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Former Arkansan accepts top post at OCU

North Arkansas merger committee named

A former Arkansas educator has been named president of Oklahoma City University. Dr. Dolphus Whitten, Jr., who has served eleven years as vice president and on two occasions has been acting president, was promoted to the top position in the Methodist institution by the Trustees.

Dr. Whitten, a native of Hope, attended public schools in Gurdon, and received his bachelor's degree from Ouachita College. He subsequently earned his master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Texas.

He served as teacher and principal in the Gurdon, Kirby, DeAnn, and Hope high schools and from 1947 to 1958 was Director of Extension and Placement Services and Associate Professor of History at Henderson State Teachers' College.

Whitten was active in Arkansas professional, religious, and civic organizations. He had served as president of the Arkansas Public Relations Association and the Arkansas Council for the Social Studies and was a director of the Arkansas Education Association.

Mrs. Whitten is the former Marie Braden of North Little Rock. The Whittens have one daughter, Mrs. H. Robert Guy of Champaign, Illinois.

Dr. Whitten is a member of the General Board of Publication, the General Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, the Jurisdictional Board of Education, and the Oklahoma Conference Board of Education.

Mrs. Whitten is president of the Oklahoma Conference W.S.C.S.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Paul V. Galloway announces the appointment of the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth as pastor of the Des Arc-New Bethel Charge in the Little Rock District, effective February 1.

Brother Ruth has been pastor at Lake Street United Methodist Church, Blytheville, Arkansas, for two years. He replaces the Rev. Harold W. Brent who has been transferred to Murfreesboro.

The Rev. D. Kern Johnson of Monette has been appointed to the Lake Street Church in Blytheville. The Monette-Macey Churches will be filled later.

Dr. Ethan Dodgen, superintendent of the Forrest City District, has been named chairman of the North Arkansas Conference to study a merger with the Little Rock Conference. Dr. Silas Snow, president of State College of Arkansas at Conway, was named vice chairman.

Other members of the committee, announced by Bishop Paul V. Galloway, are: The Rev. William P. Connell, Harrison; the Rev. William M. Wilder, Marked Tree; the Rev. Victor E. Green, Fort Smith; the Rev. John

D. Jump, Conway; the Rev. James M. Meadors, Walnut Ridge; Clark C. McClinton, Fayetteville; Mr. Webb Sweet, Forrest City; Mr. Wylie Key, Marked Tree; Mr. W. D. Murphy, Batesville, and Mr. Charles Beasley, Fort Smith.

A merger committee in the Little Rock Conference was announced earlier. Dr. Roy I. Bagley, superintendent of the Camden District was named to chair the Little Rock Conference committee.

Scarritt College names new president

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The Rev. Gerald Harry Anderson, 39, professor of church history and ecumenics and academic dean of Union Theological Seminary, Manila, Philippines, has been named president of Scarritt College here.

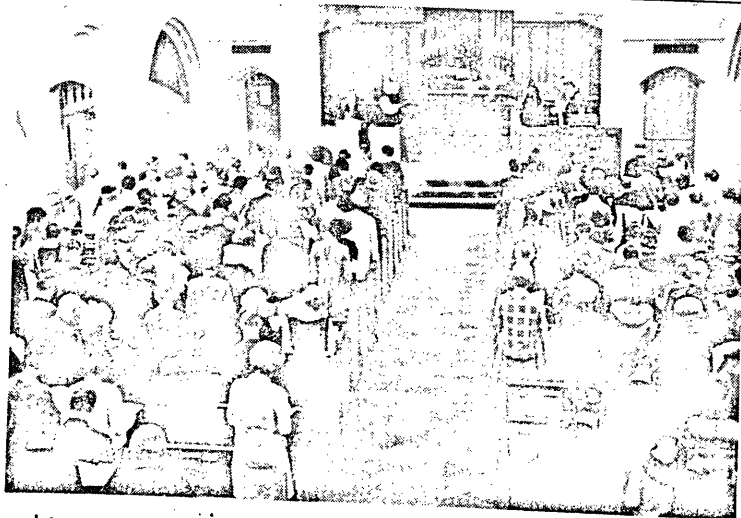
Scarritt College is the only college owned and operated by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church and is primarily a graduate school for preparing lay persons for work and service of the church.

Dr. Anderson will take office July 1 as the school's fifth president, succeeding the Rev. D. Dillon Holt who is retiring after serving as president for 11 years.

Making the announcement was Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Nashville, chairman of the Scarritt board of trustees.

President-elect Anderson, a native of Pennsylvania, has degrees from Grove City College, Pa. and from Boston University. As a Fulbright Scholar he did post graduate work at the University of Marburg, Germany. He has also studied at Geneva, Switzerland, and Edinburgh University, Scotland.

Dr. Anderson was ordained in the Erie, Pa., Annual Conference of the former Methodist Church. He has served as associate minister at Trinity Union Methodist Church, Providence, R.I.; a teaching associate at Brown University; and a missionary to the Philippines in 1960. He assumed his present position in Manila in 1961.



Worshippers attending fourth annual Vigil for Christian Unity held at Pulaski Heights UM Church, Sunday, January 25 at 4:00 p.m. The ecumenical service was co-sponsored by the Arkansas Council of Churches, and Holy Souls Parish Council of Women.

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Dr. Hilbert J. Berger of the General Board of Laity staff will be the resource leader at a Stewardship Conference to be held in the Batesville Area Sub-district, January 29, 30, and 31. Dr. Berger heads the section on Stewardship Education within the Laity Board. He received his theological training at Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill., and did additional study at Oxford University in England. He has traveled extensively, and has served as a pastor for 23 years. The Conference is scheduled to begin Thursday in the Newark Church at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude on Saturday with a 1:00 p.m. luncheon meeting in Batesville. The Rev. E. J. Holifield is superintendent of Batesville District.

Circulation Report

Advance reports in the ARKANSAS METHODIST subscription campaign indicate the following churches showing an increase in subscribers of 10% or more: Delight Ct., Aldersgate (Glenwood Charge), Bearden, Camden First Church, Trinity and St. James Churches of Little Rock, Salem-Congo, and Holiday Hills.

Exceeding their quotas (one subscription for every seven members) are these churches: Delight, Aldersgate, Salem-Congo, Parkdale-Miller's Chapel, Stuttgart First Church, Salem Church on Faulkner County Parish.

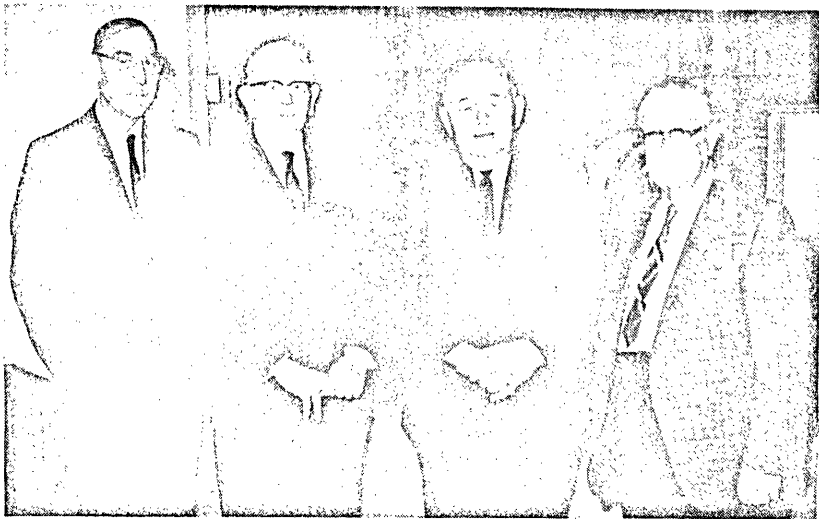
Arkansas churches sending the paper into every home include: Bearden, Hinton Church (Springhill Ct.), St. James and First Churches of Little Rock, Lake Village, Montrose, Stoney Point (Thornton Ct.), Holiday Hills, Harrison First Church, Forrest City First Church, Fort Smith First Church, Blytheville First Church, Jonesboro First Church, and First Church, Dumas.

The first complete report will be printed in the next issue.

107-Year-Old Publication Ceases

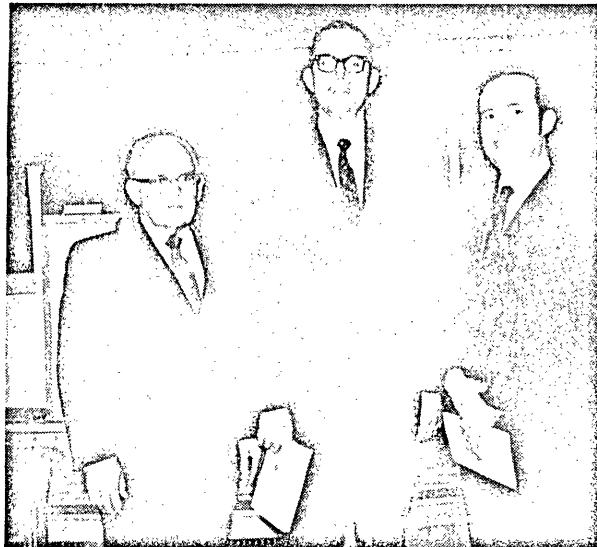
CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — The Sandebudet-Messenger, launched as a periodical for Swedish Methodists in Illinois and believed to be the oldest continuous Swedish religious newspaper in the United States, has ceased publication after 107 years.

"Subscribers are rapidly going on to glory, postal regulations are more demanding and the times demand a different approach to the spreading of news among our people," said the final issue.



The retired ministers of the Jonesboro District pictured at left have rendered a total of 191½ years of service to the United Methodist Church. They received special recognition at the Jonesboro District Conference on January 15. FROM LEFT: The Rev. George McGhehey with 50 years of service; the Rev. Garland C. Taylor, 46½ years; the Rev. Eugene H. Hall, 40 years; and the Rev. A. N. Storey, 55 years.

Participants in the Jonesboro District Conference at First Church in Harrisburg. FROM LEFT: The Rev. Marshall Bridwell, District superintendent presiding; the Rev. Worth Gibson, pastor of Jonesboro's First Church, in charge of the Worship Service, and the Rev. Wayne Kidwell, pastor of Taylor Avenue UM Church, Flat River, Missouri, speaker for the service.



