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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bishop Paul V. Galloway has announced the following dates and places of the annual conferences:

LITTLE ROCK: May 18-21

Hot Springs

NORTH ARKANSAS:

May 25-28—Conway

SOUTHWEST: June 1-4

Little Rock

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## Ecumenical series to feature speakers of note

The 1970 Ecumenical Lectures will feature a Catholic priest (Feb. 19), a Presbyterian pastor (March 12) and a Baptist theologian (April 16). The lectures will be held at 8 p.m. at the Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, and a coffee open to the public will follow each lecture. Tickets for the entire series, sponsored by the Holy Souls Women's Council, are \$5 and may be obtained at the Arts Center.

Now in their fifth season, the lectures are designed to appeal to a statewide audience and to promote brotherhood among people of all faiths. Previous speakers have included such notables as Maria von Trapp of "Sound of Music" fame, Jewish author Harry Golden and contemporary church historian, Dr. Martin Marty.

"Love and Leisure" will be the topic for the Feb. 19 speaker, Rev. William McNamara. A widely known retreat master and author of *The Art of Being Human*, Father McNamara is founder of the Spiritual Life Institute in Sedona, Ariz.

William Glenesk, a young minister profiled in the nation's top magazines, will speak March 12 on "The New Morality." Mr. Glenesk is a Presbyterian pastor of Spencer Memorial Church in New York's Brooklyn Heights.

He is a student of the late philosopher Paul Tillich, and communications expert Marshall McLuhan.

"Human Experience and God" will be the subject April 16 for Dr. Langdon Gilkey, a theology professor at Chicago University. A Baptist, Dr. Gilkey has been the recipient of a Fulbright grant to Cambridge University, as well as Guggenheim awards to Germany and to study current Catholic theology in Rome. He has taught in China, and at Union Theological Seminary, Vassar College and Vanderbilt University.

## SMU announces \$160 million advancement program

To meet the pressing educational needs of the Southwest during the coming decade, the trustees of Southern Methodist University recently undertook a five-year \$159.8-million advancement program.

That announcement was made by SMU President Willis M. Tate following a special called meeting of the 75-member Board of Trustees on the campus.

"At SMU the issue is not simply survival," Dr. Tate declared. "It is our challenge and obligation to maintain and strengthen our total commitment to academic quality. Only a very few private universities are in a position to

provide leadership to the higher education of this country in terms of quality and innovation. We hope that SMU can measure up to this challenge."

The SMU president said that the trustees unanimously approved the program and unanimously voted to establish a Commission for University Advancement as an action agency to implement the plan.

The commission, with a proposed membership ranging from 54 to 60 business and civic leaders, will be headed by William P. Clements, Jr., of

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## Area Town and Country Workshop, Feb. 17

The annual Area Town and Country Workshop will be held at the First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, February 17, 9:30-3:30. Dr. Ralph Nichols, Director of Church and Community Work of the Town and Country Department of the Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church, New York City, will be the speaker. His purpose is to better acquaint us with the Town and Country

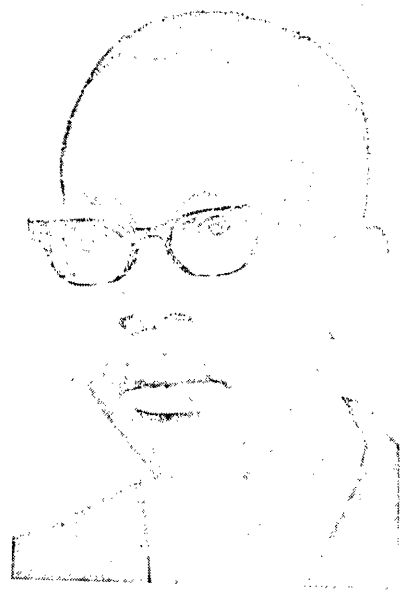
work, the problems encountered, and their potential solutions, and to help those attending toward a better understanding of the directions of the Town and Country work of the future.

The Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers, host pastor, will bring the devotional. No noon meal will be prepared, and those attending will be free from 12:30 until 1:30 to eat wherever they choose.

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Batesville area stewardship workshop group at concluding Jan. 31 luncheon meeting of ministers and others who work in the area of stewardship and finance. Dr. Hilbert J. Berger of the General Board of Laity staff (with back to camera) led the discussion. The workshop focused on the importance of family budgets and wills. The Rev. Arvill Brannon, pastor of Batesville First Church is seated at left of Dr. Berger.



J. Otis Erwin

## Philander Smith chaplain named college president

The Rev. J. Otis Erwin, associate professor of philosophy and religion and college chaplain at Philander Smith College, has been named president of Morristown College, Morristown, Tenn. He assumed his new duties on Feb. 1.

In addition to his duties at the college, Mr. Erwin has been serving as pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, Little Rock.

He was dean of students at Philander Smith from 1967 to 1968 and was a member of the college's Board of Directors from 1965 to 1968.

Before coming to the Little Rock college he served as a faculty member at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.

A native of Marion, N.C., Mr. Erwin graduated from Johnson C. Smith University at Charlotte, N.C., and received advanced degrees from Garrett Theological Seminary and Iliff School of Theology. He also did post-graduate work at the University of Iowa.

He has served in academic, administrative and ministerial positions at Morristown College, Wiley College, Marshall, Tex. and in the Missouri East Annual Conference.

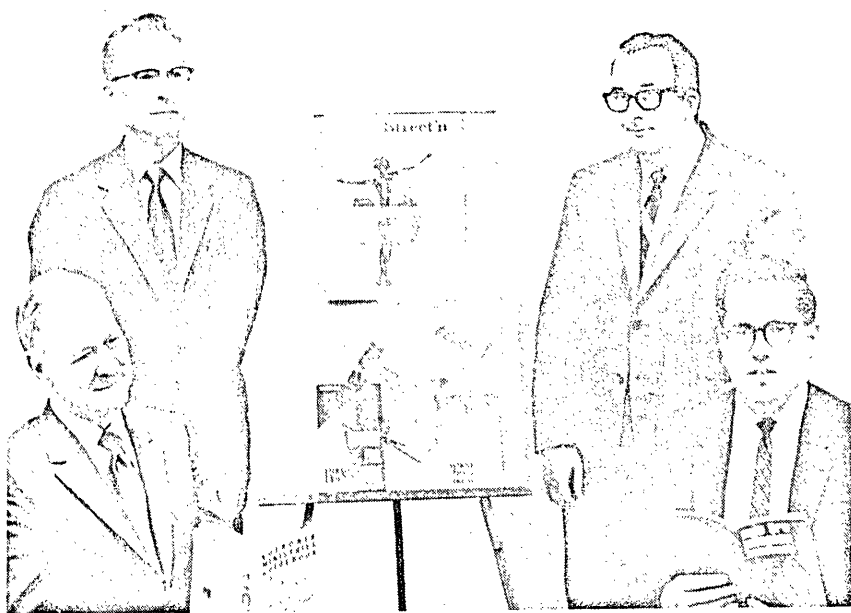
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## John Miles honored by Shorter College

The Rev. John P. Miles, pastor of Oaklawn United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Shorter College and Jackson Theological Seminary, North Little Rock, January 29.

Dr. Miles was the speaker for the Mid-Year Convocation of the schools, and was one of three persons receiving honorary degrees at the convocation. The others receiving honorary degrees from the North Little Rock institutions were Dr. R. C. Lewis, a physician from Camden, Ark., and James West, Jr., a public school educator of Ponca City, Okla.

The institutions serve the 12th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the president is Dr. Reginald Hampton.



Attending the recent National Conference of Evangelism for local church ministers and directors of evangelism in Nashville from Arkansas were (l. to r., seated): the Rev. Myron Pearce, Magnolia; Steve Barker, Buckner; (standing) the Rev. Ralph Mann, El Dorado; the Rev. Claude E. Barron, Little Rock.

### Three words to characterize evangelism of the '70s, says secretary

The three big words for the decade of the '70s, will be "Reconciliation," "Pilgrimage," and "Servanthood," according to Dr. Joseph Yeakel, general secretary of the General Board of Evangelism when he addressed the National Conference for Local Church Ministers and Directors of Evangelism held in Nashville, Tenn. January 27-30.

Dr. Yeakel stated that conversion and recruitment is a special and continuing function of evangelism and warned that United Methodism is not winning the members of its own families to commitment to the lordship of Jesus Christ. He listed involvement in the world as God's servant of reconciliation as an important area for evangelism in the 70's.

Mrs. Raymond Waller, president of the Tennessee Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, challenged people to greater commitment to Christ, and called for new and exciting ways to worship and celebrate the gift of God's salvation. She discouraged the type of evangelism that tries "to card me, file me, and give me a pew to fill."

Other speakers included Dr. Marvin Judy, professor at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas; Dr. Walter Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas; Dr.

Wilson Weldon, editor of The Upper Room; the Rev. Maurice King, dean of the Upper Room Chapel, the Rev. Lawrence Eisenberg, and the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Walker.

### Batesville Cooperative Parish charts future work

The Batesville Cooperative Parish Council met in January, at the Southside Church, to review the work and chart future work of the Church and Community worker. Members of the council include the ministers, the worker, and representatives from several areas of each local church. Mrs. W. D. Murphy Jr. of First United Methodist Church, Batesville, is the chairman.

There are 29 churches in the Parish and this council membership gives the laity a part in planning the program.

Mrs. Bernice Rogers, Church and Community worker, reported 13 Vacation Church schools last summer which included 110 pre-school children, 231 elementary, 31 teenagers, and 107 adults making a total of 479 touched by this program.

In addition to this there are after-school youth meetings, working with Women's Societies of Christian Service and Guilds, filling in for Sunday morning services, visiting and working community agencies. This work includes almost every area of the church program besides reaching out in the community with Homemaker's clubs and community centers.

Work was charted in these areas—youth, VSC, church-wide studies, membership classes, membership rolls, and curriculum workshops. The Rev. Louis Ernest was the host pastor; the Rev. E. J. Holifield is the District superintendent.

The world is God's workshop for making men.—Henry Ward Beecher

### THE REV. J. E. LINAM

The Rev. Jewel E. Linam, 58, pastor of the Decatur United Methodist Church, Fayetteville District, died Tuesday, Feb. 3. The funeral service was held Feb. 5 at Avery's Chapel United Methodist Church in Hempstead County.

A native of Rector, he was educated at Westminster College in Texas and at Arkansas State College. He was a former member of the Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

His pastorates have included Cotter, Bull Shoals, Greenwood, Huntsville, Leachville, Swifton, Massard, Ola, Pottsville, Perryville, Brookland Circuit, Rector Circuit, Drew Circuit and Prescott Circuit.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Irene Flaherty Linam; four sons, the Rev. Joe Linam of Wilson, the Rev. James Linam of Gravette, Charles Linam of Tulsa, Okla., and Paul Linam of Decatur; three brothers, A. J., Earl and Cecil all of California; and six grandchildren.

### PARENTAL CONTROL OVER TV SET THEME OF ALC DOCUMENT

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Parental control of television viewing by children — "turning sets off and leaving them off when there is no program which merits viewing"—was the key recommendation of a study document issued here entitled, "Violence in Television Programming," by the Commission on Research and Social Action and the Commission on Public Communication of the American Lutheran Church.

