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## Bishop Corson to speak at Philander Smith inauguration

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia will be the speaker for the Inauguration of Dr. Walter R. Hazzard as the seventh president of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, in the ceremony to be held Wednesday, March 11, at 2:00 p.m.

Bishop Corson retired at the jurisdictional conference in 1968 after serving as resident bishop of that area. He was elected to the episcopacy in 1944 after serving for 10 years as president of Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. He has been one of Methodism's most active participants in the ecumenical movement, and was one of Protestantism's most active observers at the Second Vatican Council.

The inaugural ceremony will highlight a day of special emphasis planned to welcome the new president to his post. Delegates and guests will register in the foyer of M. L. Harris Fine Arts Auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The inaugural luncheon will be held in the college dining hall between 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The robing and formation of the academic procession will begin at 1:25 p.m.

A president's reception will follow the inauguration. This will be held in Kelly Hall between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00

In the evening, beginning at 7:00 o'clock an inaugural recital will be presented in M. L. Harris Fine Arts Auditorium. This program will feature Jerry and Kay McSpadden, adjunct instructors in music at the college. Mr. McSpadden is a pianist and Mrs. Mc-Spadden is a flutist.

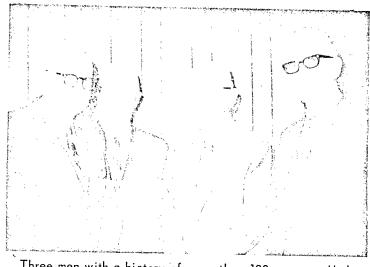
Other events of the week for the Philander Smith community include the Thirty-Second Annual Fine Arts Festival. On Thursday, March 12, drama and speech will be featured in a day of activities in M. L. Harris Fine Arts Auditorium. The Friday emphasis on music will include choir, piano and voice participants in Dunbar Community Center; concert bands in the college gymnasium; marching bands on 13th street between Izard and State streets; and glee clubs in M. L. Harris Auditorium.

The "Alumni Roundup" on Friday and Saturday, March 13-14, will move naturally into the Founders' Day Program at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 15. William H. Fowler, assistant superintendent of personnel, Little Rock Publie Schools, will be the speaker for that program.

Dr. Hazzard, a native of Maryland, came to the presidency of Philander Smith last summer after serving as superintendent of the South Pennsylvania District of the United Methodist

He holds a A.B. degree from Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., the Master's degree from Howard University, and the Doctorate from Temple University.

He served pastorates in the former Delaware Conference and twice served in that conference as a district superintendent.



Three men with a history of more than 180 years as Methodist ministers attended the Feb. 27 Conway District Pension Dinner. Shown with Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, right, Conway District Superintendent, are: Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Dr. J. Wilson Crichlow and Dr. C. N. Guice.

## Hendrix Alumni Asso. to sponsor European Tour

The deadline for accepting applications for the Eastern European Study Center in Graz, Austria for 1970 is March 1. The tour will be conducted July 8 to 29 by Dr. Walter Moffatt,

#### ARKANSAS AREA ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE ON WORLD SERVICE

The Little Rock Annual Conference was one of four conferences in the South Central Jurisdiction to pay out on their apportionment for World Service, according to the recent report from Dr. A. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of The United Methodist Church.

The other conferences paying 100% on their 1969 World Service apportionment were Kansas East, Kansas West, and Northwest Texas.

The North Arkansas Conference paid \$192,488 against an annual apportionment of \$210,187, or 91% of the apportionment compared with a national average of 89% paid on World

The church at large paid \$22,268,-424 into the strategic World Service Fund compared with the annual apportionment of \$25,040,242.

professor at Hendrix College, and is sponsored by the Hendrix Alumni As-

Dr. Donald Stanton, registrar for the seven-week study program sponsored by the 30 member colleges of the Association for Colleges and Universities in International-Intercultural Studies, reports that many applications have been received and processed.

Enrollment must be limited to 200 because of jet reservations, size of accommodations, and need for advance planning on group travel arrangements. However, a number of places are still available.

The group leaves in July for seven weeks of study programs centered on Eastern Europe, with the study center in Graz, Austria's second largest city. Classes will meet four days per week for six hours credit. Each person takes a week-long field trip into an area of interest to his coursework.

The cost of the program is \$850 for jet fare from Washington and back, tuition, room with breakfast, and the week-long study trip. Additional costs will include two meals per day in restaurants in the city, books, and sightseeing and shopping.

For further information, contact Dr. Walter Moffat at Hendrix College.

#### Great Ine of Sharing"

It is people who need. It is people who are helped through the One Great Hour of Sharing.

On March 8 congregations in more than 30 denominations will unite in receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. "United Methodists ought to give a million or more dollars that day," suggested Dr. Howard Greenwalt, associate general secretary of the Division of Interpretation.

When we consider the needy of the of actual persons United Methodists cannot help but respond generously," continued Dr. Greenwalt, "Take the situation in Biafra where more than 5,000 mercy flights have been made. The airlift, begun more than a year ago, has carried more than 50,000 tons of relief supplies into Biafra. Flying under the sponsorship of Joint Church Aid, volunteer crews fly 11 planes,

building a mercy air bridge. This record has not been without its toll, for three Joint Church Aid planes and two flight crews have been lost.'

Currently the estimates of the death rate by starvation in Biafra runs from 2,000 to 6,000 daily. The relief flights help keep this figure from climbing. It is men, women, boys and girls who receive this help, who are kept alive through our gifts. Every dollar given on March 8 will assist in this program, world, and see such individuals in terms carried on for our denomination through the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

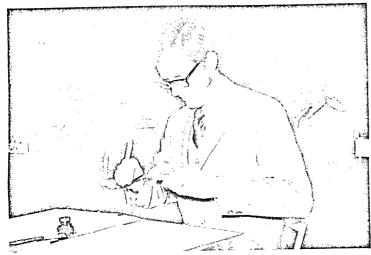
In addition to aiding refugees of the Biafra/Nigerian struggle, UMCOR works with refugees in Vietnam, the Middle East and anywhere else natural or man-made disasters strike. This relief arm of the church has programs of long-range rehabilitation as well as emergency relief.

In addition to the United Methodist Committee for Relief, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering provides United Methodist Crusade Scholarships. There are 177 Crusade Scholars currently studying in 30 countries around the world. These 177 come from the U.S. and 29 other countries. Where feasible, students are placed in school in their geographic or cultural area, both to strengthen overseas universities and to encourage a commit- ect receives \$25,000 and local resiment by students to nation-building uents make up the rest of tasks in their homeland.

The purpose of the Crusade Scholarship program is to train qualified students for service in the church, business and professions, the arts, education, science and other fields. Among former Crusade Scholars are bishops, university presidents and professors, political leaders, journalists, musicians, doctors and businessmen.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering also provides \$75,000 for three projects of the National Division of the Board of Missions. In Hawaii the dining hall at Camp Kailani must be replaced. This camp is a center of evangelism for United Methodism in this, our only non-Christian state. Building programs will aid struggling congregations in Kenai, Alaska and Carolina, Villa Fontana, Puerto Rico. Each proj-

United Methodists participate in a Ministry to Servicemen in the Far East through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Servicemen's Centers in Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan and Thailand provide American service personnel with opportunities to learn more of the culture of the Far East and to participate in programs of Christian activity.



The Rev. Robert M. Van Hook of Bryant, a delegate to Arkansas's Seventh Constitutional Convention, affixes his signature to the proposed Constitution of 1970. The document was certified to Secretary of State Kelley Bryant on February 27, 1970. The proposed Constitution will be voted on in the general election in November, 1970.

# New Laboratory classes planned for Mt. Sequoyah Assembly

Mrs. Harold Allen, director of the South Central Jurisdiction Laboratory and Seminar Week at Mt. Sequoyah United Methodist Assembly at Fayetteville, Arkansas, announces that this year for the first time a full week will be devoted exclusively to Laboratory and Seminar classes, June 28 to July 3.

New Laboratory classes will be offered for the first time for (1) workers with the Mentally Retarded, and (2) workers in Week-day Kindergartens.

Other Laboratory work offered includes classes for workers with Adults, Youth (Junior High, Middle High, Senior High), Children (Nursery through Sixth Grade), and Library.

Seminar classes for all Adult, Youth and Children's workers will again be provided.

There will also be a Recertification Course for Certified Children's Laboratory Leaders. This can be attended by invitation only. Local Conference Program Councils or Conference Coordinators of Ministry to Children will issue such invitations.

The Seminar is a training opportunity for persons working toward certification as laboratory leaders. The prerequisites are: (1) approval from the Local Conference Board of Education

(Program Council) and the General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee; (2) workers must have attended two laboratory experiences, preferably under different laboratory leaders, that relate to the age group concerned, prior to enrollment. Workers will attend their third laboratory along with the seminar.

A brochure and registration blank for these enterprises will be available through Conference Program Councils in March.

Those interested are urged to reserve June 28 to July 3 for the Laboratory or Seminar experience at Mt. Sequoyah this summer.