Ft. Smith District Pension Rally attracts overflow crowd

Twenty-six of the 30 charges in the Fort Smith District were represented at the January 11 District Pension Rally held at Goddard United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, with the crowd of 701 persons overflowing from balcony and sanctuary aisles into the foyer.

Bishop Paul V. Galloway addressed the group. Others taking part in the rally program were: Archie N. Boyd, Fort Smith District superintendent; Dr. Frank Countryman, head of the campaign; Bill Douglas, Marion pastor and member of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Pensions Committee; Warren Blaylock, District lay leader; Dr. John Bayliss, pastor of First Church in Fort Smith and Dr. Charles Richards, host pastor.

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Church damaged by fire

NEW YORK (RNS)—A fire bomb struck the front doors of Christ Church (Methodist) here on the night of Jan. 7. Fire leaped up the massive teakwood doors of the building on Park Avenue.

A staff member said that the extent of damage to the famed church would not be known until insurance investigators completed their work.

A passerby called police when he saw smoke about 11:30 p.m. Police collected fragments of a bottle and a jelly-like substance.

Christ church was founded by Dr. Ralph Sockman, its pastor for many years. Its current pastor is Dr. Harold Bosley.

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Dr. George A. Buttrick, a member of the faculty at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., since 1961, and a widely-known teacher and preacher, has retired and will make his home in Nashville, Tenn.

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Arkadelphia District holds Conference

Dr. Marshall T. Steel, former president of Hendrix College and a member of the Little Rock Annual Conference, was the principal speaker for the Arkadelphia District Conference held at First United Methodist Church in Arkadelphia, Monday, January 12. The conference was presided over by Dr. Otto W. Teague, District superintendent.

The Rev. David M. Hankins Jr. was elected secretary for the group and the Rev. Fred Smith, Glenwood-Alder pastor and the Rev. Ralph E. Hemund, pastor at Amity, were named assistants.

Presenting highlights of their work over the Conference and the District were Dr. W. O. Scroggin Jr., Conference director of Town and Country Work and Stewardship; Mr. "Herb" Allman, Conference lay leader; Milton Teague, District lay leader. Dr. W. Neill Hart, Conference Program Council director, presented plans of outreach for smaller churches; the Rev. Gladwin Connell, associate Program Council director, showed the new format planned for the Camp Tanako program during the year.

Other reports were presented by: Mrs. Fay Wingfield, District director of Children's Work; Mrs. Grace Dwyer, Community Worker in the Hot Springs area, Mrs. Eli Gary, District president of the Women's Society of Christian Service; Kenneth B. Ross, District commissioner, Methodist Children's Home; the Rev. O. W. Hoover, District director, ARKANSAS METHODIST circulation, and the Rev. Woodrow W. Smith, District secretary of Missions.

FROM LEFT: Mrs. Otto Teague, Dr. W. O. Scroggin Jr., and Dr. Otto W. Teague at Arkadelphia District Conference held at Arkadelphia First Church on January 12. The Arkadelphia church has been the scene for several noteworthy events in the lives of the Teagues. It was here Dr. Teague received his license to preach in the mid 1920's and here the Teague's marriage vows were said. Both of the parents of Dr. Teague were buried from the same altar.



The Arkadelphia Conference opened with the congregation singing one of the Teague's favorite hymns—"A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

The Rev. David M. Hankins Jr., campus minister to students at Henderson State College and Ouachita Baptist University, Dr. George F. Ivey, District secretary of Evangelism, Alvin Stone, treasurer of District Trustees and Cecil Cupp, treasurer of the District Mission

and Service Extension, also reported.

Following a dinner served by the ladies of First Church the Arkadelphia "Sing Out" group, under the direction of Mrs. Julia Taylor, performed. Mr. Clark Taylor was organist for the Conference.

Hope District shows membership increase

At a meeting of the Hope District Conference at College Hill United Methodist Church in Texarkana on January 13, the Rev. Alf A. Eason, District Superintendent, reported a net membership increase of 50 during 1969. Superintendent Eason stated that contributions to the Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas had reached \$11,993 during the 1969 period.

Dr. Alvin Murray, pastor of First United Methodist Church of El Dorado, conference preacher, basing his message on the third chapter of Ephesians, spoke on the subject "I Was Made A Minister." The Rev. Gerald K. Fincher of Prescott was elected secretary for the group.

In a special afternoon feature a panel moderated by the Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Jr., Ashdown pastor, discussed "The Church's Role Today." Other panelists included: Earl Downs, representing the laymen; Mrs. Ross Henderson and Miss Ruth Nolze, representing the laywomen; Ralph Routon, District United Methodist Youth president, and the Rev. Gerald Fincher, representing the ministers.

The Rev. Pryor R. Cruce is pastor of the College Hill church; dinner was served by the Women's Society of Christian Service of the host church.

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Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their planet

What we don't know—or refuse to recognize—is that modern man has been altering his total environment so swiftly and suddenly that the whole "great chain of life" on this planet is endangered.

All of us live on a tiny spaceship which is hurtling through the universe at a speed 600 times faster than the fastest jet plane—carrying with it its own limited resources for sustaining life.

What we have now is all we will ever have to keep us alive. Having already set foot on the lifeless moon, we shall presumably find that we are the only creatures in our solar system. As lonely astronauts on our own ceaseless journey through space, what do we have as our basic equipment for survival?

Above us, a narrow band of usable atmosphere, no more than seven miles high, with no "new" air available to us.

Beneath us, a thin crust of land, with only one-eighth of the surface fit for human life. And around us, a finite supply of "usable" water that we must eternally cleanse and reuse.

Together, and left alone, land, air, and water work well as an "eco-system" to maintain the great chain of life, and the delicate balance of nature, from ocean depth to mountain top.

Now, entering the last three decades of the 20th Century, we face the shocking realization that we have gone too far too fast and too heedlessly—and now we are forced to cope with some of the consequences of our progress" as a species.

For, increasingly, all over the world scientists and statesmen and specialists in every field are coming to agree on the pressing paradoxes of our modern age:

—that, as societies grow richer, their environments grow poorer.

—that, as the array of objects expands, the vigor of life declines.

—that, as we acquire more leisure to enjoy our surroundings, we find less around us to enjoy.

It is nobody's fault, and it is everybody's fault.

The real culprits are the three main currents of the 20th Century—Population, Industrialization, and Urbanization.

World population is growing at a rate that will double by the year 2000—only a brief three decades away—when nearly seven billion people will inhabit the earth.

Industrialization has added its own burden to the population pressure. The more we produce and consume, the more waste products we discharge into the air and water and land around us, where they do not "disappear,"

but last forever in one form or another.

Our natural resources—both renewable and non-renewable—are taxed to the utmost by industrialization.

Yet, at the same time, the volume of waste waters discharged into our lakes, rivers, and streams has risen 600 percent so far in this century. Less than one-tenth of one percent of contaminating materials can kill fish life by consuming oxygen in the waters. (The de-salting of sea water for household and agricultural use on a large scale is a long way off.)

We now spew 150 million tons of pollutants into the atmosphere annually, and 90 percent of this consists of largely invisible but potentially lethal gases.

From the plains in Russia to the mountains of Switzerland, from the blue waters of the Pacific to the smokestacks of Chicago, the air is hazier, the smog is thicker, the sun dimmer. Throughout the world, the statistics are uniformly appalling—but the figures speak less vividly than the sad bewilderment of California school children who are now excused from outdoor games on those days when the atmosphere chokes their lungs.

Industrialization plagues the land as well as the air and waters. Our rise in synthetic technology has given us innumerable conveniences—but the roadsides are strewn with cans, bottles, and cartons, the dumps overflow, and in some cities it costs three times more to get rid of a ton of junk than to ship in a ton of coal.

Urbanization is perhaps the most menacing of the three converging trends that threaten our planet today.

In the U. S., land is being urbanized at the rate of 3,000 acres a day. One million Americans a year leave the rural areas for cities. Seventy percent of all Americans now live on 10 percent of the land; by the year 2000, some 85 percent will live in urban areas. And the same is happening all over the world.

Each time we build a new highway, bulldoze a woods into

a shopping center, or turn farmland into housing developments, we decrease the acreage that will grow food. Great progress is being made in the productivity of our soil, yet agriculture is now taking three to four million tons more nutrients from it than are being replaced each year.

The word "ecology" was devised exactly a hundred years ago—in 1869—to signify the study of the relationship between life systems and their environment.

"Ecology" is what everybody on this planet must start thinking about—and quickly—if we are to avoid irreversible changes within the closed system of our spaceship.

For everything around us is tied together in a system of mutual inter-dependence. The plants help renew our air; the air helps purify our water; the water irrigates the plants. Man, as a part of nature, cannot "master" it; he must learn to work with it—and with his fellows everywhere—to ensure that we do not alter the environment so drastically that we perish before we can adjust to it.

We have laid waste our powers for too long, not merely by ignoring the warnings of dead lakes and ravaged countrysides, but also by periodically killing off our bravest and our best in senseless warfare.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their planet.

We have the technical skill and resources. We have a common cause worth fighting for: a new kind of war to make the world safe for humanity against its own worst instincts.

Perhaps this mighty global struggle to restore the quality of our human environment may provide an effective and inspired substitute for national conflict and bloodshed.

Perhaps only a planetary view of man can guarantee our survival.

We have the weapons that enable us all to die together; can we not forge the tools that enable us all to live together?

The Editor's Corner



NON-STOP TO TEL AVIV

"We promise you the promised land in 10 hours and 15 minutes—non-stop to Tel Aviv!" So reads a current magazine ad for El Al Airlines.

And by jove, they can do it.

This must be the longest non-stop commercial flight anywhere (unless it could be one of the hops over the North Pole). Can't say that I'd recommend it in the Tourist Class, because that's too long to stay cramped like that. But you can't beat it for speed in getting from one part of the world to another.

Our Religious Journalism Seminar group lifted into the air from Kennedy Airfield at just before 7 p.m. on Jan. 19. We landed at Lod Airport, Tel Aviv, at shortly after 11 a.m. on the 20th. (Remember now there are 7 hours difference in time.)

There are 42 in our group and we joined enough other travelers to pack the Boeing 707. Somewhere recently I read that every El Al plane had a karate expert aboard. I thought it might be hard to pick out such a person, but it was no trick at all after that stewardess gave us our first orders as we boarded. I knew that no Arab on earth would dare try to hijack her plane.