The two units of the Church urged the denomination's 2.5-million members to "express appreciation on behalf of the American Lutheran Church to television network officials for their efforts to provide wholesome program materials."

### Special Gifts Dinners

Special Gifts Dinners are being held throughout the North Arkansas Conference as the current emphasis of the Million Dollar Pension Campaign, according to Dr. Frank Countryman, resident director.

The schedule of the dinners is as follows:

Feb. 10—Fort Smith District, First Church, Fort Smith, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 11, 7:00 p.m.—Forrest City District, Holiday Inn, Forrest City.

Feb. 12, 7:00 p.m.—Batesville District, Asbury Church, Batesville; 7:00 p.m.—Paragould District, First Church, Walnut Ridge.

Feb. 16, 7:00 p.m.—Fayetteville District, Luby's Cafeteria, Fayetteville.

Feb. 17, 7:00 p.m.—Jonesboro District, Luby's Cafeteria, Jonesboro.

Feb. 27, 7:00 p.m.—Conway District, Ramada Inn, Conway.

### SMU from page one

Dallas as the executive chairman. Mr. Clements also serves as chairman of the SMU Board of Governors.

Forty-four per cent of the projected expenditure goal (\$49.2-million) was designated by the trustees for endowed professorships and endowed teaching funds.

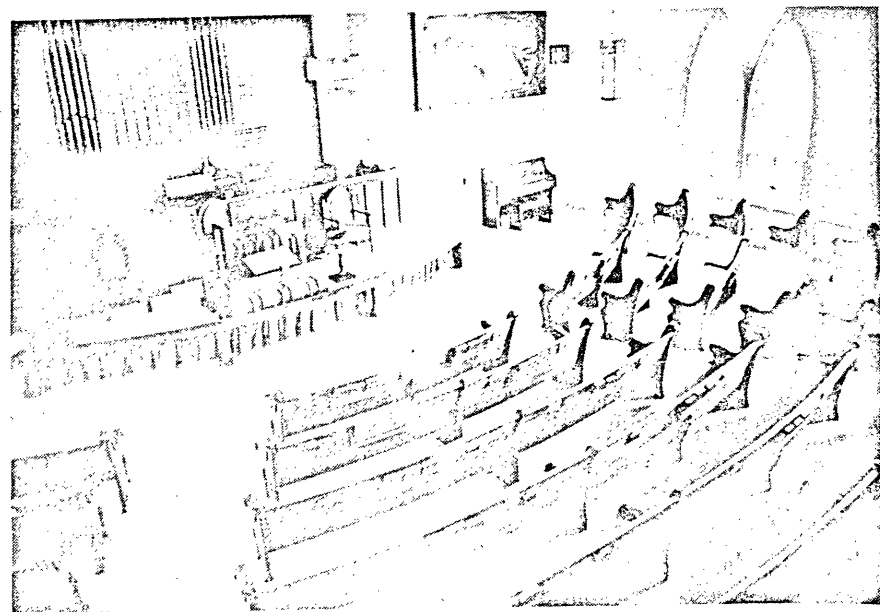
Be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact. — William James

### TEAGUES HONORED BY HOLLYWOOD CHURCH

The congregation of Hollywood United Methodist Church, in Clark County, honored Dr. and Mrs. Otto W. Teague on Sunday, Feb. 1. Following Dr. Teague's message at the morning worship hour, Johnny McAnally, a member of the Administrative Board, presented the Teagues with an engraved silver tray.

Dr. Teague was born and reared in the Hollywood community and joined that Methodist Church as a youth. He and his brothers helped their father, Warren W. Teague, construct the present church building.

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The sanctuary of First UM Church in Stuttgart (pictured above) has recently undergone extensive renovation, largely through the efforts of the Women's Society of Christian Service under the leadership of the president, Mrs. David Knoll. A shade of green, predominant in the stained glass windows imported from France in 1908, was used as the coordinating color throughout the Gothic style sanctuary. Along with numerous other improvements the sanctuary, foyer, library, coatrooms, stairway and balcony were carpeted. The Rev. Robert O. Beck is minister. With the completion of the interior redecorating, the Men's Bible Class is now planning to pave the parking lot.

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# Editorial

## BOY SCOUT WEEK '70

It is hard to realize, remembering our own days in scouting, that this week marks the 60th anniversary observance of this great organization. We have always been excited about what goes on in scouting, but nothing seems to be more challenging than their Boypower '76 long-range program which is a bold attempt to deeply involve a third of all America's boys. This is truly an ambitious undertaking and merits our full cooperation.

The plan is to help the families and institutions of the nation prepare a new generation with the skill and confidence to master the changing demands of America's future. So often we look at certain aspects of the youth generation and shudder to think that soon the majority of Americans will be under 25 years of age. Scouting, through this long-range program, is seeking to become more relevant to the needs and concerns of today's youth.

There is a special phase of this program engineered to bring the advantage of scouting's unique character development and educational programs to disadvantaged boys of inner-city and low-opportunity rural America.

By 1976, membership in the Boy Scouts of America is expected to reach 6½ million — a 50 percent increase over 1969 figures. This would mean that one in every three boys in the nation would be a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout, or an Explorer.

Each day of Boy Scout Week 1970 has been set aside for a special recognition of sponsors, volunteers, and other significant aspects of the program. Scouts and scouters are urged to use all means of public communication to support the themes and objectives of the week. Most church groups are involved in the Boy Scout program and they are challenged to keep the week in the same intensive way.

The leaders of the movement are particularly interested this year in emphasizing that, although scouting has its roots deep in the past, it is a forward looking, modern, relevant organization that is meeting the needs and concerns of today's youth.

Camping, the outdoors, scouting lore, the unique character development and citizenship training

programs will remain an inviolate part of the program. However, in this age of unrest, scouting is changing to meet the challenge of the future. Scouts still help old ladies across the street—when they want to be helped across the street—but they are also interested in teen-age driver education and traffic safety. Rural scouts are taught what to do in case of snakebite, but for the inner-city boys there is an emphasis on a more relevant urban problem—the rat bite.

Boy Scouts are still taught how to stand up straight in a formation, but there is a greater interest in teaching them to hold their heads up straight and tackle the problems of today with dignity and a sense of purpose.

Because of the increasing interest in the God and Country Award program, an increasing number of young men in all our denominations are becoming more literate concerning the teachings and workings of their own church than many of the adults who hold positions of leadership.

The national organization has a Relationships Division through which the varying adaptations of the God and Country program are worked out in cooperation with similar groups representing the various faiths. Commissions within the various church bodies prepare the materials that are used in the God and Country program. All of the groups meet periodically with representatives from the Relationships Division, so that the curriculum studied for the awards are always the result of the best thinking within the churches and synagogues. If you have not examined these materials and the requirements for this award you would do well to take the time and do just that. You

would covet a similar program of training for the other members of your family.

Recently a young Boy Scout wrote on "What Church Scouting Means to Me." May we share some of his observations?

"As you know, scout units are operated by partner organizations under a charter issued by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The largest number of scout units are sponsored by churches. If the sponsoring institution is a church, then the scouting unit becomes a part of the church's Christian education structure. In short, it belongs to the church and not to the Boy Scouts of America.

"In the Boy Scout charter and by-laws, it emphasizes that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizenship without recognizing his obligation to God. In the first part of a scout's oath or pledge, the boy promises, 'On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the scout law.' The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the universe and the grateful acknowledgement of His favors and blessings are necessary to the wholesome education of a growing boy."

The Boy Scouts are helping to develop one-third of tomorrow's men. Don't you wish someone were planning to do as well with the rest?

*A.A.K.*

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## The Editor's Corner



### WHO IS A JEW?

On January 23, during our visit to Israel, the Supreme Court of that land handed down one of the momentous decisions in its 21-year history. In a ruling that might well be compared with our Supreme Court decision on prayer and Bible reading in the public schools, the Israeli court gave an answer to the age-old question of "Who is a Jew?"—one that threatened the stability of the government itself.

Factually, the ruling concerned the appeal of a naval officer, Rav-Seren Benny Shalit, a Jew married to a Gentile atheist, following his attempt to have his children registered as "of Jewish peoplehood with no religion." The registrar refused to so register them under the directive of the Minister of the Interior.

The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, ordered the registrar to register the children according to the father's wishes.

The court insisted that it was not seeking to abridge the Jewish religious law which insists that a Jew is one born of a Jewish mother or one who has converted to Judaism. They insisted that all they were saying was that the local registrar did not have the power to pass judgement on the statement of a parent.

However, the Knesset (Parliament) and the government of Prime Minister Golda Meir were thrown into a panic, fearing the reaction of the Religious Party in the government and the power of the Orthodox minority in the country.

What the Israeli government is doing in this case is enacting legislation which will nullify the ruling of the Supreme Court—writing into law the religiously legal provision that "one is a Jew whose mother is a Jew or who has converted to Judaism."

One of the panel of legal experts who discussed the court ruling with our seminar group expressed his belief that there will come a day when the rights of the non-religious Jew will be regarded in Israel. Today a strong coalition of unity is maintained by the national emergency in the land.

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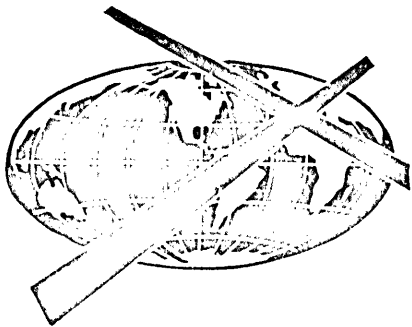
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# news and views

## OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

In a stern rebuke of Dutch priests and others seeking a change in the priestly celibacy rule, Pope Paul VI declared last week that celibacy cannot be abandoned—or even discussed. Thus he dashed any hope that a planned meeting with Dutch primate Bernard Cardinal Alfrink would result in reconsideration of the 1,500-year-old mandatory celibacy rule for priests of the Latin (Western) Rite.

Hope that the currently stalemated Anglican-Methodist union proposals will be brought before the Church of England again in the same form—"When the time is ripe"—have been expressed by Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury. Asked in an interview if he intended to bring the proposals before the church again, he replied: "The bringing in of the Anglican-Methodist proposals would not be my doing. They would be brought in by bishops, clergy and laity jointly."

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake says that he has not lost interest in the Consultation on Church Union (COCU). Replying to a press story which had made this charge, he said, "I did not predict the COCU-planned church would not come to pass. I said that if the plan is a good one it will require renewal of each church to secure a majority for it." The draft plan of union will be presented to the COCU meeting in St. Louis in March.

Six midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy and a West Point cadet have filed a suit in New York, charging that the service academies' requirement for compulsory chapel attendance is unconstitutional. In a lawsuit drafted by attorneys from the American Civil Liberties Union, they charged that required chapel attendance violates the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom.

Some 150 young Mormon missionaries who operate out of a mission in Minneapolis have been instructed in how to deal with criticism of the church's practice of excluding Negroes from the priesthood. Carl M. King, president of the Northern States Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, said the criticism gives the missionaries an opportunity to explain the Mormon priesthood. He told the missionaries to use the following approach: "Look," the critic is told, "do you believe we have the priesthood? If yes, then that makes this the church of God and why don't you join it? If you don't believe we have it, then why are you criticizing us?"