## DR. McDERMOTT ON EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Cecil McDermott, chairman of the Department of Mathematics at Hendrix College, has been selected to serve on the North Central Association Evaluation Committee to Evaluate Sylvan Hills High School for possible membership March 12-14.

The ten-member evaluation committee includes professional educators from Arkansas high schools and colleges as well as representatives of the Association.



Some of those attending the Feb. 16 Special Gifts Dinner for the Pension Endowment Campaign at Luby's Cafeteria in Fayetteville. FROM LEFT: Mrs. William Fields, Mr. Fields, Mrs. Clark McClinton, Mr. McClinton, Special Gifts chairman, and Mrs. Myers B. Curtis who with her husband, Dr. Curtis, district superintendent, provided musical entertainment. As of Feb. 20 approximately \$144,000 had been accepted by the churches toward the 3-year goal of \$180,000. Dr. Frank Countryman is the campaign director for the Fayetteville District.

Little Rock Conference pilot project planned for small churches

Miss Jennie Youngblood of the General Board of Education of the United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, will be the resource person for a series of District meetings—in a pilot project planned for the Little Rock Conference for churches of small membership.

Miss Youngblood, a native of Mississippi, graduated from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi and received a Master of Religious Education degree from Emory University, in Atlanta, Georgia. Before coming to the Board of Education she was a public school teacher. She has served as director of Children's Ministry for the Mississippi Conference and director of Christian Education at First Church, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The participating districts, district superintendents, dates, locations, and host pastors have been announced as follows by Mrs. John L. Tucker, Conference director of Children's Work, and coordinator for the project:

Arkadelphia District—Dr. Otto Teague, district superintendent, Sunday, March 8, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., Manchester Church, the Rev. Harold Rogers, pastor. (Bus travel will be provided for participants where needed.)

Little Rock District—Dr. C. Ray

Little Rock District—Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, district superintendent, Monday, March 9, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Salem Church, the Rev. T. G. Poss and the Rev. Don Williams, pastors.

Pine Bluff District — Dr. Arthur Terry, district superintendent, Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Leola Church, the Rev. J. Wayne Edwards, pastor; Thursday, March 12, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Lodge's Corner,



Miss Youngblood

the Rev. John Shafer, pastor.

Camden District—Dr. Roy I. Bagley, district superintendent, Friday, March 13, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Timothy Church in Camden, the Rev. Doyne E. Graham, pastor.

Hope District — The Rev. Alf A.

Hope District — The Rev. Alf A. Eason, district superintendent, Thursday, March 19, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mineral Springs Church, the Rev. William A. Lea, pastor.

Monticello District — Dr. Raymond Franks, district superintendent, Friday, March 20, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tillar Church, the Rev. Richard Poss, pastor

All churches of small membership are urged to take part in these important meetings.

# Little Rock business exec chairman of

### General Conf. committee

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UMI)—Delegates, officials, members of the press and workers on the floor of the United Methodist Church's 1970 General Conference here April 20-24 can be quickly identified by the badges they wear. The meeting will be held in Kiel Auditorium.

Carl C. Hall, Little Rock, Ark., business executive, is chairman of the badge committee of the Commission on Entertainment and Program, which supervises the many details of preparation for the meeting of the denomination's highest law-making body.

Two specific General Conference badges were designed, according to Mr. Hall—one type, for General Conference delegates and officials, and the other, for use by members of the St. Louis local committee.

Seven projects in Virginia have received a total of \$12,000 in grants from the Virginia Conference's portion of the Fund for Reconciliation. The latest awards bring to \$68,836 the amount allocated to date at the state level. Half of all Fund for Reconciliations funds is retained at the conference level and the other half is used at the national level.

#### Three TV Programs Noted

NEW YORK (UMI)—Unusual programming of special interest to churchmen is scheduled for two television networks on March 8, according to officials of the United Methodist Program Council's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication.

Nelson Price, assistant general secretary of the division, said that NBC will carry the first in a four-part series on "The Quality of Life" at 1:30 p.m. (EST) and an hour-long program, "Once Upon a World" at 4 p.m. (EST). The ABC network will present "A Night at Martizburg," a dramatic program dealing with the life of Ghandi, at 1 p.m. (EST).



# Editorial

# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

n Sunday, March 8, United Methodists will be joining in a ecumenical promotional approach to the needs of the world. However, money raised through the One Great Hour of Sharing program will be spent by the individual denominations.

An article in The Interpreter says: "Wouldn't it be great? If the nearly 11 million United Methodists averaged a dollar a piece we could have nearly \$11 million in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on March 8. Great things could be done with that much money."

In a real sense, United Methodism is trying to do on an international scale through this offering the same general thing it seeks to do through the Fund for Reconciliation.

Dr. Howard Greenwalt of the Division of Interpretation has approached this challenge well when he says: "The computer card gets top billing in our society. It somehow escapes being folded, spindled or mutilated. Yet, every day human beings are subjected to pressures and to torments that are the psychological and spiritual equivalent of 'spindle, fold or mutilate.' Helping people cope with this is one of the jobs of the church."

One of the significant ministries to human beings comes through the One Great Hour of Sharing. Reconciliation between man and his brother continues to be the theme of our church. Under the Quadrennial Emphasis we continue to stress the Fund for Reconciliation, reconciling activity by the local parish, and the Bible study that gives points to all of the action.

We know you are interested in the causes that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing, and that when they are underscored for you, you will want to give generously through the special offering to be received by your church.

This year there are 100 Crusade scholars studying in the United States. They are located all across the country, seeking advanced training in such fields as education, social work, religion,

and various aspects of the medical profession. There is no estimating the tremendous leadership now being exerted in the new nations of the world by persons trained through Crusade Scholarships similar to those you will support with your One Great Hour of Sharing gifts.

The United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is the emergency arm of your church. In an average year this organization will receive more than a dozen calls that are truly emergencies. In recent months Vietnam, Nigeria, Biafra, and the Middle East have been making the most serious drains on the funds of UMCOR.

At its last meeting UMCOR allocated \$290,640 in special grants for work in 11 countries. In addition to disbursing funds, this relief agency is responsible for recruiting workers who are able to personalize our Christian concern.

This year a special need in Alaska will be met with a \$25,-000 grant from the funds received on March 8. This is Kenai United Methodist Church, which some of you have helped in other years. This rapidly growing congregation is seriously in need of these funds to help them expand to meet their needs which the National Division of the Board of Missions indicate are among the most critical calling to us.

On the island of Oahu in Hawaii is Camp Kailani which has rendered yeoman service, but which must now be replaced under orders from the Board of Health. The \$25,000 which has been allocated from One Great Hour of Sharing 1970 will provide an adequate dining room

for this camp.

Servicemen in the Pacific will be undergirded by a part of this year's offering. The civilian directed Ministry to Servicemen in the Far East maintains centers in Hong Kong, Okinawa, Korea, Japan, Taiwan and Bangkok. \$25,000 will be spent for this worthy program out of United Methodist gifts received on March 8.

Last year two persons in Silver Creek, N.Y., felt a special challenge in One Great Hour of Sharing. One generous woman gave \$1,000 — her gift was probably the largest of any one person in the denomination for this cause. Imagine the joy which must have been hers in knowing what her gift would make possible.

Another person wrote a note and put it in an envelope. It read: "Please—this diamond ring is worth something. You must accept it for this great hour of sharing. I have no money to give."

Her pastor wrote, in reporting on this gift: "Hopefully, you and others will be able to make use of this wonderful event to inspire others to a similar response. Think what could be done if all United Methodist people were led to respond from the heart in this way!"

Does this give you some idea about the measure of greatness? How great will you feel on March

# Editor's Corner



### A BATTLE OF THE CROSS

The week-end Jerusalem Post Magazine, published on Fridays, carried an interesting feature on the battle of Israel's Magen David Adom to be included in the international organization of the Red Cross.

According to the article by Macabee Dean, the refusal of the Israeli humanitarian society to adopt the red cross as its symbol is keeping them out. They are especially sensitive about this since Iran, with its Red Lion organization, and the Moslem countries with their Red Crescent, have been admitted.

The problem of recognition here has proven to be about as difficult as getting recognition for the nation of Israel from their Arab neighbors. This writer points out that the International Red Cross has two main bodies: the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies, the latter including the individual societies that have been organized in more than 100 different nations.

Israel, by signing the Geneva Convention, is officially represented on the ICRS, and of course, they fully cooper-

David Tesher, who heads the MDA's Foreign Relations Department, says that to join the League, the Israeli society would have to fulfill 10 conditions. He says, "Nine of the demands we meet perfectly—they deal with the character and work of the MDA. But the tenth we fail to meet-to replace the Magen David (Red Shield of David) with the red cross emblem, and to change the actual name of the MDA to "Red Cross."

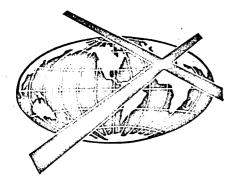
Pointing out that when the Red Cross was organized the symbol was said to be heraldic and not religious. This, plus the fact that Iran and the Moslem world demanded and gained recognition for their own symbols, indicate that the wishes of Israel should be regarded in this respect.