As dawn came (at about 1 a.m. New York time) we were somewhere over the Alps. As the sun rose a short time later it painted beautiful patterns on the snow covered peaks. Soon afterward Mt. Vesuvius "peaked" through at us through the blanket of clouds that covered Italy.

Another most unusual feature surrounding the coming of the new day was the colorful prayer meeting of about 10 orthodox rabbis on the flight. Never have I seen such a service nor heard such emotional prayers as they proclaimed the dawn in an ancient ritual.

I had hoped that during this visit to Israel I might somehow have the opportunity to call Ilana Pearlstein, the efficient representative of the Ministry of Tourism who was in charge of our 1968 tour. Better than that, she is directing this group also, and she flattered me by recognizing me as I stepped from the plane.

More in next week's column.

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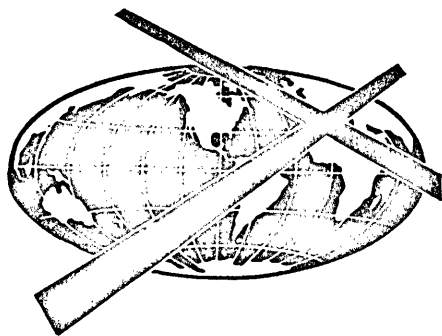
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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

David O. McKay, 96-years-old president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), died in Salt Lake City Jan. 18. On Jan. 2 he and his 93-year-old widow, had celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. In addition to Mrs. McKay, four sons and two daughters survive. Following tradition, Joseph Fielding Smith, 93, president of the Council of Twelve Apostles, has been named successor.

Local black contractors in Cincinnati have new access to commercial loans because of a \$50,000 fund established by the Episcopal Church Executive Council. A denominational loan was made to the Cincinnati Business Assistance Guarantee Fund, administered by the Determined Young Men, an organization made up of executives who help minority business ventures get started with advice, talent, and where possible, funds.

American hospitals have been asked to contribute old surgical instruments and small hospital equipment for use by "bush medical units" in the tiny African nation of Malawi. The request was made by Jack S. Lesshaft Jr., a United Church of Christ missionary and former Kentucky legislator now serving as permanent secretary of the Private Hospital Assn. of Malawi.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Texas has approved three projects which will receive \$14,200 in grants from "Reconciliation," the denomination's national urban emergency program. The Fort Worth Council of Churches has been allocated up to \$9,999 for its "Block Partnership" program, which seeks to draw organized groups in poverty areas into "partnerships" with churches to work toward specific goals.

The Lutheran Council in the U. S. has reported a combined enrollment of 105,923 in Lutheran seminaries, colleges, and high schools in the U.S. and Canada for the 1969-70 academic year. The total represents a loss of 495 students from the previous school year, but a gain of 5,128 over the 1967-68 figure.

When a fire destroyed the recently remodeled 55-year-old auditorium-administration building of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. some original works of college faculty members were lost. Dr. Delwin B. Schneider, lost a nearly completed manuscript for a book; the Rev. Richard Elvee, college chaplain, lost 10 years of sermons and writings, and Dr. Paul Allwardt of the music department lost music he had composed. According to President Frank Barth the building was insured for its replacement cost, estimated to be upwards of \$1 million.

In what is said to be a "first," a nun is replacing a bishop in the Detroit archdiocese—and her assistant will be a priest. Sister Mary Corrinne Bart, R.S.M., is the new delegate for religious to John Cardinal Dearden, Archbishop of Detroit. Sister Mary Corinne had been an assistant to her predecessor, Bishop Breitenbeck, in representing the 4,000 nuns and Brothers in the archdiocese.

Dr. Joseph L. Knutson, president of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.—addressing an unofficial conference of 180 specially-invited Lutheran pastors in Minneapolis, warned that secularism has begun to sap the spiritual vitality of Lutheran churches in this country as it already has in Scandinavia and Germany. He cited declining church attendance (including chapel attendance at church colleges) and budget troubles facing major denominations as indicators of decline.

Appearing on a television panel show, Archbishop of St. Louis, John Joseph Cardinal Carberry predicted a period of "quieter change" in the Church in the coming years. He said, "The real source of the changes have been the documents of Vatican II themselves."

The New York Chapter of the Amer. Jewish Committee has expressed strong opposition to Gov. Rockefeller's proposal to repeal the state's constitutional ban on aid to parochial schools. Chapter President, Edward D. Moldover charged, in a letter to the governor, that the recommendation "threatens the very survival of decent public education. A New York Times editorial held out the view that repeal of the constitutional section would mean an end to public education and "could pose a serious threat to the freedom of religious schools and to religion itself."

During the decade of the 1960s, world membership figures of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) increased by 74 per cent for a gain of nearly a million new members. The current world membership figure is estimated at close to 3 million. This statistical trend was reported in Salt Lake City by the late President David O. McKay.

Xavier High School (Jesuit) in Concord, Mass., constructed in 1962, may be phased out in 1971, according to Headmaster, Father John R. Vigneau, S. J. Father Vigneau said the Jesuits would withdraw their teaching force from the eight-year-old school. Another spokesman said the withdrawal was "not a question of funds but more in the line of re-direction" of priorities in the Jesuit field of education.

Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury has no intention of complaining further about the proposed canonization of 40 English Catholic martyrs and does not want to impair the present ecumenical spirit, according to an authoritative source in London. The statement came from the Anglican Prelate's personal press officer, Michael De-La-Noy, as the controversy continued to be reflected in personal letters to and editorials in the leading British newspapers.

Religious programming can break the TV "prime-time barrier" and emerge from its "Sunday morning ghetto" when it shows it can compete, and when talented people are convinced that what they create is not going to be buried. This point was made in an article entitled "Can the Churches Break the Prime-Time Barrier?" and discusses the challenge to both the church and the television industry "to reach for the spirit of man." Ronn Spargur, Denver public relations consultant, was the author of the article which appeared in Christianity Today.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has called a national emergency conference to discuss peace in the Middle East. The conference, scheduled Jan. 25-26 in Washington, is expected to be the most representative gathering of U.S. Jewish leadership since an emergency meeting held during the Six-Day War in 1967.

The Catholic bishop of Mississippi has affirmed that the state's Catholic schools will not offer "a refuge from integration" and charged that "hasty schemes" to create a new private school system "will do nothing but defraud" the youth of the state. Bishop Joseph B. Brunini of Natchez-Jackson, in a pastoral letter to all Catholics in the state, gave the strongest possible endorsement to Mississippi's public education system, but pointed out in no uncertain terms the Catholic Church's opposition to racial segregation.

By an overwhelming majority, the fifth Pastoral Council of the Dutch Roman Catholic Church approved a proposal calling for the abolition of mandatory celibacy for Catholic priests. Of the 100 lay and clerical delegates having voting rights, 90 voted in favor of the proposal, 6 opposed it, and 2 cast blank votes. The bishops abstained from voting.

The 1970 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which began on Jan. 18 saw ecclesiastical history made in London as John Cardinal Heenan was scheduled to preach in historic City Temple, well-known "Non-conformist shrine" in the heart of the city. The Rev. Kenneth Slack, the church's pastor, said, "This is a historic visit. For the first time in three and a quarter centuries of our history we welcome the head of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales to our pulpit, the first of his communion to preach in the City Temple."



(RNS Photo)

ATLANTA — NBC News commentator John Chancellor tells Southern Baptist-sponsored youthful Mission 70 crowd at conference meeting in Atlanta that "faith will make a comeback" in the 1970s. Mr. Chancellor was one of three speakers for the event which included an original folk musical, "Hello World!", especially commissioned for Mission 70 and directed by actor-director Ragan Courtney who also wrote the lyrics. Films and small group discussions were also employed "to convey the depth and variety of the emerging identity of the church." The Houston Baptist College choir performed, accompanied by the Baylor University Lab Band.

Dr. McKay resigns from Garrett presidency

Resignation of Dr. Orville H. McKay as president of Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, has been announced by Mr. Herbert M. Johnson, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary. Dr. McKay's resignation will be effective June 15, 1970.

Dr. McKay stated his desire to assume responsibilities more closely related to the pastoral ministry than his present administrative duties permit. Prior to his election to the Seminary presidency in February, 1965, he held pastorates in Detroit, Highland Park, and Midland, Michigan, and an Army Chaplaincy. While he served as the minister of the First Methodist Church in Midland, Michigan the membership of the church grew from 1300 to more than 3300, and a second Methodist church was founded in the community.

"The five years during which Dr. McKay has served as Garrett's president have been a period of significant progress," Mr. Johnson said. "Under his leadership, the Seminary has gained in strength academically, administratively, and financially."

He has held memberships on numerous boards and agencies of the denomination including the Board of Hospitals and Homes, the Board of Education, the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, and the Commission of Ecumenical Affairs. He also has been elected by the Detroit Annual Conference, of which he is a member, to three General Conferences of the church and four Jurisdictional Conferences. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Chicago Theological Institute and the Chicago Institute for Advanced Theological Studies.

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MEMPHIS' METHODIST HOSPITAL FACILITIES DEDICATED

The December 17 dedication and open house at the new Methodist Hospital School of Nursing and Wilson Hall in Memphis coincided with a meeting of the Board of Managers and Trustees. Bishop Paul V. Galloway was the principal speaker for the dedication presided over by Bishop H. Ellis Finger Jr. of the Tennessee area.

Wilson Hall, an eight-story dormitory named after the late Mrs. Ruby "Doll" Wilson, mother of Mr. Kemmons Wilson, was dedicated with the unveiling of an oil portrait of Mrs. Wilson by artist Paul Penczner.

The residence hall, utilizing the latest in furnishings, is flanked by an academic wing and a gymnasium and auditorium wing. The academic wing includes a complete closed circuit television system. The gymnasium is full size and the auditorium has a seating capacity of 300.

The new education complex will double the graduating potential of the institution and can accommodate upwards of 250 students, according to a hospital spokesman.

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Beyond numbers and figures

by Claude E. Barron

Roe Circuit pastor

If we are not increasing in numbers either we are growing stronger in the faith, but failing to share the good news with others or we are in a weakened spiritual condition and have nothing to share.