An estimated 2,000 persons jammed St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston for the installation of the first Negro Episcopal bishop in U.S. history to have full diocesan responsibility. Bishop John M. Burgess, the son of a dining car porter, was presented the staff by the retiring Bishop Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr.

A minority caucus which functioned during the Winter meeting of the General Board of the National Council of Churches in Tulsa declined to make a report or offer resolutions on how to bring about greater power for minorities in the organization. Speaking for the group, Mrs. Dee Crabtree of Newton Center, Mass., a NCC vice-president-at-large, said no report was made because, "We've heard enough this week to know it would be worth nothing."

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Warning against creating a quick "fictitious unity" among Christians, Pope Paul asserted that "unity could not be obtained by a joint participation in the sacrament of the Eucharist if those taking part did not share the same faith and . . . priesthood." The pontiff also cautioned against a "diluted Catholicism."

Two American church editors have denounced both Christian and Jewish leaders for using Scripture to justify political and military actions by Arab and Israeli forces. In a joint editorial, written for major religious journals, the editors, recently returned from a fact-finding tour of Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel, urged leaders on both sides to "help diffuse" the present crisis by rejecting the use of the Bible for propaganda purposes. The editorial was written by the Rev. Dr. J. Martin Bailey, editor of United Church Herald, and Father Charles Angell, editor of The Lamp, a Catholic publication devoted to Christian ecumenism.

A warning that the ecumenical movement is in danger of becoming complacent was sounded when Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury preached in the Greek Orthodox Church in London as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. One observer said the message "extended an olive branch of reconciliation over one of the oldest schisms in Christianity."

"The most recent reflection of the strength of the church is not membership or statistics but whether the church is under attack for its positive stance in the contemporary world," Episcopal Presiding Bishop John Hines recently told a Houston audience. "If the church were not under attack, then I'd be suspicious as to whether it is fulfilling its mission," said the 59-year-old head of the 3.2-million denomination which has recently been under attack for a grant to the Black Economic Development Conference.

"Ecumenism does not attempt to lead persons from one Christian tradition to another, but rather seeks to replace coldness with love," John Joseph Cardinal Carberry, Archbishop of St. Louis, said during a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service. Speaking at the Third Baptist Church in St. Louis, Cardinal Carberry said that the Roman Catholic Church was slow in entering the ecumenical movement, but since Vatican II the pace had been accelerated.

An advertising campaign has been launched in Chicago by the Interfaith Committee for Religious Careers in a search for "hard core human beings" required for successful careers of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergymen today. All the ads end with the statement: "If you've got something to say about God, we'll give you a lifetime to say it . . . as a priest, minister or rabbi."

The leaders of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, who turned over \$250,000 to a black clergy group in Boston, were criticized by Roy Wilkins, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for "moving in the direction of an apostleship of black racism." He charged that the Massachusetts church body had "ignored the case for racial integration."

The Anglican Church is seeking inter-communion, but not organizational, unity with the Roman Catholic Church, and Rome is considering inter-communion "in a very new way," according to Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury.

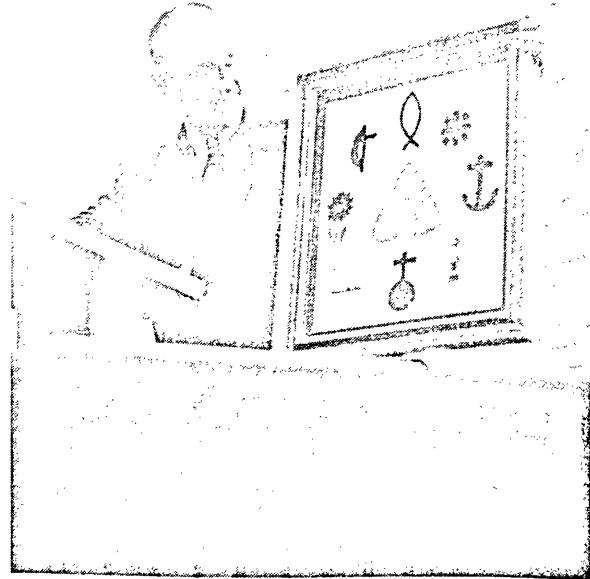
The first decrease in the Roman Catholic population of England and Wales in 60 years and another reduction in conversions are reported in the official Catholic Directory for 1970. Statistics show almost half the number of converts of ten years ago.

A high Greek court in Athens ruled that freemasonry is a secret religion, thereby "opposed to good customs and the public order," and denied an appeal to establish a lodge for Free Masons in Athens.

Addressing the Lutheran Education Conference of North America meeting in Houston, Dr. Sidney A. Rand, president of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., suggested that church-related educators should help people get over the idea that the college-educated group is an elite. He held out the possibility of substitutes for college education. "As long as we nurture the idea that 'everybody' should go to college," said Dr. Rand, "or that colleges should do 'everything,' we will have increasing problems in adapting college education to society's needs."

Dr. Andrew W. Cordier, president of Columbia University, was re-elected president of Japan International Christian University Foundation during a recent directors' meeting in New York. Prof. Tsuneo Nakauchi, associate professor of economics at the school in Tokyo, read a report on the university which the foundation heads.

New Mexico clergymen are liable for the payment of 4% sales tax on fees for performing marriage ceremonies, if they receive the fee, according to a ruling of the New Mexico State Bureau of Revenue. If a donation is made to the church for the performance of such services, the donation is not subject to the tax.



Astronaut Alan L. Bean displays the Christian banner he took to the surface of the moon and back on the flight of Apollo XII, which he later presented to his home church, Clear Lake United Methodist Church near Houston. Capt. Bean, a charter member of the church, said "I think it would be a lot easier to make an astronaut out of a preacher than to make a preacher out of an astronaut." (Photo from Texas Office of Methodist Information)

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# NEWS and NOTES

THE REJOICE SINGERS of Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, presented a program at the morning worship service of Amboy Methodist Church, North Little Rock, January 18. They received a love offering from the Amboy church to apply on their bus fund. The pastor of the Amboy Church is the Rev. Dois Kennedy.

THE BOARD of Church Women United in Fayetteville was scheduled to meet on Feb. 6 at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall. Mrs. John Plasi, member of the League of Women Voters, was to be guest speaker on the subject, "Local Government."

DR. GEORGE IVEY, minister of First Church, Hot Springs, will be the speaker for the St. Patrick's Dinner at First Church, Batesville, Feb. 19. The Rev. Arvill C. Brannon is the pastor.

INSTRUCTORS FOR THE mission study "The Inner Life" at Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro, Feb. 8-March 1, are Dr. J. E. Griner, Arkansas State University; Mrs. John R. Parks, Dr. Ronald Hayworth, Arkansas State; and the Rev. W. Leonard Byers, the pastor.

THE REV. WILLIAM WILDER, pastor of First Church, Marked Tree, will be the preacher for revival services at First Church, Dardanelle, Feb. 22-27. Dr. Charles Casteel is the pastor.

EARL FARNSWORTH, principal of North Side High School, was the speaker for the Feb. 1 study on "The Generation Gap" at Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith. Dr. Charles Richards is the pastor.

STATE TROOPER LANIER MOORE was the speaker for the Feb. 3 meeting of the Methodist Men of First Church, Osceola. He presented a program on defensive driving. The pastor is the Rev. Rufus Sorrells.

DR. WILLIAM W. DOUGLAS, psychiatrist of El Dorado, was the speaker for the Feb. 1 study of "Reconciliation" at First Church, Camden. The pastor is the Rev. Edwin B. Dodson.

YOUNG PEOPLE of the Presbyterian, Christian, Episcopal and Methodist Churches led the morning worship service at Central Church, Rogers, on Feb. 1. The sermon was delivered by Kenneth Reynolds. The pastor is the Rev. Charles P. McDonald.

DR. ROY SHILLING, president of Hendrix College, was the speaker for the Feb. 3 Ladies Night program of the Methodist Men of First Church, West Memphis. The pastor is the Rev. Clint Burleson.



Members of the Building Committee of the Wilmar United Methodist Church who will guide the construction of a relocated building one mile east of Wilmar: Seated: Albert Gross, the Rev. Dan George, H. E. Broyles; Standing: James H. Burks, Noel Creed. Members of the committee not pictured are Willis Stiles, A. L. Calhoun and Bill Burt.

RAY TRIBBLE, director of Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock, was the speaker for one of the mission-study sessions at First Church, Batesville, where the Rev. Arville Brannon is the pastor.

DR. JEROME LEVY of Little Rock was the guest speaker for a recent luncheon meeting of the WSCS of First Church, Stuttgart. Dr. Levy, governor of the Arkansas College of the American College of Physicians, spoke on "Medicine and Religion." The First Church pastor is the Rev. Louis Mulkey.

FOURTEEN MEMBERS of First Church, Mena, recently participated in a Lay Witness Mission at Talihina, Okla. The Mena pastor is the Rev. Osborne E. White.

MRS. HAZEL DABNEY of Pine Bluff will review the current units in adult education at the Little Rock District Training Enterprise at Pulaski Heights Church, Feb. 17.

THE COORDINATOR for the Lay Witness Mission at First Church, Marked Tree, Feb. 6-8, was Tom Moore of Little Rock. The general chairman for the local church was Jess Waskom. The pastor is the Rev. William Wilder.

DR. ROY SHILLING, president of Hendrix College, was the speaker for the Feb. 10 meeting of the Batesville Area Methodist Men at First Church, Batesville. The Madrigal Singers of the college were also present for the program.

MISS HELEN WILSON, missionary to Bolivia, was the speaker for the Feb. 2 general meeting of the Women's Society of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock. Mrs. John Christian, conference chairman of missionary education, was in charge of the program. Dr. James B. Argue is the pastor.

THE REV. CLEVE YARBROUGH, pastor of First Church, Cotton Plant, has been announced as the revival preacher at Midland Heights Church, Fort Smith, Feb. 22-26. The pastor is the Rev. Clyde Crozier.

MRS. ROBERT SHRIDER has joined the staff of Winfield Church, Little Rock, as director of children's activities and literature secretary. She is a graduate of Scarritt College and has worked in churches in Tennessee and Texas. Dr. J. Edward Dunlap is the pastor.

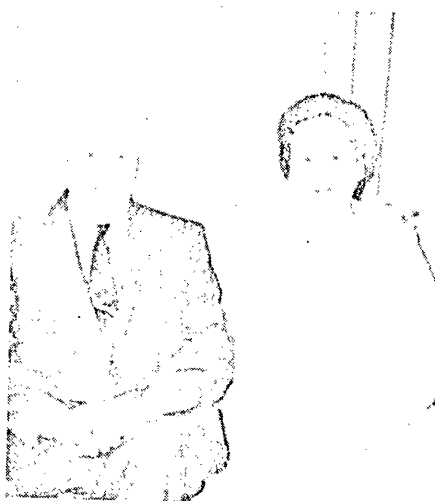
JIM DAVIDSON, layman of Winfield Church, Little Rock, was the speaker for the Feb. 8 breakfast meeting of the Methodist Men of St. Andrews Church, Little Rock. The Rev. Donald F. Nolley is the pastor.

THE REV. JON GUTHRIE, associate pastor of First Church, Conway, attended a conference on drug abuse in Denver, Feb. 1-6. The conference was sponsored by the U.S. District Attorney's Association. The Rev. Ben F. Jordan is the Conway pastor.