Mr. Tesher also pointed out that the body which could change this decision not to recognize the Red Shield rarely meets, in fact it has not met since 1949. He believes that eventually the difficulty will be resolved and Magen David Adom will be received in full connection into the Red Cross family.

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION by the Editor

The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in a new slate of by-laws and objectives — approved by the Vatican's Congregation for Religious Education on Jan. 23—all but severed its "pontifical" association with the Vatican. A statement of objectives pointed out that the university is "a member of the American academic community" and "accepts the standards and procedures of American institutions and seeks to achieve distinction within the academic world."

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor-at-large of Christianity Today — and noted evangelical theologian, suggested in a lecture series at Butler University in Indianapolis that world communism is "unwittingly laying the groundwork for a future Christian missionary breakthrough"—because of its failure to confront Christianity constructively in terms of its own merits. Communists "may yet pay a heavy penalty when a climate of open and free debate eventually emerges, and a critical younger generation looks beyond the propaganda interests of the ruling class," he said.

An upsurge of evangelical Christianity is taking place in the Soviet Union, according to the Rev. Sergei Timchenko, first vice-president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. Mr. Timchenko reported 13 newly registered Baptist congregations in Moscow, each with 2,000 to 3,000 members.

The Central Committee of the Czechoslovakian Communist Party in a letter to all party members, published in the newspaper, Rude Pravo, organ of the Committee, lashed out at "anti-Socialist" churchmen for their links with "ousted reformers," (referring to the Dubcek government) and reminding the members that it was their duty to adhere to the teachings of Marxist-Leninism." Meanwhile, in another ominous development, an announcement was made that the notorious Peace Priests' Movement—summarily dissolved during the reformist Dubcek regime in 1968—will be re-established in the near future.

Singapore Radio reported a joint appeal, by an organization representing that country's major religious organization, to the government to curb the doorto-door campaign carried on by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon).

The Roman Catholic practice of canonization is "irrelevant to true religion and to the life of the church today," according to Dr. W. Gordon Robinson, a leading British Congregationalist theologian. Dr. Robinson made the charge in the Congregational Monthly, journal of that denomination in England and Wales.

The 'Sixties, in the alliterative way Americans have of describing an era or a bloc of time, were sensational, scintillating, super, scientific, or any praising adjective beginning with an s, commented one news analyst. However, "Trends in the Social Situation of Children" a U.N. study just issued, charges that they were also sickening and sobering—if you were a child in most of the world's developing countries or if you were an adult who could translate into one drawn little face a billion children who were ill, undernourished and uneducated.

The pastor of the Third Presbyterian church in Rochester, N.Y. has solved a "moral dilemma" by buying the congregation's manse in order to get it on the tax rolls. Dr. Conrad H. Massa believes that too many church-owned properties are tax-free.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) will consider a new method of representation at Synod meetings during its session in Memphis June 14-19. The Ad Interim Committee on Restructuring Presbyteries and Synods has recommended that synods be allowed to choose between the traditional or the "delegated" method by which presbyteries elect commissioners to synods. The committee is recommending that the General Assembly reduce the number of synods from 15 to eight, with 48 presbyteries instead of the present 74.

Israel's Knesset (parliament) approved the first reading of the new bill adopting the rabbinical definition of "who is a Jew." After a passionate 10-hour debate, the measure passed by a 69-15 vote, with 23 abstentions. In supporting the Halachah, the Jewish religious law, Premier Golda Meir stressed that the Jewish state should not endorse mixed marriages which endanger the existence of Jews in the diaspora (outside Israel). She reportedly threatened to resign if the bill did not pass by a substantial majority. Passage of the bill will automatically overturn the high court decision and reinstate the former tradition of following religious law in the registration of Israeli citizens as Jews or non-Jews.

Eighty-four Roman Catholic professors of theology—including the famed Father Hans Kueng—issued a manifesto urging the bishops of Austria, West Germany and Switzerland to undertake a "business-like dialogue" with the Vatican on the question of priestly celibacy.

A drastic cut, perhaps by as much as one-third from 21 to 14—in the number of Church of England seminaries is considered likely to follow an overwhelming vote by the Church Assembly, the Anglican "parliament," at its Spring session. Such a prospect was held out following a sixhour debate concerning the proposal made by the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry that the theological colleges be reorganized because of the diminishing number of ordinands.

An "associated" relationship between the American Baptist Convention and the Progressive National Baptist Convention will be sought, according to an announcement by Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, general secretary of the ABC. The Progressive Convention has about 600,000 members, most of whom are black. The American Baptist denomination has 1.5 million members, about 15 per cent of whom are black.

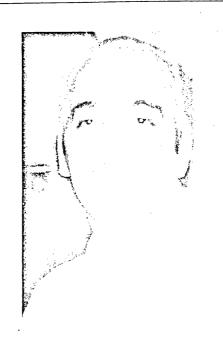
Pope Paul VI declared in an address before pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square that penance is all the more important for people today, since "naturalism and hedonism" have made men more "insensitive" to things of the spirit. He said that "true liberty" can be attained by "the awakening of our consciences which have become deadened to the sense of good and evil, and which respond too easily to the voice of egoism, material well-being, and pleasure."

Missionaries running African primary schools in Rhodesia have threatened to shut down their operations if the Ian Smith government reduces, as it plans, its teacher salary grants by 5 per cent. The closings would affect more than 500,000 students and some 14,000 teachers, it was reported by a reliable source.

A group of commentators on social development meeting in Washington D. C. said that the new emergence of self-analysis among Latin Americans is closely akin to the "black consciousness' prevalent in the United States today. Further developing the concept of "conscientization" the Rev. William L. Wipfler, Latin American division of National Council of Churches, stated that marginated groups, those on the outskirts of society's mainstream, have already emerged, are already conscious of their identity and are "participating in cultural perceptions of their own making."

Speaking at a conference of Presbyterian and Jewish theologians at Princeton University, Professor Amitai Etzioni, chairman of the Sociology Department of Columbia University, predicted that key scientific development in the '70s would include "new drugs which modify behavior, sublimal advertising, opening of the genetic code to human manipulation and research purporting to establish racial inferiority." He also cited current research that could lead to such developments as pills to change skin color, a colorless drug that when sprayed in the air will make people docile, a telescope to pick up conversations as far away as 300 yards, and trucks that when parked outside a building will reveal everything going on in the building.

At the inauguration rally of a new ecumenical organization—the Agency for Christian Cooperative Ministry — meeting in Oklahoma City, evangelist Billy Graham said, "The strangest thing is that as I look over this audience I can't tell the difference between a Catholic and a Protestant or a Baptist and a Presbyterian."



NEW YORK - Dr. Rubem Alves, a native of Brazil, is emerging in 1970 as one of the most sought-after theologians of the "Third World." After delivering a series of lectures to missionaries in Cuernavaca, Mexico, he spent several weeks in the U.S. The 36-year-old Presbyterian clergyman says Latin American Protestantism has no theological roots of its own and is too "reactionary." He describes theology as basically an anthropology having to do with life and reality. His first book to be translated into English, A Theology of Human Hope (Corpus Books), has received wide praise. Some observers regard the work of Dr. Alves as a sign that churchmen in former missionary territories are gaining a theological perspective which is not dependent on European and American models. (RNS Photo)

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## Volunteer workers staff St. Andrew's Mission in Jonesboro

St. Andrews Mission, Jonesboro, is a United Methodist Mission sponsored by First Church, Jonesboro. Established by laymen more than eight years ago, its purpose is to carry the message of Christ into an area where it has not seemed feasible to establish a conventional congregation.

believe their primary duty is to present Jesus Christ to the people in the community they serve. There are two worship services on Sunday and Sunday School classes at the primary, elementary, junior and senior high school and adult levels.

St. Andrews sponsors a library open three afternoons a week-a youth choir, a clothing room, a Girl Scout troop, a Brownie troop, and is working toward the formation of a Boy Scout

The mission has sponsored basketball teams on three age levels in the YMCA Church League. Tutoring service in remedial reading is being provided for one child, and another is receiving voice training at Arkansas State University.

#### by Bill Lyttle Lay Director, St. Andrew's Mission

Plans are moving ahead to start a learning program for pre-school children based on the television program "Sesame Street." A couple is being trained as instructors and the installation will be provided by Jonesboro Cable TV.

St. Andrew's works with the Office Those who work with this mission of Economic Opportunity in obtaining emergency food stamps and medical services for its people, and also provides direct assistance to families in

The people involved in this mission envision a "community center" type operation in the near future. They are hoping to have a building large enough to accommodate basketball games, which can serve as a gathering place for youth and adult groups.

This mission is operated without paid personnel. All work is voluntary, and the work is financed entirely by contributions. The offerings at the worship services pay the utilities, the insurance and the upkeep of the building, and Church School literature. Every other cent of contributions is used to provide help for people in need.

He was the kind of man who worked on his sermon preparation. He put soul and fire into his pulpit work. He was a pastor who cared deeply for the good witness of his people's life. He cared for the individual. He worked at the program of the Church. One reason he wore himself out was that he never learned to be patient either with his own or his people's shortcoming. This was born of his deep passion for a Church that could meet the needs of

Having had serious illness he was urged to retire at the last conference. Characteristically he chose rather to "plough out his furrow to the end of the row." In doing so he "laid down his life for the flock," even as a good shepherd of Christ.