If from a position of strength we fail to share the good news we violate our basic reason for being a congregation. We fail to be witnesses for Jesus Christ, whereas He calls us to be His witnesses where we are now and where we are going and into all the world (ours and His). If we are in a weakened spiritual condition and have no life-giving faith to share, then we as a congregation must recognize our situation, ask God to help our unbelief, and wait for the Holy Spirit.

When God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit, we will have faith, the ability to witness, and the power to communicate the gospel in terms the world can understand. Growing stronger in the faith requires a costly discipline today, just as it did in the early church. Will we commit ourselves to a disciplined life of growth in Christ?

Our giving is another indication of our spiritual condition. The treasurer and the finance committee and the whole congregation come into view as we consider the financial report. The work of the treasurer and finance committee often continues without praise or appreciation. Yet their work goes on. Often their work is more difficult than it should be because of the attitudes toward giving which is held by many persons.

A word of thanks is given to those laymen who work with such devotion as they care for the finances of the church. Christian giving comes into the lives of persons and congregations only with much patience and prayer.

Giving is living. Giving is loving. Giving is caring. The financial report shows the level of giving of a local church. The area of giving often indicates the attitude toward giving.

Much of the church's money goes for that which benefits the giver more than anybody else. If we give to that which benefits us, what are we doing that is distinctively Christian? Christian giving should be Christ-like giving. Jesus gave of his life, ministry, and service to help his fellow man. Jesus gave with laughter in his heart. Jesus praised persons who gave with abandon like the widow with her mite or the woman who poured the expensive perfume on Him. Jesus gave His life on the cross with no guaranteed results.

We usually like to know exactly where the money we give is going and how it is going to be used. Maybe we might try giving our money to help our fellow man without knowing how he is going to use it, just as Jesus gave his life on the cross for his fellow man without knowing whether they would accept him or his forgiveness. He gave freely without knowing who or how his gift would be used, maybe we should give more freely. He gave His life for all men, maybe we should give our money to help all men—some will reject it, some will misuse it, some will use it and forget its source, others will use it and be a blessing to us, to our society, to our church, and to the Kingdom of God.

God loves one who gives with laughter in his heart and leaves the result to God as he works with man in his freedom.

The Annual Statistical and Financial Report is a bunch of numbers and figures. Did you ever consider what was behind these reports? People in churches with attitudes toward giving make up the background of the annual report. Remember God loves people and God loves a cheerful giver. Let God guide us in 1970. Our pain in the neck (the annual statistical and financial report) may be cause for rejoicing next year.

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The Annual Statistical and Financial Report is a thorn in the flesh that every United Methodist minister must endure. In our suffering we are made strong, especially if we look beyond the numbers and figures to the people and gifts that are represented.

The evaluation of the year's work is based not only on the statistics and finances, but also on the pastor's reflection on his relationship to these persons and their attitudes toward giving. Have these persons grown in their relationship to Jesus Christ, His Church, and God's other children?

Does the financial report really represent the spirit of Christian giving or does it represent giving grudgingly our share (or less than our share) to the total work of the Church?

These are the types of questions that are raised as we consider the meaning of the numbers and figures.

As we count the membership of the church, we consider those persons gained and those removed from the roll. We rejoice over the persons that are received on Confession of Faith, as they find new life in Christ and His Church. How few persons are reported in this category!

We are not reaching out with a living, contagious faith in Christ to those who have faith in relationships to persons and things that soon decay and die. We are thankful for those persons from other communities and denominations who become part of the Christian fellowship of our local church. We reverently and thankfully remember those members who have died during the year and know that they join us as we sing "Praise Him above ye heavenly host." We pray for God to be with those persons who renew their life in Christ by joining with another congregation.

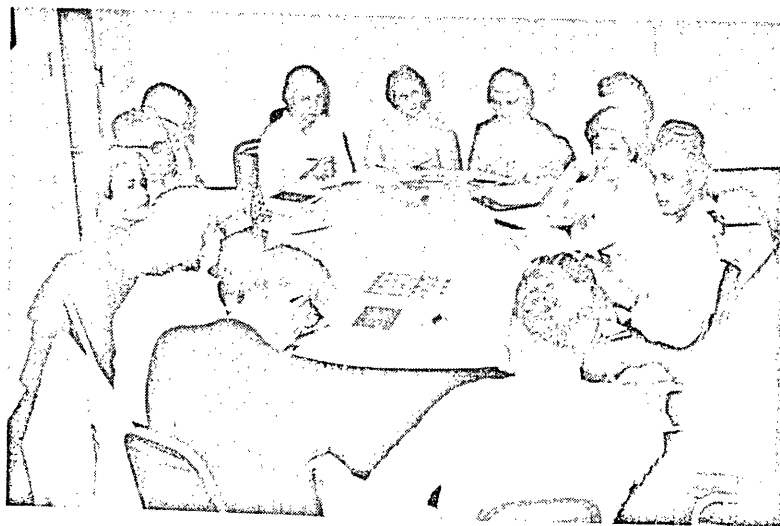
The condition of a congregation is reflected in the growth of the membership. "And so, day by day, the congregation grew stronger in faith and increased in numbers." (Acts 16:5 NEB).

HENDRIX MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS UNDERWAY

High School seniors and College transfers interested in applying for scholarship to the Hendrix College Department of Music are invited to participate in auditions which began Saturday, January 24, according to Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, head of the department.

Three additional audition periods are scheduled for Saturdays, February 7, February 28 and March 14. Participants will be guests of the College while they are on the campus. Auditions on dates other than those stated above may be arranged if special circumstances warrant.

Auditions should be arranged for at least one week prior to the desired audition date. Audition Application forms may be obtained by writing to Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, Head, Department of Music, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas 72032.



Committee chairmen at Central Avenue UM Church in Batesville in Lay Witness Mission planning meeting discuss details for the March 6, 7, and 8 Mission. Marvin Gaither (in white shirt with back to camera) is general chairman. Mr. Phillip Mains of Little Rock will coordinate the Mission. The Rev. Jim Beal is pastor.

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. GEORGE CLEARY, pastor, St. Johns U.M. Church of Van Buren, was guest speaker at Wyatt Memorial Church in Fort Smith, January 25, as part of the conference-wide pulpit exchange. The Rev. Thomas Weir is pastor at Wyatt.

THE REV. W. C. ONSTEAD, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Mountain Pine has appreciated hearing from his many friends over the state while he is hospitalized. He is steadily improving, but it will be several weeks before he can return home. Joe Hooper, a layman from Grand Avenue Church of Hot Springs, has been filling the Mountain Pine pulpit.

YOUNG PEOPLE of Marysville and Silver Hill had a Watch Night Service at Marysville and everyone enjoyed the fellowship, refreshments, games, worship service and prayer at the altar. The Rev. Myron C. Pearce conducted the short devotion and the Counsellor, Ronald Calloway, led the young people in all of their activities.

GEORGE KELL OF SWIFTON, one of baseball's greatest third basemen and a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was the speaker at the Father-Son Banquet held by United Methodist Men in First Church, Batesville, Monday, January 26. John Ward is president of the group. The Rev. Arvill Brannon is their pastor.

THE BRINKLEY AREA Training School, February 1 and 2, scheduled as teachers the Rev. Earl B. Carter, associate director of the North Arkansas Program Council, teaching "Council on Ministries," and the Rev. James Randle, Jr., Tuckerman pastor, leading "Ministry with Youth."

RICHARD ARNETT has been added to the staff of College Hill United Methodist Church in Texarkana as part-time youth director and assistant in music. He is an employee at Smith-Blair, Inc., and has had training and experience in the field of religious education and music. He will be working with the Rev. Pryor R. Cruce.

BEST WISHES are extended to Mrs. Nettie Dortch, member of Griffin Memorial United Methodist Church in Paragould. She celebrated her 100th birthday this month. Also to Mrs. Sue Blanton of the Center Grove community, Arkadelphia District, who will be 100 on February 3.

THE MEMPHIS POLICE Department Gospel Singers were featured at the "Sunday at Six" service in First United Methodist Church of Jonesboro, January 18. E. H. "Tank" Harrison, frequent Lay Witness Mission speaker in the Tri-States, is a member of the group. The Rev. Worth Gibson was host pastor.

THE ECUMENICAL SERVICE held in Jacksonville United Methodist Church, January 28, had as principal speaker Bishop Graves of the Catholic Dioceses of Arkansas. The Rev. Bob Edwards was host pastor.

THE FORT SMITH Week of Prayer for Christian Unity observance had services at a different church each evening from January 18-25. Host churches were Immaculate Conception, First Christian, Quinn Chapel AME, First Presbyterian, St. John's Episcopal, Goddard United Methodist, St. Luke's Lutheran and Westminster Presbyterian. At the Goddard service, the Rev. Ralph Kuttait, rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, brought the message. Dr. Charles Richards, host pastor, conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. George O'Neal, East Side Baptist, Dr. Tom Gallagher, First Presbyterian, Monsignor William Galvin, Immaculate Conception, and the Rev. Norman H. McGill, Mt. Moriah Baptist.

THE REV. AND MRS. WOODROW SMITH and family are at home at 4023 Chatham, Houston, Texas, 77027. Former pastor of Grand Avenue U.M. Church in Hot Springs, he is now an associate pastor to Dr. Kenneth Shamblin in St. Luke United Methodist of Houston.

TWO COLLEGE PRESIDENTS were pulpit guests in Wesley United Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday morning and evening, January 18. Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, the new president of Philander Smith College, spoke at the morning service. Dr. R. Jeffrey Hampton, new president of Shorter College spoke at the vesper hour. The Rev. J. Otis Erwin is the Wesley minister.

RICHARD ADKISSON, PULASKI County prosecuting attorney, was the speaker for the January 27 meeting of United Methodist Men of First Church, North Little Rock, where the Rev. Lloyd Conyers is pastor.

FORT SMITH BOYS' CLUB director, Clarence Higgins was the speaker for the January meeting of United Methodist Men in St. Paul U.M. Church of Fort Smith. The Rev. Gaither McKelvey is the St. Paul minister.

THE REV. BOB EDWARDS, pastor of the Jacksonville Church, was in Mason City, Iowa, January 17-22, leading ministers from Iowa and Minnesota in methods of conducting Confirmation Classes. In his absence the Jacksonville pulpit was filled by the Rev. Earl Carter and the Rev. Irl Bridenthal.