## DR. ARGUE TO BE GUEST PREACHER AT FAYETTEVILLE CENTRAL

Dr. James B. Argue, pastor of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, will be the speaker for the 1970 Preaching Mission at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, according to the pastor, Dr. Joel A. Cooper.

He will be preaching each evening at 7:00 o'clock, and will speak at noonday services Monday through Wednesday at 12:05 p.m., February 22-25.



JACKSON COUNTY UNITED Methodist Men met in Tuckerman on Wednesday, January 28. The program featured Myers Ranch, as the Rev. Jim Beal of Batesville showed slides of the projected plans for a camp site for the North Arkansas Conference. The Rev. Jim Randle was host pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hill of Tuckerman, whose Golden Wedding Anniversary was recently observed by a reception at Tuckerman United Methodist Church.

## 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. 15—Sunday	Deut. 8:11-20
Feb. 16	Deut. 31:1-8
Feb. 17	Psalms 25:1-14
Feb. 18	Psalms 28:1-9
Feb. 19	I Pet. 5:1-11
Feb. 20	I John 2:1-17
Feb. 21	James 4:13-17
Feb. 22—Sunday	Exodus 20:1-17

## DR. CLINE FEATURED IN RECENT SUNDAY GAZETTE

A feature article in the January 25 issue of the Gazette feature section told the story of the late Dr. John W. Cline, who spent almost 50 years in China as a missionary of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South and The Methodist Church.

The article, written by Pat Dunahoo, tells of the contributions made by Dr. Cline to the building of institutions of higher education in China. He was pastor of Allen Memorial Methodist Church in Shanghai when the war-lord Chiang Kai-Shek joined that church on profession of faith.

He was interned for a brief time by the Japanese at the beginning of World War II, and later returned to China where he stayed and worked until 1948.

THE CLARKSVILLE STUDY concerning "China" began Sunday evening, January 18, with Mrs. Jewell Phillips in charge. Mr. David Krueger of the Arkansas Tech faculty was the speaker at the first session. Mr. Gilbert Parks, a member of the faculty at the College of the Ozarks, spoke January 25. The Rev. Clarence Wilcox is the Clarksville minister.

HAROLD L. DAVIDSON of Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, will be a guest speaker at the 11:00 a.m. service of Rose City Beacon U.M. Church, Feb. 15. Mr. Davidson will speak on Spiritual Renewal through a Lay Witness Mission. Rose City Beacon Church will hold a Lay Witness Mission February 20, 21 and 22. The Rev. Calvin Mitchell is pastor.

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## 1970 ARKANSAS METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

New Renew Not Due Total					New Renew Not Due Total					New Renew Not Due Total				
ARCADELPHIA DISTRICT														
Anity:Hemund	6	18		24	Dierks:Mashburn	25	39		64**	McGehee-First:Garner	20	206		226***
Arkadelphia - First:	11	76	10	97	Olive Branch:Yates	2	18		20	Wesley:Scott	2	11		13*
Harrison					Emmett:Miller	21	33		54	Monticello:Davis	8	50		58
St. Andrews-Holly-		1		1	Foreman:Goode	2	26		28	Kingsland Ct:Turner	6	45		51**
wood:Adkinson					Boyd-Fouke:Gantz	1	11		12	Portland-Wilmot:Bonds				
Bismarck:Dunaway					Garland:Cruce					Star City-Gould:Jones	2	29		31
Dalark Ct.: Rogers	5	36		41	Hatfield Ct: Prothro		28		28	Tiller Ct:Poss	8	65	2	75****
Delight Ct: Hunter	5	20	1	26**	Hope-First:Vinson	11	121		132	Warren-First:Ramsay	4	78		82
Glenwood-Alder:Smith	17	26		43**	Horatio:Lightfoot	7	21		28	Watson:Arnold	10	13		23
Grant's Chapel:Watson					Lockesburg:Callicott	6	37		43**	Wilmar Ct:George	4	12		16
Gurdon:Fair	10	38		48	Mena-First:White		1		1	Parkdale-Miller's				
Hot Springs					Mt. View Ct:Sirmon	1	11		12	Chapel:Williams	1	23		24**
First:Ivy	20	32	3	55	Mineral Springs:Lea	3	39		42					
Grand: Hale		2		2	Nashville:DeBlack	1	84		85					
Oaklawn:Miles	13	48	3	64	Prescott:Fincher									
Pullman:Hoover	7	8		15	Prescott Ct:Westmore-									
Gardner-New					land									
Salem:Botteron		1		1	Rondo Ct: Caldwell									
Fountain Lake:Hoover	3	3	1	7	Springhill Ct:Robbins	6	43	1	50**					
Tigert-Morning Star:					Texarkana									
Clark	3	7		10	College Hill:Cruce									
Malvern:First:Martin	17	87	1	105	First:Hallis	42	148	2	192**					
Keith-Butterfield:Perry					Fairview:Hudnall	5	45	2	52					
St. Paul:Walker	9	18		27	Few Mem.::		10	1	11					
Mt. Ida-Oden:Kerr	4	21	1	26	Washington:Jones									
Mt. Pine-Gum Spgs:														
Onstead		7	2	9*	Totals	144	758	6	908					
Murfreesboro:Brent	1	48	1	50**										
Okolona:Hankins	11	28	3	42	LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT									
Piney Grove:Holland					Austin:Poss	7	32	2	41					
Shorewood Hills:Langley	5	20		25	Benton-First:Meyer	1	105		106					
Totals	147	545	26	718	Parkview:Johnson									
					New Hope-Mt. Carmel:6		15		21					
CAMDEN DISTRICT					Diffie									
Bearden-Thornton:	( 34	29		63**	Bryant:VanHook									
Richardson	( 17	17		34***	Carlisle:Martin	4	39		43					
Bradley:Jester	4	19		23	Des Arc-New Bethel:Ruth	3	41		44					
Buckner:Barker					Hamilton:Walthall	2	10		12					
Camden - First: Dodson	78	61	3	142	Hazen-DeValls Bluff:									
Fairview:Abney	17	232		249***	Holland	19	40	1	60					
Timothy-Buena Vista:					Hickory Plains:Efird									
Graham					Little Rock									
St. Mark:Clayton	7	19	1	27	Western Hills:Robertson	8	20		28					
Westside:Andrews					Geyer Springs:Diffie	15	30		45					
Chidester:Bailey	5	21		26	St. James:Phillips	15	39		54***					
Columbia:McLean					Asbury:Hollenbeck	1			1					
El Dorado:First:Murray	2	176	2	180	Capitol View:Hamm		26		26					
Centennial:Haire					First:Bearden		1147		1147***					
St. Paul:Connell					St. Paul:Scott	4	60	1	65					
Vantrease:Cross	14	70	3	87**	Henderson:Bone									
Harmony Grove-Lake-					Highland:Stephens	17	58		75					
side:Ekberg	6	17		23	Hunter:Bridenthal	3	46	2	51**					
Holly Springs:Warren	7	14		21	Galloway:McCulloch									
Huttig-Bolding:Jackson			1	13	Oak Forest:Ashcraft		1		1					
Junction City:Wagner	3	31		34	Pulaski Hts:Argue		2		2					
Lewisville:Walthall	4	44		48**	St. Luke:Steele	18	31		49					
Rhodes Chapel:Mann					Trinity:Taylor	33	19	2	54					
Magnolia-First:Williams	42	75	5	122	St. Andrew:Nolley	6	13		19					
Asbury:Swift	15	47		62	Winfield:Dunlap	22	121		143					
Magnolia Ct.:Burleson	1	13		14	Markham:Arnold	8	18		26					
Marysville-SilverHill:					Lonoke:Alston	3	67	1	71**					
Pearce	6	42		48**	Mablevale:Hines									
Emerson:Velchoff		7		7	Mt. Pleasant:Bolin									
Norphlet-Calion:Robken	5	36	1	42**	Mt. View:Sewell	4	21		25**					
Parker's Chapel:Swaim					Primrose:Kilgore	7	22		29					
Pleasant Grove:McCauley	4	27		31**	Salem-Congo:Williams	19	45	2	66**					
Smackover-Liberty:					Sardiw-Bethel:Beard	3	14	1	18					
Trieschmann					Traskwood Ct:McKnight									
Stamps:Hale	10	63		73**	Woodlawn Ct.:Eagle		17		17					
Stephens-McNealHunter	13	29		42	Totals	228	2069	12	2309					
Strong:Hays	1	5		6	MONTICELLO DISTRICT									
Taylor-New Era:Diffie	6	23		29	Arkansas City:Garner									
Village Ct :Roden	5	9		14	Ashley-Drew Ct :Ward									
Greer's Chapel:Bonsall	2	4	1	7	Crossett:Norton	6	30		36					
Waldo-Willisville:Ross	6	25		31	Dermott:Regnier	1	24		25					
Welcome:	1	5	1	7	Dumas:Simpson	9	177		186***					
Totals	314	1173	18	1505	Eudora: VanSmith		1		1					
					Fordyce:Matthews	6	63		69					
HOPE DISTRICT					Hamburg-Fountain									
Ashdown:Racop					Hill:Anderson									
Bingen Ct.:Bean	6	21		27	Hampton-Harrell:Ford	4	38		42					
BlevinsCt:Rushing	5	22		27**	Hermitage:Outlaw	3	23		26					
Brownstown -Center -					TrinityCt.:Lowry	1	13		14					
point:Williams					Lake Village-Montrose:									
DeQueen:Wilson					Tanner	5	103		108***					
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	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Mountain View:Hawkins				
Newark:Wilson	2	23		26
Marshall-Leslie:Moyer	11	27		38**
Pangburn:Hook	4	9		13
Pleasant Pl-Bradford:				
Hunter	4	30		34*
Salem-Viola	3	34		38
Searcy-First:Mann	22	53	1	75
Grace:Barton	6	30		36
Horseshoe Bend:Ford				
Van Buren Parish				
Clinton:Renfro	1	50	3	54
Quitman:Strayhorn	3			3
Totals	162	642	20	824
CONWAY DISTRICT				
Atkins-Pottsville:				
McCammon		44		44
Belleville:Southwick		1		1
Conway-First:Jordan	10	66	5	81
Wesley:Jump	3	14		17
Greenbrier:Pledger	3	21	2	26
Salem:Brumley	5	12	1	18**
Danville:Atkins				
Dardanelle:Casteel		1		1
Jacksonville:Edwards				
Morrilton-First:Spence	16	122	5	143**
Morrilton Par:Thomas		1		1
North Little Rock				
Amboy:Kennedy	12	60		72**
First:Conyers	65	84	5	154
Gardner:Villines	62	122	2	186
Rose City-Beacon:				
Mitchell				
Lakewood:Conyers				
Levy:Hammett	24	28		52
Sylvan Hills:Workman	2	17		19
Washington:Poyner				
Indian Hills:Teague	12	19		31
Ola-Plainview:Pollard				
Perry Co. Par:Brazzale				
Plummerville:Scroggin	4	17		21
Russellville-First:Hays	17	45	1	63
Wesley:McKay		7		7
Dover Ct.:Harmon				
Totals	225	681	21	927
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT				
Bentonville Ct:Lanier	5	40		45
Berryville:Stokes				
Brightwater-Avoca:Roland	2	19		21
Elkins Com:Qualls	2	4		6
Decatur-Centerton	12	23		35
El Spgs-Harmon:Sherman				
Eureka Spgs:Whitfield	4	16		20
Farmington:Canada				
Fayetteville				
Central:Cooper	22	1		23
Trinity:Dark				
Wiggins:Hilliard	6	21		27
Gentry:McClurkin	9	18	1	28
Goshen:Howard				
Gravette-Sulphur Spgs:				
Linam				
Green Forest:Logan				
Harrison-First:Connell	11	213		224***
St. Paul:Clark				
Lincoln-Morrow:Woods	1	27	4	32
Madison Co.-Huntsville:				
VanHooker	7	45		52
Newton Co.Ct.:Feagan	3	17		20
Omaha-Bergman:Brown				
Pea Ridge:Barnett				
Prairie Gr-Viney Gr:				
Hazelwood				
Rogers-Central:Mc-				
Donald	18	56	4	78
Siloam Spgs:McCormick	2	52	3	57
Springdale-First:Atchley				
Wesley-Mt.Hebron:Fiser	26	21		47
St. Joe-Everton:Beck				
Winslow:	2	5		7
Yelleville Par:Hays		40		40**
Total	132	618	12	762