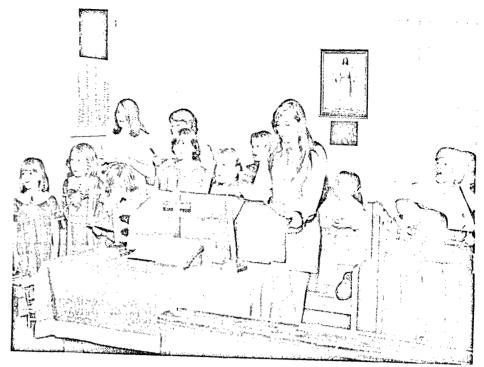
He was born, February 18, 1901. In 1956 he asked for license to preach in The Methodist Church. From that time he had one purpose. In 1957 he was appointed to Little Prairie Circuit. After that he served St. Charles-Pleasant Grove, Humphrey, Wilmar, Few

Memorial and Welcome where he com-

pleted his course. On December 20th, 1919 he was married to Miss Hazel Dixon. She became a help-mate who stood close by his side all the way. She encouraged his dedication to the ministry. She loyally shared his trials and rejoiced in his victories. To them life was sharing, Two sons, besides Mrs. Mitchell, survive him; Benjamin A. and Ira B. Mitchell. They live in Memphis, Tennessee.

The real strength of The United Methodist Church doesn't come from

a few large congregations and a select leadership. It is rather in that great host of the "unsung" who live the devoted life and serve with all they have. And in that great number of men, many of them lacking in formal education, who sanctify themselves to the office and work of "good ministers of Jesus Christ." These pour into the life stream of the Body of Christ the strong hearted faith and witness that make it vital and relevant to the needs of men and women in every day. Ira was one of these.



#### IRA M. MITCHELL by E. Clifton Rule

Ira Mitchell, pastor of Welcome Methodist Church, died at the Springhill, Louisiana, General Hospital February 1, after a brief illness. He became ill while preparing for his Sunday services. Funeral service was at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in charge of his District Superintendent Dr. Roy Bagley. He was assisted by Dr. Arthur Terry and E. C. Rule, formerly his superintendents. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery at Memphis, Tennessee, on February

It is true of Ira Mitchell that he took all that he had and capitalized it for the ministry of Christ. He came late into the full time work. He embraced every opportunity to improve himself. He worked on his courses of study. He attended the summer sessions of Perkins School of Theology. He passed his courses with great credit. He continued to study as a workman looking to the approval of Christ.

## Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas

(List of memorials and other gifts for month of January continued)

JAMES E. MARSH by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hopkins by Mrs. Julia Marsh by Mrs. G. A. Hogg MRS. GLENDA MORENO by Mrs. C. C. Hicks E. M. MARTIN by Mr. Rowan Prewitt MRS. R. H. MADDOX by Mrs. W. D. Cole by Mrs. E. C. Haller MRS. OSCAR McNAIR by Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Naylor THOMAS McPHERSON by Mr. & Mrs. Martin Smith MRS. BESSIE McELROY by McElroy Methodist Church S. O. NABORS by Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Ayres MRS. SALLYE NEAL by Mrs. J. E. Victor MRS. CARRIE BLAKE NELSON by Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Mashburn ROBERT W. NEWELL, SR. by The A. W. Blanks Family by Mr. & Mrs. Randolph James, Sr. by Mr. James M. Tennyson by Dr. & Mrs. Jack M. Sheppard MRS. ELLA NUTTER by Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Erwin by Mr. & Mrs. J. Stewart Erwin ALVA O'NEAL by The Earl Maxwell Family

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RECAPITULATION	
1970 ARKANSAS METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAI	GN

DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not	Due Tota	al Quota	Percent
JONESBORO	175	1723	28		1677	115%
MONTICELLO	129	1182	10	1321	1145	115%
FORT SMITH	321	<b>2282</b>	20	2623	2503	105%
PINE BLUFF	<b>2</b> 84	1240	10	1534	1706	90%
FORREST CITY	225	1351	14	1590	1827	87%
CAMDEN	356	1329	19	1704	2181	79%
HOPE	196	1012	13	1219	1559	78%
LITTLE ROCK	308	2446	23	2777	3634	76%
CONWAY	370	1050	26	1446	2352	62%
PARAGOULD	137	768	23	928	1518	61%
FAYETTEVILLE	E 189	1007	24	1220	1982	60%
BATESVILLE	224	896	19	1139	1911	59%
ARKADELPHIA	183	671	30	884	1574	50%
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SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. Woodrow Woods, wife of the pastor at Lincoln, whose mother, Mrs. Bertha Bowden Teeter passed away in Lubbock, Texas on January 13. Mrs. Teeter was a resident of Arkansas until 1942 when she and her late husband, M. O. Teeter, moved to Texas. She was a lifelong Methodist and a faithful member until her death.

Fort Smith. A commercial photographer made pictures of each fam- which the Rev. Louis M. Mulkey is Rock, March 13-14. ily the weekend of February 6 and pastor. Dr. Joel A. Cooper, pastor the directory will be completed of Central United Methodist Church THE AUGUSTA LAY WITNESS within a few weeks. The Rev. Tom in Fayetteville, is bringing the mission, held February 27-March 1, Weir is pastor.

THE MORNING WORSHIP HOUR for First United Methodist Church local Radio Station KCCL. The representative of the Arkansas State Rev. Harold Wilson.

MISSIONARY TO HONG KONG, Mrs. Tommy Adkins will be guest of the Arkansas Constitution. Maspeaker in the Levy United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, March 8. Mr. Adkins has been administrator at the Baptist Hospital in Hong Kong since 1958, and the family will return there in July following his year of residency at the Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock. The Levy minister is the Rev. Gerald Hammett.

STAFF FOR THE AREA Training School held in Marked Tree, Feb. 15 and 16, included the Rev. Wendell Dorman of Lepanto, teaching "Prayer"; the Rev. H. L. Robison of Clarendon, "How to Read and Study the Bible"; and the Rev. Earl Carter of North Little Rock, "New Life through Small Groups." The Rev. William Wilder was host

THE TEXARKANA FAMILY Night program at First United Methodist Church had as guest speaker Herbert E. Hoxie, special agent in charge of the FBI in Arkansas. Mr. Hoxie is a member of Lakewood United Methodist Church of North Little Rock. Dr. J. Ralph Hillis presided Sunday evening, March 1.

OSCEOLA METHODIST MEN were invited to meet with the Baptist Brotherhood on March 3 to hear Dr. Thomas Shipman, Methodist layman and dentist from Memphis. The Rev. Rufus Sorrells is the Osceola Methodist minister.

A BIBLE LECTURE SERIES will be given in First United Methodist Church of West Memphis the three nights of March 15, 16 and 17, by the Rev. John B. Hays, pastor of First Church, Russellville. He will present a basic course on "Understanding the Bible." The Rev. Clint Burleson is the host pastor.

#### DES ARC PLANS FOR NEW SANCTUARY

The Des Arc United Methodist Church's building committee met February 15 to consider the approximate needs of the church as it enters a building program. A Little Rock architect is to draw up plans for a new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 250 plus the choir and a balcony to seat 50. Plans will include entrance foyer, choir room, pastor's study, secretary's office, library, two rest rooms, with a sixroom wing to the present educational building, which will be remodeled. The Rev. Bennie G. Ruth is pastor at Des Arc.

Rev. William Hightower is pastor. Constitution, spoke to United Methodist Men of the Mabelvale Church, March 2, concerning the revision belvale minister is the Rev. Ben Hines.

> A YOUTH REVIVAL was held in St. Andrew's Mission, Jonesboro, the weekend of February 13-15 by the New Generation Interdenomina-Leader of tional Youth Team. the team and preacher for the services was the Rev. Danny Thomas, associate minister of First U.M. Church in Jonesboro. Other members form a band with an organ, three guitars and drums.

#### LAY WITNESS AT CAVANAUGH

The Cavanaugh Church's Lay Witness Mission in Fort Smith had the distinction of having two Baptists and two members of the Church of Christ as visiting witnesses. Held February 13-15, the Cavanaugh mission attracted 40 visitors from a four-state area. Clyde Lattimer, a cattle rancher from Baird. Texas, was the coordinator. The Fort Smith paper printed a lengthy article by Taylor Joyce, giving the purpose of the mission and a description of some of the participants, and quoting an interview with The Rev. Larry Powell Lattimer. was host pastor.





Two of the groups participating in the Rose City Beacon Church Lay Witness Mission are shown. Held in North Little Rock the weekend of February 20-22, a team of 28 visitors attended from Alabama, Tennessee and Arkansas. Charles Henderson of Florence, Alabama, was the coordinator. The Rev. Calvin Mitchell is the pastor.