LARRY PEARCE, a senior ministerial student from Hendrix College, was the Student Recognition Day speaker at both Silver Hill and Marysville Methodist churches. A college student played the piano at Silver Hill and college and high school young people filled the choir, with a high school student at the piano at Marysville. Larry's brother Rickey, also a student at Hendrix, was present for the service at Marysville. The Rev. Myron C. Pearce is the pastor at both churches.

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.

Feb. 1—Sunday	Psalm 8:1-9
Feb. 2	Isaiah 41:8-14
Feb. 3	John 10:1-14
Feb. 4	I Cor. 1:18-31
Feb. 5	Eph. 1:1-14
Feb. 6	I Pet. 2:1-10
Feb. 7	I John 3:1-10
Feb. 8—Sunday	Luke 4:14-21

FORT SMITH'S FIRST United Methodist Church has added to the staff as Minister to Youth, the Rev. David Moose who has been serving as pastor of the Forrest Hills U.M. Church in Forrest City. He is a native of Morrilton, graduate of Hendrix College and St. Paul Graduate School of Theology, Methodist, in Kansas City. He has also served pastorates at Napoleon, Missouri, and Kensett, Arkansas.

THE CHARLESTON UNITED Methodist Church, Fort Smith District, reports that 23 persons united with that church during the month of December, 15 of these on profession of faith. The Rev. Britt Cordell is the minister.

BRADFORD UNITED METHODIST students who participated in Student Recognition Day were: Nona Knox, conservation major at A.S.U., Beebe; Susan Amann, elementary education major, Ark. Tech; Randy Pierce, agri engineering major, U. of A.; Mike Fallwell, agri education major, A.S.U.; and Shirlene Turner, business education major at A.S.U., Beebe. Each student gave a resume of his major and life on the campus. The Rev. Everne Hunter is their pastor.

MILTON B. TALLY, for 33 years associated with Southern State College in Magnolia, was the speaker for United Methodist Men of El Dorado First Church on Wednesday, January 21. Speaking at the El Dorado Vesper Service last Sunday was the Rev. Allen Bonsall, minister to students at Southern State College. Following the January theme of "The Church's Mission of Reconciliation," his subject was "Reconciling the Generation Gap." Dr. Alvin Murray is pastor.



The Danville United Methodist Church had a service of thanksgiving with this group participating in a playlet. The Rev. Gene Adkins is the Danville pastor.

At a Sunday morning worship service recently in Geyer Springs United Methodist Church, Little Rock, God and Country Awards were presented to two young men pictured with their minister: Mike White, at left; the Rev. Rayford L. Diffie and John Williams.



NOTE OF THANKS

Mrs. Ed Kaetzell asks that she might say "thank you" through the METHODIST to their many friends for their love and concern indicated by letters and telegrams as well as the many memorial gifts to various churches, to Mt. Sequoyah Assembly and to Kamp Kaetzell.

Grace has moved into an apartment in Springdale. The address is Elmdale Manor, Apt. "B", 1905 Ross Street, 72764.

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MRS. DODGEN'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. J. P. Campbell, Welsh, Louisiana, mother of Mrs. Ethan Dodgen of Forrest City, died in a convalescent center in Memphis, Tenn. January 16. Funeral services were conducted in the United Methodist Church of Welsh, January 19, by the pastor, the Rev. Bob Lawton. Mrs. Campbell was a lifelong Methodist and an active member of the Welsh Methodist Church until her recent illness.

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FEATURED SPEAKERS in Winfield Church, Little Rock, next Monday morning, February 2, will be the president and the former president of the Little Rock Conference Women's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. E. T. Davenport and Mrs. Edgar F. Dixon will tell about the General Board of Missions meeting which they attended in Boston.

JUDGE LAWSON CLONINGER of Fort Smith was the speaker at the combined meeting of the Midland Heights WSCS and WSG, January 20. His topic concerned the Fort Smith Girls' Shelter. His wife is president of the Fort Smith District Women's Society.

MRS. E. T. DAVENPORT, president of the Little Rock Conference Women's Society, was guest speaker at the annual joint meeting of society and guild in the Jacksonville Church, January 20.

"COLOR ME HUMAN" was presented in First Church, El Dorado, Sunday evening, January 25 in connection with the study led by Mrs. Thomas Griffin. Mrs. Fon Ruhlman directed this cast: George Morgan, Jr., Ken Oswalt, John Lusk, Jim Horn, Wilandra Dean and James Sewell. Dr. Alvin Murray is pastor.

MRS. RICHARD PIERCE explained plans for the CONTACT telephone ministry being planned in Pine Bluff at the January meeting of the Women's Society of Wesley Church, Pine Bluff.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT MINISTERS' PARTY

The Christmas party for the ministers and their families of the Forrest City District was held December 12 at Forrest City First Church with Dr. and Mrs. Ethan Dodgen as hosts.

The traditional turkey dinner was followed by the singing of Christmas carols.

Wrought iron garden furniture was presented to the Dodgens from the district by the president of the Parsonettes, Mrs. Berlon Davis.

The January 15 meeting of Forrest City District Ministers' Wives was held at Earl with Mrs. Leon Wilson as hostess and 16 members present. The program "1970 Pattern for Living" was presented by the vice president, Mrs. Byron McSpadden, assisted by Mrs. Berlon Davis. The next regular meeting will be March 19 at Hughes with Mrs. Mitchell Sanford as hostess.



A dialogue-panel preceded the worship service at the Vigil for Christian Unity held in Pulaski Heights U.M. Church, January 25. "Our Common Ministries of Concern" were discussed by, from left: Father Bede Luibel, V.A. Hospital chaplain; the Rev. John T. Rorex, director of Presbyterian Urban Council; Mrs. Thomas Millard, director CONTACT Telephone Ministry; Canon J. Gordon Swope, moderator; Father Ernest Fennell, chaplain, St. Francis House; the Rev. Dean Sudman, pastor, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church.

THE MARION WESLEYAN Service Guild held the January meeting in the parsonage with Mrs. W. L. Douglas as hostess. Miss Mildred Horton presided. Mrs. James Young was program leader. Mrs. Paul Coleman was in charge of the WSCS program in the home of Mrs. John Taylor.

ROBERT SARVER, superintendent of Corrections, Arkansas State Penitentiary, was the speaker in Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, January 11. The Rev. Floyd Villines, Jr. is the Gardner minister.

A TWELVE WEEK COURSE in lay speaking is being offered in First United Methodist Church of Conway at the Sunday school hour beginning January 18. Dr. George Harrod, certified by the General Board as an instructor in Lay Speaking, is teaching the class. The Rev. Ben Jordan is pastor.

WESTERN HILLS United Methodist Youth guest speaker Sunday, January 25, was State Trooper Jerry Cain, Arkansas State Police Public Relations department, who presented the Ohio Safety film and discussed accidents, cold weather driving, and freeway safety. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Robinson, former sponsors and now Texarkana residents, were visitors. The Rev. Robert W. Robertson is pastor.

Property Lawsuit Settled

BIRMINGHAM, Ala (UMI) — A lawsuit which has been pending for over six years has been settled in favor of the United Methodist Church in the Circuit Court of Bullock County.

Judge Jack Wallace ruled that the Southern Methodist Church has "no right, title, interest, or claim in or to the real estate." In November of 1963, the Union Springs church voted to withdraw from the Methodist Church and voted to affiliate with the Southern Methodist Church. The Southern Methodist congregation was given 30 days to vacate the church building and parsonage in the final ruling.

The Alabama Supreme Court had declared on September 4 the Dumas Act (Alabama Code Number 79) unconstitutional and remanded the case back to the lower court for settlement. Judge Wallace had previously ruled in favor of the Southern Methodist Church basing his decision on the Dumas Act.

PEACE CORPS SPEAKERS IN LAKE VILLAGE

Matt and Katie Boley showed selected slides and spoke to the congregation of Lakeside United Methodist church of Lake Village on Sunday evening, January 18. The Boleys have recently returned from two years service with the Peace Corps in Sofre, Panama.

Church members were particularly interested in a progress report on a bridge project that the Boleys had encouraged the village to build, across a river that seals the village off during rainy seasons. Lakeside members contributed funds last September for materials to complete the bridge. At the time the Boleys left, about three weeks of work remained for completion of the bridge.

Mrs. Boley is the former Katie Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ford, Sr. All are members of Lakeside church, of which the Rev. George Tanner is pastor.

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MRS. VIDA FRY, a former conference chairman of Wesleyan Service Guild, was the speaker in Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, during the study of "China," January 18. Mrs. Margaret Glover is Work Area Chairman of Missions.

HOPE DISTRICT WSCS EXECUTIVES MET IN TEXARKANA

The executive committee of the Hope District Women's Society of Christian Service met in Texarkana, January 7. Mrs. C. S. McAnally, district president, was hostess for the luncheon and business session in her home.

Mrs. Arch Wylie of Hope, district treasurer, presented the budget for 1970.

Other officers present and reporting were Mrs. H. W. Timberlake of Nashville, chairman of Christian social relations; Mrs. D. B. Yarbrough of Nashville, secretary of program materials; Mrs. Gladys Icenhower of Texarkana, district chairman, Wesleyan Service Guild; and Mrs. Otto Allen of Texarkana, secretary.

Little Rock Conference chairman of Christian social relations, Mrs. Charles Gardner of Texarkana was present.

The annual meeting of district leadership workshop is scheduled for April 13 at the College Hill United Methodist Church in Texarkana.

