*, program journal of the former Methodist Church, and *Spotlight*, counterpart publication of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church.

For a few months since union of the two denominations to form the present United Methodist Church, the combined program journal has carried the name, *Methodist Story-Spotlight*.

Edited by Darrell R. Shamblin, *the Interpreter* is mailed to some 325,000 pastors and key laymen in the 40,000 local congregations of The United Methodist Church. Editorial offices are at 601 West Riverview avenue, Dayton, and the business office is at 1200 Davis street, Evanston, Ill.

Appropriately named, *the Interpreter* takes its title from the fact that it is published by the Division of Interpretation by the church's Program

Council, which was directed by the General Conference "to publish a free program journal for pastors and local church leaders . . . which shall present to the local church for its use the program and promotional materials of the general agencies in a correlated manner."

Covers of the first issue of *the Interpreter* feature Christian unity and the denomination's missionary needs.

"Your Church," a special section of the former *Methodist Story-Spotlight*, will be carried in the new format under headings that coincide with the new terminology of the local church set-up — the Council of Ministries and the Administrative Board.

A new feature launched this month is the publication of materials used in manuals for local church commissions. The current issue includes Guidelines for Evangelism and Stewardship. Later issues will lift up other divisions of the local church.

The magazine continues to point up seasonal emphases and helpful suggestions for various facets of the church program.



The Rev. Allan J. Hughes of Grimsby, Lincolnshire, England, who will be guest preacher for both morning worship services at First Church, Little Rock, Sunday, Jan. 26.

Mixed drink bill

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of Churches who have urged legislators to give favorable consideration to the local option mixed drink bill, as reported by the Arkansas Gazette on January 15, 1969.

"We further recommend that local church commissions and individuals contact their state legislators voicing their opinions regarding this legislation."

We, the members of the Jonesboro District Conference of the United Methodist Church, go on record as being unequivocally opposed to any legislation permitting sale of liquor by the drink."

On Monday morning the members of the legislature found the following communication on their desks from the Boards of Christian Social Concerns of the North Arkansas and Little Rock annual conferences:

"Recently mailed to all members of the legislature was a fact sheet related to the position of the Boards of Christian Social Concerns of the United Methodist Church on the mixed drink question.

"The fact sheet contained reasons for opposition to any proposal legalizing the sale of mixed drinks or to the local option issue of resolving the issue.

"The position of strong opposition is unchanged, notwithstanding the recent statement, supporting local option, issued by a division of the Arkansas Council of Churches, of which the United Methodist Church is a part."

This statement was signed by Louis M. Mulkey, chairman, of this board of the Little Rock Annual Conference, and Earl Hughes, chairman of the corresponding body for the North Arkansas Annual Conference.

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A holy life is not an ascetic, or gloomy, or solitary life, but a life regulated by divine truth and faithful in Christian duty.—It is living above the world while we are still in it.—Tryon Edwards

M. L. EDGINGTON DIES

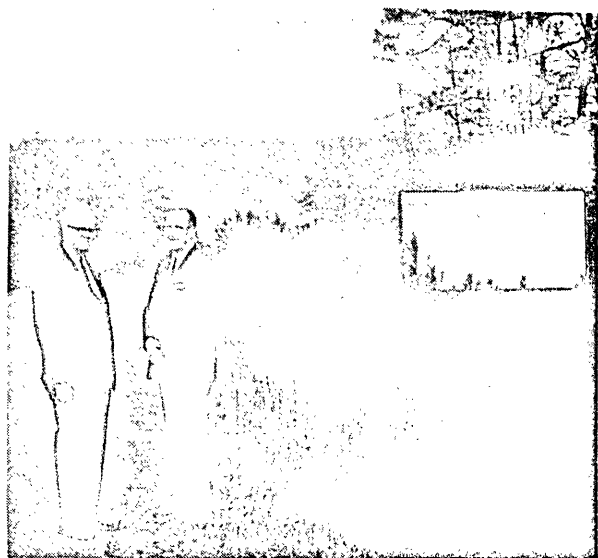
The Rev. M. L. Edgington, pastor of the United Methodist Church at Eureka Springs, died on Thursday, Jan. 16, in a Fort Smith hospital.

He was a native of Texas and a graduate of Southwestern College in Kansas. He was admitted into full connection in the North Arkansas Conference in 1933. His first appointment was at Oppelo in 1929.

Other appointments he has served include: Gravette, Hardy, Marvell, Huntington, Hackett, Lavaca, Pea Ridge, Pangburn, Rose Bud, Lorado, Gainesville, Pleasant Plains, Viola, Kibler, and Waldron Circuit.

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Dr. Joe R. Phillips, Jr. left, and the Rev. Charles Nowlen, visited the site for the new Pleasant Valley Church last week. Mr. Nowlen arrived in Little Rock, Jan. 15, to organize the new church and serve as its pastor until conference. He is residing in Tanglewood Apartments, and his phone number is MO 6-6048.



ARKANSAS COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST

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January 7, 1969

Dear Legislator,

The 13th Annual Assembly of the Arkansas Council of Churches meeting at Hendrix College, November 18, 1969, unanimously passed a resolution that the Council's Division of Christian Life and Mission submit to the Legislature a statement urging favorable consideration of a local option mixed drink bill. Enclosed is the statement issued by that Division meeting at Winfield Methodist Church, January 6, 1969, on behalf of the Arkansas Council of Churches.

The Arkansas Council of Churches is an autonomous, voluntary association of its member communions. It is made up of ten member communions representing 1,584 congregations with 272,465 members in the State of Arkansas.

The enclosed statement is slated to be published in the first issue of the Council's Legislative Bulletin. This bulletin is a means of informing ministers and laymen about important issues which will be before the General Assembly. We would also like to send each of you a copy and would greatly appreciate any comments or suggestions which you might have..

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Ed Matthews
President, Arkansas Council of Churches
The Rev. Mouson Mann
Chairman, Division of Christian Life and Mission
Mrs. Cal Ledbetter, Jr.
Chairman, Department of Christian Social Relations

UM OFFICIAL BODIES ISSUE STATEMENT CONCERNING MIXED DRINK BILL

A statement was released last week by the two official bodies of the United Methodist Church in Arkansas pertaining to the pronouncement by a division of the Arkansas State Council of Churches, of which the United Methodist Church is a cooperating denomination, regarding the mixed drink bill. The statement follows: "The cabinets of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences of the United Methodist Church, with the concurrence of Bishop Paul V. Galloway, resident Methodist bishop of Arkansas, state that the statement attributed to a division of the Arkansas State Council of Churches relative to a proposed mixed drink bill does not carry with it either endorsement or concurrence by any official Methodist body within the bounds of the state." This statement was released by the chairmen of the two cabinets: Dr. Arthur Terry, superintendent of the Pine Bluff District and chairman of the Little Rock Conference Cabinet, and the Rev. S. B. Wilford, superintendent of the Paragould District and chairman of the North Arkansas Conference Cabinet.

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Legislative letter

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The colorful swearing in ceremonies for the Assembly members are no empty form but a real pledge of devotion to duty and the best interests of all the people. I as an individual citizen have no right to assume that I am more interested in the welfare of Arkansas than the man or woman who represents me in the Assembly, and the representations of opinion on issues by me must be conditioned upon that premise with genuine respect for the intelligence, integrity and devotion of the individual legislators.

Legislation then becomes a truly cooperative enterprise. We have reason to be proud of the high quality of the men and women making up this distinguished body. In varied abilities and differing points of view they represent a typical cross-section of our society to be found in a church congregation, association, conference or convention, or, they compare favorably with any other specialized professional group one might select for comparison.

People whose favorite indoor sport consists in loftily down-grading the quality and character of our senators and representatives do a disservice to the total community and hinder the advancement of civic good. These men and women merit our support, our confidence and our high esteem.

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The Rev. Archie N. Boyd officiated at the Fort Smith District Conference at Midland Heights Church, Jan. 8, and David Utley of Paris was licensed to preach. David's parents are standing with him and his pastor, the Rev. Virgil Bell, and Mrs. Bell are standing behind.



NEWS and NOTES

MISS ANNETTE WILLIAMS, who has been serving as educational assistant at her home church, Asbury, Little Rock, has taken a staff position with the Camp Fire Girls at Beaumont, Tex.

THE REV. ERNIE C. HANCE, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference making his home at Walnut Ridge, is a patient at Methodist Hospital, Memphis, where he underwent surgery. Mrs. Hance was just recently released from the hospital after a stay of several weeks.

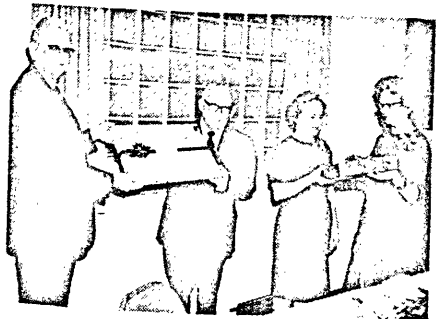
THE YOUTH CHOIR of First Church, Ozark, presented a Christmas service entitled "A Service of Lights." Ronnie Vest and June Long were the readers. Mrs. David Gibbons directed, and Prissy Jones was organist. The pastor is the Rev. William C. Hightower.

TWO MEMBERS OF the Uplifters Sunday School Class of First Church, Fort Smith, who reached their 95th birthdays were honored during a recent Church School hour. They were the Rev. H. A. Mitchell of Missouri who spends the winters with his daughter, Mrs. Emory Farris, and Miss Agnes Oglesby. The party was arranged by J. Fred Patton, class teacher, and Clifford Moore, class president. The pastor is Dr. John A. Bayliss.

PURL A. STOCKTON, better known as "Uncle Purl," was guest speaker at the January 12 meeting of United Methodist Men of Washington Avenue U. M. Church, North Little Rock. He described the work of Union Rescue Mission of Little Rock, of which he has been director for many years. The Rev. Roy Poyner is pastor of Washington Avenue.

PK KORNER: The Rev. and Mrs. Sam Jones of Star City Church announce the birth of their third daughter, Margaret Seal, born January 13. Weight: 9 pounds and three ounces.

THE REV. ROY W. MOYERS of Leslie was the guest speaker at Clinton for the Fifth Sunday Evening Rally of the Van Buren County Larger Parish, December 29. The Rev. Charles Crossno is one of the pastors. The Rev. Kenneth Renfro of Clinton was host pastor.



At the Jonesboro District party, the Rev. Rufus Sorrells, left, Osceola pastor, presents a gift to the Rev. Marshall Bridwell, district superintendent, while Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, right, presents one to Mrs. Bridwell.

THE REV. M. C. BEVENS, pastor of Mountain View Church, Fort Smith District, is convalescing at his home in Fort Smith following recent surgery at St. Edwards Hospital in that city. Dr. Ira McBride, a retired missionary to Africa, who is now a member of the Mountain View Church, has been supplying the pulpit. The Bevens' address is 1505 North 39 St., Fort Smith, Ark.

THE REV. JESSE L. JOHNSON, a recent transfer to the Texas Conference where he is serving as executive director of the Wesley Community House in Houston writes: "Our work is off to an exciting beginning and with never a dull moment. Wesley House is located in North Houston in the center of some 50 or 60 city blocks inhabited principally by Latin and Mexican Americans. It is to this neighborhood that we endeavor to minister. We have a staff of 7 full-time workers, 4 part-time and 40 volunteers. Our mailing address is 1410 Lee St., Houston, 77009."

THE REV. AND MRS. WESLEY J. CLARK of DeSoto, Mo., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Clark is a retired member of the East Missouri Conference and a former member of both the Little Rock and North Arkansas conferences.

PARTICIPANTS IN Student Recognition Day services at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, included: Jack Frost, Jackie Lackie, Jan Fulton, Joel Graziani, Donna Huggins, Donna Taylor, Beverly Cook, Heidi Sadler, Gary Villines, Joe Kuonen, Steve Guenther, Ronnie Weeks, Jimmy Radnedge and Steve Dew. The pastor is the Rev. Floyd Villines, Jr.