#### SYLVAN HILLS PLANS **NEW CHURCH BUILDING**

The Sylvan Hills Church Conference met February 15 and approved plans for a new building project and a campaign to raise the funds. The plans call for a new sanctuary seating 360 persons plus 33 in the choir, to be joined to the present building. Another floor level below the sanctuary will provide the same area for class rooms. The building fund campaign will be conducted in April and pledges will be taken for \$150,000 over a threeyear period. The Rev. John Workman is pastor of Sylvan Hills Church in North Little Rock.

A PICTORIAL DIRECTORY is be- SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT services THE PINE BLUFF District Spring ing compiled for members of Wyatt are being conducted this week, Retreat for Youth (ninth through Memorial United Methodist Church, March 1-5, in Grand Avenue United twelfth grades) will be held at Al-Methodist Church of Stuttgart, of dersgate Methodist Camp, Little

in Fayetteville, is bringing the mission, held February 27-March 1, messages. Bill Kennedy of Fng- had as general chairman, John land is leading the evangelistic Cook, Jr. Henry Heidelberger, coordinator for the mission, spoke during the Sunday morning worship in Paris is now being broadcast on MRS. SHIRLEY McFARLAND, a service instead of the pastor, the

> THE REV. W. D. GOLDEN, pastor of First Church, Wynne, was host to more than 200 young people of the Forrest City District who came to hear "Dust and Ashes," the folk-singing group sponsored by the General Board of Evangelism. At the meeting, district officers were elected as follows: Cook, Wynne, president, and Donna Culp, vice president.

#### ADULT STUDY AT CROSSETT

A special period of Christian study for adults was a feature of the Sunday evenings in January at the First United Methodist Church of Crossett. The "Winter Academy for Adults" offered a choice of four courses of study to the congregation. These were as follows: 'Between Parent and Child," with Mrs. N. J. Garrett, staff children's worker, as instructor in the course utilizing Dr. Haim Ginott's book as the text; "Methodist Beliefs," with Miss Mamie Adams, director of Christian education, as instructor; "The Sermon on the Mount," with the Rev. Ferris Norton, pastor, as instructor; and "Romans-Chapter Twelve," with Lloyd Jackson, a local layman, as instructor. Over fifty persons were in attendance for each session.

#### 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.

March	8—Sunday	Job 23:1-10
March	9 .	Psalm 37:1-11
March	10	Psalm 37:18-31
March	11	Psalm 63:1-11
March	12 P	salm 119:46-72
March	13	John 16:16-24
March	14	Heb. 13:1-8
March	15-Sunday	John 1:43-51

MACKEY YOKEM has been named as youth director in Lakewood Church, North Little Rock on a part-time basis. Mackey, a Hendrix College ministerial student, is a member of St. Luke Church, Little Rock, and is a former president of Little Rock Conference youth. A reception was held at Lakewood Church, March 1, for him and for Randy McPherson who will direct the summer program. The Rev. Norman Carter of Booneville was the speaker at Lakewood preceding the reception. The Rev. David Conyers is pastor.

#### RECONCILIATION STUDY AT FORREST CITY

Members of First United Church of Forrest City participated in a study of "Reconciliation in a Broken World" during the four Sunday evenings of February. Mrs. Foster Norton, chairman of the Work Area of Missions, was in charge of program planning.

The opening session followed a fellowship supper. Panelists of the evening were Mrs. Mattie Wylds, Mrs. Floyd Taylor, Mrs. William Gibbs, Mrs. Edwin Walker, Bob Beavers and Hiram Brandon. Their subject was "A better world begins with me."

On February 8 Mrs. Horace Powell and Mrs. R. P. McDaniel gave a dialogue on ways of reconciling the Alienated. Joe Gattinger and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Billings presented the drama "A Whole New Life." Bill Wallis spoke on "Our Task as Christians.

Mrs. Finas McDaniel was the leader at the third session. Mrs. J. D. Lewis and Mrs. L. B. Gwinn served on her panel, discussing "How can we bring reconciliation into life today?"

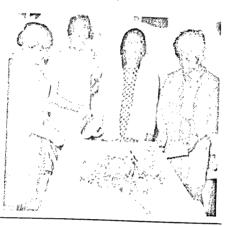
John Ferguson moderated the panel discussion on February 22. Members of the symposium group were Mrs. Hammond Dooley, Mrs. William Couch, James Gray, J. D. Lewis, George Stewart, Warren Faupel and Billy Lindsey. The drama "Three Phone Marathon" climaxed the series.

Simultaneous classes were held for children and young people. Mrs. Tom Higgs was leader for the mission study for children. Teachers were: 1st and 2nd grades, Mrs. W. E. Simmering and Mrs. Clint Merrill; 3rd and 4th grades, Mrs. Bill Lindsey and Mrs. Tom Higgs; 5th and 6th grades, Mrs. Robert Wilson and Mrs. Bill Baskin.

The Rev. Byron McSpadden is the Forrest City minister.



At a cluster meeting of women from four churches of the Southwest Conference, panelists discussing "The Roots of Prejudice" were, from left: Mrs. Eugene Piggee, Mrs. Henrietta Douglas, Mrs. Marie Watkins, district president, Mrs. Brenda Evans, Mrs. Hattie Williams, and Mrs. Janie Bledsoe, leader. The group met in St. Paul United Methodist Church in Maumelle. BELOW: Some of the visitors at St. Paul are shown during the fellowship hour.



#### REPORT FROM JONESBORO DISTRICT WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Jonesboro District Women's Society Executive Committee met Thursday, February 12, in the home of Mrs. M. G. Spurlock, Jonesboro, with the following officers present: Mrs. W. Loyd Whittaker, Mrs. Roy Weld, Mrs. Alfred Williams, Miss Leton Adams, Mrs. Charles Freeze, Mrs. C. V. McKinney, Miss Mildred Ozment, Mrs. F. E. Scott, Mrs. Ray Hall and Mrs. Spurlock.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Scott and was followed by a business session presided over by Mrs. Whittaker, president. Reports were heard from Mrs. Hall, District Scholarship chairman, who read notes of appreciation from the two scholarship recipients, Jane Anne Duffel of Jonesboro and Len Williams of Blytheville; and from the treasurer, Miss Leton Adams. Mrs. Whittaker announced the South Central Jurisdiction Meeting to be held in Houston, Texas May 7-8-9, and that she had been invited to attend as a delegate. The group took action to bear expense of the trip for the president. Mrs. Whittaker read a note from Mrs. Howard Johnson, North Arkansas Conference President, to the effect that the Annual Meeting v in Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith, April 9-10-11.

It was announced the District Spring Meeting would be held at Blytheville First Church Monday, April 27. Following a program planning session for the Spring Meeting, the group adjourned for a dutch luncheon at Luby's Cafeteria.

"CLUSTER GROUPS"
ORGANIZED IN SOUTHWEST
CONFERENCE

The Executive Committee of the Little Rock District of the Southwest Conference Women's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. Marie Watkins, president, to plan for the organization of "cluster groups" for the societies on the district.

The purpose was to put several societies together according to their geographical position for worship, information, study, and fellowship, thus strengthening each

group.

This grouping provided ten "cluster groups" for the district. At the present time, eight of these clusters have been organized with the following officers: an enabler that convenes the meeting; a secretary and a treasurer that holds the "My World Bank" which will be opened at the district annual meeting.

The chairman of Program Materials, Mrs. Pearline Miller, has promoted the handbooks, study books, and magazine subscriptions.

On Sunday, February 22, the first organized cluster met at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Maumelle with four churches participating. The panel discussed the "Roots of Prejudice." This closed with a fellowship hour.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVANCE THIS WEEK

United Methodist women are invited to join millions of people in a bond of prayers spanning six continents on Friday, Mar. 6. Prayers will be offered in 75 languages and a thousand dialects.

The observance is the World Day of Prayer sponsored in the United States by Church Women United and to be celebrated in 25,000 communities.

The theme of this year's World Day of Prayer is "Take Courage." It was chosen in view of the challenge of the '70s to bear witness to one's Upcoming activities for Methodist women

Activity of Methodist women through the winter months has been focused on the local church. They have been promoting and assisting with local church study programs, with church school Christmas activities and with local community drives and projects.

The coming of spring offers opportunities for women to go into district and conference meetings to share their experiences with others. This year offers the privilege of sharing on the national level when they come together in Houston, Texas, for the quadrennial Women's Assembly, scheduled for May 7-10.

This Assembly is not for the transacting of business, but "to bring together United Methodist women from all areas of church and society; to confront them with areas of critical need and concern; to challenge them to responsible action; and to help achieve a sense of unity in worship and in mission."

The 10,000 delegates and visitors will include any local member who chooses to go and who registers by April 1 (each conference does have a quota). Registration fees of \$12.00 should be sent through conference presidents.

The three Arkansas conferences are offering women the chance to **share travel expenses** by chartering buses. These reservations, too, must be made by April 1, through Mrs. E. T. Davenport, 6624 Longwood Road, Little Rock 72207. Round-trip fare is \$20.00, Departure from Little Rock will be 7 a.m. May 6.

Previous to the Assembly, spring meetings of the Wesleyan Service Guild and Women's Society of Christian Service in districts and conferences will be focusing attention on preparation for the Assembly.