Aldersgate Memorials

Recent gifts to Aldersgate Methodist Camp are IN MEMORY OF:

FLOY BERRY

by Tom and Betty Williams

FRED BALCH, SR.

by Tom and Betty Williams

MRS. LUTHER BEASLEY

(Directed to Campership)

by Little Rock District Parsonettes

MRS. LELA GALLOWAY MINTON

by Board of Directors and Staff of Aldersgate Camp

SIMON NORWOOD

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HENRY LINDAUER

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by Mrs. Margaret M. Harrison

by Rev. & Mrs. Edward G. Matthews

by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Jones & Don

by Dr. & Mrs. Bruce Molholt & Kevin

by Mrs. John B. Hefley

by Miss Ada May Smith

by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hudson, Jr.

by Mr. & Mrs. M. O. Bettis

by Dr. & Mrs. Neill Hart

by Rev. & Mrs. Jim Koller

by Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hunter

by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wimberly

by C. Ray Tribble Circle - Pulaski

Heights Methodist Church

by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence D. Richards

by Rev. & Mrs. Alfred A. Knox

by Mr. & Mrs. Edgar F. Dixon

by Mr. & Mrs. E. T. Davenport

by Mr. & Mrs. E. D. Galloway

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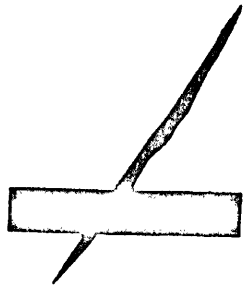
from Mr. & Mrs. Ray Tribble

Miscellaneous articles for Open House

by Mr. & Mrs. Mark T. Jordan

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 8: God Forgives

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 1: 5-11; Hosea 14; Matthew 18:23-35; Luke 7:36-50.

MEMORY SELECTION: If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To understand something of the true nature of God's forgiveness, and the conditions which man must fulfill if he is to receive it.

If one needs to be reminded that forgiveness is a theme of the Old Testament as well as the New, our memory selection does this for us. All through the first half of this unit we saw how the covenant people turned from God in their sin and how, again and again, he forgave them and renewed the relationship between them.

Our lesson planners have turned from Matthew to Luke just for this one lesson. They must not have been able to find in the former the exact material they needed to drive home the great Christian doctrine of forgiveness. The lesson is based on a part of the seventh chapter of Luke in which we are told the story of the woman who washed Jesus' feet while he was having dinner in the home of a Pharisee. The comments of the host prompted Jesus to tell the parable of the two debtors, and from these two we seek to learn more of the great Christian teaching concerning forgiveness and its implications for us.

Dr. Curtis Chamber in Adult Leader says: "The biblical emphasis on forgiveness is essentially the same in both the Old and the New Testaments. It is God's action in removing barriers that separate man from his presence. As a result, reconciliation and relationship between man and God are possible."

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, placed great emphasis on forgiveness in his preaching. He once wrote in a letter to his brother Charles: "By a sense of pardon I mean a distinct, explicit assurance that my sins are forgiven. I allow: (1) that there is such a thing as explicit assurance; (2) that it is the common privilege of real Christians; (3) that it is the proper Christian faith which purifieth the heart and overcometh the world." Surely a major objective for this lesson should be that we might become more forgiving in our own daily relationships by accepting God's forgiveness and reflecting it in our own lives. Do you agree that this is a need of most of us?

THE EPISODE IN THE PHARISEE'S HOME

We read in the seventh chapter of Luke that "one of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house" (verse 36). Shortly after Jesus had seated himself at the table, having removed his shoes — a custom in those days — a woman of the streets entered the house and anointed

Jesus' feet with ointment from an alabaster flask. Simon, the host was quite critical of Jesus for permitting this act, and even commented about his guest, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him" (verse 39). Jesus told a very pointed story — the parable of the two debtors — and then he took his host to task for not even having performed the ordinary amenities of a host. He said he had given him no water to wash the dirt from his feet; had not greeted him with the usual kiss of polite society; and did not anoint his head as was customary. All of these social graces have been attended to by the so-called undesirable woman. In this striking contrast between the Pharisee who was his host and the undesirable social outcast from the streets, Jesus indulged in an example of the sharpest kind of teaching aimed at showing the "best people" how far short they fell short of the standards of character which God had prescribed for them.

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO DEBTORS

When Jesus heard his host judge him as not being a prophet for apparently failing to recognize the woman for what she was, he turned to him and said, "Simon, I have something to say to you." Then he proceeded to tell the brief and simple story of two debtors — one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When their common creditor forgave both the total amount, Jesus pointed out — or he called on Simon to point out — that the one who had the most forgiven loved the creditor the most. Now, this might not always work out in the world of finance, but Jesus was making the point that the woman who had been so deep in the gutter of sin knew what a great gift it was to receive God's forgiveness.

Dr. Charles Laymon points out that a wonderful attribute of Jesus' ministry was seen in the way sinners crowded around him wherever he went. Sometimes contemporary church members, with no evidence that their pastors are ignoring them, find great fault with the minister who chooses to spend a great deal of time ministering to the so-called "undesirable element" in the community.

Dr. Laymon observes (International Lesson Annual): "It was not because Jesus was easy on sinners that they drew near him. He did not excuse a single one by taking them or their sin lightly."

Dr. Paul Tillich, in a sermon on this parable, points out: "We would miss the spirit of our story if we tried to show that the righteous ones are not truly righteous. The elder son in the parable of the prodigal did what he was supposed to do. His righteousness is not questioned, nor is the righteousness of Simon the Pharisee. His lack of love toward Jesus is not reproached as a lack of righteousness, but it is derived from the fact that little is forgiven to him."

REPENTANCE AS A PREREQUISITE FOR FORGIVENESS

There is every indication that the woman who came into Simon's house and anointed Jesus' feet had received the forgiveness for her sins at some previous moment. Jesus was not defending her as a

sinner still under the domination of her sin, but as a "sinner saved by grace." The implication is that Simon did not believe that anything could save such a woman.

Dr. Laymon says: "Repentance invariably precedes forgiveness. In the chemistry of the soul repentance makes one's sinner life ready to experience forgiveness. With repentance comes a softness of heart and a humility before God that prepare the way for one to receive God's forgiving love."

A question raised by several commentators on this lesson is, Was the woman's forgiveness a result of her love or was her love a result of forgiveness? The consensus is that none of us truly knows God's love until after he has forgiven us our sins.

TWO KINDS OF SINNERS CONTRASTED

Although, as we have indicated, Dr. Tillich makes the point that Simon was a righteous man, it seems obvious that Jesus told the parable of the two debtors to place in contrast two kinds of sinners — one the woman of the streets and the other the "righteous" Pharisee. In a sense the picture he painted was in the same kind of contrasting colors as the story of the Pharisee and the publican praying in the temple.

The Pharisee as a representative of religion was rejecting the woman. Even though she had repented of her sins and received the forgiveness of God, he regarded her as unworthy of concern. When pious persons in their self-righteousness turn from sinners, it is no wonder that they are pushed out to mingle with "the world" that will accept them. To reverse this trend in our own time we must do a better job of going out to where they are.

Dr. George Buttrick says, in his book *THE PARABLES OF JESUS*: "The Christian message of forgiveness is here — never more compassionately spoken. Whether the sin of the woman was more blameworthy than other sins is not the question. It was blameworthy enough — though Jesus treated guilt of emotional excess with less sternness, it would seem, than guilt of Pharasaic pride or deliberate calculation. He had pity for a harlot, but withering invective for 'whited sepulchres.' Jesus made her feel that she could rise above her evil past and her bonded present. This is the perennial, redeeming hope of the gospel."

THE FORGIVEN WANTS TO SHOW FORGIVENESS

One of the several purposes that seems to have been in Jesus' mind as he told this parable is that those who have been forgiven want to show to others something of the mercy and loving-kindness which they themselves have received. As for those who do not feel themselves in need of forgiveness, they, of course, remain smug and self-satisfied and are inclined to be merciless toward their offending fellows.

A home threatened by divorce cannot be saved if each party takes the position that, while there is doubtless fault on both sides, the major blame is with the other and it is up to the other to repent and to amend. On that basis there is little hope of reconciliation. But such a home could be saved if each party, refusing the role of martyr, should assume the role of the penitent, saying, "God be merciful to me, a sinner."

ALL OF US STAND IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness meets human guilt through the release of anxiety, deliverance from a troubled conscience, and the gift of peace with God. Where sin is regarded as bondage, the New Testament stresses the deliverance granted by Jesus as the mighty worker who heals the ill, liberates the captives, and grants wholeness to man.

Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass of the Jackson (Miss.) Area and several annual conference officials are among founders of an interfaith Mississippi Conference of Religious Leaders formed to provide a forum through which churchmen can speak together to state residents, especially on education issues. In its first statement the group urged Mississippians to make their public school system "a model for the rest of the nation."

The 1970 world meeting of the International Prayer Fellowship has been rescheduled from late March to May 31 - June 4 at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

The Rev. Ted Richardson, San Antonio, Texas, has been appointed a member of the United Methodist Health and Welfare Ministries Certification Council succeeding the late Rev. Bob Middlebrooks.

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
EDITORIAL BOARD
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There is not much doubt in the mind of the Dr. Ramsey, the Archbishop of Canterbury that 1970 will mark a great step forward in unity in this country. In a recent interview, the Archbishop answered questions about the progress of the Anglican-Methodist proposals and he made it clear what his own mind was on the subject.

He said: "As regards the Anglican Methodists, the first step is the stage in which the churches would be in full communion while remaining separate churches, and organizational problems would have to be thrashed out gradually in the light of the experience of being in full communion." He said uncompromisingly that he believed that it was really necessary for denominational divisions in the end to disappear so that the Christians in a locality are one visible Christian fellowship, sharing a common life.

Asked about those people who are hesitant about unity because they see the ecumenical movement as the desire for gathering together of weak churches, whose convictions have gone as their strength has waned, the Archbishop was equally uncompromising.

He described this view of the unity movement as "bogus." "We are now in a position," he said "to see that unity goes hand in hand with renewal." What he meant by that, he said, was that nobody wanted the churches to join together as they are, but that the Church should try to be renewed and reformed in their service to Christ.

One more subject upon which the Archbishop held definite views was the suggestion which was put to him that in the West (as opposed to the more mystically minded East) there was a tendency for the church to become so involved in the political and

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United Methodist news in brief

Work on the Encyclopedia of World Methodism is nearing completion after several years work, according to retired Bishop Nolan B. Harmon who is serving as its editor. Bishop Harmon said that he expected the work to be published in two volumes in 1971.

A loan for \$710,000 to the United Methodist-related University of the Pacific has been approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help purchase an apartment building for married students.

The Rev. James Alexander, director of printed resources for the Division of the Local Church of the United Methodist Board of Education, is one of 70 consultants attending a workshop on Christian education curriculum development January 8-24 in Monrovia, Liberia.

social scene that it could become a glorified social agency whose members did a lot of social work and prayed occasionally.