STUDENT RECOGNITION Sunday was observed at McCrory United Methodist Church with the following taking part: Tommy Burkett, Billy Heath, Debra Cheatham, Elmo Holder and Sally Jeffries. Brenda Brewer was organist and the UMYF furnished the choir. The pastor is the Rev. Lon Brewer.

STUDENTS REPRESENTING five schools participated in Student Recognition Day at Tuckerman United Methodist Church. They were: Sidney Bailey, Jay Penix, Susan Shaver and Larry Tiffie, Arkansas State University; David Shaver, Hendrix College; Venta Krievans, State College of Arkansas; Norris Johnston and Alice Nagel, University of Arkansas; and Ronnie Tiffie, University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy. The message was brought by the pastor, the Rev. James T. Randle.

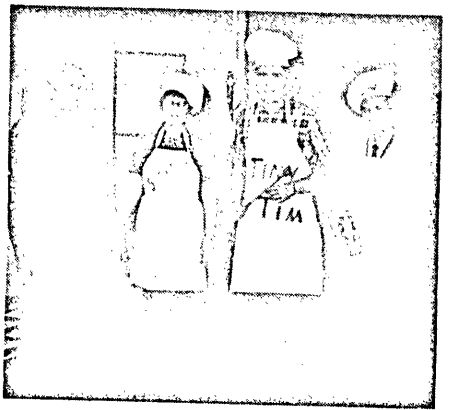
WASHINGTON AVENUE CHURCH, North Little Rock, announces Dr. Victor McManus as evangelist for a revival to be held January 26-February 2. Dr. McManus, whose home is in Ireland, is 47 years of age, and has preached in many different countries throughout the world, including major crusades in the chief cities of the British Isles and some of the larger churches in the United States. The Rev. Roy Poyner is pastor of the Washington Avenue Church.

JOHN W. THOMPSON, senior at State College of Arkansas was recently selected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." John, son of Mrs. Orrie L. Thompson and the late Rev. Orrie L. Thompson, is vice-president of the student body and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

BILLY KIRKLAND, student at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, brought the message on Student Recognition Day at Lake Street Church, Blytheville. Assisting in the service was Larry Mick, also a student at A.S.U. Billy, the son of the Rev. Bill Kirkland, was licensed to preach at the recent Jonesboro District Conference and is now serving the Promised Land Church. The Rev. Bennie G. Ruth is the Lake Street Church pastor.

TED BOSWELL of Benton, recent candidate for governor was the speaker at the January 6 meeting of United Methodist Men in Oak Forest Church, Little Rock. He spoke on "The Abolition of the Death Penalty." Glen Robinson, president, presided. J. O. Boone and Harry Hamner prepared the meal. The Rev. Charles C. Ashcraft is pastor.

YOUTH OFFICERS recently installed at First Church, Conway include: SENIOR HIGH: Robin Greene, president; Judy Warren, vice president; Denise Marsee, secretary-treasurer; NINTH GRADE: Sara Dean, president; Phyllis Welch, vice president; Rebecca Muse, secretary-treasurer; Steve Puckett, program chairman; Anne Watkins, recreation chairman; Debra Coleman, projects chairman; EIGHTH GRADE: John Christie, president; Mary Melton, vice president; Laura Sneed, secretary-treasurer; SEVENTH GRADE: Mark Gibson, president; Bob Rook, vice president; and Suzy Dean, secretary-treasurer. The Rev. Jon Guthrie, minister to students, brought the message and led the installation service, assisted by Jay Holstead, sophomore ministerial student at Hendrix College. The Rev. Worth W. Gibson is the pastor.

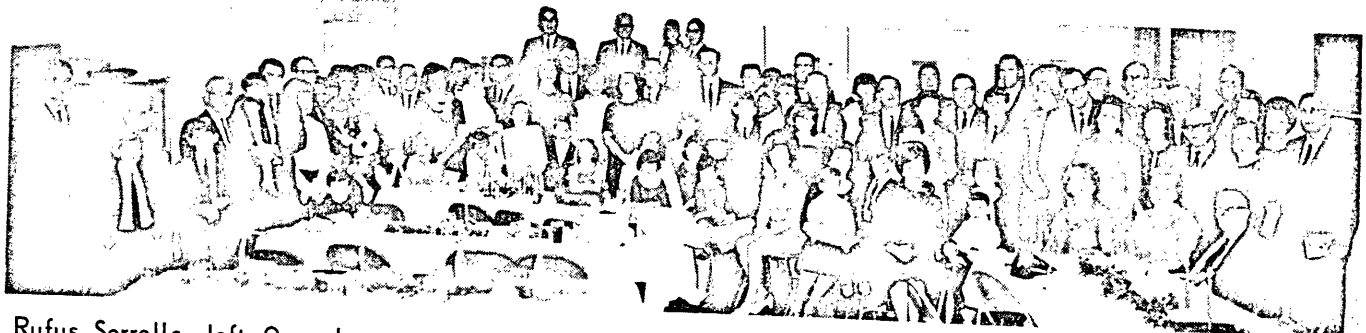
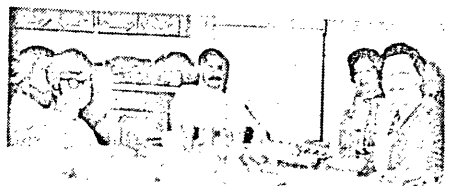


Players from First U. M. Church, Mena, in the play "Dangerfield Newby Moves Uptown" are pictured. From left: O. D. Smith, Mr. Newby; Mrs. Ralph Edwards, Miss Prim; Forrest Ogden, Mr. Pettygen; Edward N. Johnson, Dr. Goodwind.

FIRST CHURCH, Mena, has recently been engaged in the mission study "New Forms of Mission," with the following persons participating: O. D. Smith, Mrs. Ralph Edwards, Forrest Ogden, and Edward N. Johnson. The schedule for the four nights in January calls for a filmstrip followed by discussion; the play "Dangerfield Newby Moves Uptown," a round table discussion; and a book review. Mrs. Ralph Edwards is chairman of the sponsoring Commission on Missions, and Mrs. Vernon Rodgers was in charge of the study. The Rev. Osborne White is the pastor.



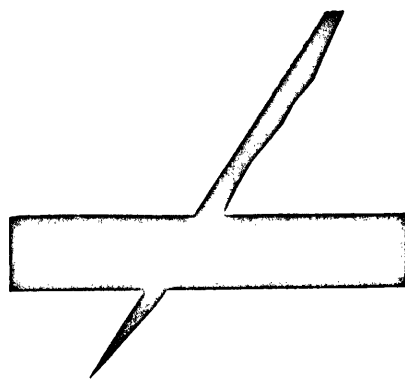
Dardanelle young people are pictured at the New Year's Eve party at the church. BELOW: Adult sponsors of youth at Dardanelle are pictured prior to New Year's Eve communion service.



Jonesboro District ministers and families are pictured above at the December party held in First Church, Marked Tree.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 2: The Kingdom of God Is . . .

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: MARK 4:1-34

MEMORY SELECTION: With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? (Mark 4:30)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To explore the very central theme in Jesus' teaching — the kingdom of God; to discover what he meant by the idea in his own time and what it should say to us in our time.

Following our study of last week concerning the ways in which Jesus was misunderstood by his friends and his critics, we turn this week to see how Jesus resorted to teaching in parables to explain the basic concept of the kingdom of God. Dr. Fred D. Howard (**Adult Teacher**) says: "Although this method had been used by Jewish rabbis before him, Jesus perfected it and became its greatest exponent."

The setting depicts Jesus as so crowded by the multitudes on the shore of the Sea of Galilee that he had taken to a boat for a preaching place. This is the origin of the so-called "Galilean service" that some church groups have when they go for an outing near a body of water.

It may be dangerous to underscore some lessons as having extraordinary significance, but we do feel that today's is an exception. To back up that position we would like to quote from Dr. John Bright's great book **The Kingdom of God**: "To grasp what is meant by the Kingdom of God is to come very close to the heart of the Bible's gospel of salvation."

TEACHING IN PARABLES

Mark, whose major accent is more on the deeds than the teachings of our Lord, introduces us to Jesus' teaching method in chapter 4: "And he taught them many things of parables" (v. 2). Occasionally his disciples could not understand this method of teaching, and sometimes modern disciples — especially those with minds slanted toward theological speculation — accuse him of oversimplification in this teaching device.

The word "parable" literally means something cast alongside. It is an illustration or story placed beside a truth to illuminate the truth. It is a type of comparison. Dr. William Barclay (**The Gospel of Mark**) and others have defined a parable as "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." Most of his parables illustrate one central idea and are sometimes "overinterpreted" by those who would make allegories of them — seeking a meaning for every single idea and character.

Not only did Jesus adapt his methods of healing to the needs of individuals; he also adapted his methods of teaching. When speaking to a large crowd, as he was on this occasion, he could use a parable to attract attention. Even people who missed the meaning probably were interested in hearing Jesus' parables as entertaining stories. Often a modern preacher will discover that his illustrations will be remembered long after his subject and central theme have been forgotten.

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

The parable of the sower is at the heart of today's lesson beginning at verse 3, "Listen! A sower went out to sow." This parable is found in all three of the Synoptic Gospels, and is one of the few stories that Jesus ever took time to explain. The fact that it is a key parable is found in Jesus' words in verse 13, "And he said to them, 'Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?'"

Dr. Paul Minear (**Mark**, Layman's Bible Commentary series) speaks of the various listeners as the

story was told: "As we read the first of the parables and its explanation we note the various circles of listeners. The Twelve form the smallest circle. A bit larger is the circle of the Twelve plus 'those that were with him.' This circle represents all the disciples of Jesus — which in Mark's day would be like the members of the Church. The largest circles included these groups plus all who heard his preaching without making a decision about it . . . The parable was given to all; the explanation was given only to those who had chosen to follow."

"The sower sows the word" (v. 3). The farmer is quite obviously Jesus, whose word is the message of God's Kingdom with the power to heal and to bless, and with his call for followers. "Some fell along the path . . . when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word" (v. 4). Here, in addition to Jesus and the word we are forced to think of some hearers (the rocky soil) and Satan (the birds).

The message is also said to fall on "rocky ground." Here the drama lasts longer, but is no less tragic. It has three acts: 1. The response of joy because of the exhilarating sense of peace and freedom; 2. Momentary endurance with deceptive signs of strength and growth; 3. Defeat because of persecution.

Then there is the briar patch (v. 7). Here the enemy employed subversive tactics; division within the heart of the believers. Joy over forgiveness competed with anxiety over earthly security. Desire for the Kingdom competed with "delight in riches." Contrary ambitions choked the word. The parable reaches its climax in its fourth stage — the good soil. Here the accent is on the assurance that the gospel achieves its purpose in those disciples, however few, who "hear . . . accept . . . and bear fruit."

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The kingdom of God refers to the sovereign rule of God in the hearts of men. Jesus never defined the kingdom, but he described it through parables drawn from daily life — like sowing seeds on different kinds of soils, placing a candle on a candlestick, and the common but mysterious process of plant growth. Since Jesus had been misunderstood by critics, friends, and family, he perhaps deliberately taught about the kingdom in parables to avoid the possibility of further misunderstanding.

Jesus used the term "kingdom of God" so matter-of-factly that he seemed to be assured that it would have common understanding. It was in the vocabulary of every Jew as the "day of the Lord." It was something they had longed for many years. To us, it is a strange term, and it is necessary that we give it content if we are to understand it. Perhaps these words from Dr. Bright's book will be helpful:

"It is at once apparent that the idea is broader than the term, and we must look for the idea when the term is not present. Indeed it may come as a surprise to learn that outside of the Gospels the expression 'Kingdom of God' is not very common in the New Testament, while in the Old Testament it does not occur at all. But the concept is by no means confined to the New Testament. While it underwent, as we shall see, a radical mutation on the lips of Jesus, it had a long history and is, in one form or another, present in both Old Testament and Law. It involved the whole notion of the rule of God over his people, and particularly the vindication of that rule and people in glory at the end of history. That was the Kingdom which the Jews awaited."

THE NATURE OF THE KINGDOM AS REVEALED IN THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Jesus taught through this and other parables that the growth of the kingdom, although sometimes imperceptible, is constant and inevitable. Moreover,

like a field of grain, the growth reaches a climax in a harvest.

It seems we can arrive at these pertinent truths from the parable we are studying today: 1. The message of the kingdom of God is so vital that we need to witness in language that all men can understand; 2. The growth and expansion of the kingdom are assured. We are to be his hands in bringing in the kingdom, but if we defect disobeying his will, he will bypass us and use other hands to accomplish this purpose; 3. We must not confuse the increase in buildings, budgets, and other externals with the real growth in the kingdom of God — even the increase in numbers is irrelevant except as it represents changed hearts and lives; and 4. Since the kingdom of God is moving toward an eventual consummation, in the meantime we have primarily a responsibility to watch and to work — as "stewards of the mysteries of God" it behooves us to be found faithful."

THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

In the parable of the mustard seed we find Jesus resorting to the oriental teacher's device of using hyperbole to accent a contrast he wishes to make concerning the nature of the kingdom. The mustard seed is not the smallest of all seeds nor is the plant which grows from it the largest, but Jesus employs them for his purpose. George H. Hubbard in his book **The Teachings of Jesus in Parables** speaks of the emphasis Jesus made: "There is considerable greatness springing from inconsiderable littleness, and involving a miracle of creation . . . It teaches us how great results in the spiritual life, as in the physical or material life, spring from sources apparently the most insignificant."

This is the point of this parable. Originally it probably referred to the marvel of the kingdom's coming from the small beginning of Jesus' ministry and his band of disciples. The history of the Christian church reveals the foreknowledge that Jesus employed here. The tiny beginning, the work of an obscure teacher and a pitifully small group of disciples, ordinary men, has become "the greatest of all shrubs." God's instrument has been a creative minority. Someone has pointed out that we are living in a period in which "the will of the minority" is registering with far greater effect on events than the "will of the majority."

In his great novel **Grapes of Wrath** John Steinbeck put these words in the mouth of the transient preacher Casey, "One person, with their mind made up, can shove a lot of folks around." Dr. Halford Luccock (**Interpreter's Bible**) says: "This is true in every realm of life. Into the whirlpool of Greek and Roman life there came in the first century A.D. a few people with 'their mind made up'; as one of their leaders put it, 'We have the mind of Christ.' For nineteen centuries we have seen the 'divine shove' on humanity and the world." This parable speaks out forever against the heresy of confusing size with significance.

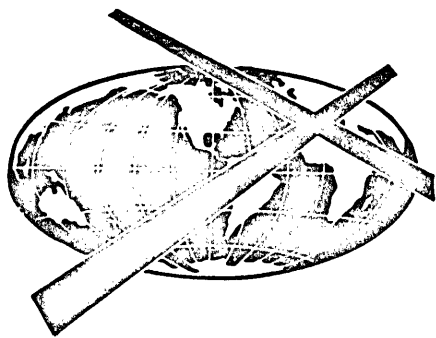
SUDDENLY, THE KINGDOM!

Throughout this lesson Jesus makes the point that the coming of the kingdom will be slow and gradual — but certain. When he uses the language "first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear" (4:28), he is saying to his followers that there will be many occasions when it will not be apparent what progress is being made in the direction of the will of God. When this seems to us to be the way it is, we should not grow discouraged, for God is at work in the world — and in our lives.

Dr. Charles Laymon (**International Lesson Annual**) speaks of the parable of the acorn. The acorn told of the birds that would find shelter in the branches of the tree it would become, and of the ships that would sail the seas made from the timbers it produced. Someone said in derision to the acorn: "O foolish little acorn, wilt thou be all this?" And the acorn answered, "Yes, God and I." Thus it is with the kingdom.

People always tried to get Jesus to set a specific time for the coming of the kingdom. This he refused to do. We often get discouraged and beg for a sign. Thomas Carlyle once said something that should remind us that Jesus told his followers and us that it is not for us to know the times and the seasons. He said: "This is a good universe. There is no permanent place in it for evil."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Much of the uncertainty over whether Nigeria would permit mercy flights to Biafra during daylight hours by the International Red Cross and an interreligious agency using C-97G Stratofreighters appears to be clearing away, but final arrangements have not yet been settled. After the U. S. Air Force had agreed to sell four of the cargo planes to Joint Church Aid, and four to the Red Cross at salvage value, reports from Lagos and the Nigerian Embassy in Washington reflected the fear that the U. S. might be giving Biafra the impression of offering tactical support.

Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of Washington National Presbyterian Church, will be the chaplain of the U. S. Senate for the next two years. He succeeds Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, 83, a Methodist who held the post for 24 years. Dr. Harris served in this post continuously since 1942, except for a two-year period in the late 1940's when the late Dr. Peter Marshall was the senators' spiritual adviser.

The American Jewish Congress has denounced as "a vicious piece of racism" an editorial appearing in a recent issue of the African-American Teachers Forum. The bi-monthly publication had called for a "responsible voice" in the Jewish community to speak out against exploitation by Jews of Negroes and Puerto Ricans. The Forum editorial said: "The Jew, our liberal friend of yesterday, whose cries of anguish still resound from the steppes of Russia to the tennis courts of Forest Hills, is now our exploiter."

In a related story, the National Urban League has warned that anti-Semitic expressions by blacks and Puerto Ricans in the still tense New York City school decentralization dispute "damage the cause of community control." Whitney M. Young, Jr., said some blacks and some Jews, "especially in the heat of controversy," have made "irresponsible statements," but declared that "the great mass of Jewish inhabitants of New York know that most black people are not anti-Semitic, and vice versa."

In a statement calling for "compassion, justice and peace" in the Middle East, the president and the general secretary of the National Council of Churches have cited "reports of continued persecution of Jews in some countries" of the troubled area. "We protest and affirm that each person and association should be assured of adequate legal safeguards for the protection of their rights," said Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, president, and Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, general secretary. They issued the statement to support steps aimed at peace in the Middle East.

Fearing a "Christian backlash" that would alienate supporters of Israel, the Rabbinical Association of America has urged Jewish leaders to stop criticizing Pope Paul for his implied condemnation of the Israeli attack on the Beirut Airport. Rabbi Bernard Weinberger, president of the Orthodox group, said that while Jews were justifiably indignant at the Pope's "one-sided" reaction to Mid-East tensions, repeated criticisms of the pontiff would only divert attention from the real problem of the Jews and strain their relations with Christians.

Laymen must have their heads "knocked together" to spur their concern and to see that the church is in trouble in the U. S., the president of the American Baptist Convention said recently. Pastors, according to Dr. Culbert G. Ruttenbar, are more ready than laymen to recognize the fullness and breadth of the Christian Gospel's meaning.

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In India, the state government of Madhya Pradesh has issued a warning to missionary schools against reported pressures on parents and students. A letter from the state's Education Department to the schools alleged that undue pressure has been exerted by teachers and preachers to induce the people not to send their children to non-Christian schools.

Dr. Hebert Marcuse, considered by some to be the idol of student revolutionaries throughout the world, recently paid a visit to Union Theological Seminary in New York. During an informal question-answer session, some seminarians reflected a reverence for the philosopher's writing that in less alienated times might have been reserved for Reinhold Niebuhr of Karl Barth.



MINNEAPOLIS -- Father Harry J. McSorley, C.S.P., a recognized Luther scholar, is the author of a new book, "Luther: Right or Wrong?" which has made publishing history. The volume by the Roman Catholic priest is an ecumenical-theological study of Martin Luther's major work, "The Bondage of the Will," and was the first joint publishing venture of the Augsburg Publishing House (Lutheran) in Minneapolis and the Newman Press (Catholic) in New York. The book also marks the first time a Catholic scholar has dealt in such depth with what Luther explicitly stated was the heart of his protest against the Church of Rome. (RNS Photo)

Divorce by consent after two years' separation could well become a fact in Britain within a year—unless the forces of opposition muster sufficient strength—as the result of the latest House of Commons vote on the Divorce Reform Bill. Members voted agreement in principle on the bill by 183 votes to 106 after a special morning debate.

Membership in the Episcopal Church remained fairly static in 1968. The number of baptized persons, 3,588,435, increased only one-tenth of one percent and the number of communicants was up only six-tenths of one per cent. The data appeared in the Episcopal Church Annual.

Gov. George Romney's recent advice to churches that they get out of "secular education" has been denounced by Michigan legislators and churchmen. (May be a good idea he is getting out of the "governor business.") The Rev. Carl Mehl, executive director of the Greater Detroit Council of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, said: "We have the greatest respect for Gov. Romney, but it appears he has put his foot in his mouth again."

The symbol of napalm as representing the Vietnam war has manifest itself in a recent action by Union Theological Seminary. The trustees sold more than \$500,000 of Dow Chemical stock donated to the institution in 1964. President John C. Bennett said the trustees sold the stock "out of deference to opinions of students, faculty and administration in relation to Dow Chemical's role in connection with the use of napalm in the war. (We would be interested in knowing what stock the trustees invested in with the money obtained from the Dow stock.)"

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale has criticized today's church for neglecting the individual. In Nashville, Tenn. to present Guidepost's 12th church award to Dr. Ira North, minister of Madison Church of Christ, Dr. Peale said: "The churches have neglected the individual. Some seminarians have said social action mechanics is the answer. I agree that the answer to problems should be found in the church — and then persons can go out into communities and create answers there with social action."

A Roman Catholic priest, recently returned from a trip to Africa, reported that missionaries in Nigeria are subject to considerable government suspicion. "The situation is rather delicate and awkward," said Father Francis Fleming, pastor of St. Olaf Church, Minneapolis. "The missionaries recognize the desperate need of food and supplies in Biafra, but they don't want to be accused of disloyalty by the Nigerians."

The Christian Herald, interdenominational monthly, included among its predictions for religious happenings for 1969 that Lyndon B. Johnson would become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Other predictions: a diminishing emphasis on ecumenism . . . swing toward meditative disciplines . . . decrease in the church role in civil rights . . . suspension of more Roman Catholic priests . . . a moment of truth for English Protestants as they confront the proposal to merge the Methodist Church and the Church of England.

The offering may no longer be a part of the church worship service when the "checkless, cashless society" comes into full sway in the early 1980's, a national Lutheran stewardship conference was recently told. Warren Winsness of First Computer Corp. predicted that most church members will then make their contributions through the electric fund transfer system. Mr. Winsness suggested that the additional five to eight minutes required for taking the offering might be used to give additional emphasis to the sermon message.

Gary Player, South Africa's top professional golfer, recently joined American Billy Casper, a 1966 convert to Mormonism, during a "Mormon Fireside Meeting" at the Johannesburg Mormon Chapel. It was the first appearance of Mr. Player at a Mormon Church meeting, although Mr. Casper averages two "fireside sessions" each Sunday in the United States.

Father James Keller, M. M., the Roman Catholic priest who advised millions that it was "better to light one candle than to curse the darkness," has retired from his post as director of the movement he founded — the Christophers. In announcing his retirement, the 68-year-old Maryknoll priest named as his successor Father Richard Armstrong, M. M., who has been a member of the Christopher staff for the past eight years.

FIVE MINISTERIAL STUDENTS ATTENDING CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Five ministerial students at Emory University's Candler School of Theology are from the Little Rock and North Arkansas conferences of the United Methodist Church, acting Dean Mack B. Stokes has announced.

Students from Arkansas are: Louis L. Averitt, 605 Booker, Little Rock; Jerry K. Yarbrough, Rt. 5, Nashville; Robert M. English, Box 297, Hendrix College, Conway; Jerry Pulliam, 1101 Olive, Jonesboro, and Powell G. Williams, Box 103, Marion.

Dean Stokes said the Candler School of Theology is the largest of the Methodist seminaries in this country. Candler provides more ministers for Methodist pulpits and more missionaries for service abroad than any Methodist seminary.

Over three-fourths of the students at Candler are interested in the pastoral ministry, an unusually high ratio, Dr. Stokes said.

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church career by his long-time friend and fellow-Arkansan, Dr. Marshall T. Steel. Dr. Steel, president of Hendrix College in Conway since 1958, was pastor of the Highland Park church for 21 years.

Before assuming the Highland Park post, Mr. Brawner spent ten years as principal of Texarkana, Ark., schools and 13 years as superintendent of the North Little Rock, Ark., schools. His reorganization and rebuilding of the letter system was recognized in 1950 when he was named "Little Rockian of the Year."

Education of exceptional children was a special interest of Mr. Brawner during his school administration years.

While on the staff of Highland Park Church, he devoted extra time to church extension and for a term was chairman of the Dallas District board. In 1968 he received the Circuit Rider award.

In the finance field, Mr. Brawner has served as a member of the North Texas Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, the South Central Jurisdiction finance committee, and in 1964 was named to the general Council on World Service and Finance.

He was instrumental in launching Methodist inner-city work in Dallas and served on its board of directors.

Active in the National Association of Church Business Managers, Mr. Brawner served a term as president. He also has served as an international counselor and district governor of Lions International.

His new post "offers tremendous opportunity for service at a time when the church is in a period of change and maybe even crisis," Mr. Brawner said.

Mr. and Mrs. Brawner have one daughter, Elizabeth Anne, who is a sophomore at Hendrix College.

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Happiness is the legitimate fruitage of love and service.—Arthur S. Hardy

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YOUTH MINISTRY LOOKING TOWARD YEAR 2000

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A consultation to consider the trends of youth ministry leading up to the year 2000 will be held here at the United Methodist Board of Education building January 24-27.

The consultation, sponsored by the Department of Youth Ministry of the Division of Christian Unity of the National Council of Churches, will involve 30 persons, including eight young people.

Participants will represent Roman Catholic, Armenian Eastern Orthodox, Presbyterian, Lutheran, United Methodist, United Church of Christ, Baptist, and Episcopal Churches and other agencies associated with the National Council of Churches.

Abingdon Press, publishing division of The Methodist Publishing House, will co-sponsor the event and produce a book derived from the findings of the consultation.

Mr. Rene F. Pino, Director of Research Interpretation in the Section of Innovation and Experimentation of the United Methodist Board of Education, will be chairman of the consultation.

A major role of the participants, according to Mr. Pino, will be to 'imagine' the future. The consultation will concentrate on the question, "What form must the Church take now and in the next 10, 15, and 20 years in order to perform the task required in the year 2000?"

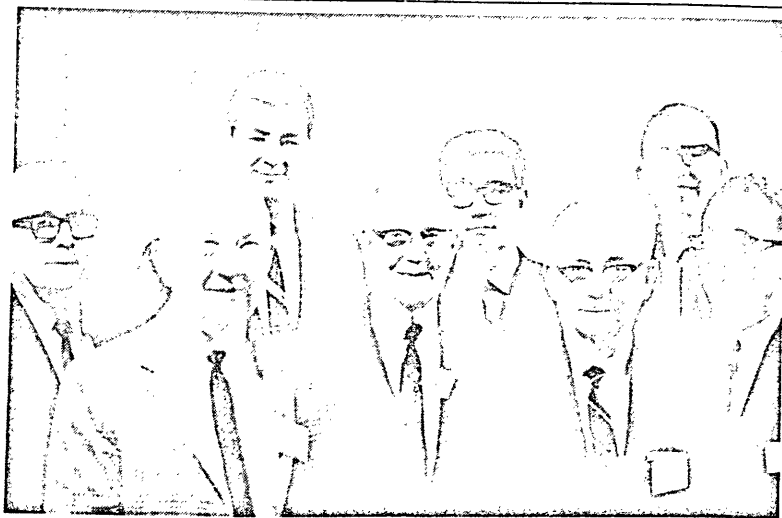
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HOPE DISTRICT UMY's HOLD WINTER RALLY

More than seventy-five young people and adult sponsors from Hope District met at the Nashville United Methodist Church, January 11 for a Winter Rally. The Rev. Alf DeBlack is pastor of the host church.

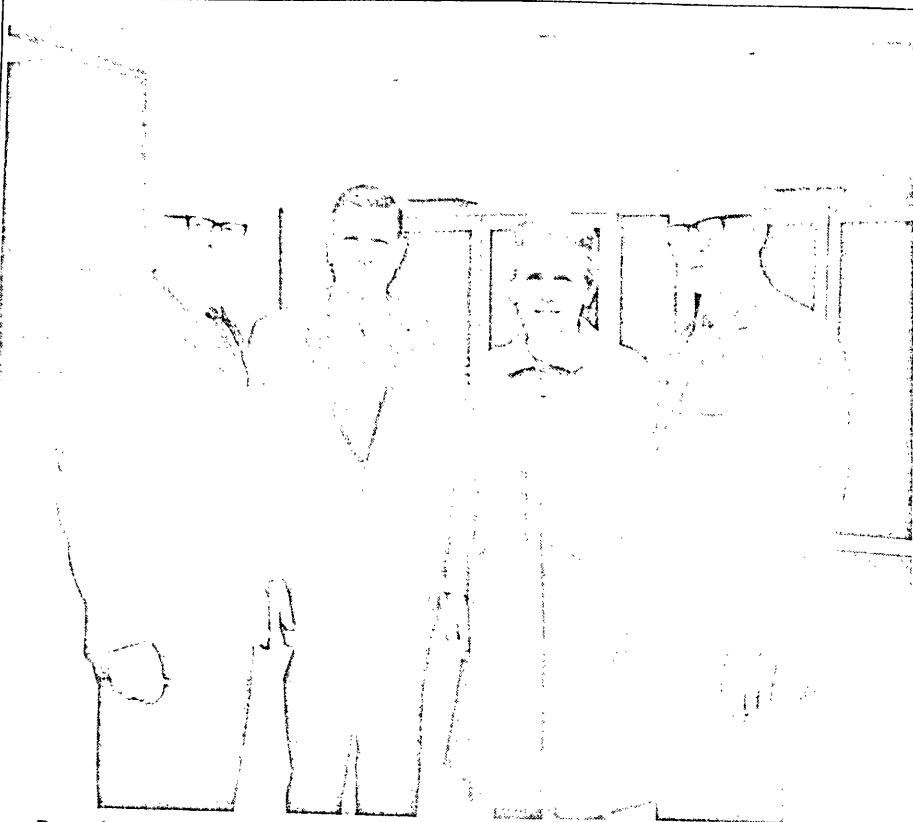
Tommy DeBlack, district president, presided over the meeting. The Elizabeth Ann Terry Handbell Choir from the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock, under the direction of Mr. Felix Thompson, presented several numbers. The Rev. John Miles, of Hot Springs, spoke to the group. The Rev. Gerald Fincher, Prescott, is Hope District Youth director.

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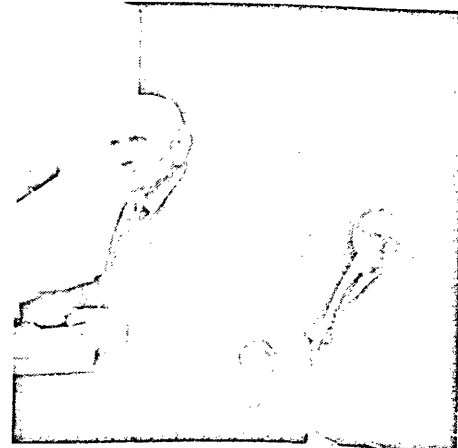


Pictured at the recent Council on Evangelism meeting in Kansas City were: FRONT: Charles Stuck, Dr. W. Neill Hart, Dr. Otto W. Teague and Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger; BACK: the Rev. Ralph Hale, the Rev. Edgar Outlaw, and the Rev. Worth Gibson.

Christian Civic Foundation

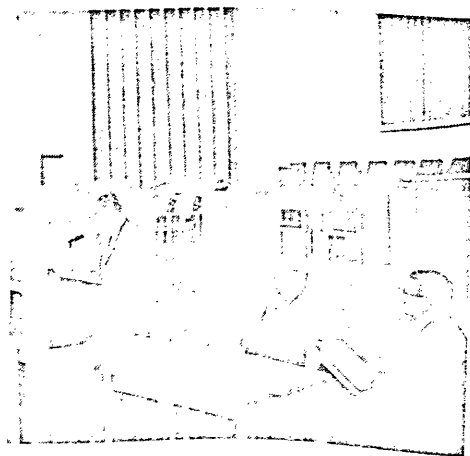


Branch Field, Methodist layman of North Little Rock, second from left, was elected president of the Christian Civic Foundation at the annual meeting on Jan. 20. Other officers elected included, from left, the Rev. David Conyers, second vice president; Mrs. Edgar Dixon, first vice president; and Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, secretary.



Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, executive secretary of the Christian Civic Foundation reports to the annual meeting Monday. Checking on him is Dr. Horace Thompson, president.

Dr. Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita Baptist University is shown as he addressed the Civic Foundation meeting in Second Baptist Church, Little Rock. Also shown are Dr. Thompson and Mr. Fields.

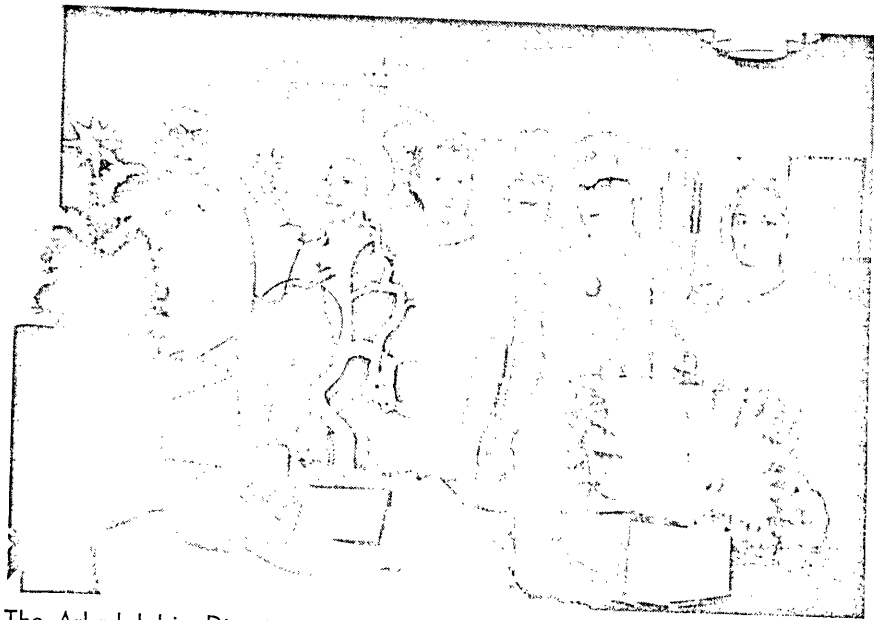


In the Bible there are three distinctive meanings of grace; it means the mercy and active love of God; it means the strength of God to overcome.—Charles L. Allen

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By "riches of grace" the apostle means all the spiritual resources that are at the disposal of Christians through the redeeming work of Christ and the gracious presence of his Holy Spirit.—Henry W. DuBose

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The Arkadelphia District ministers and wives were entertained December 10 in First Church, Malvern. The group above were hostesses or participants on the program. They are, from left: Mrs. Lee Hardwick, Mrs. George Martin, Mrs. Travis Langley, Mrs. Lloyd Perry, Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. Ed McLain, Mrs. O. W. Hoover and Mrs. Paul Blackburn. A worship program was presented by Mrs. Hardwick and Mrs. Blackburn. At the noon luncheon, gifts were presented by the group to District Superintendent and Mrs. Otto W. Teague.

Financial Statement

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Little Rock Conference
May 15, 1968 - December 31, 1968

RECEIPTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	TOTAL
Undirected Pledge	\$49,475.64	\$11,124.43	
Conference Special Missionaries	1,568.69	36.00	
Study Projects	33.71		
My World Bank and Other Offerings	422.01	137.78	
Conference Rural Work	1,023.17		
Special Memberships	710.00	185.00	
Special Project - Guild		81.95	
In Remembrance Gifts	312.50	63.00	
Total Credit on Pledge	\$53,545.72	11,628.16	(\$65,173.88)
Bequest (Member Malvern First Church)	1,000.00		
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	3,746.02	852.30	
Crusade Scholarships & Other Supplementary	269.70	18.00	
Elizabeth Thornburg Workman Fund	603.37		
Other Receipts	21.00		
Total Receipts from Districts	\$59,185.81	12,498.46	71,684.27
Refunds, Miscellaneous	144.15		
Guild Study Retreat		70.19	
Pulaski Federal S&L (Inter-Racial Fund)	334.01		
Taylor Endowment Fund (Support H. Wilson)	1,000.00		
In Remembrance Gifts	28.50		
Interest Savings Account	204.91		
Total Receipts	1,711.57	70.19	1,781.76
Balance in Savings and Checking Accounts - May 15, 1968			\$73,466.03
Total to account for			23,244.11
			\$96,710.14

DISBURSEMENTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	Total
Pledge to Missions	47,504.10	9,929.52	
Special Memberships	710.00	185.00	
In Remembrance Gifts	341.00	63.00	
Total Credit on Pledge	48,555.10	10,177.52	(58,732.62)
Bequest	1,000.00		
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	3,746.02	852.30	
Supplementary Gifts	269.70	18.00	
Total sent to the Division	53,570.82	11,047.82	64,618.64
Conf. Inter-Racial Work-Hot Springs Area	100.00		
Elizabeth T. Workman Fund	840.13		
Church and Community Work	1,853.40		
Inter-Board Co-op Fund	353.38		
Church Women United	50.00		
Districts Cultivation Fund	4,500.00	1,300.00	
Jurisdiction Cultivation Fund	562.90		
Inter-Conf. Sch of Christian Mission	1,200.00	250.00	
Regional Sch of Christian Mission	812.80		
Jurisdiction Guild Week-end		83.55	
Annual Report	946.68		
Stationery	85.65		
Adm., Promotion, Com. Meetings, Workshops	577.60	448.69	
Miscellaneous Expenses	175.43		
Total Disbursements	12,057.97	2,082.24	14,140.21
Balance in Savings & Checking Accounts - Dec. 31, 1968			\$78,758.85
Total Accounted for			17,951.29
			\$96,710.14

(Local Church and Community work reported by Societies \$27,670.47)

Ada May Smith, Treasurer

PARAGOULD DISTRICT WSCS EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Paragould District Executive Committee of the Women's Society of Christian Service met December 17, 1968 in the home of Mrs. Claude Shaver at Cherokee Village for a Christmas luncheon and business meeting. The following were present:

Mrs. Tyler Williams, Beech Grove; Mrs. Earl Gramling, Stanford; Mrs. Everett Bates, Pocahontas; Mrs. Paul Logan, Alicia; Mrs. Hatcher Smith, Imboden; and Mrs. Dalton Henderson, Imboden.

Mrs. Shaver was presented with a hostess gift by each of the members. She gave each member a glass of pepper jelly.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Tyler Williams. The prayer and devotional was given by Mrs. Earl Gramling.

Plans were made for the Spring District Meeting to be held at Piggott. March 26, was selected for the date, registration to begin at 9:30, with nursery for children.

The announcement was made that the annual meeting would be held in Paragould April 10-11-12.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Williams.

SUNDAY EVENING INTEREST INCREASES AT WYNNE

The First United Methodist Church of Wynne observed family night on January 14 with potluck at 6:30. Bill Rule, president of Methodist Men presided. The stewardship film was used for the program, "The Will of Augusta Nash." The budget was stressed by Wade Henderson, chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance. The new budget has been prepared and approved.

The Sunday evening services have had an increase in interest and attendance. For four months some one has been invited to bear his Christian witness before the altar moments. These people have been from different denominations. Recently a youth studying for the ministry in the Assembly of God Church bore his witness. The congregation was asked to leave a love offering on the altar as they came to pray. \$395 was given to him to use in his training for the ministry. A young lawyer, Rick Proctor, bore his witness recently and greatly influenced the en-

LAKESIDE CHARTER MEMBER NOTES 100th BIRTHDAY

The history of Lakeside United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, unfolds as one looks into the life of the church's only surviving charter member, Mrs. Joe H. Watkins, who observed her 100th birthday January 20, 1969. She has watched Lakeside, which she joined as a young lady in 1888, grow to be one of the larger churches in the Little Rock Conference.

Mrs. Lula, as most know her, served her church as teacher, department head, and faithful worker in the women's organization, being a charter member of every group in Lakeside history. Mr. Watkins served as Sunday School superintendent for many years and was a leader in all affairs of Lakeside.

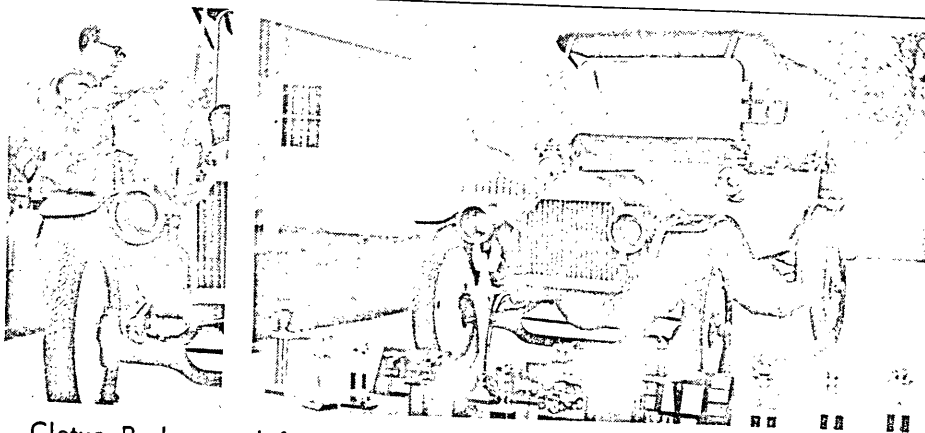
Mrs. Lula, the oldest, and Cliff Brewster, the youngest, are the only surviving members of the family of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brewster, leaders in the organization and development in Lakeside. Cliff and his wife, Lela, a niece, Pauline Sowards, and a nephew, Garland Brewster, Jr. and wife, Lucretia, make their home in Pine Bluff and are active members of Lakeside.

Mrs. Lula now resides at the Davis Hospital but keeps a close check on the progress of her church, both locally and in the Conference.

THE WYATT MEMORIAL Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild held a joint meeting in Fort Smith on January 7. Mrs. Lawson Clonger spoke on "How to Get Involved." Mrs. Clem Pfeifer is WSCS president, and Mrs. Henry Huffman is WSG president.

tire congregation. Many people have been coming to the altar, accepting Christ as Savior or renewing their faith.

One of the members recently remarked "The Sunday evening service has become our finest hour. God is present. The Holy Spirit is moving throughout the Church and my life is being changed." The pastor, Rev. John M. McCormack has said: "I came to dread Sunday evening. Now I rejoice in spirit as I think of it, knowing we shall have good attendance and knowing that God will be felt in the services warming all hearts and saving souls."



Cletus Barlow, at left, layman of Lake Street Church, Blytheville, is a Disabled American Veteran and restoring antique cars is his hobby. His 1913 Paige pictured above is the only one in existence of this model. Trophies he has won with it are pictured. He is president of the Boot Hill Antique Car Club, which covers Eastern Arkansas, Western Tennessee and Southern Missouri. He is also vice-president of the Mid-American Old-time Auto Association (MOTAA). He is now restoring a rare 1933 Cadillac. His wife dedicates much of her time to teaching in a special school for the retarded.

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
EDITORIAL BOARD
The Methodist Recorder



There are no flying saucers. That is official. And it comes from the U.S.A. investigating commission on unidentified flying objects. In spite of the many people who claim to have seen them, and the few who even claim to have had some kind of communication with them, the big men of science have definitely assured us that green, blue or pink, flying saucers are out.

But the question that bothers me is this. Will this pronouncement really

make any difference to the people who believe in flying saucers?

And the reason that I think it may not is this. When your brave men from the moon came back we were all filled with admiration for them. We recognize this great achievement as being a real shot in the arm for America. After a year in which you have had to survive major tragedies, and at the same time turn your minds to a Presidential election, the brilliant bravery of

these men shines like a beacon in the darkness.

But to some people these three men are either liars, or fools. When they came back they talked about going round the moon, and orbiting the earth.

And, astonishing as it may seem, I say that there are some people who simply do not believe what they have told us.

These unbelievers are members of the Flat Earth Society. This organization certainly exists in Britain. I don't know whether there is a similar society in America. These folk still assert in the face of the evidence that the earth is flat and not round. When confronted with the exploits of the astronauts they simply said that those silly old astronauts were misled men. Instead of orbiting the earth they had in fact simply been going round and round the rim of the flat earth. So don't let anybody be fooled by Apollo 8 — the earth is flat and that's how it is going to stay!

The point of all this is that there are some people who, whatever the evidence they face, are simply not going to change their minds, however absurd their standpoint.

All the more need, then for flexible-minded people who can face the facts of the world in which we live, and move with the times. Yet at the same time we need growingly men of conviction who know the difference between accepting change where change is taking place, and resisting the changes some people would make to the eternal verities.

And there lies, perhaps in the Apollo 8 men, another hint of that true realization of reality. They recognized that there was more here than the mind of man could comprehend when they so fittingly remembered the Word of God as they came through the space flight

that was to make history.

There are, after all, more things in heaven and earth than the mind of man conceives. Even if they don't include a flat earth and flying saucer!

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In affluent Britain fifteen thousand people spent Christmas Day in what is called "temporary welfare accommodations". In converted hostels, and other tenth-class places, they had a roof over their heads, and a place to sleep, but when you have said that, you have said just about everything there is to say.

While such unfortunates had this as their lot at Christmas, it is reliably reported that something like half a million flats and houses were empty in England's green and pleasant land. Only it wasn't green and pleasant for the sufferers whose fate it was to have nothing but an institution for a "home", and who were often suffering further by the fact that families and parents were separated, and husbands and wives were apart.

The fact that private ownership of property makes the redistribution of the available accommodation an extremely complex exercise, does not alter the hard truth that since the war no government in this country has had the political courage to tackle this homeless problem at source.

That I am aware that the size of this problem looks tiny when it is compared with the immense problem you have in urban areas in the U.S.A. does not alter my concern that in this as in so many social problems, governments seem incapable of getting some sort of priority going that would really help acute human need on the very doorstep of the government office. It is, perhaps, not necessary to lift our eyes to distant horizons to see where Christian opinion could work well for others.

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Hospitals/Homes

from page three

administrator of the Methodist Home and Wesley Nursing Center in Charlotte, and Mr. Whitfield is administrator of Methodist Youthville in Newton.

The Rev. Kenneth Reed of Indianapolis, Ind., was re-elected secretary, and Kenath Hartman of Chicago, Ill., was re-elected treasurer.

The National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes is an association of denominational health and welfare ministries which includes 76 hospitals, 160 homes for the aging, 55 facilities for children and youth, and two homes for business women. The institutions have a total capacity of more than 55,000 and in 1968 cared for more than 2,500,000 persons.

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PHYSICIAN AND NURSE HONORED

An attorney from Indiana, a physician from Tennessee and a student nurse from Nebraska were honored here Wednesday night at the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes.

Francis M. Hughes, Indianapolis, Ind., and Dr. Carroll H. Long, Johnson City, Tenn., were inducted into the United Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy, and Miss Judith Girardin of Broken Bow and Lincoln, Neb., was presented as United Methodist Student Nurse of the Year.

The honorary memberships in the Hall of Fame in Philanthropy are presented annually to persons chosen because of outstanding service to the health and welfare ministries of The United Methodist Church. Mr. Hughes was honored for many years of service to Methodist Hospital of Indiana and Dr. Long for his activities in behalf of denominational health and welfare ministries in East Tennessee.

Selection of a Student Nurse of the Year is intended to honor the more than 4,000 student nurses across the nation studying in United Methodist-related hospitals and educational institutions, and call attention to the importance of Christian vocational service in health and welfare ministries. Miss Girardin is a senior nursing student at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, Nebr.

WCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET IN TULSA

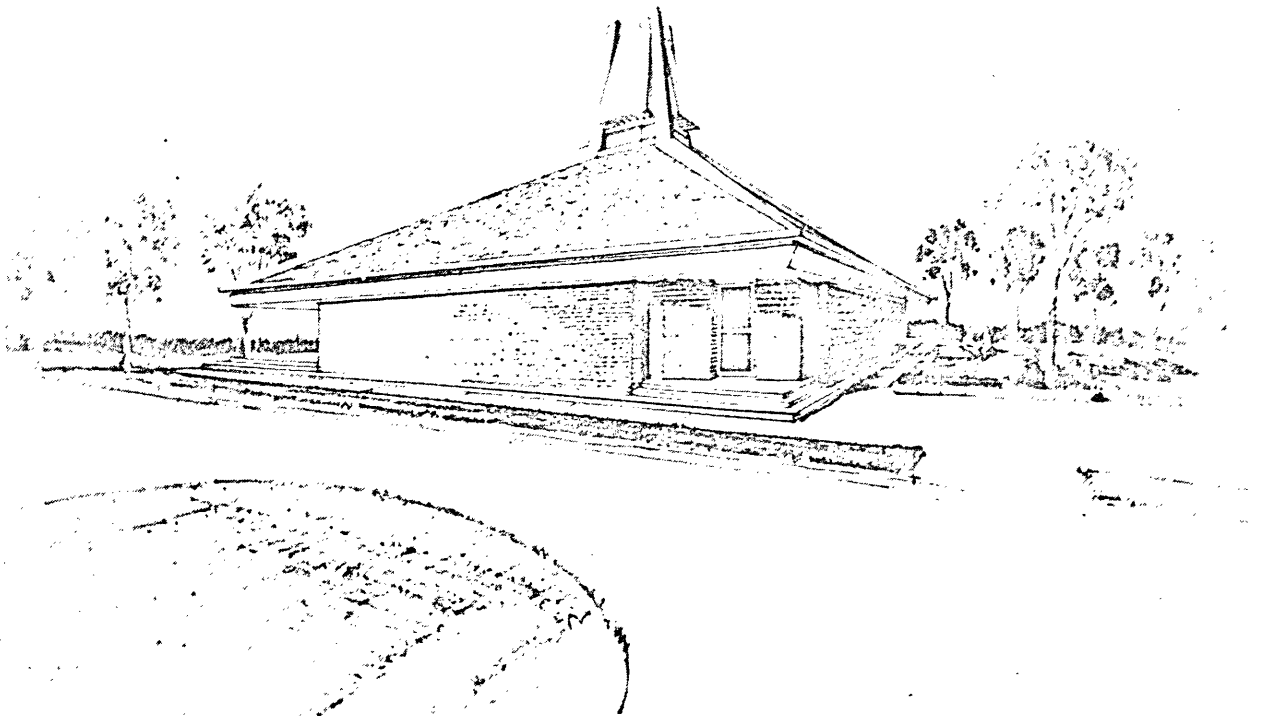
The newly-elected Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches will meet January 27-30 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for its first meeting since it was elected following the Fourth Assembly of the World Council at Uppsala, Sweden, this past July.

Members of the Executive Committee will be coming to Tulsa from twenty countries in North and South America, Eastern and Western Europe, Africa, the Near East, and Asia.

The Executive Committee, meeting at the Mayo Hotel, will be considering policy and program questions for the World Council, which has 235 member churches in 90 nations and territories with some 400 million members.

Host groups in Tulsa are planning several public events that will bring the international committee into contact with the general public.

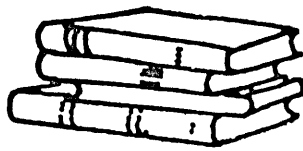
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GAINSVILLE, Ga. — An artist's conception of a new Released Time Christian Education Center erected adjacent to the junior and senior public high schools in Gainesville, Ga. Completed and in operation in early January, the building and its program is sponsored by four local churches — two United Methodist, one Episcopal and one Presbyterian. The full-time director is the Rev. William Stonebraker, a Presbyterian clergyman. (Religious News Service photo)

Book Reviews

by Alfred A. Knox



Allen Drury, **PRESERVE AND PROTECT**, \$5.95, Doubleday, 405 pp.

This is the latest in a series of novels which began with the well-known **Advice and Consent**. Continuing the same cast of characters which he has used in two other novels since that initial one, Mr. Drury brings us a dramatic story of the extent to which uncontrolled protest and dissent could go in this country.

The plot concerns the efforts of the National Party Committee to name a new candidate for the Presidency after the nominee, the incumbent who succeeded to the Presidency after an assassination. The "liberal" candidate lost the nomination at the National Convention after demonstrations that made Chicago look tame. Then the leaders of the demonstration, determined to make Edward Jason President, lead the bloodiest demonstration of all time during the meetings of the National Committee in Washington.

These events, cast about 20 years in the future, take place while the United States is involved in two overseas "police actions" — one in Africa and one in Panama. The more conservative candidate, Orrin Knox, wins the committee's nomination, but a surprise ending seems to indicate a way for peace to come. For those who have read the entire series, the most surprising aspect of this story is the change in position taken by Bob Leffingwell from the position of extreme liberal to a middle-of-the-road position when dissent reaches

its ultimate extreme.

A readable novel with a message for our time.

Adam Smith, **THE MONEY GAME**, \$4.95, Random House, 306 pp.

Most of you are aware that this interesting "best seller" is written under the pseudonym of an economist of another generation. It does not purport to be a "how to do it" book about the stock market, but is a readable account of some who have made it in the "market."

It is the author's contention that most books on money speak only of economics and statistics, and that is only half of the game. The other half is people. He tries to tell us about that half and how people behave individually and collectively when money is concerned.

He tells us of the people who populate Wall Street from "nine to four" — of the "kids" who turn thousands into millions. Since he tells us that 25 million people now have some of their savings in the stock market, this should be a rough estimate of the maximum audience for this very entertaining and enlightening book.

The author seeks to analyze crowd actions as they affect the market. We liked this sentence: "The crowd does not reason, it only thinks it reasons; what it actually does is to accept a series of images, not necessarily connected by any logical bond of succession, and this explains why contradictory ideas can occur simultaneously."

Father Darrell Rupiper, missionary priest who was recently jailed in Brazil for criticizing the Brazilian military government: "The military powers, the international trusts, and the powerful industrialists are ruthless in their attempts to silence the cries of a suffering and dying people."

The Rev. Lyman Coleman of Halfway House in Pennsylvania, commenting on the spiritual dynamics of small groups in our day: "Behind all our indifference, we all have a spiritual self that is looking for reality. For some, all that is needed is a little encouragement and a small group to relate to. For others, it takes 'priming the pump' to bring the restless desire to the surface."

Gary Player, South African professional golf star, participating in a Mormon "fireside meeting" with fellow-player Billy Casper: "The three most important things in life are faith, education and physical fitness, in that order. With faith, we can achieve anything, accept hardships and face challenges that meet us."

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, speaking in Nashville, Tenn.: "I don't believe this is the end of the world. I think the pains of this era are the pangs of a better world. And as for the 'God is dead' theory, I think that is the deadest theory in the world."

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

"... Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40 KJV)

A KNOCK ON THE DOOR

If a knock you heard on your front door
In the middle of the day,
And you found it was a stranger
Just stopping on his way;
Would you drop your work and sit right down
To chat with him awhile,
And do some kind thing for him
Or offer him a smile;
Would you say, "I am too busy
To ask you in today,
I'm sorry, but you'll have to go,"
And send him on his way?

If a neighbor child comes to your door
And asks, "May I come in?"
My mommy's not at home right now,
She's working late again."
Would you with love and sympathy
Open wide your door
And offer him some milk and bread
And forget about your chores;
Or would you be impatient
And tell him to run on,
"I'm too busy now for you,
Your mother should stay home."

If on your door you heard a knock
And you opened it to find
Jesus standing just outside
With gentle face so kind;
No doubt you would with open arms
Insist He stay awhile
So you could talk with Him,
He'd get your biggest smile;
But we must think of Jesus' words
When He walked here with man.
If we would serve Him here on earth
The only way we can,
Is love our neighbors as ourself
And do good deeds for them;
And when we've helped the least of these,
We've done it unto Him.

—Mrs. C. D. Sandidge

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AND UNQUOTE

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Dr. Colin Morris, president of the United Church of Zambia, in a recent book from **Abingdon**, takes a dim view of present efforts in the ecumenical movement: "Many of the structural and doctrinal issues claiming ecumenical attention, Protestant and Catholics, most barbs on which church union plans get snared are not worth a fight."

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Dr. Carlos Romulo, Foreign Minister of the Philippines, speaking of the youth rebellion: "Aggressive and defiant, fired by a raging discontent with things as they are, this, young, brash and impatient generation is our best ally in the effort to fulfill the great promise of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

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Archbishop John F. Dearden, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, in a recent broadcast interview: "The time has come for the church to begin preparing people to make their own moral decisions rather than spoon-feeding them with ready-made decisions."

ARK-eology

by Gene Harrington

Don't try
to sell
that evolution bit
to me!

REPORT NO. 1-1969 Circulation Campaign

ARCADELPHIA DISTRICT					New	Renew	N. D.	Total		New	Renew	N. D.	Total
Grant's Chapel: Watson	2	9	1	12									
Gurdon: Fair	3	39		42									
Hot Springs:													
Pullman Hts.: Ross	1	8		9									
Mt Pine-Gum Spgs.: Omstead	3	8		11**									
Malvern: First: Martin	12	82	1	95									
Mt. Ida: Kerr		24		24									
Murfreesboro-Japany: Richardson	3	12		15									
Totals	24	182	2	208									
CAMDEN DISTRICT													
BEARDEN: Richardson		1		1									
Bradley: Jester	1	7		8									
Buckner Ct.: Rushing		20		20									
Chidester: Bailey	9	23		32									
El Dorado -													
First: Murray	6	856		862**									
St. Paul: Hale	8	32	1	41									
Vantrease: Cross	9	70	3	82*									
Huttig-Bolding: Jackson		16		16									
Junction City: Wagner		30		30									
Lewisville: Walthall	5	24		29									
Silver Hill-Rhodes Ch: Mann		22		22									
Magnolia:													
Jackson St.: Diffee	5	33		38									
Magnolia Ct.: Burleson	1	13		14									
Marysville Ct.: Pearce	2	22		24									
Norphlet-Calion: Robken	1	24	3	28									
Parker's Chapel: Barron	1	24	2	27**									
Stamps: Hale	13	56		69**									
Strong-Union: Hays	1	2		3									
Welcome: Beck		7		7									
Totals	62	1231	9	1302									
HOPE DISTRICT													
DeQueen: Wilson	6	46		52									
Dierks-Greens Chapel:Mashburn	5	30		35									
Emmett Ct: Miller	7	26	1	34									
Foreman-Wade's Ch: Goode	1	22		23									
Hope: Vinson	23	136	2	161									
Lockesburg Ct.: Callicott	5	40		45**									
Mineral Spgs Ct.: Lea	11	32		43									
Springhill Ct.: Robbins		11		11									
Texarkana:													
First: Hillis	8	102	2	112									
Fairview: Hudnall	3	54	1	58									
Few Mem: Mitchell	2	16		18									
Totals	71	515	6	592									
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT													
Austin Ct: Poss	14	27	1	42									
Benton: First: Meyer	51	57		109									
Benton: Parkview: Johnson	7	30		37									
New Hope-Mt. Carmel:													
Diffie	3	22		25									
Carlisle: Martin	2	44		46									
Des Arc-New Bethel: Brent	4	34		38									
LittleRock: Asbury: Hollenbeck		36	5	41									
Capitol View: Hamm	1	26		27									
First: Bearden	33	1136	8	1177***									
St. Paul: Scott	2	36		38									
Hunter Mem: Bridenthal	47	2		49**									
Oak Forest: Ashcraft		1		1									
Pulaski Heights: Argue		2		2									
St. Luke: Steele	5	34		39									
28th St.: Sewell	17	12		29**									
Winfield: Dunlap		64		64									
Mabelvale: Hines	4	15		19									
Salem-Congo: Williams	19	34	3	56**									
Sardis-Bethel: Beard	5	14	1	20									
Traskwood-Ebenezer: McKnight	4	22	2	28									
Woodlawn:	1	3		4									
Totals	172	1696	22	1890									
MONTICELLO DISTRICT													
Arkansas City: Stephens	2	3		5									
Dermott: Arnold	5	15		20									
Dumas: Cate	7	180		187***									
Fordyce: Matthews	6	32		38									
Gould: Cate	3	8		11									
Hampton-Harrell: Ford	6	41		47**									
Trinity Ct.: Lowry	7	7		14**									
Lake Village-Montrose: Regnier		12		12									
McGehee: First: Stephens	14	202		216***									
Star City: Jones		28		28									
Tillar Ct.: Geo. Cleary	3	63		66**									
Totals	53	591		644									
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT													
Almyra: Nation	7	18	1	26**									
Alzheimer-Wabbaseka: Spore		80		80									
Bayou Meto-Lodges Cor: Shafer	2	75		77***									
DeWitt: Masters	8	53	2	63									
Pine Bluff: Carr Mem: Outlaw	5	28		33									
St. Luke-Center Gr: Monroe	13	31		44*									
Roe Ct: Barron	3	23	1	27									
Rowell Ct.: Richert		20		20									
Sheridan: Hunter	5	55	1	61									
Sherill-Tomberlin-Tucker:													
Patton		14		14									
St. Charles-Pl. Gr.: Irvin		28		28*									
Stuttgart: First: Beck	9	113		122**									
Grand Ave: Holland	12	60		72									
Totals	64	598	5	667									
BATESVILLE DISTRICT													
Batesville -													
Central Ave: Beal	11	65		76									
Beebe-Ward-Stoney Point:													
Hammett	8	65		73									
Cabot: Savage	9	32	4	45									
Van Buren County Parish: Renfroe	6	57	2	65									
Quitman Cg: Crossno		38		38									
Concord Ct.: Woodall	1	19	1	21									
Dennard-Shirley: Shell		6		6									
Griffithville Ct.: Permenter	9	42		51**									
Holiday Hills-Steele-Hopewell:													
Cowan	4	9		13*									
Moorefield-Southside: Ernest		34		34**									
Newark-Sulphur Rock: Wilson	1	22	1	24**									
Marshall-Leslie: Moyer	4	35		39**									
Pleasant Plains-Bradford: Hunter	1	26		27									
Salem-Viola: Bounds	8	40		48									

RECAPITULATION
Report No. 1
1969 CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

DISTRICT	Quota	New	Renew	N. D.	Total	Percent
CAMDEN	2267	62	1231	9	1302	56%
MONTICELLO	1218	53	591		644	53%
LITTLE ROCK	3640	172	1696	22	1890	52%
FORREST CITY	1848	61	782	1	844	46%
JONESBORO	1872	92	638	8	738	40%
HOPE	1561	71	515	6	592	38%
PINE BLUFF	1710	64	518	5	587	34%
FAYETTEVILLE	2004	214	419	7	640	32%
BATESVILLE	2006	62	490	8	560	28%
FORT SMITH	2578	112	506	8	626	25%
ARKADELPHIA	1501	24	182	2	208	14%
CONWAY	2464	68	216	4	288	12%
PARAGOULD	1579	19	109	3	131	8%
TOTALS	26248	1074	7893	83	9050	

The way to Heaven is ascending; we must be content to travel up hill, though it be hard and tiresome, and contrary to the natural bias of our flesh.—Jonathan Edwards

A man may learn from his Bible to be a more thorough gentleman than if he had been brought up in all the drawing-rooms in London.—Kingsley

Arkansas Methodist Children's Home

(Memorial gifts for December)

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in December as a tribute of their love, sympathy, and respect for a loved one or friend. A memorial card has been sent to the family notifying them of this remembrance.

MILLARD ALFORD
by Mr. Ritchie Smead
THE REV. GUY C. AMES
by Mr. & Mrs. E. D. Hughes & Family
MRS. LAVINA B. AUFDERHEIDE
by Miss Helen Stires
by Mr. M. E. Stires
MRS. MASSEY ANDERSON
by Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Prewitt
MRS. MATTIE AIKEN
by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Dooley
by Mr. & Mrs. L. A. Joyce
THOMAS C. BRIGANCE
by Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Battlinger
MRS. C. A. BASSETT
by Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Boarman
by Joe Belk
by Charles Belk
MRS. J. D. BELK
by Mr. Joe Belk
by Mr. Charles Belk
JOE BARHAM
by Mr. & Mrs. Guy W. Boyett
E. E. BARRETT
by Mr. & Mrs. Earl J. Scott
W. J. BURRIS
by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Stephenson
MRS. J. L. BOOKER
by Mr. & Mrs. Barney Brown
HENRY BRYANT
by Mr. & Mrs. James E. Woolly
ROBERT BRIGGS
by Mr. & Mrs. Frank G. Fogleman and Family
by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Coleman
CLIFF BRIDGERS
by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Mason, Jr.
MRS. LILLARD BOLLS
by Mr. & Mrs. Guy W. Boyett
MRS. ELDRIDGE BUTLER
by The Louis Jones Family
MR. & MRS. W. D. BOZONE
by Miss Louise Bozone

C. A. BASSETT
by Harry C. Belk
MRS. J. O. BICKHAM, SR.
by Mrs. Paul Teeter
by Mr. & Mrs. Gale M. Rowland
by Mr. & Mrs. J. Hilliard Stroud
RUE CAULK
by Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Chancey, Sr.
GLEN COLTHORP
by The Rev. & Mrs. C. W. Richards
JAMES H. CROSS
by Mr. & Mrs. Felix Bunch & Family
by Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Arnold
MRS. R. H. COLE, SR.
by Mr. & Mrs. Richard P. Clark
by Mr. & Mrs. Walter M. Ryland
by Mrs. Karl Neal
MRS. ONIE CHAPPELL
by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Taylor
WM. G. CUNNING
by Dr. & Mrs. E. Stewart Allen
MRS. PANSY CHRONISTER
by Mrs. Paul Teeter
MR. & MRS. W. A. CAZORT
by Mrs. J. T. McClurkin
L. H. CAGLE
by Mr. & Mrs. G. L. Miller
EBB CARSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Joe E. Gatteringer
ED WYNN COPELAND
by Mr. & Mrs. Guy W. Boyett
CLARE CLARK
by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Cabe
by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Cabe
by Mr. H. C. Cabe
JOHN H. DONALDSON
by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Jones
O. E. DEVER
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NEW YORK (UMI) — The President of the Republic of the Philippines has invited the churches to join the government in a "fruitful new ecumenism" to serve the needs of the Filipino people in education, social justice, peace and order, material abundance, dignity and other areas of life.

Speaking recently at the highest national assembly of The United Methodist Church in the Philippines, the quadrennial Central Conference in Manila, His Excellency Ferdinand E. Marcos reaffirmed support of the Philippines' constitutional provision for separation of Church and state, and "the wise and noble concept behind it." Then he declared:

"Over the years, the realization has grown, in government as well as in the church, that the material and spiritual needs of men are not irreconcilable, that indeed continued deprivation in terms of food, security and comfort has also deprived man's spirit of many values, lessening his capacity for hope, injuring his faith in Providence, and forcing him to seek improvement in life by violent means.

Addressing a major Protestant gathering in a predominantly Roman Catholic country, President Marcos paid tribute to The United Methodist Church and other Protestant churches, saying: "The foresight, the deep social consciousness and the industry of the leaders of Protestantism are guarantees that you will . . . strive to arouse among the vast and enlightened membership of your churches an active interest in the labors which create increasing prosperity throughout the nation."

The Presidential address at a church assembly was not unprecedented, but was considered significant by church and government leaders. It was one

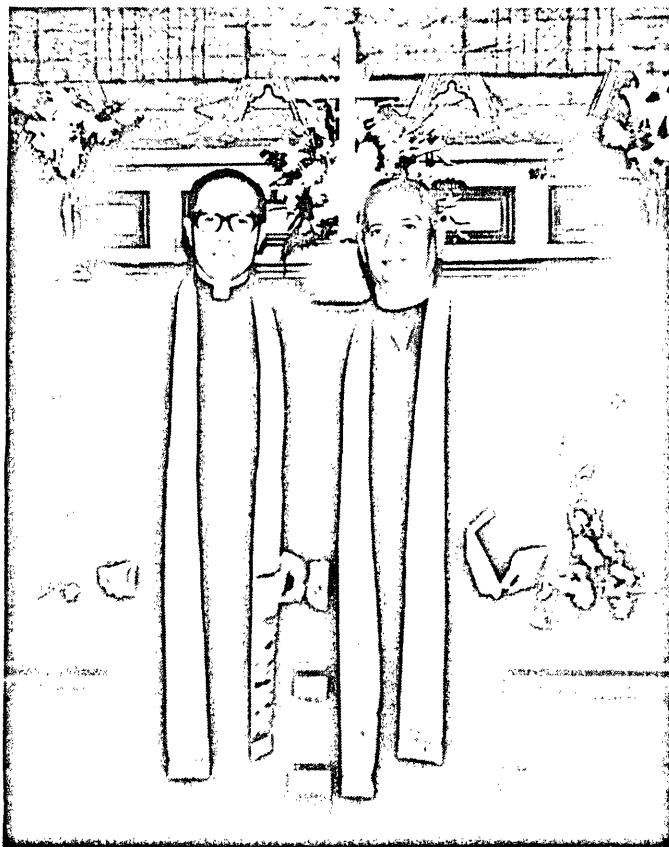
■ UM Central Conference

Philippines' President outlines ways of cooperation; former Crusade Scholars elected bishops

highlight of an historic Central Conference that also saw the election and assignment of two new United Methodist bishops for the 131,000-member church. As reported earlier, the new bishops and their assignments are:

Bishop Cornelio M. Ferrer, 60, formerly executive secretary of the Commission on Social Welfare and So-

cial Education of the National Christian Council of the Philippines — assigned to the Manila Area, which includes Manila, the Visayan islands to the south and Mindanao. Bishop Paul Locke Granadosin, 43, formerly district superintendent of the Manila United Methodist District — assigned to the Baguio Area, which includes



Bishops Granadosin and Ferrer

all of populous Luzon island north of Manila. Both bishops are former Crusade Scholars, and both were elected for 4-year terms.

A significant fact that emerged from the Central Conference meeting was a closer relationship with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, the other church body to which United Methodists in America are related. (The Central Conference was related to the former Methodist Church, and the United Church to the former Evangelical United Brethren Church.) Reporting on this new "oneness in mission" was Dr. Charles Mosebrook, U. S. missionary, Methodist news correspondent and chairman of the Central Conference Committee on the Episcopacy.

The Philippines' chief executive outlined some ways he thinks government and the churches can work together for the welfare of the people. He said,

"I hope that the church will accelerate its own endeavors to award man, the average Filipino, with a new status of material abundance and therefore dignity.

"The Methodist Church, in particular, should persuade itself to take a more active role in religious instruction in our public schools. The optional program which has opened to the various religious organizations in this vital field will be more effective and meaningful if the option is taken by Protestant organizations along with other religious faiths.

"The partnership of government and church is likewise needful in the field development. The volunteer program of the government holds numerous opportunities for churches to help propel national development towards an early and enduring success.

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nati Reds, Inc.; and Dr. Akbar Haqq, associate evangelist on the Billy Graham team.

Dr. Colaw, the only local pastor on the program, made a plea for a "tough new breed of servant-minded pastors who are willing to lose their lives in building up the ministries of their people."

"The ministry is in a muddle," Dr. Colaw said. "There is theological confusion, the validity of the institutional church is in question, and a majority of the laity do not have an overwhelming sense of loyalty and commitment."

Despite the muddle, Dr. Colaw said he believes strongly in the future of the local church. "I believe that this fellowship organized for worship, study, and action is essential for the realization of our Lord's kingdom."

He encouraged pastors to try experimental ministries and urged them to become "equippers." He said, "It can bring back self-respect to men in the ministry when they are sorely discouraged by the conventional pattern."

"A man who knows that he is performing such a function is not bothered by problems of popular acceptance because he is working at something which he can respect. He is saved from triviality for he knows that his work is both necessary and important."

Mr. Dale said the church is suffer-

ing from a bad case of "contemporaneity." "If the church sees its major mission as curing the social ills of the world, it has the wrong side up," he said. "The church may sometimes need to call attention to opportunities for Christians to make their witness in the world concerning social issues, but the church should not engage itself in these issues. The church sends men into mission; it does not go itself."

"The clergy should give the church back to the laymen," he said. "Ministers at the front of a protest group are symbols of the embarrassing failure of the minister because he is in the parade alone. This is not involvement, but abdication of involvement."

Dr. Haqq, an ordained United Methodist minister and a native of India, gave two addresses dealing with the Sermon on the Mount, scriptural theme for the 1968-72 United Methodist Quadrennial Program.

Dr. Haqq said the world is full of neurotics because man is trying to play God. "Most religions in our world are neurotic because man is trying to find favor with himself instead of God. The way out of this sickness is to establish a living, meaningful contact with God."

The two-day Council meeting, held at the Hotel President, was climaxed by a weekend Lay Witness Mission involving 500 laymen in 24 United Methodist Churches of the Kansas City area. More than 4500 persons attended the opening night dinners in the 24 churches.

UM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS ELECTS OFFICERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UMI) — The Rev. Ford Philpot, Lexington, Ky., was elected president of the National Association of Conference Evangelists of The United Methodist Church during the annual meeting of the United Methodist Council of Evangelism here January 8-10.

The Association of Conference Evangelists includes full-time evangelists from both former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren denominations, now in one United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Perry E. Pyle of Brookville, Pa., was elected vice-president and the Rev. Ed Robb of Abilene, Texas, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Another organization, the National Association of Conference Directors of Evangelism also elected new officers. The association includes full-time directors of evangelism employed by annual (regional) conferences.

The Rev. Lawrence M. Lykens of New Cumberland, Pa., was elected president; the Rev. E. A. Eldridge of Johnson City, Tenn., was elected treasurer; and the Rev. Hooper Haygood of Houston, Texas, was elected secretary.

The national Council of Evangelism of The United Methodist Church is an autonomous group related to the General Board of Evangelism.

BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MEET

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The annual meeting of the United Methodist General Board of Education will be held here at the Sheraton-Nashville Motor Inn January 27-29 bringing together more than 200 educators and other church leaders.

The Board of Education, headquartered in Nashville, has 91 elected members and an employed staff of more than 100.

Dr. Howard M. Ham, General Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, will give a report for the Secretarial Council at the opening session 7:30 p.m. Monday. The Council represents the three division secretaries of the Board: Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Division of Curriculum Resources; Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Division of Higher Education; and Dr. Ham.

Bishop O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Texas, president of the Board, will speak at a closing dinner meeting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Several preliminary meetings are scheduled before the Board meeting. These will include the Association of United Methodist Theological Schools meeting at the Board of Education Building from Saturday morning, January 25, through Sunday. The Association includes presidents and deans of the 14 United Methodist schools of theology in the United States.

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MISSION CENTER LAUNCHING NEW HEALTH SERVICE IN NEW MEXICO

NEW YORK (UMI) — McCurdy School and Espanola Hospital, two institutions at the United Methodist mission center at Espanola-Santa Cruz in northern New Mexico, are launching cooperatively a new health service for a 4-county area they serve. It is a Licensed Practical Nursing Program, started in January.

The Espanola-Santa Cruz mission complex, which includes the hospital, four schools and 11 churches, serves a largely Spanish-speaking constituency principally in Rio Arriba, Taos, Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties. The service area comprises about 10,500 square miles and has an estimated population of 44,000. Espanola-Santa Cruz was one of the three largest national mission projects of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church. Now it is a major project of the National Division of the Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church.

Dale E. Robinson, superintendent of McCurdy School, said the Licensed Practical Nursing Program would have two benefits: "It is an important step

in the economic development of the area, as it will give training to men or women who would otherwise be unemployed but who will help provide needed family income. It will also furnish a source of licensed practical nurses for the hospital."

The 12-month program is to be open to persons between 17 and 50 who are high school graduates. Courses at the McCurdy School will include nursing principles and skills, maternal and child care, nutritional health, and personal, family and community health. Clinical training at Espanola Hospital will include medical-surgical nursing, maternity nursing, and nursing of children. The program has received tentative accreditation from the New Mexico State Board of Nursing.

Director of the new program will be Miss Mary Jane Fogal, who has had experience as a staff nurse, administrator and instructor, including three years as a supervisor-instructor at a Presbyterian hospital in Ghana. She holds the bachelor of science in nursing education from Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and the master's degree in nursing education from the University of Pennsylvania.

UM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXPANDED

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Applications are now being accepted for participation in an expanded United Methodist scholarship program for study at the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Institute near Geneva, Switzerland.

The enlarged program includes up to three scholarships for participation by ministers in the 18-weeks graduate school term beginning in the autumn of 1969, and additional funds to help both ministers and laymen share in short-term study at the institute the remainder of the year. The full-term scholarships cover registration, tuition, board and room.

Applications for the scholarships for 1969-70 will be received until March 15 by the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs at its headquarters at 1200 Davis Street here, according to Dr.

Robert W. Huston, ecumenical officer of The United Methodist Church.

To be eligible for scholarship assistance, applicants must first have been accepted by the Ecumenical Institute for either the full-term Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies or the special shorter courses. Other requirements include a transcript of seminary achievement, in the case of ministers; a copy of the "curriculum vitae" filed with the institute, or a similar statement of family background, educational and professional experience; current family status; letters of recommendation; an account of financial resources; and a brief statement of purpose in attending the ecumenical school.

Applicants for admission should send a copy of their request for forms to Miss Frances Maeda at the U. S. office of the World Council, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y.

LAITY WORKSHOP FEB. 7-9 IN CHICAGO

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodist Church leaders in the work of the laity across the nation will meet in Chicago, Ill., February 7-9 for a

workshop designed to help make their leadership more effective.

About 200 persons are expected to attend the sessions, including annual conference lay leaders and associate leaders in the areas of lay life and work and stewardship.

Speakers, in addition to General Board of the Laity staff executives, will include Dr. Paul V. Church, Dayton, Ohio, general secretary of the Program Council, and Dr. Wayne K. Clymer, Naperville, Ill., president of Evangelical Seminary.



Lesson Plan

Prepared by
Col. Claude E. Haswell

FOUNDATION STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN FAITH

Unit 6: In Faith and Love. Lesson 10: Simone Weil. Date: February 2, 1969.

Lesson Aim: To consider some aspects of intellectual and spiritual growth through discussion of the life of Simone Weil.

Leaders: Albert, Betty, Charles.

Time Leader Activity

Room Readiness. Normal seating arrangement. Study books on hand.

10 Albert Biography. Relate to the group some of the highlights of the life of Simone Weil.

20 Betty Discussion Period.

1. As a starting point for the discussion, have a group member read aloud to the group S/R 95, "Religion In The Home."

2. How much does parental environment affect the intellectual and spiritual development of the child? Explain your answer. (pp 136-138, S/B)

3. How do you explain the fact that Simone Weil was 29 years old before she surrendered herself to Christ? (p 143, S/B)

4. Why did Simone Weil refuse to become a member of a denominational church? (p 144, S/B and S/R 104) Would these reasons apply to every converted non-member of a church? Explain your answer.

5 Charles Summary. Develop for the group ways in which Simone Weil was a witness to the good news.

2 Forecast. Next Sunday, Lesson 11, "Dietrich Bonhoeffer."

3 Prayer. "The Prayer of Saint Francis." (R/P 3, Unit 1)

EXPANSION OF INSURANCE PROGRAM UNDER STUDY BY CHURCH

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—Exploration of expanding its insurance programs to include group life, disability and accidental death coverage for ministers and lay church employees has been authorized by The United Methodist Church's General Board of Pensions.

Meeting here January 7, the board asked the staff to review possible plans and present recommendations to an ad hoc committee for consideration and submission to the board. No date for introduction of such a program was set.

The board already operates a group hospital and medical expense program for ministers and lay employees and a disability and death benefits program for ministers, in addition to the denomination's reserve pension program.

Dr. Claire C. Hoyt, general secretary of the board, said that inquiries have been received from a number of annual conferences concerning a group life plan and that union of the former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches has given impetus to the proposal. General boards and agencies of the church would be interested also, Dr. Hoyt said.

In another action, the board approved distribution to the personal contributions account of ministers in the former EUB Church of an amount equal to six per cent of the balance, four per cent from earned income and

two per cent from realized appreciation. This is the same distribution given to accounts of ministers of the former Methodist Church.

The board also approved outlines of a plan to resolve issues arising from the desire of the Northwest Canada Conference of the former EUB Church to become an autonomous body, and approved rules for operation of its various programs.

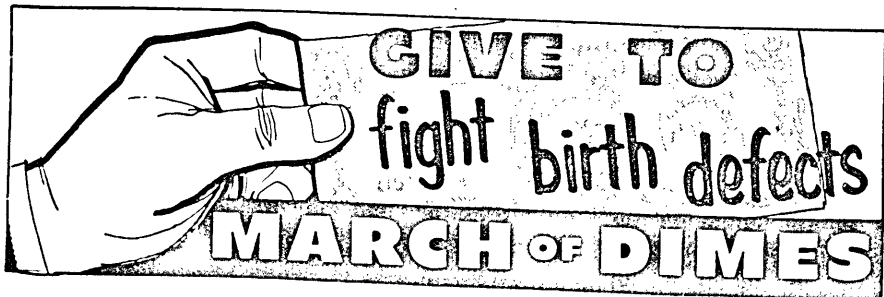
THREE NEW CHAPLAINS ADDED TO DUKE STAFF

DURHAM, N. C. — Three new denominational chaplains have been added to the religious life staff of Duke University, according to an announcement by Dr. Howard C. Wilkinson, director of religious activities and chaplain to the university.

Named were Dr. James C. Buckley, a native of Chicago, Ill., and a member of the faculty of Notre Dame University of South Bend, Ind., chaplain to Catholic students; the Rev. David E. May, a graduate of Brown University and the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, as chaplain to Baptist students; and the Rev. Stanford R. Hall, also from Chicago, who is chaplain to Lutheran students.

What thou avoidest suffering thyself seek not to impose on others.—Epictetus

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HONOLULU -- A Protestant clergyman, conducts a worship service in the plush Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Honolulu. Churches in the island state have launched a ministry to hotel guests. Many hotels have provided space for worship. (RNS Photo)