Banner making projects in local churches will be shared in displays and processions at district meetings, from which the best will be sent for judging on the conference level. Only one banner will be selected from each conference for the Houston procession.

The banners depict some form of the Assembly theme "Choose Life." Motifs and designs are appliqued on felt, burlap, cotton, wool, or what-have-you, the banners being approximately one yard wide by one and one-half yard long.

Conference involvement in the As-

convictions when faced with great political and moral changes. Whether in India, Kenya or the U.S.A., it takes courage to be open to the unknown in the '70s.

At the same time, World Day of Prayer provides an occasion for participation in a nationwide offering committed to helping others "take courage." Offerings this year will go to the development of new religious education materials for Latin-American and Spanish-speaking families in this country; support for a secretary for women's work of the Near East Christian Council; and for the dispossessed Spanish migrant and Indian-American communities.

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sembly is further enhanced by youthful presidents (35 years of age or under) being selected, one from each conference, to attend the Houston meeting with full expenses paid.

Some local groups are making films of activities to be shown in the exhibition area of the Houston Coliseum.

#### IN THE MEANTIME, THESE MEETINGS:

District and conference meetings which will involve more Arkansas women than the Houston Assembly are these upcoming events:

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE:

The executive committee of the Women's Society of Christian Service has been in session this week, March 3 and 4 in Fordyce. Mrs. E. T. Davenport, conference president, presided as plans were made for the Annual Meeting to be held October 8 (this is in place of the usual Spring Meeting, —more about that in the next issue).

The Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Rubye Lee Jackson, conference chairman, will have a conference-wide retreat at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, April 11 and 12. Mrs. H. L. Georg of St. John, Kansas, will be the retreat leader.



Mrs. Landrum

The Little Rock District Guilds are having a pre-Lenten Bible study on three Sunday afternoons in First Church, Little Rock. Mrs. Gwendolyn Landrum, former staff worker with the Women's

Division who now lives in Little Rock, is leading this series. The first session was held last Sunday, with the next two scheduled for March 8 and 15 at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Walter Pate is district chairman of Guilds.

District meetings for Women's Societies of Christian Service are:

Hope District — April 13 at College Hill Church, Texarkana Monticello District — April 15 at Warren

Camden District — April 16 at Asbury Church, Magnolia

Little Rock District — April 17 at Geyer Springs Church, Little Rock Arkadelphia District — April 21 at St. Andrew's, Arkadelphia

Pine Bluff District — April 23 at
Gillett

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE:

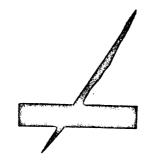
The Women's Society of Christian Service will hold the annual Spring Meeting at Fort Smith at Goddard Memorial Church. Mrs. Howard Johnson will preside at the two-day meeting, April 10 and 11, and at the preconference executive sessions.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will also meet on the same Saturday, April 11, and conclude at noon Sunday. Mrs. Truman Stephens will be presiding. District meetings are also planned, but we do not have information on those.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



#### LESSON FOR MARCH 15: Promise of the Spirit

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: John 14 through 16; Luke 24:44-49; Isaiah 61:1-2; Galatians 5:22-25

MEMORY SELECTION: The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (John 14:26)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To lead members to learn from Jesus' last words to his followers something of the nature and work of the Holy Spirit, and what his presence means for believers today.

Our lesson today comes from that lengthy portion of the Gospel of John devoted to Jesus' words in the Upper Room on the occasion of the Last Supper. It provides a firm foundation for our consideration of the promises concerning the Holy Spirit and what they mean for us in our day.

Dr. John C. Irwin, in Adult Bible Studies, says: "When the disciples finally understood what Jesus was telling them—namely that he must die and leave them—they were naturally filled with concern. Who would lead them and who would give them counsel and comfort in the dark days that must lie ahead?" It is against the background of these questions that we consider John 14, 15 and 16 today.

Although the Gospel of John contains some of the more difficult passages of the New Testament, the popularity that the Gospel has enjoyed through the centuries attests to its value for the Christian community. It's great emphasis on the promised "comforter" or "helper" about which we are talking in this lesson must have had a great deal to do with this book's being at the head of the list of their popular portions of Scripture. It continues to call Christians into the glorious liberty of the sons of God, a liberty anchored to Jesus Christ and the

promised Spirit.

One of the best-known affirmations concerning the nature of God is this: "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24). Another familiar phrase among us is that statement in The Apostles' Creed: "I believe in the Holy Spirit," The emphasis on separate affirmations of belief in God, in Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit indicate the fundamental position that believers have that there is something the same and something different about "the three persons" of the Trinity.

In any statement of Protestant faith, the atonement—the restoration of the right relationship with God—is thought of as the work of Christ. The appropriation of this work by the individual believer is thought of as the work of the Holy Spirit. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that the Christian is brought to faith in Christ.

THE PROMISE OF THE COMFORTER

We should remember the fundamental form of all the lessons we are studying this year—to synthesize the teachings of the Old Testament with those of the New. Those who planned the Scripture background for our study today included a brief selection from Isaiah 61. This was the passage read by Jesus in the Synagogue in Nazareth. The passage reads: PAGE EIGHT

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound."

Jesus looked around at the little company in the Upper Room and perceived that they were overwhelmed by the staggering challenges which he had just thrown out to them. Chapter 13 had closed with the dire prediction concerning Peter's actions in the immediate future. "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you the cock will not crow, till you have denied me three times."

Jesus saw that what was needed was a miracle of healing, and who can deny that John 14 is such an act of therapy. He told them, faced by facts as grim as any company ever faced, not to worry, not to allow themselves to become alarmed and disquieted. Caught up as they were in a consciousness of a great void soon to be among them where their Master had stood, they were given the blessed assurance that he was leaving—and yet was not leaving. He assured them he was to come again and be in their midst in another form. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor" -or as the King James Version has it "another Comforter." (John 14:16) This new person he promised to be in their midst he further identified as "the Spirit of truth."

The real difficulty many people have in understanding the Scriptural meaning of the Holy Spirit comes partially from the near-impossibility of translating into English the word spoken by Jesus, Neither "counselor" nor "comforter" is used in our ordinary vocabularies in connection with any deep religious reality. We must dig deeper than the English word to find the sincerity of Jesus' promise or understand the Christian doctrine of the Trinity.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

"Spirit" is mentioned many times in the Old Testament in connection with God. The "Spirit" is never identical with God or represents his total being. The word represents rather one aspect of his activity in the world. Dr. Martin Rist says in Mature Years: "It endowed Samson with extraordinary strength (Judges 14:6), and it set Ezekiel upon his feet and transported him (Ezekiel 2:2). It induced prophets to utter oracles, to give instructions, and to pronounce warnings."

The Gospels state explicitly the belief that Jesus received the Spirit at his baptism. Not only did Jesus possess the Spirit, but we are told that he was often led by it at certain times during his earthly ministry.

The Greek word translated "counselor" and "comforter" was "parakletos." The Greeks used the word in a wide variety of ways. Dr. William Barclay in his Commentary on John in the Daily Study Bible Series, insists that the heart of the meaning of the word is that it always refers to someone "called in" for definite assistance. He says: "A 'parakletos' might be a person called in to give witness in a law court in someone's favor; he might be an advocate (lawyer) called in to plead someone's cause when someone was under a charge which would issue in serious penalty; he might be an expert called in to give advice in some difficult situation."

Dr. Barclay goes on to give, as his summarization of the promise given in the Upper Room: "So what Jesus is saying is: 'I am setting you a hard task, and I am sending you out on an engagement

very difficult. But I am going to send you someone, the 'parakletos' who will guide you into what to do and will make you able to do it. The Holy Spirit will bring you truth and will make you able to cope with the battle for truth.'"

"THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH"

People often become impatient with committed Christian people, claiming they are disloyal to the truth and will not face facts—that they live in an unreal world of dreams. However, religious people find great difficulty in understanding why others ignore some of the great promises that are so real to them. The Indian philosopher Radhakrishnan once said, "There are a few intellectual snobs with whom it is a sign of accomplishment to ridicule religion. To care for religion is to be old fashioned; to be critical of it is to be in the movement."

Jesus was telling his disciples that there is in God's created universe a living person called "the Spirit of truth" who leads whoever will listen to him into the truth. Many pay no heed to him and slam the doors of their minds against what they do not want to hear.

Dr. F. R. Bradley in an essay Appearance and Reality says: "We can see at once that there is nothing more real than what comes in religion. The man who demands a reality more solid than that of religious consciousness, seeks he does not know what."

Dr. Barclay puts it this way: "Now a person who has eliminated God never has any time of the day or the week when he waits upon God and listens for God. He would think such a time a waste of time. The simple fact is that the world is too busy to give the Holy Spirit a chance to enter in. For the Holy Spirit gate-crashes no man's heart; He waits to be received."

THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

One must see the belief in the Holy Spirit as a part of the larger doctrine of the Trinity. This doctrine is an attempt to express the reality of God and guard it against certain obvious misunderstandings. Christian's believe that their God is a living God, not the abstract center of some philosophical system. Dr. George W. Forrell, in his book The Protestant Faith, says: "The doctrine of the Trinity testifies to the eternal encounter in the one living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

There are those who have accused believers in the Trinity as being those who worshiped three gods. Others affirm just as intensely that it is this doctrine which protects against any belief in three deities.

The underlying reality of the Trinity is not as complicated as some would make it. It asserts that there is one God and that Father, Son and Holy Spirit are God. The simplest parable of the Trinity is that which speaks of water in three forms—steam, ice and liquid. All have exactly the same chemical composition, but how varied they are in their manifestations and characteristics.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND US

Unfortunately distortions and caricatures of the nature of the Holy Spirit and its work have caused many Christians to shy away from even associating themselves with the discussions and open witnessing concerning the Spirit. This is to be regretted because it has deprived many of those in the Christian family of a source of power and direction they might have otherwise had.

Dr. William Barclay in his book The Promise of the Spirit lists the three gifts that all men need which the Spirit can give, as courage, guidance and power. An awareness of the Spirit, he declares, can bring the unification that renders every part of life sacred. He said: "Unless a man lives in the Holy Spirit, he can never experience this unification of life, this all-embracing presence of God, this world in which he is always aware that in God he lives and moves and has his being."

Jesus did not have much of this world's goods to leave his disciples. Our lesson today speaks of his legacy of spiritual gifts. No departing leader ever promised his followers more than Jesus did in this great Upper Room discourse. The centuries have proved that his promises were not vain.

## Israel Revisited

by the editor

## VI. JERUSALEM ON THE SABBATH

On the way back to Jerusalem we passed by Lod Airport where we had landed on Tuesday. Although a completely Jewish town, there are marks of former Arab and Turkish splendor there. Here there is found the Tower of the Forty, sometimes called the Tower of Richard the Lion-Hearted.

On the way we traveled through the valley of Ayalon where Joshua once stopped the sun to gain extra time for routing the Amorrheans, and where Judas Maccabaeus scored a major victory.

From here on up the climb to Jerusalem one passes other sacred and historic spots almost too numerous to mention or even remember. We passed the spot where the Philistines had stolen the Ark of the Covenant from the Israelites and then quickly restored it with gifts after they discovered it was a trophy of war "too hot to han-

One of the loveliest stops of the day was at an ancient Crusader Church just outside the northern city limits of Jerusalem. It is built on the site of a building which had served as headquarters of the infamous "Tenth Legion" which had captured and destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D. One of the oldest things we photographed in the original state was a cornerstone in the wall of the Crusader Church, bearing the official insignia of the Tenth Legion.

There were some definite advantages in visiting in Jerusalem on the Jewish Sabbath — like seeing the most religious, "the hassidim," their gorgeous fur hats which they reserve just for this day. There were some definite disadvantagés, because they did not want us to photograph them on the Sabbath, and there is now a strict ban against taking pictures at

A Police Inspector was gunned

down by a man on the run in the North

of England this week, and the whole

issue of Law and Order has again be-

come live in Britain. This familiar

phrase for Americans is increasingly

occupying the public mind. The recent

tour of the South African Rugby team

which was accompanied by demonstra-

tions on the part of the people who ob-

ject to the apartheid policy of South

Africa has added to public anxiety.

Now the South African cricket team is

to tour in Britain in the summer, and

there are threats of further and more

violent demonstrations. These could be

more serious because the cricket

ground is a large and often easily ac-

difficult to make adequate security ar-

voluntary security guard for them.

Fears that this could result in vio-

lence in demonstrations are being ex-

police force find themselves involved.

the Wailing Wall on the Sabbath. This meant that many of our party were deprived of any pictures of this significant spot.

We started our Sabbath tour at the Lion Gate on the east side of the old walled city. Our first stopping place was the excavated Pool of Bethsaida where Jesus healed a crippled man. Nearby is the beautiful Crusader Church of St. Anne, built in the 12th century and now undergoing extensive renovations by the French government.

One of the most meaningful stops of the morning was at the Ecce Homo Convent. Here is a rambling building on the site of the old Antonio Fortress where Pilate washed his hands of Jesus, the Sisters of Zion conduct a school which is a major "bridge-building" project between Arabs and Jews.

They told their bishop after the Six Days War that they had more important things to do than just teach day school. They immediately started classes in Hebrew for Arabs and classes in Arabic for Jews, realizing that as long as the language barrier remained friendly relations between Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem would be almost impossible. During these more than two years something like 300 persons have crossed this bridge through the efforts of the Sisters of Zion.

Here also we visited the basement where original stones of the courtyard of the Antonio remain. Here we saw ridges in the pavement—the original non-skid device for vehicles—and the courtyard where the Roman legionnaires played the deadly game of the "the king" with Jesus when he was their prisoner.

Next we moved up the Via Dolorosa in the footsteps of Jesus as he moved toward Calvary. It is difficult to keep one's mind on the events of the cruci-



Our group in the Upper Room at Jerusalem

fixion as he travels this winding, picturesque way, because it is at the very heart of the Arab bazaar section and life is too busy here on the Jewish Sabbath for Christians to be moved toward meditation.

The Israelis enforce a law which requires every merchant to close his shop one day a week, so that no religious group will be taken advantage of. The Moslems usually close on Friday, the Jews on Saturday and the Christians on Sunday. Others must declare themselves and close any day they

Before moving to the Church of the Sepulchre we stopped in at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer nearby — in many ways a more striking piece of architecture than the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The latter is now in such a state of major renovation that it is a chore to even find his way around inside. We presume that it will soon be more beautiful and worshipful than ever. Here are the traditional sites of Calvary and the tomb, although a minority of Protestants cast their votes for Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb outside the wall.

In the afternoon we started our walking tour at Mount Zion-which, surprising to many is not the site of the Temple. It is not even in the old walled city. Here we saw scars left when the

Arabs seized this section after the partition in 1948 and dynamited many synagogues and Jewish homes. High on the list of priorities for the Israeli rebuilders is the major synagogue on Mt.

From here we were guided to a lovely Gothic hall which is regarded as the site of "the upper room." The presence of the Gothic arches tell everyone that it is not the same room in which the disciples met.

Next we moved toward the Wailing Wall and saw many of the new sections of the wall which have been excavated since the Six Days War. As we have said, it was a shame that first-time visitors could not take pictures at the Wall and had to arrange for a second

From here we moved to the court of the Temple and visited the Dome of the Rock and the El Aksa Mosque which was seriously damaged by fire last year." Through some foul-up, neither of these historic Moslem shrines was open to our group. The Jewish guide said it was the fault of the Moslem authorities, and the Arabs we talked to in the vicinity blamed it on the Israeli officials. Just another good example of the bad relations existing

(more next week)

#### the police force which is cause for anxiety. Police forces are not maintaining an efficient level of manpower. Insufficient pay and bad conditions are said to be contributory factors. In addi-

making the job of the policeman a dangerous one.

As you probably know our police are not armed, except for special tasks (such as the manhunt which resulted in the capture of a man who is being questioned in connection with the murder of the police inspector I have referred to). Three policemen have been killed in two months, and 6,000 have been assaulted in the past twelve cessible open space where it will be months.

The Government has dispensed with rangements. A bizarre note has also the capital punishment which used to been struck by the suggestion that a be meted out to murderers, and in spite —some of them proper freedoms—so hundred South Africans might travel of suggestions that the capital offence that safety can be the keynote of soshould be for the murder of a policeciety. It is the kind of moral dilemma
maintained a great deal depends on

pressed. And, of course, in all this, ation said: "The police feel they do not collaboration with the police. in addition to their normal duties the get adequate protection. They want the return of capital punishment at least The fact is that there is a crisis in for the murder of policemen."

This problem leads to a moralelowering situation because of the shortage of policemen. Many are leaving for jobs in industry or, oddly enough, other security organisations. Good men are tion there is no doubt that there is a said to be leaving the police force "in severe rise of violent crime which is droves." There is a 17,182 deficit on authorised establishment levels. In spite of a 300,000 pounds recruiting drive last year to attract 2,000 recruits only 375 joined up.

This is of course a political hot potato in an election period. But the problem goes deeper. In what has come to be called the "permissive society" violence and lawlessness threaten to get out of control, and the springs of this situation are, as usual to be found of meetings for information and disin the moral climate. Many people fore- cussion to understand the problems see a kind of backlash against permiswhich has in it a tremendous spiritual the relationship between police and is likely to be put on the statute book. challenge, and one which the church is public. trying to face through some kind of

undertaken between church representa- backing they deserve.

## the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins THE METHODIST RECORDER Editorial Board

tives and the police, with a view to trying to help people through the medium which face society in this area.

But, in fact, there is a big P.R.O. operation to be mounted in this way,

It is sometimes said that a nation gets the police it deserves. Some people It may sound rather pedestrian sim- are beginning to wonder whether Briply to say that consultations are being tain's police are getting the national





Dr. Sidney Roberts (I.), chairman of the South Central Jurisdiction Program Council's Committee on Coordination, Research and Planning, confers in Dallas at a committee meeting, with Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Jurisdiction Program director, concerning results of a survey to determine the 1971 Leadership Training Program for the eight-state region of the United Methodist Church.