The Archbishop thought there was in fact a tendency for churches in the West to become so preoccupied with a vision of serving humanity as to forget that the church must serve humanity primarily by redemption of sin and bringing people to love and worship God. "It needs to be emphasised that the servant Church means serving God in the way of worship and obedience as well as serving humanity in compassion. The two go together," emphasised the Archbishop.

This insistence upon the redemptive role of the church, and the fact that the gospel is a spiritual experience which results in service rather than a way of service initially will have come as a welcome note to be sounded as the seventies open.

There are many critics of the ecumenical movement who see that the chief danger of the whole idea is to turn the church into a self-regarding unit locked away from society. The outgoing work of the church, its mission and its service are really the main-spring of all its being, and there is a definite danger that in concern over restructuring, the nerve of witness may be cut. What the Archbishop has said ought to provide an impetus for Stage one of the Anglican Methodist proposals, which, if they are to be effective must reach a definite and progressive stage in this year.

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TEDDYBEAR FASHIONS

A very non-theological note now. If you are one of those people who are sentimental enough to keep the children's teddybears, you are sadly out of date. The traditional teddybear (a toy which has always had a great vogue in the lives of English children) has mutated. Trendy parents now buy their children teddybears with plastic "human" faces. You can order the face to fit the body of the bear. Famous people are featured on the faces, and now there is a kind of science-fiction look about poor old bear. The bastions are really falling when the world of change invades the nursery!

Hotel "courtesy cards" and an accompanying directory issued for the past several years through the United Methodist Council on World Service and Finance are being discontinued.

The Rev. J. Garfield Owens, Dallas, Texas, has become the first black minister to lead an all-white district in Texas Methodism with his appointment by Bishop O. Eugene Slater to head the San Antonio District effective February 1. Mr. Owens has been a district superintendent in the West Texas Conference of the former Central Jurisdiction. The conference will unite with predominantly-white conferences in the state this summer.

The Rev. Francis J. Bedford, a Methodist minister and regional consultant for Africa for the United Bible Societies, died in December in London after suffering a heart attack.

Three United Methodist bishops and a nationally-known minister are among some 35 contributors to a volume of prayers compiled by John Scott of the news division of radio station WOR in New York. United Methodists are Bishops Prince A. Taylor, Jr., Princeton, N. J., James S. Thomas, Des Moines, Iowa, and Lance Webb, Springfield, Ill., and the Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, minister emeritus of Christ Church in New York.

William S. Parks, Macon, Ga., business manager for the Wesleyan Christian Advocate and a member of the United Methodist Board of Missions, died December 22 after suffering a heart attack. Mr. Parks, 51, had been a member of three General Conferences, in addition to service on the former Methodist Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and a number of Southeastern Jurisdiction and South Georgia Conference agencies.

Dr. Edwin P. Booth, 71, a widely-known retired professor of historical theology at Boston University School of Theology, died December 26.

Action by some Texas newspapers to restrict advertising on X-rated movies has received near unanimous support by laymen and ministers in a poll conducted by the Texas office of United Methodist Information.

A group of 14 United Methodist-related schools are among 260 receiving grants from the National Science Foundation to provide training opportunities for both high school teachers and college undergraduates.

Miss Joan M. Knepp, Espanola, N. M., was scheduled to leave the United States January 13 for service with Vietnam Christian Service, an ecumenical relief agency serving war victims. Miss Knepp originally had been appointed for missionary service in Nigeria.

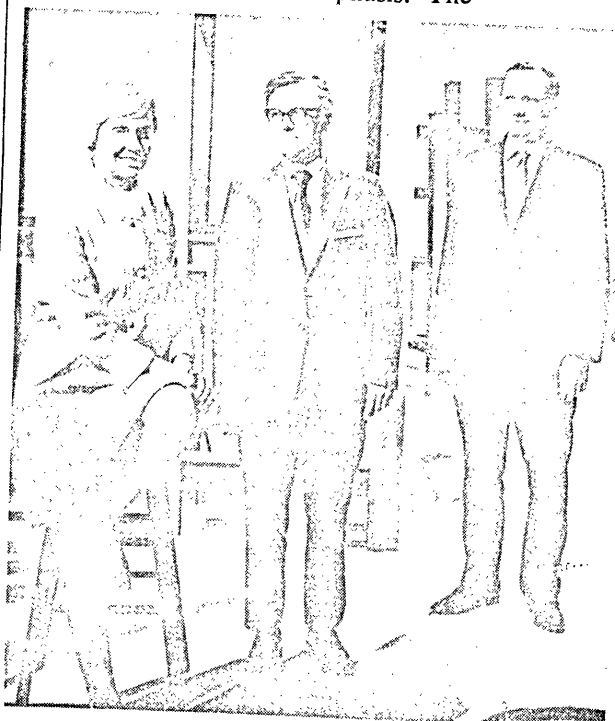
Sermon on Mount TV series announced

NEW YORK (UMI) — Reconciliation is the theme of a four-part religious television series to be presented on the NBC-TV network program, "Frontiers of Faith," beginning in February. Programs will originate on the network at 1:30 p.m. (EST) Sundays on February 8, 15, 22 and March 1. In many cities, however, the Frontiers of Faith series is shown at a different hour, and viewers are advised to check local listings.

The core of the four-hour programs will be an exploration of the Sermon on the Mount as a prime statement of the reconciliation ideal—focus of the 1968-72 Quadrennial Emphasis. The

first program in the series features contemporary scenes of both conflict and reconciliation to illustrate the reading of the Sermon on the Mount. Subsequent programs explore the influence of the Sermon on the early Christian church, as well as throughout Christian history.

It has been announced that the four programs will be made available on film for local churches some time after April 1, and that orders for film rentals may be addressed after that date to: BFC TV Film Library, Room 852, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.



The four-part Sermon on the Mount TV series, "The Revolutionary Words," which begins February 8 is being produced through collaboration of the three persons shown here. FROM LEFT: Doris Ann, producer and manager, Religious Programs, NBC; Richard J. Walsh, writer; Nelson Price, chairman, BFC/NCC Broadcast Operations Committee and director, Radio/TV for TRAFCO.



Dr. Gerald Harry Anderson, new president elect for Scarritt College in Nashville will take office July 1 as the school's fifth president. Dr. Anderson, 38, a native of Pennsylvania, comes from the academic deanship of Union Theological Seminary, Manila, Philippines.

Meharry Medical College receives enthusiastic backing

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UMI)—United Methodist related Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., received enthusiastic endorsement for its \$88 million national fund drive January 14 from the nation's top-ranking health officer.

Speaking at a luncheon here, Dr. Roger O. Egeberg, assistant secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said the Meharry program "could change the whole picture of health care in America."

Some of the nation's leaders of industry and finance attended the New York luncheon given by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. whose vice chairman, Charles Siegfried, will head the Meharry drive in New York.

The five-year fund drive is shooting for \$88 million with \$33 million expected to come from federal sources and \$55 million from private donations.

Meharry Medical College was founded in 1876 as a department of Central Tennessee College, a Methodist institu-

tion later known as Walden University. Central Tennessee College was founded in 1865 and was the first of the colleges founded for Negroes in the South under the auspices of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Although the relationship of the church has changed through the years, Methodists continue to serve on the board of trustees and the school benefits from the annual Race Relations Day offering and other grants. One of the latest gifts from the United Methodist Board of Education was \$150,000 to assist with library expansion. The funds came from World Service Capital Funds provided by the church's 1968 General Conference.

Meharry has trained more than 80 percent of the Negro doctors and dentists in the South and more than half of those in the nation. It was the first and still remains the only privately endowed, predominantly Negro medical college in America that is accredited by the American Medical Association.

Argentina Bishop dies

NEW YORK (UMI)—Bishop Juan E. Gattinoni, 91, the first South American to be elected a Methodist bishop, died January 7 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Since retiring from the episcopacy in 1945, he had made his home with a daughter in the Buenos Aires suburb of Ramos Mejia.

Prior to Bishop Gattinoni's election by the Latin America Methodist Central Conference in 1932, all Methodist bishops in Latin America had been North Americans, either elected in Latin America or assigned by the church in the United States.

The first bishop of the newly-formed (in October) autonomous Methodist Church of Argentina is Bishop Carlos T. Gattinoni, eldest son of the late bishop.

At 24 Bishop Gattinoni enrolled at Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires. After graduation, he entered the Methodist ministry and was pastor of leading churches in Argentina and Uruguay. At the time of his election to the episcopacy, he was a district superintendent in Argentina.

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LUTHERAN CHAPLAIN KILLED IN VIETNAM 'COPTER' CRASH

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — A Lutheran Army chaplain was killed in Vietnam when the helicopter carrying him from one field worship service to another crashed into a mountainside southwest of Danang.

Chaplain (Major) Roger W. Heinz, 33, a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod clergyman, is the first Lutheran chaplain to be killed in the Vietnam war. He died in mid-December.

In all, 11 U.S. Army chaplains and three Navy chaplains have lost their lives in the conflict.

Chaplain Heinz, a native of Dubuque, Iowa, arrived in Vietnam in October. This was his second assignment to minister to troops engaged in combat since being called to active duty in September 1964.

In 1965, he landed in Santa Domingo with the 82nd Airborne Division during the United States police action in the Dominican Republic.

He is survived by two daughters and eight sons.

British hymnologist-theologian a leader for Feb. 1-2 Church Music Workshop

British hymnologist-theologian Erik Routley and American choral authority Paul Salamunovich will be headliners of the Church Music Workshop scheduled Feb. 1-2, at Southern Methodist University.

The 11th annual worship, held in conjunction with SMU's Ministers' Week, is expected to attract church musicians and pastors from the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.

Sessions, which are open to the public without charge, will be held in the Hastings Harrison Building of the Owen Arts Center.

The opening session will be conducted by Dr. Routley on the subject "Hymnody—New Sounds in Congregational Song," at 4 p.m. on Feb. 1. Mr. Salamunovich will give a lecture-demonstration on choral technique and interpretation at 9 a.m. Feb. 2.

Dr. Donald Jensen, director of music at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, will lecture at 1:15 p.m. Feb. 2, on "Church Music 1970 in Search of an Idiom." The workshop will conclude with a 3 p.m. session of new choral music reading, led by Dr. Carlton Young, associate professor and director of graduate studies in church music at SMU.

Dr. Robert Anderson, SMU associate professor of organ and sacred music, will present an organ concert, incorporating electronic tape and dance, at 8:15 p.m. Feb. 1, in Caruth Auditorium. Tickets for the concert will be on sale for \$2 at the door.

In 1969, Paul Salamunovich was knighted by Pope Paul VI for his contributions in the field of sacred music. Now director of choral music at Loyola University and Mount Saint Mary's College in Los Angeles, he is a veteran of 13 years as assistant conductor of the famed Roger Wagner Chorale. He has directed more than 90 choral workshops, festivals, and summer music camps in 20 states and Canada.

Dr. Routley, who also will be the Peyton Lecturer for SMU's 35th annual Ministers' Week, is a fellow of the Royal School of Church Music and minister of St. James's Congregational Church at Newcastle upon Tyne in England. An internationally-recognized authority on church music, he has lectured widely and written several books, including *The English Carol*.

The workshop is co-sponsored by Perkins School of Theology and the Music Division of Meadows School of the Arts at SMU.

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College students sought for Summer Service '70

NEW YORK (UMI)—From 80 to 100 college students are being sought by the United Methodist Board of Missions for service in a variety of mission situations in the United States this summer under the theme, "Summer Service '70."

Miss Kae Lewis, who coordinates the annual summer service program for the Board's Office of Missionary Personnel, said that upperclassmen are needed who will serve for six to eight weeks, June-August, in a variety of national mission programs and projects including: urban work, rural church and community work, children's homes, camps and community centers. Among many skills and talents needed by "Summer Service '70" missionaries, Miss Lewis said, are: community organization, crafts, club programming; tutoring, recreation, Christian education, worship, music, and work with handicapped and retarded children.

Summer service missionaries will work in programs or projects related to the national Division of the Board of Missions, Miss Lewis said. They will receive a stipend of \$20 a week, and the projects where they serve will pay for transportation, room and board.

Miss Lewis said: "We are committed to the idea that if you want to bring about a significant change, you insert yourself into a situation and—with the aid of the Christian community—love, and love on a societal level comes to us in the form of justice."

(Miss Lewis said the deadline for applications is February 15 and that applications may be sent to her at: Office of Missionary Personnel, United Methodist Board of Missions, Room 1373, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.)



Ronald P. Patterson

Stooddy Fellowship recipient joins Upper Room editorial staff

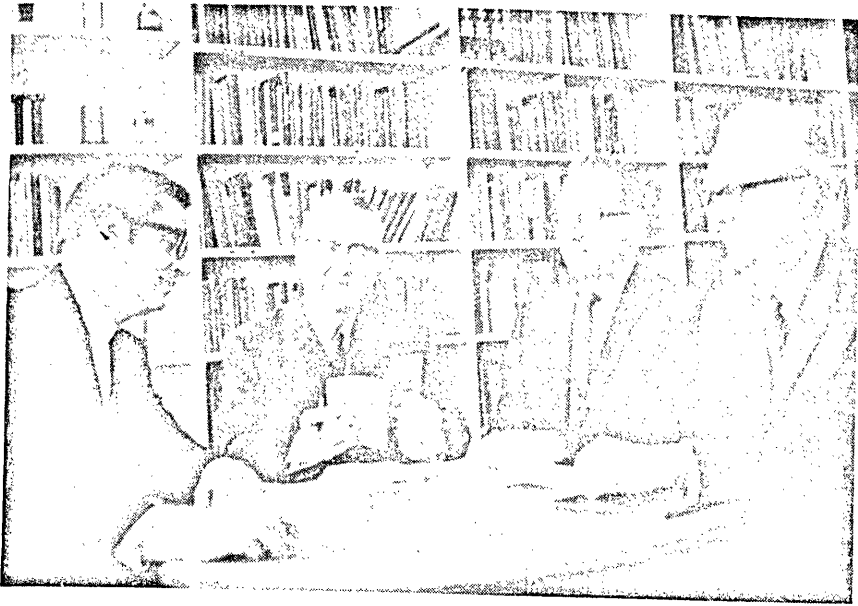
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—The Rev. Ronald P. Patterson, 27, a candidate for a masters degree in journalism at Syracuse University, has been appointed to the editorial staff of *The Upper Room* here, effective February 1.

His appointment as an editorial associate for the world-wide interdenominational daily devotional guide was announced by the Rev. Wilson O. Weldon, editor; the Rev. Joseph H. Yeakel, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism; and Bishop H. Gerald Ensley, Columbus, Ohio.

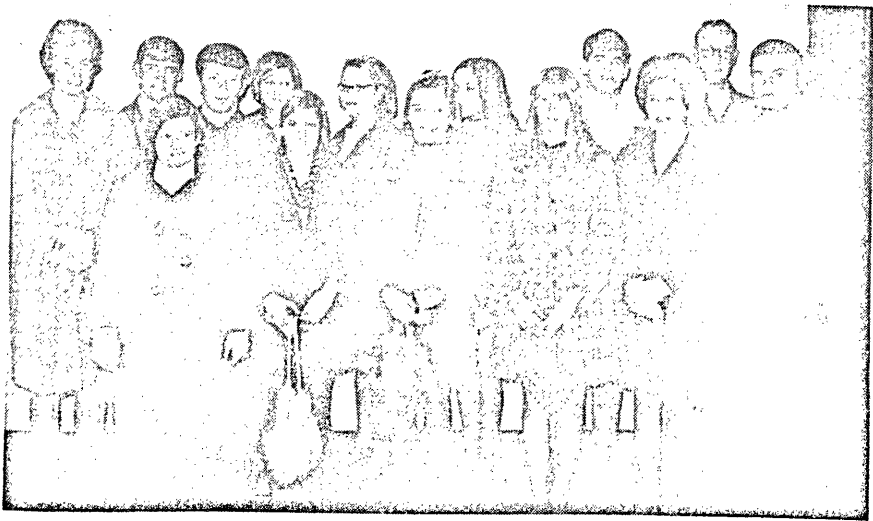
A graduate of Malone College, Canton, Ohio, Mr. Patterson also has a master of divinity degree from United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio. He has served as a youth director in Canton, Ohio; as an assistant pastor in Syracuse, New York; and has had five years of editorial experience with various church publications.

Mr. Patterson was the 1968-69 recipient of the Ralph Stooddy Fellowship, a grant for special training in journalism given by the United Methodist Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information.

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The North Arkansas Conference Committee on Ecumenism met in Little Rock Tuesday. From left are: the Rev. Lowell Eaton, secretary, Dr. John McCormack, chairman, Dr. Harold Eggenberger, Program Council director, and the Rev. Arvill Brannon, vice-chairman.



Senior high group from First Church in Batesville on recent visit to Hendrix College campus with Counselors Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stevenson, Mrs. Chuck Frey, and Education Assistant Will Dublin. Batesville students attending Hendrix took the group on a tour of the campus. The Rev. Arvill C. Brannon is pastor of the Batesville church.

Dr. Oswald P. Bronson, president of Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga., is the new president of the Religious Education Association, a group including Jewish, Protestant and Roman Catholic educators.

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MRS. WILLIE STEWART ARTHURS

Mrs. Willie Stewart Arthurs died
December 26 at Memorial Hospital in
North Little Rock. She was born in
Memphis, Tenn. With her late husband,
W. A. Arthurs, she came to Cotton
Plant, Ark. in 1910—where she lived
until several years ago.

Mrs. Arthurs, an early pioneer in
the Methodist Church, served her
church in many capacities. She taught
several generations in the church
school, and because of her concern and
generosity many college students and
servicemen received religious literature.

Mrs. Arthurs was a past president
of the Cotton Plant Hypsion Club, a
life member of the Women's Society
of Christian Service. She was an active
member of First United Methodist
Church in North Little Rock where
she joined a number of years ago when
she moved to the city. She was a mem-
ber of the Women's Bible Class.

Survivors include two daughters,
Mrs. Jerry Eser of Los Altos, Calif.
and Mrs. Jean Sangster of North Little
Rock, and six grandchildren.



Combined choirs of Gardner Memorial UM Church in North Little Rock presented "A Service of Lessons and Carols" at both morning worship services on December 14, under the direction of Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, minister of music. Miss Mary Jane Goss, organist, accompanied the group, and Miss Jan Barger, a Hendrix student was the featured flautist. Participating choirs were: The Cherub Choir, directed by Mrs. Oscar Goss; The Angelus Choir, directed by Mrs. Robert Cook, and the Wesley and Altar Choirs directed by Dr. Coffman. The Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers is pastor.



REACHING OUT is the title of a new record album by the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing Glee Club of Memphis. Miss Donna Harkney (left) student nurse and a soloist in the singing group presents the first copy to Miss Joy Lynn Douglas, director of the School as Las Savell, director of the Glee Club looks on. The group of more than 100 voices has made many radio and television appearances, and has been invited to sing for the National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries in Washington, D. C. in March of this year. The new album containing 14 selections includes sacred, spirituals, secular, and specialty numbers. An instrumental ensemble consisting of organ, piano, drums and bass accompany the singing. Albums may be obtained by mailing requests to the PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT., 1265 UNION AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TENN. 38104, accompanied by a check or money order in the amount of \$2.50.

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by Barbara L. Mulkey

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When peace and love reign in the hearts of men,
And wars shall cease, and waves of fear are gone,
Then shall we know how life was meant to be;
Then shall we stand on that high plane so far.
When laughter clear breaks through the tears of woe,
And hopes and joys and friendships are fulfilled,
Then shall we see that bright and cloudless dawn
That men have sought through countless years of time.
How blind we are, how fraught with worldly care!
We do not look within to see the spark
Of the divine that makes our lives worthwhile,
And that could lead us to the peace we seek.

-by Deener W. Wardlow

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TRANSFORMATION

There was a time when I was what
Men called mild, submissive and meek.
That sort of an attitude that
Men call righteous, but seldom seek.

That was before an organ's tone
Ever vibrated thru my soul,
Or need for comfort in some home
Bade me make that task by goal.

But here the sound of music great
And there the sight of beauty too,
Co-mingled with the din of hate
And things that sin alone can do.

A restlessness within me beat
And roused what latent in me stayed,
A power to overcome defeat
And face the future unafraid.

-by Arthur Terry

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