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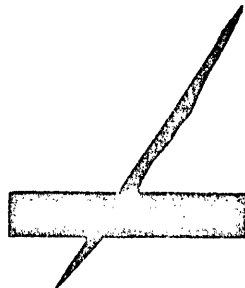
	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
FORREST CITY DISTRICT				
Aubrey-Lexa:Reed	11	16	1	28
Augusta-Fitzhugh:Wilson	18	25	2	45
Brinkley-Brassfield:				
Stallcup				
Clarendon:Robison				
Cherry Valley:Price	3	46	1	50
Colt:Davis	5	11		16
Cotton Plant:Yarbrough	1	37	1	39
Crawfordsville:Smith	1	21		22*
Earle:Wilson		31		31
Elaine:Brumer	7	43	1	51
Forrest City-First:				
McSpadden	28	311		339***
Helena-First:Ames				
Holly Grove:Lancaster	3	35	1	39**
Hughes:Sanford		2		2
Marianna:Parsons	2	54		56
Marion:Douglas	12	103		115**
Marvell-Turner:Eaton		13		13
McCrory:Brewer	14	81		95*
Parkin:Anderson	2	43	1	46**
Vandale Ct:Nance	12	31		43
West Helena:Halton	9	21	1	31
West Memphis-First:				
Burleson	42	114		156**
Rosewood:VanCleve				
Wheatley-Moro:Nichols		22		22
Widener:Hutto				
Wynne:Golden	18	72	1	91
Totals	187	1137	10	1334
FORT SMITH DISTRICT				
Alis:Nichols				
Altus:Wright				
Alma-Bethel:Rogers	9	22		31
Booneville-Washburn:				
Carter				
Charleston-Branch:				
Cordell	6	32		38
Clarksville:Wilcox	24	54	3	81
Fort Smith-First:Bayliss		1270		1270***
Goddard:Richards	64	174		238**
Wyatt:Weir	7	37	1	45
Hendrix Hills:Hollis				
Massard:Skelton				
Midland Hts:Crozier	4	62		66
Wesley:Green				
St. Paul:McKelvey	9	66		75
Cavanaugh:Powell				
Greenwood-Milltown:				
Evans				
Hartford:Brooks				
Hartman:Matthews				
New Hope-Kibler:Good	2	14		16*
Lamar:Nicholson				
Lavaca:Chaffin	4	12		16
Magazine:Cook	5	43		48
Mansfield:Holland	6	15	1	22
Mt. View:Byrd	1	15	2	18*
Mulberry-Dyer:Millard	5	19		24
Ozark-Cecil:Bell				
Paris-Coles:Hightower	8	42		50
Prairie View-Scranton:				
Sutherland				
Van Buren-First:Chapman	1			1
City Hts.-Newberry:				
Renfro	1	15		16
St. John's:Cleary	10	18		28
Scott County Par:Kleeb	10	21		21
Waldron:Clemmons	68	47		115***
Totals	243	1979	7	2229
JONESBORO DISTRICT				
Bay-Lunsford:Waters	2	27	1	30
Blytheville-First:Keeley	37	449	13	499***
Lake Street:Johnson				
Bono-Lake View:Spurlock				
Caraway-Black Oak				
Dell-Christ:Wilkerson	1	4		5
Harrisburt-Pleasant				
Valley:Orr	2	71	1	74**

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total		
Hickory Ridge-Tilton:						
Dorman	8	19	1	28		
Joiner-Terrell:Burrow	2	34		36		
Jonesboro-First:Gibson	15	544		559****		
Huntington Ave.:Byers	16	54		70		
Fisher:Holifield						
Nettleton-Brookland:						
Lawrence						
St. Paul-Mt. Carmel:						
Byram						
Lake City-Lake View:						
Maples	1	7		8		
Leachville:Westherford						
Lepanto-Garden Pt:						
Paysinger						
Luxora-Keiser:Lawson						
Manila Comm:Bruner						
Marked Tree:Wilder						
Monette-Macey:Johnson	2	17	2	21		
Osceola:Sorrells	7	57	1	65		
Trumann:Thompson	2	21		23		
Tyronzo-Centerview:						
W. Dorman	8	34	6	48*		
Wilson:Linam	8	12		20		
Weiner-Fisher:Lee		43		43**		
Promised Land						
Pleasant Valley:Anderson		4		4		
Yarbro: Hall						
Totals	111	1397	24	1532		
PARAGOULD DISTRICT						
Beech Grove:Holland	4	29		33		
Black Rock:Sellers		6		6		
Boydsville:Penney	2	25	1	28		
Corning:Keith		33		33		
Gainsville:Thompson	2	5		7		
Hardy:Crossno	2	15		17		
Hoxie:Gilliam	7	22		29		
Imboden:Bruner	3	31		34**		
Eli Lindsey:Watson		3		3		
Mammoth Sp.Jackson	2	5		7		
Marmaduke:Reed						
Pleasant Grove:McLester						
Sedgwick:Stahl	5	16		21		
St. Francis:Smith	4	27	1	32		
Swifton:Luter	10	32		42**		
Paragould Par. #1:Bain						
Paragould Par. #2:Watts		5		5		
Paragould Par.#3: Lingo		6		6		
Pocahontas:Chandler	9	37	2	48		
Piggot:Harris						
Ravenden Spgs.:Weather-						
ford		2		2		
Rector:Couchman	4	43	1	48		
Manard:Kemp						
Newport-First:Stewart						
Umsted:Strayhorn	4	23	4	31		
Paragould-First:Watson						
Griffin:Gatlin	13	25	2	40		
Paragould Parish East:						
Lingo	2	7		9		
Tuckerman:Randle	2	27		29		
Walnut Ridge:Meadors	14	51	3	68		
Cherokee Village:Dodgen						
Totals	89	475	14	578		
DISTRICT						
Monticello	100	1004	2	1106	1145	97%
Jonesboro	111	1397	24	1532	1677	91%
Fort Smith	243	1979	7	2229	2503	90%
Forrest City	187	1137	10	1334	1827	73%
Camden	314	1173	18	1505	2181	69%
Little Rock	228	2069	12	2309	3634	63%
Hope	144	758	6	908	1559	57%
Arkadelphia	147	545	26	718	1494	47%
Pine Bluff	108	673	7	788	1706	47%
Batesville	162	642	20	824	1911	43%
Conway	225	681	21	927	2352	40%
Fayetteville	132	618	12	762	1982	38%
Paragould	89	475	14	578	1518	38%
Totals	2190	13151	179	15520		

\* Reached quota \*\* Exceeded quota  
\*\*\* doubled quota

# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 22: Jesus Calls for Decision

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 16:13-23; Isaiah 42:1-4; Romans 10:1-13

**MEMORY SELECTION:** You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Matthew 16:16)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To help persons confront Jesus Christ and make a personal decision concerning him; to help them become aware of new dimensions of discipleship through a new appreciation of Jesus as Messiah and Lord.

We come in today's lesson to a most crucial moment in the ministry of Jesus, when he confronts his disciples with the important question: "Who do you say that I am?" To dramatize the importance of this conversation Jesus took his disciples outside of Galilee, far from the crowds, who were beginning to turn against him, going in the direction of Caesarea Philippi.

Dr. Charles Laymon says (International Lesson Annual): "When Jesus went to the northern part of Palestine, it was his response to a crisis. On every hand his ministry was heading into deep water. The religious officials had rejected his leadership. Herod, the king who had beheaded John the Baptist, wanted to see Jesus, perhaps with the intention of killing him also. Even the common people had begun to leave him when, following the feeding of the five thousand, he had refused to allow them to crown him king. Under this set of circumstances certain decisions were mandatory for him."

The road to Caesarea Philippi was the scene for a new turning point in our Lord's ministry. For approximately three years he had engaged in a ministry of healing, teaching and preaching. Except for an occasional interlude when he had withdrawn to be with his disciples alone, he had given himself to the people. Now, convinced that the time of his death was drawing near, Jesus decided that his ministry must take another direction. No longer would he devote his attention exclusively to the multitudes. He would now turn to a period of training for those closest to him.

Jesus knew what tremendous responsibilities would soon fall upon the disciples. He knew that the difference between success and failure would depend on the type of leadership these men would give to the work he had started. Is there not a lesson here for today's church? In so many of our enterprises failure results because of the absence of proper leadership training. Often it is more important that training take place in small groups than that great crowds gather for the public worship hours. Without minimizing the pulpit ministry, the churches that are showing themselves to be great in these trying days are those who have moved into the area of working through small groups.

Caesarea Philippi was also a moment of crisis for the disciples. It was here they were forced to crystallize their decisions about Christ. Jesus brought them carefully to this moment when they would decide what their opinion of him was and what they would do about it.

### WHO DO MEN SAY THAT I AM?

The first question that Jesus put to his disciples was "Who do men say that I am?" The disciples had just returned from a preaching mission to cities and villages, and were thoroughly familiar with what people were saying about Jesus.

This was an important question because it would give Jesus some indication of how he was

getting through to the masses of the people. He had some real misgivings about the popular reaction, and he paused to take this poll before he moved on to those last crucial weeks of his earthly ministry.

"When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do men say that the Son of man is?'" (verse 13). In phrasing his question, Jesus used his favorite self-designation, "Son of man," a title he applied to himself more than 70 times in the Gospel records. Jesus, Scripture and tradition regarded the "Son of man," a celestial figure of exceptional power, as the Messiah. Jesus' use of the term often provoked anger from the religious leaders of the time, because they regarded it as a messianic term and considered him to be presumptuous when he used it.

### THE ANSWERS THE PEOPLE WERE GIVING

The answers to Jesus' question gives us an excellent summary of the views on Jesus that were prevalent at the time. We find here indications of the widely-held idea of transmigration. The Pharisees taught that great men of the past were still in existence and could appear on the scene at the time of any great crisis.

Some people were saying that the prophet Elijah, who had performed many miracles during his ministry, was walking the earth again. Some of the people saw the compassion of Jesus as like that of the prophet Jeremiah who had at times been called "the weeping prophet." Others believed that Jesus was really John the Baptist restored to life.

One commentator in Rozell's Lessons says of the varieties of answers that the disciples reported: "The opinions of men concerning our Lord testify to the perfect balance in which all virtues were held in his life. He had the virtues of Elijah as well as of Jeremiah. So different were they that it is remarkable that they could be linked together in one life. But Jesus was strong without being rough; courageous without being rash; compassionate without being sentimental."

### "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"

Jesus may have been interested in what the people were saying, but he really wanted to know what his disciples were thinking of him. The answer to this question would be the crucial test of how effective his teaching had been.

The disciples had become involved. They had lived with their Master day after day; they had believed his promises; they had obeyed his call. They had been confronted with the mystery of his person. God had revealed to them the hidden meaning of his words. And now the hour has come when Jesus calls on them to confess their faith.

### "THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD"

"Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" (verse 16) This response reflects concepts that are both Hebrew and Christian. Dr. Laymon says: "The term 'Christ' means the same as the Hebrew term 'Messiah.' The 'Son of God' had come to be the Christian name for Jesus, and so it was natural for Matthew to use it in relating this experience."

The passage indicated that Jesus was pleased with Peter's answer. Not that others had not implied that he was Messiah, but he needed this statement from his disciples to begin teaching them the true nature of his Messiahship. Dr. Curtis Chambers says (Adult Leader): "The Gospels' reports indicate that messianic expectation was running high at this

point in Jesus' ministry. His mighty works and his wise teachings had awakened a great popular following. It was necessary that the disciples learn of Jesus' mission in terms beyond those of a political messiahship."

### "THOU ART PETER . . . AND UPON THIS ROCK"

Jesus was very pleased with Peter's answer and expressed his pleasure in a verse that lends itself to a wide variety of interpretations. "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona . . . and I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church." (vv. 16 and 18)

For the Roman Catholic, there is sufficient grounds here for the apostolic succession of the papacy which is vital to the uniqueness which he feels his church possesses. For the Protestant, what is seen here is a testimonial that Peter has the kind of sturdy, rock-like character which must be the foundation of the church wherever it is found.

One thing that should be noted in this conversation between Jesus and the disciples is that in almost the next sentence he rebuked Peter for being as great a hindrance to his mission as Satan. Dr. Chambers says: "Peter may seem to have been anything but rocklike in his character, but certainly it must be said that after Pentecost he became the key figure in the new church. All that the church later became was built upon the foundation of his leadership in establishing the fellowship in Jerusalem."

It seems more plausible to believe that Jesus did not yet have in mind the formal organization of a church, but rather this whole passage is merely an over-enthusiastic endorsement by our Lord of the straightforward manner in which Peter confessed his faith.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRST-HAND WITNESSING

An important theme in today's lesson is the one which affirms that we cannot come into proper relationship with Jesus by reporting what others have said and believed about him. Too much of religious orientation has been around what others have believed, or what we believe others want us to say we believe. At last we must all face Jesus and hear him asking, "But who do you say that I am?"

Dr. Ralph Sockman says in a sermon on this passage (**Whom Christ Commended**): "If our religious faith is to come alive in us, we cannot live on the reports of what others say about Christ. We do not have to commit ourselves thus in regard to other historical characters."

With Jesus a unique claim was made upon men. He said, "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters." This seems to many to be a stupendous assertion, and yet can we deny that every person must at some time or other vote for or against Jesus by answering the question, "Who do you say that I am?"

### JESUS MUST GO TO JERUSALEM

Let us not conclude this lesson without making reference to what must have been Jesus main purpose. It was to announce to them the reality and the immanence of the Cross. "From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed." (verse 21) Rock-like Peter rebuked Jesus for even suggesting such a thing, and he received the stinging answer from his Lord, "You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men." (v. 23)

When Jesus declared that he must go to Jerusalem, he employed a term that denotes moral necessity. He was saying that he was under divine constraint and moral necessity to take his battle for righteousness to the very citadel of religion. There he knew he was to meet stern opposition and be crucified. What a reminder this is that we can never hold Jesus lightly in our souls. He always presses forward to the very center of our loyalty. Though some would keep Jesus and his church uninvolved in the burning problems of our times, he brushes aside the restraining words of such disciples. He reaffirms his determination to go to the city "where the action is."



# Israel Revisited

by the editor

## II. Haifa and Acre



Haifa from Mt. Carmel. Acre is across the bay in the background.  
(All photos by the editor.)

In both the Old and New Testaments, references to this coastal region are few and far between. It was mainly the Philistines and the Phoenicians who occupied the coast, while the events of Jewish history took place in the interior of the country. Today, most of Israel's population is concentrated along the shores of the Mediterranean. Tel Aviv and Haifa alone account for almost a quarter of the people in the nation. While many additional towns and cities have been built, or rebuilt, on sites both new and ancient.

Along the route to Haifa we passed through the fertile Sharon Valley where we saw lush citrus groves, and preparations for the new strawberry and truck crops. We also passed through the region where Samson had lived. We were also reminded of the modern elements in the land when we slowed down to salute "Samson's Bar and Grill." Some wag wanted to know where one could find Samson's barber shop.

Some 20 miles south of Haifa we encounter the Carmel Ridge, the north end of which overlooks the city. Though the rains were falling, we were told that these hills are filled with caves and grottoes that were inhabited in the Stone Age. The most significant, of course, is the cave associated with the prophet Elijah. We could not fail to recall that it was here that he prayed so hard for rain.

We arrived at Haifa about three o'clock. The Italians say, "See Naples and die." The Israelis go one better, adding, "But not until you've seen Haifa." Even though it has been highly industrialized, this city's beautiful white apartment houses and houses of worship give a bejeweled appearance to the crescent of sandy beaches that stretch all the way to the companion city of Acre. Haifa is Israel's third most populous city (225,000).

Haifa is known for many things besides the bejeweled beauty of its hills and the haunting memories of Elijah's triumph over the prophets of Baal on the overlooking slopes of Carmel.

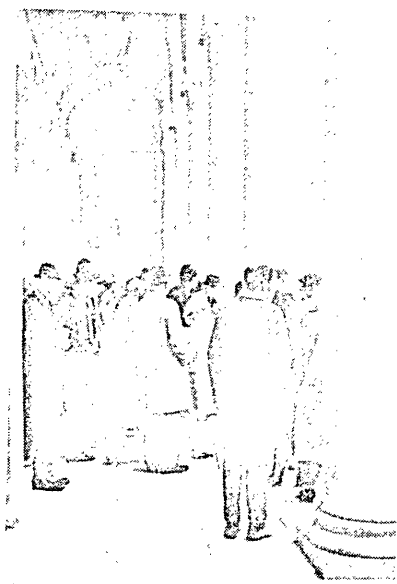
It is Israel's major seaport—and just

now shelters the five French gunboats which recently were spirited away from Cherbourg. The local citizens smile about them and refer to them as "fishing boats" and "off-shore drilling rigs." Although it was hazy, we caught an excellent view of the boats beneath the slopes of the "garden of peace" at the Bahai shrine which is one of the city's most interesting spots.

The British improved the harbor at Haifa and soon after they began their administration of Palestine it took first place away from the shipping at Joppa. It was here that the Jewish refugees from Europe concentrated their efforts to land against great odds in the latter days of the British mandate.

Our group had an opportunity to visit the Carmelite Monastery where many archaeological finds of the area are displayed.

Haifa is the world center for the Bahai sect, and we visited the lovely shrine to "El-Bab," a sort of forerunner to their founder, like John the Baptist. Our host through the beautiful building and grounds was a former Californian who for many years was musical director for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.



Journalists group at B'hai shrine in Haifa.

Traveling from Haifa to Acre around the crescent-shaped bay in the Mediterranean one crosses Kishon Creek where Elijah proved himself a "poor winner" and slaughtered the prophets of Baal. One also goes through perhaps the greatest concentration of heavy industry in Israel—steel mills, rubber plants and oil refineries.

Also located at Haifa is the Technion, the School of Technology, which our hosts insist compares favorably with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. There are about 5,000 students there and a deep regard for the advanced technical training offered there.

Acre, Haifa's twin city around the bay, has a population of about 35,000, mostly Christian and Moslem Arabs. It knew its greatest glory in the days of the Crusaders. Its history is primarily that of a fortress city, having successfully withstood 17 sieges, the last being that of Napoleon in 1798. Saladin the Great captured the city and then lost it to Richard the Lion Hearted. It belonged to Christendom for almost 100 years before being relinquished to the Moslems.

The two major points of interest we visited in Acre were Jami-el-Jazzan, the mosque of Ahmed the Butcher, recently restored by the government, and the Crypt of St. John, a recently-excavated room in which the kings and knights held their war councils during the Crusades.

The mosque, built by Ahmed in penance for his butcheries, features a lovely palm-decorated courtyard with its white walls graced with proud arches. High above the interior of the mosque is enshrined a holy relic—supposedly a hair from the head of the prophet.

The crypt is a gigantic gothic hall which is regarded as one of the oldest extant examples of gothic architecture. Authorities say there is no doubt that this was the refectory of the Knights Hospitallers who played such an important role in the Crusades.

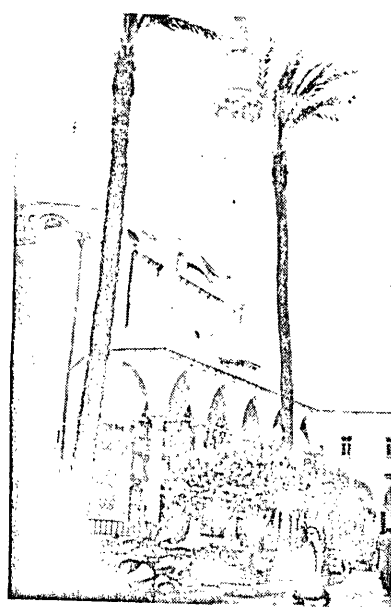
In this crypt one also finds the oldest known example of the "fleur-de-lis" which became the symbol of France. Since this particular royal symbol is known to have appeared for the first time in Europe on the seal of Philip-Augustus, successor to Louis VII, and since the "fleur-de-lis" at Acre antedated his reign, the decision to adopt this symbol was undoubtedly ascribable to the anonymous chisel of some infidel stonecarver.

Turning inland from the sea in the direction of the northern hills of Galilee, we passed the Tel Napoleon, the hill constructed by the French general in his unsuccessful attempt to storm the citadel of Acre.

We also passed the tel (hill) which was the prototype for the excavation site in Michener's novel *The Source*. It has not been explored in real life, but a little nearer the Sea of Galilee we passed another site where 20 levels of civilization have yielded their relics to the archaeologists.

We also saw some remarkable examples of one of Israel's most serious long-range conservation projects—reforestation to stop that awful erosion of the land and to eventually provide a source of lumber which the land has apparently never had.

As we traveled upward from the



Mosque of the Butcher in Acre.

sea, our bus stopped in the pouring rain to pick up some hitch-hikers—two girls and one man, all in the army. The man sat by me, and I would have given anything to have been able to communicate with him. He was a Druze—a tiny sect of Mohammedans who bear no resemblance to the Arabs. They are large handsome blonde people who live mostly in the hills and observe a strange secret religion somewhat akin to Mohammedanism. Since the creation of Israel they have insisted on being loyal citizens of the new state and all of their men enlist in the army and are given very responsible tasks.

We passed through Safad, a city set on a hill, where the Crusaders built a stronghold in the twelfth century. It is now the locale of a rather large art colony and also the traditional site of a rather mystical group of scholars of the Jewish scriptures.

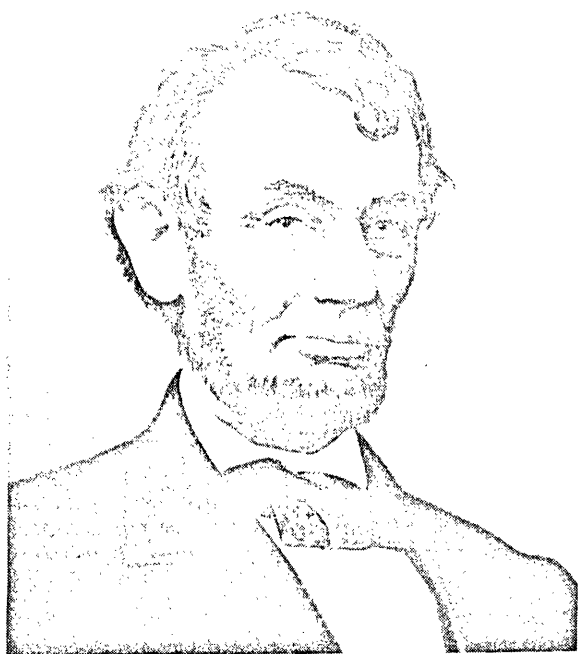
We came at noon to Kibbutz Aye-lath Hashahar (Morning Star) where we enjoyed a lovely lunch. Here, because of orthodox food restrictions, there are two separate dining rooms—for those who will have meat or those who will have dairy products. Under orthodox restrictions, never the twain shall meet.

Following our lunch and a walking tour of the living area of the kibbutz, we started in the direction of the Sea of Galilee. Having had such a deep spiritual experience in this area in lovely weather two years ago, I sympathized with the persons for whom this was the first visit to this region since it was pouring rain and the real impact of this area where Jesus walked could not be experienced.

We did have a rich experience at the Church on the Mount of Beatitudes. Here Father John, our guide, gathered us together on the lovely portico that overlooks the Sea of Galilee and read for us the entire Sermon on the Mount. Then our Catholic friends went inside for Mass using the new litany.

Next, as the rain continued to fall, and the evening shadows lengthened we passed Capernaum and went on to Tiberius where we were to spend the night. Father John was wise enough to suggest that we return to this point in the morning rather than lose the spiritual impact of visiting these sacred spots too hurriedly.

(more next week)



"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and under a just God, cannot long retain it."

—Letter to H. L. Pierce and others, April 6, 1859

ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
by Sam Patrick

(RNS photo)

■ MARCH 8

## One Great Hour of Sharing

World attention has focused on the civil crisis in Nigeria. With the end of the war new opportunities are now open for providing relief. A recent statement from Dr. J. Harry Haines, executive secretary of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, was distributed to all pastors by the Division of Interpretation of the Program Council.

In this statement Dr. Haines pointed out that the mercy airlift is no longer operative and that relief is being channeled through the World Council of Churches and the Nigeria Christian Council. On January 15 the World Council of Churches appealed for \$2 million from its member churches to launch a full scale relief and rehabilitation program in Nigeria.

Reports coming from Nigeria through the secular news sources are confusing. But there is little doubt in the minds of Christian leaders that there is a monumental job of relief and

rehabilitation to be done and that the \$2 million requested will provide only the initial thrust.

On Sunday, March 8, United Methodists will be participating with more than 30 other denominations in the One Great Hour of Sharing. Churches wanting to make contributions to the Nigeria relief program are reminded that a major portion of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering goes to UMCOR. Gifts in addition to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering can be sent directly to UMCOR, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027, marked "Nigeria Emergency." Advance Specials credit will be given for such gifts.

In addition to world relief, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports the Crusade Scholarship program, selected National Division building projects for minority groups and our Ministry to Servicemen in the Far East.

### UMIF BECOMES LEGAL REALITY

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., (UMI) — The United Methodist Investment Fund (UMIF) is now a legal reality and is doing business as a major church extension loan agency in the United Methodist Church, it was announced here January 15.

The new \$28 million Fund is the successor to the former Methodist Investment Fund and the former Evangelical United Brethren Investment Fund, and has been in process of formation for more than two years.

The status of the UMIF as a fully operational legal entity was established with the issuance in December of a Decree of Merger of the Methodist and EUB Investment Funds by the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia.

Though the legal headquarters of the UMIF are now listed in Philadelphia, inquiries about the UMIF are being directed to National Division offices in New York, and any such inquiries should be sent to: United Methodist Investment Fund, Room 335, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

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## National Health Assembly to involve 12 Protestant groups

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodist health and welfare leaders from across the nation will join those of 12 other Protestant groups in Washington, D. C., March 2-4 for a pioneering Protestant Health Assembly. Theme of the Annual Protestant Health Assembly will be "Christian Healing—Relevant in Secular Times."

Participants from the United Methodist Church will be attending sessions of their National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries' annual convention, some of which will be held concurrently with the wider assembly.

"In celebration of our 30th anniversary and in the spirit of ecumenicity, the 1970 convention of our United Methodist association is held in co-operation with the Annual Protestant Health Assembly," said Dr. Vernon N. Stutzman of Brooklyn, N. Y., president of the United Methodist group.

About 1,300 persons are expected to attend the assembly sessions, about 800 of them United Methodists.

## Board of Education hears requests

The members of the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church took several actions in response to presentations of Black Methodists for Church Renewal, the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries and Spanish-speaking Americans at the annual meeting in Nashville, Jan. 26-28.

The board was asked not just to set goals for Race Relations Sunday aid for black colleges, but to guarantee that the amounts suggested be made available for the 12 colleges. The board deferred action on the urgent request of BMCR for \$30 million dollars for the black colleges over the next three years, but did agree to raise goals for Race Relations Sunday to \$3 million for 1971 and \$4 million for 1972.

Board members replied to the demands made upon it by saying that, while they recognized the need for major strides in education of minorities, "we need to remember the struggle for funds in the local church where the decisions take place," and that "we must get the permission and support of the people."

The Rev. Frank L. Horton, staff minister for university and church ministries in Pittsburgh, Pa., and a mem-

ber of BMCR, made a presentation to the Division of Curriculum Resources saying there is a need "to be sensitive to the variety of life styles and cultural heritages that individuals bring to the church."

Throughout the three-day meeting the board heard youth asking for a greater voice in the church and for more financial support to undergird the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries. After a three-hour discussion, the board's legislative committee recommended general support of the concept of greater youth representation on the board. They also said, "youth should have a much greater voice in the decisions regarding the administration and distribution of the Youth Service Fund."

Dr. W. E. Trice of Dallas gave a preliminary report on "a study of the church school," saying he hoped his task force could discover factors contributing to the decline. "More importantly," he said, "we hope to identify measures to help our church schools become more effective in the lives of those several million persons related to them."

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### Publishing House sells surplus property

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The United Methodist Church's General Board of Publication has approved the sale of surplus Methodist Publishing House printing facilities in Harrisburg, Pa., Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Two Harrisburg facilities and one in Dayton, that became a part of the Methodist Publishing House when the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist Churches merged in 1968, are being sold to the employees of the plants.

According to Lovick Pierce, publisher and president of the publishing house, "a large part of the printing in these plants involves non-church-related commercial work, and it was felt it would be unwise to continue this

type of work in the new merged organization. Therefore, these facilities were declared surplus."

Although the sale price of the properties were not disclosed, Pierce said, "The purchase consideration of these properties is sufficient to approximately recover the book value of the assets. "Since the interest of a large group of employees is involved, the terms cover several years and are purposely as generous as possible," he explained.

Pierce explained that sale of the Cincinnati plant to a private group primarily involved the building and land, as the plant was phased out of operation as of December 31, 1969.

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### Chaplains' exec elected

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI)—The election of the Rev. A. Purnell Bailey of Richmond, Va., as executive secretary of the United Methodist Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries was confirmed here Jan. 7 by the commission.

Dr. Bailey will take the post June 1 for a two-year term. Until then he will administer the commission's business as executive secretary-designate, on a per diem basis, while continuing as pastor of Richmond's Reveille United Methodist Church.

The new executive was named last July by the executive committee, but the action had not been confirmed until this special meeting, by the full commission, headed by Bishop H. Ellis Finger Jr. of Nashville, Tenn.

The commission also voted to purchase a house in McLean, Va., a Washington suburb, and to furnish it for use as a parsonage by the executive secretary.

The next session of the group will be March 9 in Washington.

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Evan Houston Jr., senior honor student in mathematics at Hendrix College will have two research papers published this year. One paper will be published this fall by the Journal of Undergraduate Mathematics; the other written jointly with Dr. C. M. Petty, of the University of Missouri, and another student researcher was completed during a 1969 summer Undergraduate Research Program sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

#### DR ALFRED H. FREEMAN

Dr. Alfred H. Freeman, former pastor of First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, died January 27 in Houston, Texas. He was pastor of St. Paul's Church in Houston at the time of his death, which followed an apparent heart attack while he was seated in a barber's chair. Dr. Freeman had served the El Dorado church from 1941-1944.

Officiating at services were the following clerics from over the state of Texas: Bishop Kenneth Copeland of the Houston area; Bishop Kenneth Pope and Bishop Paul E. Martin both of Dallas, the Rev. Gaston Foote of Fort Worth, Dr. Charles L. Allen of First Church in Houston, and Dr. Freeman's son, the Rev. Richard M. Freeman of Waco.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Carolyn Freeman, and two other sons, Larry Freeman and John Freeman, both of Houston.

Dr. Freeman, had been pastor of the St. Paul church since 1957, and was the fifth generation of his family to occupy a Methodist pulpit. The Freeman's son, Richard, is the sixth generation of the clan to wear the cloth.

Dr. Freeman was born in Tennessee. He went to St. Paul's from First Church in Wichita Falls where he served eight years, following pastorates which included Corpus Christi and Oklahoma City. He held degrees from McMurry College in Abilene, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Oklahoma City University and Midwestern University in Wichita Falls.

Freeman was an official Methodist observer in the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948, to the Ecumenical Conference of Faith and Order in Edinburgh, Scotland, and Life and Work in Oxford, England in 1937. He served on a Methodist mission to South America in 1954.

## Camden District WSCS executives meet in Magnolia

The Camden District Executive Committee of the Women's Society of Christian Service met in Magnolia, January 21, at the home of the president, Mrs. Glenn G. Martel who served coffee at 9:30. The business session was then opened with prayer by Mrs. Robert B. Johnson, Secretary of Spiritual Growth.

The resignation of Mrs. Ralph Hale, as Secretary of Missionary Education, was read, Mrs. John Curtis, chairman of nominations presented the name of Mrs. Allen Bonsall of Magnolia as a candidate for this office. She was unanimously elected, and asked to attend the remainder of the meeting.

Mrs. Martel reported on items from the recent Little Rock Conference Executive Committee which pertained to the dates and activities of the new

financial year. It was decided that Camden District's annual meeting would be on Thursday, April 16, at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Magnolia.

Mrs. Howard Williams, treasurer reported that the 1970 district pledge was \$22,000. Mrs. E. L. Firecove, secretary, reported that the last available records gave a total of 1921 members in the Women's Society and Guild of the district.

Plans were made for delegates to the Women's Society and Guild Assembly at Houston, May 7-10, with Mrs. Jennings Shaw and the president-elect for 1970-71 as delegates, and Mrs. Alvin Murray, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Bonsall as alternates, Mrs. Tabbie Mae Moore, as district chairman of Wesleyan Service Guild will also attend.

Each Society will be asked to observe its own Call to Prayer, April 2, with no District Day being planned since a similar day was held recently.

Members of the committee unable to attend were Mrs. John Rickey and Dr. Roy I. Bagley. The groups had luncheon at the Town House Motel at the conclusion of the business meeting. The program committee, with Mrs. Shaw as chairman, met in the afternoon to plan the program for the Annual Meeting, April 16.

#### DR. R. E. WOMACK

Dr. Richard E. Womack, 87, a native of Centerton, Ark. and widely-known in Methodist educational circles, died January 26 in Jackson, Tenn., where he made his home.

A former headmaster at the old Hendrix Academy, in 1924 he became president of Lambuth College in Jackson. Upon his retirement in 1951 he became president emeritus.

He was a former head of the history department at Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway, and was a former superintendent of the Conway schools.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas and George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn., he held the honorary doctorate from Union University at Jackson.

He was at one time conference lay leader of the North Arkansas Annual Conference, and later of the Memphis Annual Conference.

He was a brother of the late Rev. J. A. Womack and the late Rev. W. V. Womack, both of whom held appointments of distinction in the North Arkansas Annual Conference.

Survivors include his wife, five daughters, one son, nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

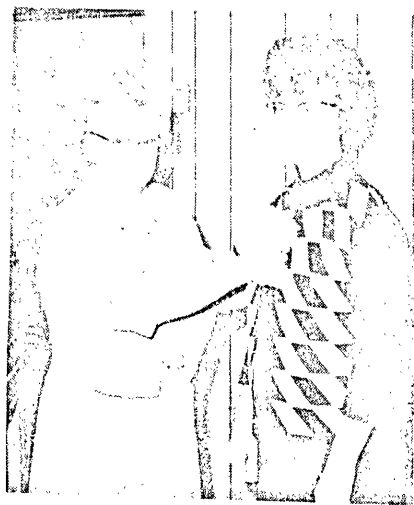
Funeral services were held in the college chapel at Lambuth College.

#### MRS. LULU SEAY

Mrs. Lulu Seay, wife of the late Rev. Edgar Gardner Seay, died January 29 in Flerning Hospital in Elgin, Texas. She had made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Paul Abel, in that city, when stricken with a heart attack less than an hour before her death. Even at the age of 84 years Mrs. Seay had been active in the Elgin United Methodist Church until her death.

Mrs. Seay is survived by two children: Mrs. Abel and a son, Edgar Seay of Irving, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Luton of San Angelo, Texas and Mrs. J. L. Cannon of Dunlay, Texas; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services were held at the Elgin Church on January 30 with the Rev. Gordon Birdwell officiating. She was buried in DeQueen, Arkansas on January 31, with the Rev. David Wilson officiating.



Mrs. Mary Marshall, long-time member of Central Avenue WSCS in Batesville, presents Wesleyan Service Guild life membership to daughter-in-law, Mrs. Marjorie Marshall at Jan. 25 joint meeting of WSCS and Guild. Miss Peggy McSpadden, UMYF member, presented a slide program of her recent United Nations tour at the meeting held in observance of Guild month. Mrs. Emma Lou Hedden is WSCS president and Mrs. Lockie Dobson is Guild president.

#### REVISED MINISTER'S INCOME TAX GUIDE

A revised, updated MINISTER'S INCOME TAX GUIDE is available from the Town and Country Commission, 1723 Broadway, Little Rock. This guide includes revised forms (with filled-in examples) and information on all tax law changes needed to complete the 1969 return. Send in your request and FIFTY CENTS now. Supply limited.

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#### WSCS execs plan Spring Fayetteville District Meeting

Following a luncheon in the Prairie Grove home of District President Mrs. Hezzie Clark, she called the Fayetteville District executive board of the Women's Society of Christian Service to order.

Mrs. E. Whillock, spiritual area chairman brought a timely meditation.

Plans were made for the Spring District Meeting, March 18 at First Church, Springdale. Mrs. A. Westphal, vice president, will finalize the program with each society sharing in the Banner Year.

Three guests were present. Mrs. Maurice Lanier, conference chairman of missionary education; Mrs. Joe Crumpler, conference vice-president, who reported plans for the 1970 Assembly in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Lanier was elected to the nominating committee.

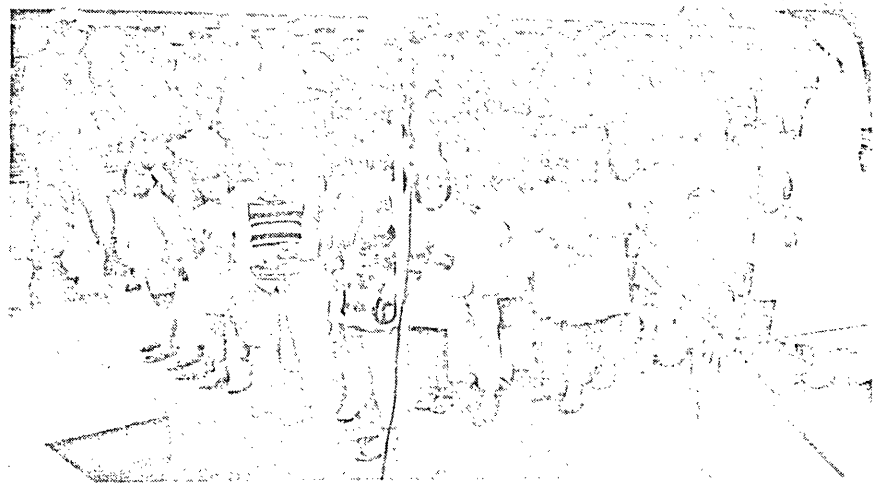
Use everything as if it belongs to God. It does. You are His steward.—Houston Times, All-Church Press



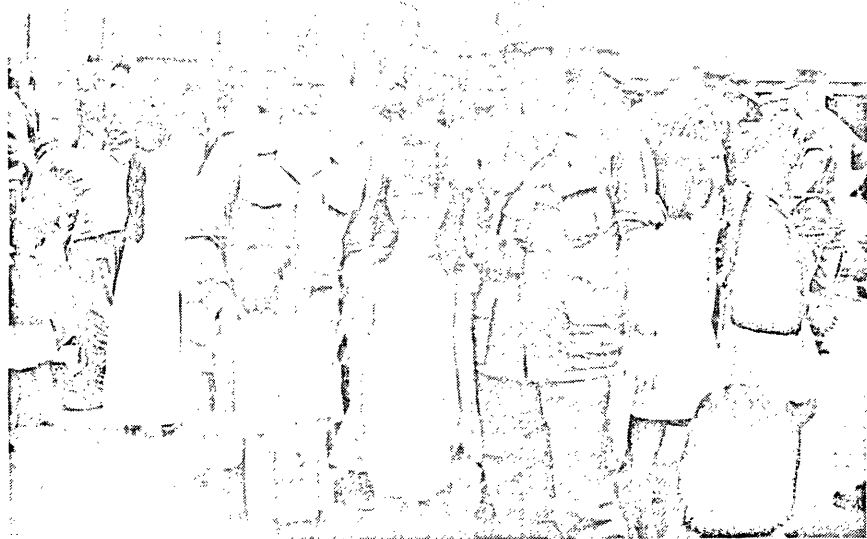




To make Christmas Day, 1969, a meaningful experience for 150 Marines stationed at Danang in Vietnam, Chaplain W. E. Outlaw (at left), a member of the Little Rock Annual Conference, planned and coordinated an event where 140 Vietnamese orphans from Sacred Heart School in Danang were entertained by Marine "Big Brothers." Giving enthusiastic support and cooperation were Lt. Col. Bob Fischer (center) and Col. Stanley Dinwiddie (right), Commanding Officer. Sinh, 13-year old orphan and Sister Elizabeth, of the Sacred Heart School stand in front.



The Marines in three separate squadrons put in more than 2500 man hours and about 15 committee meetings and gave \$350 to supplement a Chapel Fund contribution for gifts which they wrapped for the children. Toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, sweaters, shirts, dolls, cars, perfume and other items were given out by Santa Claus (Cpl. Mike McCausland of Boston, Mass.) A red cloth-draped Jeep served as the reindeer and a jeep trailer brought Santa's helpers (Marines dressed in elf costumes).



Chaplain Ed Outlaw with officers, enlisted men and children from the orphanage. (Special programs in each of the three squadrons, separated by about 25 miles of rivers, villages and winding mountain roads were presented, as marines heard the Christmas story in narrative form, sang carols, and observed Holy Communion.

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGES CHAIRMAN AT HENDRIX RECEIVES FRENCH AWARD

Mrs. Georgette D. Caskie, chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages at Hendrix College, was granted the award of the "Palme Académique" by the French Government for her contributions in the field of teaching and cultural relations.

Madame Caskie joined the faculty of Hendrix in 1960 after teaching at Goucher College in Maryland for several years. She has attended the Sorbonne in Paris, the University of Madrid, the University of Rome, Middlebury College and Catholic University.

Her work in Washington, D.C. and various other places bringing French influence to the United States earned her the award she recently received.

#### PERUVIAN METHODISTS GAIN AUTONOMY

NEW YORK (UMI)—For the fifth time in less than a year, autonomy came to a Methodist body in Latin America with the birth of the new Methodist Church of Peru January 19 in Lima.

The newly autonomous church chose as its first bishop an experienced pastor-district superintendent - conference executive, the Rev. Dr. Wenceslao Bahamonde, 54, the first Peruvian ever elected to the Methodist episcopacy, and a former Crusade Scholar. The Methodist Church of Peru was formed from the former Peru Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. It has 2,753 members (full and preparatory) in 28 organized churches; there are 2,830 Sunday school pupils.

When civilizations fail, it is always man who has failed—not in his body, not in his fundamental equipment and capacities, but in his will, spirit and mental habits. Men and civilizations live by their beliefs and die when their beliefs pass into doubt.—Philip Lee Ralph

To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream, not only plan but also believe.—Anatole France

What we call rational grounds for our beliefs are often extremely irrational attempts to justify our instincts.—Huxley

### Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

George Macdonald, in verse, explained the predicament of the thoughtless man . . . "Oh how oft I wake and find I have been forgetting thee! I am never from thy mind: Thou it is that wakest me."

#### MONDAY MORNING

I got out of bed a few minutes late  
No time for breakfast, the boss won't wait  
I looked in the mirror — O Lord, what a mess  
I looked again; I was only half dressed.  
I jumped in the car and raced the motor  
Oh my gosh what an odor!  
The smell of the fumes insults my nostrils  
No wonder I'm turning hostile —  
Carrying on the way I do  
Forgetting the Lord — who made me and you!

—by R. E. Ryals

#### AN EVER PRESENT HELP

How near He is — a symphony —  
a balm to heal the soul.  
A restful peace, a quiet calm,  
to make us whole.  
We chart our course, and go our way —  
not reaching for the hand,  
Of Him who heals and Him who cares,  
who drew the master plan.

— by Betty Heidelberg