# United Methodist work around the world

NEW YORK (UMI)—News of an extraordinary church assembly, church union, a new thrust in youth work and varied ministries in several countries are in recent reports received here by the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions.

The reports on the church at work around the world were given to World Division members by the Division's executive staff at recent executive committee meetings in Atlantic City, N. J. Excerpts from the reports, as compiled by the staff, follow:

Korea: Recently the Christian student world observed the uniting of the Korea Student Christian Movement and the YMCA to form the All-Korea Christian Student Movement. The YWCA remains outside the movement, but will have an affilitate relationship. The new united student movement will be related to the World Student Christian Federation.

Neighborly House, a community social center in Seoul, Korea, has dedicated a new building. The center was established originally by the Women's Division of the Board of Missions through the vision and endeavor of a missionary, Miss Euline Weems. It is presently directed by one of the Korean

Methodist Church's ordained women, The Rev. Eui Sun Hong, who recently received her M.A. degree in social work from the Graduate School of Social Development, Choong Ang University in Seoul.

Japan: Late in 1969, the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan) held an extraordinary session of its General Assembly to review a 1968 General Assembly action lending Kyodan support to the Japan National Christian Council's project to erect a Christian pavilion in the "Expo '70" site in Tokoyo. Strong opposition has developed, contending that the Exposition will further deepen trends in Japan toward economic ascendency in Asia, will divert funds from necessary welfare priorities in Japanese society and will camouflage opposition in the nation to the issue of the Japan-U.S. Mutual Security Treaty, which could be abrogated by either Japan or the U.S. in 1970.

Hong Kong: The Yang Social Service Center (United Methodist-related), in cooperation with the Hong Kong Christian Council and the Roman Catholic diocese of Hong Kong, has instituted an advanced ministerial training,





ABOVE LEFT: Conference Youth Ministry Coordinators attending recent meeting held in Oklahoma City at St. Francis de Sales Center for Christian Renewal to plan the 1970 Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Enterprise to be offered at Mt. Sequoyah (August 10-15). From left: Revs. Nolen Holcomb of the Texas Conference, Harry Dale Folsom of the Indian Mission, Delvin A. Roper of Nebraska, Don English of Oklahoma and Arthuro Mariscal of the Rio Grande Conference. ABOVE RIGHT: Youths in attendance at the Task Force meeting representing different cultural and and racial groups confer with the Rev. Arturo Mariscal (2nd from right). FROM LEFT: Marvin Little of Indian Mission, Lee Allured of the Louisiana Conference, Harold Cox of the Gulf Coast Conference and Patsy Alvarez of the Rio Grande Conference.

pastoral care program under the leadership of the Rev. Ben Fong.

Also under the leadership of Mr. Fong, Methodist Dr. L. K. Ding and others, a voluntary hospital visitors program was initiated. Some 110 laymen have volunteered for training classes. Invitations have come from several hospitals, totaling nearly 4,000 beds, for more hospital visitors.

West Pakistan: Plans for church union, though technically approved by Anglicans and Methodists, remain unsettled. If church union is to beachieved in 1970, the target date, many questions which still remain undecided will need immediate attention. Under sponsorship of the Karachi Christian Industrial Service, an ecumenical group of Christian laymen have been meeting regularly to discuss some of the human relations problems they are facing in their day-to-day work. Corruption has been one of the key issues. Although it is agreed that both Islam and Christianity condemn this social evil, finding the best way to deal with bribery and graft in particular cases presents real difficulties.

Chile: A stewardship program is being organized in the autonomous Chilean Methodist Church under the direction of the administrative committee of their General Board. Bishop Raymond Valenzuela report that the church continues to be concerned for its congregational life and is taking seriously the whole financial responsibilities which are theirs.

Cuba: It was possible for materials from the United Board of Christian Education in Argentina to be sent to Cuba early in the fall which would provide new resources for the celebration of Christmas in both the churches and in the homes. There are 18 students in the Union Theological Seminary in Matanzas, 13 of them being Methodist.

Ecuador: The Union Evangelical Church of Ecuador recently sponsored its first youth assembly and work camp with participation of leadership from Argentina and the United States. The young people are concerned about the educational, political and economic development of their country, and the need for a specialized ministry among university students is becoming apparent.

Costa Rica: Plans are underway for an international, interdenominational consultation in Costa Rica to explore possible future developments in the institution now known as the Methodist Theological Seminary.

Nigeria: Visas have now been received for Darrel and Anne Spores, and they will be able to continue the new McBride Secondary School. The government has also given the promised grant, so the future of the school seems to be assured for a time, at least. Building has begun on staff housing.

Belgium: On December 14, 1969, a service of thanksgiving and union was conducted in Brussels to commemorate the formation of the Evangelical Protestant Church of Belgium. The union brought together the Methodist Church of Belgium with its 16 ministers and 14 congregations and the Evangelical Protestant Church of Belgium with its 50 ministers and 50 congregations. Although the Protestant Church in Belgium represents a small minority of the people, this united church will place the Protestants in a stronger position. The two churches have had a common theological faculty in Brussels for some years. This school has been under the able leadership of Dr. Andre Pieters, a Methodist who became the first president of the new church.

#### News in Brief

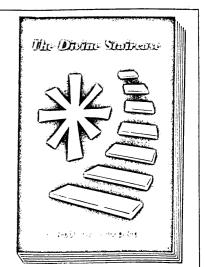
A gift of \$70,000 from the World Day of Prayer offering has made possible a retirement program for staff employees of 13 institutions related to the Korean Methodist Church.

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Members of Bluffton and Gravely churches heard a Fellowship Team composed of ministerial and other students from Hendrix College on recent weekends as they discussed the relationship of young people to the total program of the church. The Fellowship Team is sponsored by the Religion Department of Hendrix College, under the direction of Dr. James S. Upton, and is available for programs anywhere within the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences. Dates for appearances may be arranged with Dr. Upton. The Rev. David Utley is pastor of the Bluffton and Gravely churches.

The Rev. Howard M. Ham, general Board of Education's Division of the Local Church, has received the Alum-School of Theology in Denver, Colo. versity in Seoul, Korea.

Mrs. F. Roderick Dail has resigned secretary of the United Methodist from the Board of Missions staff to accept the newly-created position of executive director of the International nus of the Year award from Iliff Foundation for Ewha Woman's Uni-

## Poetry Panorania

by Barbara L. Mulkey

In an essay, "Failure As A Success," William Jordan wrote . . . It often requires heroic courage to face fruitless effort, to take up the broken strands of a lifework, to look bravely toward the future, and proceed undaunted on our way."

### Beauty, out of scraps

From the scrap bin, under a pile of dust, I dug a discarded piece of wood; I had thrown it there in deep disgust, It had failed to shape up as it should.

But the fault lay not in the piece of wood, Which I thought I had ruined forever; It could have been useful, lovely, good, Had I been more careful or clever.

As I looked it over I wondered why The beauty hidden deep in its heart, Should not be revealed by a second try -Then and there I decided to start.

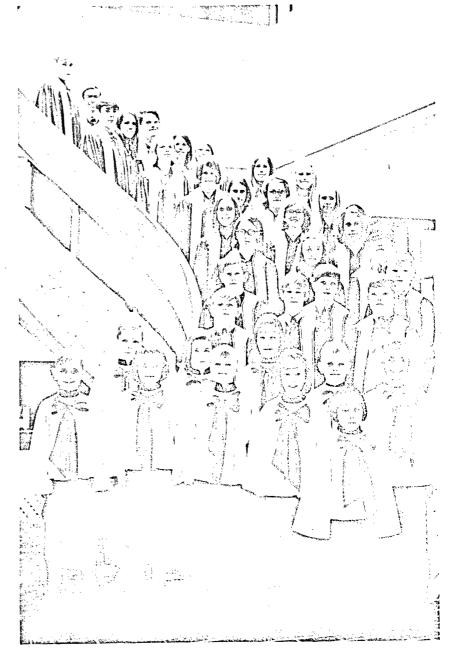
I lovingly gave it my very best; How it responded you now can see. The block passed gallantly every test, It was the heart of a walnut tree.

In the gray dim light of a New Year's morn I most dilligently searched for scraps Of time and opportunity — still-born; Could I still be used of God, perhaps?

My failure was not in the way I chose; Nor, in all the actions of selfish men. A man hurts himself more than all his f The day he quits and won't try again!

Forgive me Lord all my bitter thought, Help me forgive all those that I've blamed. Let me try again to serve as I ought; Serve and love 'till die - unashamed!

-by Dan R. Robinson



Recent photo of the choir people at Arkansas Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Thompson direct the music program at the Home.



Trying out a new sewing machine in the Activities Room are these girls from Cottage 5 at Methodist Children's Home. Cottage parents, staff members, and friends give many hours to girls interested in dress-making.



This might look like cramming for a semester test, however, Mrs. Cleo Thompson is providing a seven-week's instructional program in Driver Education for 15 teenagers from the Methodist Children's Home. Classes are held each Saturday morning at the Driving School